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### What 1952 Act Means to JACLers

n to persons of Japanese ancestry?

### Net Worth of Walter-McCarran Act

4,802 2,886 3,749 4,966 12,170 16,000 10,412 92.051 209,520 119 442 DISPLACED PERSONS (1948 - 55)

We Thank Our Lucky Stars . . and Stripe

### East of the River: by Dick Akagi It Was a Long Time Ago

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LOS ANGELES JAPAI CASUALTY INSURA

By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

MEMORIES Among my regrade, which are not many, is fact that my father died before he could become a citizen te United States. He live in America for 53 of his 69 years, a 1809 to 1952, yet he could never legally call it his own. law denied him the right v

e law denied him the rights'
Once long ago he took out his first papers of intent to
come a naturalized citizen. This was on the basis of a
ch with the U.S. Coast Guard. I'm jure that, being a
panese, he was entitled to these papers, but some clerk
at have figured that if he served in the Coast Guard, he
served to become an American. Of course he was never
owed to complete the procedure.

After World War II, when it appeared that the JACL's
orts to get the naturalization laws revised would be sucstell, he together with a good many lset all over the
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All this comes to mind on the 10th anniversary of the sage of the Walter-McCarran Act which, among other age, removes race as a bar to American citizenship.

Many parts of the Walter-McCarran Act have come let fire. Many students of the limingration problem charge it the Act is discriminatory in favor of the Anglo-Saxon ntries. But few have challenged the justice of permitting liftled alsens, regardless of race or national origin, to ome Americans.

NEW CITIZENS-The Immigration and Naturalization e reports that since 1950, a total of 101,701 Asians have naturalized. These were all people denied citizenship laws until World II—when China and the Philippines re our allies—made discrimination embarrassing. By cial acts of Congress, the Chinese and Filipinos were en naturalization rights. And once the barrier was breach. It was only a matter of time until they were taken down

gether.

During those same years the following number of anness were naturalized: 1950—24: 1951—18: 1952—40: 33—674: 1954—6.759: 1955—7.959: 1956—4.231: 1957.

2861: 1956—2.736: 1959—3.094: 1960—4.319: 1961—90. If my addition is correct, that should total 36,000 United States citizens. Some were minor children. Many re war brides. But the vast majority were Issei—long-time idents of the U. S. who were quick to seize the opportunity dents of the U. S. who were quick ered by the Walter-McCarran Act.

CITIZENS AT HEART—While this legislation made for-the act of nuturalization, the indisputable fact is that t of the lased were citizens at heart long before they be-e eligible under law, it was impossible for them to have it two-thirds and more of their lives in the United States, ying its bounty, rearing their children as Americans, toot having absorbed and assimilated the spirit of their

hout having absorbed and assimilated the spirit of their pited country.

Many, perhaps, were not aware of the change that had ne over them through the years. But even under the dur-rof wartime evacuation, and relocation, the great majority nained loyal in act, thought and word and sealed that loy-ly taler by going through the process of formal naturaliza-n. The memory of elderly issei faithfully attending natur-tation classes, struggling with lessons in civics and Amer-nium. This way is still fresh and heartwarming. This was indeed cintillating if belated chapter in the chronicles of Amer-rium.

lay, there is still a clamoring for revisions in the Wal McCarran Act, and certainly there is room for improve-nt. But the provisions of the Act that opened citizenship all regardless of race make a shining milestone that, ten is later, still deserve commemoration and applause.

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