

Legislature Will Weigh Proposal to End Bias in Employment

Society Aids People Here With Problems

Urges Issei and Nisei Seeking Help to See Mrs. Kuramoto Now

The Family Society of Seattle, which has been serving families here since 1892, has retained this year Mrs. Suzu Kuramoto to assist members of the Japanese community within personal and family problems, it was learned today.

During the time of the evacuation, the agency did much to help the Japanese in working out difficult situations for people in all walks of life. All information gathered by the group is confidential. The society is financed through the Community Chest and its services are available without charge to anyone in the community.

Newcomers to the city, families returning here after an absence of several years, families of veterans or the veterans themselves making the readjustment from military service to civilian life are especially urged to contact the agency.

Mrs. Kuramoto is available at the society's main office, 107 Securities Building, Third and Stewart. Anyone desiring to consult with her may arrange for either a home visit or an office interview by calling her at ELiot 0393.

On the agency's advisory committee are Yoshida Fujii, Genji Mihara, Mrs. Toru Sakahara, Mrs. M. Paul Suzuki and Mrs. Masaru Uno.

GI Body Points To Active Year

Boasting a membership of 208, the Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle and vicinity today looked forward to a brisk year of activities, including the job of going all-out on matters vital to the Issei and the Nisei.

In recalling its last year, the NVC pointed out that it was spent in building a firm foundation so that it may be ready to take its place as a very likely community-leading organization.

Officers of the vet body are Harry I. Takagi, chairman; Davin K. Hirahara, secretary; and Richard H. Setuda, treasurer. Council members are Frank Yanagimachi, Edward Kiyohara, Hiroyuki Ichihara, Kaun Onodera, Setsuda, Hirahara and Takagi.

Serving on the committees are: social and recreational—Joe Nakamoto, Bill Yanagimachi, Mac Nishimoto; public relations—Kaun Onodera, Willie Tahara, Minoru Masuda; membership and election—Hiro Nishimura, Kenji Ota, Howard Minato; financial—Setsuda, Michio Shinoda, George Abe.

The NVC plans to continue to encourage Nisei veterans to join and take an active part in major veterans' group like the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, American Veterans Committee and the Disabled American Veterans.

Miss Ada Mahon Returns From California Visit

Miss Ada J. Mahon, retired principal of Bailey Gatzert school, recently returned from a visit to California. She is residing at 4616 W. Frontenac where she said she would like to renew acquaintances with former friends. She may be reached by phoning WEat 3595.

Nisei Organizations! Write or Phone Times

If the old saying, "No news is good news," is true, it would be more than "good news" to THE NORTHWEST TIMES.

But, much to its dismay, the Times has found out that the saying should read "All news is good news."

So, the Times wants all Nisei organizations to write to 306 Sixth Ave. S., Seattle 4, Wash., or phone Seneca 5594. The editor shall feature any kind of news, feature articles or just plain "letters to the editor."

Write in.

Play Depicting Intermarriage Of Nisei Due In N.Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—

"Some of the Sky," a powerful play about a Nisei-American intermarriage, is scheduled to appear on Broadway this spring, it was learned recently.

The playwright is Joe Anthony, an actor-dancer who worked as Agnes DeMille's partner, and the promoter is Larry Goodkind who, before the war, was Eastern story editor for Universal Pictures for nine years and has also been an actor, radio producer and music critic. Both served with a group of Nisei GI's at Camp Ritchie, Va.

Those who have read "Some of the Sky" have commented that it is "better than 'Deep Are the Roots,' 'On Whittman Avenue,' or any of the social message dramas."

The play deals with the reception that Hanayo, a Hawaiian Nisei nurse who has married Dan, a son of a middle-class Midwest farmer, receives from her husband's family and the community. The villain of this piece, Goodkind says, is race prejudice, as personified by the maladjusted, frustrated half-brother, Hank, and the possessive neurotic mother, Gretta.

The dramatic impact of the story, according to the Nisei Weekender, culminates in the burning of the new house which Dan has built.

PSGA Golfers To Play Jan. 27

The Puget Sound Golf Association will hold its monthly tournament on Sunday, Jan. 27, at Jefferson park, it was announced today by Frank Hattori, president. Starting time will be disclosed at a later date.

Kay Yamaguchi took first prize in the December monthly meet. Ed Okamoto placed second and John Funai, third.

Ray Bearden Host At Birthday Fete

Raymond Bearden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Bearden, was the host last week-end when he celebrated his fourth birthday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Osawa. Mrs. Bearden is the former Mary Okada.

Guests were David Bishop, Judy and Linda Carstensen, Leland and Georgia Rosenlund, Genevieve and Michael Fischer, Gordon Ryan, Kenneth Osawa, Dolores Hart, Joyce Osawa, and Penny, Roberta, Jerry, George and Barbara Jo Beppu.

Ex-OWI Aide Cites Losses Of Evacuees

Asserts Belongings Sold At Fraction of Value To 'Plain Opportunists'

The Japanese who were evacuated from Washington and other west coast states in the spring of 1942 came "home" to find their belongings gone. This was revealed by Bradford Smith former Office of War Information chief of the central division, in a bold article printed in the winter issue of Common Ground magazine.

Pointing out that the mass evacuation took place so quickly, Smith wrote that often they had only a few days to dispose of their worldly goods.

Matters well known to the Japanese, such as the relieving of goods and property at a fraction of their value by secondhand furniture dealers and plain opportunists, also were disclosed by the ex-OWI aide.

Five Per Cent "All Right" The War Relocation Authority tried to protect the evacuees' property but could do "pitifully little," wrote Smith, who made trips through California in 1943 and 1946 to inspect the situation.

"A man who knows hundreds of these cases says that less than 5% of the 110,000 evacuees came off 'all right,'" he added. "He considers that he himself came off all right; he lost his business—a prospering store, and some furniture."

Refuse To Sue Smith cited the case of an American Legion commander who "befriended" many Japanese during the evacuation by obtaining power of attorney, selling their property and pocketing the money. The men who were robbed have refused to file suit since they consider it useless for persons of Japanese descent to expect justice in the state of California, he said.

To repair the damage done, Smith suggests an enactment of laws to give reparations for actual losses of real or personal property and to give Japanese aliens an opportunity to acquire citizenship.

Claims Must Await Congress Action

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Claims which were filed with the Department of Interior for losses sustained on personal or household goods by Japanese Americans which were handled by the War Relocation Authority are slowly being determined by the War Agency Liquidation Unit of the Department of Interior, according to Boyd N. Larsen.

Larsen stated that once the large backlog of such claims are cleared, payment for such claims must await Congressional appropriation. Payment cannot be made until Congress convenes sometime in March.

Former Seattleite Dies in New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Hisashi Hagiya, the former Yoshiko Kudo of Seattle, passed away here two weeks ago, almost a month after her husband, an artist studying at the Art Students League, had died suddenly of heart attack.

You Asked for It!

(An Editorial)

Today marks the birth of The Northwest Times, the only all-English newspaper in the Pacific Northwest. It also marks the beginning of a new year and the Times takes this opportunity to wish you all a prosperous and happy new year.

A few days ago, Bill Hosokawa, a successful Nisei newspaperman now working for the Denver Post, wrote us an encouraging letter stating that "the Seattle Nisei community is in need of a publication to keep it up to date on news of its special concern, to serve as an advertising medium, to coordinate its activities, and to provide it with intelligent leadership."

He summed up our aims well when he said The Times should strive at all times to keep from falling into the classification of a "mere bulletin board" for the petty round of Nisei social and athletic activities, and to urge the Nisei to claim their rightful place in the larger community as Americans.

The Times, owned and published by Americans, hopes to do just that.

This is your paper. Make good use of it.

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Budd Fukui, Editor.

Steiner To Teach At U. of Hawaii

Jesse F. Steiner, University of Washington sociology professor, will leave here Jan. 2 for San Francisco from where he will sail Jan. 9 for Honolulu, it was learned today.

Professor Steiner has been granted a leave of absence from the campus until next summer to join the staff of the University of Hawaii as a visiting professor of sociology.

Accompanying him on his trip will be Mrs. Steiner and their son, Herbert. Professor Steiner will be teaching at the University of Hawaii until August 1 after which he hopes he will gain permission to go to Japan to study conditions in that land.

Professor Steiner is one of the sponsors of the National Japanese American Citizens League. Besides him, two other University of Washington faculty members are now serving at the Hawaiian school. They are Dr. John Rademaker and Dr. Andrew Lind.

Eye Substations For Health Work

Plans to set up health substations in this area will be discussed at a meeting of the Jackson Street Community Council's health committee at 7:30 p. m. this Friday, Jan. 3, in the clubroom of the Yesler Terrace.

The substations, according to Executive Secretary Gerard G. Neuman, will be used for TB X-rays and blood tests for venereal diseases.

The council's civic group will meet at 3 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Collins fieldhouse to map out a civic improvement program.

Sakaharas Give Party To Tatsudas

Mr. and Mrs. William Tatsuda and their daughter, Valerie, were guests at a dinner party held recently in Mr. and Mrs. Toru Sakahara's home.

Others who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hagiwara and their daughter, Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Fujioka and their son, Jeffrey, Mr. Joseph Hong, and the Sakahara's son, David.

Flood Losses For Japanese Top \$5,000

J. A. C. L. Aide Learns Naritas Were Stranded Four Days In Disaster

Crop damages suffered by Japanese families in the recent flood in the White River Valley were estimated at more than \$5,000 by Toru Sakahara of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League today. Almost 300 families in all were routed out of their water-soaked homes in the disaster, Sakahara said.

In his personal investigation of the flooded area, Sakahara learned that K. Narita's family living near the Duwamish river was isolated for four days; that water ran over Harry Shimomura's property, ruining possibly 8 to 12 inches of topsoil on two acres of land; that the Hiranakas and the Onchis evacuated to safety to the Kent police station; that the Kobayashis at O'Brien had a close call when water surged up to 18 inches from the floor of their home, but that Mickey Dohobara suffered at least \$1,500 loss in fertilizer.

The Ikutas at O'Brien told THE NORTHWEST TIMES that the waters rushed toward their farm and home faster than they had expected. Although admitting their crops were damaged, they expressed thanks that no lives were lost.

Jokingly, Mr. Ikuta recalled: "In a similar flood thirteen years ago, we found salmon and suckers swimming in the pool in the front of our home."

George Minato, Seattle JACL president, said his organization will assist in relief work as soon as possible.

The Red Cross responded quickly to calls for aid by sending disaster-relief workers to the scene of the flooded area.

Church Notices

BAPTIST Sunday, Jan. 5 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Nisei worship service. 6:30 p. m.—Banquet. Boy Scout meeting will be held at 7 p. m., Friday, the Girl Scout meeting at 2 p. m., Saturday, the Okazaki class and the College Age group from 8 to 9 p. m., Monday. Kindergarten classes will be resumed from Thursday, Jan. 2, 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

ST. PETER'S Sunday, Jan. 5 9 a. m.—Celebration of holy communion. Rev. O. H. Watkins celebrating. 10:30 a. m.—Church school.

MARYKNOLL Sunday, Jan. 5 9 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.—Low Mass. Benediction will be held following 10:30 Mass.

METHODIST Sunday, Jan. 5 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Joint Issei-Nisei service. The Issei will meet at 10 a. m. in the main chapel on Jan. 12, the Nisei at 11 a. m.

NICHIREN Sunday, Jan. 5 11 a. m.—Young people. 2 p. m.—Japanese service.

PRESBYTERIAN Sunday, Jan. 5 10:15 a. m.—Sunday School classes. 6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. Sunday worship service at 7:45 and 10:15 a. m. George Uomoto will be in charge.

BUDDHIST Sunday, Jan. 5 10 a. m.—Kindergarten classes. 11 a. m.—Young people's service. 7:30 p. m.—Japanese service.

State Body Holds First of Year's Sessions Jan. 13

Bill Modeled After N.Y. Act Affects All Minority Groups

OLYMPIA, Jan. 1 (Special to the Times)—A Fair Employment Practice Act, patterned after the New York bill which abolished discrimination in employment, because of race, creed, color or national origin, will be one of the all-important proposals which the Washington State Legislature will study when that body opens its session Monday, Jan. 13, in the Capitol here.

The New York Act was proposed by Governor Thomas E. Dewey and passed in 1945. Similar bills have been passed in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Indiana, Wisconsin and the territory of Alaska.

The proposals, which directly affects such minority groups as the Negroes, Chinese, Japanese and the Filipinos, is being prepared for final presentation to the Legislature by the Washington State Fair Employment Practice Committee whose offices are at 413 Second and Cherry Building, Seattle 4.

Seeks JACL Support. As yet, the Seattle Progressive Citizens League and the Nisei Veterans Committee which have taken no full action to encourage passage of this bill. Speaking as an individual, Toru Sakahara, second vice president of the Seattle JACL chapter, expressed hope his group will support the cause at the earliest possible time.

State FEPC officers are Frank S. Bayley, Jr., chairman; Arthur C. Barnett, Harold Darr, and Rev. F. Benjamin Davis, vice chairman; Sidney Gerber, treasurer; and Clare S. Nieder, secretary. Among the sponsors are Mayor William F. Devin, Stimson, Bullitt, Roy Atkinson of the CIO, Ernest W. Holbrook of the State Federation of Labor, Mrs. F. F. Powell of the Seattle City Council, Lew G. Kay, and Prof. Joseph B. Harrison of the University of Washington.

Board to Give Rulings. Issei and Nisei who have been unable to obtain employment because of union difficulties should be interested to know that the legislation under for consideration specifically outlines these unlawful employment practices:

"It shall be an unfair employment practice for any labor union or labor organization: (a) to deny full membership rights and privileges to any person because of such person's race, creed, color, or national origin; (b) to expel from membership any person because of such person's race, creed, color or national origin; or (c) to discriminate against any member, employer, or employee because of such person's race, creed, color, or national origin."

The creation of a commission to be known as the Washington State Commission Against Discrimination also is being asked in the proposal. The commission shall be composed of three members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be designated as the chairman by the governor, and make rulings on alleged discrimination in employment.

Plaque Will Go To Brougham

Royal Brougham, sports editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, will be presented a bronze plaque at a banquet Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Olympic Hotel. He was unanimously chosen last month by the Seattle Real Estate Board as "Seattle's First Citizen of 1946" for his "outstanding, unselfish civic service to the community."

Brougham is remembered in Seattle for his supporting the Nisei's cause in face of sharp criticisms throughout the evacuation and the war.

S. Murao Lands On College Five

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (Special)—Shig Murao, former All-City basketball star from Seattle Broadway high school, has landed a varsity team position on the Springfield College quintet in Massachusetts, it was learned recently.

Murao, who is studying under the GI Bill of Rights, is a freshman at that college.

In World War II, he served with the famed 442nd Combat Division and was its outstanding player.

Presidios Crush Merchants, 42-36; End N.W. Tour

Lt. Otto Oshita's Monterey (Calif.) Presidios wound up their ten-day basketball tour of the Northwest by smashing the South Side Merchants, local Class A outfit, 42-36, Sunday night in the Buddhist church gym before a capacity crowd of 350.

Earlier in the afternoon, the Presidios overwhelmingly defeated the young, inexperienced Tokuda Drig, 45-27. Tokuda's boys substituted for Fort Lewis in a last-minute switch.

The scoring in the Presidio-Merchants tilt follows: Presidios (42)—Oye 12, Hashimoto 10, Miyasaka 6, Watanabe, Sakimoto, Teguchi, Kiru 8, Saito, Muramoto 6, Yasui; Merchants (36) T. Kurimura 6, Hata 2, Fujino 11, Kirita 2, J. Fujii 8, Yagi 3, Shigehara 2, Kashiwagi 1, Sakai, Yangimachi, Sasaki 1, M. Watanabe, Horuchi.

The Presidios, most of whom are from Hawaii, flew back Monday to Presidios, Monterey (Calif.), where they are stationed in the Military Intelligence Language School. Staff Sergeant Henry Yorozi, formerly of Seattle, is special service officer of the squad.

Pickets Assail 'Jim Crowism'

Protesting "Jim Crow" housing and job discrimination against Negroes, the Seattle Council of the National Negro Congress and the Urban League have joined forces to throw a picket line at St. George Apts. and Atlas Grocery on the northwest corner of 14th and Yesler Way.

The two colored groups complained that the apartment owner refuses to rent his vacant apartments to Negroes and that the grocery does not hire any colored persons even though half of the grocer's customers are Negroes.

Pickets are pacing the sidewalk on that corner passing leaflets stressing that "we want to be peaceful, prosperous, co-operative and happy," and carrying signs shouting: "We fight Jim Crow!" "We can't live upstairs, don't buy downstairs."

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 1.—The National Headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League has set the period of February 15 to March 15 for its national membership drive, it was decided at its recent parley of officers and staff members.

Matrons' Group To Hear Talk On Iceland Jan. 3

Mrs. J. B. Johnson will speak on "Crafts and Customs of Iceland" when the newly-organized young married women's group meets at 7:30 p. m. Friday, Jan. 3, in the YWCA. Co-chairmen for the gathering will be Mrs. Margaret Post and Mrs. Billie Yoshioka.

Besides hearing the talk, the members also will hold a business session.

Girls' Club to Meet In St. Peter's Jan. 12

Seattle Girls' club will hold its regular meeting Sunday afternoon Jan. 12, in St. Peter's Episcopal church.

LETTERS TO J.A.C.L. LAUD TESTIMONIAL BANQUET FOR VETS

That the testimonial banquet given to Nisei veterans, war widows and Gold Star parents last December in the Civic Auditorium by the Seattle Progressive Citizens League scored a great hit was revealed in letters showered to the league by guests invited to that affair.

Some of the comments follow: "I am glad that your testimonial banquet turned out to be such a success and we are happy that we have had a small part in making it so."—E. T. Stone, managing editor, Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"You and the members of your organization are to be commended on the fine manner in which the program was carried through. It showed a great deal on the part of the committee and certainly was a credit to your organization. You are to be commended and complimented on the fine way in which the entire program and ceremonies were presented."—Fred M. Fuecker, department adjutant-finance officer, American Legion.

Those who were unable to attend, however, also were high in their praise of the purpose of the affair. They said: "As state department adjutant for the Disabled American Veterans,

I would like to convey to the members who will be in attendance at the banquet the high esteem in which your veteran members are held. Their record in combat in the famous 442nd regiment is one that will stand high in the annals of military history; a record of true Americanism."—James E. A. Burns, adjutant-treasurer, Disabled American Legion.

"Please accept my good wishes for a very successful meeting. The Nisei veterans are certainly entitled to much recognition for their wartime contribution. This is a fine work that you are doing."—Irving E. Stimson, president Seattle Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"In my judgment, the best citizens of our country are those who fight in battle for this country, regardless of their race, color or creed. It is with very deep regret that I must tell you that I shall be unable to be present to assist in paying tribute to these boys who made such a wonderful record."—William J. Wilkins, judge, Superior court.

"I wish to take this opportunity of commending the more than 500 veterans and 50 Gold Star mothers who have been invited to attend your banquet. These men have written a gallant page of military history which will not be forgotten by our people."—Henry M. Jackson, Representative in Congress.

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Carriers of Prejudice THE LANGUAGE OF DISCRIMINATION

(Editor's note: Following is a condensation of an article dealing with the language of discrimination written by Aubrey E. Haan in a recent edition of the Pacific Citizen.)

By AUBREY E. HAAN There are meanings and meanings for the words you use. The confusion of their meanings and usage often prevents straight thinking, builds misconception.

There are words that keep you from thinking. Some words help to inflate your ego by their implications or others' inferiority.

All words of broad sense are packed with connotations from real and vicarious experiences which make their meanings a little different for each of us.

Other words reveal the stresses and strains of the individual's personality by the frequency or the strangeness of their usage.

In the matter of discrimination against races and religion, words are wicked carriers of prejudice. As such they are exported from region to region, country to country.

The South, through the spoken and printed word, the pat phrase, the called name, has exported its prejudice and told the story of its discrimination to the entire nation.

So also do California export anti-Oriental symbols, and New York its anti-Semitic phrases and life.

These words and phrases keep you from thinking intelligently about other people, new problems.

Then there are the ego-stroking words, the words that imply inferiority in other religions or other races, or nationalities, or other economic levels: wop, dago, chink, nigger, Polak, hunk, Jap, Kike, darky, sheeny, kraut, frog, yellow belly.

These words are weapons to strike people who are different, to flay those of other religions, to establish our superiority to those about us.

The work of words can be seen in this instance: the individual in our case faces a problem; it is the familiar one of whether or not to restrict the use of property to Caucasians, whatever that is.

Searching in his not too well-furnished mind for the words with which to think, our subject comes from "like," "nigger," "dago." The emotional tone is hateful, bitter, derogatory. They carry with them a tremendous burden

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All Is Not Bright and Rosy' -- BUT THE NISEI ARE MIXING WELL

(Editor's note: Frank Miyamoto is assistant professor in the department of Sociology at the University of Washington. During the war, he participated in social scientific studies of Nisei resettlement.)

By FRANK MIYAMOTO

I generally shy away from such an assignment as, "The Future of the Nisei in the Pacific Northwest" for social scientists have made only modest beginnings in methods of prediction, and prophecies into the social future therefore are subject to considerable error.

But most people enjoy playing the game of fortune telling, I no less than others, and in that spirit I venture a few guesses.

To give my guesses an aura of scientific validity, I want at least to state the criteria by which I make my prophecies.

First, the best guess as to how people will behave in the future is the way they behaved in the past in given situations. Second, since behavior is subject to change, the above requires a correct factor; and so we state that changes are accounted for by the trends which may be observed.

If a democracy is to work, there must be easy and free communication between every group, race, religion and nationality.

The barriers built by words carrying prejudice, and barriers erected out of these stereotypes promoted by the racist, may result in a breakdown of world understanding, lead to world prejudice, retaliation and war.

Signs of The Times

There was a time when the Nisei made up the majority in Alaska salmon cannery crews. A job in Alaska then was THE JOB for the Nisei seeking a small fortune.

Things, however, are different now.

Only seven, or perhaps eight, Nisei hit the Alaska trail last summer.

Present lukewarm enthusiasm indicates the fingered number won't increase much this coming season.

AFTERTHOUGHT: What are we going to do about the graves of Issei buried in the heart of lonely Idaho?

Like the Indians who always returned to their happy hunting grounds, the Issei and the Nisei are slowly "coming home" and setting up businesses on Main and Jackson streets.

The transition of the Japanese from the unsettled to the settled is not a pretty picture to watch. Most of the people are still in a state of lethargy. They don't know what they want, and they surely suffer miserably from a queer defeatist complex.

But despite all this, we are confident the people will soon snap out of it and again rebuild their community.

"Integration" is a matter of acceptance by the majority group, on the one hand, and of personal opportunity of the minority on the other. If, and when we learn more about human nature, or are willing to attack social problems with an attitude of experimentation, "integration" may become subject to social controls, but until then, I repeat, the process will largely take care of itself.

Future Linked to Society A decade ago there were Issei who shook their heads disapprovingly and doubted that the Nisei would ever "make anything of themselves," but present indications are that there are many Nisei with the imagination, boldness, and persistence to gain economic advancement.

In the nature of the situation, much of this ascendance is likely to occur for the Nisei in individual enterprises both on the farm and in business.

I suspect that the ceilings of economic opportunities in Caucasian-operated firms will increasingly drive the Nisei into private enterprises, though obviously not all can take such recourse. The immediate problem centers on the question of whether the present shaky economy of Japanese Americans can stabilize itself sufficiently to weather the expected post-war depressions.

Clearly, the future of the Nisei is related to the future of society in general, and it is to the interest of the Nisei to note general social

Outlook Favorable In many respects the power of the Japanese Government in the previous decade (I here distinguish between power and culture) was more of a disadvantage to the Nisei, for the American condemnation of Japanese policy often became re-directed to a condemna-

tion of Japanese Americans, but that situation for the present has been liquidated. The remarkable record of the Nisei soldiers in the American Army also did much to bring to the support of the Nisei a host of fair-minded Caucasians. This is not to say that ceilings of social opportunities do not exist, nor that everything is "bright and rosy," but prospects are at least made favorable.

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ral trends such as the recent increase of population in communities just outside the metropolitan centers, or the coming era of aviation. At the same time, the shadows cast on the Nisei's future come from the disturbances in the economic, political, and social progress of modern society as a whole, and these too should be matters of concern to us.

Matsuokas of Montana Visit Shigayas Here

Mr. and Mrs. James Matsuoka and their daughter, Janice, and son, Richard, of Great Falls, Mont., and Mrs. T. Matsuoka, also of Great Falls, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Shigaya here.

The Matsuokas last week were guests at a family reunion held in the Shigaya residence. Besides the Matsuokas and the Shigayas, those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Natori and their sons, Kenneth and Alfred, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kiyohara and their daughter, Beatrice, and son, Dennis, Mrs. Kiyohara, Miss Momi Kiyohara, Mr. and Mrs. K. Natori, Mr. and Mrs. William Mimbu and their sons, John and David, and Miss Margaret Ouchi.

Tom Kanno, who was active as a JACL member here prior to World War II, dropped in from Cincinnati, O., to visit friends in Seattle and vicinity. He was to have left for Cincinnati today.

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Where Should Nisei Settle Down? -- WHEREVER HE IS HAPPY, WRITER THINKS

By ROBERT HOSOKAWA

Many opinions have been expressed regarding the opportunities for Nisei in geographical areas other than the western slope where they were born and reared.

Sociologists, anthropologists and economists — both amateur and professional — have written widely on the favorite aspects of population dispersal. This was especially true during the nearly forgotten days of "relocation fever."

There was much heartache and loneliness in the resettlement of evacuees. Some found themselves in little towns and villages, the only brown-skinned Americans for miles around. Others poured into labor-hungry cities like Chicago where there was no apparent saturation point.

Stresses Gains in East As the months passed, and the Pacific coast was reopened to evacuees, many Nisei returned to their home communities.

There are those who would argue the wisdom of that movement back to an area where race is still an ugly and prime consideration in measuring the worth of a man.

I think most individuals who have lived both in the west and the east will concede that vocational opportunities are much greater away from the Pacific coast. The economic and social gains made by those who migrated eastward and stayed are evidence enough.

It's Up to Individual There is room in almost every vocation and profession for a Nisei who can qualify. I believe the facility with which jobs are

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accrued and acceptance won depends on the individual Nisei.

Merely to leave the west coast is not a key to abundant living and social acceptance, although I believe these are more easily secured in the midwest and east because the populations in general have not acquired the deep prejudice against the Nisei. There, a person of Japanese parentage is considered first as an individual and not as a member of a racial group.

I do not criticize in the least Nisei who have returned to the west coast. And I do not criticize or praise those who choose to remain away. The whole thing seems to me an individual matter.

Happiness Comes First

If an individual is satisfied with his lot, wherever he is, there let him remain. There is little worth in being a martyr to the cause of racial assimilation and striving to live out what might be an in-

ternely lonely life in some mid-west or eastern community. Economic position is insignificant if the individual and his family are not happy because of one reason or another.

Many Nisei with good jobs have turned their backs on the mid-stream of America and have satisfied their longings for life among their kind in the west. If this makes for happiness, those Nisei are far better off. But if upon his return he encounters the barriers of traditional discrimination, there is nothing he can cry about, unless . . .

Yes, unless, he is one of many earnest Nisei — many are veterans — now leading a long and challenging fight for more understanding on the west coast. Those of us who remain away from our home communities and who are doing our own public relations jobs for the Nisei all over the country have an easy time in comparison to the Nisei engaged actively in the rough fight in Washington, Oregon and California.

Says Fight is Never-Ending There is definite evidence of (Continued on Page 4)

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NISEI HOOPSTERS START '47 SEASON JAN. 8

THE SPORTING THING

by bf

"Homicide" Hal Hoshino, who knocked out a neat pugilistic record for himself prior to Pearl Harbor, is eager to return to ring warfare. In fact, he is so anxious that he wants to mix only with the best Hawaii has to offer.

Ringwise Sammy Santos, however, thinks Hal, because he has been inactive for five years, should take on a few setups before he tangles with the topnotchers. Santos, to refresh your memory, was in his days one of the most colorful Filipino maulers in the Pacific Northwest.

"I hope Hal doesn't knock 'em out in one or two rounds as Al Hostak does. A one or two-round fight isn't even a warmup," Santos said, adding: "He should play around with the boys to get the feel of things and try to sharpen his timing."

Sound advice, Hal; think it over.

Sideline Topics

...to date, our informers have spoken nothing but praise for Shobo Fujii, sparkplug for George Tokuda's A casaba quintet—Shobo, they say, is a better player than Ray Ko, Garfield's Chinese flash who was named all-city man last season... Chuck Kinoshita, O'Dea's gridiron hero, is turning out for the basketball team at his school... Kaimon "The Body" Kudo who rassed in Seattle years ago is operating a mat school in Honolulu, and his partner is—of all people!—Tetsuo Higami, the one who was labeled here as the Japanese "rubber man."

Those who saw the Monterey Presidios whip Seattle's South Side Merchants Sunday night in the Buddhist church gym probably would agree with us that they were seeing a sharp brand of basketball, the kind that prevailed during pre-war days.

The Presidios were sure-fire in their long-range shooting, so sure-fire that fans here, despite their natural tendency to pull for the home town boys, were forced to gasp in awe and applaud.

After watching Ted Kurimura and Joe Fujii, who in their prime were among the best in the Northwest, display some of their old dash and zip, we cannot help but believe that the Midget of yesteryear could have down the Presidios. What do you think?

Tad's Tighten Hold On First In Alley Loop

TEAM STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Tad's Cafe	39	17	.695
Oriental Cab	29	27	.518
Star Foods	29	27	.518
12th Ave. Service	29	27	.518
West Coast Printing	29	27	.518
City Produce	26	30	.464
Commercial Service	26	30	.464
Crown Furniture	26	30	.464
Richard's Jewelry	25	31	.446
Main Drug	21	35	.375

DEC. 26 RESULTS

Tad's Cafe 3, 12th Ave. Service 1.
Oriental Cab 3, West Coast Printing 1.
Main Drug 3, Richard's Jewelry 1.
Commercial Service 2, City Produce 2.
Crown Furniture 2, Star Foods 2.

Tad's Cafe strengthened its grip on first place in the Nisei Commercial Bowling League by pinning down 12th Ave. Service three times in a four-game series last Thursday night in Main Bowl.

The cafe keggers bowled steadily to turn in their victories. The service boys' chief threat was Shig Urakawa, the league's ace tosser, who posted a 178-190-164 series.

Tied along with 12th Ave. Service for second slot in the standings are Oriental Cab, Star Foods and West Coast Printing. The cabbies decided the printers, 3-1, while Star Foods went down the line at 2-all against Crown Furniture.

In the other matches of the evening, Main Drug took Richard's Jewelry, 3-1, and Commercial Service tied City Produce, 2-2.

THE STRIKING FACTS

BIG TEN

	Averages
S. Urakawa (12th Ave. Service)	179
M. Yamaguchi (Tad's Cafe)	170
R. Fujiwara (Star Foods Prod.)	168
T. Osasa (W. C. Printing)	168
T. Kogane (Commercial Service)	168
M. Beppu (Commercial Service)	166
R. Tanagi (Crown Furniture)	166
C. Goon (Oriental Cab)	166
B. Ihashi (Tad's Cafe)	166
T. Fung (Oriental Cab)	163
R. Sakamoto (W. C. Printing)	163

—Less than 18 games—

	Averages
Luke (Oriental Cab)	171
T. Shibuya (City Produce)	170

THIS WEEK'S HIGH

High individual game	H. Nishimoto	221
High individual series	Shig Urakawa	532
High team game	12th Ave. Service	872
High team series	Tad's Cafe	2409

SEASON'S HIGH

High individual game	J. Kuranishi	253
High individual series	M. Yamaguchi	615
High team game	Richard's Jewelry	944
High team series	Tad's Cafe	2657

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8 At St. Peter's Church
7 p. m.—Lotus Lancers vs. St. Peter's (B).
8 p. m.—Tacoma Bussei vs. Baptist (B).
9 p. m.—Jack's vs. South Side Merchants (A).
FRIDAY, JAN. 10 At Buddhist Church
7 p. m.—Shanty Inn vs. Mercury (B).
8 p. m.—Sumner vs. Lotus Troys (A).
9 p. m.—Tokuda Drug vs. Main Drug (A).
MONDAY, JAN. 13 At St. Peter's
7:30 p. m.—Mercury vs. Lotus Spartans (B).
8:30 p. m.—Tokuda's vs. Jack's (A).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15 At St. Peter's
7 p. m.—Lotus Lancers vs. Baptist (B).
8 p. m.—U. of W. Girls vs. High School (Girls').
9 p. m.—Main Drug vs. South Side (A).
FRIDAY, JAN. 17 At Buddhist
7 p. m.—Tacoma Bussei vs. St. Peter's (B).
8 p. m.—Tacoma Bussei vs. Baptist (Girls').
9 p. m.—Lotus vs. Vets (A).
MONDAY, JAN. 20 At St. Peter's
7:30 p. m.—St. Peter's vs. Baptist (B).
8:30 p. m.—Sumner vs. Vets

Tengu Club To Dine And Discuss Derby

Plans for the coming fishing derby will be made when the Japanese Sportsmen's Club, better known as the Tengu Club, holds an informal get-together from 6 p. m. on Sunday, Jan. 5, at Gyokko-Ken Cafe.

A dinner fee of \$1.50 will be charged per person. Those wishing to attend must make their reservations with the Tengu Club at 314 Sixth Ave. S.

SINKER SHOTS

Those who have been mooching and spinning out in the bay report that fishing throughout the week has been hot in spots off Sunset and Totods, but the old ferry slip on the West Seattle side brought in the best results. Haury's Boathouse says an 18-pounder, largest blackmouth that has been caught to date for this winter fishing, has been hauled in.

Gig Harbor also reports a fairly good run.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 At St. Peter's
7 p. m.—Lotus Lancers vs. Tacoma Bussei (B).
8 p. m.—High School vs. Tacoma Bussei (Girls').
9 p. m.—Main Drug vs. Jack's (A).
FRIDAY, JAN. 24 At Buddhist
7 p. m.—Shanty Inn vs. Lotus Spartans (B).
8 p. m.—Lotus vs. U. of W. Girls (Girls').
9 p. m.—Tokuda vs. South Side (A).
MONDAY, JAN. 27 At St. Peter's
7:30 p. m.—Lotus Lancers vs. Shanty Inn (B).

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14 Boys, 5 Girls Teams Set for 3-League Action

Lotus Lancers Will Tackle St. Peter's In Opener Here

Sports fans in Seattle and vicinity will be treated to the greatest basketball show since vacation days when the Nisei Community Basketball League, sponsored by the Seattle Progressive Citizens' League, opens its '47 season on Wednesday night, Jan. 8, in St. Peter's church gym. Seven teams in the boys' A and B leagues and five in the Girls circuit are readying themselves for two round-robin actions.

Firing the first shots to inaugurate play will be St. Peter's and Lotus Lancers of the B league at 7 o'clock. They will be followed by Baptist and Tacoma Bussei, also of the B's. The feature A tilt at 9 o'clock will pit Jack's against the South Side Merchants.

Girl basketballers, on the other hand, will not open hostilities until a week after the boys have warmed up to their task of re-learning the art of competing in regular maple court sessions. The University and High School girls are scheduled to meet in the Girls' league opener at 8 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 15, in St. Peter's.

Teams represented in the three leagues are:

"A" League
Tokuda Drug, Main Drug, Jack's, South Side Merchants, Sumner, Lotus Troys and Vets.

"B" League
Lotus Lancers, St. Peter's, Baptist, Tacoma Bussei, Shanty Inn, Mercury and Lotus Spartans.

Girls' League
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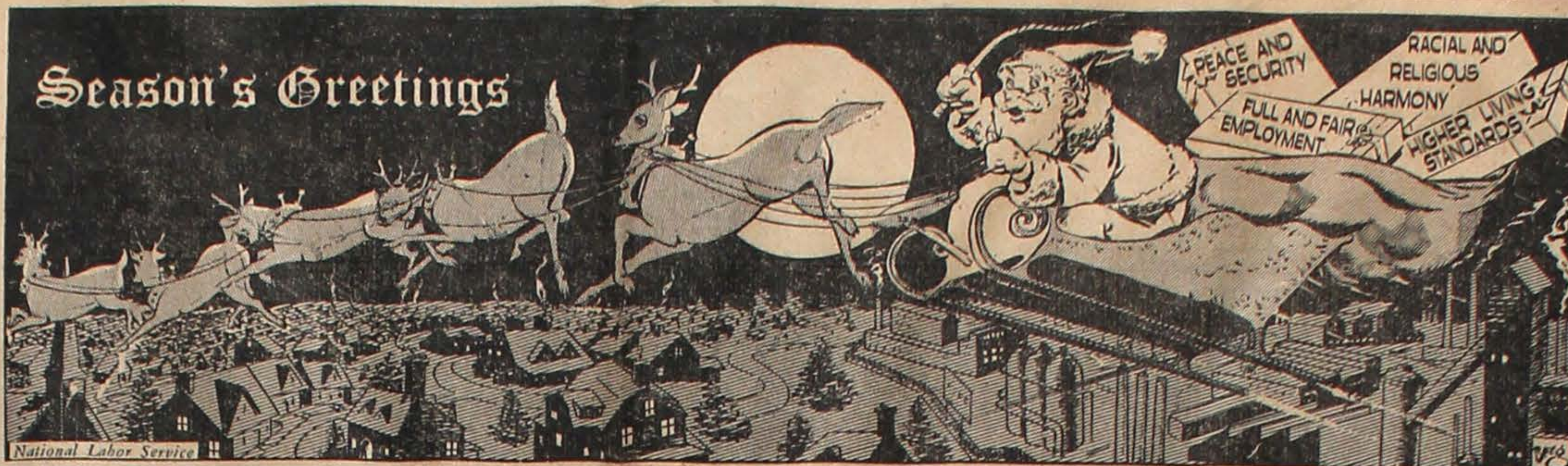
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Schedule

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8:30 p. m.—Lotus Troys vs. Main Drug (A).
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29
At St. Peter's
7 p. m.—Tacoma Bussei vs. Lotus Spartans (B).
8 p. m.—Tacoma Bussei vs. U. of W. Girls (Girls').
9 p. m.—South Side vs. Vets (A).
FRIDAY, JAN. 31
At Buddhist
7 p. m.—St. Peter's vs. Mercury (B).
8 p. m.—Lotus vs. Baptist (Girls').
9 p. m.—Tokuda vs. Sumner (A).

Nisei Future

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The fight against ignorant and racial discrimination—the fight for understanding and equality of opportunity—is a never-ending one in a democracy. The gains made by Nisei in the east, the friends won by Nisei in the mid-west, the headway by Nisei in the west—all these can be added together.
For wherever such progress is made, it is being made for our minority, for other minorities, and for the strengthening of our democracy.
Kiyoshi Okumoto and Kanae Mizoguchi of Nampa, Idaho, visited Mr. and Mrs. Juro Yoshioka for a few days recently.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Osawa had visitors from Virdelle, Mont., during the holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watanabe.

Shirakawa-Yanagimachi
Miss Yuki Shirakawa, a niece of C. Shirakawa of Los Angeles, Calif., will become the bride of Mr. Harry Yanagimachi, second son of Mrs. Toshi Yanagimachi of Seattle, on Sunday, Jan. 5, it was announced today.

Minato-Gojio
Miss Margaret Minato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Minato, will be married to Mr. George Gojio, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Gojio, school graduate. Mr. Gojio, an ex-serviceman, attended the University of Washington. Both are Seattleites.

Visitors from Pendleton, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoshino and their son, Henry Masaru, spent a few weeks here recently with Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Uno.

Hoop League

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League Director Uno's announcement that he has received an indirect bid from Salt Lake City for a Seattle A team to compete in a JAU tournament in that city whipped up quite an interest among local managers. Although no definite word was said as to which team would draw the assignment of representing the NCBL, it was strongly hinted that the top A quintet would win the trip.
The NCBL has set Saturday, Feb. 1, as its date for a benefit dance which will be held in the Buddhist church hall. Co-chairmen Haruo Kato and Ted Watanabe will make all necessary arrangements, it was announced.
After the league's play is completed, Uno plans to hold a Northwest Basketball Tournament in Seattle. Invitations will be extended to all Nisei quintets in the Pacific Northwest.

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11. Habits of thrift.
12. Healthful exercise. Pride of possession inspires work around home and garden.
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18. Pets: As many as he wishes, both indoors and outdoors, without asking anyone's permission.
19. Possible income: One example: through building a garage to hold two cars, and renting a portion.
20. Peace of mind: Based on the knowledge that provision has been made for his family.