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## Flood Hits 104 Japanese Families in Vanport City

### JACL-ADC Points to Early Action On Evacuation Claims Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1—With less than four weeks remaining before adjournment of Congress, the Washington JACL ADC headquarters today looked for early action on H. R. 3959, hearings for which were concluded last May 21 by the Senate Judiciary subcommittee headed by Senator John S. Cooper, Republican of Kentucky.

The Washington JACL ADC office reports that the testimony of John J. McCloy, president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Edward J. Ennis, wartime director of the Enemy Alien Control Unit of the Justice Department; and Dillon S. Myer, former director of the War Relocation Authority, were particularly effective. Enforcement of H. R. 3959 by the entire Department of Interior as expressed in the verbal testimony of Solicitor Mastin G. White and in the written statements of Secretary and Undersecretary Julius A. Krug and Oscar L. Chapman marked one of the highlights of the hearings.

John J. McCloy, while defending the evacuation as a war measure dictated by purely military considerations, nevertheless admitted its effects on the Japanese American population were "most unfortunate, difficult and harsh." He said that conditions on the West Coast were such that evacuation "had to be done rapidly" but that "no one who had any connection with the facts could feel anything but great distress at the necessity which impelled it."

He told the Senate committee that the Nisei's acceptance of the evacuation order and their cooperation with the authorities was "most impressive." More impressive, however, he emphasized, was the spirit of the Nisei who volunteered for combat duty and who subsequently won world wide fame as members of that fighting 442nd regimental combat team.

"The record of those combat units, and they were combat units, was so brilliant and was eloquent of the loyalty of this portion of our population, that I think it is one of the brightest pages in the annals of our military history as well as our national history. There are no citizens in the United States to whom they have

to bow for the record they performed," he declared.

Dillon Myer dealt at length with the problems faced by the WRA when it became custodian of some 60,000 evacuees more than six months after the start of evacuation. He said the "rather bad condition" and the "difficult problems" arising over property matters could be charged to no one individual but charged largely to the fact that in the hurry and bustle of the early stages of evacuation and confusion, policies were formulated quickly, procedures developed more slowly, and many evacuees actually moved into new areas or into assembly centers before they knew that they were to be processed that they could turn to for assistance and protection of their property.

Considerable property losses resulted from pilferage and vandalism, he said, while heavier losses were entailed in the transfer of farms and business management to inexperienced lessees. Myer in closing his testimony urged prompt Senate action on the evacuation claims bill, asserting he was "delighted to testify in favor of the measure."

Edward J. Ennis, New York attorney, testified that Congressional enactment of the bill would be an affirmation of one of the basic tenets of democracy. "The bill is well calculated to achieve its objective which is really to carry out one of the basic, fundamental ideas of democracy, that where the power of democracy in an extremity is exercised against individuals so that they are asked to bear more than their share of the burden for the common good, it is and should be a boast of our democracy that when the opportunity come to recompense them, we do so."

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### He'll Go Back To Editing

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 1—Ex-Seattleit, Robert Hosokawa, who has been teaching journalism at Syracuse University for the past year, recently resigned to go back to active newspapering in Winona, Minnesota.

Hosokawa is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Whitman College and received his Master's Degree in Journalism at the University of Wisconsin last year.

### Twin Valley Picnic

ONTARIO, Oreg., June 2—Lake Lowell in Nampa, Idaho, will be the site of the Twin Valley YBA's picnic scheduled for Sunday, June 6, it was learned today.

The Twin Valley YBA members will leave by automobile in a caravan from the Ontario Buddhist temple at 10 a. m. on that day.

Seattle's Japanese American community—paid tribute to its war heroes last Memorial Day at Lake View cemetery. Preachers who participated in the services are, left to right: Rev. M. Wada, Baptist church; Rev. G. Shoji, St. Peter's Episcopal church; the Rev. I. Suehiro, Holiness church; the Rev. K. Ide, Congregational church; the Rev. M. Hirata, Presbyterian church; the Rev. S. Oda, Nichiren Buddhist temple; the Rev. I. Ichikawa, Buddhist temple; the Rev. T. J. Machida, Methodist church. Reverend Machida acted as chairman at the rites.

—Foto especially for Northwest Times By Ralph Ochi.



AT ATTENTION—are Al "Lefty" Ichihara, chairman of the Nisei Veterans Committee, and Harry I. Takagi, also of the NVC. The two 442nd combat team veterans stand beside the Nisei War Memorial site at Lake View Cemetery where the Memorial Day services were held last Monday.

—Foto by Ralph Ochi.

### Maryknoll Library Opens Here

Formal opening of the Maryknoll Library and Reading Room for the Summer months commenced on June 1. It is now open in the evenings from Monday till Friday from 7 to 9 o'clock. The public is invited to use the library. New books are being added monthly for the benefit of both children and adults.

The latest attractions in both fiction and non-fiction are: "B. F.'s Daughter" by John P. Marquand, "The Robe" by Lloyd C. Douglas, "The Screwtape Letters" by C. S. Lewis, "Michael" (A tale of the masterful monk) by Owen F. Dudley, "Too Small a World" by Theodore Maynard, "Woman of the Pharisees" by Francois Mauriac, "Inside U.S.A." by John Gunther, "Truths Men Live By" by John A. O'Brien, and "The Art of Happy Marriage" by Rev. James Magner.

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### Portland Opens Heart to Homeless; 15 Persons Reported Still Missing

George Minato, active Seattle member of the Japanese American Citizens League, yesterday (Tuesday) received a special wire from Hito Okada, national JACL president in Salt Lake City, Utah, asking aid in setting up a JACL relief project through the various JACL chapters in the Pacific Northwest to assist the 104 Japanese families affected by the flood in Oregon.

(Exclusive to Northwest Times) VANPORT, Oreg., June 1—At least fifteen Japanese American persons were still unaccounted for and listed as "missing" in the flood which swept this community about 4:20 o'clock last Sunday afternoon when a wall of water, four to ten feet high, broke through the Columbia River dike.

Most of the 104 Japanese families which lived in this war-time housing district on Portland's northern outskirts were reported saved, and Portland's Japanese families opened their homes to the

victims while they also braced themselves for their own trial by water.

The waters ripped the dike about 4 o'clock and inundated the town within twenty minutes, sweeping houses, automobiles and people before them. The flood struck with such ferocity and suddenness that the community's thousands of residents were fortunate to escape with only "their shirts on."

Mr. and Mrs. Susa Morinaga and their sons Yutaka, Frank and Tetsuo fled before the catastrophe. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hongo and their family also were reported safe.

All telephone circuits between Seattle and Portland were delayed one to two hours by the flood conditions yesterday (Tuesday) and phone service was offered only in case of emergency in relation to flood victims.

### Dr. I. Ayusawa To Talk June 8

Dr. Iwao F. Ayusawa, an official of LARA (Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia) in Tokyo, will speak to the Japanese American community at 8 p. m. Tuesday, June 8, in the Seattle Buddhist auditorium, it was announced today.

Prior to his talk, he will be honored along with Tokuyoshi "Conky" Kawasaki, former Seattleite, at 6 p. m. in Maneki Cafe. Reservations must be made with G. Mihaara, CA. 9530.

Kawasaki, who is accompanying Dr. Ayusawa on his tour, is with the American Friends Service Committee's LARA unit.

### Bussei Teachers To Meet Here

The Northwest Young Buddhist Sunday School Teachers' League will be reorganized during a two-day meeting on June 5 and 6 in the Seattle Buddhist temple.

Delegates from the following chapters will be represented: Tacoma, Spokane, Portland, and Twin Valley.

The program follows:  
Saturday, June 5  
6:30 p. m.—Dinner and meeting.  
Fusae Masumoto will be in charge, of dinner and Teddy Tomita, meeting.

Sunday, June 6  
10 a. m.—Sunday school service.  
Guest speaker will be the Rev. Shoko Masunaga, new Nisei minister. Lily Morinaga will be chairman. The public is cordially invited.

12 noon—Lunch and meeting. Nobuo Shimizu and Lily Morinaga are in charge of the luncheon and Teddy Tomita, will lead meeting.  
Shigeto Ishikawa will take care of the housing and transportation.

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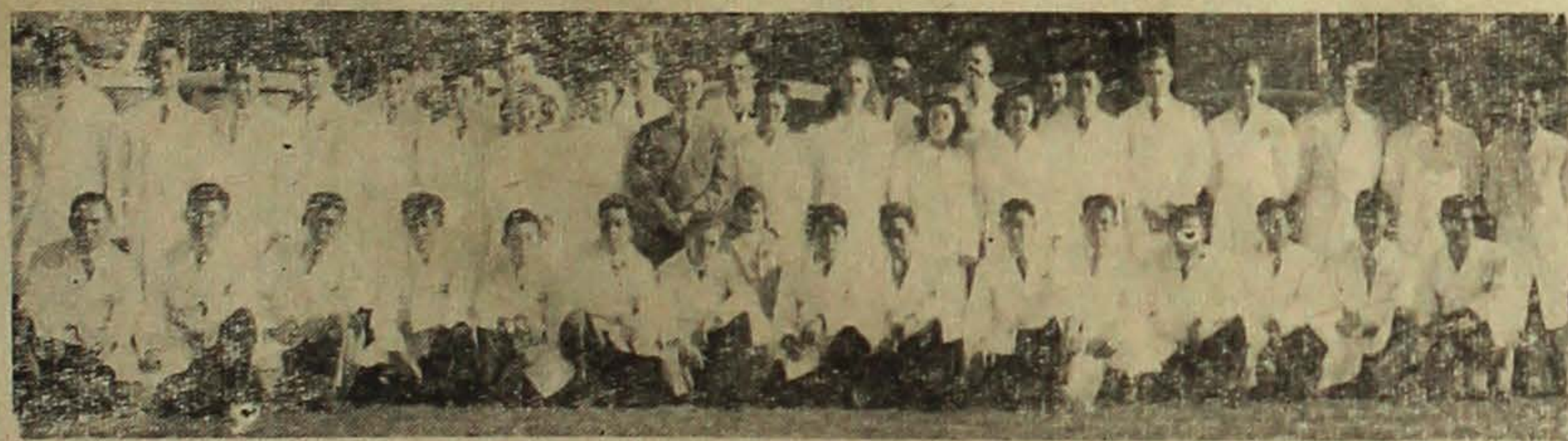
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