







**St. Louis Star-Times Supports H. R. 3999 Minneapolis UCL**

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9—The Washington JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week that the St. Louis Star-Times has lent strong editorial support to H. R. 3999, the evacuation claims bill. The bill is now in the hands of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Regardless of how the country may feel about the correctness of the evacuation policy, property losses of the evacuated people are real, the Missouri newspaper asserted, adding: "They represent a war debt as valid as any that was incurred, and the Senate should see to it that the way is cleared for an early start on their settlement."

The Star-Times said H. R. 3999 "is an important piece of unfinished business," and expressed hope that House-approved measure will be acted upon by the Senate before adjournment. Failure by the Upper House to do so would mean that the whole legislative process will have to be repeated by the next Congress.

The journal gave a brief history of the evacuation, pointing out now the evacuees sustained losses. It pointed out that the bill before the Senate does not provide for any redress for the personal humiliation suffered by the evacuees, but that it merely would give the Department of Justice to settle claims where actual property loss can be proved.

**Scripps Howard Newspapers Feature Trieste Nisei Hero House Unit Backs H. R. 5004**

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 9—The story of Harry Konishi, the Plattville, Colo., Nisei hero who stood firm on the Trieste powder keg in the face of Yugoslav threats but whose ailing father is denied citizenship because of Congress' failure to repeal discriminatory provisions of U. S. immigration and naturalization laws, was published by the Scripps Howard Newspapers last Tuesday, the Washington JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee revealed.

The article, written by Oland D. Russell, a member of the Scripps Howard staff and former public relations officer of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, was given nation-wide circulation, and it concluded with an appeal for an early end to legislative barriers which work a hardship and are a source of humiliation to deserving people.

Harry Konishi, a second lieutenant, last September defied a Yugoslav ultimatum to abandon a vital roadblock in the Free Territory of Trieste. For his firmness and tact, the Nisei lieutenant was commended. Last month Konishi came home on an emergency leave because of the illness of his father, George H. Konishi, who operates a 160-acre ranch near Plattville. The elder Konishi has lived in the United States since 1911, but he cannot become a citizen because he was born in Japan.

His son, Harry, however, is an American citizen by birth and "no one will question Lieutenant Konishi's worthiness," says the article, adding: "But its a source of humiliation—and in some cases hardship—to both parents and children that the parents may not gain citizenship." Young Konishi asserted that it seemed to him that if he were good enough to serve as an American Army officer his father deserved the chance to become naturalized.

The article points out that there are now two bills in Congress, the most notable of which is the Judd bill, which would give citizenship to deserving parents of Nisei veterans. It refers to the recent testimony which former Ambassador to Japan Joseph C. Grew gave before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization when it held hearings on the Judd measure.

The article cited considerable parts of Mr. Grew's testimony in which he emphasized that it was wholly in keeping with American tradition that in so deeply important matter as citizenship, admission or denial be made only on grounds of individual behavior and qualification.

Concluding, the article declared: "There is a quality of loyalty that lies very deep in people of Japanese ancestry. In these times we have need for the Harry Konishis who can stand firm when our outposts of democracy are threatened anywhere in the world—and need for their parents who taught them firmness, and Americanism."

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9—The House Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee which held hearings on H. R. 5004 more than six weeks ago has favorably reported out the Judd bill after making 28 minor amendments, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported today.

Representative Walter H. Judd, Republican of Minnesota, last week introduced a "clean bill," which bears the number H. R. 6809, superseding H. R. 5004. Despite the many changes in the language and technicalities regarding quota provisions of the original Judd measure, the new bill in no way alters the original intent of H. R. 5004. Nor do the amendments affect the immigration and naturalization provisions regarding the Japanese.

The Washington JACL ADC office reported that efforts will be made to secure action by the full Judiciary Committee on the new Judd bill this week.

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Mrs. Ellsworth is a member of the board of the Women's University Club. She served as a Gray Lady during the war, is an adult guardian in the Camp Fire Girls, one of the Chest-supported agencies, and plays an active role in the American Christian Committee for Palestine.

**96 ARRESTED IN JAPAN FOR POSTAL THEFTS**

TOKYO, June 9—Postal inspectors recently arrested 96 employees of the communications ministry and accused them of pilfering from letters and packages.

Thirty-two of them were accused of even taking mail bags home with them so they would have more time to open the packages.

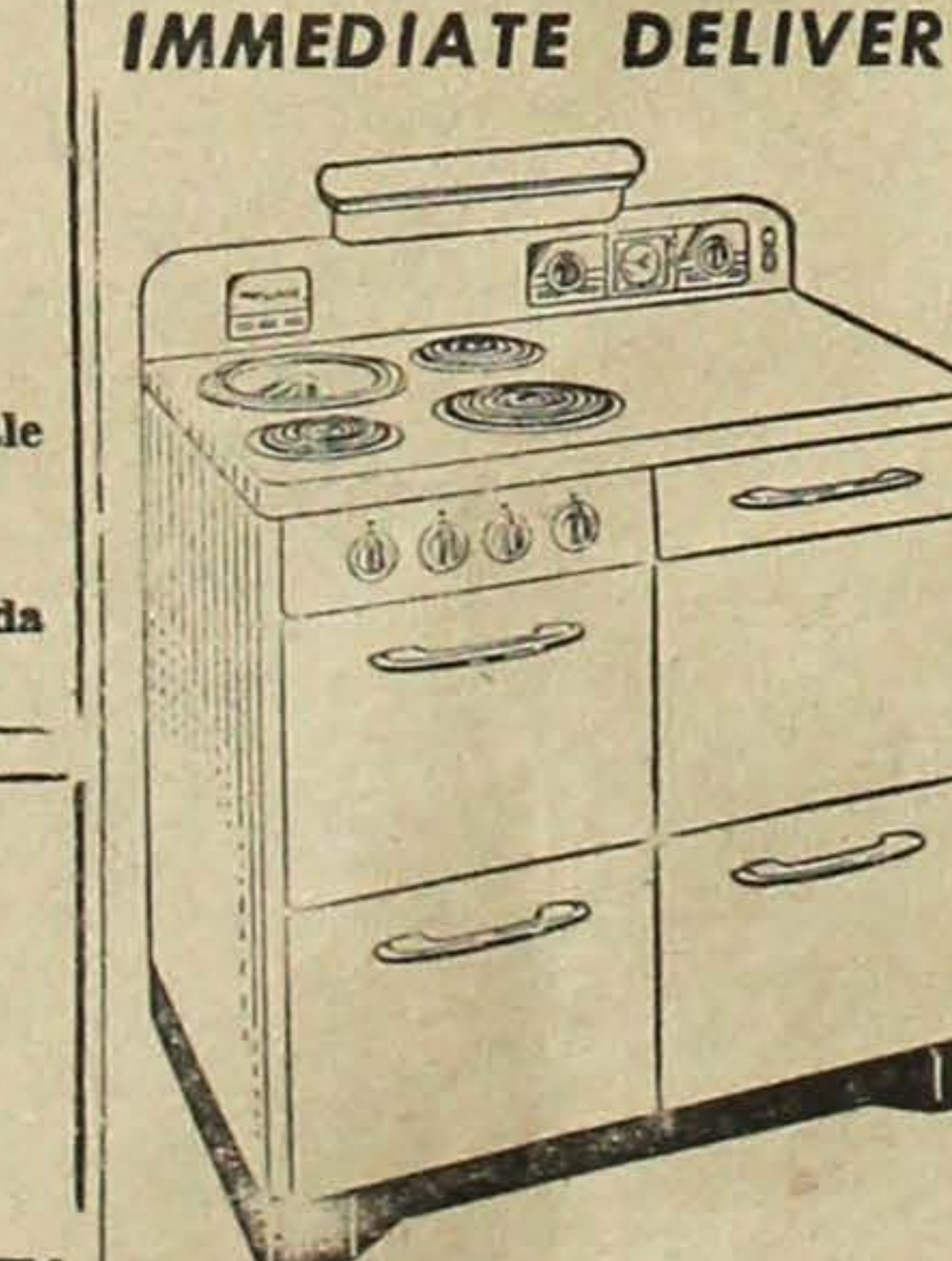
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