

By GORDON HIRABAYASHI

WOODEN ANNIVERSARY

Every marriage can potentially anticipate various anniversaries, and on the 29th my wife and I celebrated our fifth. I understand it is traditionally known as the wooden anniversary; at least, one brother sent a wooden gift with these remarks, "Happy Wooden Anniversary to two happy Woodenheads."

It doesn't seem like already we are veterans of five years; yet, on the other hand, it is difficult to picture a time when we were not married. And when we look at our four-year-old twin girls and their two and a half year old brother, we had better been married five years.

Nothing specially occurs to us as we plan to go to Paradise for the weekend, except that married partners can learn a lot from those younger couples who are in their courting stage. Those youngsters are happy and full of life and expectancy; so many married couples are matter of fact, dull and routine.

The big difference seems to be that the married people take each other "for granted". And that seems to be the big tragedy of marriage. If I have learned anything in five years, it is that no one should take anybody else "for granted", that more marriage would blossom out in spontaneous happiness if the partners behaved toward each other as in their courtship days.

Another aspect of "for granted" is to realize that marriage is an interdependent relationship. Being sufficient unto oneself may be okay for bachelors and spinsters, but that attitude runs havoc in marriage. One of the best antidotes for selfishness is the feeling that one needs his partner and that he himself is needed by her. My most unhappy moments were those when I momentarily forgot that interdependent feeling.

(Those couples who are 10-year veterans or more must be laughing up their sleeves as we feel so "know it all" after only five measly years. Oh well...)

American visitors to Tokyo will now see a touch of Japanese life that has been missing since the Occupation.

Japanese troops are now guarding the Imperial Palace.

This more or less perfunctory duty was recently taken over from the Allied soldiery. The Sakashita, Ote, Sakurada, Hirakawa, Kitabashi, Hanzo and Inui gates of the Palace are each flanked by two Japanese guards each.

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Ex-Seattleite Catches Spirit Of L. A. Nisei Festival Week

(Editor's note: THE NORTHWEST TIMES is pleased to reprint an article on the Los Angeles Nisei Festival Week by Bob Okazaki, brilliant story-teller who is currently editing the English section of the Town Crier in L.A. Okazaki, whose home town is Seattle, rates as the best Japanese American feature writer in the nation today.)

By BOB OKAZAKI

Sponsored by the JAACL, underwritten by local merchants, and participated in by the entire Japanese-American population, Issei and Nisei alike, the Nisei Festival is the biggest hunk of concerted action in the U. S. Other Nisei goings like carnivals, national conventions, and church socials are anemic by comparison.

It is with the Nisei Festival that the Nihonjin can put their best foot forward. All eyes are on us—news-reels, national magazines, metropolitan newspapers, wirephoto services, VIP's, politicians, and pickpockets.

The queen that we select, in the eyes of America, is our representative—she typifies 120,000 of us from the Canadian border to Mexico, from Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine. This isn't a beauty contest, neither is it an effort to pick the most photogenic grand-daughter of a samurai. Maybe it's asking too much to expect a thoroughbred from a mongrel race. But that's beside the point. Our Queen will walk in majesty across the nation via screen, radio, and the pages of newspapers and magazines. She will be hailed by America. "Here's Miss Nisei in person."

Everybody loves babies—even baby elephants are cute. And the Baby Show in effect is a plea to America, "You love our babies, love us". One pretty baby can win more hearts for us than all the lobbying that our representatives in Washington can do in a lifetime. That's why we like the Baby Show.

Younger Nisei poo-poo the idea of a Flower Arrangement and Tea Ceremony demonstration as an event on the Nisei Festival calendar. But properly staged, the exhibit of these ancient arts draws the best "hakujin" people. We have seen internationally known figures in the world of fine arts at this event. We

have seen a group of stinking rich dowagers who could buy and sell Little Tokio without batting an eyelash gush and coo over the floral masterpieces. We have seen kindly souls impressed by the fact alone that Nisei are trying to keep alive a bit of art handed down through the generations and transplanted in alien soil.

The Talent Show is a conscious effort to develop and introduce Nisei talent. And we have seen youngsters shivering with stage-fright, blinking in the spotlight glare, and fumbling with inexperience appear in these events. Later, with the years, going on to triumphs on the professional stage.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 30 (Special to Northwest Times)—This city's Rafu Shimpo English section reports today that First St. and San Pedro prognosticators, bettors, odd-makers and backers of Nisei Week queen candidates are "almost settled" on Margaret Kikuchi to retain her heavy lead until the end of the race, Aug. 6.

Her opponent camp supporters, however, pledged a "hectic and high-paced battle" before conceding any ground to the attractive Maharania entry.

(Pictures of the twelve candidates in the Los Angeles Nisei Festival Week queen contest, are on page four.)

The Scotch lassies do their Highland Fling, the Irish jig on the streets of New York, Hollanders in Michigan clog in their wooden shoes, Chinatown has the Dragon Dance, Harlem has the cake-walks, and Hungarians do the Goulash. But for my money for sheer color, beauty, atmosphere, and delicacy, our Ondo Extravaganza tops 'em. We're proud of our Ondo Parade.

The Coronation Ball? Here's Mr. Nisei at his best—this is it—the Social Event of the Year. Call up your favorite movie star for a date. Invite Mr. Union Hardware to join your party. Put General DeWitt on the guest list to let him know all is forgiven.

Most sublime of all is our feeble effort to honor our pioneers who had the foresight, gumption, and plain guts to come three thousand miles across an ocean to settle in a strange and foreign land. Were it not for them we would be pulling rickshas along Shimbashi, groveling in the dust in Hiroshima, or selling our sisters on the back streets of Ginza.

Hey, Nisei Festival is Big—for newcomers to Los Angeles it's going to make their head swim. Look pal, be BIG.

Here's an announcement of interest to all World War II veterans: The Army's enlisted reserve is expanding, and there are openings in all grades. If you served in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, you can join the Army reserve.

For full particulars, contact any Army recruiting station.

130 STRANDEES ASK RE-ENTRY, JCCA REPORTS

TORONTO, Ont., Canada, July 30 (New Canadian Dispatch)—A total of 130 applications for readmission to Canada from Japan of Japanese Canadian strandeers, both Issei and Nisei, has been handled by the JCCA, reports the National JCCA office. These strandeer applications have come from various provinces at a steady rate since October of last year. Of these applications, 19 have been approved by the Government, and some of these applicants are now residing in Canada.

Eighty-five other applications submitted by the National JCCA have been acknowledged by the Department of Immigration, Ottawa, and are now being investigated as to whether they are considered admissible to Canada. Five strandeer applications submitted last month are pending receipt of acknowledgment, 21 applications are being held by the JCCA office awaiting further information from the applicants before they are submitted to the Immigration Department.

In addition, the National JCCA has on file some ten applications from persons who desire to immigrate or return to Canada who are at the present time considered inadmissible by the Canadian Government.

The National JCCA reports that they are making every effort to assist strandeers who are in the inadmissible categories to enter Canada. Every effort is being made by the JCCA to bring to the attention of the Government and members of Parliament these cases in which it is felt a strong appeal on compassionate grounds may enable the JCCA to receive sympathetic consideration.

Among those classified as inadmissible are those Nisei who were forced to serve in the Japanese armed forces, and Nisei minors at the time, who went to Japan under the Wartime Exchange Ship Agreement.

Katayama Due Here Aug. 3

En route home after attending the Moral Rearmament conference in Europe, Tetsu Katayama, first premier of Japan under the new constitution, is due in Seattle next Wednesday, Aug. 3, it was learned today by Genji Mihara of the Japanese American Community Service. Katayama is accompanied by his wife and a secretary, Mr. Uyebara.

The prominent Japanese, an elder of the Fuji-mi Kyo church in Tokyo and a leader in the Socialist movement, will be welcomed by the JACS at a dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, in Maneki cafe. After the dinner, he will give a lecture, open to the public, at 8 p.m. in the Seattle Buddhist church auditorium. A trip to Mount Rainier is being planned for the visitors the preceding day, Thursday, Aug. 4.

Katayama and his party will be guests in Councilwoman F. F. Powell's residence, according to Mihara.

Before his arrival here, Katayama will be in New York on July 31, in Chicago, Aug. 1, and in Denver (Colo.), Aug. 2. After his Seattle visit, he will head for Los Angeles on Aug. 6. From Los Angeles, he will backtrack to San Francisco, take a ship to Honolulu and then sail to Japan.

It is believed that there are several thousand, both Issei and Nisei in Japan who desire to return to Canada. In order to assist these people, the JCCA declares that it intends to continue the work until such a time as they will be granted entry into Canada.

National JCCA, mindful of the fact that the status of Japanese Nationals who desire to join their relatives in Canada is not equal to the status of European immigrants who are granted admission in order that they may join their relatives, states that it intends to make every effort to achieve equality of treatment for these people.

Blind Japanese Makes a Living Making Whisk and Toy Brooms

WINNEPEG, Man., Canada, July 30 (New Canadian Dispatch)—Samai Miyai makes his living at a whisk and toy broom factory in Winnipeg. Samai works so quickly at his trade that he makes an average of fourteen dozen small whisks a day. The pay is 45¢ a dozen and in this manner he is able to earn a living.

Samai now lives in Winnipeg with a brother and a sister who also work in the city. Until two years ago he lived with his parents and his five brothers and a sister. When they were moved to Manitoba from the coast in 1942, they took up farming at Letellier. To keep occupied, Samai helped with the chores around the house but he had no means of making his livelihood.

For Samai Miyai is blind.

He could see until he was about seven years old but developed an optical atrophy for which neither the cause or the cure is known.

Samai heard about the Canadian National Institute for the Blind through the Japanese section of the department of labour. He enrolled at the Red Feather Institute in June, 1947. He learned to speak English and began to take lessons in reading, writing and computing in braille and completed a course in typing. At the same time he learned how to make whisks and brooms at the institute's factory.

During his apprenticeship Samai received a training allowance provided for blind persons during the training period. He learned so quickly that he was being paid for piecework by December of 1947.

Agnes McCulloch, the secretary of the C.N.I.B., says that Samai is such an apt pupil that he gets daily private instruction from Margaret Pawluk, one of the teachers employed by the institute. Miss Pawluk is also blind.

Under Miss Pawluk's teaching, Samai is learning progressive English and more difficult mathematical problems. The lessons last an hour every day and the foreman of the whisk factory says he could not spare him for longer than that.

Two New Leaders

Cub Pack 252 Committee at a recent special meeting officially approved the appointment of two additional leaders to its newly-organized Buddhist church unit. They are Satoru Ichikawa, assistant cub master, and Mrs. Bessie Tomita, den mother.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT UNIT AIDE OUTLINES HOW ITS L. A. OFFICE WILL PROCESS THE CLAIMS

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 30—For the first time, the government revealed some of the tests it will use to determine the value and validity of evacuation claims as the Department of Justice opened its first evacuation claims office in the Los Angeles federal building.

Speaking to some 50 interested persons at a special meeting called by the Pacific Southwest JAACL Regional Office, Mangum Weeks, chief of the Japanese Claims Section of the Department of Justice, who is visiting Los Angeles to supervise the opening of the first office to expedite the processing of claims, announced:

1. Fair market value at the time of the loss will be used as the yardstick for determining the value of claims.
2. Proof of loss will be required in every case, although the prevailing circumstances during evacuation and reasonable explanation for lack of documents will be considered.
3. Every reasonable and legitimate claim should be filed before the January 2, 1950 deadline.
4. Generally, the principle of "first filed, first processed" will be followed whenever possible.
5. The Department of Justice will be as liberal in its interpretation as possible within the framework of the law as passed by Congress last year.

Weeks explained that the Department of Justice decided upon fair market value at time of loss as its basis for determining the valuation of claims because it was felt that other formulas were unfair to either the claimants or the government. Original cost minus depreciation plus improvements was judged as unfair to the claimants and replacement or reproduction costs as unfair to the government.

He did accept, however, a suggestion by Edward J. Ennis, visiting New York attorney, who is counsel to the JAACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, that in determining the final value of claims, replacement costs and other pertinent information be taken into consideration.

When asked whether growing crops constituted a loss, Weeks replied that he certainly thought that "they were good claims".

While proof of loss is necessary, Weeks stated that the Department

would take into consideration reasonable explanations for the lack of documents or other evidence. He declared that witnesses were a better means of proving a claim than affidavits, although he did not rule the latter out. He also said that in certain cases the unsupported statements of the claimants might have to be accepted as the sole basis for the validity of a claim.

Because there are no federal property or inheritance laws, it was pointed out that the state laws governing property and other matters relating to evacuation claims would apply. The evacuation claims law does not waive any local law or supercede any of them since it is simply remedial legislation.

Reminding the audience that under the law the Attorney General cannot accept any claims after January 2, 1950, Weeks urged that all evacuees who believe that they have a reasonable claim against the government for any losses suffered as a result of the evacuation should file a claim. If any person of Japanese ancestry is in doubt as to the legitimacy of his claim, he should file his claim and the government will make the determination.

While supplementary statements can be filed to perfect filed claims up until the January 2, 1950 deadline, no amendments increasing the amount of the claims or changing the basis for claims can be accepted after the deadline date.

While this legislation is remedial in nature and intent, Mr. Weeks pointed out that the United States Supreme Court had ruled that the evacuation program was constitutional.

He emphasized, however, that the Department of Justice would be as liberal in its interpretations and as informal in its procedures as possible.

"We are not adversaries in the usual legal sense of the word, but friends interested in carrying out the intent of Congress to repair insofar as possible the losses of evacuation", was the way Weeks summed up his philosophy in administering the program.

Generally speaking, claims will be processed on a "first filed, first out" basis.

While conceding that the Los Angeles office would be serving in a quasi-judicial function in both judging and determining claims, Weeks indicated that there was nothing new in this procedure.

Explaining in outline his plans for the Los Angeles office, Weeks stated that insofar as possible the claimants and/or his representative will be called in to explain his claim. After the local examinations are completed, the adjudicating officer will forward to Washington a statement containing his findings of fact in every case and his recommended settlement.

The actual determination of the amount of the award and the announcement of the award will be made in Washington. The central office in Washington will not act in an appellate function, but will make the first and final adjudications on all claims.

At the meeting Weeks introduced William H. Jacobs, who will be in charge of the Los Angeles office, and Mrs. Mary McLean and John Ossie, attorneys, who will assist Jacobs.

Nisei Calendar July

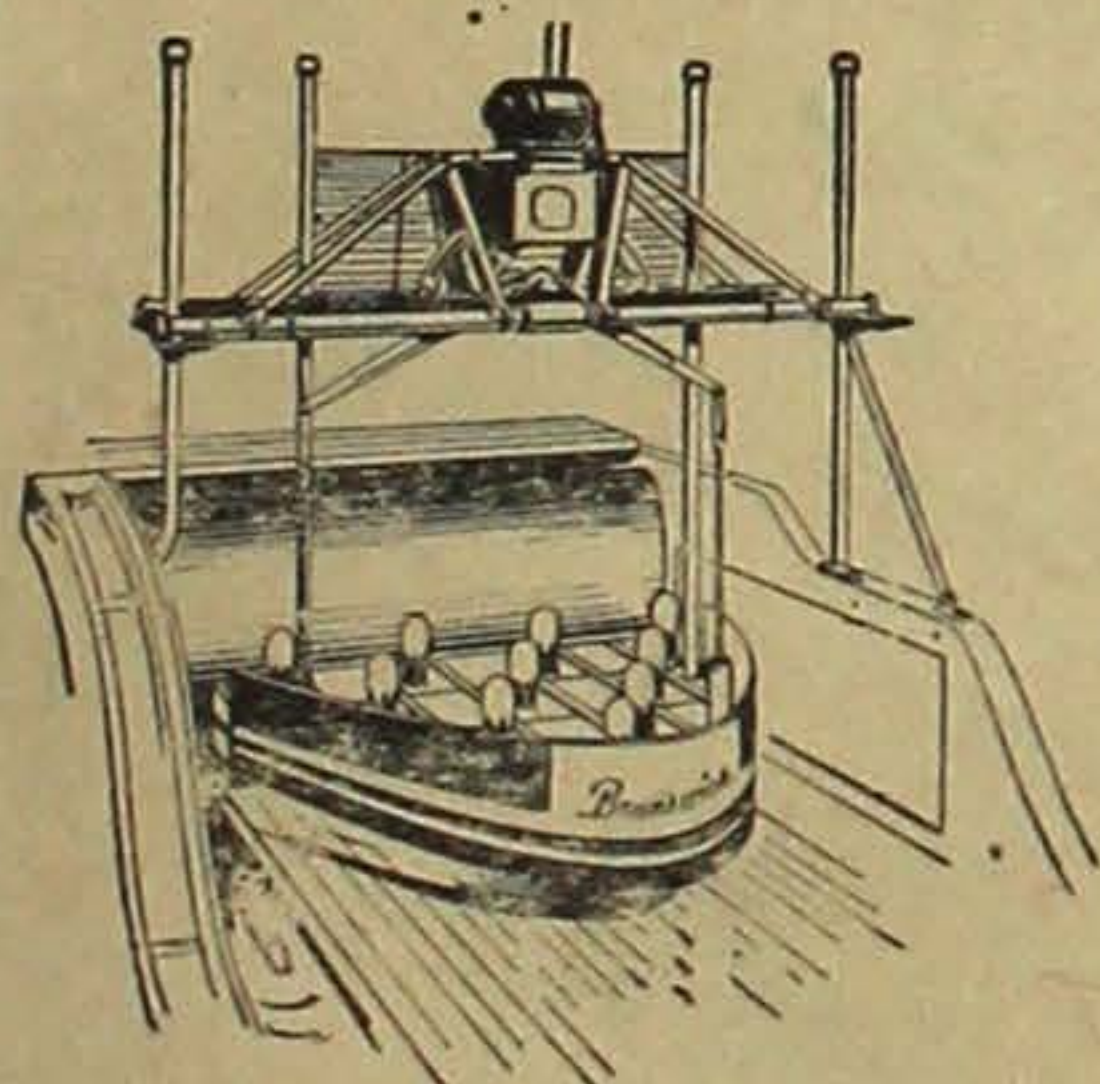
30—Agiaras will sponsor a dance from 9 to 11:30 p.m. in Maryknoll hall, 17th and Jefferson.
31—U. W. Japanese Alumni Association picnic at Gaffney's Lake Wilderness.

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3—W.S.C.S. of the Japanese Methodist Church to present a carnival from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in its hall.
4—Lotus YBA to sponsor its annual bazaar in the Buddhist auditorium.
4—Pre-Labor Day skating party sponsored by Risho YBA from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Rollerland.
17—"County Fair" to be sponsored by Japanese Presbyterian Church.

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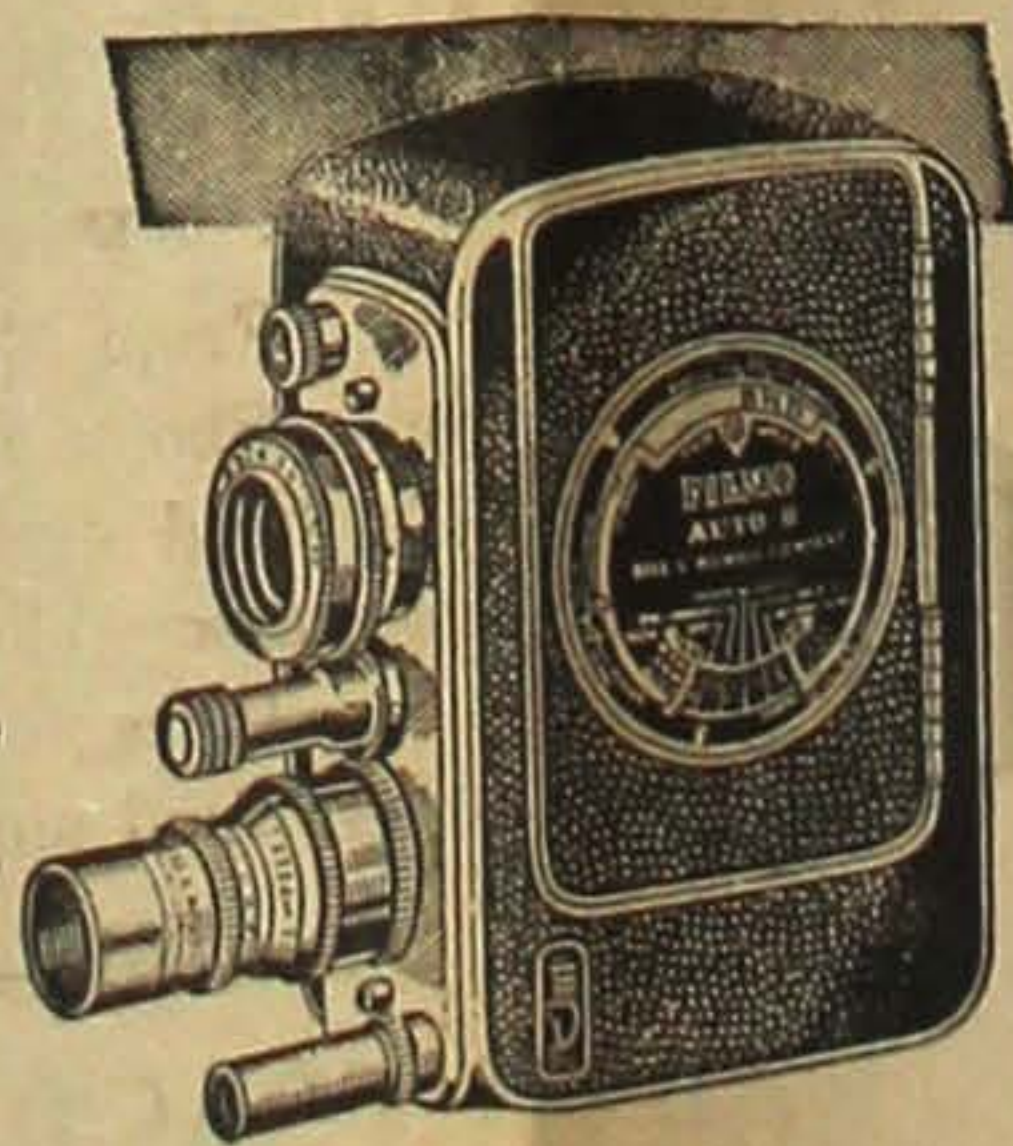
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Evacuation of Japanese Dictated By Pressure Groups—Grodzins

An explosive volume of literature on the Japanese American evacuation which could well apply in part to the wartime removal of Japanese Canadians from the B. C. Security Zone, was published recently by the University of Chicago Press in Chicago.

The book, "Americans Betrayed—Politics and the Japanese Americans," written by Morton Grodzins, assistant professor of political science at the University of Chicago, in its 444 pages tells bluntly that the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the U. S. Pacific Coast was the result of a decision dictated by economic, racist and political pressure groups.

In his book, Grodzins is basing his findings on documented evidence that the evacuation in the U. S. was not a matter necessitated by military security but that it was the result of the demand for the mass removal of these people by certain elements with their "deep-seated racial prejudice, the desire for economic gain and the courtship of political favor" under the subterfuge of national safety.

The book reveals that the Justice Department entrusted with the civilian responsibility for internal security opposed the evacuation on the grounds that it was illegal and unnecessary. But upon the insistence of the War Department, Attorney-General Francis Biddle, head

of the Justice Department finally acceded to the evacuation policy.

The author names individuals and organizations which brought pressure upon the War Department to institute the mass evacuation. He gives a list of organizations which demanded the wholesale removal. Among influential West Coast men, he names Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles and California Governor Earl Warren (then Attorney-General) who, in 1948, was Thomas E. Dewey's running mate in the presidential elections, as those who impressed the government with the need for evacuation.

He also names a minor group of West Coast congressional representatives who did not support the evacuation.

Grodzins also notes the role of the press in the demand for the removal of Japanese Americans. "Americans Betrayed" is a result of three years of research by the author. Documentation for the book was taken from newspapers, from files of government agencies and from organizations involved in the demands for evacuation.

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Issei Are Law-Abiding, Cullum Tells Senate Unit

(Editor's note: Following is a summary of testimonies given before a Senate subcommittee which recently concluded hearings on the Judd bill.)

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Robert M. Cullum, secretary of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization, told the Senate Subcommittee holding hearings on the Judd bill that what is true of the Japanese differs "in but small particular from the experiences of other immigrant groups which in time have made successful adjustment to American life".

He described the Issei as "law-abiding and most anxious for the education and advancement of their children whom they have done their best to bring up as Americans".

Discussing his war-time experience with the WRA, Cullum said that "After much study it became quite clear that lack of the privilege of naturalization was by far the most important single factor in placing those of Japanese ancestry at a disadvantage in American life".

"The fact remains that in spite of the disabilities placed upon them, those of Japanese descent have met the requirements of American life more than half way and have shown that both they and their children have an untarnished right to be called American."

He continued with: "We believe the Judd bill accomplishes the desired result (of integrating Japanese into America) fully within the principles established by present nationality and immigration law, and does so with no possible consequence of introducing an unassimilable mass of people into the United States."

"This legislation has been almost universally accepted by the American people," he added. "The west, where not too long ago the voice of antagonism was uppermost, has provided the strongest of support. There is no cause for delay."

"By the tests of loyalty, service, fitness and desire, those most affected by this measure (the Judd bill) have proved worthy; immediate enactment of remedial legislation is clearly a matter of justice and an obligation upon the American people in their own interest."

"The condition for final assimilation is now available to this group. Only one legal distinction remains to separate them from the total community—ineligibility to citizenship."

As a group, Cullum said, they have "made real contributions to American life".

Calif. Solon Backs Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sen. Sheridan Downey, (D., Calif.), urged the Senate Subcommittee holding hearings on the Judd bill to "take early and favorable action" on the measure.

In a letter submitted to the subcommittee, he wrote in part: "The American people, I feel sure, are ready to take the final step toward eliminating the last vestiges of racial inequality from the laws governing naturalization."

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"The justice of revising naturalization laws to remove race as a qualification for citizenship is obvious."

"I would like to say, however, that (the Judd bill) seems to me to contain one discriminatory section which should be eliminated. This section affects the Chinese wives of American citizens ..."

"The main intent of this legislation, however, is in my opinion greatly to be desired, for it is a correction of our immigration laws that is long past due. I feel sure you will agree that neither color nor race should have a bearing upon who may become a citizen of these United States."

To support his position, Sen. Downey quoted from the famed report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights which said: "... Because the right to participate in the political process is customarily limited to citizens, there can be no denial of access to citizenship based upon race, color, creed or national origin."

To indicate the feeling in California, he quoted from a resolution by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to the effect that "the

elimination of ... special Asiatic racial discrimination is of significant importance in the light of the present struggle between free peoples living under democratic systems and those of state-controlled governments ..."

In addition, he offered such quotations from California papers as the following:

Los Angeles Times, March 3, 1949: "Passage by the House of legislation permitting the naturalization of Japanese, Koreans and other Orientals ... is an act of simple justice ..."

San Francisco Chronicle, April 27, 1948: "The American people are ready ... to take the final step towards eliminating the last vestiges of racism from the laws governing immigration and naturalization of citizens."

The Santa Paula Daily Chronicle, March, 1949: "It is illogical and fatuous for us to demand loyalty from groups from which we withhold the advantages that that loyalty is expected to help protect." And the Stockton Record of April: "Democracy will take on new meaning to millions (when they can at least aspire to citizenship.)"

Cites Outstanding Japanese Record

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The outstanding record of racial minorities, particularly the Japanese, is a complete refutation of any unsupported suggestion that naturalization and immigration should not be open to these people.

In this fashion Edward J. Ennis, former Director of the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Department of Justice during the war, and JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legal counsel described his feelings on equality in immigration and naturalization before the Senate Subcommittee.

"Through the country as a whole no so-called enemy minority had as fine a (war time) record of cooperation with our government as the Japanese," he said.

"It is still," he added, "a source of amazement to me, and also a source of profound respect, to recall that their record was one of complete cooperation with the Government, even though the government mistakenly asked them to suffer the hardship of evacuation."

"Now that the fear accompanying our surprised lack of preparation at the beginning of the war have been dispelled we realize that there was no factual objective basis, outside of our fears, for the rigorous policy of evacuation."

Ennis pointed out that the decision to evacuate the Japanese was left entirely up to the military, and added:

"It has been said that dictators do not dare admit mistakes but that

an outstanding feature of democratic government is that it can admit its mistakes and do something to rectify them."

He described the evacuation claims law as 'one step in admitting the evacuation was a mistake. Another step ... would be the amendment of our laws to make it clear that loyalty to our form of government is not a matter of color but individual conviction."

Ennis said it is well to note that the Japanese "are here to stay, and it is surely better for America to have them share the obligations of citizenship than to have the privilege ... without the responsibility."

He said the question of religious affiliation concerning the Japanese had been raised, and added: "In America we just don't use a religious basis to classify people in their economic and cultural life."

He also pointed out that it would be "wholly unwarranted" to assume that the inclusion of various organizations with Japanese names on the Attorney General's list of subversive groups is an indication of a disloyal element among the Japanese."

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NWA Travel Topics and Tips

(Editor's note: Northwest Orient Airlines' information bureau releases the following items of interest to Japanese who are thinking of traveling over there soon.)

The volcano at Mt. Yake in Niigata Prefecture, which erupted last February as a sort of warmup, is expected to put on a bigger and better show for visitors to Japan this summer.

So clear are the signs of a forthcoming eruption that scientists from Japan's Central Meteorological Observatory's volcano section are making personal studies on the scene. Past records and present activities, they declare, make it likely that Mt. Yake will have a spectacular burst this season.

Women and girls of Japan will parade the new look in a big way before visitors to Japan this summer.

When the long styles first hit Nippon, there was considerable controversy over them. Lots of the Japanese people felt that, despite popularity in America, the attire didn't fit the smaller and trimmer figures of feminine Japan.

But opposition finally has given up—just as it did in the United States. As evidence of a growing acceptance of the new look, a four-day fashion show featuring the new look designs was held recently in Takarazuka by the Girls' Opera of that city.

Persons in the United States who worry about growing old too fast might get a first-hand hint on what to do about it by visiting Japan.

Beginning next January 1, it appears likely that every Japanese will become one year younger.

The explanation? Traditionally, whenever a baby was born in Japan, he or she was listed as being one year old—the youngster started off with 12 months' handicap.

But now the Japanese propose to abolish that system and count the ages accurately. A bill to bring this about was recently introduced in the Japanese House of Councillors by Kotaro Tanaka, former minister of education, and others. It was believed to have enough backing to assure passage later by the Japanese Diet.

If the change is made all Japanese will become a year younger in 1950. And tourists to Japan will be less confused when they ask the ages of young boys and girls.

Sky-writing was brought right down to the ground as natives and visiting Americans fringed a field as spectators at Odawara, Japan, recently.

A huge sheet of paper, which the Japanese estimated to be large enough to cover 150 mats, was spread on the ground as a huge writing pad. Then Tendo Obayashi, a noted calligrapher, set out to write one huge character "ryu," meaning dragon. The "penman" used a brush eight feet long, and nearly five gallons of ink. Once he started to write, he had to run all over the sheet to keep the ink flowing evenly. The feat, which appealed to them like some sporting event, was applauded by hundreds of spectators.

Tacoma Sets Sunday Bon Odori

TACOMA, Wash., July 30—The Tacoma Buddhist Church will have its annual obon service and bon-odori this Sunday, July 31. Bukkyukai members have been practicing bon odori under the supervision of Mrs. Kato of Seattle.

The Rev. Okayama of Portland will be the main speaker at the 2

p.m. obon service. The Fujinkai members will serve osomen immediately after the services.

The outdoor bon-odori will take place at 8 p.m. in front of the Tacoma Buddhist Church. Seattle Fujinkai and YBA members will also participate in this colorful event.

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10 a.m.—Kindergarten children and juniors service.
11 a.m.—Young people's service in English.
3 p.m.—Japanese Service.
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• bf Will Go on a Vacation

Ever since this paper was started in the lobby of the N. P. hotel two and a half years ago, your correspondent hasn't had a chance to take a couple of weeks off for a good rest.

The time has come, especially after we've read how many men die rich but young. Our chief complaints are we haven't got it made and we're closing in on "old man forty".

The doctor recently clocked our heart beat, looked at our skinny frame and then advised us to take it easy.

So we'll be on a vacation for two weeks.

In the meantime, you'll be reading sports copy which smoke out of another fellow's typewriter.

Janet Sonoda, who had a hand in editing the Irrigator in Hunt, Idaho, and the English section of the North American Times once upon a time, will occupy our swivel chair.

• Sideline Topics

... the golf center in the local community is Chick's Ice Creamery operated by "Chick" Uno, ex-boxer who is now exchanging blows with pars... the song goes, "I don't see me in your eyes any more", and our contribution is, "You won't see us in your eyes any more" (for two weeks)... friend Frank Russo who wanted his Negro heavy-eight prospect, Jack Flood, to meet Sad Sam Ichinose has changed his mind about going to Vancouver, B. C.; Ichinose's brother, Reginald, will be in the Canadian city but not Sad Sam so that's all... the bowlers are waiting for the weather to cool off so they could begin warming up their pitching arms for the coming fall season... the best horse-race bettors are those who bet without money; the second best ones are those who study all the angles before placing their bets... winning the last Fourth of July Northwest Invitational Baseball tournament championship "saved face" for the Nisei Vets who are now finishing one of their most disastrous seasons.

Cozy Pine Evens Softball Series With Oreg. Vets

PORTLAND, Oreg., July 30 (Special to Northwest Times)—Taking full advantage of four costly errors, Cozy Pine evened up the Northern softball league championship play-off series with the Oregon Nisei Vets Wednesday evening at Normandale No. 3 field. Cozy Pine trimmed the Vets, 5 to 2.

The "rubber" game of the three-game series has not been scheduled for any definite date as yet.

The Wednesday short score follows:

R H E	
Cozy Pine	5 5 1
Nisei Vets	2 3 4

Batteries: Amato and Uncles; Soejima and Kiso.

PORTLAND, Oreg., July 30—Underdog Oregon Nisei Vets Softballers defeated favored Cozy Pine, 14 to 10, in the initial tilt of the Northern League championship play-off Monday night at Alberta Park.

Coming from behind after a five-run deficit in the first inning, the Vets, paced by the heavy bats of Chuck Itami and Frank Tanaka, pulled ahead of the Pinemen in the fourth inning. Round-trippers by Tanaka and pitcher Ben Soejima also helped the cause.

The short score follows:

R H E	
Cozy Pine	10 10 9
Oregon Nisei Vets	14 11 2

Amato and Uncles; Soejima and Kiso.



Together with Lon Chaney Jr., is pretty Frances Kato, 16-year-old Nisei girl, who was recently crowned Kamloops (B. C.) Stampede Queen. As an award for her victory which was in competition with Occidental beauties, Miss Kato won a visit to Hollywood.

—Courtesy, New Canadian

PORTLAND, Oreg., July 30—Oregon Nisei Vet softball team will meet the Hood River Nisei in an exhibition game this Saturday at Hood River high school field.

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Hot Shots	11	10
No Names	10	11
Also Ran	9	12
Aces	9	12
Rough House	8	13
Be Boppers	8	13

PORTLAND, Oreg., July 30—Dark Horses held its one-game edge over second-place Sad Sacks in the Oregon Nisei mixed doubles league early this week in Hollywood Alleys. Both the horses and the sacks were 2-1 losers.

The results follow:
HOT SHOTS (3)—L. Yut 412, C. Quan 399, E. Saito 481, S. Sasaki 533; NO NAMES (0)—G. Wing 323, C. Chin 471, Jane 303, R. Wong 363.

BE BOPPERS (2)—M. Wong 469, D. Lee 455, R. Lee 340, F. Wong 514; DARK HORSES (1)—K. Sasaki 408, Ochiai 391, S. Nakata 423, S. Okazaki 468.

ALSO RAN (2)—K. Akiyama 356, J. Fujii 461, A. Fukuda 338.

Akagi 487; SAD SACKS (1)—J. Tamiyasu 432, M. Okazaki 491, Y. Hishikawa 326, K. Fujii 410.
ACES (2)—L. Wong 472, R. Wong 490, M. Lee 380, T. Saito 519;
ROUGH HOUSE (1)—R. Fong 383, S. Akagi 499, Dummy (one game) 107, Jane (two games) 263, Kasai 481.

ONBL "BIG FIVE" (Men)

Player	Average
1. Sam Sasaki	176
2. Tak Akamatsu	172
3. Sam Okazaki	165
4. Hugh Kasai	162
5. Min Okazaki	162

ONBL "BIG FIVE" (Women)

Player	Average
1. Yoko Hishikawa	142
2. Lois Yut	141
3. Jinx Tamiyasu	137
4. Marilyn Wong	134
5. Kathleen Sasaki	133

HIGH SERIES
Men—Sam Sasaki 604, 581; Tak Akamatsu 570.
Women—Yoko Hishikawa 507, Chris Quan 497, Lois Yut 486.

200 CLUB
Men—Sam Sasaki 232, 230, 211, 201.
Women—Chris Quan 206.

Omori Hits Single But Odell Loses

PORTLAND, Oreg., July 30—Nisei first sacker "Porky" Omori figured in the scoring of a run with a single but Odell's Firemen lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to Archer Blower this week in the Oregon semipro tournament here.

Besides his single which was one of three safeties garnered by the losers, Omori also made twelve put-outs at first base without an error and also was on the receiving end of the only double play in the game.

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Scan Over the Luscious Ladies

In just about a week, Los Angeles Japanese Americans will decide who will reign as queen of the Nisei Festival Week there.

Harry K. Honda, public relations man for the festival, has asked THE NORTHWEST TIMES staff to name its choice.

On top, side and bottom of this editorial are pictures of the twelve attractive candidates.

Everyone looks appealing to us.

THE NORTHWEST TIMES today sent out a questionnaire to all its correspondents in the Pacific Northwest for their selection.

What say? Ontario, Spokane, Tacoma, Puyallup, Portland, Wapato?

The Seattle staff is in a super-secret conference, awaiting replies from outlying area scribes for final decision.

It is true that beauty is only skin deep, but—doggone it—it helps.

The fact that the twelve contestants' character, personality and morals are unknown up here, makes the task of choosing THE QUEEN quite difficult.

Anyhow, THE NORTHWEST TIMES selection will be announced in the first week of August, the Wednesday, Aug. 3, edition, to be sure. The queen will be crowned the following week-end.

Until then, readers, scan over the luscious ladies and take your pick. We're still living in a free country!

(All photos through courtesy of Rafu Shippo, Los Angeles, Calif.)

The Social Whirl

TROTH TOLD

CHICAGO, Ill., July 30 — The marriage of Miss Motoko Yamada, formerly of Portland, Ore., to Mr. Jun Aramaki was recently announced. The ceremony was performed last July 8 by the Rev. Kuzuhara.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Suye Yamada, and now resides in Chicago.

They all wore turquoise ensembles and carried pink tiger lilies.

Mr. Albert Oyama was the best man and the ushers were the Messrs. Shig Sakamoto, Nobu Sumida, George Azumano and Kiyoo Yamamoto.

The reception was held in the church parlors immediately following the ceremony.

After a brief honeymoon, the couple will reside in Portland.

CALIFORNIA VISIT

Misses Pat Hidaka and Edna Hirabayashi are leaving today for a two-weeks' vacation in Los Angeles, Calif.

LOCAL VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. William Shimasaki who recently returned from Japan, are visiting friends here. Mrs. Shimasaki is the former Mary Kanazawa.

VISIT TACOMA

TACOMA, Wash., July 30—Dr. Ryo Muneke, Mr. Frank Yamamoto and Miss Mary Muneke, all of Los Angeles, Calif., are spending their vacation in this city. All are former Tacomans.

Buddhists Plan Odori Practice

Buddhist Sunday School pupils will open their mass Bon Odori practice at 7 p.m. next Monday, Aug. 1, in the Seattle Buddhist church auditorium.

All pupils are cordially invited to attend the first Sunday School-sponsored Bon Odori practice. The S. S. teachers will be in charge.

Sap's Fables

By YOICHI MATSUDA

Some men are born for greatness, few are born to write great books, to become inspiring leaders, to be rich and famous. And when they leave this world, they leave it a better place to live in than when they found it.

Others, of course not like you, but like me are just plain born. We wander aimlessly through this life, always puzzled, always befuddled, never being able to answer one simple question, "Why?"

And when we leave, most likely as not, we leave behind a mess for somebody else to clean up—no one being concerned about our going except our creditors.

Still, we're vain enough to flatter ourselves into believing that sometime, somewhere along the road, we drop bits of cheer and laughter for someone to pick up and enjoy.

And so it is with this bit of scribbling, it comes into being with no crusading motive, no intellectual aims, in fact, for no reason at all.

Its only excuse for being, if at all, has any excuse, is—doggone it, I can't think of one single, good or poor excuse for this.

Let's just say this is going to be a simple blabbering of a simple sap.

If there are any of you, whose time and energy are not being consumed by great deeds and saving humanity, you're welcomed to use this column to dump your simple notions, silly nonsense and stuff.

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Our Little Woman

By JACK NAKAMOTO

These sultry, summery days will probably find our little woman making a retreat to the woods to picnic under the cool shade of a tree. She must keep in mind, however, that the paths through which she wends her way are not only covered with innocent-looking, beautiful green shrubberies—oh no! but also lurking are those three-leafed villains—the poison ivies! And there's no closed season on poison ivy as it's just as poisonous in midsummer as it is in winter.

The irony of it all is that the plant takes many forms of disguise. In winter the poison ivy has bare stalks, with yellowish white berries and gradually with the approach of spring, it becomes a cluster of tiny leaves, soft red in color. During summer it's green can be found as a small low shrub or a vine climbing merrily over a bush, hedge, stone wall, and up trees. By fall the toxicodendron turns a beautiful orange and later a brilliant red.

If our Niselette "catches" poison ivy, unfortunately there's nothing much she could do about it. Even if she follows her doctor's pet cure, it still doesn't allay her itching and swollen condition. She scratches it and it spreads. It spreads anyway.

So the best bet for her is to be always on guard for every three-leaf plant, particularly in view of the fact that there's no satisfactory cure for the condition produced by it. In conclusion, our little woman should also beware of the relatives of poison ivy: poison oak which has very large leaves from 6 to 15 inches in length.

A sewing machine attachment that is a godsend to our little woman as well as women all over the country is the handy gadget that eliminates the bothersome task of ripping seams by hand. It was invented

by Mrs. Ruth Lawrence, attractive, graying matron of Birmingham, Alabama.

The seam-ripping needle is a blade-pointed device, looking more like a flattened phonograph needle than anything else. Under this ripping needle, the thread from the seam will part almost magically and the needle will not leave a mark or a needlehole in the material to show where it had done its work. The gadget will save our Niselette from the tedious, nerve-racking operation of ripping open the seams with a razor blade which always poses a risk of nicking into the material.

What do fellows like girls to wear best in (1) Stylish street dresses; (2) Evening costumes; (3) Sports clothes? This question was recently asked of college students from coast to coast in United States in a poll conducted by a national magazine there. It's none too surprising that the answer was sports clothes. Sports outfit ran far ahead of other type of costumes as the "smartest thing ever conceived for a woman". Whether it's because they allow a fellow to a closer glimpse of a girl's figure and legs, the research did not say. It's more than likely though that is the main reason why boys choose sports togs. Not only that, sports clothes allow for closer relationship by way of sports participation of both sexes.

Adrians Schedule Week-end Movie

Adrians of Maryknoll church will hold a dance from 9 to 11:30 p.m. this Saturday, July 30, in its hall, 17th and Jefferson. The public is cordially invited.

AFSC Opens Neighborhood Center In Tokyo for the Homeless

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 30—The American Friends Service Committee Neighborhood Center in Tokyo is now under way, according to word received at the Service Committee headquarters in Philadelphia. The building was completed July 20.

The center is located in Tokyo Heights in Shinjuku-ku, a new settlement for people burned out of former homes. With a total of 2500 to be constructed, 1,000 houses have already been completed. Fumio Yamada, vice-governor of Tokyo Prefecture, who helped in initial plans, feels that there is a real advantage in having the center established in a new community where the two can grow together.

Under a foundation of brick walls of a large building still standing, the center building is 93 x 30 ft. The small apartment at one end has a double bedroom, single bedroom, living room with kitchen, closet, bathroom, and an attic for sleeping space for volunteers and for storage. The main part of the building consists of a large hall or auditorium, a library, a work room, a small office and lavatories. There is ample ground for an excellent playground.

Fashioned after AFSC neighborhood centers in Germany, Austria,

and France which have been so successful in meeting the needs of the people, the Center has the warm approval of Tokyo City and SCAP. There will be a shoe repair shop, reading room, and sewing room. Educational and recreational programs will be developed to meet the needs of all age groups in the neighborhood.

The first weeks were spent in acquainting Japanese Friends with the plans for the Center and learning specific needs in the area. A committee was formed, with Paul Sekiya as chairman. Sekiya, a graduate in ministry from Oxford, has visited the United States, spent five years in Central China, and for two and a half years did relief work in Shanghai. A member of the Friends Meeting in Tokyo, he has given invaluable help to the project.

Mrs. Eliza Foulke and Grace Imamoto have been specifically assigned to the Center staff. However, Thomas Foulke, AFSC representative on LARA, gives as much time as he can to the Center planning. Esther Rhoads, well known to Japanese and Nisei alike, devotes half of her time to being principal of the Friends School and half to AFSC work and the new Center.

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