

NISEI BATTLES FOR PROPERTY HELD BY STATE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Aug 22—A young American of Japanese ancestry went into superior court recently in a move to recover property confiscated by the state of California under the alien land law.

The suit was brought against the state by Yamao Nishizu of Buena Park. Nishizu claimed that he purchased a residential lot in San Fernando valley on Jan. 28, 1942 from Mrs. Irene E. Foster of Van Nuys.

The property was escheated from Nishizu by the state on the ground that he had purchased it in violation of the alien land law, the state charging that Nishizu's Japanese alien parents had an interest in the land.

Nishizu stated in the complaint that he is a citizen of the United States and purchased the lot for his own use with his own funds with no intent to put the land to agricultural purposes.

He contended that the state of California has no interest in the property and asked the court to so determine.

The Social Whirl

Emperor Pays Homage to Cross

TOKYO, Aug. 22—The newspaper Asahi recently published a picture of the Emperor, who is commonly identified with the Shinto religion, paying homage to a cross on the chapel of Akita Catholic orphanage.

Reviewing the Emperor's current observation tour through northern Japan, the newspaper said the residents of northern Japanese cities appeared less enthusiastic toward the Emperor than on his last tour.

However, the Asahi added, the Emperor "quickly wore out his straw hat through waving in response to popular ovations."

He also visited a village whose mayor is a Communist, but no incident occurred, the Asahi reported.

The law is right reason conformably to nature, universal, unchangeable, eternal, whose commands urge us to duty, and whose prohibitions restrain us from evil.

Men, the Laugh Is on the Women

What has happened to womanhood in these parts? In other parts too, we presume, since James Montgomery Flagg, the artist who glorified the American girl, says that "everybody's laughing at American women" and asks "Why not? I'd laugh myself if I weren't so disgusted."

The artist is particularly critical of the bobby-soxers and disgusted over women who wear men's shirts, a sagging skirt and socks bagged around their ankle. He even says that "if women had an ounce of common-sense in their heads, they would never dress like they do."

Ah yes, Mr. Flagg. To an artist whose delight is in transferring to canvas the lovely, flowery effemininity that we think of as woman, it must be a terrific shock. We can imagine Artist Flagg trying to sell a magazine cover of a girl in crummy blue jean overalls, floppy sox, flat bottomed shoes reminiscent of a coal barge, and a man's shirt with tails hanging outside, to the knees.

It isn't just the school girls, either. Some of the "sights in pants" seen on the public square are a horror to behold—and men (and sensibly dressed women too)

can be seen turning around to stare at the apparitions after they have passed. People smile understandingly to one another, but we have an idea they don't have the least idea why a woman would make a freak of herself as some do.

Yes, mother sometimes outdoes daughter in making herself appear queer. Do these people have an inferiority complex which they are trying to hide? Do they think they lack beauty, and strive to attract attention by wearing hideous dress? Ye gods, what is it?

All we know is what a glance down the street shows us—girls and women whose dress causes them to lack any lot of the charm that women have striven for since the world began.

Would it be any more idiotic for the men to let their shirts hang on the outside of their trousers, or to roll up one of their pants legs in an effort to make themselves look "sloppy"? Yet a man in such garb no doubt would wind up in the local calaboose.

Mr. Flagg, we're not laughing! We hope you will continue to paint lovely ladies in fluffy lace and flowers—the kind of women men dream about.

Star Courier, Bloomington, Ind.

ADC CONTACTS SIXTY-NINE IN 80TH CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 22—Fifty-two Congressmen and 17 senators were contacted personally by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee during the first session of the 80th Congress, the Washington ADC office disclosed recently in its final recapitulation of activities for the Congressional session.

In addition to the personal educational campaign among the representatives and senators, the ADC staff also contacted 2 secretaries to representatives and 21 administrative assistants or secretaries to senators, the report showed.

Pointing out that the primary purpose of all contacts was to provide background information on the bills introduced and the need for further remedial legislation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry, Mike Masaoka, national ADC legislative director, stated:

"Additional contacts were also made with various government agencies in the hope that they might endorse the ADC legislative program."

He noted the close cooperation in which the ADC worked, with many friendly legislative representatives of various organizations.

"Especially helpful" were the representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and the American Friends Service Committee, Masaoka said.

In addition to those bills in which the ADC was introduced as the representative of persons of Japanese ancestry, the Committee participated in legislation affecting the common welfare, according to the final report.

Such legislation as the National Act Against Employment in Industry, anti-lynching bills, anti-poll tax laws, the displaced persons bills, and legislation relating to housing and increased benefits for war veterans were among those bills in which the ADC participated.

As a part of its support of such legislation, the ADC testified before a Senate Labor subcommittee endorsing fair employment practices in industry in the United States.

When bills proposing compensation for American prisoners of war of the Japanese were being considered, the ADC called the attention of the committees concerned to the dangers of "loose language" in providing for the confiscation of the assets of Japanese nationals in the United States, Masaoka declared.

"The ADC protested any consideration of such provisions as being both unfair and ill-advised," he said and added that assurances have been received that "insofar as possible the legitimate resident Japanese nationals would be protected."

In order to keep the various Japanese American newspapers in the United States and Hawaii and Canada informed on the progress of legislation, the Washington ADC office sent out 137 releases in English and 117 in Japanese, according to the final report.

In addition, the report showed that more than 2,700 individual letters relating to legislative and allied subjects were sent out by the Washington office to all parts of the United States, Hawaii, Alaska, Japan, France, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, and Germany.

Hawaiian Sheriff Lauds Loyalty Of Japanese During World War II

BATON ROUE, La., Aug 22—The wartime record of Hawaii's residents of Japanese ancestry was hailed here recently at a meeting of the board of governors of the National Sheriffs association by Lau Ah Chew, high sheriff of Hawaii.

Stressing Hawaii's fitness for statehood, Lau Ah Chew declared that opposition to the islands' admission as a state comes mainly from congressmen who are distrustful of the loyalty of the large population of persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii.

American Hams' Efforts to Save 'Sammy's' Life in Tokyo Fail

TOKYO, Aug. 22—A Japanese war orphan known only as "Sammy" died in Tokyo recently even as American radio "HAMS" on both sides of the Pacific were making arrangements to rush streptomycin to Ken Manator, Public Information Officer of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation headquarters in Tokyo.

Soon there were answers to the mercy appeals. Frank Judkins, a "HAM" at Palm City, Calif., reported to Sgt. Correll that he had contacted S. E. Newman of Washington, D. C., who in turn reported he was trying to arrange with the army's Walter Reed hospital to get the drug airmailed.

Another "HAM" at Glenview, Ill., Marvin H. Elchorst, reported he heard the appeal and was contacting the University of Chicago.

Then came the news of Sammy's death. The boy, who lost both parents during the war, was an inmate of the American Missionary Home in Tokyo before he was hospitalized.

Sea and Air Round-Trip Service To Tokyo Offered by APL, NWA

American President Lines and Northwest Airlines have signed an agreement to interchange steamship and air passengers over their transpacific and round-the-world routes, it was announced Tuesday.

Travelers will be able to buy tickets from either company for any combination of sea and air travel they desire. A 10 per cent reduction will be made on round-trip fares, according to a joint announcement by George Killion, APL president and Croll Hunter, Northwest head.

It is the first such service ever offered by air and steamship lines.

The service will cover Northwest's route from the United States via Alaska and the Aleutians to Tokyo.

Other advantages cited for the plan are that a passenger having baggage exceeding airline limits can send it ahead by ship, and it will be at his destination when he calls for it.

The APL will carry unaccompanied baggage of airline passengers at a flat fee of \$10 for each wardrobe trunk, \$7.50 for each piece of hand baggage, the charge applying to any points where both services are used.

Assign Nisei as Officers of '42nd'

HONOLULU, Aug. 22—Japanese American war veterans are among officers assigned to the 442nd Infantry Regiment which was reactivated recently at Fort Shafter.

The 442nd, which fought in Italy and France as the Japanese American Combat Team with enlisted personnel consisting of Americans of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii and the mainland United States, will be commanded by Lieut. Col. Harry G. Albright.

Major Henry Kawano has been named executive officer for the reactivated 442nd Regiment.

The 109th Infantry Battalion, which also was reactivated as the first battalion of the new 442nd, will be under the command of Major Mitsuyoshi Fukuda who commanded this unit in the final campaign in Italy. Major Fukuda was the only field officer of Japanese ancestry in Europe.

Other officers of the 442nd Regiment are Capt. Jack K. Dunn, S-1; Capt. Ralph Yempuku, S-28; Capt. Bert Nishimura, S-3; Capt. Hon. C. Chee, S-4; Capt. George E. Gos. company commander; Lieut. Kaoru

Nisei Baptist Ministers to Hold '49 National Parley in Frisco

GREEN LAKE, Wis., Aug 22—Rev. K. Sakaue of Clearwater, Calif., recently was elected chairman for the National Nisei Baptist Ministers' Conference for 1949 which will be held in San Francisco in conjunction with the annual sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Rev. Paul Nagano of St. Paul, Minn., was designated as vice chairman and Rev. Harry Murakami of Burbank, Calif., secretary-treasurer.

The ministers met here earlier this month to discuss social and religious problems confronting Japanese Americans, critically evaluating the character and scope of their church work with reference to specific needs of their communities. The conference formulated policies and strategies for religious outreach in Baptist-dominated areas. It also reviewed items of Congressional legislation affecting its constituency.

Officers in the August session were Rev. Jobu Yasumura of New York, chairman, and Rev. Sakaue, secretary. Representatives included Yoneo Ishihara, Torrance, Calif.; Yasushi Wada, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jitsuo Morikawa, Chicago, Ill.; Masumi Toyotome, New York; Dick Akagi, Madison, Wis.

Rev. Lincoln Wadsworth of the American Baptist Home Missions Society participated in all sessions, clarifying the denomination's regarding relationship obtaining between local parish and national convention.

Find 4 Grenades in Chicago Park

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug 22—Four live Japanese hand grenades found in a Chicago park were turned over to an army bomb disposal unit.

One grenade was found by Kenneth McMahon, 17, a student, who accidentally kicked it under a tree. He called his brother, Edward, 20, an ex-soldier, who identified the explosive and called the police.

A squad from the police bomb detail discovered the other grenades and removed all the detonators.

Police believe the grenades were brought home as souvenirs by some ex-GI.

Akamatsu, gas officer; Lieut. Kenneth E. Y. Ching, liaison; Lieut. Richard B. Morse, platoon leader; and Lieut. William M. Borthwick, assistant S-3.

Other officers of the 109th battalion are Lieut. Conrad C. Tsukayama, Lieut. Dick H. Hirano, Lieut. Takeichi Mayashiro and Lieut. Teshimi Sodontani.

It was stated that the 442nd Regiment and the 109th battalion were selected because of their combat record to become the first reserve units to be activated in Hawaii.

Rockefeller III Visits Japan

TOKYO, Aug. 22—John D. Rockefeller III, who is visiting Tokyo, will visit Korea next week, the United Press reported today.

Purpose of the trip is to study "conditions and get a better understanding of problems as a background for use in formulation of future Rockefeller foundation problems."

Plan Petition For More Food

TOKYO, Aug. 22—Two Japanese food demonstrations fizzled, but labor promoters of one said this week they would send Gen. MacArthur a petition saying in effect that unless the food situation improves the Japanese cannot be sure of fulfilling reparations and other duties we owe to the Allied powers.

MacArthur released 20,000 tons of imported grains and Japanese-grown rice last week, which will end ration delays in Japan's nine largest cities.

Single in Peace

A man who has nothing against the feminine sex as a whole, but who is allergic to the holy estate, writes me that he would be perfectly happy and contented if his friends would only permit him to stay single in peace. But they won't. His men friends, who are husbands and fathers, are always telling him he should marry, and his women friends are continually baiting traps for him with who they are sure will be just the sort of wife he needs, and he wants to know why a man should marry if he has no inclination that way.—Dorothy Dix.

Sell Tickets For YBA Hop

Tickets for the Lotus YBA's stag-stagette dance booked for Sunday night, Aug. 31, in the new Buddhist auditorium are now on sale at one dollar apiece, it was announced today by YBA dance committee officials.

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