

Hirabayashi 'Bowled Over' As White Wife Has Twins



MRS. GORDON K. HIRABAYASHI, "B" BABY (Center) AND SHARON MITSU

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Gordon Kiyoshi Hirabayashi was "bowled over" by news that he was the father of twins, his Caucasian wife, the former Esther Schmoie, to whom he was married last July, said today as she cuddled the babies, dark-haired like their Japanese father. Sharon Mitsui, named by her mother, and "B," who will be named by her father, arrived Tuesday in Seattle General Hospital.

Mrs. Hirabayashi today picked up a letter on her bedside table.

"I don't know when he'll name her," she said. "We had a hard enough time figuring out a name for one baby, let alone two. He writes he has a lot of demands for cigars already."

Named for Grandmother

Sharon Mitsui, whose middle name is that of her Japanese grandmother, and who will be called Mitzie, weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces. She was born about an hour before her sister, who weighed 6 pounds 5½ ounces.

Hirabayashi will be released in September from the federal penitentiary on McNeil Island, where he is serving a one-year sentence after being convicted in Spokane's Federal Court on a charge of failure to report at a conscientious objectors' camp. At the time of his trial, he told the jury that his religious conviction that war was

wrong prevented him from participating in any form of military activity.

The couple's marriage, which attracted nation-wide attention, followed a four-year friendship. It was Spokane's first Quaker ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Floyd Schmoie, Northwest secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, and Mrs. Schmoie, 13434 40th Ave. N. E.

Couple U. W. Students

Hirabayashi, 25-year-old native of Auburn, and his wife, 21, are former University of Washington students. She has been home in Seattle since just after Christmas.

"This past year has been a happy one," she said. "Of course, I haven't been happy without my husband—we only lived together four months—but I have visited him every other week and we have been looking forward to having a baby. We have no plans for our future after his release in September."

The youthful, fair-haired mother, with a sprinkling of freckles across her nose, cuddled both babies again. "I hope they will grow up to be dainty little girls. I am very happy with—yes, I think this one is Sharon—with Sharon and her sister."

Pineapple production in Sao Paulo, now totals 48,400,000 pounds annually.