

4 SHOTS FIRED AT NISEI HOMES

CENTERVILLE, Calif., Sept. 17. —(P)—Four shots were fired Sunday from a moving automobile into two Nisei homes between Centerville and Newark, small communities approximately 15 miles south of Oakland, Sheriff H. P. (Jack) Gleason reported today.

No one was injured and the only property damage was a broken window.

The shootings were the first act of violence against Japanese-Americans in Alameda County this year, but were the second within California within a week and the 22nd of the year.

Living in the two houses were the families of Mrs. Sumiko Motozaki, 32 years old, and Toshiaki Idota, 42, both of whom returned from relocation centers August 27.

Mrs. Motozaki told Gleason the assailants slowed their car in front of her home, fired twice with a shotgun, turned around at a near-by intersection and shot twice at the Idota residence.

The sparsely settled truck-farming district in which the two families lived was a sizable Japanese colony before the war.

Gleason ordered all patrol cars to guard against a repetition of the attack and said: "We will keep after the perpetrators until they are apprehended."