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New National JACL President



Hito Okada, new national president of the JACL, is shown addressing the convention after he had accepted the responsibility of organizational leadership for the two-year term. Mr. Okada, former national treasurer, is a resident of Salt Lake City and a former member of the Portland, Ore., chapter of the JACL.

Restrictions on Hawaii, U.S. Mainland Travel Lifted for Oriental American Veterans

Japanese Americans With War Service Records No Longer Will Be Required to Obtain Citizenship Certificates, According to New Regulations

HONOLULU — Certain travel restrictions between Hawaii and the mainland have been lifted for American war veterans of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Filipino and other Oriental ancestry, the Hawaiian chapter of the American Veterans Committee reported on Feb. 27.

The AVC said that these Oriental Americans as well as citizens of mixed Oriental extraction who are veterans of World War I or World War II henceforth will not be required to obtain citizenship certificates from immigration officials before applying for steamship travel.

The Oriental American veteran, according to the AVC chapter, now is required only to present his birth certificate and his military discharge certificate when applying for passage, the committee said. Wives and children of these veterans also benefit by the new regulation.

(The National JACL in Nov., 1945, petitioned the Immigration and Naturalization Service to eliminate discriminatory restrictions against Japanese Americans traveling between the United States and Hawaii. In a reply to the JACL Immigration Commissioner Ugo Carusi declared "there is no basis for the belief" that there is racial discrimination in travel for Japanese Americans between the United States and Hawaii.

(Hito Okada, new national president of the JACL, declared in Salt Lake City this week that the removal of "restrictions" for Nisei and other Oriental American war veterans indicates that there were discriminatory practices in effect and that these practices are still being enforced against civilian Americans of Japanese and other Oriental ancestry.)

Information regarding the change in restrictions was contained in a communication to the AVC from Randolph Sevier, vice president of Castle and Cooke, Ltd., and local sub-agent for the War Shipping Administration.

JACL National Convention Urges Citizenship for Issei

Special Convention News in This Issue

The Pacific Citizen is this week publishing a special four-page section, included in this issue, to make possible a more complete report on the JACL national convention held in Denver, Colo., from Feb. 28 to March 4 at the Cosmopolitan hotel.

Federal Court Gives Freedom To Renunciant

Judicial Action Also Stops Deportation Of Mrs. Tamura

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. F. Tamura, in whose behalf attorney A. L. Wirin filed the first petition for writ of habeas corpus seeking to halt deportation of a renunciant, won her freedom last week when the United States Department of Justice not only stopped her deportation, but released her from custody.

Upon the filing of the habeas corpus petition in the Federal District Court at Los Angeles, Federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich issued a writ of habeas corpus stopping Mrs. Tamura's deportation to Japan, and ordering that she be brought into court for a hearing upon her claim that her deportation would deny her "due process of law."

The Department of Justice agreed to grant a hearing to Mrs. Tamura as to whether she should be deported. At the hearing held in Los Angeles she was represented by attorney J. B. Tietz, associate of Mr. Wirin. Mr. Tietz claimed that she renounced her American citizenship through misunderstanding and in order to join her mother who was in Tule Lake. She explained that she understood that only by renouncing her citizenship could she get to Tule Lake to be with her Issei mother.

Passenger Assists In Delivery of Child Aboard Train

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—A Nisei baby came into the world on a Southern Pacific train Feb. 20 via the services of the train personnel and a fellow passenger.

The baby's mother, whose name was not given, was traveling from somewhere north of San Luis Obispo to Goleta when the baby decided to hurry its entrance into the world. The brakeman on the train, noting the mother's condition, paged the train for a doctor.

No doctor could be found, but the brakeman thought the problem solved when his eye lit upon two Army WACs with the medical corps. The WACs were willing but regretful. Their experience had not extended to such emergencies.

A Negro mother on the train volunteered to assist the Nisei.

John Turner, conductor, wired Santa Barbara to have an ambulance at the station, and passing up the woman's destination at Goleta, saw that she was sent safely off to the hospital with the new baby, both apparently "doing fine."

Hospital Reopened In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Japanese Hospital, closed at the time of evacuation, was reopened this week.

Dr. Kikuo Tashiro heads a staff of doctors and nurses of Japanese ancestry.

Delegates Vote to Retain Headquarters in Salt Lake City; Seek Evacuation Compensation

DENVER, Colo.—The ninth biennial convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, meeting in Denver from Feb. 28 to March 4, adopted a forward-looking program designed to carry out its general objective of promoting "the interests and welfare of all Americans in general and those of Japanese ancestry in particular."

Electing Hito Okada as national president, the convention voted to carry on a program to win naturalization and citizenship

Ex-Sgt. Kuroki Volunteers for JACL Service

Will Be Associated With New York City Office of League

DENVER — Ex-sergeant Ben Kuroki offered his services to the Japanese American Citizens League at the Denver convention and will serve for the next six months in the New York office, it was announced by Mike Masaoka, national secretary.

Kuroki, whose "59th mission" has become a symbol of the fight for ethnic equality, will serve principally in connection with the JACL fight for Issei naturalization rights and veterans affairs.

He will speak to veterans' groups in asking that naturalization rights be extended to the parents of the Nisei, so many of whom served overseas in the European and Pacific theaters.

As one of the major speakers at the Denver convention, Kuroki laid stress upon the wartime work of the Japanese American Citizens League.

He declared that it was imperative to carry on, at home in the United States, the work done overseas by the Nisei GIs. In offering his services to the JACL, he expressed the hope that "others will do likewise" in working for this organization.

HERB CAEN SAYS NISEI VETERAN BEATEN BY GOBS

SAN FRANCISCO — Herb Caen, columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, reported in his column on March 1 that a "Japanese American war vet (wearing battle stars from Italy) was slugged by two ribbonless sailors in the Greyhound Bus Depot the other night."

"The Shore Patrol finally did its duty," Caen added.

Nisei GIs Give Object-Lesson In Democracy to Japan People

NEW YORK—The presence of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry with the occupation forces in Japan is giving the Japanese "the finest object-lesson in democracy," Henry F. May, Jr., declares in his article, "MacArthur Era, Year One," in the March issue of Harper's.

The author, who served in Japan as a Japanese-speaking Navy lieutenant, noted that during the war Japanese newspapers "had carried plenty of stories about relocation camps, California mob spirit, and so forth."

He said that the people of Japan have noted that the Nisei sergeants and new second lieutenants who abound in Japanese city

rights for all persons of demonstrated loyalty to the United States, "without regard to national origin, race or creed."

In his advocacy of the JACL's basic program, which was approved by the convention, National Secretary Mike M. Masaoka declared:

"We believe that the enactment of the foregoing legislation would strike at the heart of most discriminatory acts and thinking against persons of Japanese descent, for these are based upon the fact that, by law, Japanese nationals are 'inadmissible to citizenship.'"

It was stressed that the JACL was concerned with the status of resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who had made an outstanding war record but who were denied the privileges of naturalization.

The convention voted to retain the national headquarters of the organization in Salt Lake City for two more years. The headquarters had been moved from San Francisco to Salt Lake City in March, 1942.

The JACL delegates unanimously supported a resolution to Congress, urging the enactment of legislation for the creation of a claims commission in order to compensate legitimate claimants for losses sustained as a result of discriminatory treatment during the war.

The convention asked for federal affirmation of responsibility for the relocation and rehabilitation of West Coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

JACL delegates also supported a program which will call for organizational action in support of equal rights and opportunities for all in employment and in housing and in the business and professional fields. It was announced that the JACL would oppose all forms of "discrimination based upon arbitrary distinctions in any field of human relationships."

The organization's support of FEPC legislation and local civil rights codes was reaffirmed.

"We believe in equal rights, equal opportunities and equal pay in employment. We condemn all restrictive practices which tend to

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Memorial Rites Held For Nisei Sergeant Killed in Japan

SAN FRANCISCO — Memorial services were held on Feb. 28 for Master Sgt. John S. Kato who was killed in an automobile accident at Fukushima, Japan, on Jan. 29.

The rites were held at the Union church with the Rev. Morita in charge.

Sgt. Kato was the son of Gen-shichi Kato and was a student at the University of California at Berkeley before the evacuation.

Sixteen Canada Nisei Reported En Route to Japan Occupation Duty

BRAMSHOT, England—Sixteen British Columbia soldiers of Japanese ancestry now are en route to the Hiroshima area in Japan as part of the British occupation forces, it was reported.

The group arrived in Britain recently aboard the liner Aquitania. None of the Japanese Canadians has ever been in Japan.

Sergeant Jack T. Oki, formerly of Haney, B. C., declared "many of us wish we could have enlisted in the Canadian army earlier during the war as it would have done much to lessen the feeling against Canadian Japanese."

Attorney General Kenney Asks County Officials "To Proceed At Once" with Escheat Case

Full Cooperation Promised Officials in Alien Land Litigation

SANTA ANA, Calif.—State Attorney General Robert W. Kenney, who this week announced himself as a candidate for governor, has written Orange county authorities "to proceed at once" with the enforcement of provisions of the California Alien Land law.

Attorney General Kenney promised "full cooperation and assistance" from his office in the prosecution of cases allegedly involving ownership of Orange county land by persons of Japanese ancestry in violation of provisions of alien land ownership legislation.

Kenney's letter said that "numerous violations of the alien land law have taken place" in Orange county and "I believe that proceedings should be filed as soon as possible."

Charging that properties allegedly controlled by alien Japanese were recorded in the names of American-born citizen children of these aliens, three suits have been filed by the State Attorney General's office and by Orange county in an effort to escheat these properties. Filed in the Superior court of Orange county in August, 1944, demurrers filed by the defendants to petitions for escheat were argued before the court and overruled in Feb., 1945. These cases have not yet been brought to trial.

Noting that a substantial amount of preparation has been devoted to the cases, Attorney General Kenney declared:

"It appears that they should be proceeded with at once. Other cases in which investigations have disclosed violations have been ready for filing for some time."

"If this work in Orange county is to be performed satisfactorily it will require the entire time of one man on the legal staffs there, in addition to the assistance extended by the attorney general."

Two Nisei Sailors Visit Chicago Homes After Boot Training

CHICAGO — When they heard the Navy had decided to accept Nisei enlistments last November, Samuel Ishibashi and Kenny Taketani of Chicago, were among the first in Chicago—the second and third to be exact, the Navy says—to hurry to the recruiting office and sign up.

They were sent to San Diego, Calif., for boot training and both were home on leave recently, a couple of happy 2nd class seamen. Whether they would be together after their leave was over was doubtful for Ishibashi thought he would probably become a yeoman and Taketani would like to become a radio operator.

Taketani moved to Chicago with his family nearly two years ago from the Rohwer relocation center in Arkansas. They formerly lived in Los Angeles. Ishibashi came to

Homeowners Drop Legal Suits To Evict Non-White Families

SAN FRANCISCO — Legal action to evict families of "non-Caucasian" ancestry in the Silver Terrace district have been dropped by Norman F. Coates and the Portola Boosters club, it was announced on Feb. 28.

Withdrawal of the suits was hailed as a victory for the entire progressive movement in San Francisco and particularly for the neighbors of the Anthony Pulancos, the George Yeas and the Moses Castros who were the objects of the eviction suits. Neighbors, who disapproved of the action of Coates and the Portola Boosters club in seeking the enforcement of racial restrictive covenants against the "non-Caucasian" families, had organized the Portola Heights Neighborhood Committee under the leadership of Albert Thomas, a white homeowner in the district.

The suits had charged that Pulanco and Castro, of Filipino ancestry, and the Chinese American family of George Lee, a Navy veteran, could not live in the district because of a restrictive cove-

All-Nisei Crew Will Man Tuna Clipper

MONTEREY, Calif. — For the first time since Pearl Harbor day, an all-Nisei crew of commercial fishermen will leave Monterey for southern waters in the near future.

The Nisei have chartered a purse seiner, "New Limited," for the fishing season.

Nisei Barred From Illinois Hair-Style Event

CHICAGO—The Japanese American Citizens League and the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination this week joined in denouncing the Chicago and Illinois Hairdressers Association for barring an American of Japanese ancestry from its annual hair styling contest.

The Nisei was George Ohashi of Denver, who has won many hair styling contests in other cities.

He was barred from entering the contest at the annual Midwest beauty trade show, which opened March 3 in Chicago at the Morrison hotel.

C. D. Behan, business manager of the association, admitted that Ohashi had been refused entry. "Our by-laws limit membership in the organization to members of the Caucasian race," he said. "We have a right to run our business the way we see fit."

Homer Jack, executive secretary of the Chicago Council said, "We have just completed a bitter war against such anti-racial bias. This kind of thing makes sad reading for men coming home from fighting Fascism around the world."

Checks Held for Imperial Valley Farmers by WRA

LOS ANGELES — Nine former residents of Imperial Valley who have money due from commission merchants may claim their checks at the Los Angeles office of the War Relocation Authority, 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15, the WRA announced this week.

The checks are being held for E. Fujimoto, Y. Kokatsu, M. Mori, F. Nagato, S. Toyama, K. Matsumoto, M. Fujizawa, U. Yonashiro and S. Nakahara.

These cases involve commission merchants bonded by the state of California, who did not pay off rightful claims. The checks were turned over to the WRA by the state Department of Agriculture.

Chicago last September from Seattle by way of the Minidoka relocation center.

Following their release from service both boys want to go to college, Ishibashi to Northwestern to study dentistry and Taketani to a school of agriculture.

People of Spokane Welcome Nisei GIs Home With Dinner

SPOKANE, Wash. — More than 200 relatives, friends and civic, religious and veteran leaders welcomed returned American veterans of Japanese ancestry at a banquet on Feb. 24.

Solemn tribute, and a pledge to cherish the memory of their valor, was offered the 14 of Spokane's Japanese Americans who gave their lives in World War II.

Of Spokane's 169 Japanese American men and women who went to war, 55 have returned to civilian life, among them many members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Speaking for the people of Spokane, Judge Raymond F. Kelly declared that the Japanese American GIs "have earned our gratitude the hard way."

A realistic picture of the conditions to which Japanese American veterans have returned was given by Dr. Tolbert H. Kennedy, professor of sociology at Washington State College, who said that the solution to race relations problems will come not as an easy panacea but through continued work toward the goal.

Minority groups' basic wants are equality before the law, equality of education and opportunity to use skills and abilities, elimination of segregation, equality of opportunity in employment, and the right to be "just Americans" and not restricted citizens, Dr. Kennedy said.

"The dangerous people today are the naive, complacent ones who have accepted the status quo and believe it can not be altered," Dr. Kennedy added. "If we do not become more realistic in our treatment of minorities, the colored world, and that means two-thirds of the world, will turn for an answer to Russia, which has given these equalities and recognizes the contributions of minorities."

He declared that racial discrimination is basically a problem of economic exploitation.

"Race relations in America today is basically a relationship of strangers," he said. "We do not know the minority groups. We wish to continue to exploit them, and it is easier to exploit one you do not know than one with whom you are well acquainted."

Joe M. Okamoto of the Japanese American Civic Club was a speaker, while Mayor Arthur Meehan sent his greetings.

The banquet was sponsored by the Grant Street Community church and the Rev. Taro Goto was chairman.

New Veterans Group Fights Race Prejudice

LOS ANGELES — Discrimination in housing, jobs, loans and education against veterans because of race or ancestry will be combatted by the newly organized Veterans for Equality, according to Don Derrick, president of the group, on Feb. 25.

"Ours is an integral group including Caucasians, Negroes, Mexican Americans, Nisei and Filipinos," Derrick said. "We are interested in all questions facing minority race veterans."

Derrick said his group planned to affiliate with the Veterans for Equality group which has been formed in New York.

"One of our principal aims on a national scale will be to assist Negro veterans in the South," he declared. "We want to help veterans of all minority groups take their rightful place in a democratic America."

He emphasized that the new group is not in competition with the American Legion or any other veterans body but is aimed mainly at providing an organization for veterans barred from present groups, especially in the South.

Chiura Obata Holds Art Demonstration

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif.—Chiura Obata, art instructor at the University of California and curator of the U. of C. Japanese collection, held a lecture and demonstration on Japanese painting technique on March 2 at the Stanford art gallery.

Japanese Canadians Will Take Suit on Forced Deportation To Dominion Privy Council

TORONTO, Ont.—An immediate appeal will be made to the Privy Council against the ruling of the Canadian Supreme Court which legalized the deportation of persons of Japanese ancestry, the Co-operative Committee on Japanese Canadians announced here recently following the high court decision.

Prospects for early action were seen by the group because the issues involved are of "such crucial importance" in Canadian liberties.

(In Winnipeg B. K. Sandwell, editor of the Toronto Saturday Night was quoted as declaring that "there is no question about it, the case must be taken to the privy council.")

The Toronto committee, affiliated with similar organizations across Canada, issued its statement shortly after the Ottawa announcement that a majority decision of the Supreme Court had upheld validity of the government orders as affecting more than 10,000 Japanese Canadians.

The Toronto group's statement said the fact that a "substantial part of the government deporta-

tion program has been held to be unconstitutional" constitutes a moral victory for those who have been fighting for the cause of Japanese Canadians.

"What is left of these orders as legally valid cannot be carried out without separating families, depriving wives of their husbands, and children of their fathers, thus making widows and orphans of Canadian citizens," the committee's statement declared. "It is not too late for the government to give heed to the storm of protest which has arisen in every part of Canada. It can withdraw the orders-in-council."

Combat Team Cagers Win GI League Crown in Italy

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION HEADQUARTERS, LEGHORN, Italy — The plucky five from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, coached by 1st Sgt. Melvin Tsuchiya, Waimea, Kauai, ran away with the PBS Ivy League Championship for 1945-46.

The 1945-46 Ivy League Basketball Championship cup, even though mythical, will go down in the records as another award to the unit which, during combat days, won more awards and decorations than any other single organization in the United States Army.

The quintet representing the 442nd "Go For Broke" basketball squad, were picked out of the numerous companies of the Regiment. The players were from the Territory of Hawaii and the United States. Among the cage artists were several all-star players from high schools and other amateur organizations both in Hawaii and the mainland.

The spacious gymnasium in Leghorn, Italy, drew a packed-house whenever the boys of the 442nd played a game. Moreover, the 442nd rooters including Colonel Virgil R. Miller, Winneconne, Wisconsin, Commanding Officer of the Japanese American Combat Team, filled the bleachers to the rafters and gave support to the team that led them to victory. The rooters were not limited to the men of the 442nd but included several other outfits in and around Leghorn.

In the PBS Ivy league standing, the 442nd won all but one game. On the opening night, in a heated overtime game, the 442nd dropped their one and only game of the season by four points. Thereafter, the boys clicked and went on to win ten games in succession without a letup. In the recent March of Dimes Drive, the 442nd "Go For Broke" aggregation, was selected and placed on the top billing in two benefit games, of which, they won one and lost one.

Among the players seen on the courts was Shig Murao, former all-city forward from Broadway High School in Seattle, Washington. Murao sparked the team to victories during the earlier games and was absent during the final games since he had accumulated enough points to be sent home for discharge.

From Honolulu came Tommy Harimoto, an artist and master of ballhandling. In civilian life Harimoto was an ardent basketball enthusiast and at one time played against the great Hank Lusetti of Stanford. Harimoto was an outstanding basketball star of Coco Cola basketball team in Honolulu. In the absence of Coach Melvin Tsuchiya, Harimoto assumed managerial responsibilities as well as playing a bang-up game. Harimoto drew praise from all the fans that came to witness the 442nd games. After all is said and done, Harimoto was the main cog of the flashy 442nd Ivy League Champs.

A smooth working duo was the Kurahara twins of Sacramento, California. Both Laverne and Conrad saw considerable action in all the games and many times drew

the crowd in their spectacular basket-shooting and ball passing. The duo was a drawing card of the team. Their sportsmanship on and off the court brought considerable praise of all fans.

The Matsu boys of Hilo, Hawaii, added ruggedness to the otherwise diminutive 442nd squad. Both Robert and Seichi saw much play and were well received by the crowds. The Matsu boys specialized in spectacular one arm push shots from midcourt, which always seemed to hit the loop for a tally.

Another rugged individual was Roy Suzuki from Seattle, Washington. Having played college basketball, Roy Suzuki was really an asset to the team. His consistent and unflinching play brought the team out of many a hot game. As a guard on the team Suzuki was unbeatable. He was the mainstay on the squad.

James Tsuha, of Honolulu, known as No. 8 by all fans was the man all the opposition feared. Even though a guard, he was a dead-eye on the basket, and aided considerably in keeping the 442nd team's high score. Tsuha while in Hawaii played considerable basketball with the Mid-Pacific Institute in Honolulu.

Even though diminutive Frank Ichimoto of Los Angeles, California, was injured in the first game and didn't see much action with the team, he was at all the games in uniform. The clever, fast forward played in the first game and few games toward the end of the season. Ichimoto dribbled the fight out of men sent in to watch him. His skill and "shooting eye" benefited the team in the games he played.

Among the other players were S/Sgt. Sadamu Nakao, Honolulu, Pfc. Hiromu Doi, Hilo, Hawaii, Pfc. Kazuto Taniguchi, Salinas, California, Pfc. Clarence Watson, Honolulu, Pfc. Hiromu Tanaka, Honolulu, Pfc. Harry Kodama, El Centro, California, Pfc. Jim Honda, Hollywood, California, Pfc. Allen Kubota, El Centro, California, Pfc. Toshio Mori, California, Pfc. Kenichi Kawaoka, mgr., Honolulu, and 1st Lt. Robert I. Wakuya, Regimental Athletic officer.

Des Moines Group Celebrates First Anniversary

DES MOINES, Ia. — The Des Moines Vesper Service commemorated its first anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 9, with a temporary dinner in the spacious fireside room of the Central Church of Christ. Jackson Takayanagi was master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Ben Bobbitt, resident pastor of the Central Church, was the after-dinner speaker.

The Rev. Lester Suzuki gave a resume of the growth of the vesper service.

The Nisei vesper service was organized as an incentive for Nisei to join in inter-racial activity. It is interdenominational. It meets every other Sunday evening at 8 p. m. at Central Church, and is open to all persons.

Nisei Veterans Toast a Friend



SAN FRANCISCO—Earl M. Finch (center), a Hattiesburg, Miss., businessman-rancher who befriended many Japanese American soldiers while they were in training near his home, is honored by a toast from several of his "old gang" at a reunion in San Francisco. Mr. Finch, who ar-

rived in Honolulu on March 5, was being honored this week by Japanese American veterans in Hawaii. The GIs shown dining with Finch in the photo above are all veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and are convalescing from combat injuries at Letterman General hospital in San Francisco.—(Acme photo.)

Nisei Leader Of AVC Unit Raps Pegler

Chairman Koyama Of Spokane Refutes Columnist's Charges

SPOKANE, Wash.—Spady Koyama, Nisei war veteran and chairman of the Spokane chapter of the American Veterans Committee, on Feb. 26 directed a blast at Westbrook Pegler, newspaper columnist, as a result of Pegler's attempt to link the veterans group with Communism.

Koyama's statement, which was also signed by Marian Blanc, secretary of the organization, noted that among the members of the AVC are Harold Stassen, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.; Philip Willie, son of the late Wendell Willkie; Bill Mauldin; Marion Hargrove, author of "See Here, Private Hargrove"; Will Rogers, Jr.; Oren Root, Jr. and other well-known Americans.

"Pegler has lashed out at the right of free speech and free press American service men have enjoyed through such GI publications as Yank and Stars and Stripes. He has attacked the writers of these publications, calling them Communists. He would thus deny to American fighting men the same rights he so zealously defends for himself," Koyama said.

"It has not escaped him that we believe in the right of all people to be informed of the truth, of all people to live together harmoniously in peace and security, of all people to enjoy the fruits of political freedom, regardless of their race, creed or color.

"Mr. Pegler is ascribing to the Communist party all those basic principles which we have been taught to believe are truly American. Surely this is higher praise than the American Communists have earned."

Japanese Canadian Soldier's Family Faces Deportation

ROSEBERRY, B. C.—Sergeant Mickey Nobuto, a Canadian of Japanese ancestry, now is en route to Hiroshima, Japan, to serve with the British Empire's occupation forces but his family in Canada faces with imminent deportation under government orders. His parents, now residing in Roseberry, declared that they had signed for repatriation to Japan because they felt the family could not "support itself" on relocation in eastern Canada.

Coast Renunciants Now Back In Japan Despondent, Former Tule Lake Youth Writes Friend

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — "All my friends who have left U. S. A. is discouraged and despondent and wish me to fight for the return to their native country. They are willing to pay almost any price for the program to start."

So wrote Tom S. Yoshiyama, 27, Nisei renunciant, in a letter to T-4 George Hill Clyde, reporter on the Santa Barbara News-Press now on military leave.

Yoshiyama was born in Salinas, went to San Francisco State college, was evacuated in early 1942, and renounced his citizenship in December, 1943.

"I first met Tom in the stuffy hold of the ship which brought him to Japan," writes T-4 Clyde in the Feb. 25 issue of the News-Press.

"I saw him again a couple of days later at the civilian separation center prior to his departure for Hiroshima, where his relatives had lived (he did not know whether they had survived the atomic bombing at that time and in his letters to me since he has not mentioned them.)

"At the time of our second meeting he already was disillusioned about Japan," Clyde continues. "He had had no idea how bad conditions were, although the worst was still to come for him for he had not yet seen any of the damaged areas. When I saw him he was ravenously hungry after only two days of Japanese food. I made

a friend for life when I gave him some sandwiches and K rations."

Two letters written by Yoshiyama to Clyde were quoted from in the article.

The first letter, written Dec. 23, said in part:

"I have finally reached my home in Hiroshima on the 12th of December after an excursion that I shall never hope to forget. I know how the sardines must feel, being packed so closely in one small tin can. And to make matters still worse many windows (on the train) were broken that it was like traveling in a refrigerator car."

"Atomic bomb certainly had its effect here. The city is completely demolished and I firmly believe it will require American aid and ingenuity to rebuild the city. This ghastly sight should be a lesson to all. We must abolish war once and for all. Win or lose there is no profit in it. Already I have witnessed two dead bodies caused by starvation. They were lying by the roadside for almost two days. . . . Thank you for the K ration and for the jeep ride."

A letter written in January to Clyde revealed that "my wife is quite discouraged although she does not show it."

"At present I am employed by the Hiroshima Prefecture Governor as one of their chief interpreters but the measly wage I am receiving is insufficient to make even a living," he wrote.

Minister Hails Reception Given Evacuees by Seattle Citizens

SEATTLE—Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry who have returned from WRA centers and from relocation to former homes in Seattle "have been received . . . with understanding, kindness and goodwill on the part of most people," the Rev. Allan Lorimer, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, told a meeting of the Seattle Rotary last week.

Rev. Lorimer noted that some attempts to bar the return of Japanese Americans and to ostracize them were made by a few in Seattle, "but the sense of fair play and broad sportsmanship asserted itself in multitudes of people of goodwill."

"The dire prophecies made that

no Japanese American would ever be permitted to return have not been fulfilled," he added.

Rev. Lorimer said the people of Seattle "are to be commended highly for their splendid demonstration of sound Americanism in this respect."

In discussing racial prejudices, Rev. Lorimer noted "a moving quality of fear in the white man's heart."

"There is fear of economic competition and this fear extends itself to race prejudice toward the Japanese American and Hebrew American as well as toward the Negro," he declared. "The economically privileged do not want to see what they often consider their private avenues of gain invaded by the underprivileged."

247 Renunciants at Tule Lake Join 1000 Others in Filing Petition to Regain U.S. Rights

Intimidation Charged In Complaint Entered In Federal Court

SAN FRANCISCO — Two hundred and forty-seven Japanese residents of the Tule Lake center who renounced their United States citizenship a year ago, this week sought release from detention by adding their names to the list of 1002 who filed petitions for writs of habeas corpus in the U. S. District Court in San Francisco last November. The same 247, as well as 171 others at the Bismarck, No. Dakota, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, internment camps, have also joined a pending suit seeking cancellation of their renunciations of citizenship, and an injunction to restrain the Justice Department from carrying out its announced plan of deporting them to Japan as aliens. The new group contains 62 boys and girls who are under 21 years of age.

At the same time, Wayne M. Collins, attorney for the group, who has the support of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, filed amendments to the original complaint making further charges that the Japanese in question are the victims of duress by the government and seditious groups.

Attached to the new complaint is a photostatic copy of a letter signed by the then Under Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Abe Fortas, which declares that certain "virulently pro-Japanese nationalist organizations" at Tule Lake "resorted to intimidation, threats of violence and actual violence in coercing residents to join the organizations and participate in their demonstrations. It was primarily due to the pressure of these organizations that over 80 per cent of the citizens eligible to do so applied for renunciation of citizenship this past winter. When Department of Justice representatives arrived at Tule Lake to conduct hearings on applications, the organizations stepped up their demonstrations and their pressures on the applicants. Undoubtedly many of the applicants were in the grip of the emotional hysteria created by these organizations, or actually acting under fear of violence, in confirming their desire to renounce their citizenship during the hearings. The general uniformity of the answers given indicated that the applicants were well coached."

The complaint charges that re-

sponsibility for the renunciations rests with the War Relocation Authority, which was in charge of the Tule Lake Center "for its failure and refusal to take precautionary measures to prevent such rule of terror and to protect the plaintiffs from harm and to safeguard their rights as American citizens."

The complaint also charges that 8000 Japanese have been expatriated, including the "organizers, leaders and active members of the pro-Japanese nationalistic pressure groups," and that those who remain confined in this country are merely the innocent victims of these groups.

The allegations of governmental duress include charges that the Japanese at Bismarck and Santa Fe have been denied the right to counsel in that their attorney has not been allowed to confer with them privately. A copy of the protest filed with the Attorney General by Wayne M. Collins against interference with "the right of privileged communications existing between an attorney and his clients," is attached to the complaint.

A similar interference with the right to counsel is charged against officials of the War Relocation Authority at Tule Lake, who, it is claimed, have on numerous occasions made recordings of the long distance telephone calls between the plaintiffs and their attorney.

"As part of the Government's systematic program of duress in which it held the plaintiffs," the complaint alleges that a "Stockade" was maintained by the War Relocation Authority at Tule Lake where hundreds of persons have from time to time been held incommunicado "without accusation of crime and wrongdoing" and without hearings or the assistance of counsel.

The War Relocation Authority is also charged with maintaining at the Tule Lake center "for the past four years a slavery and peonage system" under which the Caucasian employees of the WRA "deliberately exploited persons of Japanese ancestry confined" at the camp, for their personal benefit.

The complaint concludes by alleging that the Army in revoking its mass exclusion orders and individual exclusion orders made a finding that none of the persons now detained are "hostile or dangerous to the security of the United States."

The case is presently scheduled for a hearing before Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure in San Francisco on March 19.

Report Renunciant from U.S. Fears for Life in Japan

A Japanese American in Tokyo who renounced his American citizenship after the evacuation is now desperately trying to regain it because he fears that he will be slain if he remains in Japan, Tom Lambert of the Associated Press reported from Tokyo on Feb. 28.

His story was told to an American officer at Allied headquarters in Tokyo this week:

He fought in the first World War as an American citizen, and was in business on the West Coast when World War II began.

After Pearl Harbor, he was taken to a U. S. relocation center. Indignant over what he believed was an invasion of his rights as a citizen, he petitioned for a writ of habeas corpus. He was taken to jail, (the American officer did not know on what charges.) There, he insisted this was true, he was advised to renounce his American citizenship. He did so, and was placed in a Department of Justice camp.

He had two children in America and in Hiroshima. When he heard about the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, he asked for repatriation, hoping to find his children.

Some other persons in the camp, hearing of his impending repatriation, accused him of being a U. S. spy and threatened to kill him. Shipped to Japan on the first boat carrying renunciants and repatriates, he hurried off to Hiroshima, could find no trace of his children, and was told they had been killed.

He returned to the barracks of the repatriation camp in Japan and was sleeping there when several Japanese moved in. They were the ones who had threatened

him with death back in the United States. They repeated their threats. They said he had been sent over by the U. S. to spy on the Japanese.

The unhappy repatriate hurried off to U. S. Army authorities who told him they could do nothing. A few days later he was back with a note in his trembling hand. It was a note repeating the accusations and warning he had been marked for death.

"There was nothing we could do," the officer said. "His case was turned over to Japanese authorities—to the people to whom he had returned."

Columbus Group Sponsors Party

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Resettlers and committee members in Columbus, O., were invited to a spring party held the night of March 2 at the YWCA.

Guests were greeted by Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Dakin, Dr. and Mrs. Kato of Granville, O., Prof. and Mrs. Ralph Powell, Mrs. John Higashi and Eiko Yoshihashi.

The entertainment committee, composed of Wayne W. Putnam, Misao Furuta, Ray Kitayama and Aiko Nishi secured Robert Verbeck, recreation specialist for the Federal Security agency, to lead the group in games and to entertain the audience.

Members of the planning committees included Helen Yemoto, Ruth Otsuki, Aiko Nakagaki, Mrs. Orville Jones, Hisaye Kozaki, Kimiko Chino, Mrs. Yaye Nishimura and Mrs. Robert Genhardt.

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EDITORIALS:

Saburo Kido

After six years in the presidential post, Saburo Kido last weekend retired from active leadership in the Japanese American Citizens League.

Every person evacuated from the West Coast in 1942 had great personal problems arising from the dislocation of life and home. But Saburo Kido bore in addition the responsibility of leading the only existent national organization wholly devoted to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry.

JACL membership fell from 20,000 in 1942 to a scant two thousand in the year 1943. The evacuation inactivated 56 chapters, which had supplied the bulk of membership and finances for the national organization.

But the problems of the Japanese American Citizen League increased as its resources diminished and its supporting membership decreased.

The aggravated situation of the Nisei made more imperative than ever the continuance of the JACL as the only group actively resisting all attacks upon all Japanese Americans. There was discrimination in the Navy, the Army and all service branches. There was a rising tide of discrimination in California, stripped now of all her resident Japanese American population. There was great pressure brought to bear upon public officials to continue and make permanent the exclusion, for the benefit of some persons who would profit by that exclusion of the Nisei and Issei from their California properties. Resettlement efforts in many outside areas were hampered by local discrimination, both official and personal.

The situation, when Saburo Kido was asked to continue as head of the Japanese American Citizens League for the duration, was extremely severe.

Even today many problems still remain, primarily those of naturalization for the Issei, reparations for the evacuees, and the matter of property escheat cases in California.

The effective work of the JACL was in

large measure due to the administrative ability of the man then president, Saburo Kido. His perspective and caution prevented irresponsible and unwise action. His sincerity and ardent sense of responsibility guaranteed that the JACL would channel its energies toward its most important problems.

His work was done at great personal sacrifice. Few would have dared to take his place. Few would have dared. For championing certain unpopular issues, he fostered enmity among many, and at one time he suffered physical violence at the hands of those who disagreed with him.

Today few would have anything but praise for his wartime work. To him in large measure is due the fact that the JACL, during its time of greatest stress, grew in perspective and in action.

Today the JACL emerges, not as a victim of the war, but an organization immeasurably strengthened by its battles.

It is now prepared to tackle those remaining problems of naturalization, reparations, "dual" citizenship, escheat and civil liberties cases. It has learned to work with other organizations. It is prepared now, with the experience of five long war years, to help work for the extension of democracy to America's minorities.

Coast Housing

Upwards of four thousand persons in California housing projects may be thrown out of their homes within a few months unless sufficient pressure can be brought to force retention of a number of housing projects for evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

In Southern California alone some three thousand evacuees, who were twice evacuated—once from their West Coast homes and later from the war relocation authority centers—face the possibility of eviction from their homes. At the present time they are living in FPMA housing projects in Burbank (the Winona and Magnolia projects), Hawthorne, El Segundo, Santa Monica and Orange county and at the Lomita Air Strip.

Crowded housing conditions in the cities of Southern California have made it impossible for them to find other homes. They pay their own rent. They are desirable tenants.

The condition has been aggravated by the arrival of a large number of residents from the Tule Lake center, which has boosted the population of the installations and make more imperative than ever the continuance of the projects.

Their lives have been broken time and again during the past four years. Must they be forced to face another eviction? Victims of the war, civilian casualties, they must not again be forced into a mass evacuation.

The housing projects were opened to the evacuees through the War Relocation Authority. With the imminent closing of the WRA, there will follow, unless this can be stopped, the closing of these installations.

We ask a concerted drive by all individuals and organizations interested to keep open these public housing projects.

Lee Casey:

Recalls Colorado Defeat of Land Law

It is eminently fitting that the first post-war convention of the Japanese American Citizens League should be held in Colorado. This is further evidence that the state is relatively free from the deadly curse of racial antagonisms.

We're not Simon-pure, of course, and there's a lot of work to be done in protecting the community against this form of bigotry.

We cannot forget the disgrace of 1924, when the state government was supinely surrendered to the Ku Klux Klan.

Neither can we afford to forget that hanging around the outskirts of the town—in Englewood, to be exact, and Harvey Springer is the name—is a man who trades in hate and malice.

There are other blots. I wish I could say, for example, that a nurse would be received for training in every hospital, including Denver General, without regard to race or color—or, for that matter, that race or color did not count in the selection of nurses' aides. It seems strange that there is not a single Negro on the Denver Police Department, and this despite the outstanding record made by Negro MPs in Denver through the war. Why is the Negro fire company segregated? Why, indeed, do we tolerate segregation of any kind? Maybe we must wait for the experience of veterans to make itself felt, until we hear more emphatically from those who received tender aid from nurses with dark hands, who fought beside fellow-Americans of all hues and knew them as brothers.

Yet the difference is mainly one of degree. We

at least have recognized the need for unity by the civil rights law, and that law is unquestionably approved by the majority of our people.

The delegates who are in Denver this week from many parts of the country are aware of this. They followed closely the vote on the alien land ownership bill, which was introduced as part of the war hysteria and was voted down at the general election. They feel that Colorado is pretty civilized, and that is pleasant to know.

I talked with a group of these American citizens of Japanese descent and found not the slightest resentment of the fact they had been singled out by military order during the war.

One had been at Heart Mountain until the camp was closed. Another, who had first become acquainted with Colorado at Amache, left the camp for the army and made a distinguished record in the campaigns in Sicily and Italy.

The chief topic of the convention, they told me, was a recent campaign aimed at preventing transfer of California lands by Americans of Japanese descent. Aside from that, their problems were mainly the problems of preserving democracy and making it work.

Colorado kept its head in a time of stress and refused to indulge in special legislation against any group. It's good to know that this has been understood and appreciated. Now that the test has been made, it's good to welcome these fellow-Americans who have fought so bravely for American ideals in all parts of the world.—(From the Rocky Mountain News of March 2, 1942.)

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Coming of Age of the JACL

The adoption of a broad, progressive program by delegates to the first postwar convention of the Japanese American Citizens League lends emphasis to the premise that the JACL has come of age as a national organization. The war and all that the war has meant to the Nisei—evacuation, relocation and the participation of upwards of 23,000 Nisei in the fighting of it—destroyed the insularity of the Nisei as a group, hastened their political and social maturity. The JACL, the one West Coast organization of persons of Japanese ancestry to survive the evacuation, reflects the broadened perspective of the Nisei group.

Stated briefly, the new program of the JACL, outlined in the objectives approved at the convention, is one for the extension of the marginal democracy which long has been the cross borne by minority group Americans. During the war years the JACL initiated many successful campaigns for the abolition of restrictive regulations imposed upon Japanese Americans, including the opening of Navy and Marine service to Americans of Japanese ancestry. The wartime attitude of the JACL was compounded of a strong faith in the processes of democracy. The JACL opposed the negativism which was inherent in the attitude of some Nisei, embittered by the anti-democracy of evacuation and detention, who renounced the obligations of citizenship.

During the war the JACL was ostracized by many Nisei who transferred to it the anger and bitterness which was their reaction to the shabby treatment which had been accorded them as citizens by their own government. Many of these persons did not stop to think that the mass evacuation of 1942, the anguish which accompanied it and the uselessness of it, was the result of a combination of circumstances over which even the civilian administration had little control. The chemistry of evacuation was compounded out of the long history of anti-Oriental agitation on the West Coast, the prevalence of racial myths and sabotage rumors, the geographical distribution of the population of Japanese ancestry, the impact of the revelations of the successful workings of the Nazi fifth column in the European war. The mixture was touched off by the whims of a martinet whose personal attitude is best symbolized by his insistence that "a Jap's a Jap." All these combined and resulted in the unprecedented decision for mass evacuation.

The JACL became the scapegoat for those whose deep anger prevented a more sober reflection on the situation. In the relocation camps in 1942 and 1943 many Nisei associated with the JACL were threatened. Several were victims of physical violence. In some centers where barbed-wire fever was prevalent the organization virtually went underground. On the outside, however, the organization went forward, broadening both its perspectives and its program of activity. It survived the evacuation and the war and the national convention last week-end in Denver was proof of its vitality. Affirming the wartime activity of the JACL, convention delegates approved the largest budget in the league's history, more than \$64,000, a drop in the financial bucket in these days of astronomical expenditures, but no small sum for a young organization whose structure virtually had been demolished by the evacuation and the inactivity of more than 50 of the 66 chapters which had comprised it in February, 1942.

The program of positive action for the extension of democracy which has been adopted at the convention in Denver is in sharp contrast to the pre-war attitude of the JACL as an organization of the Nisei as a group. In the years before the war the JACL's activity largely was of a defensive nature. Chapters were virtually autonomous and the only occasion which brought united action was those mainly in opposition to proposed legislation of a restrictive nature. In the future the JACL will continue to fight restrictive activity but it will also launch positive action to implement democratic practices.

The Denver conference was a workshop. There was little of the hilarity often associated with conventions. What levity there has been was tempered by the presence of many delegates who were not many weeks and months away from military service in atom-bombed Nagasaki, in the above Nippon and in the blood-drenched boot of Italy. The delegates who were present had not forgotten that the blood of their buddies forever spilled in foreign lands. If the war had been worth fighting, it had been worth it because the fight was against an idea repugnant to free men, the fascist idea of conquest and superiority. Mike Masaoka, Ben Kuroki and the other GI speakers all identified the enemy abroad with the enemy at home. The enemy abroad was dead, beaten and scattered. The enemy at home strutted in the halls of Congress and hung "No Japs Wanted" signs in store-windows.

Ben Kuroki told the convention that the war was not over. The military campaigns were over but the enemy still lurked in the holes of homes. The peace is not secure when fascist-minded hotheads can fire into the home of a Nisei GI or when a soldier of Japanese ancestry can come home to Main Street to find that he cannot get a job because he is of a certain race, a certain color or professes a certain faith. Ben Kuroki who still fighting the war against fascist ideas believes the JACL is the same fight and he has volunteered to work with the organization.

It is interesting to note that the resolutions adopted by the JACL do not ask for relief for a single race group. The resolutions are broad and they ask for changes in the laws and regulations which set up discriminatory practices on the basis of race, color and creed. Somewhere along the way the JACL has learned that the future of all minorities is interrelated. Arbitrary distinctions because of race mean all, for so long as such practices are tolerated no American is safe from discrimination. Racial singularity for the Nisei has joined the dodo in some far oblivion.

The JACL has come a long way.

RELOCATION DIGEST

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Nisei Council selected Margaret Echigoshima, Henry Tani, Dan Sakahara, George Teraoka and Jutaro Ryugo to represent resettlers on the Social Planning Board at its February meeting. . . . Miss Mary E. Brooks, one of the outstanding field officers of the War Relocation Authority, was given a farewell dinner on March 1 at the YMCA by many of the resettlers she aided. Program chairman was Ryo Munekata. . . . Henry Tani, chairman of the St. Louis Nisei Coordinating Council, recently made a speaking tour in Wisconsin. . . . St. Louis Buddhists held their first services on Feb. 6.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Mrs.

Esther Meyerding, director of the Philadelphia hostel, Mariko Ochi of the WRA and Dwight T. Uchi of the former chairman of the Christian Fellowship and member of the International Institute advisory board, were honored at a farewell tea on Jan. 27 at the International Institute, according to Penn Notes. Miss Ozaki is scheduled to fly to Tokyo to work with the overseas branch of the secretary of war as secretary and interpreter. Mrs. Meyerding will join her husband in Boston. First Nisei physician to be in practice in Philadelphia, George Wada, formerly of Los Angeles, opened his office on Feb. 6. For the past year he has been chief resident physician at Stetson hospital.

Vagaries

Union Members . . .

There are Nisei members in 23 CIO and AFL unions in Chicago. The American Jewish Congress is announced as the sponsor of the Chicago Nisei News, a new monthly edited by Tom Teraji. . . The AVC (American Veterans Committee) Bulletin noted in its Feb. 1 issue that Japanese American members of the AVC in Hawaii had protested to Governor Warren and Senator Downey of California last fall when the home of Cosmo Sakamoto, returned Nisei veteran, was burned in Loomis, Calif. Incidentally, ex-Sergeant Sakamoto, back from the Pacific, was a delegate at the JACL convention in Denver. The Sakamoto home now has been completely rebuilt, partly from funds donated in Placer county as well as from the and civilians in all parts of the world.

Anthology . . .

Ben Kuroki's speech on the Town Meeting of the Air last Thanksgiving Day, published by Reader's Digest in January, may soon be published in an anthology of the outstanding public utterances of the past year. . . A terra cotta bowl by Robert Kinoshita, Nisei ceramicist from the Colorado River relocation center, is one of the featured exhibits of the annual crafts show at the Milwaukee Art Institute. . . Toshi Ota, New York Nisei girl, was recently married to Pete Seeger, noted ballad singer and a member of the famous Almanacs, singer of the songs of labor and the people.

Coast Press . . .

Among the new newspapers under consideration on the West Coast is a bi-lingual daily (two pages English and two Japanese) in San Francisco. The proposed venture is apart from the efforts to reactivate the old Nichi-Bei. . . The Southern Pacific railroad has been carrying on an intensive campaign for Nisei and Japanese rail workers. . . The top-secret reports of the Roberts Commission, which investigated the Pearl Harbor disaster, were opened to the public recently during the Congressional investigation. Records of Pearl Harbor hearings show that several witnesses in Hawaii in Dec. 1941 questioned the loyalty of the territory's Japanese Americans. None of the dire predictions have been borne out.

Documentary . . .

Canada's National Film Board, which has produced some of the finest documentary films of the war, recently released "Of Japanese Descent," a film based on the wartime experiences of Japanese Canadians. Canuck Nisei criticism of the film, a technicolor record of ghost town life, is that it presented only one side of the picture. According to the New Canadian, the picture indicated only the "happy adjustment" of the evacuees against a colorful background of the Canadian Rockies. "Unvoiced, omitted from the film, but felt nevertheless, were the inadequacies of the present policy as regards the Japanese," the paper said. "Behind the laughing faces portrayed, and behind the most idyllic pictures of wartime living in the interior ghost towns, there loomed a shadow . . . the shadow of anxiety and insecurity, which is the pulse of ghost town living."

Sinatra . . .

Frank Sinatra recently introduced Tad Masaoka at a Los Angeles youth meeting on race relations, reading the wartime record of the five Masaoka brothers. . . Time Magazine commented recently upon the appointment of Palmer Hoyt of the Portland Oregonian as the editor and publisher of the Denver Post, the flamboyant daily which has ruled Rocky Mountain newsdom for two generations. Noting the Post's bias against labor, Democrats and Japanese Japanese Americans, Time reported that Hoyt and the Oregonian had been distinctive in its fairness toward all three groups. Palmer Hoyt's attitude of fair play to the Nisei was shown last weekend in the Denver Post's coverage of the JACL convention. It surprised many Denverites but it did not surprise those who knew "Ep" Hoyt.

Fred Fertig:

"I Stood on the Pacific Shore"

I stood on the Pacific shore the other day.

I was alone, but with a myriad memories, so many longings, as many and more than the waves that came up and lost their strength in foam upon the sand. I was alone—and made cold by not by the wind but by these memories. I remembered the evil that had flown so recently across that ocean, both ways. Atom bombers. Fire balloons. As if all men were not brothers—and were unable to understand each other in their common need, their passion for love and eternity. War, and now revolution, the end? I remembered, too, the canoes, the ships, and planes that had carried immigrants, missionaries, traders, students, travelers, explorers: Explorers All. I considered whether these millions of voyagers through the hundreds of years had moved across this water and into new lands and among new peoples, only that the white man might become a subjugator and the yellow man a peril.

Against these memories were the longings . . .

That one could sit down with any man of the East or West and in a common language of beauty and truth and goodness speak our hearts. That we should together erect our universities of the mind and spirit, not to study each other, but to study Man and Nature. That our families picnic together in the California redwoods, that we plan a mixed and greater civilization in Hawaii, that we climb Fujiyama and visit the famous restaurants in Peking, respect India's ancient and creative past in the ruins of Mohenjodaro, that we plant the rice in the East Indies: Together as brothers to live, have joy, and build.

I stood on the Pacific shore the other day.

I was not alone. There were a myriad memories, many longings, and millions of people with these same memories and longings. If we stand and know that we stand among this company of brothers, there shall be freedom from the war and now the revolutions, and peace and happiness shall rule and neither hate nor imperial will.

Washington News-Letter

Main Issues of FEPC Bill Sidestepped During Debate

By JOHN KITASAKO

The FEPC has been discussed in this column on several occasions, and today we bring it up again—for the last time—to offer a few post-mortems before interring it in our cemetery of columnar topics.

One of the most deplorable aspects of the debate over the FEPC in the Senate was the scurrilous attempts of the opponents of the measure to obscure the chief objectives of the bill. The main and real issues of the bill were deliberately and painstakingly sidestepped. This was neither surprising nor new to us or any other Nisei. How well we can recall the vicious efforts of the politicians to smokescreen the pertinent issues revolving around evacuation.

The anti-FEPC forces sought to confuse the chief issue by charging that the measure was aimed at establishing social equality. The FEPC bill contained no such provision. It was intended solely to forbid discrimination "in all employment relations which fall within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government." Not a word was said about social equality.

Opponents from the Deep South argued that the sponsors of the bill wanted to mix the white and Negro races, and that they were "trying to tear down the partitions between white and black rest rooms" — the South's terrifying concept of social equality. This, they declared, would eventually lead to that abhorrent state which southerners refer to as "mongrelization."

They credited the bill with having the extraordinary power of "taking away human rights of all the people of the United States" — meaning no doubt the right of southerners to keep the Negro in his place.

They went even further in their smokescreen attack. One of them said the bill gives preference in employment to members of minority groups, and that it would even give these minorities preference over veterans "belonging to the Anglo-Saxon race."

In a relatively sober moment they stated that while discrimination does exist, no act of Congress can cure it. Admittedly, no legislative act can eliminate prejudice. A person's entire social and psychological make-up must be changed before his prejudice can be uprooted, and there is no law capable of doing that. The fester of our social system, such as prejudice, can only be abolished through the influence of education and religion—not by legislative compulsion. And it doesn't

take any senator from the South to tell us that.

But an act of Congress can make unlawful the unjust practices which stem from prejudice, and thereby aid in preventing them.

There were some other disappointing aspects brought out by the debate over the FEPC. One was the participation of Senator Fulbright of Arkansas in the filibuster against the bill. Fulbright is considered a progressive, one of the bright lights among the junior senators on Capitol Hill. Fulbright's lining up with the anti-FEPC bloc was counterbalanced somewhat by Florida Senator Claude Pepper's backing of the bill. Pepper was the only senator from South of the Mason-Dixon line to side with the sponsors of the FEPC.

Another discouraging aspect was the half-hearted support given by a number of northerners, and the noncommittal stand of many more. In contrast to the unity of the southerners, the northerners lacked teamwork, and their efforts to break the filibuster were limp.

The FEPC, as far as congressional action is concerned, looks to us like a cooked goose. Unless its proponents can do better in lining up support, it will get knocked out whenever, if ever, it gets back on the Senate floor.

PERSONAL POSTSCRIPTS: Lt. Clark Kawakami is back from Tokyo where he spent three months with the translation section of the occupation forces. He expects to go back to Tokyo shortly. Kawakami saw a great deal of action in the CBI theater before moving on to Japan. . . . Melvin MacCracken, former reports officer at Granada relocation center, is in Washington waiting to take off for Poland, where he will work for UNRRA. . . . Shiori Yasumoto is the first Nisei to be employed in the national office of Alien Property Custodian.

Tosh Koiwai, former account-

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

There's a Sun-Kissed Lure in California

What is that homing instinct which sends pigeons and salmon and Nisei on long pilgrimages back to their (to completely scramble a metaphor) old stamping grounds?

The westward movement of evacuees perhaps is not strange in view of the fact that the national population trend is to the west. And admittedly there is a sun-kissed lure to California.

But every week there are Japanese Americans giving up good jobs in the midwest and east to return to prewar homes where the economic outlook is precarious.

If we could get a sponsor like some of the radio shows, we'd offer a pound of butter and a pair

of nylons for the best answer in 25 words or less.

WRA Camp Diet

Dr. T. Shimizu of Whiteriver, Ariz., in a two-page single-spaced typed letter wants us to know that our dentist is all wet. He refers to a Frying Pan item recently in which we said our dentist blamed the WRA center diet for the large number of cavities which have developed in our 5-year-old's teeth.

"I must grant you," Dr. Shimizu writes, "that at times the food (in the centers) was not appetizingly prepared or served, but I can not say that the dietary needs of the child was completely neglected."

"As far as teeth and decays are concerned, I believe most of the responsibility as to the child's condition rests with the parents."

"I've seen so much indiscriminate eating habits such as giving excessive amounts of sweets, pop or punch, cookies and pastries which came into the canteen. Many of those who knew better still allowed their children to have such with the excuse that it was practically impossible to stop such practices under center conditions."

"We were able to control our child; others could have done the same if they so desired."

"Without going any deeper into the subject, my contention is that if there were any excessive amount of decay, it was not due to the dietary deficiencies of our mess hall diet, but rather to the general eating habits of the child who was subject to parental control."

Okay, doc, you win. We stand properly chastened as parents, we'll pay the youngster's dental bill with a smile, and we'll stop toying with the idea of suing Uncle Sam.

No Tears

Somehow, we can't find any tears to weep over the plight of the 5,505 residents of Greenwich, Conn., who voted against location of the United Nations organization in their midst.

They are up in arms over the prospect of having to share some of their countryside with headquarters of UNO, the outfit most civilized people hope will be able to head off World War III before the atomic bomb puts an end to the human race.

The people of a small area of New York and Connecticut are being asked to make a sacrifice—if it can be called that—for the benefit of a project dedicated to permanent peace.

Few if any of the residents will lose their homes or livelihoods. Those who do will receive fair compensation.

This is in contrast to the sacrifice required of 100,000 residents of the Pacific coast area in the early days of the war. They were shipped out bag and baggage, citizen and enemy alien alike, and no one asked them if they would like to vote on the issue.

Sympathy is more deserved by the natives of Bikini atoll. They are undergoing the bewildering experience of giving up the only home they know to be transplanted to other islands in the interests of the atomic age.

We rather doubt that the Bikinians were consulted as to whether they wanted to sacrifice their homes so that the world may progress.

Good Old Days

Back in the good old days bean sprouts were a working man's dish. Now they're something of a luxury, at least in this area.

We have made a startling discovery regarding bean sprouts and the high cost of living. One popular brand of canned sprouts (one lb. 3 oz.) sells for 17 cents in a chain store. The same can sells for 39 cents in a neighborhood store.

Long-time eating habits are hard to change and we still enjoy our sprouts whenever we can get them. But not at 39 cents a can.

EDITORIAL DIGEST

AJAs and Earl Finch

VENTURA STAR PRESS

"It was good to read in the papers the other day that the AJAs in Honolulu are getting together to celebrate the arrival there of Earl Finch, of Mississippi, who befriended them when they were in the Army of the United State," says the Ventura Free Press of Feb. 25.

"By his kindness and generosity, Earl Finch burned a bright little candle before the altar of true Americanism."

"In Honolulu everybody speaks of the Japanese as AJAs—Americans of Japanese Ancestry," the Free Press says. "We don't know whether it's a good name or not. But it is an honored name. The Japanese boys of the Hawaiian Islands gave richly to the war of their blood and courage, as did their cousins in the States. The casualty rolls published in the Honolulu papers during the war were mostly of lists of Japanese names."

Minorities Policy

CONCORD JOURNAL

"One of the most vital of all the questions confronting us in the confusion of this post-war period is that of racial intolerance," begins an editorial in the Feb. 21 issue of the Concord Journal.

"Are we to permit in our nation a continuation of the peculiarly vicious brand of stupidity that inspired persecution of or discrimination against our racial and religious minorities?" the newspaper asks.

One of the minority groups whose situation has been more tragic than that of any other is the Japanese American, says the Journal.

"We know how great was their contribution to the war effort, in defense plants and on the battle fields. We know, too, how little help, gratitude and confidence they received from too many Americans. To allow this condition, this hostility to remain would demonstrate not only a lack of humanity, but of intelligence," says the Journal.

The editorial ends with the Japanese American creed of the JACL as read before the United States Senate in May, 1941.

The Emancipator:

Hope Expressed for

Reversal of Court

Verdict on Evacuation

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — "For the future safety of all of us" it is important that the United States Supreme Court declare the evacuation and exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942 "forever unconstitutional," Austin J. App urged in an article on Japanese Americans in the February, 1946, issue of The Emancipator.

Dr. App also urged that losses incurred by the victims of the evacuation be "adequately indemnified."

ant in the WRA office here, left Seattle on Mar. 1 for Japan to work for the War Department. . . . Awaiting shipping orders for Tokyo are Nobuko Setoguchi, Miyo Izumi, and Yasuko Koyama. . . . California-bound within a month will be Lorraine Hara, Yvonne Noguchi, and Mary Oi. . . . USO service pins were awarded last Saturday to two more Nisei junior hostesses, Mary Sato and Mae Watanabe.

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**WRA Survey Reveals Nisei
Win Acceptance in Schools**

CHICAGO — Children of Japanese ancestry in the public schools of Chicago are well accepted by teachers and their fellow students and have never grouped together but mixed well with other students, a survey made by Shotaro Hikida, relocation officer of the WRA, reveals.

The survey on the adjustment of Nisei children in public grammar and high schools in Chicago was made during February under the direction of Prudence Ross, area supervisor.

The process of evacuation and their having lived together in relocation centers has, according to teachers and principals interviewed, left no evidence of handicapping the children socially or scholastically, the survey showed.

It was the unanimous opinion of principals and teachers interviewed that the Nisei children are well disciplined, regular in attendance and maintain a fine work record. Several comments were made on their exceptional ability in art classes. Scholarship plans for outstanding students were discussed by some of the teachers and principals.

All schools reported that they had difficulty in drawing the parents of Nisei students in to parent-teacher organizations. Hikida attributed this apparent lack of interest to language difficulties on the part of some parents and frequent conflicts between the meeting time of these organizations and the work schedule of the parents. Both Hikida and the school principals were in agreement that even better school relationships would be quickly discernible if more Nisei and Issei parents would interest themselves in the PTA groups.

Teachers and principals report that children received on transfers from relocation center schools are

well able to keep up with their classes, indicating that center schools maintained a good standard of teaching.

Schools surveyed were the Oakenwald grammar school, Ogden grammar school, Franklin grammar school, Shapewear grammar school, Ray grammar school, Goudy grammar school, and the Waller, Hyde Park, and Senn high schools.

The school with the largest number of Nisei children enrolled is the Oakenwald grammar school, 41st and South Lake Park. Of 850 pupils enrolled, 150 are of Japanese ancestry. Mrs. Ethel C. Watts, principal, particularly commended the good discipline, neatness and quick thinking of the Nisei children.

Many of the school principals commented upon exceptional Nisei students in their schools.

SOCIAL NOTES:

FRESNO, Calif.—Miss Toshiko Tara of Parlier, California, and Mr. Masato Tsudama of Alamosa, Colorado, became man and wife at ceremonies held at the Fresno Buddhist church on March 4. They will reside in Alamosa.

LOS ANGELES — Miss Akiko Nishimoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanichi Nishimoto of Los Angeles, will become the bride of Mr. Steve Kaoru Yagi on Sunday, March 17, in Los Angeles. Mr. Yagi was recently discharged from the U. S. Armed forces, after serving in the Pacific theater.

ROCHESTER, Mass. — Miss Marie Shimidzu became the bride of Lt. Hiomi Nakamura at rites held at the First Presbyterian church in March. Miss Sachi Shimidzu was maid of honor, and Sgt. Lewis Matsuoka acted as best man. The bride, formerly of Los Angeles, is a recent graduate of

**College Conference
Slates Agenda for
Denver Meeting**

LARAMIE, Wyo. — The complete agenda for the International Intercollegiate conference to be held in Denver March 24 was announced here on March 23 following a meeting of the college and school representatives.

The conference will open with registration and a mixer on Saturday morning, 8 p. m., followed by an opening assembly at 10 to 12 noon on the following subjects: "Alleviating discrimination," "Cooperation among Nisei students," "Adjustment of Nisei women in college?" and "Vocational aspects for the Nisei college graduate."

Discussion groups will meet Sunday afternoon at 1. "Hit parade," a talent show, will be presented at 3 p. m. Saturday evening events include a dinner at 5 p. m. and a dance at 8:30.

Sunday afternoon events will open at 1:30 p. m. and close at 2:30 with a business meeting and closing assembly.

New cabinet members for the conference are president Tsune Tokuyasu, secretary Mami Kagi, and co-treasurers Bob Matsuyama and Roy Iritani.

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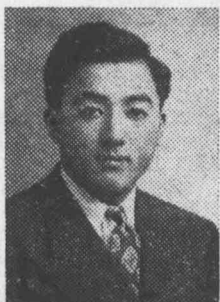
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Coast Sportswriter Attends Hawaii "Luau" for Nisei GIs

SAN FRANCISCO—Officials of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League and visiting San Francisco newspapermen were among the guests at a "luau" for returning veterans of the 442nd Central Postal Directory (Japanese American) Regimental Combat Team at the Waialua sugar plantation, Will Connolly, Chronicle sports writer with the Seals in Hawaii, reported on Feb. 28.

Eight Japanese Americans from the Waialua community were among those killed in action on the Italian front. Connolly noted that among the eight were three Nisei baseball players "who might have opposed the Seals in the impending exhibition series."

Connolly described the "luau" activities:

At least 1500 men, women and children partook of pork cooked in speech-like leaves of the "ti" shrub; raw fish, coconut squares, fresh pineapple cut lengthwise, poi in cardboard buckets, roast chick-

en. Hawaiian ladies of matronly figures knocked out tunes on guitars and younger girls did the hula that was the soul of propriety and grace.

"After the eating, the master of ceremonies called for one minute of silence in memory of those gone. A clergyman of Japanese ancestry read a prayer of his own composition in thanksgiving for the favor of having so many return. He spoke in English and addressed the same Diety as the Occident knows.

"Then girls placed bright paper leis around the necks of veterans. The purple leis were reserved for mothers who lost sons. They were called up to the stage, some stoical, some weeping, but none touched her eyes with a handkerchief. Hands gnarled with work in the cane fields were folded in front with the resignation of ages.

"Col. Farrant L. Turner (original commander of the 100th Infantry Battalion) pinned on each woman a gold star.

"The young people, at a signal cleaned the maple floor of tables for dancing and some others went out to play baseball.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Kanematsu Todoki of Fresno, a son on Feb. 19.
To Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Morikawa of Sacramento, a girl on Feb. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Fujii, Sacramento, a girl on Feb. 27.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yushin Imura, Sacramento, Calif., a girl on February 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tsutsumi of Lodi, Calif., a girl on Feb. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Arik, Denver, Colo., a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Kariya, 8214-I, Tule Lake, a girl on Feb. 1.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tamotsu Fujioka, 5007-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Tsuno, 8212-A, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Tsuji, 1106-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shizuo Yoshikawa, 4313-C, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heichiro Koyanagi, 2304-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masakazu Hamaguchi, 7712-I, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Sasaki, 2617-B, Tule Lake, a girl on Feb. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Imai, 3006-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sakata, 2605-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisato Miki, 5715-B, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Matsumoto, 6906-A, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hasao Saiku, 8307-D, Tule Lake, a boy on Feb. 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Sakai, Clarksburg, Calif., a son on Feb. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takayuki Kishida, Lodi, Calif., a daughter on Feb. 25.

DEATHS

Hisa Iida, 48, on Feb. 28 in Los Angeles.

Yuki Hasegawa on March 4 in Los Angeles. She is survived by her husband, Ginjiro Hasegawa, four boys, Wataru, Tomoyuki, Fujio, and Norito, and her daughters Miyako, Eruko and Katsuyo.

Genjiro Nakamura on March 4 in Los Angeles. He leaves two sons, Masaharu and Hiroshi, and three daughters, Sachiko Yamamoto, Miyoko Sunada and Nobuko Fujimoto.

Masai Alice Mito, four-days, on Feb. 9 in Tule Lake.

Yoshino Kuichi, 69, Bingham, Utah, on March 4.

Kaichi Ikemoto, 61, Parlier, California, on Feb. 26. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Shiwa Ikemoto.

Yasuyuki Kawamura, 23, on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.

Dorothy Suyeno Yamada on Feb. 10 at Weimar, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Yoshiko Okada to Pvt. Jun Hino on Feb. 17 in Washington, D. C.

Kimi Yoshimura to John Fujita on Feb. 24 in Gardena, Calif.

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Mrs. Kingman, who acted as chairman of the temporary organizing committee, which has worked for the establishment of the new state federation, stated, "We believe the new federation was an absolutely necessary step since it

really represents a natural development resulting from the activities of the many organizations who are interested in intercultural problems."

The organizational meeting at Fresno on February 19 was the most recent in a series of meetings which began in San Francisco last January. Another was held in Sacramento in July, 1945. Two regional organizational meetings were also held for Northern and Southern California some three weeks ago.

Reporting further on the meeting, Mrs. Kingman stated enthusiastically, "There can be no doubt that this progressive step in the field of intercultural relations will supplement and strengthen the activities of many community organizations. The activities of many of these local organizations have been handicapped in the past several years by the lack of an organizational structure at the state level to which they could refer matter of statewide interest and from which assistance based on the experience of other communities could be obtained."

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Hito Okada Succeeds Kido As National JACL President

Inagaki, Satow, Yamauchi Elected Vice-Presidents at Biennial League Election

DENVER — Hito Okada, past national treasurer of the JACL, was unanimously voted the man to lead the Japanese American Citizens League through its first postwar term at an election meeting held Sunday, March 3, at the Cosmopolitan hotel.

Convention delegates instituted an innovation in the cabinet by voting into office a panel of three vice presidents, George Inagaki of Venice, California; Masao Satow of Milwaukee; and William Yamauchi of Pocatello, Idaho.

Dr. Takashi Mayeda, president of the Denver chapter, was elected to the office of secretary to the board, while Kay Terashima of Salt Lake City was elected national treasurer, replacing Hito Okada.

Okada, who actively participated in JACL affairs prior to the war in his home city of Portland, Oregon, moved to Salt Lake City in the spring of 1942 to carry on his work as national treasurer during the war.

During his term he instituted the JACL credit union, doing this work in addition to his other organization duties on a volunteer basis.

In impressive ceremonies held at the convention banquet on Sunday evening, he accepted the gavel of

the JACL presidency from his old friend, Saburo Kido.

The three new vice presidents have all been active members of the JACL.

Inagaki is a past executive secretary of the Southern District Council. He was recently discharged from the U. S. Army after three years of service and returned in January from overseas duty in the Pacific theater.

Masao Satow is presently on the national staff of the YMCA. His work has concerned the relocation and resettlement problems of the evacuation.

William Yamauchi of Pocatello is a past chairman of the Intermountain District Council.

Dr. Mayeda, Denver dentist, was elected president of the Denver chapter of the JACL in its last election.

Kay Terashima, new national treasurer, was the 1945 president of the Salt Lake City chapter.

Taki Domoto, Jr., of Denver acted as chairman of the nominations committee, which presented its candidates for election on Sunday afternoon.

Members of his committee were Shigeki Ushio of Murray, Utah; Dr. T. T. Yatabe of Chicago; Haruo Yamasaki of Yellowstone; and Tom Takatori of Boise Valley.

Second Class Citizenship for Minorities Rapped by Wirin

DENVER—Second-class citizenship was denounced as un-American and undemocratic by A. L. Wirin, member of the Southern California branch of the ACLU and special counsel for the JACL, in a speech addressed to delegates and guests at the Denver convention on Sunday, March 3, at a public meeting at the Cosmopolitan hotel.

Citizenship carries rights and privileges as well as duties, Wirin said, and it is unfair to exact only duties from persons whose citizenship in other respects is only "second-class." Japanese Americans, as well as other minority persons, must demand their rightful privileges from the country of their citizenship, he said.

The pledge of allegiance to the American flag, the ACLU representative said, will be meaningless until the "freedom and justice for all" is meant for all Americans.

Wirin praised JACL leadership during the war.

"The JACL must adhere strictly to principle in the future," he said, in noting that the organization had done so during the war.

He declared that the ACLU, along with other groups, is anxious to aid Japanese Americans in attaining their full status as Americans.

Governor John C. Vivian extended the greetings of the state to the assembly.

He urged that Nisei continue to serve America as well as the Nisei soldiers had served in the war.

Pete Furuta of Denver sang the national anthem. Susie Takimoto gave a musical selection.

Participants in the program included the Rev. Kay Sasaki, a Nisei color guard, Dr. T. Mayeda of Denver, Saburo Kido, Mike Masao, Janet Erb, Carlos Moser, Ben Kuroki, George Inagaki, the Harmony Four, and the Rev. Tsunoda.

Ex-Sergeant Kuroki told of the

JACL Delegates Pass Hat for Red Cross Drive

DENVER—Delegates to the ninth biennial JACL conference in Denver last weekend began their conference with a donation to the American Red Cross, which opened its fund raising campaign on March 1.

Pre-conference delegates, meeting at the home of Dr. Takashi Mayeda of Denver, passed the hat for a total donation of over \$400 for the Red Cross.

National JACL Meet Commends Work of WRA

Agency Asked to Reexamine Situation Posed by Relocation

The JACL convention in Denver on March 3 extended its commendation to the War Relocation Authority for its public service in dispelling misconceptions, misinformation and distortions against Americans and loyal aliens of Japanese ancestry.

The resolution noted the "able administration" of Harold L. Ickes as Secretary of Interior and Dillon S. Myer as the national director of the War Relocation Authority.

The resolution requested the WRA, in the reestablishment and rehabilitation of returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry, to direct special attention toward a reevaluation of the vital problems of housing and public welfare which will continue beyond the liquidation date of the WRA as a war agency.

The resolution said that the re-examination of the present situation was "imperative" in order that the unfinished business of the WRA be accomplished with the same success as manifested in the agency's earlier achievements in Japanese American resettlement.

principles for which he was fighting as an individual now that the war was over.

George Inagaki outlined the work which Japanese Americans in military intelligence contributed toward victory in the Pacific war.

"The Japanese American language specialists," he declared, "were the good right arm of American military services in the Pacific. Their work saved thousands of American lives and hastened the inevitable victory."

JACL Convention Resolution Asks President Truman to Bar Dual Citizenship Status

Extension of Right of Naturalization to Issei Group Sought by Conference; Government Asked to Affirm Responsibility to Evacuees

DENVER, Colo.—The national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League on March 3 called on President Truman and other appropriate governmental authorities to lay the bugaboo of "dual citizenship" permanently to rest by inserting a prohibition against dual nationality in future treaties with Japan, Germany and other Axis powers and asked for democratization of immigration and naturalization laws.

The convention noted that the dual citizenship issue has been

Salt Lake Wins Next National JACL Parley

Mount Olympus Group Will Be Co-Host at Meeting in 1948

DENVER — Salt Lake City, mountain-ringed center of the intermountain west, will be the scene of the 10th biennial JACL conference in September, 1948, with the Mount Olympus (Murray, Utah) and Salt Lake chapters as co-hosts, it was decided at a national council meeting held Sunday, March 3, at the Denver convention.

The decision followed spirited discussion, with Chicago offering strong competition to the Salt Lake City and Murray chapters. Voting was 11-4 in favor of the intermountain city. Following the vote, Noboru Honda, president of the Chicago chapter, asked the council in session to make the vote unanimous in favor of Salt Lake City.

The intermountain chapter bid was offered by Mrs. Henry Kasai, president of the Salt Lake chapter, who announced that the facilities of the Hotel Utah have been secured for the convention.

Mrs. Kasai read telegrams of invitation and greetings from Governor Herbert Maw of Utah and Mayor Earl J. Glade of Salt Lake City.

The JACL conference in Portland in 1940 had tentatively agreed to the holding of the 1944 convention in Salt Lake City, it was recalled. The convention was not held as scheduled when the war suspended national gatherings.

Chicago's spirited bid for the convention site in 1948 brought forth the strong possibility that it would win the convention to be held in 1950.

Race Prejudice Hit by Leaders Of Veterans

Representatives of Legion, VFW, AVC Meet With Nisei

DENVER — Representatives of the American Legion, the VFW and the American Veterans Committee in Colorado welcomed Nisei servicemen into their organizations at a special meeting March 4 at the JACL convention in Denver.

Ex-Pfc. Tom Matsumori, Mt. Olympus chapter, Murray, Utah, a former member of the 442nd, presided at the meeting, during which the following spoke: H. W. Forrest, state commander of the American Legion; A. B. Clark, adjutant quartermaster and Joseph J. Jacques, commander, state department, of the VFW; and Don Nidess of the American Veterans Committee.

Forrest expressed his disapproval of the action of the Hood River, Ore., post of the American Legion in removing names of Japanese American soldiers from its honor roll last year.

Nidess emphasized that the AVC members are "Citizens first, veterans second," in carrying out their program. AVC members, he pointed out, are interested first and foremost in the welfare of the nation.

The meeting was part of the JACL's new program in behalf of servicemen of Japanese ancestry.

used to impugn the loyalty of American citizens, particularly those of Japanese ancestry, by racist forces and asked for an official stand by the government for non-recognition of any dual status. The convention noted that the United States never had recognized dual citizenship but that Japan, Germany and other European powers did recognize duality, although in the case of Japan only children who were registered with the Japanese consul within two weeks of births had such recognition. Since dual citizenship was one of the major issues raised by race baiters against Japanese Americans, although stressing that such claims were not peculiar to Japan alone, the convention asked President Truman to compel the Japanese government to abandon any and all claims to persons of Japanese ancestry residing outside of Japan as part of the peace treaty which officially will end World War II.

Extension of naturalization rights to aliens of Asiatic ancestry who are considered ineligible was asked by the JACL National Council which stressed the wartime loyalty of aliens of Japanese ancestry to the United States and noted that these aliens had made a significant contribution to the war effort in fields vital to the actual war effort itself, as well as in the production of food and goods.

The resolution, which called for the extension of naturalization privileges "to all loyal American residents, irrespective of race, color, creed or national origin," also sought the democratization of the immigration law and the removal of special discriminatory features in the law which call for the arbitrary deportation of certain "ineligible aliens."

The JACL convention declared that the laws of the United States, "having a bearing upon our relations with other countries, must be reexamined in the light of today's urgent need for equality of treatment toward all nations, and to demonstrate American sincerity in her position of moral leadership."

The convention asked for the extension of official clemency in hardship cases involving deportation on the same basis as clemency is provided in cases involving "aliens eligible to citizenship."

Declaring that racial discrimination was inherent in the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942, the JACL delegates asked that Congressional action be initiated to provide compensation for individual losses sustained as a result of the evacuation and relocation of the Japanese American group.

Women's Teams Take Prizes in Bridge Tourney

DENVER — Women's bridge teams walked away with first and third prizes in the JACL duplicate bridge tournament held the evening of March 2 at the Cosmopolitan hotel under the supervision of Taki Domoto, Jr.

First prize went to the team of Mrs. Amy Miura and Mrs. Michi Onuma, second prize to Ken Yabe and Shigeki Ushio, and third prize to Mrs. Grace Noda and Miss Hanako Takayoshi.

Photographs

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Pulchritude at the Convention



National Secretary Mike M. Masaoka poses with four of the many young women who attended the JACL convention in Denver as delegates and boosters. They are (left to right) Mari Sabusawa, member of the Chicago JACL who was present as an observer for the American Council on Race Relations; Kaye Uyeda, San Francisco delegate; Yurino Takayoshi, president of the New York JACL chapter, and Mrs. Henry Kasai, president of the Salt Lake City JACL.

Faith in Japanese Americans Vindicated by Nisei Record During War, Says Ralph Carr

Ben Kuroki, Mike Masaoka Call for Continued Fight to Insure Freedoms Won in War; Stress Danger of Native Fascist Influences in America

Ralph L. Carr, who as Governor of Colorado in 1942 was the only one of 13 western State executives to uphold the constitutional rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry, declared at the convention banquet of the Japanese American Citizens League that his faith in the loyalty of the Japanese American group had been vindicated by the record of the Nisei group during World War II.

The convention banquet, held in the Silver Glade room of Denver's Cosmopolitan Hotel, was attended by more than 400 persons, including many Denver and Colorado civic, religious and educational leaders.

Former Governor Carr recalled that he was the only western governor "to oppose the violation of the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans" at the time of the evacuation in 1942.

"My stand four years ago on this issue has been justified by the performance of this group in time of war," Mr. Carr declared. He noted that civilians of Japanese ancestry had joined with those in military service to make a significant contribution to the American war effort.

Mr. Carr recalled days of tension in 1942 when voluntary evacuees from the West Coast were resettling on farms in the La Junta area. A mass meeting had been called by La Junta citizens who opposed the influx of the evacuees and threats were voiced that the Japanese Americans would be "hanged on telephone posts." Governor Carr recalled that he and Attorney General Tom Clark, then head of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, and U. S. Attorney Thomas J. Morrissey of Denver had hurried to La Junta. Facing the citizens of the southern Colorado community, Governor Carr had declared that he was determined to protect the rights of the evacuees and that the State would prosecute any person inciting to violence to the full extent of the law. Morrissey had told the demonstrators that he would "fill jails of the State" with any persons violating the law in their opposition to the Japanese Americans who had come to Colorado from the West Coast.

Former Governor Carr recalled that he had assured the the citizenry of the State that should there be any disloyal acts committed by the Japanese American

evacuees relocating in Colorado, he himself would assume the role of prosecutor. He noted that Japanese Americans in Colorado had maintained a splendid record of citizenship during the war.

One of the features of the convention banquet were the remarks of four war veterans, Captain Isamu Ozamoto of Denver, George Inagaki, Mike Masaoka and Ben Kuroki.

Ex-Sergeant Kuroki said that he and his fellow GIs had fought for more than "Mom and blueberry pie." He said that although the last shot had been fired, the war against fascism and racist prejudices had not ended. He noted that he had enrolled in that fight and that he would see it through to the finish.

Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL and a veteran of the 442nd Infantry, said that he had seen what the fascist idea of conquest and race hatred had done to the peoples of Europe. He noted that there were persons in the United States who were nurturing the ugly seed of fascism and he called on all men of goodwill to join in the common struggle for the preservation of individual liberties and the democratic ideas of decency and the dignity of man.

"The war which was won abroad must also be won at home," ex-sergeant Masaoka declared. "A people can remain free only so long as they fight for their freedom."

George Inagaki, who recently returned from detached service with the Marines in southern Japan, told of the work of Japanese Americans in military intelligence units in the Pacific. He introduced Nisei veterans of Pacific campaigns who were guests at the convention banquet, including ex-Sergeant Cosmo Sakamoto who returned from a front-line combat area in the Pacific to find that

GI Speakers Feature First Public Session

Masaoka Stirs Audience With Story of Nisei War Heroes

DENVER — "The Japanese American soldier has proved himself faithful, loyal and dependable. . . . we wish you well and would like to see you anytime the city administration can be of service to you."

With these words Mayor Benjamin F. Stapleton of Denver greeted delegates to the ninth biennial national JACL convention and a large audience which filled the City Council chambers at the City and County building, Friday, March 1.

An impressive list of speakers addressed the gathering, including Dean Paul Roberts of St. John's Cathedral; Dr. Takashi Mayeda, president of the Denver JACL; Sgt. Ben Kuroki, on his famous "59th mission," the fight against racial intolerance on the home front; James Fresques, city councilman; James T. Burke, local district attorney; and Mike Masaoka, executive secretary of the JACL.

Masaoka, speaking on the convention theme, "That they shall not have sacrificed in vain," stirred his audience with a dramatic and moving story of the exploits of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

"The best fighting outfit in any army in history," said Masaoka, "fought with a purpose—to make America safe for all Americans."

Sgt. Kuroki, in speaking for fair play for Japanese Americans, asked that the Nisei too respect the rights of other Americans.

An informal get-together at the Cosmopolitan hotel followed the meeting. Mrs. Merijane Yokoe and Masao Satow were in charge.

George Takeuchi Wins JACL Bowling Tourney with 566

DENVER—With sixteen mixed doubles teams, four men's teams, and forty-five individual entries, the JACL convention bowling tournament, held Saturday, March 2, under the direction of Mrs. Rosa Higashi, was an unqualified success.

George Takeuchi of Denver carried the men's singles event with a 566.

Toshi Kusumoto emerged as an outstanding player by placing first in the women's singles and second with Moon Kataoka in the mixed doubles.

Tournament winners were as follows: Mixed doubles: Kay Watanabe and Frank Ota, first; Toshi Kusumoto and Moon Kataoka, second; Lilly Tanaka and George Takeuchi, third. Women's singles: Toshi Kusumoto, first; Betty Takashi and Masako Kojima, second.

Men's singles: George Takeuchi, first; Hooch Okumura, second; Moon Kataoka, third. Men's team matches: Hooch Okumura Produce, Inc., first; Miks, second.

Awards, including a cup to the mixed doubles winners and trophies and cash prizes to other winners, were presented at the convention banquet on Sunday evening, March 3.

hoodlums had burned down his home in Loomis, Calif.

Saburo Kido, retiring national president, outlined the wartime work of the JACL and voiced his appreciation to the support accorded his administration since the emergency national convention in San Francisco in March, 1942, when he was given emergency powers to carry on the JACL as an organization.

Hito Okada, newly-elected president, declared that he was determined to carry on the work of the JACL in the spirit of the convention theme, "That they shall not have sacrificed in vain." A minute of silence was observed in memory of Americans who have died in World War II.

The new national cabinet of the JACL was installed by Past President Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago.

George Furuta of Denver acted as toastmaster. Songs were led by Masao Satow.

Mrs. Haruko Kobayashi read "The Japanese American Creed."

Ben Kuroki Gives an Autograph



(Top) Ben Kuroki autographs a dinner program for Lawrence Kido, son of Past President Saburo Kido, as Ralph L. Carr, governor of Colorado at the time of the evacuation in 1942, watches. (Lower) Mari Sabusawa of Chicago presents Mrs. Saburo Kido with a silver service, the gift of convention delegates. Mr. Kido and the three Kido children, Rosalind, Lawrence and Wallace, were present at the convention banquet as the guests of the attending delegates and as a "surprise" to the past national president of the JACL.

JACL Delegates Approve Progressive National Program

(Continued from page 1)
keep certain racial groups in lower wage and employment levels and brackets, or which grant lower wage scales for the same work to certain groups as compared to others," the convention declared.

The convention opposed the segregation of soldiers in military units and called for the elimination of discrimination from municipal, state and Federal civil service.

Supporting the right of Americans to live in homes and districts of their own choosing, the convention declared its opposition to racial restrictive covenants.

It backed the present test cases to determine the legality of anti-alien property legislation and urged judicial reconsideration of legal issues raised by the evacuation.

It proposed the survey of losses suffered by the evacuees in the evacuation and relocation, including damage sustained to stored goods.

Constitutional changes to democratize the organization and to give Associated Members representation in the National Council were approved.

All official sessions were held in the Cosmopolitan hotel. Delegates from 19 chapters were present at the convention.

At the opening session on March 1 delegates approved a record budget of \$64,000 for the coming year, for \$37,300 for 1947 and \$26,100 for 1948.

The following committees were active during the JACL convention:

CONSTITUTION: Mits Kaneko, Denver, chairman; Etsu Masaoka, San Jose; and, Yuri Yamashita, Salt Lake City.

FINANCE AND BUDGET: Kay Terashima, Salt Lake City, chairman; George Furuta, Denver; Dorothy Wada, North Platte; Scotty

Tsuchiya, Los Angeles; and, Shemie Hanami, Yellowstone.

MEMBERSHIP: Masao Satow, chairman; Eli Kobayashi, Idaho Falls; Dr. M. M. Hori, Ogden; and, George Makabe, Auburn.

NOMINATIONS: Taki Domoto, Denver, chairman; Shigeki Ushio, Mount Olympus, Dr. T. T. Yatabe, Chicago; Haruo Yamasaki, Yellowstone; and, Tom Takatori, Boise Valley.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES: Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, Chicago, chairman; Minoru Yasui, Denver; George Fujii, Mount Olympus; Peter Aoki, New York City; and, George Minato, Seattle.

PACIFIC CITIZEN COMMITTEE: Fred Ochi, Idaho Falls, chairman; Jack Noda, Denver; Noboru Honda, Chicago; George Kuroki, North Platte; and, Kay Uyeda, San Francisco.

CREDENTIALS: George Shizawa, Pocatello, chairman; Mrs. Merijane Yokoe, Denver; and, Toyse Kato, Ogden.

RESOLUTIONS: Joe Masaoka, San Francisco, chairman; Toshi Ando, Denver; Yukio Inouye, Idaho Falls; Mrs. Alice Kasai, Salt Lake City; and, Yurino Takayoshi, New York City.

CREDIT UNION: Hito Okada, Salt Lake City, chairman; Charles Kamayatsu, Denver; and, Paul Okumura, Pocatello.

NISEI VETERANS: George Inagaki, Venice, Calif.; chairman; Ben Kuroki, North Platte, Neb.; and, Tom Matsumori, Mount Olympus.

Nisei Girl Named To Phi Beta Kappa

DES MOINES, Ia. — May Ideta, Seattle, Wash., was named last week as one of the five students at Drake university to be elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa national honorary scholastic fraternity.

New JACL Officers Take Oath of Office



(Top) The new national officers of the JACL take the oath of office from Past National President Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago. They are (left to right) Hito Okada, Salt Lake City, president; George Inagaki, Venice, Calif., first v. p.; Masao W. Satow, Milwaukee, Wis., second v. p.; William Yamauchi, Pocatello, Idaho, third v. p.; Dr. Takeshi Mayeda, Denver, secretary to the board, and Kay Terashima, Salt Lake City, treasurer.

(Lower) Ralph L. Carr, former governor of

Colorado, who declared that his faith in the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry had been vindicated by the wartime record of Japanese Americans in the armed forces, poses with Nisei representatives of five branches of the Army. The Nisei are (left to right) Sgt. Kaz Endo of Pocatello, 442nd infantry; George Inagaki, military intelligence, who also served with Navy and Marine units; Ben Kuroki, air force; Mr. Carr; Captain Isamu Ozamoto, armored forces; and Sgt. Stanley Kishiyama, paratroops.

120 Delegates, Boosters Registered During Convention

The ninth biennial convention of the JACL in Denver from Feb. 28 through March 4 was attended by 120 official and booster delegates and National JACL personnel, Mrs. Amy Miura, chairman of the registration committee, reported this week.

All official sessions were held at the Cosmopolitan hotel.

In addition, more than 400 persons attended both the convention banquet and the farewell dance on March 3 and 4 in the Silver Glade room of the Cosmopolitan.

The list of official and booster delegates was announced by Mrs. Miura:

DENVER CHAPTER: Dr. Takashi Mayeda, Min Yasui, official; Mrs. May Furuta, Mrs. Haruko Kobayashi, Dr. Tom K. Kobayashi, Hiroshi Okamura, George Ono, Ken Utsunomiya, Mits Kaneko, Tol Takamine, Mrs. Mary Takamine, Mrs. Yuriko Nogami, Mrs. Bee Mayeda, Mrs. Merijane Yokoe, Mrs. Michi Ando, Toshio Ando, Mas Takata, Mrs. Mary Nakamura, Mrs. Amy Miura, Charles Kamayatsu, John Fukushima, Tad

Akaba, Rev. C. P. Garman, Mitsuye Miyata, Dr. Yoshio Ito, Jimmy Yamamoto, Grace Shinn, George Kubo, May Sato, Major Yukio Miyauchi, Mrs. Hatsuye Miyauchi, Jack Noda, Taki Domoto, Jr., Masako Takayoshi, George Matsuoka, Joe Nakamura, Jack M. Hagihara, Mrs. Michi Terasaki, Yutaka Terasaki, Haru Tanaka, Bessie Matsuda, Dr. Sam Ozamoto, Mrs. Chiyo Ozamoto, Atsu Tsujimoto, George Furuta and Mike Kojima, boosters.

SALT LAKE CITY: Kay Terashima, Mrs. Alice Kasai, official; Mrs. Chiyoko Terashima, Henry Y. Kasai, Hana Okada, boosters.

MOUNT OLYMPUS, Utah: Tom Matsumori, George Fujii, official.

POCATELLO, Idaho: George Shiozawa, Paul Okamura, official; George Hiroto, Kazuo Endo, Stanley Kishiyama, boosters.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.: Masao Satow, official.

SAN JOSE, Calif.: Mrs. Etsu Masaoka, official.

SAN FRANCISCO: Joe Masaoka, Kaye Uyeda, official.

IDAHO FALLS: Eli Kobayashi,

Yukio Inouye, official; Fred Ochi, booster.

CHICAGO: Noboru Honda, Dr. Mas Sakada, official; Harry Honda, Mary Suzuki, Mari Sabusawa, boosters.

NORTH PLATTE: George Kuroki, Dorothy Wada, official; Fred Kuroki, Jean Wada, Mike Hayashi, boosters.

FORT LUPTON, Colo.: Floyd Koshio, Jack Kobayashi, official; Sam Koshio, Lee Murata, boosters.

OGDEN, Utah: Dr. Mike M. Horii, Toyse Kato, official; Dean Hoshide, booster.

MAGIC VALLEY, Idaho: George Makabe, official.

PUEBLO, Colo.: Fred Hidaka, official.

NEW YORK CITY: Yurino Takayoshi, official.

YELLOWSTONE, Idaho: Haru Yamasaki, Stomie Hanami, official; Hiroshi Miyasaki, booster.

GREELEY, Colo.: Mrs. Misaye Uno, Roy Uyesaka, official.

SNAKE RIVER VALLEY: Joe Saito, official.

BOISE VALLEY: Tom Takatori, official.

NATIONAL JACL: Shigeki Ushio, Murray, Utah; Scotty Tsuchiya, Los Angeles; George Minato, Seattle; George Inagaki, Venice, Calif.; Saburo Kido, Hito Okada, Mike Masaoka, Yuri Yamashita, Salt Lake City; Peter Aoki, New

National Minorities Conference Sought to Obtain Cabinet Post On Human Relations Problems

A national conference of all American minority groups to consider measures for promoting intercultural and interfaith harmony was suggested in a resolution approved by the delegates to the JACL's ninth biennial convention in Denver on March 3.

The delegates indicated that such a national conference would have as its objective a campaign to obtain the establishment of a post in the President's cabinet on human relations and minority problems.

The delegates declared that the establishment of such a governmental department would aid in alleviating present tensions because of race and would help meet urgent needs of reconversion and rehabilitation which require utmost unity among America's diverse population elements.

The JACL convention also went on record as continuing its present support through its affiliated chapters for Federal fair employment practices legislation and local civil rights codes.

The convention offered its full organizational facilities and co-operation for the clarification and protection of the citizenship rights of Japanese Americans.

The JACL went on record that it would cooperate with individuals and organizations in espousing court tests of discriminatory restrictions and practices which, it noted, jeopardizes the civil and property rights of citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry. Among the various types of legal discrimination noted were those involving the alien land ownership laws, restrictive residential covenants, business and professional licenses and anti-alien game and fishing laws.

Among the other resolutions approved by the National Council were the following:

That the JACL convention extend its appreciation to "individuals and organizations, alive to the moral responsibilities of freedom and the rights of man, who espoused the cause of the JACL in particular and Japanese Americans in general throughout the trying war years.

That the JACL convention extend its appreciation to the In-

termountain District Council for financial appreciations and support during the war.

That the Immigration and Naturalization Service suspend all deportation proceedings pending Congressional action upon HR 5429, which would grant a 10-year statute of limitations in deportation matters.

That the Federal government affirm its primary responsibility to dislocated evacuees of Japanese ancestry by extending Federal public assistance to those in need, rather than compel the evacuees to depend wholly upon variable county grants.

Progressive Program Adopted at Conference Hailed by Masaoka

Mike Masaoka, national executive secretary of the Japanese American Citizens League, this week characterized the ninth biennial JACL meet in Denver as "outstanding in accomplishment and progressive in scope."

"All of the official delegates present demonstrated an interest and enthusiasm which speaks well for the future of the JACL."

He praised the "ambitious and worth-while program of action" which was outlined for the post-war era.

Masaoka meanwhile prepared this week for his forthcoming trip to Washington and New York to confer with government and national leaders.

He will leave Salt Lake City on March 16 by plane for the east. He is expected to return by March 29.

Delegates Express Appreciation To Denver Chapter of JACL

DENVER: A special resolution of appreciation to the city and JACL chapter of Denver was passed by acclamation by assembled delegates at the 9th biennial convention in approval of the exceptional handling of conference affairs.

The resolution, adopted earlier in the convention, was read by Yurino Takayoshi of New York City at the convention banquet on Sunday evening.

The Denver chapter is led by Dr. Takashi Mayeda, with the following cabinet:

Minoru Yasui, 1st vice-pres.; Yoshiko Aiki, 2nd vice-pres.; Mits Kaneko, 3rd vice-pres.; Michi Y. Ando, corr. sec.; Haruko Kobayashi, rec. sec.; and, Jack Noda, treas.

The Denver chapter convention committee was as follows:

Banquet: Cornelians of California Street Community church.

Entertainment: Tak Tsutsui, basketball; Mrs. Rosa Higashi, Lt. George Kanegai, Shig Teraji, bowling; Dr. Y. Ito, golf; Taki Domoto, Jr., bridge; Bessie Matsuda, horseback riding; Nisei Women's Athletic Association, roller skating; Yutaka Terasaki, skiing and ice skating.

York City: Bill Yamauchi, Pocatello, Idaho; Dr. T. T. Yatabe, Chicago; Ben Kuroki, Hershey, Neb.; A. L. Wirin, Los Angeles; and, Fred Tayama, Stillwater, Okla.

BOOSTERS: James Imatani, Mrs. Sumi Imatani, Henderson, Colo.; Harry Sakata, Brighton, Colo.; Mrs. Phoebe Sasano, Arvada, Colo.; Mrs. Yuki Inagaki, Venice, Calif.; Nobuo Furuya, Lafayette, Colo.; Cosmo Sakamoto, Loomis, Calif.; George Masunaga, Henderson, Colo.; Fuji Hikida, Mary Hikida, Teton, Idaho; June Suzuki, Fort Collins, Colo.; Ted Hayashi, Kay Hayashi, Grand Junction, Colo.; and, Joe Y. Sano, Boulder, Colo.

Farewell Ball: George Furuta, chairman; Taki Domoto, Jr., and Pete Furuta.

Finance: Mits Kaneko, chairman; and Jack Noda.

General Arrangements: Toshio Ando, chairman; Mas Horiuchi, George Matsuoka, Kaz Sakamoto.

Housing: Mrs. Haruko Kobayashi, chairman; Mrs. May Furuta, Mrs. C. P. Garman, Mrs. Tol Takamine, Mrs. Arthur Yorimoto.

Music: Yoshiko Aiki, chairman; Alice Amano, Aiko Fukuyama, Amy Watanabe.

Picture: Jack Noda, chairman; Takuzo Kikawa, Mori Kutsuma, Bessie Matsuda, George Ono, Mitsuko Sugano, Mrs. Toyo Tanaka.

Official program: Minoru Yasui, chairman; Cleson Chikasuye, George Ohashi.

Publicity: Beatrice Kaihara, Mrs. Haruko Kobayashi, Mrs. Michi Onuma, Roy Takeno.

Reception: Mrs. Merijane Yokoe, chairman; Mrs. May Furuta, Mrs. Rosa Higashi, Mildred Ikezoe, Mrs. Toyo Kanegai, Helen Kimura, Mrs. Ruth Kodani, Evie Miyashima, Mrs. Mary Suenaga, Lucy Taguchi, Rose Takahashi, Masako Takayoshi, Rose Tanaka and Mrs. Minnie Tsuji.

Registration: Mrs. Amy Miura, chairman; Mrs. Miki Fukushima, Bessie Matsuda, Mrs. Beatrice Mayeda, Mrs. Mary Nakamura, Mrs. Violet Nishimura, Mrs. Grace Noda, Mrs. Yuriko Nogami, Mrs. Michi Onuma, Mrs. Phoebe Sasano, True Shibata.

Souvenir program: Charles Kamayatsu, chairman; and Ray S. Tani.

Transportation: Ping Oda, chairman; Fred Aoki, Tak Hamano, Rose Hashimoto, Dr. Y. Ito, T. Kako, Lt. and Mrs. George Kanegai, Mas Kawaguchi, E. Kawamura, Kody Kodama, Leon Miyazaki, Naga Nomura, Kan Sanui Tsuruda brothers, Mr. and Mrs. B. Umezawa, and Seichi Yamaguchi.

Convention Personalities

DENVER, Colo.—Dr. and Mrs. Takashi Mayeda's Pre-Convention Reception was a gala occasion when all Denver's Nisei business and professional figures turned out to mingle with convention delegates . . . the hat was passed around for Denver chapter's contribution to the starting kickoff of the Red Cross drive. . . . George Furuta led off with a \$25 check. . . . As the "mayor of Larimer Street" he could do no less. . . . Total collections \$400. . . . George Ohashi apologized that he had to take a rain check on the rest of the Convention fun—he had to enplane for Chicago to compete in the International Hairdressers' Contest. . . . many a mournful sigh was heard at the toll taken by the quick action "bones" . . .

Dr. Mayeda closed his dental offices for a couple of weeks to host Convention doings. . . . Min Yasui, major domo and general factotum of arrangements for the whole shindig averaged three hours of sleep nightly for several weeks running. . . . don't ask me what he was doing all the time. . . . the 82 page Convention Souvenir booklet was his handicraft. . . . handouts of legal size tablets to convention delegates prompted Cosmopolitan hotel guests to surmise that a delegation of Oriental lawyers were in session. . . . Ping and George's complimentary king size bridge pencils looked like fever thermometers. . . . Cracked one delegate: "If Ping is around providing us transportation, what's his partner Pong doing?"

THE CONVENTION SPARKLE glistened in the eyes of Mary Suzuki and Mari Sabusawa of Chicago and Kaye Uyeda of San Francisco. . . . Kaye was constantly worried about who was washing the diapers for her little boy. . . . Nope, not hers, she's taking care of an orphan. . . . North Platte chapter, genesis of Ben Kuroki, was well represented: older brother, George Kuroki and a younger Kuroki, Mike Hayashi and the charming Wada sisters. . . . It was the Wada sisters who passed "sushi" through prison bars to National Secretary Mike when he was kept in durance vile on Dec. 8th as being a Jap spy at the North Platte jail. . . .

Chairwoman Mrs. Amy Miura scrutinized each registrant with an eagle eye to see that the correct charge was extracted from every delegate. . . . no gate crashers wormed through either the Convention Banquet or Sayonara Ball while sister Amy held the gate. . . . Among those assisting her were Mrs. Haruko Kobayashi, Mrs. Michi Onuma, Mrs. Miki Fukushima, Bessie Matsuda, Mrs. Beatrice Mayeda, Mrs. Mary Nakamura, Mrs. Violet Nishimura, Mrs. Grace Noda, Mrs. Yuriko Nogami, Mrs. Phoebe Sasano, and True Shibata. . . .

AMONG CONVENTION CASUALTIES were Paratrooper Stan Kishiyama who vowed to park his bankroll elsewhere before coming to another Convention. . . . Mrs. Mike Masaoka, the former Etsu Mineta of San Jose, slipped and twisted her knee. She almost fainted when Dr. Tom Kobayashi examined her. Quoth Etsu when she regained her feet: "I wonder if I ruined my nylons." . . . The best since pre-war days, exclaimed many an official delegate after dining on the two inch porterhouse steaks served at Dr. and Mrs. Tom Kobayashi's reception. . . . Etsu giving Mike penicillin throat sprays on the half hour. . . . Scotty Tsuchiya came down with the flu. He took one of Mike's sulpha pills and turned green but pulled out of it after staying in bed for half a day. . . . Doc Mayeda lost his breakfast from overwork, lack of sleep and hypertension. . . .

FRED OCHI PASSING OUT CIGARS as the proud papa of a baby boy. . . . Ochi as the chairman of the Pacific Citizen Committee wired Larry Tajiri to fly down to Denver. . . . 'Twas the day after announcement of 27 dead in a plane crash. . . . Larry phoned his coming and in the second breath asked, "Tell Doc Mayeda to put me down for bowling." . . . Reports on the state of the union for Nisei by JACL regional representatives were impressive as showing the nationwide coverage of the JACL. . . .

OVERNIGHT COMMITTEE REPORTS were mimeographed by Mrs. Michi Ando of the Denver JACL while husband Toshio hovered around anxiously. . . . Mrs. Masaya Uno of the Greeley chapter left husband Hirato to stay in town and take in the convention. Hirato had to milk his cows thrice daily but showed up for the Ban-

quet and Sayonara Ball. . . . Yuri Yamashita from National Headquarters worked assiduously to turn out the paper work of the confab. . . .

CAUCASIAN JACL ENTHUSIASTS participating at the meet and socials were State Senator Arthur Brooks who staked his political future bespeaking fair play for Nisei. His brother, a captain in the Engineers, was a prisoner of the Japanese at Zentsuji. . . . Dr. Clark P. Garman, former missionary in Japan but whose political energy in Colorado aided in the defeat of the state's proposed Alien Land Law. . . .

THE DENVER POST arrived at its millenium when it gave generous mention of the conclave. . . . Doc Mayeda had his pic on the Hall of Fame bannerhead as the week's outstanding local figure. . . . Two weeks ago before the installation of the new editor-in-chief Palmer Hoyt, such shennanigans would be unheard of. . . . The Nisei's staunch standby, the Rocky Mountain News, was plugging JACL activities. . . . Barron B. Beshoar, Bureau chief of Time and Life was confined to bed and unable to take in the biennial sessions. . . .

OPENING CEREMONIES at the city council chambers found Min Yasui wielding the gavel as the chairman of the occasion. . . . Former regional representative for Denver, Joe Grant Masaoka, was exchanging greetings with Dean Paul Roberts, St. John's Cathedral, and councilman James Fresques. . . . Fresques lived in the same apartment building as the Masaokas. . . . Mrs. Joe Grant Masaoka, the former Mary Ann Sakamoto of the White Memorial Hospital and the Japanese Hospital of Los Angeles, succeeded in resuscitating the Fresques infant when he strangled himself by twisting around in a rubber sheet. . . .

LET'S TAKE UP Mayor Stapleton's offer of cooperation, repeated Dr. Garman following the opening convention ceremonies where the mayor spoke. . . . Denver's beauty culture schools still refuse to accept Nisei students and the city administration frowns upon issuing business licences to Japanese applicants outside of James Fresques' district. . . .

AT THE INFORMAL Get-together social national treasurer Hito Okada gave the gals a come-on when he announced he was a free man until Saturday. . . . early retirees Peter Aoki of New York and George Minato of Seattle had to be wakened so they could be presented to merrymakers. . . . Y-MCA's Masao Satow super-duper song leading is guaranteed to be the mixer in any group and its potency excels the amiable qualities of even liquor acceleration. . . . A Caucasian guest at the banquet asked if Masao Satow was a Nisei scarcely believing that a JA could do such a singspiration. . . .

SCOTTY TSUCHIYA'S inspired stunt to bring Mrs. Saburo Kido and children to be present with National President Kido at the banquet met with the enthusiastic response of local Issei who assumed all transportation costs. . . . convention delegates chipped in to purchase a magnificent saddle leather three piece luggage set for the retiring National President. . . .

BATTLE THEME of the 1946 JACL confab was "That They Shall Not Have Sacrificed In Vain" . . . National Secretary Mike admitted repeatedly that the 442 Regimental Combat Team won the war but conceded the Nisei G2's in the Pacific Theater did help somewhat. . . . Former Sergeant George Inagaki disclaimed Mike's assertions as frequently as Mike made them and declared that Military Intelligence ranked preeminently ahead of the ground forces in the winning of the war. . . . this issue of which branch of the Nisei services won World War II will never be settled as long as a single Nisei veteran lives. . . .

THE CAPACITY AUDIENCE at Sunday's general meeting applauded the speeches by Ben Kuroki, Mike Masaoka, A. L. Wirin, George Inagaki and Dr. T. Mayeda. . . . comments were overheard that the super program should have been recorded for all posterity to hear. . . . the invocation by Rev. Kay Sasaki of the Methodist Church and the benediction by Rev. Tsunoda of the Buddhist Church reflected the sincere purpose of the convention. . . .

CLOSE TO FOUR HUNDRED listened in rapt attention to the

AVC Drive Against Race Discrimination Discussed by Nisei

SPOKANE, Wash.—The American Veterans Committee's all-out stand against racial discrimination was presented by Spady A. Koyama, chairman of the Spokane chapter of AVC, at the George Washington Carver USO during the recent commemoration of National Negro History week. . . .

Koyama, Nisei war veteran who was wounded in the Philippines, is one of three Japanese American veterans in Spokane whose membership applications were blackballed by another veterans organization. He is one of the charter members of the AVC. . . .

Koyama told those present that it is apparent more than ever before that the late President Roosevelt's statement that "Americanism is not a matter of race or ancestry, but of the mind and heart," must be the watchword in the ever present struggle to realize the four freedoms for which so many thousands of Americans with "foreign names sacrificed their lives." . . .

Postpone Closing Of Coast Hostel

SACRAMENTO—Closing of the evacuee hostel at the Buddhist church has been postponed by the WRA until May 1. . . .

It was reported that a large number of persons have not yet been able to find permanent housing. . . .

presentations at the Convention Banquet. . . . National President Saburo Kido was dumbfounded with surprise as his wife was led to the seat of honor next to him. His first question was "Where's the kids?" Children Rosalind, Lawrence and Wallace were very much in evidence soon afterward when they practically took over the hotel. . . . An elderly Issei later repeated with tears in eyes to one of the delegates, "I've dreamed that this day would come—the day when the Nisei would come of age. Today I've seen it at this banquet." . . . Capt. Isamu Ozamoto, wartime president of the Denver chapter, told how he had resigned to enter the services in his profession as medico. . . .

EX-GOVERNOR RALPH L. CARR told a delegate privately he was against discrimination toward Japanese residents because primarily human rights would be jeopardized. . . . the former chief magistrate of the state described how certain interests were inciting Spanish speaking residents of the state by threatening that Japanese were being brought in the state to displace them at the time of the voluntary evacuation. . . .

REPRESENTED AT THE Convention were Nisei veterans of all branches. . . . Capt. Isamu Ozamoto and Major Miyauchi—both sawbones—were with Patton's Armored Forces, Kaz Endo of the 442, Stan Kishiyama of the Paratroopers, George Inagaki of the Army Intelligence, Ben Kuroki of the Air Force were among the faces. . . . When Ben Kuroki described how his hands still shook from the nervous tension of 58 heavy bomber missions Major Miyauchi diagnosed it as the same sort of torturing agony that comes to a convicted man who walks up the gallows—only Kuroki did it 58 times. . . .

THERE WERE AUDIBLE sighs of anticipation among female listeners when Ben Kuroki on two separate occasions stated that one of these days he hoped to marry and raise a family but didn't want his son to have to come and fight a 59th mission for tolerance and understanding. . . . Kuroki announced at the Banquet he was going to work with the JACL for the next six months for the selfsame purposes which he has with this national organization. . . .

NEVER - TO - BE - FORGOTTEN will be memories of George Furuta's crooning, Ken Utsunomiya's bright monologue. . . . Hito Okada's rendition of "I Love You Truly" which inspired Ben Kuroki to wring Hito's promise to sing at his wedding and National President Kido's spirited dancing at the Sayonara Ball. . . . Noboru Honda's masterful bid for Chicago as the 1948 Convention city but which Salt Lake City's and Mt. Olympus chapter had sewed up with official invitations from the Chamber of Commerce, the mayor and the governor of the state.—By J. G. M.

"Japanese American Creed"



Mrs. Haruko Kobayashi of Denver reads the "Japanese American creed" to the 400 persons attending the convention banquet in the Silver Glade room of the Cosmopolitan hotel in Denver. Following the reading by Mrs. Kobayashi a minute of silence was observed in memory of the JACL members and other Nisei fighting men who died in World War II.

Milwaukee Resettlers Sponsor "Thank You" Fete for Friends

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The majorities and minorities of the world must join together now and resolve never again to allow the world to go to war over racial issues, Dr. Merrill Abbey, pastor of the First Methodist church, said Saturday evening, March 2, at a "thank you" dinner given by the Milwaukee Japanese American Citizens League at the Wisconsin hotel, the Journal reported on March 3. . . .

Guests were members of the Milwaukee Resettlement association and the War Relocation Authority. A hundred and ten Milwaukeeans attended the dinner. . . .

"Tonight we celebrate our common humanity," Dr. Abbey said. "We all regret that during the recent struggle you Japanese Americans as a minority group had to suffer. But as we face the future together we hope such an injustice will never again happen in our community." . . .

John K. Bailey, former head of the Milwaukee WRA, declared that the success of the resettlement of Nisei in Milwaukee is indicated by the fact that fewer have returned to the coast from this area than any district east of the Rockies. . . .

"What might have been a tragedy you made an opportunity," the Rev. Mr. Justus E. Olson, president of the Milwaukee Resettlement association, said. "Because you made it an opportunity you have enriched the lives of communities like Milwaukee." . . .

Four Hundred Attend Farewell Ball

DENVER — The ninth biennial JACL conference in Denver came to an end Monday, March 4, as delegates enjoyed the final event on the convention calendar, the farewell ball. . . .

Four hundred persons were present at the dance, which was held at the Cosmopolitan hotel, convention headquarters and scene of most of the activities of the four-day conference. . . .

Vocal selections by the master-of-ceremonies, Pete Furuta, were given during the intermission program. . . .

Much applause greeted the announcement that \$582 had been raised and donated by the Directors' Club, under the leadership of George Furuta, to wipe out the deficit incurred by the local chapter in staging the convention. . . .

Co-chairmen for the event were Taki Domoto, Jr., and Pete Furuta. . . .

Evacuee Residents Hold Appreciation Dinner in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI—Japanese Americans in Cincinnati, one-time evacuees who are now "becoming residents of this city," held an appreciation dinner for their Cincinnati friends on Friday, Feb. 1. . . .

Guest speaker of the evening was Major Christopher Keegan, former commander of Co. B, 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Major Keegan traced the history of the team from its training days at Shelby to the final campaign in Italy. . . .

Henry Watanabe expressed the appreciation of the Japanese Americans in a talk in behalf of the resettlers. . . .

Guests at the dinner were the Rev. Nelson M. Burroughs, Dr. E. Pearce Atkins, Harry Blaisdell, Richard N. Bluestein, Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Booth, Marshall Bragdon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Britt, Miss Edith Campbell, Rev. Myron C. Cole, Dr. and Mrs. Claude Courter, Elmer Cummins, Mrs. Louis I. Egelson, Miss Louise Fletemeyer, Miss Frances Galt, Henry Grimm, Chalmers Hadley, Rabbi James G. Heller, Douglas High, Mrs. Russell B. Hopkins, Miss Dorothy Jones, Mrs. Joseph Kindel, Very Rev. Monsig. August J. Kramer, Very Rev. Monsig. John E. Kuhn, Mrs. Gardner Latimer, Miss Marjorie Manning. . . .

Dr. Judson McKim, Rev. Isaac E. Miller, Rev. Edward S. Moreland, John Olmstead, Mrs. Marjorie Rambo, Miss Edith S. Rees, Rev. G. Barrett Rich, Rabbi Victory E. Reichert, Miss Anne Schneider, Alfred Segal, Carl L. Spicer, Miss Jane Stewart, Miss Blanche Tudor, Harry E. Titus, Arnold Walker, Miss Pearl Wright, Donald Van Valen, Mrs. Anna Bud Ware and Miss Ruth Ware. . . .

Pocatello Plans Bowling Tourney

POCATELLO, Ida.—A two-day bowling tournament, sponsored under the auspices of the Pocatello JACL March 16 and 17, will be open to all Nisei bowlers of the intermountain area. . . .

Plans include women's competition the first day with a sports dance to follow in the evening. The second day will be given over to men's competition. . . .