



## A Nisei Asks People of Texas: Is Prejudice Your Answer To the 442nd Combat Team?

HOUSTON, Tex.—Ex-Sergeant George Otsuka, a Nisei who earned four battle stars in Europe, observed V-J Day quietly on Aug. 14, wondering if he could find a welcome for his family anywhere in Texas, the United Press reported.

Otsuka, according to the U.P., was with the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team of Japanese Americans in Europe, an outfit which fought as part of the 36th (Texas) Division in France. He wrote a letter to the Houston Press on Aug. 13 explaining his troubles.

"I have a complaint to make," his letter said. "A few weeks ago your editorial praised the 442nd Infantry Regiment for a wonderful combat record. You know, it was composed mostly of Japanese Americans.

"Well, I am a Nisei. I was in that outfit from the beginning and through every battle 'till the end.

"Now I am back with my family and in looking for a farm I located one near Tomball. I had everything arranged and was about to move in when I was told to keep away or there would be trouble.

"It isn't the landowner's opinion. It is the neighbors around there. They don't want us around.

"What I would like to know: Is this our answer for rescuing the 'Lost Battalion' of your proud 36th Division in the Vosges mountains of France?

"Is that your answer for the terrific casualties we suffered to rescue those men of the 36th?

"Is that your answer to my buddies who will never come back and who fortunately won't feel the sting of prejudices?"

In his letter Otsuka enclosed a picture of the plaque the First Battalion of the 141st Regiment of the 36th Division gave the 442nd Regiment for rescuing the Texans.

"If that is Texas' answer the picture is yours," Otsuka wrote. "I don't want it."

## Two-Thirds of U. S. Citizens Believe False Reports of Espionage by U. S. Japanese

National Opinion Research Center Poll Shows Only 13 Per Cent of People Correct in Belief No Spying Carried On By Japanese Americans

DENVER, Colo.—Two-thirds of the American people still believe falsely that persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States acted as spies for the Japanese government during the war, the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Denver reported this week following a nation-wide survey.

Only a small minority, 13 per cent of those questioned, believe that Japanese Americans and Japanese resident aliens in the United States had no part in espionage for the enemy during the war.

The 13 per cent are right, the National Opinion Research Center announced, quoting the Office of War Information which has stated that there have been no instances of Japanese living in this country and spying for the Japanese government.

The NORC's personally trained interviewers asked a representative cross section of the nation this question:

"During the war, do you think the Japanese who lived in this country did any spying for the Japanese government?"

The answers were:  
 YES ..... 66 per cent  
 NO ..... 13 per cent  
 UNDECIDED 21 per cent  
 100 per cent

The NORC reported that it was "not surprising" that the greatest majority who believed that persons of Japanese ancestry had engaged in spy work lived in the Mountain and Pacific Coast states—74 per cent as contrasted to 68 per cent in the Midwest, 67 per cent in the South and only 58 per cent in the New England and Mid-Atlantic states.

"Although a two-thirds majority of the public are sure that Japanese living in this country spied for the Nippon government, and only a minority are correct in saying no spying was done, a large percentage (21 per cent) are undecided, evidence of the paucity of reliable information concerning espionage in contrast to the prevalence of rumor and erroneous assumption during wars," the NORC report added.

The NORC said that only two cases of spying for the Japanese government have been reported in the United States during the war by the FBI, and neither involved a person of Japanese ancestry, living in this country or elsewhere. Velva Dickinson, an American

citizen, who owned an exclusive doll shop in New York City and sent information in packages with dolls was arrested by the FBI in 1944.

The other incident was not in the continental United States but at Pearl Harbor and involved the Kuehns, a German family who were picked up by U. S. intelligence officers immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor and in time to prevent their escape in a Japanese submarine.

The NORC quoted the OWI as reporting:

"For the duration of the war, there was no single confirmed report of espionage committed by Japanese Americans. The signaling at Pearl Harbor was performed by Nazi agents, Bernard Otto Kuehn and Mrs. Friedel Kuehn."

According to the NORC, the comment frequently made among the 66 per cent who believed that persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States was that "the Japanese in this country would naturally 'take up' for their own nationality."

Others saying "yes" qualified their replies. A Pennsylvania public utilities executive believed that a "small per cent" probably committed espionage.

Under the assumption that spying is usual during wars, a porter in Brooklyn, N. Y. said: "I can't prove it, but I imagine the Japanese in this country spied."

"They'd have been fools if they didn't," a plasterer in Nashville, Tenn., commented.

"Every nationality will spy for their own country," a Dubuque, Ia., housewife, said.

The NORC said that representative of feeling on the Pacific Coast was the remark of a draftsman, now in Boardman, Ohio.

"Yes, the Japanese here did spying," he said. "I was in California

## Nisei Regiment Deactivated After Ceremonies in Hawaii

### Chinese Friend Never Forgot Aged Issei

LODI, Calif.—More than 20 years ago Jusuke Takemoto, who died in Lodi on Aug. 3 at the age of 80, saved a Chinese named Yip from drowning in the San Joaquin river.

Later when Mr. Yip found that Takemoto was in need, he decided to repay his Japanese friend by looking after him. Yip died several years afterward but his son, now a prominent Stockton businessman, continued to help the aged Japanese, even through the evacuation period and up to the day that Takemoto died.

## Stainback Says Nisei GIs Aid Statehood Drive

Contribution of GIs Greatest in 40 Years, Men of 442nd Told

HONOLULU—Hawaiian veterans of the 432nd Combat Team were told by Governor Ingram Stainback upon their return from Italy on Aug. 9 aboard the Waterbury Victory that they "by their heroic efforts have done more to bring statehood to Hawaii than all the words or all politicians during the last 40 years."

Governor Stainback addressed the 442nd Combat Team veterans during the welcoming ceremonies at Iolani palace.

"You not only fought and overcame the Nazis in the field of battle but you have fought and fought victoriously at home in the battle against prejudice, distrust and intolerance," he told the Nisei GIs.

He cautioned that "the tasks and obligations of peace are less exacting but no less important than the tasks of war."

## Kido Urged to Run For Seat in Hawaii Assembly

HONOLULU—Mitsuyuki Kido, former member of the Farrington high school faculty who served as executive secretary of the Emergency Service committee of Honolulu during the war, last week confirmed reports that he is being urged by friends to run for the territorial house of representatives from the 5th district on the Democratic ticket in the fall elections.

Kido's supporters have taken out nomination papers in his behalf.

## Carey McWilliams Says Race Prejudice On Wane in U. S.

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Carey McWilliams, author of "Prejudice," a book on Japanese Americans, told the Institute of World Affairs at San Diego State college last week that prejudice against the Nisei and other minorities in the United States was decreasing.

"But it is paradoxical," McWilliams added, "that as the situation gets better it looks worse. The nearer the Negro comes to reaching real equality, the greater will be the reaction of groups which wish to keep him down."

during the war and heard a lot about this thing."

One of those who did not believe that U. S. Japanese spied was a laborer in Lando, S. C., who said:

"If the Japs had spied, more bombs would have dropped on us."

## Hawaiian Veterans of 442nd Given Tumultuous Welcome by Friends, Relatives in Honolulu

HONOLULU—The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, veterans of Italy, France and Germany, was deactivated on the first anniversary of V-J Day, Aug. 14, in Kapiolani park.

Hawaiian veterans of the 442nd Combat Team paraded for the last time before the final deactivation ceremony.

Approximately 10,000 men served in the 442nd Combat Team. All members of the original unit were volunteers from the United States mainland and Hawaii. The 442nd went into action in June, 1944 north of Rome. It served in Italy and France and its 552nd Field Artillery Battalion participated in the battle for southern Germany.

The Nisei combat unit received eight Presidential unit citations, the last being conferred upon the men personally by President Truman in Washington. It was considered the most highly decorated unit in the U. S. Army in relation to size and time served in the line.

Lieut. Col. Alfred A. Pursall commanded the 442nd Combat Team during the final ceremonies in Hawaii.

Returning men of the 442nd brought the regimental and battalion colors and the guidons of 20 companies to Hawaii.

HONOLULU, T. H.—The final chapter in the star-spangled history of one of the U. S. Army's most-famous regiments of World War II, the 442nd Combat Team, composed of volunteers from Hawaii and the continental United States, was being written here this week.

Two hundred and forty-one Hawaiian Nisei of the combat team returned on Aug. 10 to Honolulu to a tumultuous ovation in which Governor Ingram Stainback, Delegate Joseph R. Farrington and thousands of friends and relatives of the returning GIs participated.

Mainland veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, who paraded with their Hawaiian buddies in Washington, D. C., and were reviewed by President Truman on July 15, were separated following the ceremonies in the nation's capital.

The Hawaiian members of the unit, in which approximately 10,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry served during the war, returned home by sea from New York via the Panama Canal aboard the troopship Waterbury Victory.

Hundreds of veterans of the 442nd and of the 100th Infantry Battalion, who had preceded their comrades home, were at the dock to greet the men who brought with them the regimental colors and the colors of the 100th Battalion.

They were commanded by Lieut. Col. Alfred Pursall of Crystal City, Mo., who made the long sea trip with his men to participate in the final deactivation ceremonies for the 442nd Combat Team.

Bands and hula girls lent a festive note to the homecoming reception which rivaled the celebration which greeted the men of the 442nd on July 2 when they arrived in New York harbor.

A crowd of several thousands gathered at the waterfront to greet the returning GIs and later reassembled at Iolani palace grounds for the official welcoming ceremonies.

Tears streamed down the faces of elderly Japanese parents, many

of whom were greeting their sons for the first time since they went off to fight the enemy in Europe three years ago.

Lieut. Unkei Uchima, who used to play tackle for the University of Hawaii football team, demonstrated that he hadn't forgotten the hula by launching into a vigorous hip-shaking return with a grass-skirted girl.

Painted on the side of the Waterbury Victory, which brought the 241 veterans home, was the famous motto of the 442nd Combat Team: "Go for Broke."

Typical GI reaction to the welcome was that of Sgt. Ako Saito who said "nothing better has happened to me yet" and then burst into tears.

Pfc. Kazuto Nakamura, another of the returnees, said:

"There isn't much to say. It's just nice to be home."

As the ship rounded Diamond Head and entered Honolulu harbor, the returnees were greeted by a special welcoming committee headed by Col. Farrant L. Turner, original commanding officer of the 100th Battalion and the first U. S. field officer to lead a Japanese American unit into battle in World War II.

The troops debarked to tunes of an army band and preceded by a motor cavalcade, went to Iolani palace where the official welcome was tendered by Gov. Stainback.

Flower leis were presented to the men.

## Hawaii Hopes to Retain Colors Of Famed 442nd Combat Team

HONOLULU—Hawaiian veterans of the 442nd (Japanese American) Combat Team will make an effort to retain the regimental colors of the famed Nisei unit which was deactivated this week in ceremonies in Honolulu.

The 442nd Veterans club of Honolulu previously requested Delegate Joseph R. Farrington to take steps for the retention of the 442nd Combat Team's regimental colors in Hawaii.

Delegate Farrington took the request to Brig. Gen. Miles Reber, deputy chief of the legislative and liaison division of the War Department.

The War Department replied to the request that as the majority of the men who made up the 100th Infantry Battalion were from Hawaii, Secretary of War Patterson had authorized the retention in

Hawaii of the colors of this battalion.

The War Department announced, however, that the majority of the men who made up the 442nd Combat Team were from the United States mainland and that the action in the case of the 100th Infantry Battalion did not set a precedent for the disposition of the colors of the 442nd.

Gen. Reber informed Delegate Farrington, however, that "it is the privilege of the Governor of Hawaii to request of Secretary Patterson that these regimental colors be retained in Hawaii."

Following the disclosure of the War Department's attitude it was indicated that veterans of the 442nd Combat Team in Hawaii would request that Governor Stainback take action to keep the colors in Hawaii.

## Early Decision by Highest California Tribunal Assured In Test on Alien Fishing Law

**Constitutionality of Amendment Designed To Exclude Japanese Group from Commercial Fishing Will be Considered by Court**

LOS ANGELES—An early decision on the constitutionality of the California anti-alien fishing law was assured this week as the California State Supreme Court accepted the agreement between A. L. Wirin, attorney for the petitioner, Torao Takahashi, and State Attorney General Robert Kenny and took over from the District Court of Appeals the appeal filed by the Fish and Game Commission from a decision of Superior Court Judge Henry M. Willis holding the 1945 amendment to the State code invalid because it discriminated on racial grounds against commercial fishermen of Japanese ancestry.

This action by the State Supreme Court will assure an early decision on the case and will avoid a delay of from one to two years if the case were to be sent through the usual channels through the District Court of Appeals before it could be appealed to the highest State tribunal.

Issues pending before the Supreme Court include the Fish and Game Commission appeal on the constitutionality of the amendment and also an appeal by the commission on a special order by Judge Willis that a license be issued to Takahashi, an alien of Japanese ancestry, pending the higher court's decision on the appeal.

Action on the decision was sought from the Supreme Court because the case involved the livelihood of approximately 250 non-citizen fishermen of Japanese ancestry who have been unable to return to their pre-evacuation jobs because of the wartime act which ruled that commercial fishing licenses be denied "aliens ineligible

to citizenship." When the Fish and Game Code was originally amended by the legislature in 1943, the amendment provided that "Japanese fishermen" be barred. In 1945 the restriction was broadened to include all "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

The Takahashi case is sponsored by the Japanese Fishermen's Association, the Civil Rights Defense Union of Southern California, the Japanese American Citizens League and the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a brief filed this week by Attorneys Wirin and John Maeno, the California Supreme Court is urged to hold the amendment unconstitutional, not only as to fishing on the high seas, but also with respect to fishing in the inland waters of the state. It was noted that should the State Supreme Court hold the law unconstitutional on this broader ground, the decision may stop the enforcement of the amendment to the Fish and Game Code which now bars Japanese aliens from sport fishing and game hunting.

## Issei Gold Star Mothers Honored



PORTLAND, Ore.—Gold Star mothers, whose Japanese American sons in the U. S. Army were killed in battle during World War II, were honored at the JACL's testimonial banquet at Hotel Multnomah on Aug. 11. Here three of the moth-

ers are shown receiving corsages from Kanoo Nakagawa, president of the Portland JACL. They are from left to right: Mrs. T. Nakata, Mrs. Y. Oba and Mrs. Y. Sato. Other Gold Star mothers at the dinner were Mrs. R. Maeda, Mrs. S. Naemura and Mrs. H. Saito.—Oregon Journal photo.

## NISEI NAMED COLLEGE DEAN IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO — Monroe College of Optometry announced this week that Dr. Ernest Takahashi, well-known local optometrist, has been appointed acting dean of the college. Dr. Takahashi, active in Fresno and Chicago JACL chapters, is believed to be the first Nisei to become the dean of a school in the United States.

Dr. William Hiura, also former faculty member of the school, revealed that his course in physiological optics will be taken over by his brother, Dr. Pierce Hiura, who has just returned to this city from the station hospital in the Panama Canal zone. The Hiura brothers, prominent in JACL work, are optometrists here.

## Dillon Myer Takes Interim Housing Post

**Former WRA Director Refuses Job as Puerto Rico Governor**

WASHINGTON — Dillon Myer, former Director of the War Relocation Authority, on Aug. 12 assumed his duties as commissioner of the Federal Public Housing Authority. He will serve under an interim appointment arrangement until Congress reconvenes early next year.

President Truman's nomination of Mr. Myer was not confirmed by the Senate before it adjourned due to objections raised by Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, who contended that the appointment should be subject to further investigation.

It was revealed last week that Mr. Myer had been asked by President Truman over a month ago to serve as governor of Puerto Rico. Jesus Pinero, a native Puerto Rican, was subsequently chosen to fill the \$10,000-a-year post.

ifornia JACL office reported this week.

The Los Angeles and Venice chapters were the first two of the JACL's Southern California units to request reactivation.

Henry Kanegae is initiating the move to reorganize the Orange County group.

## Washington JACL Announces Support for National Memorial To Honor Nisei Killed in War.

WASHINGTON—The JACL group in Washington at its organizational meeting on Aug. 9 voted to undertake, in conjunction with the National JACL, the establishment of a national monument to honor all Nisei servicemen who were killed in action.

The plans for the war memorial were suggested to the local Nisei last week by Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, as their initial major project. A permanent chairman and committee will be appointed after the next meeting to work with national headquarters. The site of the memorial would be Arlington National Cemetery, in Washington, resting place of America's heroes of all wars.

The project will be international in scope, as it is felt that people throughout the world familiar with the achievements of the Nisei GI will want to have a share in the memorial.

Election of officers for the local chapter will be held on Aug. 23 at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church parish hall. Those chosen to serve on the nominating committee were Kenko Nogaki, Yoshiko Hino, Mary Ogawa, Ayako Honda, Eiko Narita, Florence Mohri, Kazuko Tamura, Harold Horiuchi, Jack Hirose, and John Kitasako.

Reports were made by the following temporary committee heads: Jun Okazaki, constitution; Kenko Nogaki, membership; Harold Horiuchi, finance; and John Kitasako, sponsors and advisers. Jack Hirose is chairman of the organizing committee, while Susie Tsuda is secretary.

A picnic with the local Issei group is planned for Sept. 1

## Nisei Veterans Urge Ex-GIs to Join National Groups

SEATTLE—The Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle this week urged American war veterans of Japanese ancestry to join a national veterans organization and "take an active part in whatever outfit you join."

The group cited the American Veterans Committee, the VFW, the Legion and the Disabled American Veterans as organizations which the Nisei veterans could join.

The Nisei Veterans Committee also reported that 120 members had joined its ranks among Seattle's 300 Nisei veterans and claimed the largest membership of any Nisei veterans organization in the continental United States.

## Protestant Work Group Favors Bill To Aid Evacuees

LAKE GENEVA, Wis. — Delegates to a Protestant church work conference were on record last week in favor of legislation to indemnify evacuees of Japanese ancestry for losses sustained as a result of the West Coast evacuation.

The resolution was passed unanimously by 128 delegates from 23 states who were attending a national adult work planning conference sponsored by interdenominational bodies of the Protestant churches.

## Seek Reactivation Of Orange County JACL Chapter

LOS ANGELES—A petition is now being circulated for the reactivation of the Orange County chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Southern Cal-

## Nisei Girl Back From China Robbed in West Coast Hotel

SAN FRANCISCO — Leatrice Tanaka, a Nisei girl from Hawaii who spent the last six years in China as a social worker in a Japanese mission for Chinese children, was robbed of \$480 last week when the hotel clerk absconded with the money which she had asked to be placed in the hotel safe.

The original sum was returned to Miss Tanaka by the hotel on Aug. 12, although for a time it seemed as though she would lose some of it.

The Waldorf hotel where Miss Tanaka was staying claimed that it was responsible for a limit of \$250, according to the receipt issued for deposit, but San Francis-

co police pointed out that this rule applied only when the robbery was from the outside and not perpetrated by a hotel employee.

Miss Tanaka, en route to her home in Hawaii, arrived here last month on the General Heigs from Shanghai, being forced to come to San Francisco because no passenger service has yet been established between China and Hawaii.

She was a social worker in Peking when the war broke out and was forced to stay for the duration.

Joe Masaoka, Northern California representative of the National JACL, assisted Miss Tanaka in her predicament in San Francisco.

## McNaughton Hails Nisei War Activity at Portland CL Fete

**Sweetland Urges Nisei To Maintain Strong, Vigorous Organization**

PORTLAND, Ore.—Under sponsorship of the Portland chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League a testimonial dinner in honor of approximately 70 veterans and six Gold Star mothers was held Sunday evening at the Multnomah hotel.

Guest speakers included E. B. MacNaughton, president of the First National bank; Monroe Sweetland, editor and publisher of the Mollala Pioneer; Col. Elliot Thorpe, commandant of the Military Intelligence School, Monterey, California; and Iwao Oyama, editor of the Oregon News.

Relating his past experiences with persons of Japanese ancestry, MacNaughton said, "Decisions had to be made during the crisis when war broke out, decisions which affected persons of Japanese ancestry and my admiration for you grew during the months of combat. You had a hard row to hoe, but through it all you stood firm. You made a record not only on the field of combat but in those long months you spent in evacuation centers."

"Now that the war is over you have come back without hatred and willing to take your place in the community. You have kept your poise, equanimity and good manners."

"All this comes from a spirit within you and you are winning your place here and there is a place for you here. More and more people are beginning to realize this and the days ahead are days of promise. You have taught us a great lesson, a lesson which needs to be taken to heart if we are going to work for good and the peace for which we fought so hard to win."

MacNaughton emphasized the fact that the American majority is beginning to realize some of the wrongs concerning its treatment of its minority and is now trying to right some of them.

Declaring the need for a strong united front, Monroe Sweetland said, "You must not lose the ground which the exploits of the Nisei have won on the field of battle. In order to do this, the Nisei must have a strong, vigorous and effective organization."

Basing his talk on the importance of personal contacts made by the men in service, Sweetland gave a brief description of his encounter with Frank Hachiya on Eniwetok Island and the effect the Nisei had on the 4000 men who were stationed there.

Outlining the sentiment of political leaders at the outbreak of war, Sweetland declared that they were "scared to be counted" and that there were many who joined the hysteria against the Japanese Americans. Sweetland said that the animosity against persons of Japanese ancestry was noticeably absent when the servicemen landed in Hawaii, and the prejudices brought over from the mainland soon dissolved away. All this was accomplished by personal contacts made by the men with Hawaiian residents.

"The future of Japan is your and my responsibility," Col.

Thorpe declared. Dwelling briefly on past activities during the war, he gave a resume of what the future will bring. Thorpe served during the war as chief of counter intelligence with Gen. MacArthur's staff and as chief of civil intelligence after the surrender.

"The 70 million people of Japan have lost all of their old ideas and ideals. Their old leaders are gone or are discredited and they are bewildered and hungry people. This country cannot understand the extent of the destruction wrought there."

"The Japanese people are realists. They do not apologize for the war. 'It didn't work or you wouldn't be here' is their attitude. Because they have to have new leadership they turn to the occupation forces and if they don't have something better to offer they will turn to something else or to the old reactionary leaders."

"The period of readjustment will take a long time and it will be the task of the occupation to seek out the liberals in that country and strengthen their hold so that they will be able to stand on their own feet."

"The winning of the peace has just begun and it can be done by wise counsel instead of a strong and huge occupational army."

Giving credit to the Nisei translators who served in the Pacific campaigns, Col. Thorpe said, "Had it not been for the services of the Nisei boys in intelligence, the war would not have ended a year ago."

Concerning the future of the Nisei in Japan, Col. Thorpe said they can be sincere apostles of democracy, "Japan is a fertile field, and there are great possibilities to help them to take their place among the nations," he said.

Soloists who appeared on the program included Miss Helen Kinoshita, vocalist, and Miss Mary Furusho, pianist. William Knight, well-known Negro singer of this city, also appeared on the program.

Gold Star mothers honored were Mrs. R. Maeda, Mrs. T. Nakata, Mrs. S. Naemura, Mrs. Y. Oba, Mrs. Y. Sato and Mrs. H. Saito.

George Sakato, Distinguished Service Cross recipient and guest at the Purple Heart Convention under JACL sponsorship, Spady Koyama, delegate from the Spokane Post and Ray Dorris, newly elected national commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, were also guests. Approximately 300 people attended the dinner. Miss May Zakoji was chairman.

## Nisei Pictured In Article on College Station

DENVER, Colo.—Takashi Kako, son of Mr. T. Kako of Denver, is an active member of the Columbia University Radio Club in New York.

Kako was pictured in an article on the student station at Columbia University which was published in the Aug. 11 issue of Parade magazine, a Sunday feature of the Rocky Mountain News.



Captain Roy K. Futamata is shown with his Italian war bride, the former Irene Marie Gerardo of Milan, shortly after their arrival in Denver. Capt. Futamata is one of the three Nisei GIs from the continental United States who married in Italy. —Photo from Wilshire Studio, Denver.

## Colorado Nisei Officer Returns Home With Italian War Bride

DENVER, Colo. — When Roy K. Futamata entered the army four and a half years ago, he was just a Colorado-born Nisei fresh from his civilian job as machinist employed by the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

This week Futamata was home from Italy with the rank of captain, four battle stars and two presidential citations, and a lovely Italian bride.

Mrs. Futamata is the former Irene Marie Gerardo whose two brothers were officers in the Italian partisan movement.

She met her husband-to-be in Milan which the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team had entered in the van of the last big Allied offensive in the Italian campaign.

"We had a jeep," Captain Futamata recalled, "and we gave Irene and her girl friend a ride one evening. She was staying with an aunt and uncle. Well, I called on her again, and one thing led to another."

The two were married last Feb. 7 in a Catholic church at Vitaraggio, not far from Irene's home. Mrs. Futamata is a fair, slender, brown-haired girl of 25

with finely chiseled features.

She speaks only a few words of English but her husband makes up for it with fluent Italian. "I picked it up because I had to deal with the Italians in my work," he explained.

Mrs. Futamata arrived in New York City July 27 aboard a bride-ship and reached Denver early this month. The couple is staying temporarily at 1665 Fillmore street, the home of Captain Futamata's sister, Mrs. Michi Terasaki.

Mr. and Mrs. Futamata will make their home in Pueblo where he was born. He expects to return to work with the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. His father, Hisakichi Futamata, was an employe of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company for 52 years until his death earlier this year.

Futamata went overseas in May, 1944 with the original 442nd as a first sergeant. He won his commission as a medical corps administrative officer in the field, and was promoted to captain at the time of his discharge. His younger brother, Pvt. George Futamata, a rifleman, was killed in France.

## Nisei Elected Delegate to Miners' Parley

SWEETMINE, Utah—Franklyn Sugiyama has been elected to represent Local Union No. 6511, United Mine Workers of America, at the 39th consecutive convention of the UMW to be held in Atlantic City, N. J. from Oct. 1 to 5.

Sugiyama, an official of Local 6511, came to Sweetmine from the war relocation center at Poston, Ariz., where he was chairman of the community council. Before the evacuation he was in the grocery business in Los Angeles. His brother, Sgt. Togo Sugiyama, was killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and has been posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

## Nisei Veterans Help Set New Swim Record

Oda, Tsukano Perform On Winning Hawaiian Relay Quartet

LOS ANGELES—Two veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, Charlie Oda and Johnny Tsukano, helped set a new American record in the 400-meter free-style relay on Aug. 8 in the first annual Los Angeles invitation swimming meet at Olympic stadium.

Coached by Soichi Sakamoto, the Hawaii University Swimming club's A entry was clocked at 4:04.8 to erase the old standard of 4:06.8 set by Yale University in 1935.

Bill Smith, Jr. and Bill Neunzig were the other members of the record-shattering quartet.

Smith attempted to break Johnny Weismuller's 18-year old mark of 57.8s in the 100-meters but had to be satisfied with 59.4s. He barely won the race, nosing out Halo Hirose, Hawaiian Nisei swimming under the colors of Ohio State college.

Oda also placed second behind Don DeForrest of the Philadelphia Turners in the 200-meter free-style.

## New Denver Becomes "Ghost Town" as Evacuees Relocate

WINNIPEG, Man. — New Denver, British Columbia, one of the biggest of the Japanese Canadian evacuee housing centers, is now virtually a "ghost town" following the relocation of 543 persons during July to eastern relocation centers, the New Canadian reported last week.

Only a few of those leaving New Denver had immediate plans for individual resettlement. The majority went to government centers from where they will be released to individual relocation and employment. Two hundred and fifty went to the Neys camp in Ontario.

## First Issei Awarded First Papers in San Francisco Court

SAN FRANCISCO — Makizo Ogata, 1825 Turk St., is the first San Francisco Issei to secure his first papers for naturalization.

Ogata was granted his certificate on Aug. 5 in United States district court by Judge C. W. Calbreath.

However, Ogata, like other aliens of Japanese ancestry, is still ineligible for naturalization under the present laws.

During the war Ogata served as a teacher at the Navy language school at Boulder, Colo., and also was an OWI staff member.

He filed his application for his first papers last June.

His wife is the former Tello Nagatoshi of San Francisco.

## Earl Finch Guest At California Reunion

LOS ANGELES — Earl Finch, friend of Nisei GIs, was the guest of honor at a reunion of the men of Company E, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who are residing in the Los Angeles area.

The reunion was held at the home of George Zaima in Hollywood.

## California's Disloyalty Charges Against Japanese Americans To Be Challenged at Hearing

Former State Employees Seek Reinstatement, Withdrawal of Blanket Accusations Made by Personnel Board to Force Wartime Dismissal

SAN FRANCISCO—Reinstatement in their former status as employees of the state of California loomed as a possibility this week for eighty-eight Nisei who were suspended in April, 1942, on unsubstantiated charges made against their loyalty by the State Personnel Board.

Hearings for the Nisei have been scheduled for August 28, 29 and 30 in Sacramento, where the former state employees will finally be given opportunity to answer the elaborate charges

made by the state, according to James C. Purcell, Mills Tower building, San Francisco, attorney for the Nisei.

A preliminary meeting will be held at the home of Sumio Miyamoto, 2200 18th street, Sacramento, at 10 a. m. on August 27.

Counsel for the suspended Nisei indicated that it was essential that everyone of the suspended civil service employees appear. Otherwise absence can be interpreted as admission of the validity of the complaints, it was reported. Because of the wide dispersion of these Nisei since the evacuation, Attorney Purcell asked that they communicate with him directly or appear for the hearings.

The charges, which are still outstanding, are to the effect that the Nisei are citizens of Japan and

not of the United States, that they attended Japanese language schools, read Japanese newspapers, and belong to Japanese secret societies, and were thereby indoctrinated with Japanese propaganda. They additionally charge that the Nisei could not perform their State duties efficiently because of public antipathy, that their application for employment contained false statements of fact and that by reason of the establishment of military zones and the excluded area they could not perform the duties of their positions.

The office of the deputy attorney general will recommend that the Nisei be reinstated, according to a statement by Wilmer W. Morse.

Deputy Attorney General Morse has stated that "in the absence of some evidence of subversive activities, renunciation of American citizenship, obstruction of the war effort, or the commission of other acts of disloyalty towards the United States, or some act, or some activities on the part of these employees which would make it improper to permit them to serve as State employees, this office proposes to recommend their reinstatement to their state positions."

Among the suspended Nisei whose whereabouts are unknown are Haruko Nakamura, formerly of Granada, Amache, Colo.; Joice Kawamoto, Central Utah relocation center, Topaz, Utah; Mary Tomiko Okidoi, 8-G-12-D, Granada relocation center, Amache, Colo.; George Tsujimoto, 5434 13th St., N. W. Cleveland, Ohio; Alice Mutusuko Ohashi, Rohwer relocation center, McGhee, Ark.; Rose Y. Takagi, Jerome relocation center, Denson, Ark.; May Machida Okada, 908 East 5th St., Chicago, Ill.; Ruby Masuda Matsuhara, 1510 Fidelity Bldg., Kansas City 6, Mo.; Alice Abe, 308 Irvine St., St. Paul, Minn.; Jim T. Kai, Jerome relocation center, Denson, Ark.; Dave Okada, 908 East 14th St., Chicago, Ill.;

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## Ask Realtors Drop Race Bans In Minneapolis

City Council Group Takes Action After Jon Matsuo Case

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The City Council's roads and bridges committee on Aug. 6 urged the council to request the Minneapolis board of realtors to eliminate race restrictive covenants in deed to land in future subdivisions.

The action was an outcome of the Jon Matsuo case in which a race restrictive covenant was enforced to prevent an American war veteran of Japanese ancestry from building a home in a proposed housing project for former GIs. The covenant on the property restricted occupancy to persons of the Caucasian race.

The committee's recommendation was an indorsement of similar action taken previously by the city planning commission.

## Minato Will Be Delegate to Democratic Parley

SEATTLE — George Minato, Northwest representative of the JACL recently was elected the delegate of the newly-organized Nisei Democratic club to the planning meeting of the Washington State Democratic convention.

Minato will seek Democratic party support for legislation for legislation to indemnify evacuees and to remove racial restrictions from the naturalization law.

## Nisei Injured In Auto Collision

ST. PAUL, Minn.—George Morimoto, 29, 765 Pelham Blvd., St. Paul, suffered severe head injuries in a head-on collision between two autos here on Aug. 10.

Morimoto, a passenger in the car of Claude and Charles E. Dow, is now under treatment at Ancker hospital.

## Oakland Civil Service Group Notes Nisei's War Record

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Oakland civil service record of George K. Shiraki, Nisei city employee who was evacuated from the Pacific coast in 1942, hereafter will show that he was on military rather than indefinite leave, the Board of Playground Directors announced last week.

The directors of the playground group on Aug. 10 adopted a resolution asking the Civil Service Commission to insert in Shiraki's record the notation that he has

been on military leave from Aug., 1943, to Nov. 1945.

Shiraki entered the U. S. Army as one of the original volunteers for the 442nd Combat Team from the war relocation center at Topaz, Utah and served with distinction in Italy and France.

While at Topaz Shiraki was a member of Volunteers for Victory, a camp group which urged enlistments into the army.

Shiraki returned to work as a greensman-caretaker for the Oakland Recreation Department last January.

## Disciples of Christ Demand Legislation to Repay Evacuees

COLUMBUS, O. — Passage of specific legislation to indemnify Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry for evacuation losses was asked by the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ at their session on Aug. 8.

The convention also called on Congress to remove racial restrictions from the naturalization law and to provide a fair trial for Japanese aliens now facing deportation.

The resolution passed by the convention declared:

"Whereas, We Disciples of Christ uphold justice and Christian citizenship, and

"Whereas, a small group in our American life, persons of Japanese descent in America, have suffered injustice, prejudice and great losses due to the evacuation orders in 1942, and

"Whereas, many of the parents of our young men and women who served in the armed forces of our country are ineligible for naturalization under the present laws,

"Whereas, a few who have not been found guilty of misbehavior are facing deportation,

"Be it therefore resolved, by the International Convention of Disciples of Christ in session at Columbus, O., Aug. 6 to 11, 1946, that

"1. We urge Congress to approve claim bills S 2127 and HR 6790 to allow just claim for losses.

"2. We urge Congress to approve bill HR 7128, which will remove restrictions from our present laws in the matter of naturalization, because of race, ancestry or national origin.

"3. We urge Congress to approve bills HR 5927, HR 5454 and Judd bill 6505, which will provide a just trial for those facing deportation."

The resolution was signed by Joseph B. Hunter, J. D. Montgomery, N. M. Roberts, Richard DeVilliers, Henry I. Searle and Galen Lee Rose.

James Sugioka of Indianapolis, Ind., a national official of the Disciples of Christ, was a delegate to the convention.

## Stranded Nisei Girl Weds GI in Japan

TOKYO—Receiving special permission from General MacArthur's headquarters, Michi Yamasaki, former San Francisco girl who was stranded by the war in Japan, was married to Yutake Ikeya of the U. S. Army in Tokyo last month.

Ikeya is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunsaku Ikeya of Minatare, Neb.

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## EDITORIALS:

### A Misinformed Public

The extent of still-prevalent misinformation concerning Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry is shown in the results of the recent nation-wide poll of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Denver which indicated that a full two-thirds of the American people still believe that persons of Japanese lineage committed espionage for the Japanese government during the war.

The truth, of course, is that no person of Japanese ancestry has been accused by the FBI of wartime spying in the United States for the enemy. But the racists and the hate-mongers who spewed false information concerning Japanese Americans and resident Japanese aliens following the outbreak of the war have left their imprint. The stories of Pearl Harbor sabotage and espionage by Japanese Americans long since proved as wholly without foundation, nevertheless, have taken roots in the minds of two-thirds of the people of America.

So long as the impression persists in the minds of the majority of the American people that persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States are guilty of wartime activities against the American government, any effort to win majority support for remedial legislation on behalf of the group must combat the false knowledge that disloyal acts were committed.

The late War Relocation Authority and various private organizations, including the JACL, have done much to improve the public relations of the Japanese American group by making available information which has disproved the false propaganda of the racists. The results of the NORC poll proves, however, that the work of public relations must be continued and intensified.

It comes as no surprise that the largest percentage of those who still believe that persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States engaged in wartime espionage are residents of the Pacific Coast and Mountain states. It was in the western half of the United States that the anti-evacuee campaign of lies, race myths and half-truths was carried on by groups who sought the permanent exclusion of Japanese Americans from our national life and economy. The effect of that campaign of slander against an American group is shown in the fact that 74 per cent of the residents of the western United States still believe that Japanese Americans committed espionage.

The anti-evacuee groups sowed vicious tales of espionage and treason in an effort to justify their activity. Most of these groups long since have passed away but their slanders have remained behind them.

Some of the responsibility for this condition of gross misinformation must be placed at the door of government authorities for their failure to deny these stories. Until the advent of the WRA, the government made little attempt to clarify the tales of sabotage which grew out of the disaster at Pearl Harbor. In fact, Frank Knox, then Secretary of the Navy, even gave these vicious rumors official sanction by including them in his report to President Roosevelt following a hurried trip to Hawaii.

Insinuations and the possibility of espionage menace among persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast were used by Lieut. Gen. DeWitt to justify his order of mass evacuation in 1942. Gen. DeWitt's report never has been repudiated although the war is over and no charge of espionage or sabotage has been brought against a West Coast resident of Japanese ancestry.

The NORC poll makes it evident that a

continued educational campaign is needed if the Nisei, with their wartime record of honesty, gallantry and sacrifice, are to be given their rightful place in the hearts and minds of their fellow citizens.

### Prejudice in Utah

A special Utah state committee on racial discrimination last week disclosed its findings, and those findings were sad indeed.

Headed by Chairman Sol J. Selvin of Tooele, the committee sent out questionnaires to employers, employees, hotels, government agencies, apartment house operators, service clubs and labor unions. The findings were based upon the survey sheets returned.

The findings were, briefly:

1. *The questionnaires answered, 303 to 3, that the signers believed that opportunity should not be denied because of race. The 303 were comprised of 152 employers, 14 service clubs, religious and fraternal organizations, 18 labor unions and 19 apartment house and real estate owners.*

2. *But 69 of 169 employers admitted they deny Negro citizens equal opportunity, and 61 exclude them from certain types of work. Forty-seven of 162 are unwilling to extend these citizens the same seniority rights given others, and 27 to 178 are unwilling to pay the same wages for the same job. Ninety-eight of 160 employers stated that they would employ Negro citizens without discrimination if their competitors agreed to the same policy.*

3. *In public places 27 of 100 owners questioned declared they deny service to Negroes. Americans of Japanese, Indian, Filipino, Mexican and Chinese ancestry are denied service in places ranging from 13 in number to 9. Here again many firms declared they would change their policy of discrimination should their competitors agree.*

Thus the facts belie the noble sentiments expressed in the first statement. (Fifteen labor unions, however, of eighteen reported they admit Negro workers without discrimination.) The facts, as expressed in the daily discrimination against thousands of minority citizens in Utah, prove counterfeit the affirmed statement that these employers and public service places believe in equals opportunity for all. Nineteen real estate owners and apartment house owners put their seal of approval upon this principle, but in Salt Lake City real estate owners and apartment house operators fought bitterly against the establishment of the Negro USO. Real estate and apartment house owners continue to fight for the establishment of racial restrictive covenants.

The Utah state senate racial discrimination committee has made a strong recommendation for the enactment of legislation to reduce discrimination and the establishment of machinery for enforcement.

For, as the Salt Lake Tribune stated succinctly in its story of the Selvin committee report: *Few Utahns believe in race discrimination, but a substantial number practice it.*

### Civil Service

Shortly after the outbreak of war the State of California sought to force the mass resignations of approximately 400 civil service workers of Japanese ancestry. More than 300 of the Japanese Americans were induced to take leaves of absence on the promise that they would be able to return to their jobs after the termination of hostilities. Eighty-eight of the Nisei employees, however, would not be intimidated and refused to resign unless specific charges were brought against them.

In what was an outright violation of the civil liberties of the Nisei involved, the State of California filed blanket charges of disloyalty against the 88 employees and terminated their employment. Now, four and a half years after these charges were filed the Nisei involved are being given a hearing as the first step toward their reinstatement to State employment.

The State now proposes to reinstate the 88 suspended employees. "In the absence of some evidence of subversive activity," Deputy Attorney General Wilmer Morse has declared, "this office proposes to recommend their reinstatement to State positions." The hearings in Sacramento from Aug. 28 to 30 will give the Nisei an opportunity to answer the charges brought against them more than four years ago during the period of hysteria against Japanese Americans which followed the outbreak of war.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Report to Our Readers

During the four years we have edited the Pacific Citizen we have avoided any discussion of the internal affairs of the newspaper. This week, however, we received a note from William Cummings, editor of the splendid interracial paper, NOW, which declared that NOW was suspending publication. It set us thinking on the subject of newspapers in general and particularly on the fate of papers like NOW and the PC which are not published for profit and which have a reason for existence beyond the ordinary purveyance of news.

It is axiomatic in the newspaper profession that publications which seek to make a better world lose money in the process. In cases where financial subsidization is available the matter may not be of too great a concern, but in the case of the PC and of hundreds of similar publications the subject of week-to-week existence is a constant problem. Increases in the cost of publication, reflecting the current inflationary trend, and scarcity of newsprint are problems which confront every publisher (for example, Life and Time magazines have raised their purchase prices 50 and 33 per cent respectively, while the Ladies Home Journal has gone from 15 cents to 25 cents) but the little papers with limited resources are less able to withstand the high cost of existence. Although Bill Cummings did not mention it, this is probably the reason why NOW has been suspended.

If the tremendous success of a New York tabloid is any criterion, the appeal of a newspaper can be measured by its ability to touch the lowest common denominator of public interest. The specialties of this New York paper are sex and sensationalism and such comic strips as "Dick Tracy" and "Terry and the Pirates." This tabloid sells 2,500,000 copies daily and more than three million on Sunday. In contrast, the New York paper PM is a case in point. PM is against people "who push other people around." It accepts no advertising, because it knows that advertisers too often wield the blue pencil on policy, and it has a daily circulation of about 175,000. It is losing money and it has already cost its backer, Marshall Field, more than \$4,000,000. Mr. Field, of course, is that rarity, a rich man who believes in complete journalistic independence. But Marshall Field cannot prime the pump forever, and the editors of PM are now embarked on a campaign to recruit the 100,000 more readers necessary to put PM on a paying basis.

The problems of the little papers are, of course, relative to those of the mass circulation dailies. The annual cost of the Pacific Citizen, for instance, is less than \$30,000. But the problems of advertising and circulation affect weeklies like the PC as much as they do the big papers. PM has yet to prove that a paper can exist without advertising. Many newspapers, avowedly independent and progressive in purpose, have been forced to trim their policies to match the prevailing whims of their advertisers. Papers, like the Chicago Sun and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch which have maintained their integrity in spite of their advertisers, are rare among America's daily journals.

The New Republic and the Nation, two of America's most influential liberal weeklies, get little advertising and are supported by funds and foundations.

The Pacific Citizen sells about 25 per cent of its space to advertisers and it is with pride that we can say that not once has an advertiser sought to influence policy. (Of course, the great majority of the PC's advertisers are individuals and small business operators.)

During the past four years the Pacific Citizen, published by the National JACL, has operated independently, both editorially and financially. The editorial policies, however, have reflected more often than not, the stand of the JACL and financially the newspaper could never have appeared in its present format after the evacuation were it not for the financial support given it by the JACL.

Briefly, the PC's story is this: From 1931 until April, 1942 the paper was the fraternal organ of the JACL and was published on a monthly basis. Its function during that period has been taken over by the JACL Reporter. In April, 1942

the present editor was asked by Saburo Kido, then national president of the JACL, to go to Salt Lake City and to establish a paper which would help keep the evacuees informed on problems of special interest to them, since all of the West Coast publications of Americans of Japanese ancestry had been suspended as a result of the evacuation. No other editorial dictum has been given the editor of the PC by the JACL since then. It is a tribute to Mr. Kido, then under malicious attack, that he has never asked the Pacific Citizen to defend the JACL or to become its propagandist against the attacks of persons who sought to make him and the organization the scapegoats of the evacuation.

The Pacific Citizen lost money during the first eighteen months of its publication as a weekly from Salt Lake City. Since that time, until recently, it has met its expenses and the special Christmas issues have provided it with a small reserve. In 1945, just before the closing of the centers, it reached a peak circulation of 8,500. Today it has approximately 7,000 subscribers. In June of this year the Century Printing company, which prints the PC, was forced by rising newsprint and labor costs to raise its rate 15 per cent. Since then it has been touch and go between red and black ink on the PC's ledgers.

The subject of an increased subscription price has been discussed but the policy will be to keep the present rates in effect unless continued inflation makes such a policy impracticable. It is hoped to meet rising costs by increasing the number of subscribers by at least one thousand. Every reader who gets another reader will help keep the PC on a self-supporting basis.

This essay on the subject of ink, newsprint and the cost of publication is in the nature of a report to the thousands of loyal subscribers who have created and helped maintain the Pacific Citizen in its present format. It is the first time we have attempted such a report and we hope it has been of some interest to our readers.

### Orders for MISLS Pictorial Album Now Being Taken

MONTEREY, Calif. — A subscription drive now being carried on for the Military Intelligence Service Language School pictorial album will be terminated soon, it was announced recently by the school.

Hundreds of orders have already come in from Hawaii, Japan and the continental United States, it was announced.

The book is a graphic record of the school from its early days at the Presidio of San Francisco and Camp Savage, Minn., to its later days at Fort Snelling.

The overseas section will tell the work of graduates in the South Pacific, the CBI and Japan. Many of the pictures in this section have never before been shown the public, due to erstwhile War department restrictions, it was reported.

Orders should be mailed to the MISLS Album, Presidio of Monterey, California. Money orders and checks are acceptable. Price of the book, which will be delivered in September, is \$3.50.

The editor is Pete Ohtaki.

### Nisei Prosecutor Returns to Private Practice in Hawaii

HONOLULU—Richard Mirikitani, believed to have been the only Federal enforcement attorney of Japanese ancestry during the war, ended service last week as district court prosecutor to return to private practice.

During the war Mirikitani served a year as enforcement attorney with the OPA in Honolulu.

During the year of service just concluded in the city and county prosecutor's office Mirikitani was a specialist in "gang-busting" prosecutions in gambling and prostitution trials.

Mirikitani is a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Eight of his brothers, including four doctors, one lawyer, one broker, two teachers and one musician



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A Short Story:  
The School Boy Hamlet

Tom Fukunaga Spent His Life Preparing  
For the Day He Would Play Shakespeare

By TOSHIO MORI

He used to come to the house and ask me to hear him recite. Each time he handed me a volume of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare. He never forgot to do that. He wanted me to sit in front of him, open the book, and follow him as he recited his lines. I did it willingly. There was little for me to do in the evening so when Tom Fukunaga came over I was ready to help out almost any time. And as his love for Shakespeare's plays grew with the years he did not want anything else in the world but to be a Shakespearean actor.

Tom Fukunaga was a schoolboy in a Piedmont home. He had been one since his freshman days in high school. When he was thirty-one he was still a schoolboy. Nobody knew his age but he and his relatives. Every time his relatives came to the city they put up a roar and said he was a good-for-nothing loafer and ought to be ashamed of himself for being a schoolboy at his age.

"I am not loafing," he told his relatives. "I am studying very hard." One of his uncles came often to the city to see him. He tried a number of times to persuade Tom to quit stage hopes and schoolboy attitude. "Your parents have already disowned you. Come to your senses," he said. "You should go out and earn a man's salary. You are alone now. Pretty soon ever your relatives will drop you."

"That's all right," Tom Fukunaga said. He kept shaking his head until his uncle went away. When Tom Fukunaga came over to the house he used to tell me about his parents and relatives in the country. He told me in particular about the uncle who kept coming back to warn and persuade him. Tom said he really was sorry for Uncle Bill to take the trouble to see him.

"Why don't you work for someone in the daytime and study at night?" I said to Tom.

"I cannot be bothered with such a change at this time," he said. "Besides, I get five dollars a week plus room and board. That is enough for me. If I should go out and work for someone I would have to pay for room and board besides carfare so I would not be richer. And even if I should save a little more it would not help me become a better Shakespearean actor."

When we came down to the business of recitation there was no recess. Tom Fukunaga wanted none of it. He would place a cup of water before him and never touch it. "Tonight we'll begin with Hamlet," he said many times during the years. Hamlet was his favorite play. When he talked about Shakespeare to anyone he began by mentioning Hamlet. He played parts in other plays but always came back to Hamlet. This was his special role, the role which would establish him in the Shakespearean history.

Sometimes I could not see what we were heading for. There were moments when I was afraid that Tom's energy and time were wasted and that I helped him waste it. We were miles away from the stage world. Tom Fukunaga had not seen a backstage. He was just as far from the stageroom in his thirties as in his high school days. Sometimes as I sat holding Shakespeare's book and listened to Tom

I must have looked worried and discouraging. When he saw me in such a state he came over and slapped me out of it.

"Come on, come on!" he said to me. "Have you got the blues?"

One day I told him the truth—I was afraid we were not getting anywhere, that perhaps we were attempting the impossible. "If you could contact the stage people it might help," I said. "Otherwise we are wasting our lives."

"I don't think so," Tom said. "I am improving every day. That is what counts. Our time will come later."

That night we took up Macbeth. He went through his parts smoothly. This made him feel good. "Some day I'll be the ranking Shakespearean actor," he said.

Sometimes I told him I liked best to hear him recite the Sonnets. I thought he was better with the Sonnets than in the parts of Macbeth or Hamlet.

"I'd much rather hear you recite his sonnets, Tom," I said.

"Perhaps you like his sonnets best of all," he said. "Hamlet is my forte. I know I am at my best playing Hamlet."

For a year Tom Fukunaga did not miss a week coming to the house. Each time he brought a copy of Shakespeare's complete works and asked me to be his audience. For better or worse he was not a bit downhearted. He still had no contact with the stage people. He did not talk about his uncle who kept coming back urging him to quit. I found out later that his uncle did not come to see him any more.

In the meantime Tom stayed at the Piedmont home as a schoolboy. He accepted his five dollars a week just as he had done years ago when he was a freshman at Piedmont High. This fact did not bother Tom at all when I mentioned it to him. "What are you worrying for?" he said. "I know I am taking chances. I went into this with my eyes open so don't worry."

But I could not get over worrying about Tom Fukunaga's chances. Every time he came over I felt bad for he was wasting his life and for the fact that I was mixed in it. Several times I told him to go somewhere and find a job. He laughed. He kept coming to the house and asked me to sit and hear him recite Hamlet.

The longer I came to know Tom the more I wished to see him well off in business or with a job. I got so I could not stand his coming to the house and asking me to sit while he recited. I began to dread his presence in the house as if his figure reminded me of my part in the mock play that his life was, and the prominence that my house and attention played.

One night I became desperate.

Engle Explains  
Opposition to  
Claims Bill

Declares Belief  
Renunciants Would Be  
Eligible for Benefits

SAN FRANCISCO—Rep. C. Engle, D., Calif., who blocked passage of legislation to indemnify Japanese American evacuees during the recent session of Congress stated the reasons for his opposition in a letter received by Rev. Gordon Chapman of the Presbyterian church board last week.

In answer to an appeal from a church group for passage of the bill, Rep. Engle said:

"I have grave doubts as to the justice of this legislation as it applies to the Japanese who indicated their loyalty to Japan. A questionnaire which was submitted to the Japanese Americans draft age indicated that over per cent either refused to swear loyalty to this country or to swear allegiance to the emperor of Japan.

"The bill is broad enough in terms to cover these Japanese as well as those who have or can establish their loyalty. I think an obvious defect in the legislation should be corrected."

"That book is destroying your Tom. Why don't you give this for awhile?"

He looked at me curiously with out a word. He recited several pages and left early that evening.

Tom did not come to the house again. I guess it got so that Tom could not stand me any more than his uncle and parents. When I quit coming I felt bad. I knew I would never abandon his ambition. I was equally sure that Tom would never rank with the great Shakespearean actors, but I could not forget his simple persistence.

One day, years later, I saw him on the Piedmont car at Fourteenth and Broadway. He was sitting with his head buried in a book. I was sure it was a copy of Shakespeare's. For a moment he looked up and stared at me as if I were a stranger. Then his face broke into a smile and he raised his hand. I waved back eagerly.

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# Hawaiian Nisei Gets Ovation at Junior 'World Series' Game

## East Line Squad Takes Lead in San Jose League

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Coast quintet, hitting a handicap series of 2439, took the lead in the second half of the Northern League of the San Jose JACL league by defeating S&R Lines, 4 to 0. Fuzzy Shimada of the losers had high series 24.

In the southern division the Means Watcher team defeated Mike & Roy Service with a high series of 2360. Fuzzy Endo of the Flower Growers leads the league with a 188 average during the first half. Fuzzy Endo is second with 173.

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### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yuichi Tanaka a girl on Aug. 2 at Walnut Grove, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hirasuno a girl on Aug. 6 at Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wataru Arishita, 1435 West 48th South St., Salt Lake City, a boy on Aug. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mun Iseri, 530 S. W. First St., Ontario, Oregon, a son, Marc Munroe, on July 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Ando a boy, Stephen Michael Toshio, on Aug. 10 at Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Murakami of Brighton, Colo., a girl on July 30 at Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kumano of Sanger, Calif., a girl on Aug. 4.

### DEATHS

Tomio Kawamoto, 13, on Aug. 6 at Knights Landing, Calif.

Gotaro Inaba, 66, 161 East 6th South St., Salt Lake City, on August 6.

Shiro Honda, 85, of Cupertino, Calif., on Aug. 3 at San Jose.

Sakutaro Kubota, 63, on Aug. 8 in Los Angeles.

Jotaro Tamori, 80, in Concord, Calif., on Aug. 6.

Jusuke Takemoto, 80, in Lodi, Calif., on Aug. 3.

Masaichi Hirotsu, 60, on Aug. 3 in Sacramento.

Mary Noda (Mrs. George Noda), 23, on Aug. 4 in Detroit.

### MARRIAGES

Mary Sasaki to Toru Inouye on Aug. 3 in Fresno, Calif.

Beatrice Kaihara to Alfred Takata on Aug. 11 in Denver.

Emma Mineko Kobayashi to Thomas Noboru Nakaoki on Aug. 11 in Denver.

Shizu Nakanishi of Renton, Wash., to Kanji Nishikima in Sacramento on Aug. 11.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

WHEREABOUTS OF: Mrs. Yoshiko Shiga (formerly Yoshiko Minakata of Stockton, Calif.) whose last address was 2015 Market St., Denver 2, Colo. Contact Mrs. H. Hiyoshida, 819 So. Encinita, Rosemead, Calif.

ANYONE knowing whereabouts of Mrs. Kazuo Nakayama, whose former address was Rt. 1, Box 430, Cupertino, Calif. (not certain). Please notify Mrs. Ui Sagara, No. 2 Bacon Island, Stockton, Calif. There is a letter for her from her father, S. Iwashita of Kumamoto, Japan.

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Miss Hosaka, who is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 110 pounds, was selected by a committee of three, Mayor S. Z. Leymel and Dr. Kibuo Taira of Fresno, and Johnson Kebo of Fowler.

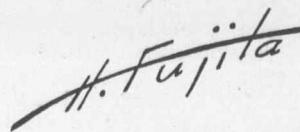
Runners up in the contest were Kazue Yamasaki of Bowles and Yoshiye Noda of Selma. Other contestants were Elaine Uyemura, Jean Kato, Michiko Ego and Rose Marie Nakatani.

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## San Jose Zebras Lose to Strong Southside Market

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Zebras took a sound 18 to 3 beating at the hands of the Southside Market nine, a team loaded with many former Coast League players, in a night game on Aug. 12 at Municipal Stadium.

The Zebras play a doubleheader on Sunday, Aug. 18. The first game will be against former Asahi old-timers and the second opponent will be the Suisun Nisei squad.

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# Japanese Canadians Deported Under Government Program

### Announce 3151 Sent To Japan; 1377 Were Aboard Last Vessel

OTTAWA, Canada—More than three thousand Canadian residents of Japanese ancestry who had filed for repatriation or expatriation have been deported as of Aug. 7, Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell announced in parliament last week.

A group of 1377 persons, approximately half of whom are minor children who have Canadian citizenship, left from Vancouver on Aug. 2 aboard the General Meigs for Yokohama. The departures brought the total of deportees to 3151.

Mitchell, whose Labor Department is in charge of the deportation, said that several hundred others were awaiting deportation.

The Privy Council in London is now considering a suit brought by Japanese Canadians which contests the legality of the Canadian government's deportation program.

## MISLS Bowlers Split Games with San Jose Teams

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Bowlers from the MISLS at Monterey broke even in two matches with San Jose teams on August 10 at the Valley Bowl with the soldiers taking the first series 3-1, 2552 to 2440, and losing the second 1-3, with a point score of 2194 against 2286 for San Jose.

Sgt. Johnny Tamaki, who shot a brilliant 580 series headed by a 214 game and Pvt. Norman Sato's high game of 228 paved the way for the MISLS victory in the first event. Jim Nagahara rolled a 518 to star for the San Jose five.

## Idaho Legion Post Backs Evacuee Claims Proposal

PARMA, Idaho—The Parma post of the American Legion will present a resolution at the Idaho American Legion convention next week supporting legislation to indemnify wartime evacuees for losses sustained through military evacuation, it was reported here.

## Rep. Douglas Will Support Evacuee Bill

### Should Be Passed "In Decency, Justice," Says Congresswoman

SAN FRANCISCO—A pledge of active support for legislation to reimburse Japanese American evacuees for evacuation losses is made by Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, D., Calif., in a letter to the San Francisco office of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The JACL group had asked for support for the bill to set up an Evacuation Claims Commission.

"It is outrageous to think it wasn't passed this session," Mrs. Douglas declared. "I fought with congressmen on the floor to try to get them not to object but it looks as though we have lost the fight this session. However, I will take it up in the next session because I know that in decency and justice the bill should be passed."

Messages of support of the legislation also was received from Rep. Frank R. Havenner and Rep. George Outland, two other California Democrats.

## Nisei Soldier Commended for Occupation Work

### Major General Ryder Awards Ribbon to Sgt. Tom Nagata

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN JAPAN—Technical Sergeant Tom K. Nagata, age 20, of Indio, California, was recently awarded the Commendation Ribbon by Major General Charles W. Ryder, Commanding General of IX Corps, for meritorious service in Yamagata, Japan.

The Citation read: "For outstanding accomplishment while serving as Interpreter in the 8th Military Government Headquarters and Headquarters Company during the period 20 November 1945 to 8 July 1946, in the occupation of Yamagata Prefecture, Honshu, Japan. During this period, Technical Sergeant Nagata performed his duties in such a manner as to simplify the duties of Military Government in the occupation. On his own 'off duty' time he has held classes, teaching English to the Japanese employed as servants, to the Yamagata Police Force, and to the Yamagata Telephone operators, thus furthering the cause of the Occupation of Japan. His exemplary performance reflects great credit upon him and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Technical Sergeant Tom K. Nagata, 36906783, is hereby authorized to wear the Commendation Ribbon by direction of the Secretary of War."

The Commendation Ribbon was presented to him by Lt. Col. William A. Nunn, Jr., Commanding officer of the Yamagata Military Government Team, at a ceremony held by this unit.

Nagata was inducted into the Army on July 12, 1944. He was graduated from the Army Japanese Language School at Ft. Snelling, Minn. and left for overseas duty on August 28, 1945.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nagata, reside in Indio, Calif. His brother, Kazuo Nagata, a wounded veteran who was through the Italy and France campaigns with the 442nd Nisei Infantry Combat Team, also resides in Indio, Calif.

## Bids on Granada Barracks Opened

DENVER, Colo.—Priority holders may bid on 446 buildings of the former Granada relocation center for evacuees of Japanese ancestry at Amache, Colo., the War Assets Administration announced this week.

Buildings for sale include 360 barracks, 30 laundry and bath-house buildings and 30 recreation halls.

## Nisei Golfer Reaches Semi-Finals in AVC Golf Tourney

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Nobby Araki reached the semi-finals of the San Jose American Veteran's gold championship by defeating Glenn Anderson 4 and 3 on August 10 in the third flight of the AVC tourney. Araki will play the semi-final round next weekend at the Hillview golf course.

## Rollerland

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Vagabonds, a young men's club consisting of persons chosen from different areas in the bay region, will hold a skating party at the Rollerland in Oakland on Sunday, Sept. 1, from 10 p. m. Tickets can be obtained from Vagabond members. No jeans or cords will be allowed, it was announced. The rink is located at 55th and Telegraph.

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## Racial Housing Bans Will Be Studied in L. A.

### Effect of Restrictions On Nisei Group to Be Subject of Survey

LOS ANGELES — A thorough study of racial restrictive covenants as affecting Japanese Americans and members of other minority groups in the Los Angeles area will be undertaken by newly re-activated Los Angeles JACL chapter.

The subject of restrictive covenants will be discussed by L. Miller, noted attorney and authority on racial housing restrictions at the next meeting of the JACL panel.

At the first panel meeting Aug. 5 at the home of Mr. Mrs. Fred Mittler, the JACL panel group discussed the alien land law amendment which will appear on the California ballot in November.

The JACL will initiate a campaign to get Nisei to register to vote in the coming election.

The panel also stressed the necessity of JACL action to open more vocational opportunities for Americans of Japanese ancestry who have returned to the West Coast area.

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