



## JACL Fights Alien Land Act Amendment



LOS ANGELES—Campaign literature urging California voters to defeat the Alien Land Law amendments, Proposition 15, are shown in the above photo being wrapped for delivery to one of the many organizations which are cooperating with the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee. Eiji Tanabe, JACL regional representative, pre-

pares a bundle as Mrs. Tazi Hirano checks the count with an assist from Scotty Tsuchiya, also of the Southern California JACL office. In addition to more than 200,000 pamphlets distributed against Proposition 15, the JACL unit has sent out more than 1,000 posters.

—Photo by Toyo Miyatake.

## San Francisco's Democrats, GOP Oppose Proposition 15

### Major Party Organizations Urge Voters to Defeat Move to Tighten Alien Land Law

SAN FRANCISCO—The Democratic and Republican county central committees in San Francisco this week recommended the defeat of Proposition 15 on the State ballot on Nov. 5.

William M. Malone, chairman of the San Francisco Democratic County committee, announced that the Democrats are opposed to the validation of the amendments to the Alien Land Law and will support the initiative creating a fair employment practices commission in the State.

The Republican County Central committee in San Francisco, headed by Herbert Hanley, revealed the stand of the GOP on the Alien Land Law initiative in a printed leaflet now being mailed to voters in the city.

Joe Grant Masaoka, local representative of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, which is working for the defeat of Proposition 15, welcomed the actions taken by the San Francisco Democrats and Republicans.

"Actions of this nature are unprecedented in California's political history as heretofore it has been the popular thing to support anti-Japanese American issues," he added. "It is encouraging to receive the support of these two groups."

Masaoka stressed, however, that most California voters "are unaware of the dangerous and un-American implications of Proposition 15."

He asked the continuance of a widespread and militant campaign for defeat of the measure.

### Nisei Artist Shows Work in Denver

DENVER — Art work by Miki Miyakawa, Santa Fe artist, went on display in Denver this week at the Kober Book Shop, 438 E. Col-

her work will be displayed in a joint exhibit with paintings by Preston McCrossen, also of Santa

The exhibit is being sponsored by Alan Swallow, member of the University of Denver faculty. The paintings will be shown through the rest of October.

### PALO ALTO TIMES ASKS DEFEAT OF PROPOSITION 15

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The Times, Palo Alto daily newspaper, recommended a "No" vote on Proposition No. 15, the Alien Land Law amendments, in an editorial on Oct. 17.

The Times said that the submission of the Alien Land Law issue at the coming elections "is ill-timed and needless."

"The voters here are asked to pass on complicated questions that they do not understand and which more properly should be decided by the courts," the Times added. "There is no existing danger... which makes it necessary to revive this anti-alien controversy at this time."

### JACL Official Will Wind Up Campaign Against Land Law

LOS ANGELES—Mike M. Masaoka, executive secretary of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, will wind up his campaign against Proposition 15 with a talk before the Women's Civic Club of Los Angeles on Nov. 4.

This week Masaoka spoke against Proposition 15 in appearances before the Huntington Park Southeast YMCA, the West Los Angeles chapter of the American Veterans Committee, Redlands University and at St. Luke's Episcopal church.

### Proposition 15 Opposed by L.A.'s Municipal League

LOS ANGELES — Overwhelming opposition to Proposition No. 15 is indicated in the results of a straw vote taken among the board of directors of the Los Angeles Municipal league, it was reported here.

Results of the poll are being sent to the Municipal League membership. The tabulation was not disclosed.

### ACLU Brief Filed in Alien Fishing Test

#### Claims 1945 Ban on Japanese Fishermen Is Unconstitutional

LOS ANGELES — Asking the California Supreme Court to declare the 1945 amendment to the State Fish and Game Code barring Japanese aliens from commercial fishing as unconstitutional, a brief was filed last week by the American Civil Liberties Union in the Torao Takahashi test case which is now under the consideration of the State's highest tribunal.

The ACLU brief is signed by the following attorneys: Arthur Garfield Hays, general counsel of the ACLU, New York City; Richard Hawkins and Frederick Sussman of the New York Bar; and Fred Okrand, Isaac Pach, Morris Cohn, Robert Morris, Clore Warne, Hugh MacBeth, Jr., Herbert Gannahl, Daniel S. Marshall and William Strong, all of California.

The brief claimed that the 1945 amendment was unconstitutional because it discriminated against aliens of Japanese ancestry on racial grounds.

Torao Takahashi is represented before the State Supreme Court by A. L. Wirin, counsel for the Southern California ACLU and the Japanese Fishermen's Association. The JACL has been cooperating in the test case.

## Civil Liberties Union Files Suit for Restoration of Rights Renounced by Nisei in Camp

### EVACUEE THANKS AMERICA FOR YEARS OF FREEDOM

SAN JOSE, Calif. — "I surely did enjoy the 50 years of my life in America," Akihira Endo of Gilroy, Calif., wrote in Nov., 1945, before he died at the Colorado River relocation center at Poston, Ariz.

Endo's will, the first in the Japanese language ever to be recorded in probate court in Santa Clara county, thanked the United States for 50 years of freedom and directed that "my present holdings (\$400) which is located and tied to the legs of my underpants" be distributed to the Community Red Cross at Poston, the Buddhist church, the Japanese American Citizens League and to aid "all Japanese descent orphans in California."

The Maryknoll Catholic church of Los Angeles was asked to act as trustee if Endo's next of kin, a sister in Tokyo, could not be located.

### California CIO Urges Defeat Of Amendments

#### Proposition 15 Is Called Hangover Of War Hysteria

SAN FRANCISCO—Describing Proposition No. 15 on the California ballot as "nothing more than a hangover from a war-born hysteria," the California CIO Council this week asked "all democratic people" to help defeat the Alien Land Law amendments at the polls on November 5.

Mervyn Rathbone, secretary-treasurer of the California CIO, issued a statement which declared:

"The California CIO Council believes that all democratic people should vote 'No' on State Proposition 15. Its passage would intensify the discriminatory persecution of the obsolete Alien Land Law. The amendments proposed in the proposition reinforce the Alien Land Law, which is today being used to facilitate seizure of lands and homes of American citizens and veterans of Japanese ancestry.

"This measure is nothing more than a hangover from a war-born hysteria. If passed it will be a strong factor making for race hatred and discrimination in the State of California."

### Berkeley Chamber Opposes Amendments

BERKELEY, Calif.—The board of directors of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce went on record last week opposing the passage of Proposition 15, the Alien Land Law amendments, at the coming elections.

## Salt Lake VFW Post Extends Welcome to Nisei Veterans

### Atomic Post Resolution Recalls Brilliant Record of Nisei GIs

Salt Lake City's Atomic Post No. 4355, Veterans of Foreign Wars, this week unanimously went on record "to encourage and solicit Japanese American veterans of overseas service to become members of this great American organization."

The resolution adopted at the Oct. 23 meeting of the VFW post was released by Post Commander Glen E. Thompson, a Marine veteran of Pacific service who is also senior vice-commander of the VFW in Utah.

The resolution noted "there has

### Tom Ariza Reported Awaiting Induction Into U. S. Army

LOS ANGELES—The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit on Oct. 22 in behalf of Tom Tamotsu Ariza for restoration of the American citizenship which he renounced while in the Tule Lake, Calif., relocation center during the war.

The case was filed in Federal court by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, ACLU attorneys, for Ariza who is now awaiting induction into the United States Army.

The case is expected to affect 4,000 other evacuees at the Tule Lake camp who renounced their citizenship. Countersigning the suit with Wirin and Okrand are Attorneys Arthur Garfield Hays and Osmond K. Fraenkel of New York City, national counsel for the ACLU.

According to the petition Ariza was born in Puente, Calif., and was evacuated to a relocation center while a resident of the State. The suit declares that he renounced his citizenship while being detained at Tule Lake and that the renunciation was "under undue influence, duress, fear, mistake and coercion."

The complaint further recites that Ariza cooperated with government authorities while in forced detention by working at the Pomona assembly center and by working as a cook and storekeeper at the Heart Mountain camp. While at Tule Lake he was employed as a laborer, an electrician and later as secretary of the school. He also helped on the Red Cross project.

Ariza denied that he is a dual citizen or a citizen of Japan and said, having been born in the United States, he is an American citizen by birth and that such citizenship cannot be renounced or taken away. He also charges that the renunciation procedure adopted by the Department of Justice deprives him of due process of law in violation of the 5th Amendment to the Constitution.

The national office of the ACLU, which is sponsoring the test, announced that the case will be taken to the United States Supreme Court in order to secure a court ruling from the highest court as to whether or not any of the Tule Lake renunciants are deportable to Japan.

It is reported that approximately 400 renunciants from Tule Lake are still interned at the Crystal City, Tex., camp and are scheduled for eventual deportation to Japan.

### Tule Lake Council Buildings Allocated

TULELAKE, Calif.—Allocations of all school buildings in the former war relocation center for Japanese American evacuees at Newell has been made by the Bureau of Reclamation to local schools and non-profit organizations, it was reported here.

been a conspicuous absence of Japanese American veterans of this war on Veterans of Foreign Wars memberships" and declared "there have been groundless rumors of discrimination in our ranks."

In welcoming Nisei membership the resolution, passed at a general meeting of the Atomic Post which consists of veterans of World War II, declared "it is a known fact that the Japanese American veterans have set a brilliant and enviable record for themselves in this war."

Post Commander Thompson said that he and the members of the Atomic Post wanted Nisei veterans in the Salt Lake City area to join and take an active part in the affairs of the organization.



## Work of Southern California Civil Rights Defense Union Will Be Carried on By JACL

LOS ANGELES—The Southern California Civil Rights Defense Union, which was formed early this year to protect the civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry, was dissolved here this week following an emergency conference with JACL leaders Saburo Kido, George Inagaki, Mike Masaoka, Scotty Tsuchiya and Eiji Tanabe.

Work of the organization will be carried on by the Japanese American Citizens League.

Decision to terminate the work of the CRDU in favor of the JACL was reached by a unanimous vote of the CRDU board of directors.

In announcing its decision, the board stated that the CRDU was formed at a time when no chapters of the JACL were organized in southern California.

"Today with the JACL active in the legislative field, and having more than eleven chapters formed in southern California, we wish to announce that through the unanimous decision of the board of directors, we are in favor of merging our activities with that of the JACL," the statement declared.

The board of directors further asked that the people of southern California "cooperate with the JACL in carrying out the important work of protecting the civil rights of the Issei and Nisei residing in southern California."

The retiring cabinet of the Civil Rights Defense Union consists of Shigemitsu Aratani, president; G. T. Ishikawa, vice president; and Sadamu Eejime, executive secretary.

Mike Masaoka, national executive secretary of the JACL, made the announcement of the action to the JACL.

"In the state of California we are particularly concerned with the protection of lands and the other properties now held by persons of Japanese ancestry and the rights of all Japanese, Issei and Nisei, to lease and operate property, commercial and agricultural, and to engage in every field of human endeavor on the same basis as other Americans," Masaoka said. "Specifically, we are interested in the many escheat proceedings which the state of California has brought against American citizens of Japanese ancestry, in the defeat at the polls of Proposition 15 and the right of all Japanese Americans to engage in all occupations and businesses in the same manner as other Californians."

"Since these problems are common to Nisei and Issei, it was felt by the directors of the CRDU that more could be accomplished by working through one organization and not several. The JACL and its anti-discrimination committee were designed to head the campaign, since we were already organized to function most effectively in these fields."

## Plans Set for Intermountain Area JACL Convention

PARMA, Idaho — Headquarters for the Intermountain District JACL convention, which will be held on Dec. 14, 15 and 16 will be established at the Washington hotel in Weiser, Idaho, according to Ted Takeshita, publicity chairman of the JACL event.

Accommodations may be had in Weiser if applications for reservations are made immediately with Miss Beulah Shigeno, convention secretary, at PO Box 567, Ontario, Ore., Mr. Takeshita said.

## Citizens Committee Formed To Fight Land Law Proposal

SAN FRANCISCO — Describing Proposition 15 (Validation of Legislative Amendments to Alien Land Law) as obscure in method and discriminatory in purpose, members of the Citizens' Committee Against 15 are actively opposing that measure, it was announced on Oct. 23.

Organized in San Francisco on October 9, the Committee has stated that its position is opposed to the character as well as the intent of No. 15. Citing it as a "sneaker proposal supporting the basis of the escheat suits to seize lands and homes of American GIs of Japanese ancestry," spokesmen for the committee denounced the measure as constituting approval of Alien Land Laws whose constitutionality is now under review by the courts.

## Autographed Copies of "Boy From Nebraska" On Sale in Chicago

CHICAGO—The Ben Kuroki biography, "Boy From Nebraska," by Ralph G. Martin, can now be purchased at the Chicago JACL office and through members of the sales committee.

Two hundred and fifty copies of the book, signed by the Japanese American Air Force hero, are being distributed by the Chicago chapter.

The sales committee is headed by Masaji Morita.

## San Joaquin Valley Nisei Veterans Feted

FRESNO, Calif. — Approximately 500 Nisei veterans of World War II from Central California and 25 Gold Star mothers of Japanese ancestry were honored at a dinner dance on Oct. 25 in the Fresno Memorial Auditorium.

Lieut. Col. J. C. Cairns, formerly General Stilwell's operations officer, praised the wartime record of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry in his address which was heard by city and county officials, educators and religious leaders from many San Joaquin valley communities who were guests at the affair.

Johnson Kebo of Sanger was chairman of the affair, which was attended by 1500 persons, including the families of Nisei soldiers.

Joe Grant Masaoka, Northern California regional representative of the JACL, acted as toastmaster. Arrangements were made by committees which were headed by Rev. Hideo Hashimoto of Fresno, Dr. Kikuo Taira of Fresno, George Abe of Selma, Tom Sakamura of Sanger, Akira Chiamori of Parlier and Henry Mikami of Fresno.

Among the Fresno leaders invited were Mayor Z. S. Leymel, Dean James M. Malloch, Monsignor James G. Dowling and Rabbi David L. Greenberg.

## Menlo Park Issei Exhibits Paintings

SAN FRANCISCO — Two paintings by a San Mateo, Calif., nurseryman, Shin Adachi, are on exhibit this month at the Palace of Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park, San Francisco.

Adachi, father of 11 children, of whom five were in the service, studied painting at the relocation center at Topaz, Utah.

This represents the first time he has attempted to show his work in a recognized art exhibit.

The paintings are titled "Mother and Son" and "Sunset at Topaz."

Mine Okubo, author - artist, whose book, "Citizen 13660" appeared this month, is also represented with two drawings.

The exhibit will continue until November 3.

## State Senator Shelley Recalls Fight in California Legislature Against Restrictions on Nisei.

### Introduced Veterans Of 100th Battalion In Senate Chamber

LOS ANGELES—State Senator John F. Shelley of San Francisco, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of California, told a meeting of the AFL Central Labor Council that he had acted as well as talked against race discrimination as a member of the California Senate and cited his record in fighting a proposed bill to deport Japanese Americans to Japan and to prohibit their reentry into California from war relocation centers.

Senator Shelley assured the AFL group that he was wholeheartedly in support of the FEPC initiative on the November ballot.

Prefacing his recital by remarking "This may lose me some votes right here," Shelley related how he had invited ten Nisei veterans of the famous 100th Infantry Battalion to be his guests on the Senate floor at the height of the debate on Japanese Americans early in 1945.

The Japanese American GIs were in California at the time en route to their homes after service

in the European theater of war.

Shelley said he introduced the Nisei soldiers to the State Senate with the comment:

"Today they all wear Purple Hearts, many of them also wear distinguished service citations, DSCs and Silver Stars. They have fought for your right and my right to be here."

"But tomorrow they will not have that uniform on and you will forget they are Americans. Then they, under the law you propose, will become victims of our narrow-mindedness, bigotry, hatreds and prejudices of the sort we've heard expounded here for the past 10 days."

"The Senators applauded," Shelley said.

The proposed restrictive legislation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry was not passed at the session.

Later Senator Shelley joined with Mayor Lapham of San Francisco in intervening to protect the right of a returned evacuee of Japanese ancestry to a job as a member of the city's municipal railway system.

Senator Shelley formerly was an AFL official in San Francisco.

## Anti-Restrictive Covenant Used By Civil Rights Group to Fight Non-White Housing Restrictions

LOS ANGELES—With court decisions pending on cases testing the legality of restrictive covenants now being used to exclude persons of Negro, Japanese, Chinese and other minority group ancestry from occupying homes in residential areas, the Los Angeles Civil Rights Congress this week announced a "new weapon" against the restrictions in the form of an "anti-restrictive covenant."

The Coordinating Council to Combat Restrictive Covenants, a new group launched by the Civil Rights Congress, is circulating the new "anti-restrictive covenant" which is a legal document prepared by its attorneys.

The new document is receiving its first test in the fight on behalf of the Japanese American family of E. K. Yamato of West Los Angeles. Neighbors of the Yamatos are seeking to oust the family from their new home.

The Yamatos, unable to build a home because of current shortages, bought an Army barracks building and moved it to their property at Armacost and Nebraska streets. Despite the fact that several other Japanese American families live in the neighborhood, several neighbors objected to the returned evacuees.

Although no restrictive covenants were in effect in the neighborhood, a group arranged for the circulation of a petition to bar the Japanese Americans. Signatures for the petition were taken at the office of a real estate agent.

One of the first groups to take action to fight for the right of the Japanese Americans to live in the area was the American Veterans' Committee. Soon members of AVC chapters in Santa Monica, Culver City and West Los Angeles arrived at the office of the real estate agent and formed a picket line. Leaflets against the practice of restrictive covenants were distributed.

## Chicago JACL Sets Date for Semi-Formal Inaugural Ball

CHICAGO—The Chicago chapter of the JACL will hold a semi-formal inaugural ball on Dec. 13 at the Crystal Ball, Shoreland hotel.

Lincoln Shimidzu has been named general chairman. He will be assisted by Dr. Mas Sakada, facilities chairman; Jack Ota and Louise Suski, publicity; Mas Iwakagawa, bids; Jiro Yamaguchi, sales; Mari Sabusawa, program; Mary Suzuki, program; Noboru Honda, patrons and patronesses.

The committees are meeting weekly to insure a successful evening. Orchestras are now being auditioned by the program and facilities committees.

## PERU TO PERMIT 24 JAPANESE TO RETURN TO HOMES

WASHINGTON — The Peruvian government has agreed to take back only 24 of its 400 Japanese residents who were arrested during the war and taken to the United States for internment.

The Peruvian Japanese have been held at the Santa Fe and Crystal City internment camps of the U. S. Department of Justice.

All those who are not permitted to return to their homes in Peru are subject to deportation to Japan as "illegal entrants" to the United States, although they were brought to the United States by military authorities against their will, it was indicated here. The Peruvian Japanese at present are assigned to farm projects, mainly at Seabrook Farms in New Jersey, under the supervision of the Justice Department.

## Baptist Choir Plans Skating Party

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Japanese Baptist church choir was scheduled to hold a pre-Hallowe'en benefit roller skating party on Friday, Oct. 25, at Southgate Rollerdom.

## Church, Civic Groups Support FEPC, Oppose Alien Land Law

LOS ANGELES—A "Yes" vote for FEPC, Proposition 11, and a "No" vote on Proposition 15, the proposed validation of Alien Land Law amendments, "is overwhelmingly recommended by church and civic organizations in Southern California," the Open Forum, publication of the Southern California office of the ACLU reported this week.

The Open Forum reported that Daniel G. Marshall, chairman of the executive committee of the Catholic Interracial Council, has condemned Proposition 15 with the following statement:

"The legal jibberish of this proposition is a crude restatement of the fundamental principle of Hitler's national socialism—the racist doctrine of white supremacy and non-white inferiority."

"Decency, justice and gratitude both to the Americans whose blood was spilled in our common defense, and their parents, who are the joint targets of this vicious proposal require its defeat."

It is reported that the executive committee of the Welfare Council

## Counties Liable For Relief of Evacuee Group

### Retain Status as Residents of Counties In Which They Lived

EL CENTRO, Calif. — The supervisors of Imperial County were advised last week by the State Department of Welfare that the county is liable for the welfare of former residents of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated in 1942 and who are now in need.

The State agency ruled that the evacuation in 1942 was a "forced movement" and that the evacuees retained their status as residents of Imperial County until they voluntarily established their residence elsewhere.

The State's ruling was given in the case of a family of Japanese ancestry which had resided continuously in Imperial County from 1918 until the evacuation. The family recently requested relief from the county after being moved from a relocation center to a temporary housing project in Southern California.

## American Service Committee Reports On Japan Relief

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The American Friends Service Committee this week announced it had initiated its feeding program in Japan with a \$34,821.84 purchase of surplus goods. The purchase includes dehydrated eggs, canned meat, jam, fats, blankets and clothing.

Supplies will be distributed by the Japanese government in consultation with a central committee composed of recognized social welfare, religious and civic leaders. It will be distributed to the most needy without regard for race, color or creed, it was announced.

The three groups in greatest need of help among the Japanese people are babies, children in institutions and tubercular patients in hospitals, the AFSC reported.

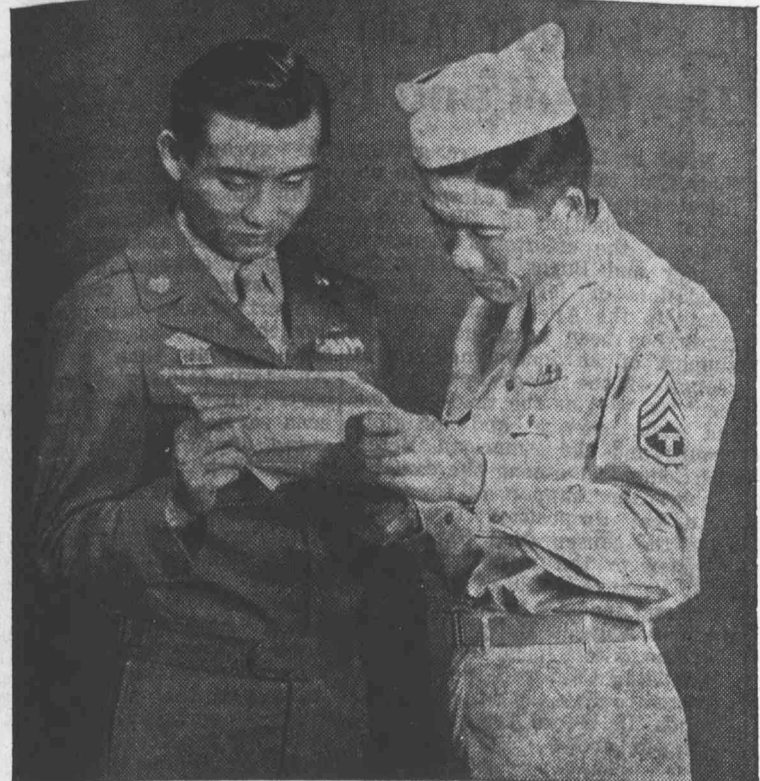
Esther Rhoads, Quaker representative, is commissioner for American committees associated as the License Agencies for Relief in Asia (LARA). Miss Rhoads has reported that babies are in desperate need of milk, which is almost unobtainable. Hundreds of children run away from various institutions, including sanitariums and rest homes, because they receive so little food, she reported.

Miss Rhoads also stated that in one hospital for the care of tubercular patients it was said that there had been no cure in the eight years of war, since the present basic 1200 calories is not enough for tuberculosis improvement. Patients with some hope of recovery generally leave to live with relatives, where they believe they can get more food, she said.

LARA has permission to send 2,000 tons of relief supplies monthly. The expected first shipment to Japan has not yet left San Francisco because of maritime difficulties, the AFSC said, but it is expected to leave as soon as the shipping difficulty is solved.



## State Seeks to Confiscate Farm of Two Nisei Veterans



SELMA, Calif.—Akira Iwamura, left, veteran of military intelligence service in the Pacific war, returned home recently and was served by the State with an Alien Land Law escheat summons under which the State is seeking confiscation of his farm property. He is shown examining the summons with his brother, Cecil, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team.

### The Los Angeles Daily News: An Answer for Sgt. Iwamura

California's farmlands have really outdone themselves this autumn. Their harvest bounties have poured forth by trainloads to help feed hungry millions half across the world. And here on the west coast, because food prices are high and people have money to spend, farm incomes have soared and the value of farmlands has increased many fold.

For many California farmers—genuine farmers, that is, as well as the Spring and Montgomery street variety—agriculture and animal husbandry have become booming business. But for others, such as Akira Iwamura, up in Fresno County, the right to own a few acres of California's soil and make that soil yield abundance has been taken away. This right has been taken away by an alien land law which voters are asked to incorporate on Nov. 5 into our state constitution.

No more un-American, discriminatory, "sneaker" proposition was ever placed before the local electorate. Watch for it on the ballot. It is Proposition No. 15.

Akira Iwamura has written a letter about this proposition and has asked questions about it every honest-souled citizen should try to answer. Here is what Akira says:

"I am ex-sgt. Akira Iwamura, 26, and I'm puzzled. My brother and I came out of the Army to find an alien land law suit to escheat my farm and evict the family from my home.

"Your newspaper, and the magazines and newsreels told about the 422nd Infantry regiment, made up of Japanese-Americans. They praised its combat record and said the terrific casualties suffered bought the right to fair play for us and our families.

"My brother Cecil is 24 but his black hair is now streaked with gray. He sweated it out and got wounded with the 442nd as they fought in Italy. In the battle for Germany he aided in the 'Rescue of the Lost Battalion.'

"While my brother Cecil was in the European hot spots with his regiment, I was in the South Pacific with the Nisei intelligence. We both thought we were fighting to keep our family and home safe. In Manila I helped draw up charges against the Japanese war criminals.

"I came home and read the alien land law court summons to take away my farm. I read the arguments for Proposition 15 to strengthen the alien land law. They sound like criminal indictments. Why are we hounded like outlaws?

"Many in our outfits died to prove Americanism is in the heart; looks and nationality don't count. My folks have lived here for 40 years under the present law which bars them from citizenship. We were born in Fresno County, but because my folks happen to come from Japan my farm and home are being taken away from me.

"Why does California with its alien land law keep kicking us in the teeth. Don't Purple Hearts and Presidential Unit citations mean anything? Maybe, some of my Nisei buddies who died in Italy, Germany, Okinawa and other combat fronts might have been the lucky guys. They're not home to face this kind of pushing around.

"I thought gold stars, combat awards and official citations meant something. Is California laughing at us Japanese-American veterans and our war honors? Then why is Proposition 15 on the Nov. 5 ballot? I'm wondering."

Well, Akira Iwamura, so much for your letter. What are we going to say to you? First, of course, we can tell you a lot of us are wondering about the same things you are wondering about. We're wondering when all of the self-styled "right thinking" people in this blessed land are going to become aware of the deep hurt and bitter humiliation our hypocrisy, our double-standards and double-dealing, and our un-Christian quest for "white supremacy" have visited on practically all our fellow citizens with darker skins.

We're wondering, too, when people are going to wake up and face up to the realization that economic opportunity must not be limited any longer by reason of race or national origin.

You see, Akira, not enough of us can get it through our heads that an atomic bomb has no race consciousness. Not enough of us can see that, as we "rise from victory to victory over surrounding nature," as the great Russian scientist, Pavlov, said, we create a world in which the human race can exist only in fraternity and equality.

The people of California, Akira, will answer your questions two weeks from today. For their sake, let's pray they give the right answers. For if they don't give the right answers, if, indifferent, calloused, shortsighted even in the pursuit of their own self-interests, they uphold this right to escheat you of your farm and hound you through your life because your skin is brown—if they do this, something monstrous will rise to judge them one of these fine days.

The Nazis destroyed themselves when they robbed and ruined others. America must not do this. California must not do this. In the Atomic Age no one of us can long survive by picking on the other fellow.—R.E.G.H. An editorial in the Los Angeles Daily News of Oct. 22, 1946.

### "Traveling Office" Distributes Forms On Evacuee Losses

PORTLAND, Ore.—A "traveling office," equipped with desks and chairs and carrying a staff of four persons, aided recently in distributing the JACL evacuee loss form No. 101 to persons in Vanport City.

Driver of the special car was Juneous Oba. Other staff persons were Toshi Kuge, Hanae Fujiwara and Shig Hongo.

The staff aided persons in Vanport City in filling out the form, which lists losses suffered through the 1942 mass evacuation.

### Nisei Takes Editorship of Colorado Paper

Katherine Kawamura Assumes Post on Weekly Paonian

DENVER, Colo. — Katherine Kawamura, former English editor of the Rocky Shimp of Denver, has accepted the editorship of The Paonian, a liberal weekly newspaper in Paonia, Colorado, the Rocky Shimp announced this week.

Paonia is in the southwestern part of the state and is virtually inaccessible during the winter months. The population is 1000. Miss Kawamura will be the only Nisei in the community.

The new editor of The Paonian graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1944 as a journalism major. She has been active in JACL work and was editor of the Denver JACL Bulletin, generally credited with being the best of the chapter papers.

She is a native of Colorado and the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. Kawamura, 2556 Arapahoe street, Denver.

### Yurino Takayoshi To Wed November 2

NEW YORK CITY—Miss Yurino Takayoshi, New York representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, will marry Mr. Everett James Starr, U. S. Army, on Saturday, November 2, in the chapel of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church.

Private Starr is on the public relations staff of the U. S. Army in the New York area. He was formerly with the Scripps-Howard chain.

### Testimonial Dinner Will Honor Nisei Veterans in L. A.

LOS ANGELES — Leaders in Southern California public life will pay tribute to the wartime record of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry at the testimonial dinner to be given on Nov. 3 by the Nisei Council at the Rodger Young auditorium, 936 West Washington Blvd.

Hollywood screen celebrities will join with California political figures and religious, educational and other community leaders at the banquet which will be attended by 1500 persons.

Besides Nisei war veterans from the Los Angeles area, the guests of honor will be the mothers of Southern California Nisei who were killed in service.

### Second Conference Of San Francisco Nisei Planned

SAN FRANCISCO — The possibility of a second conference of San Francisco area Nisei to be held in January was indicated this week following the discussions of the problems of returned evacuees at the first conference on Oct. 19 at San Francisco State college.

Legislative, housing, education and recreation problems of Japanese Americans were discussed at the conference which was sponsored by the International Institute.

Among the speakers at the conference was Harold Dobbins of the Simmons Mattress company, which now employs approximately 300 Nisei in San Francisco. Dobbins urged the International Institute and other agencies to keep

## American Veterans Committee Of California Recommends Defeat of Proposition 15

### THREE NISEI PLAY FOOTBALL GAME IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Canadians of Japanese ancestry still are excluded from the Vancouver area but three Japanese Americans appeared in a football game here on Oct. 10 as members of the visiting Kaimuki school Bulldogs from Hawaii who lost to Vancouver college, 13 to 6.

The Nisei members of the Kaimuki team were the first persons of Japanese ancestry to participate in an athletic event in western British Columbia since the evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry early in 1942.

The only score made by the Honolulu team came as a result of a 50-yard run by their star quarterback, Herbert Imanaka.

Richard Takara and Lawrence Yokohama were the two other Nisei members of the Kaimuki team who played in the game at Capilano stadium.

### Nisei Soldier Aids Recovery Of Stolen Rings

TOKYO—T/3 Paul M. Hayami of Honolulu, T. H., aided this week in the recovery of two U. S. Naval Academy rings torn from the fingers of prisoners of war on the Japanese prison ship, Nitta Maru, in January, 1942.

The rings belonged to Capt. Winfield S. Cunningham, USN, governor of Guam at the time of its capture, and Col. George Potter, a Marine officer.

Sgt. Hayami and another Allied headquarters investigator went to the home of Toshio Sato, whom they were trailing as a suspect accused of complicity in atrocities committed aboard the Nitta Maru.

The two investigators began a search of Saito's home. While the two were in the main room, Mrs. Saito was observed slipping some objects into her kimono sleeve. Hayami ordered her to turn over the objects, which turned out to be the two Annapolis rings.

The rings will be retained as trial evidence and later returned to their owners.

### Birth Certificate Held for Nisei

SANTA ANA, Calif. — A birth certificate issued to Nobuko Hoshima at R. F. D. 72, Walnut Grove, California, has been found in Santa Ana, according to L. H.

## U. S. Government Drops Case Against Iva Toguri in Toyko

### U. S. Nisei Girl Weds Canadian Veteran in Toronto

WASHINGTON — Miss Mary Ogawa of Washington, D. C., was married to Mr. Roger Obata of Toronto, Ontario, at the Glebe Road United church in Toronto on Oct. 19. The Rev. F. W. Bailey performed the ceremonies. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mrs. Ellen Ogawa Cappello of Washington, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, while Mr. Yoshi Kishimoto was best man. Mrs. Chiyo Ozawa of Toronto was bridesmaid.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ogawa of Idaho, was employed as a research analyst in the military intelligence division of the war department. She was past president of the Nisei Junior USO Hostesses, and an active member of the JACL.

The groom, the son of Mrs. T. Obata, is a designing engineer with the Cansfield Electric Works Ltd. of Toronto. A former veteran of the Canadian Intelligence corps, he was stationed for nine months in Washington as a member of the Allied language pool unit.

in touch with the Association of Personnel Managers to introduce Nisei and Issei workers gradually into other industries.

### State Planning Council Will Notify 108 Units Of Stand on Proposal

TULARE, Calif.—The American Veterans Committee in California will recommend to its members that Proposition 15, constitutional sanctions to legislative amendments to the Alien Land Law, be defeated at the elections on Nov. 5, it was reported here this week following a meeting of the State 22-man planning council of the AVC on Oct. 19 and 20 in Tulare.

The AVC group also called for passage of Proposition 11, the FEPC initiative, and called upon war veterans and other citizens to launch a buyers' strike until prices of commodities return to a "sane level."

The recommendation against Proposition 15 will be among the resolutions which are being sent to the 108 chapters of the American Veterans Committee in California.

### Masaoka Asks AVC Support of Fight Against Prop. 15

LOS ANGELES — The West Los Angeles American Veterans Committee was asked this week to vote "no" on Proposition 15 by Mike Masaoka, who spoke on behalf of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Passage of Proposition 15 could well become an opening wedge to deprive other minorities of their civil and property rights, the JACL executive said.

"Today it is the Japanese American who is being singled out for special treatment," Masaoka told his veteran audience. "Tomorrow it may be the Jews, the Catholics, the Negro, the Mexican or any other group which can be identified or labeled because of their nationality, religious beliefs or their interest and concern in various programs. In fact, even the veteran himself may some day become a target for discrimination and prejudice unless we see to it that the ugly head of hate is decimated wherever it appears, and in whatever form it appears.

"A negative vote on Proposition 15 reaffirms the principles for which we fought; an affirmative vote makes a lie of our sacrifices," Masaoka concluded.

Nicholson, of the property division, Santa Ana police department.

The certificate will be mailed to the owner upon forwarding of the correct present address, according to Mr. Nicholson.

### Investigation Fails To Establish Her As "Tokyo Rose"

LOS ANGELES — The Federal government is dropping its case against Iva Toguri, a former resident of Los Angeles County who has been under arrest in Tokyo on the charge of broadcasting propaganda from Radio Tokyo during the war, it was reported this week.

Miss Toguri had been charged as being the "Tokyo Rose" of Japan's wartime radio.

U. S. Attorney James M. Carter stated this week that "Tokyo Rose" was a composite person with at least a dozen voices, so Miss Toguri, a former student at UCLA, may be released soon by occupation authorities.

Carter indicated that a year's investigation by the FBI failed to establish the fact that Miss Toguri was the woman who tried vainly to spread discontent and unrest among American troops in the South Pacific.

Miss Toguri was arrested by General MacArthur's troops after she had signed a contract with an American magazine to tell her story as a radio broadcaster in Tokyo.

Carter said that investigation disclosed that Toguri was only a stenographer at the broadcasting office, and although she occasionally announced broadcasts, many other women in the same office also announced programs.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Election in California

There is no better illustration in the change in public attitudes in California on questions involving the State's residents of Japanese ancestry than the report this week that the Democratic and Republican central committees in San Francisco have announced their opposition to Proposition 15 on the November ballot.

Persons of Japanese ancestry have been used as political scapegoats in the State since 1906, when the San Francisco political boss, Abe Reuf, and his stooge, Mayor Eugene Schmitz, created what Carey McWilliams has called a "Japanese pogrom" as a diversionary issue to draw the attention of the electorate away from the charges of political corruption which faced the Reuf-Schmitz machine. The success with which the corrupt politicians were able to utilize the issue set the stage for later exploitations by anti-Orientalist professionals and San Francisco became the capital of the anti-Japanese movement in the United States.

One of Mayor Schmitz' most-publicized maneuvers was his march on Washington with members of the San Francisco school board, demanding the segregation of students of the Japanese race in separate schools. Mayor Schmitz at the time was under indictment for various crimes against the city of San Francisco, but he was so successful in whipping up race hatred that mob assaults against members of the city's Japanese population followed the return of the junketers from Washington. From that time on it was a rare politician who was not voluble on the "yellow peril."

The action this week by the Democratic and Republican party leadership in San Francisco is probably the first such action by either of the major parties on an issue which directly involves the State's racist legislation against persons of Japanese ancestry, although Mayor Lapham and State Senator Shelley set the stage last year by their bipartisan action to crush an outcropping of race prejudice against an evacuee who had returned to the city.

Prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry has persisted in California in an era in which the changing political morality of the State has forced the discarding of open displays of antagonism toward any of the other racial minority groups. Legislation frankly aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry, such as the anti-alien fishing amendment of 1945, has been passed at a time when similar restrictions singling out any other group would be considered political suicide for those responsible.

The widespread opposition to Proposition 15 and the Alien Land Law itself indicates an awareness on the part of the political leadership in California of the fact that race-baiting does not pay. This opposition is a repudiation of the Alien Land Law and all that it stands for in hate, greed and unsavory politics. It is notable that this opposition now embraces the two major parties, the progressive political movement as a whole, the trade unions and the civic, social welfare and religious groups. The racists are left alone to defend their mean patch of prejudice.

Defeat of Proposition 15 would be a significant development in the history of California politics.

The racists have only the ignorant and the uninformed to support them in their effort to perpetuate their anti-democratic Alien Land Law.

## Minority Groups And the Pacific Area

By LAURENCE I. HEWES, JR.  
American Council on Race Relations

About ten per cent of the eleven million persons who live on the Pacific Coast belong to colored minority groups. The Pacific Coast has the largest concentration in the country of Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Filipinos, Mexicans and East Indians. Recently the Negro population has increased to perhaps a half-million persons.

All these peoples may be considered immigrants in a strict sense, yet in a somewhat looser sense, the entire population of the Pacific Coast, if not immigrant, is immigrant. Hence, the area has been one of rapid social shift and change, having no long-established social arrangement. For this reason, there is hope for the emergence of new and more progressive patterns of race relations. A chronicle of recent West Coast events in behalf of satisfactory minority-majority group adjustments would indicate that this opportunity is already recognized.

The establishment of mayor's committees and community councils has done much to aid race relations on the coast.

Decisive official action to improving race relations would include the famous James vs. Marinship decision of the California Supreme Court; favorable judicial action in behalf of property rights of persons of Japanese ancestry; and the reversal of a biased decision and the consequent release of youthful Mexican defendants in the Los Angeles Sleepy Lagoon murder case. The State of California has twice issued public documents outlining modern racial police techniques.

On the literary level, West Coast groups and authors have produced a considerable volume of material. *The Negro War Worker in San Francisco* and *The Negro in Portland* were prepared under the auspices of citizens' groups. They are reinforced by McWilliams' *Prejudice and Brothers Under the Skin*, and *Not With the Fist* by Tuck. The field has its scholars: Stegner of Stanford, Fearing, Hoijer, and Bloom of California, Weckler of Southern California, McEntire of Berkeley, Melville Jacobs of Washington, and Blair Stewart of Reed College.

Groups in Oregon, Washington and California have pushed fair employment practice legislation in state legislatures and in several cities. In California, a tremendous, popular drive in behalf of FEPC is under way. Thus, voters of California will have it in their power to grant to members of minority groups their rights to economic equality.

It would be short-sighted, indeed, to overlook the efforts of groups working in the opposite direction: more anti-racial legislation is proposed; race restrictive covenants are on the increase; police brutality is still common; and insidious attempts are made to revive the Ku Klux Klan.

It is fortunate that the Pacific Coast has so quickly developed a vigorous, widespread movement to counter these evidences of intolerance and prejudice.

## Nisei GIs in Japan

The shooting war has been over for more than a year, but approximately one thousand American soldiers are still in training at the Military Intelligence Service language school at the Presidio of Monterey. These Nisei are being trained as "linguists and missionaries," in the words of Col. Elliot R. Thorpe, commandant of the school, for the important work of assisting in the democratization of Japan.

The participation of thousands of trained Nisei soldiers accelerated the march toward victory in the Pacific war and has speeded the work of occupation in Japan. Nisei troops have assisted in the preparation of evidence for the trials of war criminals and are now being used in the investigation of any activity which threatens the success of the Allied occupation of Japan.

The major work of these trained Nisei, however, will be to assume an important share of the occupation of the defeated nation, particularly in the present transitional period between the fascism and militarism that was and the democracy which the Allies hope will be realized.

"We must instill the spirit of democracy. If we fail, the Japanese people will turn to something else," Col. Thorpe has declared. "This presents a tremendous opportunity for Nisei soldiers today."

The role of the Nisei GI in the making of a better world is one which cannot be minimized.

# Nisei USA

## The Nisei and Political Action

Nisei in California are getting their first taste of large-scale political action in the campaign to defeat Proposition 15. This opposition to the efforts of Senators Tenney and Burns to obtain the validation of legislative amendments to the Alien Land Law already has been broadened by the support of an increasingly large section of the progressive movement, as well as the trade unions, the civic service and religious groups and the American Veterans Committee among the ex-GIs.

Newspaper support of the move to defeat Proposition 15 ranges from the conservative Santa Ana Register to the ultra-progressive Daily People's World of San Francisco and includes such papers as the Los Angeles Daily News and the Palo Alto Times. Many more outstanding California dailies are expected to urge the defeat of Proposition 15 before the polls open on November 5.

It is interesting to note that the Nisei themselves are supplying much of the initiative in the fight against Proposition 15 and most of this effort is being offered by the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc. which is distributing more than 250,000 folders opposing Proposition 15. The JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, the new political arm of the organization, is organized on the same basis as similar groups which already represent Jewish and Negro groups in the field of political action. Its purpose is to fight race discrimination through political activity and its effectiveness, as far as the Nisei are concerned, will receive its first test in the California elections.

The campaign against Proposition 15 which is now at its height, though on a far more modest basis than the state-wide drive for Proposition 11, the FEPC initiative, originally was initiated as a defensive maneuver to protest additional legislative discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry. The issue was raised during the war by the race-baiters through Senators Tenney and Burns in an effort to strengthen the State's Alien Land Law, a nefarious piece of legislation directed solely against farmers of Japanese ancestry although written to apply to all "ineligible aliens." But today there is a distinct possibility, provided that the great majority of the people are informed as to the purpose of the proposed initiative, that Proposition 15 may boomerang on the racists. The growing campaign against Proposition 15 indicates that a large section of the California citizenry does not approve of the Alien Land Law.

This is the first time that Americans of Japanese ancestry in California have conducted a state-wide campaign on a political issue. Previously, any political activity on the part of Nisei largely was confined to local issues and to the organization of members of their group toward the support of Democratic and Republican candidates. The present campaign differs in that the Nisei are going out to seek the support of the main body of California citizens on a question which involves racial discrimination in the California law.

Most of the support for the campaign against Proposition 15 has come from liberal circles, but the question is one which is not being defined along partisan party lines. The issue at stake involves the future of racist restrictions, as exemplified by the Alien Land Law, and leading Republicans as well as outstanding Democrats and members of other minor party groups are represented among those who are fighting Proposition 15. Thus the issue is not one which pits Democrats against Republicans. Individual candidates generally have sidestepped the question, although a poll of assembly and State senate candidates from Southern California by the Church Federation of Los Angeles recently disclosed that, among those willing to comment on the Alien Land Law, more Democrats than Republicans opposed this form of legislative racism.

The supporters of the Alien Land Law, including Senator Tenney, H. J. McClatchy and leaders of the Native Sons of the Golden West, have been quick to point out that the law is directed against aliens of Japanese ancestry and not against American-born citizens. This is a specious argument since

the expropriation of the properties of "ineligible aliens" inevitably affects the security and welfare of their Nisei children. Under this law the Nisei are virtually the only group of citizens in the State of California who cannot inherit property from their parents. Under this law, as administered at the present time in California, American soldiers of Japanese ancestry have come home from overseas service to find themselves accused of violation of the law because their "ineligible alien" parents operated their farms in their absence. The State's answer to violation of the law is a suit for confiscation of the property involved.

It is no secret that among the fervid supporters of the Alien Land Law are those who covet the properties of the Japanese Americans and that the profit motive is an important one in the more than 50 prosecutions already undertaken against persons of Japanese ancestry. The present prosecutions were not initiated until the State Legislature, in wartime, appropriated \$200,000 for the use of the State Department of Justice in investigating and prosecuting violations under the law, and also provided that one-half of the money realized by the State upon the confiscation and sale of property would be shared with the county government.

The story of the passage of the present Alien Land Law in 1942 was told in 1942 in the report of the Tolan Congressional committee in these words:

"Anti-Japanese legislation in the spring of 1919 was forestalled by Secretary of State Lansing, who cabled that such action would have unfortunate repercussions on the peace negotiations. After the treaty was signed, the anti-Japanese campaign started. The old Exclusion League, now strengthened by the support of patriotic and military organizations, reformed its ranks; a joint immigration committee was set up in California, composed of the American Legion of California, the State Federation of Labor, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the California State Grange, and individuals who had long been active in the exclusion cause, such as V. S. McClatchy and State Attorney General U. S. Webb.

"These forces united to persuade the California legislature to appropriate money for an investigation of Orientals in California. The Governor was urged to call a special session to consider alien land legislation; when he refused, the exclusionists were instrumental in having placed on the ballot as initiative measures a land law and a poll tax on male aliens. The land law was regarded not as a necessarily effective means of driving the Japanese off the land but as a means of discouraging their immigration and of informing the rest of the country that California was earnest in its desire to crush the 'Japanese menace.' In the form of an amendment to the land law of 1913, the measure deprived a Japanese of the right to lease agricultural land, to act as a guardian for a native-born minor if his estate consisted of property which the Japanese could not hold under the law, or to transfer property with intent to evade the law.

"Opponents of the law were denounced by local posts of the American Legion. The bill passed by a vote of 668,438 to 22,086." The Legion which played an active part in the passage of the discriminatory law in 1920 has not officially taken a position on Proposition 15 and the only organized group of veterans to take stand has been the American Veterans Committee which has condemned the Alien Land Law as racially discriminatory.

The church groups which were the only ones with courage to oppose the racist steam-roller in the forefront of the campaign against Proposition 15, in addition, the powerful CIO Political Action Committee has condemned the Alien Land Law, along with the California Council for Civil Liberties, the ACLU, the Berkeley Unity, the ACLU, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Municipal League and various other groups.

The job ahead for the opponents of Proposition 15 will be to make (Continued on Page 6)



## Vagaries

### Thodunit . . .

Milton Ozaki, whose first novel, "The Cuckoo Clock," has made a name for him with mystery fans, recently moved his beauty salon in Chicago and has bought a boat on which he will concoct the further adventures of his new sleuthing team of Professor Caldwell and Benny Ozaki. Ozaki already is at work on a followup novel to his first, which was published by the University of Chicago Press. Ozaki is a native of Milwaukee, Wis., and operated his exclusive beauty salon in Chicago for many years.

### Short Story . . .

Sachi L. Wada, now in Minneapolis, has sold her first short story to a publisher. Miss Wada was on the staff of the Gila News-Courier before relocating in Minnesota where she has been attending school. The G. Fox & Co. department store in Hartford, Conn., has experimented with the integration of Japanese American and Negro clerks and reports that the plan has worked out "very well," according to the American Council on Race Relations. The plan was spurred by the Connecticut Inter-Racial Commission.

### Pro Ball . . .

Hank Matsuba, catcher on the Portland Lewis Warriors, Sixth Army champions, is considered a fine prospect for pro baseball. Matsuba was the star of the Minidoka relocation center high school team which romped over south-central Idaho competition two years ago. At that time he was considered as good a prospect as Roy Carlee who broke into pro ranks with the Salt Lake City Bees of the Pioneer league. Partee played in the World series this year with the Boston Red Sox. Incidentally, Matsuba was picked on the Sixth Army All-Stars.

### Broadcast . . .

Isamu Aoki of Salt Lake City came into the papers a year ago when he was elected president of the student council at the U. S. Army's GI university in Florence, Italy. Last Sunday Aoki, back from service with the 442nd Combat Team, was interviewed on the "Opportunity, USA" broadcast over KLL in Salt Lake. On the program Aoki explained his post-war job of packing and shipping Utah's famous celery through the produce house which he and his brothers operate.

### Sugar Strike . . .

Union employer negotiations in Hawaii's two month old sugar industry strike are expected to be resumed shortly. . . . Joseph Cummings Chase's portrait of Ben Kuroki was painted for the National Museum. . . . Lincoln Kimura, who served overseas with the 442nd Combat Team, is now serving as the trainer of the San Jose State college football team. . . . Dillon Myer is on the West Coast this week on government business but this time his work is not directly concerned with Japanese American evacuees. Mr. Myer is on an inspection tour in connection with his new post as commissioner of the Federal Public Housing Authority.

### Football . . .

Wally Yonamine and other members of the Honolulu All-Star (Leilehua Alums) football team made a big hit with football fans in San Jose and Fresno and probably will be back on the Coast next season. Any number of Coast colleges would like to get Yonamine, a triple-threat back who lived up to advance notices that he was "another Wedemeyer." . . . George Kita, the San Diego State and Drake U star backfield player who had a contract with the New York Giants pro football team last year, is now a practicing attorney and recently hung up his shingle in Chicago. . . . Jake Kamekichi, San Jose State guard, played football while in service with the strong Camp Grant eleven.

## NISEI USA:

### California Elections

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them aware of the issue involved in the proposal. If this can be done the result of the balloting may provide a mandate against racist legislation in California.

## Washington News-Letter

# Nisei Are Not Keeping Apace With Issues Which Affect Them

In his travels, Mas Satow, JACL legman east of the Rockies, runs into many an old friend from pre-war days. "What are you doing?" they ask. And when Mas tells them he's working for the JACL, they emit a surprised "Oh yeah?"

Mas in turn is somewhat surprised at them. Here he's been regional director of the JACL for over eight months and he's been mentioned in nearly every issue of the Pacific Citizen, and still many of his friends don't know about it. For one thing it indicates that they don't read the PC, and while that fact may be somewhat disturbing to Editor Larry Tajiri from a circulation standpoint, it is tragically disturbing in a bigger sense.

Nisei are not keeping apace with those issues which vitally concern them and their parents. They are misinformed, or totally uninformed in some cases, regarding legislation on naturalization for Issei and compensation for evacuee losses; they are unaware of the JACL's campaign to gain congressional and public support; they don't know what organizations are pressing the fight; they don't know what individuals are going to bat for them.

Many Nisei have retired into a shell of self-sufficiency, and have lost touch with Nisei affairs. That may be commendable from the standpoint of assimilation, but it lends no strength to the whole JACL program. From the perspective of long-range benefits to be gained from JACL's current legislative efforts, this is one of the most critical periods in Nisei history. This is the time when the JACL needs the backing of a large body of Nisei who realize the urgency of the situation and the need for aggressive action.

The JACL today has 4,000 members. That is certainly nothing to brag about. Actually it should be 40,000, says Mas. The JACL has grown since the end of the war, but its growth has been slow, too slow. And as time goes on, more Nisei, who at the moment are hesitant about committing themselves, will join the ranks of the JACL, but it will be too late.

The immediate present is the time when one's membership in the JACL and participation in its program will yield the most effective results.

In his talks to Nisei groups, Mas tries to show how important it is to the legislation on naturalization and evacuee compensation to have many Caucasians interested to the extent of lending active support. These are issues which Nisei alone cannot solve.

Since the end of the war, 12 new chapters have been activated in nine states in the east and mid-west. From a strategical standpoint this dispersion of chapters is advantageous, says Mas. It means that the support for Nisei is now more diffusive. It is no longer a case of only west coast congressmen hearing from their constituents regarding issues concerning Nisei, but congressmen of other states as well are now getting letters from their voters.

Merely having a number of chapters is not enough, declares Mas. The main job of the JACL is in the field of public relations, which means that the chapter members must learn to organize support for their program.

Many institutions in America today, observes Mas, are concerned with how many column inches they can get in the press about their programs and activities. The more the better, they figure. They think that's public relations. They are more interested in inflating themselves than in what they put into their press releases. What really counts is how much interest their releases engender and how much they move their cause forward.

Likewise, among JACL chapters, it is easy enough for them to point out that they have a concrete, constructive program, but it means little unless they get behind it and push it.

Nisei must be sensitive to issues affecting all racial groups, says Mas. They must realize that so long as one group is denied first-class citizenship rights, then everyone's rights are in jeopardy. That, Mas believes, is the essence of democracy.

In a democracy, he says, there are no spectators. Everyone must be a participant, or else there is no real democracy. It's just like a football game, where everyone

must pitch in and do his share, instead of standing on the sidelines in the role of spectators. Too many Nisei today are content to be bystanders.

The Nisei must get politically conscious and mature, instead of trying to wrap themselves up in their own security, because political maturity is a vital part of that security.

Mas sees a ray of hope in the new chapters because they are being manned largely by former non-members or people who were inactive in the pre-war JACL. Many who were not closely connected with the JACL before have now become vocal, Mas observes. Many of them heard all the unsavory things which were said in the WRA centers about the JACL, and yet they have come out in full support of the JACL. That is both refreshing and hopeful; it speaks well for the soundness of the wartime work of the JACL.

When Mas left Washington last week for his home in Milwaukee, he said he was going to do some heavy desk work. What the JACL needs now more than anything else is a brochure describing the objectives of the JACL, the aims and purposes of the organization, and its accomplishments. And he intends to turn out something concrete along this line before he hits the road again.

From experience, Mas has found it pretty tough trying to sell the JACL unless he has something in black and white to put into the hands of prospective members or Caucasian friends after he has got through talking with them. They need something between two covers that will tell concisely the story of the JACL.

Then probably there won't be a lot of Nisei who wonder what he is doing and what the JACL is up to. And he won't hear Nisei tell him he should be ashamed of himself for playing on people's emotions, and that he's jeopardizing the position of Nisei who have already been well accepted.

## Salt Lake Chapter To Hear Talk By Elmer Smith

Elmer R. Smith, assistant professor in anthropology at the University of Utah, will speak to members of the Salt Lake JACL on Friday, November 1, at Spaulding hall, 231 East 1st South street.

Students at the university have been invited as special guests for the evening. A social will be held after the regular meeting.

Mr. Smith was formerly community analyst with the War Relocation Authority at Hunt, Idaho, and more recently engaged in evacuee work in Seattle, Washington.

Glen E. Thompson, commander of the Atomic Post of Salt Lake City, VFW, will also be a speaker.

# Reader's Digest Reprints Story Of Return to Hood River Area

"The Nisei Come Back to Hood River," a report on the return of the evacuees to the hotly-disputed Oregon area, appears this month in condensed form in the "Reader's Digest."

The author is Richard L. Neuberger, noted Pacific Northwest writer. The article originally appeared in The Saturday Review of Literature.

Neuberger tells of the work of the Rev. W. Sherman Burgoyne of the Methodist church and the League for Liberty and Justice in defending the right of Hood River's Japanese Americans to come home.

The community which two years ago removed the names of Japanese American servicemen from

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### On Getting a Home in Denver

This week, at long last, we have a home. It's not ideal, but at least it's home and that's the main thing these days.

After three months the warmest of welcomes inevitably begins to wear thin, especially when the original stay was meant to be "temporary." So it was high time to leave the hospitality of two rooms in the home of Gard and Merijane Yokoe to make space for sundry kith and kin awaiting shelter in the unofficial hostel which the Yokoes seem to be operating.

We're thankful for having had the use of those rooms when other accommodations were unavailable, and we're glad that we can move on and let others move in.

The new place is a seven-room affair with two apartments in the basement and two unattached males renting two sleeping rooms

upstairs. We have five rooms on the first floor and we need them all in which to spread out the junk we have accumulated over the years.

Unpacking day was almost like Christmas. The movers brought the stuff in from a warehouse where it had been accumulating a storage bill at the rate of \$15 monthly. And it must have been an enormous load, because the bill said it took four hours to load and four hours to unload, at \$4 an hour.

As we delved into boxes, crates, cartons and barrels, many a familiar piece of kitchenware, knick-knacks and mementos emerged from wrapping of newspapers and shavings. We say it was like Christmas because each piece was like a gift being bared for the first time.

Almost every piece recalled something of life in a previous home and there were surprises, too, in the popping up of things which we had forgotten existed.

Some articles we wished we had never brought along. The crib, for instance, and the high chair which long had been outgrown but never discarded.

We haven't become acquainted with all the tenants yet. There's one who is a government geologist studying to become something else, and he's been in one night of the four or five that we have been in the house.

But one of the occupants of the apartments is an amiable young butcher who startled us by asking if we could write Japanese.

"Well, uh, after a fashion," we said, not quite knowing what it was going to lead to.

"I've got a friend in Japan," he went on. "I got to know him pretty well when I was in Japan with the army and he wanted me to write him and send him pictures after I got back home. Well, I'd kinda like to drop him a line and I need someone to help me do it."

Inasmuch as this butcher has assured us of a supply of hard-to-get items, we suppose we'll get around to struggling through a letter for him one of these days.

The neighbors have not been a problem, so far, in that they don't seem to be aware that we've moved in. The previous occupant told us: "Don't mind the neighbors; they just don't neighbor around here."

And he was right.

We recalled with nostalgia the neighborly folks of Iowa. When we moved into our last home we discovered the people next door had mowed our lawn in anticipation of our arrival. "It was getting a bit long," they explained casually when we thanked them.

Back in Des Moines we could hardly walk up to the busline without someone along the street stopping us to pass the time of day or commenting on the weather.

But Denver is a big city—neighbors don't pay much attention to the people next door except to evaluate them curiously and critically.

The refrigerator wouldn't run when it got here from the warehouse. Our tinkering was of no avail, so we called in an expert, expecting to get service within a week.

He arrived 24 hours later, which wasn't bad.

"This here machine," he observed after a while, "must have come from a lower altitude Around Omaha, maybe." He wasn't far off, Omaha being only a bit over 100 miles from Des Moines.

The air pressure affects the switch that turns on the freezing units, he explained.

Thus we learned something new again, but we're afraid it will be an expensive lesson. The bill hasn't arrived yet, but neither is the refrigerator repaired. And expenses have a way of climbing when the repairman has to send away for an unusual part.

## Tomorrow's Heirs

By Sachi L. Wada

### WE'LL BE BACK . . .

It was a long time ago to remember. There was blue smoke from cigs thick as fog, and the stink of the cheap beer in the basement of the PX. Then the fog cleared, the confusion ceased, and all you could perceive was the hundreds of pairs of eyes focused on you, and the voice, modulated, imploring, and faintly tinged with a Hawaiian accent. . . . "If the past generation of Nisei failed to give it to you, we'll be back . . . to give you your freedom . . ." It's funny, isn't it, that there are two kinds of people; those with a nice soft job and a fat payroll, and those like the common GI. I hope that someday, we'll all be like him . . . so humble that one is really great.

### FORGETTING SO SOON . . .

I saw him on the street at Nicolet in Minneapolis. He was a black boy and he had a white cane so that you knew he was blind. You also knew that he was scared, because he moved his lips in a sort of muttering prayer . . . and his skinny hands nervously fingered the cane. We Nisei sling a lot of smooth lines about tolerance and stuff, but sometimes I think we forget that our color makes us a minority . . . and there are others like us, and that they, too, are equally susceptible to hurt. I stood there a long time on the street and a lot of Nisei passed, trying not to see him. It was with a feeling of shame . . . for my people . . . that I took him by the arm.

It doesn't jibe, somehow, when we think that the blood of a lot of men went into this war . . . and now we're forgetting too soon, and starting our own blood banks labeled white, yellow, black. I thought that it was all red.

### I LIKE BLACK HAIR . . .

It would be wonderful if men could still be as trusting as children are. During the polio epidemic, I busied myself by working 56 hours per week in a hospital for the stricken. There were a lot of sick kids; some of them would be cripples for life . . . and a lot had had a narrow escape from death. It's marvelous how immune they are to color and race. They didn't know that I was a Nisei and only kept chanting, as children will, "I like your black hair . . ." It's a pity they shall grow up . . . and become heirs, like us . . . of tomorrow.

its war honor roll today is largely welcoming back the veterans and former residents of Japanese ancestry. Much of this is due, says Neuberger, to the resolute stand of the Rev. Burgoyne and the league, of which the Methodist minister was the spiritual founder. "Not all of those fomenting anti-Nisei hatred have been won over," writes Neuberger. "A few Legionnaires and farmers remain irreconciled. But now that most of the Nisei have returned to become part of the Hood River community Mr. Burgoyne says, 'Maybe in a way it is for the best. All this has opened up wells of brotherhood in Hood River that never would otherwise have been tapped.'"



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**Book Review:****Handbook Dissects Anatomy Of Racial Intolerance**By **ELMER R. SMITH****ANATOMY OF RACIAL INTOLERANCE** Edited by George B. de Huszar, The Reference Shelf, Vol. 18, No. 5, H. W. Wilson Co., New York, 1946. \$1.25.

This small publication, in the space of 283 pages, gives one all the basic knowledge about race and race relations that is needed for a sane and understandable approach to the questions of ethnic group tensions, discrimination, prejudice, and what is to be done to aid in solving these "diseases of the present age." There are 32 articles published in full by a number of outstanding authorities and workers in the fields of racial and group relations. The contributors are anthropologists, sociologists, historians, educators, religious leaders and laymen. A more efficient battery of experts could not be desired, and their presentation is easily understandable, to the point and thought provoking.

The general plan of the book can be visualized by listing the main subdivisions. The first section is entitled "What Race Is," and this is followed by "General Discussion," "Causes of Race Prejudice," "Remedies for Race Prejudice," and is concluded by a "Bibliography" and a listing of organizations working in the field of race relations.

The outstanding contribution of this type of book on race relations seems to this reviewer to rest in the way in which the problems of one group can be seen to be part of the picture influencing the problems and relationships of all individuals and all groups. The type of discrimination and segregation felt by the Nisei is shown to be but a part of a total picture of a pattern felt by all groups and by all peoples in like circumstances and similar localities. A realization of the interdependence of all persons and all groups is forcefully presented by each of the contributions to the publication under review. Every one of the contributors either directly or indirectly points up the fact that discrimination and prejudice shown to a Nisei or a Negro or any other member of an ethnic group has its counterpart relative to some other individual or group.

This book is especially recommended to the Nisei who, in many instances, show prejudice and discrimination toward some other person or group because of ethnic or racial heritage. Here in clear and unmistakable terms he can see reflected the origin and implications of his own prejudiced attitudes as well as the forces tending to level prejudice and discrimination in his direction. The Nisei's anatomy of racial intolerance will be seen to be the same as the kind he has experienced within recent years.

In closing this review, it will be fitting to quote from the editor's "Preface" a statement that summarizes the total theme of the book as well as summarizing the best scientific thought on the subject of racial intolerance, conflict and tensions. "Racial differences themselves do not create prejudice, only what people think and feel about them creates it. Racial prejudice exists not because there are differences among peoples, but because differences are emphasized, distorted and are made a symbol of inferiority and superiority. . . . Prejudice is due to the lack of information or due to misinformation about race. Many persons also develop strong antipathies and a scapegoating tendency because of the unsatisfactory psychological or economic conditions under which they live."

**Livingston YPCF Plans Hallowe'en Social**

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—The Livingston YPCF will hold a Hallowe'en social on Oct. 27. Spud Masuda is in charge of general arrangements. Stanley Yoshino has been named games chairman, while Mrs. V. Masuda and Mrs. J. Fujimori will take charge of refreshments.

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OAKLAND 9, California  
TE 1022 Res. HI 5426**CCYBA Names Fukuda To Head Cabinet For Coming Year**

FRESNO, Calif.—Manabu Fukuda of Clovis was recently elected president of the CCYBA for the coming year at a meeting of the board of directors at the Fresno Buddhist church.

Fukuda, who held the presidency of the CCYBA three years prior to the war, is also president of the National YBA.

Other officers elected are Fred Nishida of Reedley, men's vice president; Tomiko Okuda, Bowles, women's vice president; Hiro Mayeda, Dinuba, treasurer; Sakae Ogawa, Lone Star, recording secretary; Kazuo Sekiya, Fresno, corresponding secretary; Alma Kurisu, Madera, literary chairman; Robert Kimura, Fresno, publications manager; Kikuo Ogawa, Biola, religious chairman; Willy Suda, Fresno, publicity chairman; Mike Iwatsubo, Selma, research chairman; Tom Okana, Madera, auditor; Kazuo Tachino, Fresno, men's athletic chairman; Paul Ryono, Sanger, assist. men's athletic chairman; Clara Honda, Fowler, women's athletic chairman; Mary Okada, North Fresno, assistant women's athletic chairman; Elaine Uyemura, Del Rey, music chairman.

Retiring president Hiro Mayeda stressed the need for more activity in the local chapters throughout the coming year. Membership in the CCYBA will be through the local chapters only.

The new cabinet will be officially installed at a CCYBA conference on Nov. 10 in Fresno.

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PORTLAND, Ore.—Several members of the Portland JACL will participate in a Civic Unity conference to be held in Portland Friday, Saturday, Oct. 25 and 26. Various committees will be chosen from all the groups represented to discuss housing, employment and other minority problems.

JACL representatives will be George Azumano, Toshi Kato and Mary Minamoto and Yae Imamura.

**Credit Union**

The JACL Credit Union, Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, is seeking the present address of its members, Masato E. Masuda, formerly of Firth, Idaho, in order to forward a dividend check according to Mrs. H. Okada.

**Baby Boy**

DEVON, Conn.—A baby John Edward, was born on Sept. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Arata Kimura of 36 Camden street, Devon, Conn. Mr. Kimura was a lieutenant with the 442nd Central Postal Directory. He was the only member of the regiment to receive an Air Medal.

His wife is the former Akemi Shigematsu of Salt Lake City.

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## Deportation Test Cases Set for Salt Lake Court Hearings

Wirin Believes  
Deportation Procedure  
Invalid Under Law

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 25. — The deportation test cases filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of hardship and treaty merchant cases among Japanese aliens have been set for hearing in Salt Lake City on Nov. 19 in the Federal district court, according to the office of A. L. Wirin, counsel for the petitioners.

Kasaburo Sekino, Yoshiko Yasutaro Ikuta and Sakijiro Yamada, all of the Salt Lake Immigration District, have been selected as representative cases in the area, while Hatsu Koji, Koshiro Miura and Kana Hildebrandt have been selected as representative cases in the Southern California district. It was explained that an effort was made to have all of the categories of Japanese aliens affected by the deportation orders represented in the test suits.

resented in the test suits. All cases involve the common element of hardship and suffering in the event of deportation by the Immigration Service, it was stated.

Thomas Cooley of the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Department of Justice will appear for the government, while Mr. Wirin will head the legal representation for the Japanese.

Mr. Wirin is expected to point out that the deportation orders are illegal in that Section 19-C of the Immigration Act of 1917 is unconstitutional and also that it discriminates arbitrarily against persons of Japanese ancestry.

Mr. Wirin is also expected to argue that the Department of Justice is threatening to carry out its deportation order for the aliens involved despite the fact that a bill has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Eberharter which would amend the Immigration Act to permit persons of Japanese descent to remain in the United States on the same basis as aliens of other nationalities.

These test cases, it was pointed out, were selected from more than 100 Japanese aliens residing in all parts of the United States against whom deportation orders have been issued by the Department of Justice.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Arata Kimura, 36 Camden street, Devon, Conn., a boy, John Edward, on Sept. 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Sugawara a boy, Michael Minoru, in San Francisco on Oct. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Masao Koyanagi a girl, Donna Kinuye, on Aug. 18 in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Nakamura of San Jose, Calif., a girl, Carolyn, on Oct. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yoshida of Cupertino, Calif., a boy, Dennis.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yosh Sohioka of Baldwin Park, Calif., a boy, on Oct. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morio Takeuchi a girl, Dessu Reiko, on Sept. 20 in Philadelphia.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kuraichi K. Yagi a girl on Oct. 13 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. K. Muto a girl on Oct. 14 in Suisun, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Hayashi a girl on Oct. 13 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. K. Takahashi a boy on Oct. 15 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiyuki Koga a boy on Sept. 27 in Kingsburg, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Suzuki, Rt. 2, Media, Pa., a girl, Ruth Esther, on Sept. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Nobori, 3407 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, a boy, Daniel, on Oct. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jess Y. Masunaga, Brighton, Colo., twin girls on Oct. 14.

### DEATHS

Kamejiro Fujinaga, 55, in Sacramento, Calif.

Yoshimi Harada, 58, in Sacramento, Calif.

Mitsuko Mitzutani, 41, on Oct. 21 in Los Angeles.

Chiyoko Karukaya, 22, on Oct. 18 in Fresno, Calif.

Motokichi Kobayaka, 1930 Arapahoe St., Denver, on Oct. 15.

Keiko Tanaka, 2, on Oct. 12 in Richmond, Calif.

Moyo Yamamoto (Mrs. Tokuzo Yamamoto), 54, on Oct. 14 in Clovis, Calif.

### MARRIAGES

Mary Masako Nagata to Hiro-mu Hino on Oct. 20 in Los Angeles.

June Morimoto to Sherman Kishi on Sept. 7 in Livingston, Calif.

Masuko Hairaiwa of Los Angeles to Albert Katsuto Yamamoto of San Gabriel, Calif., on Oct. 19 in Chicago.

Elsie Tsuruye Nagahori to Joe

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## Bill Yasui Voted Outstanding Player in GI Baseball Tourney

MONTEREY, Calif. — William Yasui, third baseman of the all-Nisei team representing the Military Intelligence Language School at the Presidio of Monterey, was voted the outstanding player at the Sixth Army baseball tournament, which was held recently at Camp Stoneman.

Yasui was given the honor from among the 146 players, many with professional baseball experience, who competed in the tournament.

The MISLS nine from Monterey was nosed out by the Fort Lewis, Wash., Warriors in the finals of the Sixth Army championships by a score of 8 to 7.

The Nisei GI team won the right to enter the finals by defeating the Camp Stoneman Travelers and the Presidio of San Francisco in preceding games.

In the finals the Nisei players gave Fort Lewis, a team which included several pro baseball players, the hottest game of the tournament. Trailing 8 to 4 in the ninth inning, the MIS team scored three runs and had two men on base as the game ended.

Yasui's sterling play at third base and his timely hitting during the tournament won him the title of "most valuable" player.

In addition to Yasui, Bob Umekubo, pitcher, and John Uyebara,

T. Watanabe on Oct. 15 in Sacramento.

Hisako Hirabayashi to Kazumi Watanabe on Oct. 19 in Los Angeles.

Margaret Kamimura to Moto Shimizu on Oct. 22 in Philadelphia.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Margaret F. Ito and John S. Terada on Oct. 16 in Denver.

Shitoko Yasuda of Denver and Atsushi Tokunaga of Sidney, Neb., on Oct. 15.

### Anniversary Dance

CHICAGO—The second anniversary dance of the Chicago JACL was held Saturday, Oct. 19 at the International House at the University of Chicago.

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## Masaoka Will Speak at Civic Unity Conference in Portland

LOS ANGELES—Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the Japanese American Citizens League, will be one of four guest speakers at the Conference for Civic Unity for the Pacific Northwest on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26, in Portland, Oregon.

The two-day conference will be held at the Benson high school auditorium.

Masaoka is scheduled to share the Saturday evening program with Dr. Melville Jacobs, member of the faculty of the University of Washington. His topic will be "Civic Unity in Our Time."

Dr. Jacobs is an internationally known scientist, author, and teacher. His most recent publications are "High School Libraries and Racism" and "Racism: A Program for Action." His subject will be "Racial Myths."

Friday evening's program will feature Dr. Buell Gallagher and Dr. Archibald Carey, Jr.

Dr. Gallagher is the president of the Pacific School of Religion in San Francisco. A former president of Talladega College, his latest books are "Portrait of a Pilgrim" and "Color and Conscience." One

of the best known crusaders for the equality of man, he will speak on "Color and Conscience."

Dr. Carey is a minister, an attorney, and a member of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations in Chicago. A dynamic speaker, he is a champion of the Negro race. His announced subject is "Democracy's Unfinished Business."

Saturday morning sectional meetings to discuss religion, schools, government, health, employment, housing and public accommodations will be held.

Masaoka, who is now in Los Angeles directing the campaign to defeat Proposition 15 at the November elections, will fly up to Portland Saturday afternoon and return Sunday night.

### New Cabinet Members

FRESNO, Calif.—Velma Yemoto has been chosen president of the Elle club for the next six months, it was announced this week. Other officials will be Elaine Uyemura, vice president; Alice Osaki, secretary; Fumi Mikami, treasurer; and Sakaye Ogawa, historian.

## Mrs. Stilwell Sends Note To Thank JACL for Flowers

### Nisei Amputee Receives Car Under New Act

GREELEY, Colo.—Tom Doi, 20-year-old farm youth from Fort Lupton, Colo., who lost his left leg in Italy, last week received a new automobile at government expense under terms of a special act of Congress.

Doi received a 1946 club sedan Oldsmobile. The car is a hydraulic model and has no clutch. The only alteration required on the car was to replace the foot dimming knob with a hand dimmer.

The war veteran is the son of T. Doe of Fort Lupton and grew up in Weld county, Colo. He was inducted into the infantry on July 8, 1944 and trained at Camp Blanding, Fla. In January, 1945, he joined the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in southern France.

The unit was sent from France to Italy for the last big push of the Italian campaign, and Doi was wounded on the second day of the drive northward from the Gothic line.

A German mortar shell landed between Doi and two other men.

"I was stunned and thrown back," Doi said. "I tried to get up but couldn't so I crawled into a hole and waited for help."

He was taken to an army hospital at Leghorn, where the left leg was amputated. His right was also injured and still hurts him frequently. After treatment at Leghorn he was returned to the United States on May 30, 1945. Before discharge he was provided with an artificial left limb.

Doi lives with his father near Wattenburg and commutes to Brighton each day, farming on a ranch one mile east of Brighton. The new car will be of great help to him in driving from home to the farm, Doi said.

SAN FRANCISCO—The Northern California office of the JACL received a note of appreciation from Mrs. Winifred A. Stilwell, widow of the late General Joseph Stilwell, for flowers which were taken to Gen. Stilwell while he was ill at Letterman hospital.

In a note to Joe Masaoka of the JACL office, Mrs. Stilwell declared:

"You will be glad to learn that the beautiful chrysanthemums you and your friends sent to General Stilwell were greatly enjoyed by him. I held one of the flowers near him and a she looked at it he repeated 'wonderful' many times. They were exceptionally beautiful flowers and I want to sending him such a thoughtful thank you all for choosing and gift."

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