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Privy Council Decision Upholds Legality of Canada Program of Deporting Japanese Group

Legality of Orders-in-Council, Sustained By Dominion's Supreme Court, Had Been Appealed To Highest Tribunal by Japanese Canadians

LONDON, England—The Privy Council, highest court of appeals in the British empire, upheld the validity of Canadian legislation ordering the forced deportation of citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry from the Dominion of Canada in a decision announced on Dec. 2.

The case was heard earlier this year in London on an appeal from a decision of the Canadian Supreme Court which held that the government's program of deportation of persons of Japanese ancestry was legal.

The appeal on behalf of the Japanese Canadians was presented to the Privy Council last July by Andrew Brewin, Toronto attorney for Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians of Toronto, Ont., and the provincial government of Saskatchewan.

The argument in the courts centered around the question whether the government had exceeded its authority under the War Measures Act in the orders-in-council which were issued in carrying out the deportation program. Mr. Brewin argued that such authority had been exceeded since the War Measures Act authorized deportation only in a limited sense and he claimed that it should have been interpreted as applying only to aliens.

He also contended that the orders-in-council could be applied only during a period of emergency and declared that such an emergency could not be said to exist in 1946 when Canada no longer was officially at war.

Gordon Wismer, attorney general of British Columbia, was one of the attorneys appearing for the Canadian government. He told the court that Japanese Canadians were not wanted back on the Pacific coast of Canada.

Approximately 11,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada signed forms asking for "repatriation" to Japan under a survey conducted by the government in the spring of 1945. Later one-half of this number, which included citizens by birth, naturalized citizens and legally resident aliens, revoked their decisions. Four thousand persons already have been deported on a voluntary basis and the Privy Council decision is interpreted as giving Ottawa the authority to deport others who signed the repatriation declarations.

The Canadian Supreme court ruled that males of Japanese ancestry might be forcibly deported under the orders-in-council but not women and minors under 16.

Note Increase in Hawaii Population of Japanese Ancestry

HONOLULU — The population of persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii was set at 168,463, according to figures announced recently by the vital statistics bureau of the board of health.

The 1945 population figure for persons of Japanese ancestry was 163,300. During the past year the population of the territory rose from 519,508 as compared to 502,122 twelve months before.

Largest population increase among racial groups was reported among the Filipinos whose present figure is set at 54,519 as compared to 46,464 in 1945. Main reason for this increase was said to be the importation of Filipino workers.

Shimizu Urges Full Support of JACL at Guadalupe Meeting

GUADALUPE, Calif. — Harold Shimizu, president of the reactivated Guadalupe chapter of the JACL, called for full support of the National JACL's financial campaign at the first meeting of the group recently.

JACL Establishes Defense Fund for Civil Rights Cases

Hawaii Legion Post Named for Nisei War Hero

HONOLULU—Post 27 of the American Legion in Honolulu is now officially the Joseph Shigeo Takata Post.

The Legion unit was named after Sgt. Joseph Takata, the first American of Japanese ancestry to be killed in action in Italy with the 100th Infantry Battalion. Takata, an outstanding baseball star in pre-war Hawaii, was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery above and beyond the call of duty.

At the recent elections Ralph Masao Ikeda was named commander of the Takata post while Mrs. Rachel Ridenour was elected president of the Auxiliary.

KOMURO TAKES EDITORSHIP OF PAPER ON COAST

SAN FRANCISCO — Tom Komuro assumed the editorship of the English section of the Progressive News, bilingual San Francisco daily, this week, succeeding Howard Imazeki, who has taken a civil service post in Japan.

Komuro, a resident of New York City for the past 16 years, formerly was connected with the Nisei Weekender in New York City.

of the demand for the deportation program came from British Columbia, where an organized campaign has been conducted for the permanent exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast area, where more than 90 per cent resided before the evacuation in 1942.

It also was recalled that the government, in its case before the courts, said that only about 500 of the 24,000 people of Japanese descent in Canada would come under the compulsory deportation order. It was not known how many of these, if any, were among those who have already departed voluntarily.

Canada Cabinet To Review Effect of Court Edict

Four Thousand Already Deported to Japan On Voluntary Basis

OTTAWA, Canada—Cabinet review of the question of compulsory deportation of persons of Japanese ancestry from Canada was indicated here this week before any further action is taken by the government on the Japanese Canadian situation.

Government officials declared that the future treatment of Canada's 20,000 persons of Japanese ancestry would be studied in the light of the decision by a Privy Council in London on Dec. 2 which upheld the validity of the orders-in-council authorizing the forced deportation program.

While the case was in the hands of the Privy Council, last British court of appeals, no action on forced deportations was taken under the orders-in-council passed last Dec. 15. However, the government has proceeded with the shipment of those persons of Japanese descent willing to go to Japan. To date, about 4000 have been moved.

Government officials said that a program of dispersal of the Japanese Canadian population has been encouraged and has resulted in the sporadic migration of persons of Japanese descent eastward across the country. Some officials here now believe that this scattering has largely eliminated any necessity for wholesale deportations. It also was recalled that most

Citizens of Colorado Mining Town Honor Nisei War Hero

Ralph Yamaguchi Gets Army Award at VFW Meeting in Durango

DURANGO, Colo.—The people of San Juan basin hailed a Nisei war hero with appropriate ceremonies here recently.

The Japanese American is Ralph H. Yamaguchi, a native of Pagosa Springs who lost part of a leg and suffered a mangled arm in combat as a member of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy two years ago.

Yamaguchi received a hero's award at an open meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW auxiliary in Durango. He was presented with the Army's Silver Star medal for gallantry in action by Major Glen Sauder of the army's Denver recruiting office.

Yamaguchi's father, F. R. Yamaguchi, and two brothers, Ernest and George, were present at the ceremony.

Introduced by Col. S. C. Parker, Maj. Sauder read the following citation before pinning the medal on ex-corporal Yamaguchi: "For gallantry in action on 4 July and 8 July 1944, in the vicinity of Molino A Ventoabato and Luciano, Italy. When his squad leader was seriously wounded during the attack on Hill 140, Cpl. Yamaguchi took command of his

squad although himself wounded in the back by shrapnel.

"Due to his able leadership the squad destroyed a machine gun nest and drove the enemy beyond the crest of the hill. In spite of his painful wound Cpl. Yamaguchi remained with his squad throughout the night and directed the repulsing of an enemy counterattack. When relieved in the morning, Cpl. Yamaguchi was so weakened from the effects of his wound that he had to be assisted to the aid station.

"On 8 July 1944 while evacuating one of his wounded men Cpl. Yamaguchi's leg was blown off below the calf and his right arm was badly mangled by an exploding mortar shell. He maintained sufficient control of himself to order his squad to seek cover in a safer place.

"When four of his men attempted to evacuate him, he sent three of them back with the statement: 'No use risking more than one man's life.'

"The extreme courage and outstanding leadership displayed by Cpl. Yamaguchi gained for him the respect of his entire organization."

The story of the honor paid ex-corporal Yamaguchi by his townspeople was featured on the front page of his home town paper, the Durango Herald-Democrat.

Organization Will Participate in Litigation Involving Other Racial Minorities in America

Establishment of a JACL Legal Fund to protect the civil and property rights of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and to participate in litigation involving the civil liberties of other racial minorities was recommended at the joint meeting of national officers and staff members of the Japanese American Citizens League which met last weekend in Salt Lake City.

The Legal Defense Fund will be utilized to defray legal and court costs in cases involving the civil and property rights of racial minority groups which the JACL will initiate or enter as friends of the court.

Horsky to Aid Preparation of Oyama Appeal

Alien Land Law Test Suit Will Be Entered In Supreme Court

LOS ANGELES — Charles A. Horsky, noted Washington attorney, will join A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles in presenting the appeal of the California Supreme Court decision in the Oyama Alien Land law test case to the United States Supreme Court, it was reported this week.

Mr. Wirin returned to Los Angeles last week from Washington, where he prepared the legal groundwork for the appeal of the Oyama case decision, involving the constitutionality of the California Alien Land Law.

The California court decision on Oct. 31 upheld the legality of the law and affirmed the lower court's escheat decision on the Oyama property for alleged violation of the 1920 Alien Land act.

The California high court cited the U. S. Supreme Court's decision upholding the Alien Land law in a test case 20 years ago as the basis of its decision and attorneys for Oyama and legal representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League, the JACL Legal Defense Fund of Southern California, the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California and the American Civil Liberties Union are taking the case on appeal to the nation's highest court.

Nanette Dembitz, staff counsel of the ACLU in New York City and former government attorney in the Justice Department in Washington also will participate in preparing the briefs in connection with the appeal.

James Purcell, William Ferriter and Guy C. Calden, counsel for the Civil Defense Union, also will participate in the case, together with the JACL, the American Jewish Congress and other civic organizations interested in civil rights.

War Veterans Feted by Nisei in Utah Valley

AMERICAN FORK, Utah — Nisei war veterans of Utah valley were honored at a pre-Thanksgiving dinner and social at the Alpine Grill on Nov. 22.

Only Nisei girl among those honored was Priscilla Yasuda of Orem, who served for more than a year on the staff of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in Germany.

Other veterans included Albert Takahashi, Spanish Fork; George Muramatsu, Frank Muramatsu, Mits Moriyama, Hiro Sakahara and Sam Sakamoto, Springville; Utao Waki, Howard Takahashi and Lehi Nakamura, American Fork, and Kazuo Kamoto and Hideo Mayeda, Lehi.

A short message of welcome and gratitude was extended by James Hirabayashi. Sam Waki was chairman. Martha Nodzu, secretary, introduced the ex-GI guests.

"The filing of briefs amicus curiae in behalf of other minorities is a departure from traditional JACL policy and marks a growing awareness on the part of JACL leadership of the common interests of all racial minority groups," Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, declared this week.

Saburo Kido, immediate past national president, and A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles were recommended as legal counsel for the fund. Types of test cases involving persons of Japanese ancestry which were discussed at the meeting included those protesting discriminatory features in the Federal immigration and naturalization laws, the California anti-alien fishing law, the California state code authorizing segregated schools for children of certain racial minorities, litigation involving restrictive covenants and the various state alien land laws.

It was indicated that the JACL was interested in participation in any further test cases which may question previous Supreme Court decisions upholding the legality of mass evacuation and any litigation which may be filed to recover damages resulting from the evacuation. JACL interest in cases involving duration leases under which the evacuee property and business have been operated by other parties was also indicated by Mr. Masaoka.

The JACL secretary also evinced the organization's interest in the denial of business opportunities to resident aliens of Japanese ancestry as a result of the abrogation of the 1911 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with Japan. He explained that the California State Equalization Board has used the absence of a commercial trade treaty as a reason for its denial of licenses to Japanese alien applicants.

It was noted that the National JACL already had filed a brief as friend of court in the Westminster school district case in California, which involves the segregation of Mexican American children in a separate school. Briefs also are contemplated in restrictive covenant cases now in the courts which involve the application of the restrictions against Negro Americans and members of other minorities.

National officers of the JACL stressed the participation of the group in Federal court matters involving the civil liberties and property rights of all American groups.

Holiday Issue of Pacific Citizen To Appear Dec. 21

A special 40-page holiday issue of the Pacific Citizen will appear Saturday, December 21 in place of the regular weekly edition.

A limited number of extra copies will be printed and will be available at 25 cents each.

Delegates Arrive for JACL's West Coast Action Conference

Will Seek Coordination Of Activities of Pacific Coast Chapters

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL delegates from all parts of the Pacific coast arrived in San Francisco Friday to attend the first west coast action conference of JACL chapters December 7 and 8.

The two-day meeting has been called to coordinate the activities of local chapters in regard to their campaigns for membership, fund raising and public relations, according to Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the San Francisco area who has made arrangements of the conference.

Th conference delegates will also seek to coordinate chapter activities with the major objectives of the national office of the JACL, Masaoka said.

Principal speaker for the conference will include Hugh Miller of the Political Action Committee; James Stratten, director of the Booker T. Washington Institute and former regional director of the USO; Charles Raudebaugh, political writer for the San Francisco Chronicle.

Judge Robert McWilliams will give the main address at the conference banquet to be held Saturday at 6 p. m. at the Hotel California. His subject will be "The Importance of Educating the Public to the Attaining of JACL Objectives."

James C. Purcell and William Ferriter, legal counsel for the Civil Rights Defense Union, will talk Sunday at 1:30 p. m. on the implications of the California Supreme Court decision on the Oyama test case, which concerned the Alien Land Act.

Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, San Francisco physician who recently returned from UNRRA work in Europe, will give a special talk titled "WRA Centers vs. DP Camps." Dr. Togasaki was in charge of an Italian refugee camp with 6,000 persons under her charge.

Masao Satow, who was recently named acting national secretary of the JACL, will discuss the responsibility of regional offices and local chapters in participating in the program of the national office.

A report on the national staff and regional directors' conference held Nov. 23 and 24 in Salt Lake City will be given by Mas Horiuchi, national headquarters secretary.

First delegates to the San Francisco conference included George Azumano and Kimi Tambara, Portland; Ken Dyo and Dr. Yoshio Nakaji, Santa Barbara; John Tadano, Arizona; Frank Mizusawa and Frank Chuman, Los Angeles; and Hitoshi Nitta, Santa Ana. Also registering on Friday were Eiji Tanabe and Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Tsuchiya of the Los Angeles regional office.

National headquarters will be represented by Mike Masaoka, executive secretary of the Anti-Discrimination Committee; Hito Okada, national president; Masao Satow and Mas Horiuchi.

A special meeting of the national officers will be held with the following advisers of the JACL: Allen Blaisdell, Ruth Kingman, Laurence Hewes, Annie Clo Watson, Mrs. Josephine Duveneck and Galen Fisher.

The west coast action conference will be open to the public,

Kuroki Says Racial Prejudice Menaces U. S., World Security

WASHINGTON — In his first major appearance in the nation's capital on Nov. 26, Ben Kuroki lashed out against racial discrimination in America as a menace to national and world peace, and declared that unless America accords its minorities fair treatment, it will jeopardize its position as the international leader for justice and democracy.

Speaking in the Department of the Interior auditorium, Kuroki described those incidents of prejudice he encountered which led him to dedicate his 59th mission against fighting fascism and bigotry on the home front. Over 750 persons heard the talk by the Nisei war hero, which was sponsored jointly by the Washington Council of the East and West Association and the Washington

Linguists Sought For Work on War Documents

NEW YORK—American citizens who are accomplished Japanese linguists are being sought for positions with the War Documents Center, according to the Greater New York Committee for Japanese Americans, Inc.

Those qualified should contact the Army administration office by writing to Capt. Fred L. Ross, in care of the War Documents Center, Stewart Building, 5th and K Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Northwest Area JACL Council Reactivated

Four Chapters Send Delegates to First Meeting in Seattle

SEATTLE—The Pacific Northwest District Council of the JACL was reactivated on a temporary basis at a meeting of the representatives of four chapters in Oregon and Washington on Dec. 1 in Seattle.

Representatives of the Seattle, Spokane, Portland and Mid-Columbia chapters attended the meeting with Masao Satow, acting national secretary of the JACL, and decided to work as an organizing committee toward the establishment of a permanent district council organization.

Mac Kaneko of the Seattle JACL was elected as temporary chairman.

Members of the organizing committee will work on a constitution and will make recommendations for district council activities.

Kimi Tambara and George Azumano of the Portland JACL were delegated to represent the Northwest district council at the Pacific Coast conference of the JACL in San Francisco on Dec. 7 and 8.

Delegates attending the meeting included: George Minato and Mac Kaneko, Seattle; Sumi Haji, Spokane; Mary Minamoto, George Azumano, Toshi Kuge and Kimi Tambara, Portland; and Mamoru Noji and Ray Yasui, Mid-Columbia.

Suzanne Tory Will Appear in Chicago Musical Production

CHICAGO — Suzanne Tory, young Nisei actress, will appear in a musical extravaganza which will be produced in Chicago soon.

Miss Tory, a member of the Skylift Players, Chicago radio group, and of Pal Lee Productions, has recently completed engagements at the Mohawk Country club, the Somerset hotel and in South Haven, Mich.

She is also a member of People's Songs, Inc., of Chicago.

Masaoka stated in San Francisco this week. Sessions will be held at the regional office in San Francisco at 2031 Bush street and the American Friends Service Center, 1830 Sutter street.

JACL. He was introduced by Dillon S. Myer, former WRA director and now Commissioner of the Federal Public Housing Authority.

An outline of the Nisei's role in the war, both on the home front and overseas, was given by Jun Okazaki, president of the Washington JACL. Miss Mariko Mukai, New York coloratura soprano, presented three selections and an encore. She was accompanied by Mrs. Gladys Shimasaki of Washington.

Movies of the 442nd Nisei Combat Team in action in Italy and life in relocation centers were shown. Mr. Selden Menefee, author and radio producer, who is chairman of the Washington East and West association, presided. The program was arranged by Bob Iki, of the JACL, and Chester Juneck, of the association.

Washington News-Letter Liquidation Unit Is All That's Left of War Relocation Agency

By JOHN KITASAKO

What happened to the WRA? The WRA officially ceased operations on June 30, 1946, but it did not close its books. Today, in the massive Department of the Interior building in Washington is a unit which is engaged in the final dissolution of one of the most controversial agencies in the history of this nation.

This is the War Agency Liquidation Unit, whose chief is Boyd Larsen, former finance officer at the Heart Mountain center and later finance and supply officer for WRA headquarters in Washington.

The unit was activated on July 1 by order of the then Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes. The original staff numbered 81; today, after five months, the personnel has dwindled to 43, of whom 10 are Nisei.

When the WRA was terminated last June, unpaid bills totaling \$1,400,000 remained on the books. These obligations fell into two main categories: bills of lading for transportation of evacuee properties, and travel grants to relocatees who returned to their pre-war homes on the West coast. Altogether, says Mr. Larsen, approximately 1500 relocatees received transportation assistance—a mere fraction of the 50,000 or so who originally relocated away from the Pacific slope.

What has happened to the nine relocation centers? The custody of the centers was transferred to disposal agencies before the WRA ceased operating. Today, Tule Lake, Minidoka and Heart Mountain are under the Bureau of Reclamation, which is opening the arable lands of the three centers to ex-servicemen.

The Poston center, largest of them all, was transferred to the Indian Service, and is being used for housing for Indian veterans. At Manzanar part of the buildings have been sold to state, county and local agencies, while the rest are being demolished. The same holds true for the structures at Rohwer. The buildings at Gila, Topaz and Granada will be ultimately sold.

Getting back to the functions of his unit, Mr. Larsen pointed out that they are not limited to fiscal matters. One of the big jobs immediately after the closing of the centers was the assembling and classifying of the voluminous records accumulated by the WRA during the four year of its existence.

For each of its 115,000 charges, the WRA compiled a detailed case history, which included facts and figures on every aspect of the individual evacuee's life—educational, medical, welfare, employment and criminal. No minority group in the world has been more thoroughly documented than the Issei and Nisei of America.

These 115,000 case history folders, filling 410 huge file cabinets, were all transferred to Washington, where they now repose in the National Archives as a permanent record of the WRA. The educational records are stored in the U. S. Office of Education. Besides housing the personal records of the evacuees, the National Archives holds all reports on the complete operations of the WRA.

Continues Study Of Resettlement

A highly interesting and important project of the War Agency Liquidation Unit, says Mr. Larsen, is the study of resettlement of the evacuees being conducted by Bob Collum. From the government viewpoint, the whole story of the WRA did not terminate with the closing of the centers and the national headquarters.

The Resettlement Study group is writing the final chapter of the WRA, and is attempting to describe what happened to the people after they left the centers, what problems they encountered in their home towns or in new communities and the degree of over-all adjustment the evacuees have achieved.

Another busy unit of Mr. Larsen's department is the office of the attorney, which is handling claims of evacuees for lost or damaged property. This office is not concerned with losses sustained from the evacuation itself, but with those resulting from WRA participation—from transit of belongings from government warehouses to the centers and from the centers to the communities of relocation.

The attorney is also engaged in

the settlement of agreements covering use of lands at the centers which could not be effected by the dissolution of the WRA, and in negotiating for the settlement of contracts which could not be terminated until WRA had concluded its program.

Believes WRA Did Excellent Job

In retrospect, Mr. Larsen, who was among the original group of Caucasian personnel to set up the Heart Mountain center back in August, 1942, believes that the War Relocation Authority did an excellent piece of work in a job that was fraught with explosive situations at all times.

The WRA was torn between sympathy for the plight of the hapless evacuees and the realization of the need for stern administration. It was subjected to a great deal of censure, to be sure, but it was largely a case of the critics not being able to see the forest because of the trees, says Mr. Larsen.

He regards the story of the WRA as one of the most fascinating in the history of this country. He knows that many persons, evacuees and Caucasians, are deeply interested in the narration of America's most discussed minority in the 20th century. He calls attention of these persons to the set of final reports issued by the WRA which are now rolling off the press. There are nine directly concerned with the evacuation and relocation, including the report by Mr. Myer.

The reports range from 30 to 60 cents apiece, and the whole set may be procured for about five dollars from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

CAPITAL NOTES

Sgt. Bob Oikawa, of Hamilton, Ontario, returned to Canada last week, where he will receive his discharge. Bob was on duty at the Washington Documents Center as a representative of the Canadian Army Intelligence Corps. Lt. Mits Hagio of Camp Lee, Virginia is scheduled to leave shortly for the Far East.

Bob Iki, Washington's busiest Nisei speaker, delivered two talks on Dec. 1, one before the Washington Ethnological society, and the second before an audience of 1500 at Howard university. As a result of this latter talk, he has been asked to give a series of four lectures at Howard on the evacuation and relocation.

Recreational Program Will Be Expanded in Chicago District

CHICAGO—Supported by the reported evidence that the most urgent need of Japanese Americans in Chicago is additional recreational and social outlets, the Chicago Resettlers' Committee, at its monthly executive board meeting on November 25, laid the groundwork for an expanded program in this field.

Executive Director Corky T. Kawasaki and Brother Theophane Walsh said that the demand for service had shifted noticeably from employment and housing to counseling and referral in social problems, such as loneliness among both Nisei and Issei, broken homes, delinquency among young adults and the placement of children in foster homes, which indicated a serious break-down in the social life of many Japanese Americans.

It also was reported that a survey by Howard Keeler of the Council of Social Agencies, Kawasaki and Brother Theophane showed how few Japanese Americans used the recreational re-

Students Ask Return of Nisei To University

Japanese Canadians Still Excluded From British Columbia Coast

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The attendance of Japanese Canadian students, now barred from the coastal area, at the University of British Columbia was urged after a meeting recently of more than 150 students who favored the move.

Members of the UBC Parliamentary Forum presented a resolution asking the university administration "to facilitate the attendance of Japanese Canadian students" and reported that it has been necessary for the forum, a campus debating society, to call off a scheduled formal debate on the question of the return of Japanese Canadians to the coast when they could find no student willing to oppose the resolution.

Dean Daniel Buchanan of the UBC faculty of arts and science replied to the students' request that the return of Japanese Canadians "is entirely out of our hands and is completely up to the Federal minister of justice."

The discussion of the Japanese Canadian question followed disclosure that two Nisei in eastern Canada have won scholarships to attend the University of British Columbia, but have been prevented from attending the school because of government regulations.

The resolution was passed unanimously after four speakers, three of them war veterans, appeared for the end of discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada.

The preamble to the resolution declared "a continuation of discrimination against Japanese Canadians is allowing race hatred to develop in our country."

Nisei War Veteran To Portray Role In Radio Drama

Tak Maruyama, University of Utah student and veteran of the campaign in Germany will take part in an original script to be presented on radio station KALL within the next three weeks.

The script, which will be produced by the American Youth for Democracy chapter on the University campus, deals with the restrictions imposed on minority groups by employers, real estate agents, restaurant owners and theater managers.

Maruyama will portray a Nisei veteran who attempts to get a job in a bank and is faced with racial discrimination. Having a dual role, Maruyama also will appear as a speaker at the United Nations organizational meeting in San Francisco.

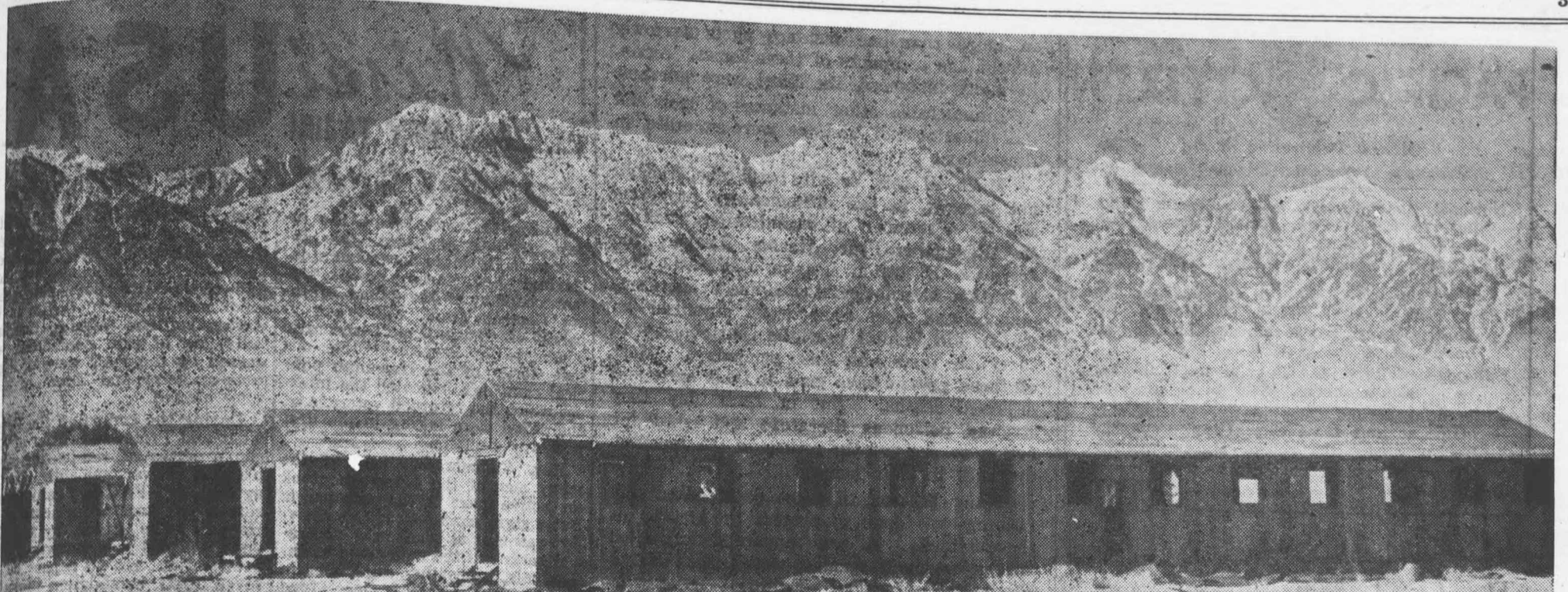
One of the regular Tuesday night joint programs of the Salt Lake City Council for Civic Unity, National Council for the Advancement of Colored People and the JACL will be donated to the AYD for the presentation.

sources of Near North community agencies. Hearing these reports, the board decided to appoint a committee headed by Father Joseph Kitagawa to study this problem and make a formal report with a suggested course of action.

After approval by the Board, the report will be used as a basis of appeal to the appropriate individuals and organizations for assistance in the Chicago Resettlers' Committee's plans for an expanded recreational-social program.

The Resettlers' Committee has already requested financial support from the Community Fund for a full-time recreational worker. Haruo Ishimaru has recently been assigned as field secretary to organize social activities for Issei and Nisei. He is now working on a Christmas party for the Issei English classes, a Nisei sports program and plans for regular social-educational gatherings or forums.

Serving on Father Kitagawa's committee will be Haruo Ishimaru, Joe Teiji Koide, Shozo Sekiguchi, Brother Theophane Walsh, Mrs. Ken Nishi and Jiro Yamaguchi.



They've Knocked Down Manzanar and Hauled the Pieces Away



(Top) Manzanar relocation center, one-time home of 8,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry, is shown bleak and deserted against a background of high Sierras.
(Lower) The Manzanar camp is shown as it looked this week

after it had been dismantled to provide lumber, wiring and other necessities for war veterans housing. The long barracks buildings were sold to veterans for \$333.13 by the War Assets Administration—Photos courtesy of Los Angeles Times.

Manzanar Camp Dismantled By Government

Lumber Will Provide Material for Homes Of War Veterans

LOS ANGELES—The Manzanar relocation center, wartime home of 8000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated from Southern California, was dismantled this week.

The Manzanar camp, reclaimed from a square mile of sagebrush at the foot of 14,384-foot Mount Williamson, was the first of the relocation camps to be opened following the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from West Coast areas.

Thirty-six blocks of wooden buildings, erected in 1942 at a cost of \$3,800,000, have been salvaged by the War Assets Administration.

The barracks homes will go to house hungry war veterans.

A house-hunting GI needs only his discharge as a priority for a 20x100-foot barracks for \$333.13. That means 8000 square feet of seasoned pine and redwood lumber, 1000 square feet of wallboard, 22 slide windows, four interior doors, 200 feet of wiring and six electrical outlets.

Korean American War Veteran Will Challenge Legality of Restrictive Housing Covenants

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Yin Kim, Korean American dentist and a war veteran with three years of army service, won the first round of his fight to retain occupancy of his home at 1201 S. Gramercy Place last week when Superior Judge Henry M. Willis refused to issue a preliminary injunction depriving him of the use of the house.

The dentist has been named in an injunction suit filed by white neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Boucek and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Merrill, who seek to enforce a race restrictive covenant which purportedly limits the district to Caucasian owners and occupants.

It is reported that Dr. Kim is interested in continuing the court fight for his right to occupy the house and may ask the Japanese American Citizens League for legal assistance. Dr. Kim has stated that he realizes that his problem is one which also concerns other minority group Americans who are restricted from the occupancy of homes through the enforcement of racially restrictive covenants which limit residential areas to persons of the Caucasian race.

Dr. Kim is reported to have re-

tained Fred Okrand, ACLU counsel, as his attorney.

Eiji Tanabe, Southern California regional representative of the JACL, discussed the problem of restrictive covenants with Dr. Kim this week. Tanabe pointed out that litigation in California courts involving restrictive covenants at the present time include cases of war veterans of Japanese, Chinese and Korean ancestry.

Dr. Kim claimed in court last week that the temporary restraining order previously issued by Judge Willis had been served on him on Nov. 2 after he had moved into the house.

Nisei Veterans Interviewed on KNX Program

LOS ANGELES — Two Nisei war veterans were interviewed on the Meet the Guest program by Polly Carr over KNX on Dec. 4.

George Inagaki, veteran of the Pacific war, and Ike Masaoka, wounded veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, discussed the evacuation, resettlement and the program of the National JACL.

Nisei Wife, Child Leave to Join GI Husband Overseas

NEW YORK — Believed to be one of the first Nisei wives to join her husband in the European occupational zone, Mrs. Masuko Takano left New York harbor recently on a U. S. Army transport for Germany.

Mrs. Takano, a resident of Minneapolis, was accompanied by her three-year-old daughter, Carol.

KENNY OPPOSES RACE RESTRICTIONS ON HOUSING

DENVER, Colo.—Attorney General Robert W. Kenny of California called for the abolishment of restrictive property covenants in a speech before the Colorado Unity conference in the Albany hotel on Nov. 30.

Kenny said that test cases on the legality of restrictive covenants now were in California courts. He added that since property owners have attempted to use the courts to enforce these discriminatory agreements, this made the action a state issue and not simply a private contract, as has been contended.

Intermountain JACL Chapters Will Hold Post-War Conference

Three-Day Meeting Will Be Held in Weiser, Boise

By ALICE UDA

BOISE, Idaho—The first post-war convention of the Intermountain District of the JACL will be held in Weiser and Boise, Idaho, on Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

The Saturday and Sunday sessions will be held in Weiser, with convention headquarters established at the Hotel Washington and the Snake River Chapter of the JACL will act as hosts. The session at Boise on Monday will be under the sponsorship of the Boise Valley chapter.

Shigeki Ushio, Intermountain district council chairman, will be the general chairman of the convention.

Registration will begin at noon on the 14th.

The Saturday and Sunday program will feature, besides the business session, a mixer, an oratorical contest, a panel discussion on "Social Outlook for the Nisei" and a bowling tournament.

The mixer, the oratorical contest and the panel discussion will be held at the American Legion hall in Weiser.

Other highlights of the convention agenda include a banquet to

be held Monday night in the Crystal room of the Hotel Boise and a ball which will be held at the Miramar ballroom, also in Boise.

Gov. Arnold William of Idaho, Mayor F. S. Gwilliam of Weiser and Mayor Westerman Willock of Boise are expected to attend the convention sessions and will extend greetings to the delegates and boosters.

Thomas Kamphier, editor of the Idaho Morning Statesman; Ben Hershey, editor of the Idaho Evening Statesman, and editors of other publications in the area have been invited to attend.

Hito Okada, national president, and Mike M. Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, will be among the national officers in attendance.

Hold Conference

DENVER, Colo. — Problems of Japanese Americans in the Rocky Mountain area were discussed on Nov. 30 at the 13th annual Young People's Christian Conference in the California Street Methodist church.

Approximately 250 Nisei delegates from a dozen churches in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska attended.

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EDITORIALS:

The Loaded Revolver

The military areas of the eight western states, disclosed in a sweeping proclamation by Lieut Gen. John L. DeWitt on March 2, 1942, in what was a prelude to the announcement of the mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast, were quietly ended at midnight on Dec. 2. According to the announcement from Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, commanding general of the Sixth Army, only the Hanford-Pasco atom bomb project area in the state of Washington will remain under military control.

This action, coupled with the dismantling of the war relocation centers, will finally remove the vestigial remnants of what has been described as "our worst wartime mistake" from the western landscape. The square, red military area signs, which once defined the limits of the Pacific coast area from which American citizens of Japanese ancestry were excluded from the time of the evacuation until Jan. 2, 1945, are now gone. The relocation camps, which once served as the first American concentration centers for a civilian population, are fast disappearing as barracks are being dismantled to provide materials for veterans' housing, or are being moved to new areas to be utilized to alleviate the housing crisis.

The definition of military areas in the western states by Gen. DeWitt followed the issuance of Executive Order No. 9066 by President Roosevelt on Feb. 19, 1942, authorizing the Secretary of War to exclude "any or all persons" from prescribed military areas. Gen. DeWitt's interpretation of this authority led to the exclusion on a racial basis of all persons of Japanese ancestry, setting an example of racist treatment of a segment of the American population which had no previous precedent in American history. These military orders, including the curfew, the evacuation and exclusion, which were levied against an element of the citizen population solely on a basis of racial ancestry, were upheld by the United States Supreme court in wartime decisions in the Yasui, Hirabayashi and Korematsu cases.

It may be recalled that Associate Justice Jackson, in a minority opinion, considered the judicial validation of the evacuation in the Korematsu case as providing a "loaded revolver" which could conceivably menace other elements of the American population during times of future crises. Legal authorities, such as Prof. Eugene Rostow of Yale university, have urged that the evacuation issues be presented again to the Supreme court for reconsideration.

The military areas have been revoked and the relocation camps will disappear. The buildings are being taken down and the barbed-wire will rust. The scars on the land will heal. But the scar on the American conscience will remain as long as judicial validation is given to the facts of racist evacuation and racist exclusion. It is to be hoped that the courts will have an opportunity, in the coming year, of rectifying the dangerous precedents that have been set in the evacuation test cases.

Our Civil Liberties

During the war and particularly after the army announced the rescission of the evacuation orders affecting persons of Japanese descent, California was plagued by a series of anti-Nisei acts of terrorism. A large number of homes, many of them belonging to Nisei war veterans, were burned to the ground. None of the arsonists were sentenced.

Guns were fired into Nisei homes, and

in more than one instance shots narrowly missed the occupants of these homes. Again, in many instances, the Nisei were veterans.

Innumerable other instances of mob and individual acts of violence were recorded in those days.

Much of this activity was due, though not directly, to the inflammatory programs set by a number of organizations, such as the Remember Pearl Harbor League, the Japanese Exclusion League, California Preservation Association, the Home Front Commandos and other semi-fascist organizations which hid behind patriotic phraseology to carry on their anti-Nisei campaigns. Most of these groups have gone to their early and deserved deaths. But in their day they strewed poisonous literature and asked for action to prevent the return of the Japanese evacuees to their homes.

Many persons, in those days, asked why nothing was done to protect the victims of these attacks. It was apparent that local law enforcement agencies were inadequate to handle the situation. Editorial appeals to common sense and fair play did not, of course, lessen the attacks. It was obvious that action by the federal government was necessary, but beyond routine checkups by federal authorities, nothing was done.

For, despite the obvious lawlessness of the attacks, the federal government was powerless to act.

Nor were these the only cases of anti-racial activity in which government authorities were unable to extend any help to the victims or to seek the conviction of the assailants.

For many decades members of minority races have been subjected to attack, organized and disorganized, by mob action. Attacks against Negroes, Mexicans and Chinese have disgraced the national scene for many years.

This week President Harry Truman set up a civil rights committee which will recommend national civil rights legislation to protect America's minorities.

The federal government, Mr. Truman said, is hampered by inadequate civil rights laws. These must be expanded, he added, to provide the Justice department with "the tools to do the job."

Mob action "gravely threatens our form of government" Mr. Truman said. After the last war he continued, organized groups fanned hatred and intolerance until, at times, "mob action struck fear into the hearts of men and women because of their racial origin or religious beliefs."

An effective national civil rights law would be the country's great step forward in its solving of the minorities problem. It would be one of the greatest gains ever made in the defense of millions of Americans whose rights have been so often curtailed.

It would mean the elimination of such disgraceful scenes as occur often in southern states, when leaders of mob action against Negro victims are acquitted upon a few minutes' deliberation by the jury.

American citizens everywhere should by acclamation give their strong support to President Truman and his committee and work for passage of a strong, effective law on this question. A united citizenry can demand this legislation and see to its passage.

Return to the Coast

Although more than a year has passed since the end of the war, Canadians of Japanese ancestry still are excluded from the West Coast area of British Columbia from which they were evacuated in 1942. The reasons for continued exclusion lie in the politics of the province and in the desire of economic competitors to prevent the evacuees from returning.

The threat of possible violence against Japanese Canadians if the present exclusion regulations are relaxed was answered in a recent issue of Asia and the Americas, by Allen Roy Evans.

"The politicians (in British Columbia) are uttering grave warnings that a return of Canadian Japanese to their former homes on the Pacific coast will result in riot and bloodshed," Mr. Evans said. "The same violence was prophesied should the Japanese in relocation camps return to the United States Pacific coast. More than half of these have already taken the chance. Sporadic demonstrations were made, but such resolute action was taken that outbreaks of intolerance have ceased."

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Paradise Goes to the Polls

During the week before the recent elections in Hawaii ads appeared in Honolulu newspapers declaring: "Rev. Masao Yamada, former chaplain of the 442nd Infantry Combat Team, will speak in behalf of Chuck Mau, Democratic candidate for Senator." Other ads and stories of the Hawaiian political campaign indicated the interest which the returned veterans of the 442nd were taking in the first post-war elections.

Rev. Yamada was one of the many men of the 442nd who took an active part in the campaign. But a significant fact of this activity was that it was on a non-racial basis and the men acted as individuals, supporting candidates in both major parties. One 442nd veteran, Joe (Kemoo) Itagaki, a restaurant operator before he volunteered for the Japanese American Combat Team, was elected to the territorial house of representatives from Oahu's Fifth District on the Republican ticket.

The results of the elections provided a further recommendation for Hawaiian statehood. Whereas on the mainland there are continual appeals to racial blocs of voters—the Negroes in the northern cities, the Jewish and Italian population of New York City, the Irish, shanty and lace-curtain in Boston, the Poles in Chicago and Detroit, and the Slavs in Pennsylvania—there were no outright appeals for racial bloc support in the Hawaiian campaign. The fear of Alice Kamokila Campbell, the leader of what opposition there may exist in Hawaii against statehood, and of some mainland alarmists regarding bloc action by the eligible voters among the territory's 168,500 persons of Japanese descent was not borne out by the conduct of the group.

For example, many prominent citizens of Japanese ancestry campaigned against Wilford C. Tsukiyama, former city and county attorney of Honolulu and a veteran figure in Republican political activities, by backing Chuck Mau, a candidate of Chinese ancestry, and others on the Democratic slate. Tsukiyama became the second Japanese American to sit in the Hawaiian Senate, receiving 23,323 votes, while Mau received 21,285 and was narrowly defeated. (The first AJA to sit in the Hawaiian Senate was Sanji Abe, a Republican from the Island of Hawaii.) One of the issues on which Tsukiyama campaigned, and for which he received considerable support, was the abolition of the "English standard" school in Hawaii, an anachronistic holdover of the earlier territorial days. Admission to these "English standard" schools is determined by proficiency in the English language and the schools originally were discriminatory in concept since the children of the non-white contract laborers of a generation ago were less apt to be proficient in English than the children of haole (white) families.

The election results generally bear out the argument that the voters of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii, like those of the territory's other racial groups, vote on issues and along economic lines. The plantation workers who are organized into the CIO's militant International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union generally support the CIO-PAC program, while the small businessman and the white collar worker may back the Republicans.

Although the Island of Kauai has a large population of persons of Japanese ancestry, Noboru Miyake, a World War I veteran and former supervisor, who ran as a Republican, was defeated for the territorial senate by John B. Fernandes, a Democrat with PAC support. However, Kauai, which elected the entire Democratic ticket, will send Matsuki Arashiro, a member of the CIO's ILWU, and Tom Ouye to the territorial legislature. Arashiro and Ouye both had PAC endorsement.

CIO-PAC was one of the major issues of the Hawaiian elections, the Republicans in the territory taking their cue from the GOP on the mainland. The campaign against PAC was heightened by the fact that the sugar industry strike of ILWU workers was then in progress and PAC candidates, like Mitsuyuki Kido in Oahu's 5th, were vilified in the reactionary Honolulu Advertiser and in political ads in all of the major papers.

Twenty-two of the 37 candidates endorsed by the CIO Political Action Committee were elected despite the campaign against them and the results have established labor as a powerful factor in Hawaiian political affairs. Incidentally, six of the candidates endorsed by the PAC were of Japanese ancestry and four of these were elected.

During the campaign the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks ran a series of red-baiting newspaper advertisements directed against CIO-PAC and calling for a return to "true Americanism" in Hawaii. The attack by the Elks on the PAC was answered in a pre-election news paper ad by seven PAC candidates (John H. Wilson, newly elected mayor of Honolulu; William M. Furtado, Charles E. Kauhane, Tommy Wong, Richard M. Kageyama, Lau Ah Chew and Steere Noda, who declared: "All of us, born in Hawaii and American citizens, are barred from membership in the Elks because of our color." The ad reproduced a page from the constitution and statutes of the Elks which provides that "no person shall be accepted as a member of this Order unless he be a white male citizen of the United States of America..." The seven candidates charged that the Elks club was "guilty of a type of discrimination which is wholly inconsistent with the democratic tradition and racial practices of Hawaii." "We have checked with CIO-PAC," the seven candidates said. "It does not discriminate because of race, creed or color." Of the seven, Wilson, Kauhane and Kageyama were elected.

Kido, whose 10,693 votes placed the six successful legislative candidates from the Oahu 5th, countered the campaign against him by publishing a half-page ad which featured a telegram from Earl M. Finch, the one-man USO for Nisei GIs. Finch's message noted that Kido had performed "a great service" during the war as executive secretary of the Emergency Service Committee, a Japanese American morale group which functioned in Hawaii during the war. The Emergency Service Committee was made a campaign issue by the publication of a political ad which quoted a letter published in the Nov. 3 issue of the Advertiser from a nameless "442nd Vet." The letter was titled a "call to veterans" and obviously was directed against Kido and against Chuck Mau, both of whom are Democrats, and charged that the members of the Emergency Service Committee were working against a 442nd veteran Joe Itagaki. The letter, which ended with the words: "It is for us to fight for decency and fair play in government just as much as to fight courageously on the battlefronts," showed the extent to which demagoguery was used against Kido who was campaigning on a liberal platform with the support of the PAC and other progressive groups.

Two of the interesting developments of the elections were success of a Republican and a Democrat. The Republican is the veteran legislator, Thomas Sakakibara, something of a stormy petrel in pre-war legislatures, who made a comeback from East Hawaii. The Democrat is a newcomer and a war veteran, Richard Kageyama, who is the first Japanese American ever to be elected to the board of supervisors for the city and county of Honolulu. Kageyama waged an aggressive, progressive campaign as an avowed candidate of the common people and with the strong support of labor. Another Democrat, Steere Noda, narrowly was defeated for the Honolulu board.

The elections marked the return of Japanese Americans to active participation in the political life of Hawaii. The withdrawal of all persons of Japanese ancestry from political offices in 1942 had been enforced by war conditions and by government pressure on the military government. Others who were elected in the elections last month include: Tom Okino, county attorney of Hawaii; Kazuhisa Abe, D., supervisor, East Hawaii; Sakumichi Sakai, D., Dr. Yoshio Yoshida, D., supervisors, West Hawaii; George K. Watase, D., Yutaka H. Mamoto, R., supervisors, county of Maui. Of the 19 Japanese Americans among 146 candidates in the final elections, 13 were elected.

Vagaries

Nisei Roles . . .

Producer Larney Goodkind of the forthcoming Broadway production, "Some of the Sky," is still searching for two Nisei to take leading roles in the play . . . Kiyoko Nakama, Hawaii's great mid-distance star, will return to amateur swimming competition next year. Nakama hopes to make the U. S. swimming team in the 1948 Olympic games.

taxi . . .

Only Nisei ex-GI among Chicago's veterans now driving cabs. Don Noro . . . It's reported most Nisei COs have been paroled . . . Henry K. Makino, former editor of the Fort Snelling Bulletin, appeared in the Little Theater Playhouse production of the Broadway farce, "See My Lawyer," in St. Paul recently.

Latest of many recent books on the Nisei is a free-verse story, "The Neighbor," by Lucile Colyer of Los Angeles. The book is published by the Willing Publishing Company of Los Angeles . . . John A. Pelletier, Democratic assemblyman, whose district embraced Los Angeles' "Little Tokyo," died of illness last week. Pelletier, a New Dealer, had represented the 44th District continually for 12 years . . . Eddie Shimano, editor of the venerable Santa Anita Pace-maker, is still in New York with his wife, Katherine, and has been ghost-writing a book.

Senator . . .

George Malone, the Republican Senator-elect from Nevada, has something of a background on the problems of Japanese Americans. Malone, then serving as the Washington representative of the Industrial West association, served as an investigator for "Happy" Chandler's Senate committee inquiry into the war relocation centers in 1943 . . . Nisei girls, bound for War Department service with the occupation forces in Japan, recently have visited Canada while awaiting passage overseas, indicating that Canadian border restrictions against Americans of Japanese ancestry have been relaxed. It's reported that the restrictions were imposed as a matter of local policy . . . High U. S. Army officials are believed to have made representations over Canadian border policy, following an incident in which two Japanese American soldiers from Hawaii were refused entry to British Columbia as visitors.

Grid Star . . .

Honolulu: Wallace Yonamine, who is rated as a peer of Hawaii's famous Herman Wedemeyer, may be playing for USC or for one of the Big Nine universities next year. Yonamine, who starred on the West Coast this year as the sparkplug of the Hawaiian All-Stars, has been approached by alumni of St. Mary's, Santa Clara, USC, Oregon State, Kansas and the University of Hawaii. However, it's believed Yonamine has expressed a desire to attend one of the schools in the Big Nine . . . Yonamine, now in the army, recently led his team, the Schofield Redlanders, to a 70 to 0 rout of Naval Receiving Station in Hawaii. Yonamine personally scored six touchdowns and converted each of his team's 10 touchdowns . . . Hawaiian sports experts predict that Yonamine will rival Wedemeyer's feats in big-time collegiate competition.

Manhattan . . .

Tei Ko, Nisei dance star, will resume her career after the arrival of her expected child . . . The lapidary business in New York City, which gave employment to hundreds of evacuees during the war, is now reportedly in bad shape. More than a score of lapidary shops were started by Japanese Americans, but the majority are having a difficult time at present. Cause of this business recession is that jewelry wholesalers are not purchasing stones for stock, but rather are buying when they receive orders. This is due to the fact that many lapidary shops have been waging a price war and prices are unstable. Shop operators also expect foreign importations to affect the future development of the domestic lapidary industry . . . A future issue of Mademoiselle is expected to carry an article on Nisei relocation in eastern cities.

The Story of Coke Matsuki: Karon Kehoe's "City in the Sun" Is a Hard-Hitting Novel About Nisei and Wartime Relocation

CITY IN THE SUN by Karon Kehoe. Winner of the Intercollegiate Literary Fellowship Award. Dodd, Mead & Company. New York. \$2.50.

In November of 1941, the month before the war began, Coke Matsuki was a bright, alert teen-ager, likeable and irresponsible in the manner of all teen-agers. He had a passion for jive and his clarinet and the radio and football. The differences of skin coloring and facial makeup were the only things that distinguished him from millions of other teenagers that November in 1941. But in his world and at that date those differences did not exist.

On December 7 his facial features for the first time began to have meaning. Coke responded like any other American youngster to the news of war:

"He—that guy on the radio—said we were at war with Japan. Does that mean Pop will have to go?" And later, "We could lick Japan any day, couldn't we?"

His father, Walter Katsuji, a YMCA worker, did "have to go," but not to war. He went instead to an internment center at Missoula, Montana. And Coke and his mother Tsuyo were sent to first an assembly center and then to a relocation camp.

It is this story, of Coke and the effect of the war and the evacuation upon him, that is told by Karon Kehoe in "City in the Sun."

The author, who was secretary to the chief of internal security at the Gila River relocation center, has recorded life at that WRA center with great fidelity and complete honesty. The many facets of center life, from the minor inconveniences of mass living to the social implications of the evacuation are brought out by Miss Kehoe.

When the mass evacuation program is instituted, Coke and his mother Tsuyo are sent to the "Santa Ynez" assembly center, formerly a race track. Their home is a whitewashed horse stall "which still retained the aroma of its former inhabitant."

Coke is able to adjust himself fairly quickly to his new surroundings and companions, but his mother suffers almost daily from the indignities inherent in their enforced concentration.

Their stay in Santa Ynez is short, however, and within a few months, after many wild rumors had been spread about their future destination, the Matsukis are sent on to the Maricopa relocation center.

Maricopa was a former Indian reservation.

"It lay off Route 87 in a region so desolate, so barren that long ago it had been generously restored to the Pima Indians whose small stake houses, plastered with mud, stood near the dirt road," the author writes.

And she describes its growth thus:

"Gradually the isolated desert outpost became a self sufficient community made so by inhabitants whose sole hope lay in leaving it. No ambition for fame or wealth drew them there. Instead, they were brought as refugees — from democracy. The barracks housed only the ghost of a people. Yellow-skinned, slant-eyed people who had left all they loved in the luxuriant remembrance of a state that slopes down to the sea. How long would they stay there? For months that lengthened into years, the straight-haired, squinting Pimas asked each other that question. Patiently they inquired. Their concern was more than just that of neighbors. It was almost an interest of kinship or common destiny."

The atmosphere at the relocation center was not one to encourage or aid the growing interests of the teen-age boy, particularly one like Coke, whose father had been interned. Almost immediately there begins a breakdown of his normal curiosity, save in such matters as interested the gang with which he was associated.

The breakdown is gradual. Coke's interest in his school books slackens. He indulges in gang activities, beginning with the breaking of equipment in the school. By the time his father returns, ill and tired, Coke has grown far away from his family. He spends his time wandering around the camp, sneaking off to rendezvous with

his gang. His mother, whose health has been failing since an auto accident shortly before the start of war, has little control over her son.

When Coke's father, Katsuji, comes to camp, he realizes he must begin to wean his son away from the youths who are beginning to have so much effect upon him. But before he can do much about it, the camp is involved in the segregation program and the army enlistment program and Katsuji, always a leader, finds himself in the middle of a long fight.

When a member of the staff, Dr. Katherine Arnold, is offered a position in New York, she happens, out of momentary pity for Tsuyo, to offer her aid. She promises to take Coke with her to New York, to provide him with a home and to oversee his schooling. The Matsukis take the offer happily.

But Dr. Arnold is not the right person to take in hand a young, sensitive boy who has already been so buffeted by ill will and hatred that he has little faith in people.

In the end he runs away and seeks shelter at a New York hostel. Out of desperation, Tsuyo accepts a domestic job offer and comes to New York to get Coke.

The book ends as Tsuyo plans to start life over again. As the two start down the street, the Gripsholm, which had carried back the first boatload of repatriates, is seen dimly in the harbor after its return trip.

Though "City in the Sun" is primarily the story of Coke, Miss Kehoe has introduced a whole gallery of characters who will remind readers of many people they knew while in the centers.

There is Russell Sharmon, head of community management, whose responsibility to the people in the center is so great that it breaks up his home.

"These people are sick," Sharmon says. "Sick of being kicked around. They've lost their sense of security and their self-respect. Their faith and trust in democracy has been shattered. Mr. Ferguson, as you think you have a duty, so I believe I have. Only mine is to treat these people as human beings, to run this project with every emphasis on cooperation between the staff and the residents."

There is Takeo Osaka, in love with Gail Morris, who resolves his dilemma by joining the 442nd. There are the project staff workers, some good, some bad, most of them indifferent. There are the evacuees, the Issei, the Nisei, the young and the old.

All of them are pictured with honesty. To her recital of "City in the Sun" the author has brought a great sensitivity and sense of perception.

To this reviewer, at least, it has always been a mystery why no Nisei has yet produced a novel or book of non-fiction on the evacuation. Only one, Mine Okubo, has done a book-length work on it, and hers was primarily a story of the evacuation in pictures.

But "City in the Sun" perhaps, provides a clue as to the reason for this. For the Nisei, the evacuation was a horrible experience in humiliation.

The remembering of the incredible humiliation and agony of that experience must be, to the Nisei who went through it, an experience that burns upon the heart. Even the reading of it, as in "City in the Sun," will bring back the anger and the vast loneliness that was the evacuation.

Because it has been told honestly "City in the Sun" is not a happy tale. But it is a story that has needed telling for a long time. —M. O. T.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

"Please Dispose of the Articles . . ."

Denver, Colo

The Nisei girl was glancing through a publication when she chanced to see her mother's name in a list of those who had not claimed contraband articles deposited with the U. S. marshal after the outbreak of war.

Although her mother had died several years back, the girl was curious as to what it was the marshal had. It was curiosity first, for she knew her mother never did have much in the way of material things, and then a desire to claim anything that rightfully was hers. After all, it might be a usable radio or camera.

So she wrote to the marshal, explaining the situation in detail and asking that she be provided with

a descriptive of the articles to be reclaimed.

In due time the marshal's office wrote back, enclosing forms to be filled in quadruplicate, explaining that the articles would be packed and shipped parcel post collect as soon as she gave the word.

She wrote back quickly and the gist of her reply was this: "Please consider this your authority to dispose of the articles in whatever way you may choose."

This is the way the marshal had described the contraband articles: "Six Jap flags, 10"x12," mounted on staffs."

Tomorrow's Heirs

By Sachi L. Wada

Minneapolis, Minn.

ALL SO YOUNG . . .

There is almost one organization, representing every sort of group, in every city. Many of these consist of minority groups. Their aims are all basically parallel. Together, they could form a great inter-racial organization, combatting the crooked and narrow lines drawn against color. The other day, James Kamo, a law student at the university, who was with the 442nd and taught jujitsu for the army, and I were discussing the potentialities of such an organization. In such a group, there would be no need for the people who splotch any gathering by segregating into their small, individual cliques. There would be no need for dissension, for they, as guardians of the flame, which represents the basic foundations of our federal government, would be linked by something which is higher and above the petty ways of modern man.

Of course, we realize that this is something which cannot be fulfilled in our generation, but because we are young, we like to dream about it. I hope some day Jim can stand on the shores of his native Hawaii, and that I can stand on my state shorelines, and across the distances we shall clasp our hand knowing this was one dream come true.

WE HAVE GUESTS . . .

Recently, a group of us decided to invite guests to a mixer. Of course, there was an overwhelming excess of men . . . not that that could faze anyone. In true cat-like fashion, we were careful in tearing them apart, and then putting them together again.

Now, getting back to this social, it wasn't any ordinary affair which most Nisei are used to. Half of our group was from Hawaii, there was one Syrian, one Korean, and the rest were mainlanders. Taking this as a social experiment, it was highly successful, and for a group which was predominantly of Japanese extraction, it was a totally raceless group. Our mistress of ceremonies, Hisako Yoshida, is an advanced clinical student from Honolulu . . . at first she was dubious about strumming Hawaiian songs on a ukulele, but "Manuela Boy" went over superlatively well . . . Al Hakim, the Syrian, was having a marvelous time playing poker . . . We don't have to go any place for our cosmopolitan atmosphere . . . it comes to us. Oh yes, Utah was here in the form of Yuki Yano, a post-grad psychiatric student; and Katie Kubo, a Phi Beta, brought along her Wyoming.

ODDS AND ENDLESS THOTS . . .

This so-called column has been running for over a month now, and yet I haven't explained the reason for calling it "Tomorrow's Heirs." Tomorrow is a world in which only thoughts exist, and everything else is irrelevant. And the heirs are those people who I know belong there. And the places and the seasons I write about are also found there. And in this world of tomorrow, there are no columns or columnists, because everyone can see all there is to be seen, by themselves. . . . A little birdie asked me to pass along the word that there a bunch of kids and grown-ups over in Japan who may have to catch pneumonia unless everyone of you does something about it . . . so shall we all scrape up those odd dollars and bits of clothing for the Japan Relief?

The Rev. Clark Garman of Denver is a former Congregationalist missionary to Japan. But to hear him talk and see him go into action on his pet projects, one would mistake his vigor for that of a junior chamber of commerce committee chairman.

The Rev. Mr. Garman is deeply concerned, and with reason, about the failure of the mass of Denver Nisei to enter into life outside their narrowly circumscribed business and social community.

He feels there is a great reservoir of good will toward the Nisei now which may waste away in a few years; that when this occurs the Nisei will find it more difficult than ever to break out of their "Li'l Tokyos."

For a variety of reasons, the prewar "Li'l Tokyo" pattern has been reproduced more faithfully in Denver than in perhaps any community outside the coastal states. And it is obvious to observers that so long as that community is large enough to support itself by taking in each other's washing, it will provide an economic and psychological refuge which discourages the Nisei from striking out.

How to overcome the inertia, gravity or magnetism (you take your pick) that keeps the Nisei close to the Larimer street community is a problem that is worrying the Rev. Mr. Garman. He'd welcome your pet viewpoint.

Yatsushiro's View

Toshio Yatsushiro, who has been studying Japanese American problems in the Denver area for the WRA unit in the commerce department, agrees heartily that it is essential for Nisei to break away from the community and strive toward more complete assimilation.

But he has a point of view which may be distressing to the more idealistic of Nisei amateur sociologists and psychiatrists. He says:

"It's better for a Nisei to feel secure and be happily adjusted in a 'Li'l Tokyo' community than for him to be frustrated, maladjusted and to feel socially insecure in the larger community. There are a great many Nisei not equipped by training, experience and inclination to move with confidence in Caucasian circles."

Perhaps the answer to the situation lies somewhere between the Rev. Mr. Garman's militant view and Yatsushiro's easy-going stand.

It is encouraging that there are persons like the Rev. and Mrs. Garman who concern themselves with Nisei problems.

And it is disheartening that here in Denver, hundreds of miles from the west coast's original "Li'l Tokyos," the assimilation problem that was discussed and debated a decade ago in scores of forums and conferences still is a pertinent and vital issue.

Have the Nisei forgotten so soon the lessons of the evacuation and its aftermath?

Publishes Paper

NEW YORK—The first issue of the "Town Crier," bulletin of the New York JACL, was published last week. The new paper is a four-page photo-offset publication featuring news of the JACL unit and its members.

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Four Nisei Named To All-State Teams By Utah Paper

Four Nisei prep gridders were honored in the annual Utah high school all-State football teams selected by the Salt Lake City Telegram.

Mochizuki, brilliant end for the Bingham high school team which defeated Lincoln 13 to 12 to win the state Class B championship, was named at left end on the Telegram allstate Class B team.

Dave Aoki, quarterback of the West high school Panthers of Salt Lake City, and Utaga Harada and Jimmy Watanabe, touchdown twins of the Davis high school Darts, were given honorable mention for backfield posts on the Class A team.

Aoki, whose long runs have featured West high's games, played for the Panthers in the state championship game which was won by Box Elder high of Brigham City.

Tubby Kunimatsu Will Sing at New York JACL Dance

NEW YORK—Tubby Kunimatsu, Nisei singer and dancer, will be the featured intermission artist at the New York JACL's winter ball at the Hotel Commodore's East ballroom on Dec. 13.

Miss Kunimatsu, professionally known as Toby Kei in her appearances at the China Doll night club in New York, formerly was the vocalist for Art Hayashi's orchestra in Chicago.

She performed at Camp Shanks two years ago when the JACL sponsored a program for replacement units of the 442nd Combat Team, then awaiting shipment overseas.

Geon Bartel's orchestra from the Hotel Lexington will provide the musical background for the ball. Tickets are being sold by JACL members and are \$2.70 per person and \$4.80 per couple. Servicemen will be admitted for \$1.80, according to Ken Hayashi, publicity chairman.

Arakawa Passes for Cavalry Touchdown In Tokyo Game

TOKYO—A pass from Bushin Arakawa, Japanese American back from Honolulu, to Reb Steiner of Endley, Ala., scored for the First Cavalry football team as they took a 7 to 6 game from the Eighth Army before 8000 fans in Tokyo's Thanksgiving day GI classic.

Ogden YBA Plans Preference Hop

OGDEN, Utah — The Ogden YBA will sponsor its second annual girls' preference hop on Dec. 13 in the Weber college ballroom. Shorty Ross' orchestra will play for the dance. Tickets now are on sale at \$2.00 per couple.

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Nisei With Mother in A-Bombing City Enlists for Army Service

WATERBURY, Conn. — A Nisei whose mother was living in Hiroshima at the time of the A-bombing in 1945 is the first Japanese American to enlist in the army at the Waterbury recruiting station since it was opened over a year ago, according to Lieut. Harry C. Roff, public relations officer.

Ted M. Kagimoto, 23, a native of Los Angeles, has not received any word concerning his mother since the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

Kagimoto has been accepted in the counter intelligence corps for three years' service and probably will be assigned to Japan, where he lived for 13 years. He declared his enlistment culminated a year-long attempt to join the army.

Born in Los Angeles, Kagimoto was taken to Japan by his parents when three years of age and lived there until he was 16. After graduating from Mission

high school in San Francisco, Kagimoto worked in New Jersey and New York. He came to Waterbury one month ago to take a job in a restaurant.

Minneapolis Nisei Girls Hold Election

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Mas Kitagawa was elected president of the Nisei Girls club at the election meeting held recently. Officers are Julia Sakai, vice-president; Pat Kato, sec.; and Beck Kitagawa, treas.

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Masako Ono Will Be Presented Concert in Home Town

FRESNO, Calif.—Masako Ono, soprano will appear in concert under the sponsorship of the YTA on Dec. 29 in the Fresno College auditorium. Miss Ono, recently graduated from the University of Michigan with honors, is at the present time on the faculty of the Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ono of Fresno and the sister of Mrs. Atsuko Nagano. Born in Fresno, Miss Ono's musical training began at the age of

She left the Fresno assembly in September of 1942 on a scholarship to Drake university where she continued her study in music. Her introduction into intensive vocal training began during her two years at the Conservatory of Music at Drake.

Miss Ono's public performances have been numerous both on the Michigan campus and off. She has presented a recital at the University of Michigan for her degree and was soloist with the University of Michigan mixed chorus. She was soprano soloist with a radio quartet and has sung for each of the Military Intelligence School, graduation ceremonies at the University of Michigan during her stay there. She also was music director of her class play and will sing the soprano solo in Handel's "The Messiah" to be given at Bowling Green State University in December.

She was awarded the Barbour scholarship at the University of Michigan in the spring of 1944. The scholarship in former years had been awarded to Oriental women of foreign lands, but due to the war, the award, instead of going to a native Japanese was presented to a Nisei. Her outstanding scholarship and talent won her the scholarship a second year.

Also appearing in the program as guest artist will be Miss Lois Kanagawa, violinist. Miss Kanagawa is at present time studying at the College of Pacific in Stockton. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kanagawa of Sanger.

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Babe Nomura Given Honorable Mention On All-Coast Team

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Babe Nomura, San Jose State's star halfback, is given honorable mention on the Associated Press' All-Coast team for 1946.

Nomura, who was all-conference at Los Angeles City college last year, is believed to be the first Japanese American to be mentioned on an all-coast team.

In San Jose's last regularly scheduled game last Friday Nomura scored the first touchdown of the Spartan's 26-19 victory over the University of Portland when he took a pass from Pete Denevi in the end zone in the first period.

Nomura will start at one of the halfback posts when San Jose State meets Utah State in the Rasin Bowl at Fresno on New Year's Day.

San Francisco Ex-GI Group Plans Dance

SAN FRANCISCO — The Drakes, a newly organized social and athletic club composed of Nisei war veterans, will sponsor a benefit Christmas dance on Dec. 21 at the San Francisco Buddhist hall, the first social event to be held in the temple gym since the evacuation.

The hall has been used as a hostel until recently. The music for the dance will be furnished by Paul Higaki's new orchestra. Higaki, a San Franciscan, was a trombonist for Jimmy Lunceford's orchestra in the east before his recent return to San Francisco.

The Drakes have organized a basketball team, composed of pre-war members of the San Francisco Mikado, Proto and Y Greyhound teams, and including Kiki Hiroshima, Tosh Shiozaki, Gengo Miyahara, Tosh Okamura, Jack Mizono, Dai Matsuda, Mich Yoshimura, Hisashi Horita, Tut Tatsuno, John Mizono and T. Yoshitomi. The Drakes opened their season on Nov. 29 by defeating the Dragoneers, an all-veterans' team composed of Chinese Americans, by a score of 49 to 42 at the Buchanan Street USO.

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To Lieut. and Mrs. Robert Kano a girl on Nov. 20 in Riverside, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Takazumi Mizuno, a boy, on Nov. 8 in Reedley, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kazumi Uyeda a boy on Nov. 13 in Stockton, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Higashi a boy on Nov. 1 in San Pedro, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Scott Takahashi a boy on Nov. 14 in Chicago.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ken Seno a girl on Nov. 16 in Chicago.
To Mr. and Mrs. Don Noro a girl, Donna Jeanne, in Chicago.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ted T. Ikari, Rt. 1, Box 16, Blanca, Colo., a girl, Sandra, on Nov. 5.
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Ikari, Rt. 1, Box 508-B, Riverside, Calif., a girl, Jean, on Nov. 20.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki O. Nomura a girl in Denver, Colo.
To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie T. Osumi a girl in Denver, Colo.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Matsumonji a boy on Nov. 27 in Denver.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shun Aoyagi, twin daughters on Nov. 28 in Denver, Colo.
To Mr. and Mrs. Nobu Yasuda a girl, Emi, on Oct. 26 in Oakland, Calif.

DEATHS

Kizo Sanbongi, 62, on Nov. 27 in Fresno.
Kumahachi Shigemi, 73, on Nov. 20 in San Jose.
Ichiji Goto, 71, on Nov. 26 in Los Angeles.
Kenji Kishima on Nov. 29 in Los Angeles.
Heijiro Funada, 64, on Nov. 30 in Inglewood, Calif.

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Nisei Veterans Will Not Form Own Group in Palo Alto Area

Chicago JACL Makes Final Plans for Inaugural Ball

CHICAGO — Final plans were being made this week by the Chicago JACL chapter for their inaugural ball to be held on Dec. 13 in the Crystal ballroom of the Shoreland hotel, 55th at Lake St.

Bill Rohter and his campus orchestra from Northwestern university have been engaged for the dance.

Jiro Yamaguchi of the dance committee stressed that the affair will be semi-formal and said that the committee interpreted this to mean business suits for the men and street or semi-formal dress for the ladies.

Four hundred couples are expected to attend the event.

Cincinnati Veterans

CINCINNATI, O. — Four veterans of the 442nd Combat Team recently joined the Disabled American Veterans in Cincinnati.

They are Frank Hashimoto, Ichiro Kato, Yosh Oikawa and Chris Keagan.

MARRIAGES

Haruye Imade to Takeo Yamakawa on Nov. 21 in Dinuba, Calif.
Toshiko Itomura to Kazuo Inouye on Nov. 24 in Los Angeles.
Mitsuko Honjo to Akira Yamada on Nov. 20 in Dinuba.
Nancy Karakane to Smith Takaya in Los Angeles on Nov. 23.
Lucy Ono to George S. Fujimoto in Seattle on Nov. 23.
Kaoru Higashi to Masanori Oshima on Nov. 30 in Los Angeles.
Sueno Takamoto to Gaiki Imamura on Dec. 1 in Denver.
Betty Yoshida to Kazuo Tanikawa on Dec. 1 in Denver.
Mary Fukaya to Akira Hiramatsu on Dec. 1 in Denver.
Helen Hamashita to Kenji Uye-no on Dec. 1 in Los Angeles.
Eiko Dakuzaku to Yoshihiro Goya on Dec. 1 in Oakland, Calif.

Wedding

LOS ANGTLES—Nancy Karakane and Smith Takaya were married in a double-ring ceremony by the Rev. Paul Nagano at the All People's Christian church on Nov. 23.

After a reception at the church the newlyweds left for Mexico on their honeymoon.

Will Join Established Veterans' Organizations, Declares Dr. Ushiro

PALO ALTO, Calif.—American war veterans of Japanese ancestry in the Palo Alto area have decided against the formation of a veterans' organization of their own and will join established local chapters of national organizations, Dr. California S. Ushiro, 30-year-old former major with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and France, declared here this week.

Japanese American war veterans in the Palo Alto district have been invited to attend the next meeting of the Palo Alto Post 375 of the American Legion by Sidney Barnnaman, commander of the post and the 13th District of the American Legion.

"We feel we would be better off as members of an established veterans group than in an organization of our own," Dr. Ushiro declared.

The former Army major served as a front-line surgeon with the 442nd Combat Team. He is a graduate of Stanford medical college and interned at the San Francisco county hospital before the evacuation. He practiced medicine at the Heart Mountain relocation center before entering the army.

Dr. Ushiro this week announced that he is opening an office for the practice of medicine and surgery at 1123 Second St. in Palo Alto.

Ken Osaka Named To All-League Team

FRESNO, Calif. — Ken Osaka, quarterback star of the Madera high school team, was named on the second team of the All-Yosemite league squad picked by the Fresno Bee sports staff on Dec. 3.

The Bee said that Osaka "usually was a standout" in his team's games.

Double-Ring Rites

SEATTLE, Wash. — Lucy Ono, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ono of Seattle, and George S. Fujimoto, former Army sergeant, were married in a double-ring ceremony at the Japanese Baptist church on Nov. 23. The Rev. Emery E. Andrews officiated.

Miss Ono was an employee of the Department of Commerce in Washington, D. C. during the war. The couple will make their home in Seattle.

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Matsuyama Will Head JACL In Twin Cities

Cabinet Officials, Committee Heads Selected at Meeting

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—George Matsuyama, instructor of chemistry at the University of Minnesota, was elected president of the newly organized chapter of the JACL.

Other officers include: Mrs. Sady Sakai, St. Paul, first vice-president; Mae Kuroda, Mpls., second vice-pres.; Sam Rokutani, St. Paul, treasurer; Nobu Tanaka, Mpls., corr. sec'y.; and Kuwa Yoshida, St. Paul, rec'g. sec'y.

Appointive chairmen for the various committees are: Charles Tatsuda, constitution; Rena Phillips, chapter name; Mrs. Ruth Tambara, research and budget; Mickey Kuroiwa, Teizo Yahanda, Issei relations; Yukio Okamoto, veterans; May Kuroda, Sue Hirano, recreation and education; Peter Ohtaki, publicity.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Minneapolis YWCA. The agenda includes constitution adoption, name selection and a social hour.

Chicago Club Holds Final 1946 Meeting

CHICAGO — The Japanese American Women's club of Chicago marked their last meeting of the year with a dinner in the Empire room of the Palmer House on Nov. 22.

Faye Nakanishi, Mrs. Walter Kawamura and Mrs. H. Mukoyama comprised the committee in charge of the dinner.

The table centerpiece and the corsages for each member and guests were the gift of Mr. John Rosetti.

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HONOLULU — Stanford Miyamoto and Nitta Mitsuko Oyamadori are the names of the first children born in Hawaii to 442nd Combat Team veterans and their Italian war brides.

Stanford, now nearly four months of age, is the first child born in Hawaii to a Japanese American veteran and his Italian bride. Stanford, who was born on August 17, is the son of Kaoru Miyamoto, an employee of the Honolulu Gas Co., and his 20-year-old bride, Guisippina.

Stanford is living with his parents at the home of his grandparents at the home of his grandparent. In this household, Guisippina has learned to speak English and has adjusted herself to Hawaiian ways. She is not entirely dependent on English, for her husband learned to speak Italian in Leghorn, where the couple met and were married.

Nitta Mitsuko was born to Masanobu Oyamadori and his 17-year-old wife, the former Antonietta Corti, on Oct. 26 at the Kahuku plantation hospital. The father is back at the job in the truck department of the plantation which he had left when he entered service and went overseas with the 442nd.

Mrs. Miyamoto and Mrs. Oyamadori were the first Hawaiian war brides to reach Honolulu. They made the journey from Italy alone across the Atlantic, the mainland and the Pacific to arrive at their new homes on June 10, 1946. Their husbands were unable to accompany them, but arrived later and were discharged to return to civilian life.

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THE present address of Mr. HAYATA SAKAMOTO, whose pre-emption address was 4239 Del Rey Ave., Venice, Calif., and who relocated to Brigham City, Utah, from the Manzanar relocation center, is being sought by the Pacific Citizen. There is a message for Mr. Sakamoto from a relative.

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Nisei GIs in Japan Disturbed on Leniency to Stranded Group

NEW YORK—Some Nisei GIs stationed with the occupation forces in Japan have been disturbed by the alleged leniency of General Headquarters in reinstating Nisei who remained in Japan during the war, the Nisei Weekender reported last week.

Japanese American soldiers and veterans were reported by the Weekender as charging that many of the reinstated Nisei are given War Department civilian jobs after reinstatement with good ratings, shelter and food and that this has deprived Nisei veterans from the same jobs.

The Weekender said that several complaints have been published in the letters section of the Pacificer, U. S. Army newspaper in Tokyo, in which Nisei GIs and veterans have pointed out that although some of the U. S.-born Japanese who were in Japan during the war deserve breaks, most of them chose to stay Japanese. These assertions have been supported by letters from other U. S. Army GIs on duty in Japan, but the editors of the Pacificer, according to the Weekender, declare that many of the Japanese Americans who were stranded in Japan during the war were registered by the Japanese government as foreigners and that many were denied the right to return to the United States by the Japanese before the outbreak of war.

Los Angeles Group Seeks Biggest JACL Chapter in Country

LOS ANGELES—The organizing committee of the Los Angeles chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League this week inaugurated its campaign to make the unit the largest JACL organization in the country.

Members of the organizing committee participated in the successful veterans testimonial dinner held last month.

Sasaki, Lodi Guard, Praised by Coach

LODI, Calif.—Jiro Sasaki, star guard of the Lodi high school Flames, has been named to the second team of the all-Northern California high school all-star team selected on nominations from players, coaches, student correspondents and sportswriters.

Sasaki's play was rated as outstanding by his coach, Bill Archer, in his team's 12-12 tie with the Stockton Tarzans in the final game of the Sac-Joaquin league season on Nov. 30.

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Sakata Batters World Record in Weight-Lifting

HONOLULU — Harold Sakata, 181-pound class weight-lifting champion of Hawaii, bettered the world's record with a 275-pound press in a recent tournament at the Nuuanu Y. The recognized world mark for this event is 273½ pounds and is held by John Davis.

Sakata will represent Hawaii in the national weight-lifting championship and is expected to be a contender for the U. S. team in the 1948 Olympics.

Set Trial Date in California Land Law Case

AUBURN, Calif. — Superior Judge Lowell L. Sparks of Placer county has set the escheat proceedings brought by the State of California and Placer county against Sengiro Kondo and Eiko Kondo for alleged violation of the Alien Land law for Feb. 18 in Superior court.

Mr. and Mrs. Kondo are charged with violation of the statute in the purchase of ranch property in Placer county.

Judge Sparks will hear the evidence in a trial scheduled to last three days without a jury.

The action was filed in April, 1945, and has been contested on technical points for more than a year before coming to issue so it could be set for trial.

San Jose Zebras

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Two wild throws by the San Jose Zebras gave undefeated Southside Market a 5 to 2 victory in the feature game of the San Jose winter league on Dec. 1 at Municipal stadium.

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