



## Evacuee Claims Proposal Backed at House Hearing

### Indemnification For Losses Urged as Eight Witnesses Favor Proposed Legislation

WASHINGTON—With only one witness questioning provisions of the Evacuation Claims Commission bill, HR 2768, public hearings on the proposal to indemnify west coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry were held on Thursday, May 29, before the Gwynne subcommittee of the House Judiciary committee.

Testifying in support of the bill were Oscar L. Chapman, undersecretary of interior; Dillon S. Myer, WRA director and now commissioner of the Federal Public Housing authority; Hito Okada, national president of the JACL; Dr. Leonard Bloom, professor of sociology at UCLA; Mike Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination committee; Elmer J. Hewitt, vice president of the Meat, Cannery and Farm Workers Union, Local 56, AFL; the Rev. F. Nelson Schlegel of the Evangelical and Reformed church and the Family Service association of Washington, and Malcolm A. Pitts, former WRA regional assistant director.

Rep. Clair Engle, D., Calif., while supporting the principles of the bill, suggested certain amendments be made by the subcommittee before the evacuee claims bill was reported out for House consideration. Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart, R., Calif., listed as a witness, did not appear.

Chairman John W. Gwynne, R., Iowa, presided. Other subcommittee members were Clifford P. Case, R., New Jersey; Francis A. Walter, D., Pa.; Joseph B. Bryson, D., Mass., and Thomas J. Lane, D., Mass.

In urging the subcommittee to issue a favorable report on the bill, Undersecretary Chapman briefly explained the history of the measure and what its provisions would accomplish. He declared:

"It is my sincere belief and deep feeling this bill relates to a matter in which we as a nation have a real and immediate obligation to meet, one which the American people and Congress will, I am sure, recognize and accept. Its passage would go a long way toward discharging this obligation which involves the very integrity of our country. This is an act of fairness and decency to those who suffered that the country might feel itself more secure in those dark hours.

"But first and foremost," Chapman concluded, "we will be discharging a very definite moral obligation due to persons, most of them citizens, who, as I have said, were guilty of no crime than the accident of birth and ancestry."

Mr. Myer related some of the experiences of the WRA under his administration and answered questions relating to its handling of property, both at the time of the evacuation and afterwards. He explained that while the WRA tried to prevent some of the things that happened, the agency was late in the field and adequate preparations for the protection of the property of the evacuees had not been made.

Rep. Engle said, as he did in blocking the bill in the last Congress, that the measure as written provided for compensation of "disloyal" Japanese and Japanese Americans. Citing reports of the Costello subcommittee on of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Engle charged that according to a loyalty questionnaire more than 25 per cent of American-born Japanese were "disloyal." He urged the subcommittee to make some provisions whereby these persons, both alien and citizen, would be barred from claiming benefits under the feature.

Rep. Engle declared that while this bill did not provide for compensation of others who suffered economic and other losses as a consequence of war, it singled out only those of Japanese ancestry for "preferential treatment." He said that gold mine operators who were ordered to cease operations by the War Production Board should be similarly compensated under the law.

National JACL President Hito Okada, who flew out from Salt Lake City to testify, read a statement that explained the interest of the JACL in the bill. He commented on the prewar status of the Japanese community and the changes that war and subsequent events had forced upon the Japanese Americans and noted the contributions of the Nisei and Issei groups toward the military victory.

"We persons of Japanese ancestry recognize that in wartime every person suffers and sacrifices," Okada said. "We do not now argue that many other Americans suffered and sacrificed less but we do insist that what happened to us was unique and was visited upon no other group of Americans."

The JACL president noted that President Truman had written a letter to Congress in support of the bill at the last session.

Okada urged favorable consideration by the committee "in the name of common justice and fair play and in the name of 33,000 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry and their loyal parents."

Dr. Bloom, who supervised an independent study of evacuation losses, presented a nine-page statistical analysis with arguments supporting HR 2768. He also suggested tentatively that it might be less expensive if lump sum payments were substituted for the involved, costly claims procedure.

Speaking as an expert, he declared, "There can never be compensation for intangible damages, the loss of freedom, disruption of lives, and mental suffering. But the very least we can expect of a working democracy is an effort to indemnify the evacuees for economic damages suffered by no other segment of our population."

Citing specific case histories, he pointed out the inadequacy of the government evacuation program from the beginning to the end. "The time table and the plan of the evacuation was designed so that large economic losses were inevitable," he said.

After filing a five-page prepared statement, Mike Masaoka challenged Engle's figures on the percentage of allegedly "disloyal" Nisei, pointed out that the so-called "loyalty" questionnaires were not an accurate gauge of loyalty or disloyalty because they were "misworded, misunderstood and misinterpreted."

Masaoka concluded that persons who had renounced their citizenship and who had asked for repatriation had no moral claim on the government for claims and said that the ADC had no objection to a provision denying renunciants and repatriates the benefits of the bill if such a provision was necessary to insure its passage. He said that he took this position "in order not to penalize the loyal Japanese American and the Japanese alien and in order that the great majority of the evacuees would not lose an opportunity to file claims for economic losses."

Masaoka questioned the need for redrafting the bill to include gold-mine operators as demanded by Rep. Engle. He said the gold-mine group presented an economic problem which should be treated in separate legislation. He said that Engle's proposed amendments tended to clutter up and confuse the intent and purpose of the Evacuations Claims commission proposal and described it as a maneuver to lessen its chances for passage.

After Masaoka concluded his testimony, Chairman Gwynne read into the record a statement of the subcommittee's appreciation for Masaoka's efforts in arranging the hearing and obtaining witnesses.

### Utah Governor To Accept Special JACL Membership

Governor Herbert B. Maw will accept an honorary membership in the Salt Lake City chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League in a special ceremony at the chapter's graduation prom June 21 at the University of Utah's Union ballroom.

The membership will be given to Governor Maw in special recognition of his services to Japanese Americans in asking for liberalized naturalization laws and passage of an evacuation claims measure.

### Baldwin Tells Japan Emperor About Nisei GIs

#### Nippon Ruler Told Of Wartime Loyalty Of Nisei to America

TOKYO—Roger N. Baldwin, national director of the American Civil Liberties Union and special representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, had a 40-minute interview with the Japanese emperor on May 27.

Baldwin told Emperor Hirohito of the brilliant record of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and other American soldiers of Japanese ancestry in the war and said that the loyalty of the Japanese Americans in the war was a major factor in the move toward the elimination of legal discrimination against them and against others of Asiatic ancestry on the basis of race.

The ACLU director was invited by the emperor to discuss the present status of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. Baldwin declared that the record made by the Nisei GIs constituted a strong argument for the elimination of the present clause barring their alien parents from United States citizenship.

He declared that the emperor stated that he approved the occupation policies in democratizing Japan and that he hoped the occupation forces would stay until the job was completed.

### Salt Lake VFW Post Passes Resolution Supporting Citizen Rights for Parents of Nisei

The Atomic Post No. 4355 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Salt Lake City on May 28 went on record by unanimous vote to support and endorse legislation to extend naturalization privileges to United States residents of Japanese ancestry who are now denied the right of citizenship.

The resolution, adopted by members of the Atomic post, largest VFW unit in the intermountain area with a membership of one thousand, will be presented to the forthcoming Utah state encampment of the VFW for concurrence with a recommendation that it be presented and read at the national VFW encampment by the Utah delegation.

The Atomic post, whose commander is Glen Thompson, who is also the senior vice-commander of the Utah VFW, initiated a resolution last year against the Utah Alien Land law which was repealed at the recent session of the legislature.

The case for the non-citizen parents of Nisei GIs was presented by Kiyoshi Miyazaki, a veteran of the Pacific campaign, at the Atomic post meeting. Miyazaki is one of ten Nisei veterans, including Mike M. Masaoka and Mas Horiuchi of the National JACL, who are members of the Atomic post.

The resolution noted "the fundamental basis of American democracy is justice and equality for all."

It recalled that many non-citizen residents of Japanese ancestry, barred from citizenship on the basis of race by the present naturalization law, "made significant contributions to our country's war effort by serving in strategic places and further demonstrated their loyalty in many ways to their adopted country."

The resolution declared that the sons of these non-citizen residents had fought in the "cause of freedom" with the 442nd Combat Team, military intelligence in the Pacific and with other units. "We share the pride of these alien parents in the brilliant chapter their sons have courageously recorded in the annals of American military history," the VFW post's resolution added.



Glen Thompson, senior vice-commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Utah and B. Y. Kaneko, head of the Servicemen's Family League of Salt Lake City, are shown with the stone memorial which was dedicated on May 25 to the 18 Japanese Americans from Utah who were killed in World War II. The shaft was erected at the city cemetery by the Servicemen's Family League, an Issei organization. Next of kin of the 18 soldiers were present at the dedication rites.

—Photo by Ben Terashima.

### Stone Shaft Dedicated to Nisei GIs in Salt Lake Ceremony

A stone shaft 16 feet high in the Salt Lake City cemetery was dedicated Sunday morning, May 25, to the memory of 18 Japanese American soldiers from Utah who died in World War II.

Glen E. Thompson, commander of the Atomic post, VFW, praised the Nisei fighting men in his speech commemorating the deceased servicemen.

"These are the men in whom we entrusted our faith and freedom," Mr. Thompson said.

"They are the ones for whom we prayed and home—to help make their efforts victorious, so that they might return and live with us in lasting peace and security."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States look upon all these honored ones as comrades," said. "Within our organization are men who have served under the Stars and Stripes overseas in many campaigns to preserve American freedoms. The honors we symbolize today express the appreciation of the VFW men for all comrades-in-arms."

Parents of the men honored by the memorial and the audience of persons watched as Mr. Thompson placed a bouquet made of VFW poppies at the base of the monument.

Ray Terashima, national JACL treasurer, spoke as a representative of the Japanese American Citizens League. Terry Adachi of Utah Nippo expressed the appreciation of the Utah residents for the sacrifices made by Utah Nisei in the army.

Masanori Akimoto, who lost two sons in the war, spoke on behalf of the parents of the deceased servicemen.

Other speakers were B. Y. Kaneko, president of the Servicemen's Family League, and Kiyoshi Miyazaki, war veteran.

The service and the memorial were arranged by the Servicemen's Family League under the direction of Mr. Kaneko.

The deceased soldiers whose names are inscribed upon the monument are John Akimoto, Vice Akimoto, Robert Endo, Russell Fujino, Isamu Matsukawa, and Noboru Myoko, Mit-

## Canadians May Probe Sales of Evacuee Lands

Hears Testimony on Sale of 741 Farms Below Assessed Value

OTTAWA, Canada—An order-in-council providing for establishment of a royal commission to investigate the sale of properties owned by persons of Japanese ancestry prior to the evacuation from the west coast was considered by the federal cabinet last week.

Report of interest on the part of the government in the question of the disposal of the properties of Japanese Canadian evacuees followed an accusation by the Toronto Globe and Mail of irregularities in the property sales.

The Globe and Mail suggested that a "royal commission sift the whole matter to the bottom."

Meanwhile, appearing before the Commons public accounts committee on May 8, Frank G. Shears, director of the Vancouver office of the custodian of enemy property, testified that 741 small farms in Fraser valley which had been owned and operated by persons of Japanese ancestry before their evacuation in 1942 had been sold to the department of veterans' affairs for returned men for \$836,250, or about two-thirds of the assessed valuation of \$1,250,900.

The sale of 466 properties of Japanese and Japanese Canadians in the Vancouver area realized \$1,004,788. The assessed value was \$1,183,313.

Most of the 950 fishing boats belonging to persons of Japanese ancestry also were seized and sold, in addition to 180 smaller boats. The committee said that \$1,400,000 was realized from the sale of the boats.

The chattels, mostly household furniture of the Japanese Canadian evacuees, were sold at public auction. Cost of sorting the goods and selling was around 22 per cent, which was deducted from the sales and \$650,000 was realized.

Mr. Shears contended in his testimony that his office did its utmost to protect the assets of the Japanese Canadian evacuees.

"I know it has been charged there was waste in disposing of these properties," he said, "but I wish to say that we were confronted with a difficult situation for which we had no precedent and we followed the best methods we could devise."

He denied that any Japanese property had been "sold for a song."

The committee, however, was advised this week of the case of Naoichi Karatsu of Whonnock, B. C., who has declared that he received only \$6.36 for property valued at \$723.45.

Mr. Shears declared that since Karatsu had a list of his chattels, prepared in the office of the custodian of enemy property before he evacuated, which listed the properties valued at \$723.45, the fact that only \$10.40 was realized from the sale of Karatsu's property could be attributed to the fact that much of the chattels probably had been stolen by vandals. Shears noted that there had been \$4.04 in expenses involved in the sale of Karatsu's property for \$10.40, leaving a net of \$6.36 to the evacuee.

Mr. Shears said there were individual cases where owners of chattels had been substantial losers, but he thought the number was limited and was largely due to thefts and vandalism.

## United Veterans To Aid Issei in Filing Papers

FRESNO, Calif. — The United Veterans will undertake a county-wide program of aiding all Issei in filing for their first citizenship papers, it was decided here at the veterans group's last meeting.

Yoshito Fujimoto of Del Rey was named head of a committee to push the program. Committee members will be Toichi Doi, Parlier; Lyman Domoto, Sanger; Tak Misaki, Selma; Ben Nakamura, Fowler; Harry Hoshiko, Caruthers; Ed Henmi, Fresno; Isamu Miyamoto, Reelley; Toshio Mori, Clovis; Kaz Inouye, Kingsburg; George Morishita, Del Rey; Shizu Kajioaka, Orosi and Dinuba, and Shoichi Dobashi, Madera.

# They Were So Young

## THE STORY OF THE 100TH BATTALION

By—Jon J. Chinen

(Continued from last week)

We kept walking—walking—walking. The crescent moon slowly came out from behind the dark clouds, as though trying to see for itself what we were doing at this ungodly hour. Though it still was hazy, everything was visible now. Everywhere I could see hills—some rolling gently and gracefully like the swells on a calm sea; others shooting straight into the sky, as though keeping the clouds up. In the moonlight they looked lovely; but I hated these never ending damn hills.

I strained my eyes, but I was not able to see the head of our column. I turned around to watch the long, thin line following, one figure after another. Our pace was miserably slow, for everyone was dead weary, exhausted beyond human endurance.

On their bent shoulders and backs, some carried heavy steel tripods, machine gun barrels and boxes of ammunition. Others carried rifles and mortars. Every step showed the inhuman exhaustion. The boys were so young—18, 19 and 20 years old. But no one laughed or joked.

I could see those who had joined our platoon only a week ago—Manuel Uyehara, David Kelai, Sam Watanabe, Jack Chinen and Richard Saito. In the pale moonlight, the grime, whiskers, exhaustion and shadows made them look alike. They were all only 18, but they looked so old.

Once we came across a dead comrade. On his pack near-by was the name—C. B. Ausdall, 168 REGT. He lay upon his back as though asleep. Someone had straightened him out and had thrown a raincoat over him. We were able to see his face. He looked young—so very young, just like a dirty faced boy who had gone to bed without being tucked in by his mother!

As dawn began to break over the horizon, we slid into a small river for cover and concealment. Here there were signs of a terrific struggle. I saw two of our abandoned tanks. One was hit on the turret and was totally burnt. The other was blown by a mine and was on its side. There was a combat jacket on the turret of the second tank; the left sleeve was missing and the jacket was soaked with dark, dry blood.

Here and there we saw gashed steel helmets, broken rifles, and bullet riddled packs. There were hastily constructed slit-trenches all along the sides of the river.

It was summer, but the running water was ice-cold. Before the war, with the lovely green trees in full regalia, this river must have been an ideal "Love's Lane" for the rich Fascists; but, now it was a grave yard. The stench was terrific. Dead fish floated all over the place. Occasionally a stray bullet would whistle over our heads and force us to duck, even after it was long past. Then someone would slip into the water and softly cuss everyone around him. But we kept moving forward, slowly and cautiously, for the river was heavily mined.

"What a lovely trap," I was thinking, when suddenly shells began to explode all over the place. By instinct I scrambled into the nearest hole and fell upon two men. "Sorry," I grunted. "Move over!" And I wedged myself between the two.

When the shells stopped coming, I peeked out from under my steel helmet. "A close shave," I spoke to the one on my right. "How do you feel, bud?" But there was no answer. Thinking that he was fast asleep, I started to get up. Then I saw the thick, dark blood on the ground. Quickly I turned him over. I jumped to my feet.

There was a hole between his eyes—both open and glaring at me. His mouth was open, as though he had been surprised. The red had changed to an appalling yellow.

I turned the other over. Cold chills shook my spine. There was a huge gash in his stomach; the guts were hanging out on his trousers. Over the gray skin ran busy ants, some carrying little bundles.

"God!" I exclaimed. Slowly, step by step, I withdrew—still facing the dead. Suddenly I fell sprawling into the water.

"What are you doing?" Robert asked.

"There are dead men in that hole," I sputtered, spitting out the foul water. "Two dead men!"

"Never mind," he said. "Com'un. We're moving."

We walked for half an hour in the cold river. It reminded me of the days gone by, when I used to play barefooted in a cool stream in Kalihi valley, while the multi-colored birds whistled happily overhead and played hide and seek with me among the thick green trees. Only it had been pleasant then. Now this was torture. I wished that I were back home.

"Get all the rest you can," came down the line.

"Damn! How can I sleep in the water?" cursed Edward.

"Sleep in the trees," teased Richard.

Somehow, we all found a dry spot. I dug a shallow slit-trench, using my bayonet for a pick and steel helmet for a shovel. Then I threw myself down into the hole—wet clothes and all.

I arranged myself comfortably; then it started to rain. When I was a little child, I was once told if I should place three tiny stones together, one above the other, and spit on all three in succession without missing I would be able to stop the rain. I had never practiced this old Hawaiian belief before; but I wanted to try it now. I looked everywhere for the all-powerful three tiny stones, but was not able to find any. And so I counted on my raincoat to keep me from getting wet, but the rain came through.

Weariness took control. Before I knew it, I heard someone yelling, "O. K. everybody! Out this way!"

The rain had stopped but I was thoroughly soaked—cold and miserable. It was 4:30 a. m. I had slept almost two whole hours;

but it seemed only a few minutes. I was still sleepy, still tired, and had a terrific headache.

When I reached S/Sgt. Robert Takeo's hole, the others were already waiting. There were only six of us left. Toshio Ochiai, Namaoru Omano and Davis Shimada were dead. Sgt. Bill Yamamoto was supposed to be on his way home.

"The regiment is being held up," said Robert. "Our battalion attacks this morning. Charley Company on left; Baker Company on right; Able Company in reserve.

"Our company will be first squad on right; we'll be on the left; third will be behind us. Lt. will be with first.

"We'll be in squad column. Keep ten paces.

"It's now 0500. You have thirty minutes to get ready. Any question?" There weren't any. "That's all," he said.

I hurried back to my hole. As I prepared myself for combat thoughts began to run through my mind.

0500—thirty minutes to go. I must be calm and cool. Nothing to worry about; everything will be O. K. Gee, it's damn cold even in June. I wish that I hadn't thrown my field-jacket away. My rifle and bayonet are ready. So are my canteen and aid-kit. Funny that things are so quiet. We are close to the enemy; besides the artillery, there is no firing. I wonder what the Germans are doing? Do they know of our attack and are they planning a surprise? Perhaps they have withdrawn.

0505—here's my K-ration—must not forget them. Boy, I wish that I had ham and eggs now, with hot coffee. I wonder when I'll be able to eat a decent meal? I wonder who those dead were back in that hole? They looked so young. I wonder those back home know of the sacrifices of these kids?

0510—"Dear, Lord, we need Thy protection and guidance. Please help me to be brave. Give me the courage to face the enemy without flinching. Guide me to make the right decisions."

0515—there go our "Long Toms." It's good to hear the rumbling. Throw them in, boys; throw everything you have. We are counting on you to smash the enemy for us. How can the Germans stand all the pounding? Sometimes I wonder if they are human at all.

0520—the damn Germans are firing back. Where the hell do they get all the ammunition? Damn stubborn fighters. Why don't they go home? Ten minutes to go. I'm getting nervous. Must answer nature's call.

0525—Gosh, I'm suffering now. I hope that no one sees my knees shaking. My heart is pounding so damn hard; I can hardly breathe. Must take slow, deep breaths. Must keep calm. Two minutes to go. "Our Father, who are in Heaven . . ."

"O. K., Robert. Here I come!"

It had stopped raining for half an hour now. But the clouds were still low and dark—ready to burst open any second. Slowly we struggled out of the river. Keeping low, we cautiously crept forward.

The artillery of both sides were pounding each other hard. Ours were trying to smash the enemy; while the Germans were firing desperately to throw us back. The gun blasts flashed and crashed across the sky. It seemed that the whole world was on fire. My nerves were tense and tight. My eyes were wide open, my ears sharp.

Robert Takeo, with his faithful Tommy-gun in his arms, led at the head of our squad; his bearing, his every movement showed his courage and confidence. He was followed at ten yards slightly to the right by Edward Ogawa, our BAR man, who in turn was followed by Richard Tengwan, our assistant BAR man. I was the fourth man, followed by Peter Tanabe. Sgt. Sada Miyamoto, our new assistant squad leader, brought up the rear.

Twenty-five yards to our right, I could see our first squad being led by Lt. Johnson and S/Sgt. Ito Maui, winner of the Silver Star. Our left flank was covered by a roving patrol, which had crept out from the division. The third squad, led by S/Sgt. Asano, was still in the river, waiting for a signal from Sgt. Miyamoto.

Our machine-gunners in support, led by T/Sgt. Sada Miyamoto, were staging a duel to the finish with the enemy machine-guns. They were firing fast and furious, sweeping the high ground before us. The Germans retaliated ferociously. We were not able to see them, but we could hear their faster machine-guns and machine pistols.

The tracers flying back and forth, some ricocheting high into the sky, were beautiful to watch. But we were all alert for the surprise. Twenty-five—thirty yards we moved, then the Germans struck. With machine guns, machine pistols, and artillery and mortar shells, the Germans hurled "death" upon us. We dived into the mud.

"We gotta reach that knoll. Follow Me!" Robert shouted above the crashing sound. I wanted to remain in the shell hole I had found; but, "Follow me!" was the order. Grabbing my rifle, I dashed forward. I tried to be brave, but the whirring sound of the shrapnel and the buzzing of angry bullets around my head made me dive for cover again.

As I slowly crept forward in the mud, Edward rushed toward me and yelled, "Com'un, Johnnie!"

"O. K. I'm with you!"

We both dashed forward, crouching low. I felt a little more courageous with a friend nearby. To my right, I momentarily saw Stan; to my left was Edward.

A shell exploded to my right front. It wasn't a large shell, but for I was barely able to hear the explosion. But I saw Stan go down, screaming and grabbing his stomach. Stan was my buddy.

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# Hawaii's Japanese Americans Send Wreaths to Washington, Paris in Honor of Nisei GIs

SAN FRANCISCO—A huge wreath, contributed by Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii, arrived by plane in San Francisco on May 28, en route to Paris where it will be placed on the tomb of the unknown soldier on Memorial day as a tribute from Hawaii's Nisei to their buddies of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion who fell in Italy and France.

An orchid lei made up of 1000 orchids was flown from Honolulu on May 28 to Washington and Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii was scheduled to place it on the tomb of the unknown soldier at the national capital's Memorial Day rites.

Contributed by Hawaii's Japanese American organizations, the orchid lei was symbolic of the approximately 1000 war dead from Hawaii, a large percentage of whom were Americans of Japanese ancestry of the 100th battalion and 442nd Combat Team. The project originally was started for the Washington ceremonies, according to the report from Honolulu, but the Young Men's Buddhist association and the 442nd and 100th Battalion veterans' clubs collected \$1100, nearly four times as much as was needed so the project could be extended to include Paris and decoration of war graves in France as well.

The 15-pound wreath for the ceremonies which arrived in San Francisco, en route to Europe, is 3 1/2 feet across and was made of several hundred orchids, bird paradise and anthurium. The wreath was one of the largest

made and each stem of the flowers was in an individual tiny glass vial to keep the blossoms fresh. The wreath, requiring hours of tedious work by Hawaii's Nisei, left San Francisco Monday by air to New York where it was to be flown to Paris by way of London.

Last year as a feature of the ceremonies welcoming the 442nd Combat Team back to the United States, Hawaii individuals and organizations sent more than 1000 individual leis by plane to Camp Kilmer where they were distributed to the returning veterans from Italy.

The wreath, which arrived by Pan American Clipper, was received at San Francisco airport by a group of peninsula veterans, including Isam S. Kinoshita of South San Francisco, who served with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and France. The wreath was transferred to another airliner and arrived in New York City on May 28, where it was transferred to a trans-Atlantic plane for the flight to Paris.

## Fresno Legion Post Supports Nisei Ex-GI Rights

FRESNO—Protection of the property rights of American war veterans of Japanese ancestry under the California Alien Land law was urged in a resolution adopted last week by the Fresno Post No. 4 of the American Legion.

The resolution called attention to the fact that there were 600 Japanese American war veterans in the Fresno area and declared that the property rights of these ex-servicemen were limited by the Alien Land law.

The resolution also urged the granting of the right to own property to alien Japanese parents of American servicemen killed in World War II.

## Nisei Group Wins Title to L. A. Building

### Court Orders Hotel Property Returned to Japanese Americans

LOS ANGELES — A \$200,000 building was awarded to a Nisei corporation under the memorandum decision of Superior Judge Pat Parker in the Olympic hotel case which was announced on May 26.

The structure, now known as the Downtown House, was ordered returned to the Olympic Hotel corporation, headed by Masami Sasaki, in the judgment returned by the court.

The Nisei group had lost the property at the time of the evacuation, purportedly through sale to the Western Loan and Building company, who in turn had sold the property to the firm of Halton and Diggs, the present operators of the building.

Suit had been filed by the Nisei group to obtain recovery of the property, setting aside the sale on the charge of fraud.

## Chuman Passes State Bar Examinations In California

LOS ANGELES — Frank Chuman was one of 73 applicants who passed the April, 1947, California bar examination, it was announced by the committee of bar examiners this week.

Chuman, president of the Los Angeles JACL, will be admitted to practice in a ceremony on June 5 in the State building before the justices of the state Supreme court.

Chuman, a graduate of UCLA, was attending the USC law school at the time of the evacuation. He completed his law studies at the University of Maryland, after a sojourn at the Manzanar relocation center.

He is a licensed attorney of Maryland.

Frank Chuman is at present serving as an assistant to A. L. Wirin, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California and the Japanese American Citizens League. He has assisted in the preparation of briefs in the Oyama Alien Land case, the Takahashi and Tsuchiyama Alien Fishing law cases, the Terminal Island eminent domain case and various immigration law cases.

## Oakland JACL Changes Names to Eastbay Chapter

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Oakland JACL has changed its name to the East Bay chapter, according to Michi Kajiwara, secretary. The change was made at the last cabinet session due to the fact that the chapter membership now includes persons from Richmond, Berkeley and Oakland.

The following were named to the board of governors for 1947: Sally Seiji, George Sugihara and Toshi Nakano, Richmond; Dr. Henry Takahashi, Dr. Tak Hikoyeda and Masuji Fujii, Berkeley; and Mrs. Nori Lafferty, Cherry Nakagawara and Dr. Charles Ishizu, Oakland. Ex-officio members are Kay Hirao, Kelly Yamada and Frank Tsukamoto.

The chapter will hold a dinner meeting June 14 at the Hotel Shattuck in downtown Berkeley under the direction of Frank Tsukamoto.

# California Governor Indicates He Will Sign Budget Bill With Alien Land Law Appropriation

## Direct Appeal Made to Strike Out Enforcement Fund; Attorney General Howser Personally Led Fight to Pass Special Land Law Provision

SACRAMENTO—Although a direct appeal was made this week with Governor Warren to delete a special appropriation of \$75,180 for the enforcement of the Alien Land law from the state budget, California's chief executive indicated that he would sign the budget, largest in the state's history, without cutting it a penny, or eliminating an item.

"I think the legislature has done a good job on it," Governor Warren said in reference to the budget.

The special appropriation for the enforcement of the Alien Land law against American citizen owners of California agricultural property was passed by the Senate but was deleted by the Assembly Ways and Means committee by a vote of 14 to 3. After heated debate, the deleted item was reinstated in the budget by the Assembly by a vote of 37 to 33.

Attorney General Frederick N. Howser personally captained the battle for the Alien Land law enforcement appropriation when the budget reached the Assembly on May 23 with the item deleted.

"It took a long fight," the Sacramento correspondent of the San Francisco News reported. "Behind the rail Mr. Howser and his aide, Dick Wiley, conferred with a string of friendly assemblymen. Not since liquor bills were at stake were such concentrated vote-getting methods tried; Howser friends buttonholed opponents, hurriedly called in absentees, stalled until able to swing a majority."

When the Alien Land law enforcement item was placed in discussion, it was indicated that the Ways and Means committee's action in deleting the fund would be sustained by a narrow margin. After considerable debate three assemblymen who were originally opposed to the fund changed their votes and the appropriation was reinstated.

Following the assembly's action, Joe Grant Masaoka, representing the JACL's Anti-Discrimination committee, and Henry Taketa, legislative adviser of the ADC, declared that a direct appeal would be taken to Governor Warren, asking the latter to delete the appropriation when the budget bill reached his desk.

Masaoka said that the Alien Land law now was being used to confiscate farm property owned by American war veterans of Japanese ancestry on the ground that the alien parents of these veterans maintained an interest in the land. The JACL-ADC official declared no other group of American citizens in California is similarly discriminated against and added that the people of California had noted their disapproval of the law by their action in defeating an amendment to strengthen the law at the general elections last November.

In addition to Masaoka's ap-

peal, the Golden Poppy council of Veterans of Foreign Wars which was active in the campaign against the Alien Land law fund drafted a letter to Governor Warren, asking him to delete the fund.

The letter was sent by Elmo Irish, commander of the VFW council in the Sacramento area.

## Centennial Queen To Appear at JACL Graduation Ball

Calleen Robinson, Utah's Centennial queen, will make a special appearance at the Salt Lake JACL graduation ball on June 21 at the Union ballroom, according to Alice Kasai, member of the dance committee.

Miss Robinson will be accompanied by two of her attendants.

The dance will feature the presentation of an honorary JACL membership to Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah in recognition of special services in behalf of Japanese Americans.

Doug Boll and his orchestra, currently appearing at Jerry Jones' Rendezvous, has been signed for the evening. The vocalist will be Wayne Kirk.

Dance committee members, under the chairmanship of Bill Mizuno, have been announced as follows: Jane Akimoto, publicity; Toshi Odow, invitations and orchestra; Ruth Matsuda, program; Tazuko Nishizaki, refreshments; Tom Hoshiyama, master of ceremonies, and Alice Kasai, reception and tickets.

## 20-40 Fellowship Names Officers

FRESNO, Calif.—Harry Hiraoka was named president of the "20-40 Fellowship" at a business meeting Wednesday, May 14.

Other members of the cabinet will be Seichi Mikami, vice president; Hiro Kusakai, treasurer; Misawo Uyeoka, recording secretary; Julia Goto, corresponding secretary; Kei Kitahara, sergeant at arms; and the Rev. George Aki, Michio Toshiyuki, Mrs. Nasako Inada, Ray Hasegawa, Ken Mayeda and Koko Yemoto, board of directors.

# CIO Official Reports to JACL Group on Recent Japan Trip

CHICAGO—"Japan lost the war, but the people of Japan are winning a great victory!"—that was the opening thought and the theme of Dr. Willard S. Townsend, when he addressed the May meeting of the Chicago chapter of JACL held in the Baha'i center, Thursday, May 22. A capacity audience of JACL members and friends heard the labor leader discuss "The Trade Union Movement in Japan."

Townsend, international president of the United Transport Service Employees Union, CIO, and a National JACL sponsor, has just recently returned from a two-month trip to the Orient as American delegate to the World Federation of Trade Union's commission to Japan and the Far East to study United States policy in occupied countries.

Everywhere he went, Townsend pointed out, the people showed a great willingness to talk about their experiences under the new democratic government.

"I was very much impressed by the friendliness of the people in Japan and their eagerness to know about America and the American people," he said.

The 5,000,000 trade unionists in Japan are members of the two most important unions, namely the National Congress of Industrial

Unions headed by Matsuoka and the Japan Federation of Labor, headed by Kikinami. Matsuoka, who has just recently been elected speaker of the Diet, gained his early trade union experience in America, Townsend pointed out.

In bringing out some of the differences between the trade union movements of America and Japan, the speaker inserted a note of humor: "In Japan when a union strikes, the employer continues to pay the strikers. I wish we could convince American employers of the desirability of this."

"Until very recently, bargaining between management and labor did not exist in Japan as we know it in America. When the union decided on the amount of wage increase that its workers ought to get, management was notified of this amount. Unless management complied 100% with this request, the union went out on strike. No compromise was ever accepted by the union," he said.

The commission also went to Korea. Townsend said that the conditions of poverty under which Koreans live "are beyond description." He welcomed his return to Japan after his short stay in Korea because, he said, he was so impressed with the beauty of Japan which was touched so little by the war.

# Announce Campaign for Repeal of California Alien Land Law

SAN FRANCISCO—The regional office of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee this week launched a campaign for the repeal of the California Alien Land law.

The drive to repeal the law was announced by Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL-ADC director, upon his return from Sacramento. Masaoka pointed to the fact that 33 assemblymen had "gone in the line" in opposition to the Alien Land law.

"We were told early this month that only six members of the assembly would vote against the Alien Land Law appropriation, but members voted to keep it out of the budget," Masaoka said.

Masaoka declared that the action of the legislators in opposing discriminatory legislation against persons of Japanese ancestry in California is a tribute to the record of Japanese American soldiers in the war. Masaoka indicated that, in addition to a campaign for outright repeal, the JACL-ADC would also pursue three other alternative ac-

tion: Repeal of the "presumption of guilt" clause in the Alien Land Law.

Amendment of the law to invalidate the titles to property held by citizen wives and children.

Amendment of the law to provide for a five-year statute of limitations.

## Poston School of Fashion Girl Has First Graduation

HONOLULU, T. H.—The graduation exercises of a fashion school held here recently by a former student of the Poston relocation camp was held Saturday, May 24. Mitsuzi Sugita, director of Mitsuzi's School of Tailoring and Costume Design, at the Nuuanu YMCA. Miles E. Cary, onetime superintendent of schools at the Poston camp, relocation center, acted as master of ceremonies.

## JACL Legislative Program Discussed In Arroyo Grande

ARROYO GRANDE, Calif.—The legislative work of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination committee was discussed at a meeting of the San Luis Obispo county chapter of the JACL on May 23 at the former Japanese school.

Pat Nagano served as chairman. Following the meeting, eight residents of San Luis Obispo presented checks totaling \$1565 to the National JACL, the ADC and the JACL's Legal Defense fund. The donors were Pat Nagano, Morro Bay; Kazuo Ikeda, Y. Hayashi, S. Kobara and K. Kawaoka, Arroyo Grande, and Karl Taku and Masaji Eto, San Luis Obispo. Of the total the largest sum, \$822, was donated to the ADC, while \$540 was earmarked for the Legal Defense fund and \$200 to the National JACL.

## United Ministry Donates Films To Chicago JACL

CHICAGO — Two sound films, "Challenge to Democracy," and "Go For Broke," plus newsreel shorts on the Japanese American 442nd regimental combat team have been turned over to the Chicago JACL by the United Ministry to Resettlers, according to Tats Kushida, JACL representative.

# Men: THEY WERE SO YOUNG

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new assistant squad leader. I wanted to stop and help; but I was calling for us to help stop a counter-attack.

I was deciding where to go, when I heard the terrifying wild of an artillery shell. Desperately I rolled for cover. But, it was too late. A terrific blast threw me backward. I tried to rise, but my energy was gone. I sank to the ground. I felt so tired, so exhausted.

There was a terrific ringing in my head. I looked around for help. But everything was black—no, it was white! Then it turned black again. What was going on? Was I crazy? Was I losing my mind? Then I felt the pain in my head as though someone had split it in two.

"Ed!" I yelled. "Ed!" But, there was no answer. As I placed my hands on my head to ease the pain, I felt the warm, sticky sweat on my forehead. Then, I called, "Medics! Medics!" and I passed out.

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## EDITORIALS: Feast of Racialism

There is a growing realization among Canadian liberals regarding the dangerous implications of the Ottawa government's new regulations which continue its control over the movements of persons of Japanese ancestry and prevent the return of the evacuees to the coastal area of British Columbia.

The enforcement of such regulations during a time of war has been justified by government spokesmen on the grounds of military security and expediency. But the enforcement of such regulations during a time of peace is impossible to rationalize as democratic conduct.

Writing in the Winnipeg Free Press and other Canadian newspapers, Bruce Hutchinson, one of Canada's foremost journalists, goes to the heart of the problem facing Japanese Canadians today. That problem is the intimidation of government policy by the racist politicians of British Columbia, led by Ian ("No Japs from the Rockies to the Sea") MacKenzie, now Minister of Veterans Affairs.

"By saying that no Canadian must move as he chooses because his ancestors came from Japan, the House of Commons has violated the central principle of our society, has established a precedent which can be applied not only to Japanese Canadians but to anyone else," Mr. Hutchinson declared in his Free Press article. He added:

"And why has this been done? Because a handful of Japanese would be dangerous to our security on the Pacific coast when Japan is impotent and occupied? This preposterous fiction is actually maintained by Mr. Ian MacKenzie, who seems to fear a Japanese armada may sail into Vancouver harbor tomorrow morning, but no one, not even Mr. Mackenzie believes it. Why, then?

"First, because the competition of Canadian Japanese is feared on the Pacific coast, but when did it become a crime for a Canadian to work harder than his neighbor, and if this is a crime why stop with the Japanese? Why not prevent the free movement of any Canadian who will work harder than the local residents?

"Second, this whole policy is based on a very simple and obvious thing, racial hatred, and nothing else. A government which calls itself Liberal, which has signed solemn international covenants against the very practice, has yielded to a minority of British Columbia members of Parliament who hate the Japanese simply because they are Japanese. The Conservative opposition has joined in this feast of racialism and the British Columbia Conservatives are among the chief promoters of it. The CCF alone has rejected the invitation and stood by its principles.

"Sheer racialism, the doctrines of Hitler, have thus been written deliberately into the laws of Canada by men who are constantly mouthing their slogans of One World and universal peace . . . some of the infection which Hitler sowed throughout the world has penetrated into the political body of Canada. The fact that Canada is not seriously alarmed by it is the worst symptom of this illness."

## The Hideous Profit

Attorney General Frederick N. Howser of California personally directed the legislative maneuver which last week resulted in the inclusion of a special appropriation for the enforcement of the California Alien Land law in the state budget after the item had been

stricken from the bill by the Ways and Means committee of the lower house.

When the Assembly began consideration of the \$75,180 Alien Land law enforcement fund which had been deleted from the bill by the Ways and Means committee, a preliminary lineup of legislators indicated that the committee's action would be upheld by a narrow margin. It was then that Attorney General Howser took personal charge of the fight on the floor to pass the appropriation. According to a report in the San Francisco News, Howser took personal charge of the fight on final vote until they were able to swing a majority.

"Not since liquor bills were at stake were such concentrated vote-getting methods tried," the News reported on May 23. "Howser friends buttonholed opponents, hurriedly called in absentees." Finally three of the assemblymen changed their votes.

While district attorney of Los Angeles county during the war, Howser engaged in open race-baiting against Japanese Americans in an effort to prevent their return to the area. As attorney general of California, Howser has increased his political prestige and influence. It is to be regretted that he has not gained in stature or statesmanship.

The \$75,180 fund which Attorney General Howser covets will be used in the prosecution of Japanese Americans, including Nisei war veterans, for the alleged violation of the Alien Land law. Proponents of the measure have declared that the appropriation will prove an investment which will return a "million dollars" to the state in properties confiscated from Japanese Americans.

As Assemblyman George D. Collins of San Francisco, one of the outspoken opponents of the Alien Land law, commented last week, such an investment can return only a "hideous profit" which will not enhance the reputation of the state of California.

## Camp for Citizenship

Of special interest to Nisei Americans 17 to 23 years of age will be the Encampment for Citizenship, an interracial, educational project to be sponsored by the American Ethical Union at the Fieldston school in Riverdale, New York, from June 30 to August 9.

Designed to promote an alert and informed democratic citizenship among American youth, the encampment is a six weeks course in interracial living, in community activity and democratic education.

The camp's educational program will emphasize the following phases of democratic life: the economic life of the city and nation, international issues, civil liberties and minority problems.

The study course will consist of lectures, discussions, trips, films, workshops and bull-sessions. Research trips to New York including visits to sessions of the United Nations, will be part of the course. Young campers will also study public speaking, propaganda analysis and techniques of organization.

In addition the six-week encampment will include a variety of sports, craft and play activities.

The first Encampment for Citizenship held last summer was attended by three Japanese Americans.

A letter this week to the Pacific Citizen from Mrs. Su Geiger, executive secretary, invites additional Nisei representation at this summer's camp program.

The Encampment for Citizenship program, for which a fee of \$125 is charged, will be made available to Nisei boys and girls through scholarships, Mrs. Geiger reports. These will be awarded to young Nisei, 17 to 23, whose applications are approved by the admissions committee.

It has also been suggested that organizations such as churches, Y's, settlements, unions, civic groups and clubs sponsor delegates to the encampment. Applications should be made immediately, since the encampment is limited to 175 persons. The \$125 fee covers cost of tuition and living expenses, and the fee can be paid by the individual, by a sponsoring agency or by a scholarship grant.

The Encampment for Citizenship is a noteworthy project, training young Americans in the practices of democracy. We urge all interested Nisei to write immediately for application blanks.

A few application blanks will be available at the Pacific Citizen office, 413 Beason building, Salt Lake City 1, in the near future. Nisei may also write directly to Mrs. Geiger at Encampment for Citizenship, 2 West 64th street, New York City 23, N. Y.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## The Thirty-Four Votes

The 34 votes cast in the California Assembly last week against the Alien Land law enforcement fund failed to prevent the reinsertion of the special appropriation in the state budget, but those 34 votes represent the greatest vote of confidence the Nisei and their parents have received in the legislature.

The Alien Land law fund, a shameful bit of profiteering at the expense of the state's integrity, was jammed through the Assembly by the remnants of the yellow peril bloc which has dominated legislative consideration of matters pertaining to California residents of Japanese ancestry for two generations. The racists finally triumphed again at Sacramento, but found that their ranks were sorely depleted. The old hate-mongering fervor was gone. Even the more rabid members of the bloc, like Lloyd Lowrey and Albert Robertson, do not dare attack the record of the Nisei soldier. And one of the main supporters of the Alien Land law, Chester Gannon of Sacramento, has quit the fold, as previously reported.

The antics of the California legislature on a question concerning Japanese Americans is of special interest because the men at Sacramento long have set the pace on restrictive legislation against the group. California was the first state to enact an Alien Land law which was tailored especially to achieve the expulsion of resident alien Japanese farmers. Mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in California was a wartime expedient, but an attempted economic expulsion was initiated in 1913 with the passage of the original Alien Land law. Many other western states followed California's lead, particularly during the heat of yellow peril agitation from 1919 to 1924, but California is the only state in which the statute has been operative.

During the war California's legislature passed a law in 1943 specifically barring aliens of Japanese ancestry from commercial and game fishing in the state. The 1943 law was frankly discriminatory and sought to prohibit the return of the evacuees to their former place in the fishing industry of the state. Informed that this law was "unconstitutional" because it singled out a single racial group for discriminatory treatment, the California legislature passed an amendment which substituted the words "aliens ineligible to citizenship" for "Japanese" in the anti-alien provisions of the fish and game code. The effect would be the same, but the language was presumably legal. This law is still one of the statutes of the state, although its legality is now being tested in court.

Other states passed discriminatory legislation against persons of Japanese ancestry during the war as racist legislators seized upon war hysteria. Arizona passed a law which, in effect, prohibited any trade with persons of Japanese descent, but this was declared invalid by the state's Supreme court. Utah passed an Alien Land law modeled on the California statute in 1943, but this action was repealed by a near-unanimous vote of the first post-war legislature. Anti-evacuee interests in Colorado attempted to force an Alien Land law through the legislature, but the effort was defeated by the state's Senate. A later attempt to pass an Alien Land law as an initiative measure was defeated by the voters of the state. Wyoming's legislature passed a law prohibiting Japanese American evacuees relocated in the state from voting in the elections, while Oregon tightened its Alien Land law to the degree wherein the actual occupancy of land by Japanese aliens is questionable under the literal wording of the law.

Arkansas passed a foolish law which prohibits any person of Japanese ancestry, including American citizens, from purchasing land, while the Iowa legislature entertained a resolution to prohibit Japanese Americans from attending schools in the state. All of this legislative activity was inspired by the California legislature which has been the fountainhead of restrictive action on the so-called "Japanese question."

Most of the states undoubtedly

would like to forget their hastiness in passing racially discriminatory legislation. To date, however, Utah's is the only legislature which has had the moral and practical courage to reconsider and repeal its action.

Last week's action of the 34 members of the California Assembly in openly opposing the Alien Land law enforcement fund, which includes a provision for four undercover operators of the "graptap" mold, whose job it will be to spy on the agricultural operations of Japanese Americans, is of considerable significance. It marks the end of organized antagonism against the state's Japanese Americans.

This is the first session of the California legislature which has not been besieged by organized anti-Japanese groups. The organizations which flowered during the anti-evacuee excitement which preceded the return of Japanese Americans to the state in 1945 now seem to have withered. Many have disappeared without a trace. Established groups such as the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, which have been traditionally anti-Oriental, now are embarked on an anti-Communist drive on the apparent presumption that Russians are Orientals. Walter Odemar and other Native Sons leaders are as emphatic these days in their anti-Communist oratory as they once were against Japanese Americans.

John Lechner, one of the professional patriots who was in the forefront of the anti-Nisei campaign during the war as the director of the Americanism Educational League, now is ferreting out "Communists" in Hollywood with the same energy with which he once sought saboteurs among the Nisei. It was Mr. Lechner as director of the Motion Picture Alliance, Hollywood's organized right wing, who was behind the recent testimony of Robert Taylor, Adolph Menck and others before the House committee on un-American activities.

The joint immigration committee, once the coordinator of organized yellow perilism in America, now exists only in the "letters to the editor" from H. J. McClatchy, who attempts periodically to revive the corpse of anti-Orientalism in California. Other groups like the California Preservation Association, the various Anti-Japanese leagues in the Sacramento valley, the Monterey County Council on Japanese Relations, Home Front Commandos, No Japs, Inc., the Japanese Expulsion Association and various other groups in Braverly, Fairfield, Visalia, Tulare, Santa Barbara county and Salinas which thrived on war hysteria have either disbanded or are temporarily dormant.

The pressure is off the legislature on the "Japanese issue."

The exploits of the 442nd infantry echo these days in the California legislature and will one day drown out the hate-mongering of Lloyd Lowrey and other remaining racists. Bigotry no longer will be a banner to be waved proudly at Sacramento, as Hiram Johnson once acclaimed the crusade of the white supremacists. Thirty-four men who stood up to be counted in opposition to the Alien Land law fund have served notice that anti-Orientalism is dead in California.

## Time Magazine Reader Has Answer For Congressman

James Spalding Bodrero, a reader of Time magazine, had an answer last week for a congressman who had opposed statehood for Hawaii with the comment "Do we want Senator Yamamoto coming to Washington?"

The congressman's comment appeared in the May 5 issue of Time and Mr. Bodrero's answer was published in the May 26 edition.

"As a member of a non-Asiatic family of four generations' residence in Hawaii (sugar planters), I . . . would like to point out to this congressman that Yamamoto is an extremely common Japanese name," Mr. Bodrero stated, "and no doubt shines with quiet dignity on the burial markers of more than one member of the Armed Forces of the United States."





# Hawaii Nisei Artist Will Tour Army Hospitals on Mainland

HONOLULU—George Yamana, Honolulu artist who has drawn 100 charcoal sketches of wounded veterans in Hawaii without charge, is going on a tour of mainland hospitals.

"George Yamana is the sort of guy that a lot of wounded veterans are going to remember for a long time," the Star-Bulletin said recently. "He is the sort of a guy who, on his own time and with his own materials, spent hours in the wards of army hospitals here just drawing charcoal sketches of fellows."

Now George is on his way to the mainland and more military hospitals to do some more morale building with his 18 by 24 sketches.

He was prevented from seeing active service with his pals by reason of a hearing and speech defect. He took his drawing board to help out in his own way.

He is paying his own way and his trip to the mainland is going to be a little expensive.

Asked how long he expected to stay, George said: "Three months minimum. Maybe a year. It depends on how long my money holds out."

Army general hospitals in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago are on George Yamana's itinerary at present.

"The signature 'Jorge '43' first went at the bottom of a veteran's portrait one afternoon more than three years ago, when Artist Yamana visited an Oahu hospital at the request of a nurse," the Star-Bulletin reported.

"I had sort of wavy hair," one

of the men directed the sketcher. "This scar on my cheek doesn't really belong there," he prompted. So George took his cue and drew all the men the way they wanted to be—without marks or bandages or staring eyes.

In Washington he expects to visit the surgeon general to secure expediting of his work. It seems he has run into opposition.

"People think I have an axe to grind," he said. "They often can't grasp the idea that there is no charge for the work—that there is no other purpose than just doing this for the men."

For many years George Yamana was the display artist for Andrade's, a Honolulu firm. During the war he was appointed chairman of the Displays for Victory committee in Honolulu during the war and was consulting artist for the Army orientation program for the Central Pacific area.

## Canadians May Stop Return Of Repatriates

OTTAWA—Although Canadian-born and naturalized citizens of Japanese ancestry who have gone to Japan since the end of the war in the government's voluntary repatriation program may reenter Canada under the present law, it was indicated that administration officials may initiate action for legislation barring the return of members of the group.

Thomas Wayling, Ottawa correspondent of the Vancouver Sun, quoted a government authority as declaring that if Japanese Canadians now in Japan attempt to return "regulations would be put into effect in short order keeping them out."

"Parliament probably will have to pass the required legislation," the official stated.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Masanori Morita of Madera, Calif., a girl on May 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Takeuchi a girl on May 13 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mason T. Akiyama a boy on May 8 in Salt Lake City.

### DEATHS

Mrs. Sayono Mitarai, 75, on May 20 at Richfield, Utah.

Tachu Minowa, 64, on May 16 in Sacramento.

Mrs. Ko Kawaguchi on May 19 in San Francisco.

Zenbei Saiga on May 23 in Burbank, Calif.

Mrs. Tsune Endow Miyagishima, 54, wife of Seikichi Miyagishima, on May 27 at Warren, Utah.

Yasujiro Matsumoto on May 19 in Portland, Ore.

Tasuke Yano in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Tomiko Ninomiya Morino, wife of Kinji Morino, on May 26 in San Francisco.

Katsuji Oyama, 71, of 1820 West 34th Ave., Denver, on May 26. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Miyo Oyama of Denver; by two daughters, Mrs. Mary Mittwer, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Lily Sasaki, Covington, Ky.; and by three sons, Wesley, San Francisco; George Clem, Denver, and Joe, New York.

### MARRIAGES

Janice Hashii to George S. Kamada on May 17 in Los Angeles.

Kiyoko Oba to Kiyoshi Uchida on May 18 in Monterey, Calif.

Chizuko Hayashi to Saturu Takemoto on May 10 in New York City.

Sumiye Miho to Dr. Keisaburo Kitagawa of San Francisco on May 24 in Detroit.

Dorothy Izumi to Masaki Hoshi on May 17 in Chicago.

Mariko Taketoshi to Chikateru Inouye on May 10 in Chicago.

Yaeko Uyemori to George Miyagi on May 19 in Chicago.

## Japanese Alien Group Appeals Deportation

DENVER, Colo.—Seven residents of Japanese ancestry of Utah, California and Idaho on May 24 filed an appeal with the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver against a deportation order issued by the U. S. Immigration Service.

The plaintiffs were all ordered deported on the grounds that they now are illegal residents of the United States. The order was upheld in Federal district court in Salt Lake City on Dec. 21, 1946, by Judge Tillman D. Johnson.

It was noted that many of the plaintiffs were legal residents of the United States under the status of international traders or members of the families of international traders but that the classification was abolished following the abrogation of the commercial treaty between Japan and the United States.

The plaintiffs are: Takasaburo Sekino and Yoshiko Aoki, Salt Lake City; Sakijiro Moriyama, Clearfield, Utah; Hatsu Chogyogi and Hana Kanaya Hildebrandt, Los Angeles; Yasutaro Ikuta, Caldwell, Idaho; and Koshiro Miura, San Diego.

The appeal alleges the plaintiffs are being discriminated against "solely because of their race," and that "deportation at this time would constitute cruel punishment."

Several of the plaintiffs were held at the Tule Lake camp during the war. Mrs. Hildebrandt, a Japanese national who is the wife of a discharged Regular Army soldier, was interned with her husband at Santo Tomas, Manila, by the Japanese.

Attorney General Tom Clark and Gilbert F. Rowe r, head of the Immigration Service's Salt Lake City office, were named defendants.

## Veterans to Hold Carnival, Dance

FRESNO, Calif. — The United Veterans will hold a carnival dance June 6 at the Italian entertainment park. Other valley organizations will enter concessions.

The dance will be held at the Palomar ballroom.

## Nisei Elected to Hi-Y Post in Erie

ERIE, Pa.—Tom Doi, a Nisei, recently was elected president of the Bett chapter of the Millcreek Hi-Y club in Erie.

# Yonamine Had Pro Grid Offer From New York Yankee Team

HONOLULU — Wally Yonamine, southpaw backfield star who signed a two-year contract with the San Francisco Forty-Niners of the All-America Football conference, will report to Coach Buck Shaw on July 21 for his first crack at major league pro football.

Yonamine will try to win a starting berth in a backfield which includes such stars as Frankie Albert, Norman Standlee, Len Eshmont and Ken Casenaga, who were All-Americans at Stanford, Fordham and St. Mary's respectively.

The San Francisco offer was not the first pro contract proffered Yonamine. After his sensational play with the Leilehua Alums on the west coast last fall and with service teams in Hawaii, Yonamine received numerous offers from mainland schools as well as professional teams.

He was considering a \$5000 contract offered by the New York Yankees of the All-America conference when he received a better offer from San Francisco.

It was reported that Coach Shaw hopes to use Yonamine, a slashing, triple-threat star, to give the Forty-Niners the touchdown punch they lacked during the 1946 season.

Yonamine, who was selected on an all-star service team coached by Jock Sutherland last year, is 21 years of age and has been a star since he came from Lahainaluna high school to Honolulu and sparked Farrington high school's championship team of 1943.

He is said to have amazing poise on the gridiron and is a fine passer and kicker as well as a runner.

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## Alyce Wada Gives Valedictory Talk At Nyssa Graduation

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## House Subcommittee Favorably Reports Bill to Give Citizen Rights to Gold Star Parents

VFW-Sponsored Legislation Will Authorize Naturalization of All Ineligible Alien Parents Of U. S. Servicemen Killed in War

WASHINGTON—Veterans of Foreign Wars-sponsored legislation to authorize naturalization of Japanese "Gold Star" mothers and fathers took a long step toward passage during the present session of the 80th Congress this week, as the House Immigration sub-committee voted to favorably report the bill, HR 3555, to the full committee.

As originally drafted by the VFW legislative service and introduced by Rep. E. Gossett (D., Tex.), the bill would have affected only parents of deceased Japanese-American servicemen. However, the immigration sub-committee amended it to include all alien "Gold Star" parents who otherwise would be ineligible for American citizenship.

Following action by the House group, V.F.W. legislative officials expressed belief that the bill will become law before the close of the current Congressional session.

Development of the bill stems directly from a resolution adopted two years ago by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8 of Los Angeles, Calif. The resolution was forwarded to a post member and former staff sergeant in the famed Nisei 100th Battalion, Harry Tanouye, now employed in the coordi-

nation and planning service of the Veterans' administration in Washington, D. C. The Nisei hero presented the resolution to the national legislative committee of the V.F.W., and the V.F.W.'s legislative service took action to draft the bill.

Enactment would open the door to American citizenship for an estimated 1200 Japanese "Gold Star" parents, and an undetermined number of other foreign nationals.

### Coloradoans Honor Nisei War Dead On Memorial Day

DENVER, Colo.—More than 40 known Colorado Nisei war dead were honored at Memorial Day services Friday morning in the city auditorium annex.

The Denver Buddhist church, the California Street Community church and the Japanese American Citizens League sponsored the program.

Colorado Nisei who died in service are Harry Endo, Abe Fuji, George Futamata, George Gushiken, Victor Katsumi Hada, Kaneo Hattori, Takeshi Hattori, Takashi Ito, Masami Inatsu, Frank Kanda, James Karatsu, Haruo Kawamoto, George Kawano, Seike Kawano, Paul Kimura, Mamoru Kinoshita, John Kyono, Peter Masuoka.

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### Randolph Sakada Named Treasurer Of Lions Group

CHICAGO—Dr. Randolph Mas Sakada, prominent Chicago optometrist and 2nd national vice president of the JAACL, was recently elected treasurer of the Oakland-Kenwood Lions club.

### Sadie Hawkins

FRESNO, Calif. — Yoshi Noda and Harry Nakata were chosen Daisy Mae and Lil Abner at the ELLE's Sadie Hawkins dance Friday, May 23, at the Marigold ballroom.

More than 250 informally clad dancers watched the mock wedding of the couple as performed by Hiro "Marrying Sam" Kusakai during the intermission.

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### Nisei Attorney Named To Executive Board Of Municipal League

LOS ANGELES—Elmer Yamamoto, Los Angeles Nisei, has been elected a member of the executive board of the Municipal League of Los Angeles, according to an announcement made by J. B. Tietz, treasurer of the league and the sponsor of Mr. Yamamoto.

The Municipal league, founded in 1901, chiefly concerns itself with giving non-partisan information and recommendations at election times.

Both Mr. Tietz and Mr. Yamamoto are attorneys long active in Japanese American interests. Mr. Tietz is presently legal counsel for the Nisei Veterans' association.

### Colorado Unity Council Backs Evacuee Claims

DENVER — The Colorado State Unity Council on May 24 endorsed immediate enactment of bills to liberalize naturalization laws and to create an evacuation claims commission.

The Unity Council's resolution stated that "the achievement of democracy and the fulfillment of the equalitarian principles of this nation must be reinforced by national legislation."

Violations to the rights of minority groups within the United States occur in employment, the poll tax, lynching, naturalization laws, deportation and evacuation claims, the Unity Council said.

The council also asked for passage of FEPC legislation, anti-poll tax bills, anti-lynch laws, and bills regarding naturalization, deportation and evacuation claims.

Two hundred delegates from all parts of Colorado attended the conference. Nisei delegates included Min Yasui, Toshio Ando, George Furuta, Roy Takeno and True Yasui from the JAACL and Mrs. Genta Nakamura, Mary Louise Sasaki, Chiyo Horiuchi, Dorothy Wada, the Rev. Russell Nakata and Mr. W. Nakamura of Sterling.

### Northwest Council To Hold Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Pacific Northwest JAACL district council will meet June 7 and 8 in Portland to elect permanent officers and adopt a constitution.

Hito Okada, national president, and Masao Satow, acting executive secretary, will attend as representatives of the national office.

The Rev. W. Sherman Burgoyne and his wife will be honored by the delegates at a dinner Saturday, June 7. The Rev. Burgoyne returned to Hood River recently after receiving the Thomas Jefferson award for the advancement of Americanism at a dinner in New York City.

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## VFW Council Asks Warren To Drop Alien Land Law Fund

Golden Poppy Group Unanimously Requests Governor's Action

SACRAMENTO — The Golden Poppy Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, comprising 34 posts in northern California, unanimously requested on May 26 that Governor Warren strike out the Alien Land law enforcement fund of \$75,180 from the state budget.

"Japanese American veterans by their exemplary war record have earned deserved justice for themselves and their families," the VFW communication to Gov. Warren stated. "No other class of citizens or veterans is being thus penalized because of ancestral origin. Forward-looking Californians concur with us that class legislation of this type must be wiped out."

Elmo L. Irish, commander of the Golden Poppy Council, declared that a resolution asking the substantial modification or repeal of the California Alien Land law will

be presented to the state enactment of the VFW. "It is expected that eliminating this outmoded law will be a date upon our VFW legislative representatives," Commander Irish said.

In a letter to Assemblyman Robert Robertson of Santa Barbara, leader of the Assembly which succeeded in obtaining reinstitution of the Alien Land enforcement fund, Commander Irish declared that remarks by Robertson on the Assembly that no veterans are being harmed by the law "must surely be based on misinformation."

Commander Irish cited the case of three Nisei veterans against whom the state has filed suits for confiscation of farm property.

"We hope that you as an eye with us in the modification and fair legislator will see the elimination of the Alien Land law which we consider class legislation of a most vicious nature," Commander Irish stated.

## Nisei Manager Trains Marino For World Championship Bout

GLASGOW, Scotland — A 39-year-old Nisei fight manager, Sad Sam Ichinose of Honolulu, is putting the star of his boxing troupe, Dado Marino, through the final training paces before Marino faces Scotland's Jackie Paterson, world's flyweight champion, before 40,000 fans in Glasgow on June 11.

Ichinose has two young Nisei fighters who are training with Marino in Scotland, as well as a promising middleweight named Tommy Blondin.

The two Nisei stars, both undefeated to date in professional competition, are two of the outstanding boxers of the 1946 National AAU championships in Boston. They are Robert Takeshita, 20 years of age, who was the United States amateur welterweight champion in 1946, and Baldwin Okamoto, who was a finalist in the bantamweight division.

Takeshita has won sixteen straight fights since he turned professional in 1946, winning 14 by knockouts.

Takeshita and Okamoto are expected to fight in Scotland, London, Paris and Stockholm before their return with Ichinose to the United States. On their return to Hawaii, the fighters are expected to be booked in New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Ichinose hopes that the international tour will result in a Marino victory which will mean a world's championship for Hawaii and that the trip also will establish both Takeshita and Okamoto as outstanding contenders in the welterweight and bantamweight divisions, respectively.

### Fresno VFW Post Invites Nisei To Membership

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno VFW post No. 884 has invited Nisei war veterans who served overseas to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars, according to Shim Hira, president of the United Veterans.

### Joseph Noda Named To Amvets Post

LOS ANGELES—Joseph M. Noda, adjutant of the West Los Angeles post of Amvets, recently assigned to the office of adjutant for the Los Angeles county council of Amvets, according to Joseph Hager, commander of Post 33 Amvets, this week.

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