



Hawaiians Send Floral Tribute to Nisei GIs



NEW YORK—Sakae Takahashi, formerly a captain from Hawaii with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy, hands a wreath of orchids and other native Hawaiian flowers which Japanese Americans in Hawaii sent as a tribute to Nisei war dead in Europe. Takahashi was at La Guardia Field to receive the wreath which arrived by plane from Honolulu by way of San Francisco and turned it over to Monica Roche, stewardess of the trans-

Atlantic plane. The wreath was flown to Paris where it arrived in time to be placed on the grave of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial Day as a special tribute to American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fell in World War II. A similar wreath from Hawaii also was flown from Honolulu to Washington, D. C., and was placed by Delegate Joseph Farrington of Hawaii on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.—N. Y. Daily News photo.

California Senate Repeals School Segregation Law

Governor Warren Expected To Sign Measure Abolishing Anti-Oriental Education Code

SACRAMENTO—A bill abolishing California's 60-year-old school segregation law, which permits districts to establish separate facilities for children of Chinese, Japanese and Indian ancestry, was passed by the State Senate on June 3 and was sent to Governor Warren.

The bill previously had been passed in the Assembly by a 60 to 2 vote, Assemblymen Lloyd Lowrey and Chester Gannon dissenting.

AFL Official Seeks Passage Of Claim Bill

WASHINGTON — Speaking on behalf of 1500 Japanese and Japanese Americans at Seabrook Farms in New Jersey, Elmer J. Hewitt, vice-president of the Meat, Cannery and Farm Workers Union, Local 58, AFL, asked for the passage of legislation creating an Evacuation Claims Commission when he appeared before Rep. John W. Gwynne's House subcommittee on May 29.

"Since they were wrongfully evicted, we believe that as a matter of simple justice and good conscience, this government owes a moral obligation, at least to do everything possible to make up for that action," Hewitt said.

The AFL official noted that Nisei and Japanese workers on the Seabrook Farms project were members of the Meat, Cannery and Farm Workers Union.

"As a union," the AFL spokesman said, "we deplore the low wages paid in the relocation center as an insult to our American standard of living. That the government and not private industry was responsible for these labor and wage abuses does not lessen its repugnance to us."

"Labor, along with other groups in American life, has a stake in

The measure, AB 1375, was sponsored by two Los Angeles Democrats, Glen Anderson and Augustus Hawkins.

For more than 60 years it has been a legal practice in California to establish separate schools for children of Asiatic and Indian descent. It was under this law that separate schools were operated by various counties for Mexican American children on the premise that they were of "Indian" origin. The practice of segregating Mexican American children was taken to court and was declared illegal by the Federal district court.

The Hawkins-Anderson bill had been passed by the Assembly early in April and had been gathering dust in a Senate committee until last week.

Observers indicated that the fact that it was handled on the Senate floor this week by Sen. Byrl Salzman, who usually works close to the governor, indicates a possibility that Gov. Warren will sign it.

There have been no separate schools for Japanese American children in recent years although two were operated in the Sacramento delta area until 1940.

The bill passed by the legislature also abolished a 1943 amendment to the school segregation code.

extending justice to the Japanese American evacuee for the losses he may have suffered as a result of a questionable order," Hewitt concluded.

Nisei Girl Named Maid of Honor In AVC Contest

CHICAGO—In the recent interracial beauty queen contest conducted by the Chicago Area Council of the American Veterans Committee, Suzanne Narahara was named one of the four maids of honor to the queen, Lucille Brown.

Miss Kokubu and Amy Matsumoto were the other Nisei Chicagoans entered in the contest, Miss Kokubu being one of the sixteen finalists.

Miss Brown, who was among the several Negro candidates, was crowned "Miss Chicago Area 1948" at the AVC ball climaxing the event at the Stevens Hotel on May 29.

BAPTISTS URGE REPEAL OF U. S. EXCLUSION LAW

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—A resolution urging the rescinding of the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924 was passed by the Northern Baptists Convention on May 23.

The resolution submitted by the International affairs section of the convention declared "the exclusion of any peoples because of race is contrary to the Christian spirit and the ideals of a great democracy."

"We urge the Congress to rescind the Oriental Exclusion Act and pass the necessary legislation to permit peoples from any part of the globe, when duly qualified, to seek and obtain citizenship in our democracy," the resolution added.

Jobu Yasumura of the Department of Cities of the American Baptist Home Mission Society also noted that the 1946 Northern Baptist Convention had passed a resolution urging passage of the evacuee claims bill.

Kawakita Will Face Federal Treason Charge for Alleged Mistreatment of U. S. POWs

Was One of First to Be Permitted by American Occupation Authorities to Return to U. S. After War; Recognized in Store by Army Ex-Prisoner

LOS ANGELES—Tomoya Kawakita, now under arrest on a charge of treason for alleged mistreatment of American POWs, reportedly returned to the United States from Japan in 1946 on an allegedly faked passport by concealing from the State Department agency in Japan the nature of his activities in Japan, it was stated.

LOS ANGELES—Tomoya (Tom) Kawakita, 25, was arraigned before United States States Commissioner David B. Head on June 5 on a charge of treason, U. S. Attorney James M. Carter announced.

Kawakita, a native of Calexico, Calif., left the United States in 1939 to attend Meiji university in Tokyo. During the war it is alleged that Kawakita served as foreman and translator at a nickle mine near the Oeyama prisoner of war camp on Honsu, Island, Japan, and he is charged with mistreating American POWs who were forced to work at the mine. Kawakita was spotted on Oct. 6, shortly after his return from Japan by an American former prisoner of war who told Federal Bureau of Investigation men at that time that Kawakita had been guilty of "unspeakable indignities" against the prisoners.

The arrest was also announced in Washington and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover said Kawakita, born in Calexico in September, 1921, had, as camp foreman, assigned prisoners to "impossible tasks and cruelly and maliciously mistreated the men under his control."

As an American citizen, Kawakita faces a maximum penalty of death if convicted.

His arrest was credited to the alertness of William L. Bruce, Buena Park, Calif., a survivor of the Bataan death march, who knew Kawakita in camp as "Kaw-Kida." FBI Agent William A. Murphy, San Diego, said that Bruce was amazed to spot Kawakita in a Los Angeles department store and that he followed him and jotted down the license number of his car.

Murphy said investigation disclosed that Kawakita obtained a passport in 1939 to go to Japan. The FBI agent told the press that Kawakita was one of the first United States citizens to obtain permission for repatriation from Japan, arriving at San Francisco on Aug. 15, 1946, on the USS Flying Cloud as a U. S. Maritime Commission civilian passenger with a passport obtained through the American consul's office in Yokohama.

Murphy said evidence indicated that Kawakita had claimed the United States citizenship he was entitled to by birth and that so far as is known had never taken any oath of allegiance to Japan.

Bruce was quoted by the FBI as saying:

"All of us in the camp knew this fellow. When he wasn't actually forcing us to submit to indignities, he was coaxing some of the Jap soldiers into some devilish plans to harass us. All of us agreed, after hearing him brag about having been born in the United States, that if we ever saw him again we would kill him."

Kawakita also was identified by a number of other American former POWs who were imprisoned at the Oeyama camp, according to the FBI.

Master Sgt. Ralph W. Montgomery, Fort MacArthur, Calif., told Murphy that Kawakita appeared to take satisfaction in seeing Americans degraded in the presence of Japanese soldiers.

Carter, who is preparing the government's case, declared that the testimony of "close to 100" former American servicemen who were held at the Oeyama prison camp would be used against Kawakita.

Following his arraignment before Commissioner Head, Kawakita was ordered held for the Federal grand jury which will consider indictment on June 11. He appeared near tears as the commissioner told him that treason is punishable by death.

Three Plans Advanced For Future of Winona Project

800 Evacuees Face Movement from Trailer Housing Camp

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Eight hundred returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry who are facing imminent eviction from the Winona emergency housing trailer project in Burbank, following the expiration of the government's lease on the project property on June 30, were considering three suggestions for the future of the evacuees and their trailer homes.

It was reported that the attorney for the Pacific Aeronautical Corporation, owners of the site on which the Winona project is located, has proposed the extension of the government's lease for one year on the same site under the same rental conditions. It was understood that the company, which is seeking to convert the property for industrial purposes, has been reluctant to extend the lease to the government for another year because of the fact that such an arrangement would delay the industrial development of the land.

The attorney is reported to have indicated, however, that they are willing to help out the 800 Japanese and Japanese Americans, as well as more than 100 veterans and their families, provided the Burbank City Planning Commission will grant a permit of an emergency nature so that the trailers can be left without wheels. Such an arrangement, it was reported, was necessitated by the fact that trailer regulations are more stringent than other housing regula-

tions and it was feared that many of the trailers at the project are sub-standard and will not pass the city inspection if classified as trailers.

Two alternate proposals for a mass movement of the Winona project, whose residents are comprised of Japanese American returnees from relocation camps who have been unable to find permanent housing, also have been submitted.

One would involve the movement of the project to another site nine miles from the present location. In an announcement distributed to Winona residents and signed by Ken Volk, Susumu M. Igauye and Sharp Whitmore of the tenants' committee, it was declared that the Japanese American Citizens League would call a meeting this week to clarify matters. The proposal provides a 24 months' lease and a rental fee of \$24 per month for a single trailer and \$12 for another trailer in addition to the first. It was stated that the proposed site would accommodate 226 trailers.

The third site is a plot of land in back of the Burbank outdoor theater, four blocks from the present site. Monthly rental per trailer is set at \$25 with \$10 for any additional trailer. A three-year lease is promised but the proponents are requesting that each tenant get his own trailer license. It was reported that because of the fact that the trailers are believed to be substandard and would not pass the city inspection, such a requirement would make the proposition "practically impossible."

Ikuo Oyama Will Return To Japan Soon

Political Refugee Has Been on Staff of Northwestern University

CHICAGO—Ikuo Oyama, Japanese political refugee who has been in the United States for more than ten years and who was formerly a leader of the pro-democratic Social Mass party, will return to Tokyo on July 11.

Oyama declared here this week that he had "made no commitments" regarding his future activities in Japan and did not want to be committed to any definite program or activity until he had an opportunity to study the present political situation in Japan.

Oyama, a former university professor in Tokyo, was among the Japanese liberals whose lives were threatened in the 1930's by the upsurge of pro-militarism. He came to the United States and has been engaged in research work at Northwestern University.

In 1946 a mass meeting of Tokyo university students called for Oyama's return from the United States to take the presidency of Waseda university. Oyama was considered the outstanding Japanese political refugee.

In recent months Oyama has been residing in Chicago.

Supreme Court Refuses Review

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court on June 2 refused to review a decision that a bank controlled by Japanese nationals which was seized by the Alien Property Custodian during the war and then liquidated, must pay interest on claims of depositors and other creditors.

The decision was given by the Ninth District Court of Appeals in San Francisco in the case of the Pacific Bank in Honolulu.

Extend Deadline For Filing Claims On Alien Property

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The time for filing debt claims with the Office of Alien Property has been extended from June 1st to September 2nd, 1947, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee learned today.

These debt claims refer to debtors whose property was vested in or transferred to the office of Alien Property before January 1st, 1947. The Office of Alien Property was formerly the alien property custodian's office.

Those proposing to file claims for property vested before the first of the year must file an executed notice of claim form APC-1C with the Office of Alien Property, Justice department, Washington 25, D. C., before September 2nd, 1947, to be honored by this government.

Although the necessary forms are not available at the moment, the ADC Office was informed that they should be soon.

All claimants are urged to write to the Office of Alien Property for the necessary forms or additional information.

Five Nisei Graduate From Crowley High

CROWLEY, Colo.—Five of the 12 graduates from Crowley high school in Colorado this week were Nisei, including the class valedictorian, Joe Wada, and the salutatorian Reiki Furukawa.

Other graduates were Genzo Akagi, Akio Kanagaki and Toshi Yuto.

Two Students Will Attend Conference At Grinnell College

LOS ANGELES—Two Nisei high school students from Los Angeles, Edison Uno of John Marshall high and Betty Wakamatsu of Polytechnic, will be among the 1300 delegates who will attend the YMCA-YWCA conference for high school youths at Grinnell College, Iowa, from June 20 to June 26.

The two Nisei are expected to discuss the problems of returned Japanese Americans in California.

Another Nisei delegate will be Etsuko Ichikawa of Garfield high school, Seattle.

They Were So Young

THE STORY OF THE 100TH BATTALION

By—Jon J. Chinen

(Continued from last week)

When I regained consciousness, I found myself at the evacuation hospital, where I met two close friends who had been seriously wounded that same day. They were Lt. Ichiro Okada and Pfc. Sadao Matsumoto. Lt. Okada recovered from severe wounds to fight in France, winning the Silver Star for heroism.

But it was the last fight for Sadao Matsumoto. Sadao was the only son in a family of four. He was 18, a senior at the Honolulu Vocational school, when he volunteered for combat. He was very quiet, slightly on the shy side; but he had the courage of ten men. Always his thoughts were of his little sister back home with whom he used to stroll along the beach at Waimanalo, Oahu, when the evening sun was low. He had always been cheerful and hopeful. But now he was in pain.

"Johnnie! Johnnie!" he whispered through gritted teeth. "Tell my mother—I'll be O.K." He tried to hide his pain, but I could see his fists tightly clenched.

"Sure," I told him. "Don't worry. Everything will be O.K." For a moment, he closed his eyes—breathing deeply and slowly. Then he began to sob.

"What's wrong, Matsumoto?" I asked, placing my hands on his forehead. "Everything will be O.K."

"Mother—mo—mother," he sobbed. "Michi—Michiko." Then, he stopped. He took a deep breath and whispered, "Johnnie, tell Mr. Finch—tell him we appreciate . . .!" But before he could finish, the morphine took effect, putting him into a deep sleep. In a few seconds, four aid-men came to air-evacuate him to the base hospital in Naples. Two days later Pfc. Sadao Matsumoto died peacefully in his sleep.

While recuperating in a general hospital, I received heart-breaking news. I was told that two of my best friends were killed in action while gallantly leading their men against strong enemy forces. Both were of the "Original Hundred" and both were from Hawaii.

T/Sgt. Herbert Kazuo "Bluffer" Sadayasu, the magician with the mortars and machine guns, the best cook of stew, gave his life that his men might have a chance to live. Sgt. Kenji Nobori, brilliant mortar section leader under Bluffer's command, 190 pound former boxing champion from Hawaii, sent me the news of Bluffer's death.

"In July, while taking a hill from the Jerries, we were caught in a ferocious artillery and mortar barrage. Bluffer carefully led us to a safe position, but we had been 'boxed' in. The casualties were heavy. Unfortunately, Bluffer was among the wounded. Though painfully hit in his stomach and back, Bluffer ignored his own wounds to direct the rescue and evacuation of his men.

"His last words to his friends were, 'Leave me alone. Get my men first.'

"When the aid-men went for Bluffer, it was too late. And, Bluffer was being recommended for a field commission. 'Greater love has no man to give his life for his friends!'

The other was S/Sgt. Robert Masaru Takeo. Robert, who had trained and, later, led us into combat—looking after us like a hen guarding her chicks—was killed on the 6th day of July, 1944—after 11 long months of the bitterest fighting. News of his death came from Pfc. Richard Tengwan, who himself was later killed in action in France, when the 442nd Combat Team went to rescue a lost battalion from the 36th Division.

"Early one morning, our squad was sent to protect the exposed right flank of our platoon. While we were going to the assigned position, over 50 Krauts heavily armed made a counter attack.

"There were only eleven in our squad, including the new replacements; but, Robert ordered us to follow him and he crawled forward under heavy enemy fire. Robert was hit in the right arm; but without stopping for first-aid, he continued forward to reach a vantage point, from where he located the snipers and machine guns.

"Robert's courage gave us the guts to follow him, but a murderous cross-fire from machine guns and machine pistols pinned us to the ground—in the open. We were in danger of being picked off by the sniper. Robert saw our plight. One, a Mike Brown from Colorado, had already been killed.

"Robert could do one of two things. He could play safe—fire from his position and hope that we could fight our way to him. Or, he could draw fire to himself and give us the chance to dash forward.

"What went through Robert's mind in the split second in which he had to make his decision, no one will ever know. But Robert did not hesitate. He got to his feet and swept the enemy's position with his Tommy gun.

"Two bursts he fired, when a sniper knocked his left knee from under him. Robert fell forward, but he got up and fired another burst. Then a damn sniper got him in the chest. A heavy groan escaped from his mouth. Robert fell backward.

"I was only fifteen yards away. I wanted to rush forward and help. But my right elbow had been broken by a bullet. I could only watch and pray.

"I saw Robert struggle to a firing position—fall to the ground—and struggle up again. Blood was thick on his mud and sweat soaked shirt. But gripping his Tommy gun hard to his side, teeth clenched in agonizing pain, Robert opened fire—high into the sky. He was not able to see anyone. With every burst, Robert groaned deeply. But he kept firing his Tommy gun till he collapsed.

"Robert's guts gave us the chance to crawl away from the open field. We fought like tigers and threw the damn bastards back. Then, led by Richard Chinen, an aid-man, we rushed forward to Robert with a prayer on our lips. But it was too late. Robert was already dead.

"We had won a great victory, for we killed ten Jerries and captured three. But there was no rejoicing. The price was too great. We had lost four killed and three wounded. One of the men killed was our best friend—the best sergeant in the world—Robert Masaru Takeo!"

(To be concluded)

Milton Eisenhower, First WRA Chief, Urges Payment Of Evacuee Property Losses

WASHINGTON—At the request of Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, the first director of the War Relocation Authority, filed a statement with the Gwynne Subcommittee of the House Judiciary committee this week urging favorable action on the Evacuation Claims Commission bill.

Included in the record of the public hearings held last Thursday on H. R. 2768 before the Gwynne Subcommittee, the clerk of the Judiciary Committee made the statement public on June 30.

Now president of the Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas, and the United States delegate to the United Nations Economic, Social, Cultural Organization, Dr. Eisenhower was appointed to administer the WRA by the late President Roosevelt when this agency was created by executive order to supervise the relocation program.

"As one who had the unpleasant duty of organizing the War Relocation Authority, and of administering its program in the early months of 1942, I feel that I should write you in support of H. R. 2768 which your subcommittee is now considering," Dr. Eisenhower wrote Congressman John W. Gwynne, Rep., of Iowa, chairman of the Judiciary Committee Subcommittee that was conducting hearings on the bill.

After briefly summarizing his recollections of the handling of evacuee property, the former WRA director said: "All of us who were connected with the evacuation in its early stages were deeply impressed by the cooperative attitude of the evacuees and by the fact that they were compelled to make enormous sacrifices as they were moved from their homes to assembly centers and later to relocation centers.

"Had it not been for the wholehearted cooperation of the vast majority of persons of Japanese descent—most of whom were intensely loyal to this country—the evacuation would have resulted in turmoil. As it was, the entire movement was accomplished with a minimum of delay, and in an

orderly fashion. But, as I have said, the evacuees had to make great sacrifices."

General Eisenhower's younger brother recalled that: "From the first it seemed to me that the United States government should make some arrangement to compensate evacuees for these extraordinary losses. H. R. 2768," he said, "would establish what seems to me an acceptable procedure for accomplishing this."

The letter concludes: "I . . . merely wish to say most earnestly that I think simple justice to the evacuees who were loyal to this country during the war calls for the enactment of the bill in question. And I should like to record with you what I have repeatedly said during the past five years—that the vast majority of all persons of Japanese descent in the United States never faltered in their support of this country and its great principles—that, indeed, no other group in America has offered better testimony of loyalty under such cruelly trying conditions."

Masaoka disclosed that he had contacted Dr. Eisenhower prior to his departure for Mexico City to attend a conference of UNESCO. Dr. Eisenhower dictated his statement for Chairman Gwynne's Subcommittee before leaving for the airport.

His continuing interest in the Japanese Americans is revealed in his requested greetings, extended through the ADC director, "To all my friends among the Japanese and the JACL."

Recruiting Teams Seek Nisei For Japan Occupation Duty

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif.—Four recruiting teams of Nisei soldiers, most of whom have seen service in Japan, were dispatched this week by the Military Intelligence Language school to four cities to seek enlistments of Americans of Japanese ancestry for Army occupation work in Japan.

Col. Elliot R. Thorpe, commandant of MISLS, announced that the recruiting teams were made up of officers and enlisted men and left Monterey by air on June 2 for New York, Chicago, Denver and Salt Lake City.

Their mission will be to obtain enlistments in the Regular Army for the purpose of attendance at MISLS and the study of the Japanese language.

Col. Thorpe said that men with good educational backgrounds and some familiarity with the Japanese language will be given the opportunity to enlist for the sole purpose of studying Japanese and subsequent service in Japan in capacities vital to the success of the occupation. The teams will inter-

view prospective candidates and explain to them the program offered by the school and the nature of duties to be performed after graduation.

The men assigned to New York City are 2nd Lieut. Reynold Murakami and T/3 Harry Kubo, a veteran of 26 months overseas in the Red Arrow division as a translator and interpreter. Those who flew to Chicago are 2nd Lieut. Paul Sakai and Tech. Sgt. Spady Koyama, a Purple Heart veteran of the Leyte landing and other Pacific campaigns. They will be joined there by Tech. Sgt. George Hachiya, a native of Chicago, who is at present on furlough in that city.

Chief Warrant Officer Ernest Hirai who took part in the initial stages of the Japanese occupation as a member of the First Cavalry division left for Denver with Master Sgt. Frank Kuramoto, an instructor at the school. The team which will work in Salt Lake City is made up of Capt. Richard Hamasaki and Master Sgt. Yoshio Hotta who served during the war as a linguist in the Aleutians.

U. S. Court Upholds Order of Deportation Served on Japanese Resident Aliens

Judge Ganey's Decision
Overrules Contention
Of Petitioning Group

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The United States district court on June 4 upheld a deportation order against 21 Japanese aliens who were arrested in the West Coast states following the outbreak of war as potentially "dangerous enemy aliens" and who are now being held by the Department of Justice in "relaxed internment" at Seabrook Farms in Bridgeton, N. J.

Most members of the group have been in the United States many years, four of them for 40 years. One has a son who served in the U. S. Army in the European theater.

In appealing from the deportation order issued by Attorney General Tom Clark, the Japanese aliens asserted they were and are loyal to the United States and never did anything detrimental to this nation. The appeal was filed last Jan. 27 by three San Francisco attorneys and cited five legal arguments against the deportation order.

Each point was overruled in the decision handed down June 4 by Judge J. Cullen Ganey. He held that the Enemy Alien Act does not restrict Federal transfer of persons to the continental limits of the United States; that with American troops occupying and in control of Japan the "consent" of that government to receive deportees "will be presumed," and continuance of the state of war nullifies the 1911 commercial treaty with Japan which banned forcible deportation of Japanese nationals.

Judge Ganey held that depora-

Repatriate Group Disillusioned with Japan, Says Officer

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Scores of former Canadian residents of Japanese ancestry who were deported from Canada under the "voluntary repatriation" program since V-J day want to return to Canada, Lieut. Col. Oscar Orr, who has returned from a 14-month stay in Japan as head of the Canadian War Crimes Liaison Detachment, said on June 2.

"They all want to return to Canada," he said, "The reason: No steady jobs, not enough food, general misery in their post-war homeland."

One of the repatriates, a former Japanese-language newspaper editor in Vancouver, now is lecturing on the beauty of Canada and telling people how well he was treated as an internee during the war, Orr said.

tion does not violate the constitutional rights of the petitioners since an enemy alien "has only those rights which are not taken away from him by the President of the United States acting under the authority conferred on him by law."

It is expected that the decision will be appealed to the Federal appellate court.

It also was noted that legislation now is under consideration by the Congress to give the attorney general discretionary powers in dealing with hardship cases involving Japanese aliens and others now ineligible to citizenship.

Two Nisei Named To Election Board In New Jersey

SEABROOK FARMS, N.J. — Mrs. Kiyami Nakamura and George Sakamoto, both of Seabrook village, this week were appointed by the Cumberland county board of elections to serve on the board for the newly established precinct in the upper township, which includes Seabrook farms.

Both are members of the Republican party and were active in pre-election activities before the recent primaries.

Nisei Heroes Paid Tribute By Dillon Myer

Speaks at Memorial Services Sponsored By Seabrook JACL

SEABROOK FARMS, N.J. — Fitting tribute was paid honored Japanese American war dead by Dillon S. Myer, former WRA director, at an impressive memorial service Sunday, June 1, at the Seabrook grammar school auditorium under sponsorship of the Seabrook JACL.

Myer, who commended the Japanese Americans for their contributions in the war, was introduced by Harold S. Fistere, also formerly of the WRA and now personnel director at Seabrook Farms. It was Myer's first visit to Seabrook.

Mr. Myer was accompanied by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lee.

Three Issei gold star mothers were presented by Ray Bano, former member of the 442nd combat team. Reiko Ohara, Girl Scout leader, placed flowers at the foot of the improvised tombstone symbolizing the graves of the three boys who died in service. The war dead are Charles Satoru Fujiki, son of Tomogoro Fujiki; Hachiro Mukai, son of Mrs. Jisaku Mukai; and Robert Nakasaki, son of Mrs. Fujito Nakasaki, awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

J. Louis Turner of the American Legion and Commander of Shoemaker Post No. 95 of Bridgeton, and Judge Advocate Joshua Davido of the Veterans of Foreign Wars spoke on behalf of their organizations.

Bill Wakatsuki, baritone, sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Mittler.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Ted Saito and the benediction by the Rev. George Shibata, both of the local Christian church. Mary Wakai read a passage from the Buddhist scripture.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Seabrook were presented during the introduction of special guests.

The Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts Choir also participated in the program.

Nisei Wife Dies Of Heart Attack While on Picnic

SAN MATEO, June 3 — Stricken with a heart attack while swimming on Sunday, June 1, at an outing at Los Altos, Mrs. Kimi Kato Takahashi, 24, died suddenly.

She is survived by her husband, Keo, and a year-old son, Milton.

According to witnesses, Mrs. Takahashi was wading in the water when she became ill. Preliminary examination of the body at the scene by Dr. Vincent Mayer of Uos Altos revealed no evidence of drowning, according to Coroner Tom Kilmartin. An autopsy later determined the cause of death as a heart attack.

New Hawaii Law Will Provide Bonus

HONOLULU — Legislation which will benefit approximately 3,000 disabled veterans in the Territory of Hawaii, a large percentage of whom are of Japanese ancestry, was passed recently by the legislature and signed by Governor Ingram Stainback.

The new law will provide a \$300 bonus to Hawaii's disabled veterans of World War II and will cost the territory nearly \$1,000,000.

The measure was sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans in Hawaii.

Spark M. Matsunaga, commander of the Oahu chapter of DAV; Herbert W. Yamamoto, treasurer of the DAV unit; and William Oshiro, president of the 442nd Veterans Club were among those present to see Governor Stainback sign the bonus bill.

Tokyo JACL Branch to Aid War-Stranded Nisei Group To Return to Homes in U. S.

Roger Baldwin Reports Only 300 of 2,500 Stranded Nisei Cleared by U. S. Authorities Have Been Able to Return Home to America

TOKYO — More than 100 Nisei and other Americans met on June 2 in Tokyo, at a meeting called by the Japanese Americans Citizens League, to plan aid to 10,000 Japanese Americans caught in Japan by the war and desirous of returning to the United States.

George Togasaki, a veteran of the U. S. Army in World War I, presided at the meeting of the new Tokyo branch of the JACL, whose national offices are in Salt Lake City, Utah.

(In Salt Lake City, Hito Okada, national president of the JACL said that the Tokyo branch of the JACL had been set up at the request of American consular authorities following the arrival of Roger Baldwin, national director of the American Civil Liberties Union and special representative of the National JACL. The Tokyo JACL branch is expected to function as a liaison group between American and Japanese authorities in accelerating the processing of stranded Nisei who have applied for the right to return to the United States. It was indicated that a large percentage of the stranded Nisei already have been cleared by American authorities and now are awaiting transportation home. Several hundred already have returned to the United States and Hawaii or are now en route. (Mr. Okada also explained that the only JACL memberships which will be authorized in Tokyo will be confined to three groups now in Japan. They are (1) Nisei and other American military personnel, (2) Nisei and other American civilian employees of the U. S. government and (3) stranded Nisei who have been cleared by the American authorities for return to the United States.)

Roger N. Baldwin declared at the meeting that only 300 of the 2,500 Nisei cleared by the U. S. State Department have returned to the United States, due to transportation difficulties or their employment here by Allied headquarters.

Among other problems the new Tokyo JACL branch expects to study are the return to America of Japanese resident aliens of the United States who were caught in Japan by the war; settlements for land in Japan owned by Japanese nationals in the United States which has been purchased by the Japanese government under the new Land Reform law; and military restrictions on marriages of U. S. personnel to Japanese nationals.

Meanwhile, the plight of Canadian and Peruvian citizens of Japanese ancestry who were caught in Japan by the war also is being discussed in Tokyo. More than 2,000 Peruvian citizens of Japanese descent who were caught by the war while visiting Japan hope to return to the Latin American nation. No figures were disclosed on the number of Japanese Canadians stranded but it was believed to approximate that of the Peruvian group. No Peruvian or Canadian "Nisei" have departed as yet and their home nations have taken no steps to arrange for their repatriation, it was stated.

Among the Japanese Canadians who desire to return, it was reported, are those who arrived in Japan since V-J day under the Canadian government's "voluntary repatriation" program under which approximately 5,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were deported.

Eighteen Groups Back Evacuee Claims Bill

Governor of Utah Supports Payment For Property Losses

WASHINGTON — Following his testimony urging the favorable enactment of H. R. 2768 last Thursday before the Gwynne Subcommittee, national JACL president Hito Okada of Salt Lake City, Utah, filed 18 resolutions and statements supporting the Evacuation Claims Commission Bill with the House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee conducting the hearings, it was reported.

At the special request of the chairman, Congressman John W. Gwynne, Rep., of Iowa, president Okada also filed the "Case for the Nisei," the JACL brief amicus curiae before the United States Supreme Court in the evacuation test cases. This document was filed as the JACL reply to General DeWitt's Final Report on Evacuation.

Among the resolutions filed were those adopted by the California Council for Civic Unity, First Annual Conference, Asilomar, California, February 15-16; South Bay Branch of the Pacific Coast Committee for American Principles and Fair Play, Palos Verdes, California; American Federation of International Institutes and Associated Councils, Centers, and Leagues, Fourth Delegates Convention, New York City, March 28; American Veterans Committee, First National Convention, Des Moines, Iowa, June 14, 1946; and the City Council of Chicago, Illinois, April 28.

A letter from Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah endorsing H. R. 2768 was also filed with the Subcommittee clerk.

Eleven JACL chapters had their resolutions filed by their national president. They were the St. Louis, Missouri; Seattle, Washington; Detroit, Michigan; Denver, Colorado; Salt Lake City, Utah; United Citizens League of Santa Clara County, California; Fresno, California; New York City, New York; Portland, Oregon; Seabrook Farms, New Jersey; and East Bay, California, chapters.

The veterans committee of the St. Louis chapter also had a supplementary resolution filed. The tri-State and Northern California regional JACL offices also filed their statements through president Okada.

The Clerk of the House Judiciary Committee, in an estimate given to the Washington JACL anti-Discrimination Committee, declared that over two hundred letters, telegrams, and resolutions from JACL chapters and members, as well as from friendly and interested organizations and individuals were received by Chairman Gwynne and the Subcommittee urging a favorable report on H. R. 2768.

British Board May Bar Nisei Fighter From Scottish Ring

GLASGOW, Scotland — A question-mark hovered this week over the scheduled eight-round contest between Robert Takeshita, Honolulu, T. H., Nisei welterweight who is unbeaten in 16 straight fights in the past year, and Jack Marshall, unbeaten Scottish lightweight.

The Takeshita-Marshall bout was expected to be the feature preliminary contest on June 11 when Takeshita's stablemate, Dado Mariano of Hawaii, is scheduled to meet Jackie Paterson of Scotland in a world's championship match.

Marino and Takeshita, both managed by Sam Ichinose of Honolulu, were winding up their training this week when it was reported that Takeshita may be barred from appearing in Scotland by British authorities.

Ichinose said he had appealed to the British Home Office and the labor ministry for reconsideration.

Ichinose, a Japanese American, said that he had notified British authorities that Takeshita planned to fight in Scotland and that no ob-

jections had been raised at that time.

It was believed that the attitude of the British boxing board of control was an extension of the board's policy which now bars bouts between white and Negro fighters in the British Isles. It was reported that the board's attitude has been criticized severely by the British press and fans.

Takeshita, National AAU champion in the United States in 1946 in the welterweight division, has not been defeated since he turned professional a year ago.

Loomis Drugstore Hit by Flames

LOOMIS, Calif. — The Main Street drug store, operated by Hiroshi Takemoto, was partially destroyed here on May 30 in a fire which razed the warehouses of the California and Pacific fruit exchanges and the Southern Pacific freight station.

Portland Group Pays Tribute To Nisei Dead of World War II

PORTLAND — Tribute was paid to Portland's Japanese-American war dead as three hundred Issei and Nisei joined in memorial services at the Rose City cemetery May 30.

This service was under the sponsorship of the JACL and presented in conjunction with all Portland Japanese churches. Presiding chairman was Tosh Kuge, head of the Veterans' club.

In a simple ceremony JACL President George Azumano dedicated a marker to the Nisei war dead.

"It is a simple and modest tribute," Azumano declared, as he presented the plaque bearing names of fourteen Japanese-Americans who died on the battle fields of World War II.

The marker read: Frank Hachiyama, Paul Hashimoto, Jim Kokubu, Tom Kuge, George Masuoka, Roy Morihito, Roy Moemura, Stanley Oba, Kasa Saito, Shin Sato, Tom Takemoto, George Yamaguchi, Alvin Nakata, Johnny Kyono.

Seven Gold Star mothers were present to hear honor paid their sons.

The plot of ground on which the marker was placed was donated to the JACL by the former Portland Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Paying tribute to all Japanese dead was Rev. Arakawa, Nichiren Buddhist church, who presented the message of the day. Other ministers assisting him were Rev. Hira-yama, Konkō Kyo; Rev. Kimura, Henjyo Ji; Rev. Okayama, Buddhist church, and Rev. Nakajo, Salt Lake City Episcopal church. Epworth Methodist minister, Rev. Hayashi, was unable to attend but cooperated in planning the program.

Co-chairmen of the affair were Frances Moriyasu and Shig Hongo. Their committee included Miuki Miura, Frank Yasui, Kaz Inuzuka, Joe Naemura and Sach Nakata.

Frances Moriyasu was also chairman of the pre-Memorial Day cemetery cleanup in which 150 of the Japanese community participated. At the last JACL meeting the group voted to take over management of the Rose City cemetery. A nightwatchman will be stationed on the grounds to prevent vandalism.

Issei Regain Right to Fish For Sport in California

SAN FRANCISCO — Issei fishing enthusiasts of California will again be able to enjoy their favorite sport, providing they are willing to pay a \$25 license fee.

Sport fishing license fees for aliens were boosted from \$5 to \$25 when A.B. 610 was signed by Governor Earl Warren. The bill makes the same new rate applicable to all aliens, thus automatically making ineffective a 1943 amendment to the fish and game code which specifically denied licenses to aliens ineligible to citizenship.

A.B. 610 provides new fishing license fees as follows, beginning with the 1948 season: for aliens, \$25 instead of \$5; for non-resident

citizens, \$5 instead of \$3, or a rate comparable to that charged Californians in applicant's state, whichever is higher; \$3 for a special 10-day license for out-of-staters. The fee for alien hunting licenses was raised from \$25 to \$50. At the same time the age level was lowered from 18 to 16 years for the \$2 citizen fishing and hunting licenses.

Another provision of the bill provides that alien wives of veterans will benefit from the same hunting license fee of \$2 for their citizen husbands. The northern California office of the JACL-ADC recently made representation on behalf of such alien wives in this matter.

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EDITORIALS:

The Kawakita Case

The strange case of Tomoya Kawakita, charged with the mistreatment of American prisoners of war, who was able to obtain an American passport and return to the United States in 1946 after spending the war years in Japan, emphasizes the necessity of careful investigation of the backgrounds of all United States citizens now in Japan who have applied for repatriation.

It is perhaps an indictment of current journalistic practices but one act of treason, such as that charged against Kawakita, can gain more attention than the deaths of 600 Nisei soldiers in battle.

Tomoya Kawakita was one of the first of the war-stranded group in Japan to be permitted to return to the United States. It is apparent that he slipped through the usually efficient military intelligence service of the U. S. army and presumably falsified the nature of his wartime activities in order to obtain permission from State Department authorities to return.

In recent months a definite program for processing the applications of the 10,000 war-stranded Nisei in Japan has been set up and the new Tokyo branch of the JACL, organized last month, is serving in a liaison capacity. The interest of the JACL branch will be to assist the very great majority of the stranded Nisei group who deserve the right to return to their homes but it also will be to prevent any possibility that any citizen who has assisted the enemy during the war, as Kawakita is charged with doing, will be able to return.

Balloon Bombs

Although the majority of the American people, in a poll taken by the National Opinion Research Center last year, believed that persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States acted as spies, there is no record of any activity or sabotage by Japanese or Japanese Americans during the war in the mainland United States or Hawaii.

This week General William H. Wilbur, who was chief of staff of the Western Defense Command during the war, released a statement which offers indirect proof that there were no Japanese spies in the United States. Gen. Wilbur's story concerns the ineffectual balloon bombs which were a Japanese "secret weapon" and which were released in Japan for the purpose of setting fire to the valuable forest resources of the western United States.

The failure of the Japanese balloon bomb campaign may be attributed to the ability of Americans to carry on a "defense of silence." No word of the landing of the bombs ever reached the Japanese high command.

On a recent visit to Japan, Gen. Wilbur got the Japanese side of the story from a Major General Kusaba, who directed the bomb campaign.

"Kusaba told me they launched 200 of the bombs in May and June of 1944," Gen. Wilbur said. "They had worked on them since the Doolittle raid (April 18, 1942.) But they got no reports back on what happened to them. So they stopped to make some changes and resumed the attack in November, missing our forest fire season in the western states."

"From November, Kusaba said, they launched balloons on every clear day and while he was 'sure they were reaching the U.S.' they could get no report confirming it," Gen. Wilbur continued. "The Japanese gen-

eral staff was getting impatient and told Kusaba, 'You're wasting money on this thing.'"

In April of 1945, according to Gen. Wilbur, the Japanese high command branded the balloons a failure and ordered the attacks abandoned, again missing the dry season in the forests. At least 9000 balloons were launched by the Japanese and, according to the general at least 1000 landed on American soil. But not one single report was ever received by the Japanese military regarding any of these thousand bombs.

Unsegregated Schools

Californians can expect that within the very near future the governor will sign A.B. 1375 and thereby abolish one of the state's most outmoded statutes.

The bill, now passed by both the House and Senate, repeals that section of the education code which permits the establishing of separate public schools for children of Indian, Chinese, Japanese or Mongolian parentage.

This regulation, passed some sixty years ago, was first used against the children of Chinese immigrants, and later extended to include children of other racial groups. In recent years, however, the state had pretty much outgrown the theory that it was permissible under a democratic society to segregate pupils according to color. Nevertheless it was true that until 1940 Nisei children were segregated in one rural community, and it was only this year that the Mexican school children case in Orange county was settled in the courts. In the latter case the segregated school was outlawed in the courts, but only above the very strenuous objections of the school board.

Thus the law, while pretty much a dead letter law throughout most of the state, constituted a danger to civil rights in that it could be invoked at any time to persecute a specific minority group.

The passage of A.B.1375 by both the Assembly and the Senate is a real victory for California. Vote for its passage in the assembly was 60-2, indicating that group's strong approval of the measure.

There is every probability that the governor will sign A.B. 1375. When he does, the state will have erased one of the most objectionable and socially retarded regulations in its education code.

The Ghetto System

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the District Court of Columbia last week handed down a 2-to-1 decision upholding the right of real estate owners to use the restrictive covenant.

But in this instance, as in many other instances involving civil rights, the dissenting opinion proved to be a much more vital and striking document than the majority opinion.

The dissenting judge, Justice Henry W. Edgerton, Jr., stated that the decision supported and enforced racial discrimination and that such covenants were in large part responsible for the creation of ghettos. Such suits and the ghetto system they enforce "are among our most conspicuous failures to live together in peace," he said.

"It has been argued," Justice Edgerton said, "that enforcement of covenants which exclude a race from a neighborhood does not involve discrimination because it permits reciprocity. This amounts to saying that if Negroes are excluded from decent housing they may retaliate by excluding whites from slums."

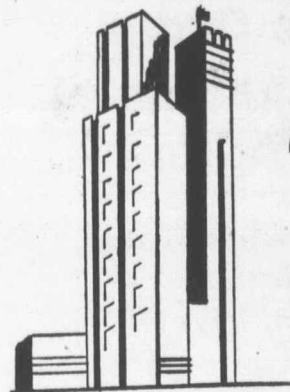
Issei Sport Fishing

While the California legislature this week restored the right of sport fishing to Japanese aliens, it nevertheless set the price on it at an inflationary level. California aliens, including those ineligible to citizenship, from next year will have to pay \$25 for a fishing license. The fee was raised from \$5.

These provisions were included in A.B. 610, which provided for a general increase in fishing fees and which was signed recently by Governor Warren.

It was in 1943 that the legislature passed a bill forbidding all Japanese aliens from the right to fish either commercially or for sport. The bill used the old joker, "alien ineligible to citizenship," to cloak its anti-Japanese nature.

While A.B. 610 did not rescind the 1943 amendment by name, it provides automatically for the inclusion of all aliens. Thus it is presumed that aliens of Japanese ancestry can resume their favorite prewar sport.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

A Different and Happier Ending

One fine day, a modern Madame Butterfly in Kyoto will find her young and handsome Lt. Pinkerton returning back to her.

But this romantic episode of World War II will have a different and happier ending.

It concerns a tall and handsome GI who met, wooed, and fell in love with this fetching daughter of a small shopkeeper during his stay in Japan. Somehow he never forgot her and corresponded regularly.

Today he is in the cast of a smash musical hit on Broadway, amidst a galaxy of gorgeous pulchritude, but he still longs for his Yoshiko.

This is no casual affair or passing fancy of a lonesome GI in the occupational army. For just as soon as travel restrictions are eased, he plans to pack up and bring his 1947 Cho-cho san back to New York as his wife.

I was thinking . . . this could be a sure-fire plot for a romantic best seller in Japan.

Advice from a First Sergeant

This bit of advice was given me in Bamberg, Germany. I often thought about those words of wisdom barked out by the first sergeant that cold and frosty morning. It could be applicable to Nisei everywhere.

Anyhow, he had a nice little speech worked out for all Nisei GIs. He could find only one bad fault or trait with us.

"The American-Japanese," he began, "and all of Japanese extraction, have one bad habit. They tend to wear a smile of mockery. Cut it out. You'll make more friends without it."

I've checked on this matter and find that it is quite true. There is really something to it. Look around and you'll see.

Get Ready for the Rough Ride Down

Not since the early 1940s has this happened to me.

I'm referring to the high pressure, almost desperate, sales technique that is now being employed by some jewelry and clothing stores.

Just stand in front of a show window with even a sparkle of interest in your eyes. Then like a swarm of bees, the sales crew will descend upon you. At least a scout or two will come scurrying out from the store to "show you a few bargains" or else claim he has "something special" for you.

I can understand these high powered methods being used along 42nd street in New York or on Broadway in Los Angeles. But I had to wade past these hucksters even in Denver and New Orleans in the past few weeks.

Looks like the peak in business has been reached and we might as well get ready for the rough ride down.

This means that many Nisei or Issei in a "luxury service" field as gardening and domestic work, may find their salary trimmed or else a terse note of dismissal.

Rocky Mountain Panorama

Around the Colorado Springs area is to be found some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. The Garden of the Gods, the Cave of the Winds, the Will Rogers Memorial, the Penrose Estate, and many another attraction in this part of the country are truly scenic wonders.

It may be for this very reason why so many former Californians have decided to remain in Colorado.

The majestic panorama of vast stretches of winding valleys and towering snow-capped mountains is something that even Switzerland cannot match. There is a stupendous and heroic quality about the Rocky Mountains that even the California mountains cannot touch.

I notice that the ever-present oriental curio and souvenir store is an institution at these resort towns.

Louisiana Interests Some Issei Farmers

Former west coast farmers are eyeing Louisiana with more than passive interest.

A few Issei are experimenting with patches of beans, corn, tomatoes, egg-plant, celery and sweet potatoes with encouraging results.

Some have hopes of establishing a profitable rice plantation in the rice-belt round Crowley.

A big bugaboo during the war was the animosity of a few local politicians against the Japanese.

It is my belief that such fears can be discounted today.

More than one foreign trade expert in New York has advised that South America holds more promise than the Orient at the present time. They point to the fact that there are more people of Japanese extraction than in Hawaii and the U. S. combined.

A few of the adventurous and more ambitious ones around here already planning trips to Buenos Aires and Rio.

The foreign trade picture in Japan today is not at all encouraging. It may take a decade before even a semblance of normalcy in exports to this country is realized.

Santa Ana Register Editorial Raps California Land Law

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Nisei property owners in California have paid into the state treasury a total of \$437,000 in the settlement of eleven Alien Land law cases, the Santa Ana Register declared on May 23 in an editorial urging the legislature to defeat a Senate bill appropriating \$200,000 for enforcement of the anti-alien statute.

Attorneys' fees raise the cost of settlement of the eleven cases to Nisei property owners to approximately \$600,000, the Register said.

Of 16 cases recently concluded by state prosecutors, in which Americans of Japanese ancestry were prosecuted for alleged violations of the Alien Land law in that alien

parents were claimed by the state as having an interest in the land involved, the Register said that eleven were settled and five have been abandoned or no appeal taken. "which places the state in the position of using the Alien Land law as a lever for race blackmail."

It quoted a declaration of the counsel for the Civil Rights Defense Union who has pointed out that "the state in accepting these settlements has undermined its own position. They held that the properties belonged to the state and were illegally held. Now when the state takes payment to settle these cases, it is settling immunity to alleged violators."

Sketch: LIGHTLY IRREGULAR

By NAOMI KASHIWABARA

I first met Jim Yoshihara in the WRA Center library. I was enjoying Philip Wylie's "The American" when I heard the door open and a hoarse, bellowing voice. The voice demanded, "Got any books?"

The timid librarian replied, "We have Washington Irving, Twain, P. G. Wodehouse..." "Don't give me none of dat! I want funny books!"

He turned abruptly away from the librarian's desk and squinted, circled the room, inspecting book shelves.

He stopped by the side of my desk and gave me a challenging stare. He was about 5-ft. 8-in. and powerfully built. His body was most neckless and his small eyes looked often and rapidly. His slightly protruding belly robbed him of an Adonis physique.

Apparently untroubled he finished his inspection and strode out the library, slamming the door behind him.

After he left the librarian adjusted her glasses and fussed with her hair with trembling fingers.

The second time I saw Jim was when he threw five men consecutively in a gonin-nuki sumo match. He took one look at the tablets and pencils given him for a prize and tossed them contemptuously to a little boy.

At Center dances many over-assertive farm boys learned by means of cut lips, loosened teeth, blackened eyes, and bleeding noses that some city boys, particularly Jim Yoshihara, were to be respected.

This was Jim Yoshihara, the idol of the school-boys. This man could walk with three full rice-sacks on his head and shoulders and could carry 200 pounds with ease when out of shape.

How did this muscular anthropoid and I, a frail, near-sighted book-worm, ever tangle paths? Strangely, we were both introduced with the same young lady, Miss Josephine Nakamura. Josie had soft, big brown eyes, a trim figure, no brains, and slim legs that suggested parentheses at the knees. She earned her \$16 per month as a nurses' aid. Every morning when we met she gave me a heart-melting smile, her white and even teeth apparently unaffected by the milkless WRA diet.

Even common infatuation would not have made acquaintances of Jim and me until some pompous nincompoop in the Community Activities clique announced a center-wide queen contest. Votes were to sell at 50c each.

Some American sage once observed, "When Greek meets Greek, they start a restaurant". I would like to add, "When Nisei meets Nisei they start a club, publish a mimeographed newspaper, and hold a queen contest."

Wonderful America! In European concentration centers internees were turned into soap and lampshades. Here, queen contests!

Anyway, our girl Josie was one of the lesser favorites in the race. It seemed that a Helen Miyamoto, whose radical legs suggested X's, would win.

Jim and I had another thing in common. We disliked Miss Miyamoto and her elder brother.

So in the closing days of the queen race one dark night Jim and I sneaked into the CA building where the tallies were kept. Working by flashlight and using ink eradicator, erasers, disguised handwriting, katakana, hiragana, crude kanji, and vari-colored pencils and inks, we made sure our girl Josie would win.

As we dropped from the window to the ground we were confronted by an owlshy staring, brown-jacketed WRA Center policeman. Jim thrust out a big fist and the owl quit staring.

The next day was when I got hit hard. When I heard the disastrous news I staggered to the warehouse where Jim was pulling his favorite stunt with three rice sacks in front of an admiring audience.

"Josie has relocated!" I screamed.

Three rice-sacks thumped to the ground.

"She went to Cleveland to be near her steady boy friend," I added.

Thump! As though in a low grade skit Jim's hard buttocks hit the earth.

Not so long afterwards Jim and I both volunteered for the U. S. Army. Jim came home unscratched in body and mind after serving through nearly all of the 442's battles. I went to MISLS and put tags on worn-out shoes all during the war.

My favorite pastime was reading Schopenhauer in the post library.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Three-Day Vacation

We have just been exposed to one of the curses of the streamlined age—the three-day vacation in which one attempts to do what normally ought to be spread over two weeks.

We piled into the car, raced 700 miles in 14 hours to our old stamping grounds in Des Moines, Ia., chased around like mad, and then hurried home at the same dizzy pace. It was fun but it will take the better part of the time until the 4th of July holidays to recuperate.

There's something fundamentally wrong about a pleasure trip of this sort. First, it's too fatiguing. Second, there just isn't enough time to do all the things that ought to be done. Automobiles haven't advanced to the point where they'll cover as much ground in a day as covered wagons did in two months.

But the enjoyment of seeing old friends for even a few hours made all the eye strain and lack of sleep and weary miles seem worth it all.

Ben Kuroki's Home Town

Few Nisei had heard of the town of Hershey, Neb., until Ben Kuroki came along. Then they learned it was a little wide place in the road a few miles west of North Platte and the home of less than 500 persons.

We sped through Hershey in the dead of night on our eastward leg. We said to ourselves, "Ben Kuroki is supposed to live somewhere around here. Hiya, Ben. So long, Ben." And we raced on over the concrete highway that unrolls like a straight, flat ribbon over Nebraska.

On the way back we stopped to gas up at one of Hershey's two gas stations. It was run by a toothless old man and his son who dutifully pumped gas, poured in a quart of oil and added a little water to the radiator out of a tin can.

But they didn't have a chamois skin or any of the new-fangled solutions for cleaning windshields so the mashed-up bugs stayed on.

"Do you know the Kurokis?" we asked the father and son.

The younger man didn't know but his dad said: "Sure, potato farmers. They live up that way 'bout two mile, no, mile and a quarter." He indicated a road that was heavy with the mud of recent rains.

We looked at our watches and then turned the car back on the concrete highway. It was time to hurry on.

Vagaries

Movies . . .

Hollywood studios made several films with anti-Nisei references during the war. Now a group of West Coast citizens has started a letter-writing campaign to get the film studios interested in making a picture of the "Boy from Nebraska." Ralph G. Martin's dramatic biography of Ben Kuroki . . . Henry (Bozo) Wakabayashi, one-time Hawaiian schoolboy wonder who used to pitch around Stockton, Calif., is now 40 years of age. Wakabayashi was named the outstanding player in Japan's pro baseball league recently.

Forty-Niners . . .

San Francisco sportswriters believe that the signing of Wally Yonamine will provide Coach Buck Shaw's Forty-Niners with the "climax runner" they needed so badly last year. It's reported that Shaw already is charting a series of plays built around the left-handed passing of the triple-threat Nisei star. Yonamine will try to get the Forty-Niners to schedule an exhibition game in Honolulu.

Twenty-four bowling teams, all composed of veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, have opened a new league in Honolulu. The winning team has been promised \$500 by Earl Finch who rolled the first ball down the alley. The runners-up will get \$250. The 24 teams represent various units of the 442nd Infantry.

A national public opinion research group is making another survey on public attitudes toward Japanese Americans . . . Sculptor Isamu Noguchi, whose work in the abstract manner is on view in many museums, is represented in the field of industrial design by a new coffee table which is the first of a series he will make for the Herman Miller Furniture company. The coffee table, now on sale in a New York department store, has a free-form top of heavy plate glass with beveled edges. The sculptured base is of light, dark or ebony walnut . . . Rose Matsumoto of Chicago is probably the first Nisei "cover girl." She recently was selected as the "Shiro Yuki" girl and will grace all of the forthcoming advertisements for a new seasoning to be produced in Chicago.

would be too hard for the Nisei to want to do.—From the New Canadian of May 31, 1947.

Denver, Colo.

Friends in Des Moines

Among the friends we saw in Des Moines was Dr. Victor Nakashima. The army claimed him in 1941 prior to the Pearl Harbor attack and shortly after the good doctor had opened private practice.

Four years later he came back to start anew. He put his family into the car and started out to tour the country in search for a place in which to settle.

Some weeks and several thousand miles later he stopped in Des Moines and there decided to sink his roots into the fertile Iowa soil. Several months ago Dr. Nakashima closed his office and went on full time as a specialist at the local Veterans hospital.

Dr. Nakashima until recently was chairman of the Des Moines Nisei council. The council went out of business because there was nothing for it to do.

It was set up at the time WRA bowed out of the picture as a standby organization, ready to go into action when and if an emergency arose affecting resettlers. Nothing happened.

Des Moines' Japanese American population dwindled as the resettlers drifted back west. Those who remained are pretty firmly established now in their jobs and their neighborhoods and there aren't likely to be any emergencies. It's a heartening sign.

The Extra Passenger

There was one extra passenger aboard for our return trip. He was a college student, the son of a friend. He was hitch-hiking to the coast and back for a good look at America before settling down to the business of making a living.

His itinerary included Denver, Santa Fe, Phoenix, Los Angeles, San Francisco, the Pacific northwest, Montana, Alaska (if he could get up there some way without cost) and eventually Texas.

"Isn't your mother worried about you?" he was asked.

"Yes," he replied. "She gave me a bunch of penny postcards to mail home whenever I hit a town. They're already addressed so I won't have any excuse for not dropping them into mail boxes. She even said it was okay if I didn't write anything—just mail the card—if I was too busy."

"Are you going to wire home when you reach Denver?"

"Nope," he said casually. "She's got to get used to this. I've gotta break her in some day, and it might as well be now."

The Silken Curtain (II): Do the Nisei Have a Complex?

By MARY OYAMA

After our friend had given us the "Caucasian" point of view on the Nisei, she confided later that she had worried for a while fearing that she might have offended us by her criticism. We then wrote to her in haste to inform her that the silence was simply due to the usual procrastination rather than any sensitiveness on our part.

In fact we admitted that we had been thinking along the same lines in regard to the so called "Nisei apathy". Also, we frankly admitted that perhaps we necessarily did not represent the so called "average Nisei", in that we were not exactly sure whether we were a "typical Nisei" or an atypical one, an Americanized Nisei (whatever this might mean). In fact, the more we pondered the matter, the more we wondered what type of Nisei or Nisei thinking we were supposed to be representing. Were we being too pessimistic because we were "expecting too much, too soon?"

At any rate, the next letter from the Eurasian friend of Caucasian background, presented the following observations:

"From your previous articles in past issues of the PC, I see that you have plenty of misgivings about the Nisei yourself. Now, don't you? The Nisei settle back into a rut—they get themselves into their own tight groups, etc. Is there any help for it, or not? I know that if they persist in doing that, I am sure that the Caucasians will eventually get disgusted, and begin to let them strictly alone."

"Well, as I say, I don't know. Why I should allow these facts to trouble me except that I should like the Nisei to find their place in the sun. They seem to be brilliant scholars, they have sweet lovable dispositions, they do their work efficiently, but what is that 'throttled-down' business? It isn't that way when they are among themselves in their own Nisei groups—they get giggly, etc., and go to town. (Well, at any rate, I am not only one who wonders about them because I can see that Fred Fertig seems to do the same too—just as you do.)

"Perhaps we are expecting too much when we expect a Nisei political group to grow up over night when such movements are things that really take years and sometimes even generations to come into being; but just the same, it makes me impatient (I'll bet it does you too). If I were rich I'd help all

minorities. As it is, I have to help where I am most interested, and I am sincerely interested in the Nisei.

"I had misgivings after I sent you my previous critical letter on the Nisei, but felt sure that you would understand. You see, my not being a 'typical or average Nisei' limits me as to criticism. Until I was sent to the Assembly center, I had never known a Nisei, let alone hold one up for criticism. My life has ever been entirely Caucasian, and therefore, my viewpoint will ever be from that angle.

"However, being essentially a fair person, and one who desires justice done above all, I try to see the other fellow's point of view. That is why I wrote you as I did. I would so like to see the Nisei assume their rightful place in American life! But, honestly, they will not get it, if they don't fight for it. That's the point.

"I have small contact with the Nisei, so my conclusions are reached from the PC, the few comments I gather when I do run into a Nisei whom I met 'down yonder' (center days), etc. I carry on correspondence with about a half dozen, who are completely American and who do not have that peculiar reticence so commonplace in most Nisei.

"As much as I like the Nisei they puzzle me. Perhaps I am impatient because I am so anxious to understand them. What is this complex business anyway? I can't understand their reticence, their indifference, or apathy or whatever you call it. For instance, note their lack of response to the AVC, especially after the AVC had gone to bat so strongly for the Nisei—You would think they would flock—either to join, or consider, or something!

"I sincerely feel that it is so necessary for the Nisei to retain the friends which they made during the evacuation crisis, not to lose these same friends through foolish indifference. I hope that all of the Nisei leaders will accomplish more and more in awakening the Nisei to the necessity of breaking up that apathy into which they seem to have settled. You know, that 'Fight on, fight on' business—and more power to all of you."

So there we have one Caucasian's viewpoint, which the Nisei might well consider because we have heard somewhat the same views expressed by several other Caucasians.

They Want to Come Back: THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN

By FRANK MORITSUGU

Winnipeg, Man.
One night last December, about a week or so before Christmas, I was down at the CPR (Canadian Pacific railroad) station in a carful of Japanese. This was one of the two cars of the shabby tourist type, crowded with old and young Japanese and their belongings. The people were from Eastern Canada and Manitoba. Their destination was Japan via Vancouver and the Pacific ocean.

Most of the Japan-bound "voluntary repatriates" were older folk and they seemed cheerful enough, but in the Manitoba group which boarded the train here in Winnipeg were some youngsters and a few teenagers.

There was one girl in particular noticed. She was in her late teens, pretty and chic. All about her a hubbaloob was going on as a family of five or six tried to get themselves settled with kids and suitcases and lunches and all. Friends who had come down to see the people off milled helplessly in the narrow car aisle.

The pretty young girl sat stiffly in one corner without paying attention to anyone or anything. She was slowly turning the pages of a magazine. But she was not reading the magazine.

"I've often wondered about that girl whom I had never seen until that night. I find it hard to remember what she looked like, but the frozen expression on her face still remains.

As the train moved westward, there was another girl, in her early twenties, who seemed to try to prolong her talking with some hakuji friends who had come down to see her off.

This was the fifth shipment of "repatriates" to go to Japan. Since 1,000 Nisei accompanied their families to Japan in the five trips, there must have been situations like this many times over among

the adult Nisei. Most of them went to Japan against their will because their parents wished it, or because their parents were old and needed them, not because they themselves wanted to go to Japan.

I've sometimes wondered what it would be like for a Nisei like me to live in Japan. I can talk Japanese passably and eat Japanese food with chopsticks, but that is pretty well as far as my Japanese culture goes.

Recently I asked Dave about living in Japan. Dave is a hakuji who spent most of his childhood life in Japan and probably knows more about Japanese customs and manners than I or the average Nisei does.

He says he found it hard to adjust himself to life in Canada when he first came here, and that was from the bad to the good; for a Nisei to go to Japan would be going from freer, broader ways to the restricted narrow-thinking ways of Japan. I asked him if he thought I would get adjusted to Japan in time.

No, Dave says, you would probably become the "reformer" type and go all out trying to work towards changing Japan over to better standards of living and better ways of thinking. Despite "democratization" and all, it would be like trying to tilt at a buzz saw, I think.

I don't say this because of post-war conditions in Japan. True, it will be a bitter drop from the plenty of Canada to the struggle to keep alive in the Japanese land of shortages. But I feel that trying to change my ways of thinking and living to conform to the older, mustier standards of Japan—where kissing in the movies became a new innovation after the surrender—where the government banned American music and dancing during the war because they were not "patriotic"—where marriages are still arranged mostly—

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House Holds Up Consideration Of Amendment to Brides Act

Japanese Canadian Wives of Nisei GIs Affected by Bill

WASHINGTON—The first real Congressional action on a public bill this session directly dealing with persons of Japanese ancestry was postponed June 2 when the House of Representatives was unable to consider H. R. 3149, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced.

H. R. 3149 is the JACL-ADC sponsored amendment to the Soldier Brides Act that would permit the alien spouses of American veterans or servicemen who are inadmissible because of race to enter the United States for permanent residence on a non-quota basis. Practically all of those affected by this bill are the Japanese-born or Canadian citizen Japanese wives of American veterans or servicemen.

This bill, introduced by Chairman Frank Fellows, Rep., of Maine, of the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, was to have been considered on the Consent Calendar of the House yesterday but it was so far down the list that when the appointed time for discussing the conference report on the tax reduction bill came up its consideration was automatically postponed until the next Consent Calendar day, probably next Monday.

Congressman Ed Gossett, Dem., of Texas, wrote the Committee report on the bill. He is a member of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

The report, released yesterday, states that the purpose of the measure "is to permit the racially inadmissible spouses of United States citizen members of the armed forces, if otherwise admissible, to enter the United States under Public Law 271, the so-called Soldier Brides Act."

When the original bill was introduced, it provided that the benefits of the legislation would extend only to those married prior to January 1, 1947. Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, was among the most active in urging that this limiting date be eliminated. The bill finally reported out favorably by both the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and the full House Judiciary Committee provides that the marriages must take place at least thirty days after the enactment of the Act if the persons affected are to benefit from the amendment.

The Gossett report explains this bill in the following language: "Under the so-called GI Brides Act, Public Law 271 of the 79th Congress, the alien spouses of the United States citizens serving in or honorably discharged from the

armed forces of the United States are eligible for admission into the United States as nonquota immigrants, if they are otherwise admissible under the immigration laws, without complying with the documentary requirements of the law and without complying with other provisions of the law which are waived in their behalf. Those alien spouses, however, who are racially ineligible for citizenship are barred from the United States for permanent residence . . .

"It was felt that this discrimination should be eliminated and the present bill was introduced to amend Public Law 271 which, incidentally, is a temporary law and will expire on December 28, 1948, to give the same privileges to the spouses of servicemen who are ineligible for admission because of their race as is extended to those who are racially admissible."

After a conference yesterday afternoon with Congressman Gossett, Masaoka announced that no real opposition was anticipated but that since one objection will prevent its passage on consent no one could predict the final outcome of the bill.

The Kitajima bill which introduced by Congressman George P. Miller, Dem., of Calif., last year for the relief of Mrs. Mary Enta Kitajima, Canadian-born Nisei wife of ex-Sgt. Robert Kitajima, was the first of several private bills introduced at the request of the JACL-ADC that resulted in the introduction of public bill H. R. 3149. The passage of this public bill will obviate the necessity for private bills to permit the entrance of Japanese wives of American veterans and servicemen into the United States.

"While this bill does affect several Nisei soldiers and their wives, it also affects many Japanese wives of Caucasian soldiers who married while on occupation duties in the Far East," Masaoka pointed out to several Washington newspapermen who were interested in the legislation. "It may also be a test on whether this Congress will pass legislation correcting other discriminatory laws against those who are ineligible for citizenship, notably the Japanese," he said.

Fresno Group Installs Officers

FRESNO, Calif. — New officers of ELLE were installed at an installation dinner held at The Gold Nugget in Fresno on May 26.

The new cabinet to take office beginning June are: president, Elaine Uyemura; vice president, Julia Goto; secretary, Katie Yasumoto; treasurer, June Sakai; historian, Chiyoko Fujimura.

The retiring officers are: president, Kazuo Sekiya; vice president, Elaine Uyemura; secretary, Alice Osaki; treasurer, Fumi Mikami; historian, Sakaye Ogawa.

The dinner was also a surprise shower for Miss Fumi Mikami and Miss Sakaye Ogawa. The two bride-elects were presented with gifts from the members of the club.

Cincinnati Issei Promise Support For ADC Program

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The Cincinnati Issei-kai, at a meeting held on May 29th at the home of one of its members, unanimously agreed to support the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee in a drive to raise funds for the continued operation of the ADC office in Washington, D. C.

Kenji Muraoka, chairman of the Issei-kai, presided at the meeting which was called at the request of James Hashimoto, president of the Cincinnati chapter of JACL. Guest speaker was Scotty Tsuchiya, special representative of the national JACL office, who outlined the legislative program of the JACL-ADC.

With the formation of the Cincinnati ADC from this group, a house-to-house canvass will be completed during June.

Buddhist League Holds Conference

NEW YORK CITY—Delegates from eastern states and Canada met in New York City over the weekend at the second annual Eastern Young Buddhists League conference.

Delegates voted to establish a school for Buddhist ministers in this country.

Sono Osato Believes Women Should Tell Truth About Age

HOLLYWOOD — Sono Osato, currently working in MGM's "The Kissing Bandit" with Frank Sinatra and Kathryn Grayson, has been initiated to the ways of Hollywood.

Miss Osato, in private life the wife of New York architect, Victor Elmaleh, and the mother of a six months old boy, is getting a publicity buildup in the traditional Hollywood manner.

She was interviewed by Hollywood news and fan magazine writers and proved something of a surprise to case-hardened movie colony journalists by her frankness and lack of guile.

"Today she (Miss Osato) committed heresy," John Todd reported for the International News Service. "In a town where the fountain of youth is sought on the boulevards and the back alleys, she came right out and said it is ridiculous for a woman to attempt to conceal her age."

"The only person a woman could fool is herself," John Todd quoted the Japanese American dancer as saying, "Besides that the women who are real thrilling are those in their thirties, forties, and some of them even older. They're certainly not the sweet young things in their early twenties."

"The mature woman is the exciting woman."

According to the INS, Miss Osato was talking on the set of "The Kissing Bandit" when Carol Naish, who she happened to remark that she is 27.

"You certainly don't look 27. You don't look a day older than 22," the reporter said.

"Well, I am 27 so why should I make any claims to be younger?" Sono Osato replied.

"That certainly is a violation of the Hollywood rules," she was told. "Most everybody wants to be thought younger than they are."

"You can't fool anyone about your age," answered Miss Osato. "A woman is silly to try to make them gain something; they lose it."

"A woman in her middle thirties can't pretend she's in her twenties and get away with it. But, should she?"

"There is no more exciting man on the American stage than Lynn Fontanne. Has she ever been to be other than her age?"

The INS reporter concluded the interview:

"Then Sono had to go into dance, but she had had her

Okada Insurance Hits 2909 In Salt Lake Summer League

Okada Insurance, defending champions of the Salt Lake Nisei bowling league, fired one of the best scratch series rolled by a Japanese American squad this year when they hit 2909 to defeat U. S. Cafe, 3 to 1, in the seventh week of the new twelve-team summer league at the Temple alleys on June 4.

The Okadas hit games of 936-958-1015 to amass the 2909 total which topped the 2906 which they recorded in a special match with the Denver Pin Topplers earlier this year.

Dr. Jun Kurumada led the team with a 620 (212, 187, 221) series, followed by Tadao Sako's 611. Sho Hiraizumi's 253 was high game for the night, while Yuki Dote of the opposing U. S. Cafe team had a 239 game in a 572 series. Sam Takahashi of U. S. Cafe posted a 556.

The 1015 third game, highest in the league this year, found the following scores for the Okadas: Tadao Sako 212, Jun Kurumada 221, Maki Kaizumi 199, Larry Tajiri 194 and Hito Okada 189.

OK Cafe is currently leading the league with a two-point advantage over the Okadas. The OK Cafe squad whitewashed Temple Noodle, 2603 (195) 2798 to 2355 (150) 2505.

Excellent Cleaners, in third place, and Pacific Citizen, in fourth, split 2 to 2. Elmer Smith's 534 series, including a 218 game, was high for the match.

Main Appliance swept four points from Dawn Noodle, while Terasima Studio, behind Shigeki Ushio's 534, blanked Tuxedo Hotel. Harry Sugihara bowled 537 for the losers.

With Ike Ogata bowling 558, Ma's Cafe took four points from Pagoda.

After seven weeks of play in the summer league, the following bowlers have averages over 165:

Jun Kurumada, Okadas, 190; Maki Kaizumi, Okadas, 180; George Meifu, OK, 180; Choppy Umamoto, Main Appliance, 179; Sho Hiraizumi, Okadas, 178; Harry Sugihara, Tuxedo, 175; Hito Okada, Okadas, 175; Elmer Smith, Pacific Citizen, 171; Harry Imamura, Tem-

p e Noodle, 171; Tadao Sako, 170; Bob Shiba, Temple Noodle, 168; Isamu Nishida, Temple, 165; Shogo Nishida, O.K., 165.

Bob Hayamizu Elected President Of USC Group

LOS ANGELES—Bob Hayamizu was elected president of the Nisei Club of the University of Southern California at the recent election for officers for the fall term.

Other new officers are June Jimoto, vice-pres.; Shizuko Ito, sec.; Toshikazu Terazawa, treasurer; George Kanemoto, athletic director; and James Abe, sergeant-at-arms.

A semi-formal ball will be sponsored by the Nisei Club on June 13. All alumni interested in attending the affair are being asked to contact Ken Uyesugi, 837 W. 36th Place, Los Angeles.

One Hundred Attend Memorial Service Of Denver JACL

DENVER, Colo.—More than 100 persons attended a special Memorial Day service held by the Denver JACL chapter at the Civic Auditorium annex.

Shig-Imamura, a graduate of MISLS, and Dr. Charles Fujisawa, a veteran medic of the Burma-India theater, were chairmen.

Veterans from the Cathay of the American Legion served color guards.

Bessie Matsuda was chairman of the planning committee. Members of the planning group for the fair were cabinet officers of the Denver JACL and the Rev. Robert Nakata, the Rev. Robert Gilman, the Rev. Clark P. Garman and the Rev. N. Tsunoda of the Buddhist church.

After a minute of silence, Watanabe read a war poem. Services were concluded by prayer by Rabbi Bernard Basan.

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Parents Proud as Critics Hail Mariko Mukai's New York Debut

ATTLE—There are no proud-
parents in Seattle than Mr. and
Mrs. Mukai whose daughter,
Mariko Mukai, made her debut in New
York Town Hall recently as a
pianist.

The Mukais dream of the
children their daughter will be-
come America's Nisei what
Anderson is to the Negro
Joe Miller said on May 31
Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Mukai, 28, and a native of
Seattle, made her debut before a
large audience in Town Hall on
May 26 and won the praise of
New York's traditionally tough
critics.

"The Mukais managed by scrim-
ping and giving up everything but
their necessities. And Mariko did
her part by winning more scholar-
ships—five in all—at Juilliard."

"Mariko at no time encountered
any discrimination in New York.
In the music world there is hardly
any race prejudice at all," she
wrote her parents.

"After the war the Mukais re-
turned to Seattle. Unable to get
back into the theater business, Mr.
Mukai took over the management
of the New Central Hotel at 657
Weller St.

"Mariko's debut was not only a
great thrill to Seattle's entire Ja-
panese American colony, many of
whom purchased several extra
copies of The Sunday Post-Intelli-
gencer that carried a wirephoto
picture of her and the story of
her triumph.

"Now Momma and Poppa Mukai
have two wishes that will be ful-
filled if Mariko becomes a concert
star.

"Poppa wants to take her tour-
ing through Europe and then back
to Seattle via the Orient.

"I would wish to hear my
daughter sing Mme. Butterfly at
the Metropolitan Opera," said Mrs.
Mukai shyly."

he told Mr. Mukai: 'If you don't
have any money, don't worry. It
will be a privilege to teach this
girl for nothing.'

"But Mukai did have money then
and for almost five years Engberg
drilled the eager Mariko in all the
vocal fundamentals. She attended
the University of Washington,
graduated, and in late 1941 was
awarded a scholarship to New
York's famous Juilliard school.

"Right afterwards came the
tragedy of Pearl Harbor and the
Mukais, with thousands of other
Japanese American families, had
to leave the West Coast.

"Throughout this unhappy time
there was Mariko's career to be
thought of, and she needed money
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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kawabe
a girl on May 17 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Tomine
a girl, Naomi, on May 25 in Alame-
da, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Okada,
Reedley, Calif., a girl on May 16.
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nakata
a boy on May 26 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Terno Ikemoto,
1849 Larimer St., Denver, a boy.

DEATHS

Bunkichi Fujita on May 23 in
Los Angeles.
Tasaburo Takahashi, 62, on May
25 in Florin, Calif.
Iwataro Kimura, 64, on May 28
in Fresno.
Mrs. Kimi Kato Takahashi, 24,
wife of Keo Takahashi of San Ma-
teo, Calif., on June 1.
Mataichi Tazoi, 68, of Garfield
on June 2 in Ogden, Utah. He is
survived by his widow and seven
sons and daughters, Jim, Masako,
Taichi, Maye, Miyako and Faye
Tazoi, all of Garland; Mrs. Ruth
Koga, Brigham City; one grand-
child, and four brothers and one
sister in Japan.

MARRIAGES

Lorraine Kumano of Elk Grove
to Roy Hirotsu on June 1 in Wal-
nut Grove, Calif.
Elsie Noyoshi to Mits Kagehiro
of Tracy on June 1 in Walnut
Grove.
Dorothy Izumi to Masaki Naoki
on June 2 in Chicago.
Mariko Taketoshi to Chikateru
Inouye in Chicago.
Kimiye Onomichi to Yoshiharu
Yamaguchi on May 18 in Fresno.
Chihori Ikezoye to Kenji Yama-
kawa on May 10 in Gardena, Calif.
Lily Inouye to Tim Moritsugu on
May 18 in Minneapolis.
Shiz Takato to Harry Taniguchi
in Seattle, Wash.
Yayeko Umezu to Motoi Naka-
mura of San Mateo on May 25 in
Sacramento.
Kazumi Sanwo of Fresno to Ar-
thur Takemoto on June 1 in Los
Angeles.
Mary Wakako Nishimoto of San
Pedro to Minoru Kaminishi of Gar-
dena on June 1.

Nisei Graduates Honored at Dance Held in Ogden

OGDEN, Ut.—Approximately 40
Nisei graduates of colleges, high
schools, business colleges and
hospitals in the state of Utah were
honored on May 29 at the Centen-
nial graduation ball at the Weber
college ballroom in Ogden.

The sponsoring organizations
were the Honeyville PYPA, Davis
Comets, Syracuse YBA and the
Ogden JACL. 150 persons attended.
Miss Toshie Yano led the grand
promenade.

Ken Uchida was general chair-
man of the ball. Members of his
committee were Kol Haramoto,
Masa Nishihara, Floy Tanaka,
Kaz Takasuka, Katsuko Tanaka,
Betty Horita, Jack Oda, Ila
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Martha Raye Heads Benefit Carnival of 442nd Veterans Club

HONOLULU — With Martha
Raye as the headline performer,
the "Go for Broke" carnival of the
442nd Veterans club of Honolulu
will be opened on June 7 in Hono-
lulu stadium for a five-day run.

Miss Raye, in accepting the of-
fer to perform at the carnival,
declared that it would be a "re-
turn showing" for the men of the
442nd. Miss Raye recalled that she
had performed for many Japanese
American soldiers in the Mediter-
ranean area during her USO tours.

Miss Raye will head a special
revue from Hollywood at the car-
nival which is being held to help
raise funds for a memorial club-
house to be constructed in Hono-
lulu by the 442nd Veterans group.

Earl Finch, friend and counselor
to Nisei soldiers and veterans, has
been in Hawaii for the past month,
assisting in the preparations for
the carnival.

San Jose Citizens To Honor Grdauates

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Ninety-six
Nisei graduates of Santa Clara
County high schools will be the
guests of the United Citizens
League (JACL) at a dance on June
21.

Kenny Taix and his orchestra
will supply the music for the dance
which will honor graduates from
Fremont, Abraham Lincoln, Live
Oak, Mountain View, Campbell,
Palo Alto, San Jose Tech, Gilroy,
Santa Clara and San Jose high
schools and Theodore Roosevelt and
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Special California JACL Meeting Called to Discuss State's Alien Land Statute

SAN FRANCISCO—"As long as the California Alien Land law remains on the books, it will be a loaded pistol aimed at every Nisei property owner," Joe Grant Masaoka, Northern California director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee declared this week as he announced that a special joint session of the Northern California and Pacific Southwest district councils of the JACL would be held on June 8 to consider the future effect of the Alien Land law on Japanese Americans in the state.

Stressing that any action would be taken by JACL-ADC units, Masaoka said that the meeting would discuss the future attitude of the JACL on the Alien Land law, particularly in view of the fact that the California legislature, by a narrow vote of 38 to 34 in the assembly, recently approved a special appropriation of \$65,000 for enforcement of the law.

"There is some question whether we should seek outright repeal of the law immediately," Masaoka indicated. The JACL-ADC officer said that since the 1920 Alien Land law was passed as an initiative measure, it could not be voided without the issue being presented to the vote of the people and this must await the 1948 elections.

Masaoka said that immediate action was necessary to protect the properties of the Nisei in California which were endangered by the present state program. He noted

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Nisei Fighters Win Three Matches in Inter-City Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO — Hawaiian boxers of the 49th State A. A. boxing team from Honolulu lost four out of seven matches to Northern California amateur stars at Coliseum Bowl on June 2 but Mokey Hanagami, flyweight finalist in the National AAU tournament, in Boston last April, proved to be the star of the evening.

Hanagami provided one of the three Hawaiian victories as he outpointed Eddie Perry of San Francisco in a four-round bout.

The little Nisei star provided the only knockdown of the night when he sent Perry to the canvas for a six-count in the fourth round.

The two other Hawaiian victories also were scored by Nisei boxers. Robert Morisato, bantamweight, outjabbed Al Moniz while Welterweight Ken Ogitan took the decision over Val Valdez.

James Hasegawa of the Honolulu team lost to Mel Bueno in a bantamweight bout, while Kiyoshi Nakata lost his featherweight tiff with Mike Martinez.

200 Nisei Expected To Attend Retreat At Lake Tahoe

BY VELMA YEMOTO

FRESNO, Calif.—More than 200 Christian Nisei are expected to attend the Lake Tahoe Retreat of the Northern California Christian conference on July 17 to July 20.

The theme of the retreat is "My Christian Faith and a New Day."

Final preparations were made by members of the NCYPCC cabinet and section representatives on May 17 and 18 at the Tenth Methodist church in Oakland.

The Rev. Howard Thurman of the San Francisco Fellowship church and a former member of the Howard University faculty, will be among the speakers at the retreat. Others will include Chaplain George Hall, Harold Jow, the Revs. Fujimori, Shimada, Hilbert, Crubbs, Yamashita, Toriumi, Miyabe and Goto and Arthur Kamitsuka and Sei Adachi.

The call to the retreat stressed that "an ideal of all Christians is a community in which all people regardless of race, creed or color can live peacefully and naturally."

Plane Strikes Farm Building

COURTLAND, Calif.—A private plane crashed on the farm of Kazuo Nishikawa on Holland Island on June 1 and burst into flames, destroying the Nishikawa barn, garage and car.

The pilot of the plane escaped uninjured.

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Santa Clara County Group Plans Hospital Memorial to G

Hope to Dedicate Room to Nisei Who Fought in War

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Santa Clara County Japanese Americans will set up a memorial in the new Community Service hospital to Americans of Japanese ancestry who fought in World War II and have made an initial gift of \$3,300 for this purpose, Will B. Weston, chairman of the central committee reported last week.

The \$3,300 for the Nisei memorial was given by 15 Santa Clara County residents of Japanese ancestry and additional contributions are in prospect, according to Dr. Lee Watanabe, chairman of the memorial project committee.

"We are trying to raise enough money to dedicate a room in the Community Service hospital to all Nisei soldiers who served in World War II," Dr. Watanabe said.

Noting the Nisei contribution, Weston said:

"All Japanese Americans on the coast had their roots torn up during the war years and had to re-establish themselves when they came back.

"In view of this, I feel this is a generous contribution which shows a particularly fine civic spirit."

The memorial project includes Dr. James Higuchi, Dr. Tokio Ishikawa and Dr. Morton M. Kimura.

Church Groups Meet In Fresno for Pre-Confab Rally

FRESNO, Calif. — The joint Young Peoples Fellowship held a rally June 1 at Memorial chapel for the NCYPCC Lake Tahoe retreat in July.

Velma Yemoto acted as chairman. Persons not yet registered for the retreat were urged to do so immediately with their respective chairmen.

Seichi Mikami presented a resume on the history and purposes of the NCYPCC. John Strain of Bible House invited the members present to attend the Lake Hume Christian conference this summer.

The joint Young Peoples Fellowship will hear the Rev. George Aki of the Congregational church Sunday, June 8. He will speak on Palestine, which he visited while chaplain of the 442nd combat team. Yuri Matsumoto will be chairman for the meeting, which will be held at the Methodist church at 7:30 p. m.

Roller Party

CALDWELL, Idaho — A roller skating party was sponsored on June 5 at the Nampa roller rink by the Caldwell district of the Boise Valley JACL.

Students Honored At Colorado School

ORDWAY, Colo. — Eight Japanese Americans were given scholastic and sports awards at the honor day assembly for Ordway high school students Thursday, May 22.

They were Betty Yamada, senior; Anne Tachibana and Susie Yamada, freshmen, and Arlington Mugishima, 8th grade. Lettermen honored were Sam Mugishima, Akira Shintani, Herbert Shironaka and Frank Mugishima.

Susie Yamada and Anne Tachibana recently represented Ordway high school in a scholarship competition at Pueblo, where Miss Yamada placed in general science and Miss Tachibana in Latin I and general science.

Harada Will Play In Prep Baseball Classic at Ogden

OGDEN, Utah — Utaka Harada, brilliant third baseman of Davis high school Darts, is the first Japanese American to be selected for Utah's annual All-American high school baseball classic which will be played this year at John Affleck park on June 9.

Harada has been named as third baseman on the South squad.

The outstanding baseball player of the game will be selected Utah's representative in the annual All-American game.

ADC Campaign Initiated by St. Louis Group

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — With \$100.00 donations to start the drive, the Issei of St. Louis, Missouri, made plans to organize committee in conducting a house-to-house campaign to raise funds for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee. The two contributors, Kinobu Yamamoto and Haru Nakata, were among the Issei who met at the picnic grounds of Eden Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri.

The chairman of the meeting which was called at the invitation of Henry Tani and Sam Nakata, president and treasurer respectively of the St. Louis JACL chapter, was James Kamei, who introduced Scotty Tsuchiya, special representative of the National JACL.

Tsuchiya, in describing the functions of the JACL-ADC, explained the bills on evacuation claims, naturalization for Issei, and stay deportation for Issei which the organization is endeavoring to pass. He emphasized the immediate need of funds to enable JACL-ADC to carry on its legislative activities in Washington, D. C. Tsuchiya is scheduled to speak before an Issei group in Twin Cities, Minneapolis, on June 7th and plans to visit Detroit route to New York.

Boise Dance

BOISE, Idaho—The Boise group of the Caldwell district of the Boise Valley JACL held a dance at YWCA on May 28. JACL members from Boise, Emmett and Caldwell attended.

Robert Hayakawa entertained the piano while Toots Shintani master of ceremonies. Mrs. H. Inouye, Mrs. Minnie Tachibana and Yoshiye Otani were in charge.

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