



House Hearing Scheduled for Citizenship Bill

Seeks Repeal of Race Restrictions From Naturalization

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressional hearings on H. R. 5004, the naturalization and immigration measure, and other related bills are definitely scheduled to be held on April 19, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week.

Representative Frank Fellows, chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration, informed the JACL ADC office that his committee will begin consideration of pending naturalization and immigration measures on the third day in April. Heavy pressure on major legislation occasioned by the critical international situation of the past few weeks has forced postponement of the hearings, originally scheduled for March 29 and 31.

It was expected that the first to testify in favor of a remedial naturalization measure will be Representative Walter H. Judd, Republican of Minnesota, who has introduced three bills on this subject in the present Congress. His last bill, H. R. 5004, while differing considerably in wording from his two previous bills, does not change the intent or purpose of the original measures—namely, to repeal racial restrictions and discriminations from the American nationality and immigration statutes.

CALIFORNIA NISEI KILLED IN JAPAN JEEP ACCIDENT

TOKYO—T/4 Mito Nakatsu, 22, of Hawthorne, Calif., was one of two American servicemen killed on March 31 near Miyata when the jeep in which they were riding was struck by a train.

Nakatsu was attached to the First Cavalry division. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was on occupational duty at the time of the accident.

Final Burial Rites Planned for Returning Nisei War Dead

LOS ANGELES — Final burial rites for the remains of the first three Nisei GIs to be returned from U. S. military cemeteries in Europe will be held in Los Angeles between April 18 and 25, according to Kay Kawafuchi of the Nisei Veterans association.

Kawafuchi said that the remains of Pfc. Henry M. Kondo, Monrovia, Calif., and Pfc. George Gushiken and Staff Sgt. James S. Karatsu of Los Angeles will be buried at Evergreen cemetery in graves which have been purchased by the NVA.

Seattle Group Plans Nisei War Memorial

SEATTLE—The Nisei War Memorial committee last week reported that it had collected \$8358.65 in drive for funds to hold memorial services for returned Nisei war dead and to erect a memorial in Seattle to Japanese American servicemen who died in World War II.

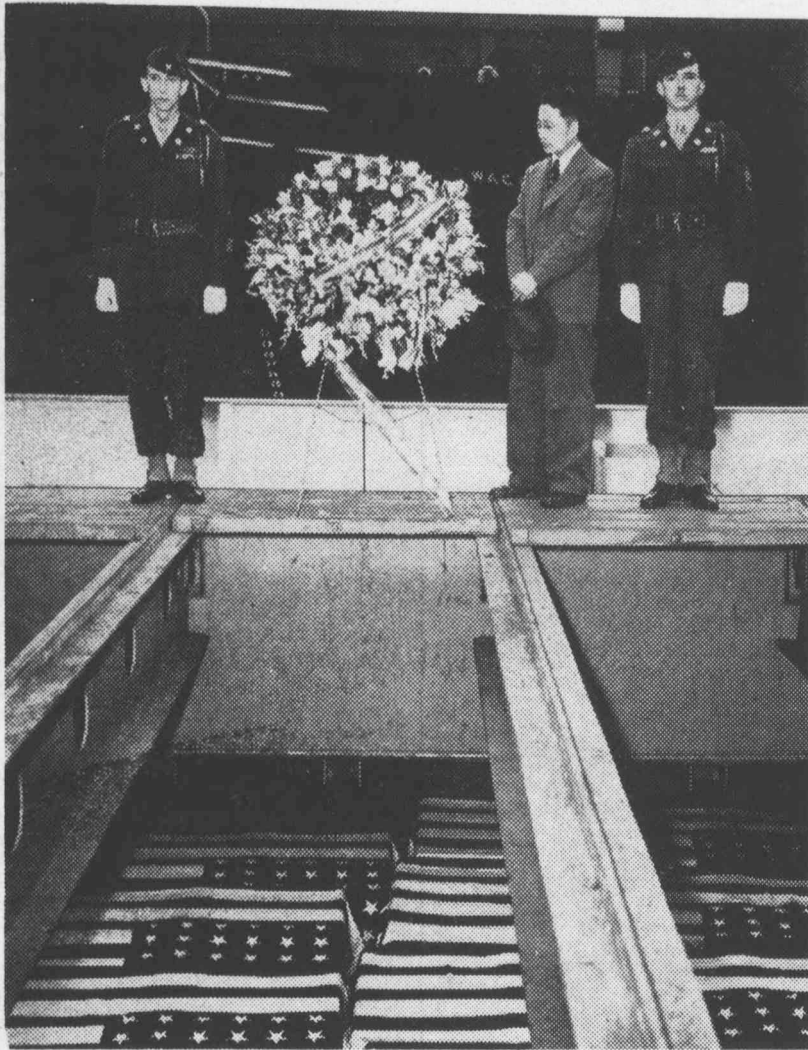
Denver JACL Makes Memorial Day Plans

DENVER — The Denver JACL officially approved plans for a Japanese community Memorial day service to be sponsored by the local chapter on May 30.

The Cathay American Legion will be requested to cooperate in presenting suitable ceremonies on that date.

The program is tentatively scheduled to begin at 11:30 a. m. at the Nihonjin-kai hall, 2109 Lawrence street. Big Imamura, program chairman, was named to make arrangements for the event.

Nisei War Dead Honored



TOSUKE YAMASAKI, representing the National JACL, is shown with the JACL wreath which commemorated the arrival in the United States on April 2 aboard the USAT Robert F. Burns of the remains of the first three Nisei war dead to be returned from Europe under the Army's present program. The remains of 2,805 American soldiers who died in Europe were returned on the Robert Burns and included the bodies of three Nisei, Pfc. Joseph H. Kato, Pfc. Henry M. Kondo and Pvt. Toshiaki Shoji, all of California. The ceremonies were held at the Brooklyn army base where the Robert Burns docked.—Photo by Toge Fujihira.

Japanese American Linguists Saved U. S. Lives, Shortened Pacific War, Says Col. Mashbir

The "faithful service" of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry in World War II in the Pacific "saved many thousands of American lives and shortened the war by months," Col. Sidney F. Mashbir declares in an article, "I Was an American Spy," in the April 10 issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

Col. Mashbir was chief of the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section of GHQ in the Pacific, the military organization to which a large number of Japanese American language specialists from the Military Intelligence Service Language school were attached.

Col. Mashbir declares in the Post that the majority of the translators in ATIS were Japanese Americans.

"Had it not been for the loyalty, bravery and ability of these Japanese Americans, many phases of intelligence work in the Pacific would have fallen flat," he stresses.

Col. Mashbir recalls that he had promised these Japanese Americans that he would do his utmost to see that their contributions toward victory would be recognized by the American public.

"It must be realized that this group of men had more to lose than any others participating in the war," he says in the Post article which he has co-authored with Jim Aswell. "Had any of them been captured, their torture would have been indescribable.

"To each Nisei outfit reporting for duty, I said, 'I won't lie to you. You're in as difficult a position as Jews in Germany. The vast majority of you are volunteers. You know what war hysteria has done to your families in the States. They have been put in concentration camps, some with good reason, others simply because of race. Undoubtedly, some of you are bitter. But you are good Americans. You have decided to serve your country where you will be most useful, nevertheless. I give you my promise that, if I live, I will make every effort within my power to see that your achievements are recognized by the American public.'"

"Every word was taken to heart," Col. Mashbir declares. "Throughout

the war, we never had to take any disciplinary measures where our Nisei were concerned. When the Nisei got into combat zones, they often were fired on by both sides. The Japs complicated this by infiltrating our lines with men garbed in American and Australian uniforms stripped off our dead. Finally we issued orders that every Nisei going to the front had to be accompanied by an American or Australian noncom or officer.

"None of them (the Nisei) ever showed the white feather, although ATIS Nisei accompanied assault units on every landing from Papua to the Philippines. More than 150

California Editor Says 50 Years Of Prejudice Revised in State

SAN FRANCISCO—Fifty years of "anti-Japanese" feeling in California have been revised during the last three years in most remarkable fashion, said William Wren, managing editor of the San Francisco Examiner and manager of the Hearst publications for northern California, Nevada and Washington, in an interview last week with Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL ADC director for the west coast.

This change of attitude towards persons of Japanese ancestry, Wren said, is due to three factors.

He cited Gen. MacArthur's "superb administration of Japan," the wartime achievements of Japanese

JACL Brief in Takahashi Case Will Attack California Defense Of Anti-Alien Fishing Code

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With Wednesday, April 21, set as the date on which the constitutionality of Section 990 of the California Fish and Game Code will be argued before the United States Supreme court, the Japanese American Citizens League next week will file a friend of the court brief, in the Takahashi test case, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee disclosed on April 7. Permission to submit the document already has been granted by California, and a half dozen other national organizations are expected to follow suit.

Counsel for the JACL will explain its interest in this controversy, pointing out that this falls into a pattern of litigation with which the Nisei citizens organization has always concerned itself. The brief is being presented, the JACL attorneys will declare, to acquaint the high tribunal with the knowledge the Japanese Americans have gained in their long fight to defeat discriminatory fishing bills which have from time to time been introduced in the California State legislature.

The issue, as the JACL sees it, is not merely the right of a Japanese national to engage in a common occupation but the more fundamental one of earning a livelihood. The document can be expected to stress that if today California can distinguish between persons, solely because of the accident of birth or racial background, as to who may or who may not engage in a particular field of employment, "tomorrow other states, and perhaps even the Federal Government, may use race, color, creed or national origin as the measure of the right to live."

California's argument that "conservation" was the one and only consideration in legislating the prohibition against alien Japanese fishing off its coast will be under severe attack by JACL counsel who will emphasize that there was no relation between the alleged conservation measure and the enactment of a law denying commercial fishing licenses to aliens ineligible to citizenship. They will point out that when the anti-Japanese measure was made into law, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both citizen and alien, had been evacuated from the state by military order and would not have been physically able to fish even if they wanted to.

"If the measure had been prompted by the need for conservation, why was it necessary to impose the prohibition against a group of people who were then not residing within the State of California?" the brief will ask. "The only logical conclusion is that it was hatred engendered by war hysteria, race prejudice, and the desire to drive the alien Japanese from the industry."

"The excuse of conservation as the reason for the discriminatory amendment to Section 990 is a recent innovation," the brief will aver, calling attention to the fact that in pre-war years legislators

were finally given direct commissions. The rest were promoted several grades. An exceptionally high percentage were decorated or cited for valor."

and proponents who desired to prevent alien Japanese from fishing claimed it was a necessity for national defense and safety. The war, however, crushed that argument.

The brief will stress that whether the amendment was a conservation measure or the result of war hysteria and a means of excluding Japanese from California, it should be considered in connection with a public history of the times. It points out that it was during the height of the Congressional committee investigations that the California Fish and Game Code was amended in 1943 to rule out the Japanese. The passage of the anti-Japanese law coincided with the time that State Senator Ward set out on his tour to organize Californians against the return of Japanese to the State. The fishing amendment was only one of many bills introduced in the 1943 session of the State legislature and designed to discourage the re-entry of Japanese.

The link between the 1943 amendment and the 1945 bill which substituted the phrase "persons ineligible for citizenship" for the phrase "any person other than an alien Japanese" is provided by the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Japanese Resettlement, the brief will assert, noting that the change was advocated when legislators felt the danger that the 1943 law might be declared unconstitutional on the ground of discrimination.

Like its 1933 predecessor, the 1945 amendment was passed at a time when anti-Japanese sentiment was at a high point. During the 1945 session, the State legislature passed three other bills directed against the Japanese, all of them dealing with the Alien Land Law. From the evidence available, the brief will note, "the conclusion that the 1943 and 1945 amendments are inextricably linked with the anti-Japanese agitation of the period appears inescapable. To maintain that the amendments were isolated phenomena, traceable solely to a concern for conservation of the State's resources, is, in the circumstances, untenable."

The brief will argue that ineligibility to citizenship is an unreasonable classification by which to deny commercial fishing licenses. The mere fact that a legislature has made a classification is not sufficient—there must be a reasonable ground. It will point out that in the 1940 census there were only 853 aliens besides the Japanese who were ineligible to citizenship and that if there were a need for conservation why were there no restrictions on the tens of thousands of other commercial fishermen in the State, including non-residents.

In conclusion, the brief will emphasize that a halt must be called to the broadening of classification permitted in discriminating against persons residing in this country. "A wedge made here and there has curtailed opportunities of the aliens living within this country. More and more, the significance of the protection of the 14th Amendment is being minimized." It will stress that the basic concept of equal protection and due process clauses of the 14th Amendment is that it was designed to bar the states from denying to some group, on account of race or color, any rights, privileges, and opportunities accorded to other groups. "Under one pretense or another, opportunities to work and earn a livelihood are being denied," the brief will state.

Japanese Canadians Protest Discriminatory Treatment of Group in British Columbia

WINNIPEG, Man.—The Japanese Canadian Citizens association, meeting at its second national conference March 26 to 29 in Winnipeg, has united all provincial chapters in common agreement on all principal issues.

A striking development of the conference, the New Canadian reported, was the definite realization among delegates that the problems of crown timber and elections act now faced in British Columbia were matters of national concern.

A unanimous decision was reached by delegates to send George Tanaka, executive secretary, to British Columbia for six weeks to two months to devote his full time on the problems facing Nisei in that area.

Tom Shoyama of Regina, who acted as chairman of the conference, was elected president of the national council. He succeeds Roger Obata.

Hiroshi Rosie Okuda of Montreal was reelected treasurer of the council. Edward Ide, Ontario, was chosen first vice president and Anthony Kobayashi of B. C. was elected 2nd vice president. Jack T. Oki, Henry Ide and Kunio Shimizu were recommended in that order for chairman of the national executive committee.

The conference voted to send a protest to the British Columbia government for its discriminatory stand on Japanese Canadians.

Delegates endorsed a campaign for a fair employment practices act and the bill of rights.

The conference also passed a resolution to devote attention to the possibility of widening the terms of reference for property loss claims.

Endorsement was also voted for full citizenship for Indians and repeal of the Chinese and Japanese immigration acts.

The conference adopted a \$8,750 national budget, of which a sizeable portion was earmarked as special assistance for the British Columbia chapter of the JCCA.

Date of the next national conference was tentatively set for the end of November, 1949, in Lethbridge, subject to ratification by the Alberta chapter.

Denver Chapter To Enter Contest For JACL Queen

DENVER — The Denver JACL will sponsor a local queen contest to determine this area's entrant for the National JACL queen contest to be held in conjunction with the September convention in Salt Lake City. The Denver contest will be climaxed by a coronation ball on May 1.

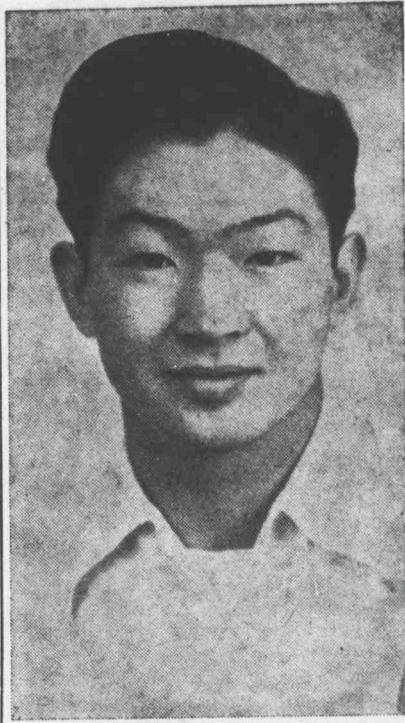
The local committee has selected more than 25 girls for consideration in the contest. Preliminary plans will permit all JACL members to receive 100 votes each, in order to designate their choice for the queen. All new members will also receive 100 votes, as they get their memberships.

Votes must be mailed or sent to the JACL office, 615 E & C building, Denver 2, on or before April 24.

Nonmembers will also be permitted to vote at the May 1 ball. Each dance ticket will entitle the bearer to 50 votes.

Candidates for the title will be finally determined by a nominating committee. Finalists will be named on April 26.

Members of the local committee are as follows: George Furuta, honorary chairman; Shig Imamura, chairman; Frank Tamura, promotion committee; Hikaru Iwasaki, George Yamaguchi, Ken Imamura, Yas Aochi, George Masunaga, Rupert Arai and Hiroshi Wada.



TOMMY MAEDA Wins Naval Cruise

Payette Nisei Student to Go On Navy Cruise

PAYETTE, Idaho — Tommy Maeda, valedictorian of the Payette high school graduating class, has been selected from the U. S. Naval Reserve for an 18-day cruise to Honolulu this summer, according to Lieut. Commander D. R. Gustavson who is in charge of the USNR training center at Boise.

Commander Gustavson commended Maeda for his achievement in winning the valedictorian award.

"You have lived up to the high ideals of naval service during your tour of learning at Payette high school," he told Maeda. "I am arranging to send you on an 18-day cruise to Honolulu leaving Seattle on July 25."

Maeda, under a project sponsored by six organizations in Boise for high school students, was elected as Payette high school's representative to visit the Freedom Train on its recent stop in Boise. He was a member of Mayor Potter Howard's party which visited the train and was a guest at a luncheon given by the Boise Ad club.

The Nisei student reported on the Freedom train at a school assembly last week.

ADC Officials Have Conference with Wyoming Governor

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Conferences with Wyoming residents, including Governor Lester Hunt, were held by Roy Takeno of the ADC and T. Kako during a recent trip to that state.

Takeno and Kako conferred with Joseph Fobel, ADL chairman; Hubert Newell, Catholic bishop coadjutor; and also with Don Driscoll, Wyoming State Tribune statehouse reporter.

Discussions concerned the legislation program of the JACL ADC.

The ADC officials also met with more than 20 Nisei and Issei in Cheyenne on Thursday, March 25. Takeno conferred with Frank Ikuno, JACL committee chairman, and Henry Omoto, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matsuyama, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Okamoto and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hashimoto. The Cheyenne committee agreed to start immediately upon an ADC financial campaign. Kako meanwhile conferred with more than a dozen Issei leaders.

On March 26 the two met with a group of Rock Springs residents at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Sugano.

Dr. Saito Named To Head Campaign

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah — Dr. Frank H. Saito, Brigham City dentist, was named chairman of the current Box Elder county cancer campaigns by the Amvets of the Brigham post.

Seeks Brother

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Father Damian Sato, Atonement Seminary, Washington, D. C., would like to get in contact with his brother, Philip Noboru Sato, a dentist, 35, whose last known address before the war was San Francisco. Anybody knowing the whereabouts of Philip Sato is urged to communicate immediately with Father Sato, who is leaving shortly for Japan.

MINORITY WEEK

This Week's Quote

"Two and a half years ago we abolished the poll tax in Georgia. Since then, the ballots have doubled in my county. My family is in politics and we keep up with votes. We know the men who have never voted in their lives have gone to the polls to cast their first ballot—men who could have been voting for years but didn't, until voting was free. And they have begun watching the men they have elected and scrutinizing candidates they are going to elect tomorrow. Workers on my farm, planting corn in the field, will stop in the middle of a furrow to talk politics. 'I tell you what I think,' one will say, and halt his mule to tell me. Two years ago, they didn't care who was elected or why. But they care now and it is hard to fool them. Their free vote has become too precious to waste."—Lillian Smith, author of "Strange Fruit" in a statement on behalf of HR 29, a bill to make the poll tax unlawful in elections for national officers.

A Student's Life

In some ways Silas Hunt, Arkansas war veteran and student at the University of Arkansas, is one of the most pampered students in the country. He is given private instruction in a special classroom.

The state of Arkansas is spending an inordinate amount on education. Apparently it feels it's worth it. For Silas Hunt is a Negro and the only Negro at the university. And southern laws being what they are, Hunt cannot be taught in the same class room with other students.

Hunt has a student union activity card, which would allow him to attend extracurricular programs of the school and use certain facilities. But the laws of property and criminal law prevent him from taking advantage of these facilities.

Things I Never Knew . . .

One of the ships with which Columbus discovered America was captained by a Negro. It was the Nina, sister ship of the Pinta and the Santa Maria . . . The white-to-nonwhite population of the United States is at a record high of 880 to 100. It's expected to drop to something like 800-100 by 1960 . . . New Jersey has a Negro deputy sheriff, Mrs. Anna Harris Flowers.

Notes on Education

Ada Lois Fisher, young Negro who is trying to win admission to the University of Oklahoma law school, will go to court again April 10. The university refused to allow her admission after the U. S. Supreme court ruled that the state must provide her immediately with legal education she wants . . . Another Negro, Lyman Johnson, a Louisville, Ky., high school teacher, has been denied admission to the University of Kentucky's classes. The university registrar says Johnson that the school's policy is "in accord with the state constitution and state law." . . . Students at St. John's college have gone on record 162 to 33 in favor of admitting Negro students. A statement circulated among the students at the time of the vote, said in part: "St. John's, which claims that western civilization through its great books can educate for freedom, should be especially challenged by the common charge that Negroes are incapable of being free men." . . . M. Hechinger, writing in the Washington Post, says that many Negro schoolteachers in Florida are being "downgraded" in order to conform to an "equal pay" law passed by the state. Few teachers are now represented in the highest paid categories.

"The Mexican Problem"

"Mexicans have never been encouraged by prevailing community attitudes to become citizens. Bogardus, who studied the problem for 20 years, concluded that in both rural and urban areas segregation is primarily responsible for the lack of interest in citizenship. For the last 20 years, the number of Mexicans who have been naturalized averaged about a hundred a year. In a Mexican community of 50,000 in California, Bogardus found only 250 registered voters in 1928, all of whom were of Mexican descent. In the same year, Charles Thompson reported that only two or three naturalization petitions were filed in El Paso with a Mexican population of 50,000. To some extent, of course, this reluctance to seek naturalization may be traced to the fact that so many Mexican immigrants are in the United States illegally; but this, too, has been a secondary factor. Voluntary disenfranchisement, whatever the cause, has perpetuated the caste social structure in which Mexicans are encased."—Carey McWilliam, Common Ground magazine, Spring, 1948.

Right to Vote

Fourteen Negroes who attempted to register as voters in Mobile, Ala., were rejected recently under an amendment requiring prospective voters to be able to understand and explain the constitution.

Later it developed they had all been studying the constitution for more than a year in order to overcome the technicality under which they were rejected and under which Negroes are kept from exercising their franchise.

Ungentlemanly

Last week two University of Utah students applied for admission to a Salt Lake City theater during a matinee. One of the students was a Negro, the other a Jew. Despite the fact the theater generally closes its balcony during afternoon performances, the balcony was opened up and the two students escorted upstairs.

The motion picture was "Gentlemen's Agreement," the Oscar-winning movie, the theme of which is anti-Semitism and race discrimination.

Murayama Cited for Stories Exposing Tokyo Black Market

TOKYO — Tamotsu Murayama, former San Francisco newspaperman, recently was cited by Major Daniel C. Imboden, officer-in-charge of the press and publications unit of SCAP, for one of the "outstanding journalistic reporting achievements of 1947."

Major Imboden said that Murayama, now a reporter for the Nippon Times, uncovered the work of gangsters in connection with a government textbook scandal.

"In spite of great odds, if not actual opposition, and lack of clues, Murayama brought to light the scope and baseness of the work of 'gorotsuki' (gangsters) in connection with the textbook scandal," the officer said.

"Paper that was to have gone into textbooks, according to Mr. Murayama's investigations, found its way to the black market to

supply further the insatiable appetite of the 'gorotsuki' shakedown operators," Major Imboden said. "Certainly the Nippon Times management is to be congratulated for its fearless journalism and its skillful handling of Mr. Murayama's story."

Nisei Girl Does Practice Teaching

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. — Sen Ishida of Los Angeles, senior member of the Nippon Times, is at present engaged in her campus practice teaching assignment.

Miss Ishida is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meritaro Ishida of Los Angeles. She graduated from Roosevelt high school in Seattle in 1930.

Two Children Die as Fire Destroys Home

Heroic Rescue Attempts Made by Father in Tragedy

Despite heroic rescue attempts by the father, two Salt Lake children died on April 3 as the result of a fire which swept the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tsutsui, 120 West First South street.

Ronald Craig Tsutsui, 7 months of age, died in the flames which enveloped the living quarters of the home, while Jennifer, 3, died in a Salt Lake hospital a little more than 12 hours after the fire.

It was believed the fire was caused when an overheated coal stove ignited furnishings in one of the rooms.

The flames completely destroyed the living quarters of the family in the rear of Jennie's Cafe, which the Tsutsuis operate.

Both parents were working in the cafe and were unaware of the fire until the lights flickered, apparently when the flames reached the wiring.

When Mr. Tsutsui opened a door leading to the apartment and saw the flames, he immediately rushed into the smoke-filled room and carried his still-sleeping daughter to safety. He entered the inferno again but was blinded and eventually overcome by smoke and was unable to retrieve his son from a bed in the middle of the floor.

He in turn was rescued from the burning building by a passer-by, George M. Nakamura, 735 S. West Temple St., who was called to the scene by Mrs. Tsutsui.

Four engine companies and auxiliary equipment spent almost two hours combating the blaze in an effort to keep it from spreading to adjoining structures. Dense smoke hampered their efforts although smoke masks were used.

Flames from the wooden structure leaped above the street and attracted a large crowd to the scene.

Harry Tsutsui was treated for superficial burns received in his attempts to rescue the two children.

Pocatello JACL Contributes to Hospital Fund

POCATELLO, Idaho—The most recent contribution to the St. Anthony hospital expansion fund, \$100 from the Japanese American Citizens League chapter in Pocatello, has brought total contributions to \$168,000, E. P. Brenman, volunteer director of the drive, said here last week.

The JACL contribution was turned over to Brenman by Guy Yamashita, Ted Kunitzugu and George Shiozawa, public service committeemen.

Army Recruiting Service Plans Salt Lake Meeting for Nisei

World War II Victory medals and American Defense medals will be presented to Nisei veterans Friday, April 30, at Spaulding hall, 233 East 1st South st., at a meeting sponsored by the U. S. army and air force recruiting service.

All veterans are requested to attend and bring their original discharge papers.

The American Defense medal will be presented to all veterans who served honorably from September 8, 1938, to Dec. 7, 1941.

The Victory medal will be given

to all who served honorably between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946.

Selected government films will be shown, including "The Enemy Strikes," actual combat film of the Battle of the Bulge.

Ample time will be set aside to provide a period to answer all questions pertinent to individual problems facing all men of military age, veterans and nonveterans.

All Nisei veterans, men from 17 years of age and up and their friends and families are invited to attend the meeting.

6 Brides Get Presents



DENVER—Mrs. Fuji Burns, left, and Mrs. Junko Watanabe, Japanese war brides, examine a memento of their first American Easter, spent at Fitzsimmons General hospital.

The two are brides of U. S. Army sergeants. Mrs. Watanabe gave birth to a son, Leslie Yusuko, on March 23. Under Army regulations the baby cannot be kept in the mother's ward, and he has been placed in a nursing home.

Mrs. Burns is expected to undergo an operation soon. She was visited recently by her mother in law, Mrs. Christina Burns of Chicago. The bride's husband, Sgt. Francis T. Burns, is a member of the signal corps and is stationed in Tokyo. He has applied for re-assignment to Denver.

The Denver JACL, through Saburo Tani and Mrs. E. Matsuda has been assisting the two war brides. Among their other visitors have been the Rev. Sasaki, the Rev. George Aso, members of the Buddhist church and many other Denver wellwishers.

Koshi Appointed To City Health Post in Denver

DENVER—James Koshi recently was appointed dairy inspector for the City Health department.

Koshi is a graduate of Colorado A & M college in animal husbandry.

23 Nisei Sign JACL Brief in Takahashi Case

Join with Organization In Presenting Case Against Restriction

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Twenty three Nisei attorneys in four States are represented on the friend of the court brief in the Takahashi case which the Japanese American Citizens League is filing with the U.S. Supreme Court, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported today. This is the first time that so many Nisei lawyers have joined the JACL in the presentation of arguments before the high court.

The brief, prepared by Saburo Kido, of the Los Angeles law firm of Wirin, Kido and Okrand, will bear the signatures of the following California attorneys: John F. Aiso, Kiyochi Doi, Kenji Ito, Saburo Kido, John Y. Maeno, Henry J. Tsurutani and Elmer S. Yamamoto, of Los Angeles; Jin Ishikawa and Yoshimi Hiraoka, of Fresno; Victor S. Abe, San Francisco; Mas Yonemura, Oakland; Joseph Omachi, Stockton; Henry Taketa, Sacramento; and Wayne M. Kanemoto, San Jose.

Six Illinois attorneys, all of whom practice in Chicago, two Colorado lawyers, and one from New York State, are also represented on the JACL brief. They include: Franklin Chino, Wiley Higuchi, George Kita, Thomas Masuda, Joseph Shibata, and Jiro Yamaguchi, Chicago; Toshio Ando and Minoru Yasui, Denver, and Thomas T. Hayashi, New York City.

MASAOKA ASKS COAST SUPPORT OF JUDD BILL

SAN FRANCISCO—In a release sent to the chapters, veterans groups and friendly organizations, the west coast JACL-ADC office this week requested every Japanese farmer, businessman, houseworker, gardener, to ask their friends to write to their Congressman in Washington in support of H.R. 5004, Naturalization bill. If the suggestions are followed, said Joe Masaoka, west coast JACL-ADC director, an impressive volume of mail would convince our lawmakers as to the wide-spread support of the measure authored by Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota.

The release points out the glaring inconsistency of the situation wherein an Army transport was christened "Sadao S. Munemori" on March 16 for the deceased Nisei Congressional Medal of Honor winner, yet whose widowed mother cannot become an American citizen.

Masaoka further pointed out how beginning this April the remains of Nisei soldiers killed overseas are being returned to California for burial. Yet their parents are barred from citizenship.

The release emphasizes the importance of securing editorials and widespread press support. It also urges the securing of resolutions from many organizations concerned about fair play toward those of Japanese ancestry.

Finally, the memo urged letters to be sent immediately to Congressmen, as well as to Dr. Judd, preferably in time for the April 19 hearing.

Salt Laker Given Stanford Fellowship

Kiyotoshi Iwamoto of Salt Lake City was recently awarded a Ray Lyman Wilbur fellowship from Stanford university for graduate study in the field of economics.

Iwamoto received his master's degree from Stanford and will work toward his doctorate.

His thesis will be on the economic phases of Japanese American resettlement since the evacuation, a continuation of a study he began while he studied for his master's degree.

Western Young Buddhists Back JACL-ADC Program at First Postwar Confab in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—The Western Young Buddhist League went on record strongly supporting the national legislative program of the JACL ADC at its 6th annual conference in Los Angeles March 27-28.

Approximately 900 delegates, representing more than 6,000 young Buddhists in California and Arizona, supported the recommendation. The conference urged its members to help advance the JACL ADC program both nationally, in the state and locally.

MISS BUSSEI



Here is JUNE MANJI of Sacramento who was crowned California's Miss Bussei at the recent conference of the Western Young Buddhist League in Los Angeles.—Photo by Robert Uno.

Red Cross Seeks Families of Nisei Killed in Europe

SAN FRANCISCO—Three families of Japanese American servicemen who died overseas are being sought by the home service department of San Francisco Red Cross, 2015 Steiner street.

Anyone who knows the present location of any of the persons sought is requested to notify the home service inquiry supervisor, telephone WALnut 1-8800.

Messages are held for the following:

Mrs. Shizuko Shiramizu, formerly of Poston, Ariz., widow of T/3 Kitoshi J. Shiramizu, deceased; Mrs. Setsu Sakamoto, formerly of Poston, Ariz., mother of T/5 Atsushi Sakamoto, deceased; and Denzo Kawaguchi, formerly of Minidoka, Hunt, Idaho, father of Pvt. John R. Kawaguchi, deceased.

Washington Post Urges Early Action on Evacuee Claims Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Washington Post on April 18 editorially expressed the hope of Congressional passage of the evacuation claims bill, declaring that there appears to be no question as to the desirability and justice of this legislation and that any delay in enacting it "can serve only to perpetuate a wrong and to aggravate the injuries which these loyal Americans have endured."

Noting that in the 79th Congress a senate-approved evacuation claims measure had reached the House too late for floor consideration prior to adjournment, the morning newspaper stressed it would be a great misfortune if it were allowed to lapse again through carelessness or on account of the pressure of other business. H.R. 3999, which would provide token compensation to those who could account for their losses suffered through evacuation, has been passed by the House but the Senate has not yet acted on it.

The Japanese Americans have

The conference also voted to support the record making project sponsored by the Buddhist Churches of America under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. Iwanaga.

The group also went on record supporting the establishment of a seminary in cooperation with other Buddhist leagues in America.

The resolutions were adopted at a general meeting conducted by Dr. Ryo Munekata, chairman pro-tem.

The Western Young Buddhist league, was renamed in view of the fact that an Arizona chapter is included within its jurisdiction.

The next conference of the league will be held in central California. The invitation was submitted by Ben Nakamura, president of the Central California League.

Masaoka Denies Hearst Story On Politics

SAN FRANCISCO — Joe Grant Masaoka, west coast regional director of JACL-ADC, categorically denied on April 3 a report in the San Francisco Examiner of April 2 that he had pledged "his group's support of General MacArthur's candidacy for president."

"I met with Major-Gen. Paul B. Malone of the MacArthur campaign committee earlier this week, but only to see if General MacArthur would take a definite stand on bills now in Congress to give alien Japanese equal opportunity in securing naturalization as U. S. citizens," he said.

Masaoka stated emphatically that at no time did he commit the JACL to support of MacArthur and pointed out that the JACL constitution prohibits any endorsement of candidates for any public office.

Masaoka expressed great surprise that Gen. Malone had released a statement to the Hearst Examiner which declared that he (Masaoka) had pledged the support of his group to the MacArthur campaign.

"I did not discuss the subject with Gen. Malone," Masaoka said.

UCL Directory Nears Publication Date

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The 1948 Santa Clara county directory of persons of Japanese descent from Palto Alto south to Gilroy, compiled by the United Citizens League, will be off the press within the next two weeks, according to Ray M. Taketa, executive secretary.

Members of the UCL will receive free copies. A limited number will be placed on sale to the public.

Rep. Judd Urges House Action On Bill for Issei Citizenship

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Following Congressional passage of the multi-billion dollar foreign aid bill, Representative Walter H. Judd, Minnesota Republican, last week urged the House to give early consideration to legislation designed to equalize the application of American naturalization law so that otherwise qualified Japanese and other peoples of the Pacific basin may become citizens of this country. Congressman Judd was one of the strongest and most active proponents of the foreign aid measure.

In a brief speech on the floor of the Lower House, Representative Judd, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee recently reported, read an editorial recently carried by the Milwaukee Journal which he described as providing additional evidence of the need for equalization of naturalization. "Such equalization is long overdue," he declared and indicated that House hearings on a remedial measure will be held shortly.

The Journal editorial, entitled "End This Disqualification," cited some outstanding cases where the law denies deserving aliens of Japanese ancestry privileges given to perhaps less qualified aliens. The newspaper brought out the case of the Issei mother who had five sons in the service, one of whom was killed in combat, and the mother of Pvt. Sadao Munemori for whom U.S. army transport was recently renamed. These mothers are unable to become citizens regardless of how qualified they may be because of the naturalization law.

The newspaper then pointed to the great service which Nisei soldiers had rendered this country in time of war, but added succinctly, "But their mothers and fathers cannot become full Americans." Most of these people have lived in this country for at least 24 years, many of them years longer, but they are not allowed to become citizens no matter what they contributed to the country or how loyal and law abiding they have been.

In urging the people and the United States Congress to "finish the job in 1948," the Journal concluded: "Immigration controls are one thing. Citizenship is another. All qualified permanent residents of the United States should be eligible for citizenship. It is the only consistent democratic policy."

Gene Sato Named Pocatello Senior with Best Personality

POCATELLO, Idaho—Gene Sato was recently elected as the senior with the "best personality" at a recent poll at Pocatello high school.

A member of the school court, Gene's best known for his football accomplishments. He starred at left end on the Pocatello high school teams for the past two years and also gained all-state recognition.

He is also the third baseman on the varsity baseball team.

He is considered a leading contender for the school's "outstanding athlete" award.

Gene plans to become an athletic coach after college.

Coast Groups Back Change in Naturalization

Would Grant Right Of Citizenship to Japanese Aliens

BURLINGAME, Calif. — Focusing attention on local problems of maladjustment in community attitudes toward those of minority groups, the Peninsula Conference of Councils for Civic Unity was held at the Burlingame high school on April 3.

A resolution to urge Congressman Jack Z. Anderson of this district and Senators William F. Knowland and Sheridan Downey to secure passage of H. R. 5004, the Judd bill, was unanimously adopted.

Approximately one hundred participated in this work conference. Among the ten Nisei who attended were William Enomoto and Sally Kawakita, who are active members of the San Mateo JACL chapter.

Edward Howden, director of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, and Mrs. Josephine Duveneck, of the American Friends Service committee, participated in the panel discussions.

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EDITORIALS

Permanent Levy on Japanese Aliens

The Wiley alien registration bill, introduced in the Senate last week with the support of the Justice Department, emphasizes the unfair burden placed on resident aliens of Japanese ancestry and other aliens not eligible to citizenship under the present naturalization law.

Although the bill has been introduced as a security measure and is not aimed at Japanese aliens, the ineligibility of the Japanese group to naturalization places them in a peculiarly disadvantageous status. The bill, and others which have been suggested in the name of national security, are ramifications of the heightening of international tensions.

The Wiley bill may be considered routine legislation and Assistant Attorney General Peyton Ford has expressed the belief that it will encourage many of the 3,500,000 aliens in the United States to seek naturalization rather than be forced to register their whereabouts annually if the proposal becomes law. There can be little argument against legislation which affects persons because of their alien status, as long as these persons may avoid being subjected to the restrictions by becoming citizens. For the 85,000 resident Japanese aliens, however, and the few others who are similarly ineligible to citizenship, such legislation will have a humiliating impact.

The Washington office of JACL ADC this week reported that while the Wiley bill would impose a permanent levy on Japanese aliens who are unable by law to become citizens, it was not aimed specifically at the Japanese group. The measure is regarded as part of a general program designed to further national security. The bill is expected to plug any loopholes in present legislation covering alien registration.

The proposed imposition of the alien regulations stresses anew the necessity for equality in naturalization as proposed in H R 5004, the Judd bill, which will repeal the racially discriminatory features of the present naturalization law. Hearings on the Judd bill are expected to be called by the House Judiciary subcommittee on or after April 19. The Wiley bill, and other proposed measures for the regulation of alien residents, provides an added incentive for the supporters of equality in naturalization to urge early consideration and passage of the Judd bill.

An Increase in Race Prejudice

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith last week released its annual survey on anti-Semitism in the United States. The final score:

There has been a "very real" increase in prejudice.

This season's prejudice, the reader gathers from the final report, is of a more subtle type than the kind peddled some years back by Gerald L. K. Smith, by the Ku Klux Klan and by other individuals and groups that were spiritual kin of the Nazis and Fascists. Today Americans reject overwhelmingly any association with professional hatemongers and organized bigotry. Almost all Americans, and we believe most southerners, too, would be quick to protest the outspoken anti-Semitism of the Klan and their outrageous burnings of the cross. This kind of prejudice is the kind that brings forth outraged protest.

But the kind of ordinary, day by day anti-Semitism that does as much harm but is far less distasteful to the average American's sensibilities is on the increase.

There were few protests last year, the survey notes, against anti-Semitic acts of the "gentlemen's agreement" type. There was increased racial pressure in employment, greater discrimination in housing, with increased use of racial and religious restrictive covenants in new home developments. There was widespread use of racial and religious quotas in screening applicants to colleges and religious schools. There was increased discrimination against Jews as a group in many hotels and resorts.

There was widespread circulation of SEVENTY-FIVE anti-Jewish newspapers and other hate sheets. There was increased anti-Jewish sentiment among foreign language groups and their press.

These are facts and figures no Nisei American can afford to ignore.

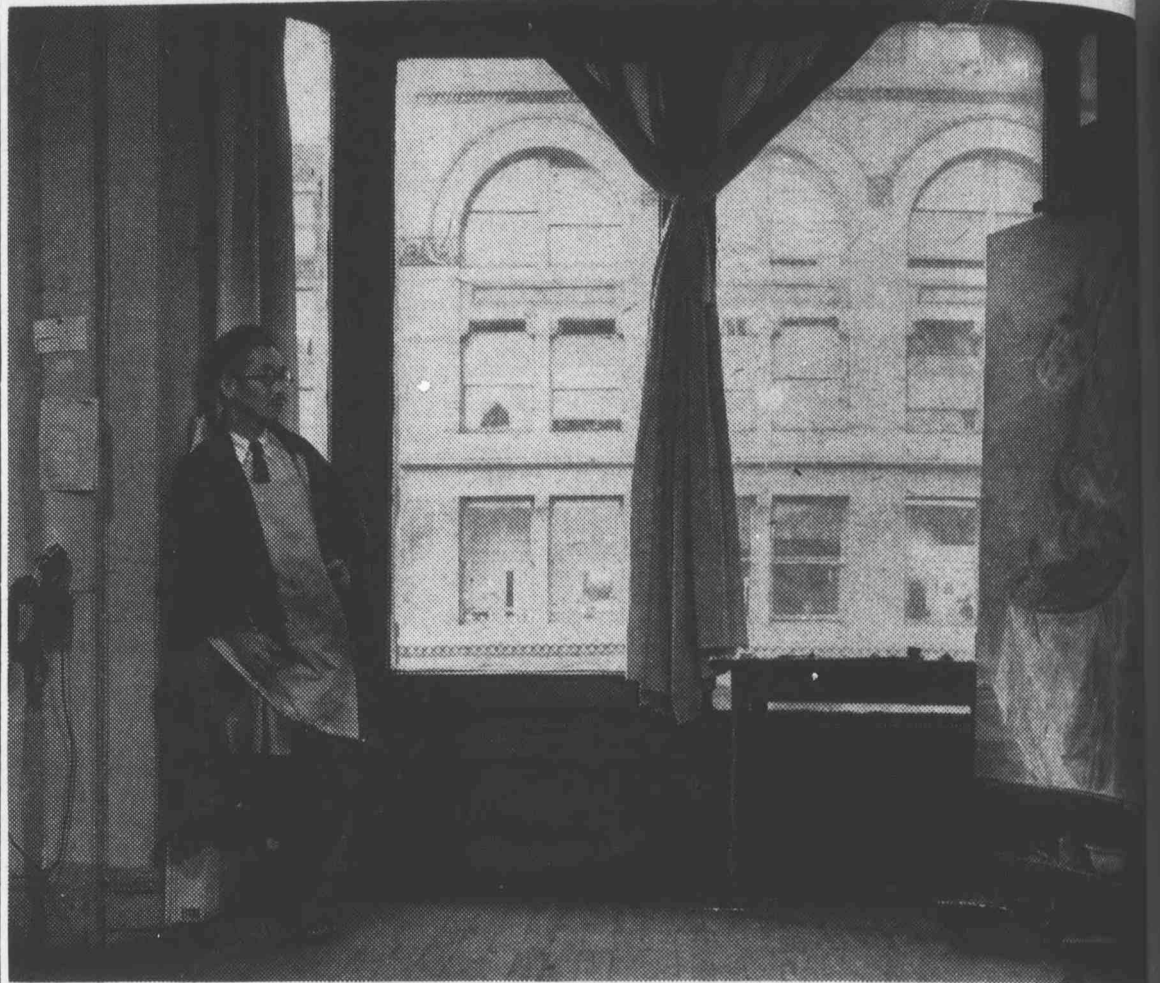
Anti-Jewish sentiment can never prove a smokescreen against anti-Nisei sentiment. Anti-Jewish acts cannot serve as buffers against anti-Nisei violence.

There is allegedly a great deal of anti-Semitic sentiment among America's minority groups. The feeling comes primarily as a result of desire on the part of minority group individuals to adopt the majority point of view and thus to be identified with the majority group.

There should be, rather, an identification with those discriminated against upon the basis of sympathy and understanding of a common problem.

Nisei USA:

Yasuo Kuniyoshi, American Artist



Yasuo Kuniyoshi, in his 14th Street studio in New York.—Photo by Yavno.

By LARRY TAJIRI

THE HONOR which is Yasuo Kuniyoshi's this month is one which has not been previously bestowed on any other living American painter. He is the first to be given a retrospective exhibition by New York's famous Whitney Museum.

The Whitney show which will run until May 9 is a summing up of Kuniyoshi's first quarter-century as an American artist. It is one of the largest retrospective exhibitions ever given anywhere to any living artists and consists of 71 oils, 14 in casein and gouache, 35 drawings and a group of lithographs. It displays every side of Kuniyoshi's multi-faceted personality as an artist.

The occasion of the opening of the Whitney show on March 27 provided an opportunity for a double tribute to an artist who is one of the foremost of living American painters. On the night before the show was opened to the public, 300 artists, friends and associates of Kuniyoshi gathered at a New York restaurant for a banquet in his honor. There were many speeches by famous artists, critics and curators.

Lloyd Goodrich of the Whitney Museum set the keynote when he placed especial stress on Kuniyoshi's work in bettering the economic conditions of his fellow artists. He helped organize the Artists Equity Association and is its president.

"Kuniyoshi's early hardships made him realize the importance of organization by artists," Mr. Goodrich declared. "With the founding of Artists Equity, based on common economic interests, and avoiding the pitfalls of artistic differences on the other, Kuniyoshi was chosen to serve as its president during the critical organizing period—an evidence of the high regard in which he is held by his fellow artists."

Kuniyoshi is 55 now, slender of build. He wears horn-rimmed glasses and sports a neat mustache. He is married and his beautiful wife is the subject of many of his paintings.

It has been said that Kuniyoshi's work falls roughly into three main classes of subjects. He is known for his romantic figure studies, usually of beautiful, sensuous women. Some of these, like "The Young Girl," "Mother and Daughter," and "By the Sea" are evocative of a feeling of tenderness and warmth.

Kuniyoshi is equally famous for his still-lives, many of which have a slightly surrealistic quality, like "Weathervane and Other Objects on a Sofa," which won the first prize in the American section at the San Francisco world's fair in 1939, and the equally famous "Room 110" or "The Dream" which he did back in 1926.

The third class of Kuniyoshi's subjects are landscapes, "brooding, deserted landscapes," as Howard Devree called them last week in the New York Times. "The Milk Train," with its feeling of dawn and loneliness, is illustrative as are his paintings of western ghost towns of which "Nevadaville" is an example. There are friendlier and more congenial tones, of course, in the landscapes he has done of the Catskill country around his summer home in Woodstock, or of the Maine sea and countryside around Ogunquit where he spent many summers and where he married his first wife, the noted young artist Katherine Schmidt, back in the 1920s.

When Lloyd Goodrich spoke of "Kuniyoshi's early hardships" in the testimonial dinner to the artist in New York City, he summarized in three quick words the nearly 20 years of hard work and odd jobs which were Kuniyoshi's from the day in 1906 when he arrived in the United States from Japan, penniless and 13 years of age. Kuniyoshi's first job was obtained in Spokane, where he swept out a railroad roundhouse and carried buckets of water and slept without a mattress on a bare wooden bunk. From that time on, he scrubbed

floors, picked cantaloupes and grapes in California, worked as a bellhop in a West Coast hotel, had no idea that he would become a painter those adolescent years, preferring rather to talk about a career in aviation. A teacher in a high school class in Los Angeles noted his skill as a draftsman and encouraged him to study art.

At the age of 17 he came to New York City and stayed with another Japanese artist and obtained his board by cleaning out the studio. He walked 80 blocks uptown to the National Academy on 109th street. He didn't like the academy and quit. Later he enrolled at the Art Students League and knew that he had found home and what he had been looking for. He found friends, for the first time, and he found sympathy and companionship. Today, 30 years later, he is still with the Art Students League, teaching young artists.

Kuniyoshi got his first-man show in the early 1920s. Many of the paintings which were in the exhibition are today at the Whitney. The names of famous private collectors and museums and schools which have their Kuniyoshi works at the Whitney show are indicative of the widespread appreciation which has been accorded his work.

In 1931 Kuniyoshi, receiving a hurried call from his father whom he had not seen for 25 years, fell ill, went to Japan. He returned in the February of the next year, firmly convinced that America was his home. Except for several months in Mexico in 1935 where he went to paint on a Guggenheim Fellowship, he has lived in New York City since that time, spending the summers in Woodstock or in Maine.

Like another famous artist of Japanese ancestry, Isamu Noguchi, Kuniyoshi has shown a deep and abiding faith in his fellow man and a vigorous interest in the people's welfare. His fight for the economic well-being of his fellow artists has culminated in his leadership of Artists Equity. His opposition to tyranny and oppression was noted in the 1930s when he condemned the Japanese militarists, long before it was fashionable to condemn them, and sold paintings for the relief of the Chinese people. During World War II he painted pictures for OWI and broadcast to Japan.

Howard Devree said of Kuniyoshi last week: "For an artist, born in Japan and coming to this country in his early teens, to assimilate while he is still young such diverse influences as oriental heritage, American folk art, the old masters, modern French directions, work in photography and direct personal contacts with such painters as Picasso and Miller, and to build out of them one of the most distinctive personal styles in America, speaks for itself."

Kuniyoshi himself states his personal credo in the introduction to the Whitney's catalogue for the present exhibition:

"I have practiced starting my work from reality, stating the facts before me. Then I paint for a certain time without the object, combining reality and imagination. I have often obtained interesting results directly from the object that which appears to be real results at the first shot, but when it does happen I purposely destroy what I have accomplished and redo it over and over again. In other words that which comes easily I distrust. When I have condensed and simplified sufficiently, I know then that I have something more than reality."

The Whitney Museum's retrospective show catches Kuniyoshi at his vigorous maturity as an artist. The show is retrospective, looking backward over the years to such early works as "With Cow" which the artist did in 1921 and which in itself may be implied social comment, a satire, as Robert Coates characterized many of Kuniyoshi's early works, of a vogue then current for American primitives. The artist's latest painting in the show, "Deliverance," which definitely expresses social comment, displays the vigor and depth of his art today and shows that the painter himself is looking forward.

A Short Story: SAVE ME A LEI

Some Day, He Said, I'll
Show You My Hawaii

By JON CHINEN

It was in the early summer of 1947 that I first met T/5 Edvard Olsen. Ours was a peculiar friendship, for Blondie, as everyone called Olsen because of his golden-blond hair, did all the visiting, while I lay flat on my back in the 147th General Hospital, Hawaii, where Blondie was stationed as a medical technician.

Blondie and I were as different as the East is different from the West. He was of Swedish-Norwegian descent, fair and tall, and lived all of his 21 years in Minnesota. And I was of Japanese descent, dark and of medium height, and had lived all my life in Hawaii, till my enlistment in the Army in 1943. But we had two interests that drew us close together: love for Hawaii and love for the state of Minnesota.

It was around six on the evening of the 17th of May that a handsome youth walked into my room. "Hello," he greeted me. "I understand that you were in the Gopher State for quite some time."

"Why, yes," I nodded and sat up straight in my bed, eager to meet someone from a place where the people in general were as friendly and kind as those in Hawaii. "I was at the Military Intelligence School at Fort Snelling for almost five months in 1945, and I spent most of my free time in the Twin Cities, especially Minneapolis."

"I'm from the Mill City," the youth smiled, showing a dimple in his left cheek. "My name is Edvard Olsen."

I gave him my name. Then, "Call me Jonnie," I said, extending my right hand.

"Right, Jonnie. And everyone calls me Blondie," he laughed, gripping my hand hard. "Here's my calling card," he added and handed me a pink carnation lei, which he had kept in a package.

Because he had to look after twenty other patients, Blondie was kept busy and his first visit that evening was a short one. But whenever he could find some spare time, he dropped into my room for a chat.

We talked of many things during those brief moments — of the people and places we both knew in Honolulu and in the Twin Cities, of our past activities and of our plans for the future.

"You're coming back to live in Hawaii," I asked Blondie. "But why do many of the Stateside GIs dislike Hawaii and call it a 'Rock'?"

"Well, it depends upon each individual, I guess," he answered. "You see, many of the GIs had the wrong impression about Hawaii. They've heard or seen pictures of the Islands as a 'Paradise,' where they can get anything they want for the asking and where they can do as they please. So, when some of the girls turn them down or when they meet the wrong bunch of boys in or near a bar, they condemn the whole Territory. It's only human nature, I guess."

He paused, then continued, "But I see things differently. Instead of going out for a 'good time' only, I try to make use of my time. And I've been lucky, for I have good friends among several different nationalities."

I nodded, then said, "Someday, when I'm allowed to move around, Blondie, I'll take you to the best places on the Island. If we're lucky, we could even travel together to the other islands. We could visit the 'Little Grand Canyon' on Kauai, the Haleakala crater on Maui and the Kilauea Rest Camp on the Big Island."

"That's great, Jonnie. And, when you visit the Twin Cities in the future, we'll go hunting for big game in the wild woods of the Upper Midwest," Blondie promised.

Even after he was transferred to another ward, Blondie dropped in to visit me every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at six in the evening. I counted upon him a lot to help me pass the time away.

But one Monday in July we had a slight disagreement over the foreign policies of our government. We both believed in peace, but differed in the means to achieve that goal.

That evening, we parted as friends, but I felt that everything was not right. And when Wednesday came, I anxiously waited to hear Blondie's voice saying, "Hi,

Jonnie!" But Blondie did not show up.

"He must be busy," I tried to console myself. "I'm sure that he'll drop in Friday, when he has more time."

When Friday came, I waited all evening; but it was in vain. And Blondie failed to show up the next evening, and the next.

I sent out several inquiries about Blondie, but no one knew or cared to let me know where he was or what he was doing. I tried to control my thoughts, but slowly I began to think unpleasant things about Blondie.

"Anyone who can't stand a little argument is not worthwhile as a friend," I told myself. "I might as well forget him." And, though my heart was aching, I forced Blondie out of my mind.

Then one late afternoon in August, a Red Cross worker handed me a copy of the tiny newspaper printed by the hospital. I glanced over the front page, then turned to the inside sections. For a moment, my heart stopped beating. For there, before my eyes, was a picture of Blondie. And he was flat on his back. I quickly read the caption under the picture. "T/5 Edvard Olsen is being evacuated to the States late this afternoon," it read. "While on duty in the TB-ward, Blondie, who performed extra duty so that his buddy, T/5 Thomas Morita, could fly to his father who was seriously ill, came down with the disease himself and has been a patient for the past month. But he is not disturbed over his condition. 'Someday, I'm coming back to Hawaii,' he smiled, as the photographer snapped his picture."

"Holy mackerel!" I exclaimed to myself. "No wonder he didn't visit me. And me, thinking that he was a sorehead. I must see him before he leaves."

I had been advised to remain in bed for my own benefit, but I couldn't let my friend leave the Islands without bidding him "Aloha." I slowly stepped down from my bed, put on my robe, and sneaked out of the ward. Then I headed towards a group of servicemen gathered around some litter patients on the ground.

I elbowed my way through the crowd and was anxiously looking for Blondie when, "Jonnie!" a voice called.

I turned in the direction from where the voice had come and saw a pale youth, warmly tucked in a blanket, grinning at me. "Blondie!" I exclaimed and hurried over to him. "Why didn't you tell me?" I noticed that he was thin, very thin, and that there was a peculiar look in his eyes.

"Well—uh—you see, after the argument, I thought that you didn't care to see me anymore."

"You bonehead!" I laughed. "What's a little disagreement between friends?" I slapped him on the shoulders and continued, "Remember I told you that I'll be taking you around the Island when I get well. I'm almost well, now. You must come back soon, Blondie."

"Sure, Jonnie," he grinned. "I'll be back. Honolulu is my second home. And . . ."

"Okay. Load up!" a voice cut in, ordering the attendants to get busy.

I quickly gripped Blondie's hand. Then I noticed a light drizzle coming down. "See, Blondie," I said. "Even the clouds are crying that you are leaving Hawaii. You must come back!"

"Sure, Jonnie. I'll be back," he smiled. "Save me a lei. So long."

"So long, Blondie!" I waved my hand, then stood still under the lone palm tree, watching the ambulance getting smaller and smaller till finally it disappeared over the hill.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

The Queen Contest Catches On

Judging from the turnout at a Denver teaparty, and reports from other centers, the national JAACL convention queen contest has caught the public fancy. The party was at the H. H. Kodani home and arranged by Bessie Matsuda (who ought to be in the contest herself) as an introductory for the girls aspiring to be Denver's queen. Twenty-six girls agreed tentatively to enter the race, and 13 of them showed up for the introductions. A pretty fair turnout, that—in more ways than one.

We refuse to speculate as to how far Denver's representative may go nationally, except to say it ought to be an interesting race. Yes, very interesting.

The big stumbling block, Bessie says, is the little matter of bathing suits. Mention that requisite of any honest-to-goodness beauty contest and the girls shy away as if you were suggesting something immodest. Since most of the girls at the party were well draped in spring suits, semi-newlook length, it was not possible to explore this subject further.

Gentlemen's Agreement

Last week we paid our \$1.48 (for two) and viewed the academy award-winning film "Gentlemen's Agreement," the movie in which Hollywood dared to treat anti-Semitism.

As never before we were struck by the impact inherent in motion pictures as an education (or propaganda) medium. We wondered what the state or national social consciousness would be today had Hollywood waded into our civil problems with the same courage 20 years ago.

For making such a film as Gentlemen's Agreement, Hollywood has won deserved acclaim and finally reached adult stature. But the men and women who make up the industry should be lauded too for picking the film as the year's best.

But this is only the beginning. When, for instance, will Hollywood dare to film one of the several topflight novels dealing with the Negro struggle?

The Japanese War Brides

It's to the everlasting credit of the United States that two Japanese war brides confined in the army's Fitzsimmons General hospital consider themselves better-treated than at any time they can remember. The brides are Mrs. Junko Watanabe, who gave birth to a son recently, and Mrs. Fuji Burns, both wives of U. S. army sergeants.

Of the two Mrs. Burns is the less happy. Besides being ill, her husband is still in Tokyo with no immediate prospects of being able to get back to the states. Mrs. Watanabe's husband, a Hawaiian-born Nisei who served with the 442nd in Italy before going to Japan, is stationed at Fitzsimmons.

Denver Japanese Americans have supplied the two girls with reading matter and Japanese food and helped to make their lonely interlude a little easier to bear.

Mrs. Burns, who is 22 year old, is frank about saying she married over her mother's bitter opposition. Mother has been won over now, but Mrs. Burns isn't sure that her older brother has been so forgiving.

For these and other war brides it's difficult enough to make a new life in these strange United States without being haunted by the knowledge that loved ones back home harbor a lasting anger.

This being the windy season, Mike and Susan must have kites like all other kids in the neighborhood. Since their father was never much of a hand at either making or flying kites, the youngsters fall back on a practice that, to oldsters, seems to be at the root of the rising generation's lack of self reliance: they clutch dimes in their hot hands and trot down to the corner drugstore.

There they get prefabricated kites which, theoretically, simply fall together and are ready to be flown. Actually, it takes almost as much time to assemble a store-bought kite as it did to whittle out the sticks, stretch store string, and paste on newspapers in the old days. Having tried both methods, we know.

As this is written, the children are ready to fare forth on the morrow to launch their kites on the spring breezes. Since this will be their initial attempt, total success is unlikely.

Yet, they will get a thrill of trying to utilize air currents. It will give them a feeling of achievement if their kites fly at all, and perhaps they feel unconsciously the challenge of the air age which lies in their future. But we are vaguely concerned over how easy it is to buy things which we had to make ourselves in our childhood.

To keep ourselves amused we made things of scrapwood and rusty nails, we improvised and patched and struggled with inadequate tools. We learned something thereby. Now children run to the drugstore and buy whatever they want; and their parents give them the money with which to make the purchase. Perhaps the parents themselves are at fault. It's easy to give kids a dime; it's harder to sit down with them an hour or two and teach them how to improvise for themselves.

Memory of Dr. Shuichi Kusaka Will Be Perpetuated by Fund Sponsored by Noted Scientists

The memory of a Japanese Canadian physicist is to be perpetuated in a memorial fund currently being sponsored by a number of prominent citizens and scientists, including Albert Einstein of Princeton.

The scientist is Dr. Shuichi Kusaka, whose tragic drowning last summer brought to a sudden end a career of great promise. At the time of his death Kusaka was a member of the Princeton university faculty.

The nucleus of the fund will be the savings acquired by the young scientist at the time of death, in accordance with a suggestion from his family.

The fund will establish the Kusaka prize in physics to be awarded annually to the most promising student of physics at Princeton, regardless of race, color or national origin. The recipient will be a member of the senior class, a graduate student at Princeton or "any other suitable student." The judges will consist of the president of the university, the dean of the graduate school and the chairman of the department of physics.

Dr. Kusaka was born in Osaka, Japan, in 1915 and went to Vancouver, British Columbia, at the age of five. He attended public schools in Vancouver, and graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1937, where he received highest honors in mathematics and physics. He received a master of science degree in 1938 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Ph. D. from the University of California in 1942.

He first went to the town of Princeton in 1942 as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study on a special traveling fellowship from the University of California. After a year he went to Smith college as an instructor of physics.

He left Smith after two years when his efforts to enlist in the U.S. army were finally successful. His tour of duty at the research laboratory at Aberdeen proving ground was of such value that intervention by the highest authority was required before he could be released to join the Princeton faculty in July, 1946, as an instructor. He was promoted to an assistant professorship shortly before his death in August, 1947.

A pamphlet issued by the com-

mittee of sponsors for the Shuichi Kusaka memorial fund states that throughout the inevitable difficulties of the war period, "Kusaka bore himself with dignity and restraint. Those who knew him never questioned his loyalty and shared his satisfaction when his army service enabled him to become a citizen of the United States."

"A member of the American Physical Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, only his ancestry and outstanding ability differentiated him from any other young American scientist," the pamphlet says.

"Although Kusaka had already made significant contributions to theoretical physics, it was obvious that he was just on the threshold of a distinguished scientific career. In his short time as a member of the University faculty, he had shown himself a successful teacher, a master of theoretical physics and an inspired and inspiring research worker in the field of cosmic rays. His premature death has cut short a career of great promise."

Subscriptions in any amount to the Kusaka fund are invited by the fund committee. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Princeton university and mailed to Henry Dewolf Smyth, Department of Physics, Princeton university, New Jersey.

The committee is comprised of Dr. Smith, Dr. Einstein; the Rev. K. Shimizu, representing the Japanese Canadian group; Frank Aydelotte, emeritus director of the Institute for Advanced Study; J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the Institute for Advanced Study; Gladys Anslow, chairman, department of physics, Smith college;

Vagaries

Blind Nisei . . .

When Helen Keller visited Hawaii recently one of the several disabled Nisei whom she met was Yoshinao Omiya whose full-page picture in Life magazine, over the title "Blind Nisei" gained national attention . . . The Lux Radio Theater's production of "Daisy Kenyon," starring Dana Andrews and Ida Lupino over CBS last week, stressed the civil liberties fight waged by Attorney Dan O'Hara, played by Mr. Andrews on behalf of a California Nisei GI whose farm is stolen while he is away at war . . . A book which documents the part which organized racism played in the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942 is being considered by a New York publisher.

Butterfly . . .

Tomi Kanazawa will sing the role of Mme. Butterfly this weekend in a production of the Puccini opera at the New Orleans opera house. This is the second season Miss Kanazawa has sung with the New Orleans group . . . Theodore Haas of New York, who is well known to Nisei as project attorney at the Colorado River relocation center at Poston, has been indorsed by the National Indian Council Fire for the post of U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The Indian group is urging that Haas be appointed to replace William Brophy who recently resigned as commissioner.

Musical . . .

There's a chance that Nisei girls may get a chance to audition for roles in the forthcoming Rogers and Hammerstein musical, "Tales of the South Pacific," based on the book by James Michener. The characters are Tonkingese and Indo-Chinese but the producers are looking for all Oriental types.

Eugene Paul Wigner; Thomas D. Jones, professor of theoretical physics; John Archibald Wheeler, Princeton; and Robert Ray Bush, representing the graduate students in physics at Princeton university.

Stranded Nisei Granted Visa to Attend Trial

Etsuko Arikawa Has Suit on File to Regain Citizenship

LOS ANGELES—Etsuko Arikawa, a stranded Nisei from California, has been granted a permit by the American consulate in Yokohama to go to the United States, following the filing of a suit to regain citizenship rights she lost during the war.

Miss Arikawa's suit against the State Department was filed in Federal court in Los Angeles on Feb. 10. Her arrival in the United States for a personal hearing is permitted by U.S. Nationality Code.

The suit on behalf of Miss Arikawa noted that she had voted in the 1946 general elections in Japan, not knowing that such an act would result in the forfeiting of her American citizenship.

Miss Arikawa left the United States in 1938 with her parents for Japan. Her parents returned to California but she stayed in Beppu, Kyushu to attend school.

Married Couples Group

CHICAGO—A Sunday evening married couples' fellowship will be organized at the Ellis community center on April 18. The group will meet monthly. Programs will include educational trips, book reviews, discussions and Bible study and worship.

Dorothy Bidell will present a puppet show at the first meeting of the group. Refreshments will be served.

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Vocalist Wins Scholarship



UTA SHIMOTSUKA, young Nisei vocalist, is a recipient of the Van Kirk scholarship awarded by the Schubert club of St. Paul, Minn., recently. Miss Shimotsuka, a 1947 graduate of Macalester college and a native of Salinas, Calif., also won first place on the Stairway to Stardom radio show in St. Paul recently. Others in the picture, also winners of the Van Kirk scholarship, are Ivan Sandeson and Paul Freed.—St. Paul Pioneer Press Photo.

Picnic Scheduled By Cortez JACL

CORTEZ, Calif. — The Cortez JACL will sponsor a picnic for the Turlock, Modesto and Cortez communities on Sunday, April 11 at the Cortez ballpark.

Nobuhiro Kajioka, general chairman, has selected the following committee chairmen: Charles Kamayatsu, program; Jack Noda, prizes; Seio Masuda, serving; K. Yamaguchi, ground preparation; Bill Noda, games.

Games and relays will begin at 10 a.m. A softball game between the Old Timers, headed by Sam Kuwahara, and the Young Stuffs, captained by Slug Yotsuya, will be held at 3 p.m.

Open House

CHICAGO — The Meta Adelpheons, newly organized girls' club, will act as hostesses for an open house to be held April 17 at the Olivet institute, 1441 North Cleveland.

The Meta Adelpheons group was organized to promote better understanding between racial groups and to do relief work. Regular meetings are held on the first Sunday of each month. Persons interested in joining are asked to contact Dorothy Inouye at Drexel 3888 or Boulevard 6159.

The club is headed by May Daito, president; Grace Watanabe, vice president-treasurer; and Miss Inouye, secretary.

The open house on April 17 will feature dancing, games, and other forms of entertainment, plus refreshments. Tickets are being sold at 75 cents per person. Everyone is invited to attend.

Marysville JACL To Register Voters

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—A special meeting to register all non-registered voters of Yuba and Sutter counties will be held April 14 at the Buddhist church by the Marysville JACL.

Political speakers will be invited to address the meeting.

Refreshments will be served. The meeting will start at 8:30 p.m.

School Seeks Names of Nisei War Dead

GARDENA, Calif.—The Gardena high school is seeking the names of its Nisei students who were killed in action in World War II for inclusion on a bronze memorial plaque, according to Vice Principal La Veta Crump.

Gardena high school students killed in the war include Kiyoshi Muranaga and Sho Kojaku.

Names of other Nisei war dead from the school should be sent to Miss Crump at Gardena high school, Normandie avenue and Gardena blvd., Gardena, Calif.

"Merci Beaucoup"

CHICAGO — "Merci beaucoup" will be the theme of the Ellis community center work campers' social on April 11 in honor of their basketball team.

The center basement will be converted into a French nightclub and a special program of entertainment is being planned by Rey Nakahara, chairman.

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Chiye Yamanaka Joins Visiting Nurse Staff

SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Chiye Yamanaka recently became the first Nisei to become affiliated on a full time basis with the Visiting Nurse Association of San Francisco, a Community Chest agency.

Her particular district includes the local Japanese American community.

She is the former Chiye Toga-saki.

Hawaiian Bowlers Sweep Series with Denver Keglers

DENVER—The touring Hawaiian Ambassadors scored a clean sweep over Denver bowling teams at the Recreation alleys on April 1.

The Hawaiian ABC "ineligibles" took two straight matches from a Denver Nisei All-Star team, 2878 to 2721 and 2750 to 2647.

A Hawaiian team composed of Taro Miyasato 569, Roy Ah Nee 593, Tad Nagasawa 564, Abel Madeiros 594 and Glen Williams 552 defeated a Denver All-Star team, 2872 to 2833. Bosworth was high for Denver with 631, while Art Landmark had 583.

Roy Ah Nee's 641 series was high in the first match of the Hawaiian "ineligibles" against the Denver Nisei, while Hooch Okumura and Dr. Takashi Mayeda led the Denver team with 571 and 569. Other Denver bowlers were Sam Kawanishi 541, Oxy Goto 541 and T. Shibao 499. Taro Miyasato followed Roy Ah Nee with 581 for Hawaii. Tad Nagasawa scored 564, Eddie Matsueda 556 and Stanley Lai 536. The team games for Hawaii were 937, 1038 and 903, while Denver's were 863, 916 and 942.

In the second match Hawaii had games of 897, 894 and 959, while Denver tallied 868, 903 and 876. Moon Kataoka had high series of 560 for Denver, while Eddie Matsueda's 593 was high for Hawaii.

Basketball Tourney Will Open Nisei Confab in Denver

DENVER—A tentative program for the NICC conference April 18 in Denver was announced recently by Mami Katagiri, president.

The program will commence with the preliminary games of the Nisei collegiate basketball tournament at 6 p. m., Friday, April 16, at Cole junior high school, 32nd and Humbolt st.

Semifinals will be played at 10 a. m. Saturday morning. Group pictures of the conference will be taken by Hikaru Iwasaki of the Wilshire Studio at 10:45 a. m. An hour long social mixer will be held at 11. At 12 noon the final championship game of the basketball tournament will be held.

Afternoon sessions will feature Dean Paul Roberts of St. John's Cathedral and Fred Chambers of the CU placement bureau as speakers. An hour and one half discussion session will be summarized at 4:30 p.m.

The conference banquet will be held at the Olin hotel, 1420 Logan street, on Saturday at 6 p. m. Prof. Elmer R. Smith of the University of Utah will be the principal speaker. A dance will follow the banquet.

Churches to Hold Coast Region Meet

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The first postwar Coast Region Young People's Christian Conference of the Salinas, Monterey and Watsonville Japanese churches will meet April 18 in Watsonville with the theme, "Christ Calls His Youth to Action."

Speakers will include Dr. Ronald White, executive secretary of the board of Christian education of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A.; Dr. George Bruntz of San Jose state college; Dr. Paul Goodwin, San Jose First Presbyterian church; and the Rev. Edwin Cowan of the Watsonville First Presbyterian church.

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Like other top-notch Oriental American bowlers in Hawaii, Wallace Towata is a member of the ABC. But here's the rub. Towata and other Oriental American members of the ABC may bowl in ABC sanctioned tournaments "outside the continental limits of the United States." On the U.S. mainland, however, they may not compete in ABC tournaments, although they are dues-paying members of the ABC. On the mainland all ABC competition is restricted to men of the white race.

Ambassadors

The Hawaii Bowling Ambassadors, two teams of Honolulu keglers, have made a splendid impression to date in their special matches in San Francisco, Salt Lake and Denver. One team is composed of Caucasian bowlers who are eligible for ABC competition on the mainland, while the other consists of Oriental Americans who are barred by the ABC's racial clause from the national tournament in Detroit. Of the two teams the "ineligibles" have the better averages.

Taro Miyasato, who has held a 201 average in major league competition in Hawaii, is rated as one of the smoothest bowlers in the islands. He has a high series record of 756, or a 252 average for three games.

Eddie Matsueda hit a 704 (247, 201, 256) last Tuesday night on alleys 7 and 8 at Salt Lake City's Temple alleys. He has an 188 average and will bring a team to the next National JACL tournament on the mainland. Eddie who is a radio technician and an alley man at a Honolulu bowling palace is a veteran of the 100th Battalion. He bowled in the La Crosse Classics while training in Wisconsin with the 100th in 1942. He will be bowling again in La Crosse with the Hawaii Ambassadors in a few days.

Tad Nagasawa is the youngest member of the team. He has been bowling only two years, since his return to Honolulu from service with the 522nd Field Artillery of the 442nd Combat Team. Naga-

Mary Nakamura Team Wins in Bowl League

ONTARIO, Ore. — Scheduled competition in the Ontario, Ore., women's bowling league ended last week with Mary Nakamura's team in first place, followed by Martha Umemoto's team. Teams of Frasia Haggardt and Irene Steranka were tied for third.

In the men's league results were as follows: Mun Iseri Insurance over Josephsen and Son; Vale Merchants over Nyssa; Jaekel and Rogers over Eagle Oil; Oriental & Inland over Tak's Team II; Tak's Team I over Adrian. All games were won by 3-1 scores.

High scratch game was 217, rolled by George Doi. Hiro Kido bowled the high handicap series with a 603 score.

sawa is the 1947 all-events champion of Honolulu.

Roy Ah Nee, of Japanese, Chinese and Hawaiian ancestry, had a 193 average in the Honolulu major league this year. He is rated as one of the strongest bowlers in Hawaii.

Stanley Lai, the fifth member of the "ineligibles," is of Chinese ancestry and is the current single's champion of Honolulu.

The five "ineligibles" and the five "eligibles" were selected after a special 60-game tournament in Honolulu which was rolled over the lanes of the city's five alleys over a period of 10 weeks. The \$8,000 in expenses for the trip was raised by the five Honolulu bowling alleys.

AAU Tourney

The only Nisei on the Hawaiian team which was entered in the National AAU boxing championships at Boston last week is Chester Yasui, the territorial amateur flyweight champion. However, the coach of the Hawaiian team is Yono Kitagawa, while Ted Kawamura made the trip to Boston as trainer. Yasui was eliminated before the finals... The only mainland Nisei to reach the National AAU tournament was Henry Kagawa, AAU flyweight champion of Texas.

Sad Sam

Speaking of Hawaiian boxing personalities, Sad Sam Ichinose is now on the mainland with the star of his pugilistic stable, Daro Marino, challenger for the world's flyweight championship. Marino, in his first bout on the mainland, outpointed Mike Bernal in a 10-round bout in Stockton last Tuesday... Ichinose, the top fight manager in Hawaii, has two other stars, Robert Takeshita, the young welterweight who has won 23 professional bouts in the last two years, and Tsuneshi Maruo, 1946 National AAU bantamweight titlist.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoshizaki, 329 South West Temple St., a boy on April 7 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Nakamura a boy on March 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hashiba, Norwalk, Calif., a girl on March 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mac Shintaku a boy on March 31 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hatanaka, Norwalk, Calif., a boy on March 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yuki Imai, Mountain View, Calif., a girl, Jean Yuri, on March 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Oba, Cupertino, Calif., a girl, Wendy Priscilla, on March 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Muneyasu Tanimoto, Orosi, Calif., a girl on March 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Hayashi, Fresno, Calif., a boy on March 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Kodakari a girl on March 27 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Aoki a girl on March 29 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisato Kitadani a girl on March 30 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norman N. Koyama a boy on March 20 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Kono a boy on March 25 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yamamoto, Elk Grove, Calif., a boy on March 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takara Osaki, Madrone, Calif., a boy, Arthur Osamu, on March 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kiyotaka Yoshida, Cupertino, Calif., a girl, Sharon, on March 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Nakamura a boy, Philip, on March 15 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Taniguchi a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Shirashi a girl on March 28 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Hirahara a boy on March 30 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masatoshi Yamaguchi, Davis, Calif., a boy on March 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Kimura, west Sacramento, Calif., a boy on March 31.

DEATHS

Takeshi Kitayama, 61, on March 28 in Seattle.

Kosuke Muneyuki on April 2 in Denver.

Hiroshi Tachikawa, 56, on April 2 in Los Angeles.

Atsuko Shiraki on March 28 in West Los Angeles.

Shotaro Morimoto, 70, on April 3 in Suisun, Calif.

Ronald, 7 months, and Jennifer Tsutsui, 3, on April 3 in Salt Lake City.

MARRIAGES

Marie Isa to Sam Miyashiro on March 4 in Hollywood, Calif.

Mitsuko Takemoto of Gardena to John Minoru Okazaki on April 3 in Los Angeles.

Helen Haruko Matsunaga to John Shaw on March 27 in Chicago.

Miyoko Aino to Tomiye Izumi on March 27 in Los Angeles.

Hannah Naganuma of Spokane to Lewis Achen of Spokane on March 24 in Seattle.

Miyeko Ishikawa to George Masanobu Tamura on April 3 in Los Angeles.

Alice Kodama to Kiminori Nagano on April 3 in Los Angeles.

Hasuye Miyamoto to Yukio Ogawa on April 4 in Los Angeles.

Kazuko Osawa to George K. Yamada on April 4 in Seattle.

Sayoko Doi to Shiro Yamaguchi on March 28 in Seattle.

Dolas Okawaki to the Rev. Sunrio Koga of Chicago on March 28 in Scottsbluff, Neb.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Yoshiko Itaya, 25, and Kiyoshi Ota, 24, San Mateo, in San Francisco.

Jean Kitajo, 22, and Takashi Sakuma, 27, Mt. Vernon, Wash., in Seattle.

Jeanne C. Marquez, 20, and George Hachiya, 23, in Seattle.

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Kagawa Wins Texas Boxing Championship

HOUSTON, Tex.—Henry Kagawa of Webster, Tex., won the 112-pound amateur boxing championship of Texas when he knocked out Bunky Stephens of Port Arthur in 54 seconds of the first round on March 30.

Kagawa was voted the outstanding boxer in the Gulf Coast AAU tournament at the City Auditorium on Houston.

As a result of his tournament victory, Kagawa was given a trip to Boston to represent Texas in the National AAU tournament.

He left by plane on April 1 for Boston.

His brother, Benny Kagawa, won the bantamweight championship by winning a decision over Skippy Johnson.

Kagawa Loses Split Decision in Tourney

BOSTON — Henry Kagawa of Webster, Tex., was eliminated from 60th annual AAU boxing championships on April 5 when he lost a split decision to Frankie Sequera of Oakland, Calif., in the second round of the tourney.

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Photographer Kameo Kido of this city has volunteered his services to take photographs for the family, and it is expected that the California Flower Market will provide floral pieces suitable for the occasion. These arrangements match the project undertaken by the Arlington National Cemetery committee of the Washington JACL chapter.

The Nisei dead destined to be buried at the Golden Gate National cemetery are: Pfc. Joseph H. Kato, Pvt. Toshiaki Shoji and Staff Sergeant Masa Sakamoto.

Fresno YPCC Sets Conference Plans

FRESNO, Calif.—Plans for the Fresno YPCC, meeting April 25 in Fresno, were announced this week by K. Yemoto, corresponding secretary.

Dr. Morrow of the First Presbyterian church will be speaker for the morning worship service, of which Min Okubo will be chairman. Dr. Robert Inglis, Plymouth Congregation church, will be speaker for the open forum, to be directed by Seichi Mikami, chairman.

Dr. Hugh V. White of the Berkeley Pacific school of religion will be the speaker at the closing worship service. Mas Konatsu is chairman of this service.

A reception hour in the morning will be led by Betty Wake, chairman. Lucy Kishi will lead the consolidated choir. Practice has been called for 8 o'clock conference morning.

Entertainment, including skits, has been planned for the banquet, according to Tom Nakashima.

The conference fee will be \$3 per person. An additional dollar will be charged persons registering after April 13. The conference will admit one official delegate from each district without charge.

Crown Miss Bussei at L. A. Conference



Twenty-year old June Manji of Sacramento was named California's "Miss Bussei of 1948" at the Western Young Buddhist League's conference dinner dance in Los Angeles on March 28.

The Bussei queen and her attendants are shown (left to right): Helen Kow, Southern; Sumiko Nakagawa, Central; Rosie Maruki, Southern; June Manji, Northern; Ayako Inn, Bay; Mabel Ota, Southern; and Kimiko Nakagawa, Coast. Dr. Ryo Munekata, past chairman pro-tem of the Califor-

nia Young Buddhists League, is shown bestowing the jeweled crown on Miss Manji.

The Bussei queen also was presented with a pearl necklace by Carl Sato, master of ceremonies at the dinner.

Dr. Eric L. Titus, professor of the graduate school of religion at the University of Southern California, was the main speaker at the dinner.

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NICC Announces Slate of Nominees

DENVER—A slate of nominees for the 1948 cabinet of the Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference, to be voted upon at the organization's conference April 16 to 18 in Denver, was announced recently by NICC officials.

The candidates were named as follows: for president: Aiko Fukuyama, DU, Doug Taguchi, CU, Sammy Teraski, CU, and Allen Yamada, DU; for vice president: Ken Imamura, DU, Willie Iritani, Colorado A & M, Henry Kunugi, DU, Helen Nakamura, DU, Ruby Kitsutaka, CU, Yuki Kosuge, CSCE; for corresponding secretary: Reiko Furukawa, Barnes, Setsuko Oka, DU, and Peggy Yamato, CU; for treasurer: Herb Inouye, CU, Bill Kinoshita, Mines, Frank Konishi, Colorado A & M, Hash Togashi, CU, and Florence Yamada, DU.

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NOBORU IWAMI WINS TOOELE CAGE TROPHY

TOOELE, Utah—The Paul Thomas trophy, the highest honor and award which can be bestowed on a basketball player at Tooele high school, was presented on April 8 to Noboru Iwami, 15-year old Buffalo guard, in a ceremony at the Eagles hall.

The selection was made in a poll conducted among the coaches of Tooele high's opponents during the past season, Grantsville, Murray, Bingham, Cyprus and Judge Memorial.

Only a sophomore, Noboru Iwami was the youngest and smallest member of the Tooele team but proved to be the most reliable and dependable player on the roster.

In every one of Tooele's games, Coach Clarke Johnson gave Iwami the assignment of guarding the

Imoto Elected to Lindsay VFW Post

LINDSAY, Calif.—Hiroshi Imoto, a veteran of the war in Europe with the 522nd Field Artillery, recently was elected junior vice-commander of the Lindsay post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

main scoring threat of the opposing team and his ability in carrying out his task was a major reason for Tooele's successful season which saw the White Buffaloes enter the state tournament.

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