



Sister Informed U. S. Army Will Ship GI's Body to Japan



A letter from Mary Takao, above, a Nisei now residing in Fukuoka, Japan is responsible for the U. S. Army's decision to return the remains of her brother, Sgt. Thomas T. Takao of California who was killed in action with the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd Combat Team in Italy. Miss Takao wrote to the commanding general of the 24th Division, asking as next of kin to have her brother's body sent to Japan from the American military cemetery at Castelfiorentino in Italy where it is now buried. In this photo Miss Takao is shown reading the last letter she received from her brother before his death in action in Italy. Sgt. Takao's remains will be the second body of a Nisei soldier to be sent to Japan for burial by next of kin.

—International News Photo.

Noted Witnesses Endorse Evacuee Claims Proposal

Fresno Legion Approves Bill On Naturalization

FRESNO, Calif. — A resolution in support of H.R. 5004, naturalization bill, was unanimously passed by the executive committee of the American Legion, Post 4, of Fresno at its weekly meeting May 13.

The resolution will be submitted to the membership for approval at the post's next meeting.

It was sponsored by the United Veterans of Fresno.

Okada Names Committee for JACL Parley

A total of 213 members of the JACL have accepted posts on various national committees, President Hito Okada said this week in announcing the appointment of a new committee on legislative matters.

The JACL legislative committee will be headed by Don Komai of Washington, D.C. and will make recommendations on the ADC and its work to the national convention in September.

A representative group of members have been named to assist Komai, including Franklin Chino of Chicago, Joe Tanaka of St. Louis, Dr. Y. Miyauchi of Arizona, Hide Tomita and Kiyoko Tsuboi of Portland, Chiyoko Sakamoto of Los Angeles, Sam Seno of Seabrook, Edson Fujii of the Boise Valley JACL, Frank Shiba of Cleveland, Cherry Nakagawara and Wat Miura of the Eastbay chapter, Dick Nishimoto and Kay Yamaoka of the San Benito County JACL, Tosh Ando and Min Yasui of Denver and Kay Nakashima of Salt Lake City.

The National JACL veterans committee, headed by Frank Mizusawa, will aid in the distribution of 40,000 JACL ADC reprints of "What Made Kato Fight," an article by J. P. Cahn in the San Francisco Chronicle, President Okada said.

Members of the veterans committee are Henry Goshu, Washington, D. C.; Shig Teraji, Denver; Ray Bano, Seabrook; Harry Oshima, St. Louis; Hiyoshi Imoto, Tulare County; Dr. Sam Ozamoto, Denver; George Sakashita, Salt Lake City; Tim Arai, New York City; Mutt Yamamoto and Art Yoshimura, Arizona; Dr. Leo Saito and Dr. George Tsukasaki, Eastbay; Ken Uchida, Ogden; Henry Suyeihira, Boise valley; Ike Masako, Venice; and Joe Shingai, San Benito county.

All are former members of the armed forces.

YBA TO HONOR MEMORY OF DSC WINNER

BOWLES, Calif. — Pfc. Joe Nishimoto, winner of the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross, will be paid special tribute at the Bowles YBA memorial service Sunday, May 23, at 8 p.m.

Pfc. Nishimoto, who was killed in action with the 442nd combat team in France on Nov. 14, 1943, was one of the most highly decorated Nisei soldiers.

Also to be remembered at the memorial service are those persons who have passed away since returning to Bowles, Oleander and Monmouth.

An impressive candlelight service is being planned by the club's religious chairman, Toyoko Hoshiko. Rinban Shigefuji of the Fresno Buddhist church will be the main speaker. Teru Arakawa, violinist, Yasuko Arakawa, pianist, and the Bowles YBA choir will also participate in the services.

McCloy, Myer, Biddle, Ennis Urge Speedy Senate Action Compensation for Damages

By TOSUKE YAMASAKI

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Unequivocal endorsement of legislation to indemnify Japanese American evacuees for business and property losses resulting from the West Coast mass evacuation in 1942 was given on May 21 by seven witnesses before the Cooper-Magnuson subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The witnesses, who stressed the urgent necessity for Senate action on HR 3999, the Evacuation Claims bill, were John J. McCloy, president of the World Bank and former Assistant Sec-

retary of War; Dillon S. Myer, head of the Inter-American Institute and former director of WRA; Francis Biddle, former Attorney General; Edward J. Ennis, head of the Justice Department's Enemy Alien Control Unit during the war; Galen Fisher of the wartime West Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play; Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, and Maston G. White, solicitor for the Interior Department.

The members of the subcommittee. Senators Cooper of Kentucky and Magnuson of Washington, were impressed by the witnesses with the need for approving the measure before the congressional adjournment in view of the "unquestionable desirability of the legislation" and because "justice delayed is justice denied."

The seven witnesses indicated that the Evacuation Claims measure was related to a matter which the nation has a real and immediate obligation to meet and one which the American people and Congress will recognize and accept.

It was pointed out that the House unanimously passed the bill last July while the Senate approved a similar measure in the previous 79th Congress.

Mr. McCloy, the first witness, said that evacuation was a matter of military necessity but admitted that it imposed unprecedented re-

sponsibilities on persons of Japanese ancestry who endured hardships and suffered accountable damages for which they should be compensated.

Mr. McCloy praised the good temper and cooperation of persons of Japanese ancestry during the mass evacuation and declared it was "most impressive."

He paid outstanding tribute to the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team which he said was formed partly of Nisei volunteers from the war relocation centers and remarked that he was "exceedingly gratified" that he had a part in the formation of the Nisei Combat Team which subsequently won world fame.

He told the subcommittee that he was authorized by former Secretary of War Henry Stimson to inform the group of Mr. Stimson's support of the evacuee compensation proposal.

Questioned by Sen. Cooper, Mr. McCloy admitted that only the most rudimentary type of protection of evacuee property was considered during the evacuation and suggested that the Federal government may have some responsibility for evacuee losses.

"I frankly approve of the bill and urge its favorable consideration at the earliest possible moment," Mr. McCloy added.

Solicitor White, appearing for Undersecretary of Interior Oscar (Continued on page 5).

House, Senate Committee Will Debate Deportation Suspension

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate on May 17 named three men to a joint committee to adjust House and Senate differences on H.R. 3566, the so-called alien deportation suspension bill, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reports. The House raised strong objections to the Senate amendments last week and requested a conference; the Senate has accepted, but the House was warned that the Upper House will insist upon changes.

Conferees named by the Senate, the Washington JACL ADC office reports, are Senators Alexander Wiley, (R., Wis.) chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Chapman Revercomb (R., W.Va.) and James Eastland (D. Miss). Those appointed by the House are Representatives Frank Fellows (R., Me.), Louis E. Graham (R., Pa.), and Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.). The committee is expected to meet late this week or early next week.

A stiff battle over the amendments was expected in view of the motion made by Senator Revercomb on May 17 that the Senate should insist upon its amendments. H.R. 3566, as amended, broadens the class of aliens who would be eligible for discretionary relief from deportation but, unlike the House approved version, would require that in every case congressional approval be given before suspension or cancellation of any deportation order is final. Under provisions of the House bill the Attorney General's action in suspending deportation is final unless Congress votes to disapprove the suspension.

The Senate's amendments have been sharply attacked by the House and by other supporters of H.R. 3566 on the ground that it would be "cumbersome and expensive in practice."

The Washington JACL ADC office while gratified that the Senate had agreed to that House provision of the measure which would make Japanese eligible for relief in deportation suspension on the same basis as Europeans today voiced concern over the fate of the entire bill. A number of organizations, which have long supported the JACL's legislative program and which had strongly backed H.R. 3566, are increasingly hostile to the Senate amendments which they claim would be discriminatory to European aliens. Unless this major point of difference can be ironed out, the legislation may ultimately "die" in committee.

Vets to Provide Honor Guard for Reburial Rites

FRESNO, Calif. — The United Veterans of Fresno will provide an honor guard at burial ceremonies of Nisei soldier dead in Fresno county, according to action taken by the cabinet on May 10.

The American Legion, Post No. 4, of Fresno will participate in the ceremonies with the United Veterans.

The United Veterans will participate in Memorial day services at Liberty cemetery in Fresno, May 31, at 10 a.m.

Mother Pleads With Sailor Son To Drop Romance With Nisei

COLUMBUS, O. — The mother and former sweetheart of an 18-year old sailor this week pleaded with him to break off his romance with a pretty Nisei girl in Honolulu.

"He doesn't know the score," Mrs. Samuel Hickman said of her son, Paul, who is stationed in Pearl Harbor and is making plans to marry 21-year old Betty Namihara, a waitress in the Army-Navy YMCA in Honolulu.

Mrs. Hickman asked the Navy to send her son home after receiving letters from him telling of his intentions to marry. Paul called her this week long distance from Honolulu especially to have his mother talk to Betty.

"I asked her to let Paul come home and think it over," the mother said, "and she agreed. She didn't have much else to say."

Mrs. Hickman said she planned to have Paul and the girl he was engaged to get together again, when and if she could get the Navy to send him home.

The anxious mother declined to give the name of the former sweetheart, who she said wrote Paul this morning pleading with him to come home and circulate with his young friends again. Mrs. Hickman said Paul and the girl were childhood sweethearts and planned to marry until "he became infatuated with this other girl."

"If he brings Betty back to face his friends he'll have a hard time in our society," the mother said. "Theirs will have to be a deeper and tougher love than what I think it is to survive."

"However, if after a year at

home he still feels he loves her, I'll do everything in my power to get them back together. They can come back here and live next door to me."

The mother said she would keep writing officials "until I get some action" to bring her son home. She has written to his commanding officer and plans to write to the commanding officer of the Navy's personnel section in Washington.

Mrs. Hickman said her son was "plenty mad" that "I had made such a rumpus over his plans to marry."

"He said she was mad too. But I told them that their love had to be proved," she added.

Mrs. Hickman said she wasn't uneasy about her son's love life in Hawaii until she began receiving letters about Miss Namihara. In each succeeding letter, she said, the name of the slim, dark-haired Nisei girl figured more prominently.

One day, Mrs. Hickman said, Paul called and told her he was going to marry Miss Namihara. "It almost killed me," she said.

Rose Hanawa Makes Phi Beta Kappa

DENVER—Rose Hanawa, secretary of the senior class at the University of Denver, was among 38 students to be presented a key in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary fraternity, by the university's Gamma chapter.

Nisei Delegates Attend Confab On Citizenship

Hayashi, Cullum
Mrs. Masaoka
Represent JACL

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Third National Conference on Citizenship, sponsored jointly by the Department of Justice and the National Education Association, wound up a three-day session here May 19. Three representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League, the only Nisei organization invited, were among the 1,000 delegates representing some 400 civic, religious, business, labor, professional, schools and teachers and parents groups throughout the United States.

The JACL representatives — Thomas T. Hayashi, New York attorney and chairman of the JACL Eastern District Council; Mrs. Etsu Masaoka, wife of the national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, and Robert M. Cullum, executive secretary of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization — all agreed that the conference was a successful affair. Mr. Hayashi headed the JACL representation; the latter two substituted at the last moment for Mike Masaoka and Sam Ishikawa, who were forced to absent themselves because of their legislative work.

Particularly effective, the JACL delegates reported, were the discussion groups on citizenship problems which gave the participants a chance to make a full and free exchange of ideas on such vital questions as naturalization privileges to persons ineligible by laws to citizenship. They said that they were impressed by the seriousness of the delegates who appeared to be most concerned over the rights and duties of the American citizen in the challenging world of today.

A feature of the conference was "America's Town Meeting of the Air" Tuesday to which the delegates were invited as special guests. The participants in the discussion, "How Should Democracy Deal with Groups That Aim to Destroy Democracy," were Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio), Thurman W. Arnold, former assistant attorney general; Congressman R. M. Nixon (D., Calif.) and Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution. The lively discussion held the attention of the radio audience. The conference was opened on Monday with a special message from President Truman. Speakers at the sessions included Attorney General Tom C. Clark, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Watson B. Miller, Dr. William G. Carr, associate secretary of the National Education Association.

Buddhists to Hold Third Annual Meet

CHICAGO—The Eastern Young Buddhist League will convene at its third annual conference in Chicago May 28 to 31.

Highlights of the meeting will include a forum on Saturday afternoon, oratorical contest Saturday evening, elections Sunday afternoon and a banquet Sunday evening. A conference ball will be held Sunday evening from 9 p.m.

The delegates will hold Memorial day services at 10 a.m. Monday morning. Planning committees will include the following persons: George Maruyama, finances; Haruko Uyeda and Frank Matsumoto, housing; George Nakano and Maye Wada, reception and transportation; Nobu Enkoji, registration; Alice Tanimoto, luncheon; Miyo Hayashi, banquet and dance; Mary Wada, publicity; Kathryn Takenouchi, services; Mako Akiyama, oratorical contest; Noboru Honda, forum and discussion; Ken Togicka, photographs; Aki Tsubouchi and Tom Uyeda, social; and Kiyo Nitanada, program.

Chicago JACL Aids Parkway Community

CHICAGO — The local JACL chapter will sponsor one of the tables at the annual open house and garden soiree of the Parkway Community House, 5120 S. Parkway, Chicago, on Sunday, May 30 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Invitations to the affair are being extended to all members of the Chicago JACL and their friends.

Screen Star, Governor Maw Visit Salt Lake JACL Booth



Governor Herbert Maw of Utah and Joan Leslie, screen star, were interested guests at the Salt Lake JACL women's auxiliary booth at the "Crusade for Children" program May 12 at the Coconut Grove.

In photo above, Miss Leslie talks to Mrs. Alice Kasai, past president of the Salt Lake JACL, while Governor Maw and Mrs. Lessie Yamamoto look on.

The JACL booth, decorated with paper flowers and painted by Rinji Tsubamoto, was one of the most elaborate at the program, which was sponsored by women in the Lions organization. The program was presented by the Utah division of the United Nations.

Mrs. Kiyo Oshiro, Mrs. Rae Fujimoto and Mrs. Doris Matsumura were in charge of general arrangements for the JACL booth. Mrs. Helen Kurumada, Mrs. Mitsie Hashimoto, Mrs. Lessie Yamamoto and Mrs. Amy Doi served in Japanese kimonos.

Also assisting in making preparations for the booth were Mrs. Shizu Sakai, Mrs. Mary Shiozaki, Mrs. Tama Kojima, Mrs. Hatsuko Yoshimoto and Mrs. Kasai.

Hisaye Shiba presented a Japanese dance and marched in the United Nations parade.—Photo by Ben Terashima.

House Concurs With Senate's Amendments to Keating Bill

Will Aid Citizenship
For Aliens Who Served
In Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House of Representatives on Tuesday concurred in the Senate amendments to the Keating bill which was designed to make it easier for aliens who served in the U. S. armed forces in World Wars I and II to become American citizens. The bill, the Washington JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reports, now goes to the White House for the President's signature. The measure is expected to aid approximately 100 Japanese alien veterans who for one reason or another have not been able to secure privileges of naturalization.

Passage of the Keating bill was of special significance to the JACL ADC which has for nearly two years sought to obtain legislation which would put the Japanese non-citizen veteran in the same category of eligibility to citizenship as the European alien. Under this bill, those meeting the requirements would be able to acquire naturalization without the necessity of going through certain processes required of nonservice people. There are no age limitations and a number of other requirements which often made it difficult for aliens to take immediate advantage of naturalization legislation have been eliminated.

The language of this bill, the Washington JACL ADC office stresses, marks an important departure from similar legislation submitted to the Congress in that it gives to the "ineligible alien" the same privilege of naturalization as all other aliens who are entitled by acts of Congress to become citizens. This "ineligibility" feature of U. S. immigration statutes has long hampered the desires of alien Japanese who fought for the U. S. to become naturalized.

It is recalled that it was not until 1935, almost 16 years after the close of World War I, that alien Japanese veterans were granted the privilege by Congress to become U. S. citizens. Incidentally, this privilege was not granted until after the JACL had made determined representations to Congress to extend to these Japanese a long-due privilege. A number of alien Japanese won citizenship privileges by serving in the U. S. army during World War II, but a few others missed the opportunity when they failed to come within the statutory

Atom Blast Victim Seeks Father in United States

LOS ANGELES — A girl in Hiroshima who was injured in the atom bombing of the city in 1945 is now awaiting word about her brother and father in the United States, the Rafu Shimpo reported this week.

Miyoko Matsumoto has written to her friends, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fujihiro of Los Angeles, seeking word of her father, Naoichi Matsumoto, and a brother who served in the U.S. Army during the war.

U. S. Buddhists Will Celebrate Anniversary

Golden Jubilee
Observance Planned
In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Buddhists in America will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Buddhism in America in a nine-day golden jubilee August 21 to 29 in San Francisco.

Buddhist churches from Hawaii, the northwest, the intermountain area and all parts of California will participate in the gigantic celebration.

Events already scheduled for the festival include memorial services for World War II soldier dead, coronation ball, a 3-day Ginza bazaar, queen contest, poster contest, photo contest, and a variety of lectures and conventions.

VFW Post Votes Support for Evacuation Claims

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento Nisei Post 8985, VFW, has given unanimous support for the evacuation claims bill, HR 3999.

A night letter asking that the Judiciary committee be urged to take action in favor of the measure was sent to Mike Masaoka, ADC director, by Frank Yoshimura, post legislative officer.

limits of the law. The Keating measure was expected to take care of them.

MINORITY WEEK

No Object Lesson

People generally take trips to the nation's capital to see the monuments of American history and to visit the shrines of American heroes and democracy.

But last weekend 51 New York schoolboys did not take a trip to Washington because it would have been no object lesson in democracy.

The boys were chosen as outstanding traffic safety patrolmen at public and parochial schools and were to have represented the city at the school safety patrol day ceremonies in Washington.

But when it was learned that four of the youngsters—because they are Negroes—would be segregated in hotels and in dining arrangements, the trip was cancelled.

The boys went to a ball game instead.

No Comment

"The white people of our state, and I am sure a great majority of the Negroes, realize that segregation is the only solution to proper race relationship. The white people of the south will demand it; the Negroes desire it. Regardless of everything said or done by all the self-styled do-gooders, there will always be segregation in Mississippi . . .

"If any of you have become so deluded as to want to enter our white schools, patronize our hotels and cafes, enjoy social equality with the whites, then true kindness and sympathy require me to advise you to make your homes in some other state."
—Governor Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi.

The Four Chaplains

In February of 1943 the troopship S. S. Dorchester was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic. Four chaplains were on board: George L. Fox, a Protestant; Clark V. Poling, Protestant; John I. Washington, Catholic; and Alexander G. Goode, Jewish.

When the ship was hit, each of the chaplains gave his life to another man who had none. Then, joining hands, the chaplains waited calmly for the water to overtake the sinking vessel. As the survivors watched, the ship went down. The chaplains, still hand in hand, went down with the boat.

It was one of the great stories of heroism to come out of the war, a story of calm, cool heroism and a story of the oneness of faith.

On May 28 the government will issue a commemorative "Four Chaplains" stamp.

Ask for these stamps when you next go to the postoffice. They commemorate the heroism of four great Americans.

Back to School

Schoolkids get off in the summertime, but for many people summer is the time to freshen up on old subjects and study new ones.

If you're interested in race relations and social action, you might want to look into the Oberlin school for social action, to be held June 24 to July 2, or the Institute of Race Relations at Fisk university June 28 to July 16.

The Oberlin school will offer courses on social action in agriculture, industry, international relations, race and citizenship. Expenses for room, board and field trips will be \$50. For further information, write to the Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth avenue, New York 10.

The Institute of Race Relations offers courses on race relations in the light of anthropology, sociology, psychology and psychiatry; human relations and the wider community; and survey of practical working methods to combat race tensions.

If you want to learn more about this latter school, write to the Race Relations department, American Missionary Association, Fisk university, Nashville 8, Tenn.

Under Any Other Name

Earlier this year, in the Ada Louis Fisher case, the U. S. Supreme court ruled that a Negro student was entitled to full professional training. In the Fisher case, the University of Oklahoma was ordered to provide the student with the training she desired.

In an effort to prevent further suits of this nature and to prevent Negroes from entering southern colleges and universities for specialized training, the southern states devised a plan for regional schools which would give courses in medicine, law and other professions. Thus each state would not have to set up duplicate schools for Negroes for the various professions.

The regional school plan was prettied up with much talk of advancing educational facilities in the south for both whites and Negroes.

The plan was presented to Congress, and earlier this month the House passed the bill.

When the bill came to the Senate, however, the proposal had a tough going over. Senator Wayne Morse, liberal Republican of Oregon, moved to refer the measure to the Senate Judiciary committee for further study. It was admittedly a move to kill the bill for this session.

The motion carried, 38 to 37.

If the House didn't, the Senate at least recognized the measure for the segregation bill it was designed to be.

Silver Lining

Last January the home of an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Wayne of Suffield, Conn., was burned to the ground. The fire was hardly out when neighbors began raising funds and recruiting volunteer workers to rebuild the home.

This week the Waynes were in their new home, which was built and paid for and insured by their neighbors.

It was a kind of old-fashioned neighborliness, but perhaps especially heartening because the Waynes are Negroes, their neighbors are white.

Los Angeles VFW Post Backs Evacuee Claims, Judd Bills

LOS ANGELES — Unanimous support for the Issei citizenship bill, HR 5004, and the evacuation claims bill, HR 3999, was voted by members of the Lt. Col. James M. Beck Post No. 2651, VFW, on May 19.

In its resolution memorializing Congress for early passage of HR 5004, the post pointed to the distinguished record of Japanese Americans during the war.

"It is the American way of life to encourage immigrants to become American citizens," the post's resolution said. It also commended the "important contributions" to

agriculture and the "cultural richness of Los Angeles county" made by persons of Japanese descent.

In asking for passage of the evacuation claims bill, the post stated that while Nisei men were being drafted into the armed forces, members of their families were taken from their homes and "herded into concentration camps."

H.R. 3999, the resolution said, would compensate for "these losses so unnecessarily imposed and sustained."

The resolutions were signed by Leon Stewart, acting adjutant, and Robert J. Culpepper, commanding

Border Incident Hero Returns Home



Second Lieut. Harry Konishi, Platteville, Colo., who held his U. S. road block on the Trieste-Yugoslav border last September in the face of an ultimatum, is shown here talking at the family's farm with his sister, Martha, and his brother, Frank.—Photo from Denver Post.

Lieut. Konishi Hopes Father May Become American Citizen

DENVER, Colo.—Second Lieut. Harry Konishi, the U. S. army officer who defied a Yugoslav ultimatum last September that he abandon his vital road block on the Trieste-Yugoslav border or be annihilated, was back home in Platteville, Colo., this week on an emergency leave because of the illness of his father.

Lieut. Konishi expressed the hope that pending legislation in Congress would be passed to permit his father and other long-time American residents of Japanese ancestry to become naturalized citizens. The father, George H. Konishi, operates a 160-acre ranch and has lived in the United States since 1911.

"He came here from Japan with his father when he was 9, but the laws of this country prohibit him from becoming an American citizen," Lieut. Konishi said.

"There's a bill in Congress now to extend citizenship to Japanese aliens. I'd sure like to see it pass. Dad's got his first papers already and he's set his heart on becoming an American. If I'm good enough to serve as a U. S. army officer, my father certainly deserves a chance to become naturalized."

The five foot, two inch lieutenant recalled the incident at the road block which was defended by him and six GIs.

"I figured they (the Yugoslavs) were bluffing," Lieut. Konishi said. "I wasn't going to be outbluffed. I knew then what I know now about Marshal Tito's troops, I sure would have been scared. In following months we were shot at many times in border scrapes."

Konishi volunteered for army service in 1945 when he was 17 years old. He was accepted on his eighteenth birthday, was chosen for officer candidate school, and

went overseas in September, 1946 as a second lieutenant.

The people around Platteville weren't greatly surprised when they heard Harry had told the Yugoslavs to behave. They'd been used to this mite of a boy accomplishing feats beyond his pounds. For three years he was a star on the Platteville high school basketball team, and was football captain in his senior year when he weighed 115 pounds.

Lieutenant Konishi hopes to be assigned to Pacific service when he is called back to duty.

Baptist Church Wins Human Relations Award from City

CHICAGO — The First Baptist church of Chicago was recently presented with an award for outstanding service in the field of human relations by the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations.

The award was made by Thomas Wright, executive director of the commission. It was accepted on behalf of the 114-year old church by its pastor, the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa.

The Rev. F. Robert Steiger, former pastor and now with the First Baptist church of Salina, Kansas, was special guest and keynote speaker.

Kaz Oshiki Named To Edit Drake University Book

DES MOINES, Iowa—Kaz Oshiki, of 13406 Doty ave., Hawthorne, Calif., has been named editor of the 1949 Drake university yearbook, the Quax, it was announced here this week.

Oshiki, a junior in the college of education at Drake, is majoring in journalism. He has been managing editor of the Drake Times-Delphic, student newspaper. Previously he served a year as Delphic desk editor.

At Drake under the GI Bill, he formerly attended Santa Ana junior college and the University of Wyoming.

ROTC Award Won By Nisei Student

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Robert Nagamoto, 15, student at Northeast high school, took first place in individual drill competition at the annual high school ROTC field day May 14.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. George Nagamoto of 609 Olive street. He is the only cadet sergeant in the sophomore class at Northeast.

Dr. Nagamoto is an instructor at the University of Kansas City school of dentistry.

Nisei Held in California as Possible Stowaway on Clipper

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A youth of Japanese ancestry was held here this week on suspicion of being a stowaway from Japan when he was found aboard a Pan American Clipper on May 18 at San Francisco airport.

The youth, who identified himself as Sagara Miyazaki, was first seen aboard the plane about 8:30 a.m. by several maintenance men. The plane had arrived from Tokyo about midnight. When the maintenance men saw he was still aboard at 9:45 a.m. they turned him over to a guard.

Miyazaki denied being a stowaway, claiming to have returned to the United States from Tokyo two months ago and to be living with an uncle, Takusaburo Miyazaki, in Turlock, Calif.

The airline's guards turned the youth over to a deputy sheriff who took him to the county jail in Redwood City.

Airline attaches said the only place aboard the plane he could possibly have stored away was in the baggage compartment.

Miyazaki said he was born in

Seattle, Wash., 23 years ago and had been taken to Japan by his parents. An identification card of Miyazaki, issued him by the United States consulate in Yokohama on Sept. 5, 1947, carried a picture of him in flight clothes, complete with helmet and goggles.

It was reported that immigration inspectors were checking Miyazaki's status but it was indicated that since he is apparently a United States citizen they will not be interested in his case, regardless of how he entered the country. Miyazaki, however, faces possible prosecution on stowaway charges.

Miyazaki told authorities he had come to the airport to see a friend, Lawrence Lipke. Airline officials said a maintenance official by that name had been transferred to Tokyo in August.

Miyazaki was dressed neatly in a grey suit and hat when he was found. Maintenance men originally thought that he was a member of Pan-American's commissary staff, since a number of Nisei are employed by the airline at the San Francisco airport.

JACL Urges Passage of Bill to Repay Evacuees for Losses Resulting from Mass Removal

Notes Organization Refused to Concede Need, Legality of Evacuation But Urged Cooperation With Decision as Patriotic Act During War

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Japanese American Citizens League, through the Washington office of the JACL ADC, filed with the Cooper subcommittee on evacuation claims on Friday a 66-page statement in support of H.R. 3999. It stated that the JACL's concern for this legislation stems from the very first measures it took vis-a-vis the evacuation when the removal of some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry became an established policy in 1942.

"Although we steadfastly refused to concede either its legality or need, once evacuation became a government policy, our JACL decided that it was our duty as patriotic Americans to abide by this decision and to urge the Japanese, aliens and citizens alike, in the areas concerned to cooperate in their own removal to the best of their respective abilities," the statement began, adding:

"Needless to say, this was a difficult decision to make, for all of us were, and are, American citizens who believed in certain basic civil rights. Nevertheless, once our minds were made up, we did everything possible to cooperate with the various military and government agencies concerned.

"While practically all of the evacuees accepted our suggestion to cooperate in their own evacuation, frankly speaking, it was not a popular alternative. Our membership, for example, dropped from its all-time pre-evacuation high of 20,000 to less than 2,090. And there were many who charged JACL with having 'sold them down the river.'

"In spite of the ill-will that our decision evoked, however, the fact that JACL as the one responsible functioning organization urged cooperation is credited with the generally cooperative attitude assumed by almost every evacuee, an attitude that almost bordered on submissiveness and that probably could have been matched by no other racial or minority group in the United States. This significant role of the JACL in evacuation is attested to by Milton S. Eisenhower, the first director of the War Relocation Authority (WRA), in hearings before the House Appropriations Committee in 1942.

"Even after the evacuation itself was an accomplished fact and the 110,000 Japanese from the west coast had been placed in so-called relocation centers without trial or hearing, the JACL continued to stress Americanism in its program."

The statement revealed how when Selective Service adopted a policy of reclassifying Japanese Americans so that they could not be called up for service and when the Army itself refused to accept Nisei volunteers, the JACL carried its fight to Washington where it succeeded in getting the Army, first to use Nisei in intelligence work against the Japanese enemy, and then agreed to the formation of a combat team which since has become world famous. The JACL's efforts, the statement said, often were hampered by "pro-Japan" elements in these relocation camps, but in spite of threats and intimidations which often resulted in physical harm being done to JACL leaders the program was carried relentlessly forward.

"This, we submit, was a demonstration of real faith in America and the American way seldom, if ever, surpassed." The JACL document then listed a number of other patriotic services rendered to the United States, such as urging Japanese to leave centers to seek war work with the government or volunteering for special duties with the Army.

It emphasized that from the initial stages of evacuation, the JACL has been on record as asking for some kind of indemnification for losses sustained by these evacuees who have proved their loyalty and allegiance to this country, pointing out that from time to time, questions arose from among the evacuees themselves as to whether they ought to seek restitution as individuals or await expected government action to this end. It said that there were many who felt that either the military or the federal government should

be sued in the courts; while others believed that private bills should be introduced in the Congress for the redress of their losses.

The JACL, however, counseled the evacuees to wait for the enactment of a public law providing for evacuation claims as the most effective and reasonable method of resolving this problem. "This, perhaps, accounts for the fact that neither has litigation been initiated in the courts nor thousands of private bills dropped into the congressional hoppers in the hope that individual relief might be had.

"Throughout the entire evacuation program, the JACL has maintained a consistent position. This position has been to do nothing that would hamper, jeopardize, or compromise America's war effort, but rather to aid in every way possible the achieving of victory. Our faith has been that American democracy, once the facts are in, will correct its mistakes and that the American people, in the long run, tend to be honest, fair, and just. Once the hysteria and confusion of war were removed, we were confident that the Congress, representing the American people would not let us down.

"This was the faith that compelled us throughout our wartime treatment and exile to urge cooperation in evacuation even though it meant hardship and suffering and sacrifice, to recommend volunteering for intelligence and combat service even though confined in virtual prison camps, and to wait for general legislation instead of seeking private means of redress wherein the rich and the affluent might recover their losses at the expense of the many and the poor.

"Thus, we in the JACL believe that we have a real stake in this legislation, over and beyond that of an organization representing a group of like-minded individuals. This stake is whether our judgment and faith in America shall be vindicated after all these years."

The statement also notes a distinction between this legislation and other types of war claims, pointing out the wartime treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry was unlike that endured by any other American. "No other group was ever called upon to bankrupt themselves and go to jail," it declared in quoting a statement made before a House subcommittee on this legislation last year. And it expressed hope that H.R. 3999 would not be lumped together into a general "war claims" proposal.

A complete and detailed history of the evacuation, some case histories and examples of the losses sustained by the evacuees, the history of H. R. 3999, and some suggestions to the Attorney General on the implementation of this legislation make up a great deal of the JACL statement.

"The history of the evacuation is also a history of property losses and the steady deterioration of property values. The very nature of the movement and the general circumstances made substantial losses inevitable. The administrative defects, too, contributed to the very real and grievous losses suffered, many of which could and should have been avoided."

The JACL cites the War Relocation Authority's final report, "The Wartime Handling of Evacuee Property," as support of the contention that there were many factors which combined to make "a considerable loss inevitable."

The statement asserts finally that there is a definite need for immediate action, pointing out that the delay in solving the unfinished business of evacuation will not only postpone justice but will make the implementation of justice more difficult.

Senator Downey Asked to Support Evacuee Claims Bill

SAN FRANCISCO—The Council for Civic Unity this week asked Senator Sheridan Downey of California to support the evacuation claims bill, H.R. 3999, in the Senate.

A letter to Senator Downey noted that the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity has long been on record "in favor of reasonable compensation for provable claims arising out of the mass wartime evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the coast."

"No measure, we recognize, could cover the very great personal losses, other than material, caused by the evacuation," Dr. Ralph A. Reynolds, president of the council, declared. "HR 3999 is a modest, limited piece of legislation. We trust you will give it your active support."

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EDITORIALS

Father Flanagan

Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, more widely known as Father Flanagan of Boys Town, was buried Friday of this week on the grounds of the institution he had built through the past three decades.

He had died in Berlin the previous Friday of a heart attack suffered while on an inspection tour of German youth facilities. His body was flown to the United States for burial.

He began Boys Town with \$90 borrowed from a friend, five homeless youths and the conviction that he could make a responsible citizen of what others called a delinquent youth.

He succeeded. In the years since its founding in 1917, Boys Town was home and school to some 5500 youths of every age, every race and every creed.

Boys of Negro ancestry, who faced a double handicap of race and poverty, knew they would be welcomed without restraint at Boys Town. The fame of the home was such that homeless boys thousands of miles away often made the journey to Nebraska by hitching rides on cars and railroad cars.

During the war Father Flanagan extended his welcome to evacuees of Japanese ancestry caught in the relocation centers. Many were eventually employed at Boys Town, not only in grounds and gardening jobs, but also in supervisory positions.

Shortly before he left for Germany, Father Flanagan made arrangements to be one of the principal speakers at the JACL's national convention in September. It will always be a matter of regret that the JACL did not get to hear this gentle and courageous man.

Evacuee Claims

All of the seven witnesses appearing before the Cooper-Magnuson subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 21 stressed the urgent necessity for the passage of the Evacuation Claims bill before the 80th Congress adjourns sometime next month.

The House-passed bill, H.R. 3999, which is being considered by the Cooper-Magnuson subcommittee, is a redrafted version of the original evacuee compensation measure, H.R. 2768, which would have set up an Evacuation Claims Commission under the Interior Department. The present proposal, unanimously passed by the House on June 23, 1947, provides for the adjudication of evacuation loss claims by the Attorney General who is authorized to make awards not exceeding \$2,500. All evacuees, whether citizens or aliens, are eligible under H.R. 3999 to file for accountable business and property losses resulting from the evacuation. Private bills must be introduced for those whose claims exceed the \$2,500 maximum.

It is now E-Day plus six years and with each passing month it becomes more and more difficult for the evacuees to prove and determine the extent of their losses as a result of evacuees. Such property and business losses have been estimated at far more than \$100,000,000, but it is to be doubted whether the evacuees will be able to recover even a small percentage of these losses through the indemnification proposal. A report in the Christian Science Monitor last week estimated that the claims may come as high as \$10,000,000. A recent spot-check of evacuees at Seabrook Farms, New Jersey indicated that claims among the evacuee families there ranged from a low of \$500 asked by a former California truck farm foreman to a high of \$87,000 listed by a former Loomis, Calif., orchardist.

From the Vancouver Sun: DIALOGUE IN HELL

By JACK SCOTT
(In the Vancouver, B. C., Sun)

OTAWA—The ban against Japanese in British Columbia will stay in effect for at least another year it was learned today.—News item.

The scene is Hell. As we look in, Adolph Hitler and Dr. Goebbels are sitting in a livid nook, toasting marshmallows over a bed of coals and discussing current events in The World. Hitler is speaking.

HITLER: . . . and, otherwise, things are going well?

GOEBBELS: Ja, Mein Fuehrer. The latest reports from The World are satisfactory. Just as you would have them.

HITLER: Anything new from America? Any new lynchings in South Carolina?

GOEBBELS: (regretfully) Nein, Mein Fuehrer. (He consults the latest bulletins from his agents on Earth.) Ah, but here we have a reassuring report. Three Negroes sued a railway company for putting them in a Jim Crow coach.

HITLER: Non-Aryan swine! They were not successful, of course?

GOEBBELS: Of course not, Fuehrer. It was in the southern states.

HITLER: Hmmm. And the Jews? Anything special to report?

GOEBBELS: Nothing special. Just the usual world-wide reports of them being verboten in exclusive clubs, residential areas, fraternities and so on. Nothing unusual.

HITLER: Ah well, at least my work is carried on satisfactorily.

GOEBBELS: Splendid, one might say.

HITLER: Well then, Herr Goebbels, if there is nothing further, I'm off to the live steam baths.

GOEBBELS: If I may detain you Mein Fuehrer. I think you will be extremely interested in a report from one of our agents in Canada.

HITLER: Canada? Indeed? (Iueu'fly) That is the country which produced such fanatical fighters for . . . er . . . democracy. If you'll pardon the expression, Herr Goebbels?

GOEBBELS: (Chuckling and kicking up his club foot with glee) I knew you'd be interested. There's good news from Canada, Mein Fuehrer.

HITLER: Come now, Herr Goebbels. Quickly. Give me the details.

GOEBBELS: If I may read from the official report? (he reads) 'The ban against Japanese in British Columbia coastal areas will stay in effect for at least another year.'

HITLER: (arching a singed eyebrow) But I don't understand. Japanese in Canada? Our former allies?

GOEBBELS: (excitedly) Nein, nein, nein. You have missed the point, Mein Fuehrer. True, these people look like Japanese. But, in reality, they are legal Canadian citizens. Many of them do not even speak Japanese. Many of them are graduates of the University of British Columbia.

HITLER: (with a look of cunning) I begin to understand, dear Doctor.

GOEBBELS: British Columbia has made all the rest of Canada a kind of ghetto for the Japanese. The ramifications of this are far reaching. As you well know, Mein Fuehrer.

HITLER: Indeed I do, doctor. Surprising how our former critics and enemies have picked up our techniques, eh?

GOEBBELS: Precisely my own view, Fuehrer. Indeed, the Japanese are just as good sport as the Jews. Absolutely no defense. Why our agents assure me that many of the leading British Columbia businessmen are involved. Naturally, they don't want the Japanese to return as competition.

HITLER: Naturally.

GOEBBELS: We have some splendid men on our side. Of course, there are the usual rabble-rousers, the idealists.

HITLER: (holding his sides) Stop, Herr Doctor, you're killing me.

GOEBBELS: But, after all, what are a few Japs?

HITLER: (controlling his laughter) You are a wonderful mimic, Doctor. A few Japs, a few Negroes, a few Jews, a few Scotsmen, a few Irish, a few Roman Catholics, a few French-Canadians. Himmel! We have given the world a philosophy! Sometimes I wish I were alive to enjoy it.

GOEBBELS: (puffing up) I have something further to report Mein Fuehrer. I'm sure it will please you.

HITLER: Do go on.

GOEBBELS: Well, Fuehrer, this ban, this Canadian ghetto, was continued at the request of the British Columbia Liberal Party. Our agents are quite definite on that.

HITLER: Liberal! (roars with laughter) What a splendid joke!

GOEBBELS: Good men. Good men all. And highly respected in the province of British Columbia. Why, one of their leaders—now a senator—swore that he would leave public life if the Japs returned to that coastal strip.

HITLER: Capital! A man after my own heart. Truly a real senator!

GOEBBELS: A Scotsman, by the way. Name of Mackenzie.

HITLER: Hoot mon!

GOEBBELS: Ja, Mein Fuehrer, it is just as if you were there in person. A helpless minority used beautifully for political and economic purposes. A forthright stand against a race of a different color or a creed. Just as in our better days. And just think: a whole year ban on them!

HITLER: Ach, Doctor, how well you know humanity. Almost as well as I. But never fear, Herr Goebbels. We are far from dead so long as we have our friends up there.

GOEBBELS: Hoot mon, Mein Fuehrer.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Color Chart

The news from Hoberg's, the California resort where the Native Sons of the Golden West has been in solemn conclave, is that the organization, a leader in the west coast anti-Japanese movement for two generations, has switched from the Yellow to the Red Peril.

Mistaken Advice

Using the California legislature's Tenney report on un-American activities as its text, the Associated Farmers of Orange County recently circulated a letter among the county's Nisei advising the latter to avoid associating with the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union, inferring that the latter was a Communist-front organization. Challenged by the Southern California ACLU, the Orange County Associated Farmers have now replied that they didn't mean the Los Angeles ACLU group but had referred to the national ACLU organization. Recalling that the editor of the San Gabriel Sun had published a public apology after making a similar inference about the ACLU, the Southern California ACLU is now awaiting a more satisfactory reply from the Associated Farmers of Orange County.

For the benefit of those who are frightened by red scares, it should be stressed that the ACLU is definitely non-political and is recognized as such by the Department of Justice. In addition to its whole-hearted defense of the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans during the war, the ACLU has defended the civil liberties of Americans of all shades of political opinion and religious beliefs, including Republicans, Democrats, Communists, Socialists, Fascists, conscientious objectors, Jehovah's Witnesses and members of America's many racial minorities.

In the past three decades the ACLU has done more than any other single organization in protecting the civil rights of the American people. In defending the rights of the minority, it has insured the liberties of the majority.

Unifying Force

The Nisei have emerged as something of a unifying force in American affairs—on the editorial page at least. The subject of Nisei rights is one on which such usually antagonistic newspapers as the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun and Times both agree. Incidentally, the names of newspapers publishing recent editorials supporting the evacuee claims bill and the Judd bill for Issei citizenship constitute a roll-call of distinguished American dailies. Some of them are: New York Times, Herald-Tribune, Washington Post, Louisville Courier-Journal, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Denver Post, San Francisco Chronicle, Oregon Journal, Milwaukee Journal, Des Moines Register-Tribune and many others.

Inside Story

Morton Grodzins' book which discusses the non-military pressures on the Pacific coast for the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 has been offered to a New York publisher. Grodzins, a former Kentucky newspaperman, did extensive research into the causes of the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans with a west coast evacuation study group during the war. It's believed the book will show that military necessity was not the only factor involved in the evacuation decision. Speaking of books on the relationship of West Coast racism to mass evacuation, one of the best is "Wartime Exile," published by the Department of Interior (167 pages, 45 cents from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C.) "Wartime Exile" was prepared by Ruth McKee, author of many books on Hawaii and California and historian for the WRA. She is now one of the top writers for the Washington bureau of International News Service.

Liberties in Paradise

The formation of a Hawaii Civil Liberties committee has followed several recent cases involving the civil rights of Japanese Americans. One of the cases in which the group is interested is that which concerns the alleged wire-tapping of the home of a Nisei union official.

Sono and Politics

Although the Nisei are numerically insignificant in ballot calculations, they are being wooed from all sides in the development of the 1948 campaign. The declining MacArthur campaign and the Wallace third party have been the most active among the Nisei. Sono Osato, who will make her motion picture debut in MGM's long-awaited musical, "The King and I," is a member of the national committee of the Wallace party. Miss Osato, who has fought long and hard for many liberal causes, made her first New York stage appearance of the year last week when she appeared in the Experimental Theater's "Ballads." She danced the role of Cocaine Lil in the production "Willie the Weeper," and Jack Martin reported in the New York Times that Miss Osato's "beauty and her electric style give her piece a radiant flash of life."

Takahashi Verdict

The Supreme Court's decision in the Takahashi case is expected within the next two weeks. The case, involving the legality of a law passed by the California legislature during the war, bars aliens of Japanese ancestry from the commercial fishing industry, may prove to be a landmark in the fight of the last group for equality under the law.

Chinese Americans

Wing Ong, the Phoenix grocer who was elected on the Democratic ticket to the Arizona legislature in 1946, believes Chinese Americans should take an active role in community politics. He is the first legislator of Asiatic ancestry to serve in the continental United States.

Speaking of Chinese Americans, Charles Leong will resume publication in San Francisco soon of the Chinese Press, America's first English language Chinese newspaper. The Chinese Press was suspended during World War II when Leong went into the army serving in the China and Burma India theaters.

Townsend Harris

Post Supports Claims Proposal

SAN FRANCISCO—Support for the Evacuation Claims bill, H.R. 3999, was announced this week by the Townsend Harris Post, editor of the American Legion.

The post asked that Mike Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee in Washington, convey the post's views to the Cooper-Magnuson subcommittee in the Senate which is now studying the House-passed evacuee claims proposal.

"Doubts of loyalty responsibility for the evacuation were completely dispelled by the wartime record of Japanese Americans on the civilian and war fronts," a statement from the Nisei Legion group declared.

JACL Picnic

CINCINNATI, O. — Nearly 100 Issei and Nisei of Greater Cincinnati attended a presummer picnic held May 16 by the local JACL at the Redmond estate in Walnut Hills.

Picnicgoers spent the afternoon in varied activities including ball, bingo, races, movies and games, and wound up the day's activities with a drawing for prizes.

First, second and third prizes were won by Deen Matsuzaki, an automatic toaster, Sunbeam ironmaster and a G.E. waffle maker were won by Deen Matsuzaki, Shiz Watanabe and Mrs. George Abe, respectively. Other valuable prizes were also given away. Ogata and Joe Horimoto were the chairmen.

A Short Story:

LITTLE YOSHIKO

She Was Alone and Crying Her Heart Out

By LT. CHARLES JOHNSON
(As told to Jon Chinen)

IT WAS DURING the winter of 1945, while I was stationed at Yokohama, Japan, that I first met Yoshiko. Though she was only fifteen, of all the people I met in Japan, little Yoshiko left the most profound impression upon my soul.

I was a lieutenant then, in charge of a group investigating black-market activities in the Tokyo-Yokohama area. It was on a cold Friday afternoon, as five of us were searching through some shattered buildings in the port-area, that we found a girl alone in an abandoned bath-house, crying her heart out. I tried to comfort her, but she didn't understand my broken Japanese. She kept repeating, "Shiranai! Shiranai!"

I sent for Daniel Yamada, our Nisei interpreter. From him, we learned of Yoshiko Hamasaki. She had been in Hiroshima when the atom bomb exploded. All the rest of her family had been killed, and she came to Yokohama to live with her relatives. But they, too, had all been killed.

Hungry, friendless and homeless, Yoshiko soon fell ill. Her condition turned for the worse, and she was then suffering from pleurisy, which was on the verge of developing into tuberculosis. Though 15, Yoshiko was so thin and small that we first guessed her to be around ten. She was very pale, and she wore nothing but rags.

The six of us gathered our rations and aid-kits and placed them beside the little girl. "Kore—anta no," I explained in my best Japanese.

"Arigato gozaimasu. Arigato gozaimasu," Yoshiko repeated over and over, tears streaming down her sunken cheeks.

We wanted to stay longer and help the unfortunate girl, but we had other missions to perform. After Daniel Yamada carefully explained the use of the sulfa-drugs to Yoshiko, we left the shattered building.

Soon, I forgot about the little orphan girl. Then, one evening in July of 1946, I fell seriously ill and was hospitalized in the 42nd General hospital, located near Ginza, Tokyo. Here I was told of my coming evacuation to the states.

A few days before my departure from Japan, a nurse came to me and winked knowingly. "There's a Japanese girl looking for you," she said. "Care to see her?"

"I don't know any native girl," I explained, "but show her in."

The nurse left the room and, in a few minutes, a beautiful girl in a lovely kimono came to the door. All my fellow patients gave out wild wolf-calls, but the slim girl walked straight in my direction. She bowed low and carefully pronouncing each syllable, asked, "Remember me?"

I stared hard at this girl's big round eyes, long black hair and full red lips, but couldn't recall meeting her before. Regretfully, I shook my head.

Then, "Remember bath-place in Yokohama?" she asked. I noticed my fellow patients open their eyes wide.

"You're Yoshiko!" I exclaimed. "Yoshiko Hamasaki! But—but you're different!"

"You save my life," she nodded.

"And—and you understand English."

"I study hard," she smiled. "I go school now."

I offered her a seat, then asked, "How did you find me?"

"I go you place Yokohama. Yamada-san say you sick. I come."

I was stunned. Little Yoshiko had traveled over fifty miles to visit me. I did not know what to say.

"You angry?" she seemed worried.

"Oh, no, Yoshiko," I smiled. "I'm very glad that you came."

She laughed happily, her now rosy cheeks displaying two cute dimples. "I come again. Next week?"

I shook my head. "I'm leaving soon, Yoshiko. Perhaps in a day or two."

"Ikemasan!" she choked. "No! No!"

"I need more treatment," I explained. "There are better facilities back home."

"You—come back?" she asked anxiously.

"I don't know, Yoshiko."

"Please you come back," she grasped my two hands. "I wait."

Then she handed me a package. "This small, but come from here," she explained and placed her tiny hands over her heart. Then, before I could say anything, she turned and ran out of the room.

"Yoshiko! Yoshiko!" I called. "Come back!" but she kept on running and finally disappeared around a corner.

I opened the package and glanced at the tiny "daruma-san" she had given me. On it, printed with great care, were the words, "THANK YOU, LUTENET."

"She is a true friend," I told myself. "Yoshiko is indeed a grateful friend!"

Noted Witnesses Urge Early Passage of Claims Proposal

(Continued from page 1). Chapman who was called to a cabinet meeting, reviewed the Interior Department's interest in the evacuation problem and said that the Evacuation Claims bill meets with "the heartiest approval of the entire department."

Mr. White submitted for the record the statements of Interior Secretary Julius Krug and Under-Secretary Chapman supporting the bill.

Chapman's statement said that the payment of claims would be discharging a very definite moral obligation to persons of Japanese ancestry who cooperated so completely in the government's war effort.

Mr. Myer explained that the timetable for evacuation made losses inevitable and added that these losses were due sometimes to conflicting authority over property management and the general confusion arising during the early days of evacuation.

The former WRA chief pointed out that much of the losses were due to acts of vandalism perpetrated against evacuee-owned

property after the Japanese Americans had been evacuated and also to forced liquidations and general deterioration. Like McCloy, Mr. Myer praised the cooperative attitude of persons of Japanese ancestry in the evacuation and stressed the part which the Nisei evacuees played in the 442nd Combat Team and in other phases of the military effort.

Mr. Meyer stressed that the principle involved in the bill was so important that it should be approved quickly.

Francis Biddle, U.S. Attorney General at the time of the evacuation, said that the mass evacuation was one of the most tragic occurrences of the war. He urged the committee to speed up action on the legislation because the bill would not only compensate the evacuees for the severe losses they sustained but would remedy a moral wrong.

Edward Ennis praised the bill which he said was well calculated to achieve the objective of restoring some degree of the losses which the evacuees sustained as a result of the evacuation. He de-

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Farming Along the South Platte

Fort Lupton, Colo. Stretching north from Denver are the rich, irrigated farms of the South Platte valley. Here is a concentration of Colorado's agricultural wealth. Whereas in other sections of the west towns may be scores or even a hundred and more miles apart, communities in the Platte valley lie closer together—a sure sign of rich farming land.

This is diversified agriculture country, and for many years farmers of Japanese origin have been playing a leading part in its development. They grow row crops like lettuce and cabbage, peppers and carrots—crops that require stabb labor and skilled tending.

They supply the big canneries, whose smokestacks puncture the landscape, with beans, tomatoes, beets, pickling cucumbers.

They grow sugar beets, grain, hay, corn, feed cattle, keep dairy herds. Their farms run up into 100 or more acres of land that has been valued as high as \$400 an acre.

The soil is rich, and water, coursing down a network of irrigation ditches from the great snow drifts of the Rockies just to the west, is assurance of bountiful crops. Despite frequent summer hail storms, this is good country.

Evacuees and the Old Settlers

For many years the Japanese farmed the Platte country, prospering or suffering with their neighbors as the uncontrollable factors—prices, crop yield, wind, rain—fluctuated. They reared their children and were at peace.

Then came the war and the first "voluntary evacuees" appeared, like a vanguard of the hosts which were to follow.

"They," Emi Katagiri recalls, "were looked on with suspicion and hostility by the residents of the valley. We thought they were awfully snooty—too good for us farm folks. I guess they thought we weren't very friendly, either."

Nisei Pictorial Magazine Out in Chicago

A sparkling new magazine, "Nisei Vue," made its first appearance in Chicago this week.

A pictorial quarterly, the magazine is published by Art Hayashi and edited by Shigemasa Mazawa, assisted by Emily Kuwada, Frank Zednick and Ken Hayashi. Art work is edited by Mas Nakagawa.

The quarterly features photography by Ken Mazawa, William Nakahara and Kiyo Okawa.

Pictorial features for the first issue include a story on homeless Sansei children, which makes a plea for adoption. At least ten such youngsters, children of indigent or unwed mothers, are being cared for by one Chicago agency, it was reported.

Also featured are two personality sketches, on Mike Masaoka, director of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, Nisei pastor of the First Baptist church in Chicago.

A long feature on resettlement in Chicago gives the present status of Japanese Americans in the city.

The Gaka Art Guild, an organization of Nisei artists in Chicago, is given a two-page pictorial spread.

The rest of the magazine is devoted to single photograph and caption stories of Nisei personalities and news events.

The "Nisei Vue" is printed by the photo offset method.

ciared that it was a "small way to make amends" and emphasized that the evacuees should receive retribution for their grievous losses sustained in view of the complete cooperation which the group accorded to the government during the evacuation.

Galen Fisher declared that he supported the bill because, besides providing elemental justice and fair play, it would give support to democratic elements in present-day Japan who "are watching everything we do here."

Mike Masaoka, the last of the witnesses, impressively wound up the hearing and concluded with an appeal for urgent Senate action on the proposal.

The Nisei official said that the record of Japanese Americans during the war was clear and expressed the hope that Congress would recognize the merits and desirability of the House-passed measure.

The subcommittee also reported that Senator Eugene D. Millikin, R., Colo., had submitted a statement endorsing the bill.

Masaoka indicated that early action by the Senate Judiciary Committee is expected on the proposal.

CAREY McWILLIAMS

Noted Writer Champions America's Minority Groups

New York City.

Though America has been populated by immigrants from many nations on the other four continents, not all of these immigrants have disappeared in the larger population. Some, for various reasons, have persisted as "minorities," marked off from other Americans because they have different customs or different religious beliefs, or different skin color. Yet with other Americans, they have shaped with their hands, with their minds and with their hearts the character of the national life, and have enriched science, industry, art, music, and philosophy in America.

But now more and more Americans are awakening to the necessity of assuring to such Americans—foreign-born, Negroes, Indians, Catholics, Jews and others—the rights and opportunities which are their heritage and of which they are too often deprived, sometimes as a result of prejudice, sometimes because, in a given community, their presence is overlooked. Notable among the friends of such Americans is a man who has expressed his views, his observations and his hopes in a number of thoughtful books. He is Carey McWilliams, a lawyer by training and a former California Commissioner of Immigration and Housing.

It so happens that the minority groups in the United States which first drew Mr. McWilliams' attention was in part native-stock American—migrant farm workers in California. His first book to win national attention dealt with them. His next book was a study of migrant farm workers throughout the United States—old-stock Americans, Mexicans, Mexican Americans, Negroes, French Canadians and German, Italian, Hungarian, Portuguese, and Japanese Americans. (A book on this subject today would include Puerto Ricans.)

With his knowledge of minority groups increased by this study, Mr. McWilliams next marshalled facts and figures showing what can happen to Americans because their skin is not white—Negroes, Chinese, Filipinos, Japanese, Indians, Mexicans. He then wrote his deeply felt "Brothers Under the Skin" (published during the war). All Americans will some day be brothers, or they will be slaves—this is what Mr. McWilliams wrote in the final chapter.

For his next book—"Prejudice"—Mr. McWilliams singled out one of the several American groups whose color marks them off from

"I can remember the young people in the valley saying they would have nothing to do with the people from the coast. But before we knew it, the fellows from the coast were marrying our girls and our fellows were marrying girls from the coast."

The South Platte valley produced mightily during the war, and not least among them were the Japanese farms. Most of the area's young Nisei men were in the service, and for a while the burden fell heavily on the old folk. But incoming evacuees quickly filled the manpower gap.

The war record of both civilians and soldiers strengthened the position of Japanese Americans in the valley and built up through the years as good and law-abiding farmers, excellent students and athletes.

(In contrast, take the case of Spanish Americans As unskilled laborers and non-property owners, they are subjected to a form of Jim Crowism; in some theaters they sit in segregated sections.)

Green Crops and Brown Earth

There are, of course, many levels of economic prosperity among these farmers. Some are still share-cropping or working leased land. Others own their farms outright (Colorado defeated an anti-alien land law movement during the war), are building luxurious homes, drive big cars and operate with the most modern machinery.

In some families the Nisei with agricultural college educations have taken charge of operations. In others the old folks are curtailing acreage as the children head for the big city and the white collar jobs.

As one drives through the valey he sees the crops greening the brown earth. Tractors pulling cultivators crawl between rows of young pea vines and lettuce, leaving little trails of dust that hang in the dry, sun-lit atmosphere. It is a scene of peace and prosperity—prosperity wrested from the good earth by work and effort.

the rest. In this book he challenged American treatment of Japanese Americans and Japanese nationals—in particular, the same one hundred thousand whom the Army evacuated from their West Coast homes after Pearl Harbor. Mr. McWilliams tells soberly and in human terms this story of racial intolerance, pointing out that no such measure was taken even against German and Italian nationals, though the United States was at war with Germany and Italy as well as with Japan.

It was logical that Mr. McWilliams should turn next to the problems of Americans who are often the victims of religious intolerance. In his latest book, "A Mask for Privilege," he considers many aspects of what has been called, with exactness, the "cold pogrom" against the Jews, particularly the present restrictions on their opportunities for employment, education, housing and recreation.

Mr. McWilliams traces the history of anti-Semitism as it exists in America today, going back to 1877 for the first recorded expression of it—the refusal of an Irish American hotel owner in a fashionable resort to give rooms to a prominent New York banker who was an Austrian Jew. This created widespread indignation at the time and was the subject of sermons in Christian churches. Mr. McWilliams' patient study of what has happened since led him to the conclusion that discrimination against Jews, as against other religious and ethnic groups, is practiced primarily by persons who feel economically or socially insecure. To strengthen their own confidence, such persons often search for someone to treat as "inferior" or some group to blame for their failures or misfortunes.

The carefully documented book on anti-Semitism, and the earlier books, show Carey McWilliams as a man who is doing his part to make democracy work for all Americans. There are many others who, like him, are fighting to establish the individual worth of all Americans. Thus the movement to counter prejudice and discrimination is gathering strength on many fronts—one of the hopeful signs of the times.

Shower

CHICAGO—Mrs. Florence Shigezumi and Mrs. Dorothy Baba were cohostesses at a miscellaneous shower for Rae Fujimoto last Sunday at the Shigezumi home.

Organize New England JACL Chapter at Boston Meeting

By MARY KIMOTO
BOSTON, Mass. — The newest JACL unit, the New England chapter, opened its organization meeting on May 8 in Boston with an inspiring address by Ralph Barton Perry, a foremost authority on the philosophy of American democracy and culture and for many years professor of philosophy at Harvard.

Dr. Perry, one of the original JACL national sponsors, said that he supports the JACL not because he ever had close contacts with Japan or the Japanese people as such in the past, not because he expects to visit Japan in the future, and not because he believes in the artificial separation of ethnic groups as groups. Rather, he emphasized, he supports the JACL because as an American, he believes that all citizens should make every effort toward the realization of the aims of American democracy and its cultural and civic promises. It is his responsibility to support the JACL and similar organizations which seek to eliminate injustices and discrimination adversely affecting any group in the country. We should strive to make possible an America where all may freely contribute their particular abilities and cultural heritages to the common welfare and culture of the country and to the world at large. America has a great contribution to make in part precisely because her peoples are of diverse ancestry and origin. To the degree that our country can utilize and enable them to achieve their cultural potentialities will American contributions inspire and enrich the world as a whole.

In the opinion of your correspondent, Dr. Perry's address could readily be interpreted as a direct and convincing answer to the Nisei who may question the JACL on the ground that it may make the Nisei clannish. For if Dr. Perry, who is not directly involved, has such an interest in the JACL since he feels that the welfare of one group of Americans is the welfare

of all, how much more should Americans of Japanese ancestry be aware of the problems involved and take an active part in their solution as their vital contribution to American democracy. In order to promote and make possible a genuine integration of all peoples in America, according to Dr. Perry, we need organizations to work for their equal rights and equal rights of others. Civic organizations are essential to attain a true democracy.

In welcoming the New England chapter to the JACL, Mike Masakawa outlined the history of the ADC and the JACL and their activities on vital legislation affecting both the Nisei and the Issei. He said that in the past, many prominent New England citizens had been active on behalf of various anti-discriminatory and civil rights measures, as individuals and in cooperation with the ADC and the JACL. The formation of the New England chapter of the JACL will help make this support even more effective. Mr. Masakawa stressed the importance of the quality and influence of the New England senators and representatives. Thus far, they have had little or no contacts with either the Nisei or the Issei, but he anticipates the correction of this situation by the newly formed chapter.

During the meeting, Sam Ishikawa, the Eastern Regional Director of the JACL, installed the officers elected by the chapter. The officers are:

Harvey Aki, Pres.; T. Scott Miyakawa, vice pres.; Tomiko Ito, corres. sec.; Eiko Tomiyasu, rec. sec.; Jin Kinoshita, treas.; George Inouye, historian, and Mary Kimoto, correspondent (publicity).

Stockton JACL Will Hold Semi-Formal Dance in June

STOCKTON, Calif.—The Stockton JACL will sponsor a semi-formal dance on June 19 at the Stockton Rod and Gun club.

Among Stockton's leaders who are being invited as special guests to the affair are Avery Kizer of the Stockton Record; Bill Dozier, city attorney of Stockton and a veteran of Pacific service with an army language detachment; Elvin Balotti, president of the Stockton local of the CIO Warehousemen's Union; Dr. Harold S. Jacoby, professor of sociology at the College of the Pacific, and Mr. Jack McFarland.

Committee chairmen are: Elmer Tsunekawa, decorations; Atsushi Fujii, bids and posters; Nori Endow, publicity, and Lou Tsunekawa, master of ceremonies.

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LLOYD HAHN WINS SINGLES CROWN IN L. A. TOURNEY

LOS ANGELES — Lloyd Hahn, blasting out a 669 (210, 212, 248) series, won the singles championship in the all-Oriental bowling tournament sponsored by the Nisei bowling association on May 15 and 16 at Bonnie Brae Bowl.

Don Kwong with 643 was second, followed by George Tsuji 606, Tad Shimizu 605 and Tok Ishikawa 598.

Ray Cho and Howard Choy won the doubles with 1177 (642, 535), followed by George Kobo and Tad Yamada with 1142. Bowman Chung and Mino Ishikawa with 1127 were third, while Nobe Ishizawa and Tok Ishizawa were fourth with 1125. Tad Shimizu and Eddie Tsuruta, 1122, were fifth.

Two 1000 Series Recorded in JACL Summer League

Two handicapped 1000 series were recorded Wednesday night at the Temple alleys by the Aloha and Terashima Studio teams in the JACL summer bowling league.

Aloha, with a 54 pin handicap, rolled a 1044 second game in its series with Pacific Citizen and took the series with a 3-1 victory. Pacific Citizen rolled a 900 scratch game against the Aloha's 1000 game, but was defeated by more than 100 pins.

Terashima Studio provided the upset of the night by taking three points from the Temple Noodle team, rated the strongest in the league. Terashima had handicapped games of 897, 907 and 1014 for a total of 2818 to 2725 for Temple Noodle.

Tom Matsumori, Terashima's fourth-spot bowler, had high game and high series for the night with a 227 third game and a 589 series. Star Coffee took three from Doi's Cleaners, 2633 to 2546; Okada Insurance defeated Stevenson's Cafe 3-1, 2723 to 2653; and Glamour Photo took OK Cafe 3-1, 2443 to 2435.

Bowlers averaging 175 and above are T. Nakamura, 196; M. Nakamura, 189; S. Kasai, 186; H. Imamura, 185; F. Kasai, 184; J. Kurumada, 183; K. Takeno, 182; G. Oshiro, 181; T. Sako, 181; J. Aoki, 181; C. Umemoto, 181; E. Smith, 181; B. Honda, 181; G. Meifu, 179; M. Horiuchi, 179; F. Nakagama, 179; A. Sasaki, 175; and T. Matsumori, 175.

Community Picnic

STOCKTON, Calif.—An open invitation to attend a community picnic May 23 at the Stockton fairgrounds has been issued by the JACL and the Issei Kai of Stockton to all persons in San Joaquin county and throughout northern California, according to George Suzuki, chairman, and Shintaro Ito, vice chairman of the committee on general arrangements.

Fifteen grand prizes will be given to lucky winners of free door tickets and hundreds of smaller prizes will be distributed to participants in the numerous events scheduled.

Among honorary guests will be the Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Juvinal, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFarland and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dozier, according to President Jun Agari of the JACL.

Nisei Sees All Chicago Cubs Games Free as Clubhouse Boy



Southpaw Prepster

Hideo Hirose, left-handed hurler of Denver's Manual high school, recently pitched a one-hit game against East high. He allowed an infield single in the second inning. Wildness, however, detracted from Hirose's performance as Manual won 8 to 2.

Hirose fanned 11, walked seven men and hit three. East scored when Hirose waked two men, threw two wild pitches, then retired the batter on an infield out.

In playing off a postponed game six days later, East defeated Manual 8 to 4. Hirose entered the game as relief pitcher in the seventh inning—after five runs had been scored—and held East hitless the rest of the game.

Paul Fukuma is Manual's regular first baseman.

Coach Kajikawa

The Arizona Statesman, publication of the alumni of Arizona State college at Tempe, describes Bill Kajikawa, '37, as "one of the greatest all-around athletes ever to graduate from Tempe." Kajikawa now is head coach in two major sports, basketball and baseball, and also is assistant football coach.

Long Leap

Henry Aihara's 23 ft. 4 in. leap for Southern California in the West Coast relays last week at Fresno, which gave him fourth place, is probably the best made by any Nisei this year. Aihara, Big Ten and NCAA champion in 1945 for Northwestern, will try out for the U. S. Olympic Games team.

JC Jumper

Speaking of broad jumpers, Stockton college is proud of Henry Okamura who placed third in the junior college division of the West Coast relays with a leap of 22 ft. 5 1/2 in. Okamura was a member of the Stockton team which placed fourth recently in the national junior college track and field championships.

Hot Zebras

The San Jose Zebras are cur-

CHICAGO—Yosh Kawano, who loves baseball, is the only Nisei who goes to 154 major league games a year—and it is all part of his job.

Kawano, who came out of the army recently, is the clubhouse boy for the Chicago Cubs.

John P. Carmichael in the Daily News told a story this week about Kawano and Hal Jeffcoat, the Cubs' hard-hitting rookie center fielder.

It seems that the Cubs were waiting for a train to pull out from one of the spring training stops. Jeffcoat eyed an eating place a few blocks down from the station and asked Yosh: "How about running down and getting me a couple of sandwiches?"

Yosh looked toward the conditor who stood with watch in hand, waiting to give the getaway signal. Then he looked at Jeffcoat. "We've got a lot of coaches," he said, "and you could have sent one of them."

"We've got three or four trainers and you could have asked them. We're loaded up with outfielders . . . one of 'em could go. But I'm the only clubhouse boy we got . . . and I better make this train . . ."

Yosh Kawano, who used to live in California, used to hang around the training camp of the Chicago White Sox in Pasadena. He served as batboy and mascot for the White Sox before the war.

Veteran Nisei Hot Rod Driver Hurt in Crash

LOS ANGELES—Yam Oka, veteran Nisei hotrod driver, received serious chest injuries and a badly mangled right ear when his car went over the crash wall during a qualifying heat at Culver City Speedway on May 7.

Nisei Delegation Attends Denver Fete

DENVER—Under the chairmanship of George Masunaga, a delegation of 18 Nisei attended the "I Am An American" day ceremonies at the City Auditorium on May 16. Miss Bessie Matsuda, representing the Denver JACL, displayed the Denver JACL banner at the especially reserved box for Nisei.

rently burning up the Northern California Nisei baseball league, having won their first four games by lopsided scores. Their first victory was taken by the score of 30 to 3. The Zebras also are engaged in fast semi-pro competition with teams in the Santa Clara valley.

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Colorado Unity Group Supports Bussei Measure

DENVER—Officially represented by Roy M. Takeno, director, the JACL-ADC secured the unanimous endorsement of the second annual conference of the Colorado Unity Council for the Evacuation Claims bill, HR 3999, and the Naturalization amendment, HR 5004, on May 15, in Denver-Colorado.

The Colorado Unity Council is a state-wide organization, composed of the unity councils of Boulder, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Denver, the Anti-Defamation League, the Colorado Council of Church Women, Colorado Federation of Teachers, Community Service Clubs Inc., Rocky Ford President's Club, and the Spanish Activities Committee of Ft. Collins.

More than 150 delegates from all parts of the state attended the one-day conference at the Albany Hotel in Denver.

In endorsing the JACL-ADC sponsored legislation, the Colorado Unity Council recognized the brilliant record of war-time loyalty of the Nisei, and urged the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to grant citizenship to their parents and to provide compensation for evacuation losses.

Nisei Orchestra To Play at Graduation Dance

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Nob Kuwatani and his 12-piece Nisei orchestra will play at the annual graduation dance of the UCL of Santa Clara county on June 19 at the San Jose Women's club.

Approximately 150 Nisei graduates of Santa Clara county schools will be honored.

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San Benito JACL Holds Successful Membership Drive

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif.—Recent activities of the San Benito County JACL included a membership drive, initiation social and donation of books to local libraries.

The chapter is headed by Takeichi Kadani, president; Kay Kamimoto, 1st vice president; Isaac Shingai, 2nd vice president; Frank Nishita, treasurer; Glenn Kowaki, recording secretary; Mrs. Toshiye Sakai, corresponding secretary; Kay Yamaoka, Japanese corresponding secretary; Dennis Nishita, publicity; Ed Matsuura, Issei relations; Sumie Masumoto, alternate delegate; Mrs. Betty Nishita, historian; George Yamanaka, sergeant-at-arms; and Hiroshi Honda, George Nishita, Mineo Sakai, Otis Kadani and Sam Shingai, board of governors.

Results of the membership drive were 100 percent successful, with every eligible Nisei in the area signed up.

The chapter has presented copies of "Boy From Nebraska" by Ralph G. Martin to the San Juan library, Hollister city library, Hollister county library and the San Benito Union high school library.

The San Benito County JACL is the only west coast chapter that was not disbanded during the war.

Engagement

SAN BENITO, Tex.—Mr. and Mrs. Tokuyiro Oyama announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to George I. Hada at a party for close friends and relatives on May 6.

Miss Oyama is employed as a secretary for Moore and Stovall agency in San Benito. Mr. Hada is formerly of Salinas, Calif. He is now employed at the Arizona Co-op Association in Phoenix.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Takehara a boy on May 10 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Matsunaga a boy on May 9 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Kuwamoto a boy on May 7 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom M. Uchida a boy on May 8 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Nonaka a boy on May 4 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Roy Satow a girl on May 5 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hashimoto a girl on May 16 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kurumada a girl on May 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Manabu Okada, West Covina, Calif., a boy on May 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Arai a girl on May 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayeda a girl on May 5 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matsu Kuriyayashi, Vanport City, Ore., a boy on May 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fujio Shiogi a girl on May 4 in Portland.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Ota twins, a boy and girl, on May 17 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chikara Aso a girl, Dorothy, on May 9 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Irving Toshiro Ogi, Coyote, Calif., a girl, Irene Ayako, on May 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Hamano a girl on May 3 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Uratsu, Loomis, Calif., a girl on May 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Oshige a boy on May 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshito Kobashigawa a girl on May 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Barney Sato a boy on April 28 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Takata a girl on April 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Minoru Takahashi a boy on May 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Yoshimura, Borrego Springs, Calif., a girl on May 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Ishino a girl, Marilyn Janice, on April 24 in Cambridge, Mass.

DEATHS

Iwasada Yamaguchi on May 11 in Chicago.

Mrs. Haruko Date in Chicago.

Nobuziro Saito, 72, on May 15 in San Jose, Calif.

Mrs. Haruno Tsutsui on May 16 in Los Angeles.

Tomijito Shimizu, 65, on May 17 in Seattle.

Haruo Kato, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Toyse Kato, on May 18 in Ogden, Utah.

MARRIAGES

Agnes Chiyoko Goto to Tadashi Nomura on May 16 in Denver, Colo.

Chiyoko Sasano, Vacaville, to Arthur Okawauchi on May 17 in Los Angeles.

Hatsuye Imanishi to Noboru Kawada on May 9 in Seattle.

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Philadelphians Support Bill To Pay Evacuation Losses

PHILADELPHIA — With Senate committee hearings scheduled on H.R. 3999, the evacuation claims bill to pay Japanese American evacuees for accountable property and business losses resulting from the 1942 evacuation, Philadelphians rallied to the support of the proposed measure this week.

Philadelphia organizations and individuals indicated their support of the evacuee claims proposal in communications to Sen. John Cooper, chairman of the subcommittee considering the measure.

Among the prominent Philadelphia residents who announced their support of the proposal are Mrs. Margaret Nix, consultant of the family division, Philadelphia Health and Welfare Council; Dr. John Nason, president of Swarthmore college; and Miss Florence Kite, executive secretary of the Friends Committee on Race Relations.

In addition, Col. C. J. Harrold, executive director of the Philadelphia chapter of National Conference of Christians and Jews (writing as a private citizen) told Sen. Cooper:

"I happened to be on duty in Hawaii on that fateful morning of December 7, 1941 and witnessed that catastrophe. I spent nearly eighteen months thereafter, in the South West Pacific Theater of Operations and am only too familiar with that struggle made necessary by the Pearl Harbor incident. I am also appreciative of the underlying sincere motives that brought about the evacuation of some 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast, Alaska and Hawaii, with the attendant economic losses to these people. To fail now to make just restitution to these people, who have proved themselves to be loyal and patriotic in every sense, would be a grave injustice and an un-American gesture to say the least."

Henry C. Patterson, former WRA relocation officer in the Philadelphia area, stated: "If they (Japanese Americans) could now be compensated for some of the \$200,000,000 worth of property they lost as a result of the evacuation, it would be good for them and good for the soul of our country."

Mr. Henry Lee Willett, president of the Willett Stained Glass Company and chairman of the Philadelphia Citizens Committee on Japanese Americans, stated that he had the "opportunity to learn first hand, accurate information about the losses this minority group suffered."

Calling attention to the wonderful record of Nisei troops during the war, Mr. Willett urged the Committee to study H.R. 3999 very carefully because "I feel certain that the more facts they learn the more they will be in favor of the bill."

Grace Sachiko Hayami to Henry Shigeo Koide on May 15 in Pasadena.

Kimi Nakagawa to Shigeru Kamimaye on May 16 in San Jose, Calif.

Harumi Shimomura to Jun Stanley Tsujisaka on May 16 in San Francisco.

Memorial Day Rites To be Sponsored By Denver JACL

DENVER — The Denver JACL will sponsor a community-wide Memorial day service on May 31, commencing at 11:15 a. m. at the Nihonjin-kai hall, 2109 Lawrence street.

The Cathay American Legion post will honor the Nisei war dead. Both the California Street Methodist church and the Denver Buddhist church will cooperate in the program.

Toru Aoyagi, Dr. Isamu Okamoto and Dr. K. K. Miyamoto will offer tributes to the war dead.

The Rev. Y. Tamai and the Rev. George Uyemura will participate in the services.

The community Memorial day service was inaugurated by Dr. T. Mayeda, president of the Denver JACL, in 1946.

Bussei Review

FRESNO, Calif.—Approximately 150 Bussei will perform in the CC YBA show, "Bussei in Review," to be held May 29 at the Lincoln school in Fresno.

Among the featured acts will be the Selma YBA's production, "Hawaiian Rhapsody," with Tad Araki's Island Serenaders. Members of the orchestra are Hal Tsuboi, Jimmy Iwamura, Chester Fukagawa, Ken Ota and Tad Araki. Vocalists will be Mitzi Tsuji and Takami Misaki.

Selma's Town and Country Shop will donate the use of holiday dresses and outfits to be modeled by Masako Tanaka, Fudge Tara, Yoshiko Kotsubo, Yoshiko Tanaka, Fave Kotsubo, Fusako Yamamoto, Mitzi Tsuji and Emiko Misaki. Yoshi Noda will be narrator.

Married Couples

CHICAGO — The Married Couples' Fellowship of the Ellis community center will hold its second monthly meeting Sunday, May 23, at 8 p.m. at 4430 S. Ellis ave. The Rev. William Lovell, associate pastor of the South Congregational church, will review "Peace of Mind," by Rabbi J. L. Liebmann.

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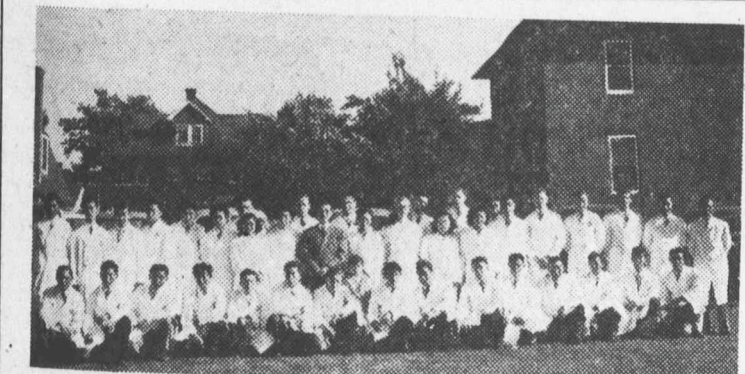
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9,000 Nisei Will Receive Bronze Stars

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Nisei soldiers who won either a Combat Infantryman Badge or Combat Medical Badge during World War II are entitled to receive a Bronze Star Medal, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee learned this week.

The medal may be obtained by making application to the Decorations and Awards Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C. Each applicant must cite in his application the date on which he received his combat badge. More than 9,000 Nisei veterans are eligible for this medal.

The Washington JACL ADC office also reported that next of kin of Nisei soldiers killed in World War II soon will be receiving Gold Star buttons in memory of their sons or relatives who fell on the battlefield. The granting of these special buttons has already been authorized by Congress and the first ones are expected to be given out during Memorial Day services on May 30.

War-Stranded Nisei Return on Cleveland

SAN FRANCISCO — Five war-stranded Nisei returned to the United States on May 19 on board the President Cleveland from Japan.

They are Etsu Osako, Motoko Fujishiro, Tatsuye Kawahira, Yoshiko Hori and James Kawagishi.

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FRESNO VETERANS PLAN ANNUAL CARNIVAL SOON

FRESNO, Calif. — The United Veterans, Nisei ex-GI group, will hold their second annual carnival on June 18 at the Italian entertainment park, according to Dr. George Nishio, publicity chairman.

A dance at the Palomar ballroom in the park will be held in conjunction with the carnival and Dick Alexander's orchestra will play for the dancers.

A grand prize of a \$500 savings bond and other prizes, including a \$100 bond, a \$50 bond and ten \$25 bonds as well as merchandise, will be given away at the carnival grounds at 9:30 p. m.

John Sakai, in charge of printing the tickets, has turned 4,000 over to Harry Nakata, chairman of distribution.

All valley organizations cooperating with the carnival are being requested to submit their particular concession entries to Byrd Kumataka, concessions chairman.

Dr. Hugo Okonogi and Jin Ishikawa are the general chairmen of the carnival preparation committee.

The Italian entertainment park was obtained through Y. R. Hirakawa, chairman of the local committee.

Oriental Cooking

CHICAGO — A six-week course in Oriental cooking will be sponsored by the Ellis community center beginning Thursday, May 27, at 7:30 p. m.

The first course terminated this week after an eight-week period of instruction. Mrs. Shizu Sakada and Ariye Oda were chairman and secretary-treasurer.

The new classes will be a repetition of the classes just concluded. Students will learn to make such dishes as teriyaki, osushi, nishime and iritori. Registration may be made by phoning Boulevard 2227.

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Congress Candidate Announces Support Of Judd Proposal

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—Following a "candidates' night" meeting of the Japanese American Citizens League in San Jose on May 13, Jonathan H. Rowell, Democratic candidate for Congress from the 8th District, announced his full support of the Judd Bill, now pending in the House. The bill extends the immigration quota system to cover Japanese and other orientals and grants citizenship to alien Japanese residents. "In line with my consistent stand against all forms of discrimination," Rowell said, "I earnestly urge that this last vestige of immigration and citizenship discrimination be immediately removed.

"Although this proposal to allow quota immigration of Japanese, Koreans, Guamians and Pacific Islanders and to allow them to acquire citizenship might have been criticized as appeasement before the last war, passage of this bill at the present time is now a matter of just plain justice and should be accomplished at once.

"There is still a possibility that the bill may be considered by the Senate and House before the June adjournment. I have sent a telegram urging passage of the Judd Bill to Representative Frank Fellers, chairman of the sub-committee on immigration and naturalization, and I am urging all of my supporters to send similar telegrams."

Kiddies' Matinee

CHICAGO — Approximately 60 youngsters are attending the Saturday afternoon Kiddies Matinee, a program for boys and girls 7-13 years of age at the Ellis community center.

The coming two programs will be spent in group recreation at the lake front. All boys and girls are requested to meet at the center by 2 p. m.

A puppet show by Kain and Buddell will feature the June 5th program.

The youngsters enjoyed a presentation of "The World of Mystery," an act of magic and tricks by Walter Kohler, at a recent program.

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ADC Seeks Support of VFW For Issei Citizenship Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Possible endorsement by the national Veterans of Foreign Wars of H.R. 5004 was discussed earlier this week at an informal conference between the national legislative staff members of the VFW and the Japanese American Citizens League, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reveals. The meeting was attended by John Williamson, assistant legislative director of the VFW; Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL ADC, and Harry Tanouye, a World War II veteran who has been working along with Masaoka in the project to secure citizenship for parents of deceased Nisei soldiers.

Mr. Masaoka reported that the VFW attorney had expressed a warm and lively interest in H.R. 5004, but had asserted that the national VFW could not at this stage endorse any legislation involving the changes advocated by the Judd bill in U.S. immigration laws. An encouraging note, however, was injected in the conference by the disclosure that the national legislative committee of the VFW had recently liberalized its views toward H.R. 3555, the so-called "limited naturalization" measure. This bill was passed unanimously by the House last summer but has not been acted upon by the Senate.

In view of the committee's changed attitude toward the "limited naturalization" bill, hope was expressed by Mr. Masaoka that the VFW national encampment at St. Louis this summer would agree to adopt a resolution favoring at least the naturalization principle of the Judd bill. It was noted that considerable sentiment has developed among nationally recognized groups for passage of the Judd measure since the House held its hearings.

H.R. 3555, as originally drafted, provided for the granting of citizenship to parents of Nisei soldiers killed in action. This bill had the full backing of the VFW and was designed specifically to aid some 350 Japanese Gold Star mothers of U.S. servicemen. The measure was broadened in the committee stage and again on the House floor to include not only Japanese Gold Star mothers but all parents of foreign birth whose sons were

either killed or wounded while serving the Armed Forces during World War II. The bill as finally passed by the Lower House increased considerably the number of Japanese who would become eligible for citizenship.

While the VFW had strongly endorsed the original version of H.R. 3555, it was not until last week that its national legislative committee had come to a point of supporting the enlarged provisions of the bill. Approximately 100 local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars have already endorsed the principles of the Judd bill.

Idaho Falls JACL Will Hold Tri-City Graduation Dance

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — The Tri-City graduation will be sponsored by the Idaho Falls JACL on May 29 at the American Legion hall.

Nisei graduates from Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Rexburg will be special guests.

The dance is under the direction of Todd Honda, social chairman of the JACL chapter. Others on the various dance committees are Mary Kato, Martha Yamagaki, Mariko Yamasaki, Martha Tanaka, Nii and Fred Ochi.

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