



Nisei GIs Eulogized as Two Japanese Americans Buried in Arlington Cemetery Rites

Gen. Devers, Outstanding Military, Civilian Leaders Pay Tribute to Nisei at Ceremony for Two Who Died During Rescue of Lost Battalion

By TOSUKE YAMASAKI

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Two Nisei war heroes, both privates first class who fought with the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team, were buried in Arlington National Cemetery on June 4 in impressive rites attended by outstanding military and civilian officials.

Pfc. Fumitake Nagato, formerly of Los Angeles, and Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi of San Benito, Tex., are the first soldier dead of Japanese ancestry to rest in the nation's greatest military shrine.

High military and civilian dignitaries, including Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Chief of Army Field Forces, and members of the Japanese American community assembled at the gravesites to pay final homage as the Nisei soldier dead were accorded full military honors.

The simple, solemn ceremony was highlighted by eulogies which provided eloquent testimony of the respect which the Army and others have for Nisei soldiery.

Although the remains that were committed to the soil of Virginia were those of Pfc. Nagato and Pfc. Tanamachi, the funeral rites were conducted as well—in a symbolic manner—for more than 650 Nisei who died in American uniform in World War II.

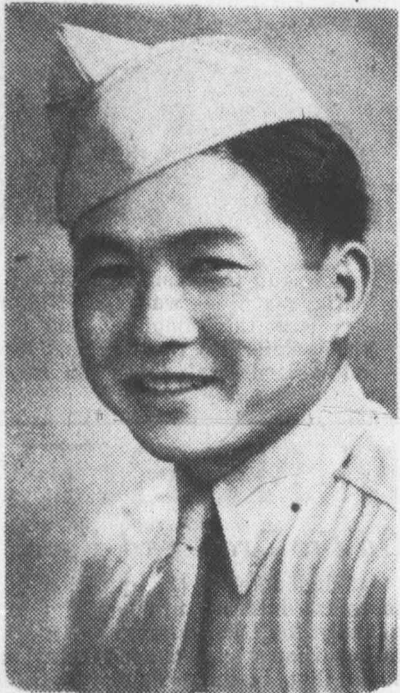
The Army's tribute to the Nisei was eulogized by Gen. Devers who said: "There is one supreme and final test of loyalty to one's native land. This test is readiness and willingness to fight for and, if need be, to die for, one's country. These Americans, and their fellows, passed that test with colors flying. They proved their loyalty and devotion beyond all question."

Gen. Devers was one of six speakers who delivered eulogies to the Nisei soldier dead during the ceremonies.

Others who spoke were Rep. Gordon L. McDonough of California, Rep. Walter Judd of Minnesota, Rep. Ed Gossett of Texas, Jesse S. Shima, head of the Japanese American Society of Washington, and Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The eighteen honorary pallbearers included John J. McCloy, president of the World Bank; Dillon S. Myer, director of the Inter-American Institute; Gen. Devers, Major General John E. Dahlquist, who commanded the 36th (Texas) Division in the Vosges campaign; Major General Charles L. Bolte, the commanding general of the 34th Division to which the 442nd Combat Team was attached during the first Italian campaign; Major General Hobart R. Gay, commanding general of the military district of Washington; Major General George A. Horkan, chief of the memorial division, office of the Quartermaster General; Col. Virgil R. Miller, who commanded the 442nd in the final stages of the Vosges campaign; Col. C. W. Pence, commanding officer of the 442nd from the time of its activation to the time of his transfer because of injuries received during the rescue of the lost Battalion; Col. Charles H. Owens, wartime commander of the 141st Infantry Regiment, parent unit of the Lost Battalion; Col. James Notestein, whose infantry regiment in Italy fought alongside the 442nd; and Lieut. Col. James M. Hanley, former commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, to which Pfc. Nagato and Pfc. Tanamachi belonged at the time of their death; and Reps. Judd, McDonough, Gossett, Jesse Shima, Ira Shimasaki, president of the Washington, D.C., JACL, and Mike Masaoka.

Closest of all among the participants to the spirits of the soldier dead were Cols. Pence, Miller and Hanley who led the Nisei combat unit through some of the bitterest campaigns of the war. Col. Pence was wounded during the rescue of the Lost Battalion, in the same campaign in



Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi (above) of San Benito, Tex., and Pfc. Fumitake Nagato of Los Angeles became the first Japanese Americans to rest in Arlington National Cemetery when their remains were buried in impressive rites on June 4.

which Pfc. Nagato and Pfc. Tanamachi died.

Words of committal were pronounced by Army Chief Chaplain Luther Miller.

After the military rites had been completed, the Rev. Andrew Kuroda rendered the civilian Protestant services in the Japanese language.

The green hillsides of Arlington cemetery then echoed with the volleys from the firing squad and the notes of the bugler's "Taps" and the families of the soldier heroes received from Gen. Devers the flags which draped the caskets.

The flags were the government's way of saying what Gen. Devers had said a few minutes earlier:

"The United States Army salutes you Pfc. Fumitake Nagato and Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi. You and your compatriots will live in our hearts and our history as Americans, first class."

The bodies were buried head to

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Two Issei Still Missing in Vanport Flood Disaster

Pres. Okada Asks JACL Aid for Flood Victims

President Hito Okada of the National JACL this week asked all chapters and members to aid in the relief of Japanese American victims of the Vanport City disaster.

He announced that national board members, contacted by wire, had approved plans to aid the flood victims.

All JACL chapters are being contacted in an effort to raise emergency funds, he said.

He urged all JACL members and organizations to send donations to Tosh Kuge, president of the Portland chapter, 1204 S. W. 3rd ave., Portland 12.

French Mayor Thanks JACL For Packages

A letter from Mayor Louis Gillon of Bruyeres, France was received this week by Hito Okada, national president of the JACL, in which the mayor of the French community expressed the appreciation of the citizens of Bruyeres for the CARE packages which were sent by JACL chapters and individuals.

"The people of the village thank you sincerely for the gifts and have asked me to convey their heartfelt gratitude," Mayor Gillon declared.

The CARE food and infant packages were sent to the people of Bruyeres by JACL groups in appreciation of the action of the Bruyeres citizens in setting aside a plot of ground for a memorial to the men of the 442nd Combat Team who participated in the liberation of the community. A JACL plaque was dedicated in ceremonies at Bruyeres last Oct. 30.

NISEI TO TEACH JAPANESE TO ARMY PERSONNEL

SAN FRANCISCO—A Nisei instructor, Miss Marianne S. Kusaka of San Francisco, will assist personnel of the San Francisco Port of Embarkation in learning the Japanese language, it was announced this week.

Officials of the Port of Embarkation said that it expects virtually every army man to serve at some time in Japanese occupation duty and was starting the Japanese language course.

Miss Kusaka formerly was employed as an interpreter in the Far East Command at Tokyo.

Salt Lake CCU Endorses Bill On Citizenship

Endorsement of HR 5004, the Judd bill to eliminate racial restrictions in naturalization and immigration, was voted by the Salt Lake City Council for Civic Unity on Thursday after a discussion of the JACL ADC legislative program by Masao Satow, national secretary of the JACL.

The council also voted approval of the evacuation claims and deportation stay bills.

Nisei Student Wins Art Award

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Ellen A. Ochi, 21, a former resident of San Francisco, last week won a \$1000 art scholarship, winning one of the two Mary C. Page prizes given annually in Cleveland.

Miss Ochi is studying painting here with William J. Eastman.

300 Japanese Americans Lose Homes as Collapse of Dike Destroys Oregon City

By SHIG SAKAMOTO

PORTLAND, Ore.—The bitter tragedy of Vanport City, which was obliterated by flood waters last Sunday afternoon, was believed this week to have claimed the lives of two persons of Japanese descent.

Three hundred Issei and Nisei were among the more than 18,500 persons left homeless May 30 as a weakened dike collapsed and raging water wiped out the city of Vanport, an emergency housing project created during the last war between the cities of Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Ore.

Still missing four days after the tragedy were Mrs. Izumi Oyama and Sadao Mizuno.

The flash flood came without warning to the residents at approximately 4:30 p.m., many of whom were enjoying the Memorial day weekend sunshine. Many residents who had left the project in search of recreation elsewhere rushed back after hearing of the disaster, only to find the survivors looking back on the doomed city from the surrounding highlands and watching the rising waters creep up 12 to 15 feet and lap at second story windows in less than 45 minutes.

Many of the 300 Japanese American residents of Vanport were evacuees returning to Portland from relocation centers who had not been able to find other housing. Others had returned to the coast from eastern cities, while some were Nisei veterans returned from overseas.

The Portland chapter of the JACL called an emergency meeting within a few hours of the disaster. Representatives of all Nisei and Issei organizations joined in forming a relief committee which would work with the Red Cross but whose specific aim would be to aid the Nisei and Issei of what was once Vanport City.

That same night, committee members scoured the Portland area to determine how many Japanese Americans had safely escaped the flood area. Telephone calls were placed late into the night and the JACL office was manned by an all night crew to receive incoming reports.

By midafternoon of the next day all but Mrs. Oyama and Mr. Izuno were accounted for.

Monday broke bright and sunny over Portland, but there was no thought of holiday festivity. The relief committee met again early that morning and laid plans for a

drive throughout the Japanese American communities of Portland and nearby areas to raise funds to be used for emergency needs.

During the sweltering afternoon groups went from family to family, asking for contributions. Additional donations came pouring into the office even after the canvassing groups had returned.

Approximately \$2500 was raised, of which \$1000 was later turned over to the Red Cross.

Japanese Americans who had not contracted friends before taking refuge in Red Cross shelter stations were provided for as soon as the JACL learned of their whereabouts. The doors of churches, hotels and homes were opened wide to them.

The JACL opened its offices on a near-24 hour schedule and continued to act as a center for information and aid.

Help was given the evacuees in registering with the Red Cross and in obtaining relief supplies for them. Special help was provided for the Issei in these matters.

The JACL also maintained a file on all persons who fled from Vanport, with special attention being given to ascertain the addresses of the places where they are now sheltered.

A branch office was created in a place more accessible to the majority of the flood evacuees. In addition to performing such services as are given at the central office, the branch will also serve as a distribution and assembly point for clothing, bedding and food.

The two missing Japanese were prominent in the community. Mrs. Oyama is the wife of Iwao Oyama, editor and publisher of the Oregon Nippo and mother of Mineko, a nurse at Providence hospital, and Albert, a premedical student at the University of Oregon.

Mr. Mizuno is wellknown as an artist and photographer.

Judd Bill Given Favorable Report by House Committee

VFW Commander Cites Burning of Nisei GI's Home

LOOMIS, Calif. — Highlight of the memorial rites for the late Staff Sgt. Masami Sakamoto of Loomis which were held on May 23 was a speech by Col. Charles J. Mabbutt, ref., commander of Auburn, Calif., VFW post No. 1942 who pointed out that the Sakamoto home was burned to the ground in 1945 in one of a series of vandalistic moves directed against Japanese Americans in Placer county during the war.

Branding these acts as cowardly tactics, Col. Mabbutt came down off the speaker's stand and told Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuhiro Sakamoto, parents of the war hero, "I want to apologize to you."

Sponsor Introduces New Bill Containing House Amendments

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House Immigration subcommittee on June 3 favorably reported out the Judd bill to remove race restrictions from the naturalization and immigration laws.

The subcommittee made 28 technical amendments in the Judd bill, HR 5004, whereupon its sponsor, Rep. Walter Judd, R., Minn., on June 4 introduced a "clean bill" superceding HR 5004.

The new bill was given the number H.R. 6809.

Despite many changes in language technicalities on quota provisions, the new bill reported does not alter the original intent of the Judd bill and the amendments do not affect the provisions regarding Japanese aliens.

The new bill, HR 6809, will be presented to the full House committee next week.

Justice Department May Set Trial of "Tokyo Rose" in Eastern City, Says Clark

WASHINGTON—The trial of "Tokyo Rose," Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, California-born of Japanese parents, will take place in either New York City or Washington because Justice Department officials feel that a person of Japanese ancestry may not receive a fair trial on the Pacific coast, it was reported last week.

Attorney General Tom Clark was quoted as noting that wartime resentment against persons of Japanese ancestry was greater on the West Coast than elsewhere because of the large population of Japanese descent.

Mrs. D'Aquino will be charged with making broadcasts over Radio Tokyo which were designed to destroy the morale of American troops in the Pacific and will face trial on treason indictment.

The 32-year old Mrs. D'Aquino, a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles, will be flown to the East Coast from Japan in the near future.

Attorney General Clark explained, however, that if the plane bringing Tokyo Rose to this country is grounded because of weather conditions or for other reasons, the trial will have to take place wherever it lands.

He said that a provision in the treason laws requires individuals being returned to the United States on such charges to be tried at the point of entry.

Nisei Couple Wed In Oklahoma Plan Mission to Japan

ENID, Okla.—Two young Japanese Americans from the Pacific Northwest, married only a day, plan to be the first Nisei missionaries to Japan, sailing late next year.

The wedding ceremony for Miss Kiyo Ogawa, Hood River, Ore., and Aigi Kamikawa, Kingston, Wash., was performed at Phillips University where both are students. Each spent a year in a relocation center during the war.

Hawaii Sends Lei to Paris Memorial Rites

SAN FRANCISCO—A memorial wreath of 1,000 orchids, en route to Paris, was flown through here on May 27 by Pan American Airways.

The gift of Hawaiian veterans, it was placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arch of Triumph on Memorial Day.

The native flowers honored Hawaii's dead in two wars and especially the Nisei of the famous 442nd Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion.

The wreath was the center of a ceremony conducted on its arrival by Legionnaires of the Airways post. Sam Kinoshita representing Nisei war veterans, and Col. Joseph P. Sullivan, representing General Mark W. Clark of the Sixth Army, also participated.

Rev. Morikawa Given Honorary Degree

CHICAGO—An honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred on the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, minister of the First Baptist church in Chicago, at the 79th annual commencement exercises of Blackburn college on May 24.

Rev. Morikawa received his bachelor's degree from UCLA and is a graduate of the Southern Baptist theological seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he received his master of theology degree in 1940.

Just before World War II he was a minister for Baptist churches in Boyle Heights, Gardena and Terminal Island. In the fall of 1943 he served in resettlement ministry with the American Friends Service Committee.

Shortly afterwards he was accepted as associate pastor of the First Baptist church of Chicago; and in 1947, on the resignation of the pastor, was chosen to succeed him as minister.

YPCC Slates Eight Discussion Groups At Tahoe Meeting

BERKELEY, Calif. — The NCPYCC conference at Lake Tahoe July 12 to 18 will feature eight discussion groups on religious, domestic and international problems.

The discussion groups will meet each morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. They will be led by ministers, seminary students and laymen leaders.

The groups will be based upon the following subjects: Church Unity for Peace, Building a Christian Home, The Meeting of the East and West, Present International Tensions, Building a Christian Community, Churchmanship and Leadership, and elementary and advanced sessions on the subject, What is Christianity?

Registration deadline has been moved to June 10. Each delegate is requested to mark his preference among discussion groups.

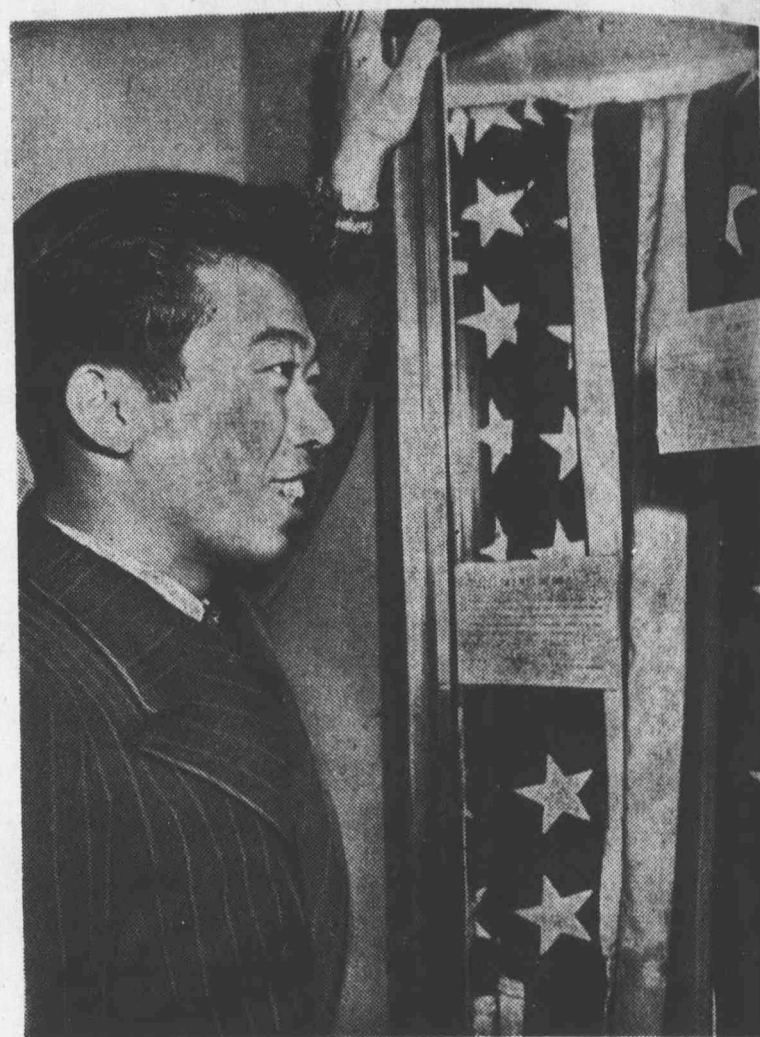
Tats Kushida Speaks To Twin Cities JACL

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The United Citizens League (UCL) of Twin Cities held its second membership meeting under its new president, Jon Matsuo, at the YMCA in Minneapolis on May 28.

Present as guest speaker was Tats Kushida, Midwest regional representative, who described the functions of and need for the JACL organization, and summed up its activities of recent years.

Kushida was also invited to speak before a meeting of Twin Cities Issei on the progress of the JACL-ADC legislative program.

Nisei Visits Freedom Train



Denver, Colo. Among the visitors to the Freedom Train when it stopped in Denver last week was Tom Doi, a veteran of eighteen months overseas with the famous 442nd Combat Team. "There were 33,000 Nisei soldiers in the war and 600 of them were killed in action," Doi said. "I think this train carries the reason why they fought." —Denver Post photo.

First Nisei GIs Laid to Rest in Arlington National Cemetery

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foot on the sloping hillside of section 12 of the cemetery which is the new World War II plot where honored soldier dead are buried without regard to race, color, creed or rank.

Besides the eulogies, Senators Downey and Knowland of California and Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding officer of the Sixth Army, sent messages.

"This is a solemn occasion and is another evidence that American democracy has drawn its strength from the loyalty and devotion of people from many lands," Sen. Downey said. "These men gave their lives that freedom may continue to live upon this earth. They were brave men from the brave, hard-fighting combat unit — the 442nd Regimental Combat Team — which has been specially cited for its splendid achievements."

"Privates Fumitake Nagato and Saburo Tanamachi take their places among the fallen heroes who, for close to two centuries of American history, have given their lives in defense of their country and for the enlargement of freedom and liberty throughout the world," Sen. Downey concluded.

Sen. Knowland declared in his statement:

"Since 1776 Americans have died for their country. Death did not ask one of them to state his creed or color before it struck. Privates Nagato and Tanamachi, like all Americans, traced their ancestry to other lands. When duty called, they answered. When death came, they fell with fellow soldiers. It is fitting that these hallowed hills of Virginia will enfold them in heroes' graves set aside by a grateful nation for its war dead whose ancestry girdles the globe.

"No men can show a higher right to rest here than these two Americans of Japanese ancestry who died for America."

Rep. McDonough said the heroic deeds of California-born Pfc. Nagato and Pfc. Tanamachi was a source of pride to the state of California. These men, he said, earned a rightful place in the nation's history.

Rep. Judd told the audience that the actions of America's Nisei troops demonstrated that the "real glory of America is the kind of men, women and children it has produced."

"All of us are immigrants," Rep. Judd said, adding that the loyalty of the Nisei has proved they are good Americans.

Rep. Gossett of Texas asserted that his state was proud of America's Nisei heroes. He pointed to the House immigration subcommittee's action in reporting out the Judd naturalization bill as evidence of the faith and respect the nation has for its Japanese Americans.

"That legislation," Rep. Gossett said, "is a result of the heroic sacrifice of Nisei boys."

Masaoka paid tribute to the Nisei soldier dead and also to the living and deceased members of the 442nd combat team. He added that the ceremony at Arlington was "ample illustration that Americanism is a matter of the heart and mind, rather than ancestry."

A man's worth, not his ancestry, is what counts in the final consideration, Masaoka said.

Shima said that the impressive gathering was a symbolic indica-

tion of gratitude for the services performed by Nisei soldiers in war to defend democracy and liberty in peace.

The flag covered caskets were brought to section 12 in two hearses, from where they were borne by the active bodybearers to the gravesite while a military band played "Abide With Me."

The procession passed through the ranks of honorary pallbearers over the matted green carpet which led from the roadway to the gravesite, which was strewn with wreaths.

Chief of Chaplains Miller, Rev. Kuroda and the chief ceremonial officer led the procession.

The caskets were placed on a lowering device and body bearers held outstretched flags over the casket at waist height while committal services were conducted by Chief of Chaplains Miller, who told of the sacrifices which Nisei underwent for their country.

Immediately following the ceremony Gen. Devers went to the families of the deceased soldiers and paid his respects, as did the pallbearers and friends.

The ceremonies were covered by the Army Signal Corps, all major networks and newsreels as well as by a host of newspapermen.

Approximately 30 wreaths, including two from the National JACL, were laid at the gravesites by the JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee. Flowers for the wreaths were sent by Japanese American floriculturists in Southern and Northern California.

The next of kin attending the ceremony include Mieko and Iseko Nagato, sisters of Pfc. Nagato, who arrived on June 3 from Los Angeles, and Walter Tanamachi, brother of Pfc. Tanamachi, who arrived by plane to join Mr. and Mrs. Kumazo Tanamachi who arrived last week from San Benito, Tex.

Bowles YBA Holds Memorial Service

BOWLES, Calif. — The Bowles YBA held its first postwar memorial service Sunday, May 23, at the local hall.

Honored in the impressive candlelight service were Mr. Seto, Mr. Ninomiya, Mrs. Nakata, James Taniguchi and Judy Itogawa, who passed away after returning to the Bowles district.

Pfc. Joe Nishimoto was given a special tribute. Private Nishimoto, who was awarded the Silver Star and the DSC while serving with the 442nd combat team, was one of the most highly decorated Nisei in central California.

Tom Hoshiko was chairman. The Rev. Shigefuji of the Fresno Buddhist church was the main speaker. Terry Arakawa and Yasuko Arakawa played the prelude. The Bowles choir and Nob Yamabe, bugler, also participated in the service.

Forty-four Graduate Dress Design School

HONOLULU, T. H.—Forty-four students were graduated at the Mitzi School of Tailoring and Costume Designing in exercises April 23 at the Mabel Smyth auditorium.

Dr. Harold Loper, superintendent of the department of public instruction, gave the main address.

Kay Hirao Dies Suddenly in San Leandro

Took Active Part In JACL Activities In Eastbay Region

SAN LEANDRO, Calif. — Kay Hirao, 36, local Nisei leader and nurseryman, died on May 29 of a heart attack while at work.

He was found in the field after his family had missed him when he failed to return for dinner.

Wake services were held on June 3 in Hayward and funeral rites were held the following day at the Chapel of the Chimes in Piedmont.

Kay Hirao was prominent in both national and local JACL activities for many years. Returning to the coast in 1946 from Salt Lake City where he resided with his family during the war, he aided in the postwar formation of the East Bay chapter and the reactivation of the Eden Township group.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Hirao, and three children, Janice, 5, Wayne, 3, and Milton, 1.

He is also survived by his mother, two brothers, Noboru in Seattle and Tsunemi with the army in Germany, and three sisters in New York.

It was learned that he had been given treatment at a local emergency hospital about two weeks ago for a slight heart attack.

Midwest Council Calls Meeting In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A heavy planning session on the coming Salt Lake City national convention and topflight entertainment will highlight the annual Midwest district JACL council meeting in St. Louis on June 12 and 13.

The Missouri chapter, acting as host, has secured the Melbourne hotel in the heart of midtown St. Louis' theater district as the meeting headquarters. Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati and St. Louis will be represented.

Dr. T. T. Yatabe of Chicago, past national president, will be the main speaker at the banquet. Robert Kratky, well known St. Louis attorney and one of Missouri's key ADC coordinators, will be the toastmaster.

Delegates will attend the world premier of "Auld Lang Syne," a musical romance about Robert Burns, at the St. Louis municipal opera.

An after-opera dance will be held in the Melbourne's Colonial room. A picnic luncheon will follow the Sunday morning meeting.

St. Louis committees working on the two-day affair are Fred K. Oshima, general chairman; Sam Nakano, arrangements; Jinx Kawahara, reception; Rose Ogino, registration; Betty Uchiyama, picnic luncheon; Jimmie Hayashi, opera; Fusa Doi, banquet; and Joe Tanaka, transportation.

Henry Tani of St. Louis is chairman of the Midwest district council.

Nisei Student Wins Honor Award at Univ. of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wisc. — Toru Iura, '48 graduate in mechanical engineering at the University of Wisconsin, was last week named winner of the Theodore Herfurth award for initiative and efficiency.

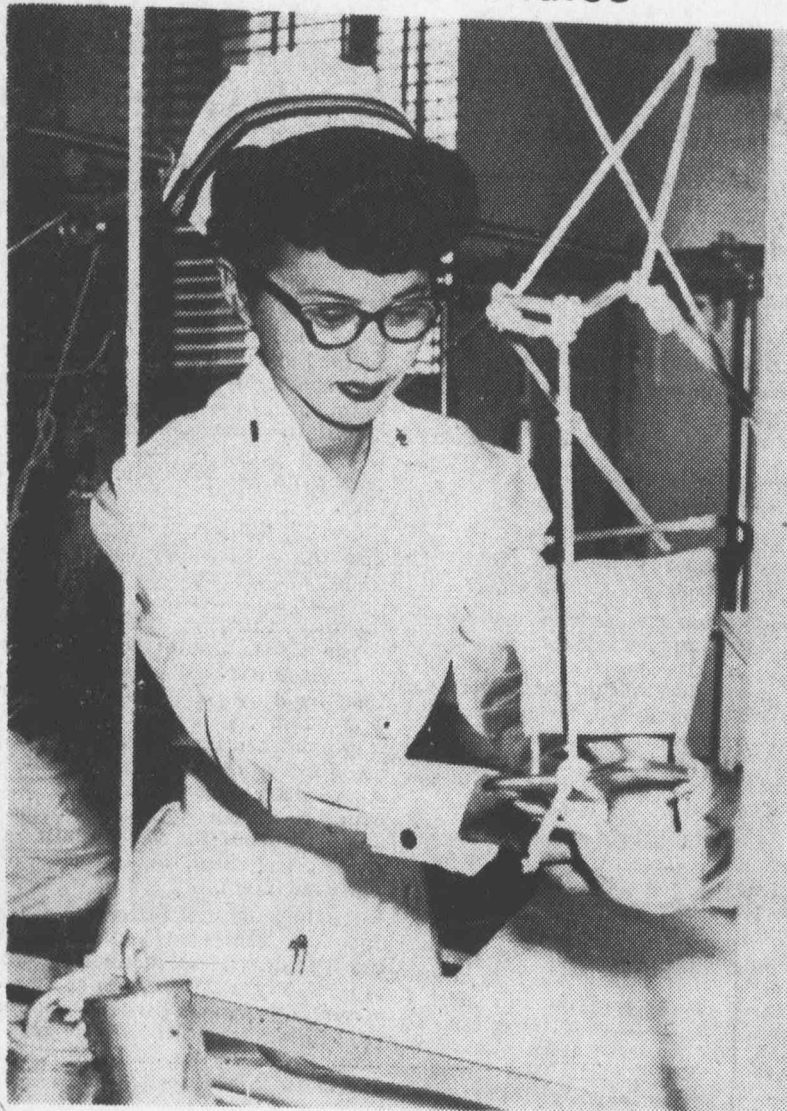
He will receive \$100. He is the 21st annual winner of the award, which is presented by Theodore Herfurth, Madison business man, to honor the outstanding senior man and woman on the campus for initiative.

Iura has been cheer leader for the past three years. He has also been business manager of the Wisconsin Engineer magazine, past president of the Society of Automotive Engineers and a member of Tau Beta Pi, Pi Tau Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities.

He will graduate on June 19 with an outstanding scholastic record. He has a high average of 2.72 out of a possible 3.00.

A former GI, Iura is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ekizo Iura, 3445 Second ave., Los Angeles. He expects to work for his master's degree at the California Institute of Technology.

Navy's First Nisei Nurse



Five years ago Yoshiko Tanigawa was in the Tule Lake war relocation center for Japanese American evacuees in California.

Today, because she was determined even then to be a nurse, she is Ensign Tanigawa, United States Navy. She is the only such officer of Japanese extraction.

She is stationed at the Long Beach Navy Hospital and is "very capable," according to Lieut. Comdr. Sue English, chief nurse.

"Everyone has been wonderful to me," said Ensign Tanigawa, a former resident of Roseville, Calif. "I hope to prove myself worthy in my profession."

Ensign Tanigawa was released from the Tule Lake center in 1943 and went to Minneapolis. After several unsuccessful attempts, she was admitted to St. Barnabas Hospital for training in March, 1944. She was graduated three years later and worked first at the Minneapolis Veterans hospital. She entered the Navy when she reached her 21st birthday three months ago.

—International News photo from U. S. Navy.

California AFL Official Says Connection With Anti-Japanese Committee Severed in 1942

SAN FRANCISCO—The California American Federation of Labor, identified for many years as a strong force in the anti-Oriental Joint Immigration committee, this week said it had severed all official connections with that organization in 1942.

The statement was made by Jack Shelley, state federation president, in a letter to Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL ADC director in San Francisco.

Shelley expressed surprise that the state AFL was still considered a part of the Joint Immigration committee.

The Joint Immigration committee, which was supported by the American Legion, the State Federation of Labor, the State Grange and the Native Sons of the Golden West, has been a leading force in California in restrictive moves against persons of Japanese descent.

It was one of the major forces in bringing about the Japanese exclusion law of 1924 and since then has sought to restrict Japanese Americans in the state.

President Shelly said that the state AFL, in refusing to adopt anti-Japanese proposals of the committee in 1942, had in effect severed all relations with that committee.

He told Masaoka that in 1942 he served on the resolutions committee of the state AFL convention when the Joint Immigration committee asked for approval of several resolutions against both citizens and aliens of Japanese descent.

The resolutions committee voted to oppose the anti-Japanese proposals, Shelley said, and the state convention approved the action.

This action, he said, "was in effect a severance of our relationship" with the Joint Immigration committee.

Shelley said that it was "old-timers" in the California labor movement who participated in the anti-Oriental activities of the Joint Immigration Committee.

Shelley said the state AFL first participated in Joint Immigration committee activities in the 1920's, when the AFL was represented by

Paul Scharrenberg. During this time, he said, the committee fought hard against attempts to repeal or modify the Japanese exclusion law.

President Shelley said that the last attempt by the committee to have the AFL go on record against Japanese Americans was made at the 1942 convention in the form of a resolution proposing to amend the U.S. Constitution to revoke the citizenship of persons of Japanese descent born in this country or its possessions, to bar the Japanese forever from becoming citizens or owning property and to deport all Japanese aliens and American citizens of Japanese descent.

It was this resolution which was opposed by the AFL resolutions committee, Shelley said.

Food Sent to Aid Vanport Flood Victims

LOS ANGELES—Shipments of food to aid Nisei and Issei victims of the Vanport flood were sent this week to Portland by the Modern Food Products Company of Los Angeles and the Marusho Shoyu company in Glendale, Ariz., according to Eiji Tanabe, regional director of the JACL ADC.

Tanabe also inquired of the Portland JACL whether merchandise or money was needed in the flood areas in order to facilitate aid for persons made homeless by the flood of May 30.

Howser Says 70 California Escheat Suits Dropped, 40 Other Land Cases Abandoned

State Attorney General Says Supreme Court's Oyama Case Decision Cleared Way for Nisei To Establish Title to Real Property in State

SAN FRANCISCO—Attorney General Fred N. Howser said on May 31 that 70 suits seeking the escheating of agricultural properties held by persons of Japanese ancestry in California have been dismissed as a result of the U. S. Supreme court's ruling in the Oyama case.

Mr. Howser also added that the State of California also will abandon 40 other suits which have been under preparation.

These actions were brought under the "presumption of illegal alien ownership" theory recently outlawed by the Supreme Court in the Oyama decision.

Three Persons Die Instantly In Car Crash

Passenger Car Hit By S.P. Coaster Near San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Three members of a family of four were killed instantly on May 27 when their car was struck by the northbound Southern Pacific Coaster a mile south of Edenvale.

The dead are Mrs. Shizue Uchimura, 37, and her two sons, George, 19, and Gary, 3, all of Route 4, Box 181-A Senter Road.

California Highway Patrolman Cliff Murie said the car apparently came out of a prune orchard on the Lo Bue ranch and onto the tracks just as the train reached the private crossing. Heavy foliage probably obstructed the driver's view, Murie said.

Engineer Minor E. Ketcham estimated the train was traveling about 70 miles an hour when it struck the Uchimura car.

The badly smashed car was carried more than a half mile by the locomotive. The bodies were pinned in the wreckage.

Ketcham said neither he nor the fireman saw the automobile before the crash because of the orchard which grows right up to the right of way.

Toyoki Uchimura, 46, husband and father of the victims, was working in a nearby broccoli patch when the tragedy occurred.

The victims had just taken him to work and were returning home when they were killed.

Uchimura said he believed his son George was driving the car but his theory could not be corroborated since there were no witnesses to the accident.

A triple funeral was held at the San Jose Buddhist temple on May 29.

Charm School

CHICAGO — A teenage charm school will be sponsored by the Ellis community center for a ten-week period beginning June 12.

Evelyn Schmitt will be the instructor. Classes, which will be open to girls of the community, will meet every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at 4430 S. Ellis avenue.

Howser added that, in one of two other cases, the state might resist actions to quiet title because in these the state has evidence of fraud to evade the California Alien Land law.

(It is believed that more than \$1,000,000 worth of agricultural property, mainly in Central California, were involved in the escheat suits against persons of Japanese ancestry.)

Howser indicated that the state has not fully decided her course in pressing any further suits because the United States Supreme Court indicated a willingness to declare the whole Alien Land law unconstitutional if it had an opportunity.

The state attorney general's office still has no breakdown of the acreage involved in the cases, although in almost all cases, these are small. Most involve land in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

On May 29 Attorney General Howser spoke in Pasadena to the convention of the California Land Title Association and declared that he had dismissed all actions concerning property bought by Nisei with funds of alien Japanese.

Howser said that the Supreme Court's Oyama case verdict had invalidated the California Alien Land law and had cleared the way for Japanese Americans to establish property rights.

Attorney William E. Ferriter of San Francisco, counsel for the Civil Rights Defense Union, a Japanese American group, told the Pasadena meeting that Japanese Americans now can establish clear title to \$400,000,000 worth of California property as a result of the Supreme Court ruling.

Wins Honors

OBERLIN, Ohio — Eugene K. Uyeke, student at Oberlin college, was doubly honored here recently with his election to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary society, and announcement of his winning of a fellowship at the University of Chicago.

Uyeke was one of 31 seniors elected to the Zeta of Ohio chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

His fellowship will enable him to continue work in his major, political science.

He is a 1944 graduate of Hunt relocation center high school. He later attended the University of Utah.

National JACL Wreath Laid At Tomb of Unknown Soldier

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Japanese American Citizens League on May 30 joined President Truman and leading national patriotic organizations in laying wreaths at the foot of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The wreath-laying ceremonies were part of the Memorial Day services held at Arlington National cemetery in honor of the nation's war dead.

A beautiful five-foot wreath, flowers for which were donated by the Southern California Flower Market, Inc., was placed at the marble tomb by Jack Hirose, chairman of the JACL Arlington Cemetery; Ira Shimasaki and Miss Kazumae Ichijji, president and secretary of the Washington JACL chapter, in the name of the national citizens league. The wreath of sweet william, stock and zinnias was made up by the local florists from flowers sent air express by the California florists group. This was the first time that the JACL has participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies.

A number of Nisei, including

veterans of World War II, witnessed the solemn three-hour ceremony which was highlighted by a brief address by President Truman. The President in his tribute to the soldier dead emphasized that the men and women who fought for peace have not died in vain. The President's laying of the floral tribute to the memory of the Unknown Soldier concluded the wreath-laying ceremonies which were begun an hour earlier with more than a score of national organizations, such as the American Legion, Grand Army of Republic, Veterans of Foreign Wars, participating. The entire ceremony was televised.

The national JACL expressed gratitude to the donors who sent the flowers. The donors are George Ogata, Homer Endow, Harry Kishiyama, Yoshiko Kawaguchi and Kaz Kubota. The JACL's participation in yesterday's exercises was the second time the group had laid a wreath at the Unknown Soldier's Tomb, the first occasion being during the Armistice Day observances last year.

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EDITORIALS:

The Anti-Discrimination Committee

Whatever the outcome of the JAACL Anti-Discrimination Committee's legislative program in the next two weeks, it will be recognized that Mike M. Masaoka, the JAACL ADC's legislative director, and his aides have done magnificent work in obtaining action toward remedial legislation for persons of Japanese ancestry.

The JAACL ADC's program of information and education regarding the special problems faced by the Japanese American group, resulting from racially discriminatory legislation as well as from the mass evacuation of 1942, has won the staunch support of leading citizens and legislators in every part of the country. This support has been reflected in the general attitude of the members of Congress toward the proposed legislative measures.

The desire of Congress to adjourn for the summer in time for the Republican national convention probably means that the present session will not last beyond June 18. As a result it is possible that Congress will not be able to act on several of the bills affecting persons of Japanese ancestry before adjournment. Of these pending bills, the evacuation claims proposal, HR 3999, passed unanimously by the House last July, is the least controversial and it is believed that an effort will be made to obtain passage of the bill during the final days of the present session under consent procedure when unanimous approval will be required for passage.

It should be noted that, although the JAACL ADC's interest has been centered in bills specially affecting persons of Japanese ancestry, none of these measures have represented any special benefit for the Japanese American group exclusive of other Americans. The Judd bill was aimed at bringing about equality in naturalization by erasing racial barriers and affects Koreans, Javanese, Burmese and other Asiatics and Polynesians who are similarly excluded. The deportation amendments also sought to eliminate racially discriminatory practices. The evacuee claims bill seeks compensation only for the accountable business and property losses sustained by evacuees as a result of wartime evacuation.

The function of the JAACL Anti-Discrimination Committee has been primarily educational in nature. It is certainly responsible, in considerable measure, for the favorable public opinion toward Japanese Americans and their problems which now exist in all parts of the United States.

The California AFL and the Racists

Repudiation of any official connection with the California Joint Immigration committee by the powerful California state AFL this week indicates the changing ways of the AFL, which one time supported the flagrant racist principles of the immigration committee.

The AFL, according to its president Jack Shelley, actually severed its connections with that group in 1942, when it refused to go along on a vicious proposal to deport all Japanese Americans and to bar Japanese forever from the United States.

The AFL's deflection should prove the final death blow to the immigration group, which in late years has become but an impotent racist wail. Indeed today it has only a curious sort of life in newspaper columns printing letters to the editor. In these columns the committee is still alive, raising a continued bleat against Nisei residence in California, against weakening of the alien land law, against the granting of citizenship to Issei.

In its heyday the committee probably was the most effective single force in restricting persons of Japanese descent and has boasted of its power in effecting passage of the Japanese exclusion law of 1924.

The committee was as viciously racist as the myth of the Yellow Peril, as its 1942 proposal to deport all Nisei indicates. But like the Yellow Peril myth, the committee is today out of step with the times.

The committee was once staunchly supported by the American Legion, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the AFL and the state Grange. The Grange and the Native Sons still, after two decades, retain much of their original anti-Oriental bias.

The American Legion, in many local instances at least, has repudiated much of the Joint committee's program.

Jack Shelley's repudiation of the California Joint Immigration committee indicates the changing temper of the AFL in California. As Shelley said this week, it was "oldtimers" in the labor movement who motivated the AFL in joining forces with the Joint Immigration committee. The AFL of the early 1900's was a "white man's" organization, and sad to say, many of today's AFL locals are still organized upon that bias.

Jack Shelley is one of California's younger and more progressive labor leaders. His repudiation of the Joint Immigration committee is repudiation of the AFL's onetime racist attitude toward Americans of Oriental ancestry.

Washington Newsletter:

Time Running Out on Evacuee Claims Bill

By TOSUKE YAMASAKI

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Mundt-Nixon bill, which was catapulted into the Senate last week following speedy House approval, has delayed the Senate Judiciary Committee's consideration of two major pieces of JAACL legislation, H.R. 3999 and H.R. 3566.

The two JAACL bills, the evacuation claims measure and the alien deportation suspension legislation, were to have been discussed by the Senate committee last week but consideration was sidetracked at the last minute when committee members were forced to act on the Communist registration measure. On Monday of this week, the Senate committee concluded four days of hearings on the Mundt-Nixon bill, but it is not known whether the bill will be reported out before adjournment on June 19.

Further hearings have been demanded. More than 4,000 demonstrators from New York and seaboard cities swarmed into the capitol today to obtain further hearings on the bill, but Senator Alexander Wiley, (R., Wis.) in whose hands the fate of the bill largely lies, was out of town. He had left the city to return to Wisconsin over the Memorial Day holidays and was not expected back until Friday. If the committee decides to reopen hearings, it will mean days or perhaps another week of delays on the JAACL legislation. At any rate, in the absence of its chairman, the committee was not expected to get to work either on H.R. 3999 or the Mundt-Nixon measure until Saturday.

Public hearings on the evacuation claims measure were ended on May 21. At the close of the hearings, Senator John S. Cooper, (R., Ky.) chairman of the subcommittee on evacuation claims, had expressed the hope that the full Judiciary Committee would begin action before the end of May. The subcommittee chairman has already completed his report on H.R. 3999, but he, too, has not been in town since last weekend. And while committee members generally appear favorably disposed toward the legislation, no action can be expected until the Mundt-Nixon bill has been disposed of.

As for H.R. 3566, the alien deportation suspension bill, A Senate-House conference committee must await Senator Wiley's return before any action is taken. Senator Wiley heard the Senate conferees. Others on the committee include Senators Chapman Revercomb (R., W. Va.) and James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), and Congressmen Frank Fellows (R., Me.), Louis E. Graham (R., Pa.), and Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.).

The bill has been in the hands of the committee since May 18 when the House rejected the Senate's amendments reversing the procedure by which an alien may win a stay of deportation. In the face of strong House opposition to the Senate amendments and the determination of a number of Senators to fight any measure which would result in any changes in present deportation procedures, there appeared little likelihood that Senate-House differences can be adjusted.

Meanwhile, with the scheduled adjournment of Congress less than three weeks away, time is running out. The expected legislative log jam is already closing the avenues for a considerable amount of legislation and unless the JAACL can secure a rule on its bills they may be dumped along with a number of major measures whose passage looked certain weeks ago.

President Truman on June 3 addressed a fresh appeal to Democratic Congressional leaders to undertake determined action on housing, reciprocal trade and educational legislation. Republican leaders, however, have placed priorities on other items, among them the displaced persons bill, which finally was approved by the Senate tonight. The time required to secure a final Senate vote on the measure emphasizes how difficult it is to obtain definitive action. It was originally believed that the issue would be solved in two days, but the bill has been under debate for more than ten days. And it still has to be ap-

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Six Years in Salt Lake City

This week marks the start of the seventh year of the Pacific Citizen in Salt Lake City. The PC itself has had a longer and more varied history, dating back to 1930 and San Francisco when it was called for a time the "Nikkei Shimin," which means "Japanese American Citizen," but our relationship with it has been only during its six years in Salt Lake City.

During the years before the war and the evacuation, the PC had many editors but it was largely Saburo Kido's baby. It was a monthly then, a fraternal-social paper whose organizational function since has been taken over by the monthly JAACL Reporter. Started in San Francisco, the PC was published for a time in Seattle at Jimmy Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier plant. It was being published in San Francisco again, under the editorship of Evelyn Kirimura, at the time of the evacuation.

At the time of Pearl Harbor the Japanese American population on the Pacific coast, numbering approximately 120,000 persons, were served by at least seven dailies (Rafu Shimpo and California Daily News in Los Angeles, Japanese American News and New World-Sun in San Francisco, Oregon News in Portland and the North American Times and Great Northern Daily in Seattle) and weekly papers in Sacramento, Fresno, San Pedro, Oakland and other centers. The war and evacuation stilled the presses of these newspapers.

The National JAACL, under Saburo Kido, saw the need for a newspaper which would fill some of the informational void created by the suspension of the Japanese American press on the West Coast. The PC, along with the national headquarters of the JAACL, was moved to the metropolitan area nearest the West Coast evacuated area, Salt Lake City. The fraternal-social format of the PC was revised and the first Salt Lake issue of the PC appeared on June 4, 1942 in its present form.

Back in May, 1942 when the first issue of the PC was being put together, we asked Dick Cannon, a Salt Lake artist with whom he had gone to school in Los Angeles, to design a new masthead for the paper. Dick came in a few days later with a drawing which was immediately sent down to the engravers. When the engraving came back we took a good look at it and found that a dove of peace was resting where the eagle was supposed to be on the JAACL emblem. Dick, a painter and a man of peace, had taken the "Pacific" in the PC to be an adjective for peace, rather than a geographical definition. The doctrine of non-violence is a noble one but the Nisei were under enough suspicion as it was in 1942 and an eagle was drawn to replace the dove.

Dick Cannon, who would rather draw doves than eagles, later was drafted into the army and was killed in action in France shortly after D-day.

The PC has sweated out a lot of "big stories" concerning Japanese Americans in the war years and after. One of the first, in 1942, was the announcement of the leave clearance regulations by the War Relocation Authority in Washington. This marked a major change in the WRA's policy toward the evacuees in the ten relocation camps. The leave clearance rules meant a shift in emphasis from mass detention in the relocation camps to individual resettlement on the "outside." This

proved by a more hostile House.

The greatest obstacle facing H.R. 3999 is time. The legislative log jam will come in the Senate when debate on all subjects is virtually unlimited. If the so-called "must" bills take as long for passage as the displaced persons legislation, there should be little time to consider the other non-priority measures. That is the hard reality which the Washington JAACL ADC office is facing this week.

change in policy was a courageous undertaking at the time for Director Dillon S. Myer and other top officials who knew that the announcement of such a major policy would bring down on them the ire of many West Coast legislators and anger of Pacific coast racists.

Mike M. Masaoka, then as now representing the JAACL in Washington, obtained a copy of the leave clearance regulations as soon as they were released and wired them, all 20 pages and more, to the PC. The long wire arrived just as the PC was being put to bed. The next day copies of the PC arrived at the Central Utah relocation center in Topaz before word of the leave clearance rulings had been teletyped to the project from the WRA office in Washington. From that time on "Poppa" Ernst, project director at Topaz, would grumble whenever a new government policy was being discussed: "I don't know about it, I haven't read my Pacific Citizen yet."

The PC has considered itself a newspaper of liberal opinion ever since it was threatened with investigation by the Dies Committee. In fact, in May, 1943 the Hearst newspapers announced that the PC was under investigation. The grounds for investigation were not given. We hurried to Washington, prepared to defend the newspaper. The Dies Committee, like its successors, was adept at smearing reputations through "trial by headline."

The investigation of the PC, promised in the Hearst press, apparently vanished when we accused one of the Dies committee members in Washington.

The investigation had been threatened because this column had criticized the Dies Committee's persecution of Japanese Americans. In that column the phrase "men of goodwill" and "tribal fears and animal hates" had been used. These phrases were the grounds on which the investigation rested. Needless to say, nothing came of it.

The PC is not the only evacuated newspaper. The Japanese Canadian weekly, the New Canadian, was published in Vancouver at the time of the Canadian evacuation. It evacuated to Kaslo in the Canadian Rockies, then moved later to Winnipeg, Canada. Last month the New Canadian moved to Toronto, Canada, the new metropolitan center for Japanese Canadians.

This is the first issue of the seventh year of the PC in Salt Lake City. It is a long time for an evacuee to stay in one place.

Some statistics: The PC's top circulation was achieved during the war when more than 10,000 copies were printed of one holiday issue. The present circulation is around 5700. . . . Because of rising publication and operating costs the PC shows a weekly deficit which has been made up annually by the special holiday issue. . . . The PC has more than 500 subscribers in Hawaii and several hundred GIs in Japan and Europe receive the paper. There are also subscribers in virtually every state of the union and in a number of foreign countries, including Scotland, Mexico, Peru, Brazil and Cuba. . . . The PC's circulation manager is Aiko Nishida who is assisted by Terry Toyama.

Six years is a long time. During the past six years we have come to appreciate the Intermountain country, with its vast spaces and high mountains. We don't miss the jam-packed subways and the crowded living of New York at all, although we do have a pang of nostalgia whenever we see a movie shot of the towers of Manhattan against the sky, or see a scene of San Francisco.

Someday we would like to do a column about the southern Utah country which has some of the most lonesome and most beautiful vistas on earth. And someday, if we stay here much longer, we should do something on the people of Utah with their proud pioneer heritage. The Mormons also welcomed evacuees, from hysteria and hate.

Honolulu Newsletter:

Race Issue Still Prominent
Senate's Refusal to Act
On Hawaiian Statehood Bid

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Failure of the senate to clear the way for Hawaiian statehood points up again the issue most often raised against making this territory the 49th state—the issue of race. To those who felt the race question had been overcome as an obstacle to statehood—by virtue of the loyal performance of all Hawaii's races at home and abroad on the battlefields during World War II—the setback that took place in the senate was disheartening.

By a vote of 51 to 20, the senate on May 20 refused to take the Hawaiian statehood bill away from the committee on interior and insular affairs.

The result, in effect, is to kill any chance of passage at this session of congress. The senate vote sustains the decision of the committee on interior and insular affairs to make a further investigation in Hawaii.

The vote was not against statehood for Hawaii inasmuch as the merits of the statehood issue were in question. It was viewed as a triumph of senatorial courtesy that the majority of the senators apparently were unwilling to go to the unusual length of bringing the bill out of the hands of the committee to which it was committed.

But, as one Washington observer noted, it would be easy to overestimate the part which this "chesterfieldian attitude" played. It was of the opinion that a large number of those senators voting against taking the bill out of committee did so to hide behind senatorial courtesy to conceal their opposition to statehood.

The race issue was raised during the senate debate but not as prominently as was the Communism issue. Fear of Communist infiltration and entrenchment in Hawaii was cited most often in the arguments against statehood, it apparently being a more persuasive point at the moment than the old, but still alive, issue of race in Hawaii.

One of those who spoke against the effort to get the statehood bill on the floor was Senator Zales Ecton of Montana.

Here is how William H. Ewing, chief of The Honolulu Star-Bulletin's Washington Bureau, described Senator Ecton's performance:

"Senator Ecton unerringly — by instinct, perhaps — put his finger on the issue that turns more senators against Hawaiian statehood than any other, that of race.

"Senator Ecton told the senate, according to the official stenographic record:

"The population of the Hawaiian Islands is more than 600,000—perhaps 650,000. As I understand, there are approximately 167,000 Japanese. There are less than 30,000 Americans. The other 400,000 are made up of Malays, Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos, Portuguese and other nationalities."

"The figures are completely erroneous, of course. But their inaccuracy was quickly lost sight of as Senator Ecton followed them up with the observation that sends cold chills up and down the spines of senators.

"If Hawaii were granted statehood, immediately there would be two more United State senators in this body.

"It is like a bad dream to these senators, the nightmarish thought that some day two non-Caucasians might sit in their august seats.

"In the opinion of this correspondent, this is the greatest, indeed, the only real bar to statehood today. And such a bar is likely to persist for some time."

The American press generally sympathized with what one paper—the Washington Star—called a "raw deal" for Hawaii. On the race issue, another Capital paper, Washington Post, had this to say: "We hope that the senate will soon take pains to demonstrate that it does not hold with such specious arguments as that of Senator Ecton that in view of the many different nationalities we must be concerned with what might take place 25 or 30 years from now.

"What, indeed, could result from granting Hawaii its long promised statehood except a welding of nationalities in the American tradi-

tion and a furthering of loyal citizenship that would be a distinct credit to the American union?"

How distorted the racial angle can be depicted was illustrated only a few weeks ago. In the April 17 issue of the Chicago Daily News, a letter to the editor was prominently displayed. It was written by an Edward R. Lewis, who identified himself as the author of "America: Nation of Confusion, A Study of Our Immigration Problem."

After citing population statistics by racial groups, Mr. Lewis asserts: "the situation is a legal mess and a grave racial problem. It is perfect folly, and dangerous folly, to admit Hawaii to statehood and give the Japanese and Chinese there the opportunity to claim United States citizenship with the right to emigrate to this continent."

This is the type of fallacious statement that has popped up ever since the people of Hawaii began striving for statehood decades ago. Each time one is slapped down, another crops up elsewhere.

But statehood campaigners here are not giving up by any means. The Hawaii statehood commission has invited the members on the senate committee on interior and insular affairs—who hold the fate of Hawaiian statehood in their hands — to make their "on the spot" survey of the territory as soon as possible.

The proponents' thinking is that a visit to the islands will convince any open-minded senator to vote for statehood.

The house of representatives voted overwhelmingly for statehood months ago. But if the statehood bill dies in this session—as it appears almost inevitable unless the congress stays in session beyond the summer adjournment—the time-taking process of getting the legislation through congress must be begun again next year.

Delegate Joseph R. Farrington remarked that "it was a worthwhile fight" after the senate refused to take his statehood bill out of committee.

"The senate debate serves to point up the situation we have to overcome and will be helpful to us in the future."

Two western senators figured prominently in the statehood battle.

Senator William F. Knowland (R.-Calif.) introduced the resolution to discharge the senate committee from further consideration of the statehood bill. He led the fight on the senate floor with a staunch appeal on behalf of the statehood cause.

Senator Guy Cordon (R.-Ore.), who indorsed immediate statehood for Hawaii after a trip to the islands early this year, spoke eloquently on the senate floor also.

Ordinarily, he said, he would be opposed to discharging any committee from consideration of a bill referred to it.

"Therefore," he added, "when I rise to support this resolution I do so for the most compelling reasons. I would never vote to taking a bill from a committee unless I became convinced that the committee had renounced its jurisdiction. That is the situation that prevails with reference to the statehood bill."

Pasadena JACL

PASADENA, Calif. — Nob Kawai was elected president of the Pasadena JACL at an election meeting May 6 at the Pasadena Union church.

Tets Maeda, Dr. Joe Abe and Suichi Ogura were named first, second and third vice presidents.

Other cabinet officials elected were Mary Nakahiro, corresponding secretary; Kimi Fukutaki, recording secretary; Kay Mikuriya, treasurer; Tom Ito, auditor; and Mary Mikuriya, historian.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Notes on Share-Cropping

Denver, Colo.

Since our last report on our agricultural activities, we have begun share-cropping a piece of real estate adjoining Bonnie Mechau's white-painted home in the suburb of Aurora. The plot is perhaps three or four times the size of a large living room. This is hardly among the larger truck gardens of Colorado, but it is expected to keep two families in vegetables for a large portion of the summer.

We now have seven rows of corn standing almost six inches tall. The peas and beans are coming along fine. The tomato plants have taken hold, likewise the bell peppers and a few experimental broccoli plants. The onions look as if they'll produce a bumper crop and the cucumber and squash vines are prospering.

Among the lesser varieties are a few hills of potatoes, some radishes, chard, leaf lettuce, beets, carrots, okra, spinach, turnips and, of course, weeds.

Last Sunday, just as we prepared to begin our weekly battle with the weeds, the sky clouded up and a regular gale began to blow. The next thing we knew, there was a fullgrown cloudburst, with a lot of marble-size hailstones thrown in for good measure.

We died a dozen deaths during the next hour as the rain and hail pelted the crops and made a duckpond of the garden. What a beating those plants took! If it would have done any good, we would have stood out in the storm with a pair of umbrellas to shelter the most fragile of our botanical proteges.

Ages later, when the rain let up a bit, we ventured out to view the ruins. With elation we discovered that most of our plants were bedraggled but unbowed. Virtually all of our three dozen tomato plants survived the ordeal. Some of our bean and squash leaves were ripped by the hail, but they'll recover.

With a few sunny days the garden will be good as new—with one exception. Before the soil dries out sufficiently to walk on, it will spawn a hun-

dred thousand weeds of a dozen varieties growing dense and rank and defying the hoe. Next Sunday may well be the turning point in our agricultural career, for unless the weeds are cleaned out by then, the garden may become little more than a glorious weed-patch.

The tribulations that we (or is it "us") truck farmers must put up with!

Important Field for the JACL

One Saturday night a couple of weeks ago members of the Washington JACL chapter gathered to hear four Nisei tell about their professions. One was a woman attorney specializing in tax and corporate matters. Another was a spectrographer employed by the federal geological survey to analyze ores. The third was a commercial artist, and the fourth an instructress in modern design.

The billing of these speakers was an experiment and, according to reports, the goodly attendance that turned out was treated to a most entertaining meeting.

Here, it seems to us, is an example of the way a JACL chapter can be of service on the local level—the one place where, as we charged last week, the JACL is falling down. Among other things, members of the Washington chapter (1) heard firsthand about four obviously lucrative vocational fields open to Nisei, (2) met four unusual personalities and (3) gained some measure of guidance or inspiration in shaping their own careers.

Despite the vast progress Nisei have made vocationally since the evacuation, jobs remain an important topic for them. Many Nisei still are not employed at their maximum capabilities, and often the reason is not clear to the individual Nisei themselves. It's important that these situations be straightened out, that the substantial numbers of new high school and college graduates get the best possible advice from fellow Nisei who have been through the job-hunting mill. Local chapters can provide a community service by bringing them together. It's not new, but it's still a necessary service.

Vacation With a Purpose:
Summer School for Office
Workers Planned in Ohio

By INA SUGHARA

New York City.

Summer time is rolling around and everyone is thinking of vacations. Some people are thinking of "vacation with a purpose," and lots of institutes and study groups are vying for customers among them. Whether one goes to these short-term events to pass the time, or takes a leave of absence in order not to work for a couple of extra weeks, he usually gains something from them.

There is one school particularly that I think many people would attend if they were familiar with it, because it combine features from a variety of sources. It is the Summer School for Office Workers (White Collar Workshops)—where office workers, social workers, postal clerks, teachers, nurses, college students, and other "white collar workers" from all over the country get together and discuss their own role in society, learn about community action, and become better leaders "back home."

This year the school will be held on the Ohio State University campus for two weeks, July 24 — August 7. Labor unions, YWCA's, Urban Leagues, and other business and professional groups will send students. There will be Negroes, whites, and any other racial and cultural groups that may be represented by students who want to attend.

When I arrived at the school last year—at Lake Forest College in Illinois — the first thing that happened to me was this — all barriers that might have existed between me and any of the other students were immediately torn down by the cordial welcome and informal way of life. We just "horsed around" that afternoon and it wasn't until later that I became aware that some of the people we were knocking around on the lawn were faculty members. And even then it made no difference—we still "horsed around" with them and had a lot of fun. We ate together, sang together, and learned together.

This was the first school I ever attended where the instructors asked the students what they wanted to learn. An entire opening session of the first class in the school was devoted to this purpose. All kinds of ideas were tossed around, the entire faculty was present, and during the two weeks, in one class or another, every item mentioned by the students was covered at least once.

We studied economics, as in every labor school, that is the

economics of the working person and the effect of current trends on his welfare. We also discussed community action—political and social—"how to go about it." We worked on an actual project that arose naturally when some of the students were discriminated against in a local restaurant.

We used drama to express our own reactions to social situations (the "socio-drama"), and saw documentary movies on labor, the Atomic Bomb, race relations, and other issues. Guest speakers drew us into the realm of international, psychological, and human relationships on a broad scale.

Nothing was forced upon us—we could learn everything or nothing as we chose. The faculty, a highly qualified group, was there to serve us.

Among the instructors were Miss Eleanor G. Coit, director of the American Labor Education Service, who is also director of the school; Mr. Joel Seidman of the University of Chicago; Miss Margaret E. Smith of Radcliffe College, Mr. William Wolff, radio script writer and former educational director of several locals in the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union; and Mr. George T. Guernsey, assistant director of the Department of Education and Research, CIO. Among guest speakers were Mr. Harold J. Gibbons, director of the St. Louis Joint Board of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union; Mr. Willard S. Townsend, president of the United Transport Service Employees of America; and Miss Alice Hanson Cook, a former War Department consultant in Germany.

Our song fests and volleyball tournaments, not to mention the pool games and ping pong sessions, drew us closer together and gave us solidarity.

I shall always be glad that I attended SSOW and I think that anyone who does go this year, or next year, or any other year will feel the same way. One can always gain from it, and the slight expenses involved together with the time spent will never be missed in the end.

May Nakanishi Will
Head Co-Ed Group

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—May Nakanishi was elected president of the Associated Women Students of Santa Barbara State College at the student elections on May 28.

The election was closed, requiring two runoffs.

Vagaries

Disaster . . .

Last week's disastrous Vanport flood, which wiped out an entire city, also covered the site of the Portland assembly center, temporary home for 5,000 Japanese American evacuees in 1942. The assembly center buildings, still standing, are located adjacent to the war-built city of Vanport. Vanport was home for approximately 300 returned evacuees and Nisei veterans, who could not find other housing.

City Desk . . .

Robert Hosokawa, who has been teaching journalism at Syracuse university, is going back to newspaper work in Winona, Minn. Hosokawa, brother of the Denver Post's Bill Hosokawa, helped edit a paper back in 1943 in Independence, Mo., and wrote items about a home town politician who was then senator from Missouri, Harry S. Truman.

Book . . .

The picture of photogenic Ensign Yoshiko Tanigawa which appears in this issue of the PC was published this week by nearly all of the nation's leading newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, Sacramento Bee and the NY Times . . . Eddie Shimano, who edited the Santa Anita Pacemaker during evacuation days, has been working on a book which is expected to be published soon.

Phi Bete

LEWISBURG, Pa. — Sachiye Mizuki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Mizuki of Sanger, was one of 22 undergraduates initiated recently into the Bucknell university chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

President Herbert L. Spencer, head of the Bucknell chapter, presided at the initiation, which was followed by the eighth annual Phi Beta Kappa banquet at the Lewisburg Inn.

Miss Mizuki is a senior in Bucknell's liberal arts course. She is a member of Phi Alpha Pi social sorority; Alpha Lambda Delta, national women's scholarship society; and Pi Delta Epsilon, national honorary journalism society.

She has also held important posts on The Bucknellian, campus weekly, and the college yearbook, L'Agenda.

Nisei Girl Elected
To Student Post

LOS ANGELES—Mitzi Ishihara was elected last week as vice president of the student body of East Los Angeles junior college.

Miss Ishihara, a major in business administration, won by a 2 to 1 vote over her nearest rival.



Six of the 20 candidates for the crown of Los Angeles JACL Queen attended a garden tea party of May 23 at the Ichiro Fukunaga home. In the above photo the co-chairmen of the Los Angeles Queen contest, Fumi Kawabata (left)

and Mrs. Merijane Yokoe (right), pose with the candidates who are (left to right) Barbara Takahashi, Miyoko Kido, Ruth Matsuda, Sumi Ushiyama, Toshiko Odow and Mary Kawahata. —Photo by Toyo Miyatake Studio, Los Angeles

Fire Hose Used by Swimming Pool to Stress Ban Against Nisei, Other Non-Caucasians

By HISAYE YAMAMOTO

LOS ANGELES—Ten members and friends of the Los Angeles Committee of Racial Equality, including white, Negroes, and Japanese Americans, were doused with water from a fire hose last Saturday night in CORE's sixth non-violent attempt to persuade the management of Bimini Hot Springs, 180 Bimini Place, to drop its policy of discrimination against Negroes and Orientals.

In the five previous attempts, CORE's swimming party had been refused service at the ticket window, but had been permitted to remain waiting in line as long as it wished, while other customers were promptly served. Last Saturday, Bimini's manager, Robert Chandler, and a lifeguard forcibly evicted the would-be bathers from the building. On threat of stronger measures should they try to re-enter, members of the party remained outside on the sidewalk, distributing CORE leaflets pointing out the racial policy of "Los Angeles' Only Complete Health Center." Suddenly, some of the front arcade lights were turned off, and the lifeguard came out to explain that the picketing activity would be less conspicuous in the dark.

When lack of lighting did not move the CORE group, the lifeguard dragged the fire hose from the building, explaining he had orders to "wash the sidewalk." After the initial sprinkling, the 10 men and women, all dressed in street clothes, retreated into the street. This did not prevent them from getting sprayed, some rather thoroughly. It is conjectured that the lifeguard may have also had instructions to wash the street.

Police, who had been present on invitation from Bimini's management on the occasion of CORE's previous visits and had shown a tendency not to interfere, were absent. Four young Mexican boys, not connected with CORE, who had also been intending to use the swimming pool (Mexicans are admitted), saw the sidewalk cleanup and immediately left the building, clearly expressing disgust for the management. (Postal regulations do not permit exact reproduction of their language.)

The CORE group also got interest from three other young boys, two white and one Chinese, who had changed their minds about going swimming when the Chinese boy was refused sale of a ticket. A few other persons who had not

known of Bimini's policy promised not to use its facilities for the time being.

CORE's project began several months ago. In line with the group's technique, it was sure that racial discrimination actually existed. It was learned that Bimini had been sued several times for violating the state's civil rights code and paid damages rather than change its policy. It was also learned that non-whites may use the pool if they come with youth groups like the Boy Scouts or YMCA during the daytime, during certain hours when the pool is closed to the general public; that this modification of policy came about a few years ago after an incident which brought a protest from the Chinese Consulate here.

Then, discussions were held with Mr. Chandler, who is said to maintain that Bimini does not discriminate, that CORE members and their friends are undesirable in general principles, and that Bimini refuses service to more whites than either Negroes or Orientals. At least one occasion, he is known to have admitted the discrimination, calling it "corporation policy and not his own. When discrimination proved fruitless, CORE began planning interracial swimming parties.

Until last Saturday night's expected dousing, these parties had not managed to get so much as a toe wet.

CORE intends to continue planning these parties and invites interested persons to take part. They are willing to submit to the group's strict adherence to non-violence and good will. Such persons are asked to meet at Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church, 4415 Hooper Avenue, corner of Vernon, June 10, 7:30 p.m. Others who are sympathetic but for one reason unable to participate, are being asked to write to Bimini Hot Springs, politely and reasonably stating the case for racial equality.

Monterey City Council Backs Judd Naturalization Bill

MONTEREY, Calif.—The Monterey city council and the Monterey Peninsula Junior Chamber of Commerce have gone on record endorsing the Judd naturalization bill, H.R. 5004, and have forwarded their resolutions to representatives in Washington.

Similar action has also been taken by four local sardine canneries, the Enterprise Packers, Monterey Sardine Products, Eaneas Packing Company and Hovden Food Products.

Endorsement of these organizations was secured by Kay Nobu-

sada, Jimmie Tabata and Ken Sato, president, executive secretary and treasurer respectively of the Monterey Peninsula JACL.

The resolution of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, unanimously passed on May 10, read as follows:

"The Monterey Peninsula Junior Chamber of Commerce believes that it is consistent with democratic practice and ideals to make all qualified permanent residents of the United States eligible for citizenship by eliminating all racial bars to naturalization and to make immigration quotas available to Asiatics and Pacific peoples and, therefore, heartily endorse and urge the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 5004."

The resolution was forwarded to Ernest Bramblett, the district's congressional representative.

The city council instructed Russell Zaches, city attorney, to draw up a similar resolution to be forwarded to Washington.

Guy Curtis, councilman, said that passage of the Judd bill would be a "matter of simple justice" and added that he was privileged to add his endorsement.

The council's resolution went to Washington over the signatures of Mayor Hugh Dormody and Councilmen Curtis, Shedo Buck Russo, Warner Keeley and Horace Mercurio.

Among those from the local Junior Chamber who were loud in endorsing the measure were Delbert R. Jeffers, head of the Monterey city library staff, and John F. Martin, prominent local attorney and past president of the JCC as well as an executive official of the Native Sons of the Golden West, Monterey post, and other service organizations of the peninsula.

PC SPORTS

Swim Coach

That article by Blake Clark in Liberty on Soichi Sakamoto, Hawaii's famous swimming coach, is reprinted in the June edition of Reader's Digest . . . Mas Kinoshita, southpaw hurler for Los Angeles City College, is one of a number of Nisei pitchers who have starred on the mound for California schools this year. Kinoshita last week was named the outstanding pitcher at the recent Azusa baseball tournament in which the City College Cubs finished second. During the conference season Kinoshita won five and lost two games and led the Cub team in batting with a .456 average.

Hawaii Boxers

Indications are that many of Hawaii's top Nisei boxers may come to the mainland to fight in the next twelve months. Sad Sam Ichinose, the Honolulu manager who has a corner on Hawaii's top boxing talent, may bring his two Nisei aces, Robert Takeshita and Tsuneshi Maruo, to the mainland for main events. Ichinose introduced a speedy bantamweight, Roy Higa, to California recently . . . Now on the mainland is Carl Arakaki who is managed by Billy Ross. In his first Seattle bout Arakaki knocked out Blackie Vandever of Yakima. A lightweight, Arakaki is matched against Red Williams in Seattle on June 8 . . . Reversing the usual order of things, Tommy Yamaoka, a featherweight who used to fight on amateur cards in Salt Lake City, recently turned pro and went to Hawaii for bouts.

Ball Scouts

Baseball scouts are interested in Sacramento College's sensational portsider, Jim Tsukamoto, who has won nine straight games this year, including his shutout victory over San Mateo JC last week which gave the Sacramento nine the Northern California championship.

Engaged

SAN FRANCISCO — The engagement of Miss Mari Okazaki of San Francisco to the Rev. Fred Fertig of Los Angeles was announced here last week.

Miss Okazaki is employed in social work at the International Institute.

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Three Nisei Artists to Exhibit Works at Chicago Art Institute

CHICAGO—The works of three members of the Chicago Gaka Club, Shinkichi Tajiri, Miyoko Ito and Natsuko Takehita, have been selected for the annual exhibit of the Chicago Art Institute. The exhibit is open to artists in Chicago and vicinity. This is the first time that three Nisei are represented. Paintings submitted for the show are passed upon by a group of three prominent Chicago artists.

The Guild members will also be represented at the Southside Community Art Center, 3831 South Logan Avenue, on June 6 at the annual collector's exhibit. Works from the collection of S. I. Hayakawa will be included. The show will be held from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Artists representing various international groups will be present. Guild members participating in the show will include the named above as well as Omoto and Nori Kenmotsu. Gaka Guild was recently mentioned in articles appearing in "Nisei View" and "Japanese Culture" magazine. Both magazines published in Chicago.

Two 190 Averages in Summer League

Tom Nakamura of the Star Coffee Shop team and Dr. Jun Kurumada, Okada Insurance, maintained over-190 averages in the JACL summer bowling league at the conclusion of this week's play.

In this week's play Star Coffee Shop held its lead by defeating Stevenson's 4-1, 2738 to 2500. Mike Nakamura rolled a 628 scratch series, including a 222 and 224 game, for Star Coffee. Kenny Arita's 566 was high for Stevenson's. Star Coffee has lost one game since the season started four weeks ago.

Okada cleaned Pacific Citizen 4-0, 2512 to 2736. Kurumada had a 615 series for Okada, 210, 192 and 213.

OK Cafe defeated Terashima Studio by another 4-0 count, 2640 to 2484. Doi's Cleaners took Glamour Photo 3-1, 2649 to 2587. Aloha Fountain defeated Temple Noodle 3-1, 2650 to 2568. Yuji Nakagama rolled a 602 series for Aloha.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Uyehara, 22 Edgemont Rd., Essington, Pa., a boy, Christopher Ken, on May 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tokuchi Imamoto a boy on May 13 in Auburn, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuki Tomita, Sunol, Calif., a boy, Hideo Kenneth, on May 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Higuchi a boy, James Norman, on May 10 in San Jose, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Beppu a girl on May 29 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Miyakawa, Parlier, Calif., a girl on May 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Kuroda a girl on May 25 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Watanabe, West Los Angeles, a boy on May 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Higashi a boy, Tomoyuki, on May 23 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dave M. Tatsuno, 1625 Buchanan St., San Francisco, a girl, Valerie Kazue, on May 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Hayashida, a boy in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Taro Okumura a boy in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kitano a boy, Randolph Jun, on June 1 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Sumida, Monterey, Calif., a girl on May 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Min Shinoda, San Lorenzo, Calif., a boy, Michael, on May 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Sakatani, Monrovia, Calif., twin girls on May 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kakutaro Inoue a girl, Yuki, in New York City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeru Iijima a girl, Lynne, in New York City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oyama a girl, Carrie Ann, in New York City.

DEATHS

Mrs. Shizue Ohmoto, 44, on June 1 in West Los Angeles.

Kazuo Kono on May 30 in San Gabriel, Calif.

Sokichi Miyagishima, 63, Layton, Utah, on May 31.

Mrs. Shizue Uchiyama, 37, George Uchiyama, 19, and Gary Uchiyama, 3, on May 27 in Edendale, Calif.

Tatsunosuke Horikawa on May 25 in Puente, Calif.

Kay Hirao, 36, on May 29 in San Leandro, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Yaeko Toyosaki to Masao Hayashi on May 23 in Los Angeles.

Teruko Hamakawa to Toshio Sumida on May 23 in Sacramento.

Hatsume Yamashiro to Eizo Inouye on May 16 in Chicago.

Asano Misaki to Reichi Hoshizaki in Chicago.

Midori Miura, Puente, to Dick Kazumi Nakatani, Norwalk, on May 29 in Los Angeles.

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Two Nisei Dance Stars Join New Party Political Campaign

By DYKE MIYAGAWA

NEW YORK—Sono Osato and Yuriko Amemiya—top billing stars on stage, political progressives off stage—are among the latest who have joined the New York Nisei for Wallace Committee.

The Wallace group acquired the glamor gloss when the two Japanese American gifts to the entertainment art world signed special pledge cards now being circulated in a membership drive.

Miss Osato is currently starring in Broadway in the role of "Cocaine Lil" in the Experimental Theater hit, "Ballet Ballads." Miss Amemiya is the West Coast girl who has won acclaim season after season as a member of Martha Graham's famed modern dance group.

The pledge cards signed by the two stars bear a picture of Henry A. Wallace and, under the heading, "Nisei for Wallace and Peace," an inscription reading:

"Proud of the place Japanese Americans have earned in the life of America, I join with Henry A. Wallace in his fight for peace and for a return to the Roosevelt program—for an uncompromising effort to end racial discrimination and want and to preserve our civil liberties."

Miss Osato, besides now belonging to the Nisei group, is one of the original members of the National Wallace for President Committee. The national committee, which launched the Wallace campaign, is composed of several hundred Americans prominent in the arts, sciences, professions and politics.

The Nisei Wallaceites also officially announced the formation of a branch in Los Angeles. The new party campaign there is led by Pacific war veteran Sakae Ishihara and newspaperwoman Mary Kitano.

The New York committee recently contributed fifty dollars to the national third party campaign fund at the Madison Square Garden rally where Wallace made public his "peace letter" to Stalin.

On top of a rousing hand from the rally crowd of 20,000, the Nisei donation drew from fund-raiser, radio commentator William B. Gailmor the query: "What, nothing for MacArthur?"

More recently, at a meeting of their own, the Gotham Nisei heard the case for Wallace presented by Dr. Charles Obermeier, former Columbia University professor, now director of education for the National Maritime Union, CIO.

Vice chairmen under Oshima are Dyke Miyagawa and Tooru Kanazawa, both ex-Seattleites. Miyagawa, until recently, was temporary chairman.

FUJITA BOWLS RECORD 289 ON SAN DIEGO ALLEY

SAN DIEGO—Jerry Fujita bowled what is believed to be the highest game hit by a Nisei in San Diego when he rolled 287 on May 20 in the San Diego JACL bowling league at Pacific Recreation.

Fujita also turned in a 626 series to win both high game and high series honors.

Fujita's game also was listed as the highest rolled in San Diego for the week by the San Diego Bowler, weekly bowling paper.

Graduation Dance

OGDEN, Utah — The Ogden JACL, Brigham PYP and the Syracuse YBA will honor their graduates at a semiformal dance Friday, June 11, at the Fourth ward hall in Ogden.

Bob Summers and his popular orchestra have been engaged for the evening.

Committeemen for the dance will be Esther Takahashi, invitations and program; Shig Hamada, hall; Shoji Watanabe, orchestra; Sam Hashimoto, Tommy Yamada, Tada Sato and Jake Koga, tickets; Sadie Tanaka and Lily Horii, favors for graduates; Terry Ochi, Mitzi Egusa and Charles Tsukamoto, decorations; Jack Oda, emcee; Haruko Enomoto, Eddie Enomoto, Jim Tateoka, Ken Uchida, refreshments; and Yoshi Sato, publicity.

The committee has announced that corsages will be banned. Admission will be \$2.50 per couple or stag.

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Utah Amvets Support Issei Citizen Rights

Committee Urges ABC to Drop Race Ban in Bowling

LOGAN, Utah — A resolution urging Congress to pass pending legislation to extend the right of naturalization of resident aliens of Japanese ancestry in the United States was unanimously approved by the resolutions committee of the Utah State convention of American Veterans of World War II (Amvets) and recommended to the convention for favorable action.

The committee, headed by Ken Uchida, Ogden, also unanimously approved a resolution calling on the American Bowling Congress to drop its discriminatory racial ban against Nisei and other non-Caucasians in bowling.

Other members of the Amvets resolutions committee are Al Pardini, Salt Lake City; George Torgeson, Logan; Kenneth Maughan, Wellsville; Douglas Miller, Bingham; Owen Litz, Trenton; Seth Allen, Richmond; and Boyd Sheffield, Brigham.

Clyde C. Patterson of Ogden is the retiring state commander of Amvets.

Hawaii Veterans Send Leis



ORCHIDS FROM HAWAII'S WAR VETERANS started a Honolulu-to-Washington flight Thursday night by Pan American plane to be made into a lei and placed in reverence and affection on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The boxes of orchids are to be woven by Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, wife of Hawaii's delegate to congress, into a huge lei for Memorial Day. Left to right: Naoji Yamagata of Club 100, representing the famed 100th infantry battalion; Herbert W. Yamamoto, Disabled American Veterans; James G. Needles, department commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Akira Fukunaga, 442nd Veterans club, representing the 442nd combat team.—Pan American Airways Photo.

Five Japanese Flown to U. S. As Kawakita Case Witnesses

Four Will Testify For Prosecution in L.A. Treason Trial

TOKYO — Five Japanese were scheduled to have left Tokyo this week aboard a Northwest Airlines plane bound for Los Angeles where they will testify in the treason trial of Tomoya Kawakita, 26-year old former resident of Calexico, Calif., who is charged with mistreatment of American prisoners of war while acting as an interpreter at a Japanese prison camp during the war.

Kawakita is charged with treason for his actions while being employed at a nickel mine in the Osaka area.

Shortly after the war ended, Kawakita reportedly falsified the record of his wartime behavior and returned to the United States from Japan as an American citizen. He was arrested in Los Angeles after a former prisoner of war recognized him in a department store.

Four of the Japanese who are being flown to the United States are prosecution witnesses. The other will testify for the defense.

It was believed that one of the primary issues at Kawakita's trial will be whether the defendant is a Japanese or American citizen. If found to be a Japanese he will be returned to Japan as a war crimes suspect.

The Kawakita trial, originally set for June 2, was postponed until June 15 when Defense Attorney Morris Lavine announced in Los Angeles that he had not received depositions for the defense which were taken in Japan.

Among the delayed depositions was one of Premier Tojo who is being questioned concerning the war status of the nickel mine at Oeyama, Japan, at which American prisoners of war were being worked.

Evidence for both the U. S. government and for Kawakita's defense counsel is now being accumulated in Japan by Bernard Shandler of New York City, now an attorney with the U. S. Eighth Army.

Shandler interrogated former Premier Tojo and present Attorney General Yoshio Suzuki to help determine Kawakita's citizenship.

Shandler said Tojo indicated Kawakita was subject to punishment during the war under the Japanese labor draft law if he refused to work at the mine which was considered a war industry.

Suzuki said Kawakita had entered his name in the Japanese family register which he described as an "official certificate that one has Japanese nationality."

TSUKAMOTO HURLED SHUTOUT AS TEAM WINS JC TITLE

SACRAMENTO—Jim Tsukamoto, sensational Sacramento southpaw, pitched his team to Northern California Junior College championship on May 29, shutting out San Mateo Junior college 10 on three hits.

Jiro Nakamura, top pitcher San Mateo, hurled for the loss.

Tsukamoto, who once struck 21 Placer college batsmen in 10 innings, fanned 10 San Mateo batters in the title contest.

Iseri Wins Swimming Event in Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif.—Tak Iseri, 19-year old swimming star from Sacramento's McClatchy high school, won the 100-meter breaststroke the fast time of 1:20.7 at the Stockton Swimming Association carnival on May 31.

Iseri, competing in the school division, broke the mark of 1:26.4s in the event. Iseri's own mark was eclipsed by Don Hester of Stanford who won the men's division race in 1:15.4s.

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Matsui Beaten By Trio in Denver

DENVER—Shusui Matsui, Nisei poet and writer, was badly beaten by two men and a woman last week after he had ordered them from the hotel which he operates.

He was seriously hurt and was taken to Denver General hospital in a police ambulance. He is now recuperating after being unconscious for 24 hours.

Two Nisei Swimmers Win for Fresno State

FRESNO, Calif.—Good performances by two Nisei swimmers aided Fresno State college's victory on May 26 over Visalia College in a dual swimming meet, 49 to 17, in the Fresno pool.

Akira Nishioka won the 50 yard free style in 26.3s. while Ted Inouye won the 100-yard stroke in 1:17.3s.

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