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Canadian Nisei Win Rights in British Columbia

Precedent Set When Votes Cast in School Plebiscite

GREENWOOD, B.C. — Marking steady progress in their fight to win equal rights as Canadian citizens, Canadians of Japanese origin have gained four new rights in recent weeks in British Columbia, the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association reported this week. The JCCA announced that the latest precedent to be set occurred when Japanese Canadians were permitted to vote for the first time in Greenwood in a school board plebiscite.

Japanese Canadians still are barred from voting in provincial elections in British Columbia but reports from Victoria indicated this week that the legislature next spring will be asked to extend the franchise to the Japanese Canadian group.

It was stated that the action could be based on the result of the new Dominion elections act which wipes out all discrimination against voting on racial grounds in Federal elections.

Other rights won by Japanese Canadians in recent weeks in British Columbia were listed as follows:

1. The right to employment on Crown timber lands.
2. The right to employment on public works undertakings.
3. The right to underground work in mines.

Funeral Rites Held for Coachella Pioneer

INDIO, Calif. — Funeral services were held on June 28 for Frank Sakemi, 69, who succumbed to a heart attack on June 23 at his Indian Heights home.

Mr. Sakemi was one of the pioneers in the development of the Coachella Valley, now one of the most valuable agricultural areas in the state. He came to the valley many years ago when it consisted of desert land. He was the first president of the original Farmers Association and of the Coachella Valley Farm Cooperative.

He was active in the old Japanese American Christian Church before the evacuation.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mura Sakemi, two sons, Harry and George, and three daughters, Rose and Lily Sakemi and Mrs. Alice Suski, all of Coachella Valley, and a brother, Kanjiro Sakemi of Milwaukee.

Japanese American Attorneys Enter Hawaii Public Service

HONOLULU — The rapid entry to public service by Nisei attorneys in Honolulu has been noteworthy of late.

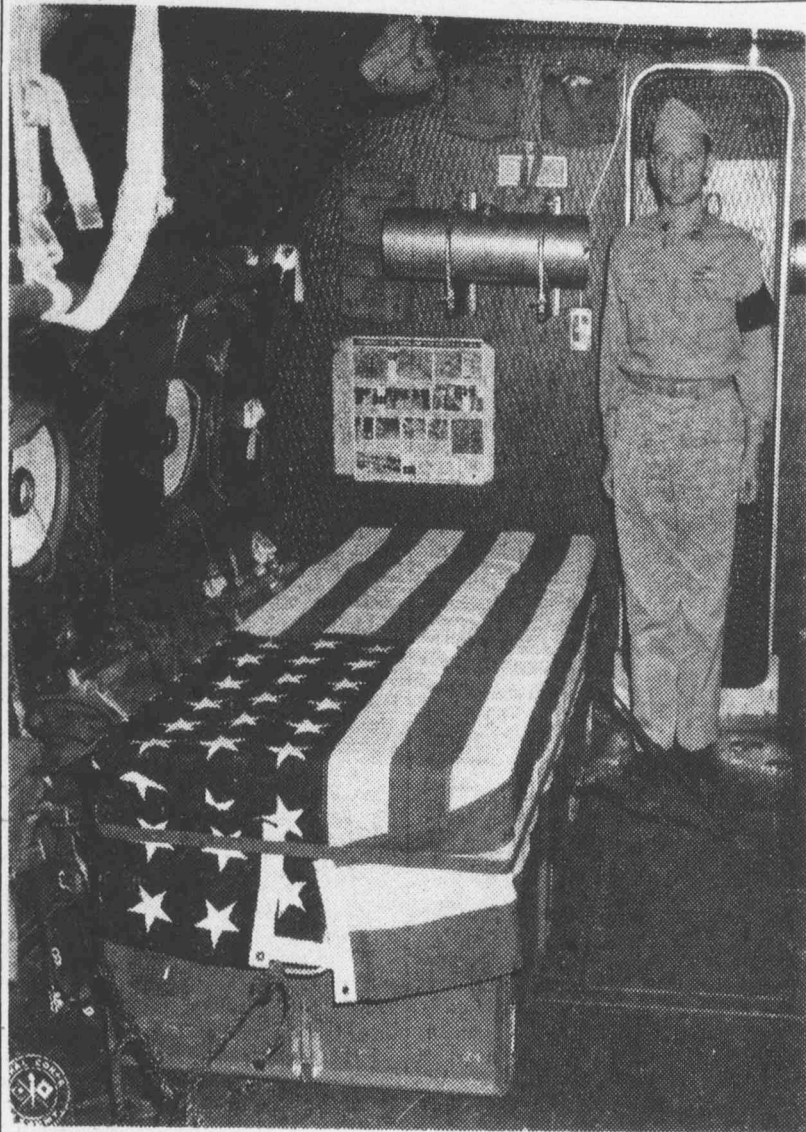
Ten lawyers of Japanese ancestry are in territorial and city-county service on this island. That probably is the largest number of that race ever represented in the government's legal departments locally.

Two are deputies in the territorial attorney general's office—Chiro Watanabe and Hideo Kenoyama.

Four are deputies in the city-county attorney's office. Thomas S. Kata, Suyeki Okumura, Charles Miguichi and Russell K. Kono comprise half of the eight attorneys.

Kono is the latest addition, having been appointed on June 22. A veteran of the India-Burma theater in World War 2, he received his law degree from the University of Michigan.

Four of the 10 assistant city-county prosecutors are of Japanese extraction. They are Taro



HICKAM FIELD, T. H. — Pictured aboard the 19th Troop Transport plane upon its arrival at Hickam Field, en route to Hilo, Hawaii, are the remains of Cpl. Noriyuki Masumoto who was killed by a German mine at Menton, France on Feb. 15, 1945. Escorting the remains of Cpl. Masumoto, whose remains are the first of a Japanese American soldier to be returned to Hawaii under the Army reburial program, is Tech. Sgt. Ronald L. Birchard. Sgt. Birchard delivered the remains to the next of kin, Hanichi Masumoto, father of the Nisei corporal, at 212 Kauailani St., Hilo. —U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.

Hawaii War Dead Honored As Body of Nisei GI Returned

HILO, T. H. — Hundreds lined the streets of this city and joined in a procession that paid tribute to a deceased Nisei soldier in a sad homecoming on June 8.

The body of Corporal Noriyuki Masumoto was returned from his European grave with

full military honors, for it was the first of the war dead to be returned home to Hawaii.

The flag-draped casket was flown to Hilo from Honolulu aboard an army transport plane and escorted in a procession through Hilo's main streets to a park where it lay under a canopy while dignitaries eulogized the war deeds of the soldier and all other soldiers of Hawaii who died in military service.

The event honored not only the memory of one Nisei hero but the 156 other Big Island men who gave their lives in World War II.

Hawaii's soldiers did not have to be called, they volunteered, eulogized Acting Governor Oren E. Long.

"They did not fight merely to prove their loyalty," he said. "They fought because in their hearts they loved America. They stood the test and added a new chapter to American heroism."

Other officials added their words of respect, then the Rev. Masao Yamada intoned benediction just as he did at the burial services for Corporal Masumoto in France after he was killed by a mine at Menton, on February 15, 1945.

Surrounded by Gold Star mothers and relatives of other war dead, members of Corporal Masumoto's family wept openly before the casket decorated with a magnificent white lei.

Brig. Gen. Fred W. Makinney, head of the Hawaii National Guard, and Capt. Peyton Harrison, USN, the governor's aide, marched in the procession, which was led by Col. Jack Conley, former executive officer of the 442nd, and his aide, Capt. Yoshio Yanagawa.

Corporal Masumoto's buddies of the 232nd combat engineers, were in attendance.

The soldier volunteered with the first AJAs five years ago.

President Truman Signs Bill Eliminating Race Bias from U. S. Deportation Procedures

Chief Executive Approves Measure Despite Objections of Certain Immigrant Welfare Groups to Provision for Approval by Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Truman signed on July 1 the deportation stay bill, HR 3566, which places Japanese aliens for the first time on an equal basis as Europeans in receiving the benefits of the law providing for stay of deportation.

The bill, passed in the final week of the congressional session, amends section 19c of the 1917 Immigration Act.

The bill will provide immediate stays of deportation for 400 Japanese aliens and will affect at least 1500 American citizen children and spouses of the Japanese aliens.

President Truman signed the measure despite the opposition of certain immigrant welfare groups to one section of the bill which requires affirmative congressional approval for cases of suspension of deportation approved by the Attorney General. The present law provided that the suspension would stand unless disapproved by Congress.

The President had until July 2 to sign the bill whereafter it would have been "pocket vetoed."

Backing up the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee's fight for the deportation stay measure, the American Civil Liberties Union this week urged the President to sign the bill, pointing out that whatever drawbacks the proposed change may have do not outweigh the advantages gained.

The ACLU's letter to President Truman said:

"We believe that clemency should be exercised without regard for race, creed or color. This bill would place all persons on an equal basis for receiving benefits provided by law. The purpose and spirit of the bill are similar to your own civil rights proposals, and therefore merit your approval."

"We are reluctant to believe that Congress would be less fair than the Attorney General in exercising suspension powers," the ACLU statement added. "Furthermore, if this bill is vetoed, the result may very well be the wholesale deportation of persons in fact benefited by it."

The ACLU statement was signed by Dr. John Haynes Holmes, Arthur Garfield Hays, Roger Baldwin and Edward J. Ennis.

The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced that "it is noteworthy that the ACLU has been consistently in support of this bill."

The bill was passed and signed largely through the efforts of Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee. The measure was stymied time and time again until its final passage during the last week of the session and, for a time, it appeared that President Truman would veto the bill. The bill was passed by the House on July 7, 1947 and passed the Senate with amendments on May 10, 1948. The Senate amendments resulted in such radical changes in the proposal that the House agreed to a conference to which the Senate agreed on May 17.

House conferees "reluctantly" agreed to the Senate amendments, which called for affirmative Congressional action on stays of deportation granted by the Attorney General, following appeals by Masaoka and others who were most concerned with that section of the bill eliminating discriminatory restrictions affecting Japanese and other "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

The bill was finally approved by Congress on June 18.

The bill only extends the suspension of deportation of aliens whose stays of deportation have been approved by the Attorney General until the next session of Congress. Under the new provisions Congress must confirm or deny each deportation case.

DAMAGE SUITS EXPECTED IN O'CONNOR BLAST

LOS ANGELES — Claims by heirs of two Nisei girls and five other persons killed in the O'Connor electroplating plant explosion of Feb. 20, 1947 are expected to be filed shortly following the announcement last week by Superior Court Judge Henry M. Willis that all claims must be submitted within four months to the corporation's attorney, Alfred W. Arrington.

Akiko Otomo, 22, and Alice Shimeta Iba, 22, both employees of the O'Connor firm were instantly killed in the blast. Miss Iba's body was never found.

Among the more than 50 persons who were injured were Yoshiko Lynn Watanabe, Yeshi Kadota, Tatsuye Harada and Mrs. Fusako Shibuya, employees of the electroplating company.

Clark Considers Case Against Tokyo Rose

Decision Expected Whether Government Will Initiate Trial

WASHINGTON — The government is expected to decide soon whether Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, identified as the "Tokyo Rose" of Radio Tokyo, will be returned to the United States to stand trial on treason charges.

It was reported that Attorney General Tom Clark now is studying evidence in the case against Mrs. D'Aquino, a native of California.

It was believed government lawyers were divided on whether the evidence in the case would stand up in court.

Japanese American Among Victims of Champagne Bandits

SACRAMENTO — Kiiaki Iwaki, an employee at a Sacramento bar, was one of six persons who were victimized by three champagne drinking gunmen on June 27.

Iwaki and Martin Kalana, a co-worker, were beaten and forced to drink champagne and wine until they became unconscious. The three bandits also amused themselves by cutting off the hair of Iwaki and Kalana with a pair of shears.

The holdup men also beat up four other men and forced them to drink liquor.

The brazen trio escaped with \$326 in cash after terrorizing the employees of the restaurant and bar.

35 Nisei Graduate From Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS — Thirty-five Nisei were among the 3320 students who were graduated from the University of Minnesota on June 12.

Three of the 35 Nisei, Haruo Murokishi, Kenneth Tsuboi and Akira Asano, were awarded master's degrees.

Government Witnesses Testify On Acts of Brutality Charged To Prison Camp Interpreter

Defense Testimony Declares Kawakita "Frozen" in Job

LOS ANGELES—A government witness testified on July 1 in the third week of the Tomoya Kawakita trial that he once saw the California born Japanese attack Einar A. Latvala of Hibbing, Minn., after the latter was brought in as a straggler from a wood-carrying detail at the Oeyama camp for American prisoners of war.

Previous testimony had established that Kawakita was employed at Oeyama as an interpreter.

Kawakita is charged with treason by the government for alleged brutality and mistreatment of war prisoners.

Morton Feinberg of Philadelphia testified that Kawakita knocked Latvala into the snow on New Year's day of 1945 and left him lying there unconscious.

"That was the last I ever saw Latvala alive," Feinberg said.

The indictment against Kawakita includes the charge that Latvala had asked permission to report to the medical officer because of illness, was refused and beaten, and died shortly afterward.

Kawakita, who has contended that he cannot be tried for treason because he forsook his American nationality while in Japan, also was pictured on July 1 as having boasted he would be a "big shot" after Japan won the war.

Master Sgt. William Gage of East St. Louis, Ill., told a conversation with Kawakita in which the latter allegedly told prisoners that "the war will last 20 years and Japan will win it."

Gage also supported earlier testimony that J. C. Grant of Clarksville, Ga., had been beaten by Kawakita.

Meanwhile, Defense Counsel Morris Lavine introduced testimony in Federal Judge William C. Mathes' court which purports to show that Tomoya Kawakita was "frozen" in his job as interpreter at the Oeyama camp.

The defense introduced a witness Satoru Mori, former member of the Japanese Diet and president of Nippon Metallurgical Industries Co., who was permitted to appear out of order to expedite his return to Japan.

Mori testified through an interpreter that his concern operated the mine and smelter where American survivors of Bataan and Corregido worked as laborers. His testimony included the assertion that Kawakita was "frozen" on his job as an interpreter because of a wartime law.

Mori was followed to the stand on June 28 by another former prisoner, Albert M. Ennis, now an insurance salesman of Mobile, Ala., who corroborated earlier accounts of an incident in which Kawakita allegedly took part when three American prisoners were beaten and pushed into the camp cesspool.

Ennis also said he saw Kawakita knock John Armellino of Brooklyn to his knees when the prisoner complained he was too weak to carry two buckets of paint from the camp warehouse.

"The first time I remember talking with Kawakita," Ennis recalled, "was when they were building a new factory and I asked him if it was going to be another nickel refinery. He said no, it was going to be a dime refinery."

Previously, on June 24, former Pvt. David R. Carrier, the first alleged victim of brutality to appear at the trial, testified that Kawakita often commanded him to wash his muddy boots. Carrier declared he saw Kawakita strike J. C. Grant.

Acknowledging his personal hatred of the defendant, Marcus Real of Santa Fe, N.M., a former national guardsman, testified that Kawakita was responsible for repeated assaults on Americans at Oeyama.

Real charged he was hit on the head by Kawakita.

As the trial entered its third week, the government announced it was prepared to call 50 additional witnesses to testify regarding mistreatment at Oeyama.

Intermountain Chapters Pledge Continued Support for ADC

Vote Appreciation For Truman's Civil Rights Program

MACK'S INN, Ida. — Continued financial and moral support for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee's legislative program was pledged by delegates to the Intermountain district council at Mack's Inn, lower West Yellowstone, on June 26th. Ken Uchida, chairman, presided.

Meeting in the "Little Church in the Pines" in this resort, IDC delegates pointed out the need for passage of the Issei naturalization bill and voted their wholehearted support until time of its passage.

The body also voted to send President Harry S. Truman a letter of appreciation for his position in civil rights, as exemplified in his civil rights recommendations to Congress, and for his cooperation in passage of the evacuation claims bill.

Bob Mukai of Ogden was winner in an oratorical contest held in conjunction with the meeting. His subject was "The Wall." Mukai declared that the wall of prejudice and ignorance must be torn down, and replaced, brick by brick, with truth and justice. Mukai will now compete in the September oratorical contest in Salt Lake City as the IDC representative.

Second place was won by Tets Okada of Salt Lake City, who spoke on civil liberties of minority groups. Uki Shiba, also of Salt Lake City, Jay Tashima of Mt. Olympus and Julius Numata of the Snake River JACL received honorable mention.

The speeches will be reprinted for further circulation. Judges were Elmer R. Smith, chairman, Hito Okada, Masao Satow, Bill Yamauchi and Kiyo Morimoto.

In special resolutions passed at the evening session of the meeting, Mike Masaoka, ADC legislative director, and his Washington staff were commended for their "outstanding work" in recent legal and legislative triumphs of the

ADC. The resolution was to be supplemented by a special letter sent directly to Masaoka and signed by all delegates.

The council voted to make inquiry into the possibility of retention of national JACL headquarters in Salt Lake City after the 10th biennial meeting in September. A committee will investigate the possibility of making a bid on this matter.

The Pacific Citizen, official organ of the JACL, was commended for its work.

Resolutions were offered by Bill Yamauchi of Pocatello, third national vice president.

In chapter reports presented at the morning session, it was indicated that all local chapters have increased their participation in civic and community activities. Among local activities noted were participation in local fund drives for hospitals and other worthy causes, contributions to victims of the Columbia river flood, sponsoring of sports programs and honoring of local graduates.

Tom Hoshiyama of Salt Lake City was named chairman of the 1949 nominating committee. He will be assisted by Jim Watanabe of Snake River and Sud Morishita of Idaho Falls.

Pocatello was named the site of the next IDC meeting, to be held in December.

Hito Okada, national president, and Masao Satow, national secretary, reported on the ADC and on JACL affairs.

George Mochizuki, chairman of the national youth contest, was awarded a "beauty authority" badge prepared by Fred Ochi, president of the Idaho Falls JACL and commercial artist.

The meeting was attended by delegates from all the member chapters, as well as by a number of booster delegates. Several carloads of booster delegates arrived from Salt Lake City. Many of the visitors spent the second day sightseeing in Yellowstone park

Congressman Lauds Masaoka During Debate in House

By TOSUKE YAMASAKI

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Approximately one month ago during a bitter and acrimonious debate on the floor of the House of Representatives, a Congressman delivered a sincere tribute to one Japanese American, in particular, and other members of his race, in general, such as has never before been given under like circumstances.

The Nisei who received the honors was Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee. The man who made the appropriation was Representative Frank Fellows, Republican of Maine, who has gained an outstanding reputation in this country and in Western Europe as the benevolent author of the Fellows displaced persons bill.

Congressman Fellows' laudatory remarks on Mike came as a fitting conclusion to a 35-minute speech he gave on the House floor on June 10 in support of the humanitarian principles of an adequate displaced persons program. His speech was greeted with a thunderous applause which flowed across party lines. What he said of Mike, his family, and his fellow Nisei was significant. But more so was the fact that for the first time in history, a Japanese American, his loyalty and his creed, his deeds and his accomplishments, were held up in Congress as examples for other Americans to emulate.

What was particularly gratifying to Mike and the Washington JACL ADC office was not the personal homage rendered him, but the evidence that the Nisei finally are recognized as having come of age; that they have won a place in America's history and in the hearts of the American people—a place which they aim to keep. The oratory in Congress and the attention which Congressmen have given to JACL-sponsored legislation in the past few weeks is the strongest testimony of that.

It was no accident that in his plea for a liberal and generous DP bill, Representative Fellows espoused the cause of the Nisei. His frequent contacts with Mike and the JACL ADC organization and all it stands for, the outstanding record of the Nisei soldiers in both the European and Pacific theaters of war in World War II—all of these factors had smashed whatever doubts he might have had about immigrants.

In his tribute to the Nisei, Representative Fellows admitted in his House speech that he "might be termed a conservative, perhaps, a reactionary, in my thinking so far as admission to this country for residence or naturalization is concerned. I would not be called a liberal."

Yet in the months since he became chairman of the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization he has come to know the record of the Japanese Americans and their alien parents. Moreover, he is fascinated and impressed by the wartime behavior of these Americans of Japanese ancestry and undoubtedly it has strengthened his belief that race and ancestry cannot be considered any longer as justifiable bars to Americanism and citizenship.

Representative Fellows made a sharp contrast between the loyalty of white fellow travelers and those of Japanese ancestry. And we quote his speech in part as follows: "We want no part of qualified allegiance. We have no graduations of citizenship. Why should we have grades or degrees of allegiance?"

"Whenever these matters are under discussion there immediately came to my mind the histories of two native-born white Americans; one first saw the light of day in Massachusetts, the other in Kansas. Each has acted as chairman of the Communist Party. According to House Report No.

and fishing in Idaho and Wyoming.

Official delegates were as follows: Joe Saito, Jim Watanabe, Snake River; Fred Ochi, Sam Sakaguchi, Idaho Falls; George Mochizuki, Alice Kasai, Salt Lake City; Ken Uchida, Ogden; Hiro Miyazaki, Haruo Yamasaki, Yellowstone; Bill Yamauchi, Kiyo Morimoto, Pocatello; and Jay Tashima, Mt. Olympus.

Alice Kasai was secretary for the meeting.

209 it was Kansas-born Earl Browder who read to 2,000 applicants for Communist Party membership in the New York district in 1935 the following solemn pledge: 'I pledge myself to rally the masses to defend the Soviet Union, the land of victorious socialism.'

"On the other side of the picture I see what was to me pleasantly surprising, as it may be to you.

"Before the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization frequently appears what we would term a Japanese American, although I dislike cataloguing any group as hyphenated Americans. This young man, one of five boys in a large family born in Utah to Japanese parents, with each of his brothers, was the recipient of a Purple Heart. They were members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which saw desperate fighting in Italy.

"Immediately after Pearl Harbor, the property in the West owned by this family was taken, and the mother was interned behind barbed wire. Notwithstanding this, the mother encouraged her sons in their desire to enlist, which all five did. One boy was killed in action. One is still in the hospital. All were wounded.

"They were but five of 33,300 sons of Japanese parents who served in the United States armed services during the Second World War—part in the Pacific and part in Europe. Thirty-one thousand saw overseas service. They were a much decorated group."

Winding up his speech, Representative Fellows then read the Japanese American Creed, written by Mike Masaoka, and declared, "it is one we might well adopt ourselves, except for the first sentence." The first sentence begins: "I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this Nation." After reading the creed with great emphasis and deliberation, he closed dramatically: "He is Japanese American."

Two days earlier during a Senate debate on the question of segregation in the draft, the fighting ability of the Nisei soldier was also cited. Senator Richard B. Russell, Democrat of Georgia, in upholding segregation turned to the record of the Japanese American team as an illustration "to show the specious falsity of the argument" that there is any difficulty in the administration of segregated units.

While the brilliant combat record of the Nisei was used by the Senator from Georgia to put over his point, it is significant that Congressmen today are well aware of the contributions which Japanese Americans made to the war effort and of their outstanding loyalty and faith in this country.

Masaoka May Practice Before Immigration Appeals Board

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week that Mike Masaoka has been granted special permission to practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Justice Department on cases concerning Japanese aliens.

Special dispensation was given to Mr. Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL ADC, by Thomas G. Finucane, chairman of the Immigration Board, in recognition of the JACL's outstanding service to the Japanese residents of this country on immigration and naturalization matters. Mr. Masaoka is believed to be first person so honored. Those permitted to practice before the board must be qualified attorneys or social workers engaged in immigration and naturalization problems.

Members of the Immigration Appeals Board besides Mr. Finucane include Robert M. Charles, Leigh L. Nettleton, Robert E. Ludwig, and Lawrence P. Sherfy.

The Washington office also announced that Mr. Masaoka, Robert M. Cullum and Edward J. Ennis, respectively executive secretary and chairman of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization, will attend hearings which the Senate Subcommittee to investi-

Funeral Rites Held for Top U. S. Buddhist

43 Priests Take Part In Final Rites for Bishop Matsukage

SAN FRANCISCO — Funeral services were held here on June 29 for Archbishop Ryotai Matsukage, head of the Buddhist churches in America, who died in Los Angeles on June 21 at the age of 81.

His body, covered with a brown and gold ceremonial robe, lay before the shrine of the Hongwanji Buddhist mission, 1881 Pine street. Forty-three priests from as far away as Cleveland flanked the shrine.

The casket was carried out of the mission by eight members of the board of directors of the Buddhist Churches of America.

Cremation was at the Cypress Lawn cemetery. Archbishop Matsukage's ashes were mixed with those of his wife, Isao, who died in 1944 at the Topaz, Utah, war relocation center.

The ashes of the two were divided among three urns. One will be sent to the archbishop's home temple of Renko-ji in Hiroshima; another will go to the Hongwanji temple in Kyoto, while the third will remain at Cypress Lawn.

Funeral Rites Held For John Narimatsu

DINUBA, Calif. — Funeral services were to be held here June 26 for Corp. John T. Narimatsu, who was killed in France, November 1, 1944.

The Rev. Z. Kawasaki conducted the services at 9 a. m. in the Dinuba Buddhist church.

Narimatsu was born in Dinuba, Feb. 23, 1919. He entered the army in February, 1941, and was stationed at Fort Ord, Monterey; Fort Douglas, Utah; Fort Riley, Kan.; Camp Crowder, Mo.; and Fort McClellan, Ala. He went overseas August, 1944.

He participated in the rescue of the "lost battalion" in France and was killed three days later by a sniper's bullet, which struck him in the abdomen. He died enroute to a field hospital.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. K. Terakawa; a brother, Tom Narimatsu, Dinuba; and the following sisters: Rose and Mary Narimatsu, Dinuba; Mrs. Susie Nakashima, Los Angeles; Mrs. Rika Suzuki, Kingsburg; and Mrs. Miko Miyamoto, Dinuba.

Soji Mita Passes

SEABROOK, N.J. — Soji Mita, formerly of Vacaville, Calif., passed away at Seabrook on June 22.

Funeral services were held on June 23, with cremation at Wilmington, Del.

He is survived by his wife and son.

Dance Practice Set For Golden Jubilee

SAN FRANCISCO — Each chapter participating in the Golden Jubilee Bon Odori is asked to send at least one representative to an odori practice July 1, Sunday, at 1 p. m. at the Buddhist church of San Francisco.

These representatives are to teach their respective chapters dances to be used in the jubilee.

Nisei Inspects Japanese Trade Goods



Mrs. Grace Sciuto, left, and Mrs. Marian Tilton look over the exhibits of silk, rayon and wool materials brought from Occupied Japan for exhibit at the recent International Textile exhibition at the Grand Central Palace in New York. Mrs. Sciuto, a former Detroit Nisei who married a

U. S. soldier in Japan, acts as an interpreter. She formerly worked for U. S. Army GHQ in Tokyo and is at present raising mink in Nashua, New Hampshire. Mrs. Tilton, the official SCAP representative, brought the exhibit from Japan. —Photo by Toge Fujihira, New York City.

Tanabe Resigns JACL Post in Pacific Southwest Area

Ishikawa Will Take Over Los Angeles JACL ADC Office

The resignation of Eiji Tanabe as Pacific southwest director for the JACL ADC was announced with regret this week by Masao Satow, national secretary.

Tanabe's resignation became effective on June 30, but he will serve on a part-time basis until July 15.

Sam Ishikawa of the New York office will be shifted to Los Angeles, where he will serve as director until September of this year, when a permanent staff representative for the Pacific Southwest area will be named.

Tanabe joined the JACL staff early in 1946. He was especially effective in interpreting the JACL program to Issei and has made numerous appearances before Issei groups.

Later he made a tour of the east and midwest with Masao Satow and aided in the formation of most of the chapters in these areas.

In 1946 he succeeded Scotty Tsuchiya in the Southern California office to permit Tsuchiya to devote all time to the national fund drive for the JACL.

Tanabe was presented with a civic award by the Los Angeles Council for Civic Unity in 1947 in recognition of his work in community activities and race relations.

Tanabe's "invaluable service to the organization and the people" was noted by Hito Okada, national JACL president, who said that Tanabe dealt effectively with many of the problems of adjustment faced by evacuees.

President Okada further announced that the retiring regional director has accepted chairmanship of the JACL national committee Issei relations.

Working with him on this committee will be Ken Sato and Ed Matsuda of Denver; Edwin Matsumura, San Benito County JACL; George Inagaki, Venice, Calif.; Ken Otani and Jim Kamei, St. Louis; Rotu Ikeda and Mrs. Josie Ikeda, Seabrook; Manabu Yamada, Yuba Valley; Jon Kubota, Tulare County; Tom Kadamoto, Arizona; Ken Terashima, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Yurino Starr, New York City; Roy Mizukami, Los Angeles; Roy Nakatani, Ogden; and Masuji Iijima, Eastbay chapter.

Army Sergeant Ordained Baptist Minister in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Sgt. Masao Hironaka, now stationed at the Monterey Presidio with army intelligence, was ordained a Baptist minister on June 23 at the First Baptist church.

Next week, the Rev. Masao Hironaka, still an Army sergeant for eight more months, will be sent by the Army to Japan as an interpreter. It is his intention to remain there after his release from service and seek a church of his own in Japan.

The Rev. Hironaka is a native of Oakland, a member of the First Baptist church for eleven years, and studied two years in the Swedish Baptist seminary at St. Paul, Minn., and three years at Northwestern Seminary, Minneapolis, in preparation for the ministry.

Jobu Yasumura Ordained at New York Rites

NEW YORK—Jobu Yasumura, a member of the staff of the American Baptist Home Mission Society since 1944, was ordained to the Christian ministry recently in the chapel of Riverside church.

Born in Tokyo in 1903, Mr. Yasumura came to the United States at the age of 4. In 1925 he was graduated from Washington State and three years later was graduated from the Hartford, Conn., Theological Seminary. For several years he served as boys work secretary at the Seaman's House branch of the New York YMCA.

Nisei Veteran Wins Prize for Painting

LOS ANGELES—Neil Fujita recently was awarded first prize in the National Veterans art exhibit for his entry, "The Flight."

Fujita's water color was a study of the Angel's Flight cable car line in downtown Los Angeles.

Fujita was at the Heart Mountain relocation center during the war.

Okinawa Students Will Get Chance To Study in U.S.

HONOLULU — Through the Okinawa Relief & Rehabilitation Foundation, Inc., of Honolulu, five students from Okinawa will soon have the chance to study in mainland American schools.

The Okinawa Foundation is providing scholarships and the Far East Command headquarters in Tokyo is arranging for their entry into the United States.

They will pass through Honolulu soon but their date of arrival is not definite at this time. They will then continue to their respective colleges and universities.

Seiyei Wakukawa, executive secretary of the Okinawa Foundation, left in May to arrange for the registration of the students in the universities. The schools they will enter have not been announced yet.

Two of the five will be graduate students. They are Bunichi Shimabukuro, 40, of Maehara district, Okinawa and Hiroshi Senaga, 26, of Shimajira. Mr. Shimabukuro has held several teaching positions and is now assistant instructor of the Okinawa Teachers Training School.

Mr. Senaga was graduated from the Yokohama Technical College in mechanical engineering and from the Tohoku Imperial University in the science department. He has been an employee in various sections and departments of the Okinawan civilian administration, and at present is in the industry section of the economic department.

Undergraduate students are Tashitsune Hayama, 25, Itoman district; Ryokan Igei, 21, of Ginoza-chiku, and Fumio Nagamine, 21, of Ishikawa. Each has served as an interpreter and language instructor for the occupation forces.

The five students were selected by a committee of representatives of Okinawan Civilian Administration and the Military government.

Announcement

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Dr. Sumao T. Nakano, graduate of Northern Illinois College of Optometry announces the opening of his practice at the Wilmac building, Suite 201, in Minneapolis.

Dr. Nakano attended Denver university prior to entering optometry school. He is formerly of Petaluma, Calif.

San Francisco JACL Declares Slum Clearance Project Does Not Protect Race Minorities

Urban Redevelopment Program Will Affect Large Area Now Housing Thousands of Nisei; Protest Sent to Board of Supervisors

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco's plan to replace slum dwellings in the western addition has been protested by the Japanese American Citizens League on grounds it does not protect minority groups and low-income groups.

The slum clearance project would be carried out under the urban redevelopment act and would affect a large area now housing thousands of persons of Japanese, Negro, and other minority descent.

Stranded Nisei Plans Citizenship Plea in Court

Etsuko Arikawa Arrives for Trial Aboard Gen. Gordon

SAN FRANCISCO—Etsuko Arikawa, 22, who is being permitted to return to the United States under a Federal court order permitting her appearance at hearings on her attempt to reestablish her American citizenship, arrived in San Francisco on June 30 on the General Gordon from Japan.

Miss Arikawa will go to Los Angeles where her case has been filed in Federal court.

Her return to America was permitted under a provision in the Nationality Act of 1940 which permits American-born persons who have forfeited their citizenship to come to the United States to testify in trials to establish their citizen rights.

Miss Arikawa reportedly lost her American citizenship by voting in the 1946 Japanese elections.

Dr. Sutow to Leave For Work Among Victims of Atom Blast

DENVER—Dr. Wataru Sutow, formerly of Salt Lake City, will leave for Japan on July 8 to engage in pediatric studies among atom bomb victims of Hiroshima as part of a U. S. government medical project.

Dr. Sutow recently left Denver after completing preliminary work at the University of Colorado medical school.

Five Persons Sue On Soya Sauce Poisoning Charge

FRESNO, Calif.—Five Japanese Americans, charging that they were taken violently ill in June, 1947 through consumption of tainted soya sauce, last week filed a damage suit for \$24,600 against the A. E. Staley company of Decatur, Ill., and Tom Kamikawa, Fresno retail merchant.

The plaintiffs are Edward Hideo Tsukimura, S. Taguchi and Tom, San and Yoshitaro Taniguchi, all farm workers.

Alien Registration, Contraband Claims Bills Fail of Passage

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week that among the numerous bills which failed of passage in the 80th Congress were the alien registration measure, S. 2432, and the Siamese naturalization and immigration bill, H. R. 5310.

The alien registration bill, as passed by the Senate, would have required the more than 85,000 Japanese aliens in the United States and Hawaii, to register their whereabouts to the Justice Department twice a year. The House Judiciary Committee amended the bill to require registration once a year, beginning in January, 1949. The bill did not get to the House floor.

The Siamese naturalization bill was passed by the House and also by the Senate Judiciary Committee, but it was scuttled during the closing hours of Congress when a

The JACL, writing to the San Francisco board of supervisors on June 24, said that the organization believes in redevelopment and knows that "it is needed right now." It added, however, that the redevelopment act does not contain provisions necessary for the protection of people now residing in the designated area.

The JACL said that "a protest must be made now since later may be too late and ineffective."

The Nisei group asked that the following provisions be included in the redevelopment plans:

1. Provision for non-segregation and non-discrimination of people who will occupy the new dwellings.
2. Provision for the construction of permanent, low cost housing to take care of the people who will be unable to meet the rentals of the new construction.
3. Provision that the people displaced from the area be given first priority in moving into the newly built units if they are able to meet the rental price.

4. Agreement that the small businessmen and professional people now in the area be given first priority in establishing themselves in the commercial area of the new buildings.

5. Full protection for property owners in the area in selling their buildings and provision that fair and equal opportunity be given them, as individuals or in groups, to participate in the construction of the new units if they are financially able to do so.

The letter was signed by Yukio Wada, JACL president.

Intergroup Relations Will Be Discussed At Stockton Affair

STOCKTON, Calif. — Emphasizing techniques in intergroup relations, the Intercultural Relations Institute of the College of the Pacific will be held on July 16 and 17.

Dr. Louis Wirth, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago and president of the American Council on Race Relations, will be the main speaker at the Friday evening session.

Speakers at the Saturday sessions will include: William Jack Stone, director of the intercultural project in the San Diego city schools, education; Roger Deas, executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews in San Francisco, community organization; Buell Gallagher, Pacific School of Religion, church relations; and Harry Kingman, former West Coast FEPC director, employment.

single objection was raised on the Senate floor to consideration of the measure. A piecemeal immigration bill, its passage would have lifted the Siamese out of the exclusion category and placed them on the same basis as Chinese, Filipinos and East Indians as to their eligibility for immigration and naturalization.

The Washington JACL ADC office also reported that S. 29, the Senate-approved contraband articles claims bill, failed of passage when the House Judiciary Committee during the last week of the session refused to consider the measure. Unless Congress is called back into session either by President Truman or top GOP policy men, this bill is dead. The JACL, however, hopes to have this legislation re-introduced in the next session since the principles of this bill are the same as those behind H. R. 3999, which was approved unanimously by both House and Congress.

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EDITORIALS:

Housing for Minorities

The Western Addition in San Francisco contains some of the oldest buildings in the city. Lying across Van Ness from the business district, it escaped the 1906 fire, which leveled much of the city and necessitated a mammoth rebuilding program. Most of the Western Addition was built up before the city instituted zoning laws, and it has thus grown up a mixture of homes and factories, apartment houses and businesses, reconverted flats, boarding houses and crowded rooming houses. The blocks are lined with alleys, which permit the development of additional housing and commercial units in areas which should be designated as living areas and playground areas for the inhabitants on the block. The buildings crowd together, and the population therein is jammed tight into one of the oldest, darkest slum areas of the city.

The city now proposes to tear down one section of this blighted area, from Franklin to Webster st., and from Geary to McAllister. It plans to replace these wornout buildings with 33 mammoth apartment houses, each 10 stories high. Each building is to be allotted a sufficient amount of ground to provide lawns and playgrounds.

This is a slum clearance project which should, generally speaking, elicit only praise and support from all persons living in the area and from everyone interested in civic welfare.

The San Francisco JACL, however, has pointed out that this plan for beautification and improvement has not been sufficiently bulwarked by protective measures for the people who would have to move out of this area to permit its reconstruction.

Thousands of persons in this area are of Japanese, Negro and other minority ancestry. Yet the act under which the reconstruction would take place has no provision for non-discrimination. There is no protection for the Nisei who would have to vacate his home in this neighborhood. The minority group member, hampered in almost every other area by restrictive housing covenants, would find it difficult to relocate himself temporarily while the project was being completed. He must be assured at least that upon completion of the project, he will be given priority in moving into an apartment in the rebuilt area. The redevelopment act provides for the purchase of the slum-condemned property by the state for redevelopment by private firms. If real estate interests, then, are given a free hand in the rental of these units, they may try to restrict occupancy on the basis of race, as they have in other areas.

The JACL also points out that low cost housing units must be made available for those persons who cannot afford the rental to be set upon the regular units. It must be understood that this entire area is a low-cost housing area peopled in the main by persons of low income groups. Such families cannot afford higher rentals than they now pay, despite the added advantages of good, modern housing with adequate play facilities for their children and other advantages evident in the redevelopment plan.

The San Francisco JACL has pointed out that it is completely cognizant of the need for better housing in the Western Addition. But it has wisely suggested safeguards to protect the welfare of the thousands of the people now in the area, lest these many thousands find themselves forced, by the advent of modern housing, into conditions even worse than those they now must endure.

On Segregated Units

During the debate in the Senate on racial segregation in the draft, Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia rose to pay tribute to the star-spangled combat record of the Japanese American Combat Team in a speech which sought to defend the army's organization of Jim Crow units.

Senator Russell's speech was a splendid tribute to the Nisei GI but the senator from Georgia misrepresented the spirit and purpose of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in attempting to use its record to justify the principle of racial segregation. The 442nd RCT was organized as an instrument for Japanese Americans in their fight against race prejudice and social discrimination. The Japanese American unit was a weapon against race segregation, which is the final and ultimate form of discrimination.

It should be noted that, although the Japanese American Combat Team constituted a form of segregation, Japanese Americans in other branches of army service were not segregated. It is unfortunate that the ideals and combat record of this specialized fighting outfit have been utilized in Senate debate to uphold the maintenance of a Jim Crow army.

It also should be noted, for the record, that the 442nd Combat Team has been activated as a part of the organized reserve in the Territory of Hawaii and that the 442nd RCT today is a non-segregated force.

MINORITY WEEK

Adopt a Center

What do you do with yesterday's newspaper, last month's magazine? If you merely accumulate newspapers and magazines until they're thrown out with the garbage, you might consider a new project designed to win friends and influence people for the United States.

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Bookshelf

Story of the Negro. By Arna Bontemps. 239 pp. Alfred A. Knopf. \$3. New York City.

For the younger reader, this book by the Fisk university librarian provides stories of the contributions of Negroes to the making of history.

Prejudice and Property. By Tom C. Clark and Philip B. Perlman. Washington, D. C. Public Affairs Press. \$2.

"Prejudice and Property" is the Supreme court brief submitted by Attorney General Clark on the matter of racially restrictive covenants. The brief is a historic landmark in the history of social progress.

The Negro in America by Arnold Rose, a Condensed Edition of An American Dilemma, by Gunnar Myrdal. Harper & Brothers. \$3.75.

Gunnar Myrdal's classic study, *An American Dilemma*, is now presented in condensed version by one of the collaborators on the earlier book. Vital reading for a country and an age that is looking for the highest precepts of democracy.

How to Handle a Bigot

If you talk back to a racebaiter, you're handling him in the right way.

That's the word from the American Jewish Congress' commission on community interrelations, which recently concluded a scientific study of bigotry.

Here are the figures: the racebaiter shouting off in public causes his listeners to shift their opinions 14 per cent in favor of his bias; if he is answered, the shift is less or nothing; and if he is put in his place, the bias is counteracted by 6 per cent.

So, if you ever run up against a racebaiter in public, don't think that being meek and mild is the best way to handle him. The public sometimes like best the guy who can take it, but dish it out, too.

Petition

One hundred and nineteen of Duke university divinity school's 124 students have signed a petition asking that Negro students be admitted to the school.

Dean Harold A. Bosley of the divinity school said his students had made a survey of other southern religious schools and found that a number of them are already admitting Negro students.

Nisei USA

The Nisei and Politics

Perhaps more than any other single racial minority group in these United States, the lives of Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry have been constantly buffeted by the winds of political opportunism.

The Yellow Peril was, for many years, a political device which was used to evoke emotional responses of fear, hate and suspicion from the electorate. In California, where the Japanese immigrant became a political scapegoat, the Yellow Peril was most widely used. The ugliest of the spawn of the Yellow Peril campaigns was the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942 which was founded on misinformation, distrust and the race myths which had been propagated by the exploiters of the Yellow Peril.

The Alien Land law and the 1945 amendment to the California Fish and Game code, nullified by Supreme Court decisions in 1948, both were passed in the name of the Yellow Peril and were but two of many restrictions affecting particularly the resident alien of Japanese ancestry.

For more than four decades, from the time of San Francisco's Mayor Eugene Schmitz and Boss Abe Ruef, the "Japanese issue" has been political capital in California. It ceased to be, however, when Nisei went to battle in American khaki in World War II. Former State Senator Inman, one of the early leaders of the Yellow Peril movement, commented in 1945 when his attempt to expand the California Preservation Association, an organization dedicated to the total exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the state, seemed doomed to failure that the greatest mistake made by West Coast anti-Japanese interests was in permitting Japanese Americans to enlist in the United States Army.

In the 1944 presidential campaign, California's lieutenant governor, Frederick Houser, ran for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate on a platform which included the extension of the wartime ban on the return of the Japanese American evacuees to California. Mr. Houser and Governor Warren, whose conduct on the issue has been far more statesmanlike in recent years, apparently converted the GOP candidate for vice-president, Senator (then Governor) John Bricker of Ohio, to their views. Mr. Bricker came out flat-footed in California for local community option on the return of evacuees. According to the Bricker plan, each community would have the right to decide whether it wanted to permit its former residents of Japanese ancestry to return. It was the kind of a political expedient which comes back to haunt a candidate.

A year later Lieutenant Governor Houser, now a California judge, completely reversed his field on the Japanese American question and introduced a group of Nisei veterans of the war in Italy to the California Senate as American heroes. Similar reversals were made by other California politicians. The Yellow Peril no longer was a political issue. In fact, many candidates who ran in the California elections in 1944 found that the Yellow Peril was a political liability. No longer could a politician in California flaunt race hatred as Hiram Johnson once did in his career from the governor's mansion in Sacramento to the Senate in Washington.

But in the years before the Yellow Peril died, its exponents pushed through anti-alien land laws, aimed against the immigrant Japanese farmer, in nine states (Arizona, California, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah) while three other states, Minnesota, Missouri and Washington restrict the right of aliens who have not declared their intention to become citizens to own land. Except in California, the Alien Land law has not been enforced but lies like a loaded revolver in a forgotten

drawer. In fact, the State of Utah, the last to pass the Alien Land law, jamming the restriction through in 1942, became the first state to repeal it, in 1946, in a move sponsored by Utah war veterans in tribute to the record of Nisei GIs.

Even following the evacuation the lives of the evacuees were disrupted by political considerations. There was political wrangling in Congress which held up needed funds for relocation projects. Senator Robertson of Wyoming tried to make a political fuss out of the Heart Mountain relocation camp. The Dies Committee found imaginary saboteurs under every barrack in the relocation centers, took seriously a fantastic tale of food caches (for invading troops) in the Arizona desert. The California legislature in 1944 had three committees touring the state on the "Japanese problem." These committees held hearings in every part of the state with the apparent objective of arousing public sentiment against the return of the evacuees. Although it purportedly investigated the "Japanese problem" the Tenney committee declined to listen to the testimony of a person of Japanese ancestry.

For a group which has been used by politicians, Japanese Americans on the Pacific coast have displayed no more than an ordinary citizen's interest in politics. The Nisei generally have taken prejudice as a cross to bear without realizing that race hatred, in many cases, was artificially manufactured by the politically ambitious for personal advantage.

Numerically insignificant, one reason why mass evacuation was feasible, the West Coast's Nisei have not played an important role in political affairs. There has been no bloc voting, even in the few metropolitan areas where the Nisei vote conceivably could be a factor, as in Los Angeles' downtown eastside, San Francisco's 22nd assembly district and south of Yesler Way in Seattle.

The Nisei, however, are a little more politically sophisticated than they were before the war. They all a candidate needed was a smile and a good word for his potential Nisei constituents. Now the Nisei check the candidate's record or promises on civil liberties, race relations and similar yardsticks. Mass evacuation was a great awakening for most Nisei because it taught them that it was not enough merely to possess American citizenship. The Nisei learned the need and the meaning of civil rights.

The Nisei press as a whole is far more progressive than it was before the war and evacuation. This attitude undoubtedly is reflected in the electorate itself. During the recent primaries in California the recommendations of the Japanese American newspapers disclosed a definite liberalism with special emphasis on civil rights issues. The wartime experiences of the Japanese American group have had much to do with this attitude. The Nisei also have been impressed, through job discrimination and restricted housing, with the common status it holds with other minority groups.

The 1948 election is the first presidential campaign since 1900 in which the Yellow Peril has not been exploited to some degree in local, state or national contests. Last week Congress passed the evacuee claims bill and the deportation stay proposal. The evacuee compensation bill, as the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported, was supported by the entire West Coast congressional delegation, the same delegation, though not the same congressmen, who six years before had demanded mass evacuation. Fashioning change in politics.

Another bill, calling for equality in naturalization was given a good chance in the 80th Congress. In the campaigns for the evacuee claims and the naturalization bill, the Nisei received important lessons in politics. Once at the mercy of political opportunists, the Nisei now have learned the rules of the game and are determined to obtain the passage of remedial legislation.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Model diplomas were issued to all of the 22 children enrolled by Mary Matsumoto, director.



Fifteen delegates from Hawaii, mostly Nisei, attended the western area YWCA young adult conference at Asilomar, Calif., recently. In the above photo they are shown as they left Honolulu for California on the Pan American Clipper. On the ramp (top to bottom) are Frances Mow, Waipahu; Tsuyako Ono; Sumio Hamada, Waipahu; Hazel

Kobashigawa, Pearl City; Ethel Hayakawa, Hiroko Yamauchi of Hilo. In the front row (left to right) are Frances Nakamura, Ellin Toyofuku, Edith Lau, Martha Henna, Jeanne Imai, Peggy Yorita, Edna Chiya, Chidori Sakoda of Kauai, and Fumiye Miho, assistant director of young adult work, Honolulu YWCA, who is in charge of the delegation.

Nisei Veteran Weds Swiss Girl in Denver Ceremony

DENVER, Colo.—Culminating a warime romance, Miss Rosemary Metz of Lucerne, Switzerland, was married to Frank Yamaguchi, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, at the groom's home in Denver on June 19.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, August Metz, who came from Sandusky, Ohio for the occasion. She was accompanied by Mrs. Frances Henry, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Edwin Yanase. Edwin Yanase was best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama.

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Fun Night

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — With a night club theme, the Mid-Columbia JACL building fund fun night, sponsored jointly with the LDS church, proved a success both in entertainment and finance.

The hall was arranged night club fashion, with tables on one side and room for dancing and the floor show on the other.

Harold Parsons was master of ceremonies. The program included Bill Nielson, puppeteer; the Parisienne Revue by JACL models; songs by Flo Turner and Bobo Feinauer; high school majorette numbers; songs by Helen Kinoshita of Portland, JACL queen contestant.

Nick Nackos and Bessie Asai were in charge of entertainment, with the following assisting: Eiko Morikado, Mae Yamaki and Charles Omori, producers; Harry Inukai, Shiro Imai, Ray Sato, George Nakamura, Tim Nishimoto, Fred Takasumi, Sat Noji and Kazie Kiyokawa, models; and Yuki Okimoto, commentator; Jessie Akiyama, Yuki Okimoto, Aya Noji and Ann Wach, food; Roy Webster, program; Kazuko Shibahara, Mitsuko Asai, Yuriko Kawachi and Mary Tamiyasu, waitresses; Harold Parsons and Sho Endow, Jr., treasurers; Ray Sato, Wesley Turner and Harold Parsons, general arrangements. Bob Feinauer was pianist for the evening. Min Asai opened the program with words of greeting.

Bridge Tourney

CHICAGO—Climaxing over five months of bridge instruction, the Ellis community center bridge class will hold its final open rubber bridge tournament Tuesday, July 6, from 7:30 p. m. at 4430 S. Ellis avenue.

Arrangements will be made by Henry Ushioka, instructor. A weenie roast will provide refreshments.

Monterey JACL Head Names Committee

MONTEREY, Calif.—President Kay Nobusada of the Monterey Peninsula JACL chapter this week released the names of those selected to serve on various standing committees.

For the Sunshine club, Mrs. Mamie Honda will continue to serve as chairman and she will be assisted by Helen Uyeda, Ida Shintani and Sachi Oka.

Mike Sanda will head the men's recreation group, to be assisted by George Yaguchi, Mush Higashi and Mas Hagio. The women's recreation committee will be headed by Yoshiko Miyamoto and consists of Lillian Oyama, Lilly Manaka, Ruby Tabata and Norma Kageyama.

The chapter bulletin committee is headed by Harry K. Menda and Barton Yoshida, to be assisted by Teruo Esaki, Yoshio Satow, Chokes Kobayashi and Chisa Oda. The social committee will be led by Isoko Enokida and Richard Taneshita, assisted by George Kuwatani, Meiko Yamashita, Violet Ishii, Tad Kato, Gordy Miyamoto, Theodora Obana, Kiyoko Shibasaki, Lily Takeuchi and Sanae Okamura.

Flood Relief Dance

NEW YORK CITY—Over \$130 was collected at a flood relief dance sponsored by the New York JACL at the McBurney YMCA on June 19.

This sum, along with more than \$120 collected through a mail campaign, will be sent to the Portland JACL to aid Nisei and Issei victims of the recent Vanport, Wash., flood.

Mrs. Yurino Starr was dance chairman. Members of the board of directors of the New York chapter were her assistants.

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Problems of American Indians Told Washington JACL Group

WASHINGTON, D. C.—If some Nisei are discomfited by the discriminations levied against them in America today, they should look at the plight of the Indians, the first Americans who still face far greater handicaps in their attempts to establish themselves in American life and in trying to move freely in the American world, Theodore Haas told the Washington JACL chapter at its regular monthly meeting on June 26.

Mr. Haas, legal counsel of the Department of Interior's Office of Indian Affairs, described the problems of the American Indians which made the obstacles which Nisei face seem rather insignificant. He pointed out in the past 100 or more years, this minority group, numbering more than 400,000, have been subjected to intense pressures and threats of extermination, enslavement and removal. Millions of acres of rich and fertile lands have been stolen from them and the drive to get the rest is still going on.

The Indians, too, have had their evacuations, he revealed, the greatest of which took place between 1821 and 1848 when hundreds of thousands of them were forcibly removed from fertile areas in the East to what is now Oklahoma. Thousands died in the removal. Indians in other parts of the country were moved to desert areas, not unfamiliar to the modern Nisei evacuees, and there have tried to re-establish themselves under the most difficult conditions.

In recent years, however, the U.S. Government through the Indian Service has been exerting strenuous efforts to better the conditions of the Indians, but in the final analysis Congress determines basic policies and until the Indians themselves become better known and are able to organize a powerful national organization to look after their interests, it will be difficult to secure effective action.

The former project attorney at the WRA camp at Poston during

the early stages of the evacuation said that the discriminations against the Indians stem from misinformation about them, the Indians being stereotyped as racially inferior, un-Christian, etc. But actually, he declared, the Indians have proved their capacity for advancement whenever they have had a chance and have demonstrated that they are as useful and loyal as any group in this country.

Miss Alice Imamoto, a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, rendered three classical numbers on the piano. A talented pianist, Miss Imamoto was one of a group of 45 students to win a scholarship to study under the late Olga Samarof Stokowski.

The June 26 meeting was the final session of the chapter until regular activities are resumed in the fall. A picnic on July 18 and another outdoor festival for August is scheduled for the summer. President Ira Shimasaki announced that Miss Teresa Honda will succeed Bill Himel as chairman of the program committee. Mr. Himel is leaving Washington.

Donations

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif.—The San Benito County JACL and YBA acknowledges donations from the family of the late H. Nishita. Donations were also received from Mr. and Mrs. S. Nakamoto and Mrs. S. Nishida upon the graduation of their son and daughter, respectively.

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PC SPORTS

Tsukamoto

Pro ball scouts are overlooking fine prospect in Sacramento College's star pitcher, Jim Tsukamoto, who rates as one of the best college hurlers on the West Coast this year. Tsukamoto's battery mate, catcher Dan Dalio, was signed by the Cincinnati Reds and now is playing with the Ogden Reds of the Pioneer League. Another top Nisei pitcher, Jiro Nakamura of San Mateo JC, who lost a 0 to 2 duel to Tsukamoto in the Northern California JC championship game, is now pitching for the San Jose Zebras. Last week Nakamura pitched the Nisei Zebras to a 11 to 4 victory over the Kauffman Milling nine, a team composed of many San Jose State players. Nakamura struck out 18 men in the game.

Barnstormers

The barnstorming Honolulu Hawaiians who are now touring the country with the Harlem Globetrotters can field an all-Nisei team if needed. Ten of the 15-man squad are Nisei and comprise the top Japanese American players in Hawaii. Jun Muramoto, veteran center fielder for the team, is considered a fielder of major league caliber. Larry Kamishima, hard-hitting initial sacker, is one of the few Nisei players who have poled out home runs consistently. Jimmy Wase impressed Lefty O'Doul with his deportment at the plate and on the keystone sack. Jun Hirota, an outfielder, is the star halfback of the University of Hawaii Rainbows. Other Nisei on the squad are Bill Yasui, Lefty Higuchi, Dick Kitamura, Harry Kitamura, Kats Kojima and Masa Morita.

The Honolulu Hawaiians will enter the national semi pro baseball tournament at Wichita, Kansas in August. Last year they finished sixth in the national tourney and won the sportman-

Fine Hawaii Farmer For Flag Display

HILO, T. H.—A 72 year old alien Japanese coffee farmer, Haruji Watanabe, was fined \$250 recently for displaying a Japanese flag. A four months' jail sentence was suspended for 13 months by the district magistrate.

Watanabe was charged with hoisting the Rising Sun on April 3 to honor Jimmu Tenno, first emperor of Japan, against a territorial law which prohibits possession and display of enemy nation flags during time of war. Cessation of hostilities has not been declared officially by this country.

Picnic

SAN FRANCISCO—The Beach Chalet, picnic site of the San Francisco JACL for the past several years, will again be the locale of the chapter's picnic, to be held this year on July 18, it was announced by Toby Kuruma, general chairman.

Features of the community affair will be a free drawing, game prizes, free cold drinks and contests for all age groups. A baby contest may be held in conjunction with the picnic.

ship award. Jun Muramoto also was rated the individual star of the tournament.

Golden Boy

With Ray (Sugar) Robinson talking of giving up his world's welterweight title, the line for aspirants for the crown, led by Bernard Docusen, is forming to the right. One of the challengers, though lightly regarded on the mainland, is Hawaii's "Golden Boy," Robert Takeshita, the young Honolulu puncher who is the 1946 National AAU champion and who is undefeated in 28 fights as a professional in two years. In his most recent appearance Takeshita knocked out Al Medrano of Los Angeles in three rounds. Sad Sam Ichinose, Takeshita's manager, has announced that he is planning to take his star to New York for bouts in Madison Square Garden.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuto Ben Nishioka, Clarksburg, Calif., a boy on June 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. Amano, Sacramento, Calif., a boy on June 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Fukushima, Dinuba, Calif., a girl on June 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. George R. Sakanari, Dinuba, Calif., a boy on June 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fusataro Aoki, Madera, Calif., a girl on June 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jinsoo J. Tamura a boy on June 13 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Komoto a boy on June 2 in Reedley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiteru Taniguchi, Sanger, Calif., a boy on June 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Duke Y. Takeuchi a girl on June 18 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Shigeo Wakayama a boy, Bruce Kazu, on June 17 in San Jose, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Mihara a girl on June 22 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Zenichi Sakamoto a girl in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Arata Akahoshi a girl in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Itsuo Ozawa a boy in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nunotani, 2975 Clay St., San Francisco, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tito U. O'Kamoto, 8 Manhattan Ave., New York City, a boy, Dean Craig, on June 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Tatsumi, Long Beach, Calif., a boy on June 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sunada a boy on June 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sakano a girl on June 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Futagaki, Brigham City, Utah, a boy on June 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Masao Ishizaki a girl on June 21 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Komai a girl on June 25 in New York City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Minami a boy on June 22 in Gardena, Calif.

To Dr. and Mrs. George J. Kubo a boy on June 26 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kadoi a girl, Deborah Hiroko, on June 15 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Toyo Utsumi a girl, Joanne Matsuko, on June 27 in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Shoji Doi a girl on June 20 in Richmond, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Nishikawa a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yas Umetani a boy on June 26 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noby Hironaka a girl on June 20 in Portland, Ore.

DEATHS

Frank Tokuzo Sakemi, 69, on June 23 in Indio, Calif.

James Shigetaka Obayashi, 26, on June 23 in San Francisco.

Kuzo Uyeda, 74, on June 21 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Tawa Inouye, 72, on June 26 in American Fork, Utah.

George Takiguchi, 65, on June 20 in Seattle.

MARRIAGES

Ko Kawada to Masako Nakaoka on June 16 in Chicago.

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Graduates Honored

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif.—Nisei graduates of San Benito county were honored at a social held under joint sponsorship of the JACL and the YBA at the Citizens League hall.

Dick Nishimoto was master of ceremonies, while Shig Nakamoto served as general chairman, assisted by Isaac Shingai and Kay Kadani. Congratulatory speeches were given by Takeichi Kadani, JACL president, and Otis Kadani, YBA president. Hisashi Nakamoto responded for the graduates.

Honored were Milvin Matsuura, Hiroshi Yamaoka, Hiroshi Fuji, Helen Yamanishi, elementary school; and Mary Kamimoto, Marcie Teshima, Sadayo Nishida and Hisashi Nakamoto, Hollister high school.

Nisei Girl Given \$2000 Scholarship In Social Work

HONOLULU, T. H.—Jane Kawasaki, staff member of the Child and Family Service, was given a \$2000 scholarship for advanced social case work study by the Honolulu Community Chest.

Award was made by C. J. Henderson, president.

Before entering social work, Miss Kawasaki was a teacher with the department of public instruction. She gained her student experience in case work under the supervision of the Child and Family Service and joined that organization as a staff case worker in July, 1945.

At the time of the flood disaster in 1946 she was loaned to the Hawaii chapter of the American Red Cross to assist in rehabilitation work on the island of Hawaii. She was one of two staff members selected to represent Child and Family Service at the 1947 national conference of social work in San Francisco.

Nakamura on June 12 in Pacoima, Calif.

Yukiko Takayama of Long Beach to Junji Nakahara on June 20 in Los Angeles.

Ruby Dewa to Frank Chuman on June 27 in Los Angeles.

Kimi Masuhara to Shigeru Iwamoto on June 20 in Seattle.

Akiye Yamano to Jim Saiki on June 27 in Seattle.

Rosemary Metz of Lucerne, Switz., to Frank Yamaguchi on June 19 in Denver, Colo.

Kotoko Ninomiya to Minoru Michida on June 27 in San Francisco.

Pearl Hirota to Ed Yoshikawa on June 27 in Sacramento.

Aiko Kuwabara to Jack Suzuki on June 27 in Denver.

Kiyoko Nakamura to Kazuo Yoneda on June 20 in Los Angeles.

Chizuko Grace Yamaguchi to Toshiya Tom Harada on June 27 in Los Angeles.

Misao Nishida to George Keichi Dohi on June 27 in Los Angeles.

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Okada Captures Summer Crown

With one week of play remaining in the JACL summer bowling league, the Okada Insurance five this week was far enough ahead of the field to insure its first place standing.

Despite a 2-2 decision with Terashima Studio in regular play June 30, Okadas have now racked up 25 wins and 7 losses, as against 20 wins and 12 losses by the Star Coffee and Temple Noodle teams.

Tadao Sako and Hito Okada led the Okada team with 544 and 539 series in playing Terashima. Final scores were 2618 for Terashima and 2663 for Okada. Larry Tajiri led the Terashima team with a 529 series.

Star Coffee and Glamour Studio played a 2-2 tie. Mike Nakamura rolled a 584 series for Star, aided by 536 by George Sonoda. Nakamura's series included a 208 and 217 game. Jeri Tsuyuki was high for Glamour Studio with a 536. Temple Noodle took three from Doi's Cleaners, 2465 to 2404.

Stevenson's blanked Aloha Fountain 4-0, 2498 to 2424, while Pacific Citizen registered another 4-0 defeat over OK Cafe. Elmer Smith, bowling anchor for PC, rolled a 550 series, including the night's high game of 243.

In individual averages the Nakamura brothers, mainstays on the Star Coffee team, lead with 184 for Tom Nakamura and 182 for Mike Nakamura. Jun Kurumada, Okada, holds third with 181, followed by Tadao Sako, Okada, 178, and Elmer Smith, PC, 175.

Yasui Eliminated In Olympic Tryouts

BOSTON, Mass.—Chester Yasui of Hawaii, the only Nisei boxer to reach the U. S. Olympic team tryouts this week, was eliminated in the first round of the 112-pound division by Arthur Brown of Kansas City, Mo.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Michiye Nishimura, formerly of Fresno, Calif., and Susumu Hirota of Oakland were married here on June 12.

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Seek to Clarify Canadian Policy on War-Stranded Nisei

TORONTO, Ont. — While hundreds of Japanese Americans stranded in Japan by the war have been allowed to return to the United States, only one Japanese Canadian in similar circumstances has been permitted to return to Canada to date, a staff writer for the New Canadian reports this week.

The extreme caution of the Canadian government in permitting its citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry to return to their homes in Canada has caused "growing concern" among persons of Japanese origin in all parts of the country concerning the fate of these onetime Canadian residents, the New Canadian said.

Most of the strandeers are Canadian citizens.

Some of them were in Japan at the outbreak of war and thus unable to return to their homes, while others went to Japan during 1946 under the government's repatriation scheme. Of the latter group only those retaining their Canadian citizenship are eligible to return.

Repeated inquiries have been addressed to Ottawa by the National JCCA (Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association) but little information has been obtained.

The government has established its policy of permitting strandeers to return to Canada, but applications appear to be considered on an individual basis, rather than on general policy.

The only person permitted to return to date is not a Canadian citizen but a Japanese national claiming Canadian residence. It has been reported that a few repatriated Nisei have been granted permission to return.

The government's extreme caution is probably due, the New Canadian said, in part to its unwillingness to stir up the opposition of anti-Japanese elements, some of whom were advocating only a few years ago the deportation of all Japanese Canadians.

On the other hand, the New Canadian said, the continued delay cannot be excused in view of the action taken by the United States government on the same problem.

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Kenji Goto Named As Administrator Of Hawaii Hospital

HONOLULU—A change in administrators effective July 1 has been announced by the Kuakini hospital, formerly the Japanese hospital.

Kenji Goto, supervisor of veterans' training with the territorial department of public instruction, will succeed Uichi Kanayama as administrator. Mr. Kanayama has held that post since 1944.

Mr. Goto was principal of Hookena elementary school and taught commercial subjects at Konawaena high school, both on the Big Island.

442nd Group Gets Clubhouse In Honolulu

HONOLULU, T. H.—The 442nd Veterans club has found a home—a gymnasium and 7200 square feet of land at 933 Wiliwili st.

The property is owned by the Molili district Young Men's association, which is leasing it to the veterans' group for 50 years at a dollar a year rental.

The 442nd Veterans club will renovate the building and expects to take three months for the work. Until that time the club will continue to have its offices on the second floor of the YBA building, 1710 Fort street.

The Molili association regained possession of the premises at the expiration of a 10-year lease to the city-county on April 18.

Moichi Hanamoto, president of the Molili group, explained that his organization was not in financial condition to put in repairs needed on the building. "With the 442nd Veterans club in charge of its operation," he said, "we are positive that it will be of more value to the McCully community."

Reburial Rites Held For Sebastopol Nisei

SEBASTOPOL, Calif.—Reburial services were scheduled to have been held here on July 2 for Staff Sgt. Peter S. Masuoka, a native of Sebastopol, who died in France on Nov. 3 while serving with the 442nd Combat Team.

Sgt. Masuoka's remains arrived in Sebastopol on June 30 from France.

Funeral rites were scheduled at the Enmanji temple.

Reburial has been set for the Golden Gate National cemetery in San Bruno on July 3.

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Honolulu Bowlers Hit Record 3075 Series in Hawaii League

HONOLULU — The Honolulu Cafe team, which has announced that it will enter the 1949 National JACL bowling tournament in Salt Lake City, set a new record for Oriental American teams in league play when they hit a 3075 series, including a 1124 game, in the Classics league at the Honolulu Bowling Center on June 16.

The Honolulu Cafe team is captained by Eddie Matsueda who was a member of the Hawaii Bowling Ambassadors team which toured the mainland last April.

Matsueda, who holds the Nisei record of 703 on Salt Lake City's Temple alleys, stayed out of the Honolulu Cafe team's record match against Kane's Hana-Hawaii.

The statistics:

HONOLULU CAFE

Chun	190	188	233	611
C. Matsumoto	187	182	196	565
B. Nakayama	199	233	224	656
M. Watasaki	179	201	215	595
H. Ogata	168	224	256	648
	923	1028	1124	3075

HANA-HAWAII

Cazinha	209	200	201	610
Nojima	222	170	183	575
Yokoi	186	153	210	549
Miyasato	161	188	197	546
Sarae	223	174	197	594
	1001	885	988	2874

Thomas Hayashi Opens Office

NEW YORK CITY—Thomas T. Hayashi, lawyer and president of the New York JACL, has opened his office in the famous Flatiron building at 175 Fifth avenue.

The prominent local Nisei is a graduate of Bard college, where he was elected student body president after serving as secretary pro tem. He graduated from the New York university law school, where he served as research assistant with the NYU faculty. In June 1946, he was admitted to the bar.

Before opening his own office he was with the Wall street law firm of Whitman, Ransom, Coulson and Goetz.

Hayashi is chairman of the Eastern district council of the JACL and a board member of the Japanese Methodist church.

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Five Hawaii Nisei Enter Swim Tryouts

Sakamoto Coaches Team Entered in Detroit Competition

DETROIT, Mich.—Led by their famous coach, Soichi Sakamoto, the nine-member Hawaiian swimmer team is now training in Detroit in preparation for the Olympic trials which will be held in Detroit from July 8 to 11.

Five Nisei are members of the Hawaiian delegation. They are Herbert Kobayashi, young 100 meters star; Charles Oda, who won the free-style championships of the Mediterranean theater in 1945 while serving with the 442nd Combat Team; Robert Kumagai, who placed fifth in the 1500 meters at the 1947 National AAU meet; Richmond Tokushima and Evelyn Kawamoto, Hawaii's top Nisei swimmer since Chic Miyamoto. Other members of the team are Bill Smith, Jose Balmores, Godfrey Kang and Selma Kolani. Mrs. Sakamoto and Bill Maxwell are accompanying the team. Coach Sakamoto will go to London as an assistant coach of the U. S. Olympic team.

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