



An anti-militarist in Japan before World War II is shown as he became a naturalized American citizen, by special act of Congress. Tsuyoshi Matsumoto, Japan-born University of Hawaii language professor and a former sergeant in the U. S. Army, is shown as he received his citizenship certificate from William F. Thompson, Jr., Federal court clerk in Honolulu.

Tsuyoshi Matsumoto Becomes American Citizen Through Special Action of Congress

HONOLULU, T. H.—A happy and grateful University of Hawaii language professor has become an American citizen the hard way.

Tsuyoshi Matsumoto, born in Japan 39 years ago, fought the Japanese militarists and joined the American army, and finally took advantage of two congressional laws to become a naturalized citizen last week.

When he swore allegiance to the United States before a federal judge here on Nov. 24, he retained the distinction of being probably the first Japan-born resident of the territory to become a naturalized American citizen in a Honolulu court.

Several Issei veterans in Hawaii, like Prof. Matsumoto, have been naturalized under act of congress granting veterans of any race that privilege. But, as far as can be ascertained, they received their citizenship in mainland courts. Prof. Matsumoto served for 15 months in the U. S. army, 1946-47, as a Japanese language instructor at the Presidio army language school, Monterey, Calif.

Before he could avail himself of the alien veterans' naturalization act, he required a special act of congress to enable him to remain in this country as a permanent resident. Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania introduced the bill which was passed in the last session of congress.

Otherwise he would have been reported as he had the status of a non-resident, having come to the United States as a student.

An outspoken anti-militarist in Japan, before he left there in 1937, he made public speeches on pacifism and wrote pro-American magazine articles. Friends in the United States who had followed his

Gravesite Rites Held for Nisei Dead at San Bruno Cemetery

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—Military gravesite services for two Nisei from the Livingston area who were killed in the war were conducted at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno on Dec. 3.

Services were held for Pfc. Arnold Ohki, 23, of Livingston and Pfc. Mamoru Kinoshita of Winton.

Interment followed the services. Arnold Ohki, born and reared in Livingston, was a popular athlete during his high school days. He graduated from the Livingston high school in 1939. He volunteered for the 442nd Combat Team while living in the Amache relocation center in Colorado and was killed near Livorno, Italy on July

7, 1944, shortly after the Japanese American regiment was committed for action.

Mamoru Kinoshita, whose family has lived near Winton for many years, was graduated from the Livingston high school in 1942. He also went into service while at Amache and was serving with the famed 442nd in Italy when he was killed on April 27, 1945.

Pfc. Ohki is survived by his mother, Mrs. Yaya Ohki, three brothers, Robert, Kenneth and Edwin, and a sister, Anne Ohki, all of Livingston. Surviving Pfc. Kinoshita are his mother, Mrs. Moto Kinoshita, two brothers, Moto and Leonard, and a sister, Betty Kinoshita, all of Winton.

Nisei Student Wins Top Award At Oregon U.

EUGENE, Ore.—Albert Akira Oyama of Portland, Ore., senior pre-medical student at the University of Oregon, won the \$1,000 Kenneth A. J. McKenzie Memorial Scholarship last week when he led all contenders with a total grade point average of 3.79 out of a possible 4.00.

The McKenzie scholarship is awarded annually to the outstanding pre-med senior. The award will help finance his education at the University of Oregon medical school for the next four years and he will get \$200 this year.

He is the son of Mr. I. Oyama, publisher of a Portland Japanese American newspaper, the Oregon News. His mother was one of the two victims of Japanese ancestry in the Vanport flood disaster of May 30, 1948.

Rep. Granger Will Support Issei Citizenship

Utah Congressman Praises Wartime Behavior of Group

OGDEN, Utah—Rep. Walter K. Granger, D., Utah, declared here on Dec. 2 that the loyalty of resident Japanese aliens to American principles during the war should give them the right to parity with all other resident aliens in their access to naturalization privileges.

Rep. Granger, who was reelected from the First Congressional district in Utah, met with representatives of the Ogden JACL to discuss the equality in naturalization program.

He said that he had been in favor of the Judd bill in the 80th Congress and had not changed his stand.

The delegation which met with Rep. Granger was headed by Ken Uchida, Ogden JACL president, and included Clyde C. Patterson, Mits Endo, Kaz Miya, Dr. Frank Saito and Russell Tanaka.

Northern California Bussei Name Placer Girl as Queen

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—Takaoko Yoshikawa of Placer was crowned "Miss Bussei of Northern California" by Mayor Charles Gross of Marysville at the Northern California Young Buddhists League convention on Nov. 28.

June Manji of Marysville, the 1947 queen who won the "Miss Western Young Buddhist League" title at Los Angeles last summer, presented Miss Yoshikawa with a cameo necklace on behalf of the Northern California YBL.

Miss Yoshikawa's attendants were Joyce Lee of Delta, Lorraine Yakatobi of Marysville, Clara Kuroko of Sacramento and Alice Ikesaki of Florin.

Miss Yoshikawa will represent Northern California YBL in the 1949 WYBL queen contest at Fresno on April 30 and May 1.

The 1949 Northern California YBL meeting will be held in Sacramento.

Eleven Canada Issei Receive Dominion Citizenship Papers

KELOWNA, B.C.—Eleven aliens of Japanese ancestry were granted Canadian citizenship papers at a ceremony held here recently.

The Kelowna residents, all long time residents of Canada, made their applications after attending citizenship classes which were held for a six months period.

Classes were given in English and Japanese.

Heavy Demand for Evacuee Claims Material Noted by JACL National Headquarters

A heavy demand for evacuation claims forms from the 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the Pacific coast under military orders in 1942 was reported this week by the national headquarters of the JACL in Salt Lake City.

Masao W. Satow, national executive director of the JACL, declared that JACL offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco were rushed with inquiries for information on the government program for payment of accountable business and property losses directly resulting from the mass evacuation.

Mas Horiuchi, manager of the National JACL office, said that 17,000 evacuation claims packets prepared by the JACL had been distributed to date and that local chapters were asking for more. The package consist of work sheets and an analysis of Public Law 886 in English and Japanese. The JACL also has distributed 10,000 copies of the government's evacuation claims form. In addition, it was reported that JACL regional offices already have distributed 10,000 additional copies of the forms.

The official claims forms are available from the Department of Justice in Washington and from regional offices of the Justice Department.

It was believed that government processing of the claims forms will be formalized as soon as a sufficient number of forms are received to provide a yardstick in measuring the average amount of claims.

The JACL ADC office in Washington has asked the Justice Department to expedite the payment of "pots and pans" claims for losses of household furnishings and personal articles.

Nisei Attorney Admitted to Bar In Ontario Province

TORONTO, Ont.—Lucien Coe Kurata, 26, the first attorney of Japanese ancestry to be admitted to the Ontario bar, declared last week that he was going to learn Japanese in order to assist Japanese Canadian evacuees in their legal problems.

Kurata, a native of Toronto, was admitted to the bar in a ceremony on Nov. 18.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Taka Kurata. Mr. Kurata is a zoologist and has been associated with the University of Toronto for the past 35 years. His mother is an American, the former Elizabeth Stoddard of Cedar Rapids, Ia.

A graduate of Pickering College, the young Nisei lawyer was married in 1947 to Mary Frances Whitehurst of Ottawa. On Nov. 8, 1948 they became parents of a daughter, named Mary Elizabeth Ellen.

Los Angeles County Will Seek Court Ruling on Intermarriage

LOS ANGELES — A review in the United States Supreme Court of the California Supreme Court decision outlawing the state law barring interracial marriages is being asked by the office of James Colby, deputy counsel for Los Angeles County, it was reported this week.

Colby said that he is applying for a writ of certiorari in order to bring the issue of interracial marriages before the Supreme Court.

The California Supreme Court ruled last September that California's law banning marriages between Caucasians and non-Caucasians was unconstitutional.

The county's plea to the state court for a review of the case was turned down.

Colby said that the main basis of the Los Angeles County appeal will be that the intermarriage ban does not violate the 14th Amend-

Funeral Rites Set for Nisei Combat Hero

SANTA ANA, Calif.—A funeral service for Sgt. Kazuo Masuda, who was killed in action in Italy with the 442nd Combat Team and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, will be held on Dec. 9 at the Wintersburg Japanese Presbyterian church.

The Rev. Kenji Kikuchi of San Diego will conduct the final rites for the Nisei hero.

Charles Ishii, who served overseas with Sgt. Masuda, will pay the final tribute at the service.

Sgt. Masuda's remains are expected to be returned to Orange County on Dec. 7.

HANFORD TEAM WINS CALIFORNIA DEBATE MEET

OAKLAND, Calif.—Masako Matsubara and Randall Reid of Hanford, Calif., high school won first place in the senior debate division of the state speech tournament on Nov. 20 at Oakland high school.

Miss Matsubara, winner of a number of oratorical contests in the San Joaquin valley, is an art major.

Farm Wife Found Dead in Cabin

CLEARFIELD, Utah—Mrs. Kuni Miyagishima, 47, wife of Eimatsu Miyagishima of Clearfield, was found dead on Nov. 21 in a cabin near the Smith Canning Co., according to Deputy Sheriff Zenas Bennett who investigated the case.

The body was found by Mr. Miyagishima who notified authorities. Jens K. Nelson, Clearfield justice of the peace, said no evidence of foul play was found.

Inducted

FRESNO, Calif.—Kauji Hata was one of seven Fresno County youths who were inducted into the United States Army last week as the first group to be enlisted under the peacetime draft.

ment to the Constitution as the California Supreme Court ruled it did in its 4 to 3 decision.

At least six marriage licenses to couples of different races have been issued by the county license bureau since the California Supreme Court's ruling.

It was reported that two licenses were issued to Negro and white couples, three to Filipino and white couples and one to a Chinese and white couple.

The original pair whose application for a license was the test case that resulted in the state court ruling have not yet been married. They are Andrea D. Perez, Caucasian, and Sylvester Davis Jr., Negro veteran of World War II. Their attorney, Dan Marshall, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, said they may wait until after the U.S. Supreme Court has decided the issue.

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EDITORIALS:

Prejudice on the Campus

Social fraternities and sororities, as they exist today on most college campuses, are an anachronism in a progressing democratic society.

The issue of fraternities and democratic practices has been sharply defined in recent weeks through the action of the Amherst chapter of Phi Kappa Psi in pledging and initiating a Negro student and the consequent suspension of the Amherst group by its national officers.

The Amherst group is to be congratulated for its action in the pledging of a student on the basis of his individual characteristics, rather than on arbitrary grounds of race, color or religion. It should be noted that the Amherst chapter was able to pledge the Negro student in question because Phi Kappa Psi's national constitution does not contain a clause which restricts membership to Caucasians. Most social fraternities do have such restrictions on membership, thereby excluding not only Negroes but students of other non-Caucasian groups. Many fraternities also have restrictions which define that members shall be Christians, thus excluding Jews.

The result of these practices of segregation has been the organization of fraternities by students of the Jewish faith and of the Negro race. In several Pacific coast colleges before the war there were Nisei student clubs, fraternities and sororities. The Nisei, however, learned a lesson from wartime evacuation on exclusion and segregation because of race. A Nisei student club was reorganized recently on the University of California campus at Berkeley and it has specified that membership is not restricted to Japanese American students.

College social fraternities, by practice and inclination, have existed for those students who can afford to participate in their activities. This stratification of students on economic grounds has been further intensified by membership restrictions on the arbitrary grounds of race and religion.

Last week in New York city the National Interfraternity Conference considered the Amherst incident but took no action to remove arbitrary restrictions from fraternity membership. Thus most college fraternities will continue the anti-democratic practices which are exemplified in the world outside the campuses by restrictive housing covenants and by racial and religious restrictions which extend even to the grave.

Relief for the Japanese

Many Japanese Americans will be glad to learn that CARE, which recently instituted food parcels for Japan, is now prepared to deliver textile packages in that country.

Like the Oriental food package, items for which were selected with specific interest in the needs and food habits of the Japanese, the CARE textile parcels are packed with articles that are especially useful and necessary. Each package has been developed to be of maximum use in the war-devastated areas where goods scarcity and black market activities have taken these necessary materials out of reach of the people.

CARE food and textile packages have proven one of the most effective ways of individually aiding the rehabilitation of war populations and of instilling confidence and trust in the peoples of Europe and Asia. The special value in CARE parcels, aside from the utilitarian value of the items themselves, is that delivery is guaranteed. CARE packages are stored in the countries where delivery is to be made. Orders are filed from these storehouses so that delivery is also speedy. This quick service and guarantee of delivery overcome two of the difficulties that beset the average individual who wishes to send supplies to friends or relatives in Japan.

The three textile parcels now available (CARE reports that 15,000 packages are already in Japan, ready for delivery) are blanket, knitting wool and wool suiting packages. The blanket package contains two 100 percent blankets, soap, heels and soles for men's and women's shoes, nails for cobbling and a number of sewing notions. The other packages contain notions, as well as the knitting yarn and wool suiting. Like the food package, these textile parcels cost \$10, including cost of delivery.

We urge the sending of CARE packages which have, to date, proven the most efficient and effective method for giving individual aid to the peoples of Asia and Europe who have subsisted for so long on starvation rations, both in food and in physical necessities.

In its short lifetime CARE has become an institution. It represents to whole nations the interest of the American people in the welfare of humanity.

THE DAY OF BATTLE

A GI's Letter Recalls How It Was on That Day in Italy

(Author's note: Here is the way things were for a lot of Nisei and other GIs back in Italy in June, 1944. This is the kind of a letter you would have gotten from Italy but for the fact that the army censors were handy guys with the scissors. They could chop the meat out of a letter with finesse, finesse meaning leaving only "Dear So-and-So" and "Love, Sam.")

Near Suvereto, Italy
July 26, 1944.

Dear John:

Today was our first day in combat. In reality the night before and the day were merged into one hectic flow of the ludicrous, the unbelievable and the nauseous. Officially, the day must have begun when some jerk kicked mud into my slit-trench and said, "Get-up, we shove off at dawn for the front." It was still pitch black and everything was cold and wet from a late insistent drizzle. The clump of low trees and bushes where we bivouaced kept leaking water long after the rain was over. (I'll know better to stay out of the bushes the next time.) I pulled a soggy blanket over my head and lit a cigarette; my wristwatch said four a.m. After a couple of cupped and furtive drags in the open, I could hear the rest of the guys in the platoon rustling about. I groped in the dark for my mess-kit, K-rations, shovel, rifle and whatever else was handy. I finally got a sort of pack together; it was complete with miscellaneous leaves, twigs and mud. It must have weighed close to a ton and was moist to boot. I was thoroughly uncomfortable, disagreeable and bore malice to all. I cursed the war, the army, the first sergeant, and whoever in the hell had decided that we should also bivouac next to a battery of "long toms." These were the army's long-range artillery rifles. If the noise of their blowing off didn't keep you awake all night, the shaking ground and tumbling mud would. To add to it, it seemed that what with all the roar and flash and thunder, the whole German army, even if they were deaf, dumb and blind, knew where we were. Somehow, the enemy didn't shoot anything in our direction.

After an hour or so of stumbling in the dark (the army calls it marching), I began to thaw out. Obviously since it was getting light and we could see the road and where we were going, the army decided it was time for our daily hike through the woods. And so we lugged our leadened packs single file cross country. After going up and down or around and between a half a dozen hills, I decided our objective must have been to see how many hills we could cover in a day. We sweated our way through every one. The hills weren't high, not over a thousand feet, but there were so damn many of them. There were two obvious absences. The twittering of birds and the presence of civilians. Something imperative made life here not too safe, and those that could, cleared out. The whine of a distant shell or the rumble of artillery somewhere beyond the next hill or hills would snap me out of such leisurely conjectures. Or, a biting pack strap or itchy calf would call my attention back to the personal and immediate. The guys don't talk much now. There isn't much to say. Horseplay has been left two days behind.

About 3 a.m., and halfway up another hill, we ran into the outfit were were to relieve. They were the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment and were really dug into the rocky ground. These parachute guys started popping out like sleepy gophers when we moved in. It was the first time that I had actually seen a combat GI. He was filthy. He looked as though he hadn't had a bath in months and he hadn't. Your nose could tell you that. His hands were grimy, his face bearded and dirty, and his clothes a mud-smeared mess. When he turned around, his shirt back was white with caked perspiration salt. It never occurred to me that I would soon look as he did. The guy I was to relieve moved like a cross between a drunk and a robot. Right next to his slit-trench, face-down in the dirt and rocks was a dead enemy. "A good jerry," the GI told me,

"cause he's dead." I tried to look callous by casually nudging the body with the butt of my rifle. But a side glance at the pasty green-white face made me wish I hadn't. And the guy had slept next to this bloated dead jerry all night.

I asked this grimy GI about the enemy. He said they were tough and had lots of guns and ammunition. He showed me their hand grenades and explained that while they made a lot of noise, they weren't as good as our grenades. Ours were made of cast iron, pineapple-like, and blew up in good-size chunks. The enemy's were more like tin cans full of gunpowder stuck on the stub of a broomstick. When they went off, you got noise, pieces of tin can and toothpicks. He didn't even smile when he said that.

Then the GI took a look at my full field pack. He said tersely and with authority, even though he was a fellow private, "Get rid of all your extra gear. You don't need no blankets, messkit or extra clothes. Curl up in shelter-half (half of a pup tent) at night. Get it airtight and your breath will keep you warm. You can eat out of your helmet or shovel in a pinch if you get time. The less weight you have to carry around, the faster you can move when it gets hot." I could tell he was talking straight and began wriggling out of my pack to unload it. The guy continued to talk, mechanically but willingly. "You can tell a jerry by the sound of their rifle or burp gun. Don't use any of their guns or one of your own men will shoot you up in the bushes or at night if they hear a jerry gun shooting." By this time a couple of the other guys from my platoon had gathered around. The grimy GI kept pumping out the battle dope. He was a regular gold mine we later found out. "Grab an extra canteen when you can. Water is hard to come by in places. Stay off the hilltops or skylines. Nothin' may happen right off, but if jerry spots you, he'll dump in mortars." The grimy GI was really batting the breeze, "Look out for the 88's. It shoots a 3-inch like an M1 and is self-propelled. Really gets around. You don't have time to hit the ground when them shells come in. And their burp guns. They're real pieces. They shoot twice as fast as our Tommy guns and weigh half as much." By this time, our platoon sergeant, Ted, yelled, "You guys, break it up. You know better'n to bunch up." The men moved back to their respective holes. The guy I was replacing finished packing his gear. Just as he was leaving he said, "I left an extra bandolier (rifle cartridge clips) for you and a couple of grenades." I suddenly understood what was odd about his talking. He would look straight at me when he spoke but his eyes seemed to be focused on a point beyond me. It was like having a stranger giving you helpful advice over a telephone. You couldn't get near him. It wasn't that he wasn't friendly. He just seemed to be making acquaintances with friendly nonentities. I later found out that you get that way after losing your close buddies. The grimy GI went down the trail.

About a half an hour later, around nine o'clock, our squad was to move over the hill and take a small farmhouse perched on the hill beyond. An olive grove surrounded three sides of the farmhouse and sprawled down into the valley. In front of the house was an open field. While three other squads circled the flanks and rear, our squad advanced frontally along the edge of the field and olive trees. It wasn't so bad going down the hill we were on, but climbing up to the farmhouse was a job. A hill seems higher than it is, especially when you are in a hurry, loaded down with gear, rifle, and extra ammo, plus having the hot Italian sun on your back. Worry or fear was still secondary. We had yet to be fired upon. As first scout in this initial action, I tried to stay in front of the squad and act like a first scout should, but the men hugged my heels so close that we all arrived at the farmhouse exhausted. I don't know about the others, but I was completely fagged out on reaching our objective. My arms so weak that

To the Editor: LETTER-BOX

Editor, Pacific Citizen:

I am a former resident of Seattle, Washington working with the Shiga military government team as the civil education officer, with supervisory responsibilities over educational institutions of this prefecture. I am writing this letter in the hope that you or your readers may assist me in a problem.

Military government's functions, as you know, is to guide the Japanese people in the reformation of their country in consonance with the Potsdam declaration towards a new philosophy of living. You will agree that teaching democracy through word and mouth can never fully picture the perspective of the American concept of the pursuit of living.

In view of this fact, SCAP has granted permission for Japanese college scholarship winners to obtain education in the United States, providing such students bear their traveling expenses.

We have two such scholarship winners in this prefecture who have won scholarships to Marion college in Indiana. The students have been promised board and tuition by the school but have not been able to get financial assistance for transportation costs to the United States.

This is a personal letter requesting financial assistance for these scholarship winners. The cost of financing one girl is one thousand dollars. It is my opinion that Japanese American citizens can play a part in the construction of Japan by contributing material and moral support at this time when such support means so much to a nation.

George Kawaguchi
Shiga Military
Government Team
APO 25, Unit 3
c/o PM San Francisco,
Calif.

I could hardly hold on to my rifle. My uniform was soaking wet and it was hot as hell. Luckily, the enemy had abandoned the farmhouse. Not a soul was around except a few madly clucking chickens. The first domestic life I saw all day. Hah! And so, weren't shot to pieces on our first assignment.

The lieutenant arrived and yelled at the men to dig in and set up the machine guns in event the jerries should return. As the men dispersed from the farmhouse, so did the chickens. They later turned up in chicken kekka, a Hawaiian dish of chicken and rice. Also, about this time, who should be running up but the owner of the farmhouse. He was almost shot by some trigger itchy GIs but managed to keep his dirty white bandanna waving until he came up to where the lieutenant and I were standing. One whiff of his garlic breath and I could recognize him any where, any time. Before we could question him about the "Tedeschi" who "tuto portate via," he dashed into his house. In a minute he was out again. Clutching a bottle of vino in each hand, with a glass bobbing up and down in his shirt front, he returned to spray us with another fluent breathful of incoherent Italian. The lieutenant grabbed the vino. I got the dirty glass. After making the farmer drink the first glass, we each drank two glasses. The lieutenant gave me one bottle which I passed around to the other guys in our squad. The lieutenant held on to the other bottle. It was also explained to the farmer that we weren't going to shoot him and second, that NO we were not going to pay him for the chickens that had disappeared. The remainder of the morning was more or less a blur. The wine wasn't poisoned, I just couldn't take it, and the warm day didn't help. Shortly thereafter we must have moved down the grove side of the hill for I recall going across a wobbly field. Around noon, I came to with a bang. It was a tank destroyer at some activity on a distant hill. I was standing right next to it. How I got there I'll never know. In fact, I had never seen a tank-destroyer at close range before. I sobered up in a hurry.

I have to douse this light now. It's rough writing in this wet slit-trench and I have to go on guard duty now. Will write again.

Sincerely,
Sam

DR. KURUMADA ROLLS 277 GAME IN SALT LAKE

Dr. Jun Kurumada rolled the highest game and highest series of the Salt Lake JACL men's bowling league season on Nov. 29 at Temple alleys with a 277 and a 662 series.

Dr. Kurumada, who leads the league with a 186 average, tried out a new ball last Monday. He came up with a first game of 239 and followed this with the 277. He came up with a mess of splits in his third game and finished with a 146. The 277 game consisted of one spare and eleven strikes.

The Okadas rolled a scratch 2857 series behind Dr. Kurumada's hot bowling and defeated City Cafe, 3 to 1.

The upset of the evening was registered by Terashima Studio, blanking Modern Garage, 4 to 0, with their anchor man, Tom Matsumori, posting a 567.

John Aoki led Hibbard Drug to a 3 to 1 victory over the Pacific Horizon in a close match. Mas Horiuchi rolled a 553 for the PC five.

The third-place Aloha Fountain squad lost three points to Tuxedo Cafe. Charles Sonoda of Aloha was high with 546 while Min Iwasaki led the winners with 529.

Another upset was scored by OK Cafe when they took three from Seagull Cleaners, while Dawn Noodle with Bob Sato hitting 545 defeated Metro Motors, 3 to 1.

The Okadas with 38 wins and eight losses are making a runaway of the race. The team, champions of the 1948 National JACL tournament, has an average of 900. Behind the Okadas the standings are as follows: Modern Garage, New Sunrise, Aloha Fountain, Pacific Citizen, Tuxedo Cafe, Hibbard Drug, Seagull Cleaners, Terashima Studio, Dawn Noodle, OK Cafe, Metro Motors of Murray, City Cafe and Star Noodle of Ogden.

Claims Should Be Filed Directly With Justice Department

This is another in a series of questions and answers on the evacuation claims law prepared by Edward J. Ennis, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee special counsel, and released by the Washington Office of the JACL ADC as a public service. This series is based on actual questions asked of this office.

Any reader who has general questions relating to the law itself or to procedural matters is invited to address a letter with a stamped, self-addressed return envelope to the Washington Office, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Evacuation Claims Section, 300 Fifth Street Northeast, Washington 2, D.C. Questions of general interest may be reproduced in this series without personal identification.

No questions involving the legality or value of specific claims can be answered.

1. Q. Where should completed claim forms be sent?

A. Claims must be filed directly with the United States Department of Justice. Neither the Washington, Regional or Chapter JACL ADC offices are in a position to file claims. The Department of Justice expects claims to be filed directly, either by the claimant or his representative. To do otherwise would not only delay filing, but would not be helpful to the claimant. Send your claims to: Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D.C.

2. Q. I have a large family and before evacuation each of my three boys, after finishing college, worked for five or six years at a salary of fifty dollars a week. If there had been no evacuation order, each of my boys would have been able to save \$3,600 for the three years during confinement in camp. Can they claim for this loss of savings?

A. The law prohibits the allowance of any claims for anticipated profits or earnings on the theory that such losses are too speculative. You state that each of your boys would have been able to save \$3,600 in the course of three years. But even if there had not been an evacuation many things might have occurred which might have prevented them from saving this amount or which would have induced them to spend their earnings instead of saving them. For these reasons Congress decided not to allow claims for anticipated earnings. In a special case, of course, such as a person employed under a contract given him at a fixed wage or having Civil Service status or a seniority position on his job, it might be claimed that the earnings were fixed and not anticipated in the sense of being speculative. Even in such a case, however, it would be difficult to determine what part of the earnings might have been saved and therefore constitute a loss of property due to the evacuation. Of course, as in all cases, a definite decision can be obtained only by having an actual claim ruled on by the Department of Justice.

3. Q. In 1943 I made a settlement of \$100 for \$1,000 worth of furniture which had been destroyed. I signed the waiver of further claims against my tenant because I felt it would be impossible to return to the west coast for a long period and there was no possibility of pressing for more. Can I recover the balance under the evacuation claims law?

A. If your family leased your furniture at the time of evacuation and made the settlement in 1943 because you thought that was the best settlement that you could make while you were an evacuee it appears that you have a claim for the difference between the amount you received and the value of the furniture.

4. Q. When claiming for a household article, do you go by the present price or the price at the time we bought it?

A. You do not state the nature of the household article involved or whether you have actually replaced it at its present price. The general answer may be made, however, that the Act provides for loss of property due to the evacuation. At least in the case of articles not replaced it would seem that the loss was limited to the value of the article at the time of evacuation and that the present increased value could not be claimed. In cases where a particular article has been replaced at a higher cost it could be claimed and argued that the replacement cost should be considered in determining the amount of the loss.

5. Q. What may be made for the value of leases lost? My hotel lease ran to 1944, but at the time of evacuation I had no time to plan or bargain and I sold it at an actual loss. Ordinarily these leases might easily have been renewed. The present value of such holdings would be almost double the market value of the hotels. In filing, should I claim the full value of what the lease was worth at time of evacuation, or what it would cost me to buy up a lease now?

A. It appears that the loss you actually suffered upon the forced sale of your hotel lease was the difference between the value of the lease at the time of the sale and what you received for it. In determining the value of the lease at the time of sale you can take into account the time it had to run and the value of the renewal clause if the lease contained one. The profit you were making on the lease at the time of the forced sale is, of course, a major factor in determining the value of the lease. It is more difficult to claim the present increased value of the lease as your loss particularly if you have not actually expended the increased price to buy back the lease or to buy a similar lease. If you have not gone back into this hotel business it is difficult to say that you have actually lost more than the value of the lease at the time of the forced sale.

Lieut. Yonemura, Former UCLA Yell King, Buried at San Bruno

Yonamine Stars As Hawaiians Beat Clippers

HONOLULU, T. H.—Wally Yonamine was a one-man show as the Hawaiian Warriors defeated the San Francisco Clippers 19 to 6; to take the lead in the Pacific Coast Professional Football league.

Ten thousand rain-drenched fans watched Yonamine, who played last year for the San Francisco 49ers, take personal charge of the game as he took part in all three Hawaiian touchdowns.

Soon after the Clippers had opened the scoring with a touchdown, Yonamine flipped a 24-yard pass to Owen Talmadge in the end zone.

In the second quarter Yonamine intercepted one of Swanson's passes and romped 64 yards to a touchdown.

With two minutes to go in the game, Yonamine slashed off tackle and raced 34 yards for the final score.

Salt Lake Bridge Club Plans Dinner

The Salt Lake Nisei Bridge club will hold a dinner and a bridge tournament on Jan. 4, 1949 in the Discovery room at Covey's restaurant.

Reservations are being taken by Mary Yagi, secretary-treasurer.

SAN FRANCISCO—Lieut. Hiroshi (Moe) Yonemura, who died in action on April 21, 1945, in Italy while serving with the 442nd Central Postal Directory, was buried at Golden Gate National cemetery in San Bruno on Dec. 1.

The rites were attended by his mother, Mrs. Kyoko Yonemura, two sisters, Nancy and Joan, all of Chicago, and his brother, Mas Yonemura, Berkeley attorney.

A graduate of the 1942 class at UCLA, Moe Yonemura was head yell leader and was active in other campus groups.

He was evacuated to the Pomona assembly center and later to Heart Mountain.

Another brother, Minoru, is now with the U.S. Army counter-intelligence forces in Japan.

Mari Tobari Hits 246 Game in Nisei Women's League

Mari Tobari scored a sensational 246 game in the Nisei women's bowling league in Salt Lake City Sunday, Nov. 28, at the Temple alleys.

Highest game of the season in regular play in the league, the game is also believed to be one of the highest hit by a Nisei girl. Miss Tobari also broke previous high series records with a 544.

Previous high game was a 235 by Hannah Kaizumi, Okada Insurance bowler.

Miss Tobari's high game and series helped Pagoda, her team, in a 4-0 victory over Dawn Noodle.

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Japanese Americans Teach Democracy to New Immigrants

SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese Americans taught newly arrived European immigrants the ways of democracy at a meeting which was sponsored last week by the International Institute of San Francisco.

Most of the immigrants were Central Europeans who had come here from Shanghai on corporate or individual affidavits. They had fled Europe in the 1930s and stayed in the Chinese city until they were able to come to the United States.

The meeting was one of a series planned by the Institute. The purpose is to offer a helping hand to new arrivals and to show them the democratic nature of our way of life.

The latter objective was emphasized by Fred Hoshiyama, executive secretary of the Buchanan Street YMCA, who made a brief speech.

He gave an impersonal outline of the postwar recovery of Japanese Americans in this city and stressed the help of Caucasians in overcoming the initial difficulties encountered by the racial group after they returned from wartime evacuation centers.

Hoshiyama illustrated the progress of the Japanese American group in the following ways:

1. Americans of Japanese ancestry comprise .001 per cent of the country's population, but have been largely responsible for several recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions broadening the rights of minority groups.

2. Japanese Americans in San Francisco today live in neighborhoods from which they were barred before the war and are employed by firms which snubbed them previously.

3. Japanese Americans have the lowest crime and unemployment rates of any racial group in the city.

The program was arranged by Miss Ann'e Clo Watson, executive secretary of the International Institute.

Salt Lake Group Will Hold Dance

A dinner dance will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 26, at the Ritz club, 3737 South State street, under the sponsorship of the Harlem Seagulls club and the Salt Lake basketball league.

One of the features of the evening will be a drawing for a television set.

Lyle Kurisaki Jr. will be the chairman for the evening's festivities.

Snake River JACL Plans Meeting on Evacuation Claims

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Snake River JACL will hold an evacuation claims clinic Dec. 12 from 1:30 p. m. at the Ontario Japanese community hall.

All persons interested in claims are urged to attend.

Masao Satow, executive director of the JACL, and Kay Terashima, interpreter, are tentatively scheduled to attend.

An important general meeting of the chapter will be held Dec. 14 at the Women's club in Ontario.

Pot-Luck Supper

ONTARIO, Ore. — A pot-luck supper, sponsored by the Young Matrons club, was enjoyed by 35 couples at the Ontario Women's clubhouse on Nov. 15.

After the dinner, the evening was spent in games and dancing.

First IDC Bowling Meet Held in Idaho



Trophy winners of the first annual Intermountain JACL district council bowling tournament are shown with their prizes, following the competition on Nov. 26 and 27 in Pocatello, Idaho. The winners are (left to right) Nellie Saito, Ontario, Ore., and Fusaye Odow, Salt Lake City, women's doubles; Maxie Kato, Ogden, all events and women's singles; Amy Kawamura, mixed

doubles; Suzie Tominaga and Sachi Kawamura, members of the winning Pocatello women's team; June Uyeda, Tucker Morishita and Todd Honda, members of the winning Idaho Falls men's team; Ronnie Kokota, mixed doubles; Isao Morimoto and Sam Yokota, doubles. Sam Yokota also won the men's singles. George Sato, winner of the men's all events, is not in the picture.

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Remains of Two Nisei Soldiers Returned from Pacific Area

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Remains of two Nisei who lost their lives during World War II have been returned to the United States from the Pacific area.

Next of kin will be notified when the bodies arrive at Regional Distribution Centers of the American Graves Registration Service.

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The two, both from California, and their next of kin, are:

Cpl. John J. Kato, Genshichi Kato, 1383 O'Farrell St., San Francisco; and Pfc. Tokiwo Murakami, Sano Murakami, Rt. 3, Box 868, Watsonville.

Cpl. Kato died in Japan on Jan. 29, 1946. He was fatally injured near Kedagawa while driving an Army truck on a mail run from Fukushima to Yokohama.

Memorial rites for Cpl. Kato will be held at the Church of Christ in San Francisco on Dec. 14. Full military rites will be held the following day at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno.

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Yokota Hits Hoop

AUBURN, Calif.—Jun Yokota, erstwhile star halfback on the Auburn high school football team, donned basketball togs last week and proved that he had not lost his form on the hardwood.

Yokota warmed up by tossing 28 consecutive free throws through the hoop. He is a first string guard on the Auburn cage squad.

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