

Nisei Officer Reburied at San Bruno



Mrs. Kyoko Yonemura, mother of Lieut. Hitoshi (Moe) Yonemura, is shown receiving the American flag from the casket of her hero son during military burial services on Dec. 1 at Golden Gate National cemetery at San Bruno, Calif. Lieut. Yonemura's sisters, Nancy and Joan, and a group of friends look on.

A graduate of the 1942 class at UCLA, Lieut. Yonemura was head yell leader at the school and was active in many other campus organizations. He was killed in action on April 21, 1945, with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy. He is also survived by a brother, Minoru, now with the army of occupation in Japan.

—Photo by Kameo Kido, San Francisco.

ADC Will Seek Amendment To Enemy Trading Act to Prevent Losses of Property

WASHINGTON, D. C.—At the request of citizens, alien Japanese and internees whose property was vested by the government, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee will seek special amendments to the Trading with the Enemy Act in an effort to prevent property losses of such persons.

The decision to seek the amendments was announced jointly by the National JACL Legislative Committee, the National Board of JACL, and the Board of Directors of JACL ADC.

A number of persons failed to file claims for vested property prior to August 8, 1948, the final deadline for seeking return of vested property held by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice.

JACL ADC officials pointed out that such persons often were not aware they were entitled to file claims against the government for return of their property, or were unaware of the deadline.

Internees heretofore have not been permitted to file claims.

Several million dollars is believed involved in vested property, including vested commercial property, and both dollar and yen deposits in former Japanese institutions such as the Yokohama Specie and Sumitomo Banks.

Before JACL ADC can formulate drafts of proposed amendments, the Washington office must receive, as quickly as possible, the following information from persons whose property or bank deposits were vested by the government:

- 1) Type of property (whether business, or dollar or yen deposits);
- 2) Amount involved, and 3) Status of person whose property was vested, (whether internee, citizen, or resident alien who was not interned.)

The information must reach the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee at 300 5th St., N.E., Washington 2, D. C., before the end of the year so that possible drafts of the amendments may be ready when Congress convenes January 3, 1949.

First Denver Nisei Inducted in New Draft

DENVER, Colo.—Harry Hiroshi Oshita is one of the first Denver area residents to be drafted under the peacetime selective service law.

He was inducted on Nov. 29.

Nisei Medic Makes Mercy Flight To Aid Victim of Bulbar Polio

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The mercy flight of a Nisei physician, Dr. Kenneth Sugioka of St. Louis, with a new type of oxygen inhalator which he helped develop, this week gave a 25-year old woman, Mrs. Merlyn Stratman of Silver Spring, Md., a fighting chance to survive deadly bulbar poliomyelitis.

The machine was placed in operation immediately after it was brought by plane from St. Louis by Dr. Sugioka and was feeding highly concentrated doses of oxygen to the patient.

The 70 pound inhalation equipment is not yet available commercially, but Dr. Louis K. Sweet, chief medical officer in pediatrics at Gallinger hospital, had read about it recently in a medical journal. He remembered it in a case he ever had a patient who would need the apparatus.

Dr. Sweet placed an urgent call with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis shortly after Mrs. Stratman was admitted to Gallinger hospital. The disease attacked the nerves leading from her brain, paralyzing the throat muscles that permit breathing and swallowing.

Gallinger surgeons performed a tracheotomy operation—cutting a small opening directly into the windpipe. Doctors fed Mrs. Stratman intravenously. But when the chest muscles that control breathing also became paralyzed, Dr. Sweet placed a call with the found-

Return Remains Of Nisei from Pacific Area

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The name of T/Sgt. Russell Fujino is contained in a list of 1900 additional war dead returned to the United States aboard the USAT Dalton Victory. The first listing of 2,554 World War II soldier dead returned by the same ship was announced earlier in the week by the War Department Public Information Division. All of these are from the Pacific area.

According to the Washington JACL ADC, the next of kin of T/Sgt. Russell Fujino is given as Mrs. Tamaki Fujino, 801 "A" Coronado Drive, Oxnard, California.

Joe Masaoka Will Speak on Claims To Valley Chapters

SAN FRANCISCO—Public meetings in which a full explanation of the evacuation claims filings will be aired, have been scheduled next week by the Livingston-Merced, Cortez and Tulare County JACL chapters.

Joe G. Masaoka, West Coast ADC director, will appear at the following meetings: Dec. 14, Livingston, at Livingston Community hall; Dec. 15, Cortez, at Cortez Community hall; and Dec. 16, at Tulare County, at the Buddhist hall at Dinuba, "N" and Tulare sts. All meetings are to begin from 7:30 in the evening.

Talks will be given in both English and Japanese. A question and answer period will follow the discussion on the claims forms. The public is invited to these meetings.

California Civic Unity Group Will Survey Discriminatory Practices on Cemetery Plots

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—The finding of discrimination on racial ancestral grounds in the immigration and naturalization laws of the United States was urged here on Dec. 5 at the state convention of the California Councils for Civic Unity.

A study of discriminatory practices against persons of Japanese and other non-Caucasian ancestry in cemeteries and mausoleums will be undertaken as the result of a resolution which was passed unanimously.

The convention was informed of discriminatory practices of certain California cemeteries against returned war dead of Japanese ancestry.

The convention voted to set up machinery whereby its 70 California organizations will strive to blot out local incidents of racial discrimination. In passing its resolution to end discrimination in the naturalization laws, the civic unity group noted that the largest group now eligible to citizenship was composed of resident "Japanese aliens."

The state federation also went on record to investigate means of ending discriminatory practices of insurance companies. It was noted that Japanese Americans and other non-Caucasians were subjected to discriminatory conditions in obtaining life, auto and other types of insurance.

California was characterized during the convention as providing a "golden field of opportunity" for those who seek to destroy democracy and divide the people. "Catholics, Protestants, Negroes, Japanese and Mexicans—all are talked against by those persons who are literally trying to erase the democratic way of life," it was stated.

Saburo Kido, Los Angeles attorney and former national president of the JACL, was chosen on the board of directors of the California state civic unity group. Kay Kobusada of Monterey, a member of the present board, will continue in his post.

Sam Ishikawa, Southern California regional director of the JACL, attended all of the meetings.

Mr. Kido was nominated by Dale Gardner, director of the Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations.

Report Two Bay Area Congressmen Back Naturalization Bill

BERKELEY, Calif.—Support of two Bay Area congressmen for the equality in naturalization legislation supported by JACL ADC was reported this week by Mas Yonemura, chairman of the legislative committee of the East Bay JACL.

Yonemura said that chapter representatives received pledges of support from Rep. George P. Miller, D., Alameda, and Rep. John J. Allen, Jr., R., Oakland, before the recent departures of the two congressmen for Washington.

Final Burial Rites Planned for Nisei

ALAMEDA, Calif.—The JACL will cooperate with four other Alameda organizations in sponsoring the funeral services for T/Sgt. Minoru Nakayama, only local Nisei to die in action in World War II, whose body is being returned for reburial in the national cemetery at San Bruno.

Besides the JACL, the sponsoring groups include the Buddhist church, YBA, Japanese Methodist church and the Acorn Athletic club.

No date has been set for the final rites, pending the arrival of T/Sgt. Nakayama's body here. His body together with the remains of 54 other Nisei arrived recently in New York.

T/Sgt. Nakayama, member of the famed 442nd combat team, died on April 16, 1945, two days after sustaining injuries in the Po valley campaign. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kakunjo Nakayama, four brothers, Yutaka, Tomio, Shigenobu and Takeshi, and two sisters, Hanae and Toyoko.

JACL participation in the service is being arranged by a committee composed of Howe Hanamura, chairman, Ruzzy Maeyama, Bob Mizoguchi, Shiro Nakaso and Taizo Imura.

Nisei A-Bomb Survivors Send Flowers for Graves of U. S. GIs

HIROSHIMA, Japan—The Rev. K. Tanimoto, the Christian minister who is one of the main characters in John Hersey's book, "Hiroshima," is visiting the graves of Japanese American war dead in the United States on behalf of Nisei Center Hiroshima, an organization which is serving as a liaison between American occupation authorities and the Japanese government on problems affecting war-stranded Nisei in the Hiroshima area.

Richard M. Okano, chairman of Nisei Center Hiroshima, said here last week that the group had sent flowers to the Nisei war dead in the United States on behalf of Japanese American survivors of the atom bombing of Hiroshima. "We want to show our gratifica-

tion to the Japanese Americans who fought and died for the United States in the war," Mr. Okano added.

(The Rev. Tanimoto, now visiting the United States, offered prayers at the graves of Nisei soldiers in Evergreen cemetery in Los Angeles.)

It was reported that several hundred war-stranded Nisei were in the Hiroshima area on the day the atom bomb fell on the city. Many of the Nisei survivors have since returned to their families in the United States, while others are awaiting clearance from American authorities.

Mr. Okano said that his office No. 27, Naka-michi, Hiroshima, was serving as an information center for Nisei in the city in which the atom age was born.

Hawaii--One People: The Melting Pot Still Boils

The Racial Backgrounds of Its People Are as Colorful as the Tropic Rainbow

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu, T. H. CAPT. JAMES COOK didn't know it at the time but when he discovered Hawaii in 1778, he started the melting pot of races boiling. And it is still boiling today, 170 years later.

Hawaii was all-Polynesian then. Three hundred thousand native Hawaiians populated the chain of islands when the English explorer, searching for a northern passage from the Pacific to the Atlantic, sighted the "Sandwich Islands."

By opening up Hawaii to the outside world, Capt. Cook began the flow of new and strange peoples from far places to an island community now more cosmopolitan probably than any other place on this earth.

Hawaii as a result is the sociologist's "dream world" today. Here, living on a handful of islands are half a million people whose racial backgrounds are as diverse and colorful as the tropic rainbow that arches over the Hawaiian skyline.

One sociologist who has watched and marvelled at the fusion of races over the years is Prof. Andrew W. Lind of the University of Hawaii. An acknowledged authority on Hawaii's race relations, the sociology professor is author of two books on the subject—*An Island Community* and, more recently, *Hawaii's Japanese, An Experiment in Democracy*.

A few weeks ago he summed up his ideas on the future of Hawaii, in terms of a further blending of races. His predictions made news that amazed a few but only confirmed what most "kamaainas" (oldtimers) had guessed at a long time ago. Dr. Lind had the charts and statistics to back up his observations and forecasts.

In essence, here is what he had to say on "Hawaii's Changing Complexion:"

"We are losing our character as a collection of races and becoming instead one people. Our racial complexion definitely is changing. By current calculations, more than half of Hawaii's population will be 'mixed' within the next 50 years.

"We have put considerable emphasis here in the islands on our inter-racial character. It has been a matter of group pride.

"The tourist bureau, the chamber of commerce and other agencies have tried to capitalize on it. We encourage that sort of literature regarding Hawaii.

"To some degree at least, that is a matter of 'front' because, as a good many people have discovered, particularly newcomers, the inter-racial amity is not quite as real as it is apparent. The result has been that the islands have been criticized for putting up this front as being hypocritical.

"If you dig beneath the surface of the situation, you discover actually that racial lines are maintained in certain quarters. There is racial prejudice. The fact of race is extremely real and you can't get away from it.

"As far as my own viewing of the situation is concerned, I am convinced that our claims are justified—that while there are these lines maintained, lines that will continue for some time to come, perhaps the more significant trend in the community is the trend in the direction of a building of a common people. (I don't mean 'race' in the commonly accepted sense of the word.)"

In referring to the changing racial complexion of the people in Hawaii, Dr. Lind cited first the change from the Polynesian to non-Polynesian character of the population.

The pure Hawaiian population dropped from about 300,000 when Captain Cook discovered the islands, to about 40,000 by the end of the last century. They appeared for a time to be disappearing as had happened to natives in a good many other island areas in the Pacific, like the Tasmanians.

The pure Hawaiian is gradually disappearing but only through a process of absorption into the newer, part-Hawaiian group that has risen rapidly in numbers.

"The part-Hawaiian element represents a mixture of Polynesian and non-polynesian peoples as symbolic of what is taking place here as a whole," remarked Dr. Lind.

The fusing process has been accelerated by the importation of sizeable numbers of immigrants from various parts of the world. The largest and more readily recognized groups are the Filipinos, Koreans, Chinese, Puerto-Ricans, Spanish, Portuguese and other Caucasians. Besides these eight, there are many other groups like the Guamanians, Negroes and Germans but these are so small their separate identity has been lost.

There was a time in the 1880's when there was a popular fear that the Chinese would over-run the population. After 1900, attention was focused primarily on the Japanese. The rapid increase in the Japanese population became the basis of "all sorts of rumors," Dr. Lind recalled.

"There was a short period when the Filipinos were being introduced so rapidly, thereby increasing their population in the total population, that it seemed possible that they might become a threat to the important groups. But this hasn't actually materialized.

"Now the Caucasian group is actually the largest."

So-called "out-marriages" are rapidly breaking down racial lines. There has been a steady increase in the rate of out-marriages among the larger groups.

The rate was 14.1 per cent during the 1912-16 period. It rose to 22.6 per cent during the 1920-24 period; then to 30.9 per cent during 1939-41, and finally to 38.5 per cent during the peak war years 1943-44. It declined slightly after the war but since then has climbed again.

"It is reasonable to assume," said Dr. Lind, "that this upward trend will continue."

Some of the groups have inter-married to a greater degree than others. The Hawaiians manifested this tendency perhaps to the most noticeable degree. They served as a sort of fusing agent, inter-marrying with almost all of the groups without discrimination.

The high proportion of males among the immigrant groups was responsible for the initial out-marriages, particularly the Chinese and Filipinos.

This fusing process was a consequence of sex disproportions. There was also the long-term upward trend simply by virtue of the general tradition which the islands have represented and the fact of living together in a tightly knit island community.

The Japanese group, whose family system has always been very strong, has married outside of its race least of all the major groups. But the war shook loose even the Japanese, particularly the women, from this tradition.

The sudden influx of a large population of single Caucasian men in the services and as defense workers, along with the exodus of a large number of local men, dislocated the marriage market in Hawaii.

If the newcomers were to marry at all, many of them had to find spouses from outside their own racial groups. And when young men are many miles from home, any racial prejudices which they might have tend to fade before the craving for affection and human association.

The objections which most racial groups in Hawaii have against out-marriages tended to break to a considerable degree during the war years under the pressure of patriotic claims and the general weakening of normal family ties. Groups which in peace times are rather rigid in their taboos upon interracial marriage found it increasingly difficult to control the marriage choices of their children in wartime.

That's the explanation given by Dr. Lind. Thus, among the Japanese women, one out of every five Japanese brides during 1942-44 went outside the ancestral group for her husband.

Since 1944 the rate of outmarriage among the Japanese women has dropped slightly with the return of Nisei servicemen and the departure of non-Japanese visitors during the war.

The Japanese men, however, have continued to seek their brides from the Japanese community. Only about 5 per cent have married out.

Dr. Lind pointed out that it is becoming increasingly difficult to classify any large group of people by race when the term "race" is defined as a pure race group.

Hawaii as yet can't discard racial classifications, he said, because the fact of race "is still too important in the thinking and functioning of our people here."

"We must retain as accurate information as possible with regard to racial characteristics of our population if for nothing else than simply to defend ourselves from the unjust and irresponsible criticisms of outsiders."

The difficulties of classifying people by race is forcing one of two alternatives, according to Dr. Lind: Either segregate people into mixed blood groups, as is done by some government agencies in Hawaii. One housing agency, for example, has an elaborate racial classification system which has broken down racial mixtures into 169 categories with some fantastic combinations.

"That sort of scheme becomes unworkable," commented the sociologist.

The other possibility is to continue to use the system of recording pure-blooded groups, knowing that they are becoming increasingly inaccurate.

To illustrate the inaccuracy of this system, Dr. Lind called attention to the fact that in 1831, 25.1 per cent of the children born in Hawaii were of mixed racial ancestry but by 1946, it had risen to 38.4 per cent, the largest single group within the mixed group being the part-Hawaiians.

Actually, however, only 26 per cent of the 38.4 per cent mixed blooded children were part-Hawaiian, the other 12 per cent being of other ancestries that would be thrown into one of the pure blood categories.

It all comes about because the federal census provides for the classification of only the part-Hawaiians and not the other mixed blood residents. The latter are grouped with any one of the several so-called pure blooded categories.

In 1930 there were about 2,500 persons of mixed Oriental-Caucasian ancestry who were misclassified by the census.

According to estimates, by 1950 over 20,000 would be misclassified. About 15 per cent of the total population are of part-Hawaiian ancestry. If others who are known to be misclassified were to be grouped together, the total will be over 20 per cent of the territory's count; how much over, Dr. Lind could not say.

Because so many thousands will be misclassified in the 1950 census unless some changes are made, Dr. Lind has suggested that racial designations used by census takers be reexamined.

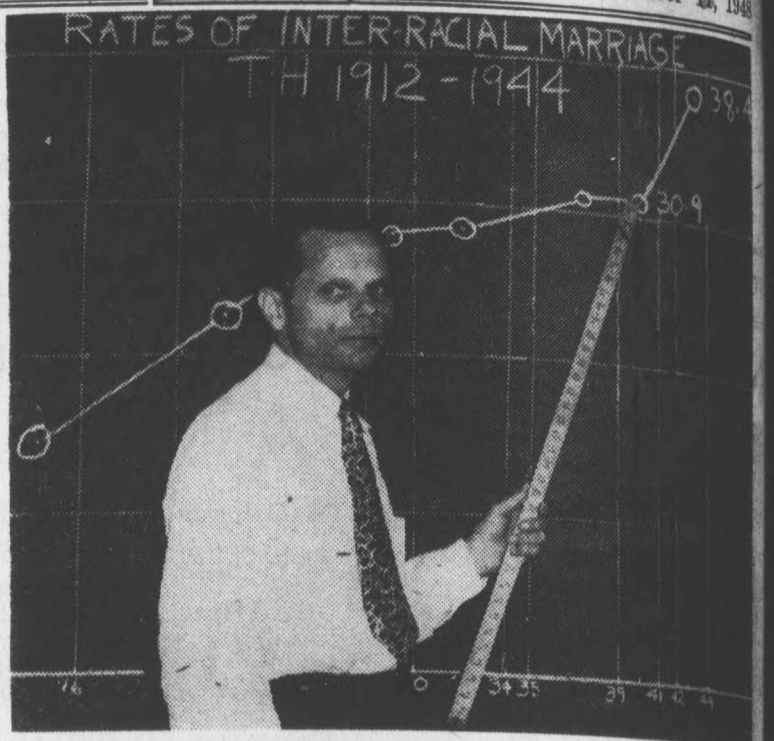
Dr. Lind heads a subcommittee on population statistics and occupation under the census committee of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

He recalled that census-takers gathering information for the 1940 census classed as "Caucasian" only persons of pure Caucasian blood. Persons possessing strains—no matter how minor—of any other racial extraction were classed as "part-Hawaiian," "Chinese," "Japanese," "Filipino," "Korean," "Puerto Rican" or as a member of some other "race."

Such a method of designation, in Dr. Lind's opinion, "reflects a mainland concept of race," and can be misleading.

By the end of this century, considerably over 50 per cent of the population of Hawaii will be of mixed racial ancestry, Dr. Lind estimated.

The blending process is going on at a progressively faster rate because those who inter-marry "never purify" the group but always complicate the situation further, the mixed blooded children bearing more mixed-blooded descendants.



Dr. Andrew W. Lind, sociology professor at the University of Hawaii and author of a recent book, "Hawaii's Japanese," points to the big reason why Hawaii is living up to its name of "the melting pot of races." According to Dr. Lind, inter-marriages in Hawaii promise to make half of Hawaii's population of mixed ancestry by the end of this century. —Honolulu Star-Bulletin photo.

Nisei Survivor of Hiroshima Blasts Participates in Radio Forum on Atomic Energy Use

SAN FRANCISCO — May Tamura, Nisei survivor of the atom bombing of Hiroshima, took part on Dec. 3 in a panel discussion of atomic energy from the hanger deck of the carrier Intrepid in San Francisco bay.

The program, one of a series on "World Affairs Are Your Affairs" was broadcast over KNBC.

The subject for the broadcast was "Atomic Energy—The Necessity for International Control and Its Promises for Peacetime Development."

Among the participants were Dr. David Bradley, author of the best seller, "No Place to Hide"; Dr. Milton Silverman, science editor of the Chronicle; Dr. Joel H. Hildebrand, University of California chemistry professor, and James Day of KNBC, moderator.

Dr. Bradley was one of the observers at the Bikini bomb tests last year.

Miss Tamura, a native of Lodi, Calif., is now a civil service employe of the Navy Department in San Francisco.

She went to Japan with her parents in 1938 when her grandparents were ailing. The family settled in Hiroshima and was caught there when war broke out. A brother, however, returned to the United States shortly before Pearl Harbor.

After the war's start, Hiroshima's schools were in session

only one day a week; so May, then 13 years of age, went to work the rest of the week in a cigaret factory. She was at work in the factory on the morning of Aug. 6, 1945, when air raid warnings sounded. A few minutes later they stopped, as the two American B-29s apparently bypassed the city.

"Apparently they turned, though, and came back with the engines cut off, because a few minutes later we heard the loudest blast imaginable," she related.

Her factory was several miles from the scene of the actual explosion, but all the glass and partitions were knocked out, and much of the machinery was badly damaged.

Miss Tamura suffered only cuts from flying glass, but many of her coworkers were badly burned and affected by the rays—"some described them blue, others green"—that swept through the city and came in through the windows.

The most significant characteristic of atomic injury, the Nisei girl said, was the rotting flesh literally hanging from the hands and fingers of many survivors, although nearly three-quarters of the population was killed. The normal population of the city, she said, had dropped because evacuation already had started under the Japanese government's decentralization plan for industrial areas.

Early Filing of Evacuee Claims Urged by Ennis at Boston Meet

BOSTON—Details in filing evacuation claims were explained and the legislative program during the coming Congressional session was outlined to representatives of chapters in the JAACL Eastern District Council, at a conference sponsored by the New England chapter here, the weekend of Dec. 4 and 5.

Edward J. Ennis, special counsel to the JAACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, urged early filing of evacuation claims, clarified procedures for doing so, and answered questions concerning various types of claims, best methods to be used in filing, possibility of hearings, and other phases. Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of the JAACL-ADC, outlined the immediate legislative program.

While the Judd Bill for equality in naturalization and immigration will be the main focus of the national legislative program this year, according to Mr. Masaoka, other bills will also be introduced and pushed. A companion to the Evacuation Claims measure to alleviate some conditions not included in the original bill, a measure to seek repayment for losses incurred through confiscation of contraband articles, and further action on soldier brides are some of the items.

The 75 representatives to the Conference came from chapters in Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and New York City, as well as the

host chapter. Official delegates were Jack Ozawa and Tetsu Iwasaki, Philadelphia; Mike M. Masaoka, Washington, D.C. (by proxy); Mrs. Mitsu Kuwahara and Mariko Ishiguro, New York; and Harvey Aki, New England.

Highlight of the social program Saturday night, was a birthday cake for Mr. Ennis which was cut and handled with the usual ceremonies. Sightseeing, under the guidance of the host chapter, occupied the group on Sunday.

Ina Sugihara was elected temporary chairman to succeed Thomas T. Hayashi, who recently became a national vice president of the JAACL, and Ira Shimazaki of Washington was elected temporary vice chairman to replace Hal Horiuchi, of the same city.

Next convention of the EDC will be held either next spring or fall, depending on the wishes of the sponsoring chapter.

Nozaki, Enomoto Elected to Posts In Ogden Amvets

OGDEN, Utah—Bill Nozaki was elected provost marshal of Amvets post No. 1 of Ogden at the elections this week.

Eddie Enomoto was elected post historian.

New York JACL Aids Evacuee Claimants



NEW YORK—Mrs. Roy Kuwahara (the former Mitsu Takami), office secretary of the New York JACL, is shown distributing the forms to be filled in filing for Evacuation Claims. A large number of Issei and Nisei from the Greater New York area attended the JACL-sponsored community meeting at which time the forms were first introduced locally. Chapter president Thomas T. Hayashi explained the legislative back-

ground and gave instructions and information concerning the completion and filing of the forms for claiming evacuation losses. After his remarks, Hayashi invited questions from the floor and several "theoretical" cases were explained. Many forms were distributed immediately following the meeting and the local JACL is furnishing stenographic assistance to the local claimants. —Photo by Everett "Jim" Starr.

ADC Officials Optimistic Over Naturalization Equality Bill

Ennis, Masaoka, Cullum Confer with Rep. Emanuel Celler

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Prospects for the passage of a bill for equality in naturalization are better than ever.

This was the opinion expressed by Edward J. Ennis, chairman, Committee for Equality in Naturalization, Robert M. Cullum, CEN secretary, and Mike Masaoka, JACL ADC national legislative director, this week following a special pre-Congress meeting with Representative Emanuel Celler, Democrat, of New York. Representative Celler is slated to be the next chairman of the important House Committee on the Judiciary. Legislation concerning immigration and naturalization matters is referred to a subcommittee of this Judiciary Committee.

In the 80th Congress, Congressman Celler was the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee as well as on the Subcommittee for Immigration and Naturalization.

Ennis, Cullum, and Masaoka met Congressman Celler at the latter's New York office and discussed the effect of the Democratic victory at the polls on such legislation as the JACL ADC bill for equality in naturalization.

The Congressman expressed himself in complete accord with the principles of the bill and promised his support. He pointed out that he had previously introduced legislation of this nature and had also worked for the passage of the bills extending naturalization and immigration privileges to Chinese and East Indians.

Congressman Celler expressed the hope that during the next Congress the last remaining vestiges of discrimination against Asiatics in American immigration and naturalization would be eliminated.

Wyoming Nisei Rancher Dies Despite Heroic Mercy Flight

DENVER, Colo.—A mercy flight through a 75-mile gale proved in vain on Dec. 2 for John Hayashida, 29, Worland, Wyo., ranch owner.

Hayashida was taken by plane despite a raging storm to Denver for emergency treatment for a brain tumor.

Attendants at St. Luke's hospital said on Dec. 3 that he was in fair condition but he suffered a re-

Honolulu's Mainland Nisei Group Initiates New Members

HONOLULU—Eleven new members were taken into membership at the recent initiation tea of the Hui O' Malihini, an organization of mainland Nisei women in Hawaii, at the Nuuanu YMCA.

The new members were initiated by Mrs. Mary Kimoto, vice-president, in the absence of the club's proxy, Mrs. Yuri Tanaka, who is visiting relatives on the mainland. The initiates are Mrs. Betty Masuda, formerly of Los Angeles; Mrs. Mary Shiroma, Seattle; Mrs. Helen Fujita, Chicago; Mrs. Jayne Akamine, San Francisco; Mrs. Aiko Kawasaki, St. Louis; Mrs. Yaeko Fujioka, Seattle; Mrs. Sakaye Fukuda, Tacoma; Mrs. Michi Kato, Chicago; Mrs. Harriet San Juan, San Francisco; Mrs. Dorothy Murakishi, St. Paul, and Mrs. Yoshiko Fukuda, St. Louis.

The new members were presented with carnation leis.

Mrs. Morioka was elected as secretary to replace Mrs. Mae Nagata.

A formal initiation dinner dance will be held in February with Mrs. Jayne Akamine in charge of the program.

Masaji Eto Heads JACL Chapter in San Luis Obispo

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—Masaji Eto was elected president of the San Luis Obispo chapter of the JACL at the annual election meeting on Dec. 3.

Other members of the 1949 cabinet are: Mitsuji Fukuhara, v.p.; Mary Nagano, corres. sec.; Haru Fuchiwaki, rec. sec.; Kazuo Ikeda, treas.; Karl Taku, official delegate, and Patrick Nagano, alternate.

Induct Chicago Nisei

CHICAGO—James J. Watanabe is one of 80 Chicago area men who were inducted into the army recently as the first group under the new peacetime draft.

He is now training at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Nisei Veteran Teaches Art at University of Maine

ORANGE, N.J.—Francis Hamabe, a veteran of the 442nd Combat team who is achieving a wide reputation for his water color paintings, has been appointed as an instructor in art at the University of Maine in Orono.

Hamabe also has been the art director of the Camden Hills theater in New Jersey.

He has a studio at Rockport, Me., and has completed a series of paintings titled "Famous Churches and Lighthouses of New England."

In addition to his assigned classes, he is conducting children's classes and will have an exhibition this winter at the University of Maine.

He is the son of Frank Hamabe, proprietor of a fish hatchery and a doll hospital, in Orange, N.J.

Report Completion Of First Phase of Denver Fund Drive

DENVER, Colo.—Successful completion of the initial phase of the current JACL ADC financial drive in Denver was reported on Dec. 2 to the Mountain Plains JACL ADC office by Z. Kanegaye, chairman of the Kika Kisei Domei.

Colorado's goal is \$7,000 in the national total of \$140,000 which was set at the national KKD conference held in conjunction with the tenth biennial convention of the JACL in Salt Lake City in September.

The campaign locally is being undertaken by the Mountain Plains JACL ADC office and by 23 branches of the KKD in the area which embraces, Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico and Texas, in addition to Colorado.

The committees in Liff, Colo., and Rock Springs, Wyo., already have completed their campaigns.

T. Kako, vice-chairman of the local KKD, left on Dec. 5 for Omaha, Neb., accompanied by Roy Takeno of the JACL ADC regional office. Arrangements were made to hold meetings in Sedgwick, Colo., and North Platte, Neb.

Student Attends Colorado Conference

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.—Eddie Mayeda, president of the boy's league at Grand Junction high school, is one of three local students who attended the conference of the Colorado Association of High School Student Councils in Fort Collins on Dec. 6 and 7.

National Committee of Amvets Reaffirms Support of Measure To Amend Naturalization Law

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The national executive committee of Amvets (American Veterans of World War II) on Dec. 4 reaffirmed unanimously the organization's avowal of proposed legislation which will "accord naturalization privileges to the parents of honorably discharged Japanese American veterans of World War II, and other Japanese parents, aliens of proven loyalty, whose children are American citizens."

The original resolution was unanimously passed at the 1947 Amvets national convention.

Evacuation Claims Clinic to Be Held In Eastern Oregon

NAMPA, Idaho—Members of the Boise Valley JACL who desire information on evacuee claims matters were advised at a meeting of the JACL cabinet on Dec. 2 to go to the clinic which will be held on Dec. 12 at 1:30 p. m. at the community hall in Ontario, Ore.

The following nominations for the 1949 cabinet were announced:

President, George Ishihara and Yoshio Takahashi; first v. p., Mels Okazaki and Harry Kawahara; 2nd v. p., Steven Hirai and Paul Takeuchi; treas., Manabu Yamada, George Koyama and Takatori; cor. sec., Pat Kuroda, Midge Miyaki; rec. sec., Takeko Okazaki, Mary Itano, Rhea Yamanishi; historian, Yoshie Matsumoto and Mrs. Etsu Nishioka; official delegate, George Yayama, and alternate, Mas Yamashita.

Tommy Takatori reported on the turkey shoot which will be sponsored by the chapter.

Seiichi Hayashida was appointed chairman of the bowling tournament.

Issei Kills Self After Gun Duel With Police

Starts Firing When Officers Arrive to Carry Out Eviction

SARASOTA, Fla.—A butler who had gone berserk after he had been dismissed by his employer died here on Dec. 6 after a two-hour gun duel with police.

He was identified by police as Hiroshi Nishida, 50.

Nishida fired a bullet into his head at the end of the battle in the home of his employer, Lewis Van Wenzel.

Van Wenzel, a wealthy Sarasota realty agent, called the police to his house when Nishida refused to leave after his dismissal.

Officers said Nishida apparently went crazy and began firing wildly with a .38 caliber revolver when they came to eject him.

He died a few hours after shooting himself.

Van Wenzel said he dismissed Nishida when he learned the latter had served a jail term in New York for killing his wife.

Last Two Canadian Evacuees End Moose Jaw Sitdown Strike

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—The sit-down strike of two Canadian evacuees, protesting the closing of the Moose Jaw hostel for evacuees of Japanese ancestry, ended here last week after more than a year.

Originally there were 59 sit-down strikers who demonstrated in protest against the government's decision to close the Moose Jaw hostel, located in the officers barracks of a former Canadian air force center.

Last week the two remaining demonstrators, Suekichi Miyagawa, 57, and Tomijiro Naka, 65, who have been camping outside the former hostel in a pup tent, accepted the Canadian Labor Department's invitation to pack up and go to New Denver, B.C., where the de-

partment retains a housing center for old and incapacitated evacuees. The two men boarded the train on Nov. 28.

They said the cold nights and the apparent hopelessness of their protest were reasons for their decision to accept the government's offer.

The pup tent in which they have been sleeping since Aug. 14 was returned to its owner, Ross Thatcher, CCF member of Parliament from Moose Jaw who has supported the protests of the Japanese Canadians at Moose Jaw against the government's evacuation policy and the still continuing exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the coastal area of British Columbia.

The resolution on bowling noted that if the American Bowling Congress does not act to move its discriminatory racial restrictions a motion will be made to the next national convention of Amvets to urge the withdrawal of all Amvets post bowling teams from ABC sanction on the ground that ABC practices are "contrary to the principles of Americanism, equality and freedom from racial discrimination and contrary to the aims of Amvets."

Forecast Completion Of JACL ADC Drive In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Completion of the \$35,000 JACL ADC fund drive by the end of December was forecast this week by Akimi Sugawara, executive secretary of the Kikaken Kisei Domei, the Issei supporters group for JACL ADC.

Mr. Sugawara said that the San Mateo district has sent in its \$2,000 quota and is continuing solicitations of funds.

A house-to-house campaign was started in San Francisco this week. The goal is \$2,500.

Nisei Veteran Sought For Liaison Work by Sixth Army Command

SAN FRANCISCO—The Sixth Army, with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco, is looking for a Nisei veteran with a speaking knowledge of Japanese for short-term service, according to Roy Ashizawa, adjutant of the Townsend Harris post of the American Legion.

The Nisei will be attached to the escort department of the Oakland army base and will act as liaison non-commissioned officer during the shipment of returned war dead to their next of kin.

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Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

When The Nisei Needed a Friend

In the dark days of the spring of 1942 when the evacuees were being herded aboard buses and trains for the evacuation centers, the faith of many Nisei in the final integrity of American democratic society was bulwarked by the fact that many individuals and organizations braved the censure of a hostile press and a generally unsympathetic public opinion to uphold the cause of the Japanese American group. Some of these organizations, like the West Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, had been specifically formed for the purpose of meeting the challenge of war-indirectly against Americans of Japanese descent and their resident alien parents. Other groups, like the American Friends Committee and other religious organizations, and the American Civil Liberties Union can be numbered among the traditional defenders of democratic practices. In the company also were such groups as the California CIO whose representative presented the case for the Nisei eloquently before the Tolan congressional committee. Although most of the individuals and organizations involved were liberal in outlook and background, the consciences which were stirred by mass evacuation and the accompanying racist hysteria against the Japanese Americans were not the exclusive properties of any political or ideological group. In fact, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play had an imposing list of supporters, among them being Alfred Lundberg, one of the state's big industrialists; Philip Bancroft, a big farmer, and C. C. Young, former governor of the state. Thus the supporters of democratic fair play represented many shades of political thought and the various economic groups which make up American society.

Many of the people, who were impelled to action by the mass evacuation and the racist attacks on the evacuees which were common in the evacuated area during the early war years, had never before projected themselves into such public activity. Some had been closely associated with Nisei in the years before the war. Others did not know a single Japanese American and their actions were inspired solely by matters of principle.

Many of these friends of the Nisei and of democratic principles jeopardized their business and professional standing in their communities to take up the case of a then unpopular minority. They braved censure and social ostracism

These individuals were active at a time when the Nisei and Issei were away from the Pacific coast. Few Nisei probably would recognize their names today but theirs is a chronicle of personal courage and conviction.

Here are a few of them:
The farmer in California's Orange County who stuffed 3,000 mail boxes with the speech of Sgt. Ben Kuroki which had been published in pamphlet form by the JAACL.

The sprightly old lady in East Oakland who personally went around the shopping district, removing "No Japs Wanted" signs from the store windows.

The magazine stand proprietor in Seattle who went to a suburban community on the night of a mass meeting against the evacuees called by the Remember Pearl Harbor League and personally distributed hundreds of pieces of literature from the JAACL which presented the case for the Nisei.

The public official in Los Angeles who spoke on the radio to protest mass evacuation on time which had been purchased by a group of Nisei. Called before the Tenney committee of the California legislature, he refused to give the names of the Nisei and was cited for contempt and fined. He lost his job in the process.

The university professor whose support of the evacuees resulted in a request for his resignation from a state agency on which he was a member.

The newspaper editor in a small California valley town whose newspaper was one of the few which published forthright editorials opposing the anti-Nisei campaign.

The real estate operator in a Southern California city who jeopardized his business to take a leading role in organizing a community group to urge the return of the evacuees.

These were but a few. As the evacuees spread out across the American land, there were many, many others who extended a hand of welcome. Some were renowned—the poet Sandburg, the gracious lady named Mrs. Roosevelt whose husband was in the White House, grumpy Harold L. Ickes. There was the operator of a tire recapping business in Milwaukee, a novelist in Brooklyn and a manufacturer in Cleveland. There was Ab Jenkins, holder of many of the world's auto speed records who was mayor of Salt Lake City at the time, and an attorney in Madison, Wis. There were grocers and white collar workers and a farmer in Texas.

As the Nisei went along they made many more friends. There was a GI's general called "Vinegar Joe" who had some pungent comments about the hoodlums who attacked returning evacuees to the Pacific coast. He called them "barroom commandos." And a young cartoonist named Mauldin and an actor with a heart as big as his mouth named Joe E. Brown. There was Melvyn Douglas and Ronald Reagan, who spoke out for the Nisei when it wasn't popular to do so in California, and glamour girls like Jinx Falkenberg and Louise Albritton. And young Lon McCallister who told New York reporters about the evacuation when they came to interview him on his first trip to the big town.

But most of all there were the people, anonymous as far as the headlines are concerned, who were and are the stuff of democracy. In the end the hatemongers failed. Such groups as the Remember Pearl Harbor League, Home Front Commandos, Japanese Exclusion League, No Japs, Inc., Council on Alien Relations and other front for the bigots and the economically rapacious are gone without a trace. Some like the California Preservation Association were financed by white supremacist groups who opposed all non-Caucasians in California. Others like the Americans League were supported by commercial interests who hoped to take over the commercial enterprises of the evacuated group.

Although the anti-evacuee groups are no longer active, most of the organization which supported the Nisei are still in the business of extending the boundaries of democracy. Some of these groups are in the California Federation for Civic Unity which met in Santa Barbara last weekend to map a statewide program to fight racial and religious discrimination.

Reprint

We take the following from the "Letters of the Editor" column of the New York STAR:

"To my way of thinking, the way 'Jap,' however economical it may be in terms of saving space, is nothing short of being racist in implication.

"American newspapers before the war commonly used this racial stereotype, so that unconsciously there developed in the American mind an identification of that crude stereotype with the Japanese people. With the war, this word was greatly exploited, so that the common 'Jap' became also a 'Jap rat,' 'Yellow Jap,' and even 'Jape.'

Such usage in turn probably stems back to California during the time that William Randolph Hearst and V. S. McClatchy (owner of the Bee chain newspapers) were creating their mythical 'Yellow Menace' and 'Yellow Peril.' This menace developed into something so real in the minds of the Californians that loyal Japanese Americans were driven into relocation camps during the war.

"You must note with some guilt that the New York Times never used the word 'Jap'—during or since the war with Japan.

"Japan openly admitted that she was fighting a racial war, a holy crusade against the 'white barbarians.' We hypocritically called it a war of the democracies against

MINORITY WEEK

Advance

One of the great social advances of the century came about this last month when India's assembly released the country's 50,000,000 outcasts from their stigma of "untouchability."

"Untouchability," which has kept countless millions of Hindus in a state of near-serfdom for centuries, is now outlawed. Its practice in any form will be subject to penalty.

Quick Quote

"Bigotry and intolerance, racial and group antipathies and misguided loyalties of racial and religiously toward the master race complex are among the greatest dangers today in a world of confused thinking and unfortunate actions."—Senator Arthur Capper.

Breaking Down

Some of our once hard and fast rules about races are beginning to break down.

Some years ago the University of Missouri fought the celebrated Gaines case, in which a Negro law student sought admission to the university.

This week the president of the school's board of curators recommended that state laws be broadened to admit Negroes to state colleges in cases where the desired courses are not offered at Negro schools.

Vagaries

Radio Show . . .

Nisei firms are sponsoring a program of Japanese music on Saturdays over KRDU, Dinuba, Calif. . . . Among Japan-bound passengers who were stranded on the west coast because of the three months strike of maritime workers was Corky Kawasaki, former director of the Chicago Resettlers committee, who is en route to work as an administrative official for the American Friends committee in Japan. . . . Nisei with an adequate command of Japanese are being sought by the U.S. Army's Far East command for occupation jobs as civilian interpreters in Japan. Applications are being received at the Overseas Affairs Branch, 1660 Hyde Park Blvd., Room 149, Chicago. Contracts are for two years and from \$2900 to \$3700 plus allowances.

Paintings . . .

Paintings by Yasuo Kuniyoshi, one of the nation's leading painters and the first living artist to be honored with a retrospective show by New York's Whitney Museum, are featured in the December 7 issue of Look Magazine. . . . Agnes Yoshiko Miyakawa, soprano concert singer who has been living in Charleston, West Va., since her return from Japan last year, has written an article on New York fashions for the English Mainichi in Osaka.

Discovered . . .

Sessue Hayakawa has been "found" in Paris by International News Service, not that he was ever lost. INS recently interviewed Mrs. Tsuru Hayakawa, the actor's wife who has been living in Japan with his three children, 13, 15 and 19 years of age. Mrs. Hayakawa, who acted in Hollywood movies in the days of Theda Bara, said that the famous Japanese actor, now 60 years of age, has been living in Paris for 16 years. She said that according to a recent letter Hayakawa had taken up painting Japanese-style pictures but was still making occasional appearances on the stage and screen.

the lesser man, openly exploiting a racial stereotype to such an extent that after the war this stereotype boomeranged once again against some of America's best citizens, some of whom had returned from the war blinded for life, minus arms and legs.

"I simply ask, 'Is it worth the space saved to use the short, cryptic word, 'Jap'?"

Joe Oyama, Manhattan. The Star titled the letter, "A Fair Question."

EDITORIALS:

A Check-list of Discrimination

Joe Grant Masaoka, the JAACL's representative in Northern California, recently compiled a check-list of discriminatory practices which affect Japanese Americans, as well as members of other minority groups in California.

The list, an agenda of the unfinished business of democracy, was presented last week to the state convention of the California Federation for Civic Unity, an organization comprised of 70 local groups which operate on the community level to fight racial and religious discrimination and to correct undemocratic conditions.

The California Federation for Civic Unity has been a leading force in the organized campaign which has succeeded in dissipating the anti-Nisei hysteria which existed in many California communities during the war. Its local groups have served to counter fear and suspicion, with reason and fact. As Joe Masaoka noted in his report, organizations like the California Federation for Civic Unity represent the American democratic conscience.

Joe Masaoka's report to the federation's convention showed that the fight against discrimination must be waged on many fronts. As far as the Nisei are concerned, the area of freedom has been broadened considerably in the past three years through legal action, as in the Supreme Court test case on the Alien Land law, and through public education and acceptance.

But discrimination remains. Much of it is levied against all non-Caucasians and cannot be overcome by the Nisei alone. There are types of discrimination which follow the non-Caucasian American from the cradle to the grave, from the hospital in which he is born to the cemetery which may refuse him burial.

Some of the types of discriminatory practices affecting the Nisei and Issei which were noted in the Masaoka report include:

Social and recreation—the ABC ban against non-whites in sanctioned bowling tournaments and leagues, restrictions in some swimming pools, the California alien sport fishing fee of \$25 as compared to \$3 for citizens.

Insurance—Many companies will not write casualty insurance on the theory that the matter of race would be a prejudicial factor in a jury trial. Some major insurance companies will not write life insurance at term or standard rates for Oriental Americans. Title insurance companies are reluctant to issue policies on property because of the Alien Land law.

Trades—Some old-line skilled trades unions, like the plumbers, electricians, carpenters and mechanics in California, still discriminate.

Welfare—Old age pensions in California are limited to citizens. Only county public assistance is available to aliens "ineligible to citizenship."

Professions—Many professions bar non-citizens thereby instituting a blanket exclusion against Issei who are "ineligible to citizenship."

Employment—Many firms still discriminate on the basis of race. This is particularly true in jobs which require contact with the general public.

Business—Licenses for certain trades are difficult to secure.

The unfinished business of democracy affects the Nisei and other minority group Americans in California as well as elsewhere in the nation. The check-list of discriminatory practices, compiled by Joe Grant Masaoka, was presented before the state convention of the California Federation for Civic Unity at Santa Barbara last weekend and has resulted in the adoption by that body of a program of group and individual activity which will result in the lessening of the areas of prejudice.

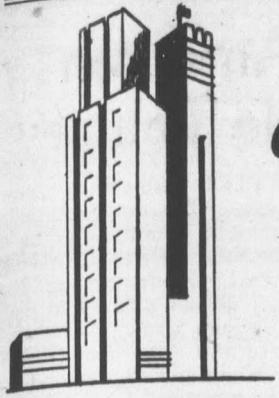
Law on Intermarriage

It is a little puzzling to us to learn that the office of the Los Angeles county deputy counsel is asking for a review of the state intermarriage law cases by the U. S. Supreme court. The state's highest tribunal has already ruled that it is unconstitutional, and since its original ruling has turned down a request from Los Angeles county for a review of the original ruling.

This opposition to the court's decision comes from a source, it seems to us, that should be impartial in the handling of its duties.

The deputy counsel, James Colby, has declared that the county's basis for appeal will be that the intermarriage ban does not violate the 14th amendment to the Constitution, as the state court ruled.

This apparent show of prejudice is not, it seems to us, in keeping with the stature and official dignity that should be shown by the county of Los Angeles or the office of the deputy counsel.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

The Case of California Grapefruit

My cousin Willie and his wife Sumi, both of Los Angeles, are long on memory and heavy on sentiment. They have an elephantine capacity to remember birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations or any other day in the calendar year.

So what happens?

The other day when I came ambling back to the apartment, I saw a giant-size crate of California grapefruit parked against the door. It might as well have been a 10-ton safe or another Gargantua. Before I could even make out the label and markings on the box, the janitor and the apartment manager jet-propelled themselves from the corridors, broke forth with broad smiles and professional grins, to lay the groundwork for a handsome tip.

So, after paying a two-dollar entrance fee, I wrestled with the clumsy case until I nudged it into our tiny living room. Did you ever try to conceal a giraffe in a New York apartment? Well, no matter which way I shoved or moved the crate, it still stuck out like the Empire State building. It was like having a spare pool table in the bathroom.

See, Willie, why didn't you just send me a small card through the mail for my wedding anniversary?

The first job is to get the box open. New Yorkers don't believe in having any thing handy around the house like a hammer. After banging away at a couple of dozen doors in the apartment, about a half hour later, I managed to borrow a decrepit hammer that must have come out of a toy carpentry set. It was better than nothing.

After scattering nails, wire and wood all over the floor, I came face to face with those darn overgrown grapefruit. Myself, I just can't stand the acid taste. My ulcers just curl up at the mere sight of them. The little wife could eat them, half a grapefruit every morning, but that would take till next summer before we would come to the bottom of the crate.

In the meantime, I am stumbling, jumping, tight-rope walking all over the apartment. I can't make a move without barking my shins or skinning my knee against the darn big box.

Willie in one of his rare moments of inspiration, decided that a box of choice California grapefruit would be an excellent remembrance for us ex-Californians as a wedding anniversary present. Cousin Willie works in a wholesale produce firm at the Ninth Street Market in Los Angeles and he must have reasoned that we New Yorkers never get the real McCoy in the east.

Golly, Willie, a card would have been more than enough.

There we were with the six dozen bouncing grapefruit staring at us in the face like a litter of new-born pups. What to do with them? The board of strategy in charge of gift disposal, decided that it would be best to give them to our friends and relatives.

That's easy to say but takes a lot of work and preparation. So, the wife hustled me out to the grocery store in search of a nice small box. A half a dozen stores later, I am still looking for a decent box to put the grapefruit in, I finally locate some containers that look half-way decent. I pay the man and then trudge through the snow back to the apartment.

We pack the boxes and then the wife has the brilliant idea of fixing the boxes up with fancy paper and ribbon. Making it Christ-masy, I think that was the expression. This means another trip out in the cold and the snow, up a street, down a street, walking, jogging, slushing through the snow. Finally, I find a "neighborhood" store about a mile away that stocks some bright-colored paper.

Then, it's back again to the apartment by bus, only to come face to face again with those cursed grapefruit. I think I am going to make a resolution never to even drink canned grapefruit or eat anything even resembling a citrus.

Willie and Sumi . . . just a tiny, little card would have been happily and gratefully acknowledged.

The apartment is a mass of paper, ribbon, grapefruit and boxes. We can't even eat our meals or go to sleep because the debris is all over the place. By this time I am ready to chuck those overgrown California beauties out of the window and bomb a few automobile tops with the stuff.

After working a couple of hours, we have four packages decently dressed ready to go out. Then the delivery problem arises.

I manage somehow to wigwag a cab to stop. When the driver sees my four large packages, a sort of a scowl comes over his face. He prefers passenger and not packages.

First, I deliver one package okay to one of my relatives. Then two dollars later, by the cab meter, I am at my wife's sister's apartment. I am ringing the bell and pounding the door with frantic fury. Meanwhile, the wind and cold is paralyzing my face and the meter on the cab is fiendishly ticking away. I decide that I just can't leave the package in the doorway of the apartment, so I hurry back to the cab and head for the next place on my list.

By this time I am ready to leave and forget the darned grapefruit in the cab. But I notice that the driver has his eagle eye on me just in case I decide on such a drastic move.

It takes another hour to complete the rounds and to finally emerge from the cab sans grapefruit and boxes. A ten-dollar bill manages to cover the cab fare and take care of the tip to the driver. He shakes his head at me, shrugs his shoulders a little, and I can see a little bit of pity reflecting in his worldly eyes.

The day is gone and I am subwaying myself back to the apartment, feeling as though I had gone ten rounds with Joe Louis or finished a full stint at a six-day bicycle race.

Only a card would have been enough . . . I am back at the apartment ready to collapse into an easy chair, only to find that it is occupied by the empty crate and also the balance of the grapefruit.

This is too much.

I gather the remaining grapefruit, a few at a time, run down the hall, and toss them down the garbage chute. There is an atomic thud as each one hits the bottom of the heap.

There still is the wooden crate. I walk down to the janitor's room, press a dollar bill into his waiting palm, and then have the crate escorted out of my life forever.

I am beginning to make mental notes of my expenses. It cost me twenty bucks just to get rid of the stuff and I don't even like grapefruit.

The little woman is now jabbing me in the ribs and ordering me to write a thank-you note to Willie and Sumi. After all, they are cousins on my side of the family.

So I write:

"Dear Willie and Sumi:

Thanks loads for the marvelous grapefruit. We enjoyed them immensely. We are never able to get such beautiful fruit locally and deeply appreciate your remembering our anniversary."

Just as I am through writing this bit of misrepresentation, the wife points out on the calendar to me that Sumi and Willie's wed-

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

An Accident of History

Denver, Colo.

This, perhaps, is a column that would best remain unwritten. Yet the lesson involved is so patent and striking it would seem a disservice not to stir up some old, unpleasant memories and examine them again in the light of history.

Let's go back to about this time seven years ago. The first shock of the Pearl Harbor attack began to wear off, and America was settling down to the grim business of hating. The Jap was the object of that hate, and because he could not be bombed, shelled and blasted, there had to be a scapegoat.

That scapegoat was the Japanese American, innocent of perfidy and war-mongering, but unfortunate enough to look like the enemy and related to him by the kinship of race. The manifestations of that hate are too recent to be recounted here; it is sufficient to say that many deplorable things happened.

Anxious not to be mistaken for Japanese Americans, our Chinese American friends burst forth with a rash of "I Am Chinese" and "I Am Chinese American" buttons. The emphasis was on "Chinese;" not one button read, "I Am an American."

Subconsciously or by intent, the bulk of those of Chinese descent in the United States were identifying themselves not with America, but with China. Subconsciously or by intent, they were happy to bask in the reflected glory of Chiang Kai-shek's China, once more the spoiled darling of the world and hailed by the speechmakers as "our great sister republic beyond the Pacific."

Some of the Chinese Americans did a pretty fair job of hating the scapegoats, too. A lot of the Nisei could tell you about that. Let Henry Mitarai tell you about the time he was ordered out of a Chinese restaurant in Evanston, Wyo., simply because he was a Nisei. Let Carl Iwasaki tell you about the time he was refused service in a Chinese restaurant at Hood River, Ore., long after the army had rescinded the evacuation order.

To the nation's everlasting shame, these incidents can be multiplied many times. And why did they take place? Perhaps because the Chinese

Americans themselves felt so insecure that they had to play the part of the super-patriot, the red-necked 110 per cent American. And all the while they took comfort in the knowledge they were Chinese Americans. They had much to learn, and a few learned it quickly.

Take the case of Art Louie and his wife, Chinese Americans and as fine a couple as anyone could hope to know. Art's wife baked a cake one day and the two of them took it to some Nisei friends languishing behind the barbed wire of an assembly center. When they got to the gate of the visitors' compound, a guard seized the cake, stabbed it repeatedly with a piece of heavy wire, and then satisfied it concealed no hacksaw blades or samurai swords, he returned what was left of it. The Louies got an inkling that day of what a police state could mean to little people, no matter what their national origin.

Well, a lot of things have changed since those days. The Japanese Americans stuck to their guns and earned beyond challenge their right to be known as Americans. They won a new respect, even though their ancestral homeland was crushed.

And the Chinese Americans? The star to which so many of them hitched their wagons is fading. The government of "our great sister republic" is accused in the public prints of corruption, ineptness and even fascism. Its many faults, politely overlooked for so long, no longer are immune from discussion. The charming Madame Chiang, once hailed by admiring throngs wherever she went, has found a chilly welcome. The shoe is on the other foot now, and the individuals who sported "I Am Chinese" buttons and posted "This Is a Chinese Establishment" signs would just as soon forget all about it.

If ever there was a time for the Nisei to gloat at the turn in events, this is it. But I doubt that there is a single one who feels like scoffing. Through adversity, the Nisei have grown wiser; they can view the tragedy of China in its proper perspective as a blow to world stability, not a matter of petty vindictiveness. And that, it seems, is a measure of the Nisei's lengthening stature as citizens.

Washington ADC Answers Questions on Evacuee Claims

This is another of 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.

1. Q. It may be that TFR 300 forms may be guiding, but they cannot be necessarily conclusive nor should they be held as evidence against Japanese claims. Is this correct?

A. Information contained on forms TFR 300 will generally be important evidence but will not be conclusive because it will be possible to explain the reasons why in many cases the information on the TFR was incomplete and inaccurate.

2. Q. If claims are paid, it has been suggested that such claims would be placed in a special account, if proper accounting is to be observed for income tax purposes. Since some have deducted these losses from their income tax returns, when paid, these claims must of necessity be entered as a special item so that it would be deducted. Possibly, an administrative ruling might be possible to hold that all such items recovered by the evacuees and not deducted by them might be immune from taxation.

A. Without any special administrative ruling it appears that the recovery of losses will not be taxable income except to the extent that taxes have been saved by deducting the losses in prior income tax returns. So far as placing awards in special accounts for income tax purposes is concerned, this may be convenient for the particular taxpayer but it does not appear that it will be required by the Government.

3. Q. Before the war, since 1915, I lived in Seattle, Washington. Since my husband died in 1929, I have had to live as a widow with four children. To secure a sure means of living I borrowed money and bought the hotel with two thousand dollars. I kept this hotel going and in three years paid off all debts. Then along came evacuation and I was forced to sell this hotel to a Caucasian for only seven hundred dollars. My hotel was

said to be worth certainly more than two thousand five hundred dollars at this time. Can I claim the difference as damage?

A. Yes, you can claim the difference between the value of the hotel and the price for which you sold it at the time of evacuation. This appears the typical type of claim which is intended by the statute.

4. Q. My mother was insured for \$1,500 and she borrowed \$150 from the policy prior to evacuation. She intended to repay the \$150 and keep up the premiums but due to evacuation she did not have any income so she left the policy as it was before evacuation. Last August the policy lapsed and the insurance company paid her \$835. What I would like to know is can she claim the \$665 she lost? If not, approximately how much can she claim?

A. In view of the fact that the policy did not lapse until last August, it cannot be determined from this question whether or not the lapse and resulting loss was due to the evacuation. Even if all the facts disclose that the lapse was due to the evacuation, it does not appear that you can base a claim on the face amount of the policy since your mother is still living and since no loss of \$1500 can actually be shown. Your loss may be limited to the amount of the additional premium necessary to obtain a similar policy.

5. Q. Caucasian insurance companies and custodians lost by reason of evacuation. Caucasian business firms also lost accounts receivable from evacuees. Can they recover?

A. Caucasian insurance and business firms cannot recover losses under the statute because it is restricted to claimants who are persons of Japanese ancestry.

6. Q. I allowed my life insurance policy to lapse while I was in a Relocation Center because I had no money to pay the premium. Have I a claim for the amount which is necessary to reinstate my policy?

A. Yes, you do have a claim for the amount necessary to reinstate the policy in a case where your life insurance lapsed because you had no money to pay the premiums while you were in a relocation center.

7. Q. Hop growers who contracted to grow and harvest a crop were compelled to evacuate before the end of their contract. As a result

Nisei Serves as Student Manager For Harvard Team

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Dwight K. Nishimura, the first Nisei to serve as student manager of the Harvard university football team, completed his season recently as Harvard defeated Yale in their traditional game. Nishimura turned over his duties to the newly named student football manager, Frank Jones of Greensboro, N. C., the first Negro to be selected for the honor.

they suffered losses in having to hire others to perform their contract. Can they recover?

A. They can recover their losses and the only question is how the loss should be computed. They may claim for the entire amount of the extra labor which was hired and the question may be raised whether something should be deducted from the claim as the value of their own labor which they did not have the opportunity to expend.

8. Q. Share croppers who were tomato growers were evacuated when most of their work had been completed, like the hop growers. They had to either hire others to take over their cropping contract or sacrifice without any compensation their entire season's labor and investment up until the time of evacuation. Can they recover for labor invested and other items?

A. These share croppers may claim the difference between what they would have received for the crop and the amount which they actually did receive because of the additional expense incurred in hiring labor, and other items.

9. Q. During exclusion I was offered an attractive price for my farm property but I wanted to see it before consenting to the sale. Exclusion orders prevented me from inspection. The price I can sell my property for now is one half of what I was offered in 1944. Can I claim for the value of the sale I couldn't make?

A. If you have retained your farm property it probably will be difficult to establish a claim of loss of property solely on the ground that you failed to sell it in 1944 for a price greater than its present value because the exclusion orders prevented you from inspecting it prior to sale. It is difficult to say that in these circumstances you actually suffered a loss of property within the meaning of the statute. It would also be difficult to show that the amount lost was the difference between the price you were offered and the amount which the property is worth today.

ding anniversary is next week. She insists that we must reciprocate with a nice gift.

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Final Rites Held in Berkeley For Nisei GI Killed in Italy

BERKELEY, Calif.—Full military services were conducted on Dec. 8 for Thomas T. Sagimori, University of California graduate in 1941, who was killed in action on April 5, 1945, during the 442nd Combat Team's last big offensive campaign in Italy.

Sagimori, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tamejiro Sagimori, rose to the rank of technical sergeant after being twice previously wounded in action on Anzio beach and in the Vosges mountains of France. He had been awarded two Purple Hearts and the combat infantryman's badge as well as a posthumous Silver Star.

Born in Berkeley, Sagimori was a graduate of the local high school and majored in forestry at the university, where he was elected to Xi Sigma Pi, forestry honor society.

Following graduation he was engaged with work at the California Forest Experiment station until induction into the service in the summer of 1941.

Following the services at Niehaus chapel, interment was held with military honors at Sunset View cemetery.

Besides his parents, Sagimori is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Toshi Yoshida of Los Angeles and Haruye Sagimori of Berkeley and two brothers, Karl K. and Minoru Sagimori.

Chicago Wedding

CHICAGO—Miss Jane Kikumoto was married to Dr. Clifford C. Fujimoto in a recent double-ring ceremony at the First Baptist church.

Lucy Nakagawa was maid of honor with Rose Fujimoto as bridesmaid. Joe Fujimoto served the groom as best man and Dr. Thomas Hiura was head usher.

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Portland Nisei Soldier Buried At Arlington

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 8 for Pfc. Roy Tatsuo Morihiro, Portland, Ore., who was killed in action near Milan, Italy, April 14, 1945, in the Po Valley campaign.

Born in Portland, in 1921, he was a son of Fudesuke and Ayako Morihiro.

War interrupted his studies at the University of Washington, and in Aug. 1944, he enlisted in the army, joining the famed 442nd all-Nisei Regimental Combat Team in France in January, 1945.

He was a holder of the Bronze Star, Battle for Germany ribbon, Combat Infantryman's badge, Presidential Unit Citation and Purple heart.

Following formal army rites, private services were held at the graveside with Rev. Andrew Kuroda, Washington, officiating.

Don Komai, a member of the JACL National Arlington Cemetery Committee, in a brief address, said: "Pfc. Morihiro found faith in the ideal that gave this nation life—the ideal of freedom. He died that others might live in security and peace."

Survivors include his widow; Mrs. Alice Misawa Morihiro, Cleveland; his mother; two brothers, Joe and Mike Morihiro, and a sister, Rosie Morihiro, all of Chicago.

Nisei Soldier Given Final Rites at San Bruno Cemetery

RICHMOND, Calif.—Pfc. Charles Kiyoshi Nakaya, second son of Tsunetaro Nakaya, was given final burial on Dec. 6 in Golden Gate national cemetery at San Bruno.

Pfc. Nakaya was killed in action while serving as the only Nisei soldier in the 168th infantry regiment in northern Italy one week before the German surrender.

He was born in Sacramento in 1918 and graduated from Elk Grove high school. He entered the army from Florin, Calif., in 1941 and was first stationed at Fort Ord.

Thanksgiving Dance

FRESNO, Calif. — Katie Yasumoto and Benny Matsunaga were chosen Harvest Queen and Harvest King at the Elle's Thanksgiving Day dance at the Marigold ballroom. Both were crowded by Mrs. Sachii Toshiyuki, one of the club's sponsors.

The Elles installed their new cabinet at a banquet on Dec. 4 at the Desert. Etsu Mikami will be chairman. The new cabinet members are Misa Asakawa, president; Katie Yasumoto, vice president; Carolyn Matsuyama, secretary; Sumiye Jitsumyo.

Leading Oriental American Teams Enter Seattle Tourney

Ellis Community Center in Chicago Plans Xmas Party

CHICAGO—A children's Christmas party will be held on Dec. 18 at the Ellis Community Center.

This program will bring together the five organized children's clubs, the Bluebirds, Campfire Girls, Junior Cubs, Cub Scouts and the Hobby Club, according to Marion Yamabe, party chairman.

The program will be opened by a 90-minute film, "March of the Wooden Soldiers," which will have a cast of Mother Goose characters. Each of the clubs will present entertainment and the program will be climaxed by the early arrival of "Santa Claus."

The Christmas season at the Ellis Community Center will be opened officially on Dec. 12 with a tree trimming ceremony.

Before the ceremony, the regular Sunday evening program will be presented under the direction of Marion Yamabe. The program will include a reading of "The Littlest Angel" by Jessie Kawasuna, a major in literature at Roosevelt college.

Henry Matsukawa, tenor, will sing "O Holy Night," accompanied by Hisako Ito.

Miss Ito, formerly a teacher at the Miyagi college in Sendai, Japan, will play several numbers.

Watsonville Wedding

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — Miss Helen Yukiko Kishimura was married to Shoichi Kobara on Nov. 28 in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Bunyu Fujimura of Salinas in the Watsonville Buddhist church.

Betty Kishimura of Detroit, Mich., sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Sayo Kobara, sister of the bridegroom, was the bridesmaid, while Yoshimi Yobara was best man and Isao Matsui served as usher.

SEATTLE—American cagers of Japenese, Chinese and Filipino descent will complete in the second annual Oriental American basketball tournament in Seattle on Dec. 23, 24 and 26 in the Seattle College gym.

A Filipino American team from San Francisco will get one of the eight tournament berths, while the St. Mary's Saints of San Francisco, who defeated the Hawaii Nisei All-Stars in the finals last year, will defend their crown.

The Hawaiians are returning for the second time, while a Portland Chinese American team will enter.

Nisei teams from Salt Lake City and California and two Seattle teams, the Nisei Veterans and the Cathay American Legion, co-sponsors of the tournament, rounded out the list of eight teams.

BERKELEY NISEI TEAM WINS S. F. NISEI TOURNEY

SAN FRANCISCO — The veteran Berkeley Nisei team defeated the San Jose Zebras, 45 to 37, to win the San Francisco Drakes tournament on Dec. 5 and the right to enter the All-Oriental tourney in Seattle Christmas week.

The Nisei came back in the second half, after trailing 24 to 25 at half-time.

In the semi-finals the Niseis defeated the Sacramento JACL Stags, 37 to 29, while the Zebras nosed out the Drakes, 41 to 40.

Johnny Oshida, Nisei guard, received the outstanding player trophy.

Seattle Draftees

SEATTLE—Three Nisei draftees from the Seattle area are now in training at Fort Ord, Calif.

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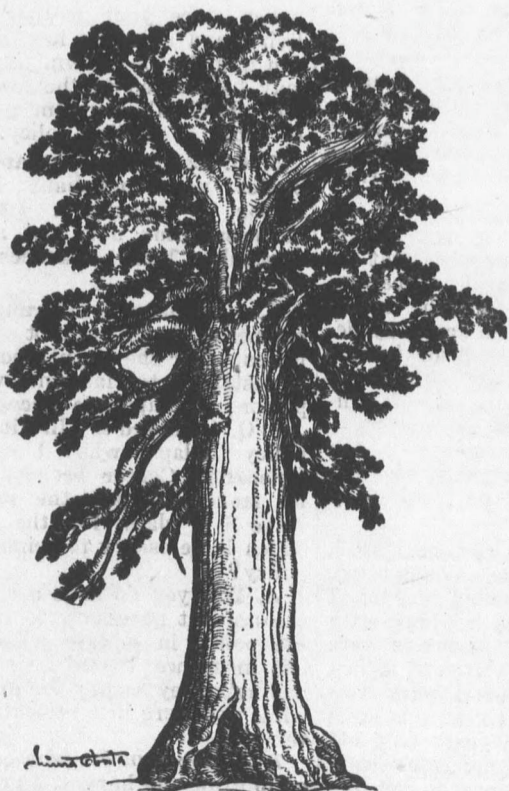
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Southpaw

Mas Kinoshita, one of the top Nisei southpaw pitching prospects and a star last year for Los Angeles City College, may enter USC in 1949. It's reported Kinoshita has been offered a Trojan scholarship. The USC team, which won the national college title last year, lost most of its squad by graduation. Most of these Trojan players wound up in pro ball, including Wally Hood, Jr., star pitcher, and Hank Workman, slugger and outfielder, who made the grade in Triple A baseball with Newark in the International League and are New York Yankee prospects for 1949.

For the first time on the mainland Nisei bowlers are competing in a Peterson singles tournament, sponsored by the Nisei Bowling Association in Los Angeles. Scoring in the tourney is under the Peterson system. Paul Ishizawa of the Sawtelle Garage team, one of the nation's top Nisei squads, took an early lead after the first two rounds with a pin total of 225 for ten games.

Sun Devils

Bill Kajikawa's debut as the first Nisei to coach a college varsity basketball team on the mainland was a success as his Arizona State Sun Devils opened their Pacific coast invasion with a 58 to 54 victory over San Diego State. The Sun Devils had hard luck, however, in their next two games and lost to Loyola and Pepperdine.

Hawaii Bowlers

The five top Nisei bowlers in Hawaii will enter the 1949 National JACL bowling tournament which will be held next spring at the Temple bowling alleys in Salt Lake City. The Hawaiians have been holding an elimination tournament to determine who will make the trip to Salt Lake City. The Hawaiian team also would like to enter other Nisei tournaments on the West Coast if any can be arranged during the time the team will be on the mainland.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yamaguchi, Renton, Wash., a boy on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Yamasaki a boy on Nov. 23 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Todd T. Okita a girl in Denver, Colo.

To Mrs. and Mrs. George Kazuo Matsuba, Mountain View, Calif., a girl, Diane Kazuyo, on Nov. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Minato a girl on Dec. 3 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Shosaburo Taketa a girl, Susan, on Nov. 24 in San Jose, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Takayama a girl on Nov. 15 in Selma, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Uemoto a boy, Thomas George, on Nov. 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Hayashi a girl, Kathy Jo, on Nov. 22 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Hirota a girl, Gwendolyn Megumi, on Nov. 21 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kadoya a boy, Kenneth Tadashi, on Nov. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Kobuki a girl, Kathryn Yumiko, on Nov. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Mikami a girl, Christine Kazuko, on Nov. 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kiyoharu Ogawa a girl, Carol Toshiko, on Nov. 19 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Takeshi Otsuki a boy, Ronald Ichiro, on Nov. 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tun Wing Toy (nee Mutsue Heri) a girl, Souie Jeanne, on Nov. 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Sada-yoshi Fujii a girl, Janet Sadako, on Nov. 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Higashi, Isleton, Calif., a boy on Nov. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Kinoshita a girl, Kiyomi, on Dec. 1 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ikeda a boy on Nov. 16 in San Francisco.

DEATHS

Kitaro Akagi on Nov. 23 in Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Sumi Ikari on Dec. 1 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Fusa Fujii, 65, on Dec. 3 in Fresno, Calif.

Kumazo Adachi, Littleton, Colo., on Dec. 4.

Tokunosuke Yamamoto, 63, 1214 Hope St., Boise, Idaho, on Dec. 3.

Mrs. Hisa Kikuchi, 66, Kaysville, Utah, on Dec. 7 in Salt Lake City.

MARRIAGES

June Kikumoto to Dr. Clifford Fujimoto on Nov. 27 in Chicago.

Miwako Yamaguchi to Robert Cunningham on Nov. 26 in Chicago.

Yoshiko Endow to Kiyoshi Kiyasu on Nov. 24 in Chicago.

Kimiko Masuoka, Altadena, to Takashi Ishida, Pasadena, on Dec. 5 in Los Angeles.

Chiye Matsuoka to Naoyoshi Akimoto on Dec. 5 in Los Angeles.

Gladys Kinoshita of Greeley to Frank Hiraoka on Dec. 5 in Denver.

Itsie Miyasako to Hiro Kamo on Dec. 5 in Caldwell, Idaho.

Peggy Yaeko Fujisaki to Sam Masami Uyemura on Dec. 4 in Fresno.

Ada Okamoto of Santa Maria to Dr. Takao Hikoyeda on Dec. 5 in Berkeley, Calif.

Ayako Iyama to Robert Kobayashi on Nov. 27 in Watsonville, Calif.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Kazuo Guro, 26, and Harry H. Kashiwada, 28, in Sacramento.

Gladys R. Kinoshita, Ault, Colo., and Frank M. Hiraoka in Denver.

Tomie Murakami, Brighton, Colo., and Tomoji Matsuda in Denver.

Sachiko Fujioka, 24, and Tadashi Araki, 24, both of Selma, in Fresno, Calif.

Yoshiko Yamada and Tamotsu Omoto, both of Spokane, in Seattle.

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OKADAS RECORD 3034 SERIES IN SALT LAKE MATCH

The Okada Insurance team, 1948 champions of the National JACL tournament, set a new scratch series record for mainland Nisei teams on Dec. 6 when they hit 3034, including games of 1066, 980 and 988.

Four of the Okadas made the bowling honor roll published by the Salt Lake Telegram as they posted the following individual scratch series: Dr. Jun Kurumada 662, Maki Kaizumi 650, George Kishida 644 and Sho Hiraizumi 613. The fifth member of the team Tadao Sako, who had held the team up with a high series in a special match against a team of Utah's top ABC bowlers the day before, ran into a mess of splits and finished with a 465.

Tuxedo Cafe was the victim of the hot series rolled by the Okadas and lost all four points, despite rolling a handicapped 2721 series.

Here are the scratch totals for the Okadas:

Kishida	197	245	202	644
Sako	148	148	169	465
Hiraizumi	210	187	216	613
Kurumada	259	200	203	662
Kaizumi	252	200	198	650
Total	1066	980	987	3034

Other matches in the Salt Lake JACL bowling league found Jeri Tsuyuki leading City Cafe with a 548 to a 3 to 1 upset of Modern Garage.

Aloha Fountain took undisputed hold of second place behind the Okadas by blanking OK Cafe as Harry Imamura rolled a 550. Jim Ichiji had a 561 for the losers.

Tube Horiuchi's 559, including a 243, helped Pacific Citizen to win three points from Star Noodle of Ogden in a close match.

Choppy Umemoto, with a 594, sparked Hibbard Drug to a 3 to 1 victory over New Sunrise. Mac Furushiro spattered 552 pins for the losers.

Terashima Studio split with Dawn Noodle and Seagull Cleaners took three from Metro Motors.

California Group Backs Equality In Naturalization

Progressive Party Committee Holds Los Angeles Meeting

LOS ANGELES — A resolution pledging the party's support of legislation to remove racial restrictions from the federal immigration and naturalization laws was unanimously adopted by the state executive committee of the Independent-Progressive Party at its two-day session in Los Angeles on Nov. 20 and 21.

The resolution was presented by Frank Kanno, a member of the state executive committee and a member of the Los Angeles Nisei-for-Wallace committee during the recent election campaign. Kanno recently was named to represent the 63rd assembly district on the IPP's county central committee.

IPP officials said that Rep. Vito Marcantonio and Senator Glen Taylor had indicated their support of the measure to eliminate race bans from the immigration and naturalization statutes.

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Plans Pageants for Christmas Program

CHICAGO—Two pageants, "Deck the Halls" and "Away in the Manger", will be presented by the children of the Ellis Community Center at the annual Christmas program of the Chicago Park Commission on Dec. 11.

Those participating will include Sylvia Kosaka, Nobuko Tomiyama, Carol Yamamoto, Paul Yamashiro, Akiko Tomiyama, Donald Kobayashi, Jean Hayashi, Janice Tanabe, Frances Queen, Ernest Higa, Florence Higa, Ailyn Hasegawa, Gary Hasegawa and Richard Hasegawa. Mary Matsumoto will direct the presentation.

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Hawaii Stars Scheduled for Salt Lake Games

The Hawaii Nisei All-Stars will play two games in Salt Lake City on Jan. 5 and 7 under the sponsorship of the Salt Lake JACL basketball league, Yosh Kojimoto announced this week.

The Hawaiians, one of the favorites in the All-Oriental basketball tournament to be held in Seattle Christmas week, recently defeated the Philippine Olympic team in Hawaii and have played the Oakland Bittners, one of the nation's top amateur squads.

The islanders will be matched with Brooklawn Creamery on Jan. 5 at Pioneer stake gym in Salt Lake City. The Salt Lake Nisei All-Stars will play the Edgehill M Men in the curtain-raiser.

The Hawaiians will meet the Salt Lake Nisei team in the feature game on Jan. 7.

The Hawaiian team will be honored at an "Aloha Hawaii" New Year's dance to be held on Jan. 8 at Memorial House in Memory Grove under the cosponsorship of the Salt Lake JACL and the Salt Lake JACL basketball league. The dance will be free to the public.

Double Funeral Rites Held For Two Spokane Soldier Dead

SPOKANE, Wash. — A double service was held at Smith's Funeral Home, Dec. 4, 1948 for the repatriated bodies of Pfc. Tom S. Haji and Pvt. Ted Watanabe. The Reverend Taro Goto conducted the service.

Braving sub-freezing weather, a long caravan followed the bodies to the Greenwood Cemetery where an impressive and touching full military burial service was officiated by Capt. Woods, Chaplain of Fort George Wright military post, Spokane, Washington. In a final tribute to the deceased, three volleys were fired by the firing squad obtained from the Galena Air Force base, Spokane, Washington. After the playing of taps, the two flags were folded simultaneously by Bob Sommerson for Pfc. Tom Haji's body and Harry Nakata for Pvt. Ted Watanabe's body. They passed the folded flags to the respective Nisei escorts who in turn presented the flag in behalf of the U.S. Army to the respective families.

Pfc. Tom Haji was born in Bluestem, Washington. He was attending Monroe High School, Monroe, Washington at the time of evacuation. His active participation in various curriculum brought about his popularity in his community. However, it was from Tule Lake High School, Tule Lake, California that he graduated and attended the Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington for a year where he played baseball, basketball and football.

In June, 1944 he was called into active service. Joining the 442nd Combat team in France, Pfc. Haji was killed in action during the battle of the Po Valley near Mt. Belvedere, Italy.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Haji. Also surviving are his two sisters, Mrs. Sumi Kuriyama of Seattle, and Mrs. Hero Ishida of Salem, Oregon.

Pvt. Ted Watanabe was born near Pullman, Washington and moved to Couer d'Alene, Idaho in March, 1942 from Moscow, Idaho. He attended Moscow High School where he played baseball and basketball. For 2 years before entering active service, he was a student of the University of Idaho and had received ROTC training there.

On April 18, 1945, Pvt. Watanabe was killed in action in the battle for the Po Valley.

He is survived by his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Watanabe, and four sisters, Thelma, Amy, Marion, and Katherine. The former two are married.

Pall bearers for Pfc. Haji's body were Roy Soejima, Tex Moriyasu, Tomio Mukai, Everett Matsui, all ex-442nd vets, Sadao Kuroiwa, ex-G-2, and Bob Sommerson, ex-GI.

Harry Nakata, Jerry Numata, George Minata, Tom Iwata, all ex-442nd vets, Taki Takami, ex-sailor, and Kozo Nishfue, ex-G-2 were pallbearers for Pvt. Ted Watanabe's body.

Details for the funeral were arranged by the local chapter of the JACL.

Boise Valley JACL Plans Christmas Fete

CALDWELL, Idaho—The Boise Valley JACL will conclude its year's activities with a Christmas Day dance at the IOOF hall in Caldwell.

Manabu Yamada will be chairman. Dick Radford and his seven-piece orchestra will play for the dance.

Mr. Yamada has appointed the following committee chairmen: Tony Miyasako and Masa Nakamura, tickets; Rhea Yamanishi, invitations; John Kuroda, orchestra; Tad Matsumoto, finance; and Mrs. Mas Yamashita, publicity.

Denver JACL Dance

DENVER, Colo. — The Denver JACL's New Year's Eve frolic will be held in the Cathedral room of the Hotel Albany, according to Miss Bessie Matsuda, chapter president.

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Refusal of Chicago Cemetery Groups to Permit Burial of Nisei Dead Told Conference

Possibility of City Ordinance Barring Practice Discussed

CHICAGO, Ill.—The report that Japanese Americans are refused burial by cemeteries in Chicago was made by Tats Kushida of the Chicago JACL chapter on Monday, Dec. 6th, at the fourth session of the Chicago Conference on Civic Unity sponsored by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

Following an address, "Civil Rights, the Frontier of Democracy"

Salt Lake JACL Basketball League Opens Season

The Salt Lake JACL basketball league opened its season on Dec. 8 with four games at the Jordan high school gym.

The Murray Taiyos outscored the Utah Auto Club, 44 to 18, while the Temple Noodle Zephyrs showed strength as they walloped Aoki Bros., 42 to 20.

In the closest match of the night the Star Coffee Aztecs edged out the Centaurs, 22 to 20, while the Orem Packers defeated the University Nisei, 22 to 17.

Skating Party

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Epworth high school fellowship of the Portland Methodist church is sponsoring an all-city skating party on Dec. 28 at the Imperial skating rink from 7:30 p. m.

Funds raised by the party will be used to furnish the youth lounge.

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by U. S. Senator-elect Paul Douglas, a panel of experts were discussing "Problems and Next Step in Human Relations in Law and Order". It was to this panel that Kushida directed the challenging statement from the floor regarding discrimination in cemeteries.

Among a number of reactions were assurances from Assistant Corporation (City of Chicago) Counsel, Maurice J. Nathanson and Archibald Carey, that the matter would be given immediate attention, especially with reference to the passing of a city ordinance outlawing racial discrimination in cemeteries within the city limits. A recommendation was also made by the commission to revise state laws governing cemeteries not awededly sectarian to prohibit this type of discrimination.

Also attending the session was Mrs. Helen Mukoyama representing the Chicago Mutual Aid Society, which has experienced difficulty in recent years securing burial plots for deceased Japanese, and which maintains a mausoleum at Montrose cemetery for the ashes of cremated persons of Japanese ancestry.

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