



## Senate Delays Hearings on Evacuee Bill

Expect Committee To Consider Claims Bill Late in March

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senate committee hearings on the evacuation claims bill, tentatively scheduled for the first week of March, have been postponed until the third week of March, according to the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee. Hearings have been unavoidably delayed, the Washington office stated, because of the pressure of unfinished business before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee which has in its hands, H.R. 3999, among other highly important legislation. The subcommittee, under Senator John Sherman Cooper, Kentucky Republican, it was said, has yet to complete hearings on measures to compensate American prisoners of war in enemy hands.

## Dr. Harada Heads Reactivated JACL Group in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO — Dr. Yoshizo Harada, commander of the Nisei branch of the VFW in Sacramento, has been unanimously elected president of the reactivated Sacramento chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League last week. Other new officers are Mitsuru Harada, first vice-president; Mayumi Harada, second vice-president; Miyoko Harada, recording-secretary; Aki Koyama, corresponding-secretary; Tom Harada, treasurer; Ken Kono, delegate, and Toko Fujii, alternate. A membership drive was initiated and the group will also participate actively in the Red Cross

## Body Identification of Man Killed in Auto Accident

COMPTON, Calif. — Awaiting positive identification, the body of a man, tentatively identified as Joseph Seukii Kurihara, has been at the Morland mortuary in Compton since December 26. The man, who has a half-moon scar over his left eye, was fatally injured when struck by an automobile in Lynwood in December. Calvin Moreland, director of the mortuary, said that an incomplete identification shows the man was born in 1900 and has a relative named Misaburo Shimizu in Japan and that the deceased's last address was PO Box 543, Oceanside, Calif., in 1942 before the evacuation. Kurihara is reported to have been in the Santa Anita and Manzanar centers after the evacuation.

## Nisei Regains U.S. Citizenship

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Mrs. Misao Kurihara of Box 79, Story rd., regained her U.S. citizenship here recently after a naturalization hearing in the Superior court with Judge William F. James presiding. Mrs. Kurihara lost her citizenship when she married an Issei. Provision for regaining of citizenship is made in the Cable act of 1931, which gives Nisei women who married ineligible aliens between 1922 and 1931 the right to be naturalized. Mrs. Kurihara filed her preliminary forms at the United Citizens League (JACL) office last week. She is the first Nisei woman in the valley to be restored citizenship under the Cable act.

## Okamoto Teaches Judo in Maryland

SAN FRANCISCO — Minoru Okamoto, Nisei judo expert, is the judo instructor at the University of Maryland, according to a report from Shizuo Okamoto, chief pharmacist at Stanford Lane hos-

## Cite Evacuation as Factor In Increase in Relief Cases

VISALIA, Calif.—The dislocation caused by the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942 was cited here this week as a factor in the creation of a relief problem which is now confronting Tulare County officials.

Tulare County supervisors this week discussed the relief problem posed by Harry Isbell, superintendent of the county old peoples home, who reported to the board that the home now has 15 elderly Japanese residents and that 15 others are

seeking admittance. Isbell said that the home has no additional rooms.

Supervisor Charles Young suggested a garden project for the elderly Japanese.

Supervisor Roscoe L. Patterson said some efforts should be undertaken to repatriate some of them to Japan if they are willing to return there.

Patterson pointed out that most of these aged Japanese have no relatives here and have lost contact with friends as a result of the mass evacuation here in 1942.

## California Senate Committee Calls on Attorney General To Explain Land Law Policy

Howser Will Be Asked to Appear Before State Legislative Group to Discuss Effect of Oyama Case Decision on Application of Anti-Alien Law

SACRAMENTO—A full explanation of his action in dismissing all pending cases against Japanese land holders instituted by the state under the alien land law was asked of Attorney General Fred N. Howser on Feb. 25 by the State Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency.

In a letter signed by Senator Ralph E. Swing of San Bernardino, chairman of the committee, Howser was asked to report "at your earliest convenience but not later than the convening of the oncoming legislative session."

The legislature is scheduled to convene here next Monday, March 1.

The committee's action, Swing said, was the result of Howser's recent announcement that some 33 cases against Japanese in the process of trial to determine whether or not the alien land law had been circumvented were to be dropped.

"Assuming the correctness of these reports" Swing wrote in his letter, "we assume that the action was taken as a result of the decision in the case of Oyama vs. the State of California."

The U. S. Supreme Court handed down a decision on January 19 holding unconstitutional the law which would deprive Oyama of his title to land purchase by his father even though he was a minor at the time the purchase was made in his name.

"The Senate committee on Governmental Efficiency and, in fact, the entire Legislature is tremendously interested in just what the court of the last resort decided and determined in that decision and the effect it may have on the powers of the Legislature in relation to that subject covered by the Alien land law," Swing stated.

In seeking an explanation of Howser's action, he said he desired to clarify the present status of the alien land law so that landowners might know whether or not they can sell or lease to persons formerly thought to be outlawed from such purchase or rentals. He submitted six questions for the attorney general to answer.

Asking for a complete analysis of the Supreme Court decision on which Swing said the court had written five different opinions "not one of which was in complete agreement with another," the letter further asked Howser's "conclusions as to the questions and points therein determined and decided."

Other questions asked were: What effect will the decision have upon legislative enactment either restricting or enlarging the provisions of the alien land law?

What obligations, if any, has California to restore lands heretofore confiscated, or to compensate the owners of such lands if the effect of the Supreme Court decision is to declare California's alien land law unconstitutional and ineffective?

In view of the decision, is there, in your opinion, any restriction upon Japanese either owning, leasing or otherwise controlling agricultural lands?

Does the decision in your opinion remove restrictions, if any, imposed on aliens other than Japa-

nese against owning, leasing or controlling land.

If so, what aliens are freed from the provisions of the alien land law?

## Delegate Farrington To Speak to JACL Group in Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Hon. Joseph R. Farrington, Congressional delegate from Hawaii, will address the local chapter of the JACL on February 28. He is scheduled to speak on, "Hawaii, the 49th State," describing in particular the status of legislation to enable the territory to achieve statehood. The House has passed legislation to give statehood to Hawaii and with the return of a Senate investigation committee from Hawaii the Upper House is now waiting to begin debate on the statehood bill.

Delegate Farrington is the first of a series of speakers which the JACL chapter has scheduled to appear on its program this year. A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Farrington has been delegate to Congress from Hawaii since 1942. Before entering politics in 1934, at which time he was successful in winning a seat in the Territorial Senate, he was active in newspaper work on the East Coast and in Honolulu.

The JACL meeting will be held at the central YWCA.

## Truman Civil Rights Message Cited in Deportation Case

LOS ANGELES—President Truman's civil rights message to Congress in which he urged the adoption of legislation to grant equality in naturalization to Japanese and other aliens still ineligible to citizenship is the basis for a memorandum filed this week in the Federal District Court of Appeals in Denver, Colo., by Attorneys A. L. Wirin, Saburo Kido and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles in the Sekino deportation test case.

The Federal court was urged in the memorandum to halt the deportation of T. Sekino and 400 other Japanese aliens until Congress can act upon the legislation favored by President Truman and sponsored by the Anti-Discrimination Committee of the Japanese Citizens League.

The court cases involve Japanese aliens who were legal residents of the United States as treaty traders until the abrogation of the U.S.—Japanese commercial treaty shortly before the outbreak

## JACL Plaque to Perpetuate Memory of Only Nisei Soldier To Win Congressional Medal

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A bronze plaque to perpetuate the memory of Pvt. Sadao Munemori will be placed aboard the Wilson Victory by the national JACL when the Army cargo vessel is renamed for the lone Nisei Congressional Medal of Honor winner, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee revealed today. A floral wreath, donated by the Arlington Memorial Committee, a society of local Nisei set up to honor war heroes, will also be presented at the redesignation ceremonies.

The simple rites are scheduled to be held at the Brooklyn Army Base on March 5.

Robert Munemori, brother of the distinguished Nisei hero, meanwhile informed the Washington JACL ADC that he will arrive in New York to attend the ceremonies on behalf of his widowed mother, Mrs. Nawa Munemori, who is too ill to negotiate the long trip. While declining the JACL offer to defray his transportation expenses, he expressed deep appreciation of the JACL's efforts to make the occasion of great significance to all Japanese Americans and their alien parents. He said he was anticipating with "very great pleasure" his meeting with JACL representatives who have been making the arrangements.

While in New York, Mr. Munemori is expected to be the guest of the national JACL and the New York chapter. An invitation has also been extended to him to stop briefly in Washington en route back to his home in Long Beach. Colonel Virgil R. Miller, it was further disclosed, has been invited to attend the ceremonies. If he accepts, he is expected to lay the wreath during the ceremonies. He is former commanding officer of the famed 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team, of which the late Sadao Munemori was a member.

The Army is furnishing a portrait plaque bearing the picture of Pvt. Munemori which is to be hung in a prominent part of the ship. The JACL plaque, which bears an inscription dedicated to the memory of the Nisei soldier, is expected to be hung with the portrait. The citation of Munemori will be turned over to the ship's captain.

## Ray Taketa Named Executive Secretary Of JACL Chapter

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Ray Masami Taketa has been named executive secretary of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara county.

He was a resident of Sacramento for many years prior to the war. His office hours will be 9 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p. m.

## Nisei Strankee Case Filed In Los Angeles

Attorney Wirin Seeks Passport to Go to Japan on Cases

LOS ANGELES — Another case in behalf of a Nisei strankee in Japan was filed this week in the Federal court at Los Angeles by Attorney Wirin, Kido and Okrand. The suit was filed in behalf of Miyoko Tsunashima now in Hyogoken. According to the suit, she voted in the Japanese election because she was advised she would lose her food rations if she did not. The suit says that she is loyal to the United States and is now working for the United States Occupations Forces in Japan.

Mr. Wirin explained that an effort will be made to secure her immediate return to the United States under the provisions of the Federal law which allows return to the United States pending suit involving United States nationality.

Mr. Wirin is awaiting word from the State Department with respect to his application for a passport to go to Japan where he will investigate the entire strankee problem and take necessary legal action.

## Japanese Americans In Good Health, Survey Reveals

LOS ANGELES—Nisei Americans are in good health, compared to persons of other racial groups, according to results of a recent survey in Los Angeles.

Findings of the survey, conducted by the Los Angeles city health department, were revealed this week by Dr. John Chapman, acting director of the tuberculosis division.

Out of 689 total x-rays taken of Japanese Americans, 544 individuals were listed as healthy.

Nine cases of active or arrested pulmonary tuberculosis were disclosed. An additional 14 cases were rated as of a suspicious nature, and further checkups by the medical staff are necessary, Dr. Chapman reported.

Eighty-four x-rays showed other ailments, of which 54 were cardiac troubles.

Film difficulties in the remaining 38 plates prevented diagnosis, and these persons were notified for another test.

Dr. Chapman pointed out that the rate of tuberculosis was the same as the national average of 1.5 and slightly below the average rate in Los Angeles.

Japanese Americans were lauded by J. Albert Torribio of the health department for their response to the survey.

## Omaha JACL Retains 1947 Cabinet Intact

OMAHA, Neb.—The 1947 Omaha JACL cabinet under Patrick Okura, president, will continue as the 1948 cabinet without change, following a unanimous request from the chapter's members.

No elections were held, following this unusual demonstration of confidence.

The Omaha chapter is currently conducting a membership and JACL ADC donations campaign.

The organization held a Valentine social Feb. 15 at the YWCA. President Okura was general chairman.

## Ten Moose Jaw Evacuees Resume Sitdown Strike Against Canadian Resettlement Policy

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—The ten "die-hard" sitdown strikers at the Department of Labor's relocation hostel for evacuees of Japanese ancestry are still squatting in the corridor of their quarters and reportedly have vowed to remain on strike until the Canadian government's wartime authority to restrict the movements of Japanese Canadians expires on March 31.

The sitdown strikers, who have refused to comply with Department of Labor orders to leave their hut and to move into other quarters where the 35 other residents of the Japanese hostel are housed, are huddled on wooden benches in the corridor of the former Royal Air Force Officers quarters which are being used for hostel purposes.

The strike started on February 7 when twelve persons who occupied hut No. 5 at the Moose Jaw hostel refused to move into the officers quarters because, they claimed, they were unemployed and trouble would start if they moved in with the others. Two of the original strikers were girls, daughters of 65-year old Hirokichi Isomura.

Camp Supervisor Jack McKillop turned off the light, heat and water in hut No. 5 and took out all government properties, including beds and mattresses but the strikers remained put, shivering in the cold hut over the weekend.

It was reported that the temperature reached 16 degrees below zero in Moose Jaw during the first weekend of the strike.

On the Monday after the strike had started, Royal Canadian Mounted Police took the twelve strikers into Moose Jaw for a medical examination and food. They were then taken to the officers' quarters where they were reportedly welcomed by the other residents of the hostel.

Prodded by Isomura, described as the leader of the protesting group, the ten men marched back to the corridor outside the office of Supervisor McKillop and resumed their strike. The two girls, however, remained in the rooms prepared for them and it was reported they were providing meals for the strikers.

Supervisor McKillop, meanwhile, moved from his office at the hostel to a hotel in Moose Jaw.

When interviewed by a newspaperman on February 15, a

spokesman for the strikers, Kunio Isomura, 26, said they wanted J. F. McKinnon, commissioner of the Japanese division in the Department of Labor, to come to Moose Jaw since they did not want to deal with Mr. McKillop.

The sitdown strikers were identified as Tomisuke Asai, 57; Shigeo Hirokada, 45; Hirokichi Isomura, 65; Kunio Isomura, 26; Shozan Nishino, 55; Toyokichi Okano, 67; Masuichi Sasai, 58; Kiso Yamamoto, 56; Takiji Yoshimaru, 32; and Kanshiro Omoto, 46.

The Moose Jaw hostel was established by the Department of Labor in the summer of 1946 to facilitate the dispersal of evacuees of Japanese ancestry who were still concentrated at that time in British Columbia interior housing centers.

Other hostels were set up in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

The Moose Jaw hostel was described as the least satisfactory because it was located in a province where there was limited occupational opportunity and second because the government chose Moose Jaw as the home of 125 "uncooperative" ex-internees who refused to become self-supporting in protest against the government's treatment of its Japanese Canadian population.

The hostel population exceeded 200 at one time and the Japanese division tried many means to relocate them, not only by obtaining local employment but by moving them to Alberta and Manitoba. Deadlines for the closing of the hostel were set several times and mess facilities were discontinued last September and rents were asked but 46 persons still remain in the camp.

Some of the families, however, are reported to be preparing to move in the spring.



### Reactivated Legion Post Plans Rites for Returned Nisei Dead

SAN FRANCISCO—The newly-reactivated Townsend Harris post of the American Legion will participate in rites for Nisei war dead, upon the occasion of the return of the bodies of Japanese American soldier dead to the San Francisco area. Roy Ashizawa, post adjutant, reported this week.

The Japanese American post also plans to reactivate its Boy Scout drum and bugle corps which was a feature of post activity before the war.

Interior Krug, and other high administration officials have officially acknowledged. Of the Japanese Americans who had anything to lose, 95 percent suffered loss. Those who had little to lose made out worst of all.

The extent of financial recovery is "minute," as compared to the "millions of dollars worth of business lost in the evacuation," he avers. Japanese Americans have completely lost their enormous pre-war business in the fruit and vegetable market. Likewise, the wholesale flower market and the fishing industry is still completely lost to them.

Such losses as these, of course, cannot be recovered under the evacuation claims measure. Further, the claims bill proposes no lump sum payment to evacuees; it gives the Department of Justice authority to settle claims up to \$2,500 for accountable business and property losses. The Department, however, has authority to adjudicate claims in larger amounts, but such claims are to be paid in the same way as judgments in the Court of Claims. Actual losses, he says, "runs into many millions of dollars."

The appeal contains a passage from President Truman's message to the House in support of evacuation legislation, in which he declared: "It would, in my opinion, be a tragic anomaly if the United States were, on the one hand, to acclaim and decorate the brave Nisei troops who fought so valiantly and at such sacrifices overseas, while on the other hand, it ignored and left unredressed the very real and grievous losses which some of them, together with their immediate families, have suffered as a result of Government action in the midst of the same war."

Mr. Masaoka asserts that only through Congressional action is there any hope of redress for the wrongs of evacuation. "It will be an act of justice long delayed," he says. "We therefore appeal to all Christians who are anxious to see justice and fair play are carried out to write their Senators now urging them to expedite passage of the evacuation claims bill."

The Christian Register is the monthly organ of the American Unitarian Association. The February issue, called the Brotherhood Number, contains articles dealing with the Negroes, Jews and other minorities. Besides Mr. Masaoka's appeal, there is a lengthy piece on another phase of brotherhood by Associate Justice of the Supreme Court William O. Douglas.

SEABROOK, N. J.—Cumberland county's share of the fund against polio was given a boost with the presentation of a check for \$104.56 representing the proceeds of the March of Dimes benefit dance held at Seabrook, N. J. on Jan. 30. Receiving the check for the Cumberland county chapter is John Lloyd Millville (2nd from left), chairman of the county March of Dimes committee. Sam Seno (3rd from left) presents the check on behalf of the Seabrook chapter of JACL, sponsors of the affair. Other from left are Vernon Ichisaka; Louis A. Lewis of Bridgeton, chairman of the county's chapter; Ray Bano and George Sakamoto.

## Seabrook JACL Gives Dance Proceeds to Polio Campaign

### Hawaii Insurance Underwriters Win National Honors

HONOLULU, T.H.—Outstanding national honors have been conferred on two Nisei insurance underwriters.

Dean Y. Ishii, a former school teacher turned insurance seller, was top man of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America for 1947.

He ranked first among all of the company's full time special agents in the net volume of new life insurance sold in 1947. He closed a total of \$1,282,200 business last year—more than \$150,000 over the next competitor, a New Jersey underwriter.

This is the second time Mr. Ishii has topped the million dollar mark, having reached that mark last year. What makes his record amazing is the fact that he operated on the island of Kauai, the smallest of the four major islands of the territory.

Another million dollar seller was Samuro Ichinose of Honolulu, who ranked third among Prudential's agents.

### Nisei Veteran Heads Stockton JACL

STOCKTON, Calif.—Jun Agari, local Nisei veteran, was elected president and chairman of the board of directors of the Stockton JACL at the first meetings of its 18 directors held Feb. 18.

Other officers elected for the current year are Art Hisaka, vice president; Joseph Omachi, secretary-manager; Jack Matsumoto, treasurer; and Elizabeth Humbargar, recorder.

Agari said that the first task of the JACL is to secure naturalization rights for Issei parents and to obtain compensation for property losses suffered in the 1942 mass evacuation.

"We have the support of the President's Civil Rights Committee and an increasing number of prominent persons," Agari said. "I feel confident that our nation for which we fought and bled will not let us down."

Agari added that the Stockton drive for financial support will begin this week. He asked that contributions by mail be sent to Jack Matsumoto, treasurer, at 36 West Washington street in Stockton.

### Idaho Nisei Loses Golden Gloves Bout

CHICAGO—Jerry Fujiwara of Twin Falls, Idaho, the Gem state's amateur welterweight champion, was knocked out by Bill Elvidge, Moline, Ill., in a first round match in the national Golden Gloves tournament here on Feb. 26.

SEABROOK, N. J. — The proceeds from the President's luncheon sponsored by the Seabrook chapter of JACL, on Jan. 30 for the benefit of the March of Dimes polio fund was officially presented last Monday evening to the Cumberland county chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis. Sam Seno, who was the master of ceremonies for the benefit luncheon, presented the check amounting to \$104.56 to John Lloyd Millville, chairman of the county March of Dimes committee and regular citizenship class at the Seabrook cafeteria.

Mr. Lloyd explained to the people how the fund contributed by the people is used as well as the work of the Foundation in South Jersey area. Louis Lewis of Bridgeton, chairman of the county chapter, was also present and thanked Seabrook residents for their cooperation in the 1948 March of Dimes campaign.

The planning committee for President's ball consisted of Bano, chapter president, Sam Seno, George Sakamoto, Miss Doris Chapman, Harold Fistere and Vernon Ichisaka; tickets and refreshments and decoration by Charles Nagao and James Masuyama; general arrangement by Nakayama, Toru Ikeda, Charles Nagao, George Sakamoto; publicity by Gene Nakata; and publicity by Lanning.

The music was furnished by Bridgeton Esquires, ex-GI's piece orchestra and a vocalized Senior Girl Scouts of Seabrook helped with the refreshments part of their contribution.

The interclub council meeting of the officials of the Local Union of the AFL and many persons cooperated with the chapter members in making the benefit affair successful.

### Outdoor Luncheon Planned at Initial California YBA Meeting

LOS ANGELES — An outdoor luncheon in Solano canyon Elysian Park will be a feature of the two-day convention of the California Young Buddhist League in Los Angeles on March 27 and 28.

The luncheon will be served on March 28 and preparations being made by a committee headed by Sadame Nomi, Tomi Akashi and Eizo Masuyama.

An outdoor service is planned by a committee which includes Tom Miyasaki and Masuyama. The forthcoming convention will be the first state-wide conference of young Buddhists since the evacuation.

## Immediate Problems Faced By Nisei Told by Masaoka

### Legislation Program Outlined by Official in Christian Register

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The nationally known magazine, Christian Register, publishes an appeal this month urging members of the Unitarian denomination to help carry the national JACL's incomplete fight for evacuation indemnification to fruition during this session of Congress. The appeal, entitled "Evacuation Claims—Justice Delayed," is written by Mike Masaoka. It is one of a number of articles on the subject of brotherhood which the journal is featuring in the February issue.

Recalling that church leaders were among the first to recognize the injuries of evacuation and the first to demand the early restitution of losses suffered by the Japanese Americans, Mr. Masaoka urges Christians "who are uneasy concerning this tragic episode in our nation's wartime life" to "ease their consciences" by helping to finish the Nisei's legislative campaign.

"The intangible damages, disruption of lives, loss of freedom and the attendant suffering can never be compensated for, but the very least that can be expected of a working Christian democracy is that an effort be made to indemnify these people for economic damages suffered by no other segment of the American population," he says. He points out that the Lower House of the 80th Congress has already passed the evacuation claims bill, but complete action by the Senate by the end of this session is necessary if evacuation compensation is to become a reality.

In appealing to outstanding church people to aid the JACL at this time, Mr. Masaoka recalls that during the last hours of the 79th Congress in 1946, a similar evacuation claims measure was killed when a California congressman halted unanimous House action on

it after the measure had been approved by the Senate.

"Today the opportunity is at hand to insure that justice will triumph. Delay will only compound the injury," he asserts, adding that all interested Christians can help by communicating immediately and directly with their Senators to insure that no such fate will block this new bill."

Although the military phase of the forced removal of 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, two thirds of whom were American citizens, are well known, it has not been until the past year that anything resembling a full story of the evacuation has been told, the young Nisei legislative director reveals, noting that the "story of the forced liquidation of assets and the loss or deterioration of evacuee property is not a pretty one."

The evacuation, he asserts, has been described by Professor Eugene Rostow of Yale University as "America's worst wartime mistake," while Milton S. Eisenhower, brother of the former Army Chief of Staff, as the first director of the War Relocation Authority, was moved to discuss the initial phases of the evacuation in these words: "When this war is over and we consider calmly this unprecedented migration of 120,000 people, we as Americans are going to regret the avoidable injustices that occurred."

The evacuees, Mr. Masaoka goes on, were given very little time to move from their homes and that the majority of the people to whom the Japanese entrusted their property and belongings felt pretty sure that they would never return to the West Coast. "Some never did—they resettled in the East or Middle West or they died on the battlefields in Europe fighting for the rights and liberties they believed in," he adds.

The payment of accountable business and property losses which resulted from the evacuation, he discloses, is an obligation which President Truman, Secretary of

### Appoint Nisei Attorney to County Post

#### Tamura to Return to Orange County as Deputy Counsel

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Kosaku Tamura, Nisei attorney, recently appointed deputy county counsel in Orange County to help with legal affairs of that administrative group.

Tamura, who has been in the liberties and Exchange Commission, was persuaded to return to home county by Joel Ogle, county counsel.

Tamura was born in Huntington Beach 37 years ago. He graduated in Pomona College and the University of California and was in practice in Santa Ana at the time of the evacuation.

He was evacuated to the Grand Junction center where he served as legal staff. He left Granada to attend Harvard University.

He also served in the legal division of the U. S. Army and in the Department of Interior before accepting his present position with the county.

### Latin American Group Pledges Support for JACL ADC Program

DENVER — National executive officers of the League of United Latin American Citizens on Feb. 15 adopted a resolution endorsing the program of the JACL's ADC program.

The LULAC resolution stated that the "denial of equality of democratic opportunities to any person or persons within these United States lowers the standards of democracy and thereby makes our own position less secure."

The resolution endorsed the naturalization bill, deportation amendment and evacuation claims bills in the ADC program.

Copies of the resolution have been sent to Senators Dennis Chavez and Carl Hatch, Congressman Antonio M. Fernandez and Congresswoman Georgia L. Lusk of New Mexico. It was signed by Dr. Jose Maldonado, president general, and attested to by Daniel T. Valdes, secretary general.

Roy M. Takeno, ADC regional director, said the support from the Latin American group was "especially gratifying" since it showed the common aims of all Americans.

The ADC legislative program has received wide support from non-Nisei groups, he said, because of the inherent justice of the program and because all Americans realized that past injustices must be corrected by remedial legislation.

### West Virginia Officials Back Legislation Program of ADC

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week that Sam Ishikawa, Eastern States director of the JACL ADC, has just concluded a brief trip to Charleston and Huntington, West Virginia, in another of his regional tours to obtain support for the Japanese American Citizens League's legislative program.

Mr. Ishikawa called upon a number of prominent political and civic leaders of West Virginia, including Democratic Governor Clarence Watson Meadows with whom he held a half hour interview. The Governor was reported to be in complete sympathy with the objectives of the JACL ADC, expressing the opinion that the Japanese Americans hard hit by the evacuation "should be paid for their losses."

While Mr. Ishikawa found considerable enthusiasm for evacuation compensation and naturalization for Japanese aliens, the Washington JACL ADC office reported, many of the persons he contacted had questioned the wisdom of asking for legislation to repeal immigration barriers against the Japanese. Most of them were familiar with the heroic exploits of the Japanese American combat team and indicated favoring legislation to indemnify Japanese forced out of the West Coast because of the war.

Besides Governor Meadows, the Eastern JACL ADC director met the following people at Charleston: Charles Hodges, executive secre-

## U. S. Attorney General Urges Court to Review Takahashi Test Case on California Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Copies of the Attorney General's memorandum urging the U.S. Supreme Court to review the Takahashi alien fishing case were received by the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

The Takahashi case, the brief signed by Attorney General Tom C. Clark and Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman notes, "presents substantial constitutional issues of national importance, affecting the fundamental civil rights of a large number of persons."

The Justice Department's memorandum, filed early this month with the high court, cites instances in which the Supreme Court had upheld the economic rights of the alien under the Constitution. The specific questions involved in the Takahashi case, it adds, relate to the constitutionality of Section 990 of the Fish and Game Code of California, as amended in 1945 to provide that commercial fishing licenses may be issued only to persons other than those "ineligible to citizenship."

If the petition for certiorari which the national JACL filed in January should be granted, the Attorney General states, "the Government will contend, as amicus curiae, that the challenged provision of the Fish and Game Code of California cannot be reconciled with the principles applied by the Supreme Court in the Truax v. Hopkins, supra, and other cases." The other cases include the famous Yick Wo v. Hopkins litigation of

1885 and the more recent Oyama alien land law case.

In the Truax versus Raich case, the court held that the Constitution forbids a State "to deny to lawful inhabitants, because of their race or nationality, the ordinary means of earning a livelihood." The Court emphasized that "the right to work for a living in the common occupations of the community is of the very essence of the personal freedom and opportunity that it was the purpose of the (Fourteenth) Amendment to secure."

This case came up for review in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1915 when the court had before it an Arizona statute which provided that when anyone employed five or more persons, not less than 80 per cent of them had to be citizens. In declaring the act unconstitutional, the court held that the Arizona statute besides violating the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment had in denying aliens the right to earn a living virtually denied them the right to enter the state, for men "cannot live where they cannot work."

Solicitor General Perlman in forwarding copies of the Government's memorandum to the Washington office of the JACL ADC declared: "We believe sincerely that what we are trying to do is for the benefit of all the people of our country," adding that "I am glad that your organization approves of the action being taken by the Government to carry out its responsibilities in the enforcement of civil rights."

## California County Attorneys Move to Discuss Land Cases

### Wholesale Action Set To Dispose of State Escheat Litigation

#### Roy Takeno Visits Latin American League

DENVER—Roy M. Takeno, regional ADC director, presented a brief report on the JACL and the ADC at an executive council session of national officers of the League for United Latin American Citizens in Santa Fe, N. M., on Feb. 15.

Dr. Jose Maldonado, president general of LULAC, and all the national officers present unanimously agreed to support the JACL ADC program. Official resolutions of support by LULAC will be sent to Senators Carl A. Match and Dennis Chaves of New Mexico and New Mexico representatives, it was reported.

SAN FRANCISCO — All county district attorneys in California have been sent orders to ask the courts to dismiss pending escheat cases instituted by the state and the respective counties against persons of Japanese ancestry under the Alien Land law, according to information received last week by James C. Purcell, counsel for the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union.

Jack W. Hardy of Attorney Attorney General Fred N. Howser's office in Los Angeles indicated in a telephone conversation with Mr. Purcell that wholesale action was being undertaken to dismiss all of the pending Alien Land law cases as a result of the Supreme Court's decision in the Oyama cases.

Hardy was recently appointed by Howser to take charge of the state's activity in dismissing the cases.

All of the county district attorneys are expected to present dismissal petitions signed by Hardy to their respective courts in the next four days.

Cases under the Alien Land law are pending in Fresno, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Orange, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and other counties. Approximately 50 cases are expected to be dismissed, involving several millions of dollars in agricultural property.

Mr. Purcell declared he already had contacted the district attorneys of Monterey, San Joaquin and Fresno counties and announced that all CRDU cases pending in those areas with the exception of two will be dismissed within the week.

The two exceptions are cases pending in Federal courts.

### Washington JACL To Continue Weekly Open House

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Washington chapter of the JACL will sponsor weekly open house at the YWCA, continuing the activity formerly sponsored by the Nisei USO.

Sessions will be held every Saturday night, except for the fourth Saturday of each month, which is reserved for regular chapter meetings.

Tentative plans have been made to form special interest groups, for persons interested in bridge, books, pinocle, bowling and dancing.

## Fresno Judge Dismisses Five Escheat Actions on Request Of State, Defense Council

FRESNO, Calif.—Superior Judge Ernest Klette on February 21 dismissed five escheat actions filed against resident Japanese aliens and Nisei of Fresno County upon stipulations entered by the State Attorney General's office and counsel for the defendants in view of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Oyama test case.

The Supreme Court ruled that alien Japanese may purchase land for their American-born children.

During the 38 months ending January 31, 1948, Ralph Hagin, special investigator from the office of Attorney General Fred N. Howser, who worked in the Fresno County area, reported four favorable judgments and six cash settlements involving \$92,415 and 515 acres of land.

Several cases have been successfully prosecuted in Fresno County under the Alien Land law against persons of Japanese ancestry, with more than \$40,000 recovered in settlements, it was stated. However, it was regarded as questionable whether those who have made settlements can legally recover their money.

Deputy District Attorney Arthur Drew, who handled the escheat cases in Fresno County, announced this week that only nine cases remain on the docket and that these will be dismissed within a week or ten days. He said that of the pending cases, three are against Hindus, marking one of the few instances in which the Alien Land law has been invoked against persons other than those of Japanese descent.

In his action dismissing the five cases Judge Klette declared that the Supreme Court, while not declaring the Alien Land law unconstitutional, in effect did just that and makes the law a nullity.

Suits dismissed on February 21 include the following defendants: Shunzo Kurokawa and his wife, Ryu Kurukawa and Eddie Hideki Kurokawa; Noriaki Morita and his wife, Takashi Morita and T. Itakura; Kanei Kaneichi and his wife, Roshio Kaneichi and Sumio Kaneichi; A. Sakata and his wife, T. L. Sakata; R. Arakaki and his wife, Nabe Arakaki, and Unosuke Yamashiro and his wife and Iwao Yamashiro.

Under the stipulations for dismissal of the suits, the defendants waived all claims which they might have against the state and its officers.

### Puyallup Valley Reactivates JACL

TACOMA, Wash.—The Puyallup valley chapter of the JACL was reactivated here with an election of officers on Feb. 19.

Kaz Yamane was elected president, with other officers as follows: Takeo Yoshihara, delegate at large; Daiichi Yoshioka, 1st vice president, Fife; Dr. K. Kasuga, 2nd vice president, Tacoma; Tad Sasaki, 3rd vice president, Sumner; Mickey Fukui, recording secretary; Amy Hashimoto, corresponding secretary; John Fujita, treasurer; and Tom Tokemura and Kimi Fujimoto, co-social chairmen.

A membership drive will be sponsored with Takeo Yoshihara as captain for the Tacoma district and Art Yamada captain of the valley district.

Next meeting of the chapter will be held March 11.

## Attorney Plans Insanity Plea For Nisei in Idaho Murder

### Tom Miura Waives Preliminary Hearing On Death of Father

REXBURG, Ida. — Tommy T. Miura, 30, Rexburg, charged with the fatal stabbing of his 72-year old father, Zenzo Miura, waived preliminary hearing on Feb. 17 and was bound over to Madison County district court when arraigned before Probate Judge Vernon Mortenson.

Miura, who was wounded five times with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and France, is accused of the murder of his father at their farm home near Rexburg early on the morning of Feb. 14.

Miura was remanded to the Madison county jail, without bond, to await jury trial in the next term of the district court, scheduled for October 11.

The court's action followed the verdict of the coroner's jury, on

### Nisei Interpreter Returns from Tokyo War Crimes Trials

SEATTLE—A Nisei who is one of four American employes supervising the 28 Japanese interpreters and translators at the war crimes trials in Tokyo returned to the United States on Feb. 17 by plane from Japan on a month's leave of absence.

Lanny Miyamoto is en route to Washington, D.C. to visit friends. He declared that Japanese nationals acting as interpreters at the Tokyo trials are clinging precariously to their sanity as a result of attempting to translate Latin legal terms into Japanese.

Translation of court proceedings from Japanese to English and English to Japanese is done in long hand, Miyamoto said. At frequent intervals the Japanese interpreters, racing in long hand to keep pace with the testimony, are bogged down by an "ipso facto" or a "nolo contendere" and one of the four supervisors has to take over, he said.

Miyamoto, who studied in Japan before the war, has been employed by the International Tribunal for the Far East since 1945. Before that he served with a United States strategic bombing survey unit in Tokyo, Nagasaki and Kumamoto.

During the early part of the war Miyamoto taught Japanese to Army officers at the University of Michigan. Later he served in India.

### Nisei Yearbook Appears in Chicago

CHICAGO—The Chicago Japanese American Year Book for 1948 appeared this week with a listing of over 6,000 families and 500 business firms.

Sixty-five pages of pictures are included in the 176 page volume. Pictures show many phases of Japanese American activity in Chicago, including the coronation of the Nisei queen in Chicago, the Nisei revue, sports champions and prominent Nisei.

The book was edited by Joe T. Komaki.

### Mary Kitano Named As Guild Delegate

LOS ANGELES—Mary Kitano, an employe of the Los Angeles Daily News, was elected as one of the 17 members of the representative assembly of the Los Angeles chapter of the American Newspaper Guild, CIO, at a recent meeting.

Miss Kitano is employed in the library of the Daily News.

which two Japanese Americans were among those called to serve, that the father died of a stab wound in the right side of the throat, "evidently inflicted by Tommy Miura."

The aged man's body was found in bed at the Miura farm house in Burton, three miles west of Rexburg. A hunting knife with a five-inch blade was still in his throat.

Miss Mary Smith, who is employed as counsel by Miura, has indicated the defense plea will be based on a claim of insanity.

The only other person in the home at the time of the slaying was a daughter of the slain man, Miss Minako Miura, who was asleep at the time.

Miura attempted to give himself up to Rexburg officers after the slaying but drove down to Idaho Falls when he found the Rexburg sheriff's office closed at the early morning hour. He admitted the killing to Idaho Falls officers.

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## EDITORIALS

### Another Test Case

Two test cases which may decide the citizenship rights of some 6,000 Japanese Americans have been filed in Los Angeles in recent weeks.

The tests specifically concern the right of Etsuko Arikawa and Miyoko Tsunashima, both Nisei, to return to this country. Both were stranded in Japan during the war and have since been refused passports to return home.

In both instances the passports were refused on grounds that these Nisei voted in Japanese elections.

These Nisei are not alone in their peculiar situation. During the war thousands of Nisei were caught by the war in Japan and unable to come home. Some of them made a desperate last minute attempt, and they sailed for the United States on the last boat home. Halfway across the Pacific the boat turned its course and went back to Japan.

These Nisei stragglers were, throughout the war, submitted to extreme pressures of discrimination and suspicion. Many of them were coerced—by threats, by subtle hints, by the very necessity of keeping alive—into actions which now keep them from coming home. Some of them worked for the Japanese government during the war. A few were forced into military service, though generally they were viewed with suspicion, a fortunate circumstance which kept many out of the army.

Both Miss Arikawa and Miss Tsunashima voted in Japanese elections. Miss Arikawa states that her voting in the 1946 election was the result of "confusion and misapprehension" and the mistaken belief that Nisei Americans could vote in that election (the first election under occupation authorities) without jeopardizing their citizenship. Miss Tsunashima's suit states that she was forced to vote under threat of losing her food rations.

There can, of course, be no sympathy or compromise with Nisei who of their own free will participated in the Japanese war of aggression. But the many innocent Nisei still in Japan cannot be refused the right to return home. More specifically, they cannot be denied the privilege of proving their innocence.

Since war's end we have heard many heroic tales of Japanese Americans who held fast to their U.S. citizenship, despite the fact they were living in Japan and subject to persecution and indignities. These Nisei must be aided in their desire and need to come home.

### The Forgotten People

Repudiated by their own government, approximately 300 Peruvian residents of Japanese ancestry are still being held by the Department of Justice in "relaxed custody" in the United States. The forgotten three hundred were among approximately 500 Japanese Peruvians who were literally kidnapped by their government and turned over to United States military authorities shortly after the outbreak of war in the Pacific as a gesture for hemispheric defense. They were interned in Panama and later transferred to Department of Justice internment camps in the United States.

Although these Japanese Peruvians have been cleared of any suspicion that they may endanger hemispheric security—many of them are children and some are infants—the Peruvian government has refused to permit them to return to their homes in Peru despite negotiations to that end which have been initiated by the State Department. The conduct of the Lima government in these negotiations tends to bear out the charge that greed and corruption on the part of some members of the Peruvian government are involved in the case. Many of the Peruvians now interned here operated large businesses and held considerable property. These holdings were appropriated by their government at the time of their detention and it is evident that should these people be permitted to return, an accounting would be necessary.

Shortly after V-J day the United States government initiated proceedings against these Japanese Peruvians, seeking to deport them to Japan on the ground that they were illegally in the United States. The deportation proceedings have been temporarily suspended through legal action and additional efforts have been made since that time to reach an agreement with Lima for their repatriation. Failing this, it must be apparent that some steps should be undertaken to legalize the residence of these displaced persons in the United States. The American government, because it accepted these persons for internment in the interests of hemispheric safety—although the actual reasons for their detention by Peruvian officials may have had nothing to do with security or defense—have a responsibility in this case which cannot be dispatched by the mere act of deporting them to Japan, a country to which these residents of Peru do not wish to go.

## Nisei USA: RATTLING THE RACIST SKELETONS

By LARRY TAJIRI

CALIFORNIA'S Governor Earl Warren, the native son candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, denied on Mutual's "Meet the Press" broadcast on Feb. 20 that he had been the "finger man" in the mass evacuation of 100,000 California residents of Japanese ancestry in 1942. Gov. Warren sidestepped the question by declaring that Carey McWilliams, who was credited on the broadcast with having made the charge, was an old political enemy. Gov. Warren disposed of the question by declaring that he had supported the army in its mass evacuation decision and also had supported the army's decision to permit the evacuees to return to the evacuated area in 1945. Both of these statements are true but they do not tell the whole story.

Because Governor Warren has been projected onto the national political stage because of his interest in the GOP presidential nomination, a rattling of the racist skeletons in his political closet has validity and purpose.

It is important to the people of the nation to search the background of a man who may one day occupy the White House. If the candidate has been a member of a white supremacist organization and has made racist statements such information is of considerable interest to approximately 15,000,000 non-Caucasian Americans and to the members of other racial and religious minorities.

Governor Earl Warren of California has been and is still a prominent member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, an organization which has specialized for 40 years in racist agitation against persons of Japanese ancestry in California. The Native Sons, however, is more than an anti-Japanese group. Denying membership to California-born citizens of Japanese, Chinese, Mexican and Negro parentage, it has been a strong advocate of white supremacy since its formation in 1875. The Native Sons have maintained that citizenship should be restricted to "native-born Californians of the white race."

In its brief in a test case which sought to prevent evacuees of Japanese ancestry from voting in a California election while detained in relocation centers, the Native Sons declared before the Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals that the Constitution of the United States refers to "white people only." The Native Sons also have maintained that the granting of citizenship to Negroes was a "grave mistake."

Last week in San Francisco, John T. Reagan, an official of the Native Sons, told Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, that the organization had not abandoned its anti-Japanese program.

While governor of California Earl Warren has participated in the rituals of the Native Sons. He has never repudiated the group nor the group's racist philosophy.

In his appearance on the Mutual network program last week, Governor Warren ascribed the charge that he had been the "finger man" in the mass evacuation to the political opposition of Carey McWilliams. That opposition is a two-way matter.

Mr. Warren, however, glossed over the truth when he said on the Mutual broadcast that he had merely supported the army's mass evacuation order.

On Feb. 21, 1942 Earl Warren, then attorney general of California, appeared before the Tolan committee, then conducting hearings on the necessity of mass evacuation in San Francisco, and asked for mass evacuation. In a long and unusual document filled with fear and suspicion and fraught with race myths, Mr. Warren pictured California's 100,000 persons of Japanese ancestry as a possible army of saboteurs who were awaiting a signal to strike against installations of military importance. Mr. Warren developed an argument that persons of Japanese ancestry purposely had settled alongside vital military and communications installations, although in most cases it must be obvious that the telephone and power lines, proximity to which is cited as evidence of possible treachery, were not there when farmers of Japanese ancestry first took residence on the land.

Parts of Mr. Warren's statement to the Tolan committee are used almost verbatim by General DeWitt in his "Final Report of the Japanese Evacuation" and are used by General DeWitt as a reason which justified the mass evacuation decision. Therefore, Mr. Warren cannot simply declare that he supported the Army's decision. General DeWitt's report indicates that Mr. Warren's reasons for the necessity of mass evacuation influenced the army's decision.

The fact that persons of Japanese ancestry were settled in one area of Santa Barbara county and that there were no Japanese Americans in another part of the same county was pointed out by Mr. Warren as fraught with significance.

This paragraph appeared in Mr. Warren's long statement to the Tolan Committee:

"Throughout the Santa Maria Valley and including the cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe every utility, airfield, bridge, telephone, and power line or other facility of importance is flanked by Japanese, and they even surround the oil fields in this area. Only a few miles south, however, is the Santa Ynez Valley, equally as productive agriculturally as the Santa Maria Valley and with lands equally available for purchase and lease, but without any strategic installations whatever. There are no Japanese in the Santa Ynez Valley."

This paragraph is repeated verbatim in General DeWitt's report justifying mass evacuation.

It would, of course, be insulting the people of Santa Ynez Valley to support Mr. Warren's statement that there are no strategic installations in the Santa Ynez area. There are telephones, power lines, bridges and roads in the Santa Ynez Valley. In fact, it would be impossible to carry on modern-day agriculture without these and other facilities. As for the oil fields, they were discovered in the Santa Maria Valley long after persons of Japanese ancestry began farming there.

In his testimony before the Tolan Committee

Mr. Warren, asking for mass evacuation, declared that it was the consensus of law enforcement officers that "there is more potential danger in the group of Japanese who are born in this country than from the alien Japanese born in Japan." Earl Warren declared that many American Japanese had been indoctrinated in Japan and there was no way to determine the loyalty of sons of Japanese ancestry.

"We believe that when we are dealing with the Caucasian race we have methods that will test the loyalty of them," Warren told the Tolan Committee, "and we believe that we can, in dealing with the Germans and the Italians, arrive at some sound conclusions because of our knowledge of the way they live in the community and have lived many years. But when we deal with the Japanese we are in an entirely different field and we cannot form any opinion that we believe to be sound. Their method of living, their language, makes this difficult. Many of them who show their birth certificate stating they were born in this State, perhaps, or born in Honolulu, can speak the English language because, although they were born here, when they were 4 or 5 years of age they were sent over to Japan to be educated and they stayed over there through their adolescent period at least, and then they came back to this country thoroughly Japanese."

Less than ten per cent of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States have ever received any education in Japan.

On June 21, 1943 Governor Warren appeared before the conference of governors of the United States at Columbus, O., and warned that the lease of persons of Japanese ancestry from relocation centers would lead to a situation which by no one "will be able to tell a saboteur from another Jap."

"Recently we have read of social experiments in relocation centers and the movement within government to release most of them as harmless to the security of the home front," Governor Warren continued, "but please don't be deceived. A more dangerous step could be taken."

The word "Jap," when used in reference to Americans of Japanese ancestry is as repugnant to us as the words "Nigger," "kike," "chink," "greaser" to members of other American groups. Yet Mr. Warren has used the word "Jap" times in his long statement to the Tolan Committee in reference to persons of Japanese ancestry residing in California.

Governor Warren opposed efforts to permit the return of Japanese American evacuees to California, accepted the army's decision to refuse the exclusion order in a statesmanlike manner, also had supported the efforts of law enforcement officers to punish the hoodlums who were responsible during the early months of 1945 of a series of acts of violence against the returned evacuees. At the same time, however, Governor Warren vetoed the amendment to the California Fish and Game Code which prohibited the issuance of fishing licenses to Japanese aliens and also signed an amendment to the Alien Land law which facilitated its enforcement against persons of Japanese ancestry. It was under this amendment that approximately 75 cases were initiated against persons of Japanese ancestry, seeking the confiscation of property on grounds that alien parents had interest in lands owned by their citizen children. Some of these cases were filed by the Warren administration against Nisei who were overseas in the uniform of the United States. The Warren regime also obtained a \$200,000 appropriation from the legislature for the investigation and promotion of Japanese Americans under the Alien Land law.

Governor Warren has been a strong supporter of the discriminatory Alien Land law and has stated publicly that the "California Alien Land law is the only statute available to law enforcement officers to meet the situation presented by the presence of Japanese in many strategic localities."

In his appearance before the "Meet the Press" panel last week Governor Warren placed himself in favor of legislation which would provide for fair employment regardless of race, color or ancestry. It is possible that Mr. Warren, as governor of the State of California, has grown in stature and has abandoned the Native Sons ideology which has characterized his earlier years in public office. It is to be hoped that this is true because Mr. Warren may become the Republican nominee in the event of a Taft-Dewey deadlock at the Philadelphia convention and the GOP nominee in 1948 has a good chance of occupying the White House.

It is certainly time for Governor Warren to repudiate his racist background and to cut his ties with such organizations as the white supremacist Native Sons of the Golden West.

### Denver Post MATTER OF THE HEART

Eiichi Hata was fated to taste but brief of life. He was born in Montana in 1915 and less than thirty years later died a soldier's death on a muddy battlefield in Italy. His body was buried under a little white cross at the American Military cemetery near Castelflorentino.

A few months ago the U.S. Eighth army in Tokyo received a letter from Corporal Hata's parents who many years ago had returned from Montana to their native Japan. "Our declining years would be made much happier," the parents wrote, "if your government returned the body of our son, who was killed in the war on foreign soil."

Soon, the body of Corporal Hata will make the long voyage to its final rest in Japan, a country which he never saw. War affects many persons in diverse ways, nor is there any better example than the story of Corporal Hata to illustrate President Roosevelt's words; "Americanism is not a matter of race or creed, it is a matter of the heart."

**Book Review:**

**Ralph Martin Reports on What Happened to the GI Dream**

**THE BEST IS NONE TOO GOOD.** By Ralph G. Martin. 297 pp. New York. Farrar, Straus Co. \$3.50.

In the hedgerows of Normandy, the mud of Italy and in the green jungles of south Pacific islands, American GIs shared a common dream of home, "of cake and ice cream, white sheets, hot baths and beautiful women."

In "The Best Is None Too Good," Ralph G. Martin tells of what happened to that dream after the war had ended and the GIs came home to become veterans.

"I wondered what had happened to the men and women who had come home, and this is what I found," says Ralph Martin. "These are my impressions, these are the people I talked to. If there's a message in the book, you find it."

There is a message in the book and it is warm and heartening and fine. Ralph Martin ranged the continent in assembling the material for his book. He talked to the ex-GIs everywhere. He found them working, studying, building. He found them fighting corruption in politics, combatting racial discrimination. He found them asking questions and wondering why. He found sharp anger too, and disillusionment but he also found that the ex-GIs were not wallowing in any slough of lost-generation bitterness.

In his first book, "The Boy from Nebraska," Ralph Martin told the story of a Nisei, Ben Kuroki. One of the chapters of "The Best Is None Too Good" is devoted to the story of what happened on the day Ben Kuroki came back to his home

town of Hershey, Nebraska.

There is also the story of a band of courageous, determined citizens in the town of Hood River, Ore., who manned the ramparts of democracy and got the names of the sixteen Nisei GIs back on the county honor roll.

There are other stories, of a doctor in Harlem, of the ex-GIs who broke the taxi trust in Chicago, of the homeless veterans in Salt Lake City who started their own housing project and of Athens, Tennessee where the returned veterans organized and ran the corrupt politicians and grafters out of town and gave back the city government to the people.

There are 14 million veterans of the war and nearly all of them will recognize a part of themselves in the stories in Ralph Martin's new book.

This is a story of America in transition, a report on what happened to some of the men and women who came back from global war during the days and months when they were still the returned veterans.

The book is interspersed with vignettes written by the author at war and the sharp, pungent paragraphs bring back the smell and feeling of combat. This is how it was and this is what happened to the foxhole dream.

Ralph G. Martin has a special feeling for the American idiom. He has caught the talk and hope of America, on the highways, in the bars and all-night cafes, on the job and on the farm. This is not just a book about veterans. It is a book about America today.—L.S.T.

**A Short Story:**

**THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR**

By TOSHIO MORI

The house stands on the lot next to ours surrounded by many young fruit trees. It is a small bungalow, built simply and plainly—a four room affair. From the street it looks cozy and warm in its smallness and I guess the house could be cozy. It is cozy enough but this, it seems, is not enough.

When Old Man White was living, there were no fruit trees and the house stood bare and ugly. He came in and out of the house from day to day and in spite of his eighty years we were assured of his presence day in and day out. If we did not see him for several days or a week that was all right. We know he was there. We knew that inside of his house he was ambling about. Old Man White lived alone. He was a fixture in the community. We, the neighbors, were pretty sure of his presence. We saw him, we knew him, and we talked to him. Then in his eighty-third year which was in 1934, he died and his son in Palo Alto inherited the place.

The son planted the trees and the yard which was bare and untouched became green and attractive. Since he could not move in because his business was in Palo Alto, he rented the house to people. When this happened the neighborhood which was smug and complacent within its circle for so long, immediately lost the air of naiveness and complacency and became charged with transition so typical of the world.

We watched the house with interest. The whole neighborhood did, we who had seen the same faces over and over again for twenty to thirty-five years. For a year or so nobody moved in. The house became attractive with the growth of young fruit trees. But it stood without curtains, lightless, and hollow inside for a long time. Then with a rush, for no reason, things happened at the place—event after event. Once it started, it seemed, there was no stopping.

We saw the coming and going of the tenants of the house on six occasions. Sometimes the people left in the evening; sometimes the people moved out during the day, but always, immediately, someone moved in. We saw the coming and the going of faces, their personalities often blurred and indistinct with time.

When the fruits on the young trees ripened, whoever happened to be living at the time went out in the yard and picked and ate them. And when the folks moved out the trees remained behind at the place for another company to pick the fruits when they ripened. This was the pastime of each tenant who came to live and stayed awhile. Of

course there were some who did not remain on the place long enough to see the fruits ripen but these were few and even the few watched the trees grow, sprayed nicotine diligently, and looked as if they enjoyed the stay at the place. But they did not remain long. For no reason or for some hidden reasons each of the tenants moved in and out and left the neighborhood at a standstill as to who lived in the house.

One of these tenants, the earliest, I came to know pretty well. They were from Indiana and once, the father said, he worked in the nursery back there. He said in Indiana the flower industry was pretty big. We talked of the flower business in Indiana and California, the weather in Indiana, and the weather in California.

We came to know each other pretty well. He used to come over where I was working and talk. At other times I used to lean over the fence and watch him spray the fruit trees. The father was an interesting talker; in fact, the whole family was talkative and colorful. The mother, the daughter, and the son-in-law. The family had journeyed across the land on their old Buick the year before. They always talked about the journey. But before the fruits ripened, one day or one night, the Indiana family moved out. I did not know about this for many days until one morning I saw Old Man White's son escorting an aged couple to the place. Then I knew the house had become vacant.

The aged couple stayed till December of that year. They were the ones who picked the fruits and ate them and I believe, canned them for winter. They used to sit on the back porch and sun themselves in the warm autumn days. We did not speak to each other. Very few people in the neighborhood were aware of their presence. One night in December when the cold weather set in they moved out.

Since then the place has known the lives of four families and the fruits which ripened each year have

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**Bill Hookawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN**

**Not as Footloose as They Were**

DENVER, Colo.

These are sidelights on life in Japan today as gleaned in items from recent editions of Nippon Times and the Tokyo-Yokohama edition of Stars and Stripes:

"The memorial gallery in the Meiji Shrine compounds, recently released from GHQ control, is open from 9 to 3 daily. The gallery, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his consort Shoken Kotaigo, contains over 80 paintings. Admission is 10 yen." How the yen has fallen.

"With warm weather here for the time, the zoo at Ueno park should be seen over again. Admission is either 5 yen or one can of dry grass for the herbivorous animals. Feeding of the animals is encouraged—they love cookies and bread." Even the animals are hungry.

"University of Pennsylvania alumni will meet today at 7 p.m. at the American University club, Marunouchi building. Scenic and travel films will be shown through the courtesy of the Japan Travel bureau. All Pennmen and their friends are invited." Was there once a war?

Small headline on page 2: "Former Japanese Navy More Than Half Scrapped." What a headline that would have made in the sword-rattling days.

"Black market peddlers making use of two rural lines branching out from Chiba station were caught flat-footed and deprived of a large supply of contraband items when the Chiba prefectural police instituted a surprise raid with a force of 170 men. Items confiscated at Chiba station included 12,000 kan of sweet potatoes, rice amounting to 16 bales, 1,000 kan of glucose syrup, 250 kan of fish, 4,000 kan of peanuts and other foodstuffs such as soya sauce and processed fish." It's the poor that take the beating in any black market.

From a linen goods merchant's advertisement: "Orders from Allied Personnel Given Priority." Can't you almost hear General Araki growling about subservience to the effete west?

Our 3-year-old Susan came home the other day

with an angry little bruise on her knee. She'd fallen down while at her play.

"Did you cry," we asked her with the embarrassing stupidity of a parent.

"No," she maintained stoutly. "I laughed. But it sounded like I was crying."

**Sidelights on Life in Japan**

The other night we chanced to be in the lobby of a classy hotel at which some Nisei organization was holding a dance. Nisei men and some handsome Nisei girls were standing around in groups, all of it very proper and hardly conspicuous.

And then one individual with a booming voice barged in and you could feel as well as see and hear his presence.

"Hello, Joe," he said in a voice that carried half the length of the lobby. "Long time no see, doe-ka, doe-ka?"

The effect would have been no different if this character had paraded into the lobby in a clown's costume carrying a neon sign that said: "Look, I'm different. I feel inferior and therefore I feel it necessary to attract attention to myself."

He hadn't been drinking, yet, but strangely enough no one told him to shut up.

Take it from Restaurateur George Furuta, the Nisei aren't as footloose as they were a few years ago. Time was, he recalls, when scores and scores were going through Denver on their way east, west, north and south.

During the war years they passed through on their way out of relocation centers, while moving from town to town, while en route back west, or just plain drifting around.

And whenever they hit Denver it was an occasion to tank up on good Japanese or Chinese food, to throw a big dinner for friends they hadn't seen since way back when.

That era's over now, Furuta says. The Nisei are settling down and they aren't throwing the parties they used to. They aren't traveling as much and they aren't spending the money like they did. Things are getting back to normal.

**Vagaries**

**Native Sons . . .**

The man behind the recent statement of the Native Sons of the Golden West reaffirming their anti-Japanese program was State Senator Jack B. Tenney of Los Angeles who reportedly called the special meeting of the Native Sons in Sacramento to oppose the Judd bill which will remove race restrictions from the naturalization law . . . A Native Sons official claims one-half of California's legislative representation in Washington are members of the Native Sons organization.

**CARE . . .**

The JACL will announce the completion of its Bruyeres CARE project soon. Included among the contributions is one from Mrs. Billy Sunday, widow of the famed evangelist . . . The Mutual Broadcasting System's original intention of presenting the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, "To Secure These Rights," in a series of four dramatized broadcasts by Arnold Perl, one of the nation's top radio writers, has been abandoned and MBS is broadcasting the report in a series of straight readings. One reason for the change is believed to be the revolt of Dixie Democrats against the Truman civil rights program which, the network indicated, had projected the committee's report into the area of political controversy. The broadcasts will be on Mutual on the next three Tuesdays at 10 p.m., EST.

**Radio . . .**

Speaking of radio, George Otsuka, the Nisei veteran of the 442nd Combat Team whose right to farm in his home state of Texas was one of the incidents dramatized in the special broadcast of the CBS Documentary Unit on Dec. 30, would like it known that he is not married. The writer of the broadcast, one of the best on race relations presented in recent months, used "poetic license" in writing in a wife for ex-Sergeant Otsuka.

**Navy . . .**

The sincerity of the U.S. Navy in adhering to its new policy under which Americans of Japanese ancestry are being accepted into service on the same basis as all other applicants can be seen in the number of Nisei in Navy uniform. Also Japanese American papers are now on the mailing lists of the Navy's recruiting services . . . Probably the first Nisei girl to wear a Navy uniform is Ensign Yoshiko Tanigawa, a Regular Navy nurse.

**MINORITY WEEK**

**Brotherhood Week**

So this is Brotherhood Week, dedicated to the precept that all men are created equal.

The day begins on the birthday of George Washington, who said: "It is now no more than toleration if spoken of as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoy the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for happily the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasion their effectual support."

And so, in the midst of the hosannahs and the editorial applause, we offer a few facts on:

**PUBLIC OPINION:** Almost half the people in the United States feel that none of the minority groups should get a better break than they are now getting. About half of the people think that the Catholics, Jews and/or Negroes are getting more economic power than is good for the country. Two-thirds of the white people in the United States think that the Negroes are treated fairly in this country. Half of the people in the country (non-Negro) think that Negroes have the same chance as whites to make a good living in this country. But, at the same time, 90 percent of the people in the country admit that of a white and Negro applicant with the same training, the white would be likely to get a specified job.

**Ada Fisher**

When Ada Fisher, young Negro student applying for admission to the University of Oklahoma law school, was backed up in her demands by the Supreme Court, she said exuberantly, "I love the Constitution!"

This week she probably still loved the Constitution, but she probably had some doubts as to its application and interpretation.

The University of Oklahoma set up in a matter of forty-eight hours or so, a three-instructor, one-student law school. Ada Fisher went back to the Supreme court, asking the makeshift arrangement be termed "unequal facilities."

The court did not rise to the occasion. It stated that the state courts must first rule on the question of equal facilities and added strangely that this ruling did not refer to the Fisher case!

But as one columnist, Holmes Alexander, wrote: ". . . the court did more in this Fisher case than pretend that it didn't know the difference between a law school and a Jim Crow car. It allowed the Oklahoma officials to flaunt its authority. It also dodged one of the hottest issues of our day and age—the issue of racial discrimination. There is no use pretending that the Fisher case did not raise the question of discrimination. That was the only point it did raise. If a public law school can exclude Negroes, it can also exclude Jews, Catholics, Holy Rollers, Prohibitionists and newspaper reporters. All are tax-paying minorities. The Fisher case makes one wonder what will happen in the pending decision on restrictive covenants."

**Legislation**

Bills to bar racial and religious discrimination in educational institutions at every level have been introduced in the New York legislature.

The measures are sponsored by the State Committee for Equality in Education and are drawn up to carry out recommendations of the recent presidential commission on civil rights and education.

The bills would ban discriminatory practices, including the quota system, but provides that religious and denominational institutions may give preference to members of their own religion or denomination.

The bills would set up an office for educational practices in the education department of the state. Complaints turned in to the office would be sent to the courts only after conciliation and persuasion failed.

Masamori Kojima, English editor of the Chicago Shimpō, was scheduled to turn Chicago Sun columnist for a day this week by taking over the regular column of Irving Pflaum.

Pflaum's column was to be written one day each by a member of a minority group—Indian, Nisei, Negro, Jew, Catholic and Moslem—in commemoration of Brotherhood week.

### Dr. Patient to Speak To Alameda JACL

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Dr. William G. Plakton, superintendent of schools, will be principal speaker at the inaugural dinner of the Alameda Japanese American Citizens League on Feb. 29, at the Hotel Alameda. The toastmaster will be Shiro Nakano.

The program will be opened with invocation by Rev. Charles E. Lord of the First Methodist Church, followed by a welcome speech by John S. Towns, chapter president. Lorraine Yamane, San Francisco Nisei vocalist, will render two numbers, accompanied at the piano by Sadie Towns.

The ceremony for the installation of recently elected officers will be conducted by Joe Masada, Northern California regional director of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Prominent city and civic leaders who will attend the dinner include Charles Anderson, councilman; Stanley P. Whitney, city attorney; Abraham Koffman, publisher of the Times-Star; Rev. Charles Williams of the Christ Church; Edwin Agnew, local Red Cross chairman and former president of the Alameda Realty Board; Hubbard Moffet, attorney, who was associated with the Wartime Civil Control Administration under John L. DeWitt, then commanding general of the Western Defense Command; Morris Lantz, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Rev. I. Hariani of the Japanese Methodist Church, and Rev. H. Motoyoshi of the Buddhist Church.

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### JACL Squad Wins Idaho Cage Tourney

Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago, Denver Send Teams to Salt Lake

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—Three Idaho Falls JACL team won the national invitational basketball tournament sponsored by the chapter on Feb. 18, 19 and 20 at the Armon high school gymnasium.

Idaho Falls, with S. Ueda leading 13 points, defeated the Rexburg JACL team, 31 to 18, in the finals of the tournament.

In the consolation round finals, the Murray, Utah, Taiyos defeated the Ogden, Utah, Busses, 48 to 29, as T. Adamoto scored 15 points.

In a ceremony following the tournament the championship trophy was presented to the Idaho Falls team, while the consolation trophy went to the Murray Taiyos and the runners-up trophy was given to Rexburg. The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to the Ogden Busses squad.

The tournament results: Idaho Falls, 33; Murray Taiyos, 27.

Rexburg JACL, 38; Syracuse, Utah, Greenlins, 29.

Pocatello JACL, 30; Ogden Busses, 33.

Ogden Lobos, 38; Idaho Falls Outlaws, 27.

Murray Taiyos, 48; Idaho Falls Outlaws, 26.

Ogden Busses, 38; Syracuse Greenlins, 26.

Idaho Falls JACL, 50; Ogden Lobos, 37.

Rexburg JACL, 28; Pocatello JACL, 22.

Murray Taiyos, 48; Ogden Busses, 29.

Idaho Falls JACL, 31; Rexburg JACL, 18.

Gold basketballs were awarded to the following players for outstanding performances:

O. Kano, 5; Rexburg; Dale Kano, 4; Syracuse; S. Koga, 3; Ogden Busses; T. Adamoto, 2; Murray; L. Iselt, 1; Murray; J. Sato, 1; Pocatello; S. Ueda, 1; Idaho Falls; K. Nakaya, 1; Idaho Falls; T. Misaka, 1; Ogden; and F. Yamashita, 1; Syracuse.

High point men for the touney were Okimoto with 41, Ueda with 38 and S. Koga with 33.

Sud Morisita and Jun Ueda were the chairman and co-chairman for the tournament.

### Red Cross Seeks Suzukiwaka Family

COALINGA, Calif.—The Coalinga chapter of the Red Cross is seeking the present whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Suzukiwaka, formerly of this city.

The information is sought on behalf of relatives in Japan who have not heard from them since the outbreak of war.

Mr. Suzukiwaka is about 63 years of age, and his wife about 58. They are the parents of a son, Eichi, who graduated from the U.S. Reserve Officers' Training Corps in 1940. It is believed that they may have lived in Oakland, Calif., since their relatives have a picture of the son taken in uniform in an Oakland park.

Anyone knowing the present address of Mr. and Mrs. Suzukiwaka is asked to communicate with Mrs. W. L. Wallace, secretary, Coalinga chapter, American Red Cross, 160 Monroe st., Coalinga, Calif.

### Toshio Morie: House Next Door

(Continued from page 5)

been picked by a number of different hands. Their names were unknown and their lives, as far as the neighborhood was concerned, were unknown. There was a young couple with a baby who stayed the longest—a year. They were hardly ever home and almost every night when the young husband returned from work the couple went out, leaving the house lightless and as good as being vacant.

Then there was a family of grown up children who stayed in the house all day and kept the radio going full blast day and night. They were hardly ever seen outside. They were the ones who missed or overlooked the fruits on the young trees. But like the others, however, they came outside one day, jumped into their car and never came back.

Months later a car with an Oregon license parked inside the lot and remained for four months. Strange to say, I never saw the driver of the car to this day. If we came across each other some place sometime we would not know that at one time we had been neighbors; that once we had seen the same young fruit trees and had known the presence of the other although unseen, and the rain and the sun and the wind which hit us alike through living. When the Oregon licensed car was gone, a green Chevrolet brought a middle aged couple to the place in time for the fruits to be picked. Every day just before noon the man was seen leaving the house with a lunch pail. That was about all anyone did find out for months.

When the man with the lunch pail moved out Old Man White's son came and painted the house. The house needed no paint but the son painted just the same. About the house he planted green shrubbery and flowering plants. He faced the roof; he bought several loads of gravel and packed the driveway so it would not become soggy in winter. He changed the kitchen linoleum and also painted the interior with fine wall finish.

Again the house has a tenant today. This time he is a man who drives around in a 1935 Ford coupe, if that is anything. That is about all the information I can get. I think he is married because there is a woman staying with him in the house. He comes home around five in the afternoon and sometimes in the evenings the man and the woman go out together. Sometimes they remain home. Sometimes the lights in the house are still lit around two in the morning.

But before we see or approach them, the couple, I am afraid, will be gone. Even if we should learn their names and talk and laugh with them they will be gone afterwards, and the result would be the same. Only the house and young fruit trees remain behind to grow in age and decay and live out the cycle in one spot.

Old Man White's son will plant the house again in a year or so. And another tenant will most likely follow the present one who has the 1935 Ford coupe and comes home around five in the afternoon. And we, the neighbors, will continue to wonder why this is happening all the time, this flux of in and out and in and out again in such a short time with speed and abruptness in our little neighborhood, as well as on the earth as a whole, leaving behind nothing, not

## P C SPORTS

### Ex-Sulou

Kenso Nushida, one of the few Nisei to play pro baseball, is now in the sporting goods business in Honolulu. Nushida, a native of Hawaii, was playing with a Nisei team in Stockton, Calif., in the early 1930s when he was signed by the Sacramento Senators of the Pacific Coast League, along with Jimmy Florio who was playing the outfield for the Los Angeles Nippons. Nushida, a shortstop with the Stockton team, pitched for the Senators.

### Bowling Envoys

Hawaii's bowling ambassadors will arrive on the mainland in March for a nationwide goodwill tour which will serve to emphasize the need for a change in the American Bowling Congress' ban against bowlers not of Caucasian ancestry. One of the two visiting Hawaiian teams will be composed of bowlers who are not eligible for ABC competition on the mainland, although ABC rules permit non-Aryan leagues to join the organization outside the continental United States. Most of the bowlers on Hawaii's non-ABC team will be of Japanese ancestry and the team is reported to have an average of 940 which makes them the nation's top Nisei team.

The Hawaiian team was interested in entering the National Nisei Bowling tournament to be held in Salt Lake City next weekend but could not rearrange their schedule to take in the touney. However, Eddie Matsueda of the Hawaiian team reports that they will plan to enter the national Nisei touney next year.

Although the Salt Lake City touney next weekend at Temple alleys is billed as the "national Nisei tournament" there will be bowlers of Chinese, Korean and Caucasian ancestry in addition to those of Japanese descent.

Bowman Chung, who hit a 662 series for the Los Angeles JACL team in a match against Okada Insurance during the tournament last year, is returning with the team, while Lloyd Hahn, a Korean

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### Dr. Kita Moves To New Quarters

SALINAS, Calif.—Dr. Harry Y. Kita, dentist, this week announced his office will be moved to new quarters at 129 Pajaro street. The new address is close to his present location.

Dr. Kita announced that his new quarters will be a hangar office. The telephone number will be 8845.

Dr. Kita is an active and longtime member of the JACL.

### Cruaders

SANGER, Calif.—The Rev. George Aki of the Fresno Japanese Congregational church was guest speaker for the Damage Crusaders of Fresno on Sunday, Feb. 22.

The group voted to hold a light supper every Sunday prior to the devotional service which will start at 4:30 p.m. instead of 5. The group also decided to meet earlier one Sunday each month to fix a room in the Japanese Methodist church for business and social purposes.

American, may bring up his Jan. 1 Wine team which is one of the leaders of the Los Angeles Wine League.

The national tournament will attract most of the nation's leading Nisei bowlers from Chicago, Denver, Idaho, Oregon, Seattle, Utah and California. One of those missing, however, will be Yas Oyama of Richmond, Calif., one of the few Nisei to have a 200 game to his credit. Oyama is a leader in both the San Francisco and Eastbay Nisei leagues.

### Money-Maker

Robert Takeshita, the last punching Hawaiian welterweight who won the 1946 National A.J. championship, drew \$24,800 in the main event bouts in Honolulu last year. Takeshita, who has had 2 pro fights and is regarded as an outstanding contender in his division, earned \$20,000 last year.

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### Denver Minister Is Honored by Cosmopolitan Club

DENVER—The Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama of Brotherhood house was one of ten persons in Denver cited by the Cosmopolitan club for outstanding contributions to the betterment of human relations in this city.

The Rev. Fukuyama has been active in promoting interracial and civic affairs.

Other award winners, as announced by Dr. Clarence F. Holmes, president of the Cosmopolitan club, are Mayor J. Quigg Newton, Postmaster James O. Stevic, Dr. Prudence Bostwick, Helen Peterson, the Rev. Clark P. Garman, Dr. Allan Hurst, Jack Boyd, Richard Dudman and Bishop Hubert Newell. Also cited was Station KLZ for its radio series, "Liberty Calling." Either Hugh Terry, manager, or Mack Switzer will receive the award on behalf of the station.

Award winners were to be honored at a dinner Feb. 26 at Temple Emanuel. Twenty Nisei girl volunteers were to serve the dinner, which was prepared under the direction of Helen Umezawa.

Mesdames Iyono Yamaga, Takino Takamatsu and T. Kako were scheduled to hold a special exhibit of Japanese flower arrangements.

### Nisei Veterans Learn Chick Sexing At Wisconsin School

SUN PRAIRIE, Wis.—The Wisconsin State Chick Sexing school reported this week that 43 qualified persons, including five former Nisei GIs, graduated from the school during its first year. The school opened on Feb. 17, 1947.

It is approved for training under the GI bill of rights and students include women as well as men.

Officials include H. C. Hulsizer, president and general manager, and Joe Mitsuhashi, vice president and instructor.

Other teachers include George Ishii, formerly of Pasadena, and Yuki Miyamoto, formerly of Los Angeles.

### Mt. Olympus JACL In Rehearsal for Three-act Play

MURRAY, Utah—Members of the Mt. Olympus JACL are rehearsing diligently for a three-act play, "Susie Shoots the Works," which will be presented soon.

Mrs. Gwen Anderson is directing the play, assisted by Jim Ushio.

Members of the cast are Chiye Terazawa, Mae Akagi, Fusaye Matsumiya, Amie Tamura, Edythe Hirase, Katherine Tamura, Michi Iwata, Nobuo Mori, Toshi Hoki, Floyd Okubo and Kay Harada.

The play is a mystery comedy. The Mt. Olympus chapter presented "The Night Owl" several years ago.

### Vital Statistics

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru F. Yamasaki a boy in Berkeley, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin M. Tominaga a girl in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuto Okada, Isleton, Calif., a boy on Feb. 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Hiroshige, Sacramento, a girl on Feb. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. James H. Sugimoto, Elk Grove, Calif., a girl on Jan. 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shoichi Kashino a girl on Feb. 19 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Nakamichi a boy on Feb. 18 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Nikaitani a boy on Feb. 18 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Ishihara, Gilroy, Calif., a boy, William Masato, on Feb. 5 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoharu Yamato a girl on Feb. 19 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo Kaito, Anaheim, Calif., a girl on Feb. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kozanuro Ichishita, Madrone, Calif., a girl on Feb. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisashi Miyuchi a girl in Brighton, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Everett Itanaga a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuo Hataya a girl, Donna Setsuko, on Feb. 12 in Berkeley.

To Dr. and Mrs. Richard Horio a girl, Katherine Mitsue, on Feb. 15 in Honolulu.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matsuura a girl on Feb. 13 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chichiro Goto a girl on Feb. 21 in Marysville, Calif.

#### DEATHS

George Taguchi, 60, on Feb. 17 in Denver.

Fred Tamefumi Owaki on Feb. 20 in Denver.

Kaisuki Yasukawa, 46, on Feb. 10 in Salt Lake City.

Kodaburo Furuta in Seattle.

#### MARRIAGES

Kikuye Kakiuchi to Jack M. Fujii on Feb. 8 in Fresno.

Mitzie Kishiyama to Mac Inouye on Feb. 14 in Fort Lupton, Colo.

Suzuye Maeda to Yoshio Hirakawa on Feb. 14 in Chicago.

Patricia Momoyo Mizuno to Fred Fujiu on Feb. 22 in Los Angeles.

Emiko Mori to Tadao Tsuchishima on Feb. 1 in Los Angeles.

Chieko Kanemaki to Henry Ise on Feb. 8 in Los Angeles.

Lily Sakamoto of Berkeley to Tadashi Yoshii of Richmond, Calif., on Feb. 15.

Masae Morioka to Tadashi Sato on Feb. 15 in San Francisco.

Yukiko Kuwada to Masayuki Yoshida on Feb. 22 in Los Angeles.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Kimiyo Yamamoto, 24, and Toichi Doi, 27, Parlier, in Fresno.

Toshie Hamada and Mitsuake Murakami in Seattle.

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### Seattle Main Bowl Wins Oregon Nisei Bowling Tournament

PORTLAND, Ore. — Main Bowl of Seattle with a 2555 series won the first Oregon Nisei Classic on Feb. 14 and 15 in Portland.

Ontario, Ore., was second with 2501. Azumano, Portland, was third with 2479 and U.S. Cafe, Wapato, Wash., was fourth with 2445.

The China Import and Export team of Seattle won the women's team event with 1941.

Bill Tanaka, Seattle, was the all-events champion with 1592.

Nobi Furukawa, Portland, hit 543 to win the men's singles, while Sue Lew, Seattle, won the women's singles with 524.

Hank Tanabe of Seattle and Kaz Yamane of Tacoma won the men's doubles with 1088.

### Baptist Fellowship

CHICAGO—The Young People's Fellowship of the First Baptist church will hold an all-church social Saturday, March 6, under the general chairmanship of Mas Miyaji.

Twenty churches of the community have been invited.

Committees for the social will be as follows: Sylvia Arita and Rose Fujimoto, tickets; Rachel Boynton, decorations; Kay Kudo and Kikuno Tanabe, refreshments; general maintenance; Joe Saito, Tatsie Miyaji, music; Bill Makino, variety show; Midori Sawada, invitations; Min Tsuchiyama, games; Sab Yamamoto, stage crew; and Fred Ohi, public relations.

### Membership Dinner Will be Sponsored By Marysville JACL

MARYSVILLE, Calif. — The Marysville JACL will hold a membership drive dinner Saturday, Feb. 28, with new chapter members as guests.

Joe Grant Masaoka, regional ADC director, will be the principal speaker. Over 100 persons are expected to attend.

### Denver Sports To be Coordinated

DENVER—Nisei sports in Denver will be coordinated under direction of the JACL, it was decided here at a meeting Feb. 18 of the Nisei sports coordinating committee.

Attending the meeting were Shig Imamura, chairman, Oxy Goto, representing Nisei bowlers, Tosh Nakamura, Hiroshi Wada and Shig Teraji, representing basketball players, and George Furuta.

A basketball tournament sponsored by the local JACL was scheduled to begin on Feb. 27. The JACL will give out awards, including cash prizes.

Members attending the meeting pledged their cooperation in the JACL program.

### Leap Year Dance

DENVER — The Mothers' club was scheduled to hold a Leap Year dance Saturday, Feb. 21, in the auditorium of the Conoco building.

The Stardusters, Nisei orchestra, made its first public appearance at the dance.

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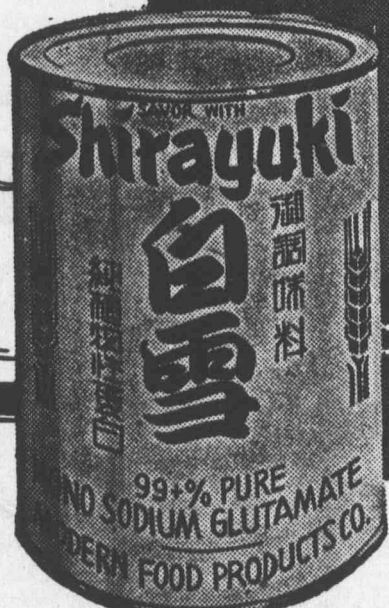
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FINALLY, after two months delay, the CHICAGO JAPANESE AMERICAN YEAR BOOK for 1948 rolled off the presses. It is this reporter's pleasure to preview the first edition. Mr. Joe T. Komaki, publisher and editor, accomplished an outstanding job in bringing forth this publication. This 176 page book, (size 6x9) is artistically bound in three colors. It has the latest style in pictorial advertising. Over 300 illustrative pictures tell the story of the great strides made by the Japanese population of Chicago today. Nearly 500 businesses are listed. This 176 page book contains listings of over 6,000 families residing in Chicago the past few years. Nearly 18,000 persons are represented. A SUPPLEMENT has been added this year to the personal name directory, including 500 additional families.

### - Pictorial Coverage -

Sixty-five pages of solid pictures have been devoted to the social and recreational activities of the Issei and Nisei. Many prominent personalities are shown in photos with Nisei. To mention a few names: Chicago's Mayor Martin H. Kennelley; State Senator William J. Connors; Earl Finch, Joe E. Brown, Andy Russell, Primo Carnera (ex-heavyweight champ), and many others.

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### Nisei Folk Singer To Participate in Brotherhood Program

CHICAGO—Suzanne Tory Nara-hara, folk singer, will participate in a special Brotherhood week program this weekend sponsored by the Surburban temple of Oak Park. Rabbi Monroe Levene will be chairman.

The program will include piano selections by Bernard Duffy, radio staff artist, a one act play, "Talk in Darkness," by the Stage for Action players, and a talk by Dr. Albert Buckner Coe, minister of the First Congregational church of Oak Park.

### All-Nisei Confab Will Be Held in Brigham City

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah—An all-Nisei conference will be held under the sponsorship of the Progressive Young Peoples Association of Box Elder County on Feb. 28 at Box Elder high school.

Kol Haramoto, PYPA president, will be the chairman for the conference which expects to attract delegates from various Utah Nisei organizations.

Discussion panels will be held on political, agricultural, social and Issei problems during the afternoon.

## 28 Teams Expected to Take Part in National Tourney

A full list of 28 teams is expected to be on hand when the second annual National JACL bowling tournament gets under way on March 6 at the Temple alleys in Salt Lake City.

Among the entries to date are two teams from Los Angeles, two from Chicago and two from Denver, in addition to squads from Seattle, Ontario and Nyssa in eastern Oregon, Pocatello and Salt Lake City.

More than \$1500 in cash prizes, in addition to trophies, will be distributed during the tournament.

Bill Honda, general chairman, and Maki Kaizumi, tournament chairman, have announced that there will be at least two squads in each event.

Approximately 200 bowlers are expected to participate in the tournament.

Among the Salt Lake teams entering the tourney are Okada Insurance, which hit 2905 in a special team match at the tourney last year and who won the Northwest Nisei tourney in Seattle last

month; Hibbard Drug, which hit the season's high scratch series of 2883 last Monday; Dawn Noodle, Modern Garage, Terashima Studio, Ma's Cafe, Excellent Cleaners, Pacific Citizen, New Sunrise Market and Pagoda.

The favorites for team honors include the Sawtelle Garage team, which won the tournament last year as the Los Angeles JACL squad, the Chicago entry headed by Shorty Tanaka, Main Bowl of Seattle, winners of the recent Oregon Nisei Classic, and the Denver All-Star team with Hooch Okumura and Moon Kataoka.

The men's tournament will be held on the 14 upstairs alleys at Temple while the women's tourney will be staged on the 12 downstairs lanes.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**  
1 p.m.—Special team matches.  
3:30 p.m.—Mixed doubles. 6 p.m.—First squad, team matches. 7 p.m.—Women's team matches. 8:30 p.m.—Second squad, team matches.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**  
10 a.m.—First squad, men's doubles. 12 noon—Second squad, men's doubles. 1 p.m.—Women's doubles. 2 p.m.—First squad, men's singles. 3 p.m.—Women's singles. 4 p.m.—Second squad, men's singles.

A dinner dance will be held at the Golden Dragon from 8:30 p.m. following the tournament. Awards will be given from 8:30 p.m. and dancing will start at 9:30 p.m.

### Women Prepare for Bowling Tourney

The Salt Lake JACL women's bowling league made last minute preparations this week for the national tournament to be held in Salt Lake City March 6 and 7.

Ten teams are expected to compete for team prizes, it was reported, with three out of state teams expected from Los Angeles, Denver and Pocatello.

Salt Lake teams in the tournament will include the Dawn Noodle, Okada Insurance, Sage Farm, Pagoda and Aoki fives. Two other teams may make last minute entries to boost the entries to ten teams.

The Salt Lake City league will be host to out of state players at a dinner to be held either the Friday night preceding the tournament or on Saturday.

Last year's winners in the women's events were Rosa Higashi, all-events; Betty Kurokawa, singles; Rosa Higashi and Eiko Watanabe, doubles; and Denver All Stars, team.

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### Hibbard Bowlers Score New Record

Hibbard Drug bowlers rolled a new season's record of 2883 scratch Monday in the Salt Lake JACL bowling league. The Hibbard five bowled scratch games of 968, 993 and 922, taking four points from Dawn Noodle and reinforcing their first place position in league standings.

Individual Hibbard scores for the 2883 series were George Kishida, 631, Bob Shiba, 599, Bill Honda, 563, John Aoki 547 and Choppie Umemoto, 543.

Okada Insurance took four from U.S. cafe with a series that included a 902 and a 915 game. Ma's cafe also took four points, defeating Pagoda 2758 to 2499. Modern Garage followed suit with a 4-1 victory over Metro Motors.

Pacific Citizen took a 3-1 win from Star Coffee shop, and New Sunrise defeated OK cafe 3-1, 2599 to 2580.

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