



Nineteen Japanese Americans Study Effects of Atom Bombs On Hiroshima, Nagasaki Groups

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Nineteen Japanese Americans now make up an integral part of the personnel of the Atomic Bomb Commission studying the effects of the atomic bombs dropped on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, it was reported here.

The Commission is an agency of the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council of the United States who were directed in Nov., 1946 to conduct long-range medical and biological investigations of the survivors of the atomic bombings. The studies are being conducted not only in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but also in Kure which has been selected as a control city. The Japanese National Institute of Health is cooperating in the investigations.

The commission personnel is made up of 50 American nationals and 150 Japanese nationals. Among the fifty Americans, nineteen are Japanese Americans of whom four are physicians, one a librarian, nine medical technicians, two accountants and three secretaries. Three of this group have their families with them. Afforded the privileges as civilian employees of the Army of Occupation, the personnel of the Commission are living in the same housing areas as the members of the Military Government teams and part of the Occupation Forces.

The commission has erected two temporary laboratories in Kure and Hiroshima and is occupying space in the Nagasaki Medical School. Construction of permanent laboratories in the three cities will be begun in the very near future. The clinics and laboratory facilities will be among the best in Japan and will compare favorably with facilities in the United States.

Although the overall problem is basically the careful physical examination of infants, children, and adults, several distinct programs have been undertaken, the most remarkable of which is the genetics program, the report added.

In order to investigate whether or not the atomic bomb explosions affected the persons exposed to the bombings to the point where their offspring would be affected, the commission is investigating each pregnancy which occurs in the three cities. During November and December, 1,500 such investigations were made each month, a physician-nurse team visiting in the Japanese homes to conduct the examinations of the new-born.

Another program of great interest is the child growth and development program. The growth and development of children who were exposed to the atomic bombings is being measured carefully in order to determine whether or not they differ from unexposed children.

In addition to the clinical work of the Commission, the professional personnel are urged to spend approximately one-half of their time on related research investigations of their own choosing.

The commission's activities have expanded greatly during the past year and are limited principally by the number of personnel available. There are opportunities for professional personnel to assist in the further expansion of the Commission's work, including positions for physicians, surgeons, ophthalmologists, bacteriologists, hematologists, parasitologists, serologists, pathologists, biochemists and geneticists. Further information concerning opportunities with the Atomic Bomb Casualties Commission in Japan may be obtained by writing to the Committee on Atomic Casualties, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington 25, D.C.

Receives Honors

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Miss Tomiko Ito of Riverside, Calif., was granted her bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, at the mid-year graduation exercises on March 7 at Radcliffe college.

Denver Cemetery Refuses Burial of Nisei Soldier

DENVER — A Denver public cemetery this week refused to bury a Nisei soldier, killed in action, because he was of Japanese ancestry.

The soldier, the late S/Sgt. Kenneth Shibata, will be buried instead at the Fairmont cemetery, with rites scheduled for Mar. 21.

The cemetery refusing to accept the body of the soldier was the Crown Hill Memorial Park cemetery. W. T. Shay, secretary of the Hofmann mortuary and president of the Morticians' association, said the cemetery, under provisions of its 1908 articles of incorporation, excludes burial of non-Caucasians. A secretary to Wilson B. Roup, assistant manager of the cemetery, admitted that this policy exists at Crown Hill.

Sgt. Shibata, who was killed in action near Leghorn, had been buried in the temporary cemetery at Casa Ferrentino, Italy. His remains were returned to Denver early this week.

He was attached to Co. K of the 42nd combat and won the Combat Infantryman's badge and the Purple Heart.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Katsu Shibata, two brothers, George and Roy, and a sister, Margaret.

He was born near Lincoln, Neb., and drafted from Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Funeral rites will be held at the California St. Japanese Methodist church with the Rev. Dr. K. Sasaki presiding.

Refusal of the Brown Hill cemetery to rebury Sgt. Shibata's body was revealed in a letter in the Holly Mayfield column in the Rocky Mountain News of Mar. 13. The letter was written by Frank Yamaguchi, student at the University of Denver, who was a close friend and war buddy of the deceased soldier.

Bandit Who Held Up L. A. Hotel Sought

LOS ANGELES—A bandit who held up the Federa hotel in downtown Los Angeles and escaped with \$41 was being sought here this week.

Mrs. Bill Tamura, wife of the manager of the hotel, described the bandit to be "about 26" years of age, 5 feet 5 inches in height, and of Japanese ancestry.

She said the youth posed as an "FBI agent."

JACL Chapters Will Expand Local Evacuee Claims Service

Local chapters of the JACL will expand their services in the evacuation claims filing program, it was announced this week by President Hito Okada.

Prior to this time, local chapters have been limited to making claims forms available, providing general information relating to the filing of these claims, providing of translations on general information and providing stenographic services for the filing of claims.

These limited services were in accordance with national JACL policy established at the national convention last September.

Pres. Okada declared that most local chapters have found the present policy inadequate in assisting these needing help. He said this was particularly true in west coast areas.

Some of the chapters have already gone beyond the established national policy with expanded services because of requests from

Groom Finds Bride Has Another Husband, Files for Annulment

SACRAMENTO — Sobei Suzuki, who as a bridegroom last November took the name of his bride because her father had no sons to carry on the family name, this week decided the Suzukis wanted too many sons, the United Press reported.

At any rate—by virtue of an annulment he has dropped his wife although he still has her name. His annulment suit declared his concern over carrying on the Suzuki name was lost when he found his bride had in the same manner married another man — whom she neglected to divorce before marrying Sobei.

President Signs Bill to Pay for Contraband Loss

Act Is First Part of JACL ADC Program To Become Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Truman on March 16 signed the contraband articles claims bill, S 29, which was passed by the House last week.

This bill is the first JACL-ADC sponsored legislation to become law during the 81st Congress.

The act authorizes the Department of Justice to pay for claims up to \$1,000 for damage or loss for such articles as radios, binoculars, guns and cameras owned by persons of Japanese ancestry which were ordered turned over to the custody of the Federal government during the war according to the contraband regulations of the Western Defense Command.

Reburial Rites Held For Pvt. Oba at Arlington Cemetery

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery March 9 for Pvt. Stanley T. Oba, Portland, Ore., who was killed April 19, 1945, while on a combat patrol near Castelforentino, Italy.

The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee assisted in funeral arrangements.

Pvt. Oba was born June 28, 1923, at Portland, Ore., a son of Gisuke and Masue Oba. He was graduated from Lincoln high school and enlisted in October, 1944, while a Portland university student.

He arrived in France early in 1945.

Survivors, besides his parents, include two brothers: Lt. Junius T. Oba, and Calvin Oba.

Japanese Canadian Citizens Win Right of Franchise in Province of British Columbia

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry were on the verge last week of reaching the most important milestone in their quest for equal citizenship rights as the British Columbia legislature considered a government inspired amendment to the provincial elections act to extend the right of franchise to Japanese Canadians and to British Columbia Indians.

The amendment was introduced on March 7 by Attorney General Gordon S. Wismer.

The News Herald commented on March 8 that passage of the amendment, which will grant equal status to the Japanese Canadian group and will permit them to qualify for professions from which they previously were barred in British Columbia because of their disfranchised status, was a "mere formality."

No opposition to the proposal is expected in the legislature.

Observers here commented on the sharp change in public attitudes in British Columbia during the past year. One year ago the British Columbia legislature granted the franchise to citizens of Chinese and East Indian ancestry but legislators could see no "moral justification" for extending the vote to the Japanese racial group at that time.

George Tanaka, executive secretary of the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, and Seiji Homma, president of the British Columbia JCCA, were in the visitors' gallery of the legislature when the bill was introduced.

The administration bill did not come as a surprise to the legislators and it was reported it had been previously discussed at a coalition caucus.

Federal restrictions on Japanese Canadians, including their exclusion from the coastal area of British Columbia, will end on March 31. The Vancouver City Council has already gone on record as favoring a city franchise for Japanese Canadians and the city is expected to ask for power to make the change, permitting Japanese Canadians to vote in city as well as in provincial elections once the legislature passes the franchise amendment.

The granting of the franchise to Japanese Canadians will automatically mark an end to arbitrary political and economic discrimination against the minority.

Among the restrictions placed on Japanese Canadians because of their disfranchised status were the denial of hard-loggers' licenses, the ban on the learning or practicing of pharmacy, ban on jury service and voting on school questions and in library and beer plebiscites. These restrictions will end automatically with the granting of the franchise in British Columbia.

Court Denies Subpoena Bid in Treason Trial

"Tokyo Rose" Attorney Gets Permission to Take Depositions

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal Judge Michael J. Roche on March 14 denied a motion by Wayne Collins, attorney for Mrs. Iva Toguiri d'Aquino, to subpoena 43 witnesses from Japan, including Gen. Douglas MacArthur, to testify in the "Tokyo Rose" treason trial.

Collins received permission from Judge Roche to take depositions from witnesses in Japan, including Gen. MacArthur, at government expense.

Judge Roche turned down the motion on grounds that most of the witnesses specified by Collins were of Japanese or European nationals and his court had no power to enforce a subpoena served on a non-citizen outside the United States.

The court also denied a motion by Collins to hold a portion of the trial in Tokyo and another motion to admit Mrs. d'Aquino to bail.

Federal Judge Roche on March 16 approved the expenditure of \$5,250 in government funds to assist the defense in taking depositions in Tokyo and Hongkong.

Theodore Tamba, associate defense counsel, will leave for Tokyo and Hongkong on April 3 to take the deposition. He was allotted \$3,000 by the court for the taking of depositions, \$1,800 for travel expenses and \$10 per day expenses for 45 days.

It also was reported that the trial of Mrs. d'Aquino may be delayed from May 16 to June 1 to allow enough time for the taking of depositions.

Three Nisei Students Win Awards for Art

LOS ANGELES — Three Nisei, Peggy Higashida, Keijo Jinde and Yvonne Gonda, are among Southern California high school and junior high students who were awarded the Gold Achievement Key in the annual scholastic art exhibition held at Bullock's from March 1 to March 12.

The art entries of the three Nisei will be among those forwarded to Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh where they will be entered in the 22nd national high school art exhibition.

Suicide of Aged Man Laid to Long Illness

STOCKTON, Calif.—Attendants at San Joaquin County hospital last week attributed the suicide of Torazo Mayeda, 83, on March 2 to despondency resulting from a lingering illness.

Memorial Grants Will Honor UCLA Nisei Who Died in War

LOS ANGELES — Four Nisei GIs from the University of California at Los Angeles who gave their lives while serving with the 442nd Combat Team in World War II will be honored by the Nisei Bruin club at UCLA in a special memorial scholarship project announced by the organization this week, the Rafu Shimpo reported.

Tatsuo Yata, head of the Nisei Bruin Memorial Scholarship Committee, said that the organization will offer four \$50 grants to deserving male students at UCLA on Memorial Day this year.

The grants will be a tribute to Lieut. Kei Tanahashi, '39; Lieut. Hitoshi Yonemura, former head velle leader at UCLA, '42; Sgt. Yoshiharu Aoyama, '42, and Pfc. John Tanaka. All four men were

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awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action with the Japanese American Combat Team in Italy and France.

"Whatever gesture made to honor these heroes will never adequately match their supreme sacrifice," Yata said. "However, several interested friends and graduates have formed the memorial committee to dedicate a living memorial in the form of scholarship grants."

The project will continue annually for four years and hope is expressed that it may be made into a permanent organizational activity of the Nisei Bruin Club.

Other members of the memorial committee include Sho Iino, Henry Watanabe, Joe Suski, Frank Chuman, Ted Sakurai, Kei Yamaguchi, Yoshio Domoto and Joe Uematsu.

Chicago Nisei Will Be Buried In Arlington

Parents of GI Hero Will Attend Rites At National Cemetery

CHICAGO, Ill.—The remains of Pfc. Thomas Kuge will be re-interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., on March 28, at 2 p.m., reports the Midwest Regional office. The next of kin, the Nisei hero's parents, will attend the reburial service which will be arranged by the Washington JACL Arlington Committee.

Pfc. Kuge, whose home was Portland, Oregon, was killed in action with the 442nd in Europe. His brother, Toshi, served as president of the Portland, Oregon chapter which spearheaded the relief program for the Vanport flood victims in 1948.

Intermountain Nisei To Hold Church Meet In Salt Lake City

Nisei representatives from Japanese Christian churches in Utah and Idaho will meet in Salt Lake City April 2-3 for the 5th annual meeting of the Intermountain Youth Conference.

Additional representatives from Colorado and Oregon are expected to attend the meeting, which is now being planned by the Rev. Clifford T. Nakadegawa, young people's pastor at the Salt Lake Japanese Christian church, and Tom Hoshiyama, conference president.

Special speakers at the weekend meeting will be Dr. Henry Rogers, head of the department of religion at Westminster college, Salt Lake City; the Rev. Ward McCabe, assistant to the president of Westminster; and the Rev. Edwin Erwin of the Provo Community church.

Dr. Rogers will speak at the 11 a. m. Sunday morning worship. The Rev. McCabe will be the speaker for the opening worship service, scheduled for 8 p. m. Saturday evening, while the Rev. Erwin will address the closing service on the following day.

Special events for the meeting will include a quartet contest, special discussion groups, closing banquet and a conference mixer and social.

A bowling tournament may be scheduled as part of the conference activities.

Chairman Hoshiyama's cabinet, elected last spring, consists of Tada Sato of Ogden, vice chairman; Masi Imai, Salt Lake City, corr. sec.; Marchi Yamasaki, Idaho Falls, rec. sec.; Skip Tabata, Salt Lake City, treas.; and Katie Inoway, Salt Lake City, historian.

Dr. Ushiro Joins Emergency Hospital

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Dr. California Ushiro, who served with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and France, is a member of the medical staff of the city-county Emergency Hospital in San Jose which opened on March 14.

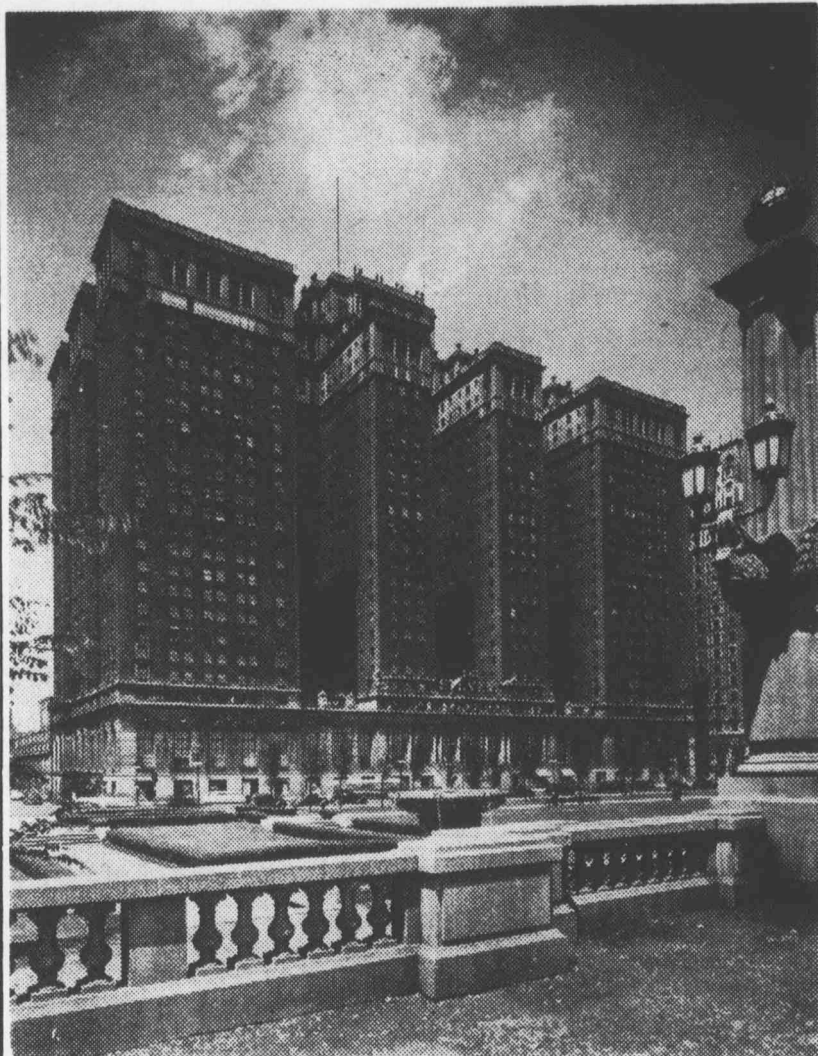
San Francisco Officials Delay Vote on Anti-Prejudice Proposal

Ordinance Will Ban Discrimination in Redevelopment Areas

SAN FRANCISCO—Action on a proposed city ordinance to ban discrimination because of race, creed or color in urban redevelopment areas was postponed for 60 days by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on March 14.

Proponents of the legislation scored a major victory last week when the building, lands and city planning committee of the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted a "do pass" recommendation to an ordinance making it unlawful for redevelopment property owners to discriminate against any person because of race, creed or color. The penalty would be a \$50 fine, imprisonment for a period of six months, or both.

A companion resolution to the ordinance, stating that the city's redevelopment agency requires the inclusion against discrimination in



The Stevens, a Chicago landmark and one of the largest lake-front buildings on Chicago's beautiful Michigan Boulevard, will be the site of the 11th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 1950. The 3,000-room hotel is the world's largest.

JACL's 1950 Convention Set For World's Largest Hotel

Nisei Is First Woman Pharmacist In Montana City

GREAT FALLS, Mont.—Lillian Onimura, 21, is the only woman pharmacist in Great Falls.

Miss Onimura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Onimura of Harve, joined the staff of the Medical Arts pharmacy this week. She is a December, 1947 graduate of Montana State university and worked in Missoula before coming to Great Falls.

Miss Onimura, who entered her profession because she liked chemistry and zoology in high school, attended Northern Montana college for one year before going to the university.

Sanger Future Farmer Team Wins Contest

SANGER, Calif.—Frank Yamamoto is a member of the Sanger Future Farmers of America team which walked off with top honors in the valley-wide pruning contest held on various ranches in the Sanger area recently.

Yamamoto took second place behind his teammate, Ernie Palsgaard, for individual honors. George Nagata of Central placed third.

any lease or deed was held in abeyance by the committee for 30 days.

The action of the building, lands and city planning committee in supporting the anti-discrimination ordinance was commended by the San Francisco JACL in a letter petitioning the Board of Supervisors to secure enactment of the ordinance.

Representatives of other organizations supporting the ordinance, the Council for Civic Unity, Urban League, NAACP and the San Francisco CIO Council, appeared before the board of Supervisors to urge its passage.

It was pointed out that thousands of members of racial minority groups, among them persons of Japanese, Chinese and Negro ancestry, reside in areas which are included in the city's redevelopment program. These persons, it was said, fear that they will not be able to obtain housing in redevelopment areas unless their rights are protected by legislation.

CHICAGO—The world's largest hotel, the Stevens, has been selected as the site for the National JACL convention in 1950, announced Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, chairman of the Chicago convention board. The convention will be held from Sept. 28 through Oct. 2.

The Stevens hotel, built in 1927 for \$25 million dollars, was purchased and operated by the Army in 1943 for 10,000 aviation cadets. Recognized as having the most complete accommodations for conventioners and out-of-town visitors, it was one of the first hotels to employ Nisei on a large scale during the relocation period.

Located on beautiful Michigan Boulevard overlooking Lake Michigan, the 3,000 room hotel will be the center of almost every activity planned by the convention board. The 5-day period selected for the convention has been approved by the National JACL board and comes during the season of the year which is comfortably cool in Chicago.

It was learned that Martin H. Kennelly, Chicago's mayor, as well as the Chicago Convention Bureau, have extended a cordial welcome to the JACL to hold its convention in the windy city.

Roy Inouye Heads New JACL Chapter

LA JARA, Colo.—The San Luis valley chapter of the JACL, 72rd in the growing list of local JACL groups, will be headed by Roy Y. Inouye of La Jara as president.

Charles Hayashida will be vice president, while Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki and Mrs. Yoshiko Inouye will serve as recording and corresponding secretaries respectively.

The treasurer will be Clarence Yoshida. Ben Tsudama and Rudy Yoshizaki were named social chairmen with Roy Fujii as athletic chairman.

Six members at large were named as follows: S. Yoritomo, Mike Mizokami, Joe Uyemura, George Nishikawa, Kiyoshi Katsunoto and Shig Fred Nozawa. Yoritomo is a veteran of World War I, a naturalized Issei.

John Kusakabe Heads Northwest Buddhists

SPOKANE, Wash.—John Kusakabe of Seattle was elected president of the Northwest Young Buddhist League for the 1949-50 term at the annual NYBL convention here last week.

The Lotus Sanghas of Seattle took the sports spotlight at the convention by defeating the Bainbridge YBA in the finals of the basketball tournament at the Gonzaga gym.

WE MEET A DP BOAT

Refugees from Displaced Persons Camps Seek New Lives in U. S.

By INA SUGIHARA

New York City

We had an experience last week and we thought we would tell it, because we were fascinated by the whole thing—we saw a boat full of displaced persons land and watched them go through the rigmarole of being admitted to "the land of the free."

The Marine Flasher drifted in very calmly and sedately—almost too much so—in the bright 9:30 morning sunlight. This old army transport was cleanly white-washed and looked more like a pleasure yacht than an ocean-going vessel.

Then the people started pouring out, every single one wearing smiles and bright eyes. They were at first unaware of the cold, stone pavement floor that crept under them as they came off the gangplank. The moment they stepped off, they were greeted—those with "CWS" (Church World Service) buttons were approached by ministers who spoke different languages. Then that minister who spoke that language escorted them to the bench where they were to await their baggage and have it inspected by "Customs." (The ministers come from the New York area and are recruited by The Protestant Council of the City of New York).

Those with "USNA" buttons were greeted by representatives of the United Service for New Americans, "NCWC" by National Catholic Welfare Conference people, "AFII" by American Federation of International Institutes, "NRRC" by National Refugee and Relief Committee, "HIAS" by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, one or two families with "JLC" (Jewish Labor Committee) were greeted by "USNA" people. The Red Cross was very much in evidence giving out free coffee and doughnuts.

We were there only because we were supposed to take care of some people from the press, but the people from the press pretty much took care of themselves and we just wandered around finding out how many languages the ministers spoke (they are on call to meet any ship bearing people whose languages they speak)—the record was nine, and the most useful was German, since many of the DP's have learned German at one point or another and practically all of them are now coming through Germany.

The two-block-long pier (in which the sun never casts a ray) was cold and damp all the way through. The people were lined up alphabetically—under big white letters on red cards hanging from the ceiling. Every now and then a "voice" from a loudspeaker called out a name or a number (a name if not a DP, a number if a DP). No one seemed to pay much attention, since nobody knew what they were supposed to do if they heard their name or number. The "voice" came from a distance and most of the DP's didn't think too much of the number system anyway, and were too worried about their baggage, "Customs" and catching a train to Minnesota, to be concerned with the voice.

We didn't interview any of the DP's personally, though judging from their origins most of them came a distance—Latvians, Rumanians, Lithuanians, Poles, Greeks—all of them have crossed several boundaries before landing in the DP camps in Germany. Then there had been months of waiting—endless waiting—until their papers were cleared and they were allowed to come.

The half day spent on the cold, damp pier probably seemed like nothing to them after all their trials, but frankly we were exhausted from the ordeal.

Some looked like typical refugees. Others could walk out on Fifth Avenue and not be noticed as being "different."

It was rumored that the Marine Flasher had carried an heiress and our press people went to check on it. Frankly, it seemed like the least important item at the moment. The baggage-getting struggle, the endless "customs" line, (since no one can go there until every piece of baggage is in front of him) then arrangements for travel inland, and all the rest. That was the order of the day. Who cared about one little heiress?

We were following a couple from Latvia who were on their way to North Dakota, since the press people decided to concentrate on them. They were among the first to get off the boat and among the last to get their baggage and get through "Customs." That meant that they had left the nice, warm deck and

lounges of the Flasher among the first, and had hung around the cold, damp pier almost the longest. But they were cheerful, doubtless through Red Cross coffee and doughnuts. About 1:00 Customs inspection was over and they had gotten their train tickets and baggage checks (baggage is checked through to the destination by the agency sponsoring them) and they were on their way to the Seaman's House YMCA where a lounge and lunch awaited them.

A Fifth avenue bus ride through the courtesy of the New York Council of Church Women (who sponsor the lounge and lunch also) and then off to a 5 o'clock train (Commodore Vanderbilt) heading toward Chicago, Minneapolis, and points West.

It all seemed something like the evacuation, except that there was a boat involved, instead of a train and probably more red tape because of "Customs," although certainly not any more than there was in the process of going to evacuation centers.

The procedure is definitely less complicated than for ordinary immigrants. Since most factors are checked in advance while they are still on "the other side," only a few technicalities need to be handled at the port of entry and that makes it possible for the people to catch a train to the destination the same day.

There will be nine DP boats arriving this month altogether—most of them in New York, one couple in Boston, and one in New Orleans. That means nine meetings like this one for a lot of people. The staffs of the various agencies go down every time. It means endless details in getting train tickets, taking care of other little matters, and providing the hospitality, in addition to the advance work of finding jobs, housing, and local sponsors.

It certainly is not too much for us to do for the people who have already suffered so much, many of them because of their belief in a political system that is right (not the opposite of left).

Many of those coming in are farmers, as might be expected since the present law requires that a large percentage be in this category. If the laws were changed to include those who entered the DP camps at a later date than the present deadline, and if the quotas were altered for various categories, and if twice as many were admitted, it would mean a lot more work for a lot more people, but those people would be in our mind. The faces of those greeting the DP's were probably more shining and eager than those of the DP's themselves.

It was good to hear the people laugh and talk readily to someone who knew their mother tongue. Otherwise, they just stood and looked because they were in a strange country.

A steamship employee asked if we were from England. We should have led him on but at that time the cold, damp pavement had gotten the better of us and we were in no mood—in spite of the Red Cross coffee and doughnuts.

Evacuation Claims Clinic to Be Held In Chicago Districts

CHICAGO, Ill.—Evacuation claims will be discussed at a public meeting to be held on Sunday, March 27 at the Chicago District Settlers Committee for the north side, and on the following Saturday, April 2, at the Chicago Buddhist Church, 5487 S. Dorchester for the southside, according to Norbu Honda, chairman of the JACL-ADC evacuation claims committee. Official claims forms will be available and Nisei attorneys will be on hand to answer legal and technical questions. The public is urged to attend these meetings which will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

Boy from Japan Joins Parents in New York



MRS. MITSU IWAMATSU, MAKOTO, MOMO and JUN IWAMATSU

NEW YORK—Fifteen-year old Makoto Iwamatsu was reunited with his mother after a separation of ten years when he arrived in New York City on March 5.

His father, Atsushi Jun Iwamatsu, an author and painter, saw him briefly in Japan after V-J day in 1945.

The shy Japanese boy, who was granted the right to come from Japan to join his parents and live in the United States by a special act of Congress, was hugging a tennis racket and a fishing pole as he stepped off the train at Pennsylvania station.

As he stepped to the platform neither the boy nor his parents knew what to say. Instead, they just stood and smiled as flash bulbs popped in their faces.

Then Mrs. Mitsu Iwamatsu threw her arms around the lad and kissed him on the cheek.

The father then asked his son:

"Did you sleep well on the train?"

"Yes, I was sleeping all the way through," Makoto answered in struggling English.

Makoto then was introduced to his 4-months old baby sister, Momo, who was fast asleep, and he appeared to get a big thrill as he pinched the baby's nose for the photographers and held her in his arms.

After a few more words of greeting between the youth and his parents, the Iwamatsus, reunited for the first time in ten years, started for their home at 150 East 27th street.

Jun Iwamatsu, one of Japan's outstanding political cartoonists as well as a painter, left Japan ten years ago with his wife because of political persecution. He is the author of "Horizon Is Calling" and the "New Sun," two books published in the United States opposing Japanese militarism. He wrote under the name of Taro Yashima to protect his son against reprisals. For the last ten years Makoto has lived with his maternal grandfather in Kobe.

The Iwamatsus were given the right of permanent residence by a special bill in the 80th Congress which recognized the contributions of the artist and his wife to the United States during World War II. Jun Iwamatsu was employed by OWI.

Makoto Iwamatsu arrived in San Francisco on Feb. 21 and was held up there for four days by immigration authorities. Members of the Travelers Aid Society then placed him on a train for Chicago. In Chicago he saw his first American motion picture, Frank Sinatra in "The Kissing Bandit." He was then put on a train for New York.—Photo by Toge Fujihira.

U. S. Supreme Court Reverses Lower Court Ruling of Hawaiian Language Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Supreme Court on March 14 reversed a lower court ruling that the Territory of Hawaii may not regulate the teaching of foreign languages in a test suit affecting Chinese and Japanese language schools.

The high tribunal upset a ruling by a special three-judge U. S. District Court sitting in Honolulu which declared unconstitutional an act of the Hawaiian legislature during World War II which sought to defer teaching of any language except English

to any child who has not passed the fourth grade.

The Supreme Court decision did not rule on the constitutionality of the Hawaiian law but specified that the issues involved should have been decided first by Hawaiian territorial courts instead of by the special Federal court.

Justice Reed delivered the court's 7 to 2 majority opinion. Justice Frankfurter wrote a separate opinion dissenting in part. He was joined by Justice Rutledge.

Three Chinese elementary educational corporations, a Chinese school teacher and two individuals who sought to have their children taught Chinese were the original appellants in the language school case.

Charging race discrimination, they sought an injunction against enforcement of the law before a three-judge U. S. district court in Hawaii. The court declared the law unconstitutional and issued the injunction.

The Territory of Hawaii then appealed the lower court's decision to the Supreme Court.

The Japanese American Citizens League filed a brief signed by eleven Nisei attorneys as a "friend of court" and asked that the Hawaiian law be invalidated because it "unconstitutionally prohibits and restricts the teaching of languages other than English."

The JACL brief pointed out that the statute in question was passed in wartime and "is an unfortunate and mistaken expression of racism."

Supporting briefs which echoed the JACL's contentions also were filed by the American Veterans Committee, American Civil Liberties Union, American Jewish Congress, CIO and the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

RENO JACL ASKS NEVADANS BACK JUDD PROPOSALS

RENO, Nev.—Reno's chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League recently endorsed a measure, which has been approved by the House of Representatives, to liberalize America's immigration and nationalization laws and urged early approval of the measure by the Senate.

In a resolution passed by the local chapter, Senators Pat McCarran and George W. Malone were asked to lend their support and strength to the bill, Fred Yamagishi, president of the chapter, said.

Granada Minister Slated to Address Buddhist Conference

FRESNO, Calif. — The Rev. Takashi Tsuji of Toronto will be the keynote speaker at the 7th annual Western Young Buddhists League conference in Fresno Apr. 30 and May 1.

The Rev. Tsuji, one of the few Nisei Buddhist ministers on the continent, has been widely acclaimed through his activities for the Traveling Ministers project.

Richard Ochiai of Fowler, services chairman, announced that the opening service will be held at the Fresno Buddhist church.

An outdoor service will be held Sunday at the Fresno fairgrounds amphitheater.

Panel discussion groups, scheduled for Saturday afternoon, will be among the features of the conference. Mike Iwatsubo will be chairman.

New Cabinet Holds Cabinet Elections

DAYTON, O. — Masaru Yamasaki was named president of the new Dayton JACL at elections held Feb. 20.

His vice president will be William Yukawa. Other officers will be Mrs. Matilde Taguchi, rec. sec.; Mary Yoshida, corr. sec.; and Hideo Okubo, treas. Yamasaki and Dr. James Taguchi were named official delegates, with William Yukawa as alternate.

The chapter will hold an installation dinner Apr. 16.

Pvt. Sato's Remains Returned for Reburial

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The body of Pvt. Shin Sato, whose next of kin is listed as Sato Yoshinosuke, Rt. 2, Box 398, Portland, Ore., has been returned to the United States from a temporary cemetery in northern France for permanent interment.

Federal Judge Delays Verdict In Strandee Citizenship Case

LOS ANGELES—Federal Judge Charles Cavanaugh last week postponed his decision in the case of Etsuko Arikawa, the first of a number of court cases in U. S. district court involving war-stranded Nisei in Japan who are petitioning to regain their American citizenship which the government contends they lost by voting in the Japanese general elections of 1945.

After three days of testimony Judge Cavanaugh announced he was postponing his decision.

The case of Miyoko Tsunashima was postponed by Judge Cavanaugh until March 29 in order to permit the government an opportunity to secure further evidence.

Both strandeas are represented by A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles.

In both cases the Nisei have been permitted to return to the United States from Japan for the purpose of testifying in their court cases.

Miss Arikawa told the court she voted in the Japanese 1936 elections because she believed Gen. MacArthur approved such activity and said she would not have voted had she known she would lose her United States nationality.

Miss Tsunashima testified that she voted because the Japanese official in charge of rationing in her town threatened to cut off her rations if she did not vote. Her testimony was corroborated by an affidavit from the Japanese rationing official.

Under the amended Nationality Act of 1940, any United States national who votes in a foreign election loses his citizenship. Mr. Wirin argued, however, that since Japan is under occupation by the United States Army it is not a foreign state and the two Nisei girls did not lose their citizenship by voting in an election held in an occupied area.

Chicago Church Federation Protests Stand of Cemeteries Barring Japanese American

CHICAGO — Officers of the Church Federation of Great Chicago on March 10 described themselves as "appalled" by the fact that some Chicago cemeteries will not bury deceased persons of Japanese ancestry.

That statement was given in writing to a meeting of cemetery officials and civic leaders called to discuss the cemetery situation affecting Japanese Americans at the office of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

The statement was signed by George K. Fowler, president, and four other officers of the Chicago Church Federation.

The churchment disapproved as "un-Christian and undemocratic" discrimination in cemeteries for reasons of racial or national origin and promised to cooperate with cemetery officials in developing support of changes of policy.

The meeting was attended by Tats Kushida, Midwest regional director of the JACL, and by representatives of other organizations interested in the situation.

Members of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations will confer with Paul Klenk, president of the Cemetery Association of Greater Chicago, and have hopes that a modification of the present policy of exclusion of the dead of Japanese and other non-Caucasian ancestry may be obtained.

The Commission also is drafting an ordinance which will ban race discrimination in cemeteries and which may be introduced in the City Council.

It also was noted here that at least one cemetery has already indicated a change of attitude and will accept Nisei GI dead, while at least two others are contemplating a change in policy.

It also was stressed at the meeting by representatives of Catholic and Lutheran cemeteries that these cemeteries limit burials only on a sectarian basis and thus do not restrict on the grounds of race or national origin.

More than one cemetery is expected to amend its policy concerning its racial restrictions, it was divulged at the meeting.

Mt. Hope Cemetery had previously announced a change in its rules and regulations to permit the burial of Nisei veterans. Eden Cemetery, representing 20 Evangelical and Reformed churches in the Chicago area is reported to have given favorable consideration to a similar change.

Cemeteries that have never discriminated on a racial basis are Montrose, Graceland, Mt. Olive, Burr Oaks and Wunders, it was pointed out. Catholic and Lutheran cemeteries do not have racial discrimination, the only restrictions being sectarian in nature. However, it was learned that a number of non-sectarian cemeteries continue their discriminatory practices because of "non-Caucasian" clauses in their rules, regulations, deeds and purchase contract.

Mike Masaoka Speaks To Reno Chapter

RENO, Nev.—Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC, spoke on the organization's legislation program, with particular emphasis on the proposal for equality in naturalization, at a special meeting on March 11.

Announce Speakers For Portland Meet

PORTLAND, Ore.—Drs. C. G. Roseberry, Lawrence E. Nye and Joseph M. Adams will be speakers at the Northwest Methodist youth rally in Portland on Mar. 26 and 27.

Dr. Roseberry will speak at the opening worship on Saturday. He is pastor of the Rose City Methodist church.

Dr. Nye, minister of the First Methodist church, will give the banquet speech while Dr. Adams, Portland district superintendent of the Methodist churches, will be guest preacher at the Sunday morning worship.

Chicago Oriental Council Contributes To Work of JACL

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Chicago Oriental Council, the only known organization of its kind in the United States, last week contributed \$50 to the Chicago JACL ADC, announced Tahei Matsunaga, ADC chairman.

The COG is unique in that it is an organization representing the Chinese, Filipino, Japanese and Korean communities of Chicago, joined in a common effort to promote goodwill for peoples from the Orient, to interpret their problems to the larger community, and to combat discrimination of any kind based on race, ancestry or national origin.

Chicago Video Drive

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Chicago JACL's video benefit drive will be climaxed by a dance to be held at the International House on April 2, Dr. William Hiura, committee chairman, announced this week.

The location was previously announced as the Olivet Institute.

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EDITORIALS:

Protests Over the Judd Bill

Since the passage of the Judd equality in naturalization and immigration bill by the House of Representatives two weeks ago a number of protests have been registered by Negro and Chinese Americans regarding certain provisions of the Judd measure. At this time the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, although favoring the general purposes of the Judd bill, have indicated opposition respectively to sections which will limit certain colonial immigration by affixing a quota and will also put alien Chinese wives of American citizens who have been admitted into the United States as non-quota immigrants within the annual Chinese quota of 105.

It should be noted that, although the major impetus outside the Congress for the passage of the Judd bill has come from the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, the JACL ADC's primary interest in the legislation has been to secure naturalization rights for 90,000 resident aliens of Japanese ancestry in the United States. This desire for Congressional action which would abolish the legislative grounds for arbitrary racial discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry within the United States remains the major objective of the JACL ADC. At the same time, however, Rep. Walter Judd, R., Minn., and other Congressional proponents of citizenship for resident Japanese and other "aliens ineligible to citizenship" favored a bill which would eliminate race restrictions from the immigration law itself and would place Japan, Indonesia, Korea and other excluded nations on a token quota. Such a bill was drawn up by the State Department.

Hearings were held by the House Judiciary Committee on the Judd bill during the 80th Congress and no opposition was indicated at that time.

The question of discrimination against West Indies immigrants, the great majority of whom are Negroes, was raised for the first time during debate on the Judd bill in the House by Reps. Marcantonio and Powell of New York. It was pointed out in debate that previously immigration from British West Indies colonies has been charged to the overall British quota but that under the Judd bill each colony will be limited to only 100 immigrants.

Opposition from Chinese American groups was not raised until the Judd bill had passed the House. In the past two weeks, the Chinese Six Companies, the Citizens Alliance and the Cathay Post of the American Legion have registered protests and Chinese American representatives have been dispatched to Washington to seek modification.

The JACL ADC has no wish to injure the attainments of other groups in the winning of citizenship rights for Japanese aliens.

It is unfortunate that these provisions which Negro and Chinese American leaders consider to be discriminatory could not have been modified before the House vote on the measure. It is to be hoped, however, that such modification, which does not affect either the spirit or the principal objectives of the Judd bill, can be accomplished speedily so that Senate action on the proposal can be expedited.

The British Columbia Nisei

Japanese Canadians have won their biggest victory in forty years—the right of franchise in British Columbia.

A bill granting this right has been introduced in the British Columbia legislature, and only formal ratification—which is expected to follow shortly—stands between the Japanese Canadians and the vote.

Actual benefits of the bill will not be so great today as they would have been prior to the war, when the great majority of Canadians of Japanese ancestry lived in British Columbia.

But granting of the franchise means finally that Japanese Canadians have been recognized as citizens in the province which for so long denied them the vote and for so long demanded their complete exclusion. The franchise reflects the amazing change in public attitude in the place which barred them for seven years. The long enforced absence of the Japanese Canadians was drawn out because of public pressure and racial sentiment in British Columbia. It is this same area which is now granting them the most important right of citizenship.

The Vancouver, B.C. press also reflected in editorial columns the changing public attitude. The Vancouver Province, the Sun and the News-Herald all hailed the removal of voting restrictions and praised the new bill.

The granting of the franchise is formal and final recognition of Japanese Canadians as residents and citizens of that country. Those Japanese Canadians who return to British Columbia with the lifting of restrictions can look forward to increased participation in the activity of their communities and can look ahead to acceptance as Canadian citizens.

JAPANESE WAR BRIDE

Girl from Tokyo Readjusts Easily to American Life

Getting adjusted to new places is hard enough for the average American, but for the Japanese war bride—and indeed, for any war bride—it's a major accomplishment.

Among the many Japanese war brides who today are trying to readjust to their husband's country is Mrs. Lyle Kurisaki, Jr., of Salt Lake City. In her case, the adjustment problem has pretty much been licked.

A short time ago Mrs. Kurisaki was a typical war bride.

She spoke hardly a word of English, and the sights and sounds of America were strange and terrifying.

Today no one could pick her out from among the many Nisei girls in Salt Lake City. She has become—if we may use the word—"Americanized" at a rapid and wholly gratifying pace. Even her name—Yoshiko—had undergone a sea-change to the friendly, familiar "Yoyo," which is the name by which her friends and family now know her.

If one tried to select the one single thing which has helped the most in the readjustment of Yoyo Kurisaki to the United States, one would probably select bowling. For bowling, as much as anything else, has contributed to her transformation from an apprehensive war bride who felt she was "different" from the average American girl.

A short time ago she knew little about sports, but today she's as voluble as the next person in discussing strikes, spares, turkeys, washouts and splits. Dressed in red sweater and slacks, she wings the ball down the alleys with as much spirit and abandon as the next person.

She is a regular member of the Main Appliance bowling team, which recently won the Nisei women's league championship. She has a 119 average.

And after a bad series, if you ask her, she's likely to describe her performance for the day with a succinct, "Gee whiz, I was stinko."

Yoyo and other Japanese civilians were apprehensive about the conduct of U.S. troops at the start of the occupation. The people of the conquered land were fearful. The fear lasted only a little while, Yoyo says.

"After you talked to them," she says, "you knew they were all right."

Perhaps that was the way it was with Yoyo and her husband. They met when she was working in Tokyo at the Air Transport Command office. Lyle, then a lieutenant, was operations officer and mess officer at famed Sugamo prison, where Japan's 26 war criminals and other top prisoners were held.

It was May, 1926. It didn't take the young couple very long to decide they wanted to get married. Yoyo's family was won over quickly, despite a natural family inclination to worry about their daughter leaving them for a foreign country. Lt. Kurisaki's uncle, living in Tokyo, was able to act as a sort of unofficial go-between.

But the army was harder to convince. Their engagement was announced in September, 1946. It was in that period before GI marriages were generally allowed. The matter went from Lt. Kurisaki's commanding officer up. There was red tape and official disapproval to fight.

Two months later the Nisei soldier was granted an interview with Gen. Robert M. Eichelberger. It only took five minutes to get Gen. Eichelberger's official blessing.

They were married on Dec. 20, 1946, in Yokohama. Theirs was the first GI marriage in that city and among the first in all of Japan.

Lt. Kurisaki and his bride came home to Salt Lake City on Feb. 1, 1947. In the two years since that time, she's come out of her kimono, figuratively speaking, and taken up the New Look.

They live with Lyle's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Kurisaki, Sr., and his sister Lyllienne.

Lyle, Jr.'s family—all of whom exude friendliness and hospitality—is another major reason for the rapid readjustment made by the Japanese war bride who came over in 1947.

The entire Kurisaki family is sports-minded.

Lyle, Sr. is probably one of the top Nisei golfers in the country. He first took up the sport in Brawley, his pre-evacuation home, in 1936. The next year, in Feb-

ruary, he won the National Lettuce tournament in that city.

His family recalls that his first golf score was a 99. "And he's never broken 100 since," they say, putting the reverse of the usual meaning on the phrase. His skill increased so fast it was almost uncanny. From his first score of 99, shot in 1936, he went down to 62 the following year when he established the course record—still standing—at the Del Rio country club course.

Lyle, Sr. is also remembered as one of the original founders of the JACL. He was one of a group meeting in Los Angeles in 1922 along with "Doc" Yatabe and others responsible for the founding of the organization. Since that time he has served as national vice president and southern district chairman.

Mrs. Kurisaki, Sr., and Lyllienne are among the members of the Main Appliance bowling team, and they are as devoted to bowling as their husband and father is to golf. Lyllienne, incidentally, is rated one of the best Nisei bowlers in Salt Lake City. Her average for the season just ending was generally around the 150 mark.

Lyle, Jr.'s interest in sports is not confined to one sport. He played baseball for Salt Lake City's East high school and for the Salt Lake City police team (Continued on page 6).

Vagaries

Bohemian . . .

Tsuguharu Foujita, one of the fabulous characters of the Paris of the 1920s, came back to the United States last week on the Clipper from Tokyo. Foujita, most famous for his drawings of cats, was a constant contributor to the old *Variety* magazine and has held many exhibitions of his paintings in America. His last show was held in 1933 at the Ambassador in Los Angeles . . . Some of Foujita's antics surprised even the Bohemians in an area of Bohemianism.

GI Artists . . .

American GIs now studying in France recently held a show in Paris. Among the exhibits were sculptured figures by Shinjiro George Tajiri of Chicago, a veteran of the 442nd Central Postal Directory . . . Tomi Kanazawa, who won the unanimous acclaim of San Francisco critics recently as "Madame Butterfly" with the Pacific Opera company, is going to Europe with her husband, an assistant conductor at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, to continue her studies. Miss Kanazawa gave the performances of "Madame Butterfly" in San Francisco.

Acoustics . . .

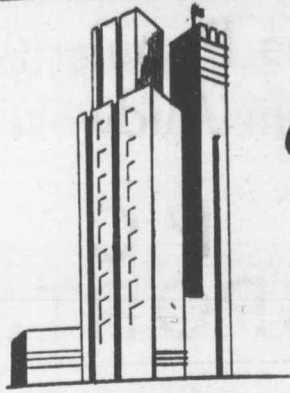
Saki Oura, New York acoustic expert, is installing a new sound system at the Century theater where Cole Porter's hit musical "Kiss Me, Kate," is now playing. The producers called in Oura as customers occupying mezzanine seats complained that they could hear clearly . . . Agnes Miyake, Sacramento soprano who returned in 1947 after more than a decade in Japan, has made a number of concert appearances in the east recent months.

"Yoyo" Bowls in Salt Lake



Upper photo: Yoyo Kurisaki points to her name in the list of averages in the Nisei women's bowling league at the Temple alleys. Below: Yoyo, lower right, keeps score for one of the teams in the men's traveling league at the KB alleys in Salt Lake City. Also in the photo are, lower left, Maxine Hirano and Lyllienne Kurisaki. Directly behind Yoyo is her husband, Lyle Kurisaki, Jr., with Tube Horiuchi to his right.

—Photos by Hito Okada



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Alabama Bound

New Orleans to Mobile is 45 minutes as the plane and crowd fly and about 160 miles by automobile or foot.

And when you get this deep down south, you are really below the Mason-Dixon line. In fact, the people stand up and take off their hats whenever "Dixie" is played. This is the part of the country where the real southern drawl is in full blossom. New Orleans has its southern accent but Mobile has the real authentic southern drawl.

So, when I met the Sawadas of Mobile, I was ready to decipher the "how you alls" and the "well, I declares" that continually patter over the balmy Alabama countryside.

Tom, who is the eldest of the four Sawada children and a graduate of Spring Hill college, was our genial host during our brief stay there. He was telling me that during a recent visit to California, the Nisei there sort of laughed at his accent. He, in turn, thought the California accent strange and sharp, ringing a bit of discord to his ears.

I must confess that it does sound a little strange to hear a Nisei with a real southern drawl, but after a few minutes it grows on you. Now take his sister, Lurie Gene, who is a graduate of Huntington college. The slow syrupy drawl sounds quite in keeping with the local scenery that is filled with magnificent azaleas and a multitude of colorful camellias.

The Sawadas and the Kiyonos are the only two Japanese families in Mobile. Both have long been prominent factors in the nursery business in Alabama and well respected by the townspeople. Both families are long-time residents of that state—the older folks going there the early part of this century.

Both of these families have done admirably well. These Issei came to a strange part of a country in a foreign land, without much in the way of funds and little in the form of experience, but managed to eke from the rich soil a comfortable livelihood and at the same time win the high esteem and warm friendship of the community in which they live.

Amid the Azaleas and Camellias

The Sawada home is located smack in the center of a 30-acre tract that is a veritable fairyland of flowers. In every direction you may turn there are handsome stands of camellias, azaleas and dozens of other varieties which I have forgotten or failed to remember. There are the usual greenhouses filled with tiny plants, the lath houses with the older varieties, and in the fields are transplanted the larger specimens.

I'm not much in the field of floriculture, barely being able to distinguish a rose from a thorn, but could not help but feel that here was a well-organized and efficient business.

Tom, who is a bachelor and in his early 30s, is the general manager of the Overlook Nurseries. He was a chief warrant officer in the South Pacific for several years during the war and came back to manage the business for his dad. His brother, George, a graduate of Cornell, is field manager and his chief assistant, sister Lurie Gene, handles the office work, so it is almost a family affair. They also have about 30 other people working for them.

The father, a grizzled veteran of 66 who came up the hard way like most Issei and developed the business to its present prominence, is now in semi-retirement. He spends most of his time experimenting with new varieties of camellias and azaleas. Quite frequently he is asked to judge flower shows in nearby states. He is recognized as an authority on camellias and azaleas and several of his articles have appeared in trade publications.

Kosaku Sawada is also an amateur painter whose work shows much promise. I think his greatest pride and joy are the two camellias which he so aptly named the "K. Sawada" and the "Mrs. K. Sawada." Both flowers invariably appear in all prize camellia shows. The K. Sawada is a perfect white flower and the Mrs. K. Sawada is a smaller white flower with a faint tinge of pink. In all, Mr. Sawada has introduced some 26 new varieties of camellias and also a number of new species of other flowers.

The Sawadas also own another 80-acre tract a few miles north of their home. There I saw thousands of older plants, row after row, and in a profusion of color. After a plant is sturdy enough, it is transplanted to this open field to grow into full maturity.

The Sawadas have customers from all parts of the country and distribute thousands of copies of their handsome catalogues. A great deal of labor and expense is required to dig up the plants and accompanying roots, place the ball of earth into a sack, and crate them for shipment.

Just a few miles outside of Mobile, there is a floral showplace that is famous nationally. This is the 50-acre Bellingrath Gardens. Over a half million people annually visit these gardens which resemble a bit of paradise.

I should judge that the various plants, flowers, landscaping, trees and shrubbery are worth about a million dollars. Almost every conceivable type of camellias and azaleas are displayed in the miles of winding paths that cover the gardens.

I saw some azalea bushes 30 feet high and camellia plants with a thousand blooms on one plant. Almost every kind of shrub and tree can be found on the spacious grounds and every day of the year there are hundreds of plants in bloom. The peak of the season is in February and March when the thousands of camellia and azalea bushes are in full bloom. There is a wild riot of color that banks the trails for hundreds of yards at a glance. Color photographers have a field day and mere words on the typewriter cannot fully describe the beauties of Nature at Bellingrath Gardens.

There is much more in the way of majestic splendor to these gardens than the Santa Monica Japanese Gardens or other California scenic spots.

We drove along the famous Azalea Trail in Mobile which extends some 15 or 20 miles in and out of the city. Mobile, like New Orleans, has many streets which contain a "common ground" or a wide strip in the center of the street. Here on this center strip are planted thousands of uniformly beautiful azalea plants which are in full bloom in the spring of each year.

The town of Mobile has an excellent residential section which reminded me of Pasadena and Riverside. A few miles away is beautiful Mobile Bay which is connected to the Gulf of Mexico. Makes an ideal spot for the fishing enthusiast.

Nisei are few and far between in these parts, but I think that this region offers ample opportunities for ambitious persons interested in agriculture or floriculture. The fine record established by such families as the Kiyonos and the Sawadas of Mobile is ample proof of the possibilities. After all, a million camellia and azalea plants isn't hay.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Santa Fe Has Old World Look

Santa Fe, N. M. Nisei GIs who saw the history-steeped villages of Europe will find familiar things in quaint, old Santa Fe. The streets, for instance, winding aimlessly, and many of them so narrow that a motorist must stop and maneuver when he meets another car. There's the town plaza, tree-studded and lined with benches for resting in the shade, and there are be-whiskered old gentlemen dozing in the warm spring sun.

There are more curio stores than groceries, shawled Indians and brash tourist women in slacks. There is an easy-going atmosphere that is at once inviting and confusing to those who have been accustomed to life at a more frenzied pace.

I suppose the paid drum-beaters for Santa Fe have been shouting for many years about the town's fascinating history, but somehow it all passed over our heads until we actually got down here. Then we learned many things, among them that Santa Fe was established about 1610, and was called La Villa Real de Santa Fe de San Francisco. Fortunately, some practical, or lazy, individual shortened the name to a more appropriate length.

The first white man to see these regions, according to a New Mexico state brochure, was an explorer by the name of Cabeza de Vaco. He happened by in 1536, only 44 years after Columbus stumbled on the new world. And when you consider that Santa Fe was established ten years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, you begin to get an idea of how old the history of the white man is in this part of America.

The old palace of the governors, built between 1610 and 1614, still stands opposite the town plaza. The dry climate has helped to keep it in a fine state of reservation, and carpentry has helped the preservation process along. The state historical museum is housed in the building now, and it's well worth your time to prowl through it.

A State of Pueblos

New Mexico abounds with pueblos and their ruins. These ruins and caves have yielded evidence of a highly developed Indian civilization which flourished in the year 900, when William the Conqueror was invading England. One of the most famous of these ruins is in Frijoles canyon, some

35 or 40 miles northwest of Santa Fe. In that same area, separated from that canyon only by a few mesas, is the city of Los Alamos where the atom bomb was born. Los Alamos is a new, ultra-modern, unnatural, fenced-in, secret city. The world of tomorrow is unfolding within its confines. And almost underfoot are the dry and crumbling remains of the world of long ago.

Even closer to Los Alamos is the pueblo of San Ildefonso, a nondescript village of adobe huts populated by a handful of Indians living much as their ancestors did centuries ago. San Ildefonso is only a mile off the highway, and only several miles from the gates to Los Alamos.

The contrasts between the old and the new, the past and the future, are things that never fail to impress visitors. Those contrasts are, perhaps, symptoms of these trying times when a man knows not what to think.

Glimpses Into the Old West

The drive into Santa Fe from the north, along the route of the old Santa Fe trail, is fascinating if your interests run to the west's history. We stopped overnight at the frankly uninteresting town of Las Vegas. That's where General Kearney, entering the territory in 1846, proclaimed American jurisdiction. Not far from Las Vegas are the ruins of Fort Union, once an army stronghold, but now long abandoned and all but forgotten. Many were the troops who rode out of Fort Union to protect wagon trains from Indians fighting to protect their land from encroachment.

Just northeast of Santa Fe is Glorieta pass where a detachment of Union troops, marching down from Denver, met and all but annihilated Confederate troops moving up from Texas during the Civil war. From all accounts it was one of the most spectacular, decisive and least publicized battles of that tragic conflict. A friend is writing a history of that battle, and from what he told me he has the makings of a great Hollywood epic.

This is a country dotted with romantic names like Cimarron and Pecos; that treasures the memories of trailblazers like Kit Carson and scoundrels like Billy the Kid; it is the experimental ground for atom bombs and guided missiles; it is a state of vast and majestic distances, utter desolation, soul-stirring mountains and invigorating climate. I like it.

Canada and Its Nisei: No Justification Exists for Mass Evacuation Program

By JACK T. OKI

Toronto, Ont.

Most Americans know very little of Canada, their neighbors to the north. They think of Canada as a land of vast wilderness, sparsely settled, covered with snow the greater part of the year and where the red-coated Mounties (usually the overglamorized Hollywood version) maintain law and order. Many still consider Canada as a colony within the British Empire governed by Great Britain.

Actually, the two major nations of North America, the United States and Canada, have many points in common—geographically, economically, culturally and socially. The one point which they have in common which is unique among the nations of the world is that they are both peopled almost totally by immigrants from every part of the globe.

It is said that there is something about an immigrant which sets him apart from other people. There must be or he would be back home with his countryfolk. Perhaps that is why Americans and Canadians are so alike and get along with each other so well.

Among the nations of the world, Canada to-day enjoys a position of high respect. In the light of world conditions today, with the leading nations of the world engaged in a struggle for the balance of power, Canada's position as a leader among the smaller nations is one of increasing importance.

Since America and Canada are so alike, it is reasonable to assume that the 23,000 Canadians of Japanese ancestry, received the same treatment as their American cousins during World War Two.

The Canadian government following in the footsteps of Uncle Sam put into effect an evacuation program early in 1942. Though the plans in both countries were motivated by a common purpose and cause, they differed greatly in their execution. A comparison of the two policies finds Canada far behind the U.S.

For many reasons, mainly because there are much fewer Canadians than Americans of Japanese ancestry, the Canadian evacuation was on a much smaller scale. However, there are many other points where the two policies differ.

In Canada there was a deliberate breaking up of family groups, with the men being evacuated before the women and to different places. There was considerable op-

position to this policy and after much hardship it was adjusted to allow husbands to be re-united with their families.

The properties of the evacuees that had been left in the care of the Custodian were disposed of without the consent of the owners, in many instances at outrageously low prices. A Commission is presently hearing claims presented by the evacuees covering losses sustained through the low price of these sales.

The Canadian policy in regards to enlistment of Nisei in the armed forces is worthy of mention. Whereas in the United States more than 17,000 Nisei served in the forces, in Canada less than 200 were allowed to enlist. Most of them were recruited early in 1945 as linguists. The illustrious record of the American Nisei has been followed by Canadian Nisei with interest and thanksgiving for it has undoubtedly had a favorable influence on Canadian public opinion. The Canadian Nisei who saw service faced a similar situation as their American cousins and, though insignificant in comparison, their record is something they can be proud of.

Even to-day the Japanese Canadians cannot enter the Pacific coastal area without a permit. The government has stated that these restrictions will be lifted in March of this year.

What will happen when these restrictions are lifted was a question which received considerable attention some time ago. But today people accept the action for granted and there is little excitement among the Japanese Canadians themselves. In fact the only excitement will be among the people on the coast who had taken advantage of the evacuation and fear the economic consequences of the return of the evacuees.

The Japanese Canadians are now scattered across the country. Though they are not all re-established on a permanent scale, there

MINORITY WEEK

Marriage Note

Chinese Americans in Hawaii have put their stamp of approval upon intermarriage, if recent figures are any indication. Of 601 Chinese American marriages in the 12 months ending June 20, 1948, 172 were marriages in which both parties were of Chinese ancestry, while 267 were marriages between mixed couples.

Public Interest?

This seems to be working in reverse.

At any rate, four real estate dealers in Atlanta, Ga., have been summoned before the Georgia real estate commission on the grounds they have promoted racial friction and violated public interest because they sold homes in "white" areas to Negroes.

is little likelihood of any mass return to the Pacific Coast. Now that their properties and interests have been liquidated there is little inducement for them to return West. There will be nothing to compare with the return of Japanese Americans to California and the northern Pacific coastal states. The complete resettlement of the evacuees will take time. What has been accomplished so far is encouraging.

There are some people who say that the evacuation was a blessing in disguise. That the Nisei have much more opportunities now. Granted the Nisei have a wider choice of vocations available, especially the girls. But to say that the evacuation in general was a good thing is to suggest that there was some justification for the evacuation. There was no justification.

The wartime treatment of citizens of Japanese ancestry by Canada and America is a blemish on their records as leaders among the democratic and Christian nations of the world that will be difficult to erase.

Together, Americans and Canadians of Japanese ancestry seek to have rectified the injustices of the evacuation. We must ensure that never again will people of our countries, regardless of race, color or creed, suffer such injustices. Along with the many other minority groups which make up our countries we must strive to make our native lands an example for the other nations of the world, the lands of our forefathers.

Nisei Koto Player Performs at Seabrook



TEIKO OGATA, an employee of Seabrook Farms, N. J., shown playing the koto, was one of the many Nisei who participated in the entertainment at the three-day doll festival held by

the Japanese American residents of the Seabrook community for the people of southern New Jersey.—Photo courtesy Bridgeton, N. J., Evening News

Gets Hole-in-One

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Ed Yoshioka sank a hole-in-one on the short 145-yard hole at the Hillview golf course on March 13. Yoshioka used a No. 6 iron for his ace.

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Residents of South New Jersey Entertained at Doll Festival

SEABROOK, N. J. — With the presentation of the annual Japanese Doll Day Festival and Exhibit, Japanese American residents of Seabrook, N. J. were host to some 4,000 visitors of this area on March 2, 3, and 4. The very colorful observance of the traditional "Hana Matsuri" Girls Day highly regarded by the Japanese is rapidly being established as a new tradition of southern New Jersey, which already has numerous historical and cultural background, according to the Bridgeton Evening News.

Starting with a capacity attendance for the opening program on March 2 in Community House, the main feature of the celebration centered around the series of entertainment programs presented twice daily for three successive days with Mayor F. Sasaki of Seabrook as the master of ceremonies.

An added attraction of the festival which the visitors enjoyed with keen interest was the varied exhibits of handcraft by the residents. It contained many of their treasured heirlooms as well as the products of their skill.

Friends attending this festival highly praised the many things which were exhibited. Lavishly embroidered wearing apparel from the dressmaking classes and individuals, beautifully cut and polished stones, cleverly designed carved birds and animals, the lovely ikebana displays by the flower arranging class, fine collections of excellent photos by the members of the local camera club and the painting exhibit by the art class all contributed to the success of this year's program.

The first "Hana Matsuri" Girls Day exhibit was presented four years ago, under the supervision of the USO director, Mrs. Anne Locke of Atlantic City. The festival program was expanded to a three day affair last year and the general public was invited as a token of appreciation by the residents of this community who relocated here since 1944 for the fine acceptance of Japanese Americans by the people of southern New Jersey. Due to its popularity and the general request for its continuance as an annual event, the committee has again devoted considerable time in making it possible to present this festival which is considered the only one of its kind in this country.

The preparation for this event started the first of the year. The planning committee consisted of the following: Mr. M. Ikeda, general chairman, Mr. F. Sasaki, assistant general chairman, Mr. N. Yoshinaga, program chairman, Mrs. Y. Hasegawa, program, Mr. M. Mukoyama, decoration, Mrs. K.

Noda, tea serving, Mrs. L. Toyama, craft booth, Mr. M. Yoshida, and Mr. J. Otai, painting, Mr. M. Murakami, photography, Mr. N. Yamamoto, woodcarving, Mr. Kubota, dressmaking, Mrs. Y. Yeya, flower arrangement, Mr. F. Taguwa, needlecraft, Mr. K. Okabayashi, utai, Mr. E. Lanning, Mr. Gene Nakata, and Miss Dorothy Chapman, publicity.

The hosts and hostesses for the festival were Mrs. Hiro Omata, Miss Keiko Ogata, Mrs. Josie Ikeda, Mrs. Rose Koyanagi, Mr. and Mrs. Kiyomi Nakamura, Mrs. Tats Hasegawa, Miss Florence Sayegusa, Mrs. Mary Nagao, Mrs. Chiyo Kunishima, Mrs. Ruth Yonemoto, Mrs. Mary Yagura, Mrs. Fumi Morinaka, Mrs. Edna Shiraga, Mrs. Violet Kamikawa and Vernon Ichisaka.

Japanese War Bride: Yoyo Kurisaki

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in the city amateur league. He's also interested in golf, basketball and bowling.

Lyle, Jr.'s entry into this world was marked by an event which, at the present time, seems worthy of note. His godfather was Sessue Hayakawa, who was then doing mighty well in Hollywood. His recent reentry into movie life has been noted with interest by the Kurisakis, who remember when the film star was the unofficial social guardian for the Nisei in Los Angeles and Hollywood. Mrs. Kurisaki recalls that he held her graduation party for her when she graduated from high school. The party was held at a local hotel, included a dance band and all the trimmings, and was done up in style.

After two years in the United States, Yoyo feels pretty much at home, though she acknowledges a slight feeling of homesickness at times.

She likes movies and is an avid basketball fan, going out at least twice a week to watch local teams. She likes to bake and does much of the shopping for groceries.

She decries her "broken English," but it's good enough to get her around to grocery stores, in and out of shops, and it certainly serves her well on the bowling alley. Nevertheless, she plans to enter an Americanization class which is attended by a number of Issei women.

According to our scorebook, however, she is doing pretty well right now at this business of "Americanization."—M.T.T.

Report Judo Gains Popularity With Tournament in Midwest

By THEA MORI

CHICAGO—Judo, as a sport as well as a form of recreation, is riding a crest of popularity in Chicago and the Midwest area. Aside from several established judo schools, the various YMCA's are sponsoring their own judo clubs. This outcropping of judo popularity means the annual tournaments as well as the organization of the crack black belt's Yudanshakai group.

At a recent Yudanshakai tournament held in Chicago—the first annual Midwest tourney—which included among the participants all the top judoists representing every YMCA as well as the regular judo schools in the Midwest area, Yoshito Vince Tamura of the Jiu-Jitsu Institute of Chicago won the black belt championship trophy, successively throwing all of his black belt opponents—six in all—three shodans (first degree black belt) and three ni-dans (second degrees black belt). As a result, Vince, at the age of nineteen, was promoted to san-dan (third degree black belt) ranking—believed to be the youngest to attain that rank.

Vince started his judo career at the age of fifteen, acting as student instructor at the Jiu-Jitsu Institute of Chicago — breaking in novices into the finer art of judo after his regular high school hours. He received his ni-dan ranking in the May, 1948 tourney. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. U. Tamura of Tacoma, Wash.

Among others who received black belt promotions at the recent Midwest Yudanshakai promotional meeting were Yosh Kakazu who won his ni-dan rank, and the following eight who were initiated into the exclusive Yudanshakai group by winning their first degree black belts:

Art Broadbent, Nels Johnson, Rocky Matayoshi, Bob Matsuoka, Joe Morihiro, Jim Okamura, Al Valanis and Howard Yamauchi.

Vince's older brother, Mitsuru Tamura, a 4nd Veterson, won the senior championship trophy by throwing all of his opponents.

Claims Committee To Assist Filers In Salt Lake City

Members of the Salt Lake JACL evacuation claims committee will be on hand on the evenings of March 28 and 29 to assist claimants who wish to file for evacuation losses.

The committee will meet prospective filers in the lobby of the Colonial hotel.

The Salt Lake chapter's evacuation claims program has been underway since November, 1948, when the initial committee meeting was held. Two public meetings have been sponsored at the Buddhist hall, with full houses attending. Typing assistance and other help has been given during evening and afternoon periods.

The committee is headed by George Mochizuki, assisted by Ronald Okawa, Yosh Kojimoto, George Sakashita, Noby Miyoshi, Mitzi Sera and Mr. Kaneko.

Bridge Club

CHICAGO — George Nakagawa was elected chairman of the Ellis community center bridge club for the coming term, succeeding Shig Chakuno.

The group meets regularly on Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

PC SPORTS

Idaho Ballhawks

Two Nisei players are expected to be the mainstays of the strong College of Idaho baseball team defending champions of the Northwest Collegiate conference. The team is already undergoing practice sessions on the Boise campus and will leave shortly for California to meet such California teams as USF, San Jose State, St. Mary's and the University of California.

College of Idaho's two Nisei stars are Johnny Kuroda, a senior playing his third year and one of the leading hitters in the conference, and Hank Matsubu, a freshman who has received a number of pro offers since the days when he played for Hunt high school at the Minidoka relocation center.

Last summer Kuroda, who made the varsity at Nampa high school and the University of Idaho before coming to Boise, played center field with the Nampa Clippers who won the Idaho state semipro championship and represented Idaho in the national semipro tourney at Wichita, Kansas.

Matsubu has been called one of the finest Nisei catchers developed in the Northwest. Last year he caught for the Payette, Idaho Packers who were runners-up in the state semipro championship.

When Kuroda and Matsubu play against San Jose State they will meet another Nisei collegian, Tommy Okagaki, who plays second base for the Spartans.

Bowling Champs

Robertson Nursery went home to Los Angeles as the 1949 National Nisei bowling team champions following the JACL tourney in Salt Lake City. On their last night at home they met Tom Service in a regular Nisei league contest at Vogue Bowl which were dumped, 2760 to 2669.

Hawaii Series

There's talk of a home-and-home series between the champions of the Hawaii AJA (American Japanese Ancestry) baseball league and the California Nisei champions. If present plans through the series may be initiated in 1950. Already this year the Hawaii AJA Athletic Association has sponsored mainland tours for all-star Hawaiian Nisei basketball and bowling teams.

Nisei at NAIB

The only Nisei college basketball players to get into a major post-season tournament this year are the members of the University of Hawaii Rainbows who were knocked out of the NAIB tourney in Kansas City in the first round. In addition to Dick Mamiya, who is passing from the quarterback position for the Hawaii football team against Michigan State, Red and Oregon State was slightly sensational, the Hawaii team had a number of other Nisei players including Matsui, Sato, Hamada and Yokomoto. . . . The Rainbows met two of the nation's best teams en route to Kansas City dropping games to the Oakland Bittners and Regis College of Denver, the team which lost to Hawaii in the finals of the NAIB.

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EDC Plans Meeting

SEABROOK, N. J.—The Eastern district council of the JACL will meet in Seabrook Mar. 26 with the local chapter as host. A full agenda, including reports on EDC activities, the ADC legislative program and local chapter activities, has been planned. A general meeting will be held at 3:30 p. m. for all members. Officers for the EDC are Ina Sugihara, chairman; Ira Shimazaki, vice chairman; Hiroshi Ueyehara, rec. sec.; Mrs. Mary Furuhani, corr. sec.; Mitty Kimura, treas.; and Alice Miyazawa, public relations chmn.

Kako Sets Tour

DENVER, Colo.—Nine midwest and eastern cities will be visited by Tokuya Kako on his three-week business trip beginning March 18. Where requested, Mr. Kako, vice-chairman of the Kika Kisei Domei, has consented to confer with JACL chapter officials and local Issei on ADC financial campaigns. Definitely scheduled, to date, is the evacuation claims meeting which he will attend in New York City on March 27, to be chaired by Attorney Tom Hayashi. Beginning with the stopover in Minneapolis March 19, he will visit Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York City, Philadelphia, Seabrook, N. J.; Washington, D. C., and St. Louis. While in Chicago, he expects to call on Tahei Matsunaga, chairman of the Chicago branch ADC, Inc., and Tats Kushida, Midwest JACL regional director. Mr. Kako expects to return to Denver on April 8.

Eastern District Plans New York Convention

NEW YORK CITY — Memorial day weekend, May 28-30, has been set as the date of the first district convention of the JACL Eastern district council in New York City. Ina Sugihara, EDC chairman, will head the convention committee. With "On the Line in '49" as the theme, delegates from Philadelphia, Seabrook, Washington, D. C. and members of the host chapter will participate in a program embracing every phase of JACL activity. Tentative plans include a study of organizational setup from both local and national viewpoints, strengths and weaknesses of programs, community status and probable future alignments.

Stags Beat Hawaii

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento JACL Stags defeated the Hawaii AJA All-Stars, 65 to 62, in a rousing game at the Sacramento YBA hall on March 14.

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 - To Mr. and Mrs. Kaname Hitomi, Elk Grove, Calif., a girl on March 7.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Tanaka, Clarksburg, Calif., a boy on March 7.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. George T. Kato a girl on March 4 in Sacramento.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Nishikawa a girl on March 10 in Salt Lake City.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Tashifusa Oye a girl on March 9 in Seattle.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Tani, Palo Alto, Calif., a girl on Feb. 24.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Morimoto, Palo Alto, Calif., a girl, Jean, on Feb. 28.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Sam I. Kawakami, Monte Vista, Calif., a girl, Susan Reiko, on Feb. 20 in Palo Alto.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tomoyuki Tsuchiya a boy, Glenn, on March 3 in San Jose.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Kitaji, Gilroy, Calif., a girl, Miriam Yuko, on March 1.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Ryuji Adachi, Redwood City, Calif., a boy, Wayne Takashi, on Feb. 27.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nishio, Rt. 5, Idaho Falls, Idaho, a girl, Diane, on March 4.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Eiji Nagami a girl on Feb. 22 in Los Angeles.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Toyoda, Wooster, Ohio, a girl on Feb. 27 in Fresno.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Eiso F. Nakamura, Clovis, Calif., twin girls on Feb. 23.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Masao W. Okamura a girl on Feb. 23 in Reedley, Calif.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tsutsui a boy on March 13 in Salt Lake City.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Toshihiko Kaneko a boy on March 5 in Sacramento.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. George Takao Goto a girl on Feb. 26 in San Francisco.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Kaz Kanda a boy on March 9 in Denver.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Takeichi Oshiro a girl on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Teruo Yeki a boy on Feb. 28 in Los Angeles.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Yonai a boy on Feb. 24 in Los Angeles.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Y. Fukunaga a girl on Feb. 28 in Los Angeles.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. Torao Kadonaga a girl on Feb. 19 in Los Angeles.
 - To Mr. and Mrs. George Kawasaki a girl on Feb. 20 in Los Angeles.
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Arlington Funeral Rites Held for Nisei

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Funeral services were held at Arlington National Cemetery on March 16 for Sgt. Haruo Ishida, 29, a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, who was killed April 6, 1945, at Belvedere, France during the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion. Buddhist services followed the army ceremony. Sgt. Ishida was born in Washington state in 1917, and was graduated from West Seattle high school with honors. He joined the army at Ft. Lewis, Washington, in Sept. 1941. In November, 1944, he was sent overseas to Italy. Survivors include his mother, Asano Ishida, of Milwaukee, Wisc., a brother, Tomio, and a sister, Chieko Ishida.

Oki Wins Sweeper

Peter Oki won the three-game sweepstakes on March 17 at the Temple alleys in Salt Lake City with a 635 series, including a 277 game. Oki started with nine straight strikes before sparing out. Others who placed were: Dr. Jun Kurumada, 615, including a 246 game; Tom Nakamura, 613, including a 256 game, and Larry Mekata of Honolulu, 602, including games of 221 and 213.

YPCC Group Slates 19th Annual Meet

REEDLEY, Calif.—The Central California YPCC will hold its 19th annual meeting at Reedley college this weekend, March 19 and 20. The Rev. Samuel Takagishi, pastor at the Centenary Methodist church of Los Angeles, and Dr. J. E. Hartzler, instructor at Hartford theological seminary and president of the American university at Beirut, Syria, will be the main speakers. The YPCC executive board is headed by Lloyd Kurihara with other officers as follows: Mas Katsuo, 1st vice chmn.; Betty Wake, 2nd vice chmn.; Yuri Okamoto, corr. sec.; Ann Ohki, rec. sec.; Yosh Nakuchi, treas.; Ethel Otomo, historian; and Chiaki Renge and Lillian Goto, publicity chmn.

Sato, Torrance, Calif., a boy on Feb. 15.

DEATHS

- Mrs. P. M. Takaichi on March 17 in San Jose, Calif.
- Shigeichi Sasaki, 54, on March 11 in Los Angeles.
- Samaji Ando, 71, on March 12 in Seattle.
- Sukegoro Kawakami, 77, on March 9 in Quincy, Calif.
- Masaichi Ishio, 59, on March 15 in Salt Lake City.
- Torazo Mayeda, 83, on March 2 in Stockton, Calif.
- Makataro Tsuboi, 78, on March 12 in Parlier, Calif.

MARRIAGES

- Eiko Yoshihashi of Berkeley to Cosma Sakamoto of Loomis, Calif., on March 6 in San Francisco.
- Yasuko Hirose of Walnut Grove to Kiomi Harano on March 13 in Berkeley, Calif.
- Eureka Satow of Chicago to Charles Shiroma on March 10 in New York City.
- Amy Hamada to Sam Kobayashi on March 5 in Los Angeles.

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Stockton Civic Unity Group Supports Naturalization Bill

STOCKTON, Calif.—First official action of the Stockton Council for Civic Unity, organized here Feb. 27, was unanimous approval of the Judd naturalization and

immigration measure. The Stockton council was asked to support the measure by Bob Takahashi of the French Camp JACL, who stressed the importance of the bill and urged the new group's support. The council approved sending of a wire urging favorable action by Rep. Leroy Johnson.

Reburial Rites Held For Sgt. Akiyama

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Impressive reburial rites were held at the Sacramento Buddhist church and East Lawn cemetery for T/Sgt. George Z. Akiyama, who was killed in action in the Rome-Arno campaign at Castellino, Italy, on July 3, 1944.

He was a member of Co. F of the 442nd combat team. Both the church and graveside services were held under the direction of Nisei Post 8985, VFW, with Post Chaplain Henry Makishima as general chairman.

Graveside services consisted of final Buddhist rites by the Rev. S. Sasaki; holding of a military service under Comm. Guy Driggs and Chaplain G. Heglmeier; military honors by the post firing squad; taps by Leo Uhl; and presentation of the flag to the next of kin by Henry Makishima.

Boise Independents Win Team Title in JACL Tournament

NAMPA, Idaho—The Boise Independent team won the handicap bowling tournament sponsored recently by the Boise Valley JACL, hitting a series of 2784 pins.

Homedale was second with 2743. They had high scratch with 2551. Tony Miyasako and Seichi Higashida won the men's doubles with a handicapped total of 1261 and a scratch score of 1138. Miyasako fired a 612 while his partner had a 522.

Kay Inouye and Kohie Matsushita followed with 1151, while Shig Nishimoto and Jim Abe had 1146.

Johnny Kuroda won the singles with 612, while Kay Inouye had the high scratch score of 574 and missed by a pin of tying Kuroda with a handicapped 611. Seichi Higashida rolled 598.

Mary Itabo and Taka Kora won the mixed doubles with 1018, while Etsu Nishioka and Bill Nishioka followed with 924.

Johnny Kuroda and Jim Abe won the open doubles with 1226.

High series for the tournament was rolled by Harry Kawahara with 623 in the open doubles.

Fifty citizens of various racial and religious backgrounds met at the Chinese Christian church to organize the council. Membership will be open to individuals and nonpolitical organizations.

The Rev. Andrew Juvinal, pastor of the Clay Street Methodist church of Stockton and former chairman of the Japanese American Resettlement Committee of San Joaquin county, presided over the meeting.

Richard Dettering, secretary of the California Federation for Civic Unity, addressed the meeting. Dettering outlined the operation of the councils, which work on local problems but also carry on an educational program for the elimination of discriminatory practices.

The Stockton council's action on the Judd bill was the first action of the group after completion of the formal organization.

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Tokuda Drugs Gets Top Spot In Cage Meet

Harlem, Hawaii Stars Among Top-Seeded Teams in Tourney

Tokuda Drugs of Seattle, the defending champions, Harlem Seagulls of Salt Lake and the Hawaii AJA All-Stars were seeded in that order in the 14th annual Intermountain Nisei invitational basketball tournament which will be held at the Pioneer Stake gym in Salt Lake City from March 24 to 26.

The tournament field was filled this week with the selection of the Honeyville, Utah, Mustangs, Murray Taiyos and the Temple Noodle Zephyrs of Salt Lake for the three remaining berths. The Harlem team is the winner of the Salt Lake JACL league championship, having defeated the Zephyrs last Monday.

Other teams in the tourney are Pocatello JACL from Idaho, Manchu Grill Bears of Denver.

The following tournament pairings were announced for the first round play on March 24 by Yosh Kojimoto of Salt Lake City:

6:30 p. m.—Tokuda Drugs vs. Temple Noodle.

7:40 p. m. — Hawaii AJA All-Stars vs. Pocatello JACL.

8:50 p. m.—Harlem Seagulls vs. Manchu Grill.

10 p. m. — Murray Taiyos vs. Honeyville Mustangs.

Hawaii AJA Stars Defeat La Crosse Teams in Two Matches

LA CROSSE, Wis.—The Hawaii AJA All-Stars bowling team defeated two La Crosse teams in match games here last week.

With Hal Ogata hitting a 592 series and Eddie Matsueda contributing 556 pins, the Hawaiian team defeated the La Crosse Eagles, 2639 to 2591.

Ogata's brilliant 686 series led the Japanese Americans to a 2771 (835, 983, 953) to 2725 (906, 844, 975) victory over the La Crosse All-Stars.

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Attends YWCA Convention



MRS. YOSHIKO VARNEY of Denver (center) was one of several Nisei delegates who attended the National YWCA convention in San Francisco last week. The others in the picture are Mary Brandon (left) and Agnes Nick.—Rocky Mountain News photo.

L. A. Progressives Schedule Meeting on "Clay Pigeon" Film

Harlem Team Wins Salt Lake Title

The Harlem Athletic Club won the championship of the Salt Lake JACL basketball league for the second straight year on March 14 when they defeated the Temple Noodle Zephyrs, 38 to 25.

Movie Nite

The Salt Lake City JACL will hold a "movie nite" meeting Wednesday, Mar. 23, at the Buddhist hall with George Mochizuki and Jeri Tsuyuki in charge of arrangements.

Movies of the 1948 national JACL convention and golf and basketball films will be shown. A social will follow the movies. Light refreshments will be served.

The chapter plans to hold a box-lunch raffle and dance in April. with the date to be announced shortly.

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LOS ANGELES—A critical analysis of RKO's "Clay Pigeon" and the problem of race discrimination in Hollywood films will be discussed at a meeting sponsored by the Los Angeles Nisei Progressives on March 23 at 8 p. m. in the conference room of the Miyako hotel.

Art Takei, political action director of the Nisei Progressives, will review and analyze "Clay Pigeon," while Adrian Scott, producer of RKO's "Cross Fire," the first film to deal with the subject of anti-Semitism, will be the main speaker of the evening.

Takei declared that Scott has been "blacklisted" by the Hollywood motion picture industry as a result of his fight against the House un-American Activities committee. Scott will discuss the history of race prejudice in Hollywood films.

An announcement by the Nisei Progressives this week stated that Takei will discuss "Clay Pigeon" because many persons consider the RKO production to be anti-Nisei "because of the adverse portrayal of a Japanese character" in the picture.

Sakae Ishihara will be the chairman of the meeting.

Japanese Course

CHICAGO—A second ten-week course in conversational Japanese will be sponsored by the Ellis community center, with the first meeting scheduled for Mar. 16.

The first course ended here recently with a "thank you" party for the instructor, Naoye Suzuki.

Pioneer Colorado Issei Dies in California Hospital

DENVER, Colo.—The JACL regional office file on Sukegoro Kawakami, age 77, was closed Wednesday with his death at Plumas county hospital, Quincy, Calif., near Lake Tahoe. Mrs. M. Stone, chief nurse at the hospital, disclosed in a telephone conversation that Mr. Kawakami died as a result of an accidental, or deliberate, fall from the second floor of the hospital.

Enroute from Denver to Japan to rejoin his family in Ahime-ken, Japan, preliminary arrangements for his departure was made for him by his friend, J. Kuroki, through the JACL regional office last October. Mr. Kuroki was informed of the death by Yasutaro Kusano of Kusano hotel in San Francisco, the initial destination of the deceased.

The pioneer Coloradoan arrived in Seattle, Wash., from Japan in 1894. Funeral arrangements will be announced after the arrival of the remains in Denver. Following cremation of the remains, the ashes will be sent to his widow, Mrs. Sono Kawakami in Japan.

Aihara Places Second In Broad Jump Event

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Henry Aihara of USC placed second in the broad jump at the Long Beach Relays on March 12.

Aihara, former champion of the Big Nine while a student at Northwestern university, leaped 23 feet 3/4-inch.

Ben Aoki ran the first lap of the 4-man 440-yard relay for the winning Long Beach Poly team in the high school division.

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JACL Official Plans Tour of Northwest Area

Masao Satow, national director of the JACL, and Sam Ishikawa, regional director for southern California, will make a tour of JACL chapters in the Pacific Northwest beginning Mar. 12.

Meetings will include informal discussions with chapter officials, meetings for the discussion of evacuation claims filing, general meetings with chapter members and planning meetings with Issei for discussion of ADC activities.

Satow and Ishikawa will confer with Joe Masaoka, regional director in San Francisco, and Toru Ikeda, area representative, on Mar. 20 in San Francisco.

Their itinerary has been announced as follows: Mar. 21, Seattle; Mar. 22, Puyallup valley; Mar. 23-24, Spokane; Mar. 25-27, Seattle; Mar. 28, Puyallup valley; Mar. 29-30, Portland; Mar. 31, Apr. 1, Mid-Columbia.

Ishikawa will return to San Francisco on Apr. 2, while Satow will visit Boise valley and Snake River Apr. 2 to 5.

Yokota Gets Mention On All-Star Team

SAN FRANCISCO—Jim Yokota, star guard for Placer Union high school of Auburn, Calif., is given honorable mention on the San Francisco Examiner's fourth annual All-Northern California high school basketball team which was announced this week.

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