



Federal Judge Goodman Rules For Restoration of Citizen Rights to Renunciant Group

SAN FRANCISCO—Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman on March 21 ruled in favor of 4,394 renunciants in the case brought by the former residents of the Tule Lake segregation center for the restoration of their American citizenship.

Judge Goodman ordered a final decree entered in favor of the former Tule Lake residents who renounced their citizenship in 1945 while at the segregation camp.

The decision was made in the face of opposition from attorneys representing Attorney General Tom Clark who sought to have the renunciants subjected to individual trials to prove their contention they had renounced their citizenship under duress.

In a decision in Sept., 1948, Judge Goodman had ruled that the renunciants had forfeited their citizenship because of threats made against them by Japanese nationals in the same camp. He also noted that representatives of the Justice Department were also responsible for the renunciations

because of the manner in which they conducted the hearings.

In his decision this week Judge Goodman ruled that Government attorneys had not acted in good faith in singling out thousands of the renunciants for "citizenship proof" trials.

Government attorneys did not immediately announce whether they will appeal the Federal court order. They have 30 days in which to appeal to the United States Court of Appeals.

Nisei Attorney Will Interview Witnesses In "Tokyo Rose" Case

SAN FRANCISCO — Theodore Tamba, local attorney, and Tets Nakamura of Los Angeles left this week by plane for Japan to interview witnesses in Japan and China on behalf of the defense of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino on the charge of treason for broadcasts made over Radio Tokyo during the war. Nakamura will act as an interpreter in assisting Tamba obtain depositions which will be used by the defense when the "Tokyo Rose" trial is resumed in May in Federal Judge Michael J. Roche's court.

Denver Nisei Appointed to Teaching Post

Mrs. Hiraga Teaches Third Grade Classes At Wyatt School

DENVER, Colo.—Mrs. Shyoko Hiraga, 21, Denver's first Nisei public school teacher, reported for duty this week.

Mrs. Hiraga, a graduate of Denver university, was appointed by the Board of Education last week as a permanent supply teacher on the schools' staff.

Her first assignment is the third grade at Wyatt Elementary school.

Mrs. Hiraga is a 1944 graduate of Manual Training high school and graduated from the university in 1947. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Toda of Denver. Mr. Toda is the publisher of the Rocky Shimpō.

Announce Results Of JACL Election In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. Yoshiya Togasaki will head the San Francisco JACL as honorary chairman for the coming year, it was revealed here following a mail ballot election.

Three vice presidents, Yasuo Abiko, Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa and Joanna Nakamura will assist Dr. Togasaki.

Other officers will be Takako Suzuki, treas.; Emi Hinoki, rec. sec.; and Lily Muramatsu, corr. sec.

Nine persons were named to the board of governors as follows: Victor Abe, Tane Amemiya, Moss Ashizawa, Fred Hoshiyama, Mrs. Takeo Okamoto, Mrs. Michi Onuma, Tom T. Sakai, Jutaro Shiota and Kaye Uyeda.

Chinese Americans Protest Provision in Judd Measure

SAN FRANCISCO — From the world's biggest Chinatown in San Francisco, a protest campaign objecting to the Judd bill which voids the 1946 Chinese Wives Act has been started to influence members of Congress, it was reported here. Telegrams have been sent by the Chinese Six Companies, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and the Cathay Post No. 384, American Legion.

Outstanding Chinese political figures and lobbyists have been sent to Washington to modify the present Judd bill. Locally, the California Department of the American Legion is being pressed to assist in a modification of the Judd bill. Local Chinese newspapers have attacked the section of the Judd bill which nullifies the Chinese Wives Act. They exhibit on their show-windows sample letters to be sent to congressmen.

It is reported that sections of the Negro press strenuously object to the provision reducing the West Indies to the quota system. They are strongly opposed to the Judd bill for this reason.

In order to strengthen support for the favorable progress of the

Legion Commander in Colorado Condemns Refusal of Denver Cemetery to Bury Nisei Hero

DENVER, Colo.—The refusal of Denver's Crown Hill cemetery to permit the burial of a Japanese American war hero because of restrictive covenants was condemned on March 25 by Harold Ferris, commander of the Colorado department of the American Legion.

In a statement to Roy Takeno, Tri-State regional director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Commander Ferris declared:

"The American Legion has a plot in Crown Hill. If a man of whatever color who gave his life for our country cannot be interred therein, an empty honor at that for the price he paid, then it's time the Legion found that out.

"The Legion has been able to make great strides to bring about equality in many ways and the organization decries this race discrimination, especially when it pertains to a soldier who made the supreme sacrifice."

Parents of Sgt. Kenneth Shibata, who died in Italy while serving in the 442nd Combat Team, were told by officials of Crown Hill last week that burial in the cemetery was limited to Caucasians.

Takeno pointed out that there has been considerable public reaction to the news of the discrimination in Denver by Crown Hill cemetery. He said the letter in the Rocky Mountain News of March 24 from Mrs. Milford Douthit of 1336 Corona St., Denver, was typical.

In her letter Mrs. Douthit declared:

"I am a Gold Star Mother of World War II. My son is buried in Crown Hill and I am ashamed that such a thing should happen in America.

"It's high time we did something about it."

Joint Services Set For Seven Veterans At Seattle Church

SEATTLE — Joint services for seven Nisei veterans, all of whom died in service with the famed 442nd Combat Team in Europe, will be held on March 26 at the Seattle Buddhist church.

The seven are Pfc. Matsusaburo Tanaka, Pfc. William Hiroshi Taketa, T/4 William Itsuo Imamoto, Pvt. George Tatsumi, Pfc. Richard Masaru Tamura, Pvt. Satoru Onodera and Pvt. William Shinji Mizukami.

George H. Revele, Seattle attorney who was a staff officer under Gen. Mark W. Clark in the Fifth Army, will be the main speaker at the services.

Cemetery Tells Reasons for Ban on Nisei

DENVER — Officials of Crown Hill cemetery, which last week refused to permit the burial of the remains of an American soldier of Japanese ancestry, explained this week that the matter of discrimination was beyond their control under rules which have governed the burial ground since it was opened in 1907.

Ira A. Quait, attorney for the cemetery, said that interment at Crown Hill is restricted to members of the white race under its original articles of incorporation.

"When the present stockholders took over the cemetery in the 1920s," Quait said, "the restriction was inherited."

He declared State Supreme Court decisions upholding restrictive covenants make it impossible for the cemetery to permit the burial of any persons other than Caucasians.

"We would be liable to numerous lawsuits if we violated the provisions of the articles of incorporation," Quait declared.

The attorney added that nothing can be done until the Colorado state law is brought in line with a 1948 U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing restrictive covenants on real estate.

Crown Hill officials said they urged Mr. and Mrs. Katsu Shibata, parents of Staff Sgt. Kenneth Shibata who was killed in action with the famous 442nd Combat Team in Italy on July 17, 1944, to make burial arrangements elsewhere when they inquired at Crown Hill about a possible interment site.

None of the other major cemeteries in Denver have race restrictions and Sgt. Shibata's remains were interred at Fairmount cemetery on March 21.

Sgt. Shibata was a member of Company K of the 442nd and won the Combat Infantryman's Badge and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

Born near Lincoln, Neb., he entered the service from Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Final rites were held last Monday at the California Street Methodist church with the Rev. K. Sasaki officiating.

Nisei Initiated Into Education Fraternity

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Alice H. Shikamura was initiated into Pi Lambda Theta honorary education fraternity recently at Stanford university, one of 32 women to receive the award.

She has received her B. A. and M. A. degrees from Stanford and is now completing work for a secondary teaching credential. Her practice teaching was done last fall at Mountain View Union high school in English.

Miss Shikamura's thesis, for which she was awarded her master's degree, was on the subject, "The Vocational Intentions of Second Generation Japanese Students at Three California Universities." Research was conducted at Stanford, the University of California and the University of Southern California.

Material compiled by Miss Shikamura is so new that copies of her thesis are in demand at the Stanford circulating library.

She is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Shikamura. She was active in the San Jose chapter of the JACL and was elected its historian last year.

Possible Delaying Action Seen In Senate on Judd Proposal

By HERBERT GORDON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An indication of possible delaying action by the Senate on the Judd bill was reported last week in the New York Post.

Writing from Washington, Charles Van Devander, chief of the Post Washington bureau, wrote:

"There were loud huzzahs a couple of weeks ago when the House of Representatives almost unanimously passed a bill to remove all racial barriers in existing naturalization laws and

Midwest JACL Convention Set For Cleveland

Delegates, Boosters Expected from Seven Chapters in Region

CLEVELAND, O. — The 1949 Midwest District Council convention will be held in Cleveland on September 17 - 18, announced Howard Tashima, president of the host chapter, this week. In line with the JACL policy of holding national conventions on even-numbered years and district council conventions on odd-numbered years, this year's gathering had been scheduled at the MDC meeting in St. Louis last June.

The tentative program calls for two afternoon business sessions, a banquet, a dance and many attractions for booster delegates, including bridge, bowling and golf tournaments.

Delegates, alternates and boosters will attend the convention from seven other Midwest chapters, including Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Milwaukee, Twin Cities and Dayton, Ohio. Invitations are being extended to the national officers to attend.

Sakai Heads Nisei Veterans Group on Chicago Northside

CHICAGO, Ill. — The northside chapter of the Chicago Nisei Veterans Club held its initial meeting recently at the Chicago Resettlers Committee.

Jack Sakai was elected as chairman of the group and Kenji Nomura vice chairman.

The purpose of this organization, explained Herbert Sasaki, director of the Chicago NVC, is to promote the welfare of Nisei Chicagoans, and in keeping with this aim, to endorse and support legislation beneficial to the Nisei.

All veterans on Chicago's northside interested in joining the NVC may do so by contacting Mr. Sasaki at 7 West Pearson, DELaware 7-9778, or Mr. Nomura, 746 N. LaSalle, SUPERior 7-1420. Sasaki may be reached concerning the southside at MUseum 4-1061.

to provide immigration quotas for Asiatic and Pacific peoples. The measure was primarily intended to wipe off the statute books the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924.

"The cheers over this liberal and enlightened action in the House seem to have been premature, however. The road ahead in the Senate is rocky and very uncertain. Chairman McCarran (D., Nev.), of the Senate Judiciary Committee hasn't decided what to do with the House-approved bill, but the chances are he will refer it to a five-man subcommittee which is considering a general rewriting of the immigration laws. (That will amount to pigeonholing it for this session, since the subcommittee is not expected to report until next year . . .")

While this is a probability, and not a remote one, either, it should be pointed out the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, and numerous other organizations supporting the Judd bill, are hopeful HR 199 will not be referred to the special subcommittee.

Instead, they are seeking to have HR 199 treated as special legislation with the principles of the act subsequently incorporated into a projected omnibus immigration and naturalization bill which the subcommittee is expected to write.

Chicago Attorneys Will Aid Issei Claimants in Ohio

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Approximately 50 claimants, mostly Issei, will have their evacuation claims handled by two attorneys from Chicago through arrangements made with the Midwest Regional office, according to George Chida, evacuation claims committee chairman, this week.

The legal pair from Chicago will be in Cleveland on April 2 and 3. To expedite the handling of as many claims as possible, the Cleveland chapter has assisted in the filling in of all questions on the official form not directly pertaining to the claim, it was revealed.

Clubroom Planned

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho—A building permit was issued here last week to the Idaho Falls chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League to remodel the interior of the old Japanese school on First Street for a clubroom. The building also will be reroofed.

Hawaii Court Verdict Raises Question of Fair Representation Of Racial Groups on Juries

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU, T. H.—Repercussions from a Hawaiian court case that shook the judicial system of the islands to its foundation late last year are still making the headlines of the local press.

The Nisei can find their interest in the case chiefly from the question it raised concerning fair representation on grand juries.

The case in question concerns the decision by a three-judge federal court that the 1947 grand jury on Maui, third largest of four major Hawaiian islands, was constituted illegally because certain racial and economic groups had been deliberately excluded from the list.

The court did not specifically refer to the Japanese as having been excluded, although it mentioned Koreans, Hawaiians, Puerto Ricans and Filipinos.

The court did find, however, a deliberate weighting of the grand jury list in favor of the "haoles" (white, upper classes).

Upshot of the case, which was initiated by a labor union (the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union) against the Territory, was to halt the prosecution of union members involved in picketing incidents.

Its broader implications came shortly after the decision was rendered on December 27.

One after another, three judges dismissed the 1949 grand juries that had been selected for their circuits. The reason given in each case was that the juries might be challenged on the same ground that the Maui jury was challenged—that they did not represent a true cross-section of the community.

The latest dismissal of a grand jury occurred on March 8 on Maui—the island where the original case was started.

The first dismissal was on the island of Hawaii.

On Oahu, the 1949 grand jury list was dissolved on January 11 and a new list was drawn up only two weeks ago. It contains 75 names (all males) from whom 23 will be selected to form the 1949 county grand jury.

What is significant about the new list is the fact that it contains about twice as many more

Japanese names than the old list that was dissolved.

Thirteen of the 75 names on the old list might be called "Japanese," as compared with 24 such names in the new list.

The first Oahu panel was dissolved because a circuit judge found that "While the racial groups are fairly represented, the executive class appears to be predominant."

Regardless of the reason advanced, the fact remains that the new list is by far more weighted with Japanese (Americans of Japanese ancestry) than was the old one.

And apparently they have been selected from a wider range of economic strata and more varied occupations than was the old list.

A new legal angle arose this week in the language school case ruled on by the U.S. supreme court. The court held that the U.S. statute authorizing the convening of special three judge courts—like that which sat in the Maui grand jury case—to rule on the constitutionality of territorial statutes does not apply to Hawaii.

Some attorneys point out that the supreme court is likely to render a similar ruling when the Maui grand jury case is appealed by the territory to the supreme court.

Regardless of the outcome of this new test, the grand jury case has drawn sufficient attention to the need for juries to be representative of the population, racially and economically, that future jury lists are likely to be more equitably drawn from white and non-white groups, from employer and laboring classes.

Family Members Find Selves in New Book



The family of Toshio Mori are looking for, and finding, themselves in the pages of his book, "Yokohama, California" at their home in San Leandro, Calif. Author Toshio Mori points out a

passage to his brother, Kazuo, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, while his wife, Hisayo, and father, Hidekichi, look on.

—Cut courtesy Oakland Tribune

Two Liberal Magazines Favor Passage of Naturalization Bill

WASHINGTON — Two liberal journals, The New Republic, and The Commonweal, a Catholic publication, have commented on the Judd act (HR 199) in their latest issues.

While the bill is termed "not generous" by The New Republic, nevertheless the magazine declares that it "sets a general pattern for eliminating racial discrimination in all immigration and naturalization regulations."

Although the Commonweal is critical of two sections of the bill, yet, it says that "for what it will accomplish it should be consistently backed until enactment is secured."

The New Republic article says, in part:

"After 25 years and two wars during which Japanese Americans proved their loyalty, a bill lifting the ban on immigration quotas available to Asiatic and Pacific peoples has passed the House . . . The proposed act is not generous. It would limit the annual number of immigrants allowed from the far east to less than one percent of total authorized immigration."

"Introduced by Rep. Walter Judd (R., Minn.), the bill primarily affects Japanese, Koreans and Polynesians, but sets a general pattern for eliminating racial discrimination in all immigration and naturalization regulations . . ."

"The immediate effect of Judd's bill would be to make eligible for naturalization many legal residents of this country . . . disenfranchised because of race . . ."

The Commonweal says: ". . . If the Senate can be prevailed upon to pass the legislation . . . two things will have been accomplished. The stigma of racial inferiority will no longer be attached by American law to Oriental peoples, and (some 85,000 Orientals) long

resident in this country will be eligible for normal processes of naturalization.

" . . . Several factors are responsible for the almost universal support the legislation had in the course of its journey to the House floor. The superb record of the Nisei contingents in the American army won the greatest esteem . . . Out on the west coast there is today a great change of feeling. The industriousness of the Nisei is now appreciated rather than envied."

"An important element throughout has been the able educational work of the Japanese American Citizens League and their Caucasian friends determined to see justice done."

Commonweal was critical of two sections of the bill: 1) That wives and children from countries having less than a 200 annual quota may not enter the U.S. quota free, and 2) That a colony would be restricted to using only 100 of its mother country's quota annually. It termed this a "bar" against citizens of the British West Indies.

"For what it will accomplish," the Commonweal adds, the bill "should be consistently backed until enactment is secured."

Hawaiian Artist Wins Top Prize At Orange Show

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Sadamitsu Fujita, 27-year old Hawaiian-born artist, was awarded first place in the water color division of the art competition at the 34th annual National Orange Show last week.

His winning entry, titled "Sunday at the Beach," was adjudged the best of 140 entries and received \$100.

Fujita, now a student in Los Angeles, is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Toshio Mori Tells How He Came to Write His First Book

By NANCY BARR MAVITY
Literary Editor, Oakland Tribune

Oakland, Calif.

The war years dragged on. Toshio Mori felt "cramped." His brother Kazuo was overseas, fighting with the 442nd U. S. Infantry. The war had taken Toshio also away from home—from the nursery with its green and rose and gold and sunset-colored rows of snapdragons at 1470 164th avenue in San Leandro. It had picked up Toshio and his aged father and mother and set them down again behind the barbed wire of a Japanese relocation center at Topaz, Utah.

For the bewildered old people, the change was hard. For the youngsters in camp, the "sansai" of the third generation in America, change was adventure and novelty and therefore fun. Toshio thought of the good friend of another race who had volunteered to care for the nursery in his absence, and his heart warmed. He thought of the busy, vibrant life of an Oakland most Oaklanders never know—gone, perhaps irreplaceably, and his heart was lonely.

He began to write. To capture the scents and sounds and sights and the heart and spirit of that life in all its humanness—for himself in his homesickness and for others who, some of them, saw only the alien strangeness across which they could not reach to the human awareness.

That is how "Yokohama, California" came to be written. That is why it contains nothing of the bitterness and sorrow of the war years — another book will distill that experience, Toshio Mori hopes, but even then it will not be a bitter book.

When at last the war was over, and Toshio returned to the nursery and the livelihood which his Caucasian friend had indeed kept ready for him, Kazuo, too, came home—home in a wheelchair, to which he is still confined, home after many months in hospital. When Toshio went to visit his brother at the veterans hospital near Auburn, he passed signs that read: "We don't want Japs here." (Kazuo, of course, was there, per-

manently crippled in the service of his American countrymen).

"The signs did not make a bitterness in my heart," Toshio said. "I knew they were put up by just a few people, and it seems a pity that these few were in a position of power. Friendliness and humaneness and understanding do not put up signs—but they are just as real and, I think, more numerous."

Toshio is still writing, of course—at night, when the day's work is done. He cannot retire into a study and keep daytime writing hours. With Kazuo in his wheelchair, the whole care of the nursery is on his shoulders for the support of his old father, Hidekichi, who came from a faraway land he has now almost forgotten, half a century ago; and for his young wife Hisayo.

The tiny white cottage set about with lemon trees is, at first glance, like the cottage of any other neat, self-respecting but far from affluent American family. But the Atlantic Monthly and the Saturday Review of Literature tossed on the table, next to some delicately carved Oriental figurines, give it a character of its own.

This week it is a house of celebration. Kazuo, who is studying to be a cartoonist and commercial artist, looks over the author's advance copy of "Yokohama, California" with special interest because he is "in it." Toshio did not know Hisayo then, but the people and the life they both knew are there—and besides, wouldn't any

JACL-ADC ASKS LOWER RATE ON RELIEF PACKAGES

WASHINGTON, D.C.—An appeal was made to the Post Office Department on March 23 to lower postage for relief packages to the Orient to the same level as postage rates on relief packages to Marshall plan countries.

Relief packages to those countries in Europe may be mailed for six cents a pound. Relief packages to non-Marshall plan countries, including Japan and Korea, cost ten cents a pound.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, in a letter to Paul Aiken, second assistant postmaster general said:

"In all fairness to American who are sending relief packages to destitute countries in the Orient we respectfully urge that parcel post rates to the Far East be lowered and made uniform with rates to Europe."

"When this matter was first called to your attention, the parcel post rate was 14 cents per pound to the Orient, but it has since been lowered to ten cents per pound for relief packages only."

"We now ask that this rate be reduced to six cents per pound so there will be no discrimination between the various parts of the world to which relief packages are sent," Mr. Masaoka wrote.

He also pointed out that JACL-ADC is supporting legislation to permit relief packages to be sent by parcel post without cost to war ravaged countries of the world.

wife be proud when William Saroyan called her husband's "the freshest voice in American letters for a long, long while?"

Hidekichi cannot read the printed words, though he is "in it" too. But no matter. There is language of the heart which needs no translator. Toshio is an American and he has written a book that is of and about America. Wouldn't any father be proud?

Mrs. Uyehara Named to Post In Philadelphia

Elected to Board Of Commissioners Of Fellowship Group

PHILADELPHIA—Mrs. Grayce K. Uyehara, a civic leader in the Japanese American community in Philadelphia, was elected last week to the Board of Commissioners of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission.

Representing the united effort of the entire Philadelphia community to promote racial, religious and nationality understanding and equality of opportunity for all people, the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission is made up of nine city-wide agencies working together in the field of improving human relations.

The nine agencies include International Institute, Council for Equal Job Opportunity, Citizens Council on Democratic Rights, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Philadelphia Council of Churches—Race Relations Department, and the Society of Friends—Race Relations Committee.

Mrs. Uyehara was formerly on the staff of the International Institute as a group and community worker. At present she is serving on the Delaware County Health and Welfare Council's Inter-Cultural Relations Committee, and the Group Work Committee of the International Institute. Mrs. Uyehara is also a member of the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work Alumni Association, and the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Association of Group Workers.

The Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, reaching into the schools, churches and synagogues, civic, labor and veteran groups, and to every neighborhood community in the city, conducts many activities along intercultural and interracial lines. All designed to develop healthy democratic attitudes among all the people in the community, the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission sponsors the Early Childhood Project conducted in the kindergarten, first and second grades in the public schools; Intercultural Leadership Seminars for educators and lay leaders; seminars on the emotional needs of young children for parent-teacher associations, and in addition to other such pioneering projects in the field of human relations, provides the community with literature, speakers, films, recordings, book reviewers, radio programs, plays, discussion leaders and dozens of other such "tools of democracy."

The Philadelphia Fellowship Commission enters its activities in its own seven-story Fellowship Commission Building in the center of the city at 260 South Fifteenth Street. Most of the constituent agencies maintain their offices in the building. An auditorium, a miniature motion picture theater and a "fellowship" circulating and reference library are among the facilities and services maintained in the Fellowship Commission building.

Address Wanted

Pearl Buck has asked the aid of the JACL in locating George Kato, about 30, for Mrs. Haruye Kinoshita, now a resident of Japan. Mrs. Kinoshita contacted Miss Buck for help in locating Kato, whom she befriended before the war in Jackson, Calif.

Information on his present whereabouts should be sent to Miss Buck at R.D. 3, Perkasio, Penn.

Detroit JACL Plans Forum On Nisei Housing Problems

DETROIT, Mich. — "Today's Problems in Housing as It Affects the Japanese Americans" will be the subject of a round table discussion at the Detroit JACL chapter's second meeting for 1949 on April 2 at 8 p.m., at the International Institute.

George Sherman, chairman of the Mayor's Interracial Committee, will speak on "Discriminatory and Restrictive Practices in Housing." Minoru Yamasaki, chief designer for Smith, Hinchman and Grylls, Inc., will give an illustrated talk on "Desirable Features in the Design and Construction of a House."



ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Haruko and Tomeko Uyeda (above, will be among the Nisei who will perform in a Japanese dance program at the national folk festival in St. Louis on April 6.

Nisei Will Participate in U. S. Folk Festival in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The 13th Annual National Folk Festival, to be held in St. Louis from April 6th to 9th, will be represented for the first time in its history by Japanese dancers, Joseph Tanaka, president of the St. Louis chapter announced this week.

Shigeo Wakamatsu, Chicago chapter president, in cooperation

Salt Lakers Prepare For Youth Conference

Salt Lake City members of the Intermountain Youth Conference were making preparations this week for the 5th annual meeting of the organization, which will be held April 2-3 in Salt Lake City. Delegates from Utah and Idaho and guest representatives from Colorado and Oregon are expected for the two-day meeting.

Speakers have been announced as Dr. Henry Rogers and the Rev. Ward McCabe of Westminster college and the Rev. Edwin Erwin of Provo.

Delegates will be entertained at a mixer featuring square dancing on Saturday evening at the Kiwanis-Felt Boys and Girls Club. Bill Honda will be chairman.

The conference dinner will be held Sunday evening at the Pagoda under direction of Sachi Asahina, chairman.

Honored

CINCINNATI, O. — Two Nisei seniors at the University of Cincinnati, Masaru Nishibayashi and Yoichi Oikawa, were made members of Phi Lambda Epsilon, honorary chemical society, at the group's meeting last Wednesday. They were honored along with thirty others on the basis of scholarship and character.

Nishibayashi and Oikawa were named on the "dean's list" last semester for receiving Averages during the first semester.

A speaker from the Board of Education will discuss "How to Finance Your Home to the Best Advantage."

"An unusual feature of this program," stated president Roy Kaneko, "will be a baby-sitting service by a committee headed by Mrs. Janice Ouchi, to enable parents to attend the meeting. The children will be entertained in a special room."

Chairman for the evening will be Wallace Kagawa, 1st vice president. Refreshments will be served and the public is cordially invited to attend.

with the St. Louis group, has arranged for the appearance of a group of dancers to represent the JACL at this nationally recognized event which will be held at the Opera House, Kiel Municipal Auditorium.

The troupe of Nisei performers will be headed by Haruko Uyeda and her sister Tomeko, and two six-year-olds, Mari-Ann Akiyama and Suzanne Kitahata, who have demonstrated unusual talent in interpreting Japanese classical dances. Accompanying the dancers will be Roy Nakama on the electric mandolin and George Maruyama, vocalist. The Chicago chapter has offered to incur a portion of the troupe's traveling expenses while the St. Louis chapter members will offer the hospitality of their homes.

Cleveland JACL Hails Close of Successful Membership Campaign

CLEVELAND, O.—A membership social, attended by approximately 200 people, was held by the Cleveland chapter of the JACL on Feb. 26 at the Calvary Presbyterian church. It brought to a close one of the most extensive membership drives ever conducted by the chapter.

Prior to the social a short business meeting was held, at which time Pres. Howard Tashima extended his hearty welcome to the incoming members.

The assembly then voted in favor of a Midwest district council convention to take place in Cleveland sometime in the fall of this year, probably in September. Although the time is still premature, Gene Takahashi, vice-president, presented a tentative program and indicated that further plans are in the making for this convention. After the meeting was adjourned, games and dancing got under way. During the intermission refreshments were served.

Program Chairman Kim Yokota reported on the highly successful membership drive which was conducted on a citywide basis. The chapter now boasts a membership of 277 members, which is an increase of 100 per cent over last year. Another factor which contributed to the success of the drive was Jimmy Akiya's hustling unit which signed the most memberships and defeated the unit led by Hoshi Miyake. President Tashima commended Kim and the members of his committee for the fine spirit and cooperation in which this drive was conducted. He said that without their full support and enthusiasm, it would not have been possible for Cleveland to be among the five largest chapters. Prizes were awarded to the individual members of the winning team.

Oregon Governor, Community Leaders Pay Tribute to Nisei War Hero at Portland Rites

Masaoka Attends National Conference On Naturalization

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director returned on March 23 from the 29th Annual Conference of the American Civil Liberties Union and promptly planned to return to New York for the annual conference of the National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship.

Discussing the Naturalization and Citizenship meeting's key topic, "Challenges to American Citizenship," will be Emanuel Celler, (D., N.Y.), Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee; Rep. Walter H. Judd, (R., N.Y.), author of the Judd bill; Herve J. L'Heureux, chief of Visa Division, Department of State; Prof. Dan W. Dodson, New York University, and Watson B. Miller, Commissioner, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Mr. Masaoka is attending the JACL Eastern District Council meeting March 25-26 at Seabrook, N.Y.

Nisei Mother's River Death Listed Suicide

STOCKTON, Calif.—The death of Mrs. Seiko Inouye, 36, Mandeville Island housewife, was officially classed as a suicide this week following investigation by San Joaquin County officials.

Mrs. Inouye, mother of three, was found floating in a river near her home on the morning of March 19.

A deep knife wound had nearly severed her left wrist.

The dead woman's husband, Ted Inouye, camp superintendent on the Zuckerman ranch, said he last saw his wife when they retired late on the night before her death.

He said he awoke at 3:45 in the morning to find her missing from their bed. He told a neighbor, Kin Nakata, of his wife's disappearance.

Nakata told officers he walked to the river bank a few minutes later and found Mrs. Inouye's body floating there, face downward. He waded in and pulled her from the water, but she apparently had been dead for some time.

Motive for the apparent suicide was shrouded in mystery, officials said.

Inouye said he brought his wife home on the day before from a brief stay at St. Joseph's hospital in Stockton. He classed her illness as "imaginary," saying she "had these spells before."

Mrs. Inouye is survived by her husband and three children, 12, 10 and 5 years of age.

Deputy Coroner Andrew Tickvitz said an autopsy showed that Mrs. Inouye died of drowning. He added that inspection of the scene at low tide disclosed footprints indicating the woman walked to her death after slashing her left wrist with a knife.

Services Mark Return Of Remains of First Nisei GI to City

PORTLAND, Ore. — Governor Douglas McKay headed a group of Oregon's highest public officials, distinguished citizens and military representatives who paid tribute on March 15 to First Sgt. Tam! Takemoto who left a grocery store job in Portland in 1942 to enter the army and who died in action with the 442nd Combat Team at Grosetta, Italy on June 24, 1944, only two days after the Japanese American regiment was first committed to battle.

The rites were held at the Masonic temple in Portland.

The remains of Sgt. Takemoto are the first of Portland Nisei war dead to be brought home for burial.

Four priests conducted the Buddhist services for the Nisei war hero.

Gov. McKay said that the Nisei soldier's sacrifice of his life for America was a symbol "to serve our people well."

Maj. Gen. Albert E. Brown, commanding general of the Northern military district, said that Sgt. Takemoto stepped forward to defend his country despite the fact that Japanese Americans were being held in relocation centers at the time.

E. B. McNaughton, president of Reed college, declared that Takemoto grew up in a home inspired by high Buddhist ethical ideals and surrounded by American democracy. He said that his sense of duty, developed in such a home, gave him the courage of his convictions.

The soldier's father, Takichi Takemoto, returned to Portland for the services, his first visit since he was sent to a relocation center two months after his son went into the army.

Sgt. Takemoto was born in Clatskanie on July 9, 1917. He grew up on his father's farm and graduated from Clatskanie high school. The family later moved to Portland where the mother passed away before the war.

Nisei war veterans formed a guard of honor at the ceremony.

Burial was in Lincoln Memorial park where a firing squad of the American Legion fired a salute.

French Camp Plans First JACL Dinner

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — The French Camp JACL has scheduled its first banquet for Friday evening, March 25, at the Tai Tung in Stockton, Bob Takahashi, president, announced.

Committees are headed by Bob Ota and Dr. James Tanaka, co-chairmen; George Komure and John Fujiki, finances; and Taya Iwata and Chiyo Fujimoto, invitations.

Bowling Meet

SAN FRANCISCO—A Northern California Open Nisei bowling tournament will be held on April 9 and 10 at Downtown Bowl.

Floyd Schmue Plans to Build Home for Hiroshima Family

SEATTLE, Wash.—A group of Americans headed by Floyd Schmue of Seattle will build a home in Hiroshima this summer in symbolic protest against the mass destruction of life and property by the atom bomb.

Money for materials to be used will be raised in America, and the home will be given to a family who lost their own home in the bombing.

Schmue will take five young Americans with him to Japan. They will be joined by an equal number of Japanese college students and the group will spend the summer in Hiroshima working on the project.

A Japanese boss carpenter will be employed. The land will be donated by the city of Hiroshima. Food for the entire party will be taken from America.

Schmue's plan to build a home in Hiroshima began with news of the first atom bombing. Shocked

by the destruction, he decided that he would go to Japan at the first opportunity and build at least one home to replace one of the more than two million destroyed by the war.

Last summer Schmue secured permission to go to Japan on a relief mission, but he was allowed only 75 days. He visited Hiroshima, however, and made arrangements with Mayor Shinzo Hamai of Hiroshima and Governor Tsuney Kusunose of Hiroshima-ken to return this summer.

The house will be a Japanese-style home. The family to receive it will be selected by an impartial committee set up by the mayor.

Schmue reports that he has had many offers of cooperation from Japan, including letters from Mme. Tomiko Khora, member of the House of Councillors, Dr. Iwao Ayusawa, chief of the Central Labor Council in Tokyo and others.

A committee in Seattle is now raising funds for materials.

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EDITORIALS:

Possible Delay on Judd Bill

The report from Washington of a possible delay in Senate action on the House-approved Judd bill for equality in naturalization and immigration will come as no surprise to persons cognizant of Congressional procedure.

It is apparent that there is sentiment within the Senate subcommittee on immigration and naturalization to have the amendments proposed in the Judd bill included in an omnibus bill which is being prepared which will result in a general re-writing of our immigration laws. The hitch here is one of time, as far as the JACL ADC and other supporters of the Judd bill are concerned. The omnibus bill is not expected to be ready before the second session of the 81st Congress, resulting in a delay of a year at best if the Judd bill is incorporated as a part of it. Since there is no assurance of the passage of the omnibus bill, it is possible that the supporters of the Judd bill in Congress may seek to have it considered as special legislation in order to expedite its consideration by the Senate at this session.

The recent protests by Chinese and Negro American groups regarding certain provisions of the Judd bill have reached Congress but it is not expected that these objections, of themselves, will result in any appreciable delay in the consideration of the bill since it is possible to amend the House-approved bill to remove the causes of the objections without affecting the major purpose of the Judd bill which is to open the road to naturalization of Japanese and other legally resident aliens who have heretofore been "ineligible to citizenship."

Discrimination to the Grave

Now that the case of Sgt. Kenneth Shibata, whose remains were refused for burial by the Crown Hill cemetery in Denver, has caused public clamor and indignation, the cemetery's officials have felt constrained to explain and rationalize their refusal to bury the Nisei veteran's remains.

The cemetery's attorney, Ira A. Quiat, declared that the discriminatory policy was "inherited" when present stockholders took over the cemetery, and that the matter is beyond their control. The Colorado State Supreme court, he says, found restrictive covenants legal, and the cemetery would be liable to numerous lawsuits if the covenant were violated. The attorney added that nothing can be done until the Colorado state law is brought into line with the U. S. Supreme court decision of 1948, in which restrictive covenants were declared illegal.

While we do not like to take issue with attorneys on points of law, we would like to point out to Ira A. Quiat that the 1948 Supreme court decision to which he refers did not declare restrictive covenants illegal, but that it did declare the covenants unenforceable by the courts. Thus his declaration that the Colorado state law must be brought into line with the U. S. Supreme court decision has no meaning.

It would appear to us, also, that the cemetery need not fear an avalanche of law suits, as predicted by Mr. Quiat in the event Nisei and other minority group individuals are allowed burial rights at Crown Hill. If covenants are not enforceable by court, then Crown Hill officials need not fear adherence to the more democratic procedure of burial without restrictions because of race, creed or color.

We hope that Crown Hill will come, instead, to fear the wrath of Colorado citizens, who want to see all war veterans, regardless of ancestry, buried with the honor and dignity due them.

Restoration of Citizenship

It now appears that the case of the Tule Lake renunciants who sought restoration of their citizenship has finally been settled. Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman's decision of Mar. 21 appears to have settled and secured the American citizenship of these 4,394 onetime renunciants. Unless government attorneys enter an appeal, the Tule Lakers can rest secure in their newly-regained citizenship.

Judge Goodman is to be congratulated upon his decision that the renunciants should not be subjected to individual trials, as desired by government attorneys in the case. On an individual basis the trials would have dragged on for a number of years, costing the taxpayers a tremendous sum of money and causing the Tule Lakers an indefinite period of anxiety and indecision.

The Tule Lakers gave up their American citizenship under coercion, threats and suspicion. The camp was dominated by a climate of terror. It must be remembered, too, that the Tule Lakers suffered a long history of discrimination, dating back long before the evacuation. For many of them the evacuation was the final indignity.

There can be only one lesson for the country in the case of the Tule Lake renunciants. The country must never again allow such indignities and persecutions against any group so as to cause them to relinquish so precious a thing as their citizenship.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Toshio Mori's First Book

TOSHIO MORI is the first important writer the Nisei have produced.

His first book, "Yokohama, California" (Caxton Press, \$3.00), was published this month. It is a collection of 22 stories which are vignettes of the life patterns of the Issei and Nisei in America.

The Nisei are not an inarticulate group. Nor are they untalented. Nisei have distinguished themselves in many of the arts, as well as in the sciences and professions. The Nisei have produced excellent publicists who have been able to prick the national conscience and have aroused both public sympathy and assistance toward the solution of the singular problems faced by the group. But the Nisei had not produced any important writers, in the literary sense. Toshio Mori is the first.

There is in Toshio Mori's work a human quality, a reservoir of sympathy toward his fellow man. The people in his stories are the people in your family and the friends next door. They are the grocer on the corner and the nurseryman down the street. Their names are Yamada and Noda and Ishimoto but they could be Jones or Smith or Brown. His Nisei and Issei are not symbols, nor cardboard characters in an ideological tract as literary treatments of minority group Americans sometimes emerge. Toshio Mori's people are flesh and blood and they establish contact with the reader from the very first page.

"I regard Toshio Mori as an important American writer," writes William Saroyan in an introduction to "Yokohama, California." "He has understanding, sympathy, generosity and kindness."

Mr. Saroyan says Toshio Mori has The Eye and also The Heart.

"He can see through the material image to the real thing," says Saroyan, "through a human being to the strange, comical, melancholy truth that changes a fool to a great solemn hero."

It may be that Toshio Mori would have established his reputation as a writer many years before this if it had not been for the war. "Yokohama, California" originally was scheduled for publication in the winter of 1942. The war shelved the plans for the book for seven years. The Caxton Press, the Idaho publishing house which first introduced the works of Vardis Fisher, is to be commended for its publication of "Yokohama, California." Toshio Mori's people enrich the folk literature of America.

In "Yokohama, California" there is little hint of the nervous sibilance of international crisis, nor the senseless cacophony of war which sent Toshio Mori and his family to a relocation center in the Utah desert and sent his brother, an artist, to the mountainous battleground of Italy, to return wounded and paralyzed from the waist. Most of the stories in this book were conceived before that Sunday at Pearl Harbor but they are not dated. The situations have a validity which transcends time and circumstance. Only "Slant-Eyed Americans," which is autobiographical but will awaken a response in every Nisei reader, treats of the war. "Tomorrow Is Coming, Children," in which an old Issei woman in a relocation center talks to her grandchildren, is the other story which carries the overtones of conflict.

In the three novels on which he is now working which will establish his stature as a writer, Toshio Mori writes of war, the evacuation and the impact of history.

Toshio Mori was born in Oakland, California and attended public schools in the East Bay. His "Yokohama, California" is a composite of the Japanese American communities on the eastern shore of San Francisco bay. He lives today in San Leandro where he, his brother and his father operate a nursery.

Toshio Mori's first short story was published in 1938 by Coast Magazine. This story, "The Brothers," attracted the attention of William Saroyan whose encouragement, the publishers report, Toshio has treasured more than that of anyone else. "The Brothers" which is included in the book is a story about two boys, Tsuneo and George, three and five years of age, and of their father who is a dentist.

After his debut in Coast, Toshio Mori had stories published in many other magazines, among them Common Ground, New Directions and Writer's Forum. Almost a score of his stories have appeared in the Pacific Citizen in the past six years and three of these, "Seventh Street Philosopher," "My Mother Stands on Her Head," and "The Finance Over at Doi's," appear in "Yokohama, California."

Much of the Nisei writing in the literary sections of the Japanese American newspapers on the West Coast before the war, as well as in a number of abortive little magazines, was generally self-centered within the Nisei generation itself. The real stories, as far as any contributions regarding persons of Japanese ancestry to the nation's sum of folk literature are concerned, are to be found in the immigrant generation whose saga has been hardly scratched in any writing to date.

Toshio Mori has the ability to understand and interpret the Issei group. His story, "Grandpa and the Promised Land," which was published in the 1948 Holiday issue of the Pacific Citizen, reflects his talent for establishing contact with the young men and women, now grown old, who once left their homes in Japan to make new homes in a strange and bewildering land. Many of the stories of "Yokohama, California" are about the Issei and each character is an individual, full-dimensional, warm and living.

Toshio Mori's prose is simple and direct. His situations arise from everyday origins. Joseph Henry Jackson of the San Francisco Chronicle agreed in his review of "Yokohama, California" that Toshio Mori "has indeed both Eye and Heart." The Chronicle critic cited the story, "The Finance Over at Doi's," in which Mr. Doi, "who could always make a killing in the stock market so long as he did it hypothetically, keeping records on stocks he had 'bought' and figuring his profit and loss when he 'sold,' yet who, when he managed to find a few dollars to make some actual investments, lost it in jig time."

There is a little of Satoru Doi in all of us.

"Silly?" asks Mr. Jackson, "To be sure. But Mori sees in this

MINORITY WEEK

Quote

"The civil rights program rests upon the conviction that good Americans WILL accept justice for the minority — an even break for the underdog because that is a basic tenet of our national character and tradition.

"Merely passing laws will not alone wipe out discrimination and prejudice. But passing laws may help create the atmosphere in which we advance toward the elimination of discrimination. It is important that our laws be conceived in justice, even though the practical implementation of them may fall short of perfect justice." — The Chicago Sun Times.

little life of practical failure and pathetic hope the same effect toward self-respect and dignity lies behind all men's attempts to make something of their lives. It makes the reader see it, too."

Mr. Jackson points to the story "Akira Yano," which is about a young writer, to suggest that Toshio Mori works in the same literary vineyard as his good friend and critic, William Saroyan. "Akira Yano" is almost wholly "Saroyanesque," says Mr. Jackson, "with a subtle difference."

"It is this difference," he says, "that suggests the author is something of his own to say."

Hailing the publication of "Yokohama, California," Nancy Mavity refers to American Japanese ancestry when she says "It is time they had a voice."

Miss Mavity notes that the era of transition, of old Japanese becoming new Americans, is shown in Toshio Mori's stories. She adds that the author is no "minority group crusader."

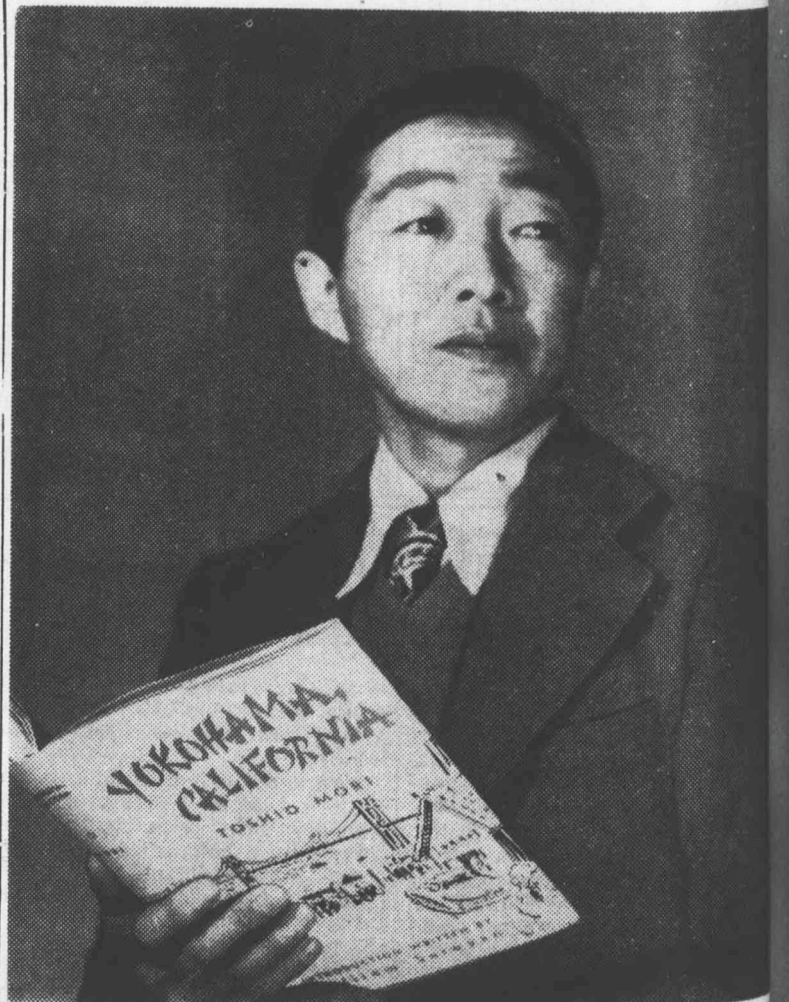
"He storms no ramparts, even the 'forts of folly,' she comments. "He is concerned only with intimacy and perceptiveness, to invite us into rooms and the corridors of thought and feeling, to say, 'This is how we are.'"

The Nisei have not lacked articulate voices nor for competence in writing. The pens of Tanaka, Bill Hosokawa, Eiji Shimano and Milton Ozaki, for example, write with professional fluency. But the Nisei, until the publication of Toshio Mori's first volume, had not produced a book of literary stature dealing with the Japanese American group. The publication of "Yokohama, California" is an event.

There is room for a postscript from William Saroyan:

"All I can do is hope Toshio Mori will grow more and at the same time not lose any of the things he has which belong to him alone. In the meantime, work in this book is young, fresh, innocent, somber and full of comedy."

To which we can only say: Amen.



TOSHIO MORI

—Photo by Susumu Ni

Watanabe Wins Coast College Wrestling Title

Oregon State Student Defeats Oyakawa of UCLA for Crown

BERKELEY, Calif. — Yosh Watanabe of Oregon State college won the crown in the 121-pound division in the Pacific Coast conference wrestling championships on March 19 at the University of California gym.

Watanabe defeated another Nisei, Evan Oyakawa of UCLA, in the finals.

Sam Higa of UCLA lost to Vern Jones of Stanford in the finals of the 136-pound class.

Two other Nisei, Hide Najima of UC in the 145-pound class and Isao Shimoyama, UCLA in the light-heavyweight division, were eliminated in the semi-finals.

NISEI HOCKEY STAR NAMED ON ALL-STAR TEAM

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Gene Kawamoto, 17, center for Cheyenne Mountain high school was named on the first team of the all-league hockey squad which was announced here last week.

Kawamoto, a native of California who never played hockey until he relocated in Colorado Springs and entered high school here, has been a star for the Cheyenne Indians during the recently-concluded season.

The Indians won the league championship and Kawamoto was a standout as the Indians defeated the League All-Stars, 5 to 1, at the Broadmoor Ice Palace on March 10. Kawamoto scored two of his team's five goals.



The Honolulu AJA All-Stars who defeated the Pocatello JACL team on March 24 in the first round of the Intermountain Nisei basketball tournament in Salt Lake City are shown in Honolulu just before their takeoff on March 18 for the West Coast. The players, who lost a heartbreaking 61-60 game to the Berkeley Nisei Greens in the finals of the San Jose tour-

... nament last week, are as follows: (front row, left to right) Richard Iwamoto, Franklyn Fukunaga, Richard Suenaga, Thomas Inafuku, Seino Tashima and Reginald Aisaka; (back row) Coach Michael Taniyama, Earl Hirotsu, George Kawada, Michael Sugai, Harold Tome (named the "out-standing player" at the San Jose tourney) and Harry Odo.—Pan American Airways photo.

Berkeley Beats Hawaiians in San Jose Game

Nisei Greens Win One-Point Victory In Overtime Thriller

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Berkeley Nisei Greens won a thrilling 64 to 60 victory over the Hawaii AJA All-Stars after two overtime periods to win the San Jose Nisei Invitational basketball tournament on March 20 at the Santa Clara high school gym.

Led by Johnny Oshida, sharp-shooting forward who scored 23 points, the Californians set a new scoring record for the tournament, tallying 211 points in three games.

They defeated the Coast Peninsula All-Stars, 77 to 28, in the first round and trounced the San Jose Zebras, 73 to 39, in the semi-final round.

End of the 40-minute regulation playing time found the two teams knotted 53 to 53 after they had seesawed back and forth in the last two minutes with first one team, then the other taking the edge.

Each team scored a field goal in the first overtime which ended, 55 to 55. The Hawaiians missed two chances at free throws in the last minute of the first overtime.

Hal Tome, Hawaiian star, collected 19 points to lead his team.

The Sacramento JACL Stags, who nosed out Hawaii in a game earlier in the week at Sacramento, defeated the San Jose Zebras, 49 to 41 to win third place in the tournament.

Babe Nomura's Los Angeles Mobils, with veteran Jimmy Kaneda leading the way, outscored the Coast-Peninsula All-Stars, 56 to 49.

Hawaii's Tome was voted the tournament's outstanding player, while Johnny Oshida was named the most valuable player.

Five other players were named on the tournament all-star team. They were Harlem Sano, Berkeley; Hiroshi Ota, Sacramento; Reggie Aisaka, Hawaii; Chi Akizuki, San Jose, and Jimmy Kaneda, Los Angeles.

In the first round Hawaii defeated Del Ray, 68 to 46, while the Sacramento Stags took the Los Angeles Mobils, 36 to 30. San Jose's Zebras defeated San Francisco's Harlem AC, 50 to 49.

Aihara Places Second

TEMPE, Ariz. — Henry Aihara placed second behind his teammate, Tom Patsalis, in the broad jump as the USC Trojans defeated Arizona State, 110 to 21, in a dual meet on March 19.

Aihara's jump measured 22 feet 9 inches.

Seeded Teams Win Opening Games in Salt Lake Tourney

The Hawaii AJA All-Stars set a new tournament scoring record as they defeated a strong Pocatello JACL team, 77 to 46, in the first round of the Intermountain Invitational Nisei basketball tournament, sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL Basketball association, on March 24 at Pioneer gym.

In other first round matches, the Seattle Tokuda Drugs, defending champions, and Salt Lake's Harlem AC, the teams which are seeded one-two in the tournament, came through as expected, while the Murray, Utah, Taiyos defeated the Honeyville, Utah, Mustangs, 41 to 27.

The speedy Tokuda Drugs team overcame first half trouble to defeat Salt Lake's Temple Noodle Zephyrs, 37 to 28. The half-time score favored Seattle, 15 to 12.

The Harlem quintet outscored Manchu Grill of Denver, 43 to 32,

after a slow first half which saw the Denver team ahead by 14 to 8.

Hawaii's showing, coming on top of their play in the San Jose tournament last week, established them as the team to beat in the tourney. With their sharp-shooting star, Hal Tome, in fine form and using their superior height to advantage, Hawaii led 40 to 24 at half-time. Tome scored 24 points to top Pocatello's Gene Sato who had 20 for high point honors for the night.

The tournament finals will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 7:30 p. m. at Pioneer gym. A victory dance will be held immediately after the game and the presentation of tournament awards will be made at 10 p. m.

Among the presentations will be the award of the Fred T. Toyota memorial trophy to the tournament's outstanding player.

Bob Watanabe, 9.7s Sprinter, Will Race for UCLA Team

LOS ANGELES—The "world's fastest Nisei," little Bob Watanabe, will be one of UCLA's main hopes in the sprints in Pacific Coast Conference track meet this season.

Watanabe, a former resident

of Salinas, Calif., won the U.S. Army Far East Command championship in the 100-yard dash at Tokyo in 1947 at 9.7s and was a member of the U.S. Army team which trained in Texas for the U.S. Olympic team tryouts.

The Nisei sprinter's best time in the 220-yard dash is 21.4s. He is believed to be the first Nisei athlete to be timed at better than 10s in the 100-yard dash and 22s in the 220.

The 5 foot 5 inch dashman attended Wayne university in Detroit before enlisting in the army. He enrolled at UCLA last fall.

Hawaiian All-Stars Score Clean Sweep In Denver Matches

DENVER, Colo. — The touring Hawaii AJA All-Stars defeated three of Denver's top Nisei bowling teams in match games here on March 19 and 20.

The Islanders opened their Denver stay by blanking the JACL team, 4 to 0, as Hal Ogata fired a 593 series. The scores were 2719 to 2554.

The Hawaiians next took on the league-leading Denargo Box team and won, 3 to 1, despite a 994 second game by the Denver team. The scores were 2720 to 2677.

On March 20 Hawaii defeated the Cathay Post team, 3 to 1, 2651 to 2579.

Yokota Named on All-League Team

GRASS VALLEY, Calif.—Jim Yokota, star guard of Placer Union high school, was named on the first team of the Sierra Foothill all-star basketball team announced this week by Art Hooper, coach of Grass Valley high.

PC SPORTS

Nisei Greens

Berkeley's Nisei Greens, winners of the San Jose tournament last week, can lay claim to the title of the nation's top Nisei basketball team. One reason for Berkeley's success this year has been the sensational play of young Johnny Oshida whose dead-end shooting helped the Berkeley team average 70 points for three games in the San Jose tourney. Johnny is the younger brother of Oshida who played for the University of Nevada in the early 1940s.

Lost Record

Halo Hirose's Western conference record of 51.8s in the 100 yard free-style swim was broken recently at the Big Nine swimming meet at Indiana University on March 5 by Iowa's Wally Ris who lowered the mark to 51.3s. Hirose, a veteran of the 442nd, finished fourth behind Ris. His record was set in 1947. Nakama, a teammate with Hirose on Soichi Sakamoto national championship Alexander House team from Maui back in 1940, took fifth for the Buckeye in the 440-yard free-style at the Big Nine meet.

Tryout Offer

Wally Yonamine, the first Nisei to play in big-time pro football, has been offered another tryout with the San Francisco 49ers of the All-America conference as a result of his spectacular play last season with the Honolulu Warriors of the Pacific Coast Professional Football league. Yonamine played with the 49ers in 1947 but broke a bone in his hand in a basketball game shortly before the start of the 1948 football season. The injury did not heal in time for him to take part in the 49ers training season and he returned to Hawaii where he later joined the Warriors. He sparkled in the Warriors' two games against the Los Angeles Rams as well as in league games. Yonamine, who has the ability to earn a trial in professional ball, is currently batting .429 in the Hawaii AJA league and is considered one of the best sluggers in the islands. Another facet of Yonamine's versatility is basketball. Two years ago he played for a Hawaiian all-star team against the Harlem Globetrotters, probably the world's best cage team.

Tallest Nisei

The New Canadian, the Cannon Nisei paper, believes that Kenny Miyasaki of the Toronto Mustangs is the tallest basketball player of Japanese ancestry on the American continent. Kenny is 6 feet 11 inches. As far as the New Canadian can ascertain, the tallest Nisei player is Harry Tashima of the West Los Angeles Bussei who is 6 feet 2. Manabu Fujino of the Seattle Tokuda Drugs is 6 feet 1 and one-half.

Hawaii AJA Team Drops Heartbreaker

ALAMEDA, Calif.—The Berkeley Nisei Greens nosed out the Hawaii AJA All-Stars, 56 to 55, in a thrill-packed game on March 14 at Alameda high school.

Shiro Takeshita, sub forward, scored the winning basket for Berkeley with a sensational backhand, over-the-head shot in the last 30 seconds of play.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Kajita a girl on March 11 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tommy T. Toyota, Portland, Ore., a boy on March 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Ajioka, Sandy, Utah, a boy on March 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hajime Matsuo a boy on March 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigemi Muranaka, Paramount, Calif., a girl on March 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Komure, French Camp, Calif., a girl on March 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Omata, Sanger, a girl on March 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo Okumoto, Parlier, a son on March 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Nakamura, Mountain View, Calif., a girl, Joy, on March 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Tanaka, Wilmington, Calif., a girl on Feb. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Junichi Tanaka a boy on Feb. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisashi Teshima a boy on Feb. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Tanikawa, Downey, Calif., a girl on Feb. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shoji Hara, Santa Ana, Calif., a boy on Feb. 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isei Kawai a boy on Feb. 22 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Kubo a girl on Feb. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Motonaga a girl on Feb. 20 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miyuki Nakao a girl on Jan. 21 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Teruc Nimura a girl on Feb. 21 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Nishikawa a girl on March 9 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Ikegami a boy, Lester, on March 12 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Shijo a girl on March 9 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Kawate, Sanger, Calif., a boy on Feb. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Setsugo Kurisu, Madera, Calif., a girl on March 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Yoshimune, Sanger, Calif., a boy on March 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsumasa R. Sakata, Clarksburg, Calif., a boy on March 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom T. Kawahara, Walnut Grove, Calif., a boy on March 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Tokunaga a boy on March 12 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Kajimura, a boy on March 16 in Auburn, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katsuto Morita, Gardena, Calif., a girl on Feb. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Masakatsu Horii, Torrance, Calif., a boy on Feb. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Ito a boy on March 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isami Kawasaki a girl on March 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Kita, Hawthorne, Calif., a girl on March 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yutaka Mikawa a girl on March 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yasuto Hirai a girl on March 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeshi Nishikawa a boy on March 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshimitsu Yoshihara a boy on March 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Gentaro Inouye a girl on March 7 in Los Angeles.

DEATHS

Mrs. Riyo Kiyoguchi, 71, on March 20 in Salt Lake City.

Masakichi Akisada, 71, on March 20 in Ogden, Utah.

Mrs. Machi Uyesaka on March 17 in Fresno.

Meibu Aoyama, 62, on March 19 in Fresno.

Mrs. Nobu Okita, 73, on March 22 in Los Angeles.

Denhachi Kimura, 71, on March 17 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Seiko Inouye, 36, on March 18 at Mandeville Island, Calif.

Tomenosuke Sakai, 75, on March 17 in Gilroy, Calif.

Hidezo Nakayama, 68, on March 14 in Seattle.

Tamekichi Takenaka on March 9 in Portland, Ore.

MARRIAGES

Kimi Kawabe to Osamu Honda. Redwood City, on March 12 in San Francisco.

Kumiko Suzuki to Kenichi Takeda on March 13 in Chicago.

Teruko Okamoto to Noboru Shimizu on March 12 in Los Angeles.

Yoshiko Yamamuro, San Francisco, to Arao Hasegawa on March 20 in Los Angeles.

Lily Sakaye Nagata, Indio, to Takeo Shimizu on March 20 in Los Angeles.

Harumi Higashi, Carlsbad, Calif., to Yoriaki Aoki, Torrance, on March 20 in Gardena, Calif.

Shizue Ogawa to Sunao Kikunaga on March 19 in Los Angeles.

Masaye Yamasaki to Paul Yokoi on March 19 in San Jose.

Chiyo Takami to Jack Ogawa of Deer Park, Wash., on Feb. 27 in Spokane.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marian Sueko Sakamoto, 28, Morgan Hill, and Tadashi Okubo, 32, in San Jose.

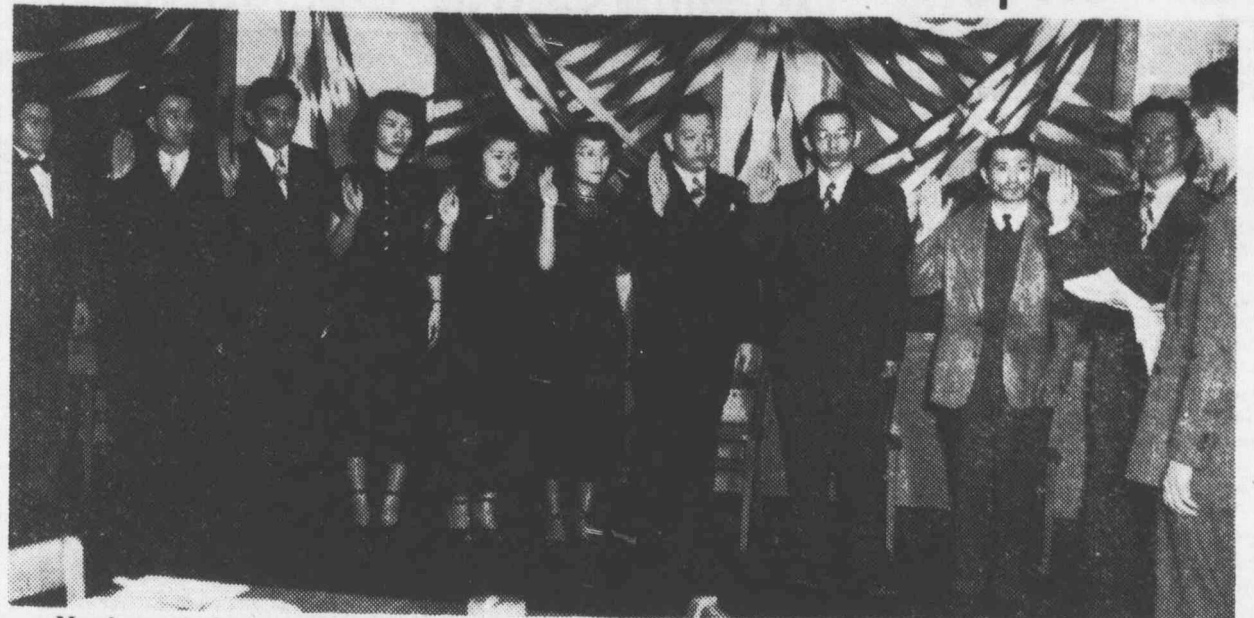
Mieko Kusaba, 24, and Shigeru Hashimoto, 29, Deweyville, Utah, in Salt Lake City.

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Install New Cabinet of Seabrook Chapter



Members of the new cabinet of the Seabrook JACL in New Jersey are shown being sworn in by Tom Hayashi of New York, a member of the JACL national board. The officers are (left to right): Charles Nagao, Henry Wadamoto, alternate delegates; George Sakamoto, official dele-

gate; Sumi Matsui, historian; Frances Kawajiri, corres. sec.; Rose Yano, rec. sec.; James Mitsui, treas.; Jack Nakayama, 2nd vice-pres.; Albert Ikeda, 1st vice-pres.; and Vernon Ichisaka, president.—Photo by Johnny Nakamura.

Hawaii Nisei Bowlers Defeat Alaskans in Washington Match

WASHINGTON — Two Nisei wayfarers from the Paradise of the Pacific came to Washington to demonstrate their wares, and promptly proved to the satisfaction of wide-eyed Columbians that a hook is as useful on a bowling alley as in a fishing stream.

In an exhibition of their alley talents, the two, Edward Matsueda and Clarence Matsumoto, both from Honolulu, niftily defeated a pair of bowlers from Alaska.

Eddie tossed a single game of 224, and Clarence crowded him for top honors with a 222, which all goes to prove that the Hawaiian boys must do something more with their time than eat poi or go surf bathing, travelogues notwithstanding.

Eddie and Clarence visited the east after participating in the National JACL bowling tournament in Salt Lake City.

They played an exhibition match in New York City, then dropped down to the nation's capital for a few more practice games against some of the top local talent, as well as the Alaskans.

One match pitted the pair with a doubles team from the Ten-pin Inc., Bowling Association, in Washington. The visitors won handily.

On their return to Hawaii the two were scheduled for repeat performances in Denver and Los Angeles.

The trip to Washington was Clarence's first, although Eddie had been here once before. Besides craning their necks to view the Washington monument, and visiting the usual high spots on a visitor's capital agenda, they called on Hawaii Delegate Joseph R. Farrington.

What did they think of Washing-

ton? "Wonderful," was their unanimous echo, "and as soon as we get back to Honolulu we're going to brush up on our bowling?"

Were they interested in statehood for Hawaii? "Absolutely," they agreed, "but we ought to spend more time bowling and drop golf. It interferes with our game."

And so, nodding sagaciously, bowling ball bags clutched firmly in their hands, they bid farewell to the beautiful city of monuments and marble buildings — Washington, D.C.

Drops Title Bout

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Shunro Nomura of California Poly dropped a decision to Jim McDonald of San Jose State in a California Collegiate Athletic Association championship bout in the 145-pound division here on March 12.

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Heads Seabrook JACL

SEABROOK, N.J.—At an impressive installation banquet held recently at the Village cafeteria, Vernon Ichisaka was sworn in as the new president of the Seabrook chapter of JACL, succeeding Ray Bano. Ichisaka reoccupies the position held two years ago.

Approximately 60 persons attended the occasion which was highlighted by a talk given by Herbert Brauer of Bridgeton, Cumberland County Commander of the American Legion, speaking on the extensive Americanism program conducted by his group. Invocation was given by Chaplain McWilliams, also of the Legion.

Troop 47 of the Seabrook Boy Scouts participated in the presentation of colors while Tom Hayashi of the National JACL Board from New York administered the oaths. Harold Fistere served as toastmaster.

JACL Box Social

FORT LUPTON, Colo.—Auctioning of gaily decorated food boxes by a professional Nisei auctioneer was a feature of the benefit party sponsored by the Ft. Lupton JACL last weekend. It was attended by approximately 70 persons and was held in the new clubroom of the JACL building.

Jack Shigetomi of Denver was the auctioneer at the party, to which members of the Denver chapter were invited. Pres. Tom Yanaga of the Fort Lupton chapter was master of ceremonies.

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Call Meet on Chapter Aid For Claimants

SAN FRANCISCO—JACL chapters in the Northern California and Western Nevada district council will meet in San Francisco this Sunday, Mar. 27, to consider various plans by which local chapters can help residents of their communities in filing for evacuation claims.

The meeting is an outcome of a recent announcement from the National JACL that local chapters need no longer be bound by the "limited services" ruling set last September.

The September decision limited local chapters to providing only minimum services to local communities, including stenographic help and the providing of forms and translations.

Member chapters in the Northern California-Western Nevada council will, if desirable, establish a uniform program for the processing of claims, Tad Hirota, chairman, announced.

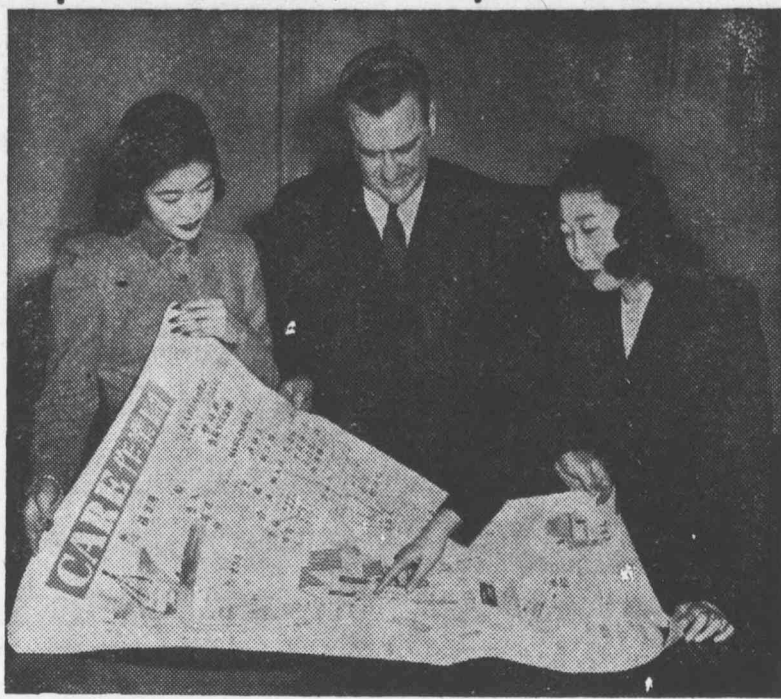
Chicago Chapter Holds Video Dance April 2

CHICAGO, Ill. — The "Video Swing" of the Chicago JACL chapter will be a gala and outstanding pre-Easter affair for the Windy City, Dr. William Hiura, drive chairman, promised this week. The event will be held at the International House on Saturday, April 2.

The feature of the evening will be a grand drawing climaxing several months of intensive work by committee members to raise funds for the Chicago JACL chapter. The first two prizes are television sets but there are many other valuable prizes that will be awarded to lucky holders of tickets.

Dancing to the music of Mike Tristano's popular orchestra will begin at 8:30 p.m., and the drawing will be held during the intermission at 10:30, announced Anne Fujimoto, chairman of the evening's program. Dancing will be resumed until 1 a.m. Tickets are available at the door at \$1.35 per couple.

Explains CARE Operations



Paul Gordon, chief of the CARE Mission to the Orient, in New York, briefly to attend a conference of the agency's overseas executives, brings with him a scroll showing the operation of CARE in Japan, delivering food and textile packages to needy families. The scroll was hand-painted by a grateful recipient of a CARE parcel.

Here, Mr. Gordon explains the scroll to (left) Yuki Takami, and her sister, Mrs. Mitsu Kurahara, secretary of the Japanese-American Citizens League in New York.

CARE, a non-profit organization, makes available for Japan an Oriental food package, plus woolen and knitting wool packages. Each package costs \$10, including guaranteed delivery. A special blanket package is available for \$7.75. A receipt, signed by the recipient, is returned to each donor as proof of delivery. CARE packages may be ordered through CARE, New York, or CARE, Los Angeles.

Nisei Players Aid Clarksburg Victory

CLARKSBURG, Calif. — Five Nisei are members of Clarksburg high school's B team which won the northern section, Solano County Athletic league championship for the first time since 1934.

The Nisei members of the team are Ted Imamura, George Ikenoyama, Bob Kataoka, Ben Baba and Ben Shimada.

Clarksburg will meet Armijo high, the southern section winners.

Marriage

OAKLAND, Cal.—At a 3 o'clock ceremony at the Oakland Congregational church Sunday, Feb. 27, Miss Masa Shishido became the bride of Mr. Ken Yamamoto.

Miss Shishido was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Frank C. Shishido. She was attended by her sister, Toshi. Jordan Hiratsuka was the best man and Minoru Sasaki and John Miyasaki were ushers.

The newlyweds will live at 1640 Seventh ave., Oakland, upon returning from their honeymoon.

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Report 600 Nisei, Issei Invest in New Insurance Firm

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 600 Issei and Nisei have invested \$180,000 in the Western Pioneer Automobile Insurance Co. to date, officials of the company reported here this week.

The company was organized to meet the specific auto insurance needs of Japanese Americans. At the present time, the company said, many Nisei and Issei are forced to pay extra premium rates for this type of insurance.

Officials reported that a committee of prominent Japanese Americans gave "heartily endorsement" to the new company after an inspection trip. They were Keisaburo Koda of Dos Palos, Kihei Ikeda of Sacramento, Nobuta Akahoshi of Oakland and Shichinosuke Asano of San Francisco.

The new enterprise is incorporated for a million dollars in California. Plans call for later expansion into life and other general lines of insurance.

Copies of the prospectus and further information on the new company may be obtained from the following licensed representatives:

Hughes Tsuneishi, David Nitake, Kiyo Yamato, Ken Sato, Luis Aihara, Ben Murayama, Joe Minato, Kay Kamiya, Eiji Tanabe and Yoshio Mamiya, all of Los Angeles; Mike Iwatsubo, Fresno; Tom Shirakawa, Fowler; Seichi Mikami, Fresno; Howard Yamagata, Sacramento; Tim Sasabuchi, Penryn; Frank Tsukamoto and Tad Hirota, Berkeley; and Toshio Yamamoto, Brigham City, Utah.

Tell Program for Northwest Rally

PORTLAND, Ore.—The tentative program for the Northwest District Rally, to be sponsored by the Epworth Methodist church this weekend, was announced this week as follows:

Saturday, Mar. 26, 1:30 p.m.: "Get Acquainted" period; 2:30: opening service; 3:15: discussion groups; 4:30, leaders meeting; 6:00 banquet; and 7:45: fellowship period.

Sunday, Mar. 27: 9:30 a.m.: morning watch; 10:00: business meeting; 11:00: morning worship service; 12:15 p.m.: picture; 12:30: luncheon; 1:30: closing service.

Olivia Olson, George O. Swanson, the Rev. H. W. Hebblethwaite and Pearl Sherlock were announced as leaders for the Saturday afternoon discussion groups.

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More Stranded Nisei Return Aboard Wilson

SAN FRANCISCO — Thirty-six war-stranded Nisei returned from Japan on March 24 aboard the President Wilson from Japan.

Also aboard were eight Japanese and two Chileans of Japanese ancestry.

The Nisei were identified as follows:

Louis Kiyoshi Hachiya, Noboru Hashima, Miyuki Hirata, Tokiyuki Miyagishima, Setsuko Monma, Ritsuko Monma, Harue Muraoka, Takeshi Nakamura, Hidemi Nakashima, Tokiko Okano, Masahide Sato, Asayuki Shimizu, Yachi Shimizu, Takeshi Takenaga, Minoru Takeuchi, Fumiko Tamada and Shizuko Uyeda.

The Japanese arrivals are Kaikuichi Tado, Mrs. Tsuna Tado, Joseph Satoshi Fukahori, Shin Kikagawa, Mrs. Tomoe Morikawa, Mrs. Tazue Nishi, Mrs. Misao Takabayashi and Yasaku Katsuda.

The Chilean Japanese are two brothers, Susumi and Hiroshi Ishikawa.

Sakiye Ehara, Toshiko Fujioka, Chizuko Inouye, Fusajiro Kawahara, Asaye Kawahara, Toshiaki Kawasaki, Masanobu Kimura, Kanji Konishi, Kimie Mukai, Masako Mary Ota, Hiroshi Oyama, Akira Shigetomi, Chiyeko Takarai, Yaei Takarai, Sumiko Takamoto, Masami Takemoto and Nest Takao Yamaki.

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