



## House Appropriations Group Approves \$1,200,000 Fund for Payment of Evacuee Claims

WASHINGTON—The House Appropriations Committee on April 6 approved a budget of \$1,200,000 to pay claims of persons of Japanese ancestry for losses suffered as a result of the mass evacuation from the Pacific coast in 1942. The amount is \$100,000 less than that requested in a supplemental budget estimate but the committee said the cut is to be paid solely to the cost of administration of the evacuee claims program by the Justice Department.

Authorization for settlement of evacuee claims up to \$2,500 each was granted by the 80th Congress and was signed by President Truman as Public Law 886.

The evacuee claims program already has been initiated by the Justice Department. The request for \$1,300,000 by the department was considerably less than the original estimates for the cost of the program for the coming fiscal year. It was indicated that the budget request was based on the individual claims filed by evacuees of Japanese ancestry since Oct., 1948, when the evacuee claims forms were first distributed.

The budget item was included in the appropriation bill for the State, Justice and Commerce departments for the 12 months beginning July 1.

## Final Rites Held For Pacific Veteran Who Dies in Japan

SELMA, Calif.—Final rites were held on April 1 for Sgt. Toshi Teramoto, 32, who died on Nov. 14, 1945, in an accident while on duty near Osaka, Japan.

Sgt. Teramoto, a native of Selma, served during the Pacific war as a military intelligence interpreter in Australia, New Guinea and in the Battle of Leyte.

He was buried in an army cemetery at Kobe, Japan, and his remains were returned recently for final burial at Floral Memorial Park in Selma.

Funeral rites were held at the Byrne-Paschall chapel and graveside services were conducted by the Selma post of the VFW.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yasutaro Teramoto of Parlier, two brothers, Yasi Teramoto and Tom Teramoto of Parlier; and two sisters, Mrs. Jean Mori of Los Angeles and Mrs. Mae Koyanagi of Los Angeles.

## Los Angeles YBA Gives Food Baskets

LOS ANGELES—Eight families have been given "Hana Matsuri baskets" containing canned and staple foods by the Los Angeles YBA, according to Tamiko Kosakura, social welfare chairman.

The YBA acknowledged the donation of a box of canned goods by the Koyu Kai. The Junior YBA also helped in the food project.

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# Two Nisei Strandedees Win Test Case on Citizenship

## Nisei Will Get Roles in Movie About Internees

HOLLYWOOD — Nisei and Issei actors will be signed for the 50 Japanese roles in the Twentieth Century Fox production, "Three Came Back," which goes before the cameras on April 18.

One of the major Japanese roles has been assigned to Ichiro Furokawa, Tokyo actor, but all other Japanese roles will be given to actors of Japanese ancestry in the film colony.

The picture, which stars Claudette Colbert and Alan Marshall, deals with a wartime Japanese internment camp in North Borneo. A Fox camera is now filming backgrounds in Borneo.

## Center Co-op Funds Given ACLU Branch

LOS ANGELES—In recognition of the American Civil Liberties Union's work in behalf of Japanese Americans, trustees of the Gila River Cooperative Enterprises this week turned over the sum of \$4,766.85 to that organization.

The money represented the balance of the funds of the cooperative, now dissolved, which operated at the Gila River relocation center.

Shobei Sasaki, chairman, and Genji Endo and Yoriyuki Sato, trustees, turned over the money to John Maeno, Los Angeles attorney, for delivery to the ACLU.

In a letter to A. A. Heist, director of the ACLU's southern branch, Maeno noted that the presentation was made "in remembrance of your organization's courageous fight against those who took advantage of the recent war hysteria to trod down the Japanese Americans solely because of their race and ancestry."

## House Passes Bill to Amend Deportation Suspension Act

### Simplifies Provisions Of Law Passed by 80th Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House on April 5 passed a bill to permit the Attorney General to suspend deportation proceedings against aliens unless Congress acts unfavorably upon his individual recommendations.

The act, HR 3875, introduced by Cong. Francis E. Walter (D., Penn.) chairman of the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, is endorsed by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee. It now goes to the Senate for action.

The bill's chief effect would be to simplify efforts to give resident privileges to approximately 2,000 Japanese treaty merchants, temporary visitors and students who have been living in the United States since before the war.

The House acted swiftly on the measure. It was introduced several days ago, promptly received the approval of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and the full House Judiciary Committee. Equally as promptly, the House unanimously passed the bill on its consent calendar.

Under the present law, each recommendation by the Attorney General to suspend deportation proceedings against aliens must be approved individually by the full Congress.

The story of HR 3875 goes back to the Seventy-ninth Congress when at the urging of the JACL ADC a measure was introduced

## Federal Judge Rules Voting In 1946 Japanese Election Not Violation of U. S. Law

LOS ANGELES—The case for hundreds of war-stranded Nisei in Japan looked brighter this week as Judge Charles Cavanah of the United States Federal court ruled that two Nisei who voted in the Japanese general elections did not thereby lose their United States citizenship.

Judge Cavanah's decision was handed down April 4 in the cases of Etsuko Arikawa and Miyoko Tsunashima.

The ruling is expected to apply to several hundred Nisei in Japan who voted in the 1946 general elections in that country and have since been considered to be no longer American citizens. The State department declared they violated provisions of the U.S. nationality act, which considers that American citizens who vote in political elections of a foreign state lose their U.S. citizenship. Most of these Nisei are women.

The State department had refused to issue passports to Miss Arikawa and Miss Tsunashima to return to the United States. Both of them, however, were allowed to return to this country to testify at their trials.

Judge Cavanah's decision was based on the grounds that the Japanese general election of 1946 was not an election in a foreign state, since Japan was then under occupation by U.S. troops.

He further declared that since General MacArthur's headquarters had urged all Japanese women to vote, the Nisei were not acting of a "free mind and of their own intelligent choice."

In a special reference to the Tsunashima case, he declared that her vote was further influenced by coercion from a city official, recognizing her claim that she voted under threat of losing her food rations if she did not go to the polls.

In ruling that Japan was not a foreign state at the time of the elections, Judge Cavanah said that the allies "recognized and completely transferred by their own

act, supreme, full power and independent authority over Japan at the time of Japan's surrender, to the United States to occupy and administer the kind of government Japan should have, and over the activities of the Japanese people."

He said that the United States had full and independent power to remain in Japan and had also power to set aside or modify the result of the elections, if General MacArthur wished.

Judge Cavanah also pointed out that the Nisei plaintiffs did not vote with the intention of adopting allegiance to Japan, but "because it was natural for young Japanese girls about twenty years of age whose permanent residence and citizenship were in the United States, to be in a state of mind to vote after an American general commander in chief with supreme authority had appealed to them to do so."

The Nisei, he said, were "in an atmosphere where a general of the United States and commander in chief was appealing to all women to vote."

"Manifestly," he added, "under such admitted circumstances, it would be unjust to say they were acting of a free mind and of their own intelligent choice."

"In voting in the kind of election held in Japan in 1946," he said, "one may do so without thus inherently and necessarily intending to exercise a shift of allegiance."

While Judge Cavanah ruled jointly upon the Tsunashima and Arikawa cases, he recognized the additional fact of coercion in the Tsunashima case.

The "uncontradicted testimony," he said, showed that Miss Tsunashima on the day of the election "refused to vote several times." When she was finally informed by an officer of the city that her food rations would be discontinued, she finally consented to cast her vote.

"The facts are clear that she voted under duress, coercion and intimidation which dominated her mind in that she could not fully and voluntarily act at the time she voted," the judge said.

He ruled that both girls should be issued passports as American citizens and given all other rights and privileges of nationals of the United States.

Judge Cavanah's decision will be considered final unless U.S. government attorneys appeal the case.

Both Miss Arikawa and Miss Tsunashima were born in California, which they claimed as their permanent residence.

They were taken to Japan by their parents on a visit while they were still of minor age. While there, their parents decided they should receive some education in that country.

They remained there temporarily for that purpose and their parents returned to California, where they now live.

In December, 1941, the girls found they were stranded in Japan by the war and they were unable to return to the United States.

Upon the ending of the war they were denied passports to return to this country as American citizens on grounds their voting in the 1946 elections had lost them their citizenship in this country.

They were represented by Wirin and Okrand of Los Angeles.

## 100 Strandedees Return Home Aboard Gordon

SAN FRANCISCO — One hundred and sixty Japanese Americans, most of whom were stranded in Japan by the outbreak of war in 1941, arrived in San Francisco on April 7 aboard the General Gordon from Japan.

Also on board were 18 Japanese nationals, 30 Japanese Canadians and eleven Japanese residents of Mexico.

The great majority of the Nisei returnees were persons who were below the age of 21 during the war. All of them were cleared for return to the United States by American consular authorities in Japan.

## NISEI PASSES POLICEMAN TEST IN SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO—The first Nisei applicant to pass his examination to become a member of the Sacramento police force is James Watanabe, now employed in the city post office.

Watanabe is the son of Mrs. E. Watanabe of Walnut Grove.

## Okura Relected To Presidency of Omaha Chapter

OMAHA, Neb. — K. Patrick Okura was unanimously relected to the presidency of the Omaha JACL at a meeting March 25 at the IWCA building.

Bob Nakadoi and Cecil Ishii were named 1st and 2nd vice presidents respectively.

Other officers will be Rose Matsunami, rec. sec.; Mrs. Lily Okura, corres. sec.; Frank Tamai, treas.; and Herbert Dang, member at large.

Mrs. Okura and Tamai were also relected to their respective posts. Joe Matsunami was chairman of the nominating committee.

The following were appointed to the installation dinner committee: Hazel E. Orth, chairman; Susan Kumagai, Matsunami, Fred Doi, Kay Nakadoi, Kazuo Ikebasu and Mrs. Okura.

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## Justice Department Reports Forms Now Available for Claims on Contraband Losses

WASHINGTON D. C.—The Department of Justice on April 6 announced that Issei and Nisei with claims for contraband articles lost or damaged while deposited with the Department of Justice or its agents now may send requests for claims forms.

A JAACL Anti-Discrimination Committee supported measure S 29 (Public Law 17) authorizes the Attorney General to adjudicate claims by alien Japanese and citizens of Japanese ancestry who suffered loss of or damage to such articles as firearms, short-wave radios, cameras and binoculars while these items were in custody of peace officers.

The Attorney General is authorized to pay claims up to \$1,000. Larger claims must be approved by Congress for payment.

All claims must be filed within a year.

Claimants should write directly to:

The Department of Justice  
Attention: Mr. S. A. Andretta,  
Washington 25, D.C.

Letters should include a list of articles lost or damaged, and the place where they were deposited.

Upon receipt of requests, the Justice Department will send proper forms to claimants.

The claims law should not be confused with the evacuation claims act (Public Law 886). The claims law authorizes payments of claims arising out of regulations of the Attorney General who required the surrender of short-wave radios, cameras, binoculars or articles which might be used as weapons. It is not related to the military evacuation which resulted from General DeWitt's exclusion orders.

Only articles deposited with law enforcement agencies in compliance with the Attorney General's regulations, and which were lost or damaged while in custody of these agencies, are subject to claims under the new law.

## Dr. Ota Named First President Of Wyoming JAACL

WORLAND, Wyo.—Dr. Minol Ota of Lovell, Wyo., was elected president of the new Northern Wyoming JAACL at a general meeting last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ujifusa of Worland.

Roy Takeno, regional representative from Denver, installed the new officers, who are, besides, Dr. Ota: Kaneo Nakamura of Kirby, first vice pres.; Haruki Shimogaki, Basin, second vice pres.; Mrs. Tom Ujifusa, Worland, sec.; Jack Ando, Powell, treas.

Committee members are Warren Ujifusa, chairman, and Toshiro Shimogaki and Hisashi Nakamura, athletics; Frank Ito, chairman, and Tom Ujifusa and John Kawano, program; Kaz Uriu, chairman, and Eddie Ito and Toki Mukaikubo, finance.

Takeno was accompanied on his 1500 mile trip by Z. Kanegaye, chairman of the Kika Kisei Domei.

Nisei living between Laurel and Mile City will hold a general meeting April 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Nayematsu in Hardin to discuss formation of the Southern Montana JAACL.

The Northern Montana JAACL is the seventh chapter in the JAACL Mt. Plains area.

## Recreation Workshop Planned By Chicago Resettlers Group

CHICAGO—A recreation workshop, designed to develop Nisei leadership, will be sponsored by the Chicago Resettlers Committee. Four meetings will be held, beginning April 13.

Outstanding recreation leaders will be among the lecturers. They include Dr. Harry Edgren, professor of recreation, George Williams college; Paul Dunsing, outstanding folk dance leader; Helaine Levin, director of dramatics, George William college; and Abe Hagiwara, recreation director for the Chicago Resettlers committee.

The entire series has been termed the "Life in a Party" recreation workshop. Meetings will be held on consecutive Wednesdays in conference room 3 at the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago.

The course has been especially designed to aid Nisei volunteers

## Nisei Acrobats Prove Hit of Blossom Fete

WASHINGTON—The Kanazawa Trio, famous Japanese acrobatic act, proved to be the biggest hit in the pageant, "The Story of the Cherry Blossom Seedling," which was presented on April 2 as the high point of Washington's cherry blossom season.

The Kanazawas, members of the original family whose acrobatic act has been a feature of American vaudeville programs for a quarter-century, were the high point of the pageant program which was culminated with the crowning of the Cherry Blossom queen.

A little Chinese American girl, 7-year old Elaine Tom, played the part of the cherry blossom seedling in the pageant in which scores of ballet dancers performed in Japanese costumes.

## People of Japan Hope for Exclusion Repeal, Says Visitor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Prof. Shichiro Matsui, professor of economics at Doshisha University, one of Japan's oldest Christian universities, said this week the Japanese are "highly interested in American legislation dealing with Japanese."

Prof. Matsui is spending a year in the United States studying the trade union movement under a Rockefeller grant.

On a brief visit to the JAACL Anti-Discrimination Committee office, Prof. Matsui said the people of Japan are hopeful this nation will remove the stigma caused by its Oriental exclusion laws.

The professor came to the United States last fall to deliver a series of lectures for the Institute of International Education.

He studied at the University of Wisconsin from 1923 to 1927.

On his return to Japan, Prof. Matsui will take up his teaching duties, and serve as a labor adviser to the Japanese government.

## Cortez JAACL Slates Community Picnic

CORTEZ, Calif.—The Cortez JAACL will sponsor a community picnic April 23 at the ballpark, according to George Yuge, president.

The program will be similar to the one held last year, Yuge said, with games and prizes for all age groups.

Surrounding communities of Modesto, Turlock and Cortez have been invited.

## Urge Legalization of Stay Of 300 Japanese Peruvians

NEW YORK—Legalization of the residence in the United States of approximately 300 Peruvian Japanese who were brought to this country for internment under terms of the Rio de Janeiro hemispheric defense pact was advocated by The Nation magazine in its April 2 issue.

The Nation said that these 300 Peruvian Japanese are part of a group of 2,118 Japanese from Latin American countries, though principally from Peru, who were sent to the United States for internment. Approximately 1,700 were repatriated or, "more accurately, deported to Japan," The Nation declared.

The 300 remaining in the United States are being held by the Justice Department under "relaxed internment."

The Nation said that many of these internees are Peruvian nationals but Peru refuses to permit them to return.

Twenty-five children have been born to the people in this group and these children are American citizens.

"Deportation of the group to Japan would be most unfair, since most of them lived in South America for years and many were born there," the magazine declared.

"The responsibility of this country for their plight is much greater than a bare recital of the facts would indicate, for Peru's anti-Japanese campaign was stimulated by the similar campaign on the (United States) West Coast in 1942," The Nation added. "To continue to hold these people in a kind of semi-internment under a statute enacted in 1798 puts this country in a most untenable position. Their residence here should be legalized by special Congressional action, their families should be allowed to join them, and they should receive some indemnification for the losses they have suffered."

## Strong Protests Filed Against Hawaiian Wartime Statute Regulating Language Schools

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU, T. H.—Unexpectedly strong protests against the territorial law regulating foreign language schools were filed with the legislature this week.

A two foot high stack of petitions, bearing about 30,000 names, was submitted, all asking for repeal of the law enacted in 1943 to restrict the teaching of foreign languages.

The same day these petitions were filed, the senate education committee conducted a hearing at which spokesmen for language schools protested against the present law.

They expressed their willingness to have the law liberalized and to have language schools continue under the supervision of a government agency, the territorial department of public instruction.

As a result of the hearing, it appears likely that pending legislation to ease controls over the language schools will be enacted to replace the present stringent statute.

Already, the house of representatives has passed a bill providing for the relaxation of restrictions—a measure which has the general backing of the language school supporters. This bill is now in the senate where it probably will be amended to meet some objections to a section limiting the school work of language students.

The existing law forbids the teaching of foreign languages in a school until the student has reached the age of 15 years, has passed the eighth grade or has completed the fourth grade in a public school with proficiency in the English language.

Notwithstanding these regulations, a growing number of Japanese and Chinese language schools have been revived since after World War II, whereas none were in operation during the war period.

The "compromise" bill most likely to pass the legislature would provide that children below second grade in public schools may not be taught a foreign language for more than five hours, including "home work," a week.

This limitation of five hours a week may be struck out at the insistence of the pro-language school element. That would practically leave the language schools without restrictions, except for general supervision under the department of public instruction.

To the language school backers who at the outset argued for outright repeal of the present law, this probably would be considered a "compromise" solution. But a member of the attorney general's office told the senate education committee such a bill would be "meaningless." If the intent of the legislature is to repeal the law, then it should completely wipe out all regulations, he asserted.

One point brought out by this speaker is that the question of loyalty or disloyalty is not and never has been a consideration as far as the language school law is concerned.

What was argued was the apparent difficulty of many students of Oriental ancestry in learning to read English. A public school official blamed the contrast in the system of reading English as against Japanese or Chinese for the difficulty. He said that where-

as English is read from left to right, the other languages are read from right to left or from top to bottom.

Language school proponents said below-standard pupils in public schools are being suspended from the language schools until they improve their English.

They denied that language schools are responsible for many public school children failing to speak English correctly.

A Caucasian language officer who served in the Pacific theater during World War II said Nisei soldiers who had studied Japanese in the language schools served with distinction as interpreters and translators with the armed forces.

The U.S. supreme court last month held that the territory has the authority to regulate the teaching of foreign languages but failed to rule on the constitutionality of the Hawaiian law which previously had been declared unconstitutional by a three-judge U.S. district court.

## Seven Nisei Picked For Oahu Grand Jury

HONOLULU—The names of seven Japanese Americans are among the 23 drawn recently from a panel of 75 for Oahu County's new grand jury.

Among the names drawn by Circuit Judge John E. Parks were those of Mitsugi Doi, assistant chemist; Eric S. Ichida, neon technician; Harrison E. Uyeda, used car dealer; Edward H. Yamaguchi, pipefitter; Woodrow S. Yasuhara, house painter; William S. Yoshida, and Kenichi Yoshimura, clerk.

## San Jose Nisei Obtains Permit to Visit Japan

SAN FRANCISCO—Juichi Ikuta of San Jose may be the first resident of the United States to arrive in Japan on the new 60-day visit program for immediate relatives of Japanese nationals which was initiated last month by Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo.

Ikuta's permit, approved by both SCAP and Japanese authorities, was received last week by the Kusano Travel Bureau through Northwest Airlines.

An American citizen, Ikuta plans to apply this week for a passport and will leave soon by air for Japan.

It also has been reported that Jihei Yoshida and Mrs. Taki Shiozaki have been issued permits for visits to Japan under the new ruling but Ikuta is the first applicant to receive his travel papers from Japan.

## Oregon Papers Hail Outlawing Of Land Law

State Supreme Court Ruling Lauded in Editorial Comment

PORTLAND, Ore.—Approval of the Oregon State Supreme court's action in ruling invalid the state's 1923 and 1945 anti-alien land laws aimed against persons of Japanese ancestry, was expressed in editorials last week in the Oregonian and Journal.

The Oregonian on April 2 described the 1945 amendment as "an unprincipled land grab vehicle promoted by certain white agriculturalists waving a false banner of patriotism and war fervor" and noted that it was passed in the dying minutes of the 1945 session.

The Oregonian declared that the State Supreme Court had ruled "with consummate justice" in declaring the law unconstitutional. The paper said it was a "shameful attempt to deny livelihood to a minority."

"It is a credit to the 1945 assembly and to Governor McKay that the iniquitous 1945 act, directed not only against alien Japanese ineligible for citizenship but against their children who are citizens, already has been ordered stricken from the books," the Oregonian added.

The Journal, in an editorial on March 31, expected there would be "a good deal of resentment" on the part of some prejudiced persons toward the State Supreme Court's verdict outlawing the alien land act.

The editorial stressed, however, that the opinion by Judge George Rossman, "has the effect of strengthening an assurance of the breadth and the survival quality under the constitution, of our challenged democratic processes."

Despite any dissent from prejudiced persons, the Journal declared, "there could not be a better time to remind all Americans of the provisions against racial discrimination to be found in their own constitution."

## Nisei Student Questioned in Shooting Incident

WOODLAND, Calif.—John Akahoshi, 20, of Santare Springs, was one of two University of California at Davis students who were questioned last week by District Attorney E. L. Means following the wounding of Norman Recht, 19, when a pistol being handled by Howard Kordan, 21, was discharged on March 31 in a room at Birminghall on the Davis campus. Both Recht and Kordan also are students at Davis.

Recht was treated at Woodland Clinic for injuries suffered when the .38 caliber bullet entered his chest three inches above his heart and passed through his body.

Sheriff Forrest D. Monroe reported that Recht, Kordan and Akahoshi were discussing "Russian roulette" but not playing the game in which players spin the revolver cylinder, put the muzzle to their heads and pull the trigger.

The sheriff said that the pistol was discharged while Kordan was handling it in what he described as a careless manner.

## Los Angeles Nisei Veterans to Observe Third Anniversary

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Nisei Veterans Association will celebrate its third anniversary with a dinner dance Easter Sunday night at the world-famous Hollywood Carroll theater restaurant in Hollywood.

Usually closed on Sundays, the restaurant will open especially for the NCA's 3rd anniversary celebration on April 17.

With a crowd of 800 persons expected, the NVA moved its dinner this year to the spacious Earl Carroll's. Last year's birthday celebration attracted 600 persons.

Special guest for the evening will be Yoshinao Omiya, blind Hawaiian veteran of the 100th Infantry whose picture appeared in the magazine. Omiya will be accompanied by his attendant, Yuki Hara of Hawaii.

The dinner dance will be open to the public. Paul T. Bannai, Pacific war veteran, will be master of ceremonies.

## Seattle GOP Group Backs Judd Measure

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Young Republicans club of King county March 14 approved passage of the Judd bill to give naturalization rights to aliens of Japanese ancestry.

Members of the club's executive committee adopted a resolution recommending passage of the bill as "fitting tribute to fifty-five Nisei from King county, Washington, killed in the service of their country during the war."

Copies of the resolution were sent to Senator Cain and the Washington Republican delegation in the House.

The Young Republicans' club is headed by Donald L. Gaines, president.

Gaines told of passage of the resolution in a letter to William Y. Mambu, Seattle lawyer, and added that the club hoped that the group's action would "in some small measure help to bring about passage of this worthy bill."

## Honolulu Girl Wins Scholarship For Cancer Study

HONOLULU, T.H.—Miss Jean Y. Kawamura, a 22-year old laboratory technician at St. Francis hospital here, has been granted a \$1,000 scholarship to study cancer diagnostic methods.

She is now at the San Francisco city-county hospital where she will spend two months of her training before transferring to the University of California medical school for two more months of study.

The scholarship was presented by the public health committee of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Kawamura is the second Hawaii person to study the new technique for aiding the diagnosis of cancer by smears. She was preceded by Miss Esther Lo, who was awarded a scholarship by the Hawaii Cancer Society. Miss Kawamura and Miss Lo will share living quarters in San Francisco.

Miss Kawamura is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sadaichi Kawamura of Honolulu. She is a graduate of Kaimuki high school and the University of Hawaii, and holds a bachelor of science degree.

## San Jose Sets Date For Pioneer Dinner

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Saturday, April 23, has been set as the date for the Issei pioneer dinner to be held at the Buddhist gym, according to Ray Taketa, executive secretary of the United Citizens League.

All Issei 70 years of age and above will be honored at this time.

Although a survey is being made to obtain names of all Issei in this age bracket, Taketa asked that anyone knowing of Issei of "pioneer age" send these names to him immediately.

Taketa's office is at 565 North 5th st., San Jose.

Other events now being planned by the chapter are a Memorial day program at Oak Hill cemetery, a cleanup day, Blue Cross meeting, graduation dance and the group's annual benefit program during the Fourth of July holidays.

## Final Rites Held at Arlington For Two Heroes of Nisei Unit

Col. James Hanley Speaks at Rites for Pvts. Masaoka, Onoye

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Reinterment services for two Nisei war heroes—Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka and Pfc. Lloyd M. Onoye — were held on April 6 at Arlington National Cemetery.

The two were buried side by side, together in death as they were in life when both fought with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Standing bareheaded before the caskets in a brisk breeze, Col. James M. Hanley, war-time executive officer of the 442nd, told assembled JACLers, relatives and friends that: "These two fought, as did all Nisei, a twin battle. They fought not only to preserve the country they loved, but to eliminate racial prejudice and discrimination in their home land.

"Their courage and heroism is largely responsible for the acceptance of their people into the hearts of all Americans. They deserve our everlasting love."

Services were presided over by the Rev. Andrew Kuroda, of Washington. He said: "This is a moment when we should all rededicate ourselves to the principles of brotherly love for which these two men gave their fullest measure of devotion."

James Shizuoka, a member of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee staff, speaking on behalf of the national JACL promised the organization would "carry on the efforts to win full freedom and equal rights in and under the law for all persons of Japanese ancestry in America."

"Let us," said Jack Hirose, chairman of the JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee, "so live and so work that the deaths of these two distinguished soldiers shall not have been in vain."

Pvt. Masaoka was born July 22, 1911, in Fresno, Calif., a son of Eijiro and Haruye Masaoka. He was educated in Salt Lake City and later was employed in Los Angeles until the evacuation. He volunteered from the Topaz Relocation Center in April, 1943. Sent overseas in May, 1944, he fought in Italy and then in France where he was killed October 31, 1944, after the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion. He wore the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Survivors include his mother, of San Pedro, and the following brothers and sisters: Joe Gran' Masaoka, San Francisco; Mrs. Shinko Nakano, San Pedro; Mike Masaoka, Washington, D.C.; Ike Masaoka, Venice; Mrs. Kiyoko Ito, Chicago; Hank Masaoka, Los Angeles, and Tad Masaoka, Berkeley.

Pfc. Onoye was born Sept. 15, 1921, in Salinas, Calif., a son of Zempachi and Wakiko Onoye.

He attended school and junior college in Salinas, and volunteered for the army from the Poston Ariz., Relocation Center in Aug. 1943. He went overseas in May, 1944, fought in both France and Italy, and was killed April 21, 1945, in the Po Valley campaign.

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## Evacuee Claims Meet Held in New York City

NEW YORK CITY—Some 75 persons, mostly Issei, heard Tom Hayashi, local attorney and former JACL chapter president, explain in detail the "who, what and how" of evacuation claims at the Grace Methodist church on Mar. 27.

Rev. Alfred Akamatsu of the New York Japanese Methodist church acted as interpreter. Tosh Sasaki, chairman of the New York City Nisei council, which sponsored the meeting, presided over the meeting. Arrangements were made through Jim Starr, New York City JACL representative to the council.

Hayashi illustrated his explanations by citing many examples drawn from his experiences in aiding many of the evacuees living and working at the Seabrook Farms in New Jersey.

Among some of the questions asked by the audience were: (1) Can a deportee file a claim? (2) Are east coast Japanese who were interned on Ellis Island eligible to file?

Organizations cooperating through the council were the New York chapter JACL, Japanese Methodist church, Theta Iotas, Nisei for Wallace, Young Buddhist Assn., Young Peoples' Christian Assn., Nisei Athletic Assn., and the Japanese American Athletic club.

## Hawaii Buddhist Mission to Open English School

HONOLULU, T. H.—The Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will expand into a new venture this summer—the opening of a private English school in Honolulu.

This is probably the first time a Japanese mission has offered regular English school instruction under license of the territorial department of public instruction.

Classes from kindergarten to the 7th grade will be offered, the kindergarten starting June 20, and the higher grades next September. The Buddhist mission has announced the school will be maintained on a level "at least equivalent to the standards of the public schools." Teachers to be employed will have the equivalent qualifications of teachers employed by the department of public instruction.

In addition to the regular curriculum, religious teaching will be given twice a week.

The establishment of such a school is regarded as a far cry from pre-war days when the Hongwanji stressed only the teaching of the Japanese language.

It is in line with the new trend of Buddhist thinking in Hawaii to focus attention on the young Nisei and their place in the American community. More and more of the Nisei are replacing the alien, first generation in running the affairs of the church and its functions.

## Salt Lake JACL To Take Part in Arbor Day Ceremony

The Salt Lake City JACL will participate with the Issei council in the United Veterans council's Arbor day tree planting ceremony this Saturday, April 9, at the International Peace Gardens.

Fifty blue spruce will be planted and dedicated to international peace. The trees will be called "Sentinel Row."

Janell Kojima will take part in the ceremony. She will be dressed in a Japanese costume.

## Issues Pamphlets

CHICAGO—The Buddhist Institute of America, organized recently to publish Buddhist literature, has issued its first publications, "The Lotus Reader," a leaflet of children's stories, and "Daily Thoughts," a booklet.

"Daily Thoughts," a collection of quotations, will appear in four issues. Each issue will cover three months of the year.

Copies of the above may be ordered from the institute at 5447 So. Dorchester ave., Chicago 15.

## Expect Few Evacuees Back In British Columbia Coast Area as Wartime Ban Lifted

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Although the wartime restrictions excluding persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada from entering the 100-mile coastal area of British Columbia from which they were evacuated in 1942 have been lifted since March 31, there was little indication this week that many of the evacuees were planning to return to their former homes.

Before the forced mass evacuation which was carried out in the spring of 1942 approximately 23,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, the majority of them native-born or naturalized Canadian citizens, lived in the coastal area of British Columbia.

Following the evacuation the government sold the homes and farms of the evacuees and also disposed of fishing vessels and other properties left behind by the displaced Japanese Canadians.

There has been little opposition expressed against the return of the Japanese Canadians in recent months by the organizations and political groups which once campaigned for their total exclusion from the area but this week found few members of the group willing to return to their former home areas.

Of the 23,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in British Columbia in 1942, approximately 4,000 were repatriated and expatriated to Japan in 1945. Of the remainder, some 5,000 still reside in British Columbia areas outside the 100-mile limit. Many members of this group have obtained employment in the provincial lumber industry, while others have found work on farms.

Nearly 15,000 other evacuees have moved to the prairie provinces and to Eastern Canada, particularly to the Toronto area where many of the former urban residents of Vancouver now have started businesses or have obtained industrial employment.

The change in British Columbia sentiment toward the Japanese Canadian group is reflected in the government-sponsored legislation to grant the right of franchise, heretofore denied, to citizens of Japanese ancestry. Passage of this bill will mean the opening of several fields of professional endeavor where they have been closed previously to persons of Japanese descent.

In addition, the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union announced at their 5th annual convention last week that they will not oppose the granting of fishing licenses to Japanese Canadians. The Japanese Canadian group was a major factor in the British Columbia fishing industry before the evacuation and opposition from competitive fishermen was formerly one of the supporting factors of the anti-Japanese movement.

The Fishermen's Union declared its opposition also to any attempt

to restrict fishermen of Japanese ancestry to certain types of fishing or to specified areas, as was the case prior to the evacuation.

One of the restrictions which was lifted on March 31 was the order banning fishing licenses to Japanese Canadians and prohibiting members of the group from sailing on fishing boats out of British Columbia ports.

The Fishermen's Union declared that returning evacuee fishermen should join their union and said they would oppose any attempts toward the formation of a separate Japanese union.

The convention's action was taken after a speech before the group by George Tanaka, executive national secretary of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, who stressed the willingness of the Japanese Canadians to cooperate with the union.

Three weeks ago the boards of trade of the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland areas passed a resolution approving of the return of the Japanese Canadian group.

The first wartime restrictions were imposed on Japanese Canadians in February, 1942 and coincided with governmental restrictions announced against persons of Japanese descent in the United States.

The Canadian Government, in a series of orders-in-council, imposed drastic restrictions on Japanese Canadians as a preliminary to the forced evacuation of the group from the Pacific coast area.

These restrictions gave Ottawa the power to move and to bar them from the security area and placed a dusk-to-dawn curfew on Japanese Canadians. Members of the group also were forbidden the possession of motor vehicles, radios, cameras and firearms.

Following the evacuation of 23,000 persons of Japanese descent to interior housing projects in the Canadian Rockies, many of them located in mining ghost towns, the 100-mile coastal area was barred to all Japanese Canadians and restrictions were placed on their free movement outside the area. They were also barred from the fishing industry.

Many of the restrictions were later lifted or eased but the West Coast ban remained until it was lifted on March 31.

## Seek Housing for Potential Evictees in Little Tokyo Area

LOS ANGELES—A demand for immediate action to provide decent, low-rent housing for tenants to be evicted because of the construction of the Civic Center buildings was made by the more than 70 persons who attended a meeting held on April 3 at the Miyako Hotel.

The meeting, called by the Downtown Club of the Independent Progressive Party, the Los Angeles Nisei Progressives, and the First and San Pedro Tenants' Committee was held to discuss the mass eviction of approximately 2,000 tenants living in the "Little Tokyo" area north of E. 1st St. between San Pedro and Los Angeles Sts., where the construction on the \$13,000,000 City Police administration building is slated to begin by the end of this year.

The audience, many of them persons of Negro and Japanese descent living in the condemned area, heard John Forrester, field organizer for the IPP and Art Takei, political action chairman of the Nisei Progressives, denounce the city for its lack of adequate plans to provide suitable housing for these potential displaced persons.

In order to alleviate this critical situation, the meeting unanimously adopted a three-point program demanding that (1) the City provide decent, low-rent housing for dis-

placed persons through a municipally-financed public housing program; (2) the construction on Civic Center buildings be postponed until such housing can be provided; and (3) such housing program to start immediately so that the Civic Center plans are not delayed.

To this end, the meeting mapped a three-fold action program first of which was the formation of a Tenants' Committee with Melissa Jefferson and Harriet Henton being elected chairman and secretary respectively.

The primary objective of this committee, it was decided, would be to involve all tenants of the area as well as other organizations, churches and unions in this fight to secure suitable housing. A meeting for this purpose has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 8 p.m. at the Miyako Hotel, 258 E. 1st St.

Second, a delegation composed of the tenants, church, organizational and union representatives should see Mayor Bowron, Planning Commission, and other city authorities to present its demands.

Third, a petition campaign is now under way to gather signatures from the tenants as well as those others interested in this problem.

The chairman of the meeting was Sue Kunitomi, education chairman of the Nisei Progressives.

## Story of Evacuation Amazes Japanese, Says Kawasaki

SEATTLE—The people of Japan are amazed to hear stories of the mass evacuation and relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States during World War II, Corky T. Kawasaki declared last week upon his arrival in Seattle aboard the USAT Frederick Funston from Yokohama.

"The Japanese people are relieved to acknowledge the redeeming features of that challenge which Japanese Americans took so well during World War II and are not unmindful of the fair play of the American people to justify the wartime mistake of evacuation," Mr. Kawasaki declared.

Mr. Kawasaki, former director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee, is planning a speaking tour

of the Pacific Coast in order to give Nisei and Issei groups his impressions of past-war conditions in Japan.

He arrived in Japan on Jan. 16 and visited Kyushu, Shikoku, Honshu and Hokkaido before his departure on March 20.

"The Japanese people are doing their best to reestablish themselves in spite of many obstacles and are very grateful to American donors for the generous food, clothing and medicines sent them through LARA (Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia)," he added.

"The people of Japan are determined to maintain the core of the new democratic constitution by denouncing war and warlike activities," he declared.

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## EDITORIALS:

### State Laws for Fair Employment

It is a simple principle of justice—that any man, regardless of his color or ancestry, should be hired for any job upon the basis of his ability.

It is a simple democratic precept, so fundamental that in theory we accept it without question.

Yet in actual practice it is violated every hour of every day. The Negro in New York who is trained as a stenographer and the Nisei in California who is trained as an architect are among the innumerable millions of our minority Americans who face daily the handicap of race in getting work.

The principle of equal opportunity in employment is a principle that needs reinforcement by legislation. During the war the need for manpower, stimulated by war production and the President's FEPC, caused a relaxation in some of the country's usual discriminatory attitudes. The country could not then afford shortages in manpower caused by refusal to use workers because of their race. Thus Negroes and other Americans, many for the first time, began to find jobs in the fields for which they were trained.

There is a need today to reinforce these gains made in industry and private employment, and it is heartening to know that there is a move throughout the country to do just that.

During the month of March, 1949, three states in the union adopted legislation protecting the rights of all individuals, regardless of race or ancestry or religion, in employment.

FEP legislation, still in its infancy, is now an accomplished fact in nine states. The state of New York, leader in the fight to win economic security for all citizens, was first to put FEP controls on hiring and firing. Since that time, in 1943, other states have come to realize that this basic right of job security must be maintained for minority group citizens.

The work of FEP commissions has been almost phenomenally successful in those states in which it has been adopted.

In Massachusetts and New York, the historical race restrictions of certain big railroad brotherhoods have been broken down and Negroes are no longer restricted to the jobs which they have traditionally held. In many Massachusetts stores Negro store clerks are hired on the same basis as other persons, and their presence in the stores as clerks is no longer considered unusual.

The work of these fair employment commissions is not restricted to employment. Discrimination in job training opportunities and within labor unions has also operated to keep Negroes, Nisei and other Americans from certain industries. In New York last year eight labor unions were persuaded to drop entirely provisions which limited membership to persons of the "white" race. In Boston the state FEP commission has worked with the police department to allay anti-Semitic prejudice and tension.

Fair employment practices commissions do not wield a big stick in dealing with employers, industries and other agents which refuse to abide by their rulings.

In states where FEP codes have been in existence over a period of time, it has been demonstrated that out of hundreds of cases of discrimination, very few, if any, go to the courts for solution. Almost every case can be settled through discussion and education.

This is the critical period for FEP legislation. Eighteen state legislatures considered it this year. As the forces pushing for equality in employment gain in strength, the opposition can be expected to strengthen its forces.

FEP legislation, which is a simple guarantee of the right to work, will be made to appear a fomenting of race tensions, a creator of racial violence. While actual practice has demonstrated that the opposite is true, the charge will be made repeatedly.

Other charges will be made, that the imposition of FEP codes upon an employer is a violation of free enterprise, that discrimination cannot be eradicated by the simple expedient of legislation, that FEP does not work.

The record in those few states which earlier dared to legislate for the right of all Americans to work shows that these charges are untrue.

FEP legislation is not a fomenting of race tensions. In many instances, rather, it is providing demonstrable proof that men and women of all backgrounds can work together. It is providing, too, a real basis for understanding and harmony.

FEP legislation does not restrict individual enterprise on the part of the employer. It does restrict discriminatory hiring and firing.

FEP legislation can and does work. It is a necessary legislative adjunct to the principle of freedom of opportunity. The traditional "it won't work" attitude toward it is rapidly breaking down as state after state proves its worth. The truth is that opponents of FEP legislation do not want it known that FEP legislation has proved itself successful.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Notes on Nisei Writing

Although Nisei writing has been published in one form or another, generally in their own newspapers and magazines, for nearly a quarter of a century, Japanese Americans have yet to develop a literature of their own.

In the early 1930s there was a conscious effort, centered in the English sections of the bilingual West Coast dailies, to create such a literature. Prizes were awarded for the best short stories and for the best poetry. Much of the prose was pedestrian at best and some of the poetry was awkward but there was no dearth of it. There were always enough stories and poems on hand to put out the Sunday literary section.

During the 1930s a literary section was a regular weekly feature of such newspapers as the Rafu Shimpō and the California Daily News in Los Angeles, the Japanese American News, the New World and the Asahi in San Francisco and Jimmy Sakamoto's old Japanese American Courier in Seattle. The Courier, back in 1932, had the first Nisei book critic, Tad Kimura.

In the 1920s, when the English sections first came into being on the Japanese language dailies, the major emphasis was on sports and activity news. Dances were headlined and baseball games, involving such teams as the L.A. Nippons and the San Jose Asahis and the strong Seattle Nisei mines, got big play. By the 1930s the English sections had shifted their stress to community news and to international affairs, particularly those involving the United States and Japan. Where discrimination and segregation were once taken in stride, there now came a growing awareness of the role of the Nisei as an American minority group. News of anti-Japanese incidents, such as the demonstrations against Japanese American farmers in the Salt River valley of Arizona in 1934, marked the growth and maturity of Nisei editors who began to analyze the economic pressures behind the manifestations of race hatred.

It was in the literary sections of this period that most of the Nisei who are writing today were first published. Few, if any, of the group have tried to make a career of writing but most of them are still on the periphery of literature.

Togo Tanaka, whose prose can cut with the sharp edge of a rapier or can smash with sledge-hammer blows whenever the occasion demands (as witness his column on State Senator Jack Tenney which was reprinted in the PC recently), is an editor with the American Technical Society in Chicago and has published two books on English in recent years. He was the editor of the Rafu Shimpō in the years before Pearl Harbor.

Bill Hosokawa started writing in the Courier in Seattle and then worked on newspapers in such distant places as Singapore and Shanghai before returning in the late fall of 1941. He was one of the most articulate voices of the Nisei during the early war years as editor of the Heart Mountain Sentinel and helped expose the callous opportunism which inspired the racist attacks of the Dies Committee and Senator Robertson of Wyoming on the administration and residents of the Heart Mountain camp. He left to take an editorial post with the Des Moines Register and Tribune and is now one of the editors of the Denver Post's Rocky Mountain Empire magazine, a Sunday supplement with a circulation of 385,000.

One of the first of the regular features in the Nisei press were the words of Roku Sugahara and the caricatures of Roy Kawamoto in the California Daily News from 1932 to 1934. Roku was the author of what may have been the first short novel to be serialized in a Nisei paper. It was called "Children of the Sun" and appeared in the Japanese American News in Los Angeles in 1931. Roku is now in business in New York and New Orleans and his columns are a regular feature of the PC.

Yasuo Sasaki, whose "The Young Atheists" in the California Daily News of Los Angeles in 1932 is probably one of the finest short stories to be published in the Nisei press, was the editor of the first of the Nisei "little magazines," the "Reimei" which was published in Salt Lake City and introduced such writers as Tosuke Yamasaki, Hoshina Airan and others. Dr. Sasaki, who did important work on pellagra in the Deep South with the research group headed by Dr. Spies, is now a physician and surgeon in Covington, Ky.

Another "little magazine" was published by Eddie Shimano who was at one time a member of the staff of the New World-Sun in San Francisco. His unpublished short novel, "Bread," is one of the best pieces of Nisei writing. One of the examples of his published work is "Blueprint for a Slum" which appeared in Common Ground in 1943. Eddie Shimano was the editor of the Santa Anita Pacemaker and the Denson Tribune during the days of war relocation before he left for New York to join the staff of Common Ground. He recently has been ghost-writing a book in New York.

Perhaps the bravest of Nisei journalistic adventures was the daily tabloid newspaper, the Japanese American News, which Kay Nishimura, now publisher of the Far East Photo Review, and Bob Okazaki started in Los Angeles in 1932. At this time, in the midst of the depression, Los Angeles' Little Tokyo supported four daily newspapers, the others being the California Daily News, the Rafu Shimpō and the Hochi. Among the members of the staff of this tabloid were Tooru Kanazawa, one of the few Nisei who has tried to make a career of writing and who is now doing a novel based on his experiences in the 442nd Combat Team, Franklyn Sugiyama, Arthur Suzuki, Jimmy Hirai and John T. Fujii, the latter an almost legendary character in West Coast Nisei journalism who went on to Singapore and to Tokyo where he has been in the bureau of International News Service.

The first of the full-fledged literary sections in the Little Tokyo press were fostered by Goro Murata, now one of the editors of the Nippon Times in Tokyo, and Henry Shimanouchi in the Los Angeles Nichi-Bei in 1930, by Louise Suski and George Nakamoto, who returned to the United States briefly last fall as a prosecution witness in the "Tokyo Rose" case, in the Rafu Shimpō, by Kay Nishida in the Nichi-Bei in San Francisco and by Welly Shibata and Oski Taniwaki in the San Francisco New World. Welly, one of the most popular of the personal columnists in the Nisei press, has been on the staff of the English Mainichi in Osaka for the past 15 years and is the recent author of a booklet, "English Through Laughter."

The fact that a number of the staffers of the Nisei papers on the West Coast went to Japan in search of opportunity was a situation dictated by the general economic situation as well as by discrimination in hiring on Pacific coast newspapers of general circulation, a situation which has been considerably altered since the war.

Probably the most accomplished writing in the Nisei press of the 1930s was the poetry of Yasuo Sasaki, Toyo Suyemoto, Chiye Mori, Ambrose Uchiyamada, Iwao Kawakami and Bunichi Kagawa, to name a few. Toyo Suyemoto's work has appeared recently in Common Ground and in other magazines. She is a librarian in Cincinnati. Chiye Mori was the editor of the Nisei Weekender in New York and is still living in Manhattan. The last time we saw Ambrose Uchiyamada, and this was pre-war, he was working for Time magazine in New York. Iwao Kawakami's book, "The Parents and Other Poems," was published in San Francisco in 1947. Bunichi Kagawa, though not a Nisei, contributed many poems to the English sections and has been published in "Poetry" magazine.

Joe Shinoda, whose satires cut away the pretensions from many a

## MINORITY WEEK

### No Trial

No Negro can be tried for murder during the current term of Atlanta circuit court.

The ruling was handed down by Judge Mel Price, who declared Negroes have been deliberately excluded from jury lists. Case under consideration was that of Harris, whose attorney contended that the panel of jurors was illegally drawn because of the exclusion of Negroes.

Judge Price ordered the lists revised.

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### Quick Quote

"We talked to a well-fed, dressed and prosperous group of people out in Park Hill the other week, and they wanted to know if we believed that laws could help minority group peoples who were too lazy to help themselves."

"It seemed to us a dangerous assumption that all Mexican Negroes were lazy and indolent. It's the same type of thinking that said 'all Japs are dangerous' on the west coast; let's evacuate them all. It doesn't consider the individual rights of the particular persons concerned."

"We argued, pleaded and probably orated that the 'right to work' is the right to live without a job, a man becomes a bum; his family becomes dependent on society. Under such conditions, of course, such people regress, and we have poor housing areas, our increased health hazards and juvenile delinquencies. The right to society is excessive."—Yasui in the Colorado Times.

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### Breaking Down

The all-white ruling for membership in most social fraternities has been broken down again. This time in Madison, Wis. A Negro, Weathers Sikes, has been elected by Phi Sigma Delta. Sikes is a senior chemistry student at University of Wisconsin.

Nisei, now runs one of the largest wholesale flower businesses on the West Coast.

Among the others whose biographies were familiar, Mary O'Connell Mittwer is raising a family in Los Angeles and has a regular column in the Rafu Shimpō. Joe O'Connell operates an Oriental food store and runs a column in the Hochi Shimpō in New York. Dyke McGaw is in New York, as is Tsuda. Ayako Noguchi Nakamura writes pieces for South Jersey newspapers from Seattle Farms. Herb Ogawa works Curtis magazines in Dallas. Carl Kondo has a typewriter in Los Angeles. Aiko Tashiro has a piano studio in New York.

Vince Tajiri of the San Francisco Nichi-Bei is now a commercial photographer in Chicago. Among the early contributors to the literary sections of the Los Angeles Nisei papers were Tashiro and Jimmy Shinkai, former Seattleites.

Hisaye Yamamoto's first published short story is "High-Heeled Shoes," which appeared last year in Partisan Review. She was a columnist for two years for the Los Angeles Tribune, one of the coast's leading Negro newspapers.

The adventurous George Kuriyama, whose translation of a Japanese short novel, "From a Japanese Prison," was published in national magazine in 1937, was a serialist for the Japanese American News in San Francisco in 1938. His first novel, "Act of God," was being considered by a leading New York publisher in 1941 but shelved because of the threat of war—the book had an anti-war theme. He has also written a novel, "Tub Rice," a story of adolescence in the Sacramento valley.

These are only a few of the Nisei who wrote for the literary sections of the Japanese American press on the Pacific coast during the 1930s when war was still an improbability and the creation of Nisei literature seemed inevitable. A decade has passed and the reverse is true. Most of these Nisei are still writing but they are generally using their talents in ways other than the self-centered creation of a Nisei literature.

## Judd Bill Prospects: House-Approved Bill Faces Hard Sledding in Upper House

By TOGO TANAKA  
Chicago, Ill.

The reports from Washington say that the Judd Bill, which was launched with extraordinary success in the House, faces some grim days in the Senate.

The proposal to grant U. S. citizenship rights to the Issei and to equalize immigration for excluded people has run into two kinds of opposition.

One kind of obstacle has already stood forth to be counted.

Negro Americans and Chinese Americans protesting provisions in the bill which they say are unfavorable to them, want amendments to be made. Their protests are reasonable, and their ultimate objectives are compatible with the avowed intent of the Judd Bill.

The other kind of opposition, however, will be a lot harder to recognize because it won't stand up and be counted as opposition.

For that reason it will be a lot more effective and—from our point of view—insidious.

This latter will be the opposition that offers lip service to the principles of the Judd Bill as a smoke screen to disguise traditional suspicion of the bill's objectives.

It will come in delaying actions, in referring to committees, in raising diverting issues.

The old-guard foes of any changes in our immigration policy in the Pacific have changed their tactics, but they have not changed their own objectives.

These objectives and those of the Judd Bill are mutually exclusive and incompatible.

The California joint immigration committee's diehard reactionaries, the race-conscious Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, the Goethes, McClatchy's and Hearsts have been shrewd enough to know that the tide of popular opinion has turned since the days of Madison Grant, Lothrop Stoddard, and the full-blown Yellow Peril.

They know that the times call for more subtle strategy.

They know also that the Judd Bill could die conveniently in some forgotten Committee pigeonhole and it would be just as dead as if it had been spectacularly trampled to oblivion on the floor.

So it stands to reason that the becalmed foes of the Judd Bill will concentrate behind the scenes, quietly and without fanfare.

It will be hard to know the smoke from the fire in trying to trace the influence of the West Coast racists who say they will never be counted out.

But our guess is that they'll load

their broadsides with every reasonable as well as fantastic missile in trying to delay action on the Judd bill. So long as the bill is delayed they're still ahead.

When the aged chairman of the Senate's Subcommittee in Immigration and Naturalization—the ex-farmer-miner-lawyer Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada—cries out his alarm over the "Communists in Hawaii," one almost feels the old guard breathing hot down the Judd Bill's neck.

Senator McCarran is reported as saying he is shocked by what some Japanese American high school girl said in a Daughters of the American Revolution oratorical contest.

The quotes from the speech, not worth repeating here since they are likely to be garbled out of context, purport to say a word or two favorable to the Communist Party.

We can next expect a long opposition in the Senate on the menace of Communism and the influence it has managed to exert on Oriental Americans there.

It will take precious time, of course, for the Nevada Senator to be accurately apprised of the fact that the Communist Party has virtually no hold among Japanese Americans, and that Issei, Nisei, Kibei have traditionally been conservative and tended to be rightist rather than leftist politically.

The Nevadan may know this already. But it will take time for him to be publicly posted.

In the meantime, we can expect other interesting and not-very-enlightening issues to be dragged in by the heels.

The delay will seem interminable to the anxious proponents of the Judd Bill; and the situation is guaranteed to give numerous headaches to the hard-working JACL ADC legislative director and his staff.

The easy victory of the Judd Bill in the House of Representatives created a feeling of overconfidence on the part of the Nisei. This overconfidence was in no sense warranted by the situation.

We think the real fight still lies ahead.—The Colorado Times.

### Chicago Chapter Sets Meeting Date

CHICAGO—Thursday, April 21, has been announced as the date of the next monthly meeting of the Chicago JACL.

The meeting will be held in the Woodrow Wilson room at 116 So. Michigan ave.

## Watsonville Editorial Urges Passage of Judd Legislation

Herb Caen:

Hagiwara Family  
Got Rough Deal  
From San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—The "city that knows how" sometimes does not, Herb Caen said in his Chronicle column last week in a note on the Japanese tea garden in Golden Gate park.

Here's Herb Caen's story: "San Francisco is a city noted for its warm heart—sure. But get a load of the way Hagiwaras were kicked out of the Japanese Tea Garden they created in Golden Gate Park... First, a little background: Makoto Hagiwara built the garden in 1894. He died in 1925 and his children and grandchildren carried on, living and working there. So, the Hagiwaras had occupied that beautiful spot for almost 50 years when, in May, 1942, the Park Commission handed them a 'Notice to Quit.' Here is a sample of the warm, sentimental language used by the commission: 'You are hereby required to quit and deliver up to the Board of Park Commissioners the Japanese Tea Garden at the expiration of three (3) days after the service of this notice. No days of grace will be granted you.' Just that, after a half-century devoted to the landmark they had made world-famous."

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — "It was good to hear that the California delegation in the lower house was unanimous for the passage of the Judd bill," the Register-Pajaronian declared in its lead editorial on March 17, advocating passage of legislation for equality in naturalization and immigration.

"Only a few years ago, Americans were behaving shamefully toward people of Japanese ancestry, including some soldiers who were among our bravest," the editorial by the Register-Pajaronian's editor, Frank F. Orr, declared. "We remember distinctly, and with no sense of pride, reading about agitation right here in Watsonville toward preventing the Japanese—including some of these same soldiers—from ever returning."

"Time heals a lot of wounds, and it gives us all a perspective that is lacking in the middle of a war," the editorial in support of the Judd bill continued. "In voting to repeal those restrictions, the House of Representatives has done a little bit to atone for more than two decades of injustice."

"To realize something about the patriotism of the Japanese-born Issei who live in the Pajaro valley, reflect a minute on this: several Japanese-born couples among our townspeople had sons who gladly died for the United States; yet the parents cannot be citizens," the editorial concluded.

"To strike an old and hateful injustice off the law books, we hope the senate acts with more speed on the Judd bill than that body has lately shown on other legislation."

## Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Battle for Equality Not Ended

Denver, Colo.

If your reading of the PC extends beyond the vital statistics and this corner—as we earnestly hope it does—you know by now that Denver was left with a bad taste in its mouth over the refusal of a cemetery to accept the remains of a Nisei soldier. The Scripps-Howard newspaper Rocky Mountain News carried the story along for several days in a manner that heartened those battling against racial discrimination.

The refusal allegedly was based on an old provision in the cemetery regulations which barred non-whites, a rule which the Rocky Mountain News revealed had been broken many times. If the situation weren't accompanied by deep overtones of tragedy, it certainly would be absurd.

No one knows, of course, what provisions there may be regarding racial segregation in the hereafter. But it seems to be the height of folly for anyone to insist on segregation for the mortal shells of those who have passed on, when those concerned have attained the supreme equality of death and their bodies returned to common dust.

It is sad that those who gave their lives for their country in battle cannot rest in honored peace. Yet it seems fitting that they carry on the fight for democracy even beyond the grave. Incidents like these are reminders once again that discrimination is a matter that attaches itself to us at birth and stays with us even after death.

The battle for equality and common dignity is not yet over.

### Japanese Interested in Hairdos

Reports hereabouts indicate that one of Japan's larger women's magazines is interested in telling its public about American hair-dos. Some

top-notch Nisei hair stylists have been approached, and their creations for Nisei girls are to be photographed for publication. Nisei hairdressers and their models are now in the position of setting the styles for a sizeable portion of Nippon's feminine population.

Some of Japan's earlier efforts to ape western styles have not been entirely successful. There was, for instance, a craze for peroxidizing hair. This was supposed to produce blonde Japanese, but unfortunately, or perhaps we should say fortunately, the hair didn't turn out flaxen. It was bleached in most cases to an anemic, burned-out reddish hue, and the result was somewhat garish to say the least.

Nisei hairdressers have attained a measure of recognition in the industry, and no doubt have mastered the difficulties attached to styling the straight, coarse Oriental type of hair. Japan's beauticians probably can learn a lot from them.

### Observing Traffic Regulations

For a long time we were inclined to look upon highway patrolmen as obnoxious creatures prowling the highways with the single intent of making life miserable for motorists. Then we rode with one the other night in the course of an assignment. We came away with a greater understanding of the patrolman's problems, his zeal for highway safety through observance of the laws, his devotion to duty, his pride in his work. We were on his side when we left, deeply impressed with the necessity of observing the spirit as well as the letter of traffic laws.

That's the way with all our gross and petty prejudices. Our dislikes are usually unfounded, our fears baseless. Once we learn the truth by seeing things from the other fellow's viewpoint, our prejudices disappear.

## Vagaries

### Mayoralty . . .

State Senator Jack B. Tenney made a poor showing last Tuesday as one of the eight candidates against Mayor Fletcher Bowron in the Los Angeles mayoralty election. Mayor Bowron faces City Engineer Lloyd Aldrich in the runoff election in May. Tenney, who was one of the leaders of the anti-Nisei campaign in California during the war, sought the votes of minority groups in the election by campaigning against race discrimination . . . It's reported that Tenney, a Republican, will face a hard fight to keep his seat as state senator from Los Angeles County at the 1950 elections. Former Attorney General Robert Kenny has already announced against him as a Democratic candidate.

### Mr. Waikiki . . .

Harold Sakata, Hawaiian weight-lifting champion and a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1948 when he placed second in the light-heavyweight division at London, recently was selected as "Mr. Waikiki" in a health and strength contest in Hawaii. Lillian Chang, an acrobatic dancer, was selected as "Miss Waikiki." . . . One of the proposals supported by Hawaii Nisei veterans of the 100th, 442nd and interpreters groups which is now before the territorial legislature will provide a scholarship fund at the University of Hawaii for education of children of veterans killed or totally disabled in service.

### Opera Star . . .

The San Carlo Opera company is again embarked on a nationwide tour and Hizi Koyke is once more being acclaimed for her outstanding portrayal of "Madame Butterfly." Miss Koyke, now one of the nation's best-known operatic stars, once served salads at the Columbia University cafeteria when she was studying voice in New York. In private life she is the wife of one of the directors of the San Carlo company.

### Actor . . .

Twentieth-Century has signed another actor in Japan for one of the leading roles in "Three Came Home." Ikuro Furukawa, one of ten Japanese actors recently tested by 20th in Tokyo, will arrive in Hollywood in May to take over the role of General Suga in the Claudette Colbert film from Agnes Newton Keith's story. The Keith book tells of the internment of an American woman, her husband and child in a Japanese concentration camp in North Borneo. Gen. Suga was the commandant of the camp but will be portrayed as a sympathetic character. According to Mrs. Keith, this Japanese general was a businessman who had been drafted into service and was not

## Midwest Resettlers: Chicago Nisei Mailing Firm Enters New Publishing Field

By JOBO NAKAMURA

Chicago, Ill.

Rapid strides are being taken by the more enterprising young Nisei resettlers in Chicago. Chicago is still an unbridled, frontier city insofar as opportunities are concerned, and to those who are eager and earnest, the Horace Alger type of success is still conceivable.

The growth of the Chicago Mailing Service and Sales Co., Incorporated reflects the advantage that Nisei have taken of the opportunities Chicago has to offer. Not long ago, a few Nisei with a few dollars in their pockets got tired of "scratching out a few dollars a week working for somebody else" and decided to pool their resources and start their own business. At first, they operated a modest shop downtown handling mail ads and announcements for busy businessmen. The rapid growth of this enterprise has been phenomenal.

Its new plant is now located in the south side industrial section of the city. More than 200 Issei and Nisei are employed in the plant working among gleaming, modern equipment. In one corner of the bindery room, a tremendous pile of magazines and leaflets are stacked ready to be shipped out after being assembled and bound by the workers in "nothing flat." The speed and the dexterity with which the Nisei girls and men process these operations is nothing short of amazing. However, it comes as no surprise. In the old days, Nisei were pretty well established as speedy packers in west coast agricultural operations.

The Chicago Mailing Service's formula for efficiency lies in its

a military type. She credits Gen. Suga with saving her life . . . Furukawa, who is said to have a good command of English, will be coached especially for the picture, according to Nunnally Johnson, its producer . . . Minoru Takata, another Japanese star, previously was signed by 20th for a role in the film . . . Jean Negulesco, who directed Jane Wyman's Oscar-winning portrayal in "Johnny Belinda," will direct "Three Came Home."

### Composer . . .

The death after a brief illness of Francis Kaichi Zanami, 35-year-old Hawaiian Nisei composer, was reported in Honolulu recently. Zanami, who composed songs in the Japanese vernacular, was winning a reputation as a result of recent recordings. He was the composer of a "Japanese American March" as well as "Wakare no Isochidori," "Namida no Shigure," and other Japanese songs. He was also the leader of the Hawaii Shochiku orchestra.

earnestness in meeting deadlines. It gets there with "the fustest and the mostest." It is small wonder that the company has been able to win contracts to bind big national periodicals such as Life and Look magazines, as well as certain mail order catalogues.

The corporation is managed by a businesswise ex-rice broker named Jimmy Nishimura, native of Berkeley and Sacramento, California.

Nishimura attributes the success of the enterprise to the "conscientious effort on the part of each and every worker in the organization to make good." "Teamwork is very important," he says. He conceived the plan of combining advertising and printing in addition to binding and mailing as a complete service for the company's customers. He employs a staff of competent Nisei artists and writers to handle copywriting and layouts.

Not content with printing "somebody else's stuff," Nishimura is slowly guiding the company's interest into the publication field. The Chicago Guidebook, a Nisei directory, recently reviewed by the Pacific Citizen paves the way for subsequent publications.

The first issue of a pictorial newspaper, Scene, edited by Bob Ozaki is now going to press at the time of this writing, and also a pictorial book on the story of Nisei resettlement in Chicago is being planned. This latter photographic essay will feature the camera art of Ken Mazuma, a rising Nisei photographer.

The company is also looking toward the foreign market. Nishimura states that he can sell publications in Japan in exchange for bamboo shoots or tea-pots. "There is a good market for bamboo shoots in this country," he asserts. He may not be kidding.

### Musical Delights Chicago Club Group

CHICAGO—Members of the Japanese American Music club of Chicago enjoyed a musicale held March 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kankuro Matsumoto.

The program consisted of two solo numbers by Sue Sakuma, who sang Musetta's Waltz from Puccini's La Boheme and Luxemborg Garden by Kathleen Manning; a piano solo by June Oda, who played the 1st movement of Beethoven's Sonata in F Major; and three numbers by a male quartette composed of Max Joichi, William Fujii, Karl Inouye and Henry Matsukawa.

Next project of the club will be a spring tea, which is scheduled for May 1.

### Questions on Evacuee Claims

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

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

1. Q. In 1942 we were forced to lease our property consisting of 5 acres of fruit and a house partly furnished for \$600 per year. When we returned in September, 1945 we were obliged to rent our own house for \$35 per month until March, 1946 at which time the lease expired. In 1941 we cleared \$800 on the fruits. Am I justified in making a claim for the difference between the \$600 per year rent and the \$1600 which I feel we would have averaged had we taken care of it? Can I make a claim on the value of the rent from the house?

A. You may claim the difference between the fair rental value of your orchards and house and the \$600 per year which you received for the period in which you did not occupy the house. For the period in which you occupied the house at \$35 a month whether you had a loss, or a gain to be deducted from the amount of your loss for the period you were out of the house, depends on whether you had been paid for this period at the rate of \$600 per year. If you had been paid at the rate of \$600 a year, or \$50 a month, for this period and recovered possession for \$35 a month, you did not have a loss for this period of occupancy. If, however, you were not paid at the rate of \$50 a month for this period but your tenant said that you could regain possession for \$35 a month, your loss for this period was \$35 a month and you can claim it.

2. Q. How could I prove legal ownership of a business under an assumed name such as Florists if I haven't filed the ownership with the state. I have paid the state 3% sales tax through that name.

A. You have no difficulty proving legal ownership of the business you operated under an assumed name even if you did not file a statement of ownership or doing business under that assumed name. You should have no diffi-

culty in proving that you actually owned the business either by your control and operation of the business or by documentary proof such as cancelled checks showing that you purchased the business. Such documentary proof, however, is not absolutely necessary.

3. Q. At the time of evacuation I stored my two automobiles with the WRA who later transferred them to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco as the Fiscal Agent. Two months later the Army offered to buy the cars but the price was so low that I ignored the letter. Subsequently, I was informed that the Army had taken possession of the automobiles and if I wanted to receive the money for them I would have to sign the forms transferring the ownership to them. Can I file a claim for the difference that I received and the prevailing retail price at the time I was able to buy another automobile to replace the one the Army purchased from me? Or, can I claim for the difference between the price paid me and the prevailing retail price at the time the Army purchased my automobiles?

A. You can certainly claim the difference between the fair market value of your two automobiles and the amount the Army paid you. It is not likely that the Government will give you an additional amount based on the replacement cost of these two automobiles at postwar prices. You might, however, put in a claim for the larger amount based on replacement cost with the request that if this amount is not granted that the lesser amount, based on fair market value at the time of sale, be allowed.

### San Jose to Print Third Edition of County Directory

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League, JACL, will publish a third revised edition of its county directory in 1950, it was decided here recently.

A surprisingly large influx of new residents, plus a great number of changes in address, necessitates the third edition, it was reported.

The league also reported that many local merchants have asked for advertising space in a strictly local directory.

### Talks on Housing Feature Meeting Of Detroit JACL

DETROIT, Mich. — Discussions on the building and financing of homes featured the second general meeting of the year of the Detroit JACL on April 2.

Minoru Yamasaki, designer, gave an illustrated talk on "Desirable Features in the Design and Construction of a House."

George Shermer, chairman of the Mayor's Interracial committee, spoke on "Discriminatory and Restrictive Practices in Housing."

Claire W. Ditchy, national secretary of the American Institute of Architects, spoke on "How to Finance Your Home."

### Los Angeles JACL Approves Sponsorship Of "Nisei Week"

LOS ANGELES—"Nisei Week," major prewar activity of the Japanese American community, will be revived this year under sponsorship of the JACL.

Approval was given by the Downtown Los Angeles chapter at its first general meeting April 4 at the Kow-Nan Low.

### Mayfair Nursery Wins San Jose Title

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Mayfair Nursery won the championship of the Nisei winter league on April 2 at Valley Bowl, defeating Joseph Kiser Co., 2580 to 2563 in a three-game rolloff for second half honors.

The Mayfair team had already won the first-half title.

The Mayfair team is composed of the following payers: Dick Ikeda, Bill Takeda, Chy Kawakami, Gish Endo and Fuzzy Shimada. Endo and Shimada led the scoring with 585 and 582. Kaz Nakamura with 561 and George Sakamoto with 539 were high for the Kiser team.

## Nisei Girl Wins Fencing Honors



Grace Makabe (right) of Loomis, Calif., winner of first place in the intermediate open foils tournament at the Olympic Club in San Francisco recently, is now training for the Pacific coast championships to be held in San Francisco in May. Last year Miss Makabe, a student at Mills college, won the Pacific coast junior foils title. She is affiliated with the Halberstadt school of fencing in San Francisco. In the inset Miss Makabe is shown with her two teammates.—Photos by Kameo Kido.

### Boston Bruins Show Interest in Canada Show Nisei Hockey Star

ST. CATHARINES, Ont.—Seventeen-year old Frankie Toyota, sensational young right-winger of the St. Catharines Lions, 1948 all-Ontario juvenile champions, is being considered for a professional hockey contract by the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey league.

He was scouted and signed to the Boston negotiation list by Harold Cotton, former player with the Toronto Maple Leafs. It was explained that being placed on the negotiation list does not mean that the player will be offered a professional contract but means that no other National Hockey league can attempt to sign him.

Toyota is currently playing with the Lions in the Ontario juvenile playoffs with the Marlboro team.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daigoro Toyota of St. Catharines and is a second-year student at St. Catharines college.

### Fellowship

SACRAMENTO—Nisei members of Sacramento's three Christian churches are joining together one Sunday a month for a United Fellowship meeting.

Sab Mizutani, acting moderator, is aided by Joseph Fukuda, Mary Nakashima, George Nishikawa, Sue Nakahara and the Revs. Mitchell Koga and Oyanagi.

First fellowship at the Parkview church was scheduled for April 3.

### Plan Installation

LOS ANGELES—The first all-Nisei post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be installed at ceremonies on April 9 at Danish Auditorium.

### Okada Insurance Cinches Top Spot

With only one week left to go, Okada Insurance and New Sunrise Market have cinched first and second place respectively in the fourteen-team Salt Lake JACL winter bowling league.

Four teams, Modern Garage, Pacific Citizen, Seagull Cleaners and Aloha Snack Bar, are engaged in a close race for third place, while Terashima Studio appears to have a good hold on seventh place. Tuxedo Hotel & Cafe is currently in the eighth spot while Hibbard Drug and Dawn Noodle are tied for ninth, followed by O K Cafe, Metro Motors, Star Noodle of Ogden and City Cafe.

### Berkeley Nisseis Defeat Wah Kues

ALAMEDA, Calif.—The Berkeley Nisseis, champions of the recent San Jose invitational basketball tournament and holders of two victories over the Hawaii AJA All-Stars, defeated the Wah Kues of Los Angeles, 58 to 39, on April 3.

The Wah Kues, a Chinese American team, recently defeated the West Los Angeles YBA for the Nisei championship of Southern California.

On April 3 the Wah Kues lost a close 38 to 35 game to the San Francisco Drakes.

### Reno JACL Meets Penryn in Bowling

RENO, Nev.—The Reno JACL scheduled the first of two series of bowling matches with a Penryn team on April 3 in Reno, according to Frank Date, athletic director.

A return match will be held in Penryn in May.

# PC SPORTS

### Battling Star

Wally Yonamine, the football star, won the batting championship of Hawaii's AJA Senior baseball league recently with a blistering 448. . . . Two of the leading pitchers in Japan's pro baseball league are Eddie Yoshie of Tokyo who hails from Vancouver, B.C. and Seitaro Wakabayashi of Hawaii who hails from Osaka. A member of other Nisei played in Japanese pro ball before the war. The University of Hawaii has hopes of getting Konoshin Furuhashi of Japan, probably the world's greatest swimmer, as a student. Greta Andersen of Denmark, one of the world's top women swimmers, already has sent her transcripts to Hawaii. Coach of the University of Hawaii swimming team is Soichi Sakamoto.

### Trojan Hurler

USC's Mas Kinoshita is the only Nisei player to see action so far this season in the California Intercollegiate baseball association. Kinoshita, former star chucker for L.A. City College, pitched briefly for the Trojans last week against Santa Clara, allowing one walk and no hits in two innings. Reasa Takashi (Halo) Hirose did not compete for the Ohio State Buckeyes in the NCAA swimming championships at Chapel Hill, N.C. last week was that he was ruled ineligible by the NCAA because he has competed for the Buckeyes for three years and spent a year at the University of Hawaii. He was eligible, however, for Big Nine conference events. Bunmei (Bunny) Nakama of Ohio State was the only Nisei swimmer in the NCAA but failed to place. . . . Tsuneshi Maruo, who was rated as a contender for Manuel Ortiz' bantamweight championship after beating Stan Rowan in England two years ago, has retired from the ring. . . . One of Hawaii's top Nisei boxers at the present time is Mokey Hanagami, 1947 finalist in the National AAU championships. Hanagami has been winning consistently since turning pro last year.

### Brazilian Tour

According to the Nichi-Bei Times, a Japanese Brazilian group in Sao Paulo is considering the possibility of inviting a California Nisei baseball team for a tour of Brazil. Brazil's residents of Japanese ancestry, estimated to number more than 30,000, introduced American baseball to the land of the samba and are among the country's leading exponents of the sport. . . . Tak Kusano of San Francisco's Kusano Travel Bureau, who has many contacts south of the equator, reports that Brazil's baseball season starts in September. On a recent trip to Peru, Kusano found that the country's leading baseball team was one composed of Peruvians of Japanese descent. . . . Venezuela leads all of the South American countries in baseball and many U.S. players, including a number of Negro players, perform annually in the Venezuela winter league.

### Doubles Champs

Two Chinese American bowlers in San Francisco, Don Gee and Warren Fong, may lay claim to the title of the nation's top Oriental American doubles team. Last week Gee and Fong defeated Dick Ikeda of San Jose, Tats Nagase of San Francisco, 1949 National JACL tournament doubles champions, 1123 to 1014, in a special match played for the benefit of underprivileged children. In another match Fuzzy Shimada and Gish Endo, two of the top Nisei kegglers in the Bay Area, defeated Tommy Fong and Stan Wong, 1041 to 1029.

### Nisei Mat Stars Lose in Salt Lake

Two touring Nisei wrestling stars, Charles (Young) Shiranuma of Hilo, Hawaii and Hisao (Duke Keomuka) Tanaka of Los Angeles appeared in Salt Lake City on April 7 at Fairgrounds Coliseum. Appearing in judo jackets for the Salt Lake show, they lost a 2 out of 3 falls tag team match to the Swedish Angel and Pat McGill of Salt Lake.

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**Vital Statistics**

**BIRTHS**

To Mr. and Mrs. Tomoichi Sakaji a girl, Janice Patricia, on March 17 in Santa Maria, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Kanda a boy in Denver.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miyamoto a girl, Jane Ellen, on March 22 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eno to a girl on March 13 in Watsonville, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Mamiya, 9, 19th ave., Seattle, a boy on April 2.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George S. Kato a boy on March 16 in Fowler, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Kishida, West Third South St., Salt Lake City, a boy on April 4.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Y. Mogawa a boy on March 25 in Sacramento.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hagiwara a girl on March 30 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo Taoka a boy, Walter Craig, on March 25 in San Jose, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Egusa, Santa Clara, Calif., a boy, Glen Sadao, on March 27.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Takehita a girl on March 26 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Fukushima a girl on March 21 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Kuro a girl on March 17 in Stockton.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ray T. Sakaura a boy on March 21 in Stockton.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Scott H. Takahashi a girl on March 23 in Stockton.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Keiji Hoshino a girl on March 25 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Kobata, Walnut Grove, Calif., a girl, Trudy, on March 26.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teranishi, Acampo, Calif., a girl on March 28.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Mori, Acampo, Calif., a girl on March 29.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Uyeda a boy on March 20 in Monterey, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Yano a girl on March 29 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yuzuru Ohashi a boy on March 19 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Masukane a girl on March 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jun Fukushima a boy on March 21 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hiroshi Ito a girl on March 20 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Toyohiko Kawamura a boy on March 21 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yoshio Kokawa a boy on March 18 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kenichi Nishi, West Los Angeles, a boy on March 20.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Yada, Dinuba, Calif., a boy on April 2.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Sumida a boy on March 24 in Sacramento.

**DEATHS**

Mrs. Setsu Saito on April 2 in Los Angeles.  
 Kamesaburo Aki, 21 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on April 2. Mr. Aki is survived by his wife, Mrs. Haru Okuye Aki and three sons, Harry Aki of Boston, Willie Aki of Hyde Park and the Rev. George Aki of Chicago.  
 Motosuke Hirai, 66, on March 27 in Seattle.  
 Masa Mayeda, 58, on March 27 in Seattle.  
 Shoji Saito, 61, on March 30 in Los Angeles.

**MARRIAGES**

Michiko Yasui of Seattle to Sho Onodera on Feb. 13 in Tokyo.  
 Mary Hatsukano to Robert Hideo Naganawa on April 2 in Seattle.  
 Fumi Sasaki, Orting, Wash., to Yosh Tanabe on March 27 in Tacoma, Wash.  
 Akiko Shimizu to Tadao Abe of Penryn, Calif., on April 2 in San Francisco.  
 Tsuyako Sugai to Shigeru Matsuo on March 27 in Fresno.  
 Mitsuko Watanabe to Tetsu Santo of San Jose on April 2 in Los Angeles.  
 Memiko Nagase to Kazuo Kato of Long Beach on April 3 in Los Angeles.  
 Teruko Murakami to Masamori Hori on April 3 in Los Angeles.  
 Kazuye Kamitani to Thomas Tadao Yamamoto on April 2 in Watsonville, Calif.  
 Sadako Oku to Kenji Ishizaki on April 3 in San Francisco.  
 Florence Chizuko Makino to Satoru Yamada of Redwood City on April 3 in San Francisco.  
 June Matsuzaki to Masakazu Gytoku in San Francisco.

**Fellowship Night**

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles YBA's second monthly fellowship night will be held in the social room of the Nisei Hongwaji temple April 14 from 7:30 p.m. according to Nagao Tomita, chairman.  
 The group will spend the evening in games and folk dancing after a brief service. Refreshments will be served by Norma Iura and her committee.  
 Tomita will be assisted by Tamiko Kosakura and Ben Jinkawa.

**Idaho Falls JACL Begins Remodelling Of Clubhouse**

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Idaho Falls JACL is now engaged in remodelling its present clubhouse into what promises to be one of the best Nisei meeting places in Idaho.  
 The job, directed by Katsuki Yamasaki and Leo Morishita, is expected to take five months for completion.  
 Present plans call for a main hall 24 by 60 feet, capable of seating 225 persons. A kitchen and small office will also be on the main floor.  
 A four-room apartment has been planned for the caretaker of the building in the upper part of the building.  
 Members of the remodelling committee are Sam Sakaguchi, Fred Ochi, Eli Kobayashi, Eke Inouye and Sadao Morishita.

**Spring Dance**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Bids for the Puella Societa "Spring Fantasy" on May 7 are now available from members of the club.  
 The spring dance will feature the music of Dick James and his 7-piece orchestra at the Odd Fellows temple, 9th and K sts, in the Silver Room.  
 Dancing will start at 9 p.m. Bids are selling for \$2.50. They will be on sale till late in the evening of the dance for the benefit of out-of-towners.

**Introduce Bill To Permit Entry of War Bride's Children**

SEATTLE, Wash. — Two little Japanese girl twins, 4-years of age, are now awaiting passage of House resolution 2084, which will enable them to join their mother in Seattle.  
 They are Teiko and Yoshiko Higo, whose mother is married to David B. arpenier, sociology instructor at the University of Washington. They are the children of Mrs. Carpenter's first marriage.  
 Carpenter and his wife have been trying since 1947 to have the two little girls admitted to this country. Under the War Brides act Carpenter was able to bring his wife to this country, but immigration laws prohibited entry of the stepchildren.

**Reedley JACL Holds Community Picnic**

REEDLEY, Calif. — Approximately 700 persons attended a community picnic sponsored by the Reedley chapter of the JACL on March 27 at the Pine Flat campgrounds in the Sierra national forest.  
 A drawing highlighted the day's activities. Prizes were donated by local merchants.  
 Charles Iwasaki was general chairman. Assisting him were Sojiro Nakamura and Ben Nakagawa, program committee; Jack Ikuta and Terashi Ibara, procurement; and Kaz Kunishige, location.

The chapter extended its thanks to the following merchants for their donations:  
 Asami Service, K. S. Kamada, Community Fish Market, Tejerian's Men's Store, Justesen's Dry Goods Store, Grower's Supply, Marten's Chevrolet Agency, Reedley Auto Supply, Nelson Motor Sales, Hughes Motor Co., Shultz Motors, Jackson's Service, Allen Motor Sales, Carlisle's Drug Store, Anthony's Drug Store, Wooden's Pharmacy.  
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**Reno Rotary Hears Joe Masaoka Speak On Citizenship Bill**

RENO, Nev. — Joe Grant Masaoka, regional JACL ADC director from San Francisco, asked last week that the service of 33,000 Japanese Americans in World War II be repaid by the granting of citizenship to the parents of these soldiers.  
 Masaoka spoke March 29 at the weekly Monday luncheon meeting of Rotary National in the Mapes hotel.  
 "The Japanese Americans truly want themselves and their families to become Americans in name and fact," Masaoka told the Rotarians. "Their devotion and loyalty is exemplified by the war record of 33,000 Japanese Americans who served on the European and Pacific combat fronts."

Masaoka said that the dream of many Nevada Japanese, whose sons served in battle, of becoming American citizens could be realized by passage of the Issei naturalization bill now in Congress.

**Mid-State Tourney**

FRESNO, Calif.—The second annual Mid-State Bowling tournament will be held in Fresno on May 14 and 15, according to Buzz Noda, president of the Central California Nisei bowling league.

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### Fifteen Nisei Appointed to Hawaii Posts

HONOLULU—Although persons of Japanese ancestry constitute approximately one-third of the population, Gov. Ingram Stainback has selected only 15 Japanese Americans for territorial posts among more than 200 appointments made during the past two years.

The following AJAs were among the more than 200 names which were sent by the governor to the territorial senate for approval recently:

Allen Nagata, member Territorial Boxing Commission until Dec. 31, 1950.

Curtis T. Sakata, member territorial board of massage, 3-year term.

Jhosey Waichi Aoki, member territorial board of massage, 3-year term.

Ruth Shimada, member territorial board of barbers, until May 28, 1949.

H. Kawakami, Kauai member of territorial council on veterans' affairs, until June 30, 1950.

Shizuichi Mizuha, Maui member of territorial council on veterans' affairs, until June 30, 1950.

N. Masunaga, member of territorial board of public lands, 4-year term.

Paul T. Nomura, member of board of veterinarian examiners. (Term expired on April 25, 1948.)

Harry K. Inouye, member Maui County police commission, until June 30, 1949.

Kanichi Takitani, Maui member, territorial visitors bureau, until April 16, 1949.

Shunzo Ushiroda, member of board of registration, 2nd District, 4-year term.

Robert Okuda, member board of registration, 6th District, 4-year term.

George Nakamura, member board of registration, 2nd District, 4-year term.

Mark Y. Murakami, member board of registration, 4th and 5th Districts, 3-year term.

Flora T. Ozaki, member territorial board of licensing of nurses, until June 30, 1953.

### Initiate Wisconsin Fund Drive to Support JACL ADC

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—A statewide drive to raise at least \$500 in Wisconsin for the JACL-ADC legislative program got under way last month following a joint meeting of Issei and Nisei held in Milwaukee under the sponsorship of the local JACL, according to Kazumi Oura, chapter president.

Kay Nakagiri and Oura, Nisei co-chairmen of the drive, and Mr. Shinozaki, Issei chairman, announced that the drive will include Delavan, Madison, Nasotah, Appleton, Manitowac and other cities.

### Chicago Video Drive Ends Successfully

CHICAGO — The JACL "video drive" came to a grand climax Saturday evening, April 2, when the Chicago chapter held its "video swing" at the International House on the University of Chicago campus.

Approximately 450 persons attended the dance, including guests from St. Louis and Minneapolis.

Winners of television sets during the drawing held during the intermission were Tad Nagai of Chicago and Frank Okura of Cincinnati.

Mr. B. Rote was winner of the combination radio-phonograph console while B. C. Lorton of Hammond, Ind., won a washing machine. Other winners were Dr. Roy Teshima, Helen Okada and Gladys Foster. Door prizes were won by Mrs. Mary Yatabe and Tarry Mizuno.

The drive was conducted by Bill Hiura.

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### Student Will Enter Spelling Bee

DENVER—Kim Sasano, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Katsutaro Sasano of Westminster, will be one of the participants in the Colorado-Wyoming spell-down, sponsored by the Rocky Mountain News, which will be held in Denver on April 23.

Miss Sasano is an eighth grade student.

### Salt Lake Fellowship Will Install Officers

Installation of new officers of the Salt Lake Young People's Fellowship will be held on April 10 at the Japanese Church of Christ.

The Rev. C. T. Nakadegawa will speak on the theme, "The World's Strangest Triumph March."

As part of the special Holy Week observance on Mounday Thursday, April 14, a program of special religious music will be presented by Robert Waite, a student at Westminster college. The Rev. Nakadegawa will speak.

The new officers are Ronald Okawa, chairman; Mats Tabata, vice chairman; Sachi Asahina, rec. sec.; Katie Inoway, corres. sec.; Bill Honda, treas.; and Toshi Kanegai and Robert Williams, ushers.

A baptismal service will be given.

### Speak in Omaha

OMAHA, Neb.—Mr. and Mrs. K. Patrick Okura, president and corresponding secretary of the Omaha JACL, have recently made a number of speaking engagements on the Judd bill in Omaha.

Okura appeared on a panel sponsored by the American Association of University Women, while his wife spoke to the women's division of the Chamber of Commerce, the Methodist Women's club and the Northside Women's club.

Other members of the chapter who have recently participated in community activities are Susan Kumagai and Kazuo Ikebasu.

Miss Kumagai sang two numbers, "Brotherhood," composed by John Foley, local musician, and "I Walk Alone" at the World Wide Observance of the Omaha YWCA.

Ikebasu was awarded a Scoutmaster's Key at Boys Town, Neb., for five year's training as a scoutmaster.

### Milwaukee Dance

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—"Serenade in Blue" will be the theme of an informal dance planned by the Milwaukee JACL chapter on Saturday, April 23rd at the YMCA.

Music will be provided by Morey Brannovan's orchestra and the program will begin at 8:30 p.m. An invitation has been extended to members of the Chicago JACL to attend this dance. Admission is \$2.50 per couple.

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### Alameda JACL Begins Evacuee Claims Aid

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Local residents wishing to use evacuee claims services offered by the Alameda JACL were scheduled to register this week with the chapter.

Registrations were to be taken Friday, April 8, under direction of Mrs. Kay Hattori, chairman of the claims committee.

Appointments will be made for all registrants for individual services.

Mas Yonemura, Oakland attorney, gave a talk on claims procedure at the April 8 meeting.

### Tak Haga to Head Intermountain YPC

Tak Haga of Idaho Falls was elected president of the Intermountain Nisei Christian Youth conference on April 3 in Salt Lake City.

He succeeds the retiring president, Tom Hoshiyama of Salt Lake.

Other new officers who were installed at the conference last Sunday are Eddie Enomoto, Ogden, vice-pres.; Emmy Yamasaki, rec. sec.; Mrs. Yoshito Ochi, corres. sec.; Ted Kuwana, treas.; and Marchi Yamasaki, historian, all of Idaho Falls.

The 1950 conference meeting will be held in Idaho Falls.

The Rev. Edwin F. Irwin, pastor of the Provo community church, was the main speaker at the Salt Lake meeting, which was held at the Japanese Christian church with 175 Nisei registered from Utah and Idaho.

One hundred attended the banquet on April 3 at the Pagoda.

### Helen Tsuda Heads Nisei VFW Auxiliary

SACRAMENTO—Helen Tsuda was named president of the Nisei Auxiliary No. 8985 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars last week.

Other officers are Mickie Okamoto, senior vice pres.; Mary Asazawa, junior vice-pres.; Yvonne Noguchi, chaplain; Marion Yego, guard; Chieko Iwamoto, treasurer and secretary; Dorothy Nomura, conductress; Mieko Asazawa, trustee, one-year; Rose Hara, trustee, two-year; May Sato, trustee, three-year; Mary Kozono, historian; Sue Sakai, patriotic instructor; Mieko Asazawa, Sue Harada, June Yoshino and Yo Nishimura, color-bearers, and Mieko Okamoto, one-year delegate.

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### Chicago JACL Prepares for 1950 Conclave

CHICAGO—Delegates and visitors to the JACL national convention in Chicago in 1950 will find themselves meeting at the world's largest hotel, the Hotel Stevens.

Long the center for the largest national conventions, the Stevens played host to both the Republican and Democratic party conventions in 1944.

It has been estimated that it would take a person more than 8 years to cover the entire hotel if he stayed each day in a different room. The fabulous Stevens is famous for a number of features, including the Grand ballroom, largest and most elaborate of any hotel, and its Boulevard room, where spectacular ice shows are held.

Dr. Randolph Sakada, chairman of the convention, is directing the chapter's preparations for the 1950 JACL meeting, which is expected to be the largest in JACL history.

### Noted Artists Will Appear Before Ellis Work Campers

CHICAGO — Jessie Kawasuno, dramatist, and Harry Shigeta, internationally famous photographer, will be among the artists appearing at meetings of the Ellis community center Work Campers during the spring.

Miss Kawasuno will appear as a guest performer at the group's April 29 meeting, while Shigeta is scheduled to speak on "The Romance of Photography" on May 27.

Other events scheduled by the Work Campers are an ice skating party on April 22, a Mother's day program May 6, game night on May 20 and an informal dance early in June.

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