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## California Legislature Stymies Move for State Commission On Fair Employment Practices

SACRAMENTO—Legislation to create a state commission on fair employment practices is believed to be dead, as far as the present session of the legislature is concerned.

A lethal blow was struck against the fair employment practices measure, sponsored by Assemblyman George D. Collins, D., San Francisco, when the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy voted 11 to 8 against reporting out the bill on May 11.

The vote was taken after a short hearing on the measure attended by representatives of organizations favoring the legislation.

Voting against the Collins bill were ten Republicans and one Democrat. Eight Democrats voted for the bill.

Time limitations prevented testimony from Joe Grant Masaoka, West Coast regional director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, and other minority group representatives.

In a report sent recently to the Washington office of JACL ADC, Masaoka noted that Americans of Japanese, Chinese and other minority group ancestry were still being subjected to discrimination in employment in San Francisco.

Other Nisei who attended the hearing included Henry Taketa, Sacramento attorney; Mits Nishio, president of the Sacramento JACL; Bob Takahashi, president of the French Camp JACL; Ginji Mizutani and Irene Baba.

Assemblyman Collins announced that he would make an effort to withdraw the bill from the committee.

The Assembly committee which squashed the fair employment proposal also recently killed the Maloney-Niehouse bill, sponsored by Governor Warren, which would create a commission on political and economic equality and would study conditions involving racial and religious discrimination in those fields. The commission would have the power to conduct hearings and look into the enforcement of all laws of the state relative to discrimination against minority groups.

On May 20 Gov. Warren indicated that he was attempting to persuade legislators to reconsider their turndown of the measure.

While the assembly committee was killing the fair employment and racial equality commission measures, the State Senate's Military Affairs Committee voted 4 to 3 against a bill by Assemblyman William Rumford, D., Berkeley, which would have prohibited segregation by race or color in the California National Guard.

The committee voted after Assemblyman Rumford, one of two Negroes in the legislature, refused to accept amendments which would

have changed the bill to a mere statement of state policy against discrimination.

The senate committee killed the bill, although no one appeared before it to oppose it and it passed the assembly by a vote of 58 to 0.

A measure introduced by Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, D., Los Angeles, the other Negro in the legislature, which would repeal the California alien land law which is aimed against persons of Japanese ancestry in the state, is another anti-discrimination bill which has not come out of committee.

## Chicago Authorities Seek to Identify Suicide in Park

CHICAGO—Police authorities last week sought the identity of a suicide whose body was found hanging from a tree in Elmwood Park.

No identification papers were found on the body. A Japanese language newspaper was found in his pocket.

The man was about 60 years of age. He was of medium height and had white hair.

## Denver Nisei Will Take Part in Memorial Day Rites

DENVER, Colo.—Memorial Day services, honoring Nisei GIs who gave their lives in World War II, will be held on May 30 at the Tri-State Buddhist church under the joint sponsorship of the Denver JACL and Cathay Post No. 185 of the American Legion.

Addresses in Japanese will be made by Haruo Muronaka, editor of the Rocky Shimpō, and Kenzo Ogasawara, editor of the Colorado Times.

Louis Jay, finance officer of the Cathay Post, will speak in English. The Cathay Post color guard will post colors.

Others participating will be Mrs. Joe Ariki, Dick Aoyagi, Mrs. Tosh Ando, Kiyoshi Kawahata and Rose Shiramizu.

## MILWAUKEE JACL GOES OVER TOP IN FUND DRIVE

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Kazumi Oura, president of the Milwaukee JACL, reports this week that the \$500 goal for the state-wide ADC drive has gone over the top by almost \$150.

The co-chairmen for the drive were Mr. Shinozaki, Issei, and Kay Nakagiri and Kazumi Oura, Nisei. Among the cities covered during the drive were Madison, Milwaukee, Delavan, Nasotah, Appleton and Manitowac. The total amount raised is \$645.50.

## Chicago Tops Goal in ADC Fund Campaign

Report \$12,510 Now Raised in City for JACL Organization

CHICAGO, Ill.—The \$12,000 goal of the recently completed Chicago ADC fund drive was topped by \$510, according to an announcement this week from Tahei Matsunaga, chairman. JACL-ADC headquarters has already been sent \$10,000, it was revealed.

Mr. Matsunaga expressed his thanks to the 200 Issei and Nisei who made up over eighty soliciting teams in twenty-eight districts. Leading all districts was No. 23 on the northside, with more than \$1400 collected. The average for the districts was \$446.80.

A total of 1,525 contributions were received for an average of \$8.20 each, reported the executive secretary of the campaign, Dr. Matsusaburo Kuki, who will prepare and mail to each contributor the final report of the drive.

The largest single donation was for \$300. Among the larger sums were three of \$150, fourteen of \$100, two of \$75, thirty-six of \$50, one of \$40, three of \$35, three of \$30 and thirty-seven of \$25.

## Imperial Valley Paper Supports Judd Legislation

EL CENTRO, Calif.—An early Senate vote on the Judd bill to extend naturalization rights to resident aliens of Japanese and Korean ancestry was urged on May 13 in an editorial in the Imperial Valley Press.

The Press declared that passage of the Judd legislation would be "in the interests of democracy."

"We have many persons of Japanese ancestry," the Press editorial declared. "In almost every case they have proved themselves to be worthy of trust and to have had love and respect for this country."

The editorial noted that the mother of a Nisei winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor was denied citizenship because of her ancestry.

"To correct such injustices, and because we believe that the principle of the bill is in the spirit upon which our country was born, we would like to see passage of the Judd measure by the Senate," the editorial said.

## Rep. Judd Urges Early Senate Action on Naturalization Bill

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Urging Senate action on his House-approved bill to extend naturalization rights to 88,000 Orientals, most of whom are of Japanese ancestry, and to remove race restrictions from immigration laws, Rep. Walter H. Judd, R., Minn., told the International Institute of Philadelphia on May 19 that the 1924 law barring alien Orientals from U.S. citizenship was one of the causes which led to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"It did more than any other

## California Assembly Passes Bill to Repeal State Ban Against Interracial Marriage

SACRAMENTO—California's anti-miscegenation law, which prohibits marriages between Caucasians and Negroes, mulattoes, Mongolians and Malaysians, is headed for the ash can.

The repeal bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Robert Condon, D., Walnut Creek, was passed on May 24 by the House and was sent to the Senate. The bill previously was passed without opposition by the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

The Condon measure will make the state law conform with the decision of the State Supreme Court in 1948 in which it ruled that intermarriage prohibition was unconstitutional.

As a result of the court decision, counties are now issuing licenses for intermarriages.

The first person of Japanese ancestry to apply for a marriage license to wed a Caucasian was a Japanese girl from Kobe, Japan who came to the United States to marry an Army officer she had met in Japan. The marriage was performed at the Oakland Army base.

Two weeks ago authorities in Nevada City, Calif., announced that a license had been issued to two Nevada residents, Elizabeth Robillard, 28, and Roy Nishiguchi, 32, both of Reno, and the marriage was performed by the justice of peace. Nevada is one of several western states which prohibit intermarriage.

The Nevada City ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace George W. Gildesleeve on May 10.

Ralph E. Deebie, county clerk, said it was the first mixed marriage license issued in Nevada County since the ruling of the California Supreme Court. He said the license application stated that Nishiguchi is a member of the yellow race and Miss Robillard is white.

## LA Forges Ahead in Membership Race With Chicago JACL

With an impressive total of 582 members, the Los Angeles JACL chapters were well ahead of Chicago in the membership race currently being conducted by the Chicago JACL and the four chapters in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles membership rolls were listed as follows this week by JACL national headquarters:

## "Tokyo Rose" Defense to Call Five Nisei as Witnesses

Expect More Than Forty Depositions for Trial from Far East

SAN FRANCISCO—Five Nisei are among the 17 witnesses who will be subpoenaed to testify for

## MRS. D'AQUINO LEAVES JAIL TO VISIT DENTIST

SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, now facing trial in Federal court on the charge of wartime treason, got her first chance to leave the local county jail for the first time in eight months when she visited Dr. Masaiichi Higaki, a dentist, on May 24.

She left the prison under the guard of a Justice Department agent.

She also was accompanied by her father, Jun Toguri of Chicago.

the defense at the "Tokyo Rose" trial of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino on July 5 in Federal Judge Michael J. Roche's court.

The defense motion for the subpoenas was granted last month by Judge Roche but the list was not completed until last week.

Meanwhile, another defense attorney, Theodore Tamba of San Francisco, has been in the Far East obtaining depositions from other witnesses for the defense.

It also was reported that several Nisei will be among the prosecution witnesses who will arrive in San Francisco in time to testify at the trial. These witnesses were originally scheduled to leave Tokyo in May but their departure was postponed following Judge Roche's decision to grant a defense motion for a delay until July 5. The trial originally was scheduled to begin on May 16.

Discussing the depositions now being obtained by Tamba, Wayne Collins, defense attorney, said that between 40 and 60 depositions will be ready when the trial starts.

The 17 defense witnesses who will be subpoenaed were identified as follows:

George H. Henshaw, Beverly Hills; Chiyeko Ito, Los Angeles; James E. Whitten, Torrance; May E. Hagedorn, Everett, Wash.; Mrs. Norman Reyes, Chicago; John E. Tunnicliffe, Grants Pass, Ore.; Mark L. Streeter, Idaho Falls; John D. Provo, Washington, D.C.; Williston Cox, Knoxville, Tenn.; Frank Fujita, Electra, Tex.; Shigemi Mazawa, Chicago; Jack Wisener, Austin, Tex.; Mrs. Albert Kanzaki, New York City; Milton Glazier, Dover, Idaho; Amy Masuda, Los Angeles; Norman Reyes, Nashville, Tenn.; and Maj. Wallace E. Ince, San Francisco.

## Remains of 13 Nisei War Dead Returned to U. S. for Burial

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The remains of 13 Nisei combat veterans from the European theater have been returned to the United States for reinterment, the Department of the Army announced on May 28. The Nisei originally were interred in temporary military cemeteries in Italy.

The war dead and next-of-kin are:

WASHINGTON:  
Pfc. Yasuo P. Fujino—Takesaburo Fujino, 667 Weller St., Seattle.  
Pfc. Masami Inatsu—Mrs. Toshiko M. Inatsu, Rt. 2, Box 365, Bellevue.

T/4 George K. Sawada—Shinsaku Sawada, 115-18th St., Seattle.

CALIFORNIA:  
Pfc. Roy Y. Ikeda—Mrs. Takeko Ikeda, 1803 Laguna St., San Francisco.

Pfc. Taka-Nori A. Nishi—Dr. Chotoku Nishi, 1124 Curtis, Albany.

Pvt. Masaru Nakagaki—Tsuru Naka, Rt. 2, Box 577, Woodland.

Pvt. Tom T. Nishimoto—Kikutaro Nishimoto, 1927 Corinth Ave., West Los Angeles.

Sgt. Iwao A. Takahashi—Torakichi Takahashi, 4307 E. Goodman Ave., Whittier.

ILLINOIS:  
Pvt. John R. Kawaguchi—Denzo Kawaguchi, 47 W. Superior, Chicago.

OREGON:  
Pvt. Roy I. Naemura—Seki Naemura, 168 Fairview Homes, Troutdale.

UTAH:  
Pvt. Tom T. Misumi—Mrs. Shizumi M. Tominaga, 127 Doxey St. Ogden.

Pvt. Roy T. Shiozawa—Heijiro Shiozawa, Layton.

Sgt. Togo S. Sugiyama—Franklyn S. Sugiyama, National.

The body of Pvt. Roy Ota, killed in Europe, will be returned to

Yoshisuke Ota, Agenosho-Machi, Oshima-Gun, Yamaguchi

Ken, Japan.



Memorial Day, 1949:

"LET IT BE FOR ME  
— ONCE IN GLORY"

Ed. Note: The following letter was written by George K. Sawada, a Nisei volunteer, as he left the Minidoka relocation center for training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

He served as a member of the 442nd combat team, headquarters company, medical detachment. He was a technician, fourth grade.

George Sawada died in Europe in battle.

The following letter, an expression of a Nisei son's love for his father and, through this, his devotion to his country, is a fitting Memorial day tribute to all of America's soldier dead.

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April 30, 1943

En route to Camp Shelby

Dear Dad:

I hope you don't mind my calling you that. I haven't called you Dad before, but tonight for some reason or other, I find Father such a cold, formal word, especially in Japanese, and "Dad" conveys just the meaning I want. It is at once an address of respect, but it expresses also the closeness of our relation and the deep mutual love and understanding, which must exist between the two before a Japanese son can call his father Dad. I know that this is true of us so I have addressed you as such.

You are probably wondering why I have written you this letter so soon when we just said good-bye only a few hours ago, but I felt that I owed it to myself and you to tell you some of the things I should have said and didn't when the time came for us to part.

I don't know why I didn't. Perhaps it was because I was overly reticent; perhaps it was because we are Japanese, but mainly because, I think, I was a little bit self-conscious.

You are old now—aged since mother passed away many years ago and left you three little children to raise, but once you were not so old. You were young when she was alive, and I can still remember what a happy family we were then.

Do you remember the time when we all went crab-fishing to West Seattle—that time when I was bitten by a crab and howled so lustily? How you gently pried it from my fingers and then kissed them, which was such a strange thing for a Japanese to do, and when you saw mother looking, you acted sort of gruff and turned sheepishly away? But mother knew and loved you more.

Do you remember that day when we went fishing to Snoqualmie River and caught all those little trout, and when we were apprehended by the game warden, the difficulty you had explaining to him that we wanted to put them into the pool in our garden? The time we went hunting in Seward park with a BB gun and were almost arrested, and the scolding we received from mother when we came home? Do you remember how happy we were when mother was alive and you were young?

Then tragedy struck our home. I do not like to remember the months after she passed away. How lonely we children were and how more lonely you must have been. I know now how much you loved her, more than any or all of us. She was not a picture bride. You had met her when both of you were students in Hawaii, and you two had fallen in love. How happy you must have been together in your early days of marriage, I can only imagine from the happiness I knew.

Then that awful night when she died, you came home and told us as gently as only you knew how that she had gone away, that we mustn't cry because mother wouldn't want us to. Hiro and I were Japanese boys so we didn't cry, at the time at least. But our little sister, she was such a little thing, cried into the night, and tired as you were from sleepless nights of vigil, you walked her to sleep.

You aged overnight. You would smile at us, but it was not from the heart. How sad you looked when you thought we were safely tucked in bed, and your pretenses dropped like a heavy load. Once I saw you weep, and I didn't know what to do.

It is said that time is a healing balm, but I know that it was not time which awakened you from the numbness of this loss. You had loved mother more but you loved us too. We were her heritage to you, born of her in her love of you and now left in your care. The love you had for her now you gave to us. You were a father. Now you also became a mother and a little something more, and thinking of our welfare, you never remarried.

This was all very difficult for you at first for we were such thoughtless little ruffians. How trying we must have been to a lonely father, I can only imagine. But the thought that we were without the love of a mother constantly tempered your anger and impatience, and you loved us a little more for our weaknesses. Thus in your love for us, you found surcease from sorrow and loneliness. And so the years passed.

I was now in the grammar school. How proud you were of me when I made the school's indoor ball team. You looked so pleased when I showed you the letter I had won. But also how sad you could appear when you saw my report cards, but remembering your boyhood you understood.

As we grew older, you became more our companion than a father, and business was better so that you could devote more of your time to our pleasures. Do you remember the vacation we four spent in Idaho in the summer of 1927, the beauty of the place and the lakes which were teeming with bass, which struck your bait with savage viciousness and fought to the bitter end? And the biggest fish that always got away? We four were almost as happy as when we were five.

Then came the depression and overnight we were poor. Your business and even the college fund you had saved for me were lost in the debacle. I wanted to leave school and go to work, but you were vehemently against it. How well I remember that evening when finding you so haggard and careworn I hopefully suggested this possibility.

You slowly straightened your tired shoulders, and some of the haggardness slipped from your face as a smile of determination broke its bleakness.

"No," you said with quiet doggedness. "You shall continue your education." It was a promise. I do not know even to this day how such dogged courage could stem from so tired and frail a body, but it did.

You worked harder; your hair became a little more gray; your face, a little more care worn, but we weathered the debacle. That I was able to graduate from high school near the top of my class, I owe to this selfless love.

Seven more years passed, and I was graduated from college. You were proud of me then. After the graduation ceremony when I gave you the diploma you held it close to your heart and there were tears of joy in your eyes. I saw you weep again for the second time.

The same year, Hiro was inducted into the army, and we four were three. We held a farewell dinner in his honor, and do you remember the prayer you gave then: "God keep us and grant us peace?" But God in his mysterious way did not heed our plea.

One December morn, out of the friendly sky, treachery struck with appalling devastation. You turned pale when you heard the news. For days after, you were silent in your misery. Japan was the country of your birth, but America, the country of your choice.

Postscript

Togo Tanaka

Add Tall Tales about Evacuation . . .

CHICAGO — The latest — and fanciest — story about why mass evacuation was justified has just been handed to us across a plate of corned beef and cabbage.

The revelation, if you want to call it that, exploded unexpectedly at lunch the other day.

An old friend from Los Angeles jabbed it across the table at us. The friend has returned to his business in L.A., but the unbuttoned expression of half-belief with which I greeted his tale somehow still lingers.

Anyway, here's the story. From Out of the Recent Past . . .

We'll call him Bob, because that's close enough. We were classmates in school. Seems we knew each other 20 years ago. I hadn't seen him in 13 years.

The other day he blew into town for a convention of radio parts manufacturers. An unfamiliar voice on the phone talking about old, familiar things was the first inkling I had that he was still in circulation.

I was still befogged when he said, "Let's have lunch tomorrow."

I knew him all right. He'd changed his surname—shortened it. He's now what might be termed a big wheel in a medium-sized radio and television manufacturing firm in Los Angeles.

At 35 he's next in line for the firm's presidency: he's an officer in the Young Republicans of Los Angeles County. He sums it up with satisfaction that maybe he's doing "all right."

He Said: "I was on the other side."

Like nearly all visiting firemen from Los Angeles who take the time to look up a Nisei friend or acquaintance, Bob got around to the stock question: "Is there much prejudice around here?"

This sort of conversational meandering always leads you to expect some new intelligence about the mass evacuation.

Bob was no exception.

"I was on the other side," he began.

"Oh? What do you mean, 'other side'?"

"Well, I guess you'd call it the side that recommended mass evacuation."

"How come?"

That's how we stumbled into his strange tale.

Memoirs of a G-Man . . .

At the time of Pearl Harbor, Bob was fresh out of Harvard Law School and had taken a job with the Department of Justice.

"We did a survey of the Japanese population in California," he began. "We made maps of all the arable land in the state, marking these areas with a certain color. Then we made another map showing the locations of military installations. Then we made a third map, pinpointing where Japanese lived."

I interrupted him: "This all

From that day you ceased speaking of Japan. Out of this treachery grew our misery.

In the spring of the following year, we were forced to evacuate to the relocation centers. It was a bitter blow to me. I, a citizen, with a brother already serving in the army, must evacuate, and I could not understand why the German and Italian aliens were not included. I had an unbounding faith in the justice of this nation, but she in return had placed me behind barbed wires like any enemy alien. I was stricken with bitterness, and bitter was my denunciation of the government for this apparent discrimination.

Then you comforted me and slowly withdrew the sting of bitterness as you did many years ago when mother passed away. I could not understand at the time why you should attempt to restore my faith in the government which had never given you the right of citizenship and now by evacuation had made you again almost penniless. But I did not realize the love you bore for this country, made more dear because here it was that mother had died and had been laid to rest: "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

How clearly I remember your words of consolation now even as I write this letter.

Wisely you said: "It is for the best. For the good of many a few must suffer. This is your sacrifice, accept it as such, and you need no longer be bitter." I listened to your words and the bitterness what it means to be a citizen. That I have retained my faith through this trying period and emerged what I am, a loyal American citizen, I owe to your understanding.

When the time came for enlistment, I was ready, my faith and loyalty restored, stronger, firmer, unwavering: I volunteered. And seemed to carry me back over the years of our happy life, recalling are only two. I have written this letter as they came to me.

There is an old Japanese or is it a Chinese saying that a man must weep thrice ere his span of life is done, or words to that effect. I do not know whether this is true or not, but I joy, and if this be true and it is predestined that you must weep that shall surely be mine. God bless you Dad and keep you until this happy day.

City Will Help Little Tokyo Tenants, Says Mayor Bowron

Answers Opponent's Charge He Urged Mass Evacuation

LOS ANGELES — None of the 2,000 residents of the "Little Tokyo" area, a large percentage of whom are of Japanese ancestry, will suffer when a part of the district is razed as a part of the Civic Center program, Mayor Fletcher Bowron told an audience of Japanese Americans at All People's Community church on May 23.

Mayor Bowron said that the city is planning to help find housing for persons who will lose their homes when the demolition work begins.

"We hope to keep the hotels, rooming houses and apartments intact until the last moment," he said. "Business establishments

sounds familiar. So what?"

"Well," he said, "We found that all the pins showing where Japanese lived coincided with locations of military installations, but they did NOT coincide with the locations of the arable land. That looked pretty fishy to me."

"Sort of hogwash though, wasn't it? And didn't that DeWitt report make such a claim?"

"No, the DeWitt report didn't. I've never seen that charge in print yet. But I think that's one of the real reasons why mass evacuation was ordered—and why I thought it could be justified."

But Uncle Kept Saying No . . .

I was in the process of messing up a perfectly enjoyable and sociable lunch with a prolonged debate on the matter.

The first thought waiting to be ejected at this Native Son target was: "So, you would support the principle of punishing all for the transgressions of the few?" But before I could get started, Bob took it on himself to end the discussion.

"Funniest darn thing, though," he added, "No matter how hard I tried to convince myself that mass evacuation and detention would be justifiable, I couldn't get my uncle to agree. He kept telling me that the whole damned business was wrong. That wouldn't be the way he'd handle things. He said I was knuckle-headed, and I said the same about him. Even after the deed was done, he disagreed and said we were nuts in California."

"Hurray for your uncle," I said, disposing of the dessert, "pin a medal on him for me. What's his name?"

"Emmons. Lieutenant-General Delos Emmons. He ran things his way in Hawaii, then came over and took over in California. Now he's living in quiet retirement in the peninsular area in Northern California."

"Well, did he believe the hogwash about the pins on the map?"

"I don't know. Even if he did, it made no difference to him."

From the Colorado Times.

will go down first, of course. But we will not do anything drastic to hinder community life."

He did not set a definite date for residents to move out of the block which will be razed to make way for the new buildings in the Civic Center project.

Mayor Bowron's appearance before the Nisei group was a part of his campaign for reelection. He sought to answer charges made by spokesmen for his opponent, Lloyd Aldrich, that he had advocated the mass evacuation of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"I frankly admit that I stood by Gen. DeWitt's proposal to remove all persons of Japanese ancestry after Pearl Harbor," he declared.

He said that he personally felt that residents of the West Coast hold a "higher respect" for the Japanese American group as a result of the war and evacuation.

"We realize now what they have gone through during their confinement in the various relocation centers," he said. "We realize their plight and their hardships."

Noting the achievements of Nisei GIs, he added:

"We who have been suspicious of your people since the beginning of the conflict know well what the men of the 442nd Combat Team have done to preserve democracy in this country."

"You are no longer suspected," he declared. "You've done your share in the war and the residents of Los Angeles recognize and respect your loyalty and dignity."

Veterans Group Formed to Support Aldrich Campaign

LOS ANGELES — Announcing their opposition to the reelection of Mayor Fletcher Bowron, the American Japanese Veterans Committee for Lloyd Aldrich for Mayor this week circulated a handbill declaring that Nisei "should not forget Bowron's outspoken prejudice now that he asks for their votes."

The city election will be held on May 31.

The handbill quoted from a statement made by Mayor Bowron on February 12, 1942 in a Lincoln Birthday address in which he said that Lincoln "would make short work of rounding up the Japanese and putting them where they could do no harm."

The handbill listed the following veterans as members of the group supporting Aldrich: Jerry Fujikawa, George Ishikawa, Harry Komatsu, Kazu Takayama, Frank Kuramoto, Art L. Nagai, Tim Sakaye, M. Tanaka, T. Hasegawa, Benny Nakagawa, Tom Moriyama, K. Komatsu, M. Kariya, J. Takashi, M. J. Hayashi, T. Iwatsubo, George Miya, Junior Iguchi, Ohara, Min Imai and Akio Iwamoto.

NVA Disclaims Tie With Aldrich Group In LA Campaign

LOS ANGELES — The Nisei Veteran's Association is not connected in any way with the American Japanese Veterans' Committee for Aldrich, it was announced this week by Steven Sakai, executive secretary, and J. B. Tietz, legal counsel.

The NVA spokesmen said the organization makes no political endorsements and that confusion has resulted here with the name used by the Aldrich group.

The NVA is a long-established veterans group and is chartered by the state.

JACL Chapter Hears Mayoralty Candidates

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles mayoralty candidates, Lloyd Aldrich and Fletcher Bowron, incumbent, were scheduled to appear Friday, May 27, before a meeting sponsored by the East Los Angeles JACL at the Tenrikyo hall. Aldrich is a city engineer.

Named Valedictorian

FRESNO, Calif.—June Hoshiko last week was named valedictorian of the graduating class at Caruthers high school.

Miss Hoshiko will speak at the graduation exercises on June 8. She won her block "C" as a member of the tennis team and appeared in the senior play.

Your son,  
GEORGE



## Four Names Listed for EDC Chairmanship

Sugihara, Hirose, Hayashi, Iwasaki Will Be Candidates

NEW YORK CITY—The names of four persons have been submitted to JACL chapters of the Eastern district council as candidates for chairman of the EDC.

They are Ina Sugihara, Jack Hirose, Akira Hayashi and Tetsuo Iwasaki.

The slate of candidates will be voted upon at the EDC convention June 10-12. Tom Hayashi, chairman of the nomination committee, presented the list of candidates.

Miss Sugihara is the incumbent EDC chairman. She has served in a number of chapter posts with the New York JACL, including the vice presidency. She is publicity director of the public relations committee of the Protestant Council of New York City. She is affiliated with CORE, the New York FEPC, the NAACP and other organizations.

Hirose, member of the Washington, D. C., JACL, is chairman of the Arlington National Cemetery committee of the EDC and chairman of the organizing committee of the Washington chapter. He is a member of the American Legion post of Hyattsville, Md. He is an art director with the I. T. Cohen advertising agency.

Hayashi is president of the New York chapter and its past financial director. He is employed by Vogue Ceramics Industries as manager of its foreign department. He is a member of the board of directors of the Japanese Methodist church. He graduated from City college in New York with a B. A. in foreign trade.

Iwasaki is the first president of the Philadelphia chapter. He is an electrical engineer with the Atlantic Oil Co.'s research and development department. He has a B. S. from the California Institute of Technology and an M. S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Japan relief committee.

Two names were submitted for the post of vice chairman: Harvey Aki of Boston, president of the New England chapter, and Ken Iseri, member of the board and past treasurer of the Washington, D. C., JACL.

Frank Enseki, member of the board of Seabrook Farms; Tats Hasegawa, former recording secretary at Seabrook Farms; and Alice Miyazawa, past recording secretary of the New York chapter, were selected as candidates for recording secretary.

Jim Mitsui of Seabrook Farms, Frank Okazaki of New York and Bill Sasagawa of Philadelphia were chosen to run for the post of treasurer.

Three candidates were named for the post of publicity director: Dick Akagi of New York, Mariko Inaguro of Philadelphia and Ellen Nakamura of Seabrook Farms.

Members of the nominating committee are Harvey Aki, Ken Iseri, George Sakamoto, Isamu Uyehara and Chairman Hayashi.

Present cabinet members for the EDC are Miss Sugihara, chairman; Akira Hayashi, vice chairman; Hiroshi Uyehara, rec. sec.; Mitty Kimura, treas.; and Alice Miyazawa, publicity director.

Mrs. Mary Furutani holds the post of corresponding secretary, and Mrs. M. O. Iwano is the appointive office.

## Col. Hanley of 442nd to Speak at Seattle Memorial Rites

SEATTLE, Wash. — Col. James Hanley, who commanded the 442nd Central Postal Directory Battalion in action in Europe, will be the major speaker in Memorial day ceremonies at Lakeview cemetery honoring Nisei war dead of World War II.

The entire Japanese American community will join in the services, which will pay special honors to 54 Japanese Americans from the Seattle area who gave their lives in combat.

A 21-foot granite monument, engraved with the names of the Nisei war heroes, will be unveiled.

Mrs. Hisako Nakamura, widow of Pfc. William Nakamura, who was awarded the DSC, will repre-

## 400 Hilo Residents Hear Talk by JACL ADC Official

### Large Crowds Hear Masaoka On Isles Tour

HONOLULU, T.H. — Mike M. Masaoka's whirlwind speaking tour on behalf of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee's financial drive in Hawaii was marked by enthusiasm and large crowds in Honolulu, Hilo and on the islands of Maui and Kauai.

The national legislative director of JACL ADC left here on May 23 for San Francisco, en route to Washington. He reported that his audiences in Hawaii expressed considerable interest in the legislative program of JACL ADC, particularly in the Walters resolution which was introduced in the House recently to extend naturalization rights to resident aliens now ineligible to citizenship. He said that approximately 40,000 resident aliens of Japanese and Korean descent in Hawaii would benefit by the legislation.

Reporting on the progress of legislation of interest to the people of Hawaii, Masaoka stressed in speeches here that the campaigns for Hawaiian statehood and for naturalization rights for Japanese aliens are all "one and the same fight."

He declared that the enemies of Hawaiian statehood are the enemies of naturalization.

Sam Ishikawa, Pacific Southwest regional director of JACL ADC who accompanied Masaoka on his speaking tour, will remain in Hawaii until mid-June.

### Ishikawa Takes Lead In Socialist Party Campaign in West

DENVER, Colo.—Joseph Ishikawa of the art department of the University of Nebraska is taking the lead in a movement to consolidate locals of the Socialist Party in the Rocky Mountain area into a regional organization, the Colorado Socialist Party announced this week.

The announcement said that Ishikawa was instrumental in the formation of a new Socialist Party local at Lincoln, Neb.

His suggestion for the formation of the regional group with headquarters to be established in Denver has already received favorable support from members of the Socialist Party in Denver and Colorado.

Ishikawa has advanced the move in order to "increase the effectiveness" of the political group.

The increased vote of the Socialist Party in recent elections in Wisconsin where they have succeeded in winning several minor offices makes it appear likely that Ishikawa's suggestion will help strengthen the Socialist Party in the western part of the country, the announcement added.

If Ishikawa's regional proposal is adopted, it will probably include Socialist groups in Nebraska, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming and Montana.

The announcement added that Joseph Ishikawa's prestige within the Socialist Party has been growing as a result of his proposal and he is regarded as one of the party's leaders in the west.

sent Gold Star parents and widows in the dedication ceremony.

Speakers will include William Y. Mambu, Yoshito Fujii and Richard Setsuda. The Revs. M. Wada and B. Oda will give the invocation and benediction.

The parents of Masao Ikeda will accept a flag for all Gold Star parents.

Several hundred Nisei veterans are expected to take part in the city Memorial day parade to be held from 10 a. m. A quota of 500 has been set by the Nisei veterans. Disabled Nisei veterans and Gold Star parents and widows will be included in the Nisei contingent. A cadre of 30 men will be on hand at the parade staging area to organize and direct the Nisei marchers.

### Masaoka's Speech Also Broadcast by Local Radio Station

By JAMES S. MAEDA  
HILO, T.H.—Four hundred Hilo residents heard Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, give a report on Congressional legislation affecting mainland and Hawaiian residents of Japanese ancestry at a meeting on May 18 which was sponsored by the Veterans AJA Council of Hilo, an organization comprised of representatives of the Club 100th, the 442nd Club, Interpreters Club and the Engineers.

Masaoka also described the work of the National JACL organization.

The talk was translated for the benefit of the older persons of Japanese ancestry in the audience.

Masaoka's speech also was broadcast over a Hilo radio station through the courtesy of local Japanese American firms.

Masaoka also was a guest on a 15-minute radio program known as "Meet the People."

Notes: Mike Masaoka went Hawaiian during his one-day visit to Hilo. The aftermath of eating poi, dry fish, lomilomi salmon, Laulau and other delicacies gave Mike trouble during his 75-minute speech before the Hilo audience but the JACL ADC official went on with the show.

Sam Ishikawa, Pacific Southwest regional director of JACL ADC who is in Hawaii to raise funds for the organization's national legislative program, can really go Hawaiian. Sam even uses his fingers for the poi and "Bachelor Sam" is really doing fine in all respects here in Hawaii. He even asked the Nisei waitress at Volcano House, noted Big Island hotel, for "chazuke" at breakfast time.

### Uyeda Sisters At Celebration for Folklore Magazine

CHICAGO—The Uyeda sisters, Haruko and Tomeko, will join in the seventh anniversary celebration of *Viltis*, a magazine devoted to familiarizing the public with the folkways and folklore of diverse nationality groups, on Sunday evening, May 29, at the Lithuanian auditorium.

Representatives of many national groups will present folk dances during the program.

Haruko and Tomeko Uyeda, with their two talented six-year-old proteges, Mariko Ann Akiyama and Toyoko Kitahata, will perform two numbers, "Me no nai Chidori" and "Maru Maru Bushi."

The Uyeda sisters have given numerous performances before various groups in the midwest. Recent performances included appearances at the United Nations folk festival, held in the Gold room of the Congress hotel for the 33rd annual national association of secondary school principals' convention, which was telecast over Station WBKB; the 15th annual national folk festival in St. Louis; and the Detroit JACL show.

They are former residents of Gardena Calif. and studied under Fujima Kansuma, recognized as the foremost exponent of the Japanese classical dance in America.

### Tribute to Gold Star Mothers Planned by Los Angeles YBA

LOS ANGELES — The Young Buddhist association will pay tribute to Gold Star mothers at a memorial service which will be held on May 29.

All Buddhist veterans in the Los Angeles area are expected to attend the rites in uniform.

A bronze plaque, bearing the names of all Buddhist war dead from the church, will be dedicated at the service.

Among the Buddhist Nisei who died in World War II and who will be honored at the service will be the following:

Cpl. Yoshiharu Aoyama, Pfc. George Gushiken, Sgt. Joe Hayashi, Pfc. Toshio Hozaki, Cpl. Johnny Kanazawa, Pfc. Nobuo Komoto, Pfc. Sadao Munemori, Cpl. Kiyoshi Nakasaki, Cpl. Akira Shimashi, Cpl. Tayayuki Tanouye, Pfc. Fred Yasuda, Pfc. Mitsuru Yeto and Pfc. Tatsuo Yoshizaki.

## Monument to Nisei War Dead Of Los Angeles Area to Be Unveiled on Memorial Day

LOS ANGELES—The unveiling of a 32-foot white marble monument as a tribute to the memory of the sacrifices of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the service of their country in World War II will feature the Memorial Day ceremonies which will be held by the Nisei Veterans Association at Evergreen cemetery.

This year's rites will culminate a two-year reinterment program for Nisei war dead from the Los Angeles area which was undertaken by the NVA.

The monument, which was purchased and completed in Carrara, Italy, the city which was liberated by the 442nd Combat Team in April, 1945, will be unveiled by Mrs. Nawa Munemori, mother of Pfc. Sadao S. Munemori who posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic death while serving with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy.

A statue bearing the likeness of Pfc. Munemori, the only Japanese American to receive the Medal of Honor, stands atop the monument.

Due to a prior commitment outside of California, Gen. Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the Sixth Army and the wartime commander of the Fifth Army in Italy, will not be able to attend the ceremonies.

In a letter to the Nisei Veterans Association, Gen. Clark declared: "I am sorry that I cannot be there for the ceremony, for I have the greatest respect and pride for the Nisei soldiers who fought so gallantly for this country. The 442nd Infantry Regiment was one of the finest I had the privilege to command in World War II."

A representative of Gen. Clark will deliver the main address at the Memorial Day rites. Lieut. Col. John F. Aiso will act as chairman at the ceremonies. Former First Lieut. Tak Nakaki will command the NVA's honor guard who will be in full uniform.

Many civic leaders are expected to attend, in addition to 50 Gold Star mothers of Nisei GIs who died in World War II who will be the honored guests.

An audience of 2,500 is expected to witness the dedicatory rites.

Funds to erect the memorial were raised through contributions from residents of the Los Angeles area.

The inscription on the memorial reads as follows:

IN SACRED MEMORY  
This memorial is reverently placed here by the Japanese

American community, under the auspices of the Southern California Burial and Memorial committee, in memory of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought, suffered and died in World War II that liberty, justice and equal opportunity in the pursuit of happiness might come to all democratic and peace-loving people everywhere regardless of race, creed, color or national origin.

Dedicated: May 30, 1949.

The names of 61 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from Southern California who died in World War II are inscribed on the memorial. The names are as follows:

Yoshiharu N. Aoyama, Frank N. Arikawa, Hiroo H. Endo, Arthur M. Fukuoka, George Gushiken, Stanley K. Hayami, Joe H. Hayashi, Minoru Ishida, Joe Y. Kadoyama, John S. Kanazawa, Frank Kanda, James S. Karatsuu, Yasuo Kenmotsu, Shaw Kojaku, Paul T. Kitsuse, Nobuo Komoto, Henry M. Kondo, Harry F. Madokoro, Sadao S. Munemori, Tom T. Nishimoto, Kiyoshi K. Muranaga, Paul T. Kimura, Robert K. Nakasaki, Katsu Okida, Susumu Okura, Calvin T. Saito, George S. Saito, Atsushi Sakamoto, Masao Shigezane, Akira R. Shimatsu, Joe A. Shiomichi, Shigeo Tabuchi, Iwao A. Takahashi, Kei Tanahashi, Ted Tanouye, Theodore T. Tezuka, Harry H. Tokushima, Daniel Y. Tsukamoto, Mitsuru Yeto, Tatsuo Yoshizaki, John Akimoto, Victor Akimoto, George M. Shikata, John Kato, Teruo Hozaki, Toshio Hozaki, Henry T. Furushiro, Kazuo Masuda, Fred S. Yasuda, Lloyd Onouye, John Ogawa, Ted T. Fujioka, Ben Masaoka, Tsuyoshi Yamamoto, Makoto Yoshihara, Togo Sugiyama, Hitoshi Yonemura, William Samonji, George Kuwano, Isao Tsuno and Katsumi L. Takasugi.

## Los Angeles AFL Will Fight Race Bias on Local Level

### Educational Program Will Be Initiated Against Intolerance

LOS ANGELES—The establishment of committees to combat racial intolerance on the local union level was approved at a meeting of the Central Labor Council, AFL, on May 16.

Sponsors of the recommendation noted the existence of discrimination against Americans of Negro, Mexican and Oriental ancestry and stressed the need for expanded activity to help educate trade union members, as well as the general public.

It was announced that the recommendation of the Central Labor Council's executive committee is in keeping with the national policy of the AFL.

It was announced that the project to expand the Central Labor Council's campaign of education and understanding to eliminate racial intolerance and the conditions which create it was "enthusiastically adopted" by the delegates who represent more than 500,000 AFL members in the Los Angeles area.

In order to obtain a wider distribution of the efforts of the Central Labor Council's Committee to Combat Intolerance which has functioned "with increasing effectiveness during the past two years," the resolution proposed the establishment of committees on all levels of the trade union structure.

(A recent report by Joe Grant Masaoka, West Coast regional representative of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, noted the existence of discriminatory policies in some unions affiliated with the AFL against persons of Japanese ancestry.)

The council committee recognized the work of AFL local groups to date in combating intolerance

and pointed out that it is the purpose of the resolution to further implement an educational race relations program, using the great quantity of education material prepared by the national AFL group.

"The plan is designed to bring a race relations program down to the membership where it is most needed," Susan D. Adams, member of Retail Hardware and Appliance Employees Union, Local 1215, explained. "The program is an educational one. There will be no interference with the autonomy of local unions. We recognize that those who fight the trade union movement are the same people who spread the lie about Negroes, Mexican Americans, Jews and other minority groups."

"It is they who fought and defeated FEPC. We recognize, also, I am sure, the need of integrating the efforts of the entire local labor movement to make victory over prejudice and discrimination an easier task."

Abe F. Levy, delegate of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, commended the "progressive and far-seeing" action of the AFL executive committee in Los Angeles, and declared that the "employers and chambers of commerce are trying to pit one nationality against the other and they hope to break the labor movement that way."

"Labor stands for democracy," Levy said. "It is incumbent upon us to educate our members so that they do not fall prey to the poisonous propaganda of racial intolerance."

The ILGWU has a number of Nisei women members in the Los Angeles area, comprised of evacuees who took jobs in the garment industry following their return from war relocation centers. Last year the ILGWU appointed a Nisei girl to help organize women in the industry in Los Angeles.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Postscript for Memorial Day

This Memorial Day, in hundreds of communities across the country, the people of the nation pay tribute to the men who died in combat in Europe and Asia during the last great war.

Among the mourners will be Americans of every race, color and creed, for the privilege of dying for one's country is not restricted by racial ancestry.

Many of them, in life, were not accorded the respect, the honor or even the privileges due them as citizens of this country. Some of them, even in death, were denied the simple right of reburial because of their color.

These men have passed beyond the prejudices and mistreatment and dishonor sometimes shown them.

It behooves us to remember now that the greatest honor we can pay them is by remembering the living, the veterans who survived the war, the widows and parents and families of the war dead. The greatest we can pay their memory is by giving those who survived them the respect they deserve as Americans.

### Marginal Employment Opportunities

The California legislature has again smothered a move to study and improve employment practices within the state. The Assembly committee on governmental efficiency and economy on May 11 killed a bill to create a state commission on fair employment practices. Earlier the same committee killed another proposal to study racial and religious discrimination, a study which would have laid stress on the economic and employment discrimination against minority groups.

Job discrimination is the core to minority group discrimination in these United States.

Minority groups are "kept in their place" by economic discrimination, which denies them the right to make a living in jobs for which they are trained and for which they are suited. Thus delegated to menial labor and service jobs, they are denied full participation in the country's social and economic life.

Many, of course, rise above the economic restrictions generally placed upon their group. If the right to equality of job opportunity were granted all members of all minority groups, the status of all of America's minorities would rise accordingly, as would the economic standards of the country as a whole.

Negro, Chinese and Nisei Americans know how discrimination affects their daily lives.

But figures are more convincing than bare statements.

In Seattle, according to statistics prepared by the Institute of Labor Economics of the University of Washington, there are no persons of Japanese ancestry employed by industry in managerial and official positions. But managers and officials account for 5.35 per cent of all employes of industry. Of all persons of Japanese ancestry employed by industry, 2.83 are employed in professional and semi-professional positions. But the percentage of all employes in that category is 5.78.

A consideration of the service workers, however, presents an entirely different picture. Of all Nisei and Issei employed by industry, 37.73 are employed as service workers. The percentage for the whole group, however, is only 10.75. In all other classifications the picture shows the same thing: Japanese Americans tend to be employed most frequently in service trades and work classified as "operative." Their chances for employment are greatly hindered as they rise in jobs calling for increased earning power and supervisory capacities.

Seattle is used here only as an example of employment discrimination, though it might be noted here that the city is generally regarded as one of the cities which has done the most to improve the status of its minority group citizens.

Employment discrimination in San Francisco, recently reported from that city by Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL ADC director, showed the same patterns of discrimination. Seventy-five per cent of all employers placing request with the California state employment service specify they do not want workers of Oriental ancestry.

Chicago, sometimes regarded as a mecca for Nisei jobseekers, is indeed that in many respects.

But the Anti-Discrimination Committee, in recent testimony before the House committee on education and labor, reported as follows:

"The situation . . . is not as healthy as it appears on the surface. Demand for Issei and Nisei is primarily in the semi-skilled and lower income occupations where their high productivity at average pay scales or less actually results in an indirect form of exploitation."

These are examples of the pattern of job discrimination. An all-out attack upon this form of discrimination would provide a healthy impetus for the improvement of race relations generally and for the improvement of the economic status of America's minorities.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Japan Learns About the 442nd

There are indications from Japan that the story of Pvt. Sadao Munemori and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team is being utilized by pro-democratic groups to illustrate the meaning of democracy.

Probably by this time the saga of the Japanese American regiment is known to every Japanese, from Emperor Hirohito down to the poorest tenant farmer. The stories of Nisei GIs were broadcast to Japan and Asia by the Office of War Information and other U.S. propaganda agencies long before V-J day. These stories were used to counteract the damaging effects of the tales of wartime mistreatment of the Japanese American population, particularly the west coast mass evacuation and detention, which was thoroughly exploited by the Japanese warlords who sought to prove that the United States was fighting a race war against Japan.

These stories of Nisei GI courage, later given first-hand emphasis by the arrival of thousands of Nisei GIs in Japan as part of the occupation army, has served to destroy the thesis of the Nippon militarists that their cause was one of race survival. There is reason to believe that these Japanese militarists did not take into account the fact that the Nisei would serve in the war in the Pacific or that United States forces would use Japanese Americans, particularly in military intelligence. It is possible that they believed their own propaganda and thought that all persons of Japanese ancestry were interned for the duration of the war behind barbed wire. In this, they were of the same mind as the Pacific coast race-baiters who were screaming for mass detention and Tom Stewart, then senator from Tennessee, and Mississippi's John Rankin who authored a concentration camp bill in Congress in 1943 which would have given the War Department authority to carry out just such a program of mass internment.

This lack of appreciation of the workings of a democratic state was only one of the many mistakes in judgment which the Japanese militarists made. It would probably have seemed inconceivable, even to many Americans, that men who were languishing in detention centers in 1942, having been evacuated from their homes, would wind up the same war as members of a military unit whose name will not be forgotten in American military annals. One individual story which will probably amaze the Japanese is the one about the Nisei who was confined in Manzanar in 1942, later enlisted in the army and served in Europe and then took a postwar

## Evacuation Issue in L. A.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles who is running for reelection against Lloyd Aldrich in the mayoralty balloting on May 31 received some assistance from an unexpected quarter this week in his appeal for the Nisei vote.

Although public circulation of the charge was confined to Japanese American voters in Los Angeles, Mayor Bowron is probably the first political candidate on the Pacific coast who has been accused by an opponent of advocating the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans in 1942. Southern California Nisei will recall that Mayor Bowron was one of the loudest of the advocates of mass evacuation and supporters of Mr. Aldrich recently bestirred that memory when they reprinted some statements which Mayor Bowron made in February, 1942 when he wanted all persons of Japanese ancestry removed posthaste from the City of the Angels.

The Nisei vote in Los Angeles is insignificant, approximating probably 15,000 in an electorate of two millions, but politicians like to play all the percentages. In a close election, or in the case of a light ballot, the Nisei vote could be a decisive factor if cast overwhelmingly for any one candidate. There is little possibility of such an occurrence in Los Angeles next week but the managers for Bowron and Aldrich were not missing any chances.

The Japanese American commit-

tee for Lloyd Aldrich threw a curve at the mayor in the evacuation issue. The mayor's supporters among the Nisei looked around for material to counteract the charge. They got their unexpected support from two Angelenos who have been close to the evacuation story all the way from Pearl Harbor. The Rafu Shimpo reported on May 21 that Carey McWilliams, authority on race relations and the author of "Prejudice: the Japanese Americans," and G. Raymond Booth, former WRA relocation officer in Los Angeles, had given unqualified endorsements to Mayor Bowron.

"I have implicit confidence that the Japanese Americans have too much good sense to be confused on mayoralty issues," Mr. McWilliams declared. Mayor Bowron came out in favor of evacuation and relocation in 1942 and there was no one who criticized him louder than I did at that time—as the Japanese Americans here well know. However, his frank admission since then knew that he was wrong, coupled with his statements regarding his administration, are more effective than anything Mr. Aldrich has ever said, or probably ever will say at any future time."

Mr. Booth recalled that Mayor Bowron gave complete cooperation to the War Relocation Authority when the exclusion against the evacuees was lifted in 1945.

"Mayor Bowron called in the Chief of Police and the Assistant Chief and the three men gave un-

job as an UNRRA official at a camp for displaced persons where he utilized his first-hand knowledge of human reactions to fences and camp life.

Newspapers and magazines in Japan have carried many stories of the 442nd and of such individual Nisei as Pvt. Munemori and Sgt. Ben Kuroki. The reburial services for two men of the 442nd who died in Italy and whose remains were sent to Japan to next of kin for interment were fully reported in the Japanese press.

Takeshi Kimura, a well-known writer of historical novels in Japan, has written a book for Japanese readers on the 442nd which is now being published in Tokyo. Because of the evidence of considerable reader interest in the book, Mr. Kimura is planning to write several more volumes on the Nisei GIs and is also considering a biography of Pvt. Munemori.

It is expected that Mr. Kimura's works on the Nisei GIs will be used to advance the democratic reeducation of the Japanese people and that the Nisei story will be presented in such a way as to illustrate the triumph of democratic forces in the United States in the wartime treatment of the Japanese American population. The fact that the United States Army has made and circulated a motion picture subject called, "The Nisei Story," which shows the reacceptance of the evacuees on the Pacific coast is evidence that occupation authorities are anxious to counteract any damage which the mass evacuation and the acts of individual hoodlums and race-baiters against Japanese Americans may have done to America's reputation for democracy in Asia.

There is always the danger that the story of the Nisei GIs would be perverted by race chauvinists in Japan. It may have been an awareness of this pitfall which was behind the refusal of occupation authorities to permit a Tokyo motion picture studio to film a motion picture on the 442nd Combat Team. The synopsis of the proposed plot for this film, as reported in a dispatch from Tokyo, hinted too strongly of the "yamato-damashii" theme so inherent in film subjects produced by the militarists themselves, rather than a story of citizen soldiers from the plantations of Hawaii and the relocation centers of the mainland. Such a film would prove a sop to the Japanese race pride which was badly battered by defeat and surrender. If there was any possibility that the proposed film would give this impression to the viewer, it is a good thing that the project was called off. Race chauvinism has no place in a democratic society.

## Vagaries

Avatar . . .

Isamu Noguchi's "Avatar" is one of the sculptures in the American section of "Sculpture International" on exhibition at the Philadelphia Museum through Sept. 11 . . . The first issue of Scene, a new eight-page Nisei pictorial, was published last week by the Chicago Publishing Company . . . There's a new perfume on the market called "Nisei." It's manufactured and distributed by Jerrald Cosmetics of Chicago. Head of the firm is Gerald Kakehashi, a member of the Chicago JACL . . . Gloria Kanemura, a beautiful Honolulu coed who was the queen of the recent Hawaii Baseball Congress, placed third in the Miss Hawaii contest which was held recently to pick the territory's representative to the Miss America contest in Atlantic City. The winner was Betty Jane Johnston. Last year's Miss Hawaii was Yun Tau Zane, a girl of Chinese ancestry who won the personality award, including a \$1,000 scholarship, at Atlantic City.

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Crooner . . .

Katsuhiko Haida, the Hawaiian Nisei who is to Japanese bobby-soxers what Frank Sinatra used to be to U.S. teen-agers, is one of 27 Japanese artists who made more than 1,000,000 yen in income last year . . . The Tokyo Rose society which is flying blooms to San Francisco has nothing to do with the treason trial which gets away in that California city on July 5 . . . Miss Terry Honda, formerly of the Washington bureau of the New York newspaper, PM, is now with the AFL's Labor League for Political Education in Washington.

## Dr. Kimura's Paper Read at Medical Meet

DETROIT, Mich. — A paper by Dr. Eugene T. Kimura and E.M.K. Geiling of the Department of Pharmacology, University of Chicago, on the subject, "Studies on Radioactive Digitoxin," was presented at the 33rd annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Detroit recently.

Papers presented by the participants of the federation meetings were in the fields of physiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, pathology, nutrition and immunology.

qualified support to the Japanese returning to the coast," Mr. Booth added. "Furthermore, on Mayor Bowron's instructions, a special detail of plain clothesmen were given a special orientation course on issues connected with the returning evacuees.

"After the orientation, the officers called on all public places of entertainment, amusement and accommodation in areas where the evacuees formerly resided to talk to the citizens and urge them to hold no prejudices. As a result, whereas in other parts of the Pacific coast there were arson, murder and intimidation, Los Angeles was free from any unfavorable major incidents."

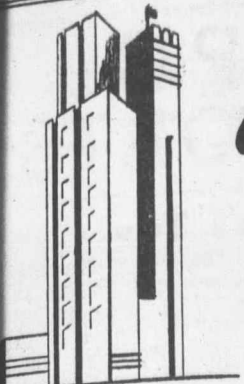
Mr. Booth added that Mayor Bowron was the first elected official in the Los Angeles area to welcome back the evacuees.

The evacuation issue is a tempest in a little Tokyo teapot as far as the city election is concerned. The metropolitan press has not bothered with it and even Mr. Aldrich's managers have concentrated it around First and San Pedro street.

A development which will have greater effect on the city as a whole is the fact most of the active Nisei campaigning in the election has been concentrated on behalf of the candidacy of Edward R. Roybal, a liberal war veteran of Mexican ancestry, who is running for the councilmanic post now held by Parley Parker Christiansen. The wide range of Nisei support for Roybal is further indication that the Nisei learned the political facts of life as a byproduct of their wartime experience. Nisei supporters of Roybal range from normally conservative professional and business leaders, such as Attorney John F. Aiso who was a lieutenant colonel under Gen. MacArthur to the pro-Wallace contingent.

The active campaigning which has taken place among Nisei in Los Angeles is proof that the evacuees are back home again.





# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## Remember Father

From Times Square to Evergreen cemetery in Los Angeles is a little over 3,000 miles away. When Memorial Day comes up this year my thoughts and sentiments will be far from the banks of the Hudson; rather, they will be focused westward on that small patch of ground in Boyle Heights where many a pioneer Issei wearily laid down to his eternal rest.

It has been a traditional ritual in our family to decorate the family plot of ground and pay several minutes homage to those who have gone beyond the horizon of time.

My only consolation this year is that other friends, church members, and acquaintances will pass by to place some flowers on the grave and remember this sanctuary of another generation. In other years I recall seeing the tear-stained eyes of hundreds of Issei folks as they walked from tombstone to tombstone. Each year the legion of the Issei dead increase and in a decade or so there will be only the Nisei to weep and mourn and decorate the final resting place of their loved ones.

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## Quarter Passes

Rapidly have the sands of time slipped by. It is already a quarter of a century since Reverend Kawashima uttered the final rites and we tiny children, with swollen eyes and heavy hearts, trudged back to our dreary, empty, and fatherless dwelling.

Though I be thousands of miles away from that grass-covered patch of ground and that brave white marble marker, I know that the great span of time and that vast canyons of distance will not obliterate from my mind's memory the picture of my father.

Twenty-five years is a long time ago—1924. I was just in grade school. The impact of death did not strike us with its full weight of import and meaning. It is something that the childish mind cannot fully comprehend and understand. It is only with the passing years of maturity that one comes to realize how much we have missed.

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## Pioneer Passes

Though he was with us but briefly, I shall always remember father.

Because I was always mischievous-bent, I recall him as a stern taskmaster. Like most Issei, he was a rigid disciplinarian. He laid down the law, established rules of order and conduct, and held sway by virtue of his strength. As a result we learned the rudiments of obedience, respect for elders, and adherence to laws and regulations of society.

He also had a passion for cleanliness. Many a time he took us squealing children by the nape of neck and scrubbed us till our skins were lobster-red. He took extreme pains to dress and clothe us because when he left it to us something was always out of place or askew.

At the same time, he was God-fearing and insisted that we regularly attend Sunday school. It is unnecessary to say that we were always on time, properly dressed, and quite subservient to the wishes of the teacher. Also we saw to it that our newly-pressed suits had that razor-edge crease when we returned and that we did not dilly-dally on the way back.

Dad was a firm believer in education. He was never satisfied that we regularly attend school, but insisted that we should get the highest grades. It is a tribute to him that in our later years all five members of the family graduated from college.

Though he was an exacting taskmaster and stern in his methods, I know that he had a tender and understanding heart inside. His eyes reflected his happier moments though he would not compliment us orally. He keenly felt for each of his children, nursing us through periods of illness and valiantly helping us with our little problems. It was the realization of his limitations as a widower with five children that must have given him some tragic moments in the lonely vigil of each passing midnight.

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## So Little Time

Thirty-nine is such an early age to die. So it was with many an Issei. They died before their time. Perhaps it was overwork; more than likely it was the lack of stamina to provide adequate support and care for five children.

I think dad was one of the first Issei pioneers to come to this country. He was just a teen-age lad when he left his native Sendai, in Miyagi-ken, a son of a humble store keeper, to try his fortune in America. This was in the late 1890s when the expanding railroad companies of the northwest were soliciting cheap labor from the Orient.

He landed in Seattle and immediately went to work for the railroad. The pay was a dollar a day and the work was the tiring task of laying ties through the wilderness of the towering Rockies to the West Coast. Hundreds of other Issei had to go through this same ordeal to make a livelihood. And from this dollar-a-day income, he had to pay for his food and clothing.

But the frugal, hard-working Issei persevered through all this. They even managed to save a few cents every day so they could get enough funds to start a farm or a little store in Seattle, Tacoma or Portland.

In eight years' time, Dad had a grocery store in Seattle's Japanese section and by 1908, at the age of 23, was awarded the Nihonjin Kai's medal as "the young business man most likely to succeed." It wasn't long after that he returned to Japan to be married and established a home in Seattle.

The urge for rapid expansion and the lure of quick-profits led him to invest heavily in Alaskan ventures which were expanding by leaps and bounds in those days. Evidently he was bilked by some smooth-operating promoters, along with dozens of other Seattle Issei, and shortly thereafter was compelled to sell his business to pay his obligations.

Then and there he decided that education was a vital necessity. At least, he wanted his children to know what they were getting into and not to rely on the glib speech of a bucket-shop operator. Death followed too shortly thereafter for him to launch into another enterprise.

As I said before, 25 years is a long time ago. Still, my mind's memory is fresh with some of the parental advice he passed on to his young brood.

He stressed the importance of the family; of being proud of your name and the importance of the members of the family to help each other. Though we were often inclined to feel otherwise when the waves of anti-Japanese sentiment flooded California, he told us it was not a handicap to be of Japanese ancestry. He felt that

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Something That Should Be Said

Denver, Colo.

Pardon us while we get hot under the collar about a stinking situation. The object of our ire is a white supremacist, one Arthur Calwell, Australia's minister of immigration. Mr. Calwell probably never will see this, and more than likely he wouldn't give a hoot if he did. He strikes us as that sort of person. But this is something that should be said, and we are saying it.

Mr. Calwell raised his voice this week against "stunting Americans in Tokyo" for what he called interference with Australia's immigration policy. He asserted to newspapermen that a "cheap conspiracy" had been hatched in Tokyo by American officials trying to get Lorenzo Gamboa, a Philippines-born U.S. army sergeant, into Australia to visit his Australian wife and their two children.

The Australian government doesn't want Gamboa. Australia, you see, is a "white" nation, and it will not permit non-whites to live there. It makes no difference that Gamboa served honorably in the United States army in defense of the Southwest Pacific, including Australia. It doesn't matter that Gamboa is an American citizen, that he was permitted to marry an Australian girl. Under the exigencies of war Australia allowed him to enter; now that the emergency is ended the "No Admittance" sign is back up.

It so happens that Gamboa was born a Filipino. Any of the hundreds of Nisei who found such a warm welcome during their wartime stay in Australia would, under Australia's present policy, get the same cold shoulder as Gamboa. Nisei may be American citizens, but they are the wrong hue for Australia's color-control laws. For a nation that claims to be a democracy, and which is a leader in the moral battle against Soviet aggression, Australia's smug racism stinks.

Actually, the United States isn't in much of a position to level an accusing finger. Until the war made it imperative, we refused to permit Asiatics to enter America as immigrants. Then we picked China, the Philippines and India and said in effect: "You're on our side. You're no longer undesirable;

you can join the select peoples who we think are good enough to enter our country." But at least we said that and meant it, and passed laws to implement that policy.

And now a great many influential persons are backing the Judd bill to take all the silly inequalities out of our immigration and naturalization laws. When that matter is straightened out, we will be able to say: "Yes, we still have Jim Crowism and prejudice and discrimination, but at least our immigration laws are okay and we're waging the good battle to clean up our internal troubles." But as things stand now, we can just glower at Australia and change the subject when the conversation turns to American laws.

Yet, we as a people as distinguished from the government can point to something significant in Mr. Calwell's comment on the Gamboa case. Mr. Calwell was outraged that anyone should try to influence official Australian policy and he focused his disapproval on an Alva Carpenter, attached to General MacArthur's legal staff. "There would have been no news of the Gamboa case but for Alva Carpenter," Mr. Calwell declared.

In other words Mr. Calwell contends that if the case had been hushed, no one would have been the wise, there would have been no uproar, Australia would not have been embarrassed, and things would have been sweet and rosy for everybody except Gamboa who doesn't count anyway. A high-handed attitude!

If Gamboa had been trying to enter the United States under similar circumstances, any public official who had made a statement like Mr. Calwell's would have been flooded with protests. A Committee to Unite Lorenzo Gamboa With His Family would have been founded with an elaborate list of sponsors, and a half dozen congressmen would have introduced private bills permitting Gamboa to enter the United States. Veterans organizations would have rushed to his support.

The Gamboa case is all the more reason the Judd bill should be passed, and quickly. Then the United States, with all the fervor of a reformed bigot, could preach the gospel of equality. The "cheap conspiracy" in the Gamboa case, if any, lies in Australia and not in Tokyo.

## Vignettes from Europe:

# THE FIRST BATTLE

A 442 Veteran Remembers  
The Furies of Combat

By T. TAKESHI OHYE

(Ed. Note: This is the second in a series of articles on the war in Europe, as told by a Nisei veteran of World War II).

My fitful slumbers came to an abrupt end as I felt a rough hand shaking me.

"Get up, time to go."

The terrors of wars were assembled around me. The furies were stirring their cauldrons and adding their poison to the bubbling mess. Get up, time to go. What matter where, it is just time to go. There is a job waiting.

Roll your pack. Don't forget anything. Everything is precious, we have so little. Check your rifle, that is your life. Now let's go, quickly but quietly.

It is dark this night. Follow the white toilet paper in front of you. Be alert.

The mud protests beneath our feet but we go on. Those who lead us know what we do, those who have felt the splash of battle know what we do. Just listen, then follow, follow in this muddy, muddy night. Don't fear those shells above our heads; they are not intended for us. Follow that faint white ahead of you and be alert. Walk, walk, walk and be glad that at least for this moment death is not sitting in the dealer's seat. Be glad that this is night for the dawn will bring us to the enemy.

We walked through that night, following the white toilet paper tied to the rifle of the man ahead. We walked through the ankle deep mud with but one thought in mind: God, help me to stand up under the enemy's fire.

"Spread out now, spread out!"

The long night was ended and the tall trees were wrapped in the grey mist of an October morning. I was reminded of home. Home was far away from these mountains of France, but I knew home would be like this these October mornings. What fun it would be to drive the valley highways again. Home is where the heart is, they say, and my heart was nestled this day in the deep valleys of the Willamette, even as I plodded through the mud to my first battle front.

"How near is the enemy?"

A veteran shrugs his shoulder in reply. Relax, the enemy will make his presence known soon enough. Just relax and enjoy the hot chow. We might not see hot food for a long time. Food? How can I even think of food at a time like this. My stomach reacts as if it had felt a violent punch. I can't eat. I can't even talk in an even tone. Eat the chow, it's good. B Company mess is the best in the regiment. Don't worry, everything will be all right. Just fill your stomach now. Eat when you can.

Breakfast finished, we started our forward move again. Other companies were moving up, too. Several of the faces were familiar; many were battle veterans, some of them known to me from happier days. They evinced a certain confidence in their men, an efficiency that must have come with battle and days in a foxhole.

"Hi, Tak! How's it going?"

"Hi. Rough. Good luck!"

The company moved on.

Closer and closer we advanced toward the enemy and the active battle front. The silence was ominous. It was broken only occasionally by the distant cough of a big gun. Slowly, slowly we moved through the mountains among the tall trees. The enemy was closer now, they told us.

Dig in and eat your lunch. Eat again? My stomach hasn't relaxed since this morning. I can't eat.

Now, once more . . . slowly now and watch your flank. The enemy

## New England Chapter Adopts Constitution

BOSTON, Mass.—The constitution of the New England chapter of the JACL, drafted on April 16, 1948, was finally ratified on May 20.

The chapter, now a year old, has been functioning on the drafted constitution. Several changes were made before ratification by a committee headed by George Inouye. He was assisted by Carol Ishimoto and Kay Kinoshita.

Two significant changes were made. The fiscal year will run from January to coincide with the National JACL and the installation of officers will be held in January. The latter change implies that the officers elected in April will assume office immediately instead of September, and an election will be held in December.

is near. God, help me stand up under fire. These are fighting men and I want to be one of them. Don't let my emotions overcome me . . . The Lord is my Shepherd . . .

"We've met 'em!"

Rifles crack ahead of us. The veterans have hit the ground and peer in alert fashion towards the exposed right flank. Is this actually a battle? There is nothing terrifying about this. Where are the terrors that accompany these sounds of combat. Lord, I'm not afraid!

"Hit the ground, you damn fool!"

The bullets snip the leaves above our heads. Now the mortars are coming in. God, this is hell! I hug the ground and watch the flank. God, keep those mortars off their mark and don't let me get scared.

"Medics!"

What happened? Did somebody get hit?

"Move now, move! Watch the flanks."

We must push the enemy until they can go no more, then dig in for the night. It's five now. In two hours we have moved 50 yards. Now dig in and wait for morning. No more big shells, please; they scare me.

From the gully below comes the "sput, sput" of axe biting wood. The enemy digs in, too. Night has come. A deep quiet settles over the battlefield. The big guns cough in the distance.

O God, thanks for leading me through this day, this long, long day. I can only vaguely remember the muddy trek to this battle through that dark night. I can see now . . . just keep the big ones away.

Now let me sleep through this rain, in this mud. Tomorrow . . . just keep the big ones away.

there was something in our racial background which could be of some benefit to the melting pot which was America.

It was his theory that education led to confidence and that confidence led to success. He felt that his lack of education was a primary factor in his shortcomings.

Thirty-nine is still middle age. Perhaps had he lived longer I could have been that much wiser. There are many points of advice that the Issei can pass on to us. That is how I feel about Dad. I think that I am better and wiser because of his influence, though brief and hurried it was destined to be.



## San Jose Nisei Team Captures Judo Tourney

**Accepts Challenge From Los Angeles Team for Dual Match**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Buddhist church's all-Nisei team won first place in the first San Jose State College open invitational judo tournament on May 21 in the Spartan gym.

The Sheriff's Office unit was second and Laws Judo academy of Oakland, Calif., was third.

Thirty-five members from seven Northern California teams took part.

Yosh Uchida is coach of the San Jose State college team which was the host at the tournament.

The winning Buddhist team also was coached by Uchida.

Following the tournament, Uchida announced that he had accepted a challenge on behalf of the winning San Jose team to meet the Southern California Judo association in a dual meet in Los Angeles this weekend.

## HANFORD NISEI WIN MID-STATE PIN TOURNAY

FRESNO, Calif. — The Hanford Nisei team, with a handicapped series of 2944, won the second annual Mid-State bowling tournament on May 21 and 22 at the Playdium.

Other teams in the money were Ogawa Nursery, Oakland, 2940; Wing Lee Co., Sacramento, 2939; Mike & Roy's, San Jose, 2924, and Sanco Furniture, Fresno, 2906.

Chinese American bowlers from Sacramento were among the individual stars of the meet with Ben Hom winning the all-events with 1713. George Fong and Virgil Yee won the men's doubles with 1215, nosing out Mike Sakuda and Mich Shimoto of San Jose by one pin.

Mich Shimoto of San Jose won the handicap singles with 694.

Kiyo Tatehara of San Francisco took the high game award with a score of 256.

Gish Endo of San Francisco won the special two-game sweepstakes with 424.

Endo teamed with Sache Yamamoto to win the mixed doubles with a total of 1031. Betty Jo Wakasa and Fuzzy Shimada were second with 1008.

Henning Chinn of Fresno won the scratch high series trophy for his score of 607.

## Aoki Enters Race

PROVO, Utah—Jim Aoki, one of Utah's top speedboat racers, will be one of the favorites in the ninth annual Memorial Day races on Utah lake.

Aoki won the race for 225-inch hydroplanes two weeks ago at Haynes Lake.

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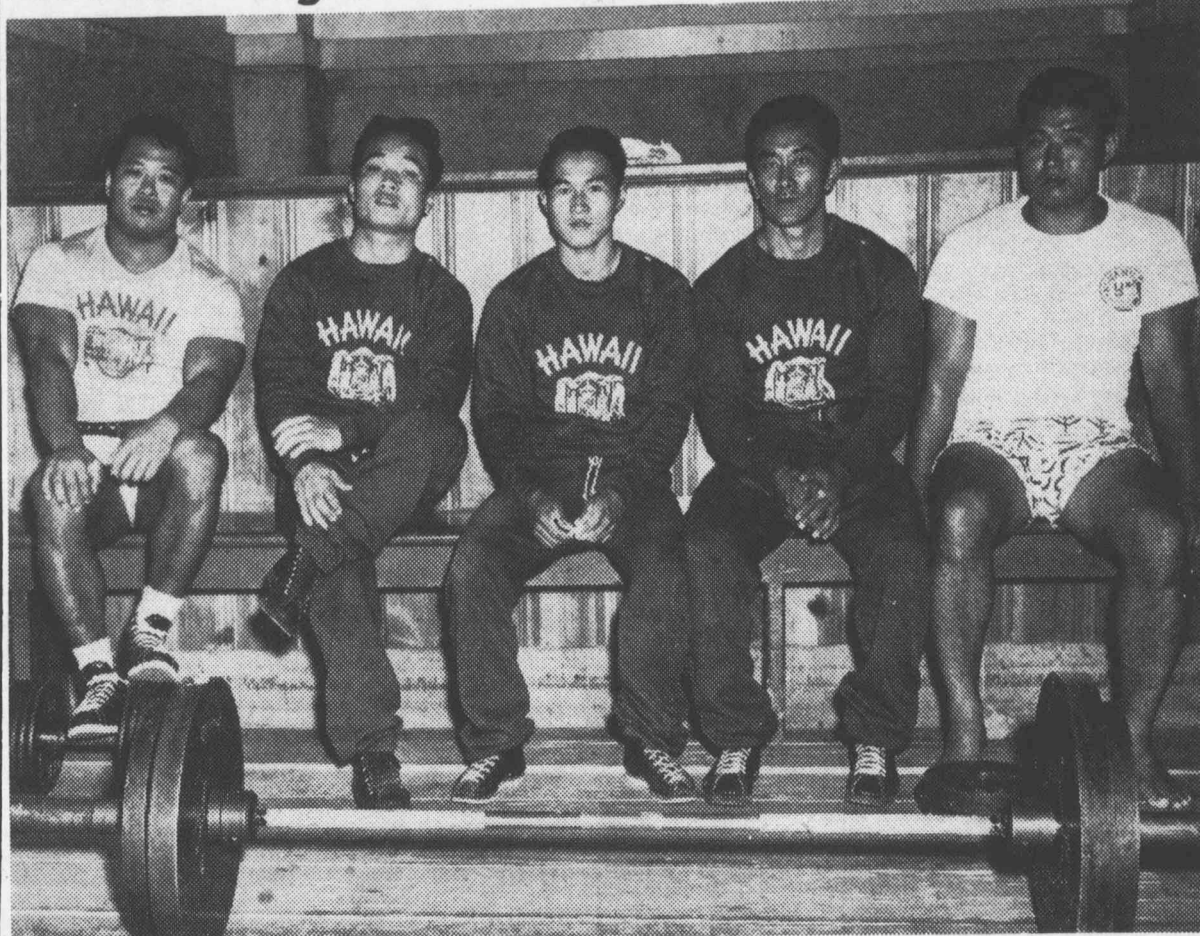
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## Hawaii Weightlifters Second in AAU



The all-Nisei weightlifting team from the Nuuanu YMCA in Honolulu took second place in the National AAU championships on May 21 and 22 at Cleveland. All four members of the team, shown here as they worked out in San Francisco en route to Cleveland last week, won places in the finals. The tournament title was won by the York, Pa., Barbell club with 13 points. Hawaii scored 10½ points.

Richard Tomita won first place in the 132-pound division.

The members of the Hawaiian team are (left to right): Harold Sakata, member of the 1948

U.S. Olympic team and second place winner in the 181 pound class at London; Richard Tomita, also a member of the 1948 Olympic squad; George Yoshioka, 132 pounds; Donald Uchimura, 148 pounds, and Henry Koizumi, coach.

Yoshioka placed second to Tomita at Cleveland.

Sakata, a favorite in the heavyweight division, placed third when he lifted 840 pounds.

Uchimura took third place in his division.

Star of the AAU meet was Stan Stanczyk of York who broke three world's records in capturing the light-heavyweight championship.

## Okagaki Takes Part In Triple Play as Spartans Win Title

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Tom Okagaki, second baseman and leadoff man for the San Jose State nine, got two hits and four runs and participated in a triple play as the Spartans lost a close game to Fresno State, 10 to 11, in a double bill here on May 21.

In the second game, San Jose defeated Fresno 13 to 8, to win the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship.

Howard Zenimura, second sacker for Fresno State, continued his slugging with four hits in five to aid the Bulldog victory in the first game.

When a San Jose rally threatened to tie up the first game in the ninth inning, George Abo was rushed to the mound and put out the fire.

Abo also came in as a relief pitcher in the second game in the fourth inning.

## San Jose Zebras Defeat Fresno

FRESNO, Calif.—The San Jose Zebras defeated the hitherto unbeaten Fresno Nisei All-Stars, 9 to 6, in the feature game of the Northern California Nisei baseball league on May 22.

San Jose scored in only two innings, with five runs in the third and four runs in the fifth stanza as Chi Akizuki and George Hinaga shared batting honors with three hits apiece.

## Baptist Church in Seattle Celebrates Golden Jubilee

SEATTLE, Wash. — Golden Jubilee week was celebrated the week beginning May 22 at the Japanese Baptist church in commemoration of 50 years of service.

Former church members from all over the United States attended the golden anniversary celebration.

Only surviving member of the 11 persons who organized the church on May 23, 1899, S. Hoshida, was general chairman.

First four days of the anniversary week were given over to Nisei programs, held Sunday through Wednesday, with a Nisei reunion banquet on Wednesday evening.

The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, prominent Nisei minister from Chicago, was scheduled to be a major speaker.

Issei programs were to be held Thursday to the following Sunday. The Rev. Kiyoshi Shiraishi of Los Angeles was scheduled to address meetings on Thursday evening, Friday, and Sunday morning, May 29. An Issei banquet was scheduled for the evening of May 28.

A Nisei Issei service initiating Golden Jubilee week was held May 22.

A special invitation to the May 25 banquet, issued by four-year-old Jennifer Aoki, was accepted by Mayor William F. Devin.

Jennifer was accompanied by Julianne Sato, 18, Mrs. Masaru Uno, and the Rev. Emery E. Andrews, minister for the young people of the church.

## Henry Aihara Takes Second in Broad Jump At Modesto Relays

MODESTO, Calif. — Henry Aihara, University of Southern California broad jump star, took second place in the broad jump at the Modesto Relays on May 21, less than an inch behind the winner, Gay Bryan of Stanford.

Aihara's best leap was 24 feet 1 ¼th inches. Bryan's winning mark was 24 feet 2 inches.

In the high school division Jim Tsuda of Placer high school, Class C high jump champion at the San Joaquin section meet last week, entered the varsity high jump event at Modesto and tied for second with a jump of 5 feet 8 inches. Tsuda has cleared 6 feet this season.

## Abo Continues Hot Batting ace

SAN JOSE, Calif.—George Abo, Fresno State's outfielder-pitcher, ranked second in batting in the California Collegiate Athletic Association in averages released on May 18.

Abo rapped out 12 hits in 27 trips to the plate in eight games for a mark of .444.

He was topped in CCAA averages by his teammate, George Cano, who had an average of .450.

# PC SPORTS

## Webfoot's Tom

Joe Tom, the young Hawaiian star of Japanese and Chinese ancestry, is one of the three top candidates to fill the shoes of the University of Oregon's famed Norm Van Brocklin next season.

Following the completion of spring training, Coach Jim Aiken of the Webfoots discussed his quarterback problem which was intensified when Van Brocklin decided to play pro football next year.

"We're working like mad on three quarterbacks and if one of them comes through we'll have a good eleven this fall without Van," said Aiken.

He said his quarterbacks were Jim Calderwood, Earl Stelle and Tom whom he described as "a short, 163-pound Japanese boy from Hawaii."

"Tom, the Japanese, has lack of height against him," Aiken said. "However, he's right up there in the boxscore of passes completed, I keep a daily check on passes thrown, passes caught. All three can run, which Van Brocklin couldn't, and this helps some."

Tom was expected to join Wally Yonamine in the outfield for the Honolulu Athletics of the Hawaii Baseball League but he isn't on the roster announced by General Manager Allen Nagata recently. The Athletics, one of the two Nisei teams in the Hawaii Baseball League, have been strengthened by the enforcement of the league's new racial ruling which will confine Japanese American players to the Athletics and the Red Sox. The Athletics have young Harry Kitamura, the University of Hawaii star, who is considered just about the best pitcher in Hawaii at the present time.

Joe Tom was a prep star at Farrington high school in Honolulu and also played for the Leilehua of the Senior league, the team from which Wally Yonamine made the big jump to the San Francisco 49ers in 1947.

## Catcher

Dee Moore, now catching for the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast league, managed one of Hawaii's top Nisei nines, the Rural Red Sox of the Hawaii Baseball league, several years ago . . . Nancy Ito, 15-year old star of the Denver Tivoli Brewers team, is rated as one of the best feminine baseball players to come up in recent years in Colorado. Miss Ito plays shortstop on the team and Manager Andy Hale rates her as probably the best infielder in the Denver Women's league . . . Bob Hayashida's catching and batting helped Placer College of Auburn, Calif. enter the playoffs for the Northern California junior college baseball championship against San Mateo JC.

One of the strongest teams in the Montreal City League is the Montreal Nisei nine which started its season in the Canadian metropolis by defeating Excel Bakeries, 14 to 3, before a crowd of 4,000 . . . Hisao Tanaka of Los Angeles, wrestling under the name of Duke Keomuka, is making another swing around the country. Charles Shiranuhi, who teamed with Tanaka in a series of bouts in the Midwest earlier this year, is back in Hawaii. He recently appeared in Honolulu on the same bill with Oki Shikina who is one of the most successful of Nisei wrestlers to appear on the mainland.

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**BIRTHS**

To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Take-moto (nee Chizuko Hayashi) a girl, Joyce Toshie on May 10 in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Matsuki a boy, Michael Paul, on May 13 in Washington, D.C.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshito Takahashi a boy on April 14 in Clovis, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masayoshi Goto, Madera, Calif., a boy on May 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Billie G. Wong (nee Bettie Ann Misumi) a girl, Susan Wune, on April 29 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Yamabe, Garvey, Calif., a girl, Linda Akemi, on May 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heijiro Nakao a boy, Stanley Takayuki, on May 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chitoshi C. Imamura a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fumio Hatakeyama a girl, Irene Aiko, on May 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Maki Kariyama a boy, Glen Kenshi, on March 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ginji Komaba a girl, Karen Dee Kiyomi, on May 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hiroshi Minami a girl, Nancy Keiko, on May 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mizokami a girl, Gwen, on May 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie T. Uno a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akino a boy on May 11 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nogi S. Asakawa, Sandy, Ore., a girl on May 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mamoru Hatanaka, Winters, Calif., a girl on May 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsugito Iwamoto a girl, Susan Kay, on May 2 in Wapato, Wash.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morikawa a girl on May 23 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. Kuroki a boy on May 22 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Masamori a girl on May 21 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. Yamato a girl, Sharon, on May 17 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Koji Urabe a boy on May 11 in San Francisco.

**DEATHS**

Fukumatsu Kozawa, 67, on May 17 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Sana Kuwahara on May 19 in Compton, Calif.

Heishiro Kobayashi on May 13 in Sacramento.

Mitsue Matsuda, 24, on May 15 in Marysville, Calif.

Rokusaburo Ishigaki, 77, on May 22 in Modesto, Calif.

Mrs. Toyoji Kambara, 79, on March 19 in Scottsbluff, Neb.

Sueji Kubo on May 24 in Denver.

**MARRIAGES**

Mitsie Kiritana to Joe Miyamoto on May 14 in Chicago.

Ruby Tajima to Kiyoshi Izue on May 7 in Chicago.

Takeko Maeda to Atchie Miyatake on May 22 in Los Angeles.

Mary Mizufune to George Narita on May 22 in San Francisco.

Aiko Kawaguchi to James Noboru Kyono on May 15 in Seattle.

Katsuko Imamura to Seiji Horiuchi of Brighton, Colo., on May 2 in Santa Ana, Calif.

Frances Uriu of Worland, Wyo., Mak Kawano of Powell, Wyo., in Chicago.

June Hori of Nyssa, Ore., to Roy Nagashima of Shecord, Mont., on May 15 in Worland, Wyo.

Chiyoko Osa to John Yamaguchi on May 21 in Fresno.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Shige Ono and Sagata Kuwahara, both of Spokane, in Seattle.

Agnes Ogawa, 30, Sacramento, and Kay Seki, 32, San Mateo, in San Francisco.

**Sorority Formed By USC Nisei**

LOS ANGELES — Sigma Phi Omega, a new sorority, was organized at the University of Southern California with an election of officers on May 10.

Installation services will be held on June 4.

Charter members are Betty Wakamatsu, pres.; Helen Morita, vice pres.; Julia Taniguchi, sec.; Ida Kado, treas.; Kaz Matsumoto, historian-publicity; and Betty Tanaka, Aiko Tashiro, Mickey Kawata, Grace Wada and Lily Tanaka.

Although the membership at present is comprised only of Nisei, the sorority announced the organization is open to any woman student at the university.

**San Mateo JACL To Decorate Graves Of Nisei Dead**

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Graves of Nisei war dead in the Golden Gate cemetery at San Bruno will be decorated by members of the San Mateo County JACL on Memorial day.

**Accept Applications For Men's Dormitory At UC in Berkeley**

BERKELEY, Calif. — Applications are being accepted for residence at Euclid Hall, men's dormitory for students at the University of California, for the fall and spring sessions, 1949-1950, according to Saburo Ikeda, house manager, 1777 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley.

Ikeda said that rooms are also available for the summer sessions. Euclid Hall was formerly known as the Japanese Student Club.

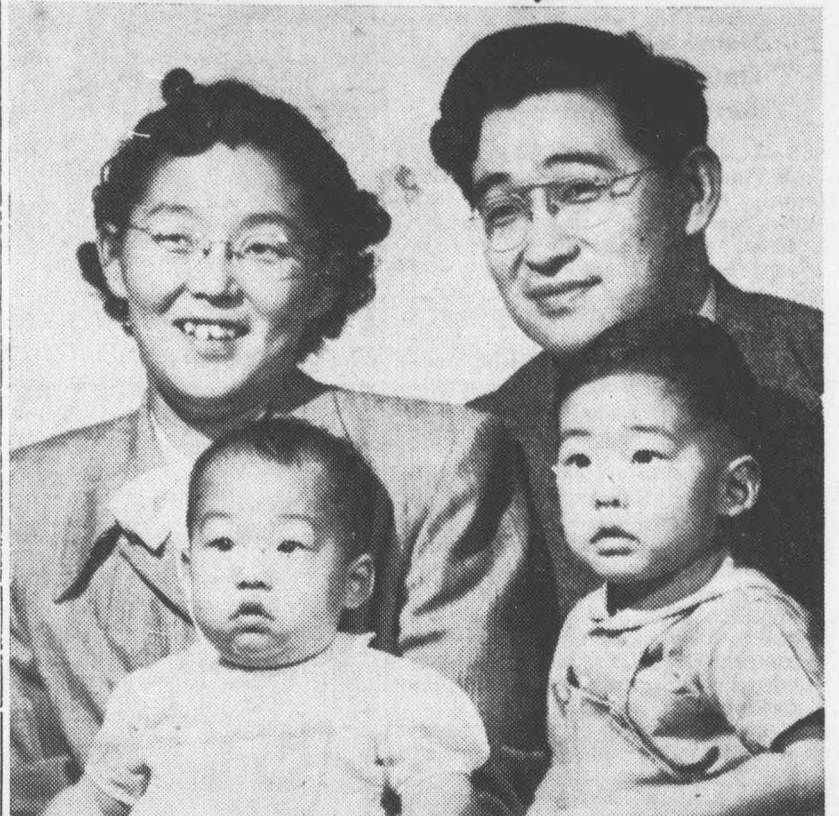
**Spring Festival**

CLEVELAND, O. — The second annual spring festival was sponsored by the Cleveland YBA on April 30.

Repeating last year's successful program, the "Gayway" with its varied concessions, "Candlelight Inn" with dining and dancing facilities, and Japanese delicacies prepared by the Fujinkai were presented. Door prizes donated by the various local merchants topped the evening's many rewards.

Committee members who assisted in this affair were Mike Asazawa, Shig Fujimura, Fumi Funo, Toro Ishiyama and Kim Yokota.

**Nisei Missionary Leaves for Lutheran Post in Japan**



LOS ANGELES—The Rev. George F. Shibata, Nisei missionary of the Lutheran church, left here recently with his family for Japan, where he will take up his work with Lutheran missions.

Rev. Shibata, shown above with his wife Sachiko, his son George Jr. and daughter Martha, is well known in Nisei circles here. He was an honor student and student body president at California Concordia college in Oakland and received his degree at Concordia seminary in St. Louis. In recent months he attended the University of California at Berkeley, majoring in the Japanese language.

Before his departure he left a message with the Japanese American Citizens League, in which he said:

"People's problems are your concern and mine. We cannot simply pass them by with a shrug of the shoulder or with some empty expression of sentimentalism. We've got to do something about them."

"As Japanese Americans," he said, "we are facing many problems of a personal as well as general nature. And it redounds to the highest praise and credit of the Japanese American Citizens League that it has succeeded so admirably in ironing out so many difficulties for our people as well as inconsistencies in the practice of democracy in our country."

"The people of our parents' nation, too, are confronted by grave and far-reaching problems, and on leaving for that land, I am happy to know that I am not alone in my concern for the people of Japan, but that there are many Nisei who are vitally interested and intensely concerned."

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### Alameda Nisei Couple Suffers Double Tragedy

#### Daughter Dies After Operation; Home Razed by Fire

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Less than 48 hours after the death of their only child, Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. George Ushijima of Alameda suffered a second blow when fire struck their home in the early morning hours of Monday, May 23.

Business records and damage to the home amounting to more than \$3,000 was reported by the couple. Their daughter, only 13 months of age, died the previous Saturday at Children's hospital, following an operation for a tumor.

Memorial services were held in the home Saturday night and funeral rites were scheduled for Wednesday at the Smiley and Gallagher mortuary.

The young parents were asleep shortly after midnight, Sunday, when two neighbors noticed smoke pouring from the house. One turned in the alarm while the other aroused the family.

The front part of the house was a mass of flames and Ushijima and his wife, Terry, after making a futile attempt to flee through the front door, returned to their bedroom on the second story and dropped from a window 15 feet to the ground.

They were caught by neighbors and suffered no injuries.

The fire was centered in the corner of the dining room used by Ushijima as an office and the flames destroyed his business records. The living room and kitchen also were gutted.

Ushijima was a war veteran and served with the intelligence service. He later served with the war crimes commission in the Philippines.

He is a wholesale produce dealer.

### Okada Heads Fete

LOS ANGELES — Frank Okada has been named chairman of the Nisei Week festival which will be sponsored in August by the JACL.

Okada was the producer-director of the TB Benefit Talent revue which was held last December.

### Nisei Appear at Cleveland Tea



CLEVELAND, O.—Three Cleveland Nisei, Alice Morihoro, Betty Totsubo and Marjorie Nako, attired in Japanese costume, represented the Cleveland Japanese American community at a tea sponsored by the Cultural Gardens of Cleveland at the public hall recently.

The tea was the opening event in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural conference (UNESCO), which was attended by 3,000 delegates from countries throughout the world.

### Citizenship Denial to Issei Deplored by St. Paul Paper

ST. PAUL, Minn. — "Exiles at Home" headlines an editorial supporting the Judd bill in the St. Paul Pioneer Press of Monday, May 16.

Deplored the ineligibility of Issei to become naturalized citizens, the full editorial stated:

"The lot of Japanese immigrants to this country whose sons and daughters enjoy citizenship in the United States through birth here but who are denied that right themselves is one whose injustices has not lacked presentation. Many of these people have lived in the country for close to 35 years. They gave more than 33,000 sons to the armed forces in the recent war, and it is properly argued that their exemplary, patriotic and law-abiding conduct has earned for them the right to be complete Americans.

"The case for this group is well stated by one of those heroic sons, wounded in action, decorated for bravery in his nation's service in

the recent war. His argument was this: 'The point is that we Nisei enjoy and appreciate the heritage of citizenship which we obtained purely by accident of birth (for if we had been born in Mexico or Canada, we would be as ineligible for citizenship as our parents), but we strongly desire that our parents be permitted to share this citizenship with us.

"The Judd bill, still pending in Congress, would correct this situation. It would end the role of exile in their own homeland for a group that has proved its qualifications for citizenship. It would fulfill the theme of 'I Am An American Day,' observed on Sunday by permitting an unjustly excluded group to join that avowal."

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### Hood River Girl Chosen for National Scholastic Society

CORVALLIS, Ore.—Lilly Yuriko Namba of Hood River, Oregon, has been accepted for membership in the Oregon State college chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society. Chosen from a class of 1600 juniors, she was one of forty pledges selected on the basis of high scholarship, outstanding achievement in campus activities, and personality.

She also has received honorable mention for the Lipman Wolfe award for men and women, presented annually to outstanding Oregon State students on the basis of scholarship, qualities of manhood or womanhood with special emphasis on unselfishness and kindness, qualities of leadership, and contribution to campus welfare.

Miss Namba, a home economics major, is treasurer of Omicron Nu, home economics honor society, president of Winston House, a woman's cooperative living home, and treasurer of the Oregon State college women's house president's council.

A native of Hood River, she attended high school at the Tule Lake and Heart Mountain relocation centers.

### Recreational Group Uses Facilities of El Centro Church

EL CENTRO, Calif.—The Japanese Buddhist church, which served the city as an emergency school during the war, is now the headquarters of a new recreation group which has been formed in El Centro.

T. H. Momita, local businessman, is the sponsor of the new group, known as the Cosmopolitan club which is using the facilities of the Buddhist church. Active membership in the church is at low ebb because only a small percentage of the Nisei and Issei evacuees from the El Centro area have returned.

Membership in the Cosmopolitan club is open to teen-agers of Mexican, Hindustani, Pakistani, Japanese, Filipino and Chinese lineage.

The city recreation commission recently voted to defray expenses for equipment for the club if the budget allows. Mr. Momita submitted a letter to the commission asking for \$117 for recreational equipment.

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### Union League Favors Judd Bill Passage

#### Tanaka, Kushida Discuss Legislation Before Club Members

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Union League, an exclusive men's civic, social and patriotic club whose national membership of 3500 includes many eminent Americans, officially endorsed H.R. 199, the Judd bill for equality in naturalization and immigration, it was disclosed by the Midwest JACL-ADC office on May 20.

The report revealed that support for the JACL-ADC sponsored legislation from this influential organization came as a result of representations and appeals made by two Nisei Chicagoans.

James E. Kidwell, prominent florist, civic leader and member of the Chicago JACL, first brought the Judd bill to the attention of the Union League race relations forum, a subcommittee of which he is chairman.

At Kidwell's invitation, Togo Tanaka, well-known Nisei writer, presented the JACL-ADC's case before the forum, following which it recommended endorsement of H.R. 199 to the club's public affairs committee.

The forum's recommendation was supported by unanimous endorsement of the Judd bill by the public affairs committee on May 6, when Tats Kushida, JACL-ADC representative was invited to discuss the bill's technical aspects. The board of directors of the Union League Club, at its monthly meeting of May 19, officially approved the foregoing action.

### San Jose Plans Graduation Dance

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League of Santa Clara County will honor all Nisei graduates in the county, from junior high, high school and college, on Saturday, June 25, at a graduation dance at the Women's Club.

The popular Watsonville YBA orchestra, led by Mrs. C. Iwanaga, will provide music.

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