



More Nisei Witnesses Face House Contempt Charges In Hawaii Communism Inquiry

Six Nisei Refuse to Answer Questions Regarding Communist Activity; Honolulu Supervisors Call For Resignation of Richard Kageyama from Board

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Twelve Nisei were among the 32 witnesses called to testify during the first week of the congressional investigation into Communist activities in Hawaii.

Of the 12 Nisei, four admitted past membership in the Communist party, two admitted having attended Communist meetings and six refused to answer questions about their alleged Communist affiliations.

The House un-American activities committee expects to conclude its hearings by the end of this week and return to Washington.

The six Nisei who refused to answer whether they are now or ever have been Communist are:

Ralph Tokunaga and Wilfred K. Oka, former officials of the CIO International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's union; Charles K. Fujimoto, chairman of the Hawaii Communist party; Yoshito Maruno, ILWU-CIO shop steward; Mrs. Jeanette Nakama Rohrbough and Rachel Saiki, identified as a former officer of the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee which the U. S. Justice department has listed as a "subversive" organization.

Tokunaga, Oka, Fujimoto and Miss Saiki have been cited for contempt of Congress; Maruno and Mrs. Rohrbough are expected to be cited later.

If convicted, all six, as well as non-Nisei who also have refused to testify, are subject to heavy fines and jail sentences. On advice of counsel, each one refused to answer questions on the ground he might tend to incriminate himself.

Six Nisei have been described as "friendly" or cooperative witnesses. They are the four who have admitted to former Communist membership and the two who have said they attended Communist meetings. They were among the witnesses who came forward to identify persons as Communists.

The six "friendly" Nisei witnesses were:

Supervisor Richard M. Kayeyama, Ichiro Izuka, Tsuruo Ogoshi and Donald Uesugi, all admitted former Communists; Harold Yamashita who said he was asked to join the party but declined, and Masao Mori, who admitted having attended Communist meetings but said he never joined the party.

Supervisor Kageyama, the first

witness to be summoned, turned out to be the most spectacular witness. His surprise admission that he had been a Communist for nearly 10 months in 1947, dramatically opened the hearings in historic Iolani Palace on April 10.

Testimony of others who followed—both Nisei and non-Nisei—made headlines also but did not cause the sensation that accompanied Kageyama's confession.

His testimony was only the first of a series of chain-reactions. The day after his confession, he resigned as a delegate to the convention now drafting the constitution for the future state of Hawaii. Then he was "disowned" by the Hawaii Democratic party to which he belonged and on whose platform he had run successfully for political office.

Then the Honolulu board of supervisors called for his resignation from the board. The 34-year-old Nisei, as of this writing, has not announced whether he will abide by the wishes of his colleagues on the board. As a matter of fact, he has disappeared completely since his testimony before the House committee April 10.

There is a question whether he might be prosecuted for perjury. He has signed two non-Communist oaths required by territorial law in holding office as a supervisor and as constitutional convention delegate.

Sharp disagreement has developed over whether Supervisor Kageyama performed a "commendable" service to the public for coming into the open with his Communist confession. He himself said an investigator for the un-American Activities committee impressed upon him the importance of

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Hawaiian Legislator Denies Communist Party Membership

Rep. Tagawa Denies Attending Secret Political Meetings

HONOLULU—Thomas Tagawa, ILWU official and member of the Hawaii territorial house of representatives, testified before the House un-American Activities subcommittee in Honolulu on April 19 that he is not and never has been a member of the Communist Party.

Tagawa, president of the ILWU's Pineapple Cannery Unit, was the first major official of the union to answer the committee's questions regarding his political party affiliations.

Fredrico Lorenzo, former ILWU business agent, charged on April 17 that Tagawa attended a secret meeting at the home of Thomas S. Yagi on the island of Maui.

Tagawa admitted he had been at Yagi's home but said he was there to attend social functions.

Following his testimony Tagawa issued a statement which said in part:

"As a union man I believe that unionism need not and should not be tied in with Communism. Communism in the labor movement will weaken rather than strengthen the movement."

Yagi, whose home figured in

Lorenzo's testimony, preceded Tagawa to the witness stand. He was one of 10 more witnesses who refused to answer questions regarding affiliation with the Communist Party.

As the House subcommittee's hearings ended on April 19, thirty-nine persons faced contempt citations for refusing to answer questions.

Rep. Francis Walter, D., Pa., acting chairman, said contempt of the House action will be taken against the 39 witnesses "just as quickly House action will be taken against as it can be scheduled."

The congressmen returned to the mainland on April 21.

Ichiro Izuka, an ex-Communist, testified that there were 130 party members in Hawaii's population of nearly 600,000 in 1946.

Most prominent of the reluctant witnesses on April 17 was Dr. John E. Reinecke, ousted with his wife, Aiko, as Honolulu school teachers in 1948 after a hearing on alleged Communist activities.

Six other witnesses, present or former officials of the ILWU, followed Dr. Reinecke to the stand and also refused to testify.

They were Hideo Okada, John L. Akana, Julian Napuonoa, Douglas Inouye, Levi Kealoha and Mitsuo Shimizu,

Dr. Ota Named President of Junior C of C

LOVELL, Wyo. — Dr. Minol Ota was named president of the Lovell Junior Chamber of Commerce last week.

He previously held the office of treasurer.

Dr. Ota is also president of the Northern Wyoming JACL.

Japanese Fete Nisei Veterans At Tokyo Party

Record of 442nd Combat Team Hailed By City Official

TOKYO — Veterans of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the U.S. army who are now in Japan as members of the American occupation force were honored at a garden party on April 15 by the city of Tokyo.

Gov. Seiichiro Yasui of the Tokyo metropolitan district praised the achievements of the Nisei GIs in World War II and declared that these Nisei were an important factor in American-Japanese relations.

Speakers at the meeting, including Lieut. Col. Gordon Singles, battalion commander of the famous Nisei fighting unit, praised the combat record of the 442nd in Italy and France.

Col. Singles, now stationed at Edajima, represented Lieut. Gen. Walter H. Walker, commanding general of the 8th Army, at the party.

A message from Gen. Walker was read by Capt. Bert Nishimura of Honolulu who is now stationed in Tokyo with Gen. MacArthur's command.

"Sincere congratulations are extended to the veterans of the 442nd regimental combat team," Gen. Walker declared. "This fighting unit will shine as a bright link in the chain of American Japanese relations. The gallantry of its members will be remembered as long as history endures."

Among the guests at the party was Maj. General Edward M. Almond, now chief of staff to Gen. MacArthur. Gen. Almond commanded the 92nd division at the time when the 442nd was attached to it during the Po Valley campaign in April, 1945.

The party was given at the emperor's Shinjuku gardens where cherry blossoms were in full bloom. The gardens were opened to the public for the first time last year.

Among the 600 American guests at the garden party were 80 Nisei veterans of the 442nd. Four hundred Japanese officials also attended.

Elected to Office

LOGAN, Utah—David Sakai was elected last week to a two-year term as a member of the board of directors of the Logan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

McCarran Omnibus Bill Will Erase Race Restrictions from Nation's Immigration Laws

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A proposal for the establishment of regular immigration quotas for persons "from Asiatic-Pacific countries previously excluded because of race" was made by Sen. Pat McCarran, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who introduced a 248-page omnibus bill which would rewrite the nation's immigration and naturalization laws.

Mike M. Masaoka, national director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee which has been urging the revision of the immigration and naturalization laws to eliminate restrictions based on race and ancestry, declared that the omnibus bill, prepared by the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and naturalization, includes the amendments embodied in the Walter resolution and the Judd bill, both of which have been approved by the

House and are now awaiting Senate action.

The new omnibus bill will rewrite the Asiatic Exclusion Act of 1924 and will permit the immigration on a quota basis and naturalization of aliens from Japan and other Asiatic-Pacific countries who are still excluded.

Ennis Reveals 3-Point JACL Program to Expedite Claims

Seek Acceleration, Simplification of Claims Adjudication

STOCKTON, Calif.—Edward J. Ennis of New York, legal advisor of the JACL-ADC, announced a three point program to speed up evacuation claims payments at the JACL NC & WN district council meeting April 16.

Point one was the hiring on a full-time basis of former Department of Justice head of the Civilian Division in New York City David McKibbin to work as amicus curiae, or friend of the court, on general problems involving claimants by preparing briefs on these phases of evacuation claims. He will also maintain a constant check on decisions and office practices of the West Coast claims field offices and report to Ennis and the Washington JACL-ADC office.

Point two, Ennis stated, will be the recommendation of procedures and practices to speed up and simplify the claims adjudications. At present the evacuation claims payment program is proceeding extremely slowly under cumbersome procedures.

Ennis, who has observed a number of hearings in Los Angeles during the past two weeks, declared:

"The Washington headquar-

ters of the claims division is constantly asking for proof and more proof for each little item." He said there was detailed questioning on some small insignificant household items.

Rather than government attorneys spending time on field work to check individual items, a far greater volume of items could be checked by a full-time investigator handling the claims of the entire office.

Point three was the lack of personnel due to the limited appropriations authorized by Congress, Ennis declared. He said the JACL-ADC would concentrate in the Senate upon increasing the budget for the claims program, rather than in the House. He reported that the the evacuation claims budget allocation suffered the least slashes as compared to other Department of Justice requests.

In general, Ennis expressed himself as being satisfied with the "high calibre and sympathetic attitude" of the government claims attorneys he met in Los Angeles. It was his belief that the handling of smaller claims now under way would give needed experience to the government claims attorneys, as well as fulfill a social need in getting the smaller claims paid off earlier.

When Northern California and Western Nevada District Council Chairman Bob Takahashi rapped his gavel to call the meeting to order, fifteen chapters answered the roll call, with six chapters absent.

As visitors at the meeting were Attorney Saburo Kido of Los Angeles, Past National JACL President; Tats Kushida, Regional Director, JACL Pacific Southwest Regional Office; Johnson Kebo, Chairman, JACL Central California District Council; Toru Ikeda, Regional Director, Central California Area Office.

Saburo Kido reported on the operation of the Pacific Southwest District Council Credit Union. The NC & WN District Council authorized establishment of a credit union for Northern California and instructed the cabinet to proceed in its formation.

Regional Representative Joe Grant Masaoka informed delegates that plane charter rates for round trip to Chicago varied from \$140 to \$160, tax included.

Resolutions requesting support of H.J. Res. 238 for equality in naturalization were telegraphed to Senators Scott W. Lucas, Pat McCarran, William F. Knowland, Richard B. Russell, and the presiding officer of the Senate upon unanimous adoption of the District Council.

Mits Nishio of Sacramento, member of the California Federation for Civic Unity, urged that chapters become subscribing members of this organization which is a successor to the former Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. A motion to urge chapters to consider such affiliation was passed.

Northern California JACL Chapters Will Back Queen Candidate

STOCKTON, Calif.—The Northern California and Western Nevada district council will sponsor a candidate at the National JACL convention queen contest finals in Chicago in September.

Expenses will be met by an appropriation of \$250 from the council treasury and an assessment of \$10 on each of the 21 member chapters.

The candidate will be chosen at a district contest.

JACL Recognitions Group Nominates Okada for Award

CHICAGO—The third of a series of nominations to be released by the JACL National Recognitions Committee for a leadership award is for Hito Okada.

The citation by the recognitions committee declared:

"Now serving his second consecutive term as President of the national organization, Hito Okada for eight years served as National Treasurer of the organization without compensation of any kind. During the difficult war years when most persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States were confined to relocation centers and when the need of funds to carry on the work of the JACL was greatest, this nominee, as treasurer of the organization, devised way and means

by which contributions were solicited and accepted which enabled this organization to carry on its work, which has resulted in so much good to the American community, as well as to persons of Japanese ancestry. During these past four years as National President, the JACL has grown into a truly national organization with 77 chapters in 38 states of the Union and the District of Columbia. Much credit for the present prestige and effectiveness of the national organization must go to President Hito Okada."

Nominations are currently being accepted by the committee. The final selections will be made at the forthcoming National JACL Convention in Chicago to be held September 28 to October 2.

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keeping secret the fact of his former Communist membership until the time had come for him to testify before the committee.

He said he signed the non-Communist oaths to "prevent the disclosure of this information at that time." But the committee investigator denies having instructed Kageyama to execute falsely the loyalty oaths.

The committee chairman, Rep. E. Walter (D., Pa.), referred to Kageyama's testimony as a "patriotic contribution" for which he should not be penalized, as he was by the action of the Democratic party in "disowning" him. Gov. Stainback also praised Kageyama. He called the Nisei's testimony a "courageous statement," but there were many others who disagreed with these views.

The severest criticism against Kageyama appears to be aimed at his decision to run for the constitutional convention recently, at a time when he had already been informed he would be called to testify before the un-American Activities committee as a former Communist. The electorate which voted for him had not been told of his Communist membership; otherwise, it is conceivable he might not have been elected.

Even after his election to the convention, he falsely swore he had not been a Communist.

Kageyama's only explanation was: "It might have been wiser if I had not run for this office, but what is past is irretrievable."

Kageyama was the first of a series of witnesses who named names of persons in the Communist party.

Another witness, Ichiro Izuka, testified that the number of known Communists in Hawaii in 1946 was about 130, with 90 per cent of them in the ILWU. Izuka is the author of the pamphlet, "The Truth About Communism in Hawaii," which first identified most of those accused as Communists in the current hearings.

He made news by pointing out another convention delegate, besides Kageyama, as a member of the Communist party. Whether this delegate, Frank G. Silva, can continue to serve is an issue being debated by the convention now.

Following are brief accounts of what other Nisei witness said at the hearings:

Tsuruo Ogashi, 40, a sugar worker, said he joined the Communist party after attending an ILWU convention in Aberdeen, Wash., in 1938. He said he left the party "because it works different from trade union principles. I left of my own accord."

Ralph M. Tokunaga, 36, a former president of ILWU Local 150, refused to answer questions about his association with certain persons. He pleaded self-incrimination—a pattern adhered to by others who subsequently refused to answer similar questions.

His counsel filed a motion to quash the subpoena which caused his appearance before the investigating committee, but the committee chairman said the motion was "not in order." Similar motions also were filed for other "unfriendly" witnesses.

Although he refused to testify, a recording was played at the hearing in which Tokunaga said he joined the Communist party in 1946. The recording was made with Tokunaga's knowledge, when a committee investigator questioned him in a hotel room last November.

Donald Uesugi, a "friendly" witness, admitted he had joined the Communist party but only as a result of the persuasion of his now divorced wife. Peggy Uesugi is an accounting clerk with the Mutual Telephone Co.

Harold Yamashita, a Honolulu Gas Co. employee, said he was approached as a prospective Communist member but testified that he refused to join.

Masao Mori, a former officer of the AFL Brewery Workers union, testified he had been duped into attending Communist party meetings without knowing what they were. But he said he quit when he found out the nature of the meetings and burned a party card the day it was issued to him.

Wilfred K. Oka, secretary of the Oahu Democratic county committee and a former ILWU-CIO official, refused to answer questions

which he said might incriminate him.

Charles K. Fujimoto, 33, who identified himself to a press conference in 1948 as chairman of the Hawaii Communist party, defied the committee. He refused to produce office records of the party, as directed by a subpoena. He also refused to answer questions concerning his affiliation with Communism in the territory.

Rep. Walter, chairman of the investigating committee, at one point warned Fujimoto "under no theory of the law are you entitled to any immunity" when the Communist persisted in refusing to answer questions on the ground they may tend to incriminate him and for other reasons.

Rep. Walter called attention to the fact that Fujimoto had announced his Communist affiliation publicly at the 1948 press conference.

Yoshito Marumo, an ILWU-CIO shop steward and an employee of Love's Biscuit & Bread Co., was dismissed after only five minutes on the witness stand because of his refusal to say if he were or had been a Communist.

Mrs. Jeanette Nakama Rohrbough also refused to tell of any Communist connections.

Rachel Saiki, identified as an officer in 1948 of the Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee, kept silent also, although she had been named by earlier witnesses as a Communist.

The law firm of Bouslog & Symonds is acting as counsel for all the witnesses who have refused to answer questions.

Chicago Council Holds Five-week Course in Leadership Training

CHICAGO—A five-week course in leadership training begins April 24 at the Chicago Resettlers Committee under sponsorship of the City-wide Recreation Council.

Called the "How to Do It" series, the course will feature recreation techniques, program planning, and group organization techniques.

Outstanding Chicago recreation leaders will lead the fourteen sessions. Among them will be Dr. Harry D. Edgren, professor of recreation at George Williams college; Bob Vilwoc, recreation leader at the University of Chicago; Helaine Levin of the YMCA evening school, Arthur Schultz of the Chicago Recreation Commission; Mrs. Helen Ploegsma, Westside YMCA; Jane Stewart, Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago; and Thomas V. Keating, director of recreation at the Chicago CYO.

The course is open to teenagers, young adults and adults.

Sessions have been announced as follows:

Program planning: April 24, May 1 and May 8.

Social group games: April 28, May 5, 12 and 19.

Folk dancing: April 28, May 5, 12 and 19.

Group organization: May 15 and 22.

Dramatics: May 17 and 24.

Marian Miyazaki Wins Queen Title of New York Chapter

NEW YORK CITY—The New York JACL choice for "Miss JACL" is Marian Miyazaki, who was chosen at the chapter's "Milady's Reign" dance.

Shina Kozai, 1948 chapter queen, crowned Miss Miyazaki, who was selected by both popular vote and a committee of judges.

Blanche Ishida, Yuki Kozaki, Yoshiye Nakamura and Sada Yasuda were named attendants.

Miss Miyazaki was born in Greenwich, Conn., and graduated from George Washington high school in New York City in 1945. She is employed at the American Photo Corporation.

East Bay JACL Joins Council

BERKELEY, Calif. — The East Bay JACL recently joined the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity by making a \$5 donation to the organization.

A pledge for that amount was made by Wat Miura, president. The contribution was approved at the last cabinet meeting of the chapter.



CHICAGO—"Begin with a basic pattern in muslin," says Mrs. Kow Kaneko as she begins to cut a pattern for the National JACL fashion show, scheduled to be a highlight of the September national convention in Chicago. Rosie Matsumoto meanwhile tries out a stance that may come in handy when she acts as model for the show. She will model in the petite junior size. Mrs. Dorothy Kitow is social chairman for the convention.—Photo by Ed. Zobel.

Fashion Show Will Be Held At JACL National Convention

By EILEEN NAGATOMO

CHICAGO — An innovation in National JACL conventions will be introduced this coming fall when Nisei fashion designers from all over the country participate in a tea and fashion show Sept. 29 during the Chicago convention.

All Nisei amateur and professional designers are invited to send their original creations to Chicago for the event.

Representatives of leading dress manufacturing companies will be invited to see the show. Since Chicago is one of the clothing centers of the country, the fashion show committee expects numerous leading fashion houses and depart-

ment stores from the middle west will send representatives.

The show will be staged in the Gold Room of the Congress hotel from 2 to 5 p.m., Sept. 29. Fifteen models will display the fashions.

In charge will be Mrs. Kay Masuda, chairman of the tea committee; Mrs. Kow Kaneko, fashion coordinator; Miye Hata and Mrs. Jean Tanaka, who will be in charge of the music; and Mrs. Helen Hori, secretary of the committee. Mrs. Dorothy Kitow is social chairman.

Designers wishing further details should send inquiries to Mrs. Hori in care of the Chicago JACL, 189 West Madison st., Chicago 2.

Oak Ridge Officials Clear Nisei Medic on Atom Project

Dual Citizenship Issue Declared to Be "Misunderstanding"

OAK RIDGE, Tenn.—Refusal to clear a Nisei doctor for employment at Oak Ridge, Tenn., was due to a "misunderstanding," it was announced April 14 by B. W. Menke, security division chief at the atomic energy project.

Clearance for Dr. Jerry K. Aikawa, 29, was earlier held up on the charge he was a "dual citizen."

He had signed a contract as a consultant with the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. Upon reporting for work, however, he was told his "dual citizenship" barred his clearance.

For the two years previous he was with the department of internal medicine at Wake Forest college, Winston-Salem, N.C., under a scholarship awarded by the atomic energy commission.

A protest in behalf of Dr. Aikawa was submitted by Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL regional director in San Francisco.

Menke, writing to Masaoka, reported that the Nisei's contract had been approved by the security division upon receipt of the institute's request.

The misunderstanding was relative to a visit made by Dr. Aikawa prior to receipt of the security division's approval, Menke said.

"We wish to assure you that any

misconception that the institute may have has been clarified," Menke said.

In protesting the use of "dual citizenship" in holding up Dr. Aikawa's clearance, Masaoka pointed out that Americans of Japanese ancestry were not responsible for holding dual citizenship. He said that prior to 1924 the Japanese government considered all children born of Japanese parents to have Japanese citizenship.

Masaoka pointed out that if a Nisei held Japanese citizenship under these conditions, he still could not divest himself of such Japanese nationality since there was no legal procedure under American law by which an American citizen could renounce this foreign citizenship.

"No foreign allegiance exists," Masaoka said, "because this so-called dual citizenship was not of their making, was without their express permission or authority and was not an affirmative act on their part."

This clearance was confirmed in a letter from Dr. Aikawa, who was informed by Robert Tharp of the Atomic Energy Commission, security division who explained the confusion regarding dual citizenship at Oak Ridge. Dr. Aikawa had called at Oak Ridge on April 14 and was told that "someone in the division of biology and medi-

Recess Shinto Shrine Trial In Honolulu

HONOLULU — The Japanese Shinto shrine case was recessed on April 12 at the request of the government and will resume on May 3.

Government representatives asked Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin for the delay in presenting their case until Leon R. Gross, custodian of alien property, returns from Japan. Mr. Gross left Honolulu a month ago to get information and witnesses in Japan.

The government is attempting to prove the Kotohira Jinsha, a religious organization in Hawaii, received instructions and aid from Japan. The government is seeking to justify seizure of the Shinto property as "enemy tainted."

Arguments in the case, in which the organization is seeking recovery of the government-seized property, involve the status of Shintoism as a religion.

Deadline Nears for Applications on Return of Lands

SAN FRANCISCO — Persons who renounced Japanese nationality before Oct. 21, 1946, have until June 20 of this year to apply for return of farm lands in Japan which were bought up in Japan's land reform program, according to notice received by the JACL ADC office here.

The Japanese ministry of agriculture and forestry announced on Dec. 20, 1948, that farm land owned by Japanese living abroad and persons with both Japanese and foreign nationality would be bought up by the government.

The farm reform program was established Oct. 21, 1946, and has provided farm land for more than three million farm families who were formerly tenants.

Scholarship Tea

LOS ANGELES — Chi Alpha Delta alumnae will hold their annual scholarship bridge tea May 21 at St. Mary's Episcopal church from 1:30 p.m. till 5.

A large committee under Toshi Miyamoto, scholarship chairman, is making a special effort this year to hold a successful benefit since UCLA tuition rates have been increased and in addition the Chi Alpha Delta group hopes to award more than one scholarship per year in the future.

Committee chairmen under Mrs. Miyamoto are Hatsue Igayue, tickets; Edna Shigekawa, prizes and canasta tournament; Koto Izumo, finances; Fumi Ishida, art; Michi Tateishi, registration; Kay Kumai, correspondence; Bonnie Sakamoto, equipment; Sandra Okada, publicity; Taeko Kato and Frances Mori, refreshments; Marjorie Shinno, advanced tournament and Mabel Ota, intermediate tournament.

Community Picnic

LIVINGSTON, Calif. — The Livingston-Merced JACL will sponsor a community picnic Sunday, April 30 with James Kirihara as general chairman.

Representatives from the JACL, the Fellowship and the WSCS and the Rev. J. Fujimori met Thursday of last week at the Grace Methodist church to map out plans.

Two ball games, one between the Fellowship and the JACL and the other between men and women's teams, will be a feature of the picnic. The games will start at 2:30 p.m.

Church and Sunday school services will be held at 10:30 a.m. The picnic lunch will be held from 12 noon till 1:30 p.m.

New Secretary

NAMPA, Ida.—Mrs. June Itami will serve as corresponding secretary of the Boise Valley JACL, replacing Mrs. Mary Tanikuni. All mail for the chapter should be addressed to her at Route 1, Nampa, Ida.

cine asked the wrong questions of the wrong department and misrepresented the facts."

Mr. Tharp assured Aikawa that he had been cleared by the security division and there should be no further difficulties.

Ben Kuroki Buys Weekly Newspaper in Nebraska City

YORK, Neb.—Nisei war hero Ben Kuroki became the new owner of an historic Nebraska weekly this month with purchase of the 74-year old York Republican.

He will take over as editor and publisher in June, when he graduates from the University of Nebraska.

He will be the first Nisei publisher in the state.

The Nisei ex-sergeant served on 58 bombing missions in both the European and Pacific theaters of war. He enlisted

the day after Pearl Harbor, Dec. 8, 1941. He served 25 missions in Europe and then volunteered for five extra missions. After his European service he volunteered for service in the Pacific theater. His transfer was effected after much delay and difficulty, but he was finally sent to the Pacific, where he went on 25 missions against Japan.

His war experiences were recorded in "The Boy from Nebraska," written by Ralph Martin.

After the war Kuroki went on a nationwide speaking tour in a one-man crusade against racial discrimination under sponsorship of the JACL and the East-West Association. It was preceded by a number of single speaking engagements, the first of which was arranged while he was still in the Pacific. He appeared on the New York Herald Tribune Forum in 1945 with Gens. Marshall, Eisenhower and Chennault and Bill Mauldin. Kuroki was flown in from Saipan for his appearance.

In taking over the York Republican, Kuroki becomes owner of an historic Nebraska newspaper.

The Republican was founded in April, 1876, and celebrates its 74th year of publication this month. It was sold to Kuroki by J. C. Alden, who ends 32 years with the newspaper. Alden took it over in 1917.

In announcing its sale, the Republican said:

"It will be sufficient here for the present management to say that they welcome this apostle of rugged Americanism to the community and to a workshop for his chosen profession. He promises to impart to one of Nebraska's elder weekly newspapers new vigor, fresh enthusiasm and forward-looking spirit, all of which are auguries of growth and progress on the newspaper's seventy-fourth birthday."

In an editorial published the same day, the Republican said of Ben Kuroki:

"The new owner-editor has a world-wide vision. He had a conspicuous war experience. His parents were foreign born. He himself is a vigorous, upstanding, vocal American who loves his citizenship and wants every other native born American and every other American by self adoption to know they are living under a great banner of freedom and protection which should claim their fealty and immense patriotic pride. If soon the Republican becomes an even greater champion of militant patriotism it will be because Ben Kuroki cannot contain his admiration for the country of his birth nor endure in silence the attitude

of fellow Americans who take their vows of country allegiance lightly."

The Nisei editor is 31 years old. He is married to the former Shige Tanabe of Pocatello, Ida. They are the parents of two girls.

Survivor of Highway Collision Files Suit For \$25 Thousand

STOCKTON, Calif.—An accident last Sept. 9 on Highway 99, near Lodi, in which a 31-year old Nisei was killed, resulted on April 12 in a suit for \$25,000 filed in Superior court by a man injured in the crash.

Plaintiff in the lawsuit is Kakakuwa Kimura, 68, Lodi. The defendant is William C. West of Visalia.

Kimura was a passenger in a light truck which was hauling harvest hands from a vineyard near Lodi. The truck was struck in the rear by West's car. Killed when the truck hit the dividing posts on the two-lane road was Akira Okamoto, predoctoral student at the University of Minnesota.

Kimura is seeking \$25,000 for severe injuries, plus medical and legal expenses.

Western Pioneer Insurance Firm Names New Directors

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Western Pioneer Insurance Co. held its first annual meeting of stockholders on March 31 at the company's home office.

The number of directors in the company was enlarged from three to eleven. Elected to the board were Hughes Tsuneishi, Kiyo Yamato and David Nitake, Los Angeles; Tom Shirakawa and Mike Iwatsubo, Fresno; Howard Yamagata and Tim Sasabuchi, Sacramento; Tad Hirota and Frank Tsukamoto, Berkeley; and Yoshio B. Mamiya and Ralph L. Jensen, Oakland.

Jensen was re-elected president of the company by the directors. Also elected were Y. B. Mamiya, vice president; Tsukamoto, vice president in charge of production for northern California; Nitake, vice president in charge of production for southern California; Jack Kelly, treasurer; and Preston B. Ericksen, secretary.

More than 100 agents and brokers represent the company throughout the state. Of this number 35 are Caucasian and six are Chinese Americans.

project are George Nishinaka of the Downtown YMCA Boys Division, Rev. John Yamazaki and Rev. K. Unoura.

Club endorsements so far received include those from Bel Sharmers, Chere Amis Club, Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae, Debutantes, Denebs, Delta Chi, Double "I's" Gems, Jilts, Lacuanas, Luknes, Minobusan YBA, Quixotics, Sapphires (former Mam'selles) Silhouettes Spartans Hi-Y, T.C.'s (Teen Charmers), Tenri Nisei Society, Traviennes, Tri-V's Tuesday Nites, Turtles, VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9938.

The first complete list compiled from up-to-date card files will be made on July first, Miss Takimoto announced. The file will be accessible to interested persons at the JACL office in the Miyako Hotel. She urged all clubs wishing to participate in the JACL Club Service Bureau to write her at the JACL office or call Thursday evenings, 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Madison 6-4471.

"The Club Service Bureau is purely a public service and will not involve monetary obligation from any participating club nor attendance at meetings or membership in JACL," she stated.

Among the recreational program directors of the Japanese community in Los Angeles endorsing this

SAN FRANCISCO—A trip to Hawaii with all expenses paid will be awarded to the winner of the queen contest at the Western Young Buddhist League's conference on April 29 and 30 in San Francisco.

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Wyoming JACL Calls Election

LOVELL, Wyo.—A general election meeting of the Northern Wyoming JACL was scheduled for April 15 by Dr. Minol Ota, president, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ujifusa.

A calendar of activities for the balance of the year will be made out.

T. P. Harada is branch manager in Tokyo.

Honolulu Nisei Form New Transportation Company in Japan

HONOLULU, T.H.—A group of Honolulu Nisei have formed a transportation company in Japan, the first foreign corporation to get a license to operate such a company in Japan.

The Aloha Car Rental Co. was recently incorporated under Hawaiian law to operate a car rental business in Tokyo and Yokohama.

The company will begin with 25 cars in Tokyo and expects to increase the number eventually to 100, including limousines and buses.

The company was started by Hideo Hamada and Toshio Otake, who are with the Kalihi Kar Company and Kalihi U-Drive Co., Ltd., of Honolulu.

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Walter Resolution Backers Face New Delay in Obtaining Senate Action on Proposal

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Proponents of early Senate action on the House-approved Walter resolution which will grant naturalization to 90,000 Japanese and other hitherto "racially ineligible" resident aliens faced another delay this week.

The Senate partially called the consent calendar on April 19 but parliamentary reasons precluded action on the Walter measure, as well as more than 80 other bills.

The Senate acted only on bills added to the calendar since Feb. 1.

Efforts were made several times during the call of the calendar on April 19 to have older bills brought up but the efforts were opposed by both sides of the Senate because of the pending ECA debate.

Mike Masaoka, legislative director of JACL ADC, asked Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas of Illinois to have the Walter resolution placed on the legislative calendar. Masaoka also requested that the Walter resolution be considered at the next call of the calendar which is expected within 30 days.

The JACL ADC official said that he was confident the resolution will be passed if it is placed before the Senate on a roll-call vote.

Here is what happened in the Senate calendar call when action was blocked on the Walter resolution and other measures placed on the Senate calendar before Feb. 1.

Sen. Lucas announced a plan to call only bills after Feb. 1. Sen. Robert Taft said, after a discussion on the possibility of bringing up other bills: "What concerns me is the growing practice, after the calendar has been called and senators have departed from the chamber, to bring up bills of which no notice has been given."

The Senate spent four hours considering some 250 bills on the calendar since Feb. 1. Immediately afterwards, another debate followed on calling up other bills. Again Sen. Taft pointed out this would result in laying aside action on the ECA.

When an effort to bring up other bills persisted, Sen. Spessard L. Holland, D., Fla., acting floor leader, said that as Sen. Lucas "already stated he would object to taking up any measures which would disturb the parliamentary situation, so I must object on behalf of the majority leader."

This ended any further consideration of consent calendar bills.

(The technical difference between the consent calendar and the legislative calendar is that bills on the consent calendar must be passed without a single object. Bills on the legislative calendar are granted the privilege of de-

bate and are passed by a roll-call vote.

Sen. Harley Kilgore, D., W. Va., had promised that he would make an effort to bring up the Walter resolution out of order. After Sen. Taft's opening objections, and further objections later to calling up any older bills, Sen. Kilgore withheld what would have been a futile request. An effort to obtain Senate action on the Walter resolution would have opened up a demand for action on other bills placed on the consent calendar before Feb. 1.

"While we are disappointed, we know we will get the bill considered in the near future," Masaoka said. "It is only a matter of waiting for normal technical processes that often makes legislative progress so slow."

"The failure to consider the resolution has no significance as far as the bill individually is concerned. Its position is unchanged. Unfortunately, the Walter measure got caught in a parliamentary tieup with other older bills."

"The resolution will come up again. When it does I am confident it will become law."

Invite Masaoka To Chair Discussion At Citizenship Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, was invited this week to serve as a discussion chairman for the Fifth National Citizenship Conference May 20-24 in Washington, sponsored jointly by the Attorney General and the National Education Association.

Theme of the conference is: "You are Your Government." Discussion groups will include: 1. Intelligent Voting and What You Can Get out of the Vote; 2. Information, Life Blood of Citizenship, and 3. Acting Democratically in our Organizations.

This is the third year the JACL has been asked to participate in the conference. Representing the JACL, besides Mr. Masaoka, will be: Harold Horiuchi, chairman of the JACL National Citizenship Committee, and Lily Yasuda, secretary of the Washington, D.C. Chapter.

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EDITORIAL:

Clearcut Claims Policy Needed

Some of the general aura of hope and good feeling generated by passage of the evacuation claims act in 1948 appears to be dissipating.

The act was passed as a genuine effort on the part of Congress to make reparations for some of the losses caused by the evacuation of 1942. The act's passage was met with high hope by the ex-eevacuee population who hoped the act would help them make partial—if long delayed—economic recovery.

But the actual payment program appears to have come to a standstill. The first payment was made in Los Angeles late last year. Since that time very few claims have been processed and approved and hardly any payments have been made. Two offices have been opened by the Department of Justice to conduct investigations of claims and to approve or reject them. Hearings have been conducted since the offices were opened. Yet no definite program of payment has been instituted, insofar as the observer can judge.

Locally, complaints arise that hearings on the claims are inordinately lengthy and that completely documented proof of loss is asked for every item listed by the claimants. The complaint has been reiterated—and with much justification—that only one householder or small businessman in a hundred can give documented proof of loss. The evacuee who sold his refrigerator for \$25 to a casual on-the-spot buyer on the eve of evacuation does not have papers to prove now, in 1950, that he bought the refrigerator for \$200 in 1938 and sold it for \$25 in 1942. The sudden disruption of his life in 1942 and successive moves since that time have destroyed all evidence of loss, if indeed they ever existed. Much of this difficulty arises, perhaps, in that many of the evacuees were led to believe that simple statements of household losses might suffice, since it was obvious at the time of the act's passage that the average person would have no documents to prove his losses.

But the present status of the program can hardly be laid to the administrators assigned to the program, since no definite policy for allowable losses or for necessary evidence has been announced. The investigator himself can hardly be blamed for asking for documented proof of loss. From his standpoint such proof is necessary for payment.

Much of the failure of the claims program must be laid to failure of Congress to pass sufficient funds to administer the program. The Justice department asked for \$5,000,000 to make payments within the next 12-month period, and an additional \$304,800 for administrative expenses. This sum, certainly far from sufficient, was lopped down even more by an economy-minded Congress.

This evacuation claims program, judiciously administered, is the only way to aid economic recovery of a group of people who suffered an enforced evacuation from their homes. Their detention upon racial grounds was a travesty upon American democratic procedure. Their losses in mental and physical health cannot be computed. Only their simple property losses—for homes, furniture, farm equipment—can be recovered under the claims act. Yet even this simple reparations program can fail unless Congress backs up its pledge to repay the evacuees through passage of sufficient funds for efficient administration of the program.

Meanwhile we hope the Justice department can make some statement of policy regarding allowable losses and regarding required proof. Obviously these should have been made clear at the time evacuation claims were filed. At this date, months after the deadline for filing of the claims, no clearcut policy has been announced.

The California Alien Land Law

The state of California has filed an appeal in the Masaoka alien land law test case,

The case, challenging the constitutionality of the discriminatory law, was won by the five Masaoka brothers. Specifically, the Masaokas, all American citizens, had purchased a home for their alien Japanese mother. Ownership of property by such an alien is in violation of the land act.

Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke ruled in favor of the Masaokas on March 18 in a decision which pointed out that the restrictive Californian statute was an attempt to legalize race discrimination and prejudice. Until the lower court ruling that the law is unconstitutional is carried to the appellate tribunal or the state's Supreme Court, it is effective only within the jurisdiction of Judge Clarke. Thus the action of the state in appealing the decision will prove in the public interest in that it will lead to a final determination of the issues involved.

This case may finally prove the supreme test of whether or not the state can, upon thinly disguised racial grounds, prevent an entire group of people from owning home or farm lands.

Nisei USA

Ben Kuroki Goes to Press

In York, Nebraska last week the weekly Republican came out as usual on Thursday. It wasn't long after the paper had been distributed that a lot of York's citizens were discussing the week's main news story—in places like the First National bank, the corner drug store, Joe Blair's cleaning shop and the Thrift market. The 74-year old Republican, one of the oldest weeklies in the state, was to have a new editor and publisher in June, a native Nebraskan by the name of Ben Kuroki.

York is a town of about 7,500 people, the county seat of York County. It is about 50 miles west of Lincoln, the capital, which places it in the southeast part of the state. Its chief industries manufacture concrete products and school supplies. It also has creameries, a foundry, a nursery and several hatcheries. Corn, wheat and oats are the main products of the county's predominantly agrarian economy. The tracks of the CB & Q link it with Grand Island on the west and Lincoln and Omaha in the east.

York is no different from a thousand other small cities on the American land and there was a lot of interest last week about the new people coming to town. Joseph G. Alden who has edited the Republican for the past 32 years introduced the Kurokis, Ben and Shige, with a front-page picture and story. The news account told of some of Ben's war record which, incidentally, is one of the great individual stories of Americans in World War II and was made into a dramatic biography by Ralph G. Martin in "The Boy from Nebraska" (Harper's, 1946).

Editor Alden noted that Ben Kuroki had fought the enemies of democracy abroad, in 58 navy combat missions as a turret gunner over Africa, Europe and the islands of Japan, and at home, in a series of speaking tours which took him to every part of the country. Ben Kuroki then chose journalism as his chosen profession and enrolled at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He will graduate in June. Editor Alden welcomed "this apostle of rugged Americanism to the community and to a workshop in his chosen profession."

"He promises to impart to one of Nebraska's elder weekly newspapers new vigor, fresh enthusiasm and forward-looking spirit, all of which are auguries of growth and progress on the newspaper's 74th birthday," Editor Alden concluded.

Otherwise life went on as usual in York. The volunteer fire department put out three fires during the week. Eight hundred men attended the third annual farmer-businessman dinner sponsored by the chamber of commerce in the city auditorium. A new funeral home was opened at Seventh and Burlington street and the One Hundred club of the Christian church had a covered dish supper. The Knight Templars entertained their wives at the McCloud hotel. The Tuesday Evening Book club met at the home of Mrs. Robert E. Karrer and heard a report on "The Parasites" by Daphne du Maurier. The town's teenagers were eagerly awaiting the engagement of Tommy Dorsey and his orchestra on Monday night in the city auditorium. The senior class at York high school was presenting a play, "The Hill Between," in the school auditorium.

There is something significant in the fact that ex-gunner Ben Kuroki who has flown in the skies over lands besieged and damned by war and who knows well the instruments of death and sudden destruction has chosen to make a career of newspaper work. There was a time when the pen was mightier than the sword and the time may come again when the typewriter and the linotype may outweigh all the hell-bombs of creation.

On a lighter and more personal plane, we would like to welcome Ben and Shige Kuroki to that community of ink-stained wretches whose lives revolve around a weekly publication date. The Kurokis will probably come to hate Thursdays which is the day their paper goes to press and which will be the day the press breaks down or the fuse

blows out. On Thursdays there will always seem to be more things to be done and no time in which to do them. There will always be one last story, however trivial, to insert and galley and page proofs to real. But somehow the day will always end and the press will be running and there will be time to catch a breath before it is time to worry about the copy for next week's issue.

One of the two occupational dreams of most newsmen we've met is to own a small town paper. The other dream, of course, is to write that great American novel, which is fine stuff to talk about over a beer after the deadline has been met but the words never seem to get down on paper.

The small town paper, however, is within the realm of comprehension. It offers security and a sense of identity which the newspaper worker seeks but rarely attains in the urban jungle. There is something terrifying in the anonymity of big city existence. Anyone who has been caught in a New York subway rush can understand the fear of a city dweller that he may one day step through an open manhole while crossing a busy street and be lost forever with no one to miss him but his wife, his kids and the finance company. But the editor of a small town paper can stub his toe on Main street and have the whole town in sympathy. Anyway, that's the idyll.

The actual picture, of course, is a little different. If the economy of the York Republican is anything like that of a thousand other weekly newspapers, the Kurokis probably will find that the job printing department (wedding announcements, address cards, social stationery and business handbills) will pay the bills and feed the flesh while the weekly newspaper will nourish the soul. There is a solid satisfaction in becoming an integral part of the life of a community, particularly in these times when the road maps of our time no longer seem adequate to chart the headlong rush of history.

We first met Ben Kuroki back in 1944 when he had just returned from his tour of duty as a bomber gunner over Africa and Europe. He had been in the first African campaign, survived the raid on Ploesti from which few American planes returned and had been interned by Franco Spain when his plane had made a forced landing in Spanish Morocco. He had served in the early raids on Germany when Allied airpower was stretched near breaking point, had served his 25 missions and volunteered for five more. He had been presented to the King of England and had received a chestful of medals.

When Ben Kuroki came home in Dec., 1943, he already had risked death as often and had done as much as any one citizen could be expected to do. But the boy who had grown up in the little town of Hershey, Neb., and personally had experienced little of the type of race hatred encountered by West Coast Nisei was almost immediately projected into the wartime battle of Japanese Americans for justice and recognition. Although he had never made a speech before a large group in his life, he gave a 45-minute speech to the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, an audience of 800 which was used to hearing prime ministers, cabinet officers and university presidents, a highly sophisticated audience made up of the city's leading business and professional leaders. When Ben Kuroki finished his speech, the audience, some in tears, rose to cheer him. That speech by Ben Kuroki in 1944 has been called the turning point in the battle of public opinion on the evacuee question on the Pacific coast.

Later Ben Kuroki visited the relocation camps, speaking to Nisei audiences, some of whom were embittered and hostile as a result of evacuation and discrimination. His sense of duty and group responsibility led him to volunteer for air corps service as a combat gunner in the Pacific. We recall telling Ben in Salt Lake City that he had no chance of serving aboard the new B-29s, that the air corps wasn't accepting Nisei as combat personnel. But Ben got in, with

the personal intervention of Secretary of War Stimson, and served 28 heavy combat missions against Japan. That was Ben's answer to the "No Japs Wanted" signs he had seen in Pacific coast windows.

Shortly after V-J day Ben was flown directly from Tinian to New York City and found himself, a day later, on the same stage with Bill Mauldin and some high brass named Marshall, Wainwright and Chennault. He was one of the speakers on the New York Herald-Tribune forum and his speech was being broadcast on a national network. The president of the Philippines also was on the stage and the foreign minister of Australia and a Navy captain named Harold Stassen.

In that speech which was heard by millions of Americans and read by millions more in the Reader's Digest, Ben Kuroki said:

"I've had 58 bombing missions now, and I'm still tired enough so my hands shake, and plenty of nights I don't sleep so good. I'd like to go home to Nebraska and forget the war, and just lie under a tree somewhere and take it easy. It's hard to realize that the war is not over for me. Not for a lot of us, Jewish Americans, Italian Americans, Japanese Americans. While there is still hatred and prejudice, our fight goes on. Back in Nebraska on our farm, when I planted a seed, I knew that after a while I'd get a crop. That's the way it was with a lot of us in this war—we went to plant the seeds to bring in a crop of decency and peace for our families and our children."

For more than a year after that New York speech Ben was engaged in an extended speaking tour for the JACL and for the East-West Association. Then he and Shige Tanabe of Pocatello were married and Ben enrolled at the University of Nebraska.

The war isn't over yet for ex-Sergeant Kuroki and won't be as long as there is hate and prejudice to foment wars and strife. Ben has a very personal stake in the world of the future now because he and Shige now have two young girls and he doesn't want them to have to go through what the old man did.

Vagaries

Finalist . . .

James Shigeta, a junior at the University of Hawaii, recently qualified for the grand finals and the right to compete for a \$2,000 music scholarship on Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour over the ABC network. Shigeta and two other Hawaiian contestants, Sally Kim and Tom Moku, recently flew to New York to appear on the Ted Mack show after winning the Hawaiian contest. Shigeta, a baritone, won the top spot three times in a row and was notified last week that he is entered in the finals at Madison Square Garden in early June.

Hayakawa's Film . . .

Sessue Hayakawa's first post-war Japanese film was released in Tokyo last week. The Daiei production, "Far Away Motherland," shows Hayakawa as a Japanese exile in South America who returns to Japan and to the girl he loves. The film, the first Hayakawa has made in Japan in nearly 15 years, was praised by critics . . . Meanwhile, Hayakawa is preparing to produce, direct and star in a Japanese version of "Les Miserables." After the film is completed, Hayakawa hopes to return to Hollywood. He also hopes for the release of the Japanese "Les Miserables" in the United States.

Stranded Nisei Files For U. S. Citizenship

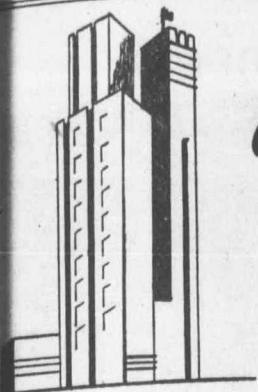
HONOLULU—Shigemi Kido, a native of Hawaii, last week filed suit in Federal district court for reinstatement as a United States citizen or national.

Kido went to Japan in 1937 to study business and was conscripted into the Japanese army.

Kido claims that he was drafted "without consent and against (his) will" into the Japanese army.

He attempted to return to Hawaii in 1947 but was denied a passport.

His wife, a Seattle-born Nisei, is now in Honolulu with the couple's child.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

The Fishing Industry Looks Southward

New Orleans, La.

Advance agents for several huge California fish canneries are now swarming all over the deep south. Most of them are congregating along the sunny Gulf Coast in Mississippi. These piscatorial scouts look fondly out on the rolling surf of the Gulf of Mexico. The sights, sounds and smells seem to remind them of Monterey, San Diego and Terminal Island and they seem to nod their heads in unison.

From the looks of their preliminary blueprints, it appears that the area around Pascagoula, in Mississippi, will become the fish canning center of the country. Tentative arrangements have been completed to erect several multi-million dollar canneries in or about the small town of Pascagoula.

Already a small fleet of tuna-clippers has been dispatched to the area and the major tuna canners are now looking to this locality to become the fishing center of the nation. Preliminary runs are being made to all sectors of the Gulf of Mexico waters, searching for fish, shrimp and any other type of seafood.

While the results are now being tabulated or else being kept a secret, there is a good likelihood that the small towns dotting the edge of the Mississippi coast may soon replace San Diego, San Pedro and Monterey as the centers of the fishing industry.

More than one Nisei fisherman has been sent out to explore the possibilities of fishing in the warm waters of the Gulf. The general opinion seems to be that Mississippi will be a more suitable and logical site for the tuna-canning industry than California.

There are a good many reasons why the California canneries are now looking southward.

More fish and lower costs are two of the most compelling reasons. It appears that California fishermen are going further and further out each year in search of the elusive yellow-fin and blue-fin tuna, and the vitamin-packed albacore. They now travel as far south as Central America in many cases. Owners claim that by basing their fleet on the Gulf of Mexico, they can save about 1500 miles in reaching the lucrative fishing grounds. This means a terrific savings all the way around.

There is also the important factor of labor costs.

California cannery workers demand a pay scale approximating \$1.50 an hour. The Mississippi scale calls for \$.75 an hour. Even making an allowance for inefficiency by inexperienced workers, the potential savings on labor costs are tremendous. There is a large labor supply available in the deep south as contrasted to the rather limited labor pool in Southern California.

There is also the matter of taxes.

In their eagerness to attract new industries, the political powers are willing to let new industries operate almost tax-free for the initial decade. The general tax level of the south, as a rule, is about 40 per cent less than the rates charged in California. This also appeals to the cannery owners.

Lower property prices are also influencing the newcomers. Compared with the high land values in California, the Gulf Coast sites can be purchased for a fraction of the price demanded in industry-filled California.

Most important of all is the proximity of the Gulf Coast to the major American and European markets. A case of canned tuna can reach the rich New York market three or four days quicker from Mississippi than San Diego. Also the cost of transporting that case of tuna will be about one-half as compared to the long-distance haul from California to New York. The same ratios will apply in relationship to the important European markets.

It is no wonder that many experts predict that the Gulf Coast will replace Southern California as the tuna-canning center of the country within the next ten years.

Opening Wedge

Several large Menhaden fish plants are already being erected near Pascagoula. This strange shad-like fish, which seems to abound in the nearby Gulf waters, will be used for fertilizer, fish oils and fish-liver derivatives. The next step will be to build regulation tuna canneries. This will depend upon the fishing luck of the tuna clippers that will ply the Gulf and South Atlantic waters.

The rise of a prospering fishing and canning industry down south will inevitably mean that several Nisei families will start moving down to the center of activity. The only drawback to the entire situation will be the matter of education for the children. An old Mississippi law requires that all non-white children go to segregated schools. This means Sansei children will have a difficult time getting an education unless the present laws are changed.

Six Years Ago

This all brings me to another project that I investigated some six years ago. At that time the relocation camps were in full operation and the west coast was still closed to me. Several Issei folks from San Diego asked me to look into the possibility of getting into the fishing business in Gulf of Mexico waters.

During the years before the war, there were dozens of Japanese fishermen who were based in and around New Orleans. With the outbreak of war, they were all rounded up and shortly interned in enemy alien camps.

The Powers that be ruled that Nisei fishermen could operate in the Gulf waters but Issei would be barred.

Several semi-active canneries were also available and wharfing facilities were more than adequate. I thought, at the time, that the Gulf Coast in Mississippi would be ideal for the Nisei fishermen.

Just about that time the green light to re-enter California was flashed to all relocation centers and for this reason the project was abandoned.

Now it appears that many Nisei will be patterning their activity along the original plans of 1944.

I know from experience that the Gulf Coast area is great seafood country. Oysters, crabs, shrimp and fish are available the year around. No stretch of land is more than five miles from a fishing hole and the favorite sport of the natives of the south is to hold a rod and reel.

A full 90 per cent of the entire shrimp catch of this country comes from the Gulf of Mexico waters and it is logical that the fishing and fish, cannery center of this country should be located in this particular area.

Fish story or pipe dream, it is apparent that the fishing industry is now looking southward.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Neutrality Is the Magic Word

Denver, Colo.

Is there any inconsistency greater than that of men and their governments? Take the case of good old Nippon which, in the days when it was popular to frown on war, insisted on rattling sabers and glorifying the military tradition.

Not only has Japan renounced war as a vehicle of national policy since the recent chastisement, but comes now a dispatch from Tokyo saying the high (and somewhat tarnished) brass is looking with alarm and disfavor on the military installations being built by Americans on her shores.

Neutrality is the magic word now. Japan wants nothing better than neutrality should War III come to pass, would prefer to sit out the dance when it starts to rain A-bombs. Which, we would say, is a most prudent view that may not come to pass.

It would seem that the Messrs. Halsey, LeMay, MacArthur, et al, did an admirable job of teaching the Japanese the virtues of peace.

Spring has come to our back yard in the form of greening grass, a sturdy crop of dandelions, and an urge to commune with the soil. A young elm tree has been uprooted and replaced by an utilitarian apple sapling. It may begin to bear in another three years or so.

We picked a fruit tree because we'd like to get something edible along with a crop of leaves to rake up in the fall. The tree is called a 5-in-1 because branches from four different kinds of apple trees have been grafted onto the original trunk. Thus, in maturity, it is supposed to bear five kinds of apples which, if it happens, will be just dandy. Only time will tell whether the catalogue is being truthful.

Meanwhile, the three rows of strawberries have been weeded and the old dead plants replaced by a bumper crop of runner-plants. Half

the garden space has been forked and raked. Last week-end it rained some two and one-half inches worth, which is a godsend in this land of scanty moisture. Any day now, the first brave rows of radish seeds will go into the ground. It looks like a good year agriculturally, we feel with an amateur farmer's optimism when the spring sun begins to warm the good earth.

Our dinner table conversation has taken on a new, pedantic character these days since Mike has been promoted to 4A. There is talk now of long division, the lark bunting and the habits of alligators as well as small fry neighborhood gossip and who knocked out a home run during recess.

"Spelling was the topic of one recent supper-time discussion, and the word was stationery, which Mike said he had missed.

"How do you spell it," we asked. "Do you remember now?"

"Sure. s-t-a-t-i-o-n-e-r-y."

"What does it mean?"

"Means stuff like writing paper."

"Oh no," we said. "It means it isn't moving—stuck in one place."

"No," said Mike, his voice rising. "You spell that kind of stationary with an a-r-y."

"You have the two mixed up," we declared. "It's the other way around." And then, with sudden indecision, we added: "Or am I wrong?"

Mike chose an occasion some hours later, when there were guests in the house, to consult the dictionary and proclaim to one and all that his dad was dead wrong when it came to spelling stationery and stationary.

Of course it's embarrassing when a man who supports his family by putting down words is caught in the act of misspelling one by his fourth-grader son. But on the other hand we're mighty pleased about his progress, and even more so by the fact that he is not shy about consulting a dictionary.

THE AGED ISSEI

Economic Situation Underlies Problems of Needy Group

By JOHN Y. YOSHINO

A recent column by Jobo Nakamura discussed the problem of needy aged Japanese on the one hand and the questioning attitude of the Nisei on his responsibility toward his aged parents on the other. As a social caseworker in a public welfare agency, the writer has been concerned with the growing problem of caring for the aging Japanese.

When we think of the Issei, we must bear in mind that their problems are, in the first place, an economic problem. The

Japanese before the war, whether in rural or urban setting, had found their place in life, earned their living, supported their families and educated their children to be good citizens.

Now due to old age they are no longer able to earn their living in a competitive society.

What about the money they were supposed to have saved by thrift and frugal living? Much of that was dissipated while they were in the relocation camps. It is true that the government gave them shelter, food and some clothing, but very little was received of the many things needed by old people to make life comfortable. In this respect it may be stated that very few people are able to save enough during the productive years of their life to be able to live in their old age without working.

What about social security and other benefits under the law? There is a lot of discussion about social insurance and pension plans of all kinds. This is a rather recent innovation of our government. Unfortunately most of the Japanese have not worked long enough in covered industry to be eligible for benefits. To be a participant in this plan one must have been a contributor. Many of our people were gardeners or domestics or served in other service trades.

Others worked as laborers on farms. A still larger number of people operated their own small family business. It is only since the war and relocation to industrial areas that the Japanese have acquired social security rights. The Nisei lost time while they were in the relocation camps in the desert. Since their return they have been kept extremely busy re-establishing themselves economically. Some Nisei have already passed the peak of their working life.

They are reaching the age of 50 and are hard-pressed trying to earn a living for their families. It is not uncommon for the employment offices to shy away from the employment of men over 50. In an industrial society this has been brought about by the demands of labor and business. At 65 a man is considered too old to work. It is a paradox of modern society that scientific research has prolonged life but has not met the problems of aged people in the field of so-

cial and psychological adjustments of the aged. To these Nisei over 50 the care of their aged parents is a tremendous financial burden. They ask themselves the question: "Do I owe more to my parents in their old age, or should I strive to give all that I can to my immediate family. With my limited means I can't do both. Is there a compromise?"

There are those fortunate Nisei who have settled in the Middle West and East and found better employment opportunities than they had back on the West Coast. They are succeeding because they are qualified by training to accept the better jobs. They are found in the business and the professional fields enjoying increased earnings, social prestige, and a higher standard of living than before. They are better equipped financially to cope with the problems of helping their parents.

But by and large the many thousands of Nisei are having a difficult time making a comeback, and torn between conflicting devotions. They are finding it very hard to resolve their position in this matter. Perhaps there may be some ways of helping this latter group. We can at least share ideas with one another.

Is there something definite that we can do about this ever-pressing dynamic problem? Is it just a private problem and up to the individual family involved to work out their own salvation? Is it enough to say the dissolution of close family ties and community life was caused by the evacuation and since that was the "government's mistake" let it take care of the aged?

Secondly, closely tied in with the economic problem of the aged are the physiological and psychological problems. Many of them are worn out physically and mentally. They are just plain tired. After 45 there is a general slowing down. Loss of dexterity, increased fatigue, and weakening eyesight are causes traced to the aging process.

Many of the aged feel lost and confused. The evacuation separated them from their friends and families. In cities, lack of adequate housing is also a contributing factor to this vexing problem. In addition, there are some Issei men

who are single and have no families. In the closely-knit pre-war Japanese society, the community met their needs through religious and fraternal organizations. However, today with the Japanese population scattered all over the country, due to lack of a central body to help them, many of these men are sick or dying alone. How are we to meet their needs?

It is said that the evacuation caused the breakdown of the traditionally strong family life. For example, family life was supplanted by communal life in camp. Father who was the chief provider as the head of the family lost that position. Loss of earning power meant to some degree the loss of authority. It was a difficult task to keep supervision over his family. The same man today may no longer be able to work and earn a living. He must therefore, look to others for support. This is a severe blow and a loss of face for the head of the family.

The needy Issei can apply for public assistance if he has no other way of meeting his needs. However, since the Japanese have always been a group of self-sufficient people, they consider it a shame to receive help from public welfare. That is one reason they worked so hard to save a few dollars. It was with this thought in mind that they wanted better education for their children. Our Issei parents did remarkably well for their children. There are many instances of great sacrifice made by Issei parents to keep their Nisei son or daughter in college. "The shoe is on the other foot" is an apt saying to fit this occasion. What about these Nisei children who are now men and women. One Nisei remarked philosophically that "filial piety is a lost more."

Insofar as the present is concerned, one of the ways in which this problem can be met is through placement of the aged and infirm in a public institution. The writer does not allude to it as the "Old People's Home," as many states have specific names for such institutions. Such placements must be done at the present time in existing agencies equipped to handle them because the Japanese communities have not as yet demonstrated that they are economically able to establish, staff and maintain such homes. However, it should be pointed out that there are limitations in this plan. The Japanese are a homogeneous people. Their food habits, customs, as well as language handicap can be a severe obstacle to good adjustment for them in an institutional setting in a tax supported agency.

Since the family means so much to the Japanese, there is no plan that is better than helping the Issei in the home setting. Therefore, in situations in which the aged Issei in need lives with a son or daughter, it is far better to keep him right there in the home. In this manner he can continue to

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PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Nekota May Coach Oregon Frosh Swimmers

Tom Nekota, Hawaiian Nisei, now attending the University of Oregon, may coach the Webfoot frosh swimming team next year. . . Incidentally, Joe Nishimoto, Honolulu sophomore who was the star of the Oregon swimming team this year, won Oregon State AAU championships recently in the 100 and 220-yard breaststroke. . . Among the wrestlers of Japanese ancestry now being featured on the grunt and groan circuit are Kaimon Kudo, George Shindo, The Great Togo, The Great Moto, Hal Sakata, Hisao Tanaka and Don Sugai. . . Shindo has headlined the bill at Denver's Mammoth Garden for the past three weeks. . . Joe Tom is playing shortstop for the University of Oregon. . . Shig Takahashi of French Camp, Calif., the only Nisei fight manager in the continental United States, believes his protegee, Johnny Eghan, will be one of the outstanding featherweights in the nation within a short time. The 19-year-old Eghan, a native of Hawaii, has won 27 out of his 29 pro fights and is booked to meet Jock Leslie in his next bout at Stockton Civic Memorial hall. Takahashi has brought in Tony Marino, one of the best boxing trainers on the coast, to work with Eghan.

Nisei Batteries Meet in Jaycee Game

A pitching duel between two topflight Nisei junior college hurlers loomed on April 17 when the strong Santa Rosa JC team, one of the top jaycee nines in California, met Placer College in Auburn, Calif. Bill Nishita, the southpaw speedball artist from Honolulu, was on the mound for Santa Rosa with George Fujishige behind the plate. The Placer College battery was George Goto, the erstwhile basketball star, on the mound and hard-hitting Bob Hayashida behind the catcher's mask. Goto, however, developed a sore arm after pitching an inning and allowing no hits. Santa Rosa won the game with a four-hit pitching performance from Nishita, 5 to 2. Nishita, slated to enroll at the University of California at Berkeley next year, impressed pro ball scouts recently when he lost a pitching duel against the Yakima Bears of the Western International league. . . It's possible that Nishita and Goto may meet on the mound in seasons to come because Goto is headed for Stanford. . . Nishita, the star of the 1949 interscholastic baseball season in Hawaii, is one reason why Santa Rosa has won 18 of the 20 games they have played to date.

All-County Stars Bolster Clarksburg

Two Nisei who made the all-Solano County high school all-star team in California last year are the mainstays of this year's Clarksburg high school team. They are pitcher Mickey Nishioka and second sacker Tom Kushida. George Yagi is one of Clarksburg's outfielders. . . Armijo high school, the defending champions in the Solano County league, have a veteran second baseman in Eiji Matsuno. . . Kazuo Yamada, who was Oakdale, Calif., high school's best running back on the gridiron last fall, hit a home run as Oakdale opened the Valle Oak league season last week by defeating Ceres, Calif., high, 5 to 1. . . Iwao Wakai was a member of the Lodi, Calif., high school's B team which tied the school record for the 100-yard medley at 49.3s last week in a dual meet against Modesto. . . Noboru Iwami, star guard for the Tooele, Utah, Buffaloes last season was on the mound as the Tooele baseball team defeated Cyprus high school of Magna, Utah, 9 to 8 in a league game on April 18. . . Yukio Miyake was one of the members of the four-man Class B 880-yard relay team of C. K. McClatchy high of Sacramento which tied the meet record of 1:35.4 at the Cal Aggie invitational meet on April 15.

Watanabe Loses But Runs Fast Race

UCLA's Bob Watanabe ran one of the fastest races of his life last Saturday in the dual meet against the University of California but could get no better than third place, finishing only four yards behind Cal's Don Anderson in the 100-yard dash. Anderson set a new meet record of 9.5s. Watanabe lost by eight yards to Anderson in the 220 which the Cal star sprinted in 20.8s, also a new meet record. . . Yutaka Kuwatani of the College of Marin won the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet 8 on April 15 in a four-way meet against the Cal frosh, Santa Rosa JC and the City College of San Francisco. . . Jody Maruyama, the three-sport star now performing on both track and field for the Occidental College frosh, went over to UCLA recently to get some tips on starting from Bob Watanabe. Maruyama then proceeded to win both the 100 and 220 yard dashes for the Oxy freshmen in a dual meet last week against Pomona College at Claremont, Calif. Maruyama ran the century in 10s and the furlong in 22.5s. He also tied for second place in the pole vault. Maruyama also will probably be a breakaway back for the Oxy Tigers next football season.

Matsubu's Team Rained Out at Denver

Denver Nisei fans who were hoping to get a look at Hank Matsubu, reportedly assigned to the Hutchinson, Kans., Elks of the Western Association after making his pro baseball debut last season with Modesto, Calif., Reds were disappointed last Sunday when a scheduled exhibition game between Hutchinson and the Denver Bears of the Class A Western League was rained out. Hutchinson is a farm club in the Pittsburgh Pirates system. . . Tommy Okagaki, second baseman of the San Jose State Spartans, reached first base six times in a row on April 12 as the collegians took an 8 to 7 decision from the San Jose Red Sox of the California League at Salinas. Okagaki, playing his third year for the Spartans, doubled in the seventh to bring in two runs for the Spartans. . . Two Nisei were in the leadoff spots as the Spartans lost a two-game series last week to Fresno State College. Okagaki led off for San Jose while Howard Zenimura, now playing left field, was at the top of the Bulldog batting order.

Yonamine Plays First Base for Bees

Wally Yonamine played first base as the Salt Lake Bees defeated the Stockton Ports of the California League, 5 to 4, in a 13-inning game in Stockton last Sunday. Wally had a pretty good day, getting one hit in three official trips to the plate, scoring two runs and stealing two bases. He also drove in a run with his single and figured in a double play. He handled twelve putouts and one assist without an error. On the previous day Wally went 0 for 4 as the Bees were handcuffed, 13 to 4, by the Ports. . . Paul Kaneyuki, one of the top prep pitchers in Southern California two years ago, is now hurling for San Diego State college. He was on the mound last week as San Diego defeated Camp Miramar, 18 to 12. . . Ralph Kubota, one of the best running backs in Southern California high school competition last football season, is now competing in sprint races for the Compton, Calif., B track team. . . Sam Sugimoto pitches and plays the outfield for the San Jose State frosh team.

Miyasato's Hit Helps BYU Beat Utah University

Jimmy Miyasato, BYU's new transfer from Weber College, singled with the bases loaded in the tenth inning as Brigham Young University defeated the University of Utah, 5 to 3, in a Skyline Six league contest at Derks Field in Salt Lake City on April 17. Miyasato also got two hits as BYU defeated Utah, 6 to 5, on April 15 in Provo, Utah.

Cleveland Team Wins in Ohio Bowling Meet

CLEVELAND, O. — The Cleveland Mercury 20 bowlers took team honors in an intercity bowling tournament sponsored by the Cleveland Nisei Athletic Association the weekend of April 8 and 9 at the Mercury Lanes.

Six teams from Chicago, two Detroit and three from Cleveland competed.

The Mercury 20 team, composed of Wally Takamoto, Pluto Shimamura, Kenny Hirata, Moose Furukawa and Harry Taketa, rolled a 2705 series for first place. The Gold Coast All-stars from Chicago were second with 2624, while the Cleveland All-stars were third with 2581.

Furukawa and Isam Matsumura of Cleveland teamed up to capture the doubles championship with a 1188. Frank Keo and Nob Murakami of Chicago were second with 1137, and the Cleveland team of Harry Taketa and Mits Shimamura tied with Francis Nihei and Steve Yano, also of Cleveland, for third.

Kay Sunahara of Chicago had a 582 for the singles championship. Wally Takamoto, Cleveland, was second with a 580.

Clevelanders swept first four places in the all-events, topped by Takamoto, 1708, Matsumura, 1706, Mits Shimamura, 1673 and Furukawa, 1665.

Nisei Vues Hold Slim Lead in Chicago Pin League

CHICAGO — After the end of 31 weeks of play, the Nisei Vues hold a one-game edge over the Sakada Optometrists in the 14-team Chicago JACL bowling league.

On April 12 the Nisei Vues blanked the fourth-place Murakami & Sons team, 4 to 0, while the Sakadas took three points from Quality Cleaners. W. Nakamura led the Nisei Vues with a 564 series.

The Sakadas got a hard fight from the seventh-place Quality Cleaners, winning the third game by only one pin, 936 to 935, and the series by 2724 to 2709. R. Tsurui of the losers was high for the match with a 583 series.

Hyde Park Restaurant held third place by splitting with Jan Jan T, while fifth-place Plaisance Cleaners were whitewashed by Petite Cleaners.

Wah Mee Lo split with O.T. Men's Wear, while Berns Store took four from Coed Beauty Shop.

Tellone Beauty Salon defeated Mark Twain, 3 to 1.

Yonamine Leads Salt Lake to Win Over Klamath Falls

LODI, Calif. — Wally Yonamine's double and triple led the Salt Lake Bees of the Pioneer League to an 8 to 7 victory over Klamath Falls of the Far West League on April 17 in Lawrence park.

Plan Parade

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The local JACL is planning to participate in the city's Fourth of July parade this year.

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Bowling Tourney Winners



SAN MATEO, Calif.—Proudly displaying the trophies they received at a recent San Mateo County JACL social and awards ceremony are winners of titles at the chapter's Bowling Night. Left to right they are Grace Yamaguchi, women's singles winner; Bowling Night Chairman Bob Sugishita and his wife Haru, mixed doubles winners; and Emiko Higaki, women's all-events champion. The trophy in the center foreground is the Bob Spiller perpetual all-events trophy which Miss Higaki accepted for her brother, Harry, who was unable to attend.

Seated (left to right) are K. Y. Yamaguchi, recently named one of the all-time athletes of San Mateo high school and co-chairman for the evening; Will Takahashi, publicity chairman; and Shig Takahashi, co-chairman and emcee of the awards ceremony. Missing from the photo are Yon Kawakita, co-chairman, and the following titlists in the bowling competition: Cap Adachi, Eichi Adachi and George Higashioka.—Photo by Utsumi Studio.

Seattle Bowlers Will Carry Fair Play Campaign to ABC

SEATTLE — The Seattle City Bowling Association last week instructed its three-man delegation to the American Bowling Congress' national convention in Columbus, Ohio on May 12 to vote for the elimination of the "white males only" clause from the ABC's national constitution.

The Seattle association elected Earl Nichols, its new president, and Jack Bunsey and Gordon Dralle of the Boeing Bowling Association as its official delegates to the ABC convention.

Bunsey and Dralle have been leading the fight against the ABC's race restriction in Seattle since the national organization ruled that the Nisei Clippers, a team composed of Boeing employes, could not bowl in the ABC-sanctioned Boeing major league. Despite the ABC's ruling, the Boeing league has retained the all-Nisei team.

The Seattle bowling group also charged its delegates to see to it that the race discrimination question is heard on the floor at the national convention.

California Awaits ABC Action On "Whites Only" Restriction

Seattle Bowlers Pledge Financial Support for Discrimination Fight

SEATTLE, Wash.—Teams in the two Seattle Nisei bowling leagues have pledged \$5 each to help the JACL in its fight against racial discrimination in bowling.

The money will be sent to the National JACL for a special fund.

Announcement of the donation by Seattle was made by Fred Takagi of that city.

Hawaii Bowlers Give Contribution for Discrimination Fight

A \$45 contribution to help the JACL fight racial discrimination in bowling was made this week by Nisei bowlers from Hawaii who participated in the recent National JACL bowling tournament in Los Angeles, according to Masao Satow, national director.

The contribution was sent by Eddie Matsueda of Honolulu.

Meanwhile Satow announced formation of a national advisory board on bowling for the organization. The board will advise the JACL on its program to eliminate discrimination in bowling and will also help plan the organization's annual bowling tournaments.

The following have agreed to serve on the board: Gish Endo, San Leandro; Matsueda, Honolulu; Buzz Noda, Fresno; James Kozuma, Chicago; Dr. Jun Kurumada, Salt Lake City; and Fred Takagi, Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO — Ralph W. Scott, Deputy Attorney General, representing Attorney General Fred N. Howser, said April 19 the American Bowling Congress may within a short time modify its constitution and urged that further consideration of an injunction be deferred until after the ABC convention in May at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Scott informed Joe J. Masao of the local JACL offices by letter that he had communicated with the attorneys general of New York and Wisconsin.

It was learned that "the Wisconsin suit seeks to enjoin the Congress from doing business in any manner whatever within that State with any bowling team or individual bowler and from fostering, conducting, promoting or sanctioning any bowling tournament until such time as the Congress shall eliminate discriminatory practices in its membership eligibility, based upon race or color."

The New York suit seeks to enjoin the Congress from exercising any of its corporate franchises, privileges, rights, objects and activities within that state.

Mr. Scott disclosed that: "A communication from Honorable Richard E. Barrett, Assistant Attorney General of Wisconsin points out that the Congress also faces action in Illinois to have its corporate existence annulled and another suit in Ohio to prevent the holding of its annual tournament in that State this year. Mr. Barrett points out that according to 'reliable information . . . the leaders in the American Bowling Congress intend to change their constitution at their May convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio.'"

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yanaga a boy Thomas, Jr., on April 12 in Denver.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hiyoshi Nishijima, Madrone, Calif., a boy, Louis John, on April 3.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Takeshi Nakao, Coyote, Calif., a boy, Johnnie Hiteto, on April 4.
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Sadao Sugimoto a boy, Lawrence James, on April 8 in San Jose.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Tamiyasu a boy, Michael T., on April 9 in Portland, Ore.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nishimura a boy on April 11 in Seattle.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Toyoji a boy on April 15 in Seattle.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Sakai, Stockton, Calif., a boy, Yukio Andrew, on April 9.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Sunayama, Martinez, Calif., a girl, Judy Akemi, on April 2.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Don Kurihara a boy, Patrick, on April 2 in Orosi, Calif.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John Hatanaka, Winters, Calif., a boy on April 13.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Mabe a girl, Geordine Ellen, on April 14 in Denver.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Miyagishima a girl on April 4 in San Francisco.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Kakehashi a girl, Colleen Dale, on March 31 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Katsuto Kanemoto, Torrance, Calif., a boy, Edward Toshio, on April 3.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Jack Koba a boy, Dennis Ronald, on April 4 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Kondo a boy, Dennis Tadashi, on April 3 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tsuchio Terada, Norwalk, Calif., a boy, Eugene Hozumu, on April 3.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nishimura a boy on April 11 in Seattle.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Yamaguchi a girl on March 25 in Fowler, Calif.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Hayashi a girl on March 27 in Fresno.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Yoshi Arakaki a girl, Kathleen Yuriko, on April 6 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muneyuki Hayasho a girl, Karen Jane, on April 6 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Higashi a boy, Steven Shigeru, on April 7 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Maruo Munro Ikemura a girl, Bonnie Carol, on April 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shinichi Tsunokai a girl, Joyce Mitsuko, on April 6 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mas Minami, Morgan Hill, Calif., a boy, Don Satoshi, on April 10.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo K. Inouye a girl, Linda Joy, on April 2 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Itami a girl, Susan, on April 3.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hoki a boy on April 18 in Salt Lake City.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Imada, Payette, Idaho, a boy on April 14.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ikesaki, Florin, Calif., a boy on April 6.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Moffet Mitsuo Ishikawa a boy, Norman Ken, on April 2 in San Jose.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Masami Yamasaki a boy, Roger Norman, on April 3 in Los Angeles.

DEATHS

Sadakichi Ideguchi on April 13 in Portland, Ore.
 Kichizo Matsumura on April 17 in San Jose, Calif.
 Mrs. Kimiko Fujinaka on April 10 in Los Angeles.
 Mrs. Lin Hori Kusaka (Mrs. Harry Kusaka), 28, Osgood, Idaho, on April 14 in Idaho Falls.
 George Kiyoshi Nakashima on April 9 in Los Angeles.
 Tatsujiro Sano, 64, in Fresno, Calif.
 Hidekichi Kametani, 73, in Fresno.
 Mrs. Toku Miyagishima on April 15 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Masaye Mizuno to Kazuo Miura on April 16 in Los Angeles.
 Fumiko Mary Takaki of Sun Valley, Calif., to Shoji Yabuta of North Hollywood on April 16 in Los Angeles.
 Kazuko Ito to Shigeo Kanagawa on April 16 in Los Angeles.
 Martha Tanaka, Shelley, Ida., to Hero Shiosaki, Blackfoot, on April 8 in Idaho Falls.
 Mitsuko Kinoshita to Harry Yoshiharu Ito on April 9 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Grace Nogami and George S. Kasahara in Seattle.
 Grace Matsuda, 28, Penryn Calif., and Harry Kakita, 29 in San Francisco.
 Kimiko Sakaguchi 28, and Floyd M. Yamamoto, 34, in Seattle.
 Helen Okumoto, 22, and Ichiro Sasaki, 26, in Oakland, Calif.

Golf Tourney Scheduled for District Meet

LOS ANGELES—Alondra Park Golf Club, one of the Southland's newest courses, will be the battleground for the golfers competing in the JACL Pacific Southwest district council convention open tournament on Sunday, July 2, it was announced by Joseph Ito, tournament chairman, this week.
 Golfers will be placed into three flights, the championship, Aye and Bee, with the first foursome scheduled to tee off at 6 a.m. Entry fee at \$4 will be accepted by the tournament chairman at his business address, 242 E. First Street. Prizes will be given in all flights for low net and low gross.

The tournament is open to all Nisei with accredited handicaps which should be submitted at the time the entry is made. More than 20 foursomes are expected to complete in the convention event. The Alondra Park is located at 16400 S. Prairie Avenue just north of Redondo Beach Blvd. in Lawndale.

Parade

BOISE, Ida.—Nisei veterans in the Boise area will march Saturday, April 29, in the American Loyalty day parade.
 Henry Suyehira of Emmett will be general chairman for the Nisei.

Minnesotan On Okinawa Duty

OKINAWA — Ray K. Mayeda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kunitomo Mayeda of Kagoshima ken, Japan, arrived in Okinawa in March for a tour of overseas duty as a Department of the Army civilian. He is assigned as a translator-interpreter with the military government.

Mayeda is a graduate of Coronado high school and a former student at the University of Minnesota. He entered civil service in 1948 and served with the army of occupation in Japan as a translator.

He is a resident of Minneapolis.

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be a part of the family he loves and belongs to, without being a financial burden on the Nisei family. Public assistance grants will cover his portion of the family's expense.

There have been instances where social caseworkers (Nisei) investigating an applicant's right to receive public assistance have been confronted by members of the family who were resistive to inquiries. It would be well for the family to understand that such questions are all a part of the routine to determine eligibility for the applicant.

This negative reaction to the investigation is understandable in view of the experiences of the Japanese during the evacuation and relocation camp-life. This matter is not confined to only the Japanese. Most people hate to have others pry into their private life. Social workers are made keenly aware with each visit with their clients of the skill needed to deal effectively with people with or without problems.

Both private and public agencies are able to give the kind of help people want. They operate under either the laws of the state or administrative procedure of the local group under supervision by a state department. All recipients of public assistance whether in general relief or in the categorical aids are subject to the means test.

The writer recognizes the limitations of adequately covering such an important subject in one short column. It is his hope that more Nisei will add their thoughts and suggestions toward an amelioration of this problem.

In the final analysis, the aged Issei parent whether he be in need or otherwise is basically no different from anyone else. He is a human being like you and me. To be happy we all need care, affection and security. When we're deprived of anything we become insecure, and sometimes even hostile. It behooves us all to be more tolerant and understanding of the aged person. We owe it to our parents to make their declining years as easy and pleasant as possible.



LOS ANGELES—Takenosuke Miyamoto, 70, is congratulated by Judge James M. Carter for receiving the certificate of achievement at a naturalization class graduation at the Koyasan Betsuin April 13.

One of the oldest in the class to get the award, Miyamoto is a retired watchmaker. Approximately 120 other Issei graduated with Miyamoto. Judge Carter, who was guest speaker for the evening, said he hoped to greet the Issei in his court when their final papers for naturalization were approved.

—Photo by Toyo Miyatake.

Hail Issei Integrity as 120 Complete Citizenship Course

LOS ANGELES—“All through your lives you have demonstrated qualities of loyalty, allegiance and citizenship which characterize the best Americans,” Mike Masaoka declared in a wire read to an audience of 250 persons including 120 graduating members of the second

naturalization and citizenship class sponsored by the JACL and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California on April 13.

Although they are still denied naturalization privileges, Masaoka commended the Issei for completing their courses in exemplifying their “faith in the ultimate triumph of justice which cannot longer be delayed.”

The evening's speaker was James M. Carter, judge of the Federal district court and former United States attorney in Los Angeles. Judge Carter also handed out the certificates to the graduates.

The program, which was held at the Koyasan Betsuin Temple, began with a presentation of colors by members of the Nisei Veterans Association followed by the singing of the national anthem led by Miss Sue Takimoto and the pledge of allegiance led by NVA representative George Waki.

Speaking briefly for the graduating class was Dr. W. M. Kato. Katsuma Mukaeda and John Maeno represented the sponsoring organizations, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the JACL respectively. The entire program was conducted in English.

Lane Nakano, who sang the closing solo, “God Bless America,” teamed with Sue Takimoto, accompanied by Michiko Dohzen, in a duet, “The Desert Song.” Chairman for the evening was Reed Lawton, instructor of the naturalization and citizenship class.

San Jose State Slates Second Judo Tourney

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Jose State college will hold its second annual invitational judo tournament April 29, starting at 12 noon, in the Spartan gym, according to Yosh Uchida, coach of the college judo team.

Teams are San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Stockton, San Jose and Berkeley are expected to attend. Invitations have also been sent to the University of California team and Law's judo academy in Oakland.

The San Jose Buddhists won the event last year. Heavy favorite for this year's title is the Los Angeles Buddhist team.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning team, the outstanding senior performer and the outstanding junior performer. Junior performers are those in the 6-16 age bracket.

All members of the San Jose State judo team are attending the police school at San Jose State college.

Further information on the tournament may be obtained from Thomas Keane, 201 South 8th st., San Jose, Calif.

Joins Honor Group

Minoru Mochizuki, a graduate of Bingham, Utah, high school was initiated last week into the University of Utah chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, national honorary geography fraternity.

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Rep. Douglas Urges Lump Payment on Evacuee Claims

SAN FRANCISCO—A lump sum payment to each evacuee or evacuee family for average losses resulting from the forced mass evacuation of 1942 is favored by Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Douglas, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator, spoke to a Nisei Douglas-for-Senator committee in San Francisco on April 16.

Mrs. Douglas said she recommended the lump sum payments from the beginning "but the U. S. Interior department officials who were willing to support a bill for claims just wouldn't go along."

Noting that the present claims program under Public Law 886 was proceeding slowly and at considerable administrative expense, Mrs. Douglas added:

"One solution may be to make such settlements for \$500, \$1,000 or some reasonable figure to all evacuees. Of course, larger claims can be handled as they are now.

"I plan to make this recommendation to Justice Department officials," she added.

Mrs. Douglas also predicted even-

Rep. Douglas Will Attend Los Angeles Chapter Meeting

LOS ANGELES—Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas of the 14th Congressional District will be the principal speaker at the monthly Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter luncheon meeting on Wednesday noon, May 3, at the Kow Nan Low Restaurant, it was announced by Dr. George Kambara, chapter president.

The Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate represents the Downtown Los Angeles and the "Little Tokyo" area at the present time in Washington. Rep. Douglas, whose interests among minority and labor groups is well known, is making her first public appearance before a local Nisei group.

tual passage for the Walter resolution.

She said she planned to meet with other Nisei groups in Central California and in the Los Angeles area during her campaign.

Attends Arizona Conference



TUSCON, Ariz.—Lone Nisei delegate to seventh annual County Life conference at the University of Arizona April 10 to 13 was Mrs. Ben Hikida of Mesa, Ariz., shown here registering with Mary Lou Bonsall, representative of the University Extension service, which sponsored the conference. With Mrs. Hikida is Pauline Bates Brown, women's editor with the Arizona Farmer and former reports officer at the Poston relocation center.

Mrs. Hikida attended classes in "Skills in Living with People," taught by Dr. Donald Klais of the university's sociology department.

The Country Life conference is open to all rural women. Most of the delegates are members of homemakers clubs. Delegates were housed at a girls dormitory. Approximately 130 persons attended.—Photo by Joe McClelland.

Ellis Community Center Plans Forums on Community Issues

CHICAGO — Jesse Owens, recently named the track athlete of the first half century, will be among the panel members discussing the topic, "Why Air Crime?" at the first of a series of meetings sponsored by the Ellis Community Center, on April 23rd at 8 p.m.

Those participating on the panel together with Jesse Owens are: Mrs. Martin Cohn, program chairman of the Shakespeare School PTA; Lt. Szarat, director of the Bureau of Chicago Park Districts; William Gremely, Commission on Human Relations, City of Chicago; Abe Hagiwara, associate director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee.

These series of forums, whose intention is to appraise the community of tension situations and bad race relations practices, are being planned under the leadership of Archie Aronin of the CIO and the Jewish Labor Committee, and Rev. George Nishimoto, director of the Ellis Community Center. The members of the planning committee who arranged the first meeting are: Harry Nakano, chairman of the Adult Education Committee of the Ellis Community Center; Miss Delphine Guy, program director of the ECC; Mits Kawagoe, Harold Arase, Joe Arata, Ben Ejima and Richard Akagi. Also invited to attend the first planning session but unable to be present were: Mrs. Ken Nishi, Miss Mari Sabusawa and Abe Hagiwara.

Second of this series of meetings is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th, having as its topic, "Housing and Politics."

Engagement

CHICAGO—The engagement of Miss Ruth Ishikawa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tokuji Ishikawa of Chicago, formerly of Los Angeles, to George Yoshihara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joichi Yoshihara of Tacoma, Wash., was announced this week.

The bride-elect will receive her degree from the Kahler school of nursing in Rochester, Minn., in May.

Yoshihara is attending the University of Michigan. He served in Italy with the armed forces.

Dance

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Puella Societa members will hold a semi-formal dance May 6 at the Odd Fellows temple. Dick James' orchestra will play.

Tickets are now going at \$2.50 and can be secured from any Puella member.

Firestone Team Wins Idaho Falls Title

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Firestone team won the championship of the Idaho Falls JACL bowling league after the final round of play on April 10.

Moss Honda won high average honors with 171. Mas Kuwana's 254 was the high game of the season while Steve Sato had high series with 614.

There were eight three-man teams in the league.

Canadian Official Completes Inquiry Into Evacuee Losses

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The government's 30-month old investigation into personal and property losses suffered by the 23,000 persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the British Columbia coastal area in 1942 was concluded last week when Justice Henry I. Bird, filed his 300-page report on his inquiry into the 1,434 claims for losses filed by the evacuees.

The claims ask for approximately \$7,000,000 as a result of evacuation losses.

Of the total, 102 claims were disallowed or abandoned as being outside the terms of reference set up for the payment of claims for evacuation losses. Justice Bird was appointed in July, 1947. He conducted hearings at eleven centers of Japanese Canadian population in Canada.

The text of Justice Bird's report will not be released until it is given to the House of Commons in Ottawa.

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Uyeda Sisters Will Take Part in Festival of Peace

CHICAGO—Haruko and Tomeko Uyeda and their students will participate in the "festival of peace" program which will be held on April 26 during the University of Chicago's World Peace week.

Three classical dances will be presented by the Uyeda sisters and their students, including Mariko Ann Akiyama, Christine Ito, Makiko Kato, Toyoko Kitahata and Kiyoko Nozawa, who are representing the Japanese cultural group at the festival.

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Plan Reunion

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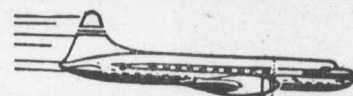
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Ask Congress Restore Claims Program Funds

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of Justice this week asked to take more aggressive action in seeking a restoration of budget cuts for the Evacuation Claims Act in the fiscal year 1946.

In a conference with Justice Department officials, Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, reviewed the proposed budget and pointed out the JACL ADC had taken the lead in pushing for an increase over the proposed \$4,000,000 appropriation.

"The Justice Department should express itself more vigorously as to what the end result will be if the evacuation claims program has to operate on such limited budgets," he declared.

Mr. Masaoka also discussed the problems of administering the act.

He said in this matter, too, the Justice Department must take the lead in determining methods of expediting the processing of claims. As it is now, the department is gradually becoming more and more technical, and splitting finer and finer hairs.

"Even with a limited budget, it is our contention the department can set up certain procedures which will materially speed the evacuation claims program. It would be a gross travesty on justice were the department to bog down under so much red tape that it would take the average claimant a lifetime to receive compensation for personal and property losses suffered in the evacuation," Mr. Masaoka said.

Weiner Bake

DELANO, Calif. — The Delano JACL scheduled a weiner bake April 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yukawa as a benefit to raise funds for the recently reactivated chapter.

Discussion of the chapter constitution was held at the last meeting. Mimeographed copies will be made available to club members at the next meeting and necessary revisions will be made.

Boyd Thomas of the Delano Council for Civic Unity urged members to join the council. The Delano CCL was organized recently and is working to prevent racial discrimination.

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