



## JACL ADC Reserves Stand On McCarran Omnibus Bill Pending Completion of Study

WASHINGTON—The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week it has "taken no stand" on the McCarran omnibus bill to revise immigration and naturalization laws.

The long, 247-page bill is still being studied by legal counsel for JACL ADC.

Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC, stressed that the organization has not yet endorsed the omnibus measure, which contains a provision for the removal of race requirements for naturalization and immigration.

He said the JACL ADC statement regarding its present attitude on the bill was being issued to clarify the misassumption that JACL ADC already is supporting the omnibus proposal.

"I am pleased to see that the investigative staff of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee which prepared the omnibus measure incorporated the immigration and naturalization provisions of the Judd bill," Masaoka said. "However, this is only a small section of the omnibus bill."

Masaoka said that the general provisions of the omnibus bill are

undergoing thorough study and "until we receive a fair analysis, we will not be in a position to take a stand on the bill as a whole."

It was recalled that JACL ADC objected last year to a provision in the Judd bill which was considered discriminatory to West Indians.

Masaoka stressed that JACL ADC is hopeful of Senate action at this session on the Walter resolution which will open the road to naturalization for foreign-born Japanese and other residents of the United States still ineligible to citizenship.

## Nisei Flyers Plan Air Race From Los Angeles to Chicago

### Ex-Produce Club Gives Balance of Funds to ADC

LOS ANGELES — The Junior Produce Club of Los Angeles, a prewar produce market association, gave the balance of its funds to the Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

Members of the organization were employees of the Seventh and Ninth street wholesale firms.

A check for \$348.26, representing the club's bank balance, was sent to the JACL regional office here by Robbin Kaneko, president, and Sam Minami, executive secretary of the JPC.

### Sixth CCDC Chapter Elects Officers

SELMA, Calif.—The newly-organized Selma JACL, sixth chapter to join the Central California district council, elected George Abe president at a recent election meeting.

He will be assisted in his duties by the following cabinet officers:

George Okazaki, 1st vice pres.; Minoru Okudo, 2nd vice pres.; Mrs. Jean Miyata, corr. sec.; George Baba, rec. sec.; Shigenori Nagao, treas.; Masato Morishima, official delegate; Takami Misaki, alternate delegate; Seishi C. Iwamura, historian; and Buzz Noda, news correspondent.

## Tom Shimasaki Nominated by JACL Recognitions Group

CHICAGO — Tom Shimasaki of Lindsay was nominated this week by the National JACL recognitions committee for his outstanding work in community service and the JACL.

He has been a leader in the JACL movement since 1936.

In addition to serving several terms as president of the Tulare County JACL, he has been president of the Lindsay Young Peoples Club and president of the Lindsay Vegetable Growers Association.

He is scoutmaster for the Strathmore Boy Scout troop and a member of the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce.

During the war he was an instructor of Japanese in the military specialized training program at the University of Michigan.

Shimasaki began his JACL service in 1936, when he was elected to the board of governors of the Tulare County JACL. During the following years he served as liter-

### Henry Ohye Will Promote Competition In Late September

LOS ANGELES — In an unprecedented air race that will cover more than 2,000 miles from Los Angeles to Chicago, a group of crack Nisei flyers will vie for a number of trophies sometime in late September in the Henry Ohye trophy race.

The flight is promoted by Ohye, flying instructor and first licensed Nisei transport pilot.

Flyers will go by the southern route, via Tucson, El Paso and Tulsa. The flight will be handicapped on the basis of cruising speed and difference in hours of take-off time.

All qualified Nisei pilots on the coast are invited to participate.

Interested persons may contact Ohye at 1225 East 7th st., Los Angeles, TR-6631.

A pioneer Nisei flyer, Ohye led a group of Japanese Americans through California on a goodwill air tour in 1934.

### Wins Oratory Meet

CENTRAL, Calif.—Irma Takeuchi, freshman at Central Union high school, recently won an oratorical contest sponsored by the Modern Woodmen of America.

The contest topic was "America the Beautiful."

Miss Takeuchi and Rose Oyer, the runnerup, were presented with trophies.

ary chairman, corresponding secretary and third vice president.

In 1940 he served his first term as chapter president and was elected for three successive terms. He was also first vice chairman of the Northern California district council.

In 1941 he was named chairman of the NCDC and remained so until 1946.

In 1947 Shimasaki was instrumental in the re-activation of the Tulare County JACL and the following year was elected president, to which office he was reelected the following year.

In 1949 he was appointed chairman of the CCDC national nomination committee. He is a nominee for the office of secretary to the national board.

Nominations are still being accepted by the recognitions committee. Names should be sent to the committee in care of the Chicago JACL office, Room 1008, 189 West Madison st., Chicago 2.

# Hawaiian Nisei Leaders Ask Senate for Statehood

## Territorial Delegation Meet Arguments of Opponents at Washington Group's Hearing

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Proponents of Hawaii statehood this week made a vigorous case for immediate state status for the territory, meeting head-on the arguments advanced by opponents of statehood.

Among the witnesses were several Nisei business, professional and political leaders of Hawaii.

After almost a week of hearings by a stream of witnesses urging immediate statehood for Hawaii, two facts have emerged with unmistakable clarity:

1. The Hawaiians are proud of the racial composition of the islands, the loyalty of one people for another, and the harmony in which they live, and

2. Communism in the islands has been a vastly over-rated danger. The Islands are, quite the opposite, as firmly opposed to Communism and as staunch supporters of democracy as any state or area under the American flag.

What all of this means, of course, will become much clearer in the next few weeks as the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, conducting hearings into the statehood bill, acts either to send the bill to the Senate floor, or buries it for yet another Congress, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

After a long parade of arguments in behalf of statehood, there is still doubt as to just what action the committee, itself, will take. Or even, if it does report out the statehood bill, whether the Senate, in the final months of the session, will find time to act.

As Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director pointed out, the Senate has a heavy backlog of business, and unless it materially speeds up action on major legislation now pending, floor debate on the measure cannot take place during this session.

There is no doubt as to the feelings of the witnesses about statehood.

Samuel King, chairman of the Hawaii Statehood Commission and former Delegate to Congress from Hawaii, minced no words as he sat in the witness chair, placed his hands on the table, and staring at Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, (D., Wyo.), committee chairman, asked:

"What more can we do to win statehood? What more do we have to do? What else is necessary for statehood?"

"Tell us so we can do it."

"The time has come for a decision. We'd rather be defeated on statehood on the floor than die in committee."

"Hawaii has been American, in essence, since 1870. Now we feel we are entitled to an answer from Congress. And we want one."

The tone of the hearings was set by Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Cahpman, the first witness, who, promptly trod on what has frequently been considered the touchy ground of the racial composition of Hawaii, with one-third of its people of Japanese ancestry.

"What difference," he asked the committee, "does the question of race make? Regardless of race we have seen the record of Hawaii's loyalty."

After citing the war record of the Nisei and Hawaii generally he continued: "Do we have to apologize? If racial composition as different from the norm in any small American city is the criteria, how did New York City get into the Union?"

Bringing Alaskan statehood also into the picture, Secretary Chapman said he was "most concerned about the rights of the people of these territories. Those rights are the paramount issues—the rights of people who had the intestinal fortitude to go into those lands as pioneers."

He said statehood for Hawaii would be "reassuring to friends of democracy in the Orient. It would show that this nation intends in no way to retreat from the Pacific. It would have far-reaching effects in Japan, the Philippines, China and Korea as well as become an effective antidote to Communism."

"It would show we have no racial barriers towards Orientals."

John D. Hickerson, Assistant Secretary in Charge of United Nations Affairs, said statehood for the Islands would fulfill this nation's obligations under the U.N. charter, which calls for developing self-government among peoples and assisting in the development of free political institutions.

"I would be particularly proud to inform the U.N. that we have fulfilled our obligations towards

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### Nimitz Praises Court Decision In Fujii Case

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — Adm. Chester W. Nimitz last week praised the decision of a California court nullifying the state's alien land law in the Sei Fujii case.

Nimitz, who is UN plebiscite administrator for Kashmir, told 110 West Point cadets at Lake Success that if the court's action is upheld, it will "be an example of how the United States supports the United Nations."

### Strandee Case To Be Heard In Arizona Court

LOS ANGELES — The case of Emy Yamamoto, Nisei strandee who asks recognition of her United State citizenship, will be heard in Federal court in Phoenix on May 22.

Miss Yamamoto was stranded in Japan during the war. After the occupation she voted in the Japanese general elections in violation of the U.S. 1940 Nationality act. She was considered to have lost her American citizenship as a result of voting in a foreign election.

The case will be heard by Federal Judge David Ling.

She is represented by A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles.

### Housing, Politics To Be Discussed At Chicago Forum

CHICAGO—"Housing and Politics" will be the topic of discussion at the second forum sponsored by the Ellis community center on Sunday, May 7.

Speakers will be Leon Despres, chief counsel for the Chicago ACLU; Mari Sabusawa, secretary to the JACL national board and formerly with the American Council on Race Relations; Maida Steinberg, secretary of the Community Service of Chicago; Ted Robinson, Illinois employment division, CIO; and Sam Reifield of the Anti-Defamation League.

Aaron Aronin of the CIO directs the forums.

Scheduled for later forums are "Art of Democratic Living," May 21, and "Doors Unlocked—Community Resources," June 4.

The first forum, "Why Aid Crime?" attracted a capacity audience. Featured were Jesse Owens, Olympics athlete, Abe Hagiwara, Mrs. Martin Cohn and William Gremly.

### Japanese Children Give Cherry Trees To Salt Lake City

The children of Japan have presented Salt Lake City and the University of Idaho with 3,000 cherry saplings in a goodwill gesture.

The trees will be sent here in the fall.

They were formally received by Henry Kasai of Salt Lake City in behalf of the International Peace Garden and Mrs. Harry A. Breen on behalf of the University of Idaho.

Four stone lanterns, also a gift of the Japanese to Salt Lake City's International Peace Garden project, will also arrive in Salt Lake soon. The first two lanterns will arrive about May 12, according to L. C. Romney, parks commissioner.

The lanterns are nearly five feet high and are three to five centuries old.

## Sen. Butler Injects Race Issue As Statehood Hearing Ends

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate hearing on Hawaiian statehood was concluded on May 5 as Sen. Butler, R., Neb., ranking minority member of the Public Lands committee, again injected the race issue of Hawaii's population of Japanese, Chinese, Korean and other non-Caucasian residents.

The hearing was brought to an end with an observation by Sen. O'Mahoney, D., Wyo., that he recognized "Hawaii is a symbol in the Pacific—a center of dissemination of American principles of government."

"From the outset I have been deeply impressed by the progress of American concepts in Hawaii," Sen. O'Mahoney said.

At the same time he left no doubt the committee would "give close consideration and scrutiny" to the question of Communist activities in the territory.

Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii, in his summation, asked the committee to "be fair... answer this question now."

Del. Farrington said that if the committee felt statehood was not the answer, then "you should offer us some alternative."

"It is bad for the country and bad for Hawaii to remain in this position of doubt," he declared.

Sen. Butler, an avowed opponent of statehood for Hawaii, offered for the record a 30-page document from a retired Portland, Ore., lawyer. The report is deeply critical of statehood, largely on the race issue.

The report said statehood was a subterfuge for "diluting the United States Senate."

Sen. Butler commented that the document was an "unusually fine" statement and must have been prepared by a "very distinguished jurist."



## Nisei Leaders Ask Statehood Before Senate Committee

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Hawaii by granting the islands statehood," he said.

The definitive answer to whether Communism is a danger in the islands was given by Rep. Francis E. Walter, (D., Pa.) who headed a special subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee which recently returned from an investigation of Communism there.

He said his committee concluded that at no time were there more than 160 Communists in Hawaii. That was in 1946. Since, the number has dwindled to not more than 90 now.

Noting the Communists had infiltrated somewhat into the Democratic party, he said this was understandable because the party was not strong or well organized. Late witnesses said the Democratic party in Hawaii today, however, has adequately solved this particular problem.

Del. Joseph R. Farrington, (R., Hawaii), who has been directing the arguments for statehood, brought up the bogey of dual citizenship among those of Japanese ancestry, dismissed it for the insignificant and technical issue he said it is, and said the problem was raised by those who are "in fundamental opposition to statehood, by those who feel our people are not good Americans."

"We have more of Oriental ancestry than any other place in the U.S.," he said, and added that Hawaii has known for generations that true Americanism is an ideal of the heart and mind, unaffected by skin color.

When Del. Farrington raised the arguments of taxation without representation and absentee government, Sen. Hugh Butler, (R., Neb.), asked if "these problems can be taken care of just as well if Hawaii were to become a county of California, or Oregon or Washington."

"No," said Del. Farrington with unaccustomed incisiveness.

At that point Sen. Herbert Lehman (D., N.Y.) interposed with: "We've never thought it practical to suggest administering Nevada from, say, New York."

Rep. J. Hardin Peterson (D., Fla.), chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands, told his Congressional colleagues that originally he had "some prejudice" about extending statehood to any territory beyond the U.S. "But since I have analyzed the history and facts, I feel strongly the Territory of Hawaii should get statehood."

Pointing out that territorial status traditionally was a period of tutelage preceding statehood, Rep. Peterson added that the last two incorporated territories of the United States are Alaska and Hawaii.

A waspish man who recently spent two days in a Maryland jail to expose the corruption of not admitting a prisoner to bail unless he owned property in Maryland, or had bail made by a professional bandsman, Rep. Fred L. Crawford, (R., Mich.), said he had "no patience with those who constantly yap about what the Big Five will do, if Hawaii gets statehood."

"The industrial leaders of the islands are more aggressive in social progress than the industrial leaders in the U.S."

As for bloc voting which allegedly exists in the lands, Rep. Crawford snapped that there was no more in Hawaii "than in our own large cities."

Rep. Henry D. Larcade, Jr., (D., La.), a floor leader in the House fight for statehood, testified that "the South believes in its own way of life, and wishes Hawaii to have the same right."

"American from water's edge to water's edge," are the words Seth Richardson, former Assistant Attorney General of the U.S., who investigated law enforcement in Hawaii in 1932, used to describe Hawaii.

"How," he asked, "can we square American ideals if we keep Hawaii a territory

"There is a question," he admitted, over whether "we want Japanese in America. Well, if any tribute can be paid to American policy, it is the way the Nisei of Hawaii are totally American."

He urged the Senate Committee either to "tell Hawaii it can't get statehood, that our policy is insular and will always be so, and

put a final stop to this question, or grant statehood."

An old man past 80 with fat jowls and a band of freckles across his forehead, Charles A. Rice, Territorial Senator and a native of Hawaii, said the day the islands exchanged sovereignty for annexation we thought even then we'd become a State. It was uppermost in the people's minds."

Sen. Rice's voice was slow. He paused frequently in his testimony, and with a great deal of emotion, he said: "I'd like a showdown. I would like to ask for statehood this session. We have had our schooling. We want to graduate. We ask this and we want it."

As he rose to leave the witness chair he glanced at Sen. Glen Taylor, (D., Idaho), and whispered: "You know, I'm a cowboy, too."

Hiram L. Fong, speaker of the House of Representatives, said the Hawaiian House is "unqualifiedly for statehood."

Quoting Sen. Butler on Communism in the islands, he cited the recent investigation of Red activities there as proof that the "challenge has been adequately met, but could be even more effective if the islands were a state."

He reiterated that statehood would measurably increase American prestige among all peoples of the Pacific basin.

The economic conditions of the islands were briefly reviewed by Randolph Crosley, an independent pineapple grower and canner, who said he went to the Territory 20 years ago, and now has a \$2,000,000 annual business. This indicates, he said, that outsiders can successfully establish themselves in the Territory, despite the fact that many mainlanders consider it a "closed corporation."

He pointed out the expanding industry and fishing industry promise new economic wealth for the Islands.

First of the Nisei from Hawaii to testify was Sen. Wilfred Tsukiyama, president of the Territorial Senate.

Revealing that he was commissioned an "Admiral" in the navy of the great State of Nebraska last year on the recommendation of Sen. Butler, he recounted with precision, and from memory, the stormy efforts of Nebraska to gain admission to the Union.

"The history of America is our history," he added. "We thrill to the same names that you thrill to—Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, the Pilgrims.

"We want to share in this nation as a State and not a governmental orphan," he added.

After recounting his personal history—the son of contract laborers from Japan who rose to high position—Sen. Tsukiyama underscored what was meant by equality of races in the Islands.

As Tsukiyama left the witness chair, Sen. O'Mahoney said he was "happy to know that a man of your ancestry has risen to such prominence."

The quality of Hawaii's schools and Territorial University was explained by Dr. Gregg M. Sinclair, University president. He said in all statistics concerning schools, "Hawaii is last in only one—the number of one-room schools."

By way of comparison, he pointed out Hawaii spends an average of \$199.25 per pupil per year, compared to the U.S. average of \$178.

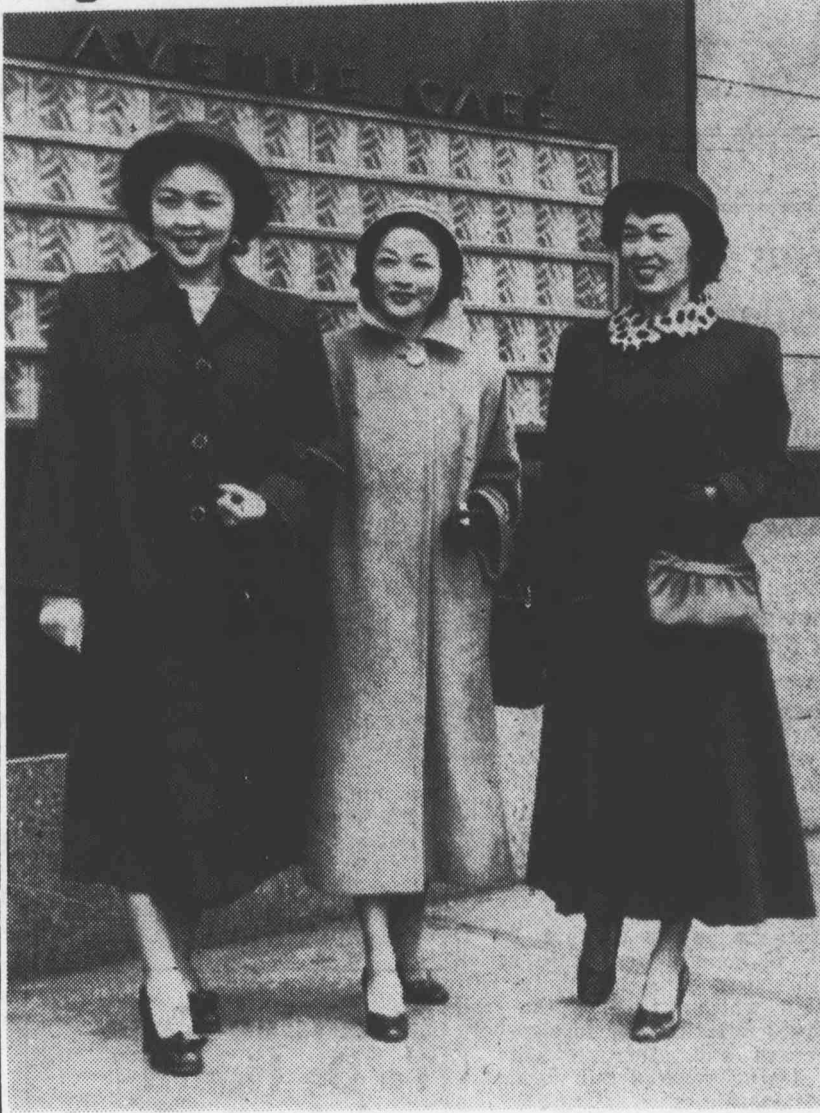
The university is the cultural meeting place of the East and West, he said, and could do much more if it had housing for the students who apply for admission every year from the 48 states and the nations around the Pacific basin.

Assuming that in event of another war Hawaii again would be one of the first places attacked, Urban E. Wild, president of the Honolulu chamber of commerce, said the addition of two Senators and two Representatives from Hawaii in Congress would enhance the island's fight to keep itself prepared in the future.

He said the lack of such voting leaders in Congress before the war was one reason the nation may have not been as aware of the threat of war in the Orient as it should have been.

Spark M. Matsunaga, past president of the DAV in Hawaii, and a veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion, said it was the "first and last hope and dream of the men of the 100th that someday their record in combat

## Urge Early Registration



CHICAGO—With the JACL national convention less than five months away, these lovely girls of the registration committee pose in front of the Stevens hotel, convention headquarters, as a reminder to JACLers to register early. Left to right, Terry Miyata, Rosie Matsumoto and Jaime Oi.—Photo by Vicki Lucas.

## Chicago Chapter Gets 1002 Members to Win Contest

The Chicago JACL won its membership contest with the combined JACL chapters of Los Angeles by enrolling 1002 members during its recent drive, Mas Satow, national director and contest judge, said this week.

Satow noted that the 1000-plus membership of the Chicago chapter is the largest chapter membership in the organization's 20-year history. The Los Angeles chapters signed up 813 members as follows: East Los Angeles JACL, 206; Downtown, 143; Southwest, 298; and West Los Angeles, 166.

The Chicago victory evens the score between the two cities. Los Angeles won last year's contest by a close margin.

## Final Drive Gives Chicago Victory in Race With L. A.

CHICAGO—The Chicago membership committee has hit more than 1000 members, after working furiously the last week of April to meet the contest deadline with the Los Angeles chapters, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, chairman of the Chicago chapter membership drive committee, announced this week.

In a desperate effort to forward to National Headquarters in Salt Lake City by April 30 midnight all the membership applications received to date, Dr. Sakamoto and Smoky Sakurada, third vice president in charge of membership, mustered out a huge solicitation team to gather in the late renewals. A vigorous corp of clerical work-

would be honored by granting statehood to Hawaii."

Pointing to himself as an "exhibit" of racial democracy in the islands, Toshio Ansei, of Maui, said "I give you a detailed story of my life because I believe you want to see for yourself, and are interested in knowing, what kind of people comprise the population.

"As one called a Nisei, I offer myself as proof that we in Hawaii are Americans in spirit as well as in name."

Scheduled to testify on the last day of the hearings (Thursday), were: Chuck Mau, Honolulu; Katsuo Miho, Honolulu; Joseph Itagaki, Oahu; Noburu Miyake, Kauai; Steere Noda, Oahu, Thomas Sakakihara, Hawaii, and T. Miyamoto, Honolulu.

The Chicago JACL wound up its campaign with an intensive three-day drive which netted 355 members.

Satow cited the following individuals for recruiting an especially large number of members during the drive in the two cities:

Ruth Nakaya, Chicago, 126; Ritsuko Kawakami, East Los Angeles, 70; Dick Fujioka, Southwest Los Angeles, 60; Harry Watanabe, Southwest Los Angeles, 48; Miwako Yanamoto, Downtown Los Angeles, 46; Yosh Befu, Southwest Los Angeles, 41; Mas Nakagawa, Chicago, 39; Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago, 34; Aki Tani, Chicago, 33; Lily Teraji, Chicago, 32; Sadao Minamida, Southwest Los Angeles, 31; Fumiko Iwatsuki, Chicago, 28; and Michael Hagiwara, Chicago, 26.

ers headed by Ruth Nakaya worked until three a.m. Friday morning to tabulate the results and to get them to mail.

"Although our contest with the Los Angeles chapters has ended, our membership drive is only two-thirds complete," said Dr. Sakamoto. "We have high hopes of reaching our goal of 1500 members before the end of this month."

"The full count on the membership as reported to us by National Headquarters is 1002 members, but we have also in our rolls 19 special members which brings up the total members of the Chicago chapter to 1021," said Smoky Sakurada. "We are extremely grateful to the Los Angeles chapters for providing the necessary stimulus to go out and to really hustle for our members."

"National Headquarters informally tells us we have won the contest with the Los Angeles chapters," said Shigeo Wakamatsu, president. "We are happy to have won the contest, but I sincerely hope that both Chicago and Los Angeles will realize their goal of 1500 members before our respective membership campaigns are at an end. So far as the Chicago chapter is concerned, I feel that both Dr. Frank Sakamoto and Smoky Sakurada deserve to be publicly congratulated for their efforts in pushing toward a new single chapter record of 1500 members."

## Tsurutani Will Delay Japan Testimony Trip

LOS ANGELES—Henry Tsurutani, Nisei lawyer scheduled to go to Japan to take testimony of Nisei stragdees for a number citizens in cases pending in the Federal courts, will postpone his trip until July.

Postponement has been caused by the fact that the Department of Justice has run out of funds for transportation purposes, and Tsurutani was to be accompanied by a representative of the department, Arline Martin, assistant United States attorney at Los Angeles.

The department is expected to receive funds from Congress in July.

Tsurutani will represent A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles.

## Church to Mark 117th Birthday At Dinner Meeting

CHICAGO—The 117th birthday of the First Baptist church of Chicago will be celebrated Wednesday, May 10, at a dinner and meeting.

Theme for the event will be "Two For One," to represent an attendance goal of at least two persons attending for every one of the 117 years the church has been in existence.

The program will include an address by Dr. John W. Thomas of New York. Musical selections will be given by the choir. Bill Fujii and Hinae Koito will sing.

Tickets may be obtained from Henry Suzukida, chairman, dinner committee, or Asako Takusagawa, Ida Arimura, Kay Kudo, Anna Kasegawa, Shorty Fujita, Han Tatsui, Chiz Takahashi, May Zaiman, Kikuno Tanabe, Jim Yamaguchi, Kats Okuno, Hannah Takahashi, Hinae Koito, Zip Toyama and Hazel Morikawa.

The affair will begin at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa is pastor.

## Negro Minister Honored by Seattle Community Group

SEATTLE—Members of five racial groups met at the Buddhist hall here last week for the annual meeting of the Jackson Street Community Council.

A Negro clergyman, the Rev. Fountain W. Penick, was named as "Man of the Year" by the council and presented with an award on behalf of the group by Stephen F. Chadwick, Seattle attorney and former national commander of the American Legion, who gave the main address.

Chadwick noted that the award was given in recognition of the minister's major contribution in the field of fair employment practices and his outstanding community and spiritual leadership.

Alexander Bishop was chosen president for the coming year. Among the six members of the board of trustees are Yoshito Fujii and the Rev. B. H. Oda.

Fujiye Sakanishi was elected chairman of the junior council. The meeting was attended by 575 persons.

## Seabrook Names New Cabinet

SEABROOK, N.J.—George Sakamoto heads the new cabinet of the Seabrook JACL.

Marion Glaeser and Albert Ikeda were named vice presidents. Other cabinet members are Henry Furushima, treas.; Sumi Matsui, rec. sec.; Itsuko Taniguchi, historian; Sets Kawashiri, corr. sec.; Vernon Ichisaka, ex-officio member; Ray Bano, official delegate; and James Mitsui and Glenn Kamikawa, alternates.

Board members at large are Harold Fistere, Mrs. Josie Ikeda, Charles Nagao, Katsumi Shiba and Bill Tagawa.

Tom Gorai, Kuranoki Ono and Mayor Fukuji Sasaki were named special board members.

## Nisei Elected To YW Board

Mrs. Chiz Satow was elected to the board of directors of the Salt Lake YWCA at its annual meeting last week.

She is chairman of the Young Adult committee and a member of the Business and Industrial group.



## Unions Seek to Organize L. A. Garment, Restaurant Workers

Japanese Americans In Non-Union Work Get Lower Wages

LOS ANGELES—Officials of unions in the garment trades, hotel and restaurant work, building services and rubber and textile manufacture, met with leaders of the Japanese American community last week at a luncheon called to promote the unionization of Nisei and Issei workers in the two industries.

Masamori Kojima, organizer for the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union, acted as chairman of the luncheon.

He called attention to the fact that a sizable number of workers of Japanese ancestry in the ladies garment industry are not organized and receive pay scales lower than that of organized workers.

Kojima said that these workers, mostly women, are not receiving vacations with pay, guaranteed sick benefits, free medical service and job security which union contracts provide.

He said that "open shops," employing these women of Japanese ancestry, have been able to undercut organized plants and recently drove one organized plant out of business. He said there have been "anti-Japanese" expressions on the part of some of the workers who lost their jobs.

Abe Levy, speaking for the ILGWU, noted that union workers are receiving \$1.50 an hour, while most of the unorganized workers receive a dollar an hour for similar work.

John Sargent of the AFL Hotel, Restaurant Employes and Bartenders union said that workers of Japanese ancestry comprise the majority of help in four large non-union cafeterias in Los Angeles. He said these non-union workers receive lower scales of pay and do not have equal conditions of employment.

Other unions represented at the luncheon were the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the AFL Building Service Employes and the CIO Textile Workers and Rubber Workers unions.

Guests at the luncheon included community leaders and professional men.

## Bill Will Permit Grandson of Utahn To Come to U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A House Judiciary subcommittee this week approved a private bill which would clear the way for the 5-year old grandson of B. Y. Kaneko of Salt Lake City to come to the United States from Japan.

Suzuko Yoshida, mother of the youth, went to Japan from Utah before the war and married a Japanese national who since has deserted her.

Rep. Reva Beck Bosone, D., Utah, who appeared before the subcommittee to urge approval of the bill, said she anticipated a favorable report by the full Judiciary committee within the next few days.

## Nakaso Elected President Of Young Buddhists Group

SAN FRANCISCO—Eight hundred delegates attended the two-day convention of the Western Buddhist league here on April 29 and 30.

The Northern California district was awarded the 1951 convention with Sacramento suggested as the probable site.

Jiro Nakaso of Berkeley was elected president of the organization for 1950-51. He succeeds Dr. Ryo Munekata of Los Angeles.

Other new officers are: Otis Kadani, Coast District, 1st v.p.; Tak Naito, Central Calif., 2nd v.p.; Mae Ishida, Coast, rec. sec.; Terrie Takano, Bay, corres. sec.; Kinji Hiramoto, North Calif., tres.; Ben Nakamura, Central Calif., auditor; Ben Jinkawa, South Calif., research; Mas Wakai, North Calif., activities; and Tad Miyake, Central Calif., recreation.

Plans for an "Aloha tour" of

## Wins Union Post



LOS ANGELES — Mrs. Alice Ogawa was elected to the executive board of the Los Angeles International Ladies' Garment Workers' union, Local 266, in its recent triennial election.

The young sewing machine operator was inducted at the group's installation banquet-dance on April 29 in the Retail Clerks auditorium.

She is a chairlady and member of the price committee in the garment shop where she works.

In the same election Margaret Nakatahi was elected to the executive board of Local 496, ILGWU.

## John Maki Gets Associate Rating At U. of Washington

SEATTLE — Promotion of John M. Maki from assistant professor to the rating of associate professor of Far Eastern and Slavic languages and literature was announced this week by the University of Washington board of regents.

Kosaku Yoshida was appointed as Walker-Ames professor of mathematics for the fall quarter, 1950-51.

## Veterans Groups Plan Observance On Memorial Day

LOS ANGELES—Four veterans organizations will participate in Memorial Day services at the Nisei memorial in Evergreen cemetery.

Taking part in the affair will be the Nisei Veterans Association, the American Legion's Commodore Perry Post, the Nisei Memorial post of the VFW and Chapter 100 of the Disabled American Veterans.

Robert Uno of the NVA will be in charge of the services.

## Nisei Veteran Named Commander Of VFW Post

NAMPA, Ida.—George Otani was elected commander of the Parma post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, succeeding Willard Bennett.

Otani served as post adjutant the past year.

The Nisei veteran has been a member of the Parma post since his discharge from service in 1945. He served with the 442nd combat team.

## Ten Japanese Arrive to Open Agencies in U.S.

Will Handle Matters Involving Japanese Nationals in America

COOS BAY, Ore.—Ten Japanese officials, the first admitted to the United States on a permanent basis since the war, arrived here on May 1 on the S.S. Lena Luckenback to open Japanese government overseas agencies in San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles and Seattle.

The delegation, all of whom are career members of the Japanese Foreign Office, was headed by Kohei Teraoka. Four staff members will be assigned to New York and San Francisco. The only woman member of the party and the first of her sex to have a Japanese government post abroad is Sumiko Tajima, a member of the delegation.

Masahiro Nishibori and Keisuke Arita, two other members of the group, were studying at Harvard and Michigan respectively at the time of the outbreak of war. They were interned and repatriated to Japan in 1933.

Although the work of the agencies will be mainly in accelerating trade between Japan and the United States, the offices will also handle matters involving Japanese nationals in the United States.

The officials will not have consular status.

## Senate Passes Bill to Permit Entry of Bride

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate has passed House legislation to permit entry into this country of Mrs. Katsuko Nakahara Huntley, Japanese wife of Lawrence Huntley Emporia Kan. The bill was returned to the House for concurrence in amendments.

The Senate Judiciary Committee said in a report that on June 8, 1947, the girl and Huntley went through a marriage ceremony at Yokohama, but it apparently was not registered with appropriate Japanese authorities.

Immigration authorities held that because the Japanese marriage had not been properly registered by Aug. 21, 1947, the bride could not be admitted under a law expiring on that date which allowed Japanese war brides to enter this country.

## French Camp Group Plans Celebration Of Mother's Day

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — Mothers of JACL members and mothers in this community will be honored at a Mother's day party planned for May 13 by the French Camp chapter's women's auxiliary.

Kathryn Komure will be mistress of ceremonies for the party, which will begin at 8 p. m. at the French Camp hall.

Invitations will be planned by Tamako Yagi. Yo Tanaka is in charge of decorations and corsages. Other committee chairmen will be Satsuki Iwata, program; Taya Iwata, games; Ayako Fujimoto, refreshments; Ayako Tsugawa, clean-up.

The following will serve as hostesses: Michi Egusa, Tumi Higashiyama, Florence Shiromizu, Irene Nonaka, Terry Hatta and Yoshiko Yonemoto.

## Two Honolulu Newspapers Demand Kageyama Resign From Board of Supervisors

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—The end of the "Kageyama case" is far from sight.

Richard M. Kageyama, the Nisei supervisor who says he made his biggest mistake by joining the Communist party in 1947, is being called on the carpet for having made another "mistake."

This time it's for holding on to his political job when his critics say he shouldn't.

The demand for his resignation came from his colleagues on the Honolulu Board of Supervisors. The board asked that he step down the day after he made the surprise confession to congressional investigators that he had been a Communist party member for 10 months in 1947. That was during his first term.

The pressure for his ouster is building up steadily. Both Honolulu English dailies have called for his removal.

The Star-Bulletin editorial was titled, "Kageyama Should Resign from the Board."

"His continued presence there is an affront not only to other members of the board but to loyal sincere and above-board officials and employes throughout the city-county government.

"He has proved a faithless public servant. His Communist activities were conducted in secrecy and stealth."

The editorial added that Kageyama should realize his continued presence on the Board of Supervisors is a "detriment and a handicap to city government."

"As a matter of fact, Communist or no Communist, Kageyama has not been much of an asset to the city-county. He has contributed little but noise, and the withdrawal of that contribution can be borne quite readily by his relieved fellow supervisors."

The Advertiser's editorial, captioned "Kageyama Takes Bad Advice," said Kageyama "apparently is the victim of bad political advice."

"He would have been wiser to have withdrawn from the city-county government without being asked," it asserted.

For two weeks after his admission of past Communist membership to the House Un-American Activities Committee, the 34 year old Nisei war veteran stayed out of public sight.

Finally, on April 25, he appeared at the regular weekly meeting of the board of supervisors. He told fellow supervisors he had their resignation request "under advisement."

On April 28, he told this writer he definitely intends to stay on as supervisor, come what may.

"I want to redeem myself," he said. It was the first definite statement he had made concerning his future political intentions.

"I feel I should remain in my position because that is the only way I know of to redeem myself," he explained. "How can I prove myself to be an honest and sincere

## Santa Rosa Mayor To Address JACL

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Mayor Ward Von Tillow will welcome JACL members and guests attending the Sonoma County JACL installation dinner May 13 at the Santa Rosa hotel.

Chick Furuye will be installed as the new president.

Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director for the JACL in San Francisco, will be guest speaker. Masaoka will also administer the oath of office.

Frank Oda will be toastmaster. Also participating on the program will be Mrs. Dorothy Nakamura, who will lead the pledge of allegiance, and Jim Miyano, outgoing president.

## May Day Queen

LOS ANGELES — Rose Marie Yasui, 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yasui, reigned as May Day Queen at John Francis Polytechnic high school.

She was crowned by Anne Kim, Girls League president.

American unless I am given the opportunity to continue to serve in public office?"

Kageyama holds the distinction of being the first and only Nisei to have been elected to the Honolulu board of supervisors.

The board on which he serves has the right to suspend him for 30 days, without pay. Whether it can remove him permanently, through legal action or otherwise, is considered doubtful.

The territorial law provides for impeachment trial before the Hawaii supreme court if voters initiate action charging a supervisor with "malfeasance, misfeasance, nonfeasance or maladministration in office."

So far no such move has been started.

Kageyama says his resignation from another public office, that of delegate to the state constitutional convention, is a "separate matter."

He says he resigned as a convention delegate so he would not harm the cause of statehood.

(He had admitted before the un-American activities committee that he had falsely sworn to non-Communist oaths in holding office both as a supervisor and as a convention delegate.)

Kageyama insists he is still a member of the Democratic party although the territorial central committee of the party has "disowned" him.

The committee ruled that Kageyama had relinquished his party membership when he signed a Communist party card in February, 1947.

Kageyama contends the central committee acted without authority, that he still belongs to the Democratic precinct club which sent him to the Democratic convention Sunday, April 30.

He sat through the early part of the convention proceedings, then walked out with so-called "right wingers." The right wingers protested against the seating of 15 delegates who had refused to testify as to their alleged Communist affiliations at the recent congressional hearings.

During the debate before the walkout, one left wing leader said it was more proper to expel Supervisor Kageyama from the convention than any of the 15.

The speaker, Public Prosecutor Charles M. Hite, said Kageyama should not be seated because of his secret membership in the Communist party while acting as a supervisor.

In retrospect, Kageyama says his decision to join the Communist party in 1947 was the "biggest mistake of my life."

He joined "through ignorance," he said, "but when the true objectives of this organization were discovered by me, I immediately removed from the underground movement completely."

He told the house committee: "The greatest fight we have on our hands today is the fight against Communism . . . my study experience as a Communist clearly proves to me that it is a subversive organization which seeks to gain power and eventual control of our government by infiltration, subterfuge and propaganda."

In the interview with the writer last week, he restated his intention of exposing Communism wherever he detects it.

Asked what specific anti-Communist methods he has in mind, Kageyama said only that he does not plan to conduct a "one-man campaign."

"I think the public schools should be alerted to the dangers of Communism," he commented.

He recalled his own experience in which he was persuaded to join the Communist party after a nine-week study course.

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## EDITORIAL:

### The U. N. and Discriminatory Laws

Speculation grows as a result of the California court of appeals decision in the Sei Fujii land case.

Recently that court ruled that the state's land law which deprives Japanese aliens of the right to own property is unenforceable because it violates the United Nations charter.

The charter guarantees "respect for human rights and... fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion."

The charter is a treaty, the appellate court said, and as such it takes precedence over state laws which conflict with it. The anti-alien land act, the court said, conflicts with the charter guarantees of fundamental freedoms. Thus, the court ruled, the law is unenforceable.

It was the first time a United States court had used the charter to rule a state law invalid.

The reverberations have been widespread.

The Fuji case has gone far beyond a simple determination of the constitutionality of the California land act. The appellate court ruling brings up a point that may well be used to challenge other restrictive state laws.

The case will, in all probability, be taken up to the U. S. Supreme court.

If that body agrees with the appellate court that the UN charter takes precedence over state law, the status of many state statutes will be laid open to doubt.

Observers have been quick to point out that discriminatory legislation in the southern states can be challenged if higher courts agree that the UN charter is supreme.

A few persons have ventured to give an opinion on the appellate court ruling. Adm. Nimitz is quoted as saying that if the Supreme court upholds the ruling, it will be an example of how the United States supports the United Nations. In San Francisco Attorney Guy C. Calden states that in any event the ruling can apply only to transactions made after adoption of the charter in 1945.

Strangely enough, the belief that the United Nations charter cannot be considered supreme has been expressed by persons identified as "top United Nations legal authorities." They were quoted as saying that the UN is not empowered to impose its sovereign will on member nations, and that the ruling of the California appellate court does not change this fact.

The situation is ringed by doubt and clarification by the higher courts is necessary.

Whatever the final decision, however, by the U. S. Supreme court, the situation points up the wide discrepancy between our avowed principles and our actions. As a nation we have subscribed to the UN, have signed its charter and thus announced our intention of living by its principles.

We are now shown that, in the light of that charter, the California land act violates a fundamental freedom. And we can, if we will, read through a thousand other state laws and find that they, too, restrict the rights of many of our citizens.

As the St. Louis Post-Dispatch commented: "Can it be that California's policy of exclusion and discrimination may be on the way out—not because Californians recognize it as unfair, but because most of the rest of the world does?"

By the same token, perhaps we can now begin to revise some of our discriminatory legislation and permit all of our citizens to live as free citizens, lest the world have to point out to us our shortcomings.

### The Restrictive Covenants

Non-Caucasian Americans in the western United States, as well as in most other parts of the country, are still faced with the possibility of unpleasantness when they attempt to purchase homes in other than blighted neighborhoods. Violence may not be employed, as it has been in some cities of the Deep South, but social pressures are exerted to maintain the Aryan purity of residential areas.

In Berkeley, Calif., recently the members of its Realty Board met to consider amendments to its code of ethics concerned with the sale of property to non-Caucasians. The amendments provided that realtors shall not take any deposits from non-Caucasians on any property until every property owner, including absentees, in the block in which the home is located has been canvassed with a waiver form and every owner asked to sign for or against the occupancy of the party in question.

"Unless more than 50 per cent of the owners in said area canvassed are in favor of said person being introduced into the area, it shall be interpreted that said person would be a detrimental influence to the neighborhood," the amendment declares.

This proposal in Berkeley is an example of the attitude taken towards the Supreme Court's 1948 ruling, declaring restrictive covenants unenforceable, by some realtors who obviously place property rights above human rights.

## Vagaries

### Brazilians . . .

There are as many persons of Japanese ancestry in Brazil as there are in the United States and Hawaii. Japanese Brazilians saw service as members of the Brazilian brigade in Italy during the war and a number of these soldiers who were seriously wounded were treated in U. S. hospitals before returning to homes in Brazil . . . The city with the biggest population of persons of Japanese ancestry outside of Asia is Sao Paulo with approximately 50,000. Several of these Japanese Brazilians have entered political life. One of them, Yukishige Tamura, is an alderman of the city of Sao Paulo which has a population of 1,500,000. \* \* \*

### Sculptor . . .

Isamu Noguchi, the noted sculptor, is now in Japan on the final leg of a round-the-world tour which started early in 1949. Since he left his studio at the end of famous McDougal alley in New York's Greenwich Village, Noguchi has been in France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, India and Bali. He is expected to stay in Japan for two months before returning to the United States . . . Noguchi, incidentally, was the first "evacuee," admitted to the Colorado River war relocation center at Poston, Ariz., in 1942. Noguchi volunteered to become a Poston resident in an effort to help set up a program of art and folk-crafts at the relocation camp. \* \* \*

### Rikoran . . .

Shirley Yoshiko Yamaguchi, the actress who is considered as one of the most beautiful in Japanese films, is now singing in stage shows in Hawaii and will come to the mainland soon for a month's tour. She met Joe Pasternak, MGM producer of musicals, in Honolulu and will visit MGM in Hollywood . . . Miss Yamaguchi who has appeared for the past ten years in Japanese and Chinese films under the name of Rikoran made famous the song, "Shina No Yoru (China Night)", in the film of the same name. During the war the song was banned in Japan but is now a favorite on two continents . . . Miss Yamaguchi was born in Manchuria of Japanese parents and was educated in Chinese schools. She speaks Japanese, Chinese, Russian, French and English. Her mainland tour will be sponsored by the Matsuo Brothers, Honolulu theatrical promoters, who also backed the recent U. S. tour of Kinuyo Tanaka . . . It's reported Producer Pasternak may make a Technicolor film test of the Japanese star. \* \* \*

### Cancelled . . .

U. S. Army authorities in Japan have cancelled plans for showing the new 20th Century Fox film "Three Came Home" in Tokyo. The picture was scheduled to open this week at the Ernie Pyle theater in the Japanese capital but the cancellation was ordered after officers from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters previewed the film. It is believed that although the role of Colonel Suga played by Sessue Hayakawa is a sympathetic one, the film contains many instances of Japanese brutality to civilian women prisoners to make the film unsuitable for showing in Japan at the present time. U. S. Army officers said the film was "too rough." The brutal Japanese soldiers in the film are played by Nisei, many of whom are veterans of the 442nd Combat Team and of G-2 operations in the Pacific. The film shows beatings administered to Claudette Colbert who plays the role of Agnes Newton Keith, the American woman author of "Three Came Home" . . . Columbia's "Tokyo Joe," the first Hollywood picture about occupation Japan, already has been shown in Tokyo. \* \* \*

### Common Ground . . .

"Common Ground," the quarterly magazine published by the Common Council for American Unity, has suspended publication. M. Margaret Anderson was editor of the quarterly which published notable articles and fiction relating to America's foreign-born and their children during the ten years of its existence . . . "Common Ground" published many articles on the Japanese American evacuation and resettlement. Several were by Nisei writers, including Eddie Shimano's reportage on a

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## The Garment Workers

The possibility of the development of racial antagonism on the part of organized workers in Los Angeles' garment industry toward unorganized employees of Japanese ancestry is a matter of considerable concern to Masamori Kojima, now a representative of the AFL's International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Before the 1942 mass evacuation few persons of Japanese descent were employed in the garment manufacturing trades on the Pacific coast and few Issei and Nisei consequently had a background of trade unionism. Since the return of the evacuees to the coast, however, more than a thousand have found employment in the garment industry. Although 600 now belong to the ILGWU and the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the others constitute a non-union labor force and a human roadblock in the path of the efforts of the unions to complete their organizational program in Southern California.

There already have been some expressions of irritation on the part of workers in the industry who consider the "Japanese" an anti-labor force and an obstacle in the drive for improved working conditions and higher rates of pay. The example is cited of an effort to organize one shop in which more than a half of the employees are of Japanese ancestry. Here the employees split on racial lines with the non-Japanese workers favoring union affiliation. The result has been a development of racial friction within the shop.

The record, of course, will show that persons of Japanese ancestry are no more allergic to trade unionism than any other racial group. In Hawaii, for example, the Nisei have taken an active part in the growth of trade unionism and more than 20,000 are members of the ILWU and of various AFL unions. In the Los Angeles garment industry, however, the majority of the "Japanese" workers are women who have no previous experience in industrial employment. Many of these women still consider their present work as stop-gap employment and are reluctant to identify themselves as industrial workers. Others display a strong sense of loyalty to the employers who gave them jobs upon their return from the relocation camps and have resisted unionism since it is obvious that the employers would prefer a non-union shop. Still others are antagonistic toward unionism because of the discriminatory policies of certain AFL unions, particularly Dave Beck's teamsters, before the war.

Both the ILGWU and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers are model trade unions which have fought race discrimination within their industries and which were among the first to accept relocated evacuees in Chicago, New York and other eastern industrial areas.

Masamori Kojima, formerly editor of Crossroads and of the English section of the Chicago Shimpō, recently prepared a report on "Labor Relations Among the Japanese in Southern California" which presents the ILGWU's view on the problem presented by the unorganized Issei and Nisei in the industry.

"The principle of trade unions is the principle of collective employee or worker organization, recognized now as the best means of protecting the standards and welfare of the employees," says Kojima. "Failure to accept this principle has produced industrial conflict between the non-union Japanese and the other workers in the industry.

relocation camp. "Blueprint for a Slum." Eddie Shimano later served as an associate editor for the magazine. \* \* \*

A Nisei girl with a "refreshing college look" is being sought for a role in MGM's "Go for Broke" by Producer Robert Pirosh, according to the Nisei Veterans association in Los Angeles which is interviewing applicants for the part . . . The Rafu Shimpō reports that Peggy Noriko Matsuda of Salt Lake City, the only Nisei girl in the Takarazuka Girls Opera, is returning to the United States to further her stage career.

Further, what is more serious, it is causing racial conflict where the Japanese have been conspicuous by their numbers in particular shops.

"Cases are increasing where Japanese have not cooperated with their fellow workers or have been taking jobs in striking shops against the direct interests of the employes already working there."

As Masamori Kojima sees it, the situation is this:

"The matter for careful consideration is to weigh on the one hand the rights of these women to continue work without security for an employer who has violated his legal promises and, on the other hand, weigh the rights of their fellow workers who are standing up to the employer, even at the personal sacrifice of lost wages, because they want to keep the basic foundation of a contract. When these women cross that picket line, they are strengthening the employer's attempt to repudiate his contractual obligations to the employes. Which means that the Japanese women employes are working against their own and their fellow workers' interests."

Kojima reports that many of these "Japanese workers" are accepting lower than union standard wages and job conditions in shops that compete directly with union shops. Thus these unorganized workers are drawing the ire of not alone the union member but of those employers who have signed union contracts and consequently have a higher overhead for labor.

The employer with a non-union shop who can undercut the organized shop in the matter of pay and working conditions has a definite advantage in a highly competitive industry. Thus competing firms with union contracts are concerned, as well as the union members themselves who fear that the examples of these unorganized workers will jeopardize the hard-won benefits of their union contracts which include higher wages, better conditions of employment and vacation and health benefits.

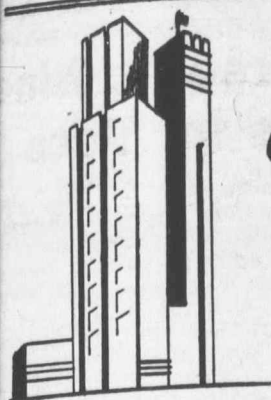
Los Angeles is now one of the leading garment manufacturing centers in the United States and the actual number of persons of Japanese ancestry employed may be small in comparison with the total number of persons employed. However, the Japanese workers are concentrated in certain shops, several of which have been the object of an organizational drive on the part of the union involved.

"The special urgency to educate the Japanese on this matter," according to Masamori Kojima, "is that if the Japanese refuse to accept the principle and standards of trade unions, the situation may become a source of racial conflict. The struggle of trade unions to establish themselves has been made against great historical odds, and so it is understandable that workers in the trade unions are acutely sensitive to people who block the general progress of the labor movement."

Trade unionism no longer is a subject for debate in the United States. Collective bargaining on the part of organized workers is an integral feature of our industrial democracy. Garment manufacturing is perhaps the best example of the role of trade unions in building a stable industry to the joint benefit of both the worker and employer. The clothing industry has come a long way from the horror of the Triangle fire in New York and the one-time exploitation of immigrant labor in urban sweatshops. An example of the ILGWU's activity in recent years has been its organization of Chinese American women workers who were being exploited under conditions which endangered their health in the basement garment shops of San Francisco's Chinatown.

The situation in Los Angeles is one of race relations, as well as of labor education of the unorganized. The process is a slow one at best and it is the hope of Masamori Kojima and the ILGWU that it can be successfully achieved before the problem becomes one of racial conflict. Their hope is buttressed by the fact that some of the workers of Japanese ancestry already have joined the garment trades unions and are participating in local union policy decisions.





# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## Bourbon Street

New Orleans, La.

It is summer, here in this sweltering, steaming, sun-drenched metropolis, smack on the sprawling levees of the muddy meandering Mississippi.

Just a short mile or so away from old man river, toward Lake Ponchartrain, is Basin Street, the celebrated, sometimes sinister scene of jazz and sin made famous by song and sentiment.

A few generations ago, fabulous glittering gambling houses, rows of ornate emporiums of fancy femininity, mysterious marihuana parlors, snuggled together along this dingy sleazy street which had the reputation of being the widest open, widest and naughtiest section in the deep south. Amid wailing trumpets, the excited throbbing drumbeats, and the moaning muted saxophones, Dixieland jazz and the blues were born. Characters of the seamy side of life freely circulated on Basin Street in the twilight hours.

Today, it is Bourbon Street that is the main-stem of mirth, merry-making, and gaiety. No street was more appropriately named. There are almost a hundred bars, cabarets, cafes, and beer parlors that line both sides of the first eight blocks of Bourbon Street.

Just off Canal Street and six blocks from the river, Bourbon Street is the new center of glittering, glamour, and elbow-bending and the mecca for every tourist who visits the Crescent City.

## French Quarter

Like all streets in the ancient French Quarters, Bourbon Street is a narrow old thoroughfare, lined with ancient homes and out-moded buildings, and lighted by gaudy neon signs. You get the feeling of Broadway, Coney Island, and the Bowery all at once.

Strip-tease artists and exotic dancers are the featured attractions in all of these hole-in-the wall nightclubs. Barkers stand outside of these ginmills to trap any lingering passersby who may be gingerly pressing their way down Bourbon Street. The wild noisy blare of unrestrained musicians can be heard thru every foot of this street, becoming an incongruous wail in the night as the hours press on.

Inside, the small dark rooms are jammed with perspiring humanity, crowded among small tables or huddled around a circular bar. The place is full of stale tobacco smoke, a faint aroma of dime-store perfume, and the acrid tang of beer spilled on the sawdust-covered floors.

Up front, on a small stage, is a pale brunette with too much makeup and too little clothes, swaying, bumping, grinding her torso into grotesque positions amid a chorus of shrieks, whistles, and yells. A quartet of tired musicians are glumly strumming on a guitar, fingering a worn piano, and vigorously blowing on saxophones and clarinets.

There is no cover charge. The price of a drink includes the floor show. Usually, while the show is on, the highballs, soft drinks, or any form of refreshment cost ninety cents a throw. For the real sucker there is champagne (domestic) at fifteen dollars a bottle.

## B-Girls

B-girls circulate among the stray men customers to drum up business for the bartenders. Without fear or shame they beg or wheedle a drink from any available male at a dollar a throw. They order what is known to the trade as a "special" which is usually weak tea that looks a lot like whiskey. The girls have an enormous capacity, being able to down a hundred nips or more during a night. Their "cut" is 50% of the "take" and most nights their hustling tactics add up to a tidy sum.

There are occasions when things get a little slow or when the girls decide to stake a claim on a fat bankroll. This calls for the use of a "Mickey Finn," a knock-out drink, that makes the sucker wind up in the rear room on his back. The extraction process next comes into operation and everything of value is taken from the victim. This is called "rolling" the customer. When the sucker wakes up he will usually find himself sitting in some strange alley or in some uncomfortable gutter.

Just recently one victim died as a result of a Mickey Finn and another playboy was clipped to the tune of \$100,000 in a hundred nights. The notoriety of Bourbon Street flashed across the country and even the native Orleanians began to shy away from the ginmills.

Right now the "heat" is really on along Bourbon Street. No B-girls, no sexy strip-teases, and no lethal doses are permitted in any of the 175 drinking emporiums that operate in the French Quarter.

## Main Street & Fifth Street

This brings me back to Los Angeles and the origin of the B-girl. You will recall that Prohibition was lifted in the early 1930s. At that time many Issei had small restaurants and hamburger stands on Main Street and along Fifth Street, between San Pedro and Los Angeles Streets.

They were smart enough to see that money could be made quicker by serving liquid food, in the form of beer and wines, instead of the usual beef stew and fried hamburgers. So they quickly switched over to selling beer at a nickel a throw or wine at ten cents a jigger.

Bottled beer was ten cents also and special schooners of tap beer went for a dime.

A few of the slicker Issei operators decided that there must be a quicker way to sell their beer or a better way to attract the staggering vagrants. They put a little sex into the business by hiring bar-girls. At first, they began working on the legitimate side of the counter, serving a seidel of beer with a smile and attracting customers like sugar attracts flies. This was the beginning of the B-girl.

Then a few of the operators got the idea of having girls on the other side of the counter and serving them the tea-colored drinks for twenty-five cents a throw. The girls would hustle a customer into buying them a "scotch highball", which was really tea, and then give the sucker a lot of conversation and smiles for his quarter. She and the operator split 50-50.

Just where the "Mickey Finn" and the "rolling" tactics came upon the scene is something else. I think the B-girls decided there must be a quicker way of separating a fool from his bankroll and decided on the heavy-handed drastic knockout punches.

Somehow the Main Street strategy spread throughout the country and in no time the B-girl operation became standard equipment for most shady bars in every city.

I guess from Ginza to Pigalle, as long as men drinkers being like they are, and greedy connivers being always in search of the wherewithal, a street like Bourbon Street will continue to exist and flourish in every city of the world.

# Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

## A Whiff of Old Singapore

Denver, Colo.

A whiff of the murderous gas that rises from the sulphur-infused Singapore river seemed to slip into our office one day this week when a copy of the Malaya Tribune appeared. The Tribune, a decade ago when we were one of its regular readers, was a vigorous, blatant, sometimes illiterate but always lively publication. The war years have changed it but little.

The lead story was about a bombing at the somewhat down-at-the-heels Adelphi hotel. Some unidentified person tossed a home-made bomb through the open windows of the Adelphi's dining room. It sailed 40 feet across the room, over the heads of a number of diners, and exploded against a wall. An Egyptian merchant and his wife were wounded by flying splinters, and of course there was a great deal of excitement. Things like that, as we recall, were frowned upon in the prewar Singapore and were relatively uncommon.

Cable news takes up most of the balance of page one. But among local items is a five-paragraph story revealing that Mr. Balasingham, Singapore's municipal rat-catcher, will "in future be known as the Rodent Overseer." It seems that Mr. Balasingham, his assistant, and four laborers are engaged in anti-plague work and are not available for rat-catching on a big scale. They catch rats only to see if they are plague carriers. And with typical old-time archness, the Tribune observes that the last plague-carrying rat was captured in 1933.

Front page advertisements are still a Tribune fixture. Two appear in this issue. The Vienna Music House on North Bridge Road is one of the advertisers, and recordings of cowboy songs by Gene Autry is the merchandise being featured. Among the titles: "Pistol Packin' Papa," "There's an Empty Cot in the Bunkhouse," "Can't Shake the Sands of Texas."

The other ad is as typically Singapore as the first ad is untypical. It advertises Tiger Balm, "the

famous household remedy." A Singapore Chinese family would just as soon be without Tiger Balm as an American family would be without mentholatum or vaseline or aspirin. A couple of brothers made a fabulous fortune on Tiger Balm, and apparently they are still making good money.

Advertisements inside the papers are varied and by American standards, odd. All manner of patent medicines mostly American have purchased space—backache cures, antacid powders, mineral and vitamin compounds, reducing aids, digestion tablets. There are ads for Elephant brand cooking fat, Craven A cigarettes, Gordon's gin and a variety of other products. Cokes are advertised at 20 cents a bottle, and a half page advertisement for the Braddell Heights development promised that the prudent can own a home for as little as \$180 per month with all modern conveniences.

You could get a fair variety of cinema fare, according to the movie ads. The Cathay was showing "Battleground," and "Tokyo Joe" was a forthcoming feature ("The first film with authentic scenes of occupied Japan is here!"). But the Alhambra, which used to run some excellent films, had to feature Cary Cooper and Merle Oberon in "The Cowboy and the Lady," almost two decades old. The Garrick billed "Bintil Mualim" or "Egyptian Bathing Beauty," an Egyptian musical extravaganza. If you went to the Royal theater, you could see "Chandraleka" in Hindustani. The Capitol theater was filming Errol Flynn in "The Prince and the Pauper" but was showing the Malayan "Simpang Tiga" as an added feature. And as a special midnight extra, why there was the Mandarin epic in color, "A Wedding in the Dream" starring Dr. Mei Larn-fang.

For sports enthusiasts, the Tribune reported horse racing results, cricket, a boxing column, football (soccer) and a camera column.

Oh yes, and there was a Li'l Abner strip, something new to Malaya since we lived there. If nothing else, we'd like to go back and see how the natives react to this fantastic bit of nonsense about the folks in Dogpatch, U.S.A., and Lower Slobbovia.

## "Do You Know?"

# JACL Fought Discriminatory Legislation 19 Years Ago

By ELMER R. SMITH

The JACL during 1931 became interested in the number of discriminatory bills against persons of Japanese ancestry being introduced into various state legislatures, especially in California. Two of the bills introduced in the California legislature were the "poll tax" bill and the hunting and fishing bill. Under the leadership of Walter T. Tsukamoto the JACL carried on a successful educational program in Sacramento, and the bills were defeated.

The active interest shown by the JACL in political matters brought forth certain criticisms from various quarters within the Japanese communities. The Issei voiced the opinion that the young people were manifesting so much interest in politics that they were forgetting to develop along other constructive levels.

The criticism leveled by the Caucasian communities at the political interests of the JACL revolved around the stated danger of JACL developing a "block voting" technique in order to gain their ends.

To meet the above types of criticisms, the JACL issued a statement that the organization did not encourage citizens of Japanese ancestry to act as a group as far as voting was concerned, nor did it encourage the making of unreasonable demands.

It was pointed out that the JACL was not a political organization but rather an educational and social fraternity. The JACL, however, did have as one of its principal goals the developing of better citizens and active ones in the carrying out of the responsibilities of members of a community, state and nation.

The Second National JACL Convention was held in Los Angeles during July 27-29, 1932.

Representatives to the Second Convention came from many large and small communities from along the Pacific coast and Hawaii. A number of programs were suggested and resolutions passed, but the most significant from the national point of view was the further pushing of the bill for citizenship of World War I veterans of Oriental ancestry.

Many problems had to be solved before any well developed program could be undertaken to carry the citizenship bill directly to Washington, D.C. However, during 1933-35 a national JACL program was finally developed, and the "battle" was carried to Washington and other places in the United States.

Tokutaro Slocum was sent to represent the JACL in Washington, D.C., and after months of hard work and many disappoint-

ments the veterans citizenship bill was passed and became law on June 25, 1935 with the signing of it by President F. D. Roosevelt.

The passage of the veteran's citizenship bill was important because this was the second national legislative bill successfully passed which was sponsored by the JACL. It should be remembered this was accomplished in the days when the finances of JACL were very, very slim, and when JACL had not as yet gained national recognition by either the Japanese communities or the other groups in the United States. Hawaii supported this program both morally and by financial assistance.

During this period (1932-34) another bill introduced in the U. S. Congress was of extreme interest to persons of Japanese an-

cestry. This bill was known as the Dickstein bill, and dealt with qualifications of citizenship. An amendment introduced by Rep. Kramer of California declared of one American citizen parent that "a child born on foreign soil was a citizen of the United States, provided the other parent was not an alien of a race ineligible to citizenship." Through the personal activities of Saburo Kido, with the assistance of other JACL officers and the cooperation and understanding of Rep. Mrs. F. P. Kahn of San Francisco, the Kramer amendment was defeated.

In 1932 the JACL began its educational program to have dual citizenship eliminated. This program was to continue right up to the time of Pearl Harbor, and involved many public debates and discussions with persons of Japanese ancestry and others.

The JACL was involved in the defeat of a number of bills introduced into the California legislature during the 1932-34 period. Walter Tsukamoto was again the leader in the political program defeating discriminatory legislation on a state level.

## West Coast Newsreel:

# A STORY ABOUT TOSHIO

By JOBO NAKAMURA

I met Toshio when we were attending school here in Berkeley a long, long time ago. Toshio was a lanky fellow who looked like he was all legs and arms. His expressive face denoted quiet intelligence and a sensitive understanding of life. He studied and worked hard after class hours and had very little time for the usual frivolities of campus life and he hardly cared to make acquaintance with the Nisei coeds.

Ordinarily a reticent fellow, Toshio told me of the girl he loved. She was the daughter of a wealthy Japanese landowner in the agricultural district of central California. It seemed that her father was a sort of "Carrot-King" or a "Lettuce-King" and was highly respected for his economic domination in the local Nihonjin community. Toshio would tell me how "sweet and unaffected" his girl was, and he would rush back to the valley to see her during the school holidays.

Toshio's father was a tenant farmer or share cropper, who under the burden of tough breaks and a large family, existed from year to year gambling on a hope for a good crop. Toshio's home was a wind-blown shack with a galvanized-tin roof which cringed under the hot sun and stood lonely and barren in the acres of dusty farm land. He slept in a room covered with faded newspapers, and he shared it with his many brothers and sisters. His father toiled

on the land for more than a decade without the realization of "The Big Year." It was only out of hardship that Toshio was allowed to go to college. His father was forced to go into debt.

It followed that one night, Toshio took his girl out for a movie and during the walk home, she asked him not to call on her anymore.

"I can't tell you why," she said simply and that was the end. Toshio learned from another source that her father refused to let his daughter become seriously involved with the son of a family which was obviously not "socially acceptable." In a traditional manner, a class distinction was drawn.

The effect on his subsequent years was measured in terms of the excessive bitterness which he tried to overcome in the years following the evacuation and resettlement.

I met Toshio out in the East where he is today a brilliant professional and social leader, outstanding for his talent and his keen perception of social problems. I was deeply moved to see him then, because he had struggled so hard—mostly against himself—to remove the spiritual and the physical poverty of his family background. His hurts and resentments have been consummated in a herculean energy to remove the mountain that nearly shut him off in a petty constricted world. The specter of the old world will never come back to defeat him again.



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Terada Returns from Browns Trial

Terry Terada, hard-hitting infielder who caught the attention of St. Louis Browns scouts while playing for the Fourth Air Force in New Mexico, is back from spring training with the Redding, Calif., team of the Browns farm system and will catch for the Salt Lake Bussei this season. The Bussei team, coached by Doug Ogata, has Wat Misaka, erstwhile Utah basketball star, on its roster. . . . It's reported that the reason Terry Terada didn't stick with Redding this year is that he developed a sore arm. The Nisei ex-GI, formerly from Loomis, Calif., can blast the apple and is considered a fine prospect. . . . Hito Okada, national president of the JACL, who was once considered the top Nisei catcher in the Pacific Northwest, recalls the only home run he hit in the Seattle Coast League ball park. It happened in a Seattle Community league game. He hit a Texas leaguer into right field. The fielder, coming in fast, accidentally kicked the ball, knocking it into the stands.

## Wally a Hard Man to Get Out

Like most ball players who come up from sea level to play in the Pioneer League where the average elevation is around 4,000 feet, Wally Yonamine has been bothered by the difference in altitude. Wally says that his timing has been off but he showed himself in his first two games with Salt Lake as a hard man to get out. He was on base four times, once on a walk, twice on errors and once on an infield hit, in the Bees' opener against Ogden. When Salt Lake opened in Boise last Wednesday night, Wally again got on base four times. He walked once, lived on an error and hit two long doubles.

## Watanabe Loses to Gay Bryan

UCLA's Bob Watanabe who has run a 100 yards faster than any other Nisei was shut out last Saturday against Stanford University and could get only a third in the 200 yard dash. Both sprints were won by Stanford's fabulous Gay Bryan. Watanabe was the only UCLA sprinter to win a point as Stanford otherwise blanketed the two events. Bryan also took first places in the broad jump, high jump and the high hurdles. . . . George Uyeda, captain of the University of Hawaii track team, has leaps of 24 feet and better to his credit. His best mark this season, however, is around 23 feet. He has also cleared 6 feet in the high jump. . . . Although ten Nisei were entered in the B and C divisions of the annual Sac-Joquin conference track and field meet in Sacramento last Saturday, Y. Miyake of Sacramento's McClatchy high was the only one to place in the B class, taking third in the 100-yard dash, while G. Matsumoto of Sacramento high school tied for second in the pole vault. . . . Utah's Yamamoto tied for second in the pole vault in the Utes' dual meet against Utah State. . . . Ralph Kubota, Compton, Calif., high school's all-Coast conference halfback, is now the leading sprinter on the B track squad. He won the century against Grossmont high and placed fifth in the conference meet.

## Two Factions in Bowling Congress

There are now two factions in the American Bowling Congress. One group, pointing to the recent decision of Judge Sbarbaro in Illinois and the threat of other court action, holds that the elimination of the "whites only" rule is inevitable. The other group, whose spokesman is Elmer Baumgarten, national secretary of the ABC, is still hoping to find a way to change the ABC's organizational structure so that the ban against all persons not of Caucasian ancestry can be maintained. Members of this group would prefer to make the ABC, now the largest membership sports organization, into an exclusive club with its own alleys and tournaments. The prediction is for verbal fireworks on May 12 in Columbus. Meanwhile, the Women's International Bowling Congress has tabled a resolution which would open its ranks to women of all races and is waiting for the ABC to act. . . . If the ABC refuses to revise its membership regulations, it will face additional suits in Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and California. Suits already are in the courts in New York and Wisconsin and Judge Sbarbaro has threatened the ABC with the revocation of its national charter, filed in Illinois, unless it admits all Americans.

## Yogi Will Play Pro Ball in Japan

Shinsuke Yogi, star infielder with the Rural Red Sox team of the Hawaii Baseball league, is signing a contract to play pro baseball with the Mainichi team of the Japanese Professional Baseball league. Yogi will receive 1,000,000 yen (about \$2,500) for signing his contract and has been promised a salary between 60,000 and 80,000 yen (about \$250). With the Mainichi team Yogi will play under Manager Henry (Bozo) Wakabayashi, the Honolulu athlete who became Japan's best known pro ball player. Yogi recently starred in the Japanese American championship game on Oahu recently, hitting two home runs. . . . Masa Gunda, long ball hitting first baseman of the Red Sox, is also considering a pro ball offer from Japan. Gunda also is one of the top football players in Hawaii and played center and guard for the Honolulu All-Stars (Leilehua Alums) against such teams as San Jose State, Fresno State, Loyola and Portland U. on the mainland. This is the team on which Wally Yonamine starred before signing with the San Francisco 49ers in 1947. . . . The player that the Japanese pros want most is Wally Yonamine, now with the Salt Lake Bees. The Tokyo Giants are reported to have made Yonamine a 1,000,000 yen offer.

## Watsonville's Hashimoto Wins Races

Mits Hashimoto, the Watsonville, Calif., speedster, showed his heels to the best dashmen in the Coast Counties Athletic league's annual track meet at Hollister last week. Hashimoto won the 100 yard dash in 10.1s and scored an upset when he also took the 220. He also ran a lap for Watsonville's winning 880-yard relay team. . . . Dick Tsuda of the Watsonville B team took the 660-yard run in 1:31.1s, good time for the division. . . . Ken and Eichi Adachi of San Mateo, Calif., both had 670 series last week. Ken fired his series (258, 248, 164) in the third round of the Peninsula Diamond Medal tournament, while Eichi turned in a 172-219-279 series in the Nisei Mixed Foursomes the next night. . . . Paul Hashimoto of Roosevelt high school in Los Angeles hurled a one-hit game as his team defeated Washington high, 3 to 0, last week.

Jim Tsukamoto, now hurling for the Sacramento State College Hornets, will pitch for Florin in the Sacramento County League, a fast semi-pro loop, this summer. . . . The battery of Bill Nishita and George Fujishige, both of Honolulu, is rated as one of the best in Northern California Jaycee circles this season. Nishita has hurled Santa Rosa junior college into the northern division championship playoffs of the Northern California Junior College conference against Sacramento JC. Both teams have won 9 games without suffering a loss in conference play. Santa Rosa's overall record is 20 wins in 23 games, including a victory over Twin Falls of the Pioneer League. . . . Nishita, 6 feet tall and 160 pounds, was the pitching star for St. Louis College, Herman Wedemeyer's alma mater, in Honolulu last year.

## Tsuda Sets New League Record In High Jump

YUBA CITY, Calif. — Jim Tsuda, a lightweight division athlete competing for Placer high school of Auburn in the heavyweight class, set a new Sierra Foothill league record with a leap of 6 feet 2 inches to win the high jump at the annual league track and field meet on April 28.

Tsuda last year set a Northern California Class C record with a jump of 6 feet.

His best jump previous to the league meet this year had been 5 feet 9 inches.

## Chicago Plans Second Annual Bowling Meet

CHICAGO — A gala weekend of bowling, dining and dancing has been planned for participants in the second annual Chicago men and women's bowling tournament to be held May 20 and 21 under the direction of Tak Fujiwara.

Twelve trophies have been donated by merchants of this city for winners in the various events. They were obtained by Ike Ito and Yuki Ikenaga.

Leading contenders for the team championship and trophy donated by the Gold Coast Lanes are the Mercury 20, last year's champions, the Chinese All-Stars of Cleveland, Erie Clothing of Chicago and Hyde Park Restaurant of Chicago.

More than 30 entries have been received for the men's doubles event, for which trophies have been donated by Rib-House and Delaware Garden.

Fight for possession of the men's singles trophy, put up by Horn Jewelers, will be led by Hiro Taketa, defending champion from Cleveland, and George Fong, Tak Fuji, Frank Kebo and Joe Remus. Remus bowls in the Filipino league. Fong and Fuji lead the North and South side leagues. Kebo recently rolled one of the few 300 games bowled by Nisei.

Marigold Arcade has donated the men's all-events trophy. Six women's teams from Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago will vie for the National Chick Sexing Association trophy. Hisaye Fujiwara, with a 148 average, and Kay Watamura, a 146 bowler, are teamed together and are favored to take the doubles events and the trophies awarded by Ting-a-Ling and Dressler Drug.

Other trophies donated by Chicago merchants are the women's singles trophy, donated by Sea-Isles; the women's all-events trophy, to be given by Scene magazine; and the mixed doubles cup trophies, awarded by Erie Clothing and Chicago Nisei bowling leagues.

A dinner and awards will follow completion of the tournament on Sunday evening at the beautiful Via-Lago ballroom.

## Wat Misaka's Cage Prowess Told by Former Teammate

By DICK KLEEMAN  
UCL News Bureau

A member of the world's champion Minneapolis Lakers pro basketball team can testify firsthand of the athletic ability of a Nisei.

Laker guard Arnie Ferrin, whose team polished off Syracuse last Sunday to end the hoop Sport's "World Series" for the Laker's third straight title, recalled the beginning of his hoop career at Utah university two years ago.

Tall, boyish-looking Ferrin used to be a roommate of Wat Misaka during his days at the Salt Lake City campus. Misaka has been among the Nisei's most outstanding contributors in the casaba sport.

"We played together for two years on the championship Utah basketball squad," Ferrin recalled as he rested after the Lakers clinched the series with four wins.



Ferrin

## Yonamine Gets Three for Nine In First Two Games for Bees

Wally Yonamine made his debut in professional baseball with the Salt Lake City Bees of the Class C Pioneer League, playing first base in the Bees' 9 to 8 win over the Ogden Reds before a shivering opening night crowd of 5,000 last Sunday.

Yonamine got an infield hit in four official trips to the plate, batted in two runs and drew a walk. He handled seven putouts flawlessly and figured in a double play. He was on base four times, twice when Ogden infielders booted his grounders. He drove in one run with a long fly to right field.

Rain and snow forced the postponement of three of the scheduled Bee games, two at Ogden, and

Yonamine and the Bees played their second game of the season at Boise, smothering the Pioneer under an 18 to 3 attack. Yonamine got two long doubles, one to center and the second over the centerfielders head, in five trips to the plate and also drew a walk. He also committed his first error on a ground ball.

Yonamine, who has been filling in at the initial sack, is scheduled to return to the outfield following the announcement this week that the Bees have obtained Bob Galloway, husky firstsacker from Oakland of the Pacific Coast league.

As of May 4 the Salt Lake Bees were leading the Pioneer League with three wins and no losses.

## ABC May Build Own Alleys To Retain "Whites Only" Rule

COLUMBUS, O. — A proposal that the American Bowling Congress change its basis for membership and build its own alleys in order to avoid the necessity of opening its ranks to non-Caucasians will be placed before the ABC convention on May 12, Elmer H. Baumgarten, ABC secretary, declared here on April 27.

The proposal was formulated after the ABC was fined \$2,500 by an Illinois court on April 21 and ordered to drop its "white males only" ruling.

Baumgarten said the members will be asked to consider a change whereby members will be accepted on an individual rather than a team basis as at present in order to maintain the right to bar participation of non-whites.

He indicated that the members also will be asked to discuss a proposal to drop race restrictions entirely in the ABC's membership requirements. Baumgarten indicated he is opposed to any change in the present ABC regulations which exclude persons of Negro, Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Puerto Rican ancestry and other non-Caucasians.

Baumgarten said that if members are accepted on an individual basis, the ABC will become a private organization, free to pick its own members. Buildings and alleys erected by the ABC would be private club buildings and would be open to members only, except on special occasions.

In addition to giving ABC complete control of membership, erection of its own building and lanes would do away with complications governing the selection of a suitable building in which to hold the

annual tournament, Baumgarten added. "The American Bowling Congress is a social organization," he added. "We have no quarrel with anyone. Bowlers are grand sportsmen and it is their American right to choose their membership. The ABC has functioned with annual tournaments for 37 years and it will continue to conduct national tournaments even if we have to build our own lanes. "We will not be dictated to by political groups. We have just begun to fight and we are not going to have 'pressure groups' dictate our membership or policies."

Additional contributions to the JACL National Bowling Fund were acknowledged this week at JACL National Headquarters in Salt Lake City.

A check for \$155.50 was received from Seattle representing \$70 from the Nisei Commercial League, \$40 from the Nisei Merchants League, and \$25.50 from the Seattle Nisei Girls Bowling Organization. The check was sent by Fred Takagi of Seattle's Main Bowl and member of JACL's National Advisory Board on Bowling.

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## BROAD JUMP WON BY AIHARA IN THREE-WAY MEET

LOS ANGELES—Henry Aihara, co-captain of the University of Southern California track and field team, won the broad jump with a leap of 23 feet 9 3/4 inches in a triangular meet with Michigan State and Yale on April 29 in the Coliseum.

USC won the meet with 96 points with 34 for Michigan State and 32 for Yale.

## Three Nisei Win Coast Titles in Weightlifting Meet

BERKELEY, Calif.—Three Nisei won titles in the Pacific Coast weight-lifting championships on April 29 in Berkeley.

Tommy Kono of Sacramento won first place in the 148-pound class with a total lift of 780 pounds.

Itsu Morinaka of Los Angeles totaled 630 pounds to win the 132-pound class crown, while Bob Yamashiro of Monterey won the 123-pound diadem with 520 pounds.

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hiramatsu girl on May 1 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jimi Jiso Yamada a girl, Janice Christine, on April 23 in San Jose.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Yager a boy in Fort Lupton, Colo.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sakai a boy on April 25 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masakazu Ozaki girl on April 27 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Yuruki, Alamosa, Colo., a girl on April 12.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Sakai a boy on April 9 in Stockton, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Uyeno a girl on April 20 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Sugawara a girl, Susan Kay, on April 27 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Morioka a boy, Dale Akio, on April 15 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Sasaki girl, Susan Fumiko, on April 22 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eiichi Koizumi, San Mateo, Calif., a girl, Pat Kiyoko, on April 22.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Ashizawa a boy, Masaaki Mark, on April 17 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hideo Sakai a girl, Karen Lynne, on April 17 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroe Hirohata, Thermal, Calif., a girl, Lorraine, on April 19.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Hori a girl, Patricia Anne Hatsue, on April 17 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Handy Hiroshi Matsuda a boy, Danny Hiro, on April 17 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shogo Nishida a boy, Guy Timothy, on April 20 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jun Masayoshi Tanaka a boy, Lloyd Dennis, on April 18 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masaji Muramoto, Gardena, Calif., a girl, Jean Yuriko, on April 17.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Satoshi Matsuda a boy, Steven Masami, on April 17 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kanichi Michiko a girl on April 26 in Yuba City, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Joji Imai a girl, Linda Mae, on April 16 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Teruo Miyakawa a girl, Sharon Terumi, on April 16 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hamada, Montebello, Calif., a girl, Ellen Keiko, on April 17.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Minoru Kagawa a boy, Randall Ken, on April 14 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Kawaratanani, Laguna Beach, Calif., a boy, Robert Koichi, on April 12.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Muramoto a boy, Eric Lani, on April 16 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Nagata a boy, Paul Nathaniel Seno, on April 13 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yoneo T. Tashiro a girl in Oakland, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Sumimoto a girl, Kathleen Noriko, on April 21 in Oakland.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shige Ozima a

girl, Janice Marie, on April 27 in Chicago.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Hironaka a girl on April 24 in Sacramento.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka I. Habu a boy on May 2 in Seattle.  
 To the Rev. and Mrs. K. Sasaki a girl, Dianne Megumi, on April 25 in Denver.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masuo Minami, Morgan Hill, Calif., a boy, Don Satoshi, on April 10.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Toraki Fukukawa, Cupertino, Calif., a girl, Gail Haruyo, on April 11.

DEATHS

Otokichi Miyashita on April 27 in San Diego, Calif.  
 Torakichi Kushima on April 26 in Gardena, Calif.  
 Frank Kijiro Uyeda, 68, on May 3 in Salt Lake City.  
 Junjiro Fujita, 66, Sacramento, on April 30 in Fresno.  
 Mrs. Shie Matsumura, 59, on April 29 in Ontario, Ore.  
 Mrs. Shige Matsuba, 94, on May 1 in Puente, Calif.  
 Mrs. Tamaji Nagata on May 2 in Dinuba, Calif.  
 Tsunekusu Yonemoto, Sunnyvale, Calif., on May 2 in San Jose.

MARRIAGES

Suyeko Nishikawa to Kenji Fukuda on April 10 in Bowles, Calif.  
 Michiko Katsuma to George Oba on April 8 in Pueblo, Colo.  
 Peggy Hayashino to John Tsuruta on April 2 in Stockton, Calif.  
 Ruth Nakagawa to Masa Masatani, North Platte, Neb., on April 26 in Boulder, Colo.  
 Nao Tamaki, Ogden, Utah, to Ichiro Sugiyama on April 23 in San Francisco.  
 Mabel Ishii to Ben Omi on April 23 in San Francisco.  
 Mary Kataoka to James Matsuno on April 23 in San Francisco.  
 Sadako Bunyo to Chikara Sasaki on April 23 in Fresno.  
 Eiko Otagiri to Day Koyama on April 23 in Berkeley.  
 Tomoe Kuse to Shigeru Hirata on April 30 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Yukiko Nakazawa, 26, and Henry I. Hayashida, 23, both of Watsonville, Calif., in San Jose.  
 Miye Kikuchi, 23, and Jack S. Nitta, 24, in Seattle.  
 Chiyo Hayashida, Carmel, Calif., and Connie Broughton, U.S. Army, in San Francisco.  
 Shizue Yoshiyama, 28, and Shigemitsu Hatai, 29, both of Gilroy, Calif., in San Jose.

San Diego Wedding

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—June Esaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Esaki, and Shigeru Yamashita, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Yamashita, were united in marriage at the Chapel of Roses in San Diego on April 22.  
 The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Frank Shiwotsuka, matron of honor, and Mrs. Y. Ishida of San Lorenzo, bridesmaid. Marilyn Shiwotsuka was flower girl. Eddie Unrata was best man. Bumbo Shimazu, Jimmy Urata and Mino Koide were ushers.  
 The newlyweds will live in La Mesa, a suburb of San Diego, after their honeymoon.  
 The groom is a graduate of the University of California. Mrs. Yamashita graduated from Kelsey Jenney college. Both are active members of the JACL.

Leaders Suffer Defeats in Chicago Bowling League

CHICAGO—The four top teams in the Chicago JACL bowling league had a bad time of it in the 33rd round of play last week.  
 First-place Nisei Vues, the league's high average team, lost a 4 to 0 series to Plaisance Cleaners, while second-place Sakada Optometrists were whitewashed by Berns Store for Men.  
 Third-place Hyde Park Restaurant was shut out by Mark Twain while fourth place Murakami & Sons could get only one point against Coed Beauty Shop, losing, 3 to 1.  
 G. Kasai with a 586 series and a 256 high game led the Plaisance team to its win over Nisei Vues. D. Mizuno had a 547 for the winners.  
 In other matches, Quality Cleaners, topped by H. Uchida's 569, including a 223 game, defeated Tellone Beauty Salon, 3 to 1. F. Hamasaki's 553 was high for the losers. Wah Mee Lo blanked Jan Jan T, while Petite Cleaners took a 3 to 1 match from OT Men's Wear.



MISS AI HOSHINO

Japanese College Girls Independent, Declares Educator

MINNEAPOLIS—Japanese college girls are becoming too independent for their own good—or for their country's, says a grey-haired Japanese woman educator who visited the mid-west recently.

Ai Hoshino, president of Tsuda college for women, says Japanese girls are picking up ideas of independence which may prove dangerous.

"The college girls in Japan want to enjoy freedom of thought and decision but most of them are not yet well enough trained to resist dangerous political ideas," Miss Hoshino stated.

The tiny leader, a graduate of Bryn Mawr college and Columbia university continued, "Despite their apparent independency, they are not trained to think and speak out in a large student body. Thus two or three people can still lead the whole group."

Miss Hoshino placed emphasis on group dynamics as a solution toward guidance problems. She suggests students meet in small groups rather than in large mass meetings. The untrained young people then will not hesitate to speak up.

Miss Hoshino was among 22 women who came to this country under the planning and supervisory study program of the federal security agency. The visit has been her first in 30 years. They have been visiting some 25 colleges and universities during their tour here.

Ogden Man Fetes JACL Officers

OGDEN, Utah—Ogden JACL officers and board members were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Mukai recently at a steak dinner.

Special guests were Hito Okada, national president; Masao Satow, national director; George Mochizuki, Salt Lake JACL president; and Helen Shimizu, president of the Mount Olympus chapter.

The event marked the 12th anniversary of the Ogden JACL.

Ken Miya, treasurer, reported that Ogden had met its ADC assessment and presented Okada with a check for \$750.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Mukai were given special membership cards to the Ogden chapter by Huj Miya, vice president, in appreciation of their support.

Other Ogden chapter officers present were Marie Ohashi, rec. sec.; Toshi Yano, corr. sec.; Kaz Miya, Eric Sugimoto, Cuke Koga and Taxi Okawa, social committee; George Sugihara, Tom Yamada and Penny Watanabe; and the following past presidents: Tats Koga, George Yoshida, Jiro Tsukamoto and Toyse Kato.

YMCA Man Elected

WAILUKU, Maui, T.H.—Paul Miho was elected president of the Territorial Conference of Social Welfare, according to Kwung Hui Lai, executive secretary.  
 Miho is executive secretary of the University of Hawaii YMCA.

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JACL Retains Noted Attorney For Evacuation Claims Work

LOS ANGELES—In recognition of the need to expedite early determination of the many basic and general questions arising out of the evacuation claims program and thus secure early awards for the more than 24,000 claimants, the National JACL has retained David McKibbin, former Department of Justice attorney, it was revealed here by the JACL regional office this week.

A former New Yorker whose home is now in Los Angeles, Mr. McKibbin has been with the Department of Justice for 15 years. He was, until March, in charge of the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's office for the southern district of New York, with a staff of 25 Department of Justice attorneys.

Through its evacuation claims counsel, Edward J. Ennis, its Washington office, and the regional offices, the JACL office reported it has been keeping in close touch with developments of the procedures of the Department of Justice now being formulated to process the 24,299 claims which have been filed.

Very few claims so far have been heard and decided, according to Tats Kushida, regional director of the JACL. A recent study of the operations of the Los Angeles field office by Mr. Ennis discloses that the largely unavoidable delay in increasing the rate at which cases may be heard and decided are due not only to limited government personnel so far assigned to this work but also to the many administrative questions still undetermined, he added.

"Among them are the best method of submitting proof—whether by affidavit or testimony, and such basic legal questions as the validity of claims submitted by internees or GIs who were not resident in California at the time of evacuation, pre-evacuation expenses, various questions of valuation," Kushida said.

"In the field, in cooperation with Mr. Ennis in Washington, it is expected that Mr. McKibbin will be of great service to all claimants because of the full-time intensive work he will devote to the program and which attorneys for individual claimants are not in a position to do on general questions of procedure and law," he said.

"Mr. McKibbin will not devote his services to individual claims but will keep in constant touch with the Department of Justice field office in Los Angeles.  
 "It is hoped that after these

major general questions are resolved, the entire program will shift into high gear and that applications of general decisions and approved procedures will greatly expedite the decisions in particular cases," he concluded.

Southwest L. A. Chapter to Hear Five Candidates

LOS ANGELES—Five candidates for public offices will appear before the monthly meeting of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter at the "Candidates Speak" program scheduled for May 9 at the Centenary Methodist church, 35th and Normandie at 8 p. m.

President Tut Yata announced the speakers and the office for which they seek election as: Glenn M. Anderson, assemblyman from the 46th district and chairman of the Los Angeles County Democratic party, who is running for the state senate from Los Angeles county; Gordon L. McDonough, Jr., campaign manager and son of Congressman Gordon L. McDonough of the 15th Congressional district who seeks re-election; Harry W. Flannery, writer and news commentator, candidate for congressman from the 15th district; Ernest E. Debs, city councilman and candidate for member of the State Board of Equalization, 4th district (southern California); Richard A. Ibanez, attorney and candidate for the Superior court (Office No. 10, Juvenile court).  
 The public is invited to attend, Yata said.

San Luis JACLers Sponsor Dance

ALAMOSA, Colo.—The San Luis Valley JACL held a successful dance at the Brown Palace restaurant April 14 under the direction of Shiz Nosawa and Rudy Yoshizaki, social chairmen.

Door prizes were won by Milton Ogura of Alamosa and Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki and H. Hayashida of Blanca.

Queen Candidate

SEATTLE—May Ajimine of Honolulu is one of the twelve candidates for May Queen at Seattle Pacific college.

Nisei Divorcee Says She Is Not Ready to Wed Mail Suitor

LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Judy Aya Enseki, 27, said here this week that she is not ready to marry John Warner Klund, 38, of Wilmington, Del., despite published reports to that effect.

Mrs. Enseki, recently divorced from a husband in Japan, admitted she had exchanged more than 100 letters with Klund since he advertised in a Los Angeles newspaper for a "Japanese bride."

"I've never met him and he's far too hasty," she said of Klund's announcement of impending nuptials.

She said she had told Klund she will be glad to meet him if he comes west to press his suit, "but I'm far from ready to marry him."

"I know nothing about metaphysics and that seems to be his chief concern," she said.

Klund, in his letters to the divorcee, said he and she "are reincarnated soul mates from ancient Atlantis and Lemuria."

He announced that he was seeking a Japanese bride "because they are more metaphysical, occult, spiritually sensitive and aesthetic than Americans."

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# Stranded Nisei Will Return For U. S. Citizenship Tests

## Boys' Festival Will Be Feted In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—The traditional Japanese boys' festival day will be celebrated at the YM-YWCA Buchanan Street center on May 7 with an open house and exhibits.

The center will be open to the public from 2:30 p.m. till 5:30 p.m.

Performances of the sword dance and a judo exhibition will go on at 3 p.m. and will be repeated at 5 p.m. Tea and cakes will be served.

Admission will be by YMCA or YWCA membership cards. Cards may be purchased at the door at \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children.

The program has been planned by the English language class directed by Saizo Oka. Students are Issei and Kibei. The class has been meeting for three years. The May 7 program marks its first participation in a public program.

Mrs. Michi Onuma is chairman of the planning committee. She will be assisted by Eiko Niiya, Mrs. Masae Sakai, Mrs. Tomi Asaki, Mrs. Tomoko Nakata, Mrs. Haru Hori, Mrs. Hatune Kido, Mrs. Sakiko Yoshida, Mrs. Tomika Shijo, Mrs. Kiyoko Kase, Mrs. Minako Yoshiwara, Mrs. Hatsuye Yamaguchi, Saizo Oka and Shuyue Matsuura.

The center is at 1530 Buchanan street.

## Nisei Supervises Forty Employees At Denver Firm

DENVER, Colo.—A Nisei girl only 22 years of age is now supervisor of 40 employees at American Lady Bakers, Inc.

She is Margarette Funayama of 2246 Federal Blvd.

Miss Funayama has been in Denver for almost five years. She came here from the Amache relocation center.

## Milwaukeeans Join Opening Rites for New City Arena

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The Milwaukee JACL participated in the grand opening of this city's new arena on April 10.

Eight girls in colorful kimonos marched in the international procession which preceded the "Life with Luigi" program which originated from the arena.

The following girls participated: Helen Inai, Carol Shiomichi, Maymie Morooka, Asayo Sakemi, Doris Sese, Mickie Nakagiri, Lily Moritsugu and Faye Hamada.

## Venice Chapter Plans Spring Event

VENICE, Calif.—"Buttons and Bows" will be the theme for the first spring social event of the Venice JACL chapter to be held on May 12 at the Moose Lodge in Santa Monica at 8: p. m.

A full evening of fun was promised everyone by Fumi Utsuki, newly elected chapter president. Miss Utsuki reported that the 1950 ADC drive would be launched immediately with a goal of \$1,100. Meanwhile, treasurer James Yasuda announced more than 30 members signed up for this year.

The Moose Lodge is located at 1757 Lincoln Blvd. "Buttons and Bows" will be a sports affair.

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LOS ANGELES—A number of Nisei strandeers will return to the United States soon to testify in court cases to establish their United State's citizenship.

Scheduled to return to Hawaii May 10 on the S.S. General Gordon is Mrs. Katherine Mite Yonemura, whose case has been filed in the Federal court in Honolulu. Mrs. Yonemura lost her American citizenship when she voted in the Japanese general elections in 1946.

Isamu Kanno will return on the same boat to Los Angeles. His case is pending in the Federal court at Los Angeles.

Kanno was conscripted in the Japanese army, thereby losing his American citizenship. He is now employed as an interpreter with the United States occupation forces.

Noboru Kanbara, whose citizenship case is pending in the Federal court at Los Angeles, has received permission from the United States consul to return to this country to testify in his citizenship case.

Kanbara was a teacher in Japan during the war. The State department has claimed that this made him an employee of the Japanese government and that he forfeited his American citizenship as a result. He also served in the Japanese army.

His case will be heard in August in Sacramento.

Nisei who have returned to the United States in recent weeks to testify their own cases include Minoru Furukawa, who returned to Los Angeles in March, and Ray Hosoda, who returned to the same city in April. Both served in the Japanese army and are considered to have lost their citizenship as a result.

Both the Nisei claim that their service in the Japanese armed forces was involuntary and that they should not be considered to have lost their citizenship.

## Date Set for Dinner Dance

NAMPA, Ida.—Date of the Boise Valley JACL graduation dinner dance has been tentatively set for June 16, according to Tony Miyasato, chairman.

Issei as well as Nisei are invited. Tickets will be \$2.50 for both dinner and dancing.

## Square Dancing To be Taught By Fellowship

Square dancing classes were scheduled to start this week at the Japanese Christian church under sponsorship of the Young People's Fellowship of Salt Lake City.

Skip Tabata will be the instructor. Assisting will be Bill Honda, Nobu Miyoshi and Doris Yoshimoto.

Classes will be held every Tuesday night from 8 to 10 p.m. in the rear of the church at 268 West 1st South st.

A six-weeks course will be offered, with tuition set at \$3.

Prospective students were urged to start immediately, since beginners will not be enrolled after the second lesson.

## Nisei Entertain At P-TA Meeting

SANDY, Utah—A program of Japanese dancing and music entertained members of the Sandy P-TA May 3 at Sandy junior high school.

Nisei participants called the program, "Nippon Night."

Hisaye Shiba of Salt Lake City was in charge.

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# Nisei Participate in Campaign For Japan Christian University

## Speaking Tour Of U. S. Started By Dr. Yuasa

NEW YORK CITY — Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, first president of International Christian university, arrived in the United States last week and immediately began a speaking tour on behalf of the university.

He was guest speaker at an all-university convocation at the University of Illinois on April 27. He was the guest of Dr. George W. Stoddard, president, who was also chairman of the United States education mission to Japan in 1946.

He visited Richmond, Va., Toledo, South Bend and Greenwich, Conn., during the first week of May.

On May 9 he will be in Mineola, L.I., at the First Presbyterian church. Also scheduled to speak is Dr. Charles W. Iglehart of Union theological seminary, a member of the ICU educational advisory committee. He will speak in Syracuse on May 11.

On May 16 he is tentatively scheduled to speak at a meeting of ministers and laymen in Washington, D.C.

On May 22 he will attend the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Cincinnati. Former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, national campaign chairman for ICU, will also be a speaker.

On May 27, Dr. Yuasa will attend a 1915 class reunion at Kansas State Agricultural college at Manhattan, Kansas.

Tentative dates have been set for his appearance this month in Louisville, Westchester, N.Y., Minneapolis-St. Paul, Boston and Berkeley.

Dr. Yuasa came to the United States in 1907 and studied in public schools for short periods. He enrolled as a freshman at Kansas State AC at the age of 21. Graduating in 1915, he went on to the University of Illinois, where he earned his master's and Ph. D. degrees.

In 1922 he married Kiyoko Ukai, a Japanese student at Simpson college, Indianola, Iowa. The couple spent the next two years in Europe and then returned to Japan, where Dr. Yuasa accepted a professorship in entomology at Kyoto Imperial university.

In 1935 he gave up his position at Kyoto to become president of Doshisha university, oldest Christian university in Japan.

Two years later he was forced by military pressure to relinquish the presidency of Doshisha. During the following years he traveled in Manchuria, Northern China, India, Canada and the United States. He made a number of lecture tours in the two latter countries under auspices of the International Missionary Conference and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. During the first half

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NEW YORK CITY—International Christian Youth Week which had been observed last week by the young people of the Protestant churches of the Metropolitan Region, closed Sunday, April 23, with a region-wide worship service at the Brick Presbyterian church, 1140 Park Ave. Token gifts of more than \$1,000 which will go toward the building of International Christian university in Japan, and a huge scroll bearing the signatures of a thousand donors were dedicated. The worship service preliminary to this dedication was prepared by Christian young men and women in Japan.

A special feature of the celebration was a half-hour organ recital by Eisaburo Kiyoka of Tokyo, foremost Japanese organist. He is in this country to raise funds to rebuild pipe-organs which were destroyed in Japan during the war. The organ prelude was recorded by the re-orientation branch of the office of the Under-Secretary of the Army and the wire transcriptions were sent to radio stations in Japan. Mr. Kiyoka is sponsored by the Organists' Guild of New York.

Miss Agnes Miyakawa, lyric soprano of Sacramento, Calif., also had a part in the worship service. She sang two Japanese songs by Yamada: "Cherry Blossoms" and "Twilight Bells." Miss Miyakawa, who has made concert tours of Japan and the continent, first came to New York two years ago.

of 1941 he was a lecturer on Japanese culture at Olivet college in Michigan.

When the United States was drawn into war, Dr. Yuasa was in Boston, where he remained until 1946, most of the time acting as consultant for the New York Committee for Japanese Work. He was repatriated in the autumn of 1946. His intention was to promote UNESCO, but Doshisha recalled him to its presidency in 1947.

In the summer of 1949 he was elected president of International Christian university. He came to the United States early this year to aid in the selection of faculty members and to help promote a \$10,000,000 fund campaign for the university.

# Cleveland Plans Conference for Eastern Bussei

CLEVELAND, O.—Members of the Cleveland YBA, host chapter for the fifth annual convention of the Eastern Young Buddhist League, were in the midst of preparations this week for the convention which will meet May 27 to 30 at the Hotel Hollenden.

"Which Way, Bussei?" has been announced as the conference theme.

Delegates will come from Minneapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Seabrook Philadelphia, Cleveland and Toronto, Can.

In charge will be the executive committee, led by Kim Yogo, chairman. Committeemen are Shige Fujimura, George Furukawa, Mitsu Asazawa and Fumi Funo.

Registration will be handled by Dorothy Matsumoto, chairman, and Fumi Uyesugi, Helen Tomson and Yo Kitashima. Pre-registration is now in full swing under the direction of Mitzi Sakai.

Three discussion groups will meet during the convention. Motoko Ishiyama is in charge.

Delegates will be welcomed to Cleveland by Hippo Matsushita and his committee members Harry Kawaya and Howard Ogawa.

Other committee chairmen are Tak Minato, dance; Sakaye Yoshimura and Marilyn Tomoda, banquet; Tetsu Makimoto, Tsuru Hosaka, Terry Hosaka and Betty Nakao, souvenir booklet; Tomo Sonoda, Myrtle Furukawa and the Ladies Society, luncheon; Roy Kitashima, conference picture; Jimmy Taketa, religious services; Harold Tashima, sightseeing; Clara Yakoi, 500 Club luncheon; Mas Funo and William Odaka, athletics; Jimmy Akiya, mixer; and Hide Kimura, publicity.

## Name Officers for Homedale-Parma Area

NAMPA, Ida.—Officers for the Homedale-Parma district were announced at the Boise Valley JACL meeting on Tuesday, May 2.

Ben Nukida will serve as president. William Kobusumi is treasurer and Mrs. Frank Tanikuni is secretary.

Hogan Watanabe, chapter membership chairman, announces that approximately 120 members have signed up for 1950.

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