



## Report Impeachment Move May Be Started to Remove Kageyama from Honolulu Post

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Richard M. Kageyama's refusal to resign as Honolulu supervisor backfired on him this week.

The city-county government started legal action to indict the ex-Communist for perjury. The territorial grand jury was summoned into special session Monday, May 8, to investigate the case of the 34-year-old Democrat who, by his own admission, lied when he took a non-Communist oath last December.

To make matters worse for him, the move is afoot to impeach him. Impeachment proceedings for alleged misbehavior in office will start when 100 or more citizens petition the territorial supreme court for such action.

Had Kageyama resigned, as he was requested to do weeks ago by his fellow supervisors, it is doubtful the complications now facing him would have developed.

But instead of stepping down, he defied the board of supervisors to remove him. The newspapers also went after his political scalp.

Although there is no open and concerted drive for his ouster among the voters, it is noteworthy that no one has come forward to defend Kageyama recently.

He had backers at first. They came to his aid right after his surprise confession before a congressional committee April 10 that he had been a member of the Communist party for ten months in 1947.

None other than Chairman Francis E. Walter of the house un-American activities subcommittee and Governor Stainback of Hawaii praised Kageyama for his "courageous" admission of past Communist membership.

Since then, however, the Nisei has been receiving only brickbats from critics who insist he is unfit to hold public office on account of his asserted perjury.

The first official act to unseat him came on May 4 when the city-county prosecutor's office requested a grand jury investigation.

The special session of the jury Monday was the result. For four hours, the 23 jurors sat behind closed doors to hear the questioning of 13 witnesses, including nine persons who had been called before the House un-American activities committee hearings in April.

Kageyama's own admission of Communist membership may not be used against him directly in the grand jury probe, because he has been given immunity from criminal prosecution by the congressional committee. To get an indictment, the public prosecutor must produce "independent evidence" that he was guilty of perjury as a member of the board of supervisors. That means evidence and testimony independent of Kageyama's statements to the House committee.

Among the witnesses subpoenaed before the grand jury Monday were eight "unfriendly" and two "friendly" witnesses, identified as Communists or ex-Communists during the congressional hearings. The unfriendly witnesses were those who refused to answer

questions about their alleged Communist affiliations on the ground their answers might tend to incriminate them.

Whether they remained as tight-lipped before the grand jury Monday could not be ascertained. Kageyama had named these persons as having attended Communist meetings with him. They included Charles K. Fujimoto, self-confessed secretary of the Communist party of Hawaii; and Dr. John E. Reinecke, who Kageyama said issued him his party card.

The grand jury will resume its investigation at the call of the court and the public prosecutor. The recess was called apparently for the purpose of summoning more witnesses.

Kageyama, a life insurance salesman, is the first and only Nisei to have been elected a member of the Honolulu board of supervisors—an office of considerable prestige although only a part-time job paying \$2,400 a year salary.

The board runs the municipal affairs of Oahu, the most populous of the Hawaiian islands.

To his colleagues on the board, who have unanimously asked for his resignation, Kageyama had only a brief statement to explain why he persists in holding his office:

"I wish to state that as an elected member of the board of supervisors, I shall continue in the future as I have in the past to represent to the best of my ability the people who elected me."

From all appearances, his fight to retain office henceforth will be definitely uphill. He has said he wants to "redeem" himself for the "biggest mistake of my life" in joining the Communist party.

The opinion appears to be spreading that Kageyama can best redeem himself—if that is not already too late—by quitting right now, instead of clinging to this supervisory seat.

Even if he escapes indictment and impeachment, the young Nisei's immediate political future seems to have been shot to pieces.

Under a new territorial law, every public official and employe is required to take an oath that he is not now or never has been a Communist during the previous five years. (It is that oath to which he swore falsely last December.)

Having confessed to being a Communist in 1947, Kageyama automatically has ruled himself out of running for elective office this fall. The earliest he can seek office again would be in 1952.

But in the meantime, Kageyama apparently plans to remain an

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## Bowling Congress Drops Ban Against Non-Whites

### Japanese Official Talks With Masaoka On Issei Problems

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Torao Ushiroku, chief, Section of Overseas Japanese for the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, conferred on May 8 with Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, on the position of Japanese aliens in the United States and Hawaii.

They discussed both the war-time and present treatment of Japanese aliens.

Mr. Ushiroku is in this country temporarily to study the position of Japanese aliens.

### ADC Supports U. S. Move for Genocide Ban

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week joined with some 50 national organizations, through the national Civil Liberties Clearing House, in urging the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee to report out the Genocide Convention, which this government helped draft but has not yet ratified.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said the JACL ADC has taken the stand mass murder "is the problem of every person on earth."

"We have had too long a history of nations embarking on a program to exterminate a racial or religious group within its own borders while the rest of the world sits placidly, if uneasily, by."

"Such mad lust always seeps beyond the borders of any land, in the end affecting the world."

"Neighbors live without interference until they break the laws of the land. Should a man threaten to kill his family, then his neighbors must act to prevent such bloodshed. If a country threatens any people within its borders, other countries must act. We cannot call ourselves civilized if we tolerate genocide anywhere or at any time," he said.

### Nisei Enumerators Used in Seattle Census Operation

SEATTLE—The Seattle census operation has been a gratifying example of good race relations, Stanley Atwood, Seattle district census supervisor, told members of the Young Men's Democratic club on May 3.

Although the force of enumerators included several Negroes, and citizens of Japanese and Chinese parentage, no enumerator reported evidences of discrimination or prejudice, Atwood said.

### Gardena Valley Chapter Holds Reorganization Meet

GARDENA, Calif.—A well attended reorganization meeting of the Gardena Valley JACL recently held at the Gardena Buddhist Church resulted in the launching of a vigorous membership drive for 1950 under committee chairman Paul Shinoda, the regional office reported this week.

Acting as a nominations committee, the more than 20 active leaders, including leaders of the Gardena YBA, prepared a candidate slate for 1950 chapter officers.

The slate will be presented to the membership at an election meeting scheduled for June 5, at 8 p.m., at the Gardena Buddhist Church.

## Great Majority of Delegates At Columbus Convention Favor Opening Membership to All

COLUMBUS, O.—The American Bowling Congress on May 12 opened its ranks to all Americans, regardless of race, creed or color.

Acting on the controversial amendment to rescind the "white males only" rule after only 27 minutes of debate, the great majority of the 518 delegates voted in favor of repudiating the membership ban against non-Caucasians which was adopted in 1916.

Only a few dissenting voices were heard.

The ABC convention had defeated a similar proposal at the last three conventions.

The quick action of the delegates came as a surprise since a bitter fight was forecast earlier in the week on the proposal. It was reported that the directors had recommended the change to the membership in order to untangle the ABC from the many lawsuits which have besieged the organization during the past year.

A number of big city bowling associations, including a delegation from Seattle, were openly in favor of the change.

Among the American groups barred from ABC membership until this week were Negroes, Japanese, Chinese, Puerto Ricans, Hawaiians and American Indians.

### Buddhists Hold Service at Tomb Of Unknown Soldier

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Incense burned on May 3 at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as a Buddhist prayer was said for the departed soldiers.

Archbishop Iwo Iwamoto of the Koyasan Buddhist Temple in Japan, spiritual leader of ten million Buddhists in the Tokyo area, presided over the ceremonies.

There was chanting and the striking of cymbals. As several hundred out-of-town sightseers who happened to be visiting the Tomb watched fascinated, Archbishop Iwamoto rubbed together 108 beads, representing the 108 ill omens which afflict man, to make the omens vanish.

There was the murmuring of prayers.

These, according to Jesse S. Shima, president of the Japanese American Society of Washington, were for the soldiers "to rest peacefully in the heavenly world forever with Buddha or with Christ or whatever their religion."

Participants in the ceremony were Bishop S. Takahashi of Los Angeles and Mrs. Ryojun Masamitsu of Washington.

Several American soldiers of the Buddhist faith who fought in Europe with the Japanese American Combat Team are buried at Arlington Cemetery.

## Dillon Myer Takes Over Indian Post

### Masaoka Attends Swearing In Rites For ex-WRA Head

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, attended the swearing in of Dillon S. Myer, head of the War Relocation Authority, as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, last week.

He attended at the invitation of Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman, who is scheduled to speak at the eleventh biennial national convention of the JACL in Chicago next fall.

Mr. Myer was head of the WRA from June, 1942, until 1946, when the authority was dissolved. He then became commissioner of the Federal Public Housing Authority and later president of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

He succeeds Dr. John R. Nichols, who is assigned to make a detailed study of the problems involved in the transfer of the Pacific trust territories to the Department of Interior.

The JACL ADC endorsed Mr. Myer for his new position largely because of his "vigorous interests in the problems of minority races" in America.

## California Girl Wins Scholarship At Ohio Hospital

CINCINNATI — Yuriko Lillian Miyachi, San Mateo, Calif., was awarded a \$500 scholarship along with her diploma on May 9 at the 48th commencement of the Christ Hospital School of Nursing at which 42 other nurses were graduated.

The annual scholarship award to the "outstanding student nurse" is to be used by the winner for further nursing studies toward a bachelor of science degree. Miss Miyachi, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Miyachi of San Mateo, entered Christ Hospital's School of Nursing in 1947 after graduating from Westtown high school, Westtown, Pa., and then attending Temple University.

## JACL Will Offer Scholarships To Encampment for Citizenship

Several scholarships to the National Encampment for Citizenship, a program to teach democratic living for youth, will be offered again this year by the National JACL, according to Masao Satow, national director.

The encampment will be held June 26 to Aug. 4 at Fieldston school in New York.

Candidates should be between the ages of 18 and 25. They must be sponsored by local chapters of the JACL. Board, food and tuition charges are included in the scholarships.

Sponsored last year by chapters

were Douglas Taguchi, Denver; Julie Yoshizaki, Seabrook; Yoshio Kishi, New York; and Kathleen Ide, Kazuko Kita and Calvin Ni-nomiya, Chicago.

Encampment program includes study groups, lectures by noted guest speakers and field trips.

Because of the limited number of scholarships, Satow emphasized that priority would be given applicants who have demonstrated leadership and who are JACL members.

Applications should be sent to national headquarters, JACL, by local chapters by June 1.

## House Passes Bill Awarding Damages for Death of Youth In War Relocation Center

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill awarding \$5,000 damages to Shiro Takemura, Los Angeles, for the death of his son, Paul, 14, killed in a cave-in at the Granada Relocation Center, Amache, Colo., in 1943. This is the first private bill known to have passed the House awarding damages for physical injury suffered in a relocation camp.

Young Takemura died when a

cave he had dug in the side of a basement excavation collapsed, burying him under tons of dirt. The excavation had stood open for several months, but the day after the lad's death, was filled in.

The Interior Department urged compensation to the Takemura family "in view of the novel relationship between the government and evacuees, and failure" of Granada authorities to exclude youngsters from what was considered a dangerous area.

## California Supreme Court Will Hear State's Appeal To Masaoka Case Decision

LOS ANGELES—The California State Supreme court will hear the Masaoka Alien Land law test case, it was reported this week.

Counsel for Mrs. Haruye Masaoka and her five sons, Mike, Joe, Ike, Henry and Ted, were informed that the state's highest tribunal will retain the case.

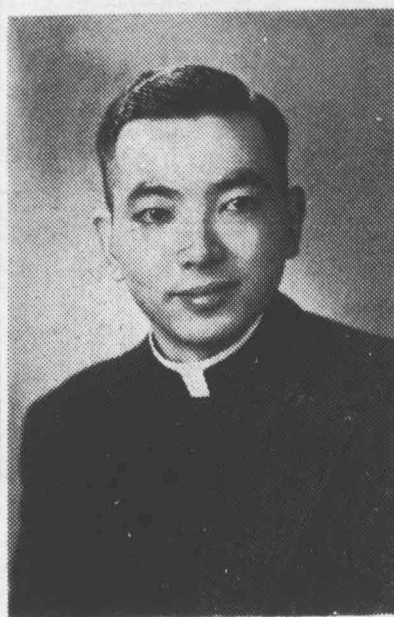
The State of California's appeal to Superior Judge Thurlmond Clarke's decision, which ruled the Alien Land law to be unconstitutional and in violation of the 14th Amendment, will not be remanded to the State Court of Appeals but will go directly to the State Supreme court.

It was the three-man District Court of Appeals which recently ruled the Alien Land law to be unenforceable because it violated United States commitments in the United Nations charter in a decision on the Sei Fuji case, involving the right of a resident alien of

Japanese ancestry to buy property in California.

In the Masaoka case, the citizen sons of Mrs. Masaoka, a Japanese national, seek to purchase a home for her in Los Angeles county.

Attorneys representing the Masaoka family are A. L. Wirin, Saburo Kido and Loren Miller of Los Angeles and James C. Purcell of San Francisco.



THE REV. YASUTAKE

## Nisei Will Be Ordained in Chicago Rites

EVANSTON, Ill.—Michael Seichi Yasutake, Seattle-born Japanese American, will be ordained to the deaconate of the Episcopal church together with nine other postulants of the diocese of Chicago this Saturday, May 13.

Ordination will be held at St. Luke's church. The Rt. Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, bishop of Chicago, will officiate, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Street, suffragan bishop.

This summer the Rev. Mr. Yasutake will become curate at St. Paul's parish, one of the oldest Episcopal churches in Chicago, at 50th and Dorchester.

A number of Japanese Americans are taking an active part in affairs of this parish. The Rev. Robert A. Reister is rector.

The Episcopal church plans to train other Nisei clergymen and place them in regular staff positions in churches on the Near North, North and West sides of Chicago, as well as in other parts of the country.

Mr. Yasutake was born in Seattle in 1920.

He graduated from Beacon Hill grammar school in 1936 and from Franklin high school in 1939.

During the war he was at the Minidoka relocation center in Idaho. He studied at the University of Cincinnati and also at Boston university, where he graduated in 1947.

He then enrolled at Seabury-Western theological seminary in Evanston, and will graduate from that school this spring.

He is the son of Jack Kaichiro Yasutake, director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee.

## Dancers

CHICAGO—Haruko and Tomeko Uyeda, classical dance artists, will join in the eighth anniversary celebration of "Viltis," a magazine devoted to the folkways and folklore of diverse nationality groups.

The celebration will be held May 14 at the Lithuanian auditorium.

The punjabi ritual dance, the ancient Baluchi sword dance of Pakistan, Burmese Yein Pwe, Hassidic dances and other features will be part of the birthday program.

The Uyedas and their students will present several classical and modern Japanese dances.

paramount to every law of every state in conflict with it. The Alien Land law must therefore yield to the treaty as the superior authority. The restrictions of the state based on eligibility of citizenship, but which ultimately and actually are referable to race or color, must be and are therefore declared untenantable and unenforceable."

## Name Speaker for Snake River JACL Graduation Dinner

WEISER, Ida.—The Rev. Albert Rostron of the Fruitland First Methodist church will be guest speaker for the Snake River JACL graduation banquet.

High school and college graduates from this area will be honored at the banquet and sport dance to follow.

High school graduates to be honored are as follows:

Tomiko Fujita, Nancy Iida, Mineko Ishimoto, Janet Kitamura, June Nishiyama, Annie Ozumi, May Sato, Jack Fujita, Frank Hata, Bill Iseri, Shoji Kino, Bennie Morinaga, Mits Nakamura and Tom Uriu, Ontario.

Florence Terashima and Shizue Yabuki, Wesier; Sam Hinatsu, Yoshio Inouye and Sumiko Harada, Fruitland; Charlotte Ohashi, Toshiko Mayeda and Albert Takami, Nyssa; and Tai Horiuchi, Mary Kuwahara, Fred Tomiyoshi, Beulah Nakamoto, Betty Tsutsumi and Wayne Yoshikane, Vale.

Mrs. McGinnis and her orchestra will play for the dance.

## Boys' Day

SAN FRANCISCO — Japan's Boys' day was celebrated May 7 at the Buchanan St. YMCA as part of Building for Youth's current fund-raising drive.

The Y is one of eight youth agencies benefiting from the drive.

Boys' day, traditionally celebrated May 5, came two days late in San Francisco so the boys would not miss school.

Sword dances and judo exhibitions were part of the program.

## JACL Protests Jim Crow Policy in Washington Pools

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Washington JACL chapter and JACL ADC this week joined to protest the transfer of D.C. swimming pools from the Department of Interior to control of the District commissioners on the grounds commissioners want to perpetuate segregation in the pools.

The Interior Department announced recently it would open all swimming pools in the District now under its supervision to non-segregated use this year.

Shortly after the announcement, the House District Affairs Committee introduced legislation to transfer the authority over the pools to D.C. Commissioners who said they would maintain segregation.

The Washington Chapter declared that every effort must be made to end Jim Crow in the na-

tion's capital; that action of the Interior Department was a "progressive step which must be supported."

"If, as racists say, the end of Jim Crow is something to be attained slowly and with education, the ending of segregation at the pools is one of the tiny steps forward they should support."

"Of course, these people will tolerate no kind of action, however small, which tends to give democracy full meaning to those of the colored race," Hank Goshō, Washington chapter president, said.

A telegram opposing transfer of swimming pools to the District Commissioners was signed both by Goshō and Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, and sent to all members of the District Affairs Committee and West Coast Congressmen,

## Masaoka Asks Statehood for Hawaii as Recognition for Wartime Loyalty, Allegiance

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Immediate statehood for Hawaii would be "fitting recognition for the loyalty and allegiance" of the Islands to the United States, according to a statement by Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee last week.

Such a status would be a "compensation to her people for the taxes they have paid, the land they have built and the lives they have given to our common destinies," the statement said.

It pointed out one significant reason for the interest of the JACL in statehood was "based upon the Islands' large population of Asian ancestry."

"While this factor is not always referred to specifically, nevertheless over the years one of the major excuses for delaying statehood has been because of Hawaii's population of Asian ancestry. We feel this fact should be openly discussed here. Its very population is one of the most impelling reasons for granting statehood."

Another vital reason for JACL interest stems from the "intimate wartime association between the Nisei in the United States and the Nisei from Hawaii," the statement continued.

Citing the war record of Hawaiian Nisei, the statement added that mainland Nisei know their island compatriots to be "loyal to the America we love beyond question."

Referring to Communism in Hawaii, Mr. Masaoka's statement pointed out that "to survive, Communism needs dissatisfaction." But "nowhere under the American flag is the practice of democracy more a reality than in Hawaii."

"The Communists, however, do have a latent argument that conceivably could gain strength with the passing years — the colonial status of the Islands."

"We cannot be so naive as to assume that the very denial of self-government can continue to generate good will towards the mainland. The Communists well realize this."

"The argument has been raised that Hawaii is non-contiguous to the mainland and, per se, should be denied statehood. When the

## Ten Nisei Named To Honor Groups At Illinois Tech

CHICAGO — Ten Nisei are among the students named to honorary societies at the Honors Assembly of Illinois Institute of Technology on May 8.

The following were among the initiates:

Donell Tekawa, Chi Epsilon (civil engineering honorary); Toru Ogasawara, Eta Kappa Nu (electrical engineering); William Takei and Theodore Ikeda, Phi Eta Sigma (freshman); Tadashi Sekiguchi, Pi Tau Sigma (mechanical engineering); Wesley Fujii, Rho Epsilon (radio engineering); and John Arima, Tomio Horita, Richard Kuniyuki, and Toru Ogasawara, Tau Beta Pi (engineering).

## Chicago Chapter Protests Transfer

CHICAGO—Pressing for equality in use of recreational facilities, the Chicago Chapter of the JACL joined with the major Midwest agencies and organizations to protest the proposed transfer of Washington, D.C., swimming pools from the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior to Commissioners of District of Columbia.

"We believe that the transfer to Commissioners is intended to enforce segregation in the pools," said Chicago JACL.

In the telegram to the Illinois congressmen, the Chicago Chapter underscored the necessity for defeating the proposed move.

"We object strongly against and urge you to be present in House to vote against bill reported out by House District Committee for action on next House day transferring Washington swimming pools from Department of Interior to Commissioners of District Columbia."

"Pools now under Interior admirably exemplify American ideal of equality in recreational facilities. We believe transfer to Commissioners is intended to enforce segregation in pools. Urge your vigilance and negative vote."

first States were admitted into the Union, this government enacted a policy for all time that statehood was not dependent upon a precise location in space."

Touching upon the "myth of bloc voting," the statement said:

"Among the Nisei of Hawaii, as with any other group, party politics and loyalties are based upon the same factors of daily living and knowledge as motivate any people. Bloc voting has not been an issue there for a generation."

"Hawaii," the statement continued, "is the connecting link between the United States and the Orient. What is to be considered is the attitude of Asia towards the United States as exemplified by what happens in Hawaii."

"Were Congress to deny Hawaii statehood again, it would be interpreted in the Orient as a continuing attitude on our part that Orientals are inferior . . ."

"Confer upon Hawaii the equality of statehood, and once for all time we have proclaimed to the world and the Orient that we are in the Pacific to stay . . . that is the philosophical concept of democracy there is no place for superior and inferior peoples. This, manifestly, is positive democracy at its best."

"It well may be that what we do in Hawaii will be the key to the eventual success or failure of democracy itself throughout Asia."

"And this must be made eminently clear. Regardless of whatever other arguments may be advanced, extension of statehood to Hawaii will, in the eyes of the Orient, be considered granted or denied only on the basis of our respect for the ideals of democracy as extended to the mixed peoples of Hawaii. This cannot be avoided."

"What are these islands today? Models of peaceful planning, of capable self-government, an integral and loyal part of the United States."

"The citizens pay taxes on the same Federal basis as other citizens, yet they have no vote in levying Federal taxes or in their disbursement. Such a condition is contrary to traditional American principles."

"Historically, territorial status has been considered schooling in the requirements of self-government—pupillage in the meaning of democracy."

"Hawaii has been an apt and worthy student . . . she has long been ready for graduation into the ranks of the sister States of the Republic."

Although present throughout the hearings, Mr. Masaoka did not testify personally on the Hawaiian question because of the large number of Islanders anxious to appear and the time-limit on the hearings. A scheduled witness, he deferred in favor of giving more time to those from Hawaii to be heard.

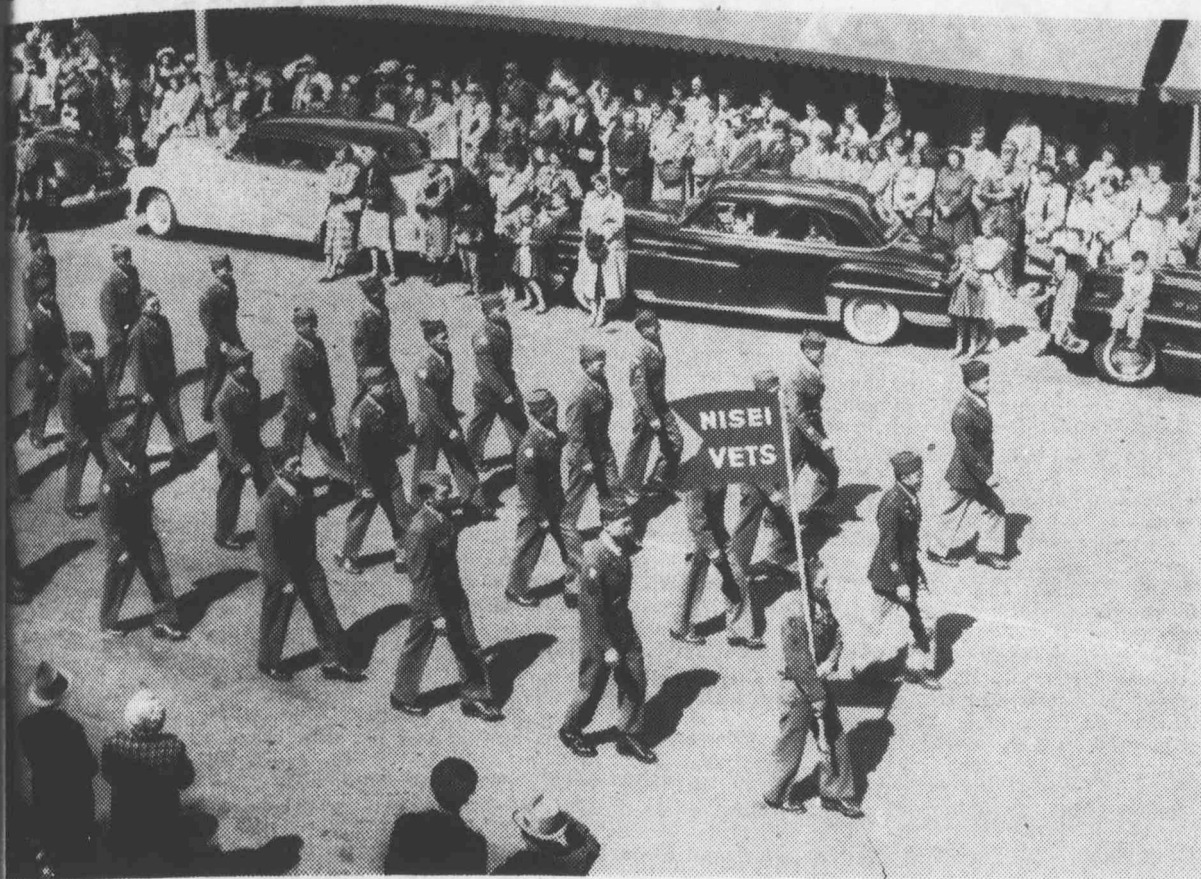
## Kageyama Faces Impeachment Move

(Continued from page 1) active Democrat. A surprising discovery was made at the recent territorial Democratic convention when it was found that he is still a registered member of the party, even though he had been "disowned" only a short time before because of his Communist confession.

It seems that Kageyama's Democratic party card was dated 1948—after he had left the Communist party in 1947. Otherwise he would not have been permitted to sit as a delegate to the convention.

When the right wing faction bolted the convention and formed its own Democratic party, Kageyama joined this group. The right wingers broke away when the other faction of leftwingers would not unseat 15 delegates who had refused to testify as to their alleged Communist membership at the un-American activities hearings last month.

## Nisei Veterans March in Boise



A platoon of Nisei veterans, led by ex-Lieut. Joe Saito of Ontario, Ore., drew applause along the line of march as they paraded in the first Loyalty Day parade on April 29. The Nisei, veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, Army Intelli-

gence and other units, marched onto Public School field and participated in the flag-raising ceremony. Gov. C. A. Robins of Idaho was a speaker at the loyalty demonstration.

## Hawaiian Delegation Reports Race Issue Secondary at Recent Washington Hearings

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Although the racial issue was raised at the Washington statehood hearings, it was secondary to other issues like Communism and homesteading, statehood for Hawaii backers reported upon their return this week.

One who testified at the hearings went so far as to say the chief foe of Hawaiian statehood, Senator Hugh Butler (R., Nebr.), has been won over despite his earlier objection on racial grounds.

Said Henry A. White, president of the Hawaiian Pineapple Co., one of the witnesses:

"Senator Butler went out of his way this time to make it clear that the racial issue did not influence his judgment."

Senator Butler previously had cited the territory's predominantly Oriental population as an argument against statehood.

The consensus was that the Hawaii bill, already passed by the house, will be reported out favorably by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs committee which conducted the hearings last week.

Once on the Senate floor, the bill has a good chance of passage, those same persons predict.

Honolulu newspapers featured the testimony of the Nisei witnesses, especially Senate President Wilfred C. Tsukiyama and Spark Matsunaga, a twice-wounded war veteran.

The Star Bulletin bannerlined the vigorous appeal for statehood made by the two Nisei.

The wire services too found the Nisei "good copy." The Associated Press paid a rare tribute to Matsunaga when it reported that "many in the audience were in tears" after he had made his presentation.

Matsunaga, now a Harvard law school student, made such an impression upon Senator Glen H. Taylor (D., Ida.), that the senator remarked he had never in his six years in the senate heard more moving testimony.

Matsunaga said the motivating force behind the 3,600 man unit of the 442nd combat team was the desire of Japanese Americans to prove to the world that they are as good and as patriotic as any other Americans.

Senator Tsukiyama told the committee racial instinct plays no part in Hawaii politics. He too cited the battle records of the much decorated 100th battalion and 442nd regiment, made up of Nisei.

Significantly, not a single witness spoke against statehood for

Hawaii, although Senator Butler entered into the record the anti-statehood statement prepared by a retired Portland, Ore., lawyer, and based largely on the racial issue.

In the past, when statehood hearings have been held in Hawaii, statehood opponents have not hesitated to speak their minds, especially when their arguments were critical of the so-called "Japanese problem."

The large size of the delegation sent from Hawaii to attend the Washington hearings made an effective contribution to the hearings, according to the Star Bulletin's Washington bureau. More than 40 islanders were present in the committee room.

Judging by the remarks and questions asked by the senators, the Nisei witnesses apparently put over their messages ably. Such eloquent testimony as Senator Toshio Ansai's must have made an impression on his audience.

Ansai, who was injured in the fighting in Italy and later trained interpreters, said: "I offer myself to you as a living proof that we in Hawaii are Americans in spirit as well as in name; that we have and practice the American way of life; that we know and will accept and will live up to the responsibilities which the acquisition of statehood will entail that Hawaii deserves statehood, and deserves it now."

Witnesses of Chinese, Hawaiian and mixed ancestries made strong appeals also to help along the racial cause. As a matter of fact the very composition of the Hawaiian delegation attested to the type of racial harmony to which individual members referred in their testimony before the senate committee.

Practically every large racial group found in Hawaii was represented among the islanders who made the long trip to convince congress that Hawaii is ready, able and anxious to become a state.

## Midwest Area Meet Planned In Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, O. — Cincinnati JACLers are preparing for an enthusiastic invasion of the city June 3 and 4 by official and booster delegates to the Midwest JACL district council meeting in the city.

Numerous activities have been scheduled for booster delegates. On tap for interested visitors is a tour of the Taft museum, one of America's historic houses which also has one of the country's best known art collections.

Baseball fans are reminded that the Cincinnati Reds will play the NY Giants at Crosley field on Saturday afternoon, June 3, which will also be Ladies day, and that on the following afternoon the Reds will play the Boston Braves.

## Nisei Takes Editorship of School Paper

ROCKFORD, Ill.—A Nisei girl was named last week to edit the West Rockford high school paper, the Owl, according to the Rockford Register-Republic.

She is Nancy Ishizaki, one of 14 straight "A" students and an initiate to Quill and Scroll, national honor society for high school journalism.

Miss Ishizaki is the second member of her family to attend West Rockford high. Her older brother graduated two years ago and is now in military service.

## Detroit to Pick Queen Candidate

DETROIT, Mich. — The Detroit JACL is holding a queen contest to select a candidate to represent this city at the Midwest district council meeting in Cincinnati June 3 and 4.

In the running are Florence Oshika, Martha Usuda, Agnes Asakawa and Janice Kadani.

The winner, to be chosen by popular vote, will be announced on May 27 at the chapter's first open house.

She will receive an all-expense paid trip to Cincinnati, plus additional expenses.

## Open House

DETROIT, Mich. — A bi-weekly open house for square dancing, cards and other entertainment will be initiated Saturday, May 27 by the Detroit JACL.

Sutemi Murayama will be chairman for the first program.

## Justice Department Rules Evacuees May Be Paid for Losses from Forced Sales

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Department of Justice has ruled that evacuees are entitled to financial compensation for losses suffered in the forced sale of property during the evacuation under terms of the Evacuation Claims Act, according to Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, this week.

In a precedent-setting adjudication of the claim of Toshi Shimomaye of Los Angeles, the department allowed a claim of

## Omnibus Bill Will Be Studied By Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The National Civil Liberties Clearing House this week named a special three-man sub-committee to study the McCarran Omnibus bill for the 50 national organizations that comprise the NCLCH.

Named to the sub-committee was Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director. Other members are: Jack Wasserman, chairman, former member of the Board of Immigration Appeals and now general counsel for the Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers, and Alice Ehunfeld, of the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Masaoka said the sub-committee will undertake a detailed study of the bill itself, as well as compile reports on the measure beginning to be made by various organizations interested in the legislation.

## Nisei Designers Express Interest in Convention Show

CHICAGO.—Marked enthusiasm has been shown by several representatives of leading dress manufacturing companies and fashion editors in Chicago about the plans for the Tea-Fashion Show to be held Sept. 29 at the National JACL Convention.

The committee is already considering applications received from several Nisei designers.

Since this is an opportunity to give recognition to amateur designers as well as those who work professionally, each chapter is being urged to send the creations of at least one designer to represent its group in the showing.

Models will be furnished to those designers who do not have representatives attending the convention.

The show will be staged in the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel from 2-5 p.m., September 29.

Application blanks are now available to all interested persons through the local JACL chapters.

## Half-Way Mark

LOS ANGELES.—The half-way mark for the 1950 fund drive of the JACL-ADC in the Pacific Southwest has been passed, Tats Kushiida, regional director, reported this week. \$13,210.62 had been collected by the end of April. The 1950 goal is \$25,325.

## JACL Can Spearhead Fight For Minorities, Akagi Told

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — "The JACL is in a key position to spearhead the fight in Milwaukee for a more equitable treatment of minority groups," said Robert George, executive director of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights, City of Milwaukee, in a conference last weekend with Richard Akagi, Midwest regional representative, JACL.

Akagi was invited in by Mr. George to act as consultant for the Mayor's Commission. The various problems facing the minorities in Milwaukee were discussed and techniques for alleviating certain urban tensions were proposed. Local JACL members participating in the discussions were Mr. Julius Fujihira, an officer of the Milwaukee JACL chapter and the as-

\$304.75, the difference between the price Mrs. Shimomaye received from the forced sale of household effects when she was evacuated, and their fair market value.

The department said hereafter where it finds a claimant acted reasonably in attempting to sell property while waiting evacuation and that no "free market" existed, then any losses on such a sale may be claimed as damages under the Evacuation Claims Act.

It pointed out, however, "each case must rest on its own facts."

The department said "it would be a strict and unrealistic construction of the Act to hold that 'loss of real or personal property' covers only losses of tangible property or of incorporeal property rights.

"The Act requires that the loss be the 'reasonable and natural consequence of the evacuation.' Under such circumstances, the loss of the difference between what might have been obtained in a free market between a willing buyer and a willing seller, and what was obtained in the only market available, is a loss allowable under the act."

The department explained it arrived at an adjudication of the property ownership and its value in the Shimomaye case on the basis only of sworn statements from the claimants and statements of persons with knowledge of Shimomaye's acquisition and disposal of the personal property involved.

Mrs. Shimomaye originally claimed a loss of \$449.90, of which \$304.75 was allowed.

Mr. Masaoka said the Justice Department will keep the JACL ADC advised of future precedent-setting decisions, which will be publicized to assist claimants and attorneys in handling claims filed under the Act.

## Kanamori Will Head ADC Fund Drive Of Ventura Chapter

OXNARD, Calif.—Tadashi Kanamori, newly elected vice president of the Ventura County JACL, will head the 1950 ADC drive which will begin May 15, it was announced by Toby Otani, president.

Assisting Kanamori on the two-week campaign will be Tom Kurihara, Masako Moriawaki, Kazuko Tsunoda, Nao Takasugi, Tomio Yeto, Tadashi Tokuyama, Yoshito Toyohara, Taro Inouye, Mas Mori and Pres. Otani.

## Delegate

CLEVELAND, O. — Cleveland JACL Pres. Alice Morihiro is expected to be one of the chapter's representatives at the annual Midwest district council meeting in Cincinnati on June 3 and 4.

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## EDITORIAL:

### New Decision Needed

The suggestion that the U. S. Supreme court overrule its 1944 decision in the Korematsu case is made by Felix G. Liebmann in the Cornell Law Quarterly.

In that case the justices upheld the military's argument that there were disloyal elements in the Japanese American population and that since these disloyal persons could not be quickly separated from the loyal, the evacuation was justified. The court said the evacuation could not be considered an act of racial prejudice, and it accepted the "findings" of the military in regard to the Japanese Americans, most of which related to the doubtful loyalty of the Nisei, the importance of "race" in loyalty, and other fabulous untruths.

But now a number of recent court decisions would tend to disprove those findings upon which the Korematsu case was decided. The new cases relate to the Tule Lake renunciant cases, among them the Murakami case. In this latter case, Judge William E. Denman flatly blamed the evacuation upon racism, and he rejected the many assumptions and half-truths concerning the Nisei and Issei which had been regarded as fact in deciding the Korematsu case. It is also significant that the government did not take the case on up to the U. S. Supreme court.

In the light of these facts, what happens to the Korematsu case?

"The findings in the Murakami case," says Liebmann, "that the evacuation orders were based on irrational, discriminatory assumptions rather than on facts and reasonable inferences, have destroyed the very foundation on which the reasoning of the Konematsu case rested. There can therefore be no other choice but to discard the latter decision."

The danger in the Korematsu ruling, he points out, lies in its possible future use. On the basis of this decision, he suggests, the army might have the power, in case of future war, again to incarcerate a large group of citizens upon racial, ethnic or cultural prejudices.

"If an atomic war were ever to be fought in the United States," Liebmann says, "could a military commander order all subscribers of 'The Nation' or 'Harpers' Magazine' into a 'relocation center'? All members of Phi Beta Kappa? All men whose ancestors came from the area between the Urals and the Vistula? All members, past and present, of the American Labor Party? Supposing such a commander's decision had considerable popular support and according to the commander's own statement were supported by some evidence, no matter how untenable such evidence might appear to reasonably educated men, could the courts on the basis of *Korematsu v. United States* sustain, or perhaps refuse to review, such an order? There is some danger that the answer might be in the affirmative."

### Victory at Columbus

The capitulation of the American Bowling Congress on May 12 to democratic processes through its repudiation of its 34-year-old "white males only" rule was not brought about without the forthright action of such organizations as the CIO, the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling, the NAACP and JACL.

Although the rank and file delegates are to be congratulated for their quick action in disposing of the discriminatory membership rule once the matter was brought out on the floor, it is evident that many of the leaders of the ABC, including Executive Secretary Elmer Baumgarten, sought every means to avoid the inevitable change and explored the possibility of changing the organizational structure of the ABC. They were advised by their legal counsel, however, that the ban against non-Caucasians would have to be erased if the ABC were to salvage any of their present structure.

Judge John A. Sbarbaro of the Illinois Superior court fined the ABC \$2,500 on April 22 and ordered it to drop its "white males only" restrictions or face the revocation of its national charter. Meanwhile, a New York judge, in a case brought against the ABC by the attorney general of the state, announced that he would await the outcome of the ABC's convention before ruling whether the ABC should be outlawed in the state. A suit also is on file in Wisconsin, while others were being prepared against the ABC in Minnesota, California, Ohio, New Jersey and Michigan.

The JACL, in the past three years, has played an active part in the fight against the ABC's membership restriction. Of all of the non-Caucasian groups excluded by the ABC, the Nisei have the highest percentage of participation with more than 3,000 in league play on the mainland and in Hawaii.

The lesson offered by the ABC's action in opening its membership to all Americans is that it did not just happen. Behind the victory at Columbus was the organized activity which made the ABC's policy into a national issue.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## The UN and the Land Law

A California appellate court decision, in a case involving statutory discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry, provides a test of the depth of our national sincerity in supporting the United Nations. The Fujii case decision, which has evoked considerable interest in legal and legislative circles throughout the country, declares that the California Alien Land law, prohibiting "aliens ineligible to citizenship" the ownership of real property, is "untenable and unenforceable" because it conflicts with our national commitments under the United Nations Charter.

The unanimous ruling of the three-man State District Court of Appeals came in the wake of a Superior Court decision by Judge Thurmond Clarke in the Masaoka test case which ruled that the Alien Land law was invalid because it violates the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. Judge Clarke declared that the Alien Land law was "directed against persons of Japanese ancestry solely because of race."

This 37-year old statute, originally adopted by a California legislature which was flushed with appeals to white supremacy, has been the standard around which a generation of the state's politicians have waged campaigns of prejudice. In the shadow of war with Japan the law was used in an effort to confiscate more than \$1,000,000 in farm property owned by Japanese Americans until one of the attempts backfired as the Oyama case inspired a 1948 decision by the United States Supreme Court which rendered the law unenforceable in the opinion of the California Department of Justice. Since that time the law has been virtually a dead letter.

It was in the Oyama case that the late Mr. Justice Murphy, in a concurring opinion, first raised the point that the discriminatory law was in conflict with the United Nations Charter. Declaring that the law "stands as a barrier" to the fulfillment of United States pledges to the UN Charter, Justice Murphy declared the California law to be "racism in one of its most malignant forms." The court's majority decision in the Oyama case, however, did not rule on the constitutionality of the land law itself, but merely upheld the right of a citizen of Japanese ancestry to receive a gift of land from an alien parent. Thus the question of the law's validity in relation to our international obligations under the UN Charter was not raised until the California appellate court last month used Justice Murphy's reasoning in an outright assault upon the legality of the law itself.

In declaring that the California law must yield to the UN Charter as a superior authority, the appellate court used a line of reasoning which is applicable to other racially discriminatory state laws, including the Jim Crow segregation laws of the Deep South. This is the reason why the Fujii case decision has generated so much interest.

The United States Constitution declares that the laws of the individual states shall not be contrary to treaties entered into by the United States with other nations. The appellate court, in the Fujii case, ruled that the UN Charter, which guarantees universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without regard to race, color or religion, is a treaty. If this view is upheld by the Supreme Court, the ramifications are obvious. On the other hand, if the Supreme Court should rule that the UN Charter is not a treaty, then the United Nations itself is in danger of being reduced to the stature of an international debating society.

There already has been some consternation expressed at Lake Success over the implications of the Fujii case decision. It appears that some United Nations officials are fearful that widespread acknowledgement of the scope of the California appellate court's verdict will result in a denial of United States support for further commitments or at least the development of opposition in Jim Crow states toward any international action which will jeopardize the anti-democratic status quo in the Deep South.

In view of its action in the Oyama case, in which it avoided an outright determination of the validity of the Alien Land law,

the Supreme Court may sidestep the delicate issue of the UN Charter altogether if it receives the Fujii case. The Senate also could help get the court off the spot by passing the Walter resolution which will erase race restrictions in naturalization and destroy the basis for this type of statutory discrimination.

One reaction to the Fujii case decision is cited by Edward H. Dickson, Washington correspondent for the McClatchy newspapers of California which once were strong supporters of the Alien Land law, but which now take a more objective view. Mr. Dickson reports that the appellate court's ruling may make Congress "more cautious in ratifying further international agreements," one example being the agreement for the creation of the International Trade Organization.

Mr. Dickson quotes three men from the G O P side of Congress, Senators Forrest Donnell of Missouri and Eugene Millikan of Colorado and Rep. Paul Shafer of Michigan, as feeling that the agreements should not be so broad as to prevent the states from enacting laws they believe to be desirable.

The McClatchy correspondent notes, however, that there has been no particular criticism of the decision of the California court, as far as the legality of the Alien Land law is concerned. It also should be noted that Mr. Dickson's comments are based on the position taken by legislators generally opposed to wider United States participation in international agreements, particularly under the United Nations. Their position is stated by Rep. Shafer who declared:

"This decision should be a warning to the people of the United States that not only state but federal sovereignty may be surrendered if our government joins in the many international organizations now being set up under the United Nations."

Rep. Shafer's pessimism is not shared by many outside the ranks of the post-Hiroshima isolationists. The California decision is cheered by persons interested in expanding the area of democracy in the United States who see in it the first effort to bring our own laws into focus with our international position on human rights.

The California decision has shown that this is indeed One World, that we cannot enter into agreements on universal human rights without having our commitments apply at home as well as abroad.

It was Admiral Chester Nimitz, now a UN official, who took an optimistic view. He praised the decision of the appellate court and said that if it is upheld, it will be "an example of how the United States supports the United Nations."

## To the Editor: LETTER-BOX

### Dual Citizenship

Dear Sir:

Referring to an article published in the Pacific Citizen under date of April 15, 1950 regarding Dr. Jerry K. Aikawa's contract as consultant at Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, I was interested to note that his (alleged) "dual citizenship" barred his clearance.

Mr. Daerr is quoted in the article "that those engaged in secret work of the Atomic Energy Commission must be United States citizens." We agree with that qualification a hundred percent.

I understand that the doctor was born in the United States. Article 14, Section 1 of the Constitution, provides as follows:

"all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and the state wherein they reside."

Presto, the Doctor is a citizen of the United States.

Again quoting from the article in question: "However, in order to comply with the security regulation, he (a citizen of the United States) would be required to sign a declaration of intent to become a United States citizen." The foregoing statement must be a joke.

## MINORITY WEEK

### No Reservations

The American Mothers Committee in New York got around to picking the American Mother of 1950 last week, came up with the name of Mrs. Henry Roe Clark, who is probably as truly American as anyone can be.

Mrs. Clark is an American Indian. She was born on a reservation, the White Earth, at Foston, Minn.

### Winner

Gwendolyn Brooks won the coveted Pulitzer award for poetry, as announced last week. She is the first Negro ever to win a Pulitzer prize.

### Quick Quote

"The white Southern demagogue made Harlem seem a sinful word like Sodom and Gomorrah. To the Negro in the small southern towns and on the farms, Harlem means hope—and escape."—Lillian Smith in *Ebony* magazine.

### And Another

"Every hour that a Negro citizen is deprived of rights and opportunities, that much of his American heritage is irretrievably lost."—Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN official.

### All-American

Give a cheer for the Salt Lake Bees, about as racially representative a ball team as can be found in these 48 states. Besides Nisei Wally Yonamine, the lineup has Negro Percy Fisher, Hawaiian Herman Wedemeyer, and others of Mexican, Italian, Jewish American backgrounds.

### Chinaman's Chance

The story of a man who didn't have a "Chinaman's chance" is told by George De Carvalho in the *NY Chronicle*.

That man is Wing Ong, born a Chinese peasant, who is a member of the Arizona legislature and perhaps the only Chinese ever elected to public office in the continental United States.

At the age of 14 he was a peasant in China, working in the rice paddies. At 15 he entered the first grade in Phoenix, Ariz. He must have been a fanatic student—he once jumped three grades in ten days, he finished grade school in three years and high school in two. When he was 35 he went back to school, this time to get a law degree.

He started to run for public office in 1940, made the grade in 1946, when he was elected to the legislature. One of these days he may be running for Congress. A lot of people think he will make it.

He loves America. Because, as he puts it, "It gave me a Chinaman's chance, plus."

### Note on the Times

Members of minority groups are finding it tougher these days to find jobs in Chicago, according to Thomas H. Wright, director of the city's Commission on Human Relations.

Non-white workers make up 9 per cent of the labor force, but they constitute 22 per cent of the unemployed.

And of all males drawing unemployment compensation, 53 per cent are non-white.

That's an unhealthy record. It seems to prove the "last hired, first fired" policy of employment relating to minority groups.

How in the name of heaven, under the laws of this land of ours, can a sane citizen of the United States sign such an asinine declaration.

Coming now to "dual citizenship," generally speaking "there is no such animal" in the USA.

The only dual citizenship recognized by the United States is citizenship of the United States and citizenship of a particular state. Both classes of citizens of the United States are entitled to equal privileges and immunities in every state.

Very truly yours,  
Guy C. Calden,  
San Francisco.



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## "Best Backfield in Pro Baseball"



The "best backfield in professional baseball" posed in Boise, Idaho, for this picture on the Salt Lake Bees' first road trip of the Pioneer League season. They are (l. to r.) Manager Earl Bolyard of the Bees, Wally Yonamine, formerly of San Francisco 49ers and Honolulu Warriors; Herman Wedemeyer, All-American at St. Mary's

and formerly of the Los Angeles Dons and Baltimore Colts, and Bob Celeri, All-American quarterback of California's Rose Bowl team of 1944. Celeri has since left the Bees to play football for the 49ers this fall, while Wedemeyer and Yonamine are in the outfield for the Salt Lake club. —Boise Statesman photo.

### Yonamine Bats .350 in First Five Games

The Salt Lake Bees sorely missed Wally Yonamine last Wednesday night as they dropped a 2 to 1 game to the Boise Pilots before 1,500 chilled fans at Derks Field. Wally was in bed with a bad cold when the Bees took the field against the Pilots after being rained out for two nights. Last Sunday, in a game which the Bees lost to Twin Falls by a 3 to 2 score, Manager Earl Bolyard put Wally back in centerfield. The Nisei star had 1 out of 4 for the day. . . . With Bee batting hitting a slump in their last two games, Yonamine is one of the few regulars who is still batting over .300. Wally has .308 for his first four games with the Bees. . . . Although Bob Celeri has left the Bees and Ward Tyler was sent to Reno, the Bees still have six outfielders, including Yonamine and Herman Wedemeyer. Manager Bolyard intends to keep only four flychasers after the May 27 date when the Bees, like all Class C clubs, must cut down to 17 men. . . . Salt Lake Nisei are having a hard time explaining to Wally that the two snowstorms last week are "unusual" weather. The Bees were rained or snowed out in six of their first ten scheduled games.

(Although he missed Wednesday's game because of his cold, Wally Yonamine was up on Thursday and played first base in both games of a doubleheader which the Bees split with the Boise Pilots. Wally got three for four as the Bees overwhelmed the Pilots, 10 to 1, in the first game and then went 0 for 4 as the Bees were shut out, 2 to 0, by Boise's Dick Conover. During the night, Yonamine had nineteen putouts and one assist and came up with a sparkling stop of Boise Manager Ford Mullen's hot grounder down the first base line. As of May 11, when the Bees left on a road trip to Pocatello, Yonamine was hitting .350 with seven hits in his first 20 times at bat.)

### Miyasato Will Play in BYU- Backfield

Although he hasn't turned out for spring practice because of his activities on the baseball diamond, Jimmy Miyasato is expected by Coach Chick Atkinson of Brigham Young to play a lot of T-formation QB for the Cougars this fall. Miyasato, who starred for McKinley high school in Honolulu, was the best T-quarter back in the Intermountain conference the past two seasons for Weber College of Ogden. BYU has a football date in Honolulu against the University of Hawaii in November which means that Miyasato will get a trip home for the first time in nearly three years. . . . Ford Konno, Hawaii's newest swim star, who broke Bill Smith's Hawaii swimming club meet record in the 440-yard free-style, is a certain entrant in the National A A U men's outdoor swimming championships in Seattle. His coach, Yoshito Segawa, is expected to accompany Konno. Konno's time for the 440-yard event was 4:43. 6s.

### Japanese Cagers Learn from Nisei Stars

The recent visit of the Hawaii Nisei All-Stars, who won eight straight games over Japan's best basketball teams, probably will have a salutary effect on the Nippon cage sport. The Japanese have learned that their pre-war type of basketball cannot compete with the type of fast-break basketball employed by the Hawaiian Nisei. Edward Sumida, manager of the Hawaii Nisei team, noted that the Japanese players all use two-handed set shots while the Hawaiians favored the one-handed push shots. According to Leslie Nakashima of the United Press bureau in Tokyo, the Japanese coaches learned a lot from watching Wallace Tome and Reggie Aisaka of the Hawaiians. "I predict a radical turn to one-handed shooting and high scores in Japan's next basketball season," says Nakashima.

### Watanabe Shut Out by Trojans

Bob Watanabe, UCLA's top sprinter, was shut out in both dashes last Saturday as the USC Trojans swept both events in their annual dual meet. Watanabe wasn't the only Bruin to be shut out, however, as the Trojans won, 120 to 11. . . . Captain Mansfield Doi, tackle, and Halfback Jimmy Asato are the only regulars who will be returning to the University of Hawaii football team this fall. Among the new prospects is Eric Watanabe, a tackle for the Iolani Red Raiders. . . . George Goto, the ex-GI who is a basketball and baseball star at Placer College and who will enroll at Stanford next fall, probably was the most-sought-after Nisei athlete in history. Goto received scholarship offers from College of Pacific and Fresno State, according to Stirling Sakamoto. San Jose State and UCLA also wanted Goto, named the outstanding player in jaycee circles in California, on their campuses. . . . Ray Fukui hurled Wheatland, California high school to an 8 to 2 win over Sutter in a Valley league contest last week. . . . George Abo, former Fresno State College star who is now in his first year of coaching, had his San Joaquin Memorial high school baseball team of Fresno County leading the league.

### Ishizawa Tops Los Angeles Keglers

Tok Ishizawa's 184 is the top average in the Nisei Major Bowling league in Los Angeles. . . . Wat Misaka was the winner in the recent tournament of the Beehive Golf club in Salt Lake City with a net of 57 and a gross of 73 for 18 holes over the Nibley Park course. . . . Jim Yokota, three-sport star at Placer Union high school in Auburn, California, will enroll at Placer College. Yokota has made all-star teams in basketball, football and baseball. . . . Fibber Hirayama has been playing centerfield for the Fresno State Bulldogs when he is not catching. Coach Pete Beiden's strategy in using Hirayama in the outfield is motivated by a desire to take advantage of Hirayama's timely hitting. Hirayama turned in the outstanding catch of the game last week as Fresno defeated Stanford. . . . The Ontario, Oregon, Nisei Athletic Club is currently in third place in the Intermountain Baseball league. . . . Tubber Okuda is a regular at second base for Weber College. . . . Before the war and evacuation a number of Southern California Nisei and Issei operated small stables and used to enter their mounts at Santa Anita and other tracks.

### Hawaii Nisei Nine Plans Mainland Tour

Aloha Fountain, runner-up in the Salt Lake JACL bowling league, will roll in the semi-finals of the Temple alleys division of the annual "Champion of Champions" tournament in Salt Lake City. The tourney pits the champions and second-place teams in all of the city's leading bowling leagues. Star Cafe, JACL champions, was defeated by the Naval Supply Depot of Clearfield last week in the opening round. . . . A Hawaiian Nisei all-star team is tentatively slated to make a barnstorming tour of mainland cities, playing in such parks as Yankee, Briggs and Seals Stadiums against the Harlem Globetrotter baseball aggregation. Hawaiian players made a similar tour two years ago. Among the Hawaiian AJA stars on that tour were Jun Muramoto, Jimmy Wasa and Jyun Hirota.

## Evelyn Kawamoto Will Defend National AAU Swim Titles

### San Francisco Area Golfers Will Enter JACL Tournament

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — A bristling north-south rivalry is being groomed with a barnstorming squad of Golden Gate golfers of the San Francisco bay area invading the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council's open tournament on July 2 at the Alondra Park Country Club.

"A bunch of us are going up the Sunday before that," Joe Ito, tournament chairman, explained, "to compete in matches in San Francisco. We'll invite them down. It should start a hot north-south rivalry."

Individual championships in three flights will be signified by special trophies. A number of prizes for runners-up and consolation will also be awarded.

Tournament officials have announced that all entries complete with a club-sanctioned handicap score and an entry fee of \$4 should be submitted to Joe Ito, 242 East First Street, Los Angeles, not later than June 20.

If the entrant carries no official handicap, four most recent scores and cards must accompany entry fee.

### Fish Derby Set By Salt Lake Nisei

The Salt Lake JACL Fish and Game Association's annual fish derby will begin June 17 with three contests planned for the year.

Contest 1 will begin June 17 and end Aug. 12. Contest 2 will start Aug. 13 and end Oct. 8. A grand contest for the entire season will also be held.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded in both the lake and stream divisions.

The contests will be open to all members of the association. Memberships will be available only until June 24 for Contest 1, and until Aug. 20 for Contest 2.

Only trout caught in the state of Utah and caught after purchase of membership will be considered in the judging.

A kick-off banquet is planned to start the season.

Membership in the association can be secured through the following: Wallace T. Doi, Aloha Fountain; Tats Masuda, Uptown Service; and Yosh Kojimoto, US Cafe.

### Coach Sakamoto Will Take Team To North Carolina

HONOLULU — Sixteen year old Evelyn Kawamoto will defend her National AAU outdoor women's swimming championships in the 220-yard breaststroke and the 330-yard individual medley at High Point, North Carolina, on Aug. 4, 5 and 6.

Miss Kawamoto, a Honolulu high school student, will be a member of a six-member team which will represent the Hawaii Swimming Club at the national meet.

The team, which won six titles in San Antonio, Tex., last summer, will be accompanied by Coach Sakamoto of the University of Hawaii. Mrs. Sakamoto also will make the trip as a chaperone.

Also on the team will be 18-year old Thelma Kalama who also won two championships at San Antonio in the 110-yard and the 440-yard free style events.

Three others who are expected to make the trip are Julia Murakami, Winifred Numazu and Catherine Kleinschmidt, all of whom were members of the Hawaiian team which won the national team title at San Antonio. Miss Kleinschmidt, 14, will defend her national title in the 880-yard free-style.

### Nisei Vues Hold Lead in Chicago

CHICAGO—The Nisei Vues held on to their lead at the end of the 34th round of play in the Chicago JACL bowling league on May 3, defeating Berns Store for Men, 3 to 1, while the second-place Sakada Optometrists kept pace by defeating Mark Twain by a similar margin.

Tak Fujii's 565 series was tops for the league leaders.

Murakami & Sons took over third place from Hyde Park Restaurant by defeating Petite Cleaners, 3 to 1, while Hyde Park lost by the same score to OT Men's Wear. Jim Kozuma had high series for Hyde Park with 553.

Despite J. Wada's 552 series, Tellone Beauty Salon was blanked by Jan Jan T.

Fifth-place Plaisance Cleaners defeated Wah Mee Lo, 3 to 1, while Coed Beauty Salon defeated Quality Cleaners, 3 to 1. H. Masakoa's 574 for Quality was the high individual series of the night.

## JACL Heads Hail Lifting Of Bowling Ban

The action of the American Bowling Congress in rescinding its ban against non-Caucasians was hailed in Salt Lake City this week by President Hito Okada and National Director Masao W. Satow of the JACL.

Mr. Okada, a member of the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling, said he was proud of the role played by the JACL in bringing democratic practices into organized bowling.

Mr. Satow declared that he would recommend that all JACL leagues join their local ABC associations as the first step in bringing to an end the practices of segregated bowling made necessary by the ABC's former policy.

## Bowling Tourney Will Be Feature Of JACL Meet

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Nisei keglers who have been battling for points and awards during the long winter season schedules will welcome the first of the all-Southern California open bowling tournaments slated this year at Santa Monica Bowl, 2524 Wilshire Blvd., Sunday afternoon, July 2.

The tournament is being held as one of the attractions of the 1950 JACL Pacific Southwest District Council convention set for that weekend. Officials of the local Nisei Bowling Association are handling arrangements.

## Movie Night

CLEVELAND, O. — Approximately 300 Issei and Nisei attended a showing of two Japanese films Saturday, May 6, at the Calvary Presbyterian church.

The Cleveland JACL, with Frank Totsubo as chairman, sponsored the films.

Seen were "Mangan-no-asa" and "Kekkon Tenkizu."

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## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Kumeo Tsubara a boy on May 5 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Imamura a boy on May 8 in Salt Lake City.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru C. Sumimoto a girl in Berkeley, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Hataeda a girl in Oakland, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shozen Yasui, Pasadena, Calif., a girl on April 8.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Keiji Nakawarase, Bacon Island, Calif., a boy on April 15.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Kaku, Tracy, Calif., a girl on April 13.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie T. Murakami, Tracy, Calif., a boy on April 7.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Sananori T. Komure, Stockton, Calif., a boy on April 24.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shigeo Sugimoto a boy, Richard Ken, on April 25 in San Jose.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shyojiro Tom Taketa a boy, Richard Akira, on April 26 in San Jose.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mitoshi Kimura, Madrone, Calif., a boy, Clyde Dwight, on April 24.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Okabe a boy, Thomas Eiichi, on April 27 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Okida a boy, Ray Satoshi, on April 27 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Norihiko Sekino a girl, Susan Naomi, on April 26 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Kazahaya a boy, Glen Itsuo, on April 30 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Juzo Yoshida a boy, Larry Hideo, on April 27 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Sam I. Yamada a girl, Anne, on April 4 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eiichiro Maruyama, Venice, Calif., a girl, Lillian Yuriko, on April 24.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yosaku Endo a girl, Susan Yuriko, on April 27 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Inamura a boy, Brian Mikio, on April 26 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Ishibashi, Lomita, Calif., a girl, Jean, on April 26.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Izumida a girl, Amy Kazumi, on April 27 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Kobata, Gardena, Calif., a girl, Barbara Lynne, on April 25.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Nakamura a boy, Gary Masami, on in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Bob Omai a girl on April 27 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kunio Eshima a boy on May 7 in Denver.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eiji Oshita a boy, Masayuki Kenneth, on April 27 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shig Doi, Richmond, Calif., a boy, Durand, on April 26.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Tamura, Payette, Idaho, a girl on May 7.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Henry Ono, Seaside, Calif., a girl, Barbara Anne, on April 24.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Esaki, Monterey, Calif., a boy, Francis William, on April 25.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tamotsu Matsumoto, San Diego, a girl on April 11.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Art Furuno a boy on April 2 in Detroit.

### DEATHS

Shigeto Ono in Walnut Grove, Calif.  
 Mrs. Tamaji Nagata on May 2 in Dinuba, Calif.  
 Joe Asahara in Denver, Colo.  
 Miyokichi Kumasaki, 71, on May 3 in Fresno, Calif.  
 George Gunji Matsui on April 29 in Tulare, Calif.  
 Kyujiro Uyeda, 69, on May 4 in Salt Lake City.  
 Katsukichi Masago, on May 4 in Los Angeles.  
 Senpei Fukazawa on May 4 in Santa Maria, Calif.  
 Kameji Komuro on May 7 in Los Angeles.  
 Mrs. Chie Nakasaki, 84, on May 7 in Los Angeles.  
 Morinobu Kiyabu on May 4 in Los Angeles.

### MARRIAGES

Toshi Hamasaki to Tadashi Kato on May 7 in San Mateo, Calif.  
 Fumi Matsumoto to Harold Takahashi on April 23 in San Leandro, Calif.  
 Lily Kakurai, Gardena, Calif., to Nobuo Watanabe, Coalinga, on April 22 in Dinuba, Calif.  
 Lillian Ishii to George Mukai on April 23 in New York City.  
 Mary Mariko Hatae to Raymond Kazuhiko Nomura on May 7 in Los Angeles.  
 Fumiko Kato to George Shoji Tsuchiyama on May 7 in Los Angeles.

### Nisei to Dance At Chicago Fete

CHICAGO—Haruko and Tomeko Uyeda and their dance students will represent Chicago's Japanese Americans at the third annual Chicago Blossomtime Festival this Saturday, May 13, at the Congress Street plaza in Grant park.  
 Chicago's festival is the greatest floral spectacle in the midwest. It will be staged among 3500 flowering crabapple, 1900 lilacs and 300 hawthorne trees which will be in full bloom along Grant park off the shores of Lake Michigan.  
 Sandiann Story, Queen Blossomtime III, will reign over the pageant, which is staged by the Chicago Park district.  
 Dancers representing Hungarian, Greek, Irish, Japanese, Spanish, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Scotch and Swedish nationalities will dance in native costume.  
 Nisei participants will include Mariko Ann Akiyama, Sadako Fujii, Christine Ito, Makiko Kato, Toyoko Kitahata, Kiyoko Nozawa and Beatrice Okubo, as well as the famed Uyeda sisters.  
 The festival is slated for full coverage by the press, radio, and TV, according to Ray C. Thompson, Park district director, and will challenge the colorful Washington cherry blossom festival.

### Akagi Is Feted At Dinner Meeting

DETROIT, Mich. — Richard Akagi, Midwest regional director of the JACL, was special guest of the Detroit chapter at a dinner meeting April 21 at the Hoe Hoe Inn.  
 Akagi gave a brief, informative talk on progress to date on the evacuation claims bill. He also outlined plans for the JACL national convention to be held this fall in Chicago.  
 The dinner meeting was held in place of the regular cabinet meeting to mark the conclusion of the chapter's successful membership drive. The losing team in the drive paid for the dinner.  
 Sud Kimoto, chairman of the membership campaign, announced that 155 persons are now members of the chapter.

### Chicago JACL Will Hold Bridge Classes At Ellis Center

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL's special activities committee this week announced the opening of beginner-intermediate bridge classes at the Ellis Community Center, 4430 E. Ellis Ave.  
 The classes will be open to all and a small fee will be charged to defer expenses. The classes are scheduled to meet on Wednesday evenings at 8 p. m. for eight weeks, beginning on May 17.  
 Dr. William Hiura will instruct. Further information is available at the Chicago JACL office, 189 W. Madison. The phone is FR 2-5762.

### State Senator Asks Thomas, Watkins for Walters Bill Action

Utah's senators were asked to push legislation for Issei citizenship last week by State Sen. Newell Knight (R., Salt Lake City).  
 In letters to Sens. Elbert D. Thomas (D.) and Arthur D. Watkins (R.), Sen. Knight said that no group gave as unselfishly of their sons and daughters in the late war as did the Issei.  
 He asked Utah's senators to help bring the Walter resolution for Issei naturalization to the Senate floor.  
 "No other minority race of people not citizens of the United States gave as unselfishly their sons and daughters in the late war for preservation of our freedom," Sen. Knight wrote.  
 "Casualties among Japanese (American) soldiers in their fearless defense of freedom was greater than those suffered by any like group in the last war. I believe it an injustice to the brave Japanese (American) soldier, whose blood is on the battlefields of the world in defense of American ideals to deprive his family and race the rights of American citizenship."  
 "I feel deeply regarding this proposal and the rights of people who have proved their integrity.  
 "I am sure the law of free agency, is a law of God, and we, in America, desirous of keeping this law should hold out a hand of fellowship, not hatred."

### Chicago Wedding

CHICAGO—Miss May Sakaizawa became the bride of Dr. Henry K. Hashioka at an impressive late afternoon wedding at the First Baptist church on April 2.  
 The Rev. Jitsui Morikawa officiated at the double ring ceremony.  
 The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Harry Hasagawa, matron of honor; and Mrs. Hideo Endo of Chicago and Mrs. Masaki Nakachi of Washington, bridesmaids.  
 Dr. Hashioka is a graduate of the University of California school of optometry. He is a former resident of San Francisco. His bride is a former Long Beach, resident.

### Youth Fair

SAN FRANCISCO—Scheduled to participate in a Youth Fair at Union Square May 10 to 12 were a number of Nisei from local organizations, including the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA.

### Seek Addresses

LOS ANGELES — The whereabouts of two former residents of Kumamoto-ken was requested by Tsuneto Miyamoto of 205 Ichinoura-machi, Omuta, Japan, according to a letter received by the JACL regional office. The two are Masamitsu Inouye and Saichi Higashi.

## Furuhashi Receives Trophy



Hironoshin Furuhashi, the "Flying Fish of Fujiyama," who has rewritten many of the world's middle-distance free-style swimming records, received the Helms Foundation (Los Angeles) trophy as the "most outstanding athlete in Asia in 1949" at a dinner in San Francisco last week. The presentation was made by W. R. Schroeder on behalf of the Helms Foundation.  
 —Photo by Kameo Kido.

## "Do You Know?" Anti-Nisei Discrimination Fought by JACL in 1930s

By ELMER R. SMITH

The 1934 National JACL Convention was held in San Francisco from August 31st thru September 3.

There are listed in the records of this Convention the names of 20 chapters officially represented. At this time there were 24 chapters as charter members of the National JACL, while three others were on the verge of being organized.

A number of important resolutions were passed at this meeting, but the most outstanding one from the point of view of general interest dealt with the condemning of communism and any other "ism" found to be against the basic principles of the government and way of life of the United States.

The organization of the national body was changed at this time. The changes consisted in the establishment of the National Council and the election of the National President by the Council. Up to this time the National President was considered to be the President of the local chapter sponsoring the national biennial JACL convention. The other national officers were chosen in the same manner.

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, pioneer in the Citizens' League movement and the forceful personality behind the Fresno American Loyalty League, was elected national president for the years 1934-36. Mr. Saburo Kido became executive secretary; Mr. John Maeno, assistant executive secretary, and Mr. Susumu Togasaki, national treasurer. All of these officers served without pay of any kind for their term of office.

The basic problem facing the JACL during the 1924-36 period was the consolidating of the various groups into a stronger unified body. This was to be done by the development of a strong and basic program through the use of a "work calendar." The activities, both on a national and local level, were to be centered in special lines

of activity, namely, political, social, and economic.

The development of JACL within 18 months was phenomenal. On April 1st, 1935, 33 chapters were listed for the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Texas, Arizona, Idaho and Utah. Some of these chapters were not chartered members of the National, but at least the idea of organizing for practical purposes was "catching on" among the Nisei throughout the country.

The period from late 1934 thru 1935 saw the introduction of a number of problems of extreme interest to the JACL. Persons of Japanese ancestry in the Salt River Valley of Arizona were warned to "move out or else," while other attacks on persons of Japanese ancestry came from the Committee of One Thousand in Southern California. The California State Legislature introduced a bill to absolutely prohibit Japanese from engaging in agriculture.

The local and National JACL groups led attacks against such discrimination and legislation. The California bill was defeated.

A movement was sponsored by the JACL to step up the elimination of dual citizenship status. At a meeting of the Northern California District Board held in Monterey in September 1934, a spokesman for the Issei urged the Nisei to pledge undying allegiance to the United States as the home of their birth and of their life. He also insisted that the Nisei should be recognized only as citizens of the United States.

Predetermination of citizenship in the United States for Nisei before they left for a visit to a foreign country was urged by the JACL. Many Nisei—by far the majority—upon returning to the U. S. found themselves unable to enter the U. S. because they had to prove their citizenship. This often took days and even weeks, and created much confusion, distrust and frustration on the part of all concerned. The problem of predetermination was carried as a basic project by the JACL into the 1936 national convention.

### Bazaar

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The Milwaukee JACL will sponsor a bazaar at the YWCA Sunday, May 21.  
 Colorful and attractive booths will feature Japanese food and games. Movies, dancing and entertainment are also on the program.  
 Mrs. Kay Nakagiri and Sat Nakahira will be co-chairmen.

### Attend P-TA Meet

ATWATER, Calif. — Mrs. Ben Nagai, president of the Mitchell-Union P-TA, and Mrs. Henry Maquire, vice president, were in Santa Cruz recently for the state P-TA convention.  
 More than 3,000 official delegates attended.  
 Thirteen persons represented the Merced county council.

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# Landscape Artist Helps Make Oriental Garden in Brooklyn

## Shigeo Wakamatsu Nominated by JACL Recognitions Group

CHICAGO, Ill.—The sixth nomination to be released by the National Recognitions Committee of the JACL is that of Shigeo Wakamatsu of Chicago.

The committee declared: "Shigeo Wakamatsu, a native of the state of Washington and graduate of the College of Puget Sound, is now working as a chemist for Lever Bros. Prior to the war, Wakamatsu was active in Northwest athletic and religious circles; chairman of the Tacoma sectional YPCC. At present, he is chairman of the National Membership Committee; Chicago's official delegate to the 1948 National Convention in Salt Lake City; for two years the treasurer of the Chicago JACL Credit Union; and was re-elected in 1950 as the president of the Chicago JACL chapter.

"Under his quiet and tactful leadership, the Chicago chapter now includes more than 1,000 members, the largest in JACL's history. The effectiveness of the JACL as an organization in the sprawling metropolis of Chicago can be attributed in great part to the respect with which Mr. Wakamatsu is held by both the Japanese and non-Japanese communities.

"Militant in social action and politically sophisticated, Mr. Wakamatsu is giving to the Chicago JACL chapter a type of leadership which works toward providing a significant basis of understanding among diverse elements of the community."

## West Coast JACL Group Backs Sakada

### Southwest Council Nominates Chuman for First Vice President

LOS ANGELES—The nominations for national JACL offices from the Pacific Southwest District Council were revealed this week by Hana Uno, chairman of the PSWDC Nominations Committee.

In a letter to Kiyoshi Okura, chairman of the National JACL Nominations Committee, Miss Uno announced that the PSWDC will support the nomination of the Midwest District Council, Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, for the position of national JACL president for the biennium 1950-1952.

Frank Chuman, national second vice president and past chairman of the PSWDC, was named to the position of first vice president. No recommendations were submitted for the second and third vice president positions. Mrs. Henry Sakemi of the Coachella Valley Chapter was nominated for the position of secretary, and Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, chairman of the PSWDC, was nominated to the office of national treasurer.

## Saucer-ites Enliven Initiation Rites of Sou. Alameda JACL

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — Two visiting dignitaries from "the land of flying saucers" enlivened festivities at the Southern Alameda County JACL's initiation of new members on April 29 at Hansen hall.

Kaz Shikano, initiation chairman, announced that two guest artists from saucer-land had been engaged as a special feature of the evening. His introduction was followed by the entrance of "Professor Kysky," Ky Kato, and "Professor Yuksky," Yutaka Handa, dressed in the latest fashion and carrying a matching bouquet of broccoli.

Sumi Kato, social chairman, and her committee served refreshments from a colorful buffet table. Bingo rounded out the evening.

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NEW YORK CITY—A cold, late spring has delayed the traditional May day opening of the Oriental garden in the Brooklyn botanic garden.

Frank Okamura, host and gardener, led a few hardy visitors through the soggy garden May 1 and apologized for the blossomless trees, the lack of paint in the new tea house, the missing stone lantern and the waterless falls.

Only a few impatient trees had defied the cold and bloomed in a white bower over the threshold. Most of the buds were still sealed fast against the wintry weather.

Okamura, who has been tending the garden for the past three years, assured his visitors, however, that the trees would begin to bud in another week. He was not so confident about replacing the stone lantern on an island in the lake.

"If I put it back," he said, "bad boys will come and push it in the lake. Those boys steal things and swing from the trees like Tarzan."

Some of the trees were attacked by borers and Okamura had to trim dead branches, marring their symbolic shape. He is happy about the healthy condition of other trees, however. Five varieties of Japanese red maple are thriving.

The lake contains golden carp, sunfish and turtles.

"And sometimes a duck flies down to rest here for a while," Okamura said. Squirrels eat all the juicy pears on the tree at the edge of the lake.

Okamura smiled at the thought of the pink and purple wisteria, magnolia, azalea, and crabapple blossoms that would soon line the path to the garden "heaven," highest point of the garden.

The road around the lake is marked by sheltered seats so that visitors will not sit on the rocks. "A rock here is not a sitting rock," he said, "but a living rock. If people sit on it, they spoil the art."

Okamura explained that the Oriental garden was "planted in Heaven." The lake symbolizes the earth, heaven is the high point of the landscape. Trees of all sizes and shapes represent human beings.

Meanwhile the late spring affected other festivities in the Brooklyn garden. The 1950 May queen coronation was held indoors instead of outside, as always, and May pole festivities were postponed for several days.

## Carroll Wax Band Will Play at JACL Council Dance

LOS ANGELES — Southland's dancing Nisei will be given one of "the most delightful musical treats in many a moon" at the Pacific Southwest District Council convention queen's ball with the music of Carroll Wax's orchestra, it was reported this week.

"We've auditioned several orchestras in the past several weeks," Natalie Mayeda, ball committee chairman, said, "and his style is what the Nisei have been looking for."

It was further disclosed that contracts have been signed, and the crowd witnessing the crowning of Miss Pacific Southwest at Santa Monica's Chase Hotel on Saturday, July 1, will find the prime rhythms of Carroll "wax polished."

Changes in queen contest deadlines were made this week for the chapters by announcing June 15 as the last day a candidate can be nominated.

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NEW YORK CITY—Four Nisei girls active in the current youth campaign for the Japan International Christian university foundation pause to rest in the famous Japanese garden at Brooklyn's botanic garden.

They are (l. to r.) Maud Yamasaki, Miyoko Okamura, Mie Mio and Reiko Okamura, the and Reiko are daughters of Frank Okamura, the

garden's caretaker.

The Japanese garden, started 36 years ago, is the most famous Oriental garden of its kind in the country. Flanking the bridge are the well-known Japanese maple trees. Double-blossom cherry trees can be seen in the background. —Photo courtesy of Japan International Christian University Soundation, Inc.

## Nisei Student Named Winner In Speechfest

CHICAGO — James Shikami, a senior student at Lake Forest High School, recently was one of two winners of a speech contest based on the subject, "World Peace in the Atom Age." The contest, sponsored and judged by Lake Forest members of the United World Federalists, took place in an assembly in the school gymnasium.

The two winners were chosen from eight finalists whose original speeches were judged previously by faculty members to be the best among those submitted by fifty senior contestants.

James Shikami is the only Nisei in the student body. He is the Boys League president and presided recently as master of ceremonies at a Father and Son Banquet held at the school. He was presented an award from the American Legion on May 10th as a model student leader. He was also president of the Junior Class as well as the manager of the basketball team that year. He has also been active on the school paper, "The Forest Scout."

He is originally from Santa Monica, California, by way of the Manzanar Relocation Center. His sister, Mrs. Mike Hori, is an active member of the Chicago JACL.

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## Bob Mukai Wins Nomination for Utah School Post

Bob Mukai was selected as one of the two finalists for the post of second vice president of the University of Utah student body at the presidential primaries last week.

Mukai, a resident of Ogden, received 771. His opponent at the final elections will be Henry Nygaard who received 1041 votes.

Mukai, a member of the varsity debate team, also has been a member of the wrestling team for the past two years.

## Named to Honor Group at College

CHICAGO—Dudley Yatabe, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Yatabe, was recently named to the Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honorary society. Dudley Yatabe, who is a music major at Northwestern University, is already becoming known in the campus circles as an exceptionally able composer and musician.

During the war years, Dudley toured through the Midwest with his father and worked to promote better relations between the incoming Japanese resettlers and the larger non-Japanese community.

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