



PRUDENTIAL DENIES DISCRIMINATION IN LONG BEACH HOME PURCHASE DEAL

(The Pacific Citizen received a letter two weeks ago, which has been replied upon receipt, concerning the Ensign Emoto loan application for her home near Long Beach. We publish both letters in this issue.—Editor.)

Correction

Editor: An article appeared in your newspaper, Pacific Citizen, on April 17 with reference to Prudential Insurance Company of America has just come to my attention. This article was absolutely incorrect so far as Prudential was concerned. We would appreciate correction published in your newspaper and sincerely hope that it will be presented in the same first-page, prominent feature-position that the original article occupied.

It was alleged in the article that the Prudential had discriminated against Ensign Atsuko Emoto, Assistant Military Personnel Officer with the United States Naval Station at Terminal Island, Long Beach, California, through denial of the right to purchase a home in a new subdivision northeast of

Long Beach in a tract called Carson Park. It was further reported that "the Terminal Island Naval Station officer was informed Prudential Life Insurance Board of Directors had reconsidered and has accepted to approve the purchase by insuring her loan."

The sole interest of the Prudential in the Carson Park tract is the financing of the houses through F. H. A. insured mortgages. We have no control of the sales other than to determine that the purchaser meet the credit standards established by the F. H. A. and our Company. We do not question the racial status of our borrowers.

When Ensign Emoto's loan application was presented to our Southern California Mortgage Loan Office it was immediately approved. We knew nothing about any difficulty over the sale of the property until the above-mentioned article was brought to our attention. We have hundreds of mortgage loans on our books to people of Japanese ancestry and our experience with them has been excellent.

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ISSEI WILLING TO MISS FAVORITE TV PROGRAMS FOR CITIZENSHIP STUDY

Los Angeles

Over 200 Issei are in attendance two nights a week at the Sixth Ave. School to study American citizenship. The class is under sponsorship of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter with Eiji Tanabe, certified by the city schools, as instructor and assisted by Mack Hamaguchi and Dick Fujioka.

Comments the chapter monthly Southwesterly:

"Seems we Nisei have a lot to learn from our parents, for it is said they give up seeing their favorite television programs to attend classes, and when they come home, they ask their children all kinds of questions about civics—things we have forgotten a long time ago.

"Maybe we should sponsor a 'brush-up' course for Nisei so they can answer the questions the Issei ask them."

OK measure to restore crosses at Punchbowl crater

Washington

The Senate Military Committee has recommended recently passage of a measure asking Congress to direct that crosses be restored at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Punchbowl Crater.

In one of the briefest committee reports issued this session, the committee stated it "most sympathetically concurs (with the resolution) and recommends that this resolution do pass."

The measure is House Joint Resolution No. 32 which has already passed the house.

The issue of the restoration of the white crosses at Punchbowl has been backed by many local and national organizations.

Delegate Joseph R. Farrington last month introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives the joint resolution calling on the Secretary of the Army to restore the crosses.

NAMPAN TOASTMASTER SPEAKS ON JACL TO OTHER TOASTMASTERS

Nampa, Idaho

Manabu Yamada, prominent Nampa and Boise Valley JACL chapter president, was the main speaker at the Canyon County Toastmasters Club meeting here recently. He is the only Nisei member of the club.

He spoke on the JACL, describing the League and its purposes.

Seabrook Farm Japanese community to celebrate 10th anniversary July 11

Seabrook

Marking the 10th anniversary of the arrival of the 1,000 Japanese living at Seabrook Farms and the honoring of the 148 new Issei citizens, a huge banquet is being planned for July 11 by the Seabrook JACL chapter.

According to Vernon Ichisaka, general chairman, the affair will boast notable speakers, including Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative. Highlight of the event will be the introduction of the new ci-

NO. CALIF. REGIONAL OFFICE TO BE MAINTAINED UNTIL END OF YEAR

San Mateo

The San Francisco JACL regional office will be continued until the end of this year as delegates from 22 of the 24 chapters in the Northern California-Western Nevada district council last Sunday voted to finance the \$2,400 necessary to maintain the office for the last three months of the year.

The action came after delegates at the second quarterly session of the council were reminded that the National JACL budget provided funds to operate regional offices until Sept. 30, 1953.

After that date, each district was to be responsible if they wished to maintain a regional office.

Delegates were unanimous to agree continuance of the San Francisco facilities, but decided a committee would decide methods of financing the project.

San Francisco will be the site of the next quarterly session, which coincides with the welcome banquet for National JACL headquarters.

Reports on various JACL legislative activities were given by Haruo Ishimaru, N.C. regional director, during the five-hour session in the city council chamber here.

Sab Kido, wartime National JACL president, as main speaker at the banquet in the evening gave his views on Japanese rearmament and democratic gains as he observed them during his recent trip to Japan.

Certificate of appreciation for faithful service was presented to Masuji Fujii, im-

mediate past NCWDC chairman, during the dinner. Trophies for the "Chapter of the Year" contest were given to (1st) Placer County, (2nd) Livingston-Merced, and (3rd) Sequoia by Jeff Branscom of Washington National Life Insurance Co., who donated the prizes.

SOCIAL WELFARE COMM. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE BILL

Sacramento

Repeal of the citizenship requirement for California old age security as proposed in Assemblyman Kilpatrick's AB 2059 was given an unanimous "do pass" recommendation by the Social Welfare committee of the State Assembly this week.

It is now in the Ways & Means committee, which will meet May 28, 3 p.m., (Room 4202, State Capitol), to act on the measure.

(Haruo Ishimaru, N.C. regional director, urges JACLers to write their assemblyman to act favorably on this measure, which provide old age assistance to otherwise qualified aliens residing continuously in the United States for 25 years.)

No. Calif. I & N office lauded for group procedure

San Francisco

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, and Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California regional director, met last week with the top officials of the Northern California District Office of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Bruce G. Barber, district director, and Harold J. Hart, chief of the Nationality and Status section.

Masaoka had high praises for the local Immigration and Naturalization Office for its expeditious group handling of naturalization procedures for Issei in this area. "Northern California is far ahead of the rest of the country, thanks to the interest and efficiency of the District Immigration and Naturalization Office," Ishimaru said.

Hart, in turn, spoke of the excellent cooperation and assistance rendered by the JACL in providing interpreters and clerical assistance in the mass processing of Issei petitioners. He remarked that he could not recall ever receiving such cooperation from any other organization.

Thus far, the District Office has given two group examinations to approximately 300 Issei graduates of naturalization classes, sponsored by the JACL under public school supervision, and has processed these Issei in groups to the point where they are ready to be sworn in soon, again as a group, as naturalized American citizens.

Mesa Jr. chamber picks Ikeda new president

Mesa, Ariz.

Tom Tsutomu Ikeda, past Arizona JACL chapter president and Bussei leader, was elected president of the Mesa Jr. Chamber of Commerce last week. He was first vice-president the past year.

Japanese organizations in Hawaii seek return of property 'given' to gov't

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

A reasonable solution for claims by Japanese organizations for the return of land and properties "given" to the government during World War II is being worked out through the Governor, the Legislature of Hawaii and Congress.

In one case, a Japanese language school is being permitted by the Territorial government to sue in court for repossession of property it needed to the government during the last war. The government, through action by the Legislature and with the Governor's approval, has waived immunity from suit and set aside the statute of limitations.

Whether the school authorities will now go to court to take advantage of this waiver remains to be seen.

The Legislature took a sweeping action, in another instance, by passing legislation asking Congress to direct the Governor and public lands commissioner to return to former owners all property conveyed

by them to the Territory and the various counties by way of gift during the last war.

The Governor reluctantly approved this measure but suggested another way out, which the Legislature promptly followed. This alternative would have Congress establish a commission to investigate and settle claims filed against the government.

Valuable lands and properties are involved in the outcome of this tangled state of affairs. The background dates to the nervous period, for Hawaii's Japanese, after Pearl Harbor when they were under great suspicion as actively or potentially dangerous residents of the islands.

Japanese schools, temples and other premises were transferred to government agencies and in some cases to private parties.

Lately, some of these Japanese organizations have come up with allegations that such transfers were improperly made or influenced, and that the premises should be returned to them.

The City's Board of Supervisors spent many weeks hearing arguments on an appeal by a Shinto temple for the return of its church property.

When the Legislature convened this spring, other Japanese groups besieged lawmakers for the return of their pre-war premises.

Since the transfers were made, however, changes have occurred in the condition and improvements on these premises, the organizations or groups involved, and the ownership of such premises.

Under Hawaii's land laws, no disposition of the lands involved can be made without the consent of Congress.

Therefore, as the latest move, the Legislature has adopted a resolution requesting Congress to pass a law providing for a commission to investigate and determine allegations by the Japanese groups, and, in its judgment, "make a proper conveyance thereof."

Heart fellowship

Salt Lake City

A former Los Angeles area resident was granted a \$3896 fellowship from the National Heart Institute recently.

Dr. Hiroshi "Hippo" Kuida, now an assistant medical resident was granted a \$3,896 local county hospital, was informed by the institute of health, division of research fellowship grants that he was the recipient of the award.

The Nisei doctor will report to Boston next year for research.

CASUALTIES

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Joseph K. Kamai, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kamai, 4887 Kamehameha Hwy., Honolulu. (Previously wounded and returned to duty.)

Mr. TSUGIO E. OHASHI, husband of Mrs. Hideko May Ohashi, Lihue, Hawaii.

Pfc. Ralph H. Kitagawa (USMC), son of Mrs. Otazu Kitagawa, Hilo, Hawaii.

New Issei citizens in Tex., Fla., Utah, N.Y., Calif., Neb.

Washington Newsletter

MIKE MASAOKA

Hawaiian statehood . . .

Last week, the legislative issue of Hawaii Statehood became a political football in the Senate when Democrats, with the support of a single Republican, decided to make it a purely partisan matter.

In a surprise move, the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee by a one-vote majority added Alaska to the House-approved Hawaiian Statehood Bill and ordered hearings on both. The voting was on a straight party line, with Nevada Republican Malone crossing over to give the Democrats the needed 8 to 7 margin.



MASAOKA

Sen. Malone is opposed to statehood for both Territories and his vote in Committee was probably the most effective method he could have used to either delay or defeat Hawaiian statehood this session.

Without regard to merits of the legislation and the accepted political fact of life that once Hawaii is admitted to Statehood it will be easier to gain that status of Alaska, the Democrats took the position that unless both Territories are given statehood neither should be accepted into the sisterhood of States.

Once again, it was the old issue of party control and party credit, for traditionally Hawaii has been Republican while Alaska, except for the last election, has tended to be Democratic.

Although acting chairman Cordon of Oregon promised to hold hearings as soon as possible, the latest Committee action has upset Majority Leader Taft's timetable which called for Senate consideration of Statehood for the deserv-ing Territory of Hawaii after the present debate on economic controls is completed.

In this particular case, the so-called "liberal" and northern wing of the Democratic Party is playing right into hands of the Southern Dixiecrat bloc, for without question the real core of opposition to Statehood comes from the "deep" South.

Able aggressive, young Sen. Smathers of Florida who successfully floor-managed the defeat of the Alaska bill, which also resulted in killing Hawaiian Statehood, in the last Congress, has been selected by the Southern Democrats to spearhead the "fight" against the extension of status to Hawaii.

With Southerners in charge, the still unspoken threat of a "filibuster" hangs heavy over the legislation should it be scheduled for debate this year. Dixiecrat opponents of Statehood say that they haven't the remotest idea of conducting a gabfest.

But they will admit that they are going to make a "determined fight" against the Bill.

Where a "determined fight" stops and a "filibuster" starts has long been a moot question in the Senate. Democratic liberals, for example, fought the "tidelands" bill for nearly five weeks and still won't admit it was a "filibuster" to this day. Now, by common report according to Capitol Hill observers, it's the South's turn—not to "filibuster" but to talk at some length.

From a purely strategic standpoint, conditions are seldom more favorable to

this familiar delaying tactic. Hot weather is coming on; the first of the "must" appropriations bills is beginning to reach the Senate floor; and leadership nerves are pretty frayed by one prolonged "talkathon."

Under ordinary circumstances, opponents would only have to make a gesture towards delay and Hawaiian Statehood would be pushed aside to make way for blockaded money bills.

This time, they face a new President who is trying to make good on his campaign pledges and an experienced and determined floor leader in Sen. Taft. So, the best strategy calls for keeping the measure bottled up in committee as long as possible and tying to it Alaska, for there are many who favor statehood for the Islands who feel that the Northern territory is not yet ready for such favored treatment.

In this way, it is planned that those who like Hawaii but dislike Alaska will vote against the bill in order to keep Alaska out.

This is an elementary but highly effective political maneuver which has succeeded too often in the past.

This time too, Southern opponents of Statehood can ill afford to start a "filibuster" they can't finish. If they waged and lost a "talkathon" against Hawaiian Statehood, their power to block civil rights legislation, which is the basis for their opposition to Statehood, would be forever in question, if not retrograde.

If this happens, the Dixiecrat minority which has been the "balance of power" in Congress for the past quarter of a century will have lost its tremendous influence and prestige.

Thus, there is much at stake in the coming legislative "fight" over Hawaiian Statehood.

Though prospects are not nearly as bright as they were six weeks ago, GOP leadership both in the White House and in the Senate can and must schedule Hawaiian Statehood for consideration and passage this session.

And those Democrats who truly believe in the elimination of "discrimination practices against individuals as well as political subdivisions can and must join with the Republicans in this "fight" for equality of status and opportunity.

And, if a "filibuster" is staged, round-the-clock sessions should be held and the opponents of statehood and all civil rights legislation defeated by attrition if necessary. The Republicans must demonstrate that it can break a "filibuster" otherwise its entire legislation program will remain in jeopardy.

Hawaii may yet be our 49th State in '53.

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Pioneer woman first in Rio Grande valley

San Benito, Tex. Mrs. Namyo Bessho is the first Issei of the Rio Grande valley of Texas to receive her American citizenship in a colorful ceremony at the San Benito High School auditorium May 14 in conjunction with citizenship and government classes at the school.

She was among 52 sworn in as citizens by Federal Judge James V. Allred. District Attorney Charles Bowie, addressing high school students who witnessed the proceedings, said:

"I am happy that these ceremonies are being performed in a public school because one of the most important subjects taught by our schools is citizenship."

Through efforts of her daughter, Miss Indiana Bessho, who is serving at the U.S. Immigration office at Brownsville, where they have made their home for the past 17 years, petition for naturalization was filed the day the Walter-McCarran law went into effect.

Her late husband was a naturalized American citizen by virtue of 30 years service in the U.S. Navy, where he served as chief steward under three presidential flagships before being retired with a pension.

Besides her daughter Mrs. Bessho has two sons; the oldest, Asa, a veteran of four years service in Germany, now a postal clerk at Atlanta, Ga., for 15 years; and youngest son, Louis, married to a German warbride, living in New York. Louis, an ETO veteran, has reenlisted and is now a master sergeant in Korea.

Mrs. Bessho came to the United States in 1893 as one of the Miyako dancing girls who played an engagement at the Chicago World's Fair. Before the troupe returned to Japan, she had married.

New York judge swears in Wall Street clerk

New York Thomas Torazo Nishio, 54, became an American citizen last week. U. S. immigration officials believe he is the first person born in Japan to gain citizenship in the New York area without a special act of Congress in almost 100 years.

Nishio, a clerk in Wall Street, was one of 290 persons from 32 countries to take the oath before Federal Judge Clarence G. Galsston in Brooklyn. Said Nishio, "It's wonderful to become an American citizen."

Two Salt Lakers feted by Elks, DAR at rites

Salt Lake City First persons of Japanese ancestry to become naturalized Americans in the state of Utah were among 59 sworn in by Judge David T. Lewis here May 14. In his remarks, the judge noted that for the first time persons of Japanese ancestry could become citizens and said he was happy now that this was possible.

Sworn in were Masuo Namba, formerly of Portland and proprietor of Temple Pharmacy here, and Mrs. Miwako Kaneko.

Namba, who has been in the States for 47 years, was past instructor of the Issei citizenship class just concluded under auspices of the Salt Lake City JACL and Adult Education division of the Salt Lake City Schools.

Mrs. Kaneko, who came to America in 1907, is the mother of Susie Kaneko, local chapter corresponding secretary.

Namba's son Alfred H., has been in the Army for a year and is now in Korea.

It is recalled that several years ago, Namba was able to get a pharmacist's license upon the basis of his being able to file first papers with the JACL assisting him. The state of Utah requires first papers or American citizenship for such license.

The DAR here presented each new citizen with a book on the American Flag and the Elks gave each a silk American flag.

First Buddhist priest naturalized; happy day for him and Democrats

Honolulu It was a memorable day for 72-year-old Rev. Houn Tamayose and the Democrats recently.

In a matter of a few hours,



Mrs. Tetsu Yamada of Sacramento was believed the first Issei woman to be sworn in as a citizen in California on Feb. 26. — Ginji Mizutani Photo.

Los Angeles couple called for 'swear-in'

Los Angeles The Rev. Dr. John Misao Yamazaki, 68, and his wife Mary Tsune were to be called this morning to be sworn in as citizens—the first husband-wife Japanese couple to be naturalized in California.

The Episcopalian general missionary of St. Mary's church came to the United States in 1904 from Nagano prefecture. They are parents of the John, vicar of St. Mary's; Dr. James N., Peter T., and Louise H.

Warbride, two Miami Issei naturalized

Miami, Fla. Two South Florida Issei and a Japanese war bride were among a record number of 442 new citizens naturalized this past week in the Federal Court here. Naturalized May 12 were: Shichinosuke Iwama, 67, of 1871 SW Seventh St., a merchant, came to the United States in October, 1907.

Mrs. Toyo Ohi 59, of 2446 NW 30th St., a widow, entered this country in September, 1914. She is the mother of three children, Louise, 35, Florence, 33, and Eddie, 31, all living in Miami Springs.

Mrs. Sachiko Medlin, a Japanese warbride of an Ashville, N. C., resident, has been in the States since April, 1948.

Joseph Savoretti, district director of immigration and naturalization, said the previous high was 432 in 1942. Forty-one nationalities were represented.

Three give allegiance in Nebraska ceremony

Scottsbluff, Neb. Three Scottsbluff county Issei residents became American citizens during naturalization proceedings in district court May 5.

Judge C. G. Perry administered the oath of allegiance to Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano, Mrs. Ivy Kano and Tatsuno Ito.

Citizenship teachers

Los Angeles With over 100 Issei responding to the East Los Angeles JACL sponsored citizenship classes at Roosevelt Evening High School on Wednesday and Friday nights Joe Wakamatsu was engaged to teach the second section.

Only 50 could be accommodated in the first section taught by Mrs. Toshiko N. Rowe.

here's what happened to Rev. Tamayose, who was born in Japan in 1881 and has lived in Hawaii for 33 years.

He became a U. S. citizen, goal he has sought for over three decades. (He was naturalized with 38 other Issei on Apr. 30.)

He became the first Buddhist priest to win citizenship under the new immigration and naturalization act.

He was escorted by his in-law, Rep. Toshiharu Yamada (D., Kauai) to the House of Representatives where he watched the House unanimously pass a resolution, congratulating him and wish him continued "success and happiness in the days ahead."

Finally, he heard Rep. Yamada inform the House that he was going to take his father-in-law and register him as a Democrat.

Rev. Tamayose arrived in Hawaii in 1920. He was made bishop of the Hawaii High School Hongwanji Mission in 1940 in recognition of his long service as a Buddhist priest.

When the new immigration laws enabled him to apply for American citizenship, he filed his papers.

148 Seabrook Issei pass citizenship exam, oaths next

Seabrook One hundred and forty-eight Issei successfully completed naturalization examinations over a five-day period recently at Seabrook Farms.

The examinations climaxed three months of intensified learning at citizenship classes conducted by the Shoemaker Post No. 95 of the American Legion of Bridgeton under the sponsorship of the Seabrook JACL. Charles Nagao served as naturalization committee chairman.

Headed by Chief Examiner Thomas J. McKegney of the Philadelphia I & N office, five attaches of the office gave the tests, assisted by a large staff from the County Clerk's office and numerous individuals who served as witnesses, interpreters and typists.

The group will have the oath of allegiance administered to them by Federal Judge David L. Horowitz of Bridgeton before a special court to be held June 29 at the Farms.

Applicants filed their first papers in 1947, while the following year the Seabrook Chapter had the distinction of being the first to organize night citizenship classes in conjunction with the American Legion. —By AYAKO N. NAKAMURA, Seabrook JACL

Exams readied for Berkeley Issei

Berkeley During the last week of June 145 of the 181 graduates of the local Issei citizenship class will take written examinations for naturalization, it was announced by the Berkeley JACL chapter this week.

A staff of interpreters and typists will be recruited to help the Naturalization Service with the examinations and the interviews. An Issei Citizenship Committee was named composed of:

Yukio Kawamoto, Masuji Murayama, Tsukasa Matsuda and Morio Nishita.

Among the many typists who helped to fill out the naturalization applications were:

Bess Yasukochi, Alice Hirao, Ku Shimazaki, June Ikeda, Toppata, Riye Kuschida, Michie Toppata, Riye Kuschida, Seda, Hime Tsuchida, Seda, Mary Kambara and Martha Tsuchida.

Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Shimanouchi-san . . .

Henry Toshio Shimanouchi is now in London handling public relations for the Crown Prince. It was his voice TV listeners at the West Coast heard when the Japanese peace conference in San Francisco was televised several years ago. He read the English translation of Premier Yoshida's speech after the signing of the document.)

Hank, as he is known among his intimate friends, originally is from Fresno and later joined the Los Angeles newspaper, the Rafu Nichibei. He came to Japan to first work for the International Cultural Society in Tokyo before becoming a newspaperman on the old Japan Advertiser. His success in government circles came when he entered the information bureau of the Foreign Office.

His interpreting abilities were only recognized officially when he served as interpreter for the Japanese government at the International War Crimes trials, where his knowledge of both English and Japanese benefitted both defense and prosecution counsels. At every important international conference, Hank has been there.

However, his mission as a public relations officer for the Crown Prince's entourage in London is something very important for his career because he can use his journalistic knowledge to full capacity.

Prior to the Crown Prince's departure from Tokyo, Hank was in conference with His Highness.

"The Crown Prince really has his own mind and he knows what he is talking about. Through my various contacts, I was really convinced of his determined character although he says very little.

"I read of him in Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining's book where he wanted to give him an English name—Jimmy. He refuses his name because he is Prince. That explains everything," Hank remarked.

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I recall an incident when Gen. Tojo's remarks were being interpreted by a Nisei during the war crimes trial. The Nisei interpreter said the general reported secretly to the Emperor. Tojo roared and denied what was interpreted.

Hank was there and he properly presented his remarks as "Gen. Tojo informally reported to the Emperor as was the custom." Everyone, thus, was satisfied.

It was the custom in Japan to report to the Emperor informally any decision which could subsequently be made formally by the Cabinet. This informal report was known as "maiso," but the Nisei army interpreter said it meant "secretly reported." The American prosecution intended to nail Gen. Tojo for such secrecy.

Hank ironed out the situation very diplomatically — without embarrassment to anyone. Yes, Hank is all right.

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One Arthur Hashimoto, a 35-year-old Nisei, was arrested by Yokohama customs on suspicion of smuggling recently. He had 95 women's wrist watches and gold bands strapped to his legs underneath his trousers. He was caught disembarking from a British liner. News items, such as this, are widely circulated. Since the

'53 graduates to be nominated for Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship

Salt Lake City

Nominations are now being received for candidates for the 1953 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, it was announced this week by National Headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League which is acting as administrator of the scholarship at the request of Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, mother of the war hero and scholarship donor.

The memorial scholarship worth \$200 is open to any Nisei high school graduate of this year who is planning to attend college this fall. Candidates must be nominated by a JAACL chapter in good standing.

Final date for nominations will be June 30. Nominees will be sent special application forms upon receipt of their nomination. All communications should be addressed to the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, c/o Mas Satow, JAACL National Headquarters, 413 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

As in years passed a panel of judges from the faculty of the Univ. of Utah will select the recipient of the award.

The scholarship was established in 1946 by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka in memory of her son Pvt. Ben Frank, one of five sons who served in World War II. Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka was with the 442nd RCT and was killed in action during the rescue of the lost Texas battalion in the Vosges Mountains of France.

Winner of the scholarship last year was Curt Sugiyama of Detroit, Michigan. Other recipients of the scholarship have been:

1946 Harry Abe, New York, and Toshiaki Mimura, Chicago;
1947 Kaz Oshiki, Lincoln, Neb.;
1948 Joseph Tanaka, St. Louis;
1949 Gracia Taketa, Washington, D.C.;
1950 Ken Tokiyama, Los Angeles;
1951 Cherry Tsutsumida, Glendale, Ariz.

CAPSULES

Chicago's Sangha chapter is hosting the eighth annual Eastern Young Buddhist League convention May 29-31 at the Chicago Buddhist Church. George Morisato is convention chairman. Dr. Kermit Eby, Univ. of Chicago professor of social science, is main banquet speaker.

A typically Japanese float will be entered by the Japanese community in their Hamilton (Ont.) Coronation Day celebration June 2.

Dr. Tom Miya is now teaching at Univ. of Indiana's medical school. He received his medical degree at Indiana. He is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Katsunosuke Miya of Hanford, Calif.

Thomas Nakagawa, former Detroit JAACLer, is now a member of the Chicago chapter. He is a Methodist divinity student at Garrett Bible Institute, Evanston.

Mezzo-soprano Aiko Saito, who joined the Fujiwara Opera Co. in Japan and gained fame singing the lead in "Carmen," hopes to make a tour of Canada and the United States this August.

Yoshiro Kobayashi, 29, of Tokyo, who won a trip to Canada by submitting the winning essay in a Japanese contest, "Why I'd Like to Go to Canada," arrived in Vancouver last week.

Mrs. Chiz Momii is the new president of the Cathay Post American Legion Auxiliary, Denver, succeeding Rose Bashore.

Japanese rice-farmers amazed at large scale operations on Koda rice ranch

Merced

In their Japanese homeland, rice-farmers Mitsuru Fujita, Chobei Kubo and Takeshi Kumakura are big-time operators. They own farms ranging in size from four to six acres.

Imagine how they felt here recently when they visited the Koda rice ranch near Dos Palos in Merced County. The Kodas' holdings total 4,000 acres.

The vast rice lands drew adjectives such as "unbelievable" and "wonderful" from the visitors.

But the Japanese visitors could make one boast of their

end of occupation, a Nisei in bad light commands reams of poor publicity. During the occupation period when there were blackmarket deals and major crimes committed by Nisei, the press refrained. There was only the whispering campaign.

Today, such a Nisei is openly denounced. But the contempt of the Japanese press for the Nisei in general goes another step.

A Nisei is not credited when he does good!

own. While the Kodas average 38 sacks of rice per acre, the visitors, on their farms in Japan, average 45 sacks.

The young Japanese farmers explain:

"We have much smaller checks and better control of water. Our farms are small, and we can watch everything more closely."

The visitors watched with interest the use of heavy machinery including airplanes on the Koda ranch.

But, they agreed, only a small motor-powered garden plow which caught their attention would be practical on their own small holdings.

The three are among a group of 43 young Japanese farmers touring the United States and studying agricultural practices under grants from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Farming is not occupying all their time and interest.

"We also are studying the way you live and how your democratic government works," says Fujita. "We hope democracy will become the destiny of Japan."

Nebraskan dies in auto accident

Scottsbluff, Neb.

A 30-year-old Henry (Neb.) Nisei has become Nebraska's 69th traffic fatality of the year.

Lloyd Hatano was fatally injured May 10 in a four-car crash on Hwy. 26 two miles west of here.

He was a passenger in a car, apparently driven by Tom Morimoto, 27, of Mitchell, Neb. A pick up truck driven by Jack Sell, 37, of Scottsbluff, a car driven by Arthur Chavez, 26, of Gering, and a car driven by Robert L. Ulrich, 23, of Gering, were also involved.

The Morimoto car and the Sell truck collided almost head-on.

Both cars were demolished. Four persons were hospitalized with injuries from the accident. Hayano died at a hospital about eight hours later.

Whereabouts

Los Angeles

Whereabouts of the closest relatives of two deceased evacuation claimants were being sought by the JAACL Regional Office here.

Peter Masao Kanno, who died in early 1951 formerly resided at 105 So. Matthews in Los Angeles. Toranosuke Tomokazu, who formerly resided at 1646 Carnegie Lane, Redondo Beach, died at the Rancho Los Amigos on Jan. 5, 1950, and was known to have friends at Yashiro, Okiure-mura, Oshima-gun, Yamaguchi-ken Japan.

IN HONOR OF

James Tanioka of Merced county won the State Farmers Award—high honor available in the state Future Farmers of America program.

Two Nisei Boy Scouts of Vancouver, B. C., Ted and Jackson Hirota of the 4th Richmond Troop, were awarded the grade of Queen's Scout, highest scouting achievement honor in Canada.

Mrs. Katie Misaka, 945 Jefferson St., Salt Lake City, was among 53 chosen as members of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic society at the Univ. of Utah.

TURLOCK FARMER WINS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION AS WRITE-IN CANDIDATE

Turlock

Seio Masuda of the Cortez JAACL, prominent farmer here and member of many local organizations, was a successful write-in candidate recently over incumbent Allen Broberg, chairman of the Ballico Farm Bureau, for the Ballico Elementary School board.

San Franciscans plan June 7 community picnic

San Francisco

The annual joint community picnic of the N. C. Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the local Nichibeikai will be held at Sigmund Stern Grove, on Sunday, June 7.

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Mutual aid society . . .
When Chicago had a mere handful of Japanese residents in the early 30s, the Japanese Mutual Aid Society was founded in 1934 to aid the sick and needy, comfort the dying and bury the dead. The society often times attended to the last rites of Japanese who were penniless, without survivors or kin.

It has provided the only mausoleum to receive the remains of persons of Japanese descent. It was built in 1937 at Montrose Cemetery. The society is today aware of the need of greater mausoleum space and has initiated last week a fund drive to construct two wings. Their goal is \$5,000. (The first day's return was reported at \$500.)

While the activity was primarily Issei in the beginning, in recent years it has attracted increasing Nisei support. Serving on the 40-man board are: Dr. Randolph Sakada, Tom Masuda, Noboru Honda, Harry Mayeda, George Teraoka and Richard Yamada.

Last year, Mutual Aid arranged funerals for eight Issei who were without relatives. They handled 18 cremations, made hospital visits of Issei, claimed bodies of Issei who passed away on streets from the county morgue or made identifications and notified kin of deceased outside of Chicago where possible.

To help meet this need, Mid-westerners can forward their contribution to Mutual Aid Society, c/o Taisuke Takahashi, 1252 N. Clark St., Chicago 10.

Around Chicago . . .
Japanese photography is being exhibited in the Randolph St. corridor of Chicago public library during the month of May . . . The Japanese cherry tree in the courtyard of Mrs. Richard W. Kritzer, 1355 Astor St., burst into bloom May 13. It is more than 40 years old, about 42 feet tall and 50 feet wide . . . Lakers will have a May 30 outing at Wicker Park, Highland, Ind. . . Un Carnet de Bal, Eastern Young Buddhist League convention dance, will be held in the Crystal Ballroom, Hotel del Prado, May 30, 9 p.m. Semi-formal dress is optional . . . The Chicago Sun-Times photo May 16 showed two-year-old Alan Sakata 104 W. Oak, with a bandaged thump giving Armed Forces Day marchers a "thumb up" salute from a State St. curb . . .

Personals . . .
Takeshi Hayashida, 3603 S. Ellis, recently received his M.D. degree from the Univ. of Illinois . . . Mrs. Tachiro Goya, 6351 S. Ingleside, was installed treasurer of the Wadsworth PTA . . . Bridal shower: Aiko Suzuki by the Silhouettes at Ets Mizukami's; Grace Doi at Chiz Haruta's recently . . . Petite Takayo Tsubouchi, 4453 S. Ellis, Chicago's talented and numerous beauty contest winner, now a sophomore at Rollins College (Fla.) will marry Dean Doran of Milton & Matapossett, Mass., June 6 at Winter Park, Fla. . . Aiko Suzuki and Yosh Amino tie the nuptial knot May 31 . . . Several Debonaires went to New York for vacation . . . Sue Yokoyama of Seabrook vacationed here a few weeks ago . . . Pvt. Gordon Kihatsu and Mits Murakami are back home on furlough from Korea . . . Mrs. Sam Morishita was present at the Jolene's meeting for the first time in 18 months. She made her temporary home in Texas where her husband was stationed . . . Friends are happy to hear Mrs. Noboru Honda is making good recovery from a recent operation at the American hospital.



Southern New Jersey JACLers join George Inagaki (third from left), National JACL president, in congratulating John Fuyuumu, new Seabrook chapter president. Judge Dave L. Horuvitz (left) administered the oath of office. Mike Masaoka (right) who accompanied Inagaki on his recent East Coast tour, was main speaker for the occasion. —Joe Ogata Photo.

Impressive rites install new Seabrook JACL cabinet headed by J. Fuyuumu

Seabrook, N.J.
John Fuyuumu heads the new Seabrook JACL cabinet starting this month. The impressive installation banquet held recently at Richard's Farm was an inspiration to those present.

The chapter was especially honored in having George Inagaki, National JACL president, participate in the installation. Mike Masaoka was the main speaker. Earl Wescoat, Cumberland county clerk, who extended greetings to the national officers and congratulations to the new cabinet, complimented the JACLers here for their community services in the past.

Judge David L. Horuvitz installed the following officers:

John Fuyuumu, pres.; Kats Nishimoto, 1st v. p.; Gloria Aoki, 2nd v. p.; Marion Glaeser, del.; Hank Furushima and Morio Shimomura, alt. del.; Richard Nishimura, treas.; Helen Kobayashi, rec. sec.; Sue Yokoyama, cor. sec.; Fusaye Kazaoka, hist.; Harold Emerson, Albert Ikeda, Josie Ikeda, Kay Noda, Kats Shiba, bd. of govs.; Harry Hada, Y. Hosoda, S. Nakashima, "Mayor" Sasaki, T. Yokoyama, spl. reps.; James Mitsui, ex-officio.

Also attending were Tets

Berkeley CL membership to enroll Issei next

Berkeley
Membership mark here has hit 210 and will soon exceed the entire 1952 East Bay roster of 239 it was revealed by Berkeley JACL membership chairman Bill Fujita last week.

A special drive to enroll Issei will be conducted in late June to swell the membership count. Decision was made to substitute this drive and a benefit Japanese movie for the usual ADC fund campaign.

Masuji Fujii will head the drive with the assistance of: Calvin Sakamoto, Tad Nakamura, Ted Hirota, Albert Kosakura and George Yasukochi.

Sonoma CL to honor first Issei citizenship group

Santa Rosa
The Sonoma County JACL chapter honors its first Issei citizenship class graduates May 26 at Green Mill Inn, Cotati.

Diplomas will be given to 70 by Principal E. McKinley of Analy Evening High School. Classes were held at Enmanji Buddhist church under joint sponsorship of the chapter and evening division. Henry Shimizu was instructor.

Haruo Ishimaru, N.C. regional director, will be main speaker at the dinner. Sam Miyano is general chairman. George Hamamoto will be toastmaster.

Iwasaki, past EDC chairman, and Mrs. Grace Uyehara, EDC pub. dir.

Charles Nagao, election committee chairman, presented the new cabinet members for the judge. On the same committee were:

Ruth Toyama, George Sakamoto, Clara Yokoyama and Vernon Ichisaka.

Jack Keffe, Seabrook community program council chairman and an active JACLer here, was toastmaster. On the planning committee were:

James Mitsui, George Sakamoto, Mary Nagao, "Mayor" Sasaki and Edward Hosoda.

William Wakatsuki, well-known baritone of this area, sang several vocal numbers with the new president Fuyuumu accompanying him at the piano.

CHAPTER GUNNING FOR HALF OF CITY'S TOTAL COUNT OF NISEI VOTERS

Berkeley
There are more than 560 registered Nisei voters in Berkeley, and the Berkeley JACL chapter is in the midst of signing up 300 of them. Last year, the chapter was a part of the Eastbay JACL, now divided three ways, with 239 members.

CHAPTER MEMO

East Los Angeles JACL: with an eye to top last year's goal of \$105, the chapter's box lunch social tomorrow will start by 7 p.m. at International Institute. Square dancing in the open-air patio will follow . . . The chapter picnic has been scheduled for July 19 at Streamland Park. Hollywood and Southwest Los Angeles chapters are being invited.

Berkeley JACL: The board last week approved chapter membership in the ACLU and California Federation for Civic Unity. A chapter observer will continue to attend the local committee for United Nations.

Chicago JACL: Nearly 100 attended the May 2 square dance social at the Olivet Institute to learn the intricate steps. Yukio Ozima chaired with Martin Schuler calling. The Waseda University volleyball team attended as special guests.

Southwest Los Angeles JACL: Barbara Hirano was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mae Nishida (now Mrs. Mas Inouye) who resigned last month as corresponding secretary.

IDC sets farewell party for Nat' CL

Salt Lake City
George Inagaki, national JACL president, is planning to attend the National JACL "sobetsukai" dinner-dance on Friday, May 29 at Fred and Joe's Cafe on Redwood Road.

Sab Kido, wartime JACL president, will be main speaker. JACL-IDC chairman Eke Inouye, Shelley, Idaho, will be master of ceremonies. Joe Saito of the Snake River chapter will represent the IDC.

A business meeting will be held in the afternoon with representatives from eight chapters in Utah, Idaho and Oregon attending. For the first time the IDC will meet at the Governors board room at the State Capitol from 1 to 4 p.m.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. The informal dinner-dance will be highlighted at intermission with a talent program in the charge of George Mochizuki.

Early reservation is urged by committee members for the steak dinner and dancing. Tickets are now on sale for \$3.00 per person.

Downtown Clers to hear mnemonics expert May 28

Los Angeles
Mnemonics will be the entertaining subject of the regular Downtown Los Angeles JACL monthly luncheon, final pre-summer meeting, next Thursday noon, May 28, at Taix French Resaturant, 321 E. Commercial St.

The famous "Master of Memory" David M. Roth, celebrated entertainer, lecturer and author, will perform amazing feats of memory, according to attorney David Yokozeki, program chairman.

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Reconverted lifeboat starts long 25,000-mile Yokohama-New York trip

Yokohama
A reconverted lifeboat christened as "Chico" is on the high seas enroute from Yokohama to New York via the Mediterranean Sea. An ex-Army employee and his Japanese wife sailed from here May 16 on an adventurous 25,000-mile voyage.

William Eng, 42-year-old American of Chinese ancestry, amidst cheers of well-wishers and his wife Keiko departed on their 9½-ton yacht Chico. The former U. S. Security Forces civilian photographer hopes to complete the long journey in two years.

The Engs plan to stop at Okinawa, Formosa, Manila and Singapore before crossing the Indian ocean to the Suez Canal where they will enter the Mediterranean Sea.

Altogether they plan to visit more than 30 ports in 12 countries.

Swear-in transcript

Los Angeles
A 28-page transcript of the naturalization proceedings held Apr. 9 in the court of U. S. Judge Ernest A. Tolin has been acknowledged by the So. Calif. JACL regional office this week. On that day, the first five Issei in Southern California were made U. S. citizens.

The two-masted Chico measuring only 30 feet long and 10 feet wide, is powered by a 10-horse power auxiliary engine. Mr. and Mrs. Eng, married six years, left their 18-month-old daughter with Mrs. Eng's mother in Japan, promising to return for the child by the time she is four.

Poison spray on berries charged

San Jose
Toshio Kitajima, Oakland Highway strawberry grower, was arraigned in Municipal Court last week on a charge of spraying his berry plants with poisonous materials without obtaining a permit.

Kitajima pleaded not guilty and asked for a jury trial. Judge Percy O'Connor set Aug. 20 for the trial. The farmer is free under \$200 bail.

State Agricultural Inspector William Gorsuch accused Kitajima of using the sprays without a permit in a berry patch at Oakland Highway and Fox Ave., last Apr. 21. Gorsuch explained that permits must be obtained from the County Agricultural Commissioner before such sprays are used.

CAFE PROPRIETRESS FINDS 'LUCKY DOLLAR' WORTH FIFTY BUCKS

Seattle
A native Seattleite, Mrs. Roy M. Higashi, mother of a 5-year-old boy, says she doesn't know how to spend her prize she won for turning in her lucky dollar to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, which conducts a daily feature of announcing serial numbers of new bills worth \$50.

She got the Lucky Dollar last week from a customer in the cafe she and her husband operate. Customer bought a pack of cigarettes, handed her a dollar bill and she was \$50 richer.

Artist Kuniyoshi succumbs at 59, sought citizenship

New York
Yasuo Kuniyoshi, 59, one of the leading artists in the country, died May 14.

During his career the Okayama-born painter had won many awards of the nation's top awards. His works hang in galleries across the country.

(The Pacific Citizen learned this week that Kuniyoshi was very much interested in obtaining United States citizenship. He and his wife, the former Sara Mazo, often called on Attorney Tom T. Hayashi, National First vice-president, on the progress of the Walter-McCarran bill. When it became possible for him to file his petition, he was much too sick. He was planning to submit his petition for naturalization when his death occurred.)

He came to the United States in 1906 as a boy, and worked as bellhop, fruit picker and railyard sweeper in Seattle and Spokane, Wash., to pay for his first art lessons.

In 1948, he became the first living painter in the United States to have a one-man show at the Whitney Museum of American Art. Last year, he was one of four top artists chosen to represent Americans at the 26th biennial exhibit at Venice.

He had received awards of art institutes and academies in Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York and Chicago, top honors in the American section at the Golden Gate Exposition in 1939, and first prize of the Carnegie Institute in 1944, among others.

In World War II, although listed as an enemy alien, Kuniyoshi painted posters for the U. S. Office of War Information, and delivered propaganda speeches to Japan. He wrote them in English, and they had to be translated into Japanese, because he had forgotten his native tongue.

Berkeley community picnic set June 21

Berkeley
"Welcome to the New Post-war Berkeleyans" is the theme of the community picnic here June 21 at Camp Padre in Tilden Park. The Berkeley Issei Coordinating Council is cooperating with the local JACL chapter.

The theme was motivated by the census figures which show 3,000 persons of Japanese ancestry residing here, more than double the 1940 population.

New pharmacists

Sacramento
Two Los Angeles Nisei were among the successful applicants for pharmacist licenses, it was announced last week by the California State board of pharmacy. They are:

Tomio Miyawaki, 3434 11th Ave., and Ellis Tetsuya Okano, 2074 Jefferson Blvd., both of Los Angeles.

• The San Lorenzo Holiness church will soon construct a new \$11,600 addition—a banquet hall to seat 150 people that could be converted into seven classrooms by use of portable partitions.

Seattle's Jackson St. community topic for State Department documentary film

Seattle
Story of how the Jackson St. district, with its polyglot population, learned to make the ideal of brotherhood work will be broadcast to the world by the United States Department of State.





A documentary film of the history and work of the Jackson St. Community Council, a Seattle-King County Communi-

ty Chest agency, will be prepared as one of this nation's answers to Russian propaganda alleging mistreatment of minorities in the United States.

The film will be the first with a Seattle setting to be made by the State Department.

Both professional actors and local people are to appear in the film, Toru Sakahara, council president, said.


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Cabbages and Kings' . . .

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to talk of many things, Of ships and shoes and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings."

It all started out quite innocently. Sab Kido on one of his trips to San Francisco, said, "Haruo, why don't you write a column for the Pacific Citizen about JACL activities in Northern California?" This became a repeated refrain crooned by the old JACL "genro."

Tats Kushida picked up the tune and then Harry Honda, P.C. editor, tried a little harmony. Finally last weekend Mike Masaoka made it a quartet with a bass beat, pointing out that the largest area of membership in the JACL is not represented in the Pacific Citizen.

Alas and alack, I horribly deplore male quintets, so I will start a column before National Director Mas Satow throws in his trembling treble.

I make no claims to journalistic confidence or competence, but rather in the spirit of "my head is bloody but unbowed," I shall undertake this commission.

"Cabbages and Kings" aptly describes the premonition of items that will appear in this column because here in Northern California is a very diversified area in potential subject matter.

I also hope to be able to interest guest writers to relieve the impending monotony of a solo voice from the Golden Gate.

NC-WN district . . .

Since this is about JACL activities in Northern California, it is appropriate to tell a little of the largest and most active District Council in the JACL, the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

Here is a sprawling cross-section of Japanese American life, encompassing persons and communities who make their living in as many diverse occupations as one can imagine, from the fishermen of Monterey to the fruit growers to the High Sierra foothills, from busy professional businessmen and women of the big cities to the patient and courageous truck farmers of the San Joaquin Valley. These are

the JACLers of our little cosmos, the biggest District Council of them all.

Last year JACL membership in Northern California ran to 3,350—almost one-third of the total National membership, exceeding the next largest District Council by over 1,500 members. Included are 24 out of the 86 national chapters, from the minute but mighty chapter in Reno to the giant of the Far West, San Francisco.

Here was the birthplace of the JACL.

The pioneering spirit found in this District Council is a heritage from our valiant Issei parents and our elder Nisei statesmen.

This is to certify that . . .

One of the most thrilling experiences that was shared recently was the indescribable joy of watching Issei parents receive their certificates of graduation from citizenship classes sponsored by practically every chapter in Northern California. One wonders what these Issei are thinking as they reach for these little slips of paper, the first personal token of the fruition of a dream 50 years in the making.

Northern California is proud in having started the first citizenship class anywhere in the United States to be taught in Japanese under direction of a regular city Adult Education system, and also of the first group examination and filing in Japanese of applications. The Nisei have long profited by the heroism of their parents, and the perseverance in their twilight years is still an inspiration.

A couple of orchids should go to two attorneys in this area: Victor Abe, chairman of the Committee on Citizenship for Issei, which organized in San Francisco the first accredited citizenship class anywhere in America to be taught in Japanese; and Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose who arranged for group filing of petitions for students of similar classes sponsored by the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County.

There are other JACLers to whom tribute should be paid for keeping the wheels rolling in the background.

Northern California looks forward to a group "swearing-in" of about 300 Issei as American citizens perhaps in June—another first.

Minnesota Nisei top prep 440 man, in state title bid

St. Paul, Minn. Tom Kurihara, 17, of Monroe High is rated among the upper 1 percent of Minnesota's prep quartermilers and many coaches think he will win the state 440 title June 2 at Memorial Stadium.

The senior class president will graduate with honors this summer and has won the Junior Achievements, Inc., scholarship to study engineering at Stanford university in the fall. The 145-lb. Nisei also played fullback during the fall semesters.

Gene Aldrich, city school athletic director, believes Kurihara has a future in track. "That youngster has what it takes. I've watched him take those hurdles like a collegiate champion. You will hear from him in track at Stanford where he can run all year."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Masuo Kurihara. Mr. Kurihara is presently employed for W. Fell Travel Agency, San Francisco.

The Kurihara family relocated from Poston.

Nagatani trots 2-mile record run

Honolulu Kenneth Nagatani of Univ. of Hawaii shook off a last lap threat to win the two mile run and set his second record in the Junior AAU track meet here May 8.

The sophomore runner, who set a new mile record pulled away from Moon Koon Kim of Primo A. C. in the back stretch for a decisive victory at 10m. 56.4s. The former mark was at 11m. 39.1s.

Baseball

At Monroe, Wash., May 10: Seattle Savoy's 13, Washington State Reformatory 10.
At Auburn, May 10: Lincoln Pottery 16, Placer JACL 2.
At Madera, May 10: Fresno Nisei 14, Madera Merchants 7.
At Los Angeles, May 17: Nisei Tracing 2, Eastside Beer 0.
Los Angeles Collegiate Softball Tournament, May 17
USC 16, UCLA 5. (Final round)
UCLA 12, Woodbury College 5.
USC 4, LACC 3.
Sacramento Valley Nisei League
At Stockton, May 17: Sacramento 22, Stockton 4.
At Sacramento, May 17: Mayhem 19, Placer A.C. 8.

Boxing

At Tokyo, May 18: Yoshio Shirai, 112, dec. Tanny Campo, 112.

Change date of S.F. JACL 'Olympic' games

San Francisco The San Francisco JACL's Nisei Olympics will be held at Kezar stadium on Sunday, June 14, a week later than originally announced.

The change was made to accommodate several local groups which had been planning a community-wide picnic on the June 7 date, the only Sunday that the grounds selected is available this summer.

Entries are open in the following events:

Varsity (unltd.)—100, 200, 440, 880, mile, high hurdles, low hurdles, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, hop-step-jump, shot put, 880 relay.
Class B (120 & under)—50, 100, 220, low hurdles, high jump, broad jump, shot put, 440 relay.
Girls—25, 50, broadjump, high jump, 220 relay.

Entry information:

Fees—No team fee, \$1 for each participant.
Teams to be entered through JACL chapters as official members of chapter team, though JACL membership not required. No unattached entries. Chapters outside NC-WN area welcome.
Deadline—May 31. Checks payable to San Francisco JACL, care of Kei Hori, 1725 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

Two San Francisco prep athletes break city marks in lightweight division

San Francisco Paul Adachi of Lowell High sprinted the 220-yd. dash in 23s. to shatter a 1939 record in the 120-lb. division last week in the all-city high school track meet at Kezar stadium.

His teammate Akio Inoue bettered the 120-lb. division 120-yd. low hurdles mark by one-tenth second at 14.4s. Tom Tsuyuki of Lowell won the 120's broadjump with a 20 ft. 1 in. leap.

Sam Fukuda of Polytechnic leaped 21 ft. 9½ in. to cop second place in the varsity broadjump. Other lightweight Nisei trackmen placing were:

Larry Miyama (Wash.), 2nd, 220; Akira Watanabe (Low.), 4th, broadjump; Richard Masuda (Wash.), 2nd; Moses Yasukochi (Low.), 3rd, 120 lows—130 lb. div.

Bowling kingpin

Honolulu Taro Miyasato, Hawaii's bowling kingpin, defends his Territorial match game championship in a 50-game duel with Beans Robinson ending June 13.

Teruo Mende was judged outstanding lifter when he won the 123-pound championship in the senior Oahu weightlifting contest.

SPORTSCOPE

The United States will swing into interzone Davis Cup tennis play against Japan at Vancouver, B. C., on July, 10 and 11. The winner then will play the team from the British West Indies in the second round of the eliminations that lead to a crack at cup-holding Australia.

Fresno Jr. College Ram short-stop Mac Sanwo was named the Most Valuable player on the team and received the Harry Coffee blanket award at an award assembly this week. His batting average is .385.

Cookie Moriya of Wheaton College turned in double wins in the mile and two-mile runs in the Conference of Illinois track finals at Decatur May 16. He toured them 4m. 48s. and 10m. 25.5s., respectively.

Cortez JACL keglers finish winter season in 3rd spot

Turlock Cortez Keglers, the only all-Nisei squad bowling the Turlock American Legion won third place honors in their first season of play. Records include high team scratch at 2797; a 3-0 win over Gaddy's, league champions; and Sats Uyekubo winning the closing night sweeper.

Sponsored by the Cortez JACL, Nog Kajioaka was team captain. On the squad were: Slug Yotsuya, Mas and Sats Uyekubo, Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Fred Miyamoto and Jim Yamaguchi.

Tommy Kono captures middleweight weightlifts

Oakland Tommy Kono and Mits Oshima of Sacramento won divisional titles in the Pacific Coast weightlifting championships at the California Hamilton Junior high school here two weekends ago.

Kono, Olympic champion, competing in the middleweight class, won with an 850 total. He set a new coast record in the press when he shoved up 270 pounds. He did a two-arm jerk of 375 pounds in an exhibition.

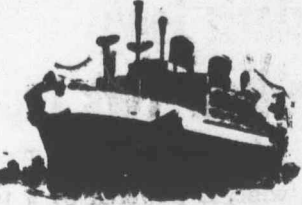
Oshima copped the 132-pound class title with a 645 total. Kaz Izumi of Sacramento was third in the 148-pound class with a 625 total.

Ueoka garners Paddock cup in Hawaii Relay feature

Honolulu The Charley Paddock perpetual trophy—emblematic of victory in the novice 100-yard dash in the Hawaii Relays—was won by Richard Ueoka, Univ. of Hawaii, here last week. He was timed in 10s. flat.

Other individual champions include George Uyeda of the Spikesters repeating as broadjump champion with a 22 ft. 10½ in. leap and John Sakurada of UH clearing 11 ft. 6 in. in a two-way tie for first place.

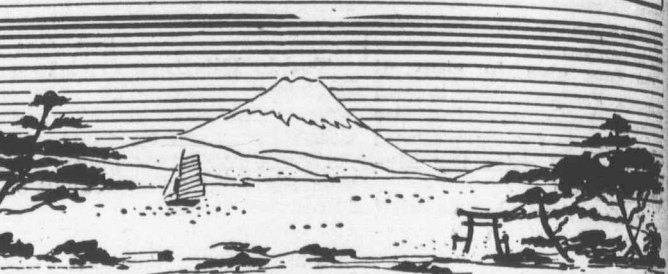
Detroit Nisei: Karl Nomura, league president, awarded trophies to champions at Wong's Garden May 2 as follows:
(Men) Iji Shibata, high avg. 177; Frank Lee, HS 687; Frank Furukawa, HG 247. (Women) Marie Doi, high avg. 150; Lily Amano, HS 558 and HG 224. (Team) No. 13: Ray Higa, Dave Izumi, Wes Kubota, Rose Leong and Chiyo Matsui.



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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

Sometimes a fan letter really pays off.

Take the case of **Tetsu Yano**, an ambitious 29-year-old author of short stories from Kobe. He wanted to see America, develop his own style of writing, and introduce science-fiction articles to the Nipponese.

He wrote an open letter some months ago to *Startling Stories*, a Standard publication, and **Forrest Ackerman** of Beverly Hills, director of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, caught his fan mail request.

Several letters followed and last week the pair met. Yano arrived on the *Kamikawa Maru* to attend the west coast convention of the Science-Fiction Writers set May 30-31.

Ackerman, an agent-writer himself, will have some of his works translated into Japanese by Yano and sold to publishers in Japan. "It's just super-natural," they felt.

Mrs. **Kimi Sugiyama**, mother of **Raymond**, who was last semester's first Nisei to win the student-body presidency at Washington Junior High School in Long Beach, is mighty proud of her 16-year-old son. . . . The sex-tooting athlete, who has more blue ribbons for his den than rabbits have bunnies, won a statewide youth leadership contest sponsored by the Calif. Order of the Elks. He took the Elks Lodge 888's local competition with considerable ease. His victory in the state was unanimous. He enters the national contest.

Paul Rusch came into town last week, just long enough to say hello to his former Army buddies and tell of his Kiyosato Educational Experimental Project (KEEP) in Japan. Nisei G-2 veterans of World War II are set to keep KEEP on its feet. . . . While **Commodore Perry Post 525** of the American Legion presented him with a check, others were contemplating formation of Los Angeles Friends of KEEP.

Rusch said communism in Japan can be stemmed only if we can provide Japanese with four basic necessities of life: food, health, faith and youth. Through U.S. donations, he has built a cooperative village in 1947 for 110,000.

Delegates to the American Association on Mental Deficiency convention at the Statler last Friday learned the horrors of the atomic bomb first-hand from a Nisei pediatrician. . . . **Dr. James N. Yamazaki** went to Japan three years ago under the sponsorship of the U.S. Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission to determine radiation effects on pregnant women and children. . . . Cold figures in Nagasaki showed that of the 30 expectant mothers, seven lost their child before birth, seven infants died shortly after arrival. Of the 16 survivors, four were retarded mentally.

Task of running the 13th annual Nisei Week Festival in L'il Tokio as chairman went to **Robert A. Uno**, Crossroads editor. . . . A brief rundown on the committees shows more downtown merchants will have an active hand. . . . "The drawing board will be things Oriental to attract tourist trade," says secretary **Paul Takeda** of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. The festival will be held from Aug. 15 to 23.

Vacation time is coming. It means many prefectural picnics, too. Issei look forward to it, although hardly with the vigor. . . . These outings call for a big outlay in budget. One of \$2,000 is easily depleted, but it's worth it to the older generation.

The Japanese Welfare Ministry reported after a new survey that there were 3,970 "occupation babies" in Japan.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

GONZALES—Apr. 20, a girl to the Joe R. Gonzales (Chiyo Terui), Los Angeles.
GOTO—Apr. 30, a boy David to the Larry Gotos, Denver.
HAYASHI—Apr. 24, a boy Steven James to the Tetsuo Hayashis (Clara Seno), Los Angeles.
HAZAMA—Apr. 28, a girl to the Yoshiaki Hazamas, San Gabriel.
HIRONAKA—Apr. 21, a girl Elizabeth-Ann Reiko to the Tadashi Tom Hironakas (Jane Yasuie Morihiro), Los Angeles.
HIROTA—Apr. 29, a boy Beach Swao to the Swao Hirotas (Fumi Uchi), Los Angeles.
IWAGAKI—May 11, a girl Susan Kisa to the Kenneth J. Iwagakis, San Jose.
IWANAGA—Apr. 22, a boy Paul Brian to the George Shinichi Iwanaga (Mitsu Nemoto), Los Angeles.
IWAHASHI—May 7, a boy to the George Iwahashis, Fresno.
JIO—May 22, a girl to the Haruo Jios, San Francisco.
KINOSHITA—Apr. 30, a boy to the Minoru Kinoshitas, Madera.
KITAMURA—May 11, a boy to the Tadao Kitamuras, Seattle.
KIYOTA—Apr. 20, a boy George S. T. to the George Kiyotos (Teruko Yokoi), Los Angeles.
KODA—May 11, a boy Robert Bradley to the Yukuo Kodas, San Jose.
LYLE—Apr. 26, a boy Charles Elmer Jr. to the Charles E. Lyles (Etsuko Tsuji), Pacoima.
MATSUHARA—Apr. 25, a girl of the Isamu Matsuhas, San Francisco.
MICHIHARA—Apr. 21, a boy Steven Dale to the Ray Katsumi Michiharas (Grace Teruko Ozawa), Los Angeles.
MINEMOTO—May 3, a boy to the Tosh Minemotos, San Francisco.
MIYAGISHIMA—A boy to the Alfred Miyagishimas, Denver.
MIZUNAGA—A girl to the Charles Mizunagas, Brighton, Colo.
MORITA—Apr. 21, a girl Reiko Ann to the Yoshio James Moritas (Fusako Takemoto), Los Angeles.
MUKAI—May 2, a boy Stanley to the Makoto Mukais, Fowler.
NAGATA—May 2, a boy to the Hitoshi E. Nagatas, Stockton.
NISHIHARA—May 10, a boy Dale Hiroshi to the Mitsugi Nishiharas (Yoshiko Hirahira), Watsonville.
NOZAKI—May 1, a girl Nancy Jane to the Takashi T. Nozakis, Mt. View.
OHASHI—A boy Alan David to the Frank Ohashis, Cheyenne.
ROBINSON—Apr. 24, a girl Nadine Mitsuko to the Russell R. Robinsons (Lillian Fusako Yoshimi), Los Angeles.
SAKAMATSU—Apr. 28, a girl Karen Jean of the Isamu Sakamatsus (Kikuko Yamamoto), Los Angeles.
SHIRAKI—May 11, a boy Curtis George to the George Shirakis, Mt. View.
SHIMODA—Apr. 23, a boy Robert Shigeru to the Shigeru Shimodas (Michiko Sakamoto), Los Angeles.
SUYENOBU—Apr. 25, a boy Brandall Yoshiaki to the Ben Eiji Suyenobus (Yaeko Aoki), Los Angeles.
TAKEMOTO—May 4, a boy to the Yoshinori A. Takemotos, San Francisco.
TANAKA—Apr. 29, a boy Lester Bin to the Masao Tanakas (Nobuko Sugimoto), Los Angeles.
UYENO—Apr. 23, a boy Kenneth Kenji to the Giyu Uyenos (Yuki Asano), Los Angeles.
WATANABE—Apr. 12, a girl to the Tom Watanabes, Chicago.
YAMAMOTO—Apr. 29, a girl Gail Kiyomi to the Tadanobu Yamamotos (Aiko Evelyn Nakamoto), Los Angeles.
YAMASAKI—Apr. 23, a boy Glenn Alan to the Mitsuru Yamasakis (Mary Sakaye Kurachi), Los Angeles.

Weddings

KANAMORI-HIJI—May 9, Shogo Kanamori, and Mae Sumiye Hiji, both of Oxnard, at Los Angeles.
MATSUI-MIGAKI—Apr. 26, Everett C. Matsui and Tsuyo Migaki, both of Spokane.

NAKAHIRA-INBE—May 3, Shigeru Nakahira, Madison, Wis., to Mieko Inbe, Chicago.
OKUNO-IMADA—Apr. 30, Kats Okuno and Grace Imada, both of Chicago.
SAKAI-KAJIKAWA—May 17, Dr. Hisaji Sakai, San Francisco, and Jean Kajikawa, Hayward, at San Francisco.
SEKIYA-TAKANO—May 10, Taeko Sekiya of Fresno and Haruye Takano of Parlier.
WATANABE-MURAKAMI—May 10, Toshio Chris Watanabe, Hawthorne, and Aiko Murakami, Long Beach.

Engagements

HIRAIISHI-MORIMOTO—Amy to Akira, both of Irvington.
KAMBARA-TAKAGI—Katy to Kaoru, both of Chicago.
MOTOOKA-UYEHARA—Emiko to Shinichi, both of Chicago.
SAHARA-NAKAGIRI—Florence, Los Angeles, to Tadao, Culver City.
SUGIHARA-HAGIHARA—Alice, Denver, to George, Alliance, Neb., May 10.
TOKUYAMA-SHAMAMURA—Alice to Kiyoto "Pluto", both of Los Angeles.
YAMANAKA-MIZOTA—Hisako, Warm Springs, to Fred, Alviso.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KITANI-YAMASAKI—Roy Akira, 23, San Lorenzo, and Taeko, 28, Alameda.
MORIOKA-DUNLAP—Setsuo and Lois F., both of Detroit.
SHINTO-KATO—Jiro and Kimi, both of San Francisco.
SHIRAKI-KUMAGAI—Akira, F., 24, and Tokimi, 20, both of San Jose.
TANAKA-SHIMIZU—Sadao, 23, Seattle, and Sue S., 23, Hawaii.

Deaths

FUJIKAWA, Sotaro, 74, Stockton, Apr. 26.
IZUNO, Mrs. Saji, 63, Del Rey, Apr. 28; survived by son and daughters Toyoko and Mrs. Tomi Takemoto.
MURATA, Masao, 41, San Francisco, May 18; survived by mother Yukiye, wife Louise, son Fred and daughter Gail, brothers Toshio, Yukio, Yeshio.
NAGANO, Allan, Hollister, May 3; survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. George Nagano, sisters Michiko and Anne.
NISHIMA, Jiro, 73, Acampo, May 4; survived by wife, son Tom, five daughters Fusaye, Dorothy, Alyce, Mmes. Masato Egi, and George Egi.
OKUBO, Kiichi, 73, Seattle, May 4; survived by daughter Mrs. Hisako Oshika.
SEKIGAHAMA, Hiroshi, 41, Chicago, Apr. 29; survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sakuichi (Richmond), brothers Yoneo, Minoru, sisters Mmes. Sadako Noto, Masako Saito and Yoshiko Tenma.
SHIROKAWA, Kay 4½, Long Beach, May 4, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Iwao and brother Allen Isamu.
TAKECHI, Kazuma, 61, New York, May 5; survived by daughter Dorothy Kumiko.
TAKAHASHI, Mrs. Nobu, 63, Menlo Park, May 5; survived by husband Shozaburo and son Kazuhide.
YAMATO, Kazuichi, Los Angeles, May 7; survived by wife, sons Hideo and Kenneth and daughter Jean.
YOSHIOKA, Mrs. Kise, 76, Mt. View, May 5.

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PERSONAL

Anyone knowing whereabouts of following person should write the Pacific Citizen, care of the JACL Regional Office, 258 E. 1st St., L.A. Frank K. Toshiyuki, formerly at 1252 - 12th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

San Francisco JACLer marries Hawaii girl, now lives in Okinawa

Los Angeles
 GI war brides and marriages in Japan between Japanese girls and American soldiers have been prominent in the news the past several years. This past week, The Pacific Citizen received an unusual wedding note from Okinawa for the vital statistics section. **ELDRIDGE-DOMAI**—Oct. 3, Albert F., Boston, and Shigeo, Honolulu, at Honolulu.

The couple was married in the traditional Japanese fashion at the Honpa Hongwanji, the Bostonian, who is a member of the San Francisco JACL chapter, attired in the formal black garb, while his bride wore a colorful kimono and formal headdress.

A GI war bride in reverse—for they now reside in Okinawa.

Silver wedding jubilee

Los Angeles
 Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Kido celebrated their silver wedding jubilee among relatives and close friends last Wednesday night at their Dalton Avenue residence. The Kidos were married in Riverside.

Detroit mother's tea

Detroit
 A capacity crowd of 200 responded to the first Mother's Day banquet given by the Detroit JACL chapter May 9 at International Institute. Mrs. George Sebert, oldest mother present, and Mrs. K. Nomura, with the most children, were specially honored by Roy Kaneko, emcee.

Mas Murata dies

San Francisco
 Masao Murata, 41, Bussei leader died last Monday at the Stanford Lane hospital of stomach cancer. He was also one of the veterans who reactivated the Townsend Harris American Legion post.

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SOCIAL NOTES

Los Angeles YBA: The annual Nishi Hongwanji picnic will be held at Solano Canyon, Elysian Park, this Sunday.

Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary: First aid classes are being conducted on Tuesdays, 8 p. m., at the Intermountain Buddhist Church. The course is in keeping with the civil defense corps program against atomic attack.

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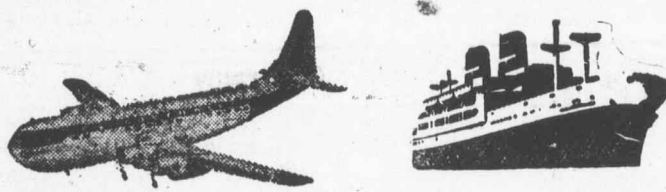
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EDITORIALS

File first

In Los Angeles county where the largest concentration of Issei reside today, their response to become naturalized as American citizens has been sensational.

Public school authorities and government officials are favorably impressed seeing so many evening classes full. One section boasts as many as 250 students. And old-age has been no deterrent.

In connection with petitions for naturalization, many Issei feel it wiser to file the Form N-400 after completion of the lectures on citizenship.

It is our suggestion that forms be filed as soon as possible to enable the Naturalization Service to process them early. By the time the student

ends his classwork, the investigation by the Naturalization office may have been completed. Thus, it may be possible the student will be suitably prepared for his examination.

We believe this can expedite matters. And time seems so important when many of our Issei are advanced in years.

By filing early, the Naturalization office will also know how many persons of Japanese ancestry are intending to take the examination. It gives them an opportunity to arrange for examiners, interpreters and so forth.

The tremendous service that the chapters have been rendering in arranging classes and helping to fill the N-400 forms has been winning many friends among the Issei.

In many respects, the naturalization classes can be considered one of the major projects for the JACL this year.

Vagaries

by Larry Tajiri

Keep Moving

Like the man who came to dinner, the National JACL established "temporary" headquarters in Salt Lake City in 1942—and stayed 11 years.

At the end of this month, the National JACL is moving back to San Francisco and the occasion is being marked next week by a farewell party to be given by the Intermountain District Council in Salt Lake City.

The JACL's decade and a year in the Utah capital were the most eventful in its organizational history. Here the JACL evolved its philosophy of affirmative leadership which made it a force that helped shape the destiny of the entire Japanese American population.

The role of the Intermountain area chapters in assuring the survival of the JACL, at a time when the great majority of the JACL membership was in the war relocation camps, should be remembered. Assessing them selves heavily, the IDC chapters provided the funds to carry on the work of the JACL and to make possible the publication of the Pacific Citizen. In the first year after the establishment of the JACL office in Salt Lake, the IDC was the only source of financial support.

It so happened that Guyo and I and Teiko Ishida (now Mrs. Mickey Kuroiwa) were delegated by Saburo Kido, then national president of the JACL, to move the JACL's national headquarters to a city outside the Pacific Coast evacuation area. Sab and Mike Masaoka, as well as most of the JACL's other officials, were remaining behind after the end of the "voluntary" evacuation period in order to assist evacuees.

We left San Francisco on the afternoon of March 28, 1942, the last day for "voluntary" evacuation. After midnight, all persons of Japanese ancestry in the evacuation zone would be "frozen," prohibited from leaving the area. Their destiny would be the barrack cities of the first first American wartime concentration camps.

My wife and I had returned only recently from New York City, with the vague intention of participating in whatever befell the Japanese Americans on the west coast. It was only after we had left New York that we first heard of the plans for mass evacuation. And now here we were, on the night of March 28, heading for an undetermined destination outside of California.

We crossed the evacuation zone boundary at a railroad

MINORITY

The Christopher Award this month goes to "Bright Road," the Charles Schnee all-Negro cast movie.

underpass on U.S. 40 outside of Auburn a few minutes before midnight deadline. I guess we had expected to see guards on duty and were surprised to find none on duty at this boundary point.

All the next day — across the seemingly endless desert of Nevada—we passed cars and trucks loaded with voluntary evacuee families and their belongings. Most of them were headed for destinations in Utah and Colorado, but some were just traveling east. A Japanese face seen in a Nevada town at a lunch stop evoked a grim smile of the recognition of misery commonly shared.

Near Winnemucca we were stopped by a car of sheriff's deputies who wanted to satisfy themselves that we and the other carloads of evacuees had no intention of settling down in their county. They wanted us to "keep moving."

The sun was bright and it was hot on that late spring afternoon across the great salt desert which stretches for almost a hundred miles from the Nevada line east toward Salt Lake. It was dusk when we pulled up in front of the Salt Lake JACL office on East First South street and met a harassed Jerry Katayama, the chapter's executive secretary. Jerry was swamped with requests from evacuees for information on housing, jobs and possible areas for relocation. More carloads of evacuees were arriving hourly.

We decided to stay in Salt Lake, whose Mayor Ab Jenkins was one of the few public officials in the country (the late Gov. Ralph Carr of Colorado was another) who welcomed the evacuees. It was reported that Mayor Jenkins had even stopped the cars of evacuees driving through Salt Lake and invited the occupants to stay in Salt Lake City.

Office space was tight in Salt Lake, as elsewhere that year, but one day Teiko noticed an ad in the Tribune which announced that an office was available in the Beason Building. A few days later National JACL was established in a room on the fourth floor and the Beason Building became for the next decade — under Sab Kido, Mike Masaoka and National Director Masao Satow—the headquarters of the successful JACL fight on behalf of the Nisei for recognition, status and equal treatment.

DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, May 27, 1943 The L.A. Times reports Dies committee will charge JACL with subversive activities.

Over 95 percent of evacuees in Chicago area satisfactorily employed, American Friends Service Committee reports.

JACL leaders meet War Dept. and WRA officials.

From the Frying Pan . . .

For International Day

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

Mike came home from junior high the other day and reported that his class was going to have an international day. Every member was told to bring something to school that reflected the culture or handicraft of some foreign nation, and of course Mike was expected to show up with something from Japan.

To his parents it was an old story. We used to trot off to grade school, many years ago, with Japanese dolls and clogs and lacquer trays and paper lanterns that our parents had stashed away. The kids and the teachers would ooh and ahhh, and when the big day was over we'd carefully take the stuff back home.

But somewhere along the way all those mementoes of the old country have disappeared. For the Sansei, Japan is two full generations away, and the cultural ties have stretched thin and been broken.

In an effort to accommodate Mike, we searched the house for trinkets and souvenirs that he might take along for the edification of his classmates. We found a lot of stuff, all right. A carved coconut head from the South Seas. A couple of brass trays hand-beaten in India. An ironwood head carved in Bali. Some Chinese vases. A vase and jewelry box made of marble that Uncle

Kenny sent back from Italy during the big war. A rug and some other things that we picked up on a visit to the Indian country of New Mexico.

But we couldn't find anything suitable with a Japanese background.

Finally we went into the garage and probed into some dusty old boxes hidden away under the rafters. Deep down, we discovered some carved wooden Japanese dolls, and a tiny plaster reproduction of the three monkeys (see, hear and speak no evil) of Nara. These we rescued and dusted off, and Mike took them to school.

In a way, this loss of tangible evidences of our cultural heritage is an unfortunate thing. I think it deplorable when any tie with another culture is lost. But there's another way to look at it: Why should the Sansei be any closer to the Japanese culture than to any of the other cultures that make up the background of Americans?

We have in our home samples of Norwegian brassware, Swedish glass, English cutlery, Mexican puppets, and a mess of other imported things. Why couldn't some of these articles be Mike's contribution to the international day exhibits?

Very Truly Yours . . .

Louisiana Purchase

by Harry K. Honda

A new commemorative was issued late last month—the pretty Louisiana Purchase stamp . . . Issei studying American history in the many naturalization classes probably can tell us it was the best real estate bargain the United States ever got—about 4 cents an acre . . . All we wanted originally was the port of New Orleans to give the western regions of the original 13 states an outlet for its commerce . . . A student of diplomatic history can probably present some complicated facets as to who really owned the land between the Mississippi and the Rockies. It wasn't all Napoleon's, he would say.

Why is that this business of discrimination against minorities in the realm of housing, jobs and opportunities doesn't reach into taxes? . . . If the same degree of discrimination were applied consistently to all phases of American living (although I'm not for the idea at all), taxes could conceivably be increased 15% or so

That's based on the rough calculation that one out of every seven in the United States is non-white, non-Jewish . . . This is ridiculous notion, I must admit, but discrimination purely for selfish gains is equally so.

There was a National Baby Week recently . . . Almost anyone likes babies and is willing to give them anything, including a week, but why all the celebration? . . . It certainly wasn't meant that people should have babies that week. The difficulties are obvious . . . It certainly doesn't mean we should pay special attention to babies that week for it implies we were negligent the other weeks of the year. And that isn't so . . . And if your home is blessed with a tiny tot, the baby has everyday of the years he's growing up. He's always the center of conversation and forever demanding attention . . . Do you see what I mean?

Los Angeles observed Straw

THE MAILBOX

Our reply

From Page 1

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—EDWARD F. BAUMER Director of Public Relations The Prudential Insurance Co. of America Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Baumer:

Your letter of April 27th addressed to Mr. Harry Honda, editor of the Pacific Citizen, was referred to me for consideration. You wish correction of the article which appeared in the Pacific Citizen on April 17th which by inference stated that the Prudential Insurance Company of America had discriminated against Ensign Atsuko Emoto through the denial of the right to purchase a home in a tract called Carson Park Mutual Homes, Inc.

After further investigating the facts regarding the incident called to my attention by Ensign Emoto, I have been informed that the Board of Directors of the Carson Park Mutual Homes, Inc., had rejected her application for membership in the cooperative enterprise notwithstanding the excellent condition of her credit application solely on the basis of her racial ancestry. I am informed, however, that when her loan was referred to the Prudential Insurance Company that your company approved the loan.

I am happy to note from your letter that you do not

Here's another side of the issue.

In one issue of the evening newspaper recently, I saw an advertisement for bamboo rollup shades and another for women's sandals. Of course, the shades were Asiatic in origin, probably Japanese. So was the idea behind the sandals.

These sandals were American-made, of foam rubber. But it was apparent the inspiration for the design was Japanese. A thong, like those on Japanese "zori," sprouted out of the toe end and was caught up neatly by the ankle strap. Some designer was smart enough to pick up an ancient idea and adapt it to American styles. So American women will be wearing them this summer.

Likewise the bamboo shades. They've been used for centuries in the Orient. They are quaint and picturesque. That's all they were to all of us who had seen them until someone hatched the bright thought of importing them. Immediately they went over patios and sun-drenched picture windows.

Perhaps we've been too close to things like "zori" and bamboo shades to see their possible adaptation to American needs, but I sure wish I had been first to think up ways to use them in the U.S.A.

Hat day this past week. Do you remember the nifty one which was worn by the milkman's horse in the old days?

Spring's the poet's season—Odes are popping fast—Maybe that's the reason None of them can last! —Charles Hornbech

● TRIVIA—Sen. Morse, who holds the distinction of having talked longer than any man in the history of the Senate, may become a real menace now if he starts in talking about how he talked longer than any man in the history of the Senate . . . TV is getting into a pretty pickle. Fans missed seeing the punch that rocked Walcott last week. Couple of weeks earlier, fans saw too much in the Boston fight. Either way, the reaction didn't do boxing any good . . . "Nations Courage at High Level"—headline. More and more people are not afraid of dentists . . . A traffic engineer says drunken drivers cause 10 percent of traffic fatalities. Shame on the other 90 percent—all sober drivers.

question the racial status of your borrowers and that you have no control of the sales other than to determine that purchasers of privately financed homes meet the credit standards established by the Federal Housing Administration and your company. Your policy in this regard is a most commendable one, and I hope that your company will continue this practice.

I feel that the article contained the word "reconsidered" which in fact should have been "considered," and I am advising the Editor of the Pacific Citizen to publish my letter of correction and clarification in order that no unfavorable reflection be made upon your excellent company with its many life underwriters and employees of Japanese ancestry.

This letter, however, should not be construed in any way to detract from the fact that the Board of Directors of Carson Park Mutual Homes, Inc., displayed unjust attitude of race discrimination against a United States Naval officer in a responsible and respected position.

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