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## '54 BUDGET FOR IMMI. - NAT. SV. PASSED BY SENATE

Washington

The Senate approved the 1954 fiscal appropriations for the State, Justice and Commerce departments and the federal judiciary this past week. Included were funds for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Office of Alien Property, and the evacuation claims program. A sum of \$225,000 for the 1954 fiscal year evacuation claims program is to be used for administrative purposes only, the Washington JACL office reported. The sum is identical with the amount approved by the House last month.

A sum of \$42,250,000 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service was approved by the Senate—the same amount approved by the House. However, it is \$6,150,000 below the original Budget estimate although nearly \$2,000,000 in excess of 1953 appropriations.

This additional amount over last year is to permit the employment of additional personnel to take care of the increased workload of the agency as the result of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952.

The Washington JACL Office announced that a part of this sum is expected to be used for additional hearing examiners to expedite the naturalization of Issei.

The Senate approved only \$2,500,000 for administrative expenses of the Office of Alien Property. This is \$1,000,000 under the House approved amount and \$1,400,000 below the original 1954 estimate. It is also \$1,300,000 under the amount appropriated last year for this same Office.

With this reduced appropriations, the already slow processing in the returning of vested property of Issei and Nisei will be slowed even more, the Washington Office of the JACL predicted.

The difference in funds for the Office of Alien Property, as well as others, has committed the bill into conference by both House and Senate appropriations committee members.

## JACL FILES PROTEST OF PROSCRIBED LIST

Washington

Notice of general protest by the JACL against designation of Japanese organizations on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations was filed prior to the deadline.

It was done to protect the right of former members if they so desire to file individual contest or appeals later on, the JACL here explained.

## California forbids use of Japanese in Citizenship classes

San Francisco

A directive pointing out that it is illegal to conduct classes in the public schools in language other than English except for language courses, has been received from George Mann, chief of the State Education department, by Al Silverstein, registrar of the San Francisco Adult Education Division, according to the Northern California JACL regional office.

Silverstein stated that since this directive is based upon the California educational code, the San Francisco public schools, which have been supervising the citizenship classes conducted in Japanese under the sponsorship of the JACL, has no choice but to abide by this ruling.

Classes which have already been completed will be accepted as valid by the U. S. Naturalization Office, he added.

## EXPECT 100 SEATTLE ISSEI TO BE SWORN-IN

Seattle

Nearly 100 Issei will have received their naturalization papers by the Fourth of July, reports the Seattle JACL Bulletin, quoting Ted Sakahara. Hopes are high for a possible special mass swearing-in ceremony of some 90 Japanese.

It was learned that 99 percent of those who attended the naturalization classes passed their examination with an average grade of 98.



Official U.S. Navy Photo  
ENSIGN YOSHIHARA

Washington

Midshipman Takeshi Yoshihara, first Nisei to be appointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, was commissioned as an ensign last week, the Dept. of the Navy informed the Washington JACL office.

Ensign Yoshihara was graduated with honors, which means that for his four years at the Academy he maintained a grade of 85 or more in all his classes.

During his senior year, he served as editor of the "Lucky Dog," the Academy yearbook.

Following his marriage to the former Miss Elva Uyeno of Honolulu, in Baltimore last Friday, Ensign Yoshihara will report to the Navy's Civil Engineering Corps School at Port Hueneme, Calif., after his 30-day graduation leave.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Yoshihara of 1329 J St., Renton, Wash., he was appointed to Annapolis in 1949 by Rep. Thor C. Tollefson (R., Wash.) following competitive examinations.

Lt. George Shibata of Garland, Utah, now a jet pilot, was the first Nisei to be graduated from a military academy, commissioned at West Point two years ago. Shibata was appointed to West Point by the late Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D., Utah) at the suggestion of the JACL in its campaign to secure equality of opportunity and service in the armed forces.

## EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS REQUESTED BY EISENHOWER FOR CLAIM AWARDS

Washington

Pres. Eisenhower, through the Bureau of the Budget, requested Congress to appropriate eight million dollars to pay compromised and settled evacuation claims, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed by the White House today.

This fund was included in an overall request for \$15,359,330 additional appropriations to finance various government programs in the fiscal year starting July 1 and make up deficiencies of previous years.

The requested appropriations include \$4,172,696 to pay compromised claims awarded during the fiscal year 1952 and \$3,900,000 to pay compromised awards made during the current fiscal year which ends June 30, 1953.

Early this session through the offices of Rep. Sidney R. Yates (Dem., Ill.), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, the JACL requested Joseph M. Dodge, director of the Bureau of the Budget, to authorize the payment of all awards made during the fiscal years 1952 and 1953. Dodge assured Yates that he would approve these payments.

The Washington JACL office is now concentrating its efforts to secure House and Senate approval of this eight million dollars in order that evacuee-claimants who have compromised and settled their claims may be paid by this summer.

In the light of the present economy wave in Congress, this may be more difficult than first anticipated, according to Washington sources.

## Four District of Columbia residents first Issei in area to be naturalized

Washington

Mrs. Akiko Miya Tally, Mrs. Shizu Okada Pape Shea, Chiyo Taketa and Daishiro Uyeno are the first Japanese aliens among 72 to be naturalized in the District of Columbia.

They became eligible for naturalization under the provisions of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952.

Mrs. Tally is a war bride now living in Fort Belvoir, Va. Formerly of Yokohama she was admitted into the United States in 1951. Her husband is now stationed in France. Now an American citizen, she hopes to join him overseas.

Mrs. Shea entered the United States in 1927 as the wife of an American officer. Until the evacuation in 1942, she lived in Seattle, with her husband who was a city official. She came to Washington in 1942. In 1951, Congress approved a private law to prevent her deportation.

Taketa first entered the United States through Hawaii in 1922. He moved to Tacoma, in 1926 and attended the College of Puget Sound. A businessman, following his evacuation in 1942 he relocated to Washington in 1945. He is an employee of the Army Map Service. His wife, Miyako, is the sister of Hito Okada, past National JACL president. His daughter Gracia, graduates from Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., this week.

Uyeno is a nationally famous philatelist. Aged 74, he entered the United States through the Port of New York in 1904.

He opened his first stamp shop in New York City and was associated with Franklin D. Roosevelt in organizing a philatelist society almost 50 years ago. He became a personal friend of the late President Roosevelt and moved to Washington when President Roosevelt was inaugurated in 1933.

He has maintained his stamp shop at the same address, 1205 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., for the past twenty years. He lives with his wife Kiwa.

In commenting on the naturalization of the first Issei group in the nation's capital, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative declared that they represent many aspects of JACL's Washington activities.

One came into the United States as a GI bride under the provisions of a JACL sponsored law.

Another was the beneficiary of a JACL-introduced private law.

Still another was a victim of the Hawaiian limited passport situation and benefitted by the JACL's suspension of deportation legislation.

## ORDAIN COLORADAN AS PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER

Las Animas, Colo.

Ordination services for the Rey, Allen Maruyama of the city were held at the Presbyterian Church here May 18. A recent graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, he plans to continue his seminary training for an advanced degree and is pastor of a Wisconsin charge.

Clergymen of the Pueblo presbytery participated in the rites. Dr. Joseph Haroutunian, professor of theology at McCormick preached the sermon.

The young Nisei minister is a 1950 graduate of the Univ. of Colorado, joined the army after finishing high school here, and was raised here.

## Evergreen Boys' State

Seattle

Fred Nomura, Jr. 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nomura, 1456-21st Ave. is the Nisei Veterans Committee delegate to the Evergreen Boys State at Ellenburg this month.

## Inter-racial harmony of Hawaiian Islands combination of wise monarchy, economy, spirit of friendliness

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA Honolulu

Those who imagine that Hawaii's much publicized good race relations developed rapidly are sadly uninformed. The fact is that a couple of centuries—not several years—and a combination of circumstances molded a community of diverse races living harmoniously in this mid-Pacific setting.

One has to go back to the time of Kamehameha I, in the late eighteenth century, to trace the beginning of the inter-racial heritage. Kamehameha was the great Hawaiian warrior who, by military might, united the islands under his rule.

The king surrounded himself with white men as advisers who were accepted by the natives as fellow Hawaiians. The Hawaiian character, in the words of Samuel Wilder King, Hawaii's governor today and a student of Hawaiian history, "had no envy or jealousy of the foreigners who came to these shores to become a part of the community."

Other native monarchs in

later years also surrounded themselves with men of Caucasian ancestry, mostly from New England.

When the Hawaiian people became almost decimated through the inroads of diseases and epidemics against which they had no immunities, immigrants were welcomed to repopulate the islands and to help develop the economy.

The same spirit of friendliness was extended to the immigrant as was extended earlier to missionaries and traders.

Gov. King says the Hawaiian people made the immigrants welcome and befriended them, without race prejudice and with tolerance of the differences in customs and language that existed.

The Hawaiian government made no distinction between

these immigrants and the native population. The doors of opportunity were open to all, including the educational facilities of the community, without regard to race or ancestry.

"The spirit of friendship among all our people has continued," the Governor notes.

"Today we have in Hawaii a community of half a million people of diverse origin. While each group respects its own cultural background, we are bound together in mutual friendship and in common loyalty to the nation of which we are a part."

Those who have watched the happy mingling of races in Hawaii share the optimism of "kamaainas" (oldtimers) like Gov. King, a native-born, part-Hawaiian, that race relations will continue to improve in the future.

"As we continue to live together," the Governor says, "we become more and more one people, and whether of Hawaiian blood or not we will all be Hawaiians in spirit."

## CASUALTIES

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Cpl. Jenkuro Z. Mukai, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Mukai, 239 S. Mednik Ave., Los Angeles. Pvt. Samuel H. Miyata, brother of Roy T. Miyata, 3108 S. Harvard, Los Angeles.

# Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

## President's TV Report . . .

Using a "family circle" format for the first time, the President joined by four Cabinet secretaries, reported to the nation over television a little over a week ago. It was a folksy, carefully staged yet highly impressive performance which probably increased the different polls. In fact some pundits are already saying that what was done presages a new area in presidential reporting, just as did Franklin D. Roosevelt's fireside chats of 20 years ago.



MASAOKA

While there is unquestioned value in having members of the Cabinet join the President and explaining personally how their various departments are trying to implement the Administration's program, as even the pro-Eisenhower "Washington Post" warns, there are some inherent dangers in the great potential of television for this type of mass communication.

The most obvious one is that it may place a premium on acting ability at the expense of administrative talent.

Another is that such efforts may militate against that kind of serious detailed discussion of national and international affairs that is often necessary irrespective of audience reaction and rating. "What the Administration must guard against," the "Post" says editorially, "is any inclination to use television merely to popularize the superficial."

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## Congressional Plans . . .

Right now, as summer humidity and heat traditionally begins to overcome Washingtonians, congressional leaders are once again talking hopefully of going home by the end of July.

One group speaks of adjourning while the other talks of recessing. If Congress adjourns only the President can call it back into session before next January; if it recesses, it can either be called back by congressional leaders or reconvene on a date fixed in the recess order.

Speaker Joseph Martin, top man in the House, and chairman of the GOP Policy Committee William Knowland, number one law-maker, prefers a summer recess with another term in the fall to take up unfinished legislative business.

Some anti-Taftmen hint that the only reason the Ohio Republican wants a recess is so that the Chief Executive alone won't be responsible for the Government for several unbroken months.

In the past, it has usually been Congress that is impatient to get out of town. This time, it is the White House that is putting on the pressure. The Administration feels that too much of the time of its officials

are spent before congressional committee. It wants more time for its officials to develop policy and programs.

The Deputy Secretary of Defense, for example is supposed to have said that he could save a billion dollars or more if he could stay in the Pentagon without having to run up almost continually to (Capitol) Hill.

At the moment, those who prefer to adjourn have the upper hand. Once a congressman gets back among his constituents he hates to have to return to Washington in the fall, go back home again for the year-end holidays and then hurry back for the opening of the new Congress the first week in January.

If adjournment is decided upon, it means that such once announced presidential "must" legislation as Statehood for Hawaii, amendments to the Taft-Hartley Labor Law, and the St. Lawrence Seaway project will be doomed for the year. About the only bills that will be acted upon will be the departmental appropriations and possibly foreign aid.

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## Mrs. Roosevelt . . .

Mrs. Roosevelt's informal news reports on her visit to Japan, carried in her daily syndicated column, reflect pretty much, if this can be said without presumption, the experiences and reactions of this writer when he visited the land of his ancestry last fall.

Quite likely other Nisei like Saburo and Mine Kido of Los Angeles and Katsuro and Jane Miho of Honolulu would say the same.

What the outstanding woman in the world sees in Japan—in her people her customs, her history, her historic and scenic places, and her partnership with the free world—mirrors what many of us Nisei have felt about our first impressions of Japan.

Thus, this may be said to confirm the sociological fact at least that the Nisei is more American than Japanese in his outlook and his insight.

The great difference may be in what we feel as Americans.

Mrs. Roosevelt admires what the Japanese people have accomplished and appreciates the world-wide necessity for keeping Japan within the free orbit.

We Nisei become prouder of our ancestry as we, for the first time really see the magnificence of her people and her culture.

As Americans, we both have a common task, to promote legitimate Japanese American friendship and goodwill. Because of our ancestry, we Nisei can help in that great responsibility. This writer hopes that the Nisei will live up to this obligation as an American who happens to be of Japanese ancestry and is proud of that fact.

## Nisei instructor earns Fulbright scholarship

Honolulu

Bro. Augustine Furumoto, physics instructor at St. Louis College, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship for 1953-54 under which he will study mathematics and seismology at Tokyo University.

He is a graduate of St. Louis in 1945, completed his studies at the Univ. of Dayton in 1949 where he majored in science and mathematics and returned to Hawaii to teach.

While in Tokyo he will reside with the Marianists at Akebono Gakuen. Departure date is not definite. Bro. Augustine spent several years in Japanese language schools before his joining the Society of Mary in 1946. He is author in Japanese of the biography of the Rev. William Joseph Chaminade, Marianist founder, published in 1950.

# Los Angeles Democrat praises determination of Issei to become U.S. citizens, urges more funds to aid I&NS

Washington

Two resolutions of the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council were commended to the House by Rep. Samuel W. Yorty (D., Calif.) this week as worthy of wholehearted support as he endorsed legislation for:

(1) more funds to the Immigration and Naturalization Service to facilitate the naturalization of the Issei, and

(2) funds requested by the Dept. of Justice to pay compromised and settled claims awarded the past two years and to administer the program.

(Legislation covering recommendations of Rep. Yorty is now in conference of House and Senate Appropriations Committee members, who are working out differences in the 1954 appropriations bill for the State, Justice and Commerce Departments and Federal Judiciary.)

Declared Yorty this past

week in support of additional funds for Immigration and Naturalization Service:

"Reports which have come to me from all parts of the United States tell of the hundreds of Issei or first-generation Japanese who have signed up for citizenship classes, as a result of the new immigration law which went into effect Dec. 24, 1952. Their enthusiasm in preparing for naturalization examinations are a source of inspiration to Americans who are apt to take their citizenship for granted."

The Los Angeles Democrat, whose district probably includes more persons of Japanese ancestry than that of any other congressman, congratulated the Issei and Nisei for their "example of self-discipline, loyalty and hard-work."

"Their determination to acquire American citizenship required patient and persistent action," he declared.

"Many of the Japanese aliens now eligible to share in the American citizenship of their children are in the late autumn of their lives. For them, citizenship marks the end of countless inequities they suffered because of their inferior legal status."

Yorty told the House of the services of the JACL rendering assistance to the Issei since the law went into effect, getting them acquainted with the law and requirements of naturalization, rounding up volunteers to teach and assist in filling out petitions and even interpreters for the Naturalization Service.

"However, it is a tremendous task to qualify thousands of aliens for citizenship," Yorty continued. "Because of the size of the task, and its urgency to people who have already waited most of

their lifetime for citizenship in their adopted country, I hereby offer my unqualified support to the resolution of the Pacific Southwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League."

Also this past week, Yorty spoke in behalf of the funds to administer the evacuation claims program and to pay compromised and settled claims awarded during the past two years.

"Let us not delude ourselves that we are being magnanimous when we settle these claims. We can never repay the damage, either mental or material, our Japanese citizens were done. It is one of the tragedies of World War II. But we can and we should act promptly in behalf of these people who have been waiting 11 years for some sort of settlement," he urged.

## Worland Nisei picked for Wyoming Girl's State

Worland, Wyo.

Haru Nakamura, junior at Thermopolis High School, was selected as delegate from the school to attend the Girls' State convention at the Univ. of Wyoming campus June 10 to 14.

She is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Thermopolis.

Miss Nakamura is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Nakamura of Kirby, Wyo.

## Mutual Aid Society

Chicago

The Chicago Mutual Aid Society reports \$3,000 has been raised in the second week of a \$5,000 campaign for funds to enlarge their mausoleum at Montrose Cemetery.

## Two Pennsylvania Issei Naturalized

Sharon, Pa.

First Japanese nationals to be admitted to American citizenship in this western Pennsylvania county of Mercer were welcomed May 29 in naturalization court by Judge George H. Rowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Masanobu Morisuye, 84 Buhl Court, took the oath of allegiance as part of a group of 20 petitioners.

They have been residents in the U.S. for 45 years—25 of them in Sharon. Morisuye is an engineer for the local Westinghouse plant. They have two daughters, the elder Jean, who is a research assistant in Yale Medical School, and Eleanor, now Mrs. Leo W. Lemly who is a home economics instructor here. Her husband, a naval ensign, returned from Korea after a two-year duty.

## 4-H Club delegates

Honolulu

Hawaii's four delegates to the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C., June 17-24 were announced by the Univ. of Hawaii agricultural extension service. Chosen were:

Perry Ogawa Lahaina, Maui; Bernice Tanaka, Kapaa, Kauai; Chizuko Kinro, Holualoa, Kona; and Clarence Yamamoto, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii.

They were chosen for outstanding progress in project work, leadership achievement and community service.

## Detroit picnic

Detroit

The annual Japanese community picnic will be held June 14 at the wading pool area of Middle Rouge Parkway. An effort is being made to lend a Japanese atmosphere with lanterns and folk music, chairman Min Togasaki said.



Lt. Ruth Tanaka, Army Nurse Corps, of Denver, Yohko Sumida, Washington, D. C., and Ensign Takeshi Yoshihara of Renton, Wash., lay wreaths at gravesites of Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi and Pfc. Fumitake Nagato, first two Nisei buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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# Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Organization of the fifth cabinet by Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida is really historical. No one else has done it. Prince Hirofumi Ito, author of the pre-MacArthur constitution, was able to organize his fourth but subsequently was assassinated. Behind the curtain of the Yoshida cabinet, many communists danced for a creation of a Shigemitsu cabinet in order to confuse everything, but they failed at the last moment.



MURAYAMA

A very powerful left-wing leader in Japan today is the chairman of the Sohyo, general council of trade unions, Minoru Takano, who came into power with the support of SCAP during the occupation.

Through his influence and leadership such organizations as Japanese-Soviet Friendship Society and the Japanese-Red China Friendship Society held important conferences early in May, deciding to push for a Mamoru Shigemitsu cabinet.

On May 11, Seigen Ozawa of the Left-Socialist party called on Jiichiro Matsumoto, member of the Upper House, to push the Takano plan for a Shigemitsu cabinet. Right-Socialists Rikizo Hirano and Suehiro Nishio also joined hands with the leftists.

Thickening the plot was the rumor of Gov. Hisato Ichimata of the Bank of Japan contributing ¥30,000,000 to the campaign. Ambitious Ichimata is said to be eyeing the premiership someday.

Right-Socialists Juso Miwa and Mitsu Kono detected the original intention of Takano to start a campaign against a Shigemitsu cabinet.

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By May 15 Yonezo Mayeda, an old-time politician and Liberal, began work behind the scenes against a Shigemitsu cabinet. Eventually others joined his march to quash the Communist strategy.

Two days later, Hiroo Wada, influential Leftist, started a strong anti-Yoshida movement on grounds that Yoshida was a "reactionary." The Lower House selected its speaker, Yasujiro Tsutsumi, a Progressive from Shigemitsu's party, on May 18. A Left-Socialist, Hyo Hara, was picked vice-speaker.

By this time the shouting became louder for a Shigemitsu cabinet with the teachers union, the coal miners and other union groups harping. But a Yoshida cabinet was organized on May 19 as the Right-Socialists did not cooperate with the Communists.

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On the surface, it seemed to be a struggle between Shigemitsu and Yoshida. However, it was really a big, desperate fight between the conservatives and the unionists on the Communist-inspired drama of politics.

It is very fortunate that Japan has some sensible leaders within the Right Socialist party. The strange part was the manner the press prominently handled the statements of Takano everyday. It appeared he was more important than the heads of the various political parties at the time.

Japan's political panorama is very interesting. If America fails to show a program, Japanese politics veers toward the Soviet. And the Reds are constantly carrying out their thought-programs one after another while the Americans are aloof.



Highlight at a recent Issei Appreciation dinner was the presentation of the Chicago JACL plaque to Mihe Masaoka (left) by Abe Hagiwara, chapter president, for outstanding leadership as national legislative director of the JACL from 1946-1953.—Album Studios Photo.

## CAPSULES

Mitsuyei and Mitsuno Mayeda of Brighton, Colo., were seriously injured near Longmont early May 30 while on a fishing trip. The Issei couple were involved in an automobile accident.

Evelyn Teragawachi and Edwin Yanagihara, both Univ. of Hawaii sophomores and youth leaders at Harris Memorial Methodist Church, Honolulu, will go to Salt Lake City for a 10-day briefing of Methodist church leaders before completing their seven-week summer program.

Clifton H. Yamamoto, assistant manager of National Mortgage & Finance Co., was elected president of the Better Business Bureau of Honolulu. The BBB has handled more than 13,000 complaints and inquiries the past year.

Mike Sakamoto was named first commander of the San Jose Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9970 with some 70 Nisei veterans meeting. Post institution and officer installation ceremonies are scheduled June 27. San Jose is the fifth all-Nisei VFW unit in California, the others being Sacramento, Hanford, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

### Canadian float

New Denver, B.C.

For the third year in a row, the Japanese Canadian community float for the Victoria Day parade here May 18 won first prize.

The float was decorated with artificial flowers of morning glory and wisteria.

## 69 Chicago Issei handed diplomas in first Citizenship class graduation

Chicago

Receiving their diplomas at the first Americanization program graduation exercises sponsored jointly by the Chicago JACL chapter and the Chicago Resettlers Committee, 69 Issei are ready for examinations of the Immigration and Naturalization Service which will eventually result in U. S. citizenship.

The exercises were the culmination of 30 weeks of study under the guidance of Kenji Nakane, director of the Resettlers Committee, and held at the Church of Jesus Christ on June 5 with Dr. T. T. Yatabe as chairman. Greetings were extended by Noboru Honda, chairman of the Resettlers Committee, and Abe Hagiwara, Chicago JACL president. The main speaker was D. G. Hutchinson, official of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

● Mrs. Kazuo Masuda, member of the Livingston-Merced JACL chapter, was elected president of the Livingston Elementary PTA.

## Japanese language schools: is it good or bad today? Chinese Hawaiians began fight to reopen schools

(The academic issue of whether Japanese language schools are useful to the post-war Japanese American community was raised in the series of articles first published in the Honolulu Star Bulletin. The Pacific Citizen invites comment for the Mailbox after this series is completed.—Editor.)

By JOHN GRIFFIN (Part II)

Then came Pearl Harbor Day and the arguments were pushed into the background as one main point stood out:

Regardless of their merits, the schools at the time served as a prop to the arguments questioning the loyalty of the Japanese—and we were at war with Japan.

General Order 6 of the Military government on Dec. 8, 1941, closed "all schools public and private."

With government permission, almost all reopened a few weeks later, except the language schools. They remained closed for two obvious reasons.

First, almost immediately the language school teachers had been interned.

Second, to open a school you had to ask permission from the government, and few Japanese had any desire to focus attention on their connections with the language schools at that time.

As American nationalism grew following Pearl Harbor Day, so did the feeling that once and for all something must be done "to nail the lid on the coffin" of the Japanese language schools.

The result was the Akana Language Bill passed by the 1943 Territorial Legislature. In an effort to skirt the legal and political obstacles of earlier unsuccessful language bills, the new law did not simply ban the language schools.

Instead it placed restrictions which kept the children out of the language schools during the formative years of the first four public school grades.

Meanwhile, Hawaii's Japanese went on to make an enviable war record. Many former language school students served in the 100th battalion and 442nd combat team in Europe or as interpreters in the Pacific.

After 1945, as wartime bitterness toward Japan faded, the worst fears of language school opponents were realized.

Within three years of the close of the war, the constitutionality of the Language School Bill had been tested in the courts and found wanting, and a startling number of schools opened up over the Territory.

It was the Chinese who fought the legal battle that revived the schools.

(There are now five Chinese, one Korean and one Filipino

language schools in Hawaii, as compared to eight Chinese and five Korean schools on Pearl Harbor Day.)

The legal action was started in late 1946 and by mid 1947 a three judge federal tribunal convened in Honolulu and said the 1943 law was unconstitutional.

It wasn't until more than six months after this legal green light that the new Japanese Language school movement really got under way.

Then, in a burst of activity during three months of the spring of 1948, 15 schools with 45 teachers and 3,800 students, sprang up on Oahu, and that was only the beginning.

Many Japanese began thinking of regaining some of the property they gave away during the war. Dr. Lind estimates that 80 per cent of the schools had been assigned to agencies like the YMCA, the Department of Public Instruction and the Parks Board.

Although little recognition was given to this outstanding revival in other groups, the new birth of the language schools did not go unopposed in some

sections of the Japanese community itself.

A small minority of the Issei (first generation Japanese) expressed misgivings, stating the new movement threatened to delay the Americanization of Hawaii's Japanese youth.

But it was the Nisei veterans of World War II who were most vigorous in criticism of the language school revival.

In general, it is enough to say that most of the old criticisms have been revived, with additional arguments such as suggestions that revival of the schools might hurt chances for Statehood.

But just what was it that brought the language schools back after being plunged to the depths of disrepute?

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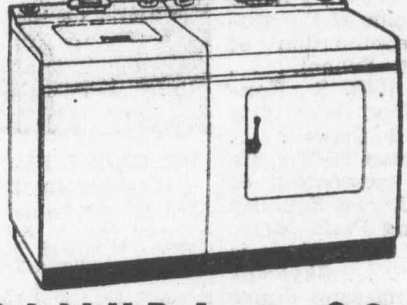
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**Springfield Spotlight . . .**

House action was expected this week on the Equal Job Opportunities bill, which passed the committee 31-9 . . . The Senate approved a measure, 35-13, designed to take politics out of the judicial system in form a constitutional amendment . . . The streamlining of Chicago bill passed the Senate Municipalities committee 8-2 . . . The reapportionment plan met with 7-1 approval of the House election committee. It gives Cook County control of the Illinois House and downstate Illinois to dominate the Senate . . . The Senate also approved the fireworks ban bill, forbidding magnesium sparklers, prohibiting shipment of fireworks into the state.

Hordes of army worms (actually, a moth about 1 1/2 inch long dark green with black stripes from head to tail) are ravaging wheat fields and crops downstate. The government say it's the worst to date. By this week-end, they are expected to reach the Wisconsin borders. English grain aphids and cut worms have also been reported establishing beach-heads in Illinois.

**Around Chicago . . .**

Pedestrians will be handed "courtesy" tickets with seven safety rules listed if caught jaywalking from this week. After the summer jaywalkers will be handed court summons. The fine will be \$3 . . . Atty. Elliot S. Epstein joins the firm of Yates and Holleb, 33 N. La Salle, it was announced by Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D., Ill.) . . . **Cliff Dwellers** (a men-only club of Chicago painters, sculptors, musicians, architects, writers and collectors of art) are paying homage to five leading women artists in an exhibition of their works this month—among the honored is **Miyoko Ito** (Mrs. Harry Ichiyasu) . . . **Ellis Community Center** is now five years old . . . Halos and rainbows are subjects this month at **Adler Planetarium** . . . **City-wide Recreation** election results: **Charles Ukita**, chmn.; **Rose Fujimoto**, v-chmn.; **Setsuko Miyazaki**, sec.; **Gene Wakabayashi** treas.; **Alma Kurisu**, prog.; **Mas Sori**, soc.; and **Kiyo Yoshimura**, retiring chmn. City-wide members are now accepting Resettlers memberships . . . Warmest day this year so far was June 4; the thermometer hitting 95.9° and very humid. A 70-mile gale with thundershowers cooled the city to 64° . . . **Chicago Buddhist Church's** annual picnic, June 21 at Dan Ryan Wood, 87th and Western, starts at 10 a.m. Their carnival at 5487 S. Dorchester is slated July 3, 4, and 5.

**Personals . . .**

**Miyoko Ito** (Mrs. Harry Ichiyasu) received \$50 for her strongly-designed abstract oil, "Lafcadio and His Conscience," displayed at Magnificent Mile exhibition—a Michigan Ave. shop windows display from the river to Oak St. . . . **Cpl. Eddie M. Makimoto**, 50 E. Grand Ave., disembarked in Seattle May 31 from Korea . . . **Aline Sumida** is chairman of the student election commission of Hyde Park High School . . . **Roy Tsuchida**, 6145 S. Kenwood, donated blood recently to the Chicago Red Cross . . . **Robert L. Birchman** is delegate to the national convention of the Congress Of Racial Equality (CORE) in Springfield, Minn. **Ina Sugihara** of New York is CORE secretary . . . **Skyleens** went to the Iniana sand dunes for a May 30 outing . . . Attractive **Keiko Wakasa** of the Deboinaires leaves for permanent residency in Los Angeles June 28 . . . **Mrs. Mitsuye Tsutsumi** (Endo) is receptionist at the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, 54 W. Hubbard St.



The Intermountain District JACL council was privilege to meet for the first time in the Utah Governor's board room recently. In the past various JACL functions were convened in city council chambers and in public halls on state capital property but not in the inner chamber of a state executive's office. —Terashima Photo.

**San Luis Obispo CL fetes Americanization students**

**Arroyo Grande**  
Graduation dinner for 26 Issei who completed their two months of naturalization classes conducted in Japanese was held May 29 in Pismo Beach. Classes were under the joint sponsorship of the San Luis Obispo JACL and the Arroyo Grande Union High School district. H. S. Dohi of Arroyo Grande was instructor. Clair Hopkins, district superintendent, presented the certificates to the graduates. Haruo Hayashi, chapter president, extended congratulations. T. Eto of San Luis Obispo responded in behalf of the graduating class.

**Cortez JACL:** Twelve graduates of this area will be honored at the annual outing tomorrow at Lake Yosemite. In charge are:

Florence Kuwahara, ref.; Jack Noda, chef; Sam Kuwahara, fin.; George Yuge, inv.; Y. Sakaguchi, grounds.  
Graduates are: David Yamaguchi, San Jose State; Midori Kajiwara, Betty Taniguchi, Modesto J.C.; Michi Baba, Hiroshi Kajiwara, Jackie Nishimura, Tak Sugiura, Aileen Yamaguchi, Kiyomi Yoneyama, Livingston High; Aileen Narita, Haruko Ishihara and Yukio Yoneyama, Ballico Elementary.

**Richmond to graduate 39 Issei citizens-to-be**

**Richmond**  
Thirty-nine Issei students receive their diplomas tonight from Elmer W. McCormick, principal of the Richmond Evening School. As one of the main speaker will be Ivan W. Hill, city recreational director, who befriended the Nisei in prewar and Tanforan assembly center days.

The class was taught by S. Hamada. The Richmond-El Cerrito JACL chapter acknowledged receipt of \$95 contributed by the Issei class.

**Seattle JACL:** Patricia Scott, special war correspondent for the Post-Intelligencer was to speak last night at the chapter meeting, relating her experiences in Korea and Japan. Married to Army Capt. Douglas M. Martin several months ago, she was employed by the Nippon Times while in the Orient.

**Orange County CL ends citizenship studies**

**Santa Ana**  
Twenty-seven Issei students of naturalization preparation class sponsored by the Orange County JACL were honored at graduation exercises last week. Judge Kenneth Morrison was principal speaker with Stephen Tamura, county attorney, and chapter vice-president, as toastmaster. Gifts from the students were presented to Mrs. Jessie Hayden, instructor, and Saburo Muraoka, interpreter.

**So. Alameda County CL names June 20 picnic site**

**Centerville**  
The Southern Alameda County JACL will sponsor a barbecue at the Hidden Valley Ranch on Mission San Jose-Warm Springs Hwy., to honor Nisei graduates on June 20, 7:30 p.m.

An evening of dancing, games, and loads of fun is planned, according to co-chairmen Jane Yamauchi and Setsu Umemoto. Others serving on the committee are: Sumi Kato, Aki Kato, June Handa, Sazie Yamanaka, Chuck Shikano, and Kaz Shikano.

**Washington, D.C., chapter participates in non-segregation in restaurant case**

**Washington**  
The National Japanese American Citizens League and its Washington, D.C., chapter participated in the historic case in which the United States Supreme Court Monday ruled that it is unlawful to deny service to any person on account of his race in Washington eating places. The high court held 8-0 that the so-called "lost" law of 1873 which made it criminal for operators of local restaurants and similar establishments to refuse equal service to all

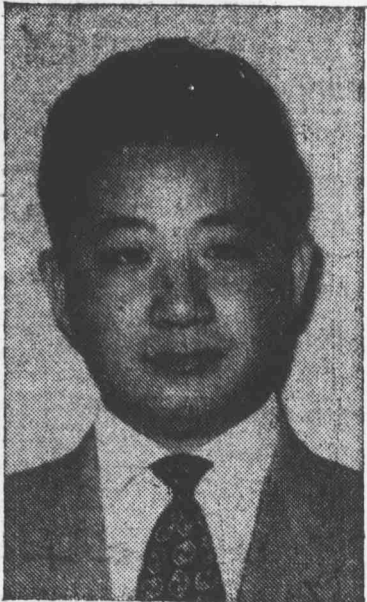
"well-behaved" and "respectable" persons is still in operation.

Although not directly involved, the court seemed to indicate that Congress had the same power to delegate legislative and other authority to the federal district as it does for territories, thereby increasing the possibility of "home rule" for the District of Columbia.

The JACL, both national and local, joined with some 20 racial, religious, and civil rights organizations in carrying the fight against racial discrimination in the Washington restaurants through the courts.

"This legal victory" according to Dr. George Furukawa, president of the Washington JACL chapter, "is another significant step forward in the ever continuing struggle for equality for all Americans, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin. JACL is proud to be associated in the common cause to secure equality of treatment and consideration for all peoples."

At the same time the Supreme Court postponed until next fall hearings on several cases involving the constitutionality of segregation in public schools. In these cases, the National and Washington chapter of the JACL have joined in signing briefs urging the nation's highest tribunal to declare unconstitutional the segregation of races in the public schools of the nation.



**DR. GEO. T. FURUKAWA, 32 Washington, D.C., JACL**  
Born in Cupertino, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kitano, San Francisco. Attended Marysville High, Yuba Jr. College, Univ. of California at Berkeley; Central College, Fayette, Mo.; and Univ. of Wisconsin. Evacuated to Tule Lake WRA Camp. Presently physicist-chemist for National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C.; formerly instructor in chemistry and physics at Central College. Member of American Chemical Society, Washington Philosophical Society, Sigma Xi, Gamma Alpha, Phi Lambda Upsilon. Married; wife Sally, daughter Barbara, Sachiko. Res. 3429 Yuma St. N.W., Washington 8, D.C.

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Mrs. Tomegoro Fujiki of Seabrook, N.J., Gold Star Mother, gives the oath to testify before U.S. Examiner William J. Cochrane in final step of examination for naturalization. Her witnesses are F. Alan Palmer (left) and Mrs. Mark Asada. Mrs. Fujiki is one of 148 Issei applicants who have passed examinations recently when a special court was established at Seabrook Community House through joint efforts of the Seabrook JACL and Cumberland County Clerk's office. Two other Gold Star mothers taking examinations were Mmes. Riyo Mukai and Mune Minakata.

### School exams in Japanese OK'd for Issei Angelinos

**Los Angeles**  
Diplomas will be issued to Issei students attending JACL sponsored Americanization-citizenship classes under the Los Angeles school system even if class room examinations are taken in the Japanese language.

This encouraging news to elderly Issei with language handicaps was made known following discussion of JACL officials, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Adult Education Department of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

According to JACL Regional Director Tats Kushida, provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act authorize non-English naturalization examinations for the first time. In keeping with the liberal intent of this provision, issuance of Board of Education diplomas to Issei who have successfully passed their naturalization preparation courses in the Japanese language was urged by the JACL.

E. Manfred Evans, supervisor of Adult Education; Miss Amanda Kruger, supervisor of the Americanization and Citizenship Department under Evans, and Ray E. Griffin, chief of the Nationality and Status Section of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, agreed that the diplomas and certificates normally issued to students successfully completing their courses in English will be designated "insufficient English-examination in Japanese" for Issei students unable to receive "English diplomas."

The "Japanese" diplomas and certificates will be given the same weight as the regular diplomas or certificates when the naturalization examination is given to the applicant, according to Griffin.

### Minnesotan given FSA health institute award

**Minneapolis**  
Dr. George M. Yamane, currently working toward an advance degree in pathology at the Univ. of Minnesota graduate school, received a post-doctoral research fellowship from the National Institute of Health, Federal Security Agency. He is making a special study of the effect of magnesium on hamsters.

The Hawaiian-born dental surgeon received his degree at the Univ. of Minnesota in 1950 and has since continued his research. He is married to the former Alice Nemoto of Chicago.

● Mrs. Min Masuda was elected president of the Seattle Nisei Veteran Ladies' Auxiliary for 1953. She is the former Hana Koriyama.

### Tsukiyama summarizes 20 why's for T.H. statehood

**Chicago**  
The people of Hawaii contribute some \$100,000,000 a year in taxes to the federal government. They are subject to all the federal requirements pertaining to the duties and obligations of citizens of the United States. But they do not enjoy the same privileges—because Hawaii is not yet a state. So declares Sen. Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, president of the Hawaii Territorial Senate, in an article for the June issue of Scene.

Tsukiyama summarizes 20 big reasons why Hawaii should be made a state.

### Univ. of Hawaii student chosen for St. Louis trip

**Honolulu**  
Lily Ishihara, of Univ. of Hawaii was chosen as recipient of the Danforth Summer Fellowship Award presented each year to an outstanding junior by the Danforth Foundation and the Ralston Purina Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

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The award will cover the students' expenses during July and August for two weeks in St. Louis and vicinity, and two weeks of Leadership training at the American Youth Foundation Camp on Lake Michigan. Lily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gihei Ishihara, 2827 Koaniani Way.

### Fresno citizenship class

**Fresno**  
A citizenship class for Issei of the Fresno area opened last week at West Fresno's International Institute. It meets twice a week, Wednesday and Friday, from 8 p.m.

### Government-held Hawaii gakuen not returnable

**Hilo**  
Former properties of five Japanese language schools being used by the county here apparently will be unaffected by any returning action.

A joint resolution by Senators William H. Hill (R., Hawaii) and Joe Itagaki (R., Oahu) asks Congress to authorize the return of such properties turned over to the Territory during the war "by gift."

Records show that four of the properties were sold to the county after the war and one during the war but all for definite sums.

County Attorney Albert M. Felix said that the Big Island properties would not be affected by the new law, if enacted, since they were definite sales.

The five properties are the Pahoia Japanese Language School, Papaiko Japanese Independent Language School, Honokaa Japanese Language School, Kealakekua Gakuen and Waiakea-Kai Japanese Grammar School Association.

All have become parts of local school system and are currently in use.

(In Honolulu, the Attorney General recently ruled the return of the Makiki Japanese Language School would be illegal as requested in a house bill which calls for return of the school property to its original owner. However the contention is being made that the transfer of the property to the Territory was made under wartime fear and duress.)

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### Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

### Oh, my achin' back . . .

The Northern California regional office, in anticipation of the eventual move of National Headquarters from Salt Lake City to the West Coast and more specifically to San Francisco, has relocated its quarters from 2031 Bush Street, the old Kinmon Gakuen, to 1759 Sutter Street, a building which had been purchased by the prewar Nihonjin Kai.

Thanks to Jerry Enomoto, Taxy Hironaka, Jack Hirose, Tosh Horio, Mako Suyeyasu, Hisashi Tani, and Yukio Wada, we moved our equipment, belongings and years of accumulated material to our new location last Saturday.

Old age is really creeping up on these bones because with each load, I'll swear the stairs became steeper, a little bit longer, and the same size boxes became heavier.

With backaches and footaches concurrent with such a job, in the midst of our packing, while looking through some of the files and newspaper clippings we recalled some of the turbulent days when we returned to the Pacific Coast from relocation camps.

We remembered once more the reign of terror in some of our cities where shotguns blasted the quiet of the homes of some of the early returnees and other threats of violence in other communities.

The violation of the cemeteries of our Issei dead was brought in mournful memory in clippings and old letters.

We wondered whether the spots and stains on some of the letters and memos were occasioned by tears and sweat.

I was proud of the JACL which spearheaded the fight for all Japanese Americans to make the Pacific Coast a home once more for the returned exiles. We look forward to the return of the National JACL as a final step in completing the chapter in the history of our exile and return.

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### JACL track meet . . .

It seems every weekend there is some important event. Last weekend not only did we move our regional office, but last Sunday we enjoyed a very pleasant picnic at Sigmund Fern Grove under the hospi-

ality of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California.

We were champing at the bit to get into one of the races but they didn't announce a race for "faded, fat and forty."

I note with a great deal of interest the first postwar JACL track meet to be sponsored this Sunday by the San Francisco JACL chapter at Kezar Stadium inviting high school and college entrants from all Northern California chapters.

The report is that applicants have rolled in fast and furiously. We are glad of the interest of these chapters in the activities of our younger citizens.

I think it would be a good idea if such meets were sponsored with other district councils in California for perhaps an all-state finals meet.

Still feeble from the rigors of moving, we bid you adieu and say once more that we are eagerly waiting for and would welcome guest writers for this column as well as chapter and personal items concerning JACLers in the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

### Marysville honors 93 Issei pre-citizen students

**Marysville**  
Ninety-three Issei who completed Americanization studies were honored at commencement exercises June 2 at Yuba Evening College. The classes were co-sponsored by the Marysville JACL chapter and the college.

Classes were started last March with Dan Nishita former army language school instructor at Ann Arbor, Mich., during World War II teaching. James D. Hall, evening college director, was cited for his enthusiastic support. He announced a second course would start in the early fall.

Following the presentation of colors, introduced and extending greetings were:

Sen. Ed. C. Johnson, Assemblyman Don Hobbie; Pedro Osuna, dist. supt. of Yuba College and Marysville Union High School; Edward T. Sweeney, naturalization examiner; J. J. Collins, Yuba College pres.; and James D. Hall, Yuba Evening College director.

Assisting Frank Okimoto, chapter president, in the arrangements were:

George Inouye, Richard Kinoshita, Iris Hatanaka, Connie Kurihara, Frank Nakamura, Tony Tokuno, Bill Tsuji and Aki Yoshimura.



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**KIKKOMAN SHOYU**

# JULIA MURAKAMI WINDS UP SWIM CAREER IN GLORY

**Honolulu**  
Julia Murakami of the Hawaii Swimming Club cracked two records one night and broke another the following night in the two day Hawaiian AAU Indoor Swimming championships May 28-29 at the Univ. of Hawaii pool.

A longtime veteran and pupil of Soichi Sakamoto, her performances brought to an end in brilliant fashion a long and successful career. She now leaves swimming and moves into training to become a nurse, an ambition she has nursed along for many years.

It was a magnificent finale, gaining recognition as the meet's outstanding performer and getting the Wahine Quarterback Club trophy.

The Roosevelt High School senior started her record-breaking performances by cracking Thelma Kalama's 1m.1.6s. mark in the 100 yard freestyle with a 1m. 1.2s., finishing four yards ahead of a brilliant field of competitors.

Her second mark-shatterer was the 2m. 35.2s. time in the 200 yard backstroke event, clipping .2s off the mark she set two years ago.

Her final splash was the new mark in the 100 yard dorsal event done in 1m. 11.2s., lowering the previous mark she made last year in 1m. 11.3s.

Another young mermaid tabbed to make her mark in local swimming waters is Winifred Numazu of Nuuanu Y, who won the 220 yard freestyle in 2m. 40.4s.

## Mitsuyoshi hurls Fresno to 2-0 win over Zebras

**San Jose**  
Ben Mitsuyoshi, who will join the Hiroshima Carps pro team shortly, pitched a four-hit shutout in a seven-inning game here last Saturday as Fresno All-Stars won 2-0 over San Jose Zebras.

It was Fresno's second win over the Zebras, having bested them 6-5 at Fresno on Memorial Day.

Reedley High School's Babe Ruth sportsmanship award went to Frank Goishi this semester. Selection is by popular vote.

## SPORTSCOPE

It was a 14-year-old rookie pitcher, Henry Yasui, who hurled a 7-0 shutout for Mayhew A.C. over the Walsh Station nine recently in the Sacramento Valley Nisei League. It was his third straight win, striking out eight batters.

## Japan Davis Cup netters warm up for U.S. matches

**San Francisco**  
Jiro Yamagishi has brought three players who are now working out on local courts as Japan's Davis Cup squad prepares for its 1953 first round matches in July against the U. S. team at Vancouver, B. C.

Yamagishi, veteran Davis Cupper of prewar days, arrived here Sunday with Atsushi Miyagi, 21, member of last year's squad; Kiminari Kamo, 20; and Masanobu Kimura, 29. (Kamo's sister accompanied the 1952 Japanese team and played a number of American tournaments).

The Nippon team is staying at Canterbury Hotel.

"Naturally, we will be out to win against the U. S. team when we meet them in Vancouver next month, but the lack of international competition for a dozen years is still keenly felt," Yamagishi declared.

"We will try to gain some experience and in a few years the young players should develop into top-ranking men," he added.

After the Davis Cup matches in British Columbia, the Japan team will go to Montreal and Toronto. They will enter the U. S. national doubles tourney in Boston at the end of July.

They will be back on the Pacific coast in September and may compete in tournaments in the Bay area and Los Angeles.

## Nisei golf pro fourth in Pearl Harbor tournament

**Honolulu**  
In the recent Navy-Marine golf tournament of May 24 at the Pearl Harbor links, Toyo Shirai was among the eight pros who finished from the original 16, dividing a \$855.11 kitty. Shirai tied for fourth (75-75-73-75) to get \$76.85.

Top AJA amateur was Ted Murata who placed third (72-70-77-73) while pro Jimmy Ukauka won the tournament with a 284.

## Boxing

At Hollywood Legion, June 6: Phil Kim, 141, Honolulu, KO'd Emil Barao, 140, Hayward, 2nd round.

Bob Matsumoto of Bakersfield High set a new class "B" shotput league mark of 51 ft. 10 3/4 in. in the Southern Yosemite Division.

## Cleveland's Wittine Body squad wins Midwest handicap bowling tournament

**Cleveland**  
Sparked by Kenny Hirata's 706 series the Wittine Body team here walked off with top honors in the recent Midwest bowling tournament at the Chester-30th Lanes. Twenty-four teams from Chicago, Detroit, Seabrook and Cleveland participated in the tournament which was held on a handicap basis for the first time in its six-year history.

Chicago Southside copped the women's team honors.

Tosh Tosaya, Mas Funo, Shim Yamamoto, George Iwamoto, Steve Yano, Howard Tashima, Lefty Oshiro, Francis Nihei, Johnny Akiba, Sammy Nakashige, Harry Taketa, Mary Yoshida, Kichi Nakashige and Fumi Shima.

The complete summaries:

### MEN'S DIVISION

**Team**—1. Wittine Body 3013, 2. Al Berg 2851, 3. Lakeview Restaurant 2850, 4. T & J Auto 2787, 5. A-Y Cleaners 2782, 6. Triad Window 2773.

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**Squad prizes**: I. Howard Tashima-Frank Shiba 1133, Tuck Ozima-Kiyo Takehara 1127; II. Frank Lee-Frank Furukawa 1135, Mickey Fujii-Art Omori 1111; III. Kingo Iwafuchi-Jack Hirai 1130, Jeff Hikido-Fred Oishi 1106; IV. Moose Furukawa-Jim Kishida 1135, Tom and Jim Hashimoto 1129.

## Sacramento weightlifters win Nat'l AAU titles

**Indianapolis**  
Retaining their National AAU weightlifting titles here last Saturday were two Sacramento Nisei, Tommy Kono (165 lb.) and Mits Oshima (132-lb.)

Kono, the 148-lb. Olympic champion, lifted a total of 915 (285 press, 280 snatch, 350 clean and jerk). Oshima lifted a total of 680 (185-225-270).

## Baseball

(Nisei teams in Boldface type.)  
At Berkeley, June 7: Eastbay A.C. 13, Richmond A.C. 10.

At Denver, June 7: Publix Cab 17, Denver Nisei 2.

At San Jose, June 8: San Jose Zebras 8, Lodi A.C. 7.

At San Jose, June 7: Fresno Nisei 2, San Jose Zebras 0.

At Los Angeles, June 7: North American Rockets 3, Nisei Trading 2.

At Long Beach, June 7: Fireman's Sporting Goods 9, Harbor Skippers 3.

At Seattle, May 31: Savoys 11, Des Moines 1.

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The Univ. of California alumni scholarship committee has granted **Alice Kajitani** of Selma the honorary alumni freshman scholarship last week.

**Virginia Kishi**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kishi, 3503 E. 3rd St., Los Angeles, was installed president of the Stevenson Jr. High School Girls' League last week.

## SOCIAL NOTES

**L. A. Club Service Bureau**: A benefit variety show, "Mardi Gras Daze," on June 27 at Memorial Auditorium, features a cross section of Los Angeles talent: Japanese dancers, hula girls, Mexican instrumentalists, Jewish dancers, vocalists and guest celebrities.

## EYBL cabinet

**Chicago**  
Jim Akiya of Cleveland was installed as president of the 1953-54 Eastern Young Buddhist League cabinet recently in a candlelight ceremony conducted by the Rev. Kiyoshi Tsuji of Toronto, Canada. Jim Arima of Chicago is the retiring president.



Members of the Wittine Body team of Cleveland which won the Midwest bowling tournament at Cleveland are (left to right) Roy Koyama, Kenny Hirata, Lefty Oshiro, Shim Yamamoto and Nash Okuma.

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# Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

Bronson Canyon in Griffith Park may sound like an old cowboy trail trampled by shootin'-tootin', pistol-packing hombres of yore, but it isn't so. It is a quiet, scenic strip of landscaped path lined with more than 30 Japanese cherry trees donated by Miyosaku Uyematsu, wealthy nurseryman from Montebello.

And last week hundreds of Issei and Nisei as well as Caucasian visitors strolled under the double petaled "yaé sakura" to marvel at its beauty. For aging Uyematsu who has made cherry trees his lifetime study dating back some 30 years, it was an achievement.

He gave them to the City Parks and Recreation Dept. last January, reminding officials there that transplanting of such trees will probably prevent them from blossoming this year.

But 10 of them have blossomed profusely. Where others have failed in their attempt to plant cherry trees successfully in Southern California weather, Uyematsu's project bore fruit. He thinks in 30 years the trees will produce its most bloom.

Heads of the Harbor District Japanese Community Center were informed this week that their recreation hall in Long Beach may have to be cleared soon for a high school.

The spacious edifice with meeting rooms, an auditorium, kitchen and class rooms was purchased by the HDJCC in 1950 for almost \$20,000 but since then has been improved considerably with volunteer labor. The 5.4 acre property includes a baseball diamond.

When the Long Beach School System approached the custodians to discuss sales matter, one of the officials, Harry Nishimura, said: "We are not concerned about how much money we can get from the center sale but want to know where we can set up another ideal spot like this."

If you feel electronic one of these nights after supper, it may be those radioactive beans you ate. So think some UCLA research scientists who have been probing the mysteries of atomic energy.

The men have just discovered that radioactive strontium is readily absorbed by many agricultural crops, mostly in radishes and beans. One of the brains on the discovery is Dr. Hideo Nishida.

The Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council has committed itself to participate in the 13th annual Nisei Week Festival this August. They will handle the coronation ball and the baby show.

It is the first time since the League has taken helm in a Nisei Week event.

When \$20,000 worth of fishing nets tangled with the pro-cessor of Lucky Star off the coast of Mexico, Sunday, it resulted in the sinking of the vessel itself.

The 85-ton craft loaded with tons of fish was being skippered by George Yamasaki and engineered by Shoichi Abe, owners of the \$50,000 boat.

In time for the rescue was West Coast, skippered by Tom Nishida, which picked the crew of 11 men, all of them Issei and Nisei. The boat was insured but the nets weren't.

Boy Scout Troop 379 of the Toyasan Betsuin opened the 100th night Scout-O-Rama at the 100th year. Introducing their new Los Angeles Coliseum again bugles, the drum and pipe corps conducted a 30-minute concert as a curtain raiser.

Next month, they participate in the World Jamboree at Irwin Ranch in Santa Ana.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

ARIZA—Apr. 26, a boy Marshall Thomas to the Tamotsu T. Ariza (Etsuko Shintaku), Puente.  
DOHI—May 2, a girl Lynn Emiko to the George K. Dohis (Misao Nishida), Pasadena.  
DOI—May 25, a girl to the Frank Doi, Kingsburg.  
FOLEY—May 11, a boy Alan Doyle to the Darwin E. Foleys (Setsuko Nagayama), Los Angeles.  
FROST—May 11, a girl Alice Lutzette to the Arthur J. Frosts (Kazuko Watanabe), Los Angeles.  
FUJIMOTO—May 1, a girl to the Calvin Fujimotos (Kikuko Goto), Los Angeles.  
FUKUI—May 13, a girl Janette Miyo to the Abraham Y. Fukuis (Mieko Shinpo), Los Angeles.  
FUKUMOTO—May 13, a boy Joseph to the Joe Fukumotos (Gladys Toshi Takeuchi), Los Angeles.  
FUKUSHIMA—May 17, a boy Roy Toshi to the Jun Fukushima (Toshiko Kishimoto), Venice.  
GOTO—May 2, a boy Douglas Naofumi to the Masaji Gotos (Chikako Shoguchi), Pasadena.  
GREENE—Apr. 25, a boy Garry Shigeharu to the Dale Greenes (Rita Yaeko Tanouye), Los Angeles.  
HAMADA—May 4, a boy to the Yoshio Hamadas, San Diego.  
HAMAGUCHI—May 19, a girl Frances Toshimi to the Frank Mitsutoshi Hamaguchis (Michiko Sera), Los Angeles.  
HARDLEY—May 5, a boy Paul Addo to the Robert Frank Hardleys (Utaka Fujita), Los Angeles.  
HAYASHI—May 4, a girl Nancy Jean to the Takao T. Hayashis (Yasuko Jean Yamamoto), Los Angeles.  
HIKIDA—A girl to the Thomas K. Hikidas, Denver.  
HIRANAKA—May 14, a boy to the Charles Hiranakas, Kent, Wash.  
HIRAOKA—June 4, twin girls Janet and Janice to the Anthony N. Hiraokas (Dorothy Nakamura), Los Angeles.  
HONGO—May 10, a boy Glenn Steven to the Sunao Hongos (Yoshiko Hozaki), Los Angeles.  
HORIBA—Apr. 23, a girl Carl Lynn to the Tsutomu T. Horibas (Michiko Uyemura), Los Angeles.  
ICHIKAWA—A boy to the George Ichikawas, Washington, D.C.  
IGUCHI—May 13, a boy Stuart Koji to the Benji Iguchis (Tamiko Kiuchi), Los Angeles.  
INOUE—June 2, a girl to the Tadao Inoues, Payette, Idaho.  
INOUE—May 16, a boy Garl Alan to the Akira Inoues (Dorothy Marion Yamaguchi), Los Angeles.  
IRINAGA—May 24, a boy Michael F. to the Fred M. Irinagas, Portland.  
ISOZAKI—May 13, a girl to the Kiyoshi Isozakis, Stockton.  
KAMIYA—May 11, a boy Randall Paul Yoshikazu to the Arthur Kamei Kamiyas (Hannah Masuda), Los Angeles.  
KARASAWA—May 15, a girl Audrey Aya to the Tsutomu Karasawa (Kiyoko Nishimoto), Los Angeles.  
KARIYA—May 12, a girl Catherine to the Arthur Kariyas (Yasuko Hori), Los Angeles.  
KARIYA—May 14, a girl Gail Ellen to the Minoru Kariyas (Yoneko Inatomi), Los Angeles.  
KATO—May 10, a boy Douglas Howard to the Howard T. Katos (Kazuko Toji), Los Angeles.  
KAWA—May 3, a boy Alan Shunji to the Taro Kawas (Toshiko Imeda), Los Angeles.  
KAZAMA—May 8, a boy James Ken to the Howard T. Kazamas (Rose Haru Sasaki), Los Angeles.  
KNEWBOW—May 8, a boy Lawrence Scott to the Samuel Knewbaws (Chiyoko Asawa), Los Angeles.  
KOBAYASHI—May 12, a boy Clyde Randall to the James M. Kobayashis (Marie Wakamatsu), Los Angeles.  
KURIHARA—May 6, a boy Michael to the Jiro Pete Kuriharas (Sachiko Sakakura), Los Angeles.  
MATSUMOTO—May 2, a girl Jane Lynn to the Akira Matsumotos (Ritsuye Hatashita), Pasadena.  
MCLENDON—May 17, a boy Richard Lee to the William Green

McLendons (Tsugiko Arimoto), Los Angeles.  
MITANI—May 15, a girl Marian to the Yukihira Joe Mitanis (Momoayo Higashi), Los Angeles.  
MIYAMOTO—Apr. 28, a girl Teri Lee to the Sunao Ted Miyamotos (Laone Marie Boyd), Los Angeles.  
MIYASHIRO—May 25, a boy to the Hiroshi Miyashiros, San Francisco.  
MORI—June 1, a girl to the Kazuo Moris, Seattle.  
MURAKAMI—Apr. 26, a girl to the Katsu Murakamis, Sacramento.  
MURAMOTO—Apr. 25, a girl Karen Shigeko to the George K. Muramotos (Michiko Okida), Los Angeles.  
NAKASHIMA—May 3, a girl to the George Nakashimas, Renton, Wash.  
NAKAWATASE—May 17, a girl Pamela Faith Noriye to the Hideshi Nakawatases (Betty Toshiye Nakamura), Los Angeles.  
NOMI—May 26, a boy Peter Tatsumi to the Pete Nomis, San Jose.  
ODAMA—May 5, a girl to the Henry Kodamas, Marysville.  
OHNO—May 14, a boy Brian Takashi to the Joe Ohnos (Emiko Yamada), Los Angeles.  
ONO—May 30, a boy to the Joe Onos, Bakersfield.  
QUICK—May 9, a boy Kenneth Owen to the Delmer A. Quicks (Madge Tojiko Shiratori), Los Angeles.  
RUMMEL—May 10, a girl Marilyn Naomi to the Leon Roland Rummel (Setsuko Hokama), Los Angeles.  
SABUSAWA—May 22, a girl Elizabeth Mayko to the Henry Sabusawas, San Jose.  
SAITO—June 1, a girl to the Larry Saitos, Nyssa, Ore.  
SAKUMA—May 23, a girl Elsie Yukiko to the Joe S. Sakumas, Palo Alto.  
SHIMIZU—Apr. 25, a boy Michael Warren to the Akira Shimizus (Anne Iwata), Montebello.  
SHINSEKI—May 23, a girl Cathryn to the John M. Shinseki, Mt. View.  
SHINTANI—May 17, a girl to the Juro Shintanis, Long Beach.  
SUGANO—May 16, a boy to the Tomio Suganos, Long Beach.  
SUMI—May 15, a boy Hitoshi Stanley to the Sachio Sumis (Sachine Ryono), Los Angeles.  
SUZUKI—May 7, a girl Sneila Midori to the Paul M. Suzukis (Dorothy Natsuko Hamamura), Los Angeles.  
TAIYOSHI—Apr. 30, a boy Masao William to the Takeo C. Taiyoshis (Akiko Nakamura), Los Angeles.  
TAJII—May 8, a girl Keiko Katherine to the Minoru Tajis (Kazuko Ogawa), Los Angeles.  
TAKARAGAWA—May 19, a girl Carol Ann Yoko to the Yutaka Harry Takaragawas (Miyoko Shitamoto), Los Angeles.  
TAMAI—May 11, a boy to the Ted C. Tamais, West Sacramento.  
TAMBARA—May 19, a girl Amy Emi to the Sumiyuki Tambaras (Sadaye Tambara), Los Angeles.  
TANJI—May 9, a girl Ruby Toshiko to the Shiro Tanjis (Harumi Kikuta), Los Angeles.  
TERAGAWA—May 11, a girl aren Yasu to the Edward M. Teragawas (Kimiko Ito), Los Angeles.  
TSUKIJI—May 1, a boy to the Isamu Tsukijis, Sacramento.  
TSUNEKAWA—May 16, a girl Jean Eiko to the Yoshishige Tsunekawas (Hisako Wada), Los Angeles.  
UENAKA—June 1, a girl Kiyoko to the Itsuo Uenakas (Fujiko Takayama), Cupertino.  
UYEDA—Apr. 30, a girl Roxanne Julia to the Masato Jack Uyedas (Doris Satsuki Tsujisaka), Los Angeles.  
WADA—May 15, a boy Douglas Susumu to the Benji Wadas (Kayoko Hayashi), Los Angeles.  
WATANABE—May 18, a boy to the Fred Watanabes, Yuba City.  
YAMAMOTO—May 18, a boy Bryan Ken to the Shirashi Yamamotos (Mitsuko Yamashita), Los Angeles.  
YOSHIOKA—Apr. 25, a boy to the Riichiro Yoshiokas, San Diego.

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## Comments on 'Nisei Daughter' similar among Nisei critics in metro presses

**Boston**  
Four months have passed and comments on "Nisei Daughter," (Boston: Atlantic-Little Brown & Co. \$3.50) by Mrs. Monica Sone, have shown an amazing unanimity of opinion concerning the book. Oddly enough, among the few dissenters are some reviewers with Japanese names, it was pointed out this week.  
Extracts of some of the opinions made available to the Pacific Citizen include:  
"The idea of America as a melting pot may seem old-fashioned today. Monica Sone's book is an encouraging reminder of the melting pot at work, even under apparently unfavorable circumstances. It gives us hope not merely for the America, but for the world of tomorrow." — Takashi Oka, Christian Science Monitor.  
"Although static in parts Mrs. Sone nevertheless succeeds in depicting her existence as an American with a double cultural heritage." — Pete Hironaka, Dayton Daily News.  
"Books that deal with the wartime mass evacuation of Japanese Americans from the west coast generally tend to be grim reading. Or else they are stodgy sociological tracts between hard covers. 'Nisei Daughter' is neither . . . Herself a victim, she has done this with rare good humor—and

she skillfully manages to entertain you in the process." — Togo W. Tanaka, Chicago Tribune.  
"Her story is not only the tale of the children of the immigrant forefathers of us all—torn between the old-country ways of the United States—her story is also the tale of life in America with a Japanese face . . ." — Yoshi H. Carpenter, St. Louis Post-Dispatch.  
"American literature has seen few books about its citizens of Japanese origin, even fewer in which the Nisei write about themselves. 'Nisei Daughter,' however, is a worthy contribution from this group. It is a deeply human story that should add greatly to an understanding of this sometimes misunderstood American minority." — Bill Hosokawa, Denver Post.

### Drama award

**Seattle**  
Carolyn Okada, graduating from Franklin High School in June, did the witch's monologue in a scene from "Dark of the Moon" to earn a gold medal and win the MacDonald Memorial drama contest recently.  
She is the first Nisei to win this award, which has been conferred annually since 1927. She will have her name inscribed on a school plaque.



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Public Relations

A deserving asset which solicits improvement among persons of Japanese ancestry concerns the art of public relations. Where sums were expended, full value was not received. There were many foolish expenditures before the Pacific war to promote understanding between Japan and the United States.

The Nisei have progressed in this field. Where the Issei spent large sums of money entertaining legislators and their friends, appeals based upon merits of a cause have been warhorses for campaigns conducted by the Nisei.

When the atmosphere and environment is friendly and acceptance is excellent in general, there is a tendency to become over-confident. This was the situation after the outbreak of war in 1941. Since all the prominent public officials and newspapers pleaded for just treatment of the Japanese, no one expected the hysteria of mass evacuation. It caught everyone by surprise. Now, however, we learn that the movement was underway for sometime before we had inkling of what was transpiring.

The use of the San Mateo city council chamber by the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council and the Utah Governor's conference room by the Intermountain District Council shows a high degree of acceptance attained by persons of Japanese ancestry in various parts of the country.

Public relations demand constant attention. Any minute mistake can lead to grave consequences.

Campaigns for better housing.

It would be nice if we got as much oil from the shark's oil well as from the shark's liver.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Honda

Delinquency

A keen subject in and around Los Angeles (and wherever the same topic may arise) nowadays is the juvenile delinquency problem. Last month, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare issued a leaflet saying we were getting nowhere in our efforts to deal with this problem. The figures show juvenile delinquents have increased in number the past four years.

The alarming fact is that crimes are getting more serious. One youth consultant in Philadelphia claims boys 10 years old are now committing types of burglaries and hold-ups that boys of 15 or 16 used to commit and that boys of 15 or 16 are being arrested for the kind of crimes that boys of 20 or 21 used to commit. The leaflet confirms this lowering of the crime age. The first six months of 1952 show boys and girls under 18 years of age commit more serious crimes than by persons of any other age. The layman can well ask, after regarding these sets of figures, what's to be done? A citizen committee formed in Li'l Tokio has asked the same query. No one who is acquainted with the problem first hand is likely to offer a simple solution. Some people will say it's a matter of providing more psychiatrists. Others say "don't spare the rod".

More slum clearance, more recreational facilities. Some get much closer to a fundamental truth in blaming delinquency on a fundamental lack of religion. But so extensive is this problem that the answer wouldn't be found study of delinquency is the

ing, employment opportunities and other programs do arouse friction here and there. However, by proper preparation and education, these can be a basis for defeat of bigotry.

One thing we must not forget is the fact that racists have gone underground temporarily. For a price, they can reappear with no qualms in venting their race-mongering quibbles.

Every opportunity must be utilized to create and improve this atmosphere of friendliness. A steady pace ahead means sound public relations. Investment toward this cause is insurance for our own security and enhances the position of the coming generation.

THE MAILBOX

Veteran Organizations

Editor: . . . In the (Apr. 24) issue appeared an article accepting racial segregation in veterans organizations, which to me seems indefensible. You see, I was once called a communist when, as chairman of the Americanism Committee of a World War II post of the American Legion, I introduced a Nisei veteran. This happened as an aftermath to the Hood River affair and while the Legion was forced to withdraw its charges, I have never been able to accept their policy of semi-segregation.

Times are changing and it is entirely possible that the policy of the JACL has changed over the years, and by the same token the Pacific Citizen has, of course, the right to express its opinions as stated. On the other hand, I find it impossible to change my rigid viewpoint with regard to racial discrimination regardless of the minority affected or the issues involved. —WILLIAM E. KENT Hollywood.

From the Frying Pan . . .

Self-Segregation

Denver

Jitsuo Morikawa, the Canadian-born Nisei who is pastor of an inter-racial Baptist congregation in Chicago, was in Denver recently for a church conference. We had a chance to sit down and chat for a while. The Rev. Mr. Morikawa surprised me by showing a great deal of concern about Nisei practicing self-segregation in Chicago.

I said I'd been under the impression they did that out on the west coast, but certainly not east of Denver where the bars never had been as high nor as formidable as in the far west.

The Rev. Mr. Morikawa assured me that unfortunately I was wrong. Many Chicago Nisei, he says, move about socially in strictly Nisei groups. And he sees this as an unhealthy sign.

The way I get the picture, it's just about like it was in high school back on the west coast. During school hours you worked, talked and mixed with everybody. But after the last bell you went back to Li'l Tokio and became a Nisei again until it was time to return to school. Only now, instead of school, it's the job. And the barriers to community acceptance and assimilation, the Rev. Mr. Morikawa declares are largely self-erected.

Brother, that ain't right. If we insist on being fat, dumb and happy, all our sacrifices

since 1941 will have been in vain. And I for one don't want to forget.

The fact that many Nisei look somewhat younger than their years often baffles Caucasians. Jimmy O'Donnell, police chief at the Mile High greyhound track in Denver, was telling the other day about how he stopped a Nisei girl at the parimutual windows and told her:

"I'm sorry, Miss, but you have to be 21 years old to bet and we'd be breaking the law if we sold you a ticket."

She smiled sweetly, Jimmy says and left.

A short time later another police officer stopped a Nisei fellow and the same sort of conversation ensued.

"Next day," says O'Donnell, "one of my officers came into my office to say someone wanted to see me. I went out and saw this girl I'd warned away from the betting windows. With her is the fellow whom we'd talk to, and with them are four little youngsters.

"The man smiles pleasantly and says the girl's his wife and the children are theirs. Then he pulls out a payroll check which shows six income tax deductions to prove that the children are his.

"Know what I did? I went in and got a gate pass for

by Bill Hosokawa

that couple and I wrote a note on it saying these people are over 21 and entitled to bet if they wanted to."

Maybe I've told this story before, but the most remarkable teen-age impersonator I've ever known was George Ishihara who now lives in Nampa, Idaho. Back home in Seattle, George used to be able to get into high school football games on a student ticket when actually he was somewhere around 40 years old.

On the subject of teenagers, our Mike is rapidly approaching that fateful stage of human development. Already, he's showing the symptoms — lethargy, thoughtlessness, moodiness, laziness and complete and total uselessness.

I was discussing this matter with a fellow down at the office whose son graduated from the ranks of teen-agers a couple of years ago. After I had finished describing the symptoms listed above, he smiled pityingly and said: "That's only the beginning. Wait a few years and he'll be such a stinker that even his own mother will hate him."

Gad, what a prospect to look forward to.

Fortunately, my friend assures me, they'll grow out of the loathesome stage if you're patient enough.

Vagaries . . .

A Casual Yardstick

by Larry Tajiri

The JACL is on firm ground in its request that Attorney General Brownell drop the names of 21 defunct, prewar Japanese groups from the Justice Department's list of proscribed organizations.

The Justice Department's list was compiled primarily as a guide to check the backgrounds of applicants for federal employment but it also is being used, on the basis of one-time membership, to deny naturalization to resident Japanese aliens, to bar Japanese aliens from discretionary relief through suspension of deportation proceedings and to withhold reentry permits and visa applications of resident aliens stranded in Japan during the war. There is a lesson in semantics involved here in the listing of these 21 organizations. The list, as far as we can ascertain, is virtually the same one which was presented by the Dies Committee in its "Yellow Paper" back in 1941, and it was obvious then that whoever compiled the list for the Dies investigators was enamored of the belief that any group with a Japanese name sounded subversive.

This recalls the questioning of a Nisei witness by the Dies subcommittee in its Washington hearings in 1943. "Were you, or were you not a member of the Bukkyo Seinen Kai?" the Nisei was asked. The witness murmured that he had been. It later developed that the Buddhist youth group referred to was a church baseball team.

Many of the Japanese groups on the proscribed list were composed of Japanese veterans of the Japanese wars with China and Russia at the turn of the century who had come to the United States as immigrants.

Their fraternal function was not dissimilar to that of

the American Legion post now established in Tokyo. However, it served the purposes of the race-baiters who attacked the Japanese American community and saw in these groups the seeds of treason. Actually, the only reason for the existence of many of the now-proscribed groups is the fact that a discriminatory naturalization law outlawed these Japanese from American citizenship and thus they were forced to maintain their status as Japanese nationals.

These groups, of course, were pro-Japanese and some, like the Jikyoku Inkaï, were engaged in an active campaign of propaganda which sought to justify Tokyo's aggression on the Asian continent.

There is no public record, as far as we know, that any of these groups were anti-American and were engaged in any program of sabotage or espionage. The members of the organizations engaged in propaganda actively in connection with the Sino-Japanese war were residents of the United States and their major interest in attempting to justify Japanese imperialism stemmed from a desire for self-preservation since the upsurge of anti-Japanese feeling excited by Japanese aggression in Asia had a deleterious effect upon their own welfare.

Such activity, incidentally, was not illegal at that time.

There was a degree of collaboration between Jikyoku Inkaï, for instance, and Japanese consular officials in the interests of propaganda. But resident Japanese nationals were not involved, as far as it is known in any overt acts against the United States, either before or during the war.

Several wartime cases involving espionage by American citizens disclosed that, when it came to spying the Japanese chose persons not easily identifiable racially for their dirty work.

Japanese consular officials, incidentally, maintained an informal blacklist of persons of Japanese ancestry who were unsympathetic to the goal of an East Asia Co-Prospereity Sphere dominated by

Tokyo warlords.

We were privileged to be on the list, as the chief of the New York bureau of a large Tokyo daily was informed when we went to work there in 1940. The bureau chief's answer was that he would do his own hiring without help from the Japanese government.

The Justice Department also includes the Japanese Association whose primary function were in the field of community services, although some of these groups also caught in the propaganda net shortly before Pearl Harbor.

Thousands of members of these groups however, had no part in these activities and would seem unfair to penalize them via guilt by association through arbitrary use of the proscribed list.

Since it is obvious that the present Justice Department has accepted the proscribed list of 21 Japanese organizations without questioning whether these groups actually were subversive, it would be in the public interest to study the record and activities of these now-defunct organizations to determine whether they deserve to remain on the list. The present list is too casual a yardstick to use in situations affecting the future welfare of the Japanese nationals involved.

DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, June 17, 1943. Dies subcommittee ends hearing investigation WRA in Los Angeles; JACL counsels asks for fair play.

Newsman report Dies committee will investigate JACL after seizing Washington office files, also Pacific Citizen.

Midwest newspapers Dies investigations of cues.

Rev. Masao Yamada, Hawaiian Congregational minister, heads for Camp Shoshone as first Nisei commissary chaplain.