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CITIZENSHIP PROCESS EASED FOR ALIEN GIs

Washington

Congress approved and sent to the White House legislation which provides for the expeditious naturalization of aliens serving in the armed forces of the United States, the Washington office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced.

The President is expected to sign the bill within the next ten days.

The JACL endorsed this legislation because a number of alien Japanese are now serving in the United States Army, several in Korea.

This measure is similar to JACL-sponsored legislation which conferred American citizenship by naturalization upon several Issei who served in the United States Army during World War II.

The legislation provides that lawfully admitted aliens who have been in the United States for at least a year before their military service begins and who serve at least 90 days between June 25, 1950 (the date when the Korean fighting began) and July 1, 1955 (the date when the current Selective Service Act becomes inoperative) may be naturalized without the usual waiting period and payment of fees. None of the basic requirements of the law, however, is waived.

It was originally introduced by Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) early this session and passed by the House. Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah) introduced a similar measure. The Senate passed the House approved bill but added the Utah Senator's amendments. The House then accepted the Senate version and sent the bill to the White House for the expected presidential signature.

This is the first JACL-endorsed bill to be approved by the present 83rd Congress.

Ted Tsukiyamas give birth to first-born child

Honolulu

Their first child, a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ted T. Tsukiyama on June 15. The baby weighed 6 lb. 5 oz.

Tsukiyama, who is deputy city-county attorney, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Seinoku Tsukiyama of Honolulu. Mrs. Tsukiyama, the former Fuku Yokoyama, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tsugio Yokoyama of Seabrook, N.J. She was crowned as Miss JACL at the Chicago national JACL convention in 1950.

Venturans picnic

Oxnard

The Ventura County JACL chapter is featuring a fishing derby, treasure hunt and games at their July 4 picnic at Silver Strand Beach, Port Hueneme.

CASUALTIES

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Hideo Kubota, brother of Eichi Kubota, 745 East St., Fresno, Calif.

Pvt. Yoshiyuki Sano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitaka Sano, Rt. 1, Florin, Calif.

CAPTURED

Cpl. Ted Hada, son of Taro Hada, 2800 Arapahoe St., Denver. (Previously missing)

DEAD BEING RETURNED

Pfc. Kenneth A. Misaki (USMC), son of Mr. and Mrs. Mastaro Misaki, P.O. Box 26, Kaunakakai, Molokai.

Conversational English classes for Issei or Kibei will be held at Dorsey High School, Los Angeles, from July 6, 7 to 9 p.m., Monday to Thursday. Mrs. Ruth Kamii will be teacher.



Emie Takeda, 18, and Stella Nakadate, 16, sport the new Aloha 442nd Reunion shirt, specially designed in Honolulu for the gigantic celebration to be held July 19 to Aug. 1 in Hawaii. The pattern bears the names of sectors of the Italian and French campaigns as well as divisional insignias and regimental emblems. The shirt is available from Nisei Veteran groups in mainland cities. —Toyo Miyatake Photo.

FIRST NISEI TO BE CONVICTED UNDER SMITH ACT AWAIT SENTENCES

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA
Honolulu

The first Nisei in the United States to be convicted under the Smith Act are waiting to be sentenced in a Honolulu Federal court while their attorneys are preparing to ask for a new trial.

Four of the seven defendants are Nisei; all seven were found guilty on June 19 by an all male jury that deliberated 16 hours to climax a trial that began last Nov. 5.

The defendants were convicted of conspiring to teach and advocate the violent overthrow of the U.S. government. They face a possible penalty of five years in prison, \$10,000 fine, or both.

The Nisei, all Hawaii-born, are:

Charles K. Fujimoto, 25, a former soil chemist at the Univ. of Hawaii; his wife, Eileen T. Fujimoto, 32, a stenographer; Koji Ariyoshi, 39, editor of a weekly, the Honolulu Record; and Jack Denichi Kimoto, 47, an employe of the Record.

The other defendants are Caucasians:

Jack W. Hall, 38, Hawaii regional director of Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union; Dr. John E. Reinecke, 48, a former Honolulu school teacher, and Dwight James Freeman, 41, a construction worker.

Hall is married to a Hawaii-born Nisei, the former Yoshiko Ogawa; Reinecke is married to another Hawaii-born Nisei, the former Aiko Tokimasa.

The jury of 12 men included three Nisei: Robert M. Nakamura, an insurance underwriter; Robert T. Uyeoka, an electrician, and Thomas H. Kawakami, an automobile salesman. All live in Honolulu.

After the verdict was delivered, each juror was polled individually, and each replied he had reached a finding of guilty on each of the defendants.

The trial was the longest criminal trial in Hawaii's history and the second longest of the five Smith Act trials held throughout the country so far. Only the New York trial of the 11 top Communists, which lasted nine months, went longer than the Honolulu trial.

Fujimoto is the only one of the seven defendants who has acknowledged his Communist affiliation. He describes himself as chairman of the Communist Party of Hawaii.

None of the others have testified on that point. None of the seven took the stand in his own defense during the seven and a half month trial.

Mrs. Fujimoto, the lone woman defendant, is employed as an office worker by Bridges' militant left wing union, the ILWU. Most of the union's 23,000 members stopped work in a

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GI home from Korea only two days killed accidentally by gunshot

Honolulu

An Army corporal who returned home for discharge after 17 months of Korean duty was killed two days later in an accidental shooting at his home.

Cpl. Charles H. Takebayashi, 25, died almost instantly June 13 when a rifle he was cleaning in preparation for a hunting trip was accidentally discharged.

A shell from the 30-60 Springfield passed through his head and went on out through an open window, police reported.

60-year-old anti-Oriental law

Burnaby, B. C.

An 1892 ordinance prohibiting the employment of Japanese or Chinese by the town of Burnaby came to light when a Chinese Canadian applied for a position in the city offices.

The 61-year-old law was passed during the days when the fear of "yellow peril" was at its height. The issue arose in the municipal personnel department which had a job opening for which there were several applicants.

A study of qualifications of the applicants proved the Chinese Nisei to be the best.

ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE OF ISSEI TO CITIZENSHIP PRIVILEGE DELIGHTS IN&S

Washington

A pressing need for more examiners and translators to expedite the naturalization of several thousand Issei was emphasized in the conference this week by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, with Commissioner Argyle R. Mackey of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and his assistant commissioner Allen C. Devaney.

Masaoka reported on the enthusiastic response of the Issei to naturalization privileges, urging the Service to make available citizenship to the Issei without undue waiting. It was suggested that examiners and translators be sent to areas where a large number of prospective alien Japanese reside instead of requiring applicants to report at local offices.

The situation in Hawaii is particularly demanding. Masaoka was informed that an investigator is in the Islands to study the matter and was expected to submit his findings this week.

The two commissioners expressed gratification that so many Issei were interested in becoming citizens. They declared the Service would do everything possible to expedite the program and had requested additional appropriations from Congress to increase their staff and facilities.

They expressed hope that Congress would approve at least the extra million dollars requested and passed by both Houses and now pending in conference. This amount should ease pressures considerably, the JACL representative was told.

Masaoka singled out the San Francisco office for instituting mass examination procedures. It demonstrated the awareness of the Service, he said, and which other government offices could well emulate. Local offices were also commended by Masaoka for their cooperation with JACL chapters in the naturalization program.

Other problems raised with the Commissioner included the adjustment of status of alien Japanese in this country, registry proceedings under which Japanese who have lost their documents or who entered illegally prior to July 1, 1924, may be recorded as lawful admissions, the plight of Peruvian Japanese and the suspension of deportation procedures under the new law.

Immigration questions discussed related to administrative clearances necessary before American-citizen spouses may call aliens and citizen brothers and sisters may secure preference quotas for their relatives.

Eligibility of renunciants seeking naturalization and the technical question of World War I military service were also discussed.

TWO ISSEI OVER 80 YEARS OLD GRADUATE OAKLAND CITIZENSHIP SCHOOL

Oakland

"It's never too late to learn" could be the guide for Kodashiro, 88, and Mrs. Tom Tsuna Nakayama 84, who the oldest members of the Issei citizenship class which received their certificates of completion recently.

Classes were sponsored by the Oakland JACL chapter and conducted by D. Brooke McKinnon for the Oakland Community Adult School.

Hawaii statehood chances slim as hearings reordered

Washington

Chances for Senate action on the Hawaiian statehood bill this year all but vanished when the Senate Interior Committee scheduled hearings next week on the legislation.

Points to be heard include the territory's seaward boundaries, the power of alleged Communists Harry Bridges and Jack W. Hall to paralyze Hawaiian industries, and the territory's economic situation if U.S. military activities there were curtailed or ended.

Sen. Jackson (D., Wash.) predicted the hearings would delay action of a Senate vote this year, while Sen. Cordon (R., Ore.) said the hearings would last only three or four days.

Urge N.C. regional office stay open

San Francisco

Continuance of the No. Calif. JACL office through September, 1954, was recommended by the NCWN cabinet recently. The NCWN district council at its San Mateo session voted to carry the office through 1953.

Although National JACL headquarters is to be located in San Francisco, district council officials said that a regional director is still needed until naturalization, claims and other matters are cleared up.

75 Minnesota Issei attend citizenship class, pass tests

St. Paul, Minn.

Dr. Isaac Iijima, president of the Twin Cities United Citizens League (JACL), announced that 75 Issei completed the citizenship class which was held in the Minneapolis Vocational High School.

Classes were conducted on Monday and Thursday nights since Apr. 13 and final examinations held June 4. A report was received from the school that all passed the course.

Instructors were: Mrs. Alyce Kawauchi, Teizo Yahanda and Henry Omachi.

Mas Teramoto was the chapter representative instrumental in securing the assistance of the school board and local naturalization officials.

Ohio fiesta

Marietta, Ohio

Wallace Kaneshiro of Honolulu was elected Fiesta King of 1953 by the Marietta College student-body at a Fiesta dance recently. He represented the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. He is a senior majoring in biology.

Chicago Corner
SMOKY SAKURADA

The Illinois lower House of the Legislature last week passed 81 to 30 the state FEPC bill and sent it to the Senate . . . The House also approved the state reapportionment bill, which now goes on the November, 1955, ballot . . . The Senate approved a Chicago exhibition building bill by a 43 to 4 count for final legislative approval.

Around Chicago . . .

The thermometer reached 104.2° on June 20 at 4:30 p.m., the hottest day ever in June since 1934 when it was 104.8°. It was 101.8° on June 19. Relief came in the evening with a low of 75° last Saturday . . . Due to the heat, hundreds of autos were stalled by vapor-lock—a condition in the carburetor obstructing the flow of gasoline because of heat-created air bubbles. The remedy is to put a damp cloth over the carburetor or gas pump . . . The Citywide Recreation Council and War Brides outing Saturday drew hundreds to the 55th St. Promontory Point. The War Brides' lunches were sold and the evening spent in square dancing and a weenie-bake. Rose Fujimoto led the singing.

Personals . . .

The Japanese War Bride club has 40 members, meeting on the first Saturdays at the Resettlers. Since there is an estimated 150 warbrides in the Chicago area, the club is anxious to expand its membership. Cabinet members are **Toshiko Misaki**, pres.; **Teruko Gottfried**, v.p.; **Toshiko Androsky**, rec. sec.; **Yoshiko Ware**, cor. sec.; **Sakuko Mozovick**, treas. . . . Four Nisei were graduated from Loyola University on June 10. **John Itsuro Morozumi**, World War II veteran who served in the CBI theater, received his M. D. degree, and is interning in California. **Harry Haruto Morikawa** received his DDS degree cum laude. **Marie Katsuko Otake** received her Master of Social Work degree with the thesis: The Educational Financing of Students in Catholic Schools of Social Work. **John Yutaka Yoshino** received his Master of Social and Industrial Relations degree with the thesis: Legislative History and Administrative Procedures of the Evacuation Claims Act. His mother from Alameda, Calif., and sister Ruby of New York were present at the commencement . . . The Univ. of Chicago held its 257th convocation June 12 with the following Nisei graduates: **Margaret Tsuyuko Kimura**, B.A.; **Sumio Matsuda**, M. A. (humanities); **Chizu Iiyama**, M.A. (social science); **Helen Mitsue Kimura**, **Shizuko Murao**, **Thomas Oki** and **Mae Fudeko Sakamoto**, M.A. (social science administration); **Kenneth Koza Fujii**, MBA; **Susumu Yamane**, B.D.; and **Katsumi Nomizu**, Ph. D. (physical science) . . . The professional college commencement of the Univ. of Illinois conferred degrees to: **Doris Hanako Wakamoto**, B.S. (nursing); **Dorothy Kazuko Omori**, B. S. (occupational therapy); **Edward Goro Maehara**, **Kenge Ogata** and **Mark Watanabe**, DDS; **Frank Masao Matsumoto**, M.D.; **Eleanor Fuyuko Kunishige** of Hawaii, M. S.; **Harry Tatsue Iida**, B.S. (dentistry); and **Takeshi Hayashida**, M.D. (conferred Mar. 28) . . . High school scholarship winners: **Yoko Arakawa**, 1620 N. LaSalle St., Waller High, for Northwestern University; and **Susan Yasuda**, 6104 S. Blackstone Ave., Hyde Park High, for Roosevelt College . . . **Miyoko Ito** (Mrs. Harry Ichiyasu) received the \$300 prize for her "King Bird," abstract design in mustard yellows and gray greens at the Art Institute show . . . Exquisite-looking **Mary Inouye**, formerly of Salem, Ore., transferred CL membership from New York to Chicago . . . The **Jiro Ishihara** of Boston visited the **Kiyo Yoshimuras**, 865 W. Newport, for a week. Charming **Margaret Garber** and **Joseph Wahala** of the Southeast National Bank, 63rd and Woodlawn, are ardent P. C. readers.



Patricia Scott, noted Korean war correspondent, was guest speaker at the Seattle JACL chapter meeting. Originally employed by the Nippon Times, the Seattle-born girl became widely-known for her warm human-interest articles of U.N. soldiers in the lines. With her are (left to right) Dr. Kelly Yamada, chapter president, and her husband, Maj. Douglas B. Martin, now stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash. —Elmer Ogawa Photo.

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP PLAN SET FOR CHAPTER OPERATION IN 1954

Salt Lake City National JACL Headquarters announced that definite arrangements have been completed to recruit JACL supporting members. Descriptive leaflets, receipts and membership cards are being distributed the 86

CHAPTER MEMO

Hollywood JACL: It was "Fingerprint Night" recently when Rex Kent and L. G. Stalcup of the county sheriff's office serviced some 90 Issei students at Dayton Heights School, where the Hollywood JACL sponsored naturalization class is being held.

Twin Cities UCL: Harry Takagi, chapter program chairman, announced the following summer season activities: Golf tournament for four weekends with Tom Ohno in charge, fishing derby at Forest Lake and the June 27 steak fry at Lake Minnewashta.

Omaha JACL: In conjunction with a Mothers' Day tea, the chapter welcomed the Waseda volleyball team. Some 125 attended. In charge were: Mmes. Gary Zaiman, Sam Tsuji, K. Patrick Okura, Dick Muto and George Hirabayashi.

Venice JACL: Fifty students of the naturalization class sponsored by the Community Center of Venice had their petition forms and fingerprint cards filled out by the chapter last Monday night, it was announced by **Kiyo Nishi**, chapter president.

FRENCH CAMP CL SIGNS UP 128 MEMBERS

French Camp An all-time high for memberships was reported by the French Camp JACL chapter last week when 128 were registered. The previous high was 120.

The drive was chaired by **Tosh Hotta**, who released the figures at the last chapter meeting. Nisei veterans of the Korean campaign, upon return, are to be honored with a free membership in the chapter.

Omaha CL treats local college, prep school grads

Omaha Five graduates of this area were honored by the Omaha JACL chapter recently at the local YWCA. The chapter presented each with a gift.

Graduates were: **Creighton University** — **Melvin Yamaguchi**, **Lloyd Chang**; **Central High** — **Emiko Watanabe**; **Grade Schools** — **Cheryl Doi** and **Grace Tsuji**.

In charge of the graduation party were: **Robert Nakadai**, **Richard Takechi**, **Jack Tamai**, **Manuel Matsumami**, Mmes. **Roy Hirabayashi** and **Takao Misaki**.

CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

Chicago JACL-er (June), 1200 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
San Mateo JACLer (June), 25 S. Humboldt St., San Mateo, Calif.

Long-range planning, leadership continuity sought for Chicago JACL

Chicago Continuity of leadership, long-range programming and a more sound financial plan to support local work were but the more immediate reasons for deciding to establish a permanent board of directors for the Chicago JACL chapter.

On a study group to investigate reorganization of the chapter board are:

Mari Sabusawa, **Noboru Honda**, **Thomas Masuda**, **Shig Wakamatsu**, **Harry Mayeda**, **Dorothy Kitow** and **Togo Tanaka**.

The executive board at its last meeting voted to set a \$5,000 budget, of which \$2,000 is the chapter's share for the support of the Midwest regional office.

San Mateo CL blood bank supply at low mark

San Mateo Of the 10 pints donated to the JACL blood bank since last September, seven pints have been used by local Japanese. The account is understood to be for the exclusive of San Mateo Japanese.

Recent recipients were **Saiki Yamaguchi** and **Shiro Ishimaru**. Members of their own family helped replaced part of the amount used.

TWIN CITIES UCL PASS '52 MEMBERSHIP COUNT

St. Paul, Minn. Under the chairmanship of **Paul Tani**, the Twin Cities United Citizens League surpassed its 1952 membership count by four to sign up 228 members this year, it was announced by **Dr. Isaac Iijima**, chapter president.

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Berkeley CL gets deed to building

Berkeley The Berkeley JACL will receive control of the building at 2117 Haste St., formerly used as headquarters for Japanese community activities, from the Berkeley Issei Coordinating Council.

Use and future disposition of the building is to be discussed tonight by officials of the Berkeley JACL chapter and the Issei group. The decision to deed the property to the JACL was made last month.

The Berkeley JACL board declared they recognize the property as belonging to the community at large with the JACL merely acting as a trustee for its management.

Reasonable use of the building would be free to all responsible Nisei and Issei groups.

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Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

Introducing guest columnist ROY YOSHIDA, JACL stalwart from the fabulous Placer County JACL chapter. Roy is not only a writer but quite a photographer and has long been one of the most active butlers in his chapter and in the district council. Our thanks to Roy for the privilege of using a recent column of his, "Speaking Freely," in the Hokubei Mainichi, a San Francisco vernacular, to which he contributes regularly.

WAKE UP: In a recent issue of the Pacific Citizen, Haruo Ishimaru, JACL's roly-poly regional director for Northern California and Western Nevada, had a very intriguing article on the devious trail a bill must traverse before it becomes a law. And the route becomes much rougher if the bill involves a large expenditure of taxpayer's money. Which in turn makes clear the urgent need of time and money to be expended by the party or parties vitally interested in the passage of a bill.

Haruo's article in the main dealt with the defeat of the Assembly Bill 2059, which was introduced by Vernon Kilpatrick of Lynwood. This bill, as you may be aware, would have given state old age assistance to Issei. Likewise you must be aware of its defeat in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

THE DEFEAT of the bill shows a crying need for a strong JACL legislative program in Sacramento to act on bills affecting the people of Japanese ancestry. To wit: to support bills introduced in behalf of the Japanese and to fight discriminatory measures. As Haruo aptly pointed out, there are still many measures discriminating against the Japanese which must be erased. And if past history is of any criterion there will be more to come.

This is not to say the defeat of the Issei assistance bill was primarily the fault of the JACL. No doubt its defeat was attributable to various obstacles too great to surmount at

this time. But it also is entirely within reason to harbor a belief that various JACL chapters in the state did not take enough active interest in the bill to put up a good fight.

THE ROLE of JACL chapters—as champions of Nisei rights—is far too important to be taken lightly. Nationally perhaps with the successful passage of JACL's major legislative objectives various chapter responsibilities and obligations have lessened greatly. But within their respective states every chapter must be alert and responsive to whatever duty it may be called upon to perform in promoting the general welfare of all minority groups.

There is no doubt whatsoever that all of the chapters have done fine public relations work in their respective areas. There have been superb gains made in bringing local discriminatory feelings down to minimum. All is quite well in that respect. But the proof of the discriminatory pudding is judged in the state legislature where your rights are put down in black and white.

Up to now we have waited for a discriminatory measure to pop up and then worked like heck for a cure, which is doing things the hard way. It's high time we changed tactics and make prevention the means of fighting discrimination. And to do that JACL must be properly represented in Sacramento whenever the legislature is in session.

Mannahatta

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JOE OYAMA

New York

"Before leaving Japan," according to SCENE, "the Waseda University volleyball team had heard that U.S. Japanese usually over-extend the welcome mat for the visitors from Japan and that many of the latter have taken for granted and exploited this generosity."

"The Wasedans don't want to be counted among the free-loaders who gate-crashed Japanese-American communities," so they did not make advance arrangements for get-togethers with Issei or Nisei groups.

A story goes the round of Manhattan that a certain old-time New Yorker, an Issei gentleman, spent more than \$500 of his personal money winning and dining the Japanese beeftrust. He alleges that each time that he took those huge sumo wrestlers to China-meshi, he had to order one lobster each; when it was a steak dinner, they were not satisfied with only one steak, but had to have at least two to curb that huge appetite.

On the eve before their departure for Japan, he held a farewell dinner for them at the Waldorf-Astoria and presented each wrestler with a derby hat and a cigar, a token of American hospitality.

For all his effort, he did not receive one postal card word of thank you.

East Meets West . . .

On Sunday morning, June 28, packing their picnic lunches, many members of the New York Japanese-American community will board a huge Hudson River day liner for a

scenic 40-mile ride up the Hudson to Indian Point Park.

Sponsored by the Japanese American Committee of New York, Inc., this will be the first time that members of the New York Japanese community will meet socially with many recent arrivals from Japan, most of whom who are traders with their families, and exchange students.

THE MAILBOX

Vital Statistics

Editor: Comments on your vital stats: adding "s" on the Johnsons and the Bennetts doesn't look odd, but with Japanese names and their vowel endings, I personally think it looks h—. The Hoshikos, Osakis, Nakatanis, Dois, Hondas, etc. Sounds like a colony of Greeks, French, Hindustani, Pakistani or Indian.

—A READER

San Francisco.

Self-Segregation

Editor: I want to say "amen" to Bill Hosokawa's article (June 12) on "Self-Segregation."

The war has changed a lot of things, and I for one can't understand, why Nisei still want to practice self-segregation. They are scattered all over the United States, and should know by now they could live with all kinds of people.

Keep up the good work, Bill, and let us hope that all the sacrifices will not be in vain.

MRS. PAUL MAKABE
Lincoln, Ark.

by Paul Itaya . . .

From the Past

PACIFIC CITIZEN'S

Literary Experimental

"GOOD AFTERNOON, Saito-san," Mr. Omori greeted his friend in Japanese, bowing. He smiled. "How is the grocery business?"

"Good afternoon, Omori-san," Mr. Saito bowed in return, greeting the younger man warmly. "Business is fair. Thank you for asking." Mr. Saito had met Mr. Omori shortly after the first World War had broken out when the younger man had come to America. Through the years he had watched over him like a son, had seen to it that he had married, though late in life, and had rejoiced with him when a son was born. Mr. Saito had noted with joy and pride how his own son had taken the younger boy in tow; in fact, the two had grown up together like cousins. Even while his own son was in Italy, the younger boy had been a god-send in his lonely hours. It was little wonder that a close bond of friendship existed between Omori and him.

"I would like a can of tsukudani, please," Mr. Omori said. "I cannot get used to this American style of cooking. My wife teases me by saying I do not know what is good, but I still like my Japanese food." He smiled ruefully.

The grocer nodded understandingly. Stepping to a side shelf, he reached for a can. Coming back to the counter, he placed it down before Mr. Omori. "I can sympathize with you," he said. "Even my wife, when she was living liked best the food of our native Japan. My, how I would like to have some of that misoshiru she prepared," he sighed. "Such a good woman."

"Are you going to the special Memorial Day services tomorrow?" the younger man asked. "The Nisei Veterans are conducting graveside rites in honor of their fallen comrades. The parents are to receive . . ." Mr. Omori stopped when he saw Mr. Saito scowling, his lips compressed into a thin line.

"I should say not!" he exploded. "Why should I go to any such service, to get a piece of paper saying that my son gave his life in the defense of his country. Why should I go around wearing a medal in my coat lapel proclaiming the fact my only son died gloriously on the field of battle? Answer me that!"

Mr. Omori shifted uncomfortably on his feet. He looked at the older man for a long moment. "But you shouldn't be bitter," he remonstrated gently.

"Bitter? Why shouldn't I be bitter? Look, Omori-san, have you forgotten so soon what happened to us Japanese at the outbreak of the war. Remember the slogans—'No Japs Wanted,' 'A good Jap is a dead Jap,' and others just as bad? Remember how we were taken like criminals and herded into so-called 'concentration camps?' I lost everything—my home, business, my pride and respect."

THE YOUNGER MAN stood mute, at a loss for words.

"I still remember Kiyoshi, so young and full of life, volunteering for the army, on the day he left to go overseas, he said: 'Don't worry, mom and pop, I'll be back, but first I've got to do my duty. I can't let the guys down over there.' Look where his idealism got him. It wasn't enough for them to take Kiyoshi away, but they had to take my wife too. Can't they leave an old man alone?" Mr. Saito turned away to hide the tears in his eyes.

"Look, old friend," Mr. Omori said, placing a hand on the older man's shoulder. "Let's forget it. I did not mean to disturb you. I had no idea you felt this way after so many years."

After a short silence, he said, "Look, Saito-san, I got a letter from my boy in Korea." He smiled proudly as he showed it. "Keo doesn't write

good Japanese," he apologetically explained. "In fact, it's a long-standing joke in our family. If you like, I will read it to you."

"Please read it; I am always interested in what Keo has to say," Mr. Saito replied, his eyes brightening.

Mr. Omori took out his glasses; with great care he balanced them on his nose, then he commenced to read: "Dear mom and dad: Spring is coming to Korea, and everything's turning green. You begin to wonder if anything grows over here after the bitter cold of the winter months. Most of the fellows take sun-baths whenever they can. Our sector's fairly quiet, so we have a lot of free time. If you're lucky, you might get a pass to Seoul, but it's nothing to get excited about. Once you get there, all you do is stand around."

"One thing is certain—you do a lot of thinking. Last night I was thinking of Kiyoshi . . ." Mr. Omori paused; he looked up questioningly.

"Go on, Omori-san, why are you stopping?"

Mr. Omori cleared his throat, then resumed: ". . . of his last letter. In it he said: 'you know, Keo, when you're so close to the front that you hear all the battle noises, the wounded and dead come back, you begin to wonder. Sure,

you're afraid, but when you start to think about those guys who went before, who believed in doing their job and died to get that job completed, you feel humble and grateful. This sounds crazy, but I firmly believe it. Lincoln said: '. . . we highly resolve that these dead have not died in vain . . . It is for us the living, rather, to dedicate ourselves to the task remaining before us . . . to take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion. Memorial Day is coming soon and we plan to hold services for those guys, to honor them, and to offer up a prayer of gratitude and hope . . ."

"OMORI-SAN! Omori-san!" a little boy rushed in. "Come quickly. You . . . your wife. A . . . a tele . . . telegram about Keo," he breathlessly exclaimed.

Mr. Omori stared at the boy uncomprehendingly. Slowly he lowered the piece of paper. His face turned white; mutely he turned to the older man and spread his hand helplessly, appealingly.

"Come, dear friend," Mr. Saito said, humbly placing an arm around the younger man's shoulder, "I will go with you."



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OYAKAWA BREAKS OWN HAWAIIAN BACKSTROKE TIME

Honolulu

Olympic backstroke champion Yoshi Oyakawa smashed his own Hawaiian record with a sparkling 1m. 6.1s. effort in the 100-meter event in the 100-meter Waikiki pool last week end in the trials for the fifth annual Keo Nakama swimming meet.

The Ohio State flash broke his 1951 record of 1m. 7.5s.

Interest was created in the 200-meter freestyle trials when youthful Richard Tanabe of Hilo was second to Wayne Moore of New Haven who was clocked in 2m. 12s., the best time of three heats. Moore was only two strokes ahead of Tanabe who was clocked at 2m. 12.4s.

Ford Konno reported in with 2m. 13.7s. in another heat.

Miss Winifred Numazu turned in a creditable time in heading qualifiers in the women's 100 freestyle with a 1m. 11.1s.

It was the first bit of competitive swimming for both Oyakawa and Konno since the NCAA finals last March. They worked out for the first time in preparation for the Nakama meet two weeks ago.



Herman Sakamoto, student body president of Arroyo Grande High School, recently accepted the sportsmanship trophy voted the school by the San Luis Obispo-Northern Santa Barbara Counties inter-school council. The award is presented by Karl Taku, San Luis Obispo Lions Club president. —George Beattie Photo.

Colo. fishing laws 'silent' on alien restrictions

Denver

Colorado Issei may get hunting licenses by virtue of a ruling handed down last week by the state supreme court.

It was discovered that the state fishing and hunting laws are "entirely silent" regarding the right of aliens to hunt in Colorado, so long as the alien has resided in the state more than 90 days to qualify for a resident's license.

The case involved a Swiss alien who obtained a hunting license in 1950 and shot a deer. A few days later, a game warden confiscated his meat and was charged with illegal possession of deer meat and with a resident's license.

FUZZY SHIMADA WINS ANOTHER TOURNAMENT

Oakland

Fuzzy Shimada has won another tournament.

The top San Francisco Nisei bowler took the main prize in the Oakland College Bowl benefit tournament by shooting an all time record scratch series for the event with a 279-214-244 for a big 734.

More than 2700 entrants contributed to the Oakland Boys club camp fund.

PAL ASSISTS GOLFER WITH HOLE-IN-ONE ON SPOKANE COURSE

Spokane

Yoni Ota claimed a long-distance assist last Saturday for his pal's hole-in-one.

George Honda teed off first on the 110-yard 11th hole at the Indian Canyon golf course here. The ball stopped against the pin which was leaning toward the tee.

Then came Ota, dead on the line with his drive. His ball hit the pin halfway up and bounced away. Honda's ball fell in for an ace.

St. Paul's (Minn.) first born Nisei graduates from high school

St. Paul, Minn.

The first Japanese baby born in St. Paul has graduated from high school, the St. Paul Dispatch columnist of "Hawf & Hawf" reported last week. She is Hideko Akamatsu, 17, 1634 Beech, who attended Harding High School.

At Harding, she was cheer leader, Student Council and GAA vice-president, a basketball star, yearbook co-editor and member of the National Honor Society.

She plans to major in sociology at the Univ. of Minnesota in the fall. Comments the columnist:

"She's a blend of the charm and thoroughness of her father's race and the eager enthusiasm of young America. Our country is lucky to have such as she."

14 Nisei graduate from Cleveland area colleges

Cleveland

Fourteen Nisei were graduated from colleges and universities in the vicinity of Cleveland recently. They are:

Western Reserve University, Cleveland — Symon Satow, M.D.; Franklin Hijikata, John A. Matsu-shima, M.S. (social administration); Alice M. Terada, Lily Y. Tomita of Hawaii, B.S. (nursing); Donald H. Yamashiro, B.A.; and Sam I. Asamoto, certificate in bus. adm.

Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland—Masao Nakamura, M.S. (chemistry), Shigeo Nakanishi, M.S. (mech. engr.)

Fenn College, Cleveland — Tee Takahata, B.S. (structural engr.) and Jack Kiuchi, B.S. (chem. engr.)

Notre Dame College, Cleveland—Teresa E. Imanishi, B.A.

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Friendly old man of D.C.

Washington

An elderly little Japanese who left wristwatches, binoculars and other gifts for "honorable government members" like Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark and the son of Gen. Douglas MacArthur behind statues of statesmen in the Capitol rotunda in Washington, D. C., ended a three-months' personal goodwill spree here by winding up in Gallinger Hospital for observation.

Capitol police were puzzled when they found two suitcases of gifts in the rotunda. They held them for the owner, but when the Japanese arrived with a third suitcase full of gifts bearing tags of prominent men they decided to detain him.

A tally of his effects revealed that he had \$1,000 in his pockets, \$30 more in his rooms, together with a storehouse of new clothing. Among the latter was a set of new shirts for Clark, who claimed that he had never heard of the little Japanese.

An interpreter called in from the Library of Congress felt, after an interview, that

the man was "confused a little perhaps, but probably harmless."

The man registered at the Stratford Hotel, 25 E. St. N. W., as Tossy Saki, from Price, Utah.

The hotel proprietor, Fannie McVeigh, was quoted as saying, "If Tossy Saki's crazy, I've got a whole hotel full of raving maniacs. He's never been any trouble. He's got to have a 6 or a 5 in his room number and he's lived in 406 or 605 the whole time."

She said that he arrived in March. He spent the first few weeks visiting all parts of the city in taxicabs. On one of these jaunts he was picked up by the police when the residents of Wellington Village, a D. C. suburb, complained that Saki just didn't belong in their neighborhood.

The Fairfax county police, however, after keeping him around their station house for several hours, sent him home in a taxi.

Pvt. William L. Bonnett said, "You just can't charge a man with being friendly."

SPORTSCOPE

Nancy Ito, new shortstop for the Wilson-Jones Bloomer Girls of the National Girls Baseball league in Chicago, is the first Nisei to be signed in the league. She starred in sports at the Univ. of Colorado. By last weekend they won three of its four games in the National Girls Baseball League.

The Japanese non-pro tournament champions will come to the United States this summer to play in the annual National Baseball Congress semi-pro tournament at Wichita, Kans.

Japanese judo and karate experts are now making a tour of Air Force bases. This weekend, they tour Los Angeles.

Baseball

At Everett, Wash., June 11: Everett 6, Seattle Savoy's 0.

At Monroe, Wash., June 14: Washington State Reformatory 12, Seattle Savoy's 6.

At Sacramento, June 21: Mayhew A.C. 7, Sacramento A.C. 5.

At Los Angeles, June 21: Nisei Trading 3, Eagle Rock Merchants 2.

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