



Smiles on five happy girls, selected as finalists in the Nisei Week queen contest, belong to (left to right) Jeanne Yokota, Jeanne Inouye, Ruth Fujimoto, Judy Sugita and Yaye Marumoto. The coronation takes place Aug. 16 at the Hollywood Palladium. Girl amassing the most popular votes by Aug. 15 will be crowned.  
—Rafu Shimpo Photo

## Up to public now to select queen of Nisei Week, five finalists picked

By HENRY MORI

**Pasadena**  
Champagne bubbles sparkled with hope for five young damsels chosen as finalists in the Nisei Week Festival queen contest, but for the remaining five, they burst with a sudden sadness.

The judging by a panel of Hollywood movie people took place last Sunday afternoon in the quiet of Consul General Kenichiro Yoshida's home in the City of Roses.

The denouement came to each candidate in a 10-minute interview. Some blushed, others giggled. A few stumbled for words, another slightly nervous. But all of them were charming, friendly and assuring.

Joe Palooka of the movies and Cathy Downs (Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kirkwood in private life) kept the ordeal gay. So did the other six judges, all connected in some way with the flicker industry.

But in their humor, they were

also observing individual charm, poise, beauty and personality of each of the 10 girls. They determined the following eligible to be Nisei Week queen or in the court of four attendants:

Yaye Marumoto, switchboard operator at the Bank of Tokyo; Judy Chizuko Sugita, Long Beach City College coed; Jeanne Atsuko Yokota, clerk at Bank of America branch office; Ruth Chizuko Fujimoto, receptionist at El Camino College, Inglewood; and Jeanne Setsuko Inouye, Los Angeles City College coed.

Newsmen, photographers and guests of the contest committee lounged in the spacious patio during the judging. They were honored by the presence of Kinuko Ito—Miss Japan—who won third spot in the recent Miss Universe pageant. She and the Japanese consul-general were honorary judges.

On Wednesday, the first tabu-

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## SENATE APPROVES BILL EXTENDING VESTED PROPERTY DEADLINE FILING

Washington

The Senate passed and sent to the House legislation extending for one year time for filing claims against the Office of Alien Property, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced Saturday.

The JACL-endorsed measure extends for the second time the filing deadline for the return of property vested by the Alien Property Custodian during World War II and thereafter and now held by the Office of Alien Property of the Dept. of Justice.

It provides that the present general bar date of April 30, 1949, be lifted and that for a year after the enactment of the

Act, claims may be filed against the government for return of vested property.

In urging passage, JACL pointed out that many persons of Japanese ancestry, both citizens and aliens and those residing in the United States as well as Japan, were unaware of the filing deadline. This inadequacy of notice should not deprive legitimate owners from recovering their property, JACL argued.

In the case of those in Japan, the JACL declared that the Occupation authorities did not generally publicize alien property regulations, including the deadlines, and that because of red-tape many who desired to file claims against the government were unable to do so before the bar dates.

Cases were cited by the JACL where resident aliens stranded in Japan during the war who have now returned with bonafide re-entry permits are prohibited from filing for the return of their property after their return to this country.

The bill, supported by the Dept. of Justice, will be considered by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee next year, the Washington JACL Office said, because there is not time before adjournment for action.

## Homecoming well-wishers help defray expenses

Los Angeles

With the publication of the 12-page edition last week, the Pacific Citizen realized \$500 from special advertising income, which has been forwarded to National JACL Headquarters to help defray its moving expense from Salt Lake City.

The Pacific Citizen takes this opportunity to thank those who made this possible.

## White House gets bill to pay evacuation claims awards

Washington

Just before adjournment, the Senate passed and sent to the White House a supplemental appropriations bill containing \$8,164,462.94 for payment of evacuation claims awards, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

## Seattle's brand of hospitality elates Honolulu

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Seattle

The State of Washington has effectively demonstrated how a conference should be run.

This state, and more particularly the bustling city of Seattle, has been host this week to 45 of the Nation's governors, including Gov. Samuel Wilder King of Hawaii. The occasion was the 45th annual Governors' conference, which opened last Sunday and ended yesterday.

I attended the conference as press secretary to Gov. King and happened to be the only Nisei present.

The official parties from 42 states and three territories enjoyed a balanced program of business sessions and entertainment for five days.

The lavishness with which everything was done by the hosts overwhelmed the visitors. In my mind I compared the Seattle welcome with Hawaii's own famous brand of hospitality and began wondering whether Hawaii might not suffer from the comparison.

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Earlier in the day, the House had approved a compromise version affecting other items in the legislation which was considered three times during the past 10 days by both houses of Congress.

The final measure included \$8,072,696 for the payment of compromised and settled evacuation claims awards and \$91,766.94 for 12 awards larger than the \$2,500 limit imposed by the basic law for payment out of funds appropriated for the Dept. of Justice. These larger claims are considered by Congress as are "judgments of the Court of Claims".

Of this amount, \$4,172,696 was for compromised and settled claims of \$2,500 or less for the fiscal year 1952. \$3,900,000 was for the smaller awards of the 1953 fiscal year that ended June 30, 1953.

All 12 of the larger than \$2,500 awards were adjudicated this year and were presented to Congress only two weeks ago. The largest of these awards was \$26,802 and the smallest was \$3,208.02.

Only because the President specifically asked for \$200,000,000 for Korean rehabilitation programs was it possible.

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## Congress approves '54 funds for claims, immigration, alien property

Washington

Congress approved 1954 fiscal year administrative appropriations for evacuation claims, Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Office of Alien Property, the Washington JACL office announced Monday.

These items were included in the Dept. of Justice budget and part of the last general money bill to be passed before Congress adjourned.

To handle some 4,000 evacuation claims still to be adjudicated, Congress appropriated \$225,000 as administrative funds for the Japanese claims section. This is the smallest amount yet appropriated since the law was passed in 1948.

No sum for payment of claims is included because the remaining claims are over the \$2,500 limit imposed by the original law that can be paid by the Department from its own appropriations.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service was given \$42,250,000 which, though \$6,150,000 less than requested, was appropriated last year. is almost \$2 million more than

## 141 San Jose Issei file for citizenship

San Jose

Petitions of 141 Issei aliens seeking American citizenship were filed here July 29 after a two-day preliminary hearing at San Jose High School.

Wayne Kanemoto, San Jose attorney, chairman of the citizenship committee of the San Jose UCL, assisted in arranging the district court hearing.

According to the Washington JACL office, this increased sum should facilitate the naturalization of thousands of Issei in the United States and Hawaii, as well as expedite the immigration program, opened up by the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

The Office of Alien Property was granted \$3,500,000, which is \$400,000 less than the budget estimate and \$300,000 less than was appropriated last year. OAP is already reducing its staff and the already inadequately slow processing of claims will be even slower this coming year, the Washington JACL office said.

## Purged Japanese diplomat granted U.S. quota immigrant status

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA  
Japan Bureau, Pacific Citizen

Tokyo

Kogyo Yonegaki, onetime Japanese consul in both San Francisco and Los Angeles and more recently Japanese charge d'affaires at Canton, was granted a quota-immigrant visa to join his daughter and American-born wife.

Arrested in Canton when the Pacific war ended, he served three years and four months in the Canton jail, then transferred to Sugamo Prison in Tokyo to serve 11 more months. When paroled, he was released from the Japanese diplomatic corps after 30 years of service.

## DISMISSAL OF YEN CLAIMS BILL FAILS TO PASS

Washington

At the request of the JACL, Sens. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) and Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.) objected to Senate passage of a bill to dismiss all yen debt claims against the Office of Alien Property, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League revealed.

Sponsored by Sen. Everett Dirksen (R., Ill.), the bill would have nullified and voided all yen claims against the government because they were obligations "expressed or payable in currency other than currency of the United States." The bill also had the strong support of the White House and the Dept. of Justice.

If passed, yen claims of about 20,000 Issei and Nisei would have been dismissed. These claims are based upon pre-war deposits made with various Japanese banks in the United States.

When the unanimous consent calendar of the Senate, which included this measure, was first called last week, Sen. Morse objected to its consideration at the request of the Portland JACL chapter and the Washington JACL office.

Several days later and again on Monday, when the calendar was called to clear all possible bills before adjournment, Sen. Magnuson objected. The Seattle chapter telegraphed him to do so and the Washington Office personally requested him to prevent passage of this measure which would deprive thousands of persons of Japanese ancestry from having their claims adjudicated on their merits.

"This is an example of how the JACL, by preventing passage of legislation, protects the interests of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States," Mike Masataka, Washington JACL representative, declared.

He emphasized that this bill had nothing to do with the exchange rate of yen claims, only with their validity as legitimate claims against the government.

Over \$2,000 has been collected from New Yorkers for Japan flood relief within a week after a public appeal made by the Japanese American Committee of New York.

Yonegaki has always been remembered as a good friend of the Nisei on the west coast. His stay in America will add another champion of Japanese-American relationships.



# Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

## Sen. Robert A. Taft . . .

As the nation mourns the untimely death of Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, Nisei Americans may not be aware of his contributions to our general welfare.

Since the Washington JACL Office was established in 1947, Senator Taft has consistently supported every remedial and corrective legislative measure for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. Although he made no floor speeches for any of the bills, nor sponsored any of them, as Mr. Republican and chairman of the powerful Republican Policy Committee during the past four Congresses, his influential endorsement of JACL's legislative objectives were most important in gaining GOP support, especially last year when the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Bill was up for congressional consideration and on Unanimous Consent Calendar bills during the past six years when a single objection would have prevented passage.



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Nisei Americans may have also forgotten that in the spring of 1942 when west coast congressmen were demanding the wholesale evacuation from the Pacific slope of all persons of Japanese ancestry, Sen. Taft was among the very few in either the House or Senate who raised his voice to question the validity and necessity for such arbitrary action against American citizens.

Indeed, when Public Law 503, 77th Congress, which gave legal sanction to the President's executive order authorizing evacuation, was being debated on the Senate floor, Senator Taft was the only one who raised any strong criticisms of the legislation.

Japanese Americans join with their fellow Americans in eulogizing this great senator whose passing leaves a real void in Washington.

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## Control of Senate . . .

Though it is highly unlikely, the recent deaths of Republican senators, Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire and Robert A. Taft of Ohio, could result in Democratic control of the Senate.

At the moment, with two seats unfilled, there are 47 Democrats, 46 Republicans, and one Independent (Wayne Morse of Oregon) in the Senate. If, as anticipated, a Republican is named to fill the unexpired term of Sen. Tobey and a Democrat for Senator Taft's, the senatorial lineup would be 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans, and one Independent.

Sen. Morse has already announced that he will vote with the GOP on any matters of Senate reorganization, thereby creating a 48-48 tie. This will enable Vice-President Richard Nixon of California, as the presiding officer of the Senate, to cast his ballot to give the Republicans continuing control.

When the GOP rebuffed Sen. Morse in his demand for membership on major committees last spring, little did they dream that within a few months they would be depending upon his vote to give them a bare majority, because of the Vice President's tie-breaking votes, in the Senate.

Cloakroom talk is that even if the Democrats could, they would not assume control of the Senate. They believe that they can best build up a record with which to go before the voters in 1954 as the "cooperative minority", rather than the majority which could be blamed for hamstringing the President's program.

In an unexpected move that is intended to help him win permanently the post he now holds as the Acting Majority Leader, Sen. William F. Knowland of California, as chairman of the GOP Policy Committee, has called a caucus for Tuesday to select Senator Taft's successor.

As the one appointed by Sen. Taft to serve in his absence, Sen. Knowland has the inside track to be elected by his colleagues as Majority Leader. Although he started out rather poorly in contrast to Sen. Taft, most of his fellow Republicans feel that he has earned the post during the past several weeks, especially in the last few days when adjournment plans had to be formulated and implemented. Besides, as some of his detractors point out, by calling for a decision so soon, his possible challengers do not have an opportunity to build up a following.

Incidentally, it is recalled around the Nation's capital that Sen. Knowland might now be President if he had followed a different course in Chicago last summer. The ambitious Californian was Sen. Taft's second choice for the vice-presidency.

When his first choice, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, declined, the Ohioan invited Sen. Knowland to be his running mate. If he had agreed, and switched California's big and pivotal delegation to Taft instead of remaining loyal to Gov. Earl Warren, the late Senator might have been nominated and elected President. If that had happened, today, Sen. Knowland might have been President.

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## Congressional Adjournment . . .

The death of Sen. Taft and the President's demand that the national debt limitation be raised prevented congressional adjournment last weekend. If it had not been for these two events, Congress would have been able to adjourn last Friday or Saturday.

Since the Senate Finance Committee has overwhelmingly rejected the Chief Executive's request, and since all of the "must" legislation, with the exception of the post office increases that have been postponed until next year, is ready to be acted upon immediately, Congress was expected to adjourn either Monday or Tuesday night. This is still considerably earlier than post-World War II Congresses. While it is still too early to assess JACL's legislative successes this session, it is quite evident at this point that it will be considerably more impressive than was anticipated earlier this year.

# New immigration law sought next session

Washington

Congressional foes of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 introduced bills into House and Senate hoppers which would rewrite completely the so-called McCarran-Walter act that was enacted into law over a presidential veto.

The JACL supported the McCarran-Walter Act as an improvement over the then existing law and as the best that could be passed in the 82nd Congress. Among many features, the 1952 statute provided naturalization privileges to the Issei and immigration quotas to Japan for the first time in American history.

Because of the last minute demands on the Government Printing Office by a Congress that wanted to adjourn, copies of the bills were not available to the Washington JACL office today. Such copies should be available within the next few days, however.

According to sponsors, the bills follow closely the recommendations made by the special commission appointed last fall by President Truman to study this legislation.

Key provision of the new bills is the elimination of the National Origins Quota System that has been the cornerstone of American immigration policy since 1924. The proposed "unified quota system" would permit the immigration of 251,000 persons a year under the 1950 census.

Eligible immigrants would be chosen on the basis of family reunion, asylum for the persecuted, haven for refugees and dislocated persons, special needs of the United States for technical and occupational skills, and addition of varied and cultural and national backgrounds

## Fire damages Koda rice mills

Dos Palos

Fire leveled the Koda Farms rice mill in nearby South Dos Palos. An adjoining warehouse, 125 feet in length, was also destroyed by the flames July 30.

Owner Bill Koda said he could make no immediate estimate of the property loss, but it has been later reported that it may be near \$250,000.

The blaze apparently started about 7 a.m. on the ground floor of the mill, which was being readied for the harvest several months hence.

The huge rice milling operations of the State Farming Co. has been directed by two brothers, Bill and Ed Koda, whose father is Keisaburo Koda, Northern California Issei leader and chairman of the No. Calif. Kikaken Kisei Domei.

Some 10,000 pounds of glutin-warehouse, were also a totalinous (mochi) rice, stored in the loss.

● Big business in Japan is balking at advertising rates on TV as the first commercial operation begins Aug. 1. The government-subsidized NHK telecasts began four-hour programs in February.

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to the national population. Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, refused to comment on the new bills until he has an opportunity to study them thoroughly. He did say, however, that he expected that the National JACL Study Commission on the Immigration and Naturalization Law would give serious consideration to them immediately.

## New Fresno Nisei VFW post formed

Fresno

The latest addition to the roster of Nisei VFW posts was established in Fresno and its name, the Sierra Nisei Post 8499, was approved. Gary Kadani is its first commander.

The post will be officially instituted in ceremonies Oct. 17 at the Fresno Civic Auditorium by the Department Commander of California, Gordon H. Winton, Jr. The Nisei Liberty Post 5869 of Hanford will be the installing team.

Other officers are:  
Hogumo Ogawa, sr. v.-comm.; Kats Nakano, qm.; Tamotsu Kawaguchi, Harry Murashima, Gichi Yamagata, trustee (1 year.); Teruo Susumu Fujimura, jr. v.-comm.; Tsuruoka, adj.

## Claims payment -

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sible to have these 12 special awards considered before adjournment, according to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative. Normally, they would have been put off until Congress met again next year.

"These appropriations were among the very few that were not drastically reduced either by the House or Senate," Masaoka pointed out.

The Washington lobbyist also reminded that the National JACL Endowment Fund, to be used for the general welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, was largely subscribed in the past by beneficiaries of the evacuation claims law and the compromise settlement amendment.

"What better way to protect our future as persons of Japanese ancestry than to contribute from government payments for losses sustained during our period of greatest suffering and hardship that such unjust treatment will never again be repeated," he declared.

## IN HONOR OF

While no formal commencement was held, Marie M. Sakaguchi was among 153 San Jose College graduates last week after the summer session. Fusae Mae Nii was awarded teaching credentials.

Fumiko Tashima of Pasadena was among 22 UCLA students named for academic prizes this year. She was the Alpha Chi Delta award winner for having the highest three year scholastic average in economics or business administration.

Yeshio Kasai, Tacoma, traffic department assistant, was accepted by the Traffic Engineers Institute with a junior classification. He is believed to be the first Nisei in the society.

Makio Murayama of Dearborn, younger brother of PC columnist Tamotsu Murayama of Tokyo, was awarded his Ph.D. degree from the Univ. of Michigan recently after five years of research. He earlier majored in physics at the Univ. of California. His doctoral thesis was titled: A Study of the Adenosinetriphosphatase Activity of Leucocyte Nuclei-free Homogenates of the Guinea Pig and the Rat.

Receiving a Certificate of Achievement upon termination of duties with the VII Corps G-2 section, Cpl. Nobuo Fukuda of Paia, Maui, was congratulated by Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin, corps commander in Germany.

# Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

## Flood Waters . . .

Japan was almost washed off the face of the earth by the continuous rains during the month of July. The floods in Kyushu were so devastating that people reading of the news elsewhere were stunned beyond words. To make matters worse, there was no sunshine for days during the aftermath of the deluge.



MURAYAMA

Then followed the even more awful flood in Wakayama, where people were washed into the Pacific Ocean.

Stories telling of the same misfortune came from Nara, Gifu, Nagano, Shizuoka, Tokyo and even Hokkaido. They came one after the other.

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We were listening to the terrible downpour in Tokyo and reading the unbelievable reports from other cities. Hundreds of human lives were lost. Very dramatic was one radio broadcast fusing the roar of flood waters and dying human voices.

Early estimates of the Kyushu flood damage were 150 billion yen, but when the second and third downpours came, the toll was inestimable. The rice growers in Kyushu had managed somehow to plant their crop a second time, but that was ruined miserably.

Rice fields, railroad bridges and hundreds of homes were instantly washed out in the Wakayama rains. Modest estimates place the damage there at 40 billion yen.

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Now, the people are blaming the Yoshida cabinet for much of the damage since the government failed to include in its budget funds to complete half-built flood control projects.

While the rains were unusually heavy, much of the damage could have been checked if the projects were completed. To aggravate the situation, a cold wave followed, ruining rice crops throughout Japan. Fruits were also damaged.

The calamity boosted prices of all commodities. The Japanese must now rely upon black-market rice, where prices have skyrocketed 100 percent since the first days of the flood. And the pattern has been that when rice prices go up, vegetable and fish cost more. Other food prices have soared accordingly.

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## Relief Comes . . .

While people are suffering, the hearts of more fortunate respond. Flood relief funds and goods are pouring into Japan from every direction. Of particular interest are the Japanese residents in America whose direct kin and relatives were affected by the catastrophe in Kyushu, Chugoku, Kinki and other parts of Japan.

Everything is needed in a flood-stricken area since nothing remains. Children are severely hit. And contagious diseases have broken out in many sectors.

Any aid from the outside is appreciated here. Send it care of the Japan Red Cross.

(Reports of emergency Japan flood-disaster committees in various communities across the nation have been published in the past weeks.—Editor.)

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## Visa Permits . . .

The prominent writer, actor and entertainer, Musei Tokugawa (Toshio Fukuhara), who introduced Mike Masaoka to



**Nakatsuka -**

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The scale on which the visitors were greeted was enormous.

As one example, each governor was provided with a car (with the governor's name plate), chauffeured by a state trooper. A naval aide also was assigned to each governor. Gov. King, a retired Navy captain, rated an aide with captain's rank.

High point of the conference, of course, was the presence of President Eisenhower and several of his Cabinet members.

The President and his party flew in from Washington, D.C., Tuesday evening to attend a brilliant state dinner in the Olympic Hotel, headquarters of the conference.

Next morning, the President spoke informally to the governors, then sat through a round table discussion, followed by a private luncheon with the governors. He returned that night to the Capital.

Two business sessions a day kept most governors busy morning and afternoon. Topics of discussions were Federal-state relations, organization and administration of state governments, conservation of natural resources, higher education, and organization and administration of state penal systems.

By this exchange of information and viewpoints, the governors learned where their problems were similar or dissimilar with those faced by other governors and how other governors were handling their own problems.

For instance, Hawaii's governor commented that it was revealing to find out how far the territory has advanced in drafting a state constitution which incorporates the most modern ideas on organization and administration of state governments.

Passage of statehood legislation by Congress, possibly in the next session, would put the new constitution, already ratified by the people of Hawaii, into effect immediately.

On the lighter side, the governors and their official parties were guests at the big events of Seattle's famous Seafair festivities, including a review of the navy ships, and a spectacular air show at Sand Point Naval Air Station.

A 30-mile yacht cruise, several dinners and receptions, and special events for governors' wives filled the rest of the ceived gifts of all sorts from agenda.

After five days, nearly every visitor was full of praise for the state of Washington for its able handling of a big, important conference.

**Japanese included as refugees in measure OK'd by Congress**

**Washington**  
Although it is not likely, up to possibly 7,000 Japanese may be admitted into the United States as special non-quota immigrants within the next three and a half years under provisions of the Refugee Relief Act approved by Congress last Saturday, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

More popularly known as the President's bill to admit 214,000 refugees, the legislation as finally passed by both Houses of Congress includes two sections that authorize the admission of Japanese and other Asians.

One section allocates not more than 3,000 visas "to refugees, residing within the district of an American consular officer in the Far East; provided, that such visas shall be issued only in said consular office district and only to refugees who are indigenous to the area described in this paragraph."

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, explained that the language adopted includes Japanese even though they are not specifically mentioned.

Under the definition of refugee, only those Japanese who were repatriated to Japan after the surrender from Manchuria, China, and other Pacific and Asian areas are eligible for these special non-quota immigrant visas. The law terminates on Dec. 31, 1956, and specifically brings its benefits within the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

The Nisei lobbyist stressed that the most important fact about this legislation is that it recognizes the principle advanced by the JACL that Asians, including the Japanese, should be included in any general immigration statute.

Recalling the history of the measure, Masaoka pointed out that when the original bills were introduced at the request of the President only European refugees, escapees, and nation-

als were included for special non-quota immigrant visas under its emergency provisions.

Joining with Rep. Walter H. Judd (Rep., Minn.), JACL urged the House and Senate Judiciary subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization, in the national self-interest, to include Asians among the beneficiaries of the legislation.

In the House subcommittee, Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) succeeded in amending the bill to include 3,000 Japanese, 3,000 Chinese, and 2,000 Arabs. The full Judiciary Committee, knocked out these amendments and reported out a strictly limited to Europeans bill. During the House debate, Judd succeeded in winning approval of amendments for 2,000 Japanese, 2,000 Chinese, 2,000 European refugees in Hong Kong, and 2,000 Arabs.

In the Senate subcommittee, some discussion of 5,000 Asians was had but the full Judiciary Committee reported out a bill limited not only to Europeans but also to refugees and escapees. On the Senate Floor, Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) amended the bill to include 2,000 Chinese refugees.

In the meantime, Masaoka had secured assurances from Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee, and Sen. McCarran, ranking minority member, Rep. Louis E. Graham (R., Pa.), chairman of the House Subcommittee, Rep. Walter, ranking Democrat, the four most influential members of the House-Senate Conference, that under some formula the Japanese would be included in the final bill.

Although the final language does not specifically identify the Japanese, the way it is worded and the congressional intent definitely means that its provisions include the Japanese, according to the Washington JACL Office.

"When the President asked for a special bill only for Europeans, few thought that it could be amended to include

Asians. But, Congress repudiated the 1924 philosophy of Oriental exclusion and extended to Asians the same privileges that it accorded to Europeans," Masaoka said. "This legislation represents Congressional concern for the whole world, and not just Europe."

Masaoka estimated that perhaps six million Japanese who were returned from Japan's overseas possessions and colonies might be eligible for special non-quota immigration visas under this Refugee Act.

**DSC posthumously given to Nisei**

**Honolulu**  
Mrs. Elizabeth Soma of Honolulu accepted one of the highest military decorations—the Distinguished Service Cross—for her dead son, M/Sgt. Edward M. Ishibashi, in ceremonies recently at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle.

Sgt. Ishibashi was killed leading an attack on Heartbreak Ridge in Korea.

Five other Nisei servicemen and veterans were present to receive awards for gallantry in Korea. They were:

- Walter T. Aimoto, Honolulu formerly a corporal, Bronze Star.
- Yasutoshi Takushi, Honolulu, formerly a corporal, Bronze Star.
- Sgt. I/c Takeo Ebisu, Kapaa, Kauai, Bronze Star.
- Robert C. Yamane, Honolulu, formerly a sergeant, Bronze Star.
- Raymond H. Kamikawa, Honolulu, formerly a private, Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant.

**Mausoleum fund**

**Chicago**  
The Japanese Mutual Aid Society campaign to construct a mausoleum at Montrose cemetery has been oversubscribed, J. K. Joichi, society president, declared last week. The goal of \$5,000 has been topped by more than \$2,000 and no house-to-house canvassing was to be made as planned.



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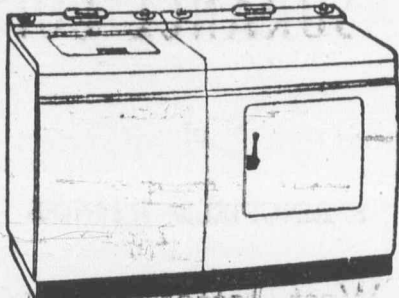
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**Midwest Pow-Wow . . .**

The time is ideal for a last-chance summer vacation in the Land of the Sky Blue Water. The United Citizens League of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul is host for the third biennial convention of the Midwest District Council on Sept. 4-6 . . . The convention package of \$11 includes a mixer, convention dinner, dance, outing, registration fee and souvenir program . . . Chicagoans are reminded to make hotel reservations now at the Midwest Regional Office with Jean Kaita. (phone MOhawk 4-4382) . . . It will also be the final week of the Minnesota State Fair—indeed a busy time for all Twin Cities hotels.

**Around Chicago . . .**

Chicago Transit buses will take over the 43rd St. tramway route next week . . . Thunderstorms from the Wisconsin area swept across Chicago on Aug. 1, cooling off the Windy City from a new high of 97 degrees for the day. But mighty uncomfortable because of the humidity . . . The month of July had 18 days that exceeded 90 degrees . . . Alderman P. J. Cullerton (38th) was nominated by the City Council to the chairmanship of the powerful Council Finance committee . . . Former Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson addresses a \$100-plate Welcome Home banquet Sept. 14 at the Conrad Hilton where the Democratic National Committee meets and a Civic Opera House rally the following day . . . Runner-up to Myrna Hansen, Miss U.S. in the Long Beach Beauty Pageant, is Carol Segermark, 19, now Chicago's choice for Miss America.

**Personals . . .**

The Jack Otas, 3342 W. Jackson Blvd., are now visiting Los Angeles . . . Katsumi Okuno, 6138 S. University, active CLer and chairman of the investing committee of the Co-Operative Investors, is foreman of DVM Wood Products, manufacturer of weather-strip windows. He recently was married to Grace Imada, active City-Wider and beautician . . . George Kita, 914 W. Newport Ave., formerly of Calexico, lawyer and member of the Cosmo and JACL, leaves for Japan with the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor of the First Baptist Church. They expect to depart the end of this month . . . Mrs. Ayako Yamada, 866 N. LaSalle, formerly of Seattle, is treasurer of the Ogden School PTA and sets up summer recreational programs for children at the McCormick YWCA . . . Mrs. Alice Morimoto, 119 W. Maple, formerly of Marysville, has been vice-president of the Ogden PTA since 1950 and one of the more active Near Northside community leaders . . . Frances Omori, 1722 No. Orchard, fifth-grade teacher in Long Beach, Calif., is visiting her parents here. Her brother, Dr. Jehn T. Omori, has taken over the practice of Dr. Thomas Hira, now a dental officer at Fort Leonard Woods, Mo . . . Jean Shimasaki, 508 W. 70th St., formerly of Stockton and San Francisco, active CLer, is assistant supervisor in the Incentive Division, Belnap & Thompson sale promotion agency . . . Betty & Fumiko Iwatsuki, Sumi Shimizu, Fumi Fukuda, Kay Fujii, Yoshi Nishimoto, Haruko Arita and Jean Shimasaki are among those heading for the MDC Pow-Wow, Sept. 4 on the Burlington Zephyr leaving here at 9:15 a.m. Some are planning to stay a week after the convention at Broadwater Lodge in Hackensack, Minn . . . Grace Nitta, 6650 S. Dorchester, will be visiting L.A. for two weeks . . . Dorothy Nishiyama, 4526 S. Greenwood, will be moving to the Far Northside . . . Kay Hikiya, 4537 S. Ellis, returns from Japan this month . . . Patrick Onishi, 4608 S. Lake

**HOME COMING BANQUET THIS SUNDAY**

**San Francisco**  
Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, is scheduled to be present for the National JACL Headquarters homecoming banquet here this Sunday, the No. Calif. Regional Office reported yesterday.

**San Francisco**  
Northern California JACLers were being reminded this week of the National Homecoming Banquet, marking the return of National JACL Headquarters to San Francisco, this Sunday at the Buddhist Church hall.

The San Francisco JACL chapter and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California are co-sponsoring the dinner beginning at 6 p.m.

With the evacuation of Japanese from the west coast at the beginning of World War II, the JACL moved its offices to Salt Lake City, where it carried on its work for the past 11 years.

Mas Satow, National Director, will be guest of honor.

Genial "Sim" Togasaki, a JACLer from 'way back, will be toastmaster.

Prior to the banquet, the third quarterly meeting of the No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL District Council will convene at Gyosei Hall, across the street from the Buddhist church. In charge of various arrangements are:

Jackson Hirose, gen. chmn.; Kaye Uyeda, reg.; Jerry Enomoto, dance; Fred Hoshiyama, entertainment; Hisashi Tani, Hatsu Aizawa, Arnold Fujita, dec.; Victor Abe, Yasuo Abiko, gate.

**CLUB NOTES**

**San Francisco**  
The "1000 Club" renews and new membership for the month of July, 1953, are as follows:

- SIXTH YEAR**  
Yuriko Yamashita, Berkeley, Calif.
- FIFTH YEAR**  
Edward J. Ennis, New York.  
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Annie Clo Watson, San Francisco.  
Dr. George Hira, Chicago.
- FOURTH YEAR**  
Tom Masuda, Chicago.  
Tak Kusano, San Francisco.
- THIRD YEAR**  
Tom Yego, Penryn, Calif.  
Harry Matsukane, Santa Ana, Calif.  
Ikey Kakimoto, Santa Barbara, Calif.
- SECOND YEAR**  
Dr. K. Ikeda, Peoria, Ill.  
Dave M. Tatsuno, San Jose.  
Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, W. Los Angeles.  
Dr. Charles M. Ishizu, Berkeley.  
James Kozuki, Parlier, Calif.
- FIRST YEAR**  
Tom S. Iwate, Seattle.

**Richard-El Cerrito Clers picnic this Sunday**

**Richmond**  
The Richmond-El Cerrito JACL chapter community picnic will be held this Sunday at McNears Beach, a private spot east of San Rafael. Jim Kimoto is chairman. Assisting are Shiro Tokuno and Eddy Mitomi. A bass fishing contest will be held in conjunction with the all-day frolic.

Park, formerly of San Pedro, is convalescing at home under doctor's orders. Heart trouble. Was recently engaged to Ann Honda . . . Maggie Hatoda, 224 W. St. Paul, finished fifth in the 39th annual women's Cook County amateur golf tournament at Jackson Park.

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**TOM H. NAGAMATSU, 35 Sanger JACL**

Born in Garden Grove, graduated Huntington Beach Union High School, Santa Ana Jr. College, attended Cal. Aggie at Davis. Evacuated to Gila River WRA Camp. Resettled in Del Rey, Farmer (vineyardist) for 10 years. Served as chapter official delegate, vice-president, and a charter member. Member of Del Rey Kyowa Kai, auditor for Fresno Buddhist Church, Fowler Sportsman, Fowler Central Co-op, treasurer for Armed Forces Service Committee. Chapter forces: (1) assist Issei in citizenship, (2) monthly meetings, (3) youth-interest activities, and (4) member and family get-togethers. Married: wife Claire, daughters Sheryl 8, Joanne 5. Res. P.O. Box 145, Del Rey, Calif. —Paulo Takahashi Studio

**New dance class for Angelenos scheduled**

**Los Angeles**  
A new dance class for beginners starts Aug. 12 at the Gene Parker Studios, it was announced jointly by the Southwest Los Angeles and Hollywood JACL chapters.

At a recent class competition, trophies for the best dancers were given to Keo Yamamoto and Mrs. George Uesato. Mr. and Mrs. James Ito were runner-ups.

Classes will meet at 8 p.m. each Wednesday for 10 weeks. Further information is obtainable at DU 2-8223.

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**MDC convention slates chess meet**

**Minneapolis**  
JACL conventions in the past have featured a variety of contests for the booster delegates. The Midwest District Council is adding to the gamut of competitions by sponsoring a chess tournament on the official program of events for the MDC convention, Sept. 4-6, here.

In offering a prize for the winning contestant, MDC chairman Shig Wakamatsu stated:

"Never before in the history of the JACL has a chess tournament ever been held during any national or district convention. I think it is high time that we give due recognition to devotees of this ancient and honorable game of skill."

According to the number of entries, the tournament will either be a single or double elimination. Special Events chairman Sam Shijo of the host chapter, Twin Cities UCL, is in charge. Sign-up will be made during registration of delegates Sept. 4.

**Stockton Clers plan 'fun in fog'**

**Stockton**  
Stockton JACLers and Issei citizenship class students will trek 90 miles to Pescadero on State Highway 1 for its chapter summer outing Aug. 16. Dubbed as the "Fun in the Fog", the committee asks reservations be made by Aug. 14 with Fred Dobana.

The location committee said picnickers should drive 1 mile beyond the lighthouse to a bridge, turn right and park by the stream south of Pescadero. Swimmers can enjoy the sandy beaches and surf, the children can wade in the shallow stream. There is beachcombing, hiking, surf and rock fishing.

On the committee are: Yuki Shinoda, Ich Ogata, Tets Kato, Sam Itaya, Hiro Morita, Tak Wakimoto, Henry Hayashino, Jack Kitagawa and Tad Akaba.

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**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TRIES EVERYTHING SHORT OF MURDER**

**Stockton**  
One of the best stories circulating among JACL membership campaign circles was noted in the Stockton JACL Newsletter issued last month. The membership at the six-month mark stands at 99 members.

"Will somebody please break down so we can hit the 100 mark?" was the hopeful plea, "and let our membership chairman sleep nights."

"He has tried everything but murder and that we can't allow, since we are only interested in 'live' members."

**Room remodelled**  
**Chicago**  
A joint project to remodel and furnish the main meeting room of the Chicago Resettlers Committee, 1110 N. LaSalle St., has been undertaken by three groups: the City-Wide Recreation Council, Girls Inter-club Council and the War Brides club.

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# Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

It seems incredible that so much has happened to Japanese Americans in a little over a decade: the war, evacuation, relocation to the Midwest and East for thousands and the return home to the West Coast for so many.

The lot of the Japanese Americans has been one punctuated by laughter and tears undergirded by a patient courage learned from their parents.

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Much of our fate has been mirrored in the life and the progress of the JACL, and just as the Japanese Americans were exiled and returned to the Pacific Coast, so this coming Sunday San Francisco will welcome back National JACL Headquarters.

It is fitting that the San Francisco chapter is extending a special invitation to the Issei, particularly those who have already received their citizenship. Many are joining the JACL as active members.

We feel that they have really belonged for a long time, for the greatness of the JACL is truly a reflection of the cooperative efforts of the Issei and Nisei building toward "better Americans in a greater America."

We know that we will have many years of working together for the common good of all, and we hope that this spirit of cooperation that we have found will make us more useful citizens in our total community.

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## Introducing . . .

Masao W. Satow, ubiquitous National JACL Director certainly needs no introduction for his frequent visits to this area have made him many new friends. However, I would like to tell you a little more about Mas and, personally I believe I can, since I received my first training in group work from this extraordinarily versatile Nisei leader.

Mas is really a Northern Californian. He was born in San Mateo a couple or so decades ago. However, most of his education was received in Los Angeles where he was graduated from UCLA. He did graduate work at Princeton, and in 1932 began work as Executive Secretary of the Japanese YMCA in Los Angeles. He had a tremendously successful career in this

work and I remember that year after year his summer "Y" camp sessions were considered tops for the Southern California YMCA area. Because of his efforts the Japanese YMCA received the President's award for membership shortly before evacuation.

Masao Satow, too, was evacuated from the Pacific Coast. He went to Santa Anita first and later to Amache, Colo., where he was chairman of the Amache Community Council. He left camp in May, 1943, on a special assignment for the National Board of the YMCA at which time he worked on West Coast evacuee problems.

He was called by the JACL to serve as Eastern and Midwest Regional Director in April, 1946, taking a leave of absence for one year from the YMCA.

However, the JACL, having gotten hold of this indefatigable young man, refused to let him go back to the "Y." He was made Acting National Secretary in 1947, which title was subsequently changed to National Director and since that time has been guiding the reins of the National JACL organization—now grown to 86 chapters in 38 states.

Mas is married to Chiz Ueda, formerly of Salt Lake City whom he met in Los Angeles.

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In all my personal experiences with Nisei leaders I have never met anyone as accomplished in so many fields.

Mas' art work is of a professional nature. Many are unaware that he does the lettering for the JACL Creeds, Thousand Club certificates and hundreds of appreciation certificates and scrolls which have been presented to JACLers, supporters and friends during the past years.

He has a strong musical background. He has sung and led songs.

He is very capable in various types of craft work and although on the slight side is quite athletic, majoring in golf and bowling at the present time.

All in all, in my years of professional work, I have never met any other Nisei who has so directly influenced the lives of so many Nisei as Masao Satow. We hope he will be around for a long time not only in San Francisco but with the JACL.

## CAPSULES

• The Min Yasuis of Denver have moved to their new residence, 1150 S. William St., near South High School.

The Bill Hosokawas of Denver are vacationing in the Bill Cody country—Yellowstone and Cody, Wyo., this week.

• Dr. Barry Kato, recently discharged from the Army two months ago, has decided not to resume his practice in Chicago but return to Seattle where his parents reside.

The Rev. Hongen Fujimoto, Santa Barbara-born Buddhist priest who has been residing in Japan since 1940, has been assigned to the Los Angeles Nishi Hongwanji.

• Four Japanese Americans in a car driven by George Yamamoto, 34, of Parlier were injured when hit by a drunken driver in Fresno last week. Hurt were Mas. Mitsuko Yamamoto, 28; Frank Yamamoto, 2; and Mrs. Satoko Yoshioka, 28.

Four Nisei brothers, Satoshi, Kenji, Masahiro and Minoru And of Monte Vista in Santa Clara Valley, have purchased Burkhard Camellia Gardens near San Jose and plan to go into full-scale nursery.

• 1st Lt. Walter Shimasaki, Lindsay, among five dental interns graduated last June from the Univ. of California, was sworn into the U.S. Army.

## Honolulu editorial on Capt. Fuchida scored by writer

San Francisco

How the people of Hiroshima feel toward Americans came into contrast with those in Honolulu who protested the possible appearance of Capt. Mitsuo Fuchida at a wreath-laying ceremony at the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor.

While Capt. Fuchida, the commander in charge of the Japanese naval air fleet on Dec. 7, 1941, who became a Christian convert and missionary since the war, did not lay a wreath, the Honolulu Advertiser had earlier editorialized:

"Hawaii will listen with interest to what Captain Fuchida has to say, but Hawaii believes his chief mission as a Christian now lies in Japan."

Howard Imazeki, Tokyo columnist for the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi, last week wrote:

"Though I can understand how Hawaii feels about Pearl Harbor, (it) seems to me the Honolulu Advertiser's smart-alecky editorial was not called for."

"Rather than revealing its small-minded provincialism, it would have been better unsaid. For America is now big enough to accept the goodwill of her former enemy, so much so that we are willing, even trying, to rearm this unwilling nation to get her on our side for future protection."

"Let any man of goodwill express his sentiment the way he feels is most appropriate. For that is the way the people of Hiroshima are saying where we once committed an expediency of war."

## Stockton Nisei awarded Navy civilian honors

Stockton

Miss Betty Ueda, Stockton Nisei, was presented the Meritorious Civilian Service Award—the Navy's second highest civilian honor—by Capt. F. B. Risser of the Stockton Naval Supply Annex last week.

A freight terminal division supervisor, she was commended for "outstanding devotion to duty, ability to get along with fellow workers and accuracy and adaptability in meeting changing situations."

—H. H.

## Nisei cameraman home in New York from world tour of 40,000 miles

New York

Toge Fujihara, ace photographer for Allen Shilin Productions, returned home from a 10-months' tour of the world on July 19. What he has to say about the heat (which has been unbearable in these parts for many weeks) during his trip is even worse.

"In Pakistan it was 117 degrees in the shade," he says.

"And it wasn't a dry heat. It was humid like the weather you get here." It was so hot he stewed in his own sweat, according to what he reports, and the sun was so bright he could not find a shadow under a horse.

He returned with 100,000 feet of film, all in color, and he figures that it will take two years of cutting, splicing and editing before the company has all the complete features assembled out of the footage.

He estimates he may have covered a good 40,000 miles, figuring back-tracking travel since he left here for Hawaii and the Philippines last year.

In Thailand, his expedition took him close to the Laos border, where fighting has been fierce between Communist and French Indo-Chinese forces, to take shots of a leper colony. Some shots of a leprosarium in northern Okinawa also came into his focus.

He missed the cherry blossom season in Japan, but Shilin had gone there earlier to arrange having shots of festivals and spring scenery taken by contacts there.

In India, Toge learned that the caste system has been made void, but that it would take several generations for the Indians to get used to the idea. The wretchedness in the poorer classes didn't alleviate conditions either, he added.

Of personalities in Japan, he reported former New Yorker Dra. Hachiro Yuasa, president of the International Christian University near Tokyo, was looking well. More funds are needed, though, to complete the buildings.

Welly Shibata has moved from Osaka to Tokyo, where he is managing editor of the English Mainichi. T. John Fujii is with the Japan News, an Australian-owned newspaper published for Aussie troops.

On his way home, Toge visited Turkey, Greece and Rome. He tried to locate George Tajiri, Larry Tajiri's younger brother, in Paris, where he is

making a name for himself as a sculptor.

Toge's family, Mitsu and their two children, Donald and Kiyoo, were happy to see him back, but the children seemed to take it in stride.

After what would seem like a year-long vacation to some people, Toge is taking two weeks off to recuperate. His idea of comfort is to catch up on his reading and to sit around doing nothing.

He doesn't plan to go on a trip for his vacation.

## L.A. MIRROR STILL

### ASKS FOR STATEHOOD

Los Angeles

"Separation from the mainland has been another argument against statehood" of Hawaii, but "it isn't a valid argument," the Los Angeles Mirror editorialized this week.

"As Oren E. Long, former Hawaiian governor, told the (Senate) Committee (on Interior and Insular Affairs): The United States is not a mere geographical entity. It is also a spiritual one."

The editorial in hoping for statehood in the next session also asked:

"Since when has racial background prevented anyone from believing in and practicing the ideals of our American democracy?" after admitting a heavy proportion of Hawaii's population was of Oriental and Polynesian extraction.

## Canadian Japanese aid Japan flood victims

Toronto

With over \$2,000 raised in this district to assist Japanese flood disaster victims, the first installment of \$1,000 was forwarded to the Japanese Embassy in Ottawa last week.

Sadao Iguchi, Tokyo ambassador to Canada, replied that the sum has been converted into U.S. dollars, totaling \$1,005.02, and forwarded to the Foreign Ministry which is transferring the sum to the Red Cross.

JCCA chapters across Canada have been active in gathering funds.

## CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

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## Unique but more genuine staging of 'Mme. Butterfly' delights first-nighters

Los Angeles

One of the factors of theater is production and staging. And in opera, like "Madame Butterfly," curiosity always gets the best of its goers—what would it be like, sung in Japanese by a Tokyo opera company?

The opening night crowd at the Greek Theater liked it. They didn't mind the jumble of languages—Et. Pinkerton and Sharpless, the American Consul, conversing in Italian with Cho-Cho San, Suzuki, Goro and the rest of the Fujiwara Opera Co., responding in Japanese.

They appreciated the genuine setting, the gorgeous garbs and honest-to-goodness Japanese faces and mannerisms—unlike the foreign interpretations of the same in previous presentations.

They couldn't help but take their eyes offstage at times to note a sincere and arm-flailing conductor (Tadashi Mori) who steered Puccini's music compassionately.

Michiko Sunahara gave the leading role a great deal of poise. Even the subtle staging of the third-act "seppuku" pleased this reviewer more than some of the over-dramatized affairs seen in the past. "Un Bel Di" in Japanese is still exciting. Her voice is strong and confident, although her Japanese was difficult to follow at

times.

Very endearing from the first moment was Suzuki (Kazuko Matsuchi). Lt. Pinkerton (Dean Smith) is good-looking in his naval whites. The simple Shinto wedding service in the first act may make some Occupation personnel nostalgic. The fury of the Bonze (Tadashi Kurimoto) was brief but unforgettable. There were other minor details of interest but let's not undo your curiosity.

Because it is largely sung in Japanese, it should have wide Issei appeal. There were quite a few scattered throughout the open-air (and somewhat chilly) theater Wednesday. There isn't a grander way to introduce grand opera to them than "Madame Butterfly" in Japanese.

It's playing tonight and tomorrow and four nights next week starting Wednesday at the Greek Theater. Afterwards, the troupe is scheduled for appearances in San Diego, Fresno, San Francisco and Salt Lake City.

—H. H.

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# Oyakawa double winner in Japan swim meet; Konno wins 400, beaten in 1,500

## Honolulu Nisei swimmers head for Indianapolis Outdoor meet

### Tokyo

Japan is again making a firm bid for world supremacy in swimming. It took an 18-year-old Waseda University student, Katsuji Yamashita, to boost such hopes when he splashed to an upset victory over Ford Konno of Ohio State University last Friday night in the 1,500 meters.

Yamashita was clocked in 18m. 27.4s., breaking the Olympic record of 18m. 30s. set by the slim Hawaiian Nisei last year. Konno was behind by 25-meters in the Japan National Championships, and timed 18m. 45.2s.

Japanese fans, some 10,000 strong, gave a tremendous ovation as Yamashita churned his last 50-meters in the beautiful Meiji Shrine Pool.

Demonstrating his smooth stroke, Konno led a field of nine entrants for the first 400-meters with Yamashita a stroke behind in the next lane. For the next 600 meters, it was a neck and neck, stroke-for-stroke race between the two. Yamashita was three strokes faster at the 1,200-meter mark and gradually pulled away.

Yamashita, generally regarded as the successor to Hiro-nobu Furuhashi, the "Flying Fish of Fujiyama," said after the race he was confident of winning if he could be swimming neck & neck with Konno for the first 1,000 meters.

Yoshito S a g a w a, Honolulu swimming coach who discovered Konno, said Yamashita has a tremendous leg drive.

Mike Peppe, Ohio State coach, remarked Yamashita may be a greater swimmer than Furuhashi. "He has plenty of drive and his form is better than Furuhashi's," he added. "Yamashita has everything and I think he will be the next 1,500 meter Olympic champion."

Furuhashi, now retired and studying the wool business in Australia, is the world record holder at 18m. 19s., which he made at Los Angeles in 1949.

In the final blue-ribbon event of the All-Japan meet Sunday night, Olympic champion Konno splashed his way to an impressive victory in the 400-meter freestyle, scoring revenge over his 1,500-meter conqueror Yamashita, in 4m. 37.s.

A capacity crowd saw the Honolulu put the heat on from the start, never relinquishing the lead. Konno redeemed himself by defeating Japan's rising hope by a full five yards. Yamashita was timed at 4m. 41.8s. The Japan record was set by Furuhashi at 4m. 33s.

The world's top backstroke artist, Yoshi Oyakawa of Ohio State University, was a double winner in the 50-meter and 100-meter backstroke events. He won by a touch over Takuro Ashida of Waseda, both of whom were timed 30.8s. in the shorter race. In the semi-final heat two days earlier, he was timed 30.2s.

In the 100-meter dorsal, Oyakawa pulled away from seven others in the final 20 meters to win by six strokes with a time of 1m. 7.2s. last Saturday night. Noboru Kajiura of Waseda was second at 1m. 9.8s.

Midori Morimae set two national women records in the same events: 37.6s. in the 50 meters, clipping off a full sec-

ond; and 1m. 21.8s. in the 100 meters, made during a semi-final heat.

Gerald Harrison, the third member of the U.S. team from Ohio State, won the high diving and springboard diving competition with ease. He scored 148.25 pts. in the high dive while his contender Yutaka Baba of Waseda had 119. Harrison amassed 155.77 pts on the springboard, Katsuichi Mori of Nippon University was second with 136.25 pts.

The foreign competition invited by the Japan Swimming Federation actually took home all the first place medals except the 1,500-meter and the 200-meter breaststroke events.

Jon Henricks, 18-year-old Australian sprinter, loomed as the world's short-distance champion when he won both the 100 and 200 meter races. He took the 200 meter championship Saturday with a 2m. 11s. effort and on Sunday the 100 in 57.4s., which is .2 seconds off the Japanese mark set by Masanori Yusa 17 years ago. Henricks displayed powerful strokes, tremendous leg drive and a terrific spurt at the finishes. He was too much for the

## SPORTSCOPE

**Dr. Harry Kita**, golfing dentist of Salinas, played a methodical steady game for two Sundays over the Del Monte course to win the Monterey Peninsula Nisei Club July tournament with a low net 65.

A new Nisei baseball club, the **San Mateo Owls**, has been organized. Bill Kitagawa, 513 E. Santa Inez, is manager.

**Ben Mitsuoshi**, recent arrival from Hanford, failed to win in his Japanese professional baseball debut recently. The Hiroshima Carps pitcher could not control the last-place Kokutetsu Swallows in a 5-2 fracas.

Competing in the Centralia (Wash.) district tournament this week is **Frank Itami** of Portland, member of the all-star Little League baseball team No. 1.

A young Japanese bull fighter, **Augusto Yatojo**, who ranks as a novillero (novice matador), won recognition when he thrilled ring audiences at Palma Majorica killing two bulls recently. He executed twice what is known to initiates as "pinchazos" and "stocada" to stop the chargers.

### L.A. golfer cards 69 to win Ass'n tourney

#### Los Angeles

A sensational 2 sub-par 69 carded by Shig Fukuyama of Top Notch highlighted the So. Calif. Golf Association tournament last Sunday at the Western Avenue links.

He banged 36 out and 33 in to cop both low gross and low net trophies over 124 entrants. Sam Minami and Min Yoshizaki, both of the same Top Notch club, turned in brilliant efforts with a 72 and 74, respectively.

Vic Yamane of the Kyodo club was awarded the longest drive on the first fairway with his 300-yarder.

### Baseball

At Denver, July 26: Publix Cab 1, Denver Nisei 0 (11 innings).  
At Penryn, July 26: Mayhew A.C. 18, Placer A.C. 11.  
At Long Beach, Aug. 2: Harbor Skippers 7, Lodi A.C. 3.  
At Los Angeles, Aug. 2: Eastside Beer 6, Nisei Trading 1.  
At Sacramento, Aug. 2: Mayhew A.C. 20, Sacramento Sakura 8.  
At Sacramento, Aug. 2: Florin A.C. 15, Walsh Station 2.  
At Denver, Aug. 2: Denver Nisei 7, Lowry Medics 5.  
At San Jose, Aug. 2: Lucky Lager 8, San Jose Zebras 5.

### Japanese.

Takayoshi Kajikawa won the 200-meter (orthodox) breaststroke championship in 2m. 44.4s., the only event lacking foreign competition.

The U.S. trio headed for another swimfest in Osaka and are scheduled to return to Honolulu Aug. 8 and will leave immediately for the U.S. National Outdoor championships at Indianapolis, which will start Aug. 14.

Coach Peppe, who was on the Olympic coaching staff last year, predicted in Honolulu before the Japanese tour that the United States will again come with a strong team for the 1956 Games.

"Our biggest problem right now is in the breaststroke," Peppe declared. The FINA (International Swimming Federation) has abolished the butterfly strokes and "this will certainly hurt our breaststroke swimmers," he added.

Peppe says the U.S. will try to have the flying breaststroke acceptable in international competition at the next FINA meeting. "If we fail, it means we will have to develop conventional breaststroke swimmers before the 1956 Olympics."

### ZENIMURA STARS IN 3-0 HIROSHIMA WIN

#### Tokyo

Harvey Zenimura of Fresno batted in two runs Sunday night to contribute to the Hiroshima Carps 3-0 victory over Kokutetsu Swallows at Korakuen Stadium in the first game of the double-header. The second game was called at the 12th inning with the score even at 4-4.

Wally Yonamine of Honolulu has been forced out of the Tokyo Giants line-up after going hitless for three games this past week. Now hitting a .327, he is reported suffering from a stomach ailment and was not expected to accompany the squad on its tour of games in Hokkaido.

### Bloomer Girls

#### Chicago

The Wilson-Jones Bloomer Girls, in which Nancy Ito plays shortstop, won a doubleheader last Saturday to take over first place in the second half of the National Girls Baseball League race.

The Bloomer Girls knocked off the Mitchell Maids, who were on top, with a 4-1 and 3-0 games.

### Leaps through window, but no glass luckily

#### Honolulu

When police gambling squadsmen closed in on a group of men in a house on Kahakai Drive, one of the surprising men who were playing inside jumped through a window in an effort to escape.

Luckily for Toshio Igawa, 46, the house is still under construction and no glass was in the window. However, he suffered a possible broken ankle in the five foot drop and was confined at Kuakini Hospital.

● 1st Lt. John Chikuma, who had built a successful practice in dentistry in Brighton, Colo., was joined by his wife, Emi, and infant daughter at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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### Harbor Skippers win 7-3 over Lodi A.C.

#### Long Beach

The steady pitching of Tee Okura, who allowed six scattered hits and credited with seven strike-outs paved the Harbor Skipper 7-3 victory over the visiting Lodi A.C. last Sunday at Skipper Field.

John Schmidt opened for the visitors, lasting until the sixth after 11 hits were polled to be replaced by Mas Okuhara who only gave up one hit.

A three-run rally in the third erased a 2-0 lead Lodi had and three more in the fourth cinched the game.

### Japanese film studio enters anti-U.S. story for Venice festival

#### Tokyo

"Tower of Red Lillies," controversial film about the last days of Japanese defenders of Okinawa during the Pacific war, frankly labeled "anti-American" by the Japanese press, will represent Japan at the Venice Film Festival this month.

Toei Studio made the announcement at a recent studio conference. The picture has been sold to distributors in Belgium and Sweden.

Another alleged "anti-American" film, "General Yamashita," a sympathetic account of the trial of the "Tiger of Manila" may be licensed for distribution in the U.S., the studio added.

Personality consists of acting natural and impressing people at the same time.

### ALL-TIME BASEBALL RECORD SET BY CANADIAN NISEI CREW

One way to make sport headlines is to steal yourself into it. There were 19 stolen bases chalked up in one game for an all-time senior amateur baseball record last week.

The reputation was established by a speedy Nisei outfit—Best Cleaners, who won 13 to 6 over—of all people—Honest Ed's. Once the boys got to first, they all got into the act, merrily dashing on to second and third.



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### Eastbay kegler leads in Cerebral Palsy classics

#### Berkeley

Miss Ikeda of Alameda was the new leader in the Berkeley Elks Cerebral Palsy Singles Classic at Berkeley Bowl last week with a 667 scratch plus a 84-pin handicap to total 751. His nearest contender grossed 716.

Nobu Asami leads the keglerettes with a 564-40-634. High single game honors go to Ikeda with a 278.



Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

Michiko Sunahara, who made her debut in the "Madame Butterfly" role for U.S. troops at the Imperial Theater in Tokyo during the occupation, fluttered into town by way of early Sunday morning.

It was 2 a.m. when she landed at the Los Angeles International Airport in Inglewood. Following her several hours later were other members of the Fujiwara Opera Co., which began its eight-nights schedule at the Greek Theatre Wednesday night.

The troupe had a narrow "squeak" when their stage and property men couldn't set up their props until just several hours before the opening show. They came by steamer (Hawaii Maru) directly from the Orient. All turned out well.

Nothing official has come from the Nisei Week Festival office on the City Hall visitation by the queen and her attendants but all indications are that Mayor Norris Poulson is open to good relationships with his racial minority constituents in Los Angeles.

The McCarran Act of 1952 has created many citizenship classes for Issei because of their eligibility for the first time to become naturalized Americans.

Accordingly the same law has established many similar classes for Spanish-speaking aliens who want to be citizens. Although always eligible, many of them were unable to understand English well enough to take tests.

The McCarran Act permits examinations in their native tongue. Sponsorship here of such sessions are under the supervision of the Community Service Organization.

There are some 12,000 Chinese and none of them are on public relief, the Consul General of the Republic of China, Yi-Seng Kiang, reported recently.

And to prove they take care of their own Kiang says they maintain their own cemetery as well as assist refugees from Communist China. The Japanese American population is nearly four times the 12,000 figure. But so far no community center nor place of burial for them here. Very admirable these Chinese.

Masaru Nishibayashi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jintaro Nishibayashi and formerly of Hollywood High School, was awarded his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the Univ. of Cincinnati. The 30-year old pre-war graduate from Los Angeles City College plans to do research work in Southern California.

Terry Galanoy, 26-year old motorist, working for the American Automobile Association, after a 6,870-mile trip checking reported speed traps and allegedly unfair traffic enforcement practices on the nation's highway, discovered that L.A. was the only spot in the country where traffic cops hid behind signs or on side streets to nab unwary drivers. "This cat-and-mouse game is strictly a Los Angeles affair," he charged bluntly.

One recent improvement on traffic ticket tactics: officers must write them within 10 minutes after stopping a vehicle. One complaint: law enforcement officers have no more right to double park than us poor taxpayers.

Is it robbery when you stick up a hotel manager and get back only what you've given him just a few minutes before? Police Chief Parker has yet to come out with an answer. He faces further embarrassment in that the culprit was an officer off duty. The "law" entered a rooming house operated by Katsusuki Shishima one day last week. He plunked \$1.50 for

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AKADA—June 23, a girl to the Yoshio Akadas, Seattle.
AKIYAMA—June 22, a girl to the Tak Akiyamas, Seattle.
AZEKA—July 13, a boy Michael Terry to the Mitsuru Azekas (Masami Moriwaki), Los Angeles.
AZUMA—June 14, a girl to the Takeo Azumas, San Diego.
BIHL—July 12, a boy Paul James to the Gerald Vincent Bihls (Mary Teruko Yanagitani), Los Angeles.
DEGUCHI—June 30, a boy to the Mitsugi Deguchis, San Pedro.
FUJIKADO—July 19, a girl to the Kei Fujikados, Seattle.
FUJIKAWA—June 22, a girl to the Masao Fujikawas, Sacramento.
FUJITA—June 15, a boy to the Kaname Fujitas, Seattle.
FUKUDA—July 7, a girl Ellen Itsuko to the Itsuo Fukudas (Emiko Sumi), Venice.
FURUKAWA—July 13, a boy Calvin N. to the Peter Furukawas, Gaston, Ore.
HAYAMIZU—July 11, a girl Cathy Sakaye to the Robert Tomofusa Hayamizus (Sumiko Nakashima), Los Angeles.
HAYASHI—July 7, a girl to the George Hayashis, Seattle.
HAZAMA—July 7, a boy Ronald Kiyotaka to the John Yoneharu Hazamas (Sadako Nomura), Los Angeles.
HITOMI—July 1, a boy to the Kenji R. Hitomis, Oakland.
HIUGA—July 23, a girl to the Harold Hiugas, Weiser, Idaho.
IGUCHI—July 9, a boy to the Roy Iguchis, Seattle.
INOUE—June 19, a girl to the S. Inouyes, Compton.
ISHINO—June 28, a boy to the Joe Ishinos, Seattle.
IWATA—June 25, a boy to the Tom Iwatas, Seattle.
JOHNSON—July 8, a boy Edward David to the Walter Robert Johnsons (Chizuko Fukuda), Los Angeles.
KAITA—July 19, a boy to the Sakaye Roy Kaitas (Emiko Taira), Watsonville.
KANAYA—June 17, a boy to the Richard Kanayas, Seattle.
KANEKO—July 2, a boy Roger Iketo to the John S. Kanekos (Helen H. Nanbara), North Hollywood.
KAWAGUCHI—June 29, a girl to the Kiyoshi Kawaguchis, Yreka.
KAWANO—July 8, a girl Keiko Katherine to the Ken Taichi Kawanos (Shizue Yamada), Los Angeles.
KAWANO—A boy to the Donald M. Kawanos, Adams City, Colo.
KINOSHITA—July 10, a girl Joyce Megumi to the Keisuke Kinoshitas (Masako Enomoto), Glendale.
KITANI—July 11, a girl Karen Sue to the Susumu Kitanis (Tomoko Uveda), Los Angeles.
KOYASAKO—June 12, a boy to the Suenari Koyasakos, Sacramento.
KUBO—July 13, a boy Kerry Douglas to the Gene Kubos, New York.
KUNIHIRO—July 7, a boy to the Uno Kunihiros, Auburn.
LEWIS—July 7, a boy Craig to the Woodley Carl Lewises (Mitzi Nagasaka), Los Angeles.
MATSUOKA—July 7, a boy to the Walter Matsuokas, Auburn.
MIYAI—June 30, a girl to the George K. Miyais, Sacramento.
MIZUTANI—July 13, a girl to the Joe Mizutanis, Kingsburg.
MORI—June 28, a boy to the Hiroshi Moris, Buena Park.
MOTOYAMA—A girl to the William H. Motoyamas, Denver.
MURAKAMI—June 29, a boy to the Tsuyoshi Murakamis, San Diego.
MURAKAMI—July 12, a girl Debra Mieko to the Sunao Murakamis (Fune Umeno), Los Angeles.
NAKAGAWA—July 19, a girl to the Robert Nakagawas, Clovis.
NAKASHIMA—July 3, a boy to the Dr. Donald T. Nakashimas, Seattle.
NAKATANI—July 10, a girl Barbara Emi to the Yoneo Nakatanis (Nobuko Lucy Yokoyama), Downey.
NISHIJIMA—July 26, a boy to the Kanji Nishijimas, Sacramento.
NISHIMURA—July 6, a boy Rodney to the John Nishimuras (Helen M. Tada), Los Angeles.
OSAKI—July 2, a girl to the Ken Osakis, Garden Grove.
OTSUKI—June 28, a girl to the Isewa Otsukis, Long Beach.
SADAHIRO—July 19, a girl to the Toshi Sadahiros, Orosi.
SADAKANE—June 25, a boy to the Mamoru Sadakanes, Huntington Beach.
SAITO—July 18, a girl to the Kenichi Saitos, Palo Alto.
SAKUMA—June 24, a girl to the Shin Sakumas, Seattle.
SHIGEZAWA—June 24, a girl to the Toy Shigekawas, Fullerton.
SHIRAGA—July 22, a boy to the George Shiragas, Fresno.
SHIROYAMA—July 19, a girl to the Junji Shroyamas, Laton.
SUGITA—June 22, a girl to the I. L. Sugitas, Long Beach.
TSUTAKAWA—July 15, a girl to the Thomas Tsutakawas, Seattle.

Engagements

OKUNO-SAKAMOTO—Haruye to Ted Tetsuo, both of Los Angeles, July 25.
SUGINO-DOTE—Chieko, Gardena, to Toshimi, Redondo Beach, July 26.
YASUI-YAMAGATA—Pansy, Seattle, to Harold, Chula Vista, Calif., July 12.

Weddings

KASAI-SHIBATA—Aug. 2, Hideo Kasai, San Francisco, and Arlene Yayoi Shibata, Mt. Eden.
NAKADATE-KAJITANI—July 26, Dr. Kakuya Nakadate and Clara Miyuki Kajitani, both of Los Angeles.

what the 60-year old Issei regarded as room rent. Instead, the next time he turned around to offer him the key the suspect had a gun demanding money. Shishima gave him his cash box which had \$1.50. The stickup artist was nabbed.

SAKAMOTO-HARA—July 26, Sam Sakamoto and Yukie Hara, both of Los Angeles.
SAKATA-SHIRAISHI—July 11, Tom Toshio Sakata and Kazuko Shiraishi, both of Gardena.
SHIMOYAMA-TANAKA—July 26, Manabu Shimoyama and Sakaye Emma Tanaka, both of Los Angeles.
SATO-HIRONAKA—June 6, Hiromi Sato and Marjorie Hironaka, both of Chicago.
TAKAMATSU-HAMAI—July 26, Toshio Takamatsu and Amy Emiko Hamai, both of Los Angeles.
TAKASAKI-KONDO—June 23, Fred Yasuo Takasaki, Honolulu, and Gladys Toyoko Kondo, Lihue, Kauai (Provo, Utah.)
UBA-INOUE—July 26, Dr. Hide Uba, Los Angeles, and Lillian Michiko Inouye, San Bernardino.

Marriage Licenses Issued

AOKI-OKINE—Tetsuwo, 26, Gardena, and Dorothy A., 21, Whittier.
CARMICHAEL-YOSHIMOTO—Gary A., 20 (USN), and Lillian S., 20, Los Angeles.
FUJOKA-MINAMI—Yoshiro, 24, Hollywood, and Shizuko, 24, West Los Angeles.
FUJITA-ISHIBASHI—Mitsuo, 36, and Sumako, 32, both of Los Angeles.
HIRATA-BROOKS—Manuel H., 29, Clara J., 27, both of Bell.
HIRATSUKI-NAKAMURA—James, 27, and Alice S., 26, both of Los Angeles.
HORN-SUGIYAMA—Robert Morris, San Diego, and Georgene Hideko, La Mesa.
JONES-TAMANAH—Earle W., 24, and Elsie T., 26, both of Los Angeles.
KASUMI-SAITO—Hoshi, 24, and Sachiko, 22, both of Los Angeles.
KATO-IMAMURA—Toshiki, 40, San Gabriel, and Yoshiye, 30, Long Beach.
KAWADA-IWAOKA—Tokunari C., 24, and Miyeko, 26, both of Los Angeles.
KAWASHIMA-YAMAMOTO—Takashi, 27, Los Angeles, and Hannah H., 24, Pasadena.
KURIHARA-KUROMI—Raymond T., 26, and Toshiko M., 19, both of Los Angeles.
KUSABA-OUTA—Mike, 25, Venice, and Aiko, 25, Los Angeles.
KUWATA-MORI—Hiroshi, 30, and Sumiye, 26, both of Los Angeles.
MAEDA-OKANISHI—Arnold Tadao, 27, and Kimiko, 26, West Los Angeles.
MORI-LUMM—Ernest K., 21, and Juanita F., 20, both of Los Angeles.
OGI-SHITAMOTO—Mamoru, 24, Gardena, and Mary T., 23, Los Angeles.
ONIZUKA-FUJIMOTO—Kiyoshi, 22, and Joyce A., 23, both of Stockton.
SATO-HIRAKATA—Paul H., 32, Mitchell, Neb., and Tatsuko M., 27, Rocky Ford, Colo.
SHIMATSU-SUZUKI—Masaru, 25, Redondo Beach, and Takeko J., 23, Torrance.
STANFIELD-NAKAMURA—Thomas and Yaeko, both of San Francisco.
TAKATA-MATSUOKA—Kanichi, 48, and Sadako, 31, both of Los Angeles.
TAKEMURA-CHUNG—Chiharu, 25, and Kyung A., 28, both of Los Angeles.
TOYAMA-BARRINGTON—Sam J., 28, and Beulah M., 21, both of Los Angeles.
TOYOOKA-SUGITA—Lawrence and Setsuko, both of San Francisco.
USHIJIMA-MURAKAMI—Paul, 28, and June K., 24, both of Los Angeles.
YAMADA-SHIOHAMA—Easter Y., 27, and Michiyo R., 23, both of Los Angeles.

Deaths

ARAI, Jubei, 75, (formerly of Sacramento): New York, July 28, survived by wife Tatsu, sons Tim, Woodrow, Aaron, Dr. Harold S.; daughter Mrs. Tatsuye Nonaka.
FUKUDA, Daishiki, 78, (formerly of Long Beach): Morgan Hill, July 30, survived by son Kozo, daughter-in-law Mrs. Masuye Fukuda and grandchildren.
HASHIMOTO, Kisaji, 73: San Francisco, July 23, survived by daughter Yuriko.
HARA, Denpei, 78: Blackfoot, Idaho, July 23.
IWATA, Mrs. Mitsu: Coronado, July 26, survived by sons Hideo, Benson and daughter Mrs. Yoneko Lawson.
IZUMI, Manhachi: Los Angeles, July 16.
KATO, Kiyoshi: Los Angeles, July 16, survived by daughter Mrs. Akiko Nagashima and two brothers Itaro and Rojiro.
KAWAHARA, Fukumatsu, 77: Upland, July 10.
MATSUURA, Perry, 37: Dinuba, July 22, survived by wife Toshio, son Stacey and daughter Marsha. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Kanjiro Matsuura (Santa Barbara), brothers Albert, Henry and Paul.
NAKAHARA, Mrs. Miyeko: Madison, Wis., July 5, survived by husband Shigeru, mother Mrs. Tsune Inbe (Chicago) and two sisters Shizuko and Mrs. Fumiko Shiba.
SAKO, Shimakichi, 74: Caldwell, Idaho, July 19.
SARITA, Tadao, 47: Los Angeles, July 28, survived by wife Tomiye, sons Keiichi, Mitsuru and daughters Adeline and Miss Hideo Sakuda.
SASAKI, Mrs. Kiyoko Joanne, 28: South Bend, Wash., July 14, survived by husband Kuni, sons Michael and newborn infant, father Seitaro Nakagawa (Fresno), four brothers Richard, Bill, Ei-yoshi, Sam and sister Mrs. Aiko Fukagawa.
TAKAHASHI, Masayori, 60: Los Angeles, July 25, survived by wife Alice and son Raymond.
TAKEMOTO, Mrs. Kiyoko, 47: Fresno, July 29, survived by husband Masaichi, sons Akira and Yoshinori.
YOSHIDA, Mido, 70: Los Angeles, July 29, survived by wife Chisawo, daughters Mrs. Nobue Nishida and Mrs. Sachiko Taniguchi.

Murayama -

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Japan, was refused a visa to visit America from Paris. It brewed some stirring pros & cons in the Japanese press for Tokugawa has been known as anti-Communist.

Fortunately, the State Department granted him his visa (he is scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles on Aug. 10.). But had the refusal been stayed, the Japanese public would not have accepted the decision.

Tokugawa has a daughter who is married to a Nisei in Los Angeles (Henry K. Nishi of West Los Angeles).

The new U.S. immigration law has nettled some Japanese here because of its tight security provisions. Some Japanese with past records of pro-Communist activities, such as those alleged against Shirley Yamaguchi who has been refused entry, have been denied visas. But a person, such as Tokugawa, should be allowed entry. He can be an influential leader for future Japanese-American relations.

No. Calif. YPCC names San Josean as chairman

Lake Tahoe
Some 150 delegates attended the 24th No. Calif. YPCC fellowship recently and voted Katsumi Hikido of San Jose to head the 1953-54 cabinet. Art Okuno is the outgoing chairman.

Other new officers are: Mary Nishimoto, Oakland, vice-chmn.; Joanne Ono, Oakland, Miyu Matsumoto, Oakland, sec. s.; Ted Ashizawa, Los Gatos, treas.; Nancy Takahashi, Sacramento, pub.; Kimi Shimakawa, Stockton, worship; Aki Aways, San Francisco, workshop; and Mary Hibino, Salinas, hist.

SOCIAL NOTES

Trix-Villes, Palo Alto: Affiliated with the Sequoia JACL chapters, 25 girls from the Redwood City, Menlo Park and Palo Alto area are packing relief items for children in Japan to be sent by air through an airline hostess. Roz Enomoto is club adviser.

Festival queen -

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lations showed Miss Marumoto in a slight lead. Voting was expected to grow over the week-end.

NOTICES

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## EDITORIALS

## Impossible

The all-Japanese language vernacular of Los Angeles has been poking fun and ridicule on a serious problem—that of permitting more Japanese to be admitted into the United States as quota immigrants. Its publisher had gone to the extent of asserting it was too good to expect Congress passing a law which would include Japanese within the DP bill proposed by President Eisenhower. This week the readers of that newspaper are having the last laugh. What was deemed impossible has happened!

This is another instance where old-timers lack appreciation of changing times.

Some of our Issei still do not realize that the American way of life includes asking for whatever is deemed fair. Conceivably, there can be some Nisei who are idealistic enough to believe that all wrongs will be righted on their own accord.

If this were an era of benevolent despots, a nation may be blessed with justice and fair play, with no wrongs permitted. But this "heaven on earth" rule is yet to be. And since this is the United States, there is a Congress to determine whether a request is for the common good.

This same publisher has criticized the JACL for interesting itself in the problem of Nisei strandeers who lost their citizenship status by participating in Japanese post-war election. He fails in his duty as a newspaperman by ignoring U.S. consular officials who have been sympathetic to this naturalization problem. These officials have studied the postwar situation in Japan first hand, thus willing to support legislation which would permit Nisei strandeers to return to their native land and have their birthright restored.

Any proposition with merit deserves a representation. There is no harm in making such a request. The JACL, warning against repetition of the 1924 Oriental Exclusion philosophies, asked that the Asiatics be included in the

DP bill. Congress passed that bill, and some 3,000 Japanese benefitted.

There are many relatives of American citizens and alien residents of Japanese ancestry in this country, who will be able to rejoin their kin—because the JACL was willing to ask.

In our vocabulary, the word "impossible" is missing.

Of even wider significance by passage of the Refugee Relief Act is the comprehension of Asiatics when refugee is mentioned. The notion of displaced person is no longer limited to the Iron Curtain countries. It includes the Bamboo Curtain areas.

## Speedup Desirable

The group examinations which the San Francisco naturalization office has been conducting to expedite the processing of Issei applicants has been source of envy and admiration of those in other regions. Where thousands are ready to take the examination, some method obviously is necessary.

We are deeply concerned with the aged Issei who will have to await their turn. If the normal procedure is followed, years may elapse. This will mean that they may not be able to enjoy the privileges of American citizenship during their lifetime.

It is our sincere hope that every naturalization office is cognizant of the special circumstances surrounding the case of our Issei and do everything possible to enable them to take their oath of allegiance as American citizens at the earliest possible date.

## DECADE AGO

Arkansas Legionnaires seek deportations of Japanese after war, oppose sale of food to evacuees near Jerome and Rowher WRA camps.

Baptist mission group hits separate Japanese church plans for released evacuees.

Presbyterian Synod of California deplores anti-evacuee campaign, urges churches aid in resettlement.

## Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Honda

## Confusion

What confounds the people in Japan about the National Safety Force is the attitude borne by its government . . .

Technically described as a non-military group but called an "embryonic army" by civilians and in unofficial quarters, it is composed of 110,000 men, who are being trained by American officers with American equipment—rifles, carbines and tanks, to mention a few ordnance items . . . No other "national police" force is similarly equipped . . . Re-armament is a vital issue in Japan. Yet its new Constitution has made war illegal as an instrument of policy . . . Such a program despite Communist threats has baffled the average Japanese . . . Why? Take a deeper look into this National Safety Force.

class shoot the guns and rifles instead of privates first class and privates . . . Since the Constitution forbids an army, Premier Yoshida, et al figure it can have a safety force . . . But so many others who figure a rose by any other name smells like a rose apply the same phrase to the national safety force and army . . . Leftwing Socialists in Japan can't understand why such a force should be so trained to combat civil disturbances . . . Yes, the people in Japan are wondering if it is an army, in face of all outward signs of being one . . . The world outside Japan knows it is, but the people in Japan haven't been told so in so many precise words.

Professor Roscoe Pound, former dean of the Harvard Law School, who once taught law in Tokyo University, had this observation to make on the Japanese constitution renouncing war . . . "The Japanese people are trying very hard to do away with past bad government and to provide against the recurrence of similar events" . . . He said the constitution was an "ambitious, practical document" but that it could never be enforced . . . "The Japanese are an ingenious people and they won't lie down on this thing" . . . Add Note: Chief Justice Kotaro Tanaka of the Japanese Supreme Court now on tour of America and to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of the American Bar Association was a pupil of Professor Pound.

Not so long ago, a good portion of these 110,000 men went to the foothills of stately Fujiyama to take part in what looked strangely like army maneuvers . . . They were camouflaged; 155-mm. howitzers protected their advances; some were armed with bazookas and mortars; some M-24 tanks helped out . . . What was regarded as infantry is called "ordinary service", the artillery is "special service", and the tanks are called "special vehicles" . . . There are no generals, colonels, majors or shavetails to run the security force. They're called senior safety superintendents, safety superintendents and safety inspectors . . . Safety-men first class and second

## From the Frying Pan . . .

## Chowhound's Delight

Denver

We had the year's first local-grown sweet corn last Sunday. We drove out to a stand run by some kids just north of town and bought a couple of dozen ears. They were brought home and everyone pitched in to shuck them. Then into the pot of boiling salt water they went. A few minutes after the water was boiling again, they were done just enough to be juicy-palatable.

Colorado corn is good, but I must admit it's not as good as the Iowa kind. There's something about black Iowa soil, Iowa rain, the hot days and the humid nights that grow the world's most wonderful corn. The ears are long, the kernels full and even and just loaded with sweetness. We grew a lot of it in a plot of land borrowed from Jerry Thraikill, and we ate a lot of it, too. Corn was one of the few reasons we sort of hated to leave Iowa.

Two of the kids share their dad's enthusiasm for corn on the cob. A third can take it or leave it. The fourth offspring, much to his dad's concern, thinks eating corn is more trouble than it's worth and won't touch it if he can find something else to eat. Which makes me wonder if tastes are something that a

person is born with, or if perhaps one develops likes and dislikes.

Take the matter of Chinese food. I think good Chinese chow is just about the world's best eating. As a kid we went out to Chinese dinners on festive occasions and, come to think of it now, there were plenty of them. There were wedding banquets and New Year banquets and baseball banquets and fishing banquets and banquets after a trip and banquets when babies were born and just plain old banquets. Each of them called for a sumptuous Chinese dinner with anywhere from six to a dozen different dishes all washed down by (horrors!!) orange pop. We thrived on them.

I still have a fond place in my heart for good Chinese dinners although a poorly prepared one, or a chow mein type mess whomped up for the haole trade, is an abomination. Every once in a while when we get into the mood we go out for Chinese chow and really fill up.

But the kids go along simply because it's a chance to eat out. Oh, they like Chinese food well enough but they aren't hog-wild enthusiastic about it. Matter of fact, I think

that if the two older kids had a choice of steak and French fries at home or a Chinese dinner out, they'd stay home. They go big for steak or roast beef. They like mashed potatoes but French fries are tops. We get plenty of potatoes but unfortunately steaks and roasts have been an infrequent commodity in our house, especially since there are six mouths to feed.

On the other hand, all the young ones like sukuyaki the way we make it. They shove it away by the pound. Likewise tsukemono, the Japanese-type pickles, and raw fish, especially fresh sea bass. They like "sushi," too, particularly the way May Torizawa makes it.

As long as they can cultivate such exotic tastes, I suppose there's no reason to fear they'll grow up into strictly meat and potatoes adults. Beef and spuds must make for the dullest sort of diet but then I know lots of people who are perfectly happy with it, so happy in fact that they rarely try anything else.

All of which brings us back to sweet corn, which is a wonderful food. It's so good, in fact, that the worms try to eat it all before us humans can get at it.

## Vagaries . . .

## A Writer Never Dies

Denver

The idea belongs to Dr. Yasuo Sasaki of Covington, Ky., who literally dropped in out of a blue sky—he came into Denver by plane the other afternoon.

We were talking around that night about Roku Sugahara and Carl Kondo, both of whom have died within the past year, and of their contributions to the slim body of Nisei writing. Roku and Carl were among the first columnists in the Nisei papers, writing in the Rafu Shimpō and the California Daily News of Los Angeles more than twenty years ago.

It is Dr. Sasaki's idea to publish a memorial volume dedicated to Roku and Carl and to others no longer on this mortal coil. Carl, for instance, left a stack of unpublished manuscripts, while Roku's stories, columns and comment, written for Nisei papers in two decades, would fill several volumes. The memorial book could also include other Nisei writing to become a sort of tribute to a young minority who groped its way to a secure and last place in their native land and to the articulate few who held a searchlight to illumine the dark places of doubt and fear.

Many Americans have been surprised that the Nisei responded as they did during the war despite the treatment accorded them by the bigoted, the unknowing and the myopic patriot. It is a fact that the Nisei generation was perhaps better informed of their particular status than any other citizen group in the United States. The major reason for this was that nearly every Nisei read some newspaper especially concerned with his particular problem of status and acceptance, whether it was the Pacific Citizen (then a monthly) or one of the nine bi-lingual Japanese American dailies on the coast, as well Honolulu's two big bi-lingual newspapers and other similar Hawaiian publications.

A War Relocation Authority official, shortly after the mass evacuation, was amazed by the group cognizance of their unusual situation, unprecedented in American history. The Nisei-edited dailies and weeklies undoubtedly contributed

a major share to this understanding and appreciation. We can think of only a single instance in twenty years in which a Nisei editor advocated a reckless and dangerous policy and he, fortunately, did not have many followers.

Nisei-edited papers, supervised of course by the WRA, carried on the tradition of information in the wartime relocation camps.

Nisei newspapermen succeeded where Nisei writers failed, although in many cases newsman and writer were one and the same. The newsman contributed mightily to an informed group; the writers have failed, as yet, to produce a major work of writing, although many Nisei-written books have been published.

In the years before Pearl Harbor there was considerably more interest in literary work in the Nisei papers than at present. Nearly every paper had its literary page, crammed with short stories and poetry. The first literary section we edited for the old California Daily News in Los Angeles two decades ago featured a short story titled "Young Atheists" by Yasuo Sasaki, then editing the University of Utah's literary magazine and a magazine called "Reimei" in Salt Lake City, probably the only Nisei publication of its type to publish more than a single issue. Reimei carried such bylines as those of Tosuke Yamasaki, now operating a printing service in Washington, D.C., after a wartime career monitoring enemy broadcasts and post-war work in a State Department job in the Far East; Taro Katayama, now working for a magazine in Cleveland; Sen Nishiyama who worked for a Tokyo newspaper before the war, and "Hoshina Airan." Japanese American News in San Francisco published a section edited by Kimpei Sheba, Kay Nishida, Yas Abiko and Miya Sannomiya and the Rafu Shimpō in Los Angeles published a regular section edited by Louise Suski. Literary interest was sharpened in 1931 when the Japanese American News of Los Angeles, then edited by Henry Shimanouchi and Goro Murata, started a

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regular page for Nisei writing and gave monthly awards. Shimanouchi, born in Japan, is now a high Tokyo Foreign Office official, while Murata is business manager of the Nippon Times of Tokyo and Kimpei Sheba is publisher of the all-English Tokyo Evening News.

It was in this period that the greatest interest flourished in Nisei writing, as such. It was in this period that Roku Sugahara and Carl Kondo started their newspaper columns which they were to continue, except during the war years, until their death in 1952. In the seven years in which he wrote his PC column Roku never missed a deadline. Although we were not his editor, the same can be said for Carl. They are two symbols of a time when the West Coast Nisei were young and uncertain of the future. They, and their contemporaries who wrote for the Nisei journals of the time, helped shape the minds and lives of their contemporaries.

We can't think of two better symbols to which to ascribe a memorial volume of the period.

## MINORITY

Protest of vending machines, one side of which is labeled "colored" and the other "white", was made against Coca Cola. Jim Farley, Coca Cola chairman, assured the NAACP such machines in certain Southern cities would be withdrawn.

The Ohio department of the American Legion was voted to urge the national Legion to erase a color line which keeps Negroes from membership in the 40 & 8.

Protests against naming of Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina mounted throughout the nation as liberal groups made known their lack of confidence in the South Carolinian as U.S. delegate to the United Nations. Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee had voted blanket endorsement, but they are being urged to open hearings on the nomination.