



JACL to honor Korean war hero

San Francisco
When the naval transport bringing home Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, Gallup (N.M.) Nisei who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in the Korean campaign, arrives here either Sept. 4 or 5, he and his wife will be accorded "VIP" treatment by the National JACL and the San Francisco JACL chapter.

While no formal ceremonies are contemplated dockside when the ship arrives, the couple have been invited as guests of the National JACL during their stay here. Both of Albuquerque JACL members.

Los Angeles
Sgt. and Mrs. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., have been invited to attend the 13th biennial National JACL convention as guests of honor.

Sgt. Miyamura, now enroute home after his release as a prisoner of war of the Korean war at Freedom Village Aug. 20, was conferred the nation's highest military honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor. He is the only living Nisei awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Miyamuras are longtime members of the Albuquerque JACL chapter.

In a telegram to Mrs. Tsuyako Miyamura, George J. Inagaki, National JACL president, and Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, convention chairman, said that at the convention, "we hope to extend

the grateful homage of all Americans and particularly those of Japanese ancestry," in extending the invitation. "His heroism resulting in the winning of the Congressional Medal of Honor reflects great credit upon all Japanese Americans," the invitation added.

The convention will be held over the Labor Day holidays, Sept. 3-6, 1954, at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles.

'GO FOR BROKE' MOVIE STAR ENTERING U.C.

San Francisco
"Go For Broke!" comedian Henry Nakamura arrived here last week to continue his studies at the Univ. of California at Berkeley. He plans to do graduate work in psychology. He was graduated from the Univ. of Hawaii prior to his induction into the Army.

He served two years as an interpreter in Korea and was discharged last June. While in service, he was furloughed to appear in a Japanese movie, "Forever My Love," directed by Paul Sloane of Hollywood.

CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION

Pfc. Kiyoshi Ishimizu of San Francisco, son of Mrs. Suwa Ishimizu, Miyanoshta Shinjio-mura, Yamaguchi-ken, Japan.



A real hero's welcome was assured for the return of Congressional Medal of Honor winner Hiroshi Miyamura. Movements are underway at the port of embarkation, believed to be at San Francisco late next week, and at his hometown of Gallup, N.M. Sgt. Miyamura, who was held captive by the Communists for 28 months, was released Aug. 20 to be informed he was recipient of the nation's highest military honor.

LONG-KEPT SECRET CITATION OF MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER RELEASED

Washington

The text of the Medal of Honor citation disclosed the first time at Freedom Village Aug. 20, when Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., was returned from captivity, is as follows:

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Cpl. Hiroshi H. Miyamura (Service No. ER-38584192) Infantry, Army of the United States, a member of Co. H, 7th Infantry Regt., 3rd Infantry Div., distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Taejon-Ni, Korea, on 24 and 25 April 1951. On the night of 24 April, Company H was occupying a defensive position when the enemy fanatically attacked threatening to overrun the position.

Cpl. Miyamura, a machine gun squad leader aware of the imminent danger to his men, unhesitatingly jumped from his shelter wielding his bayonet in close hand-to-hand combat killing approximately ten of the enemy. Returning to his position he administered first aid to the wounded and directed their evacuation as another savage assault hit the line. He manned his machine gun and delivered withering fire until his ammunition was expended. He ordered the squad to withdraw while he stayed behind to render the gun inoperative. He then bayoneted his way through infiltrated enemy soldiers to a second gun emplacement and assisted in its operation.

When the intensity of the attack necessitated the withdrawal of the Company, Cpl. Miyamura ordered his men to fall back while he remained to cover their movement. He killed more than fifty of the enemy before his ammunition was depleted and he was severely wounded. He maintained his magnificent stand despite his painful wounds, continuing to repel the attack until his position was overrun.

When last seen, he was fighting ferociously against an overwhelming number of enemy soldiers.

Cpl. Miyamura's indomitable heroism and consummate devotion to duty reflect the utmost glory on himself and uphold the illustrious traditions of the military service.



Pfc. Billy Hatano and his family and relatives smiled happily as the San Francisco Chronicle's Joe Rosenthal snapped this picture a few minutes after he disembarked from the transport Gen. Nelson M. Walker last Sunday. Some of them are (left to right) Mac Oishi, brother-in-law; Mrs. Yae Hatano, mother; brother Masayuki; Mrs. Jerry Oishi, sister, looking over his shoulder; father Yoshimasa Hatano, sister Susie. Rosenthal is the photographer who took the famous Iwo jima flag-raising picture. —Chronicle Photo

Sacramento Nisei prisoner of war home from Korea, among first Mainlanders freed in 'Operation Big Switch'

San Francisco
Pfc. Billy K. Hatano of Sacramento was the center of joyous reunion when he walked off the gangplank at Fort Mason's Pier 2 last Sunday morning.

The minute he walked off the Navy transport Gen. Nelson M. Walker which brought him and 327 other liberated PWs from Korea, he was surrounded by his family and relatives. They numbered some 20 in all, the largest single welcoming unit for any returning soldier.

First to embrace him were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimasa Hatano, 3138 San Diego Way, Sacramento, who last saw him go off some four years ago as a young 18-year-old recruit.

Present were also his sisters, Susie and Mrs. Jerry Oishi, and brother Masayuki, who recently came home from army duty in Germany.

Pfc. Hantano, the first Mainlander Nisei to be returned from Communist captivity in "Operation Big Switch," was captured

deep in North Korea near the Yalu River on Nov. 4, 1950. He spent 33 months and 2 days as prisoner of war.

When captured by the Chinese Reds, who had entered the war a few days earlier, he was turned over the North Koreans, who constantly interrogated him. "They tried to make me say I was from Japan, but I wouldn't," he related. "I finally convinced them I was from the States by showing them my family pictures that I had in my wallet."

The first six months were tough, saying he was "lucky to get through it". They only had army fatigue clothes during the winter that followed in the PW camp.

"About 20 men were placed in mud huts about nine-foot square and at first none of us could lie down to sleep," Hatano said. "We'd hunch over sitting down, but by morning we'd be a tangle of arms and

legs." This situation didn't last too long as about half the men died and there was room then to stretch.

The food situation was bad. The tasteless black millet was often wormy. Those who didn't eat didn't come through, he recalled. When the Chinese took over, Hatano said they issued rice, but "our cooks didn't know how to cook it".

"We finally got several Filipino prisoners to cook rice properly," he added. Of meat, it came once in a while. He remembered one Thanksgiving day when meat was promised—only one pound for 72 men.

Hatano said he weighed 149 when he left for the Orient. He lost about 50 pounds after six months' captivity. He weighed in at 126 a Freedom Village. In the next seven days, while waiting to board the transport, he made up 10 pounds. Aboard ship, he nearly regained all.

He has no future plans other than to rest.

No. Calif. passes \$42,000 mark for Japan flood aid

San Francisco

The latest report on Japan flood relief drive from outlying areas have doubled the Northern California drive which ended Aug. 15 as \$42,000 was reported last week.

Several areas are still in the process of accounting.

San Francisco turned in \$10,769; over \$14,000 in Sacramento. The Buddhist Church of America report shows a \$10,678 total, which is separate from the local campaign. The BCA drive is continuing and the next report is due Aug. 31.

Stockton reported \$3,500 and Berkeley donated \$1,820. The Richmond nurseries gave \$525.

New York Japanese send \$3,762 for flood relief

New York

The Japanese American Committee of New York announced its Japan flood relief campaign was concluded with a total of \$3,726.50 collected. Two checks of \$1,000 each have been earlier sent to the Japan Red Cross.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

\$25,000,000 in Evacuation Claims . . .

Los Angeles

During the past two weeks, evacuees of Japanese ancestry throughout the country have been receiving Treasury Department checks in payment of their wartime evacuation claims. Within another month, and possibly sooner, the rest of the evacuees will have received the full \$8,164,462.94 authorized by the last Congress.

All this adds up to the fact that by the end of September, almost 25-million dollars will have been made available to more than 20,000 claimants.

When it is recalled that War Relocation Authority Director Dillon S. Myer testified before congressional committees five years ago that only 10-million dollars were involved in the entire evacuation claims program, it is gratifying to JACL officials and members that with only the so-called smaller claims adjudicated or compromised and settled—and with all the large claims still to be processed—evacuees have already received two and half times as much as originally estimated for the total project.

At the present time, approximately 4,000 of the larger claims still remain to be adjudicated and paid. The amount claimed by these larger claimants is more than twice as much as that claimed by the more than 20,000 smaller claimants whose claims have been adjudicated or compromised and settled up to date. On the basis of returns on the smaller claims, it is estimated that an additional 35 to 50 million dollars remain to be paid under the evacuation claims program.

During my visit to the west coast, discussions have been held by the Northern California-Western Nevada, Central California, and Pacific Southwest District Councils of the JACL as to how these remaining larger claims should be handled and what JACL's responsibilities are to the total program.

The results of these conferences will soon be made public and the Washington JACL Office is expected to draft the necessary legislation to expedite the consideration of the remaining claims and to correct certain obvious injustices in the present program.

Then, these proposed amendments to the basic law will be discussed with officials of the Japanese Claims Section of the Dept. of Justice in order to secure, if possible, their cooperation in seeking congressional approval. Finally, these clarifying amendments will be introduced early in the next Congress when it convenes in January and every effort will be directed to gain enactment before adjournment next June or July.

These activities on the part of the JACL simply emphasize again that since the very beginning of the program the JACL has been the only private organization that has really devoted its attention and energies to the problem of securing substantial monetary redress for some of the economic losses suffered as a consequence of the 1942 evacuation from the Pacific Coast.

Had it not been for the JACL, in all probability there would not have been an evacuation claims program. And the evacuated community would not now be 25 million dollars richer, with the prospects of gaining twice as much more, had it not been for the JACL.

History of the Law . . .

As early as May, 1942, long before the evacuation itself had been completed, JACL discussed the possibility of an evacuation claims program with government officials and private individuals and organizations interested in the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Though the original bill was drafted by the WRA before its liquidation, JACL was active in helping to secure its introduction by the proper congressmen.

Without question, it was the JACL that buttonholed congressmen in both Houses and explained the remedial and meritorious nature of the legislation.

It was the JACL that arranged for public hearings, invited the witnesses, and persuaded the respective Judiciary Subcommittees to favorably report the government-sponsored bill.

It was the JACL that worked on individual members of Congress, resulting in the passage of this measure by unanimous voice vote in both the House and the Senate.

And all this took place when the United States was technically still at war with Japan and the principal beneficiaries of the statute would be nationals of that enemy country and their children, when more than 75 per cent of the wartime Congresses that approved the evacuation order and other repressive bills against the Japanese in America were still members of the Congress, when atrocity stories and the war crimes trials in Japan were taking place.

It is frankly admitted that JACL was unable to secure a perfect bill that would authorize compensation for every loss under every circumstance but many of JACL's suggestions were accepted by Congress. One of them was to reduce the amount that an attorney could charge for his services from 20 to 10 per cent, thereby resulting in a much larger net return to the evacuee claimant.

Then, JACL cooperated with the Dept. of Justice to implement the statute and lobbied in every Congress since 1948 to secure adequate administrative funds to enable the government to process these claims.

IN HONOR OF

A Canadian Nisei will teach at Loyola University at Chicago. Dr. Kenneth K. Hisaoka, who recently was conferred his Ph.D. from Rutgers University in embryology, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ichirohe Hisaoka, Lethbridge, Alta. He is a member of the Sigma Xi, N.Y. Academy of Science and the American Assn. for the Advancement of Society.

A sister's realization of the important safety service provided by the Junior Police Officers won the Board of Underwriters of Hawaii essay contest prize for Patsy Orita of Waipahu, Oahu. Of the JPO, she wrote: "He is the little man and yet he is the man with the mind of a big policeman. He is the soldier of America's highways fighting his enemy, the traffic accidents."

Akiko Asaki of Hanford and graduate of Knapp College of Nursing, Santa Barbara, was awarded the Zonta International award for "scholarship attainment, clinical practice and personality." She plans to work in Long Beach.

Peggy Yonesaka and Sue T. Kodama, both of Hawaii, were among 23 students of San Joaquin Hospital School of Nursing, Stockton, to be graduated. Both are taking their two-day state board examinations this week.

Lone Nisei summer graduate at Colorado A & M, Alley Wataada of Ft. Lupton, Colo., received his master's degree in horticulture.

Evacuee float wins first prize

Kaslo, B.C.

The City of Kaslo celebrated its 60th anniversary on Aug. 14-16. Highlighting the celebration was a mile-long parade with some 17 floats, depicting its local history.

During the war, Kaslo was one of the Japanese evacuation centers with over 1,000 Japanese Canadians present. They wrote another page to Kaslo's history, thus prompting city officials to ask remaining Japanese residents to participate in the parade by entering a float.

In spite of the few numbers of Japanese families remaining, an all-out effort to make artificial flowers and decorations for the float produced the most popular float and first prize from the judges.

When it became obvious that it was administratively impossible to facilitate consideration without legislative relief, JACL again assumed the leadership and secured congressional approval of the compromise settlement formula under which a program that threatened to take half a century has been completed insofar as the smaller claims are concerned in a two-year period.

And, when economy minded senators tried to eliminate all appropriations for the payment of these claims even after the Dept. of Justice had awarded them, as Senator Ferguson of Michigan tried to do last year, it was the JACL that protected the interests of the evacuee claimants and secured the necessary appropriations to pay all the awarded claims.

Check every phase of the program and you will note that it was the JACL—and only the JACL—that every step along the way worked and fought for the evacuees.

Every claimant who has or will receive a check from the government and every other person who directly or indirectly benefits from the almost 25 million dollars that has enriched the Japanese American community in the past several years owes a real debt of gratitude to the JACL.

For without the JACL, the evacuation claims program would still be a dream and a hope, not a reality that in dollars and cents is making the lives of so many evacuees happier and richer.

Hawaii preparing to celebrate Sept. 17, Citizenship Day, on grand scale

Honolulu

Plans are being prepared to celebrate Citizenship Day here on a grand scale.

The observance, which falls on Sept. 17, will probably be the largest of its kind sponsored in Hawaii. It will stress the fact that this year, for the first time, hundreds of alien residents, chiefly Japanese, have become naturalized citizens of this country under terms of the McCarran-Walter Act.

These new citizens, as well as native born youths who reached voting age during the past year, will be specially honored by the local observance.

In making plans for the observance, the Honolulu Junior Chamber of Commerce has come up with the problem of finding an indoor meeting place large enough to seat the large number of persons who are expected to attend.

In addition to the hundreds of new citizens, native born and naturalized, the sponsors hope to draw many hundreds of families and the general public to the event. Either the Honolulu Civic Auditorium, which holds about 5,000 persons, or the McKinley High School Auditorium, which holds 2,000 will be the assembly hall.

The assembly hall will be, in effect, the Federal courtroom of U.S. Judge J. Frank McLaughlin for the occasion. The plan is to transfer the judge's regular court to whichever assembly hall is chosen, to swear in the latest group of naturalized citizens.

Judge McLaughlin is credited with making each swearing in ceremony of new citizens a memorable event in the lives of these persons and their relatives who attend as spectators. Once a month since last February, the judge has arranged a program in his courtroom that has included speeches by prominent community leaders, patriotic songs by choral groups and

'Sayonara' Film

New York

Two Hollywood studios are hot on the trail of James Michener's latest novel, "Sayonara," which is described as a yarn with a Mme. Butterfly theme. The story is slated for publication in McCall's magazine this fall and Random House will publish the book next spring.

His most recent novel, "The Bridges at Toko-ri," will be filmed by Paramount.

Anti-U.S. Japanese Movies

New York

Certain anti-American feelings in Japan has been built up through the release of Hollywood war pictures which show the Japanese being licked by the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force, producer Jose von Sternberg reported here. He also said that this was responsible for the appearance of anti-U.S. Japanese films.

Von Sternberg recently returned to this country after a year's stay in Japan, where he produced and directed "The Saga of Anatahan". The picture has Japanese dialogue with English narration. To make "Anatahan," he said he had to practically build up his own studio and improvise machinery.

There is a big undercurrent of anti-American feeling, which he termed "understandable, but not pleasant", now felt in Japan. American films are by far the most popular in the Orient, he pointed out.

The producer declared he

a mass swearing in of the newly naturalized citizens.

For the Citizenship Day program, distinguished speakers like Gov. Samuel Wilder King and Delegate to Congress Joseph R. Farrington have been invited to address the new citizens and their guests.

Legislators, immigration officials and others will be on hand also.

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Hawaii's largest newspaper, started the ball rolling by urging editorially that a large community celebration be arranged. The Junior Chamber of Commerce promptly accepted the challenge.

President Eisenhower has issued a Citizenship Day proclamation and, in accordance with past practice, Hawaii's Governor subsequently issued his own proclamation urging the community to join in the celebration on Sept. 17.

PRISONER RETURNED

Panmunjom

A happy postscript to the Korean war is "Operation Big Switch," still underway at Freedom Village, where some 3,000 American prisoners are to be liberated in all. The big trade of Allied war prisoners began Aug. 5.

Aug. 6 (2nd day)

Pvt. Billy K. Hatano, Co. C, 19th Regt., 24th Div., son of Yoshimasa Hatano, 3138 San Diego Way, Sacramento.

Pfc. Yoshio Tamaki, Co. C, 19th Regt., 24th Div., son of Shigeichi Tamaki, 2111 Nene St., Honolulu.

Aug. 8 (4th day)

Cpl. Tadao Naito, Co. L, 19th Regt., 24th Div., son of Tadashi Naito, 1067 Lunalilo St., Honolulu.

Aug. 9 (5th day)

Pfc. Hayanari Mizoguchi, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 8th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div., son of Mrs. Tsuryo Mizoguchi, Aichi-ken, Japan. (Sister, Shigeo Mizoguchi, lives in Los Angeles.)

Pfc. Henry K. Higa, Co. E, 35th Regt., 25th Div., son of Mrs. Ushi Tokuda, 3552-B Monsarrat Ave., Honolulu.

Aug. 11 (7th day)

Cpl. Tsuyoshi Nishimoto, Co. E, 35th Regt., 25th Div., son of Mrs. Taano Nishimoto, 347 Kukueu St., Hilo, Hawaii.

Aug. 14 (10th day)

Cpl. George J. Itagaki, Co. I, 5th RCT, 24th Div., son of Mrs. Fujii Itagaki, 1215 N. School St., Honolulu.

Sgt. Masao Kawano, Co. I, 5th RCT, 24th Div., husband of Mrs. Fukue Kawana, Kaawa, Oahu.

Aug. 15 (13th day)

Cpl. Hisashi Morita, Co. I, 23rd Regt., 2nd Div., son of Ryojuro Morita, Popeekoo, Hawaii.

Aug. 17 (14th day)

Sgt. Thomas T. Sueki, 35th Regt., 25th Div., brother of Mary Sueki, 120 Orchard St., Mountain View, Calif.

Aug. 19 (16th day)

Pfc. Robert Y. Kojima, 38th Regt., 2nd Div., brother of Toshiyuki Kojima, 347 Ohea Dist., Hilo.

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Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Future Empress . . .

Crown Prince Akihito's visit to the United States (in September) will undoubtedly create interest and curiosity of the future empress of Japan—his bride.

Crown Prince Akihito is very popular in Japan, particularly among the young. Everybody loves him in Japan. His current tour has been treated with great detail everyday in the press. Which is something unusual.

According to an unwritten code of the Imperial Household, the future empress should be unofficially selected in order to commence proper education when the crown prince reaches the age of 18.

The present Empress was chosen before the Emperor was 18, when as Crown Prince he visited England.

The Imperial Household Agency is strongly and continuously denying the process of selection of the future empress has been started or even contemplated. That is the usual reply. And it has stirred a flock of rumors.

Beautiful teenage girls of the peerage are being widely publicized as to their possible candidacy as empress. Rumors being what they are, six girls are in contention.

One is Akiko Fushimi, whose brother is studying at Centre College, Ky. The Crown Prince is scheduled to meet him. She has been considered the outstanding candidate.

There are also Hajiko Kitashirakawa, Michiko Kuni, Noriko Kuni, Hideko Kuni, Noriko Kuni, and Fukuko Asaka.

They are all relatives of the Imperial family. The Kuni girls are nieces of the present Empress.

The Crown Prince himself disapproved of having his future better-half from his close relatives. The journals have speculated with a dozen other names. The Crown Prince does not like a girl with round face.

He is a determined person. When he had to write about his future plans at school, he wrote that "I must be an Emperor. No other choice . . ."

American reporters will very likely ask the Crown Prince what sort of a girl he likes as his future bride.

In America, he will face various questions—very open and direct ones. However, he can tactfully answer any question. As to his love affair, the newsmen who have been keeping close watch day and night report nothing. Outside of the routine of his current trip as planned, there was this one added note: "The Crown Prince is a good mah-jong player."

Anti-U.S. Japanese movie rejected for showing in Venice Film Festival

Venice, Italy
The 14th Venice Film Festival opened here Aug. 20 with some 16 countries competing for the grand prize. The final evening, Sept. 4, will spotlight the award ceremony.

"Ungetsu Monogatari" by Kenji Mizoguchi is the Japanese entry. Josef Von Sternberg's picture "Saga of Anatahan" was invited. The reportedly anti-U.S. movie called "Tower of Red Lilies" was submitted by Japan but was rejected by the Festival committee on artistic grounds before even considering the political angle.

The Venice committee of experts has the power to accept or reject pictures deemed below par artistically or "politically offensive" to another participant.

Under police protection, 91 masterpieces of Japanese painting and sculpture arrived at the Chicago Art Institute early this week. The items will be on exhibit from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Fisherman rescued by Navy tug after being rammed amidship

Seattle
Yuki Wada, Seattle commercial fisherman, was rescued from Puget Sound Tuesday, last week, by crew members of a Navy tug which struck and sank his 16-foot fishing boat.

The Bremerton-bound ferry boat Willapa, passing the scene near Bainbridge Island, put out a lifeboat, but Wada reported later the tugboat crew reached him before the lifeboat did.

Wada, of 4818 Warsaw St., alone in the boat, was on his way back from a fishing trip to Neah Bay. He said he lost all his clothing, provisions and fishing gear in the accident.

The tug's crew reported Wada apparently did not see the tug and that his boat was struck amidships.

CAPSULES

Drummer Paul Togawa of Los Angeles, who toured the Eastern seaboard with Lionel Hampton's band, has been in the army now for six months, and was recently reassigned to Special Service, Sixth Army, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Margaret Kuroiwa, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. Kuroiwa of Los Angeles recently joined the Order of Dominican Sisters as a postulant at the Mission San Jose. The order conducts several girl schools in California.

The Fujiwara Opera Co. of Tokyo will present "Madame Butterfly," which recently grossed \$48,307 at the Los Angeles Greek Theater on an eight-performance run, at the San Francisco Curran Theater Sept. 4-10.

Mrs. Michi Terasaki, 1665 Fillmore St., Denver, employed in the governor's administrative office since 1947, was the front cover girl of the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Division pamphlet published by the State Industrial Commission.

Miss Miho Sumi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Risaburo Sumi, 2000 Canal Ave., Long Beach, has been appointed cashier at the Director of Internal Revenue Office, 872 W. 9th St., San Pedro, it was announced this week. She was formerly secretary at the Southwest Division in Los Angeles.

Foremost authority on Japanese flowering cherries, **W. B. Clarke** of San Jose, died Aug. 15 at the age of 77 at his vacation home in Santa Cruz. He worked for several years with Luther Burbank, the famous horticulturist, in classifying records.

Yon Lum, Chicago JACLer who opened the Bamboo Inn in a downtown location at 11 N. Clark St. seven years ago, was spotlighted in the Chicago Gourmet corner of the Chicago American recently.

Tokuho Adzuma, foremost classical Japanese dancer, who was on concert tour throughout the United States earlier this year, departed for Japan last week. She said new six-month contracts have been signed for appearances with a troupe of 22 dancers next year in the United States and Europe.

2nd Lt. Paul M. Kunichika of Honolulu has reported to Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, Ariz., for jet pilot training. Upon successful completion of his six-month training at the first jet-flying school in the U.S., he will earn his wings.

Grace Honkawa, Royal Canadian Air Force girl who served as secretary for the welcoming Canadian officials during Crown Prince Akihito's tour enroute to Europe, was a special guest of the Imperial Household in Tokyo, being shown the Palace interior.

San Diego bazaar

San Diego
The Japanese Congregational Church, 3525 Ocean View Blvd., holds its third annual bazaar Sept. 6 with proceeds going to the parsonage fund. Hank Koide, bazaar chairman, said the attraction will start at noon and end at 10 p.m.

Editor-emeritus of Hawaii Times recommendation to Nisei in politics: concentrate on quality, not quantity

Honolulu
Editor-Emeritus Yasutaro Soga of the Hawaii Times is a soft spoken, mild mannered man of 80.

Today he shows none of the fiery spirit that dominated his personality when he was the young and aggressive editor of the Honolulu Japanese language newspaper at the turn of the century. But now, in semi-retirement, he possesses a knowledge of the progress of the Japanese people, and their history in Hawaii which few other Japanese leaders have, for he took part in the many Japanese community activities which are now incorporated in territorial history.

In 1906 Soga became one of the leaders who championed the cause of Japanese pioneers who came here as contract laborers, and who eventually succeeded in helping them to gain better wages and living conditions.

Among his other better known activities, he was one of the founders of the Japanese Hospital, now the Kuakini Hospital, and he also supported the organization of the Japanese YMCA which subsequently became the Nuuanu branch of the Honolulu Y.

During the many years he has spent in Hawaii, he has lived in two social communities. In the Japanese community, he is respected as an editor, a leader and an adviser.

In the past, while some people have disagreed at times with his editorials, no one has

ever questioned his sincerity or integrity. He tolerated no bargain and he aimed his punches squarely, regardless of whether the subject of an article was a rich man, a professional man or an influential organization.

In the end it was agreed that he was an important influence in the Japanese community, and he was admired for the courageous stand he always took.

In the other social community—that outside of the Japanese community—he is respected by civic and business leaders, educators and professional men, and his advice is often sought with regard to problems concerning the Japanese community.

Soga retired as editor of Hawaii Times (Nippu Jiji) in 1941 and turned over that responsibility to his son, Shigeo, but he still keeps a desk at the office and usually spends half a day there.

He believes the answer to a long life is to keep the mind alert every day, because as soon as a person ceases to use his brain his body will begin to deteriorate and shorten his life.

Looking back over the 55 years of his life spent in Hawaii, he is amazed at the tran-

sition that has taken place in the local Japanese community during that time.

Today the sons and daughters of the Japanese pioneers are more highly educated than their parents were, and large numbers of them have achieved success in their respective professional and business fields.

The Japanese population of the islands has grown too, but, as Soga says, "There is one thing I would like to recommend to the Americans of Japanese ancestry: Do not take advantage of your numbers in dealing with politics and similar activities."

He added, "I would rather see them concentrate on quality rather than on quantity, and build among themselves good leaders and outstanding men in various specialized fields."

"I have lived in the islands for many years and I have always enjoyed living here because the people of many racial groups have always lived in harmony. I hope the young people will continue that harmony and help show the people of other countries that they, too, can live in harmony."

—Curtis Otani
Honolulu Advertiser

140 Chicagoans study citizenship

Chicago
Thus far, 350 Issei have completed Americanization courses sponsored jointly by the JACL and Resettlers Committee here. More than 200 have applied for naturalization and 15 have been sworn in as citizens, the Chicago JACLer Summer Bulletin reported this week.

The last class graduated of 140 Issei was the largest to date. Ceremonies were held at Olivet Institute on Aug. 14 with Elmer L. Shirrell, employment manager of Curtis Candy Co., as main speaker.

The class was presented by Kenji Nakane, Resettlers Committee director. Richard Yamada and Shig Wakamatsu represented the Resettlers and JACL respectively, in extending greetings. Responses were made by Yutaka Suzuki and Gyoichi Ozone, while Thomas Masuda was chairman.

On the refreshment committee were: Dorothy Kitow, Kay Yamashita, Helen Hori and Ruth Matsuo.

Crown prince set for U.S. tour

Washington
The U.S. State Dept. officially announced that Crown Prince Akihito of Japan will make a month's tour of the United States early in September.

The announcement said the 19-year-old son of Emperor Hirohito will visit nine cities in addition to Washington, D.C., and that he will leave from San Francisco.

He and his party will be official guests here in the Nation's capital for two days at the Blair House (across the street from the White House) on Sept. 8-9. He will spend another two nights at the Japanese Embassy as guest of Ambassador Eikichi Araki. He comes here directly from New York, after arriving there from Europe.

New York

A dinner in honor of Crown Prince Akihito Sept. 17 will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Grand Ballroom under auspices of the Japan-America Society, it was announced by John D. Rockefeller III, president.

Principal speakers, in addition to the Crown Prince who will arrive in the United States in early September, will be Ambassador Eikichi Araki and John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State.



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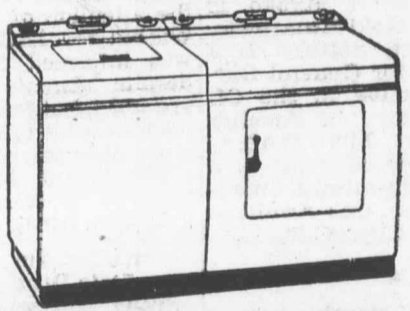
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Around Chicago . . .

Chicago's dust-count in July was the lightest since last September. The Armour Research Foundation, which measures the dustfall for the city's air-pollution control, said it was 46.17 tons per square mile . . . Mayor Kennelly named Richard Smykal of suburban Wheaton as deputy building commissioner to supervise Chicago's fight against slums . . . Former Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson has returned to Libertyville, after his world tour . . . Chicago's city schools will be overcrowded—some will be on double shift; others are antiquated; 179 buildings do not meet fire safety requirements . . . The Resettlers Committee, 1110 N. LaSalle St., is seeking new memberships and renewals from \$3 up.

Personals . . .

Yukio Hashiguchi, 3816 S. Ellis Ave., formerly of San Francisco, active CLer and member of the Ellis Community Church, doubles as salesman for Occidental Life and for a vitamins manufacturer. (His aid in the PC Holiday greetings solicitations last year was very helpful.) He is married to the former Toshiko Arao of Sacramento; the children are Frances, 10½, Paul, 9, Donald, 8 and James, 4 . . . Tom Okabe, 6360 S. Ingleside Ave., his wife, the former Rose Soyejima, both former Seattleites, and their children, Rickey, 6, and Elaine, 2, vacationed at Lake Delavan and Lake Geneva, Wis. Husband is a chemist for Rapid Roller Co., served as Chicago JACL treasurer in '49, and active in the CL credit union and Twenty & Five . . . Dawnelles are preparing for their first semi-formal dance Sept. 5 at the Sheraton Hotel Tropical Room. Some girl attending the dance will be selected as "Miss Autumn" . . . Susan Yasuda, 6104 S. Blackstone Ave. gave up her scholarship to Roosevelt College in favor of being a dental nurse to Dr. George Hiura . . . Setsuko Miyasaki, 6224 S. Kimbark Ave., formerly of Sacramento, visited her sister Mrs. Fusako Yamamoto of Iowa City, Ia. Another sister Ayako is married to Dr. Koki Kumamoto, Chicago dentist. Setsuko is a lab technician for General Biological, and active in the CL and City Wide . . . Another ex-Sacramentan Lily Mano, 6146 S. Greenwood Ave., is a seamstress in downtown Chicago. She is active with Armitage Methodist and City Wide.

★ Mrs. Ronald Shiozaki (former Leah Eekunaga of San Jose, Calif.) and children Janice Lynn, 6, and Cory Brent, 3, are in California, visiting in the East Bay and Los Angeles for the second month in a row . . . Husband Ronald, 5215 N. Kenmore Ave., is from Portland, Ore., an active member of the Enterprisers and Midwest Golf Assn., was president of the Chicago JACL in 1951, treasurer in 1948 and financial vice-president in 1950. He is co-owner of S & I Co., a Nisei grocery at 4868 N. Sheridan Rd. . . Younger brother Jimmy Shiozaki of Mas, Ted, Ronald, Harry and Jack was discharged at Camp Stoneman, Calif., after serving six years in Japan. He is making his temporary residence at 5215 N. Kenmore . . . The Philos are sponsoring a dance Sept. 6 at Olivet Institute, 1440 N. Cleveland Ave. Theme is "Autumn Prelude".

Busy Labor weekend in sight for National Director

Minneapolis
The Labor Day weekend here will be busy for Twin Cities chapter, host of the Midwest District Council convention at the Hotel Radisson. As last-minute reminders to out-of-town delegates and boosters, the convention committee adds:
Formal dress will not be required for the Convention Banquet or Dance (Sept. 5) . . . The dance is "semi-formal" . . . About George Grim, who is banquet speaker, of the Minneapolis Morning Tribune: he's a news columnist and radio

commentator, tremendously popular in the Twin Cities and respected for his liberal and fair-minded viewpoint. His column, "I Like It Here," is one of the most read features in the Tribune. He has traveled a great deal in the Orient and no doubt will have many pointed and interesting observations for his audience.

Although he had originally planned to attend as guest of the Midwest District Council and the host Twin Cities chapter, Rep. Walter Judd was forced to send his regrets on the eve of the convention (Sept. 4-6) due to congressional business. He was to address the convention banquet, Sept. 5, 6:30 p.m., at the Hotel Radisson.

Interest mounting for MDC golf tournament

Minneapolis
Great interest is evident in the Midwest District Council handicap golf tournament Sept. 6 at the Gross golf course, regarded as among the best here. Many entries have been received from "out of town" golfers. While every effort will be made to accommodate late entries, to be assured of consideration, those wishing to play should inform Jake Takato, 2814 Clinton Avenue South, Minneapolis 8. Handicaps should be stated.

Pocatello plans for IDC parley

Pocatello
Ronnie Yokota, president of the Pocatello chapter, has appointed committee chairmen for the Intermountain District JACL convention to be held in Pocatello on Nov. 27 and 28.

They are:
Bill Yamauchi, general chairman; Junji Yamamoto, publicity, public relations; Midori Kato and Micki Morimoto, convention secretaries; Amy Kawamura, registration and reception; Sam Tomimaga and Novo Kato, souvenir program; Mike Yamada, housing, reservation; Art Yamashita, finance; Miye Morimoto, information; Ike Kawamura, transportation; Masa Tsukamoto, convention photography; Joe Tomimaga and Natsuyo Yamada, social co-chairmen; and Ronnie Yokota, location.

Canada bars Montana Nisei seeking employment in Canadian oil company

Denver
Noboru Kawakami, former Marysville (Calif.) and Billings (Mont.) resident, was a recent visitor here enroute to Tulsa, where he will be employed by an oil concern.

Active in the Montana JACL chapter, he recently departed to take a position with a Canadian oil firm.

Attempting to enter Canada at Vancouver, B.C., immigration officials there barred him on grounds that Canada did not want persons of Oriental descent employed in the country.

The matter was brought to the attention of Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL official, who was informed that the Nisei, despite American citizenship, are not admitted to Canada for purpose of employment in domestic Canadian firms.

Min Yasui, Mountain-Plains regional director, writing in the Colorado Times, commented:

"We get the wild idea that our State Dept. ought to make strong representations to the Canadian government because Canada is discriminating against an American citizen on the basis of ancestry, but in the cooler moments we fully realize that the State Dept. can readily answer that American citizenship does not confer any right to work in a foreign country, and that the U.S. government cannot insist upon such a right unless

we are, in turn, willing to let foreigners work as a matter of right in the United States."

Chicago war bride leader naturalized

Chicago
Mrs. Toshiko Misaki, who came as a war bride in August, 1948, became the first Japanese woman here to be naturalized under the McCarran-Walter Act recently. She applied on June 9. She was a Meiji University law student when she met Arthur Misaki, then stationed in Tokyo. She is also president of the Chicago War Brides club.

Hawaii Bussei leader

Honolulu
Charles Sakaguchi succeeds Kenji Onodera, both of Honolulu, as president of the Hawaii Federation of Young Buddhist Associations as the organization ended its 20th territorial convention at Hilo last week. Attorney General Edward N. Sylva, representing Gov. King, was the convention guest speaker.

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Selma JACL: The annual outing will be held at Blakely's Pool tomorrow, 7 p.m., with free dinner prepared and served by the women's auxiliary, it was announced by Mas Morishima, chapter president. Mrs. Masako Misaki heads the auxiliary dinner.

Berkeley JACL: Clifford Sugimoto, popular Mt. View singer, will be one of the headliners at the chapter "Talent-Vision" show on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Berkeley High's Little Theater.

San Mateo JACL: The annual community picnic will be held at Pomponio Beach this Sunday, Yobu Tanaka, chairman, announced. The site is the same as last year's. Assisting Tanaka are:

Kiyo Asai, Kenji Takahashi, Kunio Yamaguchi, Hiroshi Ito, Kazu Kunitani and Ann Sutow.

Renunciant gets U.S. passport

Los Angeles
Although first denied a passport to go to Japan, Mrs. Tomie Katsuda of Venice was successful in convincing the State Dept. passport division to change its mind.

Born in the United States, she was among the thousands who had renounced her citizenship during the war at Tule Lake WRA center. She claimed it was done under duress.

With the State Dept. denying her application on grounds of her loss of citizenship at Tule Lake, additional papers were prepared by her attorneys, A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, who made representations to the State Dept. to reconsider its action.

The passport division reversed its decision when it was pointed out that renunciants who acted under duress did not lose their citizenship as ruled in the 1949 case of Acheson vs. Murakami.

Car stolen from Modesto Japanese may have aided getaway of two convicts

Stockton
A widespread roadblock was thrown up in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties last week in attempt to capture two men who overpowered a police chief and stole his car. The two men were identified as Soledad escaped convicts.

While Central California peace officers were on the alert throughout the week, they were also informed by an all-points bulletin on a car reported stolen from Mrs. Rita Fukui, 130 Orange Ave., Modesto. The theft was reported shortly after 6 a.m. Thursday.

The car was green and one of the escaped convicts, a known car thief, shows partiality to theft of green, black or blue cars. Whether there was any connection with the case, police would not admit, but they are not taking any chances.

The convicts, Albert S. Hutchinson, 26, and Floyd Ansel, 21, escaped from the prison near Hollister, hacksawing through a barred window in the homosexual wing of the institution. (Reports Monday from Rawlins, Wyo., said the two were picked up Saturday in a stolen car at Creston Junction, 26 miles west of Rawlins on US 30.)

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By TAD YAMACHIKA . . .

HOMECOMING

STANDING ON the crowded pier, Kimiyo San looked absently out at Honolulu Harbor, sighed unawares and fidgeted with her dress. The dark green water was as smooth as glass, split in the middle by the ripples of an outgoing tug. In the distance, at the breakwater outside the harbor, the white hulk of an army transport, smoke still rising from its funnel, was silhouetted against the glow of a typical Hawaiian sky. The clock on Aloha Tower read seven o'clock.

Kimiyo San was only one of the hundreds who waited there. She was a girl of nineteen, dressed neatly in a white blouse and a plain, gray skirt. Her face showed only the barest makeup but it seemed adequate enough for her fair and even features. Like most of the others she was carrying a lei. A fresh, white ginger lei on her left arm.

She had been there since daybreak, all alone at first but as the veil of night had slowly lifted and the transport had become visible, more and more people had joined her until it had become so crowded she had to move right up to the railing. They were talking and laughing with animated gestures and seemed generally happy.

But Kimiyo San was oblivious to everything that went

on about her. Her eyes were fixed on the ship, watching its every movement. Looking at it she kept thinking of her brother and although this gave her a funny feeling in the pit of her stomach, she didn't mind it at all. After all, this was the day, the big, important day she had been waiting for, for the last three years, three years and sixteen days to be exact. Her brother, Shigeru, was coming home and he was on that ship. Somehow the whole idea didn't seem real right now and she could hardly believe it. But as the transport started moving, it was being towed into the harbor by two small tugs, she moved uneasily and adjusted the lei on her arm. The waiting was painful and agonizing.

IT WAS PAST 7:30 according to the tower clock when the transport was close enough so Kimiyo San could make out the faces of the boys aboard. They started waving and she found herself waving back.

The Royal Hawaiian Band started playing a lively march as the first soldier started down the gangplank. They came down singly at first, then in groups of threes and fours and soon they were pouring down in a steady stream.

Slapping and pushing each other, laughing and even crying, they all seemed jubilant and excited. Friends, families, sweethearts and buddies greeted them with loud exclamations and smothered them with flower leis as they were swallowed up in the crowd.

Kimiyo San kept watching them and felt so happy her eyes filled with tears.

"Shigeru would be among the last ones," she thought and doubt creased her brows. But she dismissed the thought immediately. "I hope he doesn't

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mind my coming here" she said almost out loud. And remembering his last letter, the idea was disturbing.

She could recall nearly every word from that letter.

"To you sis, I must tell the truth. But you must never to tell mother about this. The doctor had to amputate my right leg just above the knee. He tried his best to save it but complications set in and it just had

to come off. That happened about three months ago. I realize now that I should have told you about this sooner but at that time I must have been sick mentally for I didn't want to talk or write to anyone.

"But I am all right now. They have done everything possible for me at the hospital. I'm nearly able to walk again already. By the time I get home I hope to be able to walk right into the house.

"Another thing you must promise me. On the day I return, please do not come to the pier. Mother would want to come with you if you did. She is too old for such an ordeal and anyway it'll be better if I could walk home, walk right into the house and then greet mother as if nothing had happened. Just the way I used to come home from school before the war. Remember? So for mother's sake . . ."

MOST OF THE people had already left the pier when she finally saw her brother being helped down the gangplank by someone in uniform. She recognized him right away. She felt weak and wanted to cry when she saw that he was limping badly.

"Shigeru," she said, grabbing his arm when he was alone at last. You've come home!"

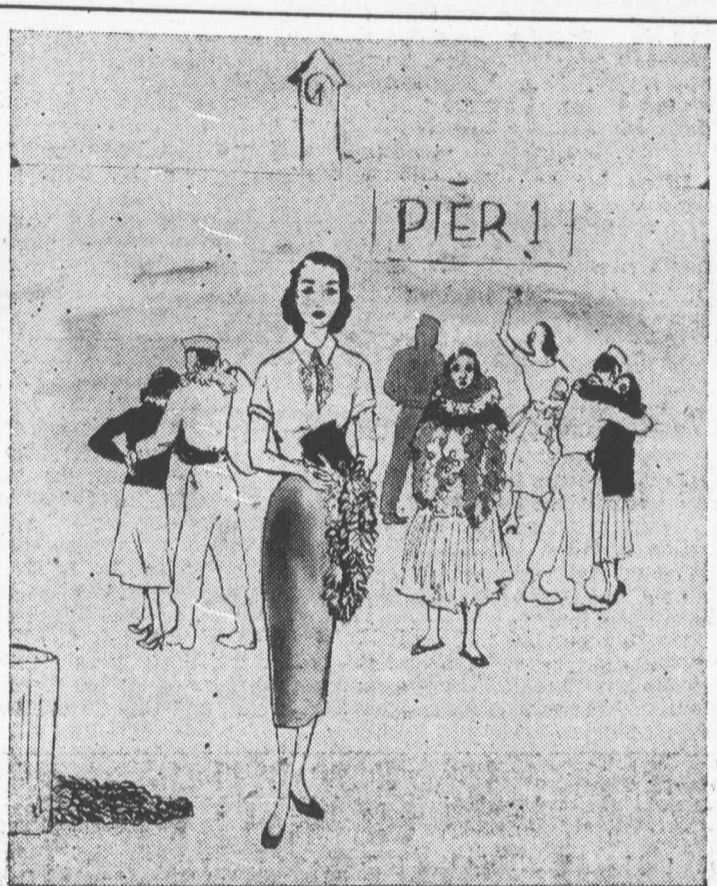
His familiar voice sounded tired but warm. "Yes, sis, I'm home, really home! And I'm all right. How are you and how is mother? Tell me all as quickly as possible."

New tears trickled down her cheeks and she was unable to speak.

"I'm telling you I'm all right, sis. Don't worry about me. And I'm not the least bit angry that you came here. In fact I wouldn't have it any other way. Now tell me about mother. How is she?"

She wiped her tears and looked at him. And when words finally came to her lips she couldn't keep her eyes up. And the words came fast. "I never told you this before but mother died nearly six months ago. I intended to write to you but when you were sent to the hospital I just couldn't. Forgive me, brother."

The only thing he said was, "Oh sis," and they fell into each others' arm, crying unashamedly. How long they remained there it's hard to say but when they started to leave the pier was nearly deserted. Kimiyo put her right arm in her brother's as they walked towards the gate. The white ginger lei was still dangling on her left arm.



. . . Kimiyo San had been there since daybreak, thinking of her brother who had not been home for the last three years and sixteen days to be exact.

Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

One of the responsibilities that is especially enjoyed is to meet with local chapters, their officers and members. Last Wednesday and Thursday I visited the Watsonville and Monterey Peninsula chapters.

Watsonville is one of our average sized chapters, last year reporting a membership of 124. Bill Mine is chapter president.

Watsonville made the headlines last year as being the locale where a Nisei veteran was refused a haircut by a town barber. Due to the efforts of Bill Fukuba, former chapter president, Mas Yone-mura, Oakland attorney who volunteered his services, and the regional office, the matter was settled in a fashion satisfactory to all concerned, with the barber sending a letter of apology to ex-GI Jim Yoshida.

Although it seemed like a tempest in a teapot, it was another step in the progress of education and fight for equality that is the work of our organization.

The Monterey Peninsula Chapter is blessed with being in one of the most beautiful areas in the United States. The name Monterey alone has a romantic appeal.

Last year this chapter had 117 members. George Esaki, enterprising proprietor of the Esaki Camera Shop, is this year's chapter president. George and his cabinet are doing a great job of programming this year, and they report that at a recent potluck dinner, over a hundred members and their families turned out for an evening of relaxation and just plain old-fashioned visiting. Most of the

heavy work of the chapter is done by its executive board.

Later that evening, under the capable chaperonage of prexy Esaki, Kay Nobusada, chairman of the citizenship class committee, Harry Menda, official delegate, and Kaz Oka, prominent chapter member and insurance man, I visited an Issei citizenship class which is being capably taught by Mr. Kawai, language instructor at the Presidio. I spent a good deal of time that evening giving directions on the filing of Form N400 as well as dispensing information regarding immigration and naturalization. I was interested in noting almost a dozen war brides in the class, due probably to the nearness of the Presidio. They explained that they were studying in Japanese so that eventually when they learn English, they would have a head start toward getting their citizenship.

More and more I believe that the best service that the JACL, nationally and locally, has done and is doing is to help our Issei parents attain their citizenship.

Watsonville was interesting in that most of the Issei in that area have elected to attend the regular citizenship class given by the adult education department, and about 40 Issei are attending these sessions.

As I said at the beginning of this column, I enjoy very much visiting our chapters and good JACL friends. However, they treat us staff members too royally and invariably feed us sumptuously. I have learned that my name Ishimaru means "round rock."

Some people claim that the name is quite descriptive; however, I am somewhat dubious about the "rock" part, although I will admit that "round" is certainly apropos.

This is official notice that more emphasis will have to be put on the "rock" and less on the "round." The worm has turned. I was horrified when not too long ago I hit the scale at 225. I have come down since to 218. I hope that chapters will take my diet into consideration and hereafter offer me carrots and celery in-

Opinions from Other Newspapers . . .

Anti U.S.

Anti-American propaganda is enjoying a tremendous boom in Japan, according to an article in the United States News, which adds that the people are eating it up.

Principle media for dispensing hatred of the United States are books and movies. Both are meeting with a sensational response from the public. The numerous babies born to American soldiers and Japanese women, always a sore spot in an occupied country, are given a big play and their number exaggerated.

But the stuff doesn't stop with what has at least a partial basis in fact. It goes on to create gruesome atrocity stories out of whole cloth. Always the American is the villain except in one instance an American Negro soldier was portrayed in a favorable light, with a view of making Americans look bad.

Communists doubtless figure in this activity but it seems to be mainly activated by the profit motive. The stuff is being turned out on a vast scale because it sells well and makes money. Now that the occupation is over the U.S. is in no position to stop it. Protests have been made, but without effect. That we ourselves believe in and practice freedom of the press makes it difficult for us to advocate suppression anyway.

Why do the Japanese go for this kind of trash? Probably because it satisfies a latent

hostility left over from their defeat in the war. And also because it is sensational. Americans who buy trashy magazines will understand this motive.

In any event real damage is being done to future relations between the two countries, and there doesn't seem to be much we can do to stop it.

In country after country the "hate America" line finds a ready sale among impoverished people eager to pounce on the top dog. Pulling the eagle's feathers has replaced twisting the lion's tail as the chief international sport. That it has dangerous implications evidently deters no one.

—ARGUS-OBSERVER
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stead of steak and chopsuey. It is true that we have the largest district council and that I do have to cover a lot of territory but alas and alack, I am able to cover more territory just standing still than some of our JACLers do running around. I'll let you know how things turn out a few months hence.

DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, Aug. 28, 1943
Rep. Eberharter decries attacks on WRA in Dies subcommittee report; prejudice charged by Pennsylvania Democrat as statements presented to group accepted without proof.

Nisei ballplayers invited to tryout for Brooklyn Dodgers; racial ancestry makes no difference—says Branch Rickey.

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YOSHIZAKI WINS NISEI WEEK GOLF TOURNAMENT WITH LOW GROSS 75

Los Angeles
Success marked the finish of the huge Nisei Week golf tournament last Sunday over three courses—Fox Hills, Baldwin Hills and Western Ave., which lined up 180 golfers over five flights.

Min Yoshizaki, top Southland golfer, carded a 75 to cop low gross honors, while Bob Fukushima of San Diego took the coveted low net Franklin Life Insurance trophy with a 64. He was also Flight 4 winner.

Ted Nakao was the Championship Flight winner with a 68 net. Flight 1 saw a two-way tie settled with a sudden-death playoff, with Yogi Ezaki edging George Fukushima. In Flight 2, a five-way tie was settled with Mas Matsumura besting Jim Suzukawa, Tom Hatanaka, Henry Sasaki and George Omatsu.

Flight 3 ended in a two-way tie, Peter Yamazaki winning over Dave Tsuruda. George Nakatsuka was the best dressed golfer. Henry Mikawa wins a suit of clothes from Joseph's Men's Wear for his hole-in-one on the second hole at Fox Hills—176-yd. drive he made with a 7-iron hit into the fog. He scored the fairway for his ball only to find it in the cup.

The summaries (Flight scores are net):

LOW GROSS

- 75—Min Yoshizaki 4 (TN), Koichi Fujinaka 7 (PC).
- 77—John Naito 8 (TN).

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

- 68—Ted Nakao 10.
- 71—John Toya 8 (TN).
- 72—Shig Fukuyama 5 (TN), Frank Yoshioke 7 (SJ), G. Seki 9 (BP), George Hiura 10 (C), Chick Hinaga 10 (SJ), K. Fukunaga 10 (TN).
- 73—Gilbert Kuramitsu 8 (TN), Fred Ikeguchi 10 (TN), George Endo 10 (W).

FLIGHT 1

- 68—Yogi Ezaki 11 (TN), George Fukushima 12 (TN).
- 69—Tad Yoshizaki 12, Roy Hayashi 12 (WLA).
- 70—Ken Saito 12 (TF).
- 71—Henry Sasaki 11 (M), Sab Kimura 11 (TN), George Miyamoto 12 (WLA).
- 72—Jack Koyama 12 (S).
- 73—Henry Mikawa 12 (WLA), Frank Nagai 11 (TF), Bill Miyagi 11 (M), Yuk Okamoto 12 (WLA), N. Araki 12 (SJ), George Wada (TN).

FLIGHT 2

- 67—Mas Matsumura 15 (WLA), Jim Suzukawa 15 (WLA), Tom Hatanaka 15 (WLA), Henry Sasaki 14 (TN), George Omatsu 14 (TN).
- 69—T. Matsumura 14 (W).
- 70—Koichi Inouye 13 (TN).
- 71—Joe Uematsu 13.
- 72—J. Horikawa 13, Sho Iino 13.

FLIGHT 3

- 66—Peter Yamazaki 16, Dave Tsuruda 17 (TF).
- 67—Fred Funakoshi 18 (W).
- 68—Bert Hata 17 (TN).
- 69—Jim Nakayama 17 (W), Aki Shirajishi 17 (TF).
- 70—Kate Nakamura 16 (TF), Terry Okida 16 (W).
- 71—Y. Wakayama 18, Nathan Osajima 17 (WLA).

FLIGHT 4

- 64—Bob Fukushima 19 (BP).
- 65—Bob Nakadaira 20 (W).
- 66—Jack Wada Sr. 20 (W).
- 68—George Matsumoto 22 (C), Art Kirit 20 (CC), Shig Yasutake 24.
- 69—J. Ono 24 (B), Y. Nagao 22 (WLA), Henry Tsurutani 23 (P).
- 70—J. Okada 20 (W), Eddie Urata 21 (BP), Jim Monji 21 (B), J. Miyatake 24 (WLA), Genji Kawamura 20, Tets Asato 20 (W).

Club Affiliations: TN—Top Notch, PC—Postal Club, M—Maxflite, TF—Topflights, W—Western, P—Pioneer (all of Los Angeles), WLA—West Los Angeles, B—Bakersfield, BP—Balboa Park (San Diego), SJ—San Jose, C—Chicago, S—Spokane, CC—Crown City (Pasadena).

Greeley wins Colorado title

Denver
Speedball hurler George Tokunaga pitched a no-hit, no-run game for Greeley to win the Northern Colorado Nisei Baseball League championship in a 10-0 victory over Ft. Morgan Aug. 16 at La Salle.

Ft. Morgan was defending champions.

The champions finished with an 8-win, 1-loss record. Greeley opened with a six-run spurt in the opening inning. Starting Ft. Morgan pitcher Paul Sakurai was batted off the mound with Harry Matsuura relieving him in the same inning and then continued to finish the tilt.

A sudden thundershower halted the game at the bottom of the eighth.

The eight No. Colo. NBL teams will compete in the annual Labor Day tourney in Denver, Sept. 6-7.

Baseball
At Long Beach, Aug. 23: Harbor Skippers-6, ELA Merchants-3.

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New York
The annual fall golf tournament between the Washington Duffers Club and the local Aoba-Kwai Golf Club will be held at the Rivervale Country Club links in New Jersey. The date has been tentatively set for Sept. 6.

Competition will be for the Ambassador Araki trophy, donated by the Japanese envoy in Washington.

Calif. state judo meet in Fresno

Fresno
Plans for an all-state judo tournament were revised here following news that the visiting Japanese judo experts touring U.S. Air Force bases would be permitted to stop in Fresno before returning to Japan.

An earlier attempt to schedule their visit here was abandoned when the local committee was notified the Japanese athletes would leave before the proposed tournament date.

Arrangements to extend their stay to be in Fresno Sept. 11 and 12 were reported last week.

The visiting judoists of 10 Kodokan members are headed by Sumiyuki Kotani, 8th-dan black belt holder.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12, 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt High School gym. Some 1,800 seats are available for spectators.

36 men, women teams compete in 1st Eastbay Nisei bowling invitational

Albany
Hoslum Egg of Sacramento won the men's team championship in the first annual Easy Bay Nisei Bowling Assn. invitational tournament on the Aug. 15-16 weekend here. They bowled 2807-188-2995 series to cop the honors from a field of 24 squads.

Grant Grocery of Berkeley won the women's team title with a 2682 (412 hdp) as 12 squads participated.

Jay Sasagawa of Palo Alto won the men's singles and all-events. Aya Sato of Sacramento garnered the women's singles and all-events. Ted Moy and Shig Ando of Sacramento took the men's doubles. Mary Nakashima and Jean Nakatani of Sacramento won the women's doubles. The prize list:

Miyamoto winner of Mile-Hi golf tourney

Denver
The Mile-Hi golf club's 72-hole tournament over four Sundays of July and August at Willis Case course was concluded recently with Bob Miyamoto as winner. He carded a total of 340-80-260.

Tom Tsukiji followed by five strokes with a net 265 and Roy Shibata third with a net 285.

SPORTSCOPE

A 328yd. blast at the Atsugi Naval Air Station golf course in Japan was claimed as the world's "longest hole-in-one" by Lawrence Higgins, a aviation boatswain's mate 3/c, of Phoenix, Ariz. It was the first hole-in-one registered on the course.

The Japanese Davis Cuppers last week were competing in the National Doubles tournament at Chestnut Hill, Mass. Atsushi Miyagi and Kosei Kamo were beaten in the third round at the Longwood Cricket Club courts.

Yoshio Shirai, world flyweight champion, will defend his title against former world titlist Terry Allen of England in early October in Tokyo. The definite date is pending because of professional baseball schedules at Korakuen stadium, but it has been indicated that it will be one of the following three dates: Oct. 8, 9 or 10.

Ray Kashiwada and Lei Young upset Chinn Sunn and Vivian Saffery 6-2, 6-2 to capture the mixed doubles championship of the fourth annual Gaylor Dillingham Tennis Tournament Aug. 16 at Punahou, Honolulu.

SPLIT SEASON BOWLING FOR SALT LAKE MEN

Salt Lake City
A split season with the first half winners playing the second half winners for the league championship was announced by the Salt Lake JACL Men's Bowling Association. The season opens Sept. 1 at Pal-D-Mar alleys with 16 teams on the line.

Charles Sonoda was elected president, assisted by George Doi, treas., and Kay Terashima, sec.

HELEN WATANABE RETIRES TENNIS CUP

Los Angeles
Helen Watanabe retired the Calpac Fish-Modern Import perpetual trophy for the So. Calif. Japanese women's tennis championship last Sunday by winning for three consecutive years.

The Aye division champion defeated Mrs. Betty Igarashi 6-1, 6-1 at the Rancho courts. In the Bee division, third-seeded Koharu Mayeda outsteaded Sandy Sunago 6-3, 6-0. Both are left-handed players, and Koharu stands 4 ft. 10 3/4 in.

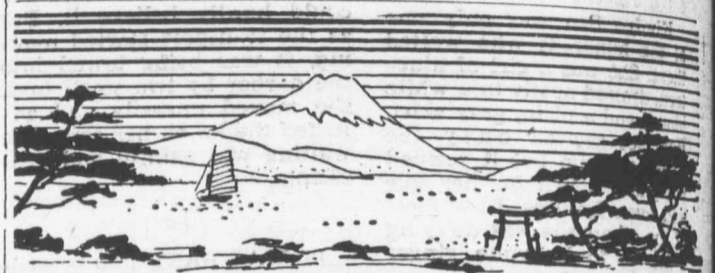
In the doubles, played for the first time, Helen Watanabe-Mio Hayashida defeated the Kay Sugita-Sandy Sunago duo 6-3, 6-2 for the championship.

Bloomer Girls

Chicago
The Bloomer Girls, of which Nancy Ito plays shortstop, were in second place early this week in the National Girls Baseball League standings. They won three games and lost one during the week.

Monterey golf

Monterey
Frank Shingu, Monterey Peninsula Nisei Golf Club president, won the August tournament with a net 69 at Del Monte Aug. 9. Paul Tekawa, director of the Army's Japanese language school at the Presidio of Monterey was second with a net of 70. The club is scheduling its September tourney at Salinas, Sept. 6.



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Los Angeles Newsletter

★ HENRY MORI

It is safe to say here that almost the entire closing ceremony of the 13th annual Nisei Week Festival which took place Sunday night in Li'l Tokio was devoted to paying tribute to Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico, who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Despite the fact that Sgt. Miyamura is still not home and his wife, former Tsuruko Terry Tsuchimori, is in Gallup, this report would not be complete without mentioning that three of the GI's married sisters are in Los Angeles county.

One lives in Boyle Heights. She is Mrs. Paul Yoshida, who accepted the Nisei Week homage to the 27-year old soldier with humility in a brief talk which won the hearts of many spectators that evening.

Another resides in Long Beach. She is Mrs. Nari Sasaki who also sat beside her sister, Michiko, on the Festival stage to hear great things said about their brother from William H. Montgomery, field secretary to Mayor Norris Poulson, main speaker for the night.

The third lives in Downey. She is Mrs. Hideo Tanikawa who has already made several "extra" trips to East Los Angeles to prepare for the "homecoming" journey back to Gallup before very soon.

The sisters hoped to make it a grand reunion what with Sgt. Miyamura's 28th birthday coming Oct. 6. The two other sisters, Mrs. Ben Saruwatari residing in Delta, Colo., and Mrs. John Herrera in Garamer, N.M. The kid brother, Sgt. Kei, is stationed in Tokyo with the U.S. air force.

Government crack-down on Los Angeles federal tax evaders started today on a house-to-house drive as Director of Internal Revenue Robert A. Riddle handed out orders to 75 agents on a door-ringing campaign to check on who has and who hasn't paid his income taxes during the last three years.

Failure to produce evidence will start an immediate investigation at the central offices of the Internal Revenue Bureau. Particular attention will be focused on gardeners, entertainers, waitresses, and those working on commission, of which there are some persons of Japanese ancestry.

You come to the United States as an exchange student on a temporary visa to study. But not holding to one single goal and you meet someone you like to marry.

The McCarran Act provides a procedure of voluntary departure and re-entry that makes possible a temporary visitor to remain in this country as permanent resident if he or she is married to a citizen.

Haruaki Kasuya, 27, is just such person. He studied a year at the Univ. of Hawaii on a student visa. The following year, 1949, he came to the mainland. But in the meantime, he met the former Maude Ota of Honolulu, and the couple were married last April in Los Angeles.

Kasuya's nuptial, however, did not change his status. In order to remain here he had to get it changed to that of a non-quota immigrant.

Through Attorney David Yokozeki of the law firm of Chuman, McKibbin, and Yokozeki, he was advised to have his wife apply for a Mexican visa on his behalf to re-enter the United States as a permanent resident.

After six months of legal work, Yokozeki successfully obtained State Dept. approval and Kasuya and his wife "re-entered" the country through a Mexican port of entry. Under the law, those who have re-entry permits automatically are permanent residents.

Kasuya could have returned to Japan and re-entered under Section 205 of the McCarran Act as a spouse of an American citizen—but in this case, Mexi-

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AKADA—Aug. 14, a girl to the Nobuyoshi Akadas, Seattle.

ASO—July 30, a boy Michael to the George Minekazu Asos (Toshiko Uyumura), Los Angeles.

CLARK—July 28, a boy Charles Robert to the Charles Warren E. Clarks (Teruko Sugahara, San Pedro).

EZAKI—Aug. 6, a boy Michael Lee to the Tom Ezakis, San Jose.

FUJIKAWA—Aug. 5, a girl Kathryn to the Yoshiaki Fujikawas (Tamiko Yamashiro), Los Angeles.

FUJIWARA—July 26, a girl to the Katashi Fujiwaras, Sacramento.

FUKUI—Aug. 11, a girl Diane Michiko to the George T. Fukuis, Irvington.

GOISHI—July 10, a girl Miye Ann to the Wataru Goishis, Chicago.

HOKODA—Aug. 3, a boy Steven Craig to the Masato Hokodas (Margaret Yoshiko Watanabe), Venice.

HONGO—Aug. 8, a girl Carolyn J. to the George S. Hongos, Portland.

HOSHIKO—July 23, a boy to the Larry S. Hoshikos, Isleton.

IKENOUE—Aug. 9, a boy to the Herb Ikenouyes, Roggen, Colo.

ISHINOS—Aug. 1, a boy Bruce Shoichi to the Masanobu Ishinos (Ayako Yamasaki), Los Angeles.

KAKIMOTO—Aug. 4, a boy Masayoshi Glenn to the Masamu Kakimotos (Sumiko Nishi), Los Angeles.

KATAYANAGI—July 20, a girl to the Kiyoshi Katayanagis, Sacramento.

KAWAMURA—July 30, a boy to the Yukio Kawamuras, Lodi.

KIKAWA—Aug. 8, a girl to the William H. Kikas, San Francisco.

KODANI—Aug. 8, a boy to the Taiko Kodanis, San Gabriel.

KUDO—July 22, a girl Keiko to the Mike Kudos, Chicago.

KUSANO—Aug. 6, a boy to the Tak Kusanos, San Francisco.

KUSAYANAGI—Aug. 1, a boy Gordon to the Hisao Kusayanagis, Morgan Hill.

MARUBASHI—Aug. 1, a boy to the Frank Marubashis, Gridley.

MARUMOTO—Aug. 6, a girl to the Tamiyo Marumotos (Kiyoko Tsunoji), Los Angeles.

MURAMOTO—July 28, a boy to the Jack A. Muramotos (Kate Kimiyé Tsutsui), Salt Lake City.

NAKADA—Aug. 4, a boy Raymond Mineo to the Minoru Nakadas (Sachiko Toyama), Los Angeles.

OBARA—Aug. 6, a girl Linda Darlene to the Frank Obaras, San Jose.

OGINO—Aug. 10, a boy to the Takumi Oginos, Temple City.

OKAMURA—Aug. 7, a girl Karen Anne to the Yoichi Okamuras (Rose Matsubara), Los Angeles.

OKAZAKI—July 30, a girl to the Kazuo Okazakis, Lodi.

OMORI—July 24, a girl Karen Kazuko to the George K. Omoris (Sally Sawako Nakano), Los Angeles.

OSHITA—July 15, a girl to the Tommy S. Oshitas, Sacramento.

OZAKI—July 27, a boy Richard Shizuo to the Junji Ozakis (Helen Nagako Kamiya), Los Angeles.

SAKATO—July 31, a girl Celeste Naomi to the Toshiaki John Sakatos (Hisaye Tanya Yoshida), Los Angeles.

SHIJO—July 17, a girl to the Vincent S. Shijos, Sacramento.

SHIMONO—A girl to the Cy S. Shimonos, Denver.

SHIMOTSUKA—Aug. 1, a girl Elizabeth to the Tsuyoshi T. Shimotsukas (Yo Sera), Los Angeles.

SHINTAKU—July 16, a boy to the Sakae Shintakus, Sacramento.

TAGAWA—July 17, a boy to the Hidemi Tagawas, Sacramento.

TANAKA—Aug. 1, a boy to the Takashi C. Tanakas, Sacramento.

TOGIOKA—Aug. 11, a girl to the Hiroshi Tokiokas, Reedley.

TSUTSUI—Aug. 3, a boy Douglas Shoiji to the Walter Show Tsutsuis (Eva Yamashita), Los Angeles.

UNO—July 29, a girl to the James Unos, Yuba City.

UYENO—July 10, a girl to the Roy Uyenos, Fresno.

YAMAMOTO—July 1, a boy to the Mitsugu Yamamotos, Selma.

YAMASHITA—July 25, a girl Margaret to the Hiroshi Yamashitas (Alice Hifumi), Los Angeles.

Engagements

ABE-HARA—Helen to Isamu, both of Reedley, Aug. 16.

KUMASHIRO-TAKEUCHI—Tomoko, Del Rey, to Kazuo, North Fresno, Aug. 16.

MATSUMOTO-MUKAI—Irene Midori, San Pedro, to Tadashi, Long Beach, Aug. 15.

NAGAI-MUKAIHATA—Bitsy Chiharu, Los Angeles, to Ted, Harbor City, Aug. 17.

8 Californians pass state pharmacy board

Sacramento
Eight Nisei applicants for pharmacist licenses were granted registration at a meeting of the California State Board of Pharmacy recently. The successful licentiatees were:

Takashi Watanabe, 1450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco; George J. Nishikawa, 2768 San Luis Ct., Kiyoshi Sanui, 2217 Second St., Sacramento; Tom Tamotsu Matsunaga, 3419 S. Bethel St., Sanger Arthur M. Matsuyama, Rt. 7 Box 158, Fresno; Calvin Akiyoshi Furukawa, 1418 S. Norton Ave.; Mary Hayashigawa, 1914 W. 35th Pl.; and Edward T. Koyama, 1121 S. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles.

co is much closer.
Kasuya was graduated from the College of Pacific in Stockton in January. Three years from now he'll be eligible to become a naturalized citizen. He is working today as a teller at the Bank of Tokyo of California here.

Marriage Licenses Issued

CHO-YOSHIDA—Arthur Kenji Cho, 24, Berkeley, and Sachiko Yoshida, 24, Oakland.

IWANAGA-SHIRAHAMA—Isamu Iwanaga, Yuba City, and Teiko D. Shirahama, Catham, Ore.

MIZONO-YAMAMOTO—William Mizono, 24, San Francisco, and Dorothy Yamamoto, 24, Alameda.

SANTO-NAKAGAWA—John T. Santo, 26, and Dorothy M. Nakagawa, 23, both of San Jose.

SHIMANO-SHIBUYA—Ted Shimano, 40, and Tomiko Shibuya, 32, both of Seattle.

YOSHIDA-SHIOZAKI—Herbert Yoshida, 39, Los Altos, and Shizu Shiozaki, 32, Richmond.

Weddings

ENDO-SAKAI—Aug. 1, Toru Endo, Omaha, and Mildred T. Sakai, Honolulu.

FUJIMOTO-FUJIMOTO—Aug. 16, Ted Yoshito Fujimoto and Mary Masuko Fujimoto, both of Los Angeles.

HIRASHIKI-NAKAMURA—Aug. 16, James Hirashiki and Sueko Nakamura, both of Los Angeles.

KONATSU-IDE—Aug. 22, Masahiko Konatsu, Orosi, and Louise Ide, Parlier at Dinuba.

KUBO-OTA—Aug. 16, Yoshio Kubo and Yuriko Ota, both of Los Angeles.

KUSUMI-SAITO—Aug. 16, Yoshio Kusumi and Grace Saito, both of Los Angeles.

MITSUUCHI-YAMAMOTO—Aug. 16, Yukio Mitsuuchi, Santa Ana, and Shizuko Yamamoto, Venice.

NAKAI-NAKAMURA—Aug. 16, Ben Tsutomu Nakaji, Culver City, and Agnes Setsuko Nakamura, Los Angeles.

TAKESHITA-KAWASAKI—Aug. 16, Carl Shigehiro Takeshita, Norwalk, and Tayeko Kawasaki, Los Angeles.

YONENAKA-TAKARA—Aug. 16, Tamotsu T. Yonenaka and Doris Shizuko Takara, both of Los Angeles.

Deaths

HORA, Mrs. Agnes Mitsuko, 25; Kersey, Colo., Aug. 13, survived by husband, Sadao, brothers Katsuto, George, Paul, Floyd, Fred and sisters Betty, Mrs. Teruko Otsuki, and Mrs. Grace Shimada.

ISHIBASHI, Mrs. Koma, 74; North Hollywood, Aug. 20, survived by sons Hideo, Noboru, Masaru, daughters Mrs. Mabel Fusako Sakai and Mrs. Betty Miyoko Kira.

IWATA, Isao, 64; Los Angeles, Aug. 22, survived by sons Kaoru and Dr. Hiroshi and seven grandchildren.

KUNITAKE, Naoko, 80; Los Angeles, Aug. 16, survived by wife Sadae and sons Noble, Mitsuo, George Mitsuoyoshi and daughter Mrs. Mary Kameno.

MINODA, Ichizo, 68; San Jose, Aug. 8, survived by wife Matsu and daughter Mrs. Uta Mitsunaga.

OISHI, Hilton; Chicago, Aug. 8, survived by father Mitsuji.

OURA, Kazumi, 33; South Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 10, survived by wife Mary, parents Mr. and Mrs. Kaemon Oura, brother George and sister Mrs. Shizuo Shimasaka.

SAITO, Kumaji, 70; New York, Aug. 14, survived by wife Yoshiko, sons Chikara, Fujio, daughters Yumi and Mrs. Mitsuru Yamaguchi.

SHISHIDO, Hyogoro, 70; Los Angeles, Aug. 16, survived by wife Moto, three sons Toru, Minoru, Mamoru and four daughters Setsuko, Mrs. Aiko Endo, Mrs. Yoko Izumi and Mrs. Mihoko Goto.

TAKEUCHI, Takejiro, 64; Los Angeles, Aug. 7, survived by son Cpl. Junichi (USAF).

UMEDA, Kumaichi; Seattle, Aug. 10, survived by wife Torano, sons Sam Isao, Shoso, and daughter Mrs. Ayako Yoshihara (Detroit).

UYESUGI, Mrs. Take; Portland, Aug. 9, survived by husband Sekichi.

YAMASHITA, Mrs. Nao; Los Angeles, Aug. 22, survived by husband Tsurukichi, five sons Shigeru, Kiyoshi, Jimmy, Roy, George, daughters Mmes. Kimiye Okada, Masako Yamaka, Nobuko Ezaki, Mary Kurushima, Mitsuye Ozaki and Miss Lily Yamashita.

YASUMURA, Ailyn; 16; Tom's River, N.J. (formerly of Auburn, Wash.), Aug. 12, survived by parents Jobu and Rae, and brother Seiichi.

Piano Scholarship Winner

Stockton
A Japan-America Society scholarship has been awarded Setsuko Sugihara, outstanding pianist, to enable her to complete a year of graduate work and attain a master's degree in music.

Sugihara plans to return to her country at the end of the next academic year and combine a career of teaching and concert work.

The 24-year-old pianist presented her senior recital as soloist with the conservatory orchestra during the June commencement. Her instructor is Miss Mary Bollinger.

Japan Society grants-in-aid are made to outstanding Japanese students of the post-graduate level, who would not otherwise have necessary financial resources to remain in the United States for an additional year of study. This year the society made 25 grants totaling \$14,000.

Miss Sugihara has been attending the College of the Pacific for the past year and is now taking summer session classes for her bachelor's degree. Her present work is on partial scholarship from the women's groups from the First Congregational Church of Stockton.

A resident of Japan, Miss

Dating, courtship lively discussion topic for Japanese Fulbright students

Seattle
Dating and courtship provided lively discussion topics last week for the 49 Japanese Fulbright scholars who are getting a three weeks' indoctrination of the American Way at the Univ. of Washington.

The students, from all parts of Japan, comprise educators, deans and undergraduates whose ages range from 20 to 45. They are being briefed here in preparation for their attendance at colleges and universities throughout the United States.

still inclined to group together separately, various students pointed out. Dating is rare, they said. The different sexes usually meet each other in family groups and get acquainted in the presence of the elders.

Dr. James M. Davis, counselor of international services at the U. of W. aroused considerable interest when he pointed to a blackboard list of places where boys first meet girls in the U.S. Educational system; homes of friends; business contracts; church; propinquity, and by pickup.

"If one girl and one boy are seen walking together alone in Japan, it has a very special meaning," shyly commented one young Japanese girl.

"Sometimes they are criticized for this," chimed in another girl, "I think it is because they envy the two who are walking together. They, too, like to be walking with someone."

Girls and boys in Japan used to go to separate schools, and now that there are many co-educational schools, they are

So. District Bussei

San Diego
"Pathway to Enlightenment" is the theme of the third annual So. District Jr. Young Buddhist League conference Sept. 5-6 here. Beside the religious program, there will be a dance, banquet, tour and a bowling tournament. The San Diego Jr. YBA chapter is host. Pat Hamada and Louise Tanaka are heading preparations with the assistance of Ben Honda.

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EDITORIALS

Medal of Honor

The story of Sgt. Miyamura, the second Nisei to be conferred the nation's highest military honor for gallantry in action, is fast becoming legendary since his release from Communist captivity last week.

What the national wire services reported from Freedom Village of those heroic hours prior to his capture in April 25, 1951, has been recounted privately and publicly already.

This week, the Pacific Citizen is happy to publish the complete text of the citation which was kept secret by the Pentagon for fear of enemy reprisals against the New Mexico Nisei who first learned how to fight in the glorious manner of "Go For Broke!"

Indeed, the accounts of the press associations and the direct phraseology of the citation make all Japanese Americans proud as well as the community of Gallup. How his wife, father and family members feel—that deep sense of gratitude and awe—like a beautiful sunrise is most difficult to depict.

Endowment Fund

For the past half dozen years, loyal and conscientious JACLers went house-to-house on fund drives in their respective communities to support the national program. This tedious routine extracted nearly every ounce of toil and sweat. It was in response to the faith that the Citizens League has its destiny to fulfill.

That destiny is embodied in the now-popular motto of the organization: "For Better Americans in a Greater America."

While a majority of JACLers were busy in their work gathering funds, others envisioned a long-range plan to supplant the annual fund drives. There should be a method which can apply the principle of getting the maximum with the minimum of effort. Well, the outcome was the National JACL Endowment Fund, which today has

some \$37,000.

It is largely composed of voluntary contributions from those who had received their government checks in settlement of their evacuation claims. The Pacific Citizen has been publishing from time to time the names of these donors. Their contributions gave the initial impetus to accumulate sufficient principal—so that the operation of the National JACL eventually can be sustained year after year on the interest earned from the trust fund, thus eliminating a need for annual door-to-door fund drives as heretofore.

This week, the government began paying some \$8,000,000 to persons evacuated from the West Coast. The opportunity to follow grateful claimants of previous years to boost the Endowment Fund toward its goal is at hand. Local chapters can materially assist in this endeavor by calling upon them, carefully explaining the meaning of the Endowment Fund, the purpose and need of a national organization to keep a safeguard against infringement of our rights as citizens and residents of the United States.

The possibility of a successful Endowment Fund campaign lies with our chapters. It may mean additional toil and sweat, but they should find encouragement in the knowledge that they are nearing the day when the maximum can be had with the minimum of effort. Till that day, we are still shadowed by the prospect that all may be lost by apathy.

The need of a Washington office to care for the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry has been demonstrated this year.

Benefits which should be distributed on an equal basis could be misdirected unintentionally. For instance, many amendments pertaining to the Trading With the Enemy Act have been introduced. Most of them ignored the Japanese. A simple representation, calling attention to congressional committee members of this omission, has enabled the gaining of assurance that the Japanese involved would be given equal consideration.

What the future holds to the detriment of Japanese Americans as far as the Washington scene is concerned can not be known. But it would be unwise not to be able to meet and deter them when the occasion does arise. Vigilance is the price of security.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Honda
Commonwealth Status

Puerto Rico seldom gets mentioned in the Nisei press. Its absence, however, is no excuse for wholly ignoring the tiny island in the West Indies . . . Last month, it celebrated its first anniversary as a "commonwealth"—an autonomous political status voluntarily associated with the United States . . . The American colonial administration of Puerto Rico came to an end a year ago—about the time when the country was convulsed over the performance of Mr. R-o-m-a-n-y, Puerto Rican delegate to the GOP convention . . . As a commonwealth, its constitution resembles that of the United States, carrying substantially the same guarantees . . . The island elects its own governor, its legislature (which has been expanded to provide fuller representation) and levies its own taxes . . . Washington no longer has power to veto the island's laws; nor does the U.S. President appoint local officials and judges . . . An independent controller's office has been established to guard against graft . . . It has its own judiciary system administered by the Chief Justice.

The commonwealth remains in the U.S. customs union and is included in the tariff and money boundaries . . . Its people are American citizens with all the privileges and immunities. They may appeal for justice to the Supreme Court of the United States . . . Since

the commonwealth has no voting representation in Congress, it is not subject to federal income taxes. It follows the traditional American principle of "no taxation without representation" and had aided the flow of investment capital to Puerto Rico . . . In short, as the first U.S. commonwealth, Puerto Rico enjoys all the privileges of a state except that of sending representatives and senators to Congress. In return, it escapes federal taxation, although the island government can draw on the U.S. treasury for grant-in-aid . . . The constitution leaves the way open for eventual statehood . . . So far, Puerto Ricans aren't demanding statehood, for politically they never had it so good . . . Since the time it was colonized by the Spaniards in the 1600s, it remained a colony of the Spanish crown until the Spanish American war, when it was then annexed as U.S. territory . . . This unique status, it should be added, has eliminated one of the brickbats the Latin American Communists have thrown constantly. Puerto Rico has always been regarded a sign of U.S. "imperialism" into the Caribbean . . . The "commonwealth" status has thus given hope to other dependent peoples throughout the world.

And last week, the Portland Oregonian raised the question of "commonwealth" status in the two American territories

From the Frying Pan . . .

Wish for Long Life

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver
The first round of cheering is over for Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura and the second round won't begin until he gets home. Meanwhile, in the lonely silence between, let's wish him a joyful homecoming and much happiness thereafter. Let's wish him the privilege, granted so few winners of the Medal of Honor, of dying in bed at a comfortable old age. Let's wish much success and long life to the soldier who brought great honor to his country, to his family and to all Nisei.

The fact that Oregonians passed a civil rights bill in the last legislature and defeated a referendum seeking to kill the law seems to have escaped public notice. The referendum failed to get sufficient signatures and on July 15 the civil rights law went into effect.

One of the most vigorous champions of the bill was State Senator Richard L. Neuberger, a nationally famous magazine writer. When he discovered that a petition was being circulated against the law, Neuberger got into the public prints with a letter whose logic was hard to deny.

The petition, Neuberger pointed out, appeared about the same time that Mount Everest was climbed. And the

first person to scale Everest and live to tell the tale was a Sherpa guide named Tensing Norkay, a dark-skinned person.

"At present in Oregon," Neuberger wrote, "a colored individual like Tensing Norkay might be asked to leave certain taverns or hotels or restaurants. He might be denied a lodging for the night. Without the civil rights bill, such discrimination is not only possible—it exists in fact.

"How incongruous! We honor a valiant Sherpa of dark skin who has attained the pinnacle of Everest, but the sponsors of the anti-civil rights petition seek to defend the right to bar a man of this breed from public places!"

Logic usually is not an effective weapon against prejudice, which is an emotional thing. But in this instance the people of Oregon showed encouraging good sense in scorning the referendum.

The Denver Judo association, of which gas-pumping George Kuramoto is both heart and muscle, is planning to move into new quarters on Larimer street. Heretofore, the athletes used the gymnasium in the city-operated Twentieth Street Recreation center which they will have

to yield as soon as the baseball season gets under way. Kuramoto and a handful of the faithful cleaned up the new hall, slapped paint on the walls, installed a water heater and plumbing, and otherwise made the place usable. Now there's a \$600 deficit, most of it for materials, that must be met.

At a meeting of parents the other night, it was agreed the Judo association would sponsor a Japanese movie on the night of Sept. 6 at the People's Tabernacle building on Twentieth and Lawrence streets. As nearly as I can make out, one of the films is entitled "Kuruiso," and the other one is "Izayoi-Kaido."

George says the second picture is about samurai and has a lot of swordplay in it. Films of this type, sometimes called "chanbara," correspond in general appeal to American westerns which are short on plot but long on action. A gentleman named Ogouchi Zenjiro is the star of "Izayoi Kaido," and I gather he is the sort of Hopalong Cassidy of the chanbara set.

In the interests of judo, which our Mike is taking up after a fashion, it looks as if I'll have to go and compare Mr. Ogouchi's technique with Mr. Cassidy's.

Vagaries . . .

VIP at Freedom Village

By Larry Tajiri

Last week in Gallup, New Mexico, the local daily newspaper gave the home folks a lesson in pronunciation. The first name of the Medal of Honor winner who had brought glory to Gallup was pronounced "Heero-shee," the paper said.

Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, the 28-year old garage mechanic whose story is one of the more dramatic to come out of the recent Korean fighting, is in the American tradition of military heroes. Slim, quiet and unassuming, he was bewildered, according to reporters, when he reached Freedom Village with a POW contingent last week and was informed by Brig. Gen. Ralph Osborne that he had been awarded the nation's highest military honor for his heroism on April 25, 1951 in Korea when he covered the withdrawal of men of his machine-gun squad with an M-1 rifle. Sgt. Miyamura was wounded and captured but the men he saved got back to tell their story.

The Nisei sergeant was recommended for the Medal of Honor but the citation was kept secret for more than two years since he was first reported "missing in action" and later identified as a prisoner of war. As Gen. Osborne said, "the Communists might have made it rough for him" had they known of the award. As it was the Nisei non-com who was to be acknowledged as one of the nation's great heroes of the Korean fighting kept himself busy by serving as the company barber in the POW camp.

Reporters besieged the Lucky Lunch, the lunchroom operated by Sgt. Miyamura's father in Gallup, when news of the award was flashed on the wires. Since her husband was recalled to active duty in 1951, Mrs. Miyamura has been

of the Pacific—Hawaii and Alaska . . . The newspaper wondered why no one in Hawaii or Alaska has sought for this favorable and extraordinary status enjoyed by Puerto Ricans . . . I wonder if Congress would permit Hawaii to go "commonwealth" when its federal tax returns are so lucrative to Washington. And with "statehood" for Hawaii so close at hand, no one in Hawaii of late could reshift its line of thought to another political category.

helping her father-in-law in the cafe while Hiroshi was overseas.

Terry Tsuyako Miyamura, who married Hiroshi five years ago, said her husband had written nothing of the heroic rear guard action which won him the award.

"He didn't have much to say," she said. "He's a quiet sort of guy. He wrote there wasn't much doing in camp and he was barber for the company to pass the time."

Like Sadao Munemori of Los Angeles, the only other Nisei to win the Medal of Honor, Sgt. Miyamura graduated from high school in time to join the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe. He saw action in the final campaigns in Italy with Company D, 100th Battalion, of the Japanese American Combat Team with the rank of private, first class.

At Freedom Village last week where he got the full VIP treatment, the shy Nisei sergeant told the story of the day of his capture in Korea. At the time he was commanding a machine gun squad of thirteen men from the 3rd division when thousands of Chinese attacked along the Imjin river. The Reds, in superior number, overran UN positions.

"I told my men to pull back a little," Miyamura said. "I stayed and fired until they got there, then I went back, too."

"There were just five of us left. In our new positions we fired the guns and threw grenades until we ran out of ammo and grenades. Then I told my men to withdraw. I let them go and I was covering them with an M-1 rifle."

"After they took off I went myself. I ran into some Chinese and they threw some grenades and wounded me in the leg. I kept going but got hung up on our own wire."

Miyamura recalled that as his Communist captors marched him to the rear he saw forty to fifty Chinese bodies in front of the position his squad had defended.

While the majority of the Nisei who saw action in World War II served either in the 100th Battalion, the 442nd Combat Team or in military sei in the Korean war have

intelligence in the Pacific, Nisei service in all branches of American military service. Although most Nisei are still in the Army, there have been many in the Marines, Navy and Air Force.

At least one Nisei saw combat in the newest of the air weapons, the jets.

Like Sgt. Miyamura, the Navy jet pilot, Lt. (jg.) Joseph L. Akagi, Sheldon, Tex., is a native southwesterner. Sgt. Akagi flew a number of combat missions against the enemy in North Korea in the months just before the truce.

One day in July, Lt. Akagi crashed in his jet in the sea off Korea but was rescued so quickly he didn't even get his feet wet.

Akagi catapulted off the deck of the U.S.S. Boxer for a combat mission over North Korea. As he rose off the carrier's bow, his jet suddenly lost power and dipped seaward. In a flash, Akagi jettisoned his bomb load and cut his engine to reduce impact of the water landing.

Akagi's jet hit the water and the Boxer changed course quickly to avoid hitting the plane. Meanwhile, a Boxer rescue helicopter was launched and whirred over the scene. A sling was lowered to Akagi and the Nisei pilot was whisked to safety.

Sgt. Miyamura, Pfc. Sadao Munemori, the Air Force's Ben Kuroki or the men of the Hawaiian 100th Battalion who wrote their own saga of heroism in those early days of World War II when Nisei weren't being recommended for the Medal of Honor, are just ordinary guys. It is the strength of a democratic nation that in its ordinary guys is the stuff of heroes.

MINORITY

The City of Birmingham (Ala.) plans to clear an area where over 2,000 colored people now live for a medical center and business area. It has been charged the pattern of segregation would bar colored persons from being permitted to use the new facilities and the city has not provided a workable plan to rehouse displaced families.