



It was Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura Day (Sept. 9) in Gallup as the Medal of Honor winner rode through the streets of Gallup with his wife Terry from the train depot to his home of 132 E. Terrace. —Gallup Independent Photo

Attorney apathy held, dooming expeditious larger-claim program

Washington
Over 50 percent of private attorneys assisting claimants with their evacuation losses have neglected to answer specific questions regarding individual claims.

This indifference, according to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, is jeopardizing the program of larger evacuation claims. Masaoka was informed of this apparent neglect at a conference with Dept. of Justice officials on the present status of the program.

It was learned that the government was developing new procedures to expedite the processing of remaining larger claims but attorneys representing the claimants were failing to cooperate in this program.

The JACL is concerned with this apparent apathy on the part of the attorneys because it not only does an injustice to the claimant but also threatens

the administration of the claims program itself, Masaoka said.

Unless the Japanese Evacuation Claims Section can show an appropriate work load, the Attorney General in reorganizing his Department may transfer attorneys from this division to another. He may take the understandable attitude that "if the claimants' attorneys don't care about these claims, why should the government?"

Moreover, as the Department prepares for the 1955 fiscal year budget requests, it must demonstrate that its program is moving towards completion. Unless Congress is convinced that the staff is doing an adequate job, it will reduce the administrative funds even more than it did this year, Masaoka hinted.

Prior to the present fiscal year, Congress annually appropriated a quarter of a million dollars for the administration of this program but with the compromise settlement program completed Congress reduced this year's budget \$20,000, which means the loss of several attorneys. Any further decreases will simply mean the slowing up of the present program even more.

Finally, unless the Department can show an active interest in these larger claims by the claimants and their attorneys it will be very difficult to persuade Congress to accept any legislative amendments that may be proposed next session in order to speed up the final settlement of the program.

Congress can legitimately question the sincerity of the claimants and their attorneys unless there is close cooperation between the government and themselves, Masaoka said.

He revealed that the JACL was studying several amendments that it may propose to Congress next January. Without the full cooperation of the Department of Justice as well as of the claimants, it will be increasingly difficult to secure enactment of any remedial amendments, he warned.

Cooperation is a two-way street, he said, with greater cooperation on the part of the

claimants and the attorneys resulting in a reciprocal cooperation on the part of the government.

5-F classified Issei problem up for CL study

San Francisco

Issei who were classified 5-F by their draft board during World War I are being denied re-entry permits into the United States by the immigration office in the new Immigration law which refers to aliens and army service.

Three Bay Area attorneys, Victor Abe, Wayne Kanemoto and Mas Yonemura, were in agreement that Issei men should clarify their World War I status before visiting Japan even if re-entry permits are obtained. A re-entry permit is no guarantee that they will be allowed to return to the United States, Haruo Ishimaru, regional office director, explained.

Further caution was made to Issei who were active in any of the 21 prewar Japanese organizations now listed as subversive by the U.S. Attorney General as they may also be subject to denial of re-entry if they visit Japan or leave this country.

The matter has been forwarded to the National JACL Study Commission Immigration and Naturalization for study and amelioration, according to Ishimaru, and to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

The executive board of the NCWN JACL District Council urged the National JACL to work immediately on the problem affecting Issei men who were classified 5-F during World War I.

Wayne Kanemoto, San Jose attorney, who pointed out this classification would bar Issei from naturalization and re-entry privileges into the U.S., is head of the temporary committee to further study this problem.

Sgt. Miyamura relaxes at Gallup home for the first time since release from Korean captivity, feted by JACL, friends

Gallup, N.M.

A ruby-studded gold pin for JACL members who have done especially outstanding service was awarded to the Nisei Medal of Honor winner, Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura.

Masao Satow, National JACL director, made the presentation at the Albuquerque-Gallup JACL dinner-dance at the Gallup Country Club last week at the conclusion of the Welcome Home celebrations.

Satow explained the position of Japanese Americans and the importance of the pride felt in Miyamura's accomplishment. "All we can do is be proud of him," he said and explained to non-Japanese Americans present some of the difficulties of the past ten years.

"We had a pretty rough time," he continued, "while Japan was at war with the United States. But there has been a growing degree of acceptance, mostly due to the service of men like Hiroshi and the others who served in World War II. The other Americans did not know us, and we had not had a chance for our loyalty to be tested."

He recalled how at the time when Japanese Americans were evacuated, there were 5,000 Nisei in uniform and even after that, Nisei leaders petitioned the government to reopen Selective Service to Japanese Americans. "And now only in the past year, have our Issei parents been granted the privilege of becoming American citizens, alongside their children."

The first Japanese in New Mexico to become naturalized took their oath here in McKinley county last May. One was Sgt. Miyamura's sister Mrs. Chiyoko Herrera, who came to this country as a child of 2; and the other was Frank Utaro Kuzuoka, 71, who has been here since 1900.

Satow's talk was received with complete silence by the 100 people—mostly Issei and Nisei with a handful of outsiders—as all seemed to feel a growing pride in Miyamura, and the importance of his achievement of the Medal of Honor, the second Nisei to do so.

Bill Hosokawa, Sunday editor of the Denver Post magazine supplement, made his speech very short, congratulating Miyamura and hoping that he would die "only of old age." (Hosokawa, P.C. columnist, is devoting this week's "Fryer"

SGT. MIYAMURA BACK IN ACTION AT HOME

Gallup, N.M.

Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura was back in action less than 24 hours after he returned home from Korea, a triumphant hero whose heroism merited him the Medal of Honor.

A member of the Gallup Volunteer Fire Dept., he was called out at 4:30 a.m. Sept. 10, when a fire gutted an empty house.

and next week's installment on Sgt. Miyamura.—Editor.)

After the speech-making and dinner of ham and turkey, Miyamura danced with his wife Terry for the first time in three years. "We'll be a little shaky," she said, "since neither of us have danced since Hershey left three years ago, but we'll try."

And then they cut the cake, a huge red, white and blue cake with the words "Welcome Home, Hershey for the valor exceed-

NATIONAL JACL CREDIT UNION GROWTH REPORTED

Salt Lake City

Shig Ushio, National JACL Credit Union president, announced there are now 468 members, adding that the 1953 anticipated dividend should be between 5 and 6 percent. The financial statement as of Aug. 30, 1953, showed a net profit of \$4,287.08 (as compared with \$2,951.28 for the same period last year).

Since many addresses of members are not up-to-date, notices, reports and dividend checks are being returned by the Post Office. Changes should be reported to National JACL Credit Union, 205 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City.

ENDOWMENT FUND

CURRENT TOTAL
\$49,255.81

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IN TRUST FUND
\$45,000

ing the call of duty. We congratulate you" iced on top.

Mrs. Ann Shibata, who helped arrange the evening celebration, said there were only 18 members of the JACL here. "We've stuck pretty close together—somewhat like a big family." And it was a family party that night. The Gallup reception was held down to the parade that day. Sgt. Miyamura's family wanted Hiroshi to relax among his old friends—the Albuquerque Chapter JACLers who had motored earlier that day to greet him at the Santa Fe depot here.

After his discharge from service next month from Fort Bliss (Tex.) separation center, Miyamura plans to open a drive-in restaurant on U.S. Highway 66 here with his POW Camp buddy, Cpl. Dan L. McKinney of Clovis, N.M.

Los Angeles

Li'l Tokio honors Sgt. Miyamura next Friday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m., at a testimonial dinner scheduled in the Pacific Room of the Statler Hotel. The Medal of Honor winner is expected to spend a week in Southern California.

Tickets at \$6.50 per plate are now available from members of the three co-sponsoring organizations: Nisei Veteran Coordinating Council, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and JACL.

Sgt. and Mrs. Miyamura will be guests of 20th Century-Fox when it premieres the "Robe" at Grauman's Chinese next Thursday.

Oregon judge naturalized 13 more Issei citizens

Portland, Ore.

Thirteen natives of Japan raised their right hands in federal court Sept. 9 and took the oath of allegiance which made them citizens of the United States. U.S. District Judge Claude McCulloch administered the oath.

The Issei were part of the 155 naturalized, which had to be divided into two groups because of the limitations of the courtroom. The new citizens are:

Yoshio Inahara, Newton Noboru Takashima, Masaki Kinoshita, Yohimatsu Nishimoto, Yurino Nishikawa, Shidzuyo Yasui, Bukichi Jukiji, Jiro Kariya, Rin Miura, Takashi Uyeda, Robert Hajime Shiomi, Taneoyoshi Ebihara and Hisachiro Hishikawa.

Seek suspension of deportation orders on slowaways who swam 10 miles to shore

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Still on Honolulu's front pages is the story of the two youthful Japanese stowaways who swam 10 miles through shark-infested waters to reach American soil.

The news now is whether Washington will intervene to save the stowaways from involuntary deportation to Japan.

The youths, both 22 years of age, also face criminal charges for entering this country illegally, by jumping off the President Wilson and swimming to the island of Kauai because they said they wanted to see how democracy operates in the United States.

Harry I. Arii and Koichi Kurokawa have pleaded not guilty to the charges. They are being held at the U.S. Immigration station in Honolulu, awaiting the outcome of their jury trials and their pleas to Washington.

Their Nisei attorney, Clesson Y. Chikasuye, of Honolulu, has sent a radiogram to the U.S. Attorney General's office in Washington, asking him to intervene and if possible, to save his clients from involuntary deportation to Japan.

Chikasuye has also asked the Attorney General to consider

dismissal of the illegal entry charges filed in Federal court against the two stowaways.

If the deportation order is suspended and the criminal charges are dismissed, Arii and Kurokawa would be allowed to depart voluntarily for Japan, Chikasuye says.

Chikasuye explained that the way would then be cleared for the youths to apply for legal admission in the future without the handicap of black marks on their records.

A drive to raise money for their return passage to Japan has been started by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Honolulu, but up to this date, the drive has not produced the \$700 needed.

The stowaways were baptized in the church shortly after they were taken into custody three weeks ago. One of them was found unconscious on a Kauai beach; the other was able to leave the island for Honolulu undetected but gave himself up when he learned he was being sought by police.

Spectacular as was their act of desperation in jumping overboard and risking death
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Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

In Memoriam: Fred M. Vinson . . .

Many tributes have been paid to the late Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson for his distinguished public service in the legislative, executive, and judicial fields. To all these deserving eulogies, we take this opportunity to add our praises for his precedent-making decisions which represent a landmark in the history of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Though not generally regarded as a "liberal" on the bench, Vinson's appointment in 1946 by former President Truman to the Chief Justiceship marked the end of what might be termed the "anti-Japanese" era, which reached its peak in the so-called evacuation cases, and the beginning of the period of favorable consideration in Supreme Court annals. He represents in the judicial branch the general feeling of goodwill towards persons of Japanese ancestry in the post-World War II epoch.

His first major decision affecting the civil rights of the Japanese in this country was in the now famous Oyama alien land law case in which the late Chief Justice delivered the majority opinion.

Speaking for the nation's highest tribunal, he held that a Japanese American citizen was entitled to the same rights, privileges, and immunities as the citizens of any other ancestry.

This decision sounded the death knell of the alien land laws of 14 western states, the one statute most responsible for preventing the economic progress of the Japanese minority in this country.

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Though he did not deliver the opinion himself, he joined with the majority in declaring California's wartime law prohibiting alien Japanese from engaging in commercial fishing unconstitutional in the Takahashi fishing litigation. He declared that even though an alien may not be eligible for naturalization he was entitled to the right to earn an honorable livelihood.

Chief Justice Vinson spoke for a unanimous court when he enunciated the doctrine that the courts cannot be used to enforce racially restrictive housing covenants. Though Negro Americans were most affected by the ruling, Issei and Nisei were given greater opportunities than ever before to purchase homes in places of their own choosing by this far-reaching court opinion.

All three of his historic Supreme Court pronouncements were made in 1948. It is interesting in this connection to note that in every one of these cases the JACL was an active participant.

Although the great Kentuckian took part in many other precedent-setting opinions and dicta in the remaining five years of his stewardship, many of them affecting human as well as property rights, these three 1948 decisions stand out as the beacon lights pointing the way to a better tomorrow for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

In the untimely passing of Chief Justice Vinson, America lost a great leader and persons of Japanese ancestry a friend in the highest court.

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His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince . . .

Representing the new Japan that has emerged out of the defeat of World War II, His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince, has just begun a month's tour of the United States, after visiting most of the free nations of western Europe.

His reception here in the East has been outstanding, testifying to the present goodwill that exists between this country and Japan. Government officials have been impressed with his sincerity and understanding. The press has been most generous in its coverage of his activities. The public at large has taken the quiet, unassuming, young royal visitor to its heart.

The white tie formal state reception given in his honor by the Japanese Ambassador was the first major diplomatic social event of the Washington fall season. Leaders in government, Congress, armed forces, diplomatic corps, and society were present.

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Overheard at the Embassy reception was the remark "the Prince is a democratic guy". While not couched in the most elegant and diplomatic language, it nevertheless summarizes the personal estimate of many American leaders for the future Emperor of Japan.

Though he is visiting in an unofficial capacity, the attention that our government is giving him demonstrates our great concern that Japan remain a friendly ally in the Pacific.

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As a citizen of Japanese ancestry, we wish the Crown Prince an enjoyable visit to our great country. We trust that he will be able to see not only the industries, cities, and natural wonders of our land but also the spirit that motivates the American people. We hope that he will return to Japan impressed with the friendliness of our people for his, and that in the years to come, when he is the Emperor, he will remember that America's greatest ambition is for peace and freedom in the world.

CALIF. BEDDING PLANT MARKET ORDER INVALID

Los Angeles

The marketing order of California bedding plants was declared invalid in the superior court of Judge William J. Palmer this week in a test case brought by the State of California against Robert A. Asamoto, Issei proprietor of the Bellevue Nursery, 14021 Cerise Ave., Hawthorne.

The order, issued in 1951 by the state director of agriculture, required all growers of bedding plants sold for resale to file monthly returns as to gross volume of sales and to pay a 2% assessments of the gross dollar volume of such sales. Also imposed under the purported authority of the California Marketing Act of 1937 was a minimum price schedule based upon a "representative cross-section of industry costs," below which bedding plants could not be sold for resale by growers.

Asamoto declined to comply with the marketing order which he felt as unwarranted governmental interference with his private business. The State of California then filed a complaint against him for assessment, interest and penalties and for an injunction.

Through his attorneys, Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki, Asamoto challenged the marketing order as unconstitutional in his answer on grounds, among others, that the marketing of bedding plants was not affected with a public interest and such marketing was therefore not subject to regulation by the state.

Judge Palmer, in sustaining this contention, stated:

"It is beyond my powers of comprehension to understand how in the business of growing and selling bedding flower plants (petunias, scabiosa, nierembergia, hollyhock, wallflower, African Daisy, etc.) the public health, morals, safety, peace or welfare can be served by destroying the incentive for a grower to reduce his costs below the average of the industry and to pass on to the homeowner the benefit of that achievement."

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in the long swim to shore, the two stowaways have not won much more than sympathy and admiration. Concrete offers of aid haven't been forthcoming in the manner some sympathizers had expected.

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin in an editorial last week reflected the attitude already expressed by other newspapers here. Under the title, "Letting the Law Take Its Course," the Star-Bulletin editorial commented:

"One can admire their nerve and physical skill in diving off an ocean liner and swimming to shore, without concluding that here are two youths for whom the normal processes of the law should be waived."

"Their feat was spectacular," the editorial commented further. "But in essence their position is no different from that of thousands of other aliens who want to get into the United States without going through the necessary formalities of immigration."

"And many such have taken far more desperate chances."

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Hawaii Nisei appointed Ford Foundation Scholar at St. John's College, Annapolis



DR. RALPH MIWA

Annapolis, Md.

Ralph Makoto Miwa of Honolulu, who received his Ph. D. in political science from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, last June, has been appointed a Ford Foundation Scholar at St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland.

Dr. Miwa will teach political science at St. John's, which is located on the Severn River opposite the U.S. Naval Academy.

Dr. Miwa is the son of Mrs. Fuyu Miwa of 920 A-7 Austin Lane, Honolulu. He served in the Philippines, Korea and Ja-

pan during World War II as a military intelligence language specialist, with the 6th Infantry Division.

He was graduated in 1947 from Farrington High School, where he was editor of the school yearbook and newspaper.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii in 1948, majoring in government. He was associate editor and later editor in chief of the Ka Palapala, U.H. yearbook.

He was a graduate assistant in the U.H. government department, 1948-49, and received his M.A. degree in 1950 from the University.

While at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Miwa received a Hawaii Veterans Memorial Scholarship; a Lauchheimer Fellowship; a university fellowship, and a junior instructorship.

He is married to the former Hilda N. Odan of Kilauea, Kawaii, a graduate of the Univ. of Hawaii, class of 1950.

The couple are living at 3348 Gilman Terrace in Baltimore.

Naturalized at 88

Honolulu

Seijyun Asakura, 88, believed to be Hawaii's oldest applicant in history, became a citizen Aug. 27. He was among 77 naturalized in the federal court of Judge J. Frank McLaughlin. Asakura is a former school teacher and minister. There were 10 other Issei in the group.

Endowment Fund Contributors

San Francisco

Additional contributions from recipients of evacuation claim checks have boosted the National JACL Endowment Fund to \$49,255.81, it was announced this week by National JACL Headquarters.

Masao Satow, National JACL Director, said another \$10,000 was being placed in the trust fund, thus making the total of \$45,000 in trust.

Recent contributors are as follows:

- (Colorado) Colorado Springs—Harry S. Kawamoto \$45; Denver—Z. K. Kanegae \$45, Ted T. Migaki \$44, Teikichi Toba \$50, Masato Suyama \$35, Mrs. Misao Uba \$10, George Yamada \$25, George H. Yamaguchi \$125.
- (Idaho) Twin Falls—Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Takahashi \$100.
- (Illinois) Chicago—Maruzo & Shizue Maruno \$50, Mrs. Ume Nishimura \$10, Rev. and Mrs. George Nishimoto \$100.
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- (Utah) Salt Lake City—Fred Akutagawa \$18, Masuo & Shigeo Namba \$300.
- (Washington) Moxie City—Yoshio

- Horiuchi \$5; Olympia—Susumu Sato \$5; Seattle—Albert Bonus \$2, Mrs. Catherine Natsuko Chin \$15, Jimmy Hata \$50, Hiroshi Kato \$35, Fred M. Oamaru \$15, G. Y. Sasaki \$5, Mrs. Katsu Senda \$40, Shoji and Emi Suko \$50, Shinichi Teramoto \$10, Jack K. Yoshioka \$1, Mr. and Mrs. Torazo Yoshioka \$100; Tacoma—Mr. and Mrs. Morio Osako \$10; Walla Walla—H. Kanemasu \$7, Mr. Yohji Kato \$125.

(Wyoming) Ethete—Rev. Luke T. Yokota \$25.

(Washington D.C.) Mike Masseka \$56.04.

- (California) Alameda—Fujio Inouye \$25; Albany—Katsushige Tomita \$30; Berkeley—Mitori Arita \$25, Hatsuiko & Rokuro Sakai \$30, Dr. Shozoh Fujita \$225, Eugenia Yuriko Fujita \$64, John Matsuzaki \$5; Campbell—Haruo Mayeda \$25; Culver City—Pearl & Shibo Ikuta \$30, Fumi Utsuki \$50; Downey—Hideo Yabuki \$15; Encinitas—Yajuro Nemoto \$15; Fresno—Roy M. Yoshikawa \$25; Glendale—Harry E. Tsuchiya \$10; Guadalupe—Tokishi Hori \$3, Mas-ueki \$29.30; Hayward—Rinko Kiemon Yamane \$15; Isleton—Rinko Fujii \$35; Kingsberg—George Mizutani \$45 Lindsay—Ralph Ishida \$25; Lodi—John Kaz Tamura, \$30; Satoru Tamura \$20, Rinkichi Tamura \$5; Long Beach—Sachiko K. Hamada \$6.

- Los Angeles—Akiji Hosozawa \$20, K. Hiraga \$10, Mrs. Misao Inatomi \$10, Shoichi Ishii \$15, Kazumi Kamemoto \$5, Hyoichi Kamayatsu \$5, Frank K. Kawakami \$20, T. Kawasumi \$27.50, Kinjiro Kinoshita \$5, Mabel E. Kitsuse \$50, John Kitsuse \$30, Haru Kobayashi \$10, Tommy T. Maeda \$10, T. T. Mayeda \$30, Hiro Miyakawa \$15, Ryukichi Morita \$10, Ray Motonaga \$15, Toshiro Nakaishi \$50, Kumajiro Nakashima

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Jim Noda of San Mateo is being congratulated on winning the trophy, "Champion Bullthrower of the Week," by Dr. Robert Bullock, educational chairman of the Skyline Toastmasters Club in Burlingame for being the best speaker of the week recently. As Abe S. Miller, president of the organization, looks on, the Skyline Toastmasters is one of the newest members of the exclusively to the art of public speaking, with a total membership of over 50,000 in the United States, Scotland, Cuba, etc. The local chapter was organized about six months ago with the express purpose of having members of all nationalities in San Mateo County who were interested in gaining self-confidence and learning to speak effectively before any group of people.

Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

The first Japanese ever to introduce Japanese rice cultivation in the United States with his famous father was a recent visitor here on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of introduction of rice in America. Proudly waving his American passport as a trophy of his pioneer life was



Yosaki Saibara, 62-year-old Issei from Webster, Tex. "I am the first Japanese (Issei) to be naturalized in Texas," he declared. After getting my naturalization paper, I decided then to visit Japan with an American passport. It took me only a day to get it.

"It is wonderful to be, an American citizen. I am grateful to Mike Masaoka and the JACL," added the pioneer, whose son Robert was one of the first Nisei to become a lieutenant-colonel in the U.S. Army.

The pioneer's father, Seito Saibara, was president of Doshisha University, Kyoto. A very ambitious educator, he had planned and started many projects in Hokkaido, Formosa and Manchuria. But his biggest was in Texas. Citizen Saibara went to Texas as a teenage youth upon call from his father and together, they struggled and successfully raised rice Japanese style.

Educator Seito Saibara had great visions in Texas over a half century ago. His big disappointment, however, was that only a few Japanese followed his footsteps in Texas.

At the present time, the Saibaras have 650 acres of rice and 150 head of cattle on their 1,250-acre Texas ranch. During the war years, they cultivated 2,000 acres of rice, cooperating with U.S. war efforts.

Still beaming of his citizenship, he drawled in an accent that is typical of the Lone Star state, "It is almost impossible to realize that I got naturalized after 50 years in America. It's something grand."

Citizen Saibara has spent six weeks in Japan and was scheduled to return to his Texas home in early September. He recently met Prince Mikasa, younger brother of the Emperor, engaging in a three hour discussion.

Of his comments on postwar Japan, the speed of air travel from U.S. to Japan in 48 hours recalled the time when it took 48 hours to cross the state of Texas and the Great Southwest to reach Los Angeles.

He also noted the great recovery made in Japan since the war. He expressed keen disappointment in the Japanese women who have adopted the Western dress and have their hair permanent-waved. "Japanese economy doesn't provide such luxuries," he thought.

Of the elder population, he wondered why the Japanese appear so old. "I feel as young as can be," he quipped. "Don't tell me I am old!"

Saibara, 62-years "young", sitting down, was swinging his feet like a "young" fellow when he said that.

Buddhist scholar dies at Fresno hospital

Funeral services were held last week for the Rev. Itsuzo Kyogoku, 66, well-known for his publications and one who initiated the custom of starting Buddhist Sunday School and teaching of Buddhism in English. He had been in semi-retirement the past 12 years because of ill health and died at the Fresno Hospital Sept. 4.

'Big Switch' ends, 28 Nisei freed

Freedom Village

Operation Big Switch ended Sept. 6 with the return of 110 Americans, including 28 Nisei, five of them on next to the last day. In progress 32 days, the exchange returned 3,597 Americans to freedom from Communist captivity in North Korea.

(According to Dept. of Defense figures compiled by the Washington JACL office and published in the Pacific Citizen last July 3, there were 92 reported "missing in action" and 25 as "captured". Operation Big Switch thus far has released 10 Mainland Nisei and 18 Hawaiian Nisei.)

Sept. 5 (Next to Last Day)

Sgt. Ted Tada, brother of George Hada, 2800 Arapahoe, Denver.

M/Sgt. Akira M. Chikami, son of Atsuro Chikami, Box 1024, Reno, Nev.

Pfc. Tadashi Kaneko, son of Mrs. Yuri Kaneko, Honolulu, North Kona, Hawaii.

M/Sgt. Katsuki Tanigawa, brother of Lillian Sugibayashi, Kapaa, Kauai.

Pfc. Clifford M. Sanpei, son of Mrs. Tomio Sanpei, 2517 Waolani Ave., Honolulu.

Washington

Among the 944 American servicemen believed to have been captured in Korea but unaccounted for after completion of the recent prisoner of war exchange including the following Nisei soldiers:

BELIEVED CAPTURED

Cpl. Hiroshi Shibao, son of Mrs. Masuyo Koga, 74 Wash Rd., Menlo Park.

Sgt. Clarence H. Aki, husband of Mrs. Translacion M. T. Aki, 1801 1/2 India St., San Diego.

Sgt. 1/c Yutaka Amano, son of Mrs. Taeno Amano, 3781 Hickock St., San Diego.

Airman 2/c Hidemaro Ishida, son of Rev. Nitten Ishida, 1016 Pine St., San Francisco.

1st Lt. Sam O. Takahara, New York.

Cpl. Mitsuyoshi Ishida, Koloa, Hawaii.

Pfc. Kanji Yoshida, Honolulu.

San Francisco

Shinzo Kiuchi, 2018 Buchanan St., is probably the first local naturalized Issei citizen to visit Japan with a U.S. passport. The Issei was naturalized last July 20 in a mass ceremony and will depart Sept. 20 on the President Cleveland.

\$76,000 damage suit filed by widow of Nisei killed by butane gas explosion

A \$76,365 damage suit has been filed here against Joseph L. Broulette and his wife, Anna, of Aptos by W. J. Weddell, executor of the last will of Henry Nobutaka Takeiri, the Sentinel News reported last week.

Takeiri, 49, strawberry grower, was fatally burned in a butane gas explosion and fire last March. At the time Takeiri and Broulette were inspecting a small residence owned by the latter when the explosion occurred. Takeiri suffered third-degree burns and died later at a hospital. Broulette also sustained critical burns.

The two men were inspecting the residence which Takeiri planned to rent as temporary housing for field workers. The complaint charges that because of Broulette's negligence, the butane gas was allowed to escape and explode.

Takeiri was earning approximately \$4,000 a year at the time of his death. By reason of death, his widow and sole surviving heir, has been denied his support.

Freeway vs. Tea Gardens

San Francisco

Under a proposed freeway plan being considered by the State Division of Highways through Golden Gate Park, the historic and beautiful Japanese Tea Garden would be virtually wiped out.

First opposition was made last week by the city Recreation and Park Commission, pledging to keep freeways out of Golden Gate Park.

Three separate freeways are proposed connecting the Park-Presidio freeway from

IN HONOR OF

Sportswriter Mits Sasehara of Los Angeles Examiner Scholastic Sports Ass'n is using his \$250 Golden State Baseball Association scholarship to attend Pepperdine College. He is a graduate of Jefferson High School.

Takeshi Moriwaki, Fulbright scholar last year at the Lyon University in Paris, returned to Hawaii to enter the teaching profession. He attended Indiana State College two years before, getting his master's degree in education.

Mr. and Mrs. Buhei Ito of Los Angeles were honored Aug. 30 on their 40th wedding anniversary by Mrs. Noboru Ito and Mrs. John Nakagawa, also of Los Angeles.

Victor Kondo of Sanger, who took top prizes last year in the California State Fair Future Farmers of America exhibits, took two top honors this year with his Poland China and Hampshire sows.

Dr. Frank Herron Smith, associated with the Methodist church movement among Japanese since 1927, and also superintendent of Japanese Methodist missions until 1946, will live in Glendale, Calif., with their daughter. He was given a farewell party Sunday by the Berkeley church.

Joseph Goto, who learned the technique of welding while a civilian employee for the Army engineers, opened his exhibition of welded sculpture this week at Ken Studios, 543 U. Dearborn. Several paintings are included in the show lasting through this month. He lives and works in a garage at the rear of 4565 Lake Park. The Honolulu won national distinction last year with his "tall, slender, nervous construction" called Organic Form, now on permanent exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art, New York. He studied art at Chicago's Art Institute. His sculpture reveals "an ingenuity and imagination that places him among the world's leading sculptors of today," commented Kenneth Shopen, Chicago Daily News art critic.

port. Expended in connection with Takeiri's injuries were medical, nursing, and funeral expenses amounting to \$1,365.

Inagaki to address L.A. community group

Los Angeles The Crenshaw Community Council, a neighborhood group devoted to improving intercultural and interracial understanding, starts its "American Life" fall season series Sept. 22 at Holman Methodist Church, 3320 W. Adams. Opening speaker is George Inagaki, National JACL president, who will make his address on the Nisei. Mrs. Arthur Takemoto, president of the University Council PTA, will play several piano selections. Other topics are American Indian, Oct. 27, and the Negro, Nov. 24.

A west coast man temporarily lost his voice after his first plane ride. It doesn't cost much, men, to take the good wife up.

CROWN PRINCE MEETS EISENHOWER, TO VISIT U.S. CITIES THIS MONTH

Philadelphia

Crown Prince Akihito had a reunion last Sunday with his former tutor, Mrs. Elizabeth Grey Vining, during the three-day visit of Philadelphia's historic shrines.

Arriving at the airport late Sunday afternoon from Newport News, Va., the 19-year-old heir apparent to the oldest throne in the world was greeted by the woman who taught him his first lessons of democracy. Mrs. Vining is the author of

the book relating her experiences with the Crown Prince titled "Windows for the Crown Prince".

Washington

A last-minute change of schedule caused by the funeral of the late Supreme Court Chief Justice Vinson last week enabled the meeting of President Eisenhower and Crown Prince Akihito.

A brilliantly colored silk screen was presented as a token of friendship from the Emperor of Japan to Mr. Eisenhower.

The youthful heir was to have seen the President next week at Boston.

This weekend, the Crown Prince leaves New York to spend two days in Boston and then head westward. He visits the Univ. of Michigan campus Tuesday and the Ford Motor Co. plant the next day. A one-day visit of Chicago Sept. 23 will be followed by a visit of Wyoming's Jackson Hole and Yellowstone National Park.

The Crown Prince will wind up his Pacific Coast tour with stops in Los Angeles, San Francisco and then leave for Hawaii by plane Oct. 7.

Hawaiian paintings by Islander attracts

Wailuku, Maui

Local residents were viewing the paintings of Kaname Miyamoto, former Maui resident, who has exhibited his works previously in New York, where they were favorably received.

The colors of the Islands are typical of Hawaii but are not found elsewhere on the mainland, Miyamoto explained. For that reason, local interest is heightened by appreciating colors which Hawaiian residents have long taken for granted.



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SMOKY SAKURADA

The Lower North Community Council, organized first in 1919, underwent reorganization this year to attract and develop participating community membership. Two Japanese Americans serve on the executive committee: Mrs. Eileen Townsend, v.p., and Abe Hagiwara, Chicago JACL president, recreation comm. chmn. . . Mei-Lan, the last giant panda in captivity, died of heart attack at the Brookfield Zoo . . . A handsome facelifting of Clark St. north of the Chicago river by erasing slums, creating new commercial districts and planting trees is projected by the Greater North Michigan Ave. Ass'n. . . School bells rang Tuesday last week calling over 600,000 pupils . . . Compulsory inspection of Chicago automobiles is expected to end by Oct. 1 as the city council voted to close down the city's vehicle testing lanes situated at nine locations. While compulsory inspection was started in 1936, some 250,000 suburban cars using streets are not inspected and recent surveys held annual inspections did not minimize the prevention of fatal accidents . . . Said Seiichiro Yasui, governor of Tokyo municipality, of slums: "Most of the city was destroyed by bombs. Anyone who has a place to sleep is thankful". Of teen-age gangs, he said: "There aren't any for two reasons—the Japanese youngster have no pocket money and family supervision is very strict." He and a party of 40 Japanese dignitaries were here last week. Added the Chicago American editorial: "In that observation, Mayor Yasui offers the people of Chicago an excellent remedy for juvenile gangsterism in a very small capsule. If Chicago parents would stop spoiling their adolescent boys and girls with too much hand-out money and if all parents kept track of what their children were doing, there would not be any teenage mobs in Chicago".

Personals . . .

The Labor Day holidays found the James T. Nishimuras, Thomas Masudas, Dr. George Hiuras and Dr. William Hiuras at Brown Lake, Wis. . . Milton H. Hayakawa, 6029 S. Woodlawn, received his B.A. degree in labor relations from Roosevelt College last Sunday . . . At Englewood High School is Yoshita Yamada as football coach . . . The Armitags are sponsoring "Huddle Hop" at McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn St., Sept. 25 . . . On Beulah Karney's TV show last Monday morning were Kyoko Morishita (vocal selection), Mrs. Kenji Nakane (Japanese cooking), Mary Takahashi (flower arrangement), and students of Shizuko Inbe (Japanese dance) . . . The Dr. George Hiuras, 6520 S. University Ave., vacationed in Los Angeles and San Francisco for three weeks recently, going and coming via plane. One of the charter Chicago JACLers, the former Sebastopol (Calif.) Nisei married a hometown girl, Masae Oshida. They have two children, Gregory, 14, and Jeanne, 12. Today he is regarded as one of Chicago's finest dentists with offices at 1305 E. 63rd St. He is a member of the JACL, 20 & 5, American Bridge League, Midwest Golf, Nisei Dentist of Chicago. His wife is dental technician at the same office . . . His younger brother, Dr. William Hiura, 8116 S. Dorchester Ave., is an optometrist at 1454 E. 53rd St. Married to another Sebastopol girl, Toshiye Oshida, they have two daughters, Lillian, 13, and Betty, 11. The two brothers are excellent bridge players. Bill, who has been active in the JACL, is also a member of the 20 & 5, 53rd St. Business Ass'n, Midwest Golf and the American Bridge League. While Toshiye is receptionist at the office, she is well known for her culinary artistry.



Over the Labor Day weekend at Minneapolis, the Twin Cities chapter was host to the third biennial Midwest District Council convention. Among the banquet highlights were the presentation of ADC awards (top) by Dr. Isaac Iijima (left), chapter president, to G. T. Yokoyama and J. H. Takata for their outstanding leadership and service in past ADC drives in the Twin Cities; and the installation of new MDC officers (lower) by Dr. T. T. Yatabe (left). Installed were Rose Ogino, Harry Takagi, new MDC chairman; Abe Hagiwara and Martha Kitaoka, others not being present. —Paul Iida Photos

Citizenship parley to hear Masaoka

Washington
The eighth national Conference on Citizenship being held this weekend at the Statler Hotel in the Nation's Capital was to hear the reaction of Issei Japanese to the privilege of naturalization from Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.
Masaoka was named one of the discussion leaders. He is the first American of Oriental ancestry to be included in the discussions. Also participating as delegates are Ira Shimasaki, Eastern District Council chairman, and Dr. George Furukawa, Washington, D.C. chapter president.
The conference is jointly sponsored by the Attorney General, the Dept. of Justice and the National Education Ass'n. Delegates are invited from thousands of public and private organizations to discuss problems of American citizenship. "What Price Freedom" is this year's theme. The JACL has participated in the past seven conferences.

Early Christmas party tendered ARC worker

Portland, Ore.
A surprise early Christmas party to express bon voyage to Mary Minamoto, who is Tokyo bound for the American Red Cross, was given at the Portland Red Cross chapter house canteen Sept. 3.
The party was spearheaded by a telegram from Leonard R. Davis, director of operations, Office of Telecommunications Service, National Red Cross, Washington, followed by a party organized by her former and present associates.
Miss Minamoto, who has been with the local Red Cross the past eight years, is in San Francisco this week and is scheduled to leave this Sunday for Tokyo.
A longtime worker with the Portland JACL, she was tendered some 20 individual parties from local friends.

• Nippon Television Network began operations Aug. 28 six hours a day—two hours longer than the government-subsidized non-commercial network.

CLUB NOTES

San Francisco
Renewing and new 1000 Club memberships for the month of August, 1953, are as follows:

- SIXTH YEAR
Fred Kataoka, Peoria, Ill.
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- FOURTH YEAR
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Mas Oji, Yuba City, Calif.
- THIRD YEAR
Harry I. Takagi, Minneapolis, Minn.
Charles Tatsuda, Minneapolis, Minn.
- SECOND YEAR
Chester Fujino, Minneapolis, Minn.
Michi Ikeda, Reedley, Calif.
Dr. Sumao Nakano, Minn. Minn.
Dr. George Nishida, Minn. Minn.
Dr. C.T. Sakaguchi, San Fernando, Calif.
- NEW
Minoru Uyeda, Monterey, Calif.
Fred Y. Ohno, Minneapolis, Minn.
Frank Yanari, Minneapolis, Minn.

INAGAKI, ISHIMARU TO VISIT NORTHWEST

San Francisco
George J. Inagaki, National JACL president, leaves here by auto with Haruo Ishimaru, N.C. regional director, to visit the Pacific Northwest chapters this coming week, it was announced by National JACL headquarters.

They will meet with the Portland chapter on Sept. 19, the Mid-Columbia River chapter at Hood River, Ore., the next day.

They meet the Puyallup Valley chapter at Tacoma, Sept. 22 and then will fly to Spokane for a meeting on Sept. 23 and visit the Seattle chapter on Sept. 24.

Inagaki is also attending the Pacific Northwest Floral Convention in Vancouver, B.C., later this month.

CHAPTER MEMO

Fowler JACL: Tom Shirakawa was appointed chairman of the Fowler JACL Fall Festival float in the Nov. 6 parade.

Berkeley JACL: Shoei Ikemi, top Nisei ukelele artist and former member of Ray Kinney's Hawaiian Revue, will appear as guest star at the "Talent Vision" show Sept. 26 at Berkeley High School's Little Theater.

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• A Japanese poll recently found 65 percent favored U.S. bases in Japan, 18.5 percent opposed and the remaining 16.5 percent undecided. Some 3,000 men and women were asked.

• Tim Arai, formerly of Sacramento, left New York for an indefinite business trip in Japan for his firm, the Perolin Co.

• Alien doctors and dentists are now eligible for commissions in the U.S. Naval Reserve. They may apply even though no declaration of intent to become naturalized has been made.

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HARUO ISHIMARU

Long, long trail . . .

Last week I spent three days visiting chapters: the Salinas and San Benito County chapters, and the Gilroy area. Thursday was a meeting of the Salinas Chapter at the Westview Presbyterian Church under the direction of JOHN TERAKAWA, energetic chapter president. It was pleasant meeting with chapter officers and Issei leaders of the area.

Following the meeting I had coffee with TOM "LEFTY" MIYANAGA, District Council treasurer, and learned some interesting things about him. Not only is he one of our most active JACLers but he is the vice-president of the Monterey County Credit Union Association and one of the few motorcycle enthusiasts among Nisei. He is an active member of both a local and national motorcycle club.

The following evening, the San Benito County Chapter held a big barbecue. It was quite a treat since the "piece de resistance" was barbecued venison. I understand the barbecue came about because the chapter members decided to call the bluff of TOM SHIMONISHI, past president, who offered to furnish deer for a barbecue. TOM, a mustachioed bachelor, is more interested in "deers" than deer; consequently, he passed the buck (no pun intended) to hawkkey TONY, his brother, who brought home the deer. The barbecue was a real treat since I had never before eaten venison.

Following the meal, approximately 30 members of the chapter met for a brief business session. Pounding the gavel in his capacity as chapter president was GLENN KOWAKI. I outlined the problems affecting the JACL.

Following the business session, the boys instructed me in a new game which I understand is sweeping the country called "poker." Although I understand normally there is a tuition fee, because of the generosity of the San Benito County JACLers, they refunded my tuition fee and a little bonus. Although this chapter is one that is really on the ball, I will henceforth remember it as the chapter that literally "passes the buck."

A brief note on this chapter: Although it is one of our smallest chapters, it has quite a record of achievements. As far as we know, it was the only chapter from the Pacific Coast that remained intact and continued meetings in the relocation camp during the war years. Also, in terms of percentage of membership, because of the fact that they have some Issei special members, the San Benito County Chapter has actually more members than there are American citizens of Japanese ancestry in the county.

On Saturday evening, accompanied by GEORGE NISHITA, I visited some of the fellows in the Gilroy area. We were guests of JACK OBATA of the large Obata clan for dinner. Brother TOM is president of the Men's Club, and we talked to a number of their members and Issei about hopes for a Gilroy JACL chapter and about Japanese American problems in general. They were quite interested in our program. We hope we will be able to welcome them into our official JACL family in the near future.

On this trip the chief item of interest was the new development concerning the Issei and World War I draft classification. This was also the major item of interest at the District Council Executive Board meeting last Sunday.

At this meeting, HARRY ITAYA, District Council vice-president, and SAM ITAYA, president of the Stockton Chapter, outlined some of the highlights being planned for the District Council convention to be held in Stockton on Nov. 7-8.

French Camp and Stockton chapters co-host the affair. Stockton is famous for its fishing, especially striped bass, and a convention highlight for not only booster but official delegates will be a fishing derby Saturday morning. Other events are also being planned.

I remember visiting Stockton not long ago when my cousin, Shoichi of Bacon Island, came back with a striped bass which tipped the scale at 39¾ pounds. That's a lot of sashimi! Maybe the main course the convention banquet will be striped bass a la JACL.

Off to the Hills . . .

Am leaving today on a combination vacation and business trip to the Pacific Northwest area. Will drive up with GEORGE INAGAKI, National President, and visit chapters in that corner of our country. I certainly welcome this opportunity to get back to my old stomping grounds. Both my wife and I originally hail from Seattle.

Visa application ruling reversed

Los Angeles
Though turned down at first by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, George Toyosaku Kawahara, upon reconsideration, was given approval for a visa for his Japanese-born wife to come to the United States.

Kawahara was born in Los Angeles in 1903. During the war he was in Japan, where he and his wife, Ai Iizumi were married on Dec. 29, 1943. Thereafter Kawahara returned to the United States.

With the passage of the McCarran-Walter Act, his wife became eligible for a non-quota immigration visa to join her husband. Immediately after the effective date of the Act Kawahara applied for her visa to join him. He was turned down because the Immigration and Naturalization Service was not satisfied that he was a citizen of the United States.

Attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand were retained. Additional proof was obtained, and application for reconsideration filed and arguments made. Upon further consideration of the matter, the additional evidence and the arguments, the office reconsidered its ruling and reversed it, thus paving the way for Mr. and Mrs. Kawahara to be reunited in this, the country of their choice.

Train-truck collision

Stockton
While no one was injured, there was another train-truck collision here last week when a 2½-ton truck and trailer operated by Sam I. Nakao, 24, struck a freight car at Fremont and B Sts. Both boxcar and truck were slightly damaged. Nakao said his brakes failed at the crossing.

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CAPSULES

Another Japanese student will enter Lafayette College this fall to study under a scholarship founded with the GI life insurance of a former Lafayette student who was killed fighting the Japanese. The scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone of Downingtown, Pa., in memory of their son Robert.

New student is Yuji Ito, 16-year-old son of the managing director of Nippon Mfg. Co. in Tokyo. First student was Robert Nishiyama.

The home of Isamu Adachi in the middle of Walnut Grove's (Calif.) Japanese section was destroyed by fire on Labor Day. Neighboring homes were saved by the quick response of firemen and a lack of wind.

Three Berkeley boys stranded at Mussel Rock in San Francisco Bay by a rising tide were rescued by Seaman John M. Tuft of the Coast Guards, who swam 100 yards through boiling surf to carry a lifeline to Allen Matsumoto, 18, Dave Tsukamoto, 18, and his brother Tom.

Three newly-composed tunes will be used by Gladys Omoto of Honolulu for her tryout with Nippon Columbia records in October. Pretty Miss Omoto was acclaimed "Miss Columbia of Hawaii" in a talent show competition.

Sonoji Katada, prewar Los Angeles resident, who was caretaker of the Chicago Resettlers building, was struck down by an automobile Sept. 1 in front of the building and died Sept. 3 without regaining consciousness at the hospital.

Margie Matsushima, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kihei Matsushima of Ft. Lupton, Colo., was among the recent cases of poliomyelitis, raising the year's total in Weld County to seven.

Mrs. Rosa Mayeda, wife of Dr. Takashi Mayeda, Denver dentist recently called to the armed forces, was scheduled to leave for Wurzburg, Germany, to join her husband, a captain in the Army dental corps.

Issei over 75 years of age will be seated on the stage when San Francisco's Japanese American residents honor Crown Prince Akihito on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Sigmund Stern Grove.

Japan Air Line's first DC-6B airliner, which goes into its San Francisco-Tokyo service around Dec. 1, left the Oakland airport this week on its first trans-Pacific flight under JAL flag.

Jewelry including two diamond rings estimated at \$1,035 were reported missing to Sacramento police by Mrs. Ishimatsu Kyotani, wife of the proprietor of Fifth Ave. Jewelry, last week. She waited on a customer, while another walked around the store; later discovering several items stolen after the pair had left.

Violinist Toyshiya Eto of Tokyo starts a nation-wide tour in November, according to Sol Hurok, noted impresario. His itinerary includes Erie, San Antonio, Austin, Milwaukee, St. Louis and the Worcester Festival.

Ten-year-old Sachiro Kono, daughter of Mrs. Shizuko Kono and the late Eitaro Kono of Yokosuka, will enter the special English training class at the Hawaiian Mission Academy this fall. She is the youngest member to come to Hawaii from Japan to study.

5-F DRAFT STATUS OF WORLD WAR 1 HITS ISSEI MEN FOR TRAVEL VISA

San Francisco
Citizenship for Issei men who were classified 5-F during World War I is being held up by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, it was reported by the JACL regional office. This denial is based upon Section 315 of Public Law 414.

Section 315 says:
Alien Relieved from Training and Service in the Armed Forces of the United States Because of Alienage Barred from Citizenship.

Section 315 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 405 (b), any alien who applies for exemption or discharge from training or service in the Armed Forces or

in the National Security Training Corps of the United States on the ground that he is an alien, and is or was relieved or discharged from such ground, shall be permanently ineligible to become a citizen of the United States.

(b) The records of the Selective Service System or of the National Military Establishment shall be conclusive as to whether an alien was relieved or discharged from such liability for training or service because he was an alien.

Many Issei men have already passed all preliminary requirements necessary to become citizens and are waiting to be called to court to be sworn in.

It was further reported by the regional office that although 5-F was the classification of aliens who had requested exemption because of alienage, indications were that many of the Issei were classified 5-F even though they did not specifically ask for such exemption.

The JACL is planning to appeal in behalf of these Issei, according to the regional office, and the situation will be further studied by the National JACL Study Commission on Immigration and Naturalization.

23 more Denver Issei naturalized U.S. citizens

Denver
Mother of 10 children, five of whom served with U.S. forces during World War II, was among 23 Issei taking citizenship oaths here Sept. 1. She is Mrs. Matsu Koshi, 69, of 1311 Marion St. Lone male applicant was the Rev. Takeo Agatsuma, the other 22 being women. This brings the total of Denver naturalized Issei to 24.

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No Nicer Guy

Gallup, N.M.

No one was more astonished at the size of the welcoming crowd than Sergeant Hiroshi Miyamura himself. Close to 10,000 Gallupians (Gallupites?) jammed the Santa Fe station plaza last Wednesday and lined the streets to cheer their hometown hero. The welcome was as sincere as it was big. Cub Scouts and little girls ran alongside the black Chrysler which carried Hiroshi and his wife Terry, and spontaneous applause broke out along the route.

School had been recessed and business houses closed their doors for two hours to make the homecoming more complete. Even the high school Navajo band was out in force, trailed by a group of Navajo women bearing the colors.

Walt Shibata of Gallup, whose wife Anne performed yeoman service in arranging the homecoming program, expressed the thoughts of many fellow townsmen when he said: "They couldn't have given the Medal of Honor to a nicer guy. Hiroshi is one fellow who'll never be showing off, or throwing his weight around. You hardly know he's there when he's with a group of fellows."

Terry Miyamura, Hiroshi's wife, says of her husband: "He just sort of grows on you. He's very quiet, even at home."

Miyamura himself has accepted the acclaim in stride. Of the heroism that won him the Medal of Honor: "I was just doing what I was told to do, hold my position." Of the gracious, modest manner in which he has conducted himself, even though there must have been times when he wanted to scream at the world to leave him alone: "The JACL fellows told me what this means to all the Nisei. If I'm in a position to help the Nisei as a group, then I'll do everything I can. Everybody's been awfully nice to me."

One of the highlights of Miyamura's homecoming was the check of \$3,850 which was presented him by the citizens of Gallup. Actual presentation was made by Amelio Gregorio, who had been best-man at Miyamura's wedding.

The fund for Miyamura started modestly as a plan to buy him a wrist watch and a suit of clothes, with perhaps a watch for Terry, too, if there was enough money. The ball was carried by the local newspaper, the Gallup Independent, with State Senator Guido Zecca pushing the drive. Most of the gifts were in the \$5 and \$10 class, but they rolled in and kept rolling in. The largest was \$300, contributed by the Rotary club, and the smallest was 50 cents which little Michael Garcia contributed from his piggy-bank savings.

Although townspeople thoughtfully left the Miyamuras to themselves after the first excitement was over, the modest Miyamura home at 132 E. Terrace continued to be a lively place. Hiroshi's five sisters, their husbands and assorted youngsters were home for the celebration.

The girls (Chiyoko Herrera, Gamarco, N.M.; Momoko Saruwatari, Delta, Colo.; Michiko Yoshida, Los Angeles; Shizuko Tanikawa, Downey, Calif.; Shigeko Sasaki, Long Beach, Calif.) were busy most of the time cooking and washing dishes. Their respective husbands ate, took care of the children, and napped. There were five young nieces and nephews for Miyamura to become acquainted with.

Miyamura, who will be 28 years old on Oct. 9 served with the 442nd R.C.T. in Italy but didn't get into combat. He trained at Camp Shelby, but couldn't go overseas with his

outfit because he was only 18 years old. Miyamura was foiled a second time when medics at the port of embarkation found he had a hernia. After an operation the third try was successful. A couple of days out of Naples, however, they got word the war in Europe was over.

Miyamura pulled a lot of guard duty with the occupation forces, came home with the regimental colors and was reviewed by President Truman with a lot of other proud 442nd boys. Then he enlisted in the reserve and went home to New Mexico. Miyamura had served one hitch and had re-enlisted when he was recalled to active duty in September, 1950. He was told he would

be assigned as a cadreman, training draftees, and would not have to go overseas. A couple of months later he landed on Wonson, just in time to hold the beachhead for the epic evacuation of U.S. forces from the Korean east coast.

Miyamura narrowly escaped death or capture in his very first Korean battle. His machine gun squad was isolated on a ridge surrounded by the enemy and made the target of an Allied air attack. When the fliers discovered Americans were still on the hill, they shifted their attack and Miyamura and his comrades were able to escape. They'd been given up for dead by their company commander.

Vagaries . . .

Earl Warren: 1943-1953

There was a time when a suggestion that Earl Warren, governor of California, be appointed Chief Justice of the United States would have been greeted with consternation by the Nisei.

Back in the days when he was district attorney of Alameda county and even as recent as a decade ago when he was serving his first term as governor, Mr. Warren made all the noises of a professional Jap-baiter. He parroted the white supremacist line of the Native Sons of the Golden West, of which he was a prominent member, and he was vehement in his demand for the mass evacuation and continued exclusion of persons of Japanese descent from the west coast.

Earl Warren, then attorney general of California, came to office in 1942 with the backing of the state's reactionary political interests and with the active support of those groups which, in 1942, were engaged in perpetuating the "Japanese issue" in California politics.

An anti-Japanese campaign has been a staple in California politics since Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco and Boss Abe Ruef cooked up a phony "yellow peril" scare to take public attention off their own corruption. Gov. Hiram Johnson used the "yellow peril" as one of the main ingredients of his successful campaign for the United States senate.

During the 1930s most of the anti-Japanese racists were dormant, though some like William Bonelli still went through the motions, but the worsening of U.S.-Japanese relations in the years preceding Pearl Harbor made the issue once more pertinent politically.

As California's attorney general, Earl Warren appeared before the Tolan committee in March of 1942 to demand the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese descent. He inferred that mass evacuation was necessary because the Japanese were not white. "We believe," he declared, "that when we are dealing with the Caucasian race we have methods that will test the loyalty of them." Warren also produced maps which purported to show that persons of Japanese ancestry lived in the vicinity of west coast defense installations, dams, power lines and main highways. He inferred there was something insidious in the geographic location of the Japanese American population, although he neglected to note that in most cases the residents of Japanese ancestry were already there before the dams, powerlines and major highways were built.

In his first year as governor, Earl Warren, attended the annual conference of governors in Columbus, Ohio and made a speech in which he warned against the possible subversive menace of relocated Japanese American evacuees. His anti-Nisei blast was answered in

part by Dwight Griswold, then governor of Nebraska and now a United States senator, who defended the loyalty of the Japanese Americans in his state.

Sometime between that speech at Columbus, his last major anti-Japanese utterance, and the day in 1945 when he was faced with the army's decision to reopen the west coast to persons of Japanese ancestry, Earl Warren abandoned his racist fervor. It is possible that the change was part of a general reorientation, since Gov. Warren is certainly a man who has grown in stature with each successive term in the governor's mansion at Sacramento. He has, in fact, outgrown his original political supporters and, perhaps more than any man in the history of California politics, enjoys the favor of Republicans and Democrats alike. In 1950, he won both the Republican and Democratic nominations and has proved himself pretty

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Ralph Bunche, Negro educator and U.N. official, is president of the American Political Science Association, a post once held by Woodrow Wilson, James Bryce and Charles A. Beard.

The American Legion national convention called for investigation of the American Civil Liberties Union.

A New Orleans judge and a legal opinion in Virginia opened state-supported Southern white colleges to Negroes for the first time at the undergraduate level last week.

DECADE AGO

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Majority of evacuees loyal, Pres. Roosevelt says in letter to Senate.

Lt. Gen. Emmons succeeds Gen. DeWitt as commander of Western Defense Command; DeWitt new head at Army and Navy Staff College, Washington, D.C.

Manzanar Camp riot leaders of December, 1942, held at abandoned CCC camp near Moab, Utah.

Japanese language schools being dissolved in Hawaii, property turned over to community agencies.

Postwar World Council (New York) urges compensation for evacuees for losses incurred by evacuation and prevailing wages for workers in camp.

Loyal evacuees at Tule Lake to be moved out.

California Stabilization Commission denies unemployment insurance rights to evacuees in WRA camps.

by Bill Hosokawa Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Honda

Mailing Math

The past two decades of the New Deal and Fair Deal went to town with rules, regulations and redtape. But the Eisenhower administration, which was going to simplify things, has come up with something of a dilly. Postmaster General Summerfield has a literary creation that looks historical from this point . . . Title: "Weighing Second Class Matter" . . . A very simple title, but that's all . . . It has to do with newspapers and how they, henceforth, are required to keep a record of how much their publications weigh, where they go, how much a sheet of newsprint weighs, etc. . . . If this sounds complicated, the reader should refer to the July 16 Postal Bul-

letin, a copy of which the circulation department at each newspaper office has found confounding . . . In each postal zone, the newspaper is asked to compile data on the number of copies and the number of pounds placed in the mail . . . This is broken down into "copies outside the county containing 5 percent or less advertising; copies outside the county at a special rate of 1 1/4 cents per pound; copies within the county free of postage; free" matter for the blind; copies at local or headquarters per copy rates of 1 or 2 cents" . . . That's only the beginning.

One item prescribes the "Procedure for determining bulk weight of one issue". Another newly-substituted paragraph for rescinded matter is "How to determine average weight per copy of one issue" . . . Instructions say to "divide the bulk weight of the test copies by the number of test copies to obtain the average weight per copy in pounds with six digits to the right of the decimal point" . . . This calls for a mathematician, really, not a circulation manager or editor . . . Then determining how much one copy weighs (with six digits to the right of the decimal point), more detailed instructions follow on how to find out how much one sheet weighs . . . Procedure F, subdivision 2, says to "divide the average weight of one copy by the number of sheets in the copy to determine the weight of one sheet in pounds. Record fractions of pounds as decimals with six digits to the right of the decimal point . . . The guy who wrote up the new regulations is a happy six-place man, I see. In our case, the Pacific Citizen has reported figures such as .063732 and .064248 for weight of one copy . . . To conclude, here's a verbatim quote of another paragraph in the same bulletin: (E): " . . . The postmaster shall obtain the total bulk weight by multiplying the average number of copies mailed by the combined weight of one copy from each issue. The average number of copies of each issue mailed during the month shall be obtained from the statement on Form 3542 required by No. 34.46 (b), and shall be determined by the publisher in the manner prescribed by No. 34.46 (b). The combined weight of one copy from each issue shall also be obtained from the statement on Form 3452 and shall be determined by the publisher in the manner prescribed by Paragraph (F) of this section".

While our circulation department had grim faces for the past several weeks, computing average weights of sheet and each copy, and keeping tab of how many copies go to various zones, you should look through the second-class window at the post office . . . It's groggy enough trying to read the instructions, let alone follow them. The man who wrote the new regulations, it might be added, is gleefully reflecting on the increased sale of aspirin tablets . . . While the Pacific Citizen is small-time by comparison with the national magazines which use the second-class privilege, let not the July 16 Postal Bulletin hinder any plans to boost P.C. circulation.

One more note: To E. O. Sacramento: The gentleman in the picture with Miss Nippon had to sit down while she stood. The spot was too dirty for her, avers the photographer.

ranks and did. Gov. Warren's qualifications, though lacking a judicial background, are far better than some of the recent appointments to the court, including those of Justices Burton, Minton and Clark.

by Larry Tajiri