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WASHINGTON JACL CHAPTER JOINS IN NON-DISCRIMINATION PLEA

Washington
The Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League joined 20 local and national organizations in asking the District Board of Commissioners to end racial discrimination in all licensed places of public amusement and accommodation in the Nation's capital.

Although persons of Japanese ancestry are not barred from public places in Washington at this time, Dr. George Furukawa, chapter president, indicated that JACL's position was taken in accordance with the League's principle that all Americans, regardless of race, color, or creed, are entitled to equal treatment and consideration.

Dr. Furukawa noted that his chapter had joined in previous

efforts, both judicial and administrative, to eliminate racial segregation and discrimination in Washington, D.C.

The joint letter contends that the District Commissioners already have the authority to end racial discrimination in public places because of the unanimous United States Supreme Court decision in the Thompson Restaurant case and that they ought to exercise it.

The Thompson Restaurant case, in which the JACL was a participant as a friend of the court, held that the so-called "lost laws" of 1870 were applicable even though they had not been "enforced" since before the turn of the century. These "lost laws" declared that it was unlawful for any restaurant to deny service to any persons because of race.

The letter in which the JACL joined argues that this means that all licensed public places in the nation's capital are prohibited from practicing racial discrimination.

The JACL joined the following organizations in signing the letter that has been sent to the District Commissioners:

American Civil Liberties Union, American Council on Human Rights, American Federation of Labor, Washington Chapter of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, American Veterans Committee, Americans for Democratic Action.

Regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Catholic Interracial Council of Washington, Social Action Committee of Congregational Christian Churches, Congress of Industrial Organizations, Consolidated Parents' group, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington Ethical Society, Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, District Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Congress of American Indians, Commission on Community Life of Washington Federation of Churches and Washington Fellowship.

DINERS EAT HEARTY MEAL, THEN ROB CAFE

Salt Lake City
Two diners at the China Tea Garden, 115½ S. Main, last week ate a hearty meal, paid their check—then pulled guns and robbed the restaurant of an estimated \$150.

Only customers at the time, the two men pulled a gun on cashier Miss Aya Yano, 26, 218 Emeril Ave. They fled after ripping the telephone cord at the cashier's counter. She went to the kitchen to call police. Cafe operator is Ray Wong.

INAGAKI, ISHIMARU FETED IN SEATTLE

Seattle
Kindred ties between National Headquarters at the Seattle chapter were strengthened when George Inagaki, National JACL president, met with members of this chapter on his "grass-roots" tour throughout the Northwest last week.

He was accompanied by Haruo Ishimaru, No. Calif. regional director. Both were honored at a dinner meeting at Bush Garden.

Citizenship problems and progress, claims adjustment progress, CL efforts to correct an inaccurate list of subversive organizations and financial matters were the four major items discussed. The peculiar situation of Alaskan residents with regard to claims adjustment was called to the attention of the visitors in the discussion.

Japanese art exhibit

Chicago
The Japanese art exhibit at the Art Institute will be open until 9 p.m. on Oct. 7 and 14. The masterpieces will be shown until Oct. 15.



Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura (left), Medal of Honor awardee, and Sgt. Dan E. McKinney (right), Miyamura's buddy from Clovis, N. M., confer with Lt. Col. C. R. Brandt on their VIP treatment to be given the two men when they are separated from the Army at Ft. Bliss Oct. 9. Brandt said that a review the following day would honor the Gallup-born hero and that both they and their families would be afforded the best that the post could offer during the separation process. —Gallup Independent Photo

VIP treatment for Sgt. Miyamura planned by Ft. Bliss separation unit

Gallup, N.M.
Army officers from Ft. Bliss, Tex., were here last week to prepare VIP treatment for Medal of Honor winner Hiroshi Miyamura's separation from the Army next Friday.

Sgt. Miyamura will report Oct. 8 at Fort Bliss after his 30-day leave is up. The next day, he will be processed out of the Army and on Saturday, he will be honored with a six-battalion review, according to Lt. Col. C. R. Brandt, public information officer for Ft. Bliss. The special arrangements were ordered by Maj. Gen. S. R. Mickelsen,

commanding general at Ft. Bliss.

With the Nisei hero through the unusual discharge procedures will be Sgt. Dan E. McKinney of Clovis, his PW camp buddy, both of whom plan to open a drive-in on U.S. Hwy. 66. McKinney plans to marry soon and move to Gallup by Nov. 1.

Families of both men will be guests of the Army during the separation and review. They will be quartered at the "Fifth Avenue" accommodations on the post reserved for visiting generals.

Miyamura plans to drive down with his wife, Terry, his father and his brother and his wife.

During the two weeks just passing, the Miyamuras were honored at a testimonial in Los Angeles, a Hollywood premiere and visited MGM studios. They will be honored tomorrow at Phoenix by the Arizona JACL.

Both men were members of the Inactive Reserve when they were recalled to active duty in 1950. McKinney had served on occupation duty in Germany for two years and Miyamura was on the boat to join the 442nd RCT as a replacement in Italy when the war ended.

Both expressed doubt that they would rejoin the Reserves after they are discharged. Miyamura was captured on the Imjin River on the night of Apr. 24, 1951, while serving in the Third Division. He received the Medal of Honor for defending a position while his men were able to retreat and is reported to have killed more than 50 Reds before being captured. McKinney was taken at Chipori, two days earlier, while serving with the 24th Division.

Unbeliever

San Jose
San Jose Mercury columnist Frank Freeman notes in his "Here 'tis" this week a kid came up to Harry Taketa at his creamery at 211 Jackson St. He had an important question to ask.

"How much is the 5-cent coke?"

The cards are designed by artists of the participating organizations.

• While Japan has pressed for return of Okinawa and the Bonins, Sec. of State Dulles recently announced the U.S. would continue to administer the strategic islands of the western Pacific. Even U.N. trusteeship was ruled out.

SALINAS ISSEI COUPLE NATURALIZED TOGETHER

Salinas, Calif.
The first Issei to be naturalized here as American citizen are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eizo Teraji. They appeared in the court of Judge Anthony Brazil Sept. 15 and were put through a joint husband-wife test, passing with flying colors.

They have two sons in the armed services and a daughter, Mrs. Nobuo Asada, in Los Angeles.



Judge John F. Aiso was sworn in this week as judge to the Los Angeles Municipal Court by State Supreme Court Chief Justice Phil Gibson. Judge Aiso was the first Mainland Nisei to be appointed to the bench by Gov. Earl Warren of California, now U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice-designate.

—Rafu Shippo Photo.

'Teahouse' tryout successful

New Haven, Conn.
"Teahouse of the August Moon" got off on the right foot at its pre-Broadway premiere at the Shubert Theater Sept. 23. Interesting theme, built around postwar Army occupation of Okinawa, lends itself to comedy sequences that come through with a wallop, commented a Daily Variety critic.

Mariko Niki, who handles a lead role as Lotus Blossom, embellishes the cast with Ori-

ental attractiveness. Tokyo-born, she came primarily to the United States to study fashion design at Columbia University in New York, where she applied for the role last August and won the part without hesitation from the producer Maurice Evans.

Story relates what happens when the officers plan for natives to manufacture souvenirs falls through. Attempt to dispose of trinkets is a bust but silver lining breaks out discovery that villagers have the corner on making brandy which they sell to Army-Navy personnel. There's a brief thread of romance between the captain and a geisha girl but nothing comes of it. Almost three hours running time indicates a strong need for slicing with several lagging sequences due for the ax, the Variety critic concluded.

Akihito, Nixon due in Honolulu

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA Honolulu

The coincidental arrival in Hawaii next week of two very important persons is keeping official and social circles here bustling with preparations for their welcome.

Vice-President Richard Nixon will come to town on Oct. 7. Crown Prince Akihito of Japan arrives the day after.

Both will stay for three days at the famous Royal Hawaiian Hotel on Waikiki Beach, then leave for the Orient.

The Vice-President and the Crown Prince will be together at only one official function—a garden party in honor of Akihito at Washington Place, the

official residence of the Governor of Hawaii, Samuel Wilder King. Nixon and Akihito have already met in Washington.

Aside from the garden party, each will go his separate way while in the islands.

For the Japanese community particularly, the visit of the Crown Prince is stirring anew the tremendous goodwill which attended his first visit last April. He was then on his way to England to attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. His one-day stop-over, brief as it was, attracted an unprecedented amount of publicity here and in Japan because Honolulu was the first foreign soil he touched upon.

Thousands again are expected to be on hand for his arrival, this time by a Pan American plane instead of by a luxury liner.

Akihito will have two official engagements, both of which will be well attended by the local Japanese.

Governor and Mrs. King have invited a large number of Japanese leaders to the garden party at Washington Place, along with government, civic and military officials.

The welcome Oct. 9 will give the Japanese community its own special occasion for feting the royal personage. It will be at the residence of the Japanese consul general.

The balance of Akihito's time will be free for relaxation and recreation, perhaps a sightseeing tour to the famed Nuuanu Pali; a tour of sugar and pineapple plantations; swimming, tennis, horseback riding, canoe riding; perhaps even an interscholastic football game.

The Crown Prince and his party will leave the night of

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Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

Capital Cops . . .

One of the phenomena of the more recent Congresses is the tendency to conduct investigations into almost every conceivable subject. This has led many contemporary historians to observe that Congress has given up its legislative functions for investigative chores.

The record of the 83rd Congress to date, for example, shows that more than 90 investigations have been undertaken by mid-September, with at least ten more slated to begin before the end of the year. By adjournment time last Aug. 4, Congress had already completed or initiated about 85 investigations by its own members. Perhaps as many as 40 more will be inquiries credited to committee staffs.

For purposes of this newsletter, investigations are defined as any inquiry by a Congressional committee or subcommittee using the investigative procedures (examining records and summoning and questioning witnesses) for one or more of the following reasons: (1) Factfinding for possible special or remedial legislation, (2) Fulfilling Congress' function as the watching over government operations and practices, (3) To inform the public on vital issues, (4) To resolve questions concerning membership or procedure, such as those on conduct of elections or qualifications of Members of Congress, and (5) To gain publicity or notoriety. Some have alleged that on occasion investigations have been held for the purpose of intimidation or compulsion.

Hearings bearing on legislation before committees or subcommittees or concerned with the confirmation of executive nominations and inquiries conducted by staff members but without participation by congressmen are not included in this definition.



MASAOKA

Cost of Investigations . . .

Nearly four million dollars in funds have been authorized for investigations thus far, with perhaps as much and probably more needed to carry on the many specific probes under active consideration for 1954.

The regular committees of the House, such as Agriculture, Foreign Relations, Judiciary, etc., spent \$1,582,050 during the First Session as against \$2,060,000 spent by both sessions of the 82nd Congress for investigations. In addition, investigations by special and select committees, like Small Business, Foundations, Pornographic Materials, cost \$215,000 this year against \$625,000 for 1951-2.

On the Senate side, \$1,593,000 was authorized for investigations by the 1953 standing committees, while both sessions of the 82nd Congress spent \$2,740,000 on investigations, plus \$50,000 for the crime investigation and \$107,500 for special joint committees.

At this time, it should be emphasized that these expenditures are only for congressional investigations; the executive branch also conducts its own probes and the money need may approach amount spent by the legislative investigations.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that standing committees of the House have no funds of their own to use for investigations unless the House provides the money by special resolution. The authority to make investigations and to use these funds expires at the end of each Congress (two sessions, each lasting a calendar year). This is not the case in the senate.

Since the Senate is a continuing body, its committees operate somewhat differently. Each committee has authority to make general investigations within its field of operations, and at the beginning of each Congress automatically receives \$10,000 from the contingent fund for that purpose. Additions to this amount (usually in units of \$10,000 but occasionally in larger amounts) and money for special investigations are made available from the contingent fund by special resolution.

Headline Probes . . .

Investigations of the 83rd Congress, as of other Congresses, have varied in subject matter. Because of international tensions and the temper of the times, public interest, as well as congressional, centered on those concerned with internal security.

The Senate Government Operations Committee's Subcommittee on Investigations (McCarthy) has expanded much of its effort to disclosing alleged subversion in various phases of government activity.

Western trade with the Iron Curtain countries also made the headlines.

Continuing a probe begun in 1952, the Senate Judiciary Committee's International Security Subcommittee (Jenner) heard testimony relating to the alleged failure of the State Department to screen U.S. employees of the U.N. sufficiently.

On the House side, practically all internal security probing was done by the Un-American Activities Committee (Velde). This year, it has concentrated on alleged communistic activity in education, entertainment, and religion.

Other widely publicized investigations included alleged waterfront racketeering (Tobey) and the ammunition shortage in Korea (Mrs. Smith).

Recess Investigations . . .

About 50 separate investigations will be continued by 32 Congressional committees and subcommittees during the present recess. 32 probes by 24 committees are slated for the continental United States, and eight or more groups planned foreign studies on 17 different topics.

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Stockton area's first group of Issei were sworn in as citizens at August naturalization ceremonies before Superior Judge George F. Buck (left), who congratulated them in his chambers after the proceedings. New citizens are (left to right) Mrs. Kaoru Ito, Tamotsu Hayashi, Chiyo Omura, Morimitsu Ueda, Matsuyo Doi, Tahei Nagaoka, Hikota Shibata, Rev. Taro Goto and Kaneo Ueda. Also present were Mrs. Marie DeCarli and Greyce Kato, citizenship class instructors, and Sam Itaya, Stockton JACL chapter president.

CAPSULES:

Montana-born Nisei dress designer introducing U.S. fashions in Tokyo

A Nisei from Montana, Mrs. June Tanaka, is introducing occidental styles in fashion shows in Japan. She was a buying trip on the Mainland recently and has returned to Tokyo, where she is on the staff of Rogers Store, only shop in the Orient that sells American originals.

She went to Japan eight years ago to design and make clothes at the Army post exchange, then joined Rogers which began the presentation of fashion shows, something unheard of in Japan. She gave them first to wives of Occupation personnel but eventually Japanese society women clubs asked to view the unique American custom after the press and movies became interested in this strange event. She uses both Caucasian and Japanese models to show the latest fashions. She had to learn Japanese so that she could comment in both languages.

Attractive Mrs. Tanaka says Japanese women have taken to Western styles although they like subdued clothes. "The wealthier women of Japan dress more like San Franciscans—the proper suits and accessories for day wear, sophisticated cocktail dresses and evening gowns with the Parisian touch," she added.

Back in Tokyo, she is introducing the latest fall styles.

Minoru Fukuda, 25, son of a Japanese Imperial Army general killed in World War II, is

a student at the Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

For the first time, the six-man jury of the Venice International Film Festival declined to award the first prize—the Golden Lion of St. Mark—for the best film among 29 entered by 16 nations. Instead six films, including the Japanese film, "Ungetsu Monogatari," were judged for the second place silver Lion awards. The judges held the first place award could not be made because the quality was too nearly equal to allow a distinction.

Aiko Saita, Canada's contribution to the operatic world, will make her postwar American debut on either Oct 3 or 10 at Toronto. She has been in Japan the past decade.

Restoration of Liliuokalani Park in Hilo as a authentic Japanese garden has been in session who will seek advice of Nagao Sakurai, world famed

Bulk of Japan imports to Hawaii in foods—over \$2½ millions worth

Honolulu Hawaii importers brought \$5,232,781 worth of foodstuffs and other imports into the Islands from Japan last year, according to figures just released by the Japanese Consulate General here. Bulk of the imports—\$3,397,187 worth—was in foods and synthetic and silk textiles.

More than two and a half million dollars worth alone was foodstuffs of various kinds including fresh and frozen meats, \$64,605; fish \$773,237 and shellfish, \$460,237.

Vegetable food imports alone were valued at \$1,030,579.

The figures show that imports from Japan in 1952 were almost \$2,000,000 more than in 1950, the first postwar year for which figures are given.

In 1950 the total was \$3,564,748. In 1951 it was \$4,936,946.

The postwar growth of Japanese exports to Hawaii lends significance to the return to the Hawaii trade in the past few months of the NYK Line and the inauguration this year of

eastbound service from Japan by American Pioneer Line.

Separate figures for the last three months of 1952 indicate that imports arrived from Japan at Honolulu at the rate of about half a million dollars worth a month.

It is interesting to note that Hawaii imports of rayon and other synthetic fabrics far exceed in dollar value those of silk, \$403,425 to \$214,582 in 1952.

Compared with a reasonably normal pre-war year, for instance 1937, Japanese imports into Hawaii have only reached about two thirds of the pre-war total.

In 1937 it was recorded that Japan exported to Hawaii \$4,408,425 worth of goods, in about the same proportions of the various commodities as in 1952.

However, if the 1937 figure is corrected for its inflated 1952 equivalent, the 1937 total becomes \$8,129,135 in 1952 dollars. This is assuming the \$1 in 1937 is worth the equivalent of \$1.844 in 1952, based on price indexes.

Nipponese landscape architect.

First members of the recently concluded Detroit naturalization class to be called for examination last week were Suyehiro Kosai, Mrs. Masa Kosai, Mrs. Shizu Mano and Mrs. Misao Oshika.

Daughter of Sen. Pat McCarran, Sister Mary Mercy, sailed from New York for Naples aboard the Italian liner Conte Biancamano. On the faculty of the College of Holy Names, Oakland, she will study for a year at the Pope Pius XII School of Graduate Study, Florence.

Howard Renge, who recently opened his law office, was named scoutmaster of a new Boy Scout troop meeting at Fowler High School, near Fresno.

Peter I. Doi, formerly of Sacramento, was graduated last week as a chiropractor from the Univ. of Natural Healing in Denver.

Clara Kawahara of Ninole, Hawaii, was graduated with a degree in anaesthesiology from St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Ill., and was expected to take a qualifying examination for membership in the American Association of Nurse Anaesthetists.

Mrs. Larry Tajiri has temporarily joined the Mountain-Plains JACL office, 1225-20th St., Denver. She is assisting in the planning of the Mt. Plains District Council convention and serves as office secretary for the Mile-Hi chapter.

A \$12,500 educational unit has been proposed by the San Fernando Valley Japanese Holiness Church, 12708 Branford St., Pacoima, Yasuo Inada, chairman of the building committee, made known this week.

The William Kimuras, proprietors of William and Mary Catering Service, 2328 Clement St., San Francisco, and the Dale Moriokas recently co-hosted a barbecue party at their summer home near Guernville on the Russian River. About 200 friends and relatives attended.

Japanese Crown Prince Akihito showed great interest watching the final assembly operations at the Ford Motor Co.'s Rouge plant recently. At the plant he met 66-year-old Shojiro Kawasaki, 1570 Highland. Asked how long he had worked there, the old Issei replied 41 years.

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'Hiroshima' . . .
In the public spotlight is a controversial motion picture, "Hiroshima," recently completed by the Japan Teachers' Union at a cost of ¥100-million, raised by a levy of ¥50 on each of its members. After a special preview of the picture, the major film distributors said they would not handle it in its present state because its reflects "such a strong antipathy against the United States that it is feared to affect Japan's international relations".

(Actual production was in the hands of Takeo Kikuchi and Toshiko Hosojima, chief JTU's propaganda and cultural department. Major film distributors had refused to accept the film unless certain scenes were deleted. The distributors said the three scenes concerned were reading of a "confession" by an American pilot whose plane carried the atom bomb to Hiroshima, the statement that America used the Japanese as "guinea pigs" and a concluding statement that the skulls of A-bomb victims should be dug up and sold to Americans.—Editor.)

The picture has been criticized by a London paper and very widely by the Japanese press. Because of its anti-American flavor, the American Embassy is understood to have requested film distributors to go easy with it.

The Japan Teachers' Union is one of the stronger segments of communism. Its member-teachers have been attempting to organize pupils into Young Communist Pioneer groups. They are confident they can succeed in this revolution. It believes the picture is a "gold mine," but distributors evidently do not want to be used by Communist teachers in spreading this anti-American movie.

Despite the wide sentiment against the film, teachers are attempting distribution of this film through local unions that are insisting PTA groups to demand its showing. The PTA was organized in Japan at American insistence, but the set-up is different from what we know in America. It has become a tool of the JTU. It is pitiful this condition exists.

The ironic part of the JTU is that many of its leaders are highly regarded as democratic by American occupationists. Many of them were sent to America to learn democracy in action at American expense.



Right after the war, anybody was sent to the United States. The true pro-American or friendly Japanese were unable to go because of their wartime activities. Those who fled to the hills or refused to cooperate with the Japan military were blessed by the Occupation and favored with trips to America. In heart, most of them were anarchistic and communistic. These "good for nothings" came home with anti-American sentiment, as well as anti-Nisei propaganda.

Persons of Japanese ancestry in America are urged not to render any assistance to a school teacher or politician from Japan.



While this "Hiroshima" project is an example of the JTU, school teachers are endeavoring to revolutionize Japan. They go out to wave red flags, stand in picket lines to assist other strikes, distribute circulars—during classroom time, abandoning their pupils who then go home without studying.

Furthermore, an American representative of a School Teachers Association came to encourage Red Japanese school teachers. While he has returned quietly, let's not have American here who would encourage Red teachers, Red instigators or Red baiters.

REPORT LOSS OF \$5,350 MULTIPLE DIAMOND RING IN RIDE FROM N. MEX.

George K. Okamura of 2307 Curtis St., Saturday reported to police the loss of a \$5,350 multiple diamond ring, possibly lost between Denver and Albuquerque, N.M.

Okamura said he left Albuquerque in his car early Friday last week with the ring in his pocket. Arriving here, he said he found the ring missing. Okamura said the ring was set with a three-and-one-half-carat diamond and two half-carat stones in a dragon design.

IN HONOR OF

Yasue Sakaoka, 19, registered at Portland's Reed College. She was recipient of the Tokyo College Women's Club scholarship set up by two Portland men, H. E. Sanford, Reed College trustee, and Thomas E. Young. If all goes well, she will be here for four years.

Scholarship honor roll students for the summer quarter at the Univ. of Washington were announced last week. Kaz Ishimitsu, freshman in the college of arts and sciences, and Fukiko Arakawa, senior in the school of nursing, were among students who made at least a 3.5 grade point average. (4.0 is straight "A").

Sister Xaveria of the Queen of Heavens, formerly Terry Takatsuno, who had been active in Catholic Nisei activities in San Francisco, takes her first vows in a Carmelite monastery in Berkeley tomorrow. She is the first Nisei to join this order.

Ensign Hiroshi Henry Abe, son of former Sen. Sanji Abe, Honolulu, will report Oct. 10 for assignment at the San Diego Naval Base. He was graduated from flight school last month at Pensacola, Fla.

The Univ. of Washington summer quarter students receiving degrees included Esther T. Hirabayashi, Yoshiko Ouchi, B.S. in Nursing; Hisako Arakawa and June Kumasaka, provisional general certificate in teaching.

Yasuko Iura, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ekizo Iura, 3445 Second Ave., Los Angeles, was granted the 1953 Chi Alpha Delta \$100 scholarship to UCLA. She is an honor graduate of Dorsey High School and is working toward a secondary teacher's credential majoring in Spanish.

A dinner reception will be held for the Rev. Hogen Fujimoto, Nisei Buddhist priest from Japan, at Scully's Restaurant, 4801 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, on Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. The Los Angeles YBA is host.

Visa for student changed on appeal

Technical interpretations of the new immigration law nearly deported student Toshiichi Kamino, 2337 Pontius Ave., West Los Angeles, back to Japan. It was his desire to study dentistry in America, but since he did not have sufficient knowledge of English, he had entered the foreign student department of Polytechnic High School to learn the language.

For some reason which is not clear, he was given a visitor's visa instead of a student visa to enter this country. He came here Dec. 10, 1952, entering Polytechnic High after the holiday recess.

When his visa expired, he applied for an extension and a change of status from visitor to student. At this point, he got into difficulty. He retained attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand for assistance as the local immigration office ruled his visitor's visa would not be extended and that Kamino was not within the requirements of the new law for a student's visa as he did not have sufficient knowledge of English and had not been admitted to pre-dental school.

The attorneys appealed the

New York soldier's hunt for man to play Ryukulele on TV winds up as unexpected recovery of Okinawa nat'l treasures

New York
A little over a year ago when Sgt. 1/c William T. Davis, now stationed at Brooklyn Army Base, looked for an Okinawan to play a "sanshin" (samisen or "Ryukulele"), he did not dream that he would turn detective and set out a hunt for a priceless missing national treasure of Okinawa.

Made at personal sacrifice of time and money, he searched for a year before completing his mission. His reward was the gratitude of the people of Okinawa.

The occasion a year ago was the presentation of a Ryukulele from the soldiers on Okinawa to Arthur Godfrey, an instrument that was added to Godfrey's famed collection of stringed instruments.

As a soldier stationed on Okinawa, Davis had been asked to make the presentation to Godfrey. For this occasion, he sought an Okinawan who could play the instrument.

His first phone calls proved fruitless. Finally, the Rev. Dr. Alfred Akamatsu referred him to Jenshiro Teruya, who knew how to play the instrument. Teruya then introduced Davis to Hiroshi Yoshizato, another native from Okinawa interested in culture. In the course of several meetings, Yoshizato told Davis that some of the missing national treasures of Okinawa, which had been brought to this country, were in the possession of an ex-Navy commander in the eastern United States.

The Godfrey telecast lost priority. It became an opportunity he had sought but never thought would come true.

While stationed on Okinawa from 1949-51, he had come to know its people. He taught their children English and in turn was "adopted" by one family. He respected and admired the pride and dignity with which they lived although their home and land were ravaged by war.

As the war ended, the national treasures buried in the grounds of Shuri Castle, a cultural landmark, disappeared. When Davis left the island, he determined that if he ever ran across them, he would recover them and personally see that they were returned.

The treasures included a gold crown, the "Omoro Shosi" (a literary classic corresponding to the Book of Genesis for Okinawans), and some jewels.

According to Warren Tsuneshi, curator of the Far East Library at Yale University, there were three original manuscripts and two copies, all handwritten, of the "Omoro".

Of the two originals, whose compilation began in 1532, one was destroyed by fire. Two copies of the original that remained were believed to have disappeared, leaving two other copies, one handed to an Okinawa family and the other kept at the Shuri Castle.

Feeling that the return of the treasures would cement Ryukyuan-American friendship, Davis explained to the U.S. State Department what the return of these treasures means, further suggesting that a Ryukyuan-American Friendship Day be observed on May 26, the anniversary of Perry's first visit to Okinawa, and that the treasures be returned then.

Not receiving a reply, last February, Davis retained Attorney Tom T. Hayashi of New York to institute private action, who felt more information about the identity and ownership of the items would be needed. Yoshizato who alone knew the identity of the Japanese instructor who had helped to identify the crown, Omoro and other treasures, was in California showing visiting Okinawans the Pacific Coast and obtain naturalization.

In March, he called upon the case, filing a brief in his behalf. The inspections and examinations division of the Immigration service in Washington, upon consideration of the appeal, reversed the Los Angeles ruling, changing Kamino's status to that of a non-immigrant student.

Hokubei Shimpo, which directed him to call Yoshiaki Iwamura of Chicago, who had written an article on this subject.

Iwamura stated in reply that he and the Chinese assistant librarian at Yenching Institute, Harvard University, were asked to identify the Omoro and other books. It was there Davis established the fact that a naval officer had in his possession the Omoro and several other classic documents.

In the meantime, the U.S. Customs Service informed him his request of September to the State Department was referred to them.

Having uncovered the identity of the naval officer who had brought the Okinawa national treasures to this country, he then made preparations for a trip to Okinawa. He had already obtained permission to represent the Ryukyu Command in recovering the treasures.

On May 14, he was requested to report in Washington to be ready to take off by plane for Okinawa. He arrived in Okinawa on May 25—one day before the May 26 deadline.

The next day, impressive ceremonies marked the return of the national treasures to

the people of Okinawa. A three-week round of receptions followed. He was made honorary member of the island's Historical Society. A study of the Omoro recovered showed that the copy kept at Shuri was an original, written in the native Ryukyuan language.

Davis also returned two other rare volumes, the "Chusen Seifu" and "Chusen Seikan", official histories of Okinawa. Also returned were the gold-encrusted headpiece, three comma-shaped beads and gold-inscribed lacquer tablets with the names of ancient Okinawa kings.

Still missing are several gold crowns, rare ceramics, a screen, a tray, musical instruments and royal jewelry which were cached in the Shuri Castle underground during the battle for Shuri. Two of the seven custodians survived the bombardment and reported the burial places of the treasures to CIC. When an attempt was made to uncover the treasures, it was found that the entire hoard had been removed.

Sgt. Davis is still attempting to recover the remainder of the national treasure. Until then, he feels he can't relax.



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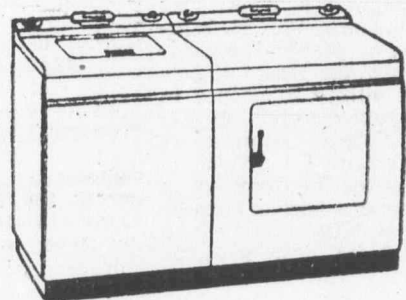
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How Lucky We Are . . .

A human interest story from **John Y. Yoshino**, now employment manager of Nikoh Tube Co., 5000 S. Whipple St., and formerly with Illinois Public Aid, shows how more fortunate the Nisei were during the war years when they were being relocated from camps . . . To help relocate and find jobs for those Indians who voluntarily leave the reservations, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has relocation and placement officers in several cities. Yoshino was brought into a situation which brought to light this new service by the bureau formerly headed by **Dillon Myer**, best known among Japanese as WRA director . . . Says Yoshino: "An officer of the Chicago Office of the Indian Service called me if I could place in a job a young male Sioux Indian from South Dakota, who had been here for several months with his wife. He had recently been laid off by a large plant in our neighborhood and was in need of a machine operator's job" . . . "When he appeared at my office, he looked like many young Nisei fellows I know. He was given a job and he went to work" . . . Several days later, the young Indian was late at work and when asked why he was tardy, he said he had been in jail. He and his wife had a heated argument; the landlady called the police who hauled him away . . . He said they argued because he would not return to the reservation. She was lonely and without friends in Chicago . . . He was a Catholic but no one had helped him. No organization had helped to integrate him into community life . . . Continues Yoshino: "Only 10 years ago when the Japanese started coming into the Middle West and the East, there were a number of organizations setup to give newcomers a welcome hand. How much more difficult would the period of adjustment had been for the Japanese if it were not for these good friends" . . . P.S.: There is now a new organization in the Loop helping the Indians.

Around Chicago . . .

Chicago's 1953 Community Fund campaign (of which the Chicago Resettlers Committee is a beneficiary) is booming for \$10,109,000 . . . **Crown Prince Akimoto Tsugunomiya** of Japan visited Chicago Sept. 24, shook hands with some sixth-graders from Bennett Elementary School at the Art Institute while viewing the Japanese arts exhibit, and autographed a book for **Kanshun Okutara**, 4861 N. Winthrop Ave., a medical technician at Edgewater Hospital . . . The use of voting machines in the Nov. 3 judicial election was approved, despite complaints from civic groups . . . National headquarters for the Congress of Parent-Teachers had a cornerstone laid at Huron and Rush Sts., site of its new \$750,000 building.

Personals . . .

Edwin M. Uyeki, 1175 E. 55th St., was conferred his Ph.D. from the Univ. of Chicago . . . **Mildred Sasaki**, 4132 S. Ellis, formerly of Sac'to, is nursery worker at Olivet Institute. CLer and adviser to the Colleens, she was part-owner of Chatham Nursery School, now the Coop Nursery School. She vacationed in the east by auto with **Miss Willy Miyama** and her father. Mildred's folks are in Seabrook. Her father is a retired Methodist minister . . . Donating to Japan flood relief was **William C. Woelfel, Sr.**, 2746 W. 139th St., Blue Island (Ill.), accountant for Libby, McNeill & Libby for the past 25 years. His son, **William C., Jr.**, now in the armed forces serving in Korea, visited Japan and was highly appreciative of the hospitality shown him . . . **George H. Hara**, 5548 S. Ellis, is a trouble shooter for the Goss Printing Press Co. in Cicero. A CLer for a long



Seattle JACL honored 151 naturalized Issei citizens at "I Am An American" Day dinner at the Seattle Chamber of Commerce Bldg. **Harry S. Kawabe** (middle) expressed the gratitude of honored guests by translating into English a Japanese saying: "We were carried across the river by the children whom we once carried over". To his left is toastmaster **George Okuda** and to the right is **Rep. Thomas Pelly**, main speaker, who said: "It is you who have honored the rest of us by having elected to become our fellow citizens . . ."

New Issei Citizens Honored

Seattle
The Seattle JACL honored 151 new American citizens of Japanese ancestry recently at an "I Am An American" Day dinner. Included were the following:
Shunroku Sasaki, Hisae Sasaki, Shigeru Fujita, Tsuru Ikeda, Kimi Echigoshima, Masako Ishikawa, Yenni Henry Tamaye, Hiro Watanabe, Shinichi Seike, Kamenno Seike, Sumiyo Soyejima, Sakichi Soyejima, Matsuno Okada, Gen Mizumoto, Hatsu Hamakami (Auburn), Totaro Kesamaru, Masa Araki, Sato Kamihachi.
Shuichi Hayashi, Emon Ikuta (Kent), Masashi Watanabe, Kaizo Chikamura, Hide Yabuki (Bellevue), Hanji Higano, Kimi Saito, Seitaro Ohata, Yoshiko Suzuki, Shizue Ikeda, Yozo Watanabe, Miyoshi Jitodai, Mitsugi Noji, Riichiro Fukano, Naoto Tsujihara, Yeturo Asaba, Shizuko Yoshimura, Dengo Kusakabe.
Koichi Minato, Kikujiro Mano, Masatoku Amano, Tadashi Yamaguchi, Kengo Kadoyama, Tomo Kawano Kawabe, Mikiyo Hirai, Mita-ka Harada, Asano Kono, Kiichi Takigawa, Sono Takigawa, Manzaburo Nakahara, Hideto Iwata, Umeko Araki, Setsugo Ochi, Hiroshi Miyake, Seiroku Tsurui (Auburn), Heitaro Hikida.
Kumaji Inouye, Kazuto Harada, Tojiro Kono, Kikichi Tsuboi, Fuji Ohashi, Yoshiichi Tanaka, Yone Kimura, Shizuhara Aoki, Riyemon Naito, Sei Aoki, Hideji Kiyonaga, Chiyo Okiyama, Hama Imai, Namiji Kodama, Tatsuno Matsuoaka, Chiyo Tanaka, Kansuke Watanabe, Saito Funamori, Toshio Oikawa.

Spokane
There are now 65 Issei naturalized as American citizens today. The last group of 50 Japanese were admitted to citizenship by Federal Judge Sam M. Driver last month. The oath of allegiance was read in Japanese by an interpreter for the clerk of the court. The first group of 15 was admitted last May 8, it was reported to the Pacific Citizen.
The first group of Issei to be naturalized is as follows:
Harry Okita, Thomas Aoki, George Yasaburo Suzuki, Yoshi Suzuki, Manichi Yamaguchi, Tetsuzo Terao, Henry Miyasaka, Sono Saito, Gunichi Hirai, Hatsu Hirai, James Hideo Fujita, Ishi Abe, Ko Haji, Ichimatsu Haji, Kazuo Kitamoto.
The last group to be sworn in is as follows:
Tommy Y. Sugihara, Ume Terao, Seki Maeda, Takaki Morimoto, Ito Morimoto, Tokuchi Maeda, Mune Nagaoka, James Y. Shinkai, Koto Kawakami, Harry Y. Yoshida, Hi-

Asano Terao, Shizuto Terao, Hideo Kobayashi Yasui, Masata Frank Yasui, Koshige Saito, Joseph Tada-shi Sugiura, Hajime Mitsumori, Yutaka Ide, Asachi Yamada, Masako Inouye, Kosuke Koda, Toshiji Kanaya, Hisano Amabe, Torajiro Nakamura, Kaneo Kawahara, Tami Miyauchi, Kiyoshi Tsuneishi.
Genji Mihara, Isao Chihara, Satoru Dale Sugita, Kiyu Motoda, Ei-ichi Otsuka, Makotaro Sugawara, Tsuruyo Maniwa, Natsu Tsukamoto, Heizo Hidaka, Muneshaburo Sasaki, Tomoji Tomoguchi, Zen Amano, Shizuko Taniguchi, Haru Ikuta (Kent), Gentaro Takahashi, Fumi Numoto, Hisayo Adachi, Tetsuji Nakamura.
Satoko Iwasaki Hori, Sokichi Hoshide, Giichiro Mizuki, Seiichi Higashida, Keizo Sumitani, Kikuyo Murata, Kensaku Murata, Masaru Shimokon, Masae Suzuki McCann, Eigi Fujitomi, Yoshitaka Ogata, Tamotsu Jonathan Machida, Sanae Hirabayashi, Ume Terazawa, Shuji Terazawa, Katsuyo Nagai, Francis Hiromu Nagai.
Rika Kanda Nakagawa, John Kumao Funai, Frank Fukuzo Iwata, George Kyutaro Fukui, Yoshiharu Hashizume, Chikazo Hamaoka, Tadashi Sakuma (Winslow), Kenichi Masuhara, Chikamasa Paul Horiuchi, Masaru Taniguchi, Yone Hoshiwara, Tsuneko Okano, Shinzo Echigoshima, Tatsu Okazaki.
Miyakichi Terao, Yasukichi Chiba, Yoshito Kitamoto (Port Blakely), Seiji Baba, Miyoshi Nishimura, Satoro Kawabe, Nobuye Kondo, Misao Minato.

CHAPTER MEMO

San Francisco JACL: Sign-up of Issei students for the fourth of a series of citizenship classes which started almost a year ago took place last night at the JACL office. Co-sponsored by the chapter and the Public School Adult Education Division, instructor will be Yukio Kumamoto.

Sanger JACL: Naturalization classes for Issei will reopen Tuesday Oct. 6 at Sanger High School. Mitsuzo Yamane of Del Rey is instructor.

Reedley JACL: Citizenship classes sponsored by the chapter resume Oct. 5 at the Reedley Japanese Hall. Three sections will be held: primary, advance (in Japanese) and one in English.

Fowler JACL: Tom Shirakawa, Fowler Fall Festival JACL float committee chairman announced George Shimoda will design the float to the theme of "Life is Better Here." ("Here" means the U.S. and the free world.) Others on the committee are as follows:
Jane Tanaka, dec.; Fred Honda, const.; Clara Honda, Matsuyo Osaki, Chiaki Renge, Kimi Tokubo, Joe Yoshimura, Norman Taniguchi, Hideo Kikuka, I. J. Iwamoto.

San Mateo JACL: Twenty-three JACLers were instrumental in concluding a fund drive for National JACL, according to Claude Yamamoto, chairman. In appreciation of the generous response, the community was invited to a movie night recently. Persons cited by the chairman were as follows:
Andrew Yoshiwara, James Shimizu, Yobu Tanaka, Ann Sutow, Sam Kariya, Kitty Uchida, Genji Utsumi, Keiko Kai, Hiroshi Ito, Howard Imada, Doris Ishimaru, Richard Omi, Dorothy Kani, Grace Yamaguchi, Best Takahashi, Sy Murakami, Ayako Kobayashi, Yoshiya Tanaka, Harry Ichida, Edith Marubayashi, George Ikeda, Robert Sugishita and Tokiko Morikawa.

Chicago JACL: Dr. Jiro Harada, staff member of the Tokyo National Museum, accompanying the priceless collection of Japanese art now on exhibit here until Oct. 15, was the main speaker last week at the monthly chapter meeting.

'54 election slate

Chicago
The 1954 slate of candidates for the Chicago JACL chapter will be presented at the October general membership meeting, according to Tom Kanno, nominations committee chairman, followed by an election in November.
General meetings from October will be held on the third Fridays of each month. Heretofore, meetings were held on the third Thursdays.

Chapter secretaries and presidents are reminded that the Pacific Citizen Citizen Holiday Issue will publish the current list of cabinet members and a brief resume of chapter activities and projects. Because of strict deadlines, we need the material in the next two weeks—by Oct. 16. —The Editor

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YOUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR
REPORTS

MASAO W. SATOW

San Francisco NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND: Checks for the National JACL Endowment Trust are coming in daily from appreciative recipients of evacuation claims checks. It is especially heart-warming to read the accompanying notes expressing thanks to JACL. But there is no impersonal entity called JACL, for JACL is a group of people like you and me banded together under that name.

Whatever JACL has been able to accomplish has been because of our organized efforts together. We have just passed the \$50,000 mark on the Endowment with approximately 1,500 persons contributing.

Someone will ask about the interest now already being earned by the money in trust over and above administrative fees charged by the Bank of America. Each quarter this net amount earned is being used by National Headquarters to defray certain administrative expenses necessary in promoting and building up the Fund.

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS? Taking over the Endowment project has put quite a load on an already sagging National Headquarters staff.

Our thanks to the Southern California Regional Office and the many volunteers reported in **Tats Kushida's** Sou'wester column for a 13,000 mailing, which left only 7,000 for us up here. Luckily, our Pitney-Bowes meter mail stamped and sealed the envelopes, but still addressing and stuffing 7,000 pieces of mail is no mean job.

Our appreciation to **Yoshiko Tamura, Chie and Sachi Okazaki**, three gals who gave up part of their vacations to assist; then there was **Thelma Takeda**, formerly one of the secretaries at National Headquarters in Salt Lake City during wartime; the reliable San Francisco standbys **Kay Ueda, Lucy Adachi, Viola Nakano, and Tess Hideshima**; and **Roz and John Enomoto** from right time. Of course **Mrs. S.** got dragged in on the deal, and the nearby Sequoia Chapter happened to be in town just at the as usual our hardworking office secretaries **Yoshiko Ishimaru** and **Daisy Uyeda** performed beyond the call of duty after regular office hours. Drop in at National Headquarters and get put to work!

MIDWEST DC: The Midwest District Council Convention was really a WOW, POW and otherwise. Hats off to the members of the Twin Cities Chapter under the leadership of Prexy **Dr. Isaac Iijima** and Convention Chairman **Dr. Sumao Nakano** who knocked themselves out attending to the many details and seeing that everyone had a good time. Chicago came up 45 strong to take advantage of the air conditioned weather we took back there with us from San Francisco. **Tokuza Gordon** was abeam since the affair was directly responsible for 14 new One Thousand Club members and 15 renewals from the Midwest. And now we know why they let you look at yourself performing TV—discourages a guy from getting too verbose.

Reported by banquet mainspeaker and Minneapolis Trib columnist **George Grim:** Said Minneapolis Mayor **Hoyer**, a Swede, to 31-year old **Mayor Daubney** of St. Paul at the convention banquet. "Isn't this wonderful—not a blonde in the whole audience!"

NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNEY: We met in Chicago with the fellows who will run our 8th Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament. They are all enthused with the prospect of hosting the first National JACL Tournament held in the midwest. Despite the long haul out toward the west coast, Chicago teams have loyally supported our National tourneys. At least 50 teams are expected to participate.

A clarification was made with regard to Tournament eligibility. Any bowler who has been a JACL member in 1953 will be eligible provided of course he is also a member for 1954. This modification of the previous ruling which required regular participation in a recognized Nisei bowling league.

TO GALLUP: We tried our best to make Gallup in time to meet the Super Chief bringing **Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura** home, but the airlines couldn't cooperate so we got stuck in Kansas City for several hours. Good old **Sam Yonemoto** had faith that we would eventually arrive, so he gave up the big town celebration to stay behind in Albuquerque and give us a lift the 140 miles to Gallup.

It was a cozy and informal dinner dance given by the Albuquerque Chapter, and we felt privileged to be in this party where **Hiroshi** could let his hair down for the first time among his close friends. We were proud to present him with the JACL ruby-studded pin in behalf of the national organization.

Was nice to see **Bill Hosokawa** around covering the story for the DENVER POST, also active prewar LA JACLer **Dr. Toyo Shimizu** who now worries about the oral hygiene of the Navajos at nearby Ft. Defiance. Chapter President **Charlie Matsubara** waited around patiently while we got better acquainted with the members and then drove us back to Albuquerque in the wee hours of the morning so we could catch an early morning flight out.

Come to think of it, it was here in Albuquerque several years ago that one of the Issei mothers of our departure quaintly said "Odaiji ni. Hikoki ga ochinai yo ni."

1954 BUDGET: Our JACL fiscal year ends Sept. 30. We are preparing ourselves to operate on a greatly pared down national budget of \$42,000 which included only National Headquarters and the Washington Office. The areas which desire to have their own offices will subsidize them entirely on their own.

We are glad to see that the Midwest, Northern California-Western Nevada, and the Pacific Southwest District Councils have assured the continuance of their respective offices.

We must say, however, that this \$42,000 budget is the bare minimum. Anything less than this amount realized means not curtailment, but that we go out of business altogether. There's no sense in dying by inches.

CENTRAL CAL: We made a quick trip to Parlier to meet with the Central California chapters. **Kenji Tashiro**, CCDC Chairman, and the Chapters in the area deserve a lot of credit for the fine way they have been carrying on. Despite the fact that they are all extremely busy this time of year and the meeting was on a week night, every Chapter was represented by several JACLers. Was a time when after such a meeting lasting through midnight followed by a bowl of noodles, we thought nothing of driving the couple hundred miles home. But not this time—we're getting disgustingly soft!



New citizens —

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dekichi Nishifue, Takako Tanimoto, Asataro Takimoto, Shoichi Kayahara, Mitsuko Matsumoto, Tadanori Ariyama, Kisaburo Shiozaki, Tori Shiozaki, Kei Nakashima, Kiyo Matsumoto, Kay Matsumura, U. Handa, Sukeichi Matsumoto, Henry K. Hayashi, Miyoko B. Katahira, Ichiye Migaki, Haruko Minata, Tadaichi T. Yamada, Ishizo Nakanishi, Leo K. Yonago, Tsuneta Hayashi.

Rin Akiyama, Matsutaro Kawaguchi, Sadako Terao, Tom Maekawa, Noe Kayahara, James I. Saiki, Teiji Saito, Frank Y. Kirihara, Maneo Yasui, Shigeno Yamamoto, Kanjiro Wakabayashi, Haru Munekiyo, Masao Munekiyo, Matsu Kasai, Yoichi Oba, Haruyo Oba.

They were all members of the citizenship class conducted by the Spokane public night school in cooperation with the Spokane JACL chapter.

Chapter president **Harry Kadoya** said the original intention of the chapter was to sign up a class of 15, minimum required by the school for an evening class, but instead 145 registered. It necessitated employment of five teachers.

One was **Mrs. Iku Matsumoto**, with B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from the Univ. of Washington, engaged in post-graduate work at Holy Names College. Others were **William Terao**, World War II veteran and commercial artist; **James Fujita**, Issei supermarket assistant manager; **Yoshio Hamamoto**, U. of W. pharmacy graduate; and **Kay Kitamoto**, manager of the Spokane Vegetable Ass'n.

Foreign mail postage

Washington
The Post Office announced rates for mail sent by ship to foreign countries except Canada and Mexico will be boosted to 8 cents per first ounce and 5 cents for each additional ounce on first class mail. (Present rates are 5 cents for the first ounce and 3 cents each additional.)

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Thirty-two Arizona Issei are being readied by **Edward Heyne**, chief examiner of Immigration and Naturalization Service, before being sworn in as citizens recently in the court of Federal Judge **Dave Ling**. To date, there are 35 Issei in Arizona naturalized and the Arizona JACL is preparing another 30, ten of which have passed their examination. Prominent JACL supporters in photo include **Tsunenori Okabayashi, H. T. Takemori, K. Kishiyama, N. Ozasa and Tadashi Tadano.**

An Act of Justice

Phoenix

The Phoenix Gazette said editorially "it was a great day for the Issei" when 32 first-generation Japanese became citizens recently.

"Their average age was around 70. Most of them had lived in this country and in this valley for 50 years or so.

"They had turned desert land into the most productive farms, on the basis of a dollar return, in the United States. Their children and their grandchildren had gone to the public schools and grown up as American citizens. But they were denied citizenship by an exclusion law that was badly drawn and hastily enacted. During World War II their passports were taken up and they were sent to concentration camps.

"And now at last they were to become American citizens," the editorial said in conclusion. "They were no longer to

be aliens in the land that was their home. Their honest joy and humble gratitude were something to make every native-born American proud—and a little ashamed."

Central Cal district council registration set

Fresno

Pre-registration for delegates attending the Central California JACL District Council convention will close Nov. 1, according to **Jim Ishikawa**, convention general chairman. The Delano chapter is in charge of registration.

The convention will be held Nov. 15 at the Hotel Californian. Highlight of the events includes the dance, chaired by **Miya Sasaki**, with music by **Dick Alexander's** orchestra.

The Selma JACL is in charge of the convention bowling tournament.

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SPORTSCOPE:

Single platoon system in college, prep ranks big assist to fans

Prep and collegiate football across the nation goes into its third week and by this time, arguments over single platoon system are simmering in John Q. Public's favor.

Several Nisei standouts have come to our early attention in the past fortnight... Univ. of Hawaii took a 40-7 beating from San Diego State last week which saw a lot of passing from Rainbow QB Joe Matsukawa, now playing his senior year for the Islanders.

Before coming over, Hawaii won two at home: 13-6 over the Islanders Sept. 4 and 22-13 over Kaneohe Marines Sept. 17, both victims are members of the Armed Forces football conference.

Also on the collegiate lineups is 6 ft., 214 lb. center Tom Yagi, letterman handling starting chores for San Jose State College... A mite from Reedley High School, Frank Goishi, 5 ft.-3in. and 150 lbs. is playing halfback for Fresno State College.

In the California junior college circle, there's Ken Yamamoto of Stockton College at halfback. In the 47-12 opener last week against Los Angeles City College on the loser's field, he banged over from 1 to rake up six points.

High School Football Round-up

The high school scene will take time to cover. Among the early season scorers, Nobu Tamura of Lodi bucked from the 1-yd. line in the Richmond game last Friday night in a 33-0 explosion. He toted the ball 11 times for 35 yards for a 3.2 average.

In Denver, Charles Inagaki starts at guard for North High while Don Furuta is at the same position for Manual High... In the Denver suburban league at Adams City High is 140-lb. quarterback Yutaka Yamato.

In the Coast Counties Athletic League, two Nisei vie for the center post at Monterey High. They're Jim Yokota and Seiji Yoshinobu.

Seattle's Nisei Veterans Committee last year sponsored the Fighting Irish team in the Little League competition, taking the city-county championship and participating in the regional playoffs to win a trip to Las Vegas last year only to lose in the Western District meet.

No. Calif. NAU Basketball

Prospects of six No. Calif. NAU "AA" teams—and perhaps, eight—appears in the offing for the 1954 basketball season, the (San Francisco) Nichibei Times reported last week.

If not, he was ready to organize a new Sacramento loop. One more basketball note: Coach Bill Kajikawa's Arizona State College basketball team has been cleared for participation in the Kentucky All-American City basketball tournament Dec. 30-Jan. 2.

Canadian netters ready to invite New York, Cleveland Nisei in '54

Toronto, Ont.

New York and Cleveland Nisei tennis teams are to be invited next year to participate in the Toronto Invitationals, according to tentative plans being mooted by the Nisei Open Tennis Committee here last week.

Enthusiasm in Canada is such that a federation of Nisei teams has been proposed, but nothing concrete has been announced.

The committee also spoke with warm feelings of the experiences had in New York this year.

ONE PIN SHY OF 300, RACKS UP 732 SERIES

Honolulu

Thompson Hirai came within one pin—the 5-pin to be exact week at the Honolulu Bowling —of a perfect 300 game last Center Bowling in the HBC Classic League, Hirai strung 11 strikes in a row and his 12th attempt, the pocket strike was "light" and left one pin standing.

The 299-line helped Hirai, however, to chalk up his best series of the season with a 732. He opened with a 234 and ended with a 199.

Returning from Japan as the first Fulbright scholar, Kenneth Murase, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manzuchi Murase, Reedley, Calif., was appointed assistant professor to the Univ. of Washington Graduate School of Social Work.

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THE SOU'WESTER

TATS KUSHIDA

The organized veterans among Los Angeles Nisei deserve a lot of credit for their diligent efforts in planning the testimonial banquet in honor of Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, Medal of Honor awardee, held at Statler Hotel last Friday night.

Five veterans organizations which comprise the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council, and in particular their commanders, carried out their assignments with zeal and enthusiasm refreshing to see in any outfit.

So let's name these commanders and their posts: Minoru Casey Kasuyama, the American Legion Post, Commodore Perry Post 525; Takuji Tug Iizuka, Disabled American Veterans, Nisei Chapter 100; Steve Sakai, Nisei Veterans Association; Shobo Dowichi, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Nisei Memorial Post 9938; and Seichi Sugino, VFW 4th District, Nisei Memorial Post 1901 (Gardena).

Organizational problems of the veterans are much akin to those of JACL or other groups, namely, the few at the helm do most of the work. So more power to these fellows. We commend, too, the co-chairmen of the banquet committee, Soichi Fukui and Salem Yagawa, for the efficient leadership they gave in coordinating the responsibilities of the three sponsoring organizations—NVCC, JACL Pacific Southwest District Council and Japanese C. of C. of Southern California.

Drawing on the experience of its testimonial banquet held at the Biltmore Hotel last December, JACL members of the banquet committee also proved helpful in many ways. They included Mack Hamaguchi, chairman of the LA JACL Coordinating Council; Dave Yokozeki, vice-president of the Downtown L.A. JACL; Art Ito, president of the Hollywood chapter; and Tut Yata, past chairman of the PSWDC.

This was, at least for this writer, the first opportunity to work with the Nisei veterans on a joint activity. The response and cooperation demonstrated by the veterans contributed in large measure to the success of the banquet, more about which Henry Mori writes in his column today.

In short, it was a pleasurable experience to work with the Nisei vets. A nice bunch of guys. For sure, the groundwork has been laid for other joint community ventures in the future.

From time to time, the ranks of chapter leadership are decimated by natural causes—presidents getting married, for instance. For a while, the East L.A. chapter became a casualty when its youthful second-term president, Edison Uno, who is also a student at L.A. State College, joined the ball & chain fraternity a month ago.

An up-and-coming leader out Venice way is Ken Amamoto. He has faithfully attended meetings of the district council and the L.A. Coordinating Council. He's sort of a right arm to president Kiyo Nishi. His kind of spirit is what keeps JACL alive.

Thanks to Bill Golden of the MGM Studios publicity department, Sgt. Miyamura and his wife were accorded the privilege of a private screening of "Go For Broke" last Monday. Because he was then a POW in North Korea, the CMH winner never had an opportunity to see this picture of the 442nd RCT when it was released in 1951.

Before the screening, we had lunch at the studio commissary as MGM guests. Terry, his wife, obviously was more thrilled at seeing such stars as Stewart Granger, Howard Keel, Vittorio Gassman, Pete Smith and a number of noted producers, directors and writers. Jim Merrick and Howard Herty, also of the publicity department, joined our table.

Unfortunately, Bob Pirosh, who wrote and directed the film, had just left for a three-month assignment in Egypt where he will direct the MGM super, "Valley of the Kings" which will star Robert Taylor and Eleanor Parker.

The Miyamura party, which included Hersh's sister, Mrs. Paul Yoshida, sister-in-law, Mrs. Kimi Miyamura and other friends who had come for the GFB screening, were given a treat when Mr. Herty arranged their visit to Studio 23 where they were shooting the Technicolor production "Rose Marie". After watching the shooting of several scenes, the sarge's party had pictures taken with the two stars, Howard Keel, in the bright red uniform of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, and little Ann Blyth, who in her moccasins proved to be shorter than the Nisei girls.

Hersh was feted at a reunion of his 442nd buddies at the home of Kaz Inouye on Tuesday.

Pinchhitting for national prexy, Callahan Inagaki, who was visiting the Pacific Northwest chapters last week, we spoke about the Japanese in America before the Crenshaw Community Relations Council located in L.A.'s Seinan area.

The CCRC is an informal neighborhood group of some 35 people dedicated to the oft-overlooked facets of democracy—equality and fair play for all Americans. It is interracial and its membership includes Nisei, Negro, Jew and others.

Jun Tanaka, produce man and active Legionnaire, arranged this discussion session, first of a series of monthly meetings to learn of ethnic groups living in the community. Jun's wife is in charge of the program. Mary Minato, popular pianist, did a terrific job with a semi-classic medley.

We hope to see more and more Nisei taking active part in community activities like this.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

Patrons numbering over 350 got their first public glimpse of Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura last Friday when a testimonial banquet was held in his honor at Statler Hotel under sponsorship of the So. Calif. Veterans Coordinating Council, JACL, and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

The shy, slender GI from Gallup, New Mexico, stood to accept the homage in his usual modest manner: "I am deeply honored."

The former POW who was held by the North Koreans for 28 months will motor home to Gallup tomorrow with his wife, former Terry Tsuchimori, with a brief stopover in Phoenix where the Arizona chapter JACL has announced another fete for the lone living CMH Nisei awardee.

The State Masonic Grand Lodge has accepted the membership of a Japanese American as a mason, announced John M. Hayden, past master and present executive secretary of the West Gate Masonic Lodge No. 335.

The first Nisei to become a mason in California is George Koike, Seattle-born 36-year old produce king who owns and operates the Cal-Vita Produce Co. His application as a mason was accepted several months ago but news was not revealed publicly until late last week.

A well-known prewar figure, Dr. Ken Nakazawa, 67, who taught Oriental art, literature, and languages at USC, died Monday following five-weeks confinement at the White Memorial Hospital.

The native of Fukushima was educated at Waseda Univ., and at the Univ. of Oregon where he was awarded his Ph.D. His first teaching assignment was at Reed College in Portland.

He was with the USC faculty from 1926 until the outbreak of World War II. He leaves his widow Tomiko; three sons, Karl Hikaru, Albert Osamu, and Warren Mamoru; and seven grandchildren.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will be the scene for his funeral tomorrow evening.

This ever-frequent pitch about getting Li'l Tokio to look like an Oriental tourist spot is rather worn. More people have talked about it but nothing has been done to support its idle chatter.

The latest one which we think still belongs under File Z is to plant some Oriental shrubberies and doll up a little section on Weller St., to be known as a Japanese Garden.

The spot we mention is an "island" created on First and Weller Sts. as a result of widening of the former street to enhance the new Civic Center.

Advocates of the project—including several enthusiastic gardeners who undoubtedly will volunteer their services—say the mayor and the traffic dept. have given them the "green light." It now needs only the blessings of the Dept. of Right of Way and Land, they contend.

The site is definitely too small to undertake for such a garden even if approval is received from the city authorities.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AISAWA—Sept. 9, a boy to the Joe Aisawas, Sierra Madre, Calif. ASADA—Aug. 6, a girl to the Toru Asadas, San Diego. BRADWAY—Sept. 6, a boy Daniel Paul to the Francis L. Bradways (Mitsue Honda), Los Angeles. HARATANI—Sept. 1, a boy Steve Kenji to the Yoshito Leo Haratanis (Mary Kaneyo Takai), Hawthorne, Calif. HATAGO—Sept. 2, a girl Gayle Ann to the George Fumio Hatagos (Alice Chiye Nakasaki), Los Angeles. HATAGO—Aug. 27, a boy Andrew Thomas to the Guy T. Hatagos (Marie Yoshiye Akemoto), Los Angeles. HAYASHI—Sept. 6, a boy to the Masao Hayashis, West Fresno. ISHII—Aug. 22, a girl Naomi Ann to the Edward Ishiis, Omaha. IWAKI—Sept. 1, a boy William Iwao to the John Toshimi Iwakis (Patsy Kyoko Nomoto), Long Beach. IWASHITA—Sept. 3, a boy Arthur Takashi to the Hiroshi Iwashitas (Yayoi Yabumoto), Los Angeles. KAWAGUCHI—Sept. 3, a girl Jean Noriko to the Kazuo Kawaguchis (Hideko Noritake), Los Angeles. KAWAHATA—Aug. 29, a boy Brion Hideto to the Ben Isamu Kawahatas (Miyoko Yoshino), Los Angeles. KITAHARA—Sept. 2, a boy David Arthur to the Arthur Kitaharas, San Jose. KONO—Aug. 13, twin girls to the Frank Y. Konos, Sacramento. KONO—Sept. 1, a boy Emerson Michinobu to the Edward Hiroshi Konos (Takako Barbara Nagai), Thermal, Calif. KUBOTA—Aug. 28, a boy Richard Rokuro to the Rokuro Kubotas (Masuko Pat Kato), Los Angeles. MITSUI—Aug. 31, a boy Jeffrey Takeshi to the Satoru Mitsuis (Akiko Sakamoto), Los Angeles. MIYATA—Sept. 1, a girl Yvonne Naomi to the Roy Tatsushi Miyatas (Mary Kiyoko Miyayaga), Los Angeles. NAKAZAWA—Sept. 2, a boy Robert Dean to the Masao Nakazawas (Hannah H. Yamauchi), Los Angeles. NIKAITANI—Sept. 13, a girl to the Yasuo Nikaitanis, Seattle. NISHIJIMA—Aug. 15, a boy to the Masao Nishijimas, Fresno. NISHIMURA—Sept. 2, a boy Jerry Jinsuke to the Kazuo Nishimuras (Chiyo Nagata), Pasadena. OHTA—Sept. 13, a boy to the Allen H. Ohtas, San Francisco. OKAZAKI—Aug. 30, a boy Wayne Masato to the Yoshito Okazakis (Sadako Abe), Los Angeles. OKUMURA—Aug. 19, a girl to the Toshibumi Okumuras, Long Beach, Calif. OMOTO—July 30, a boy to the Tsugio Omotos, San Diego. OTSUKA—Sept. 16, a girl to the Roy Otsukas, Phoenix, Ariz. RIVERA—Aug. 23, a boy Jose Norobu to the Francisco Paul Riveras (Fumiko Shimada), Los Angeles. SAKAUYE—Aug. 4, a girl to the Yoichi R. Sakaueys, Sacramento. SATO—Sept. 2, a boy David Kaname to the Masayuki Satos (Umeko Kunishige), Los Angeles. SHIMAZU—Sept. 10, a girl to the Ben K. Shimazus, Garden Grove, Calif. SHIMIZU—July 31, a girl to the Toru Shimizus, San Pedro, Calif. SHINDO—Sept. 13, a boy Allen Ken to the Takeshi Shindos (Toy Yoshida), Los Angeles. SHINTAKU—Aug. 14, a boy to the Harry Shintakus, Fresno. TAKEDA—Sept. 10, a boy to the Joseph Takedas, San Jose.

Engagements

OGUCHI-NAGAMOTO—Grace Akiiko to Dr. Kenneth Gracchi, both of Los Angeles. OKADA-KAWASHIMA — Tamiko, Los Angeles, to Bob, Pasadena.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KATAZAMA-TAKAHASHI — Francis M. Katayama, 24, and Kazuko Takahashi, 22, both of Seattle.

MIYATAKE-TERANISHI — George K. Miyatake, 30, and Amy Y. Teranishi, 22, both of Seattle. NARASAKI-KANO—Joseph Narasaki, 28, Seaside, and Theresa Toshiko Kano, 26, Berkeley. WAKABAYASHI-MICHIKAMI — Shigeru H. Wakayashi, and Misao Michikami, both of Portland, Ore. YAMAGUCHI-ARASE—Kay Yamaguchi and Hanako Arase, both of Seattle.

Weddings

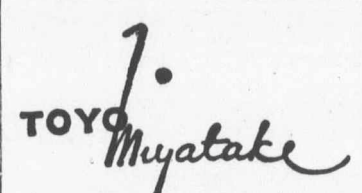
NOTE-SUGINO—Sept. 20, Toshimi Note, Redondo Beach, and Chiyeiko Anna Sugino, Gardena. FUKUSHIMA-OKAMOTO — Sept. 20, Sam Junezo Fukushima, Montebello, and Kiyomi Okamoto, Los Angeles. SHIOZAKI-ABE—Sept. 20, Benjamin Shiozaki and Helen Chizuko Abe, both of Los Angeles. TAKUSHI-CHINEN—Sept. 19, Yasutake Takushi and Gladys Tomiko Chinen, both of Los Angeles (formerly of Hawaii). TAMAI-KANAMINE—Aug. 2, Jack Tamai, 25, to Joyce Kanamine, 19, both of Omaha. WADA-HAMAGUCHI—Sept. 20, William Shigezo Wada, Lomita, and Margaret Motoye Hamaguchi, Pasadena. YAMADA-KATO—Sept. 27, Henry Yamada and Emiko Kato, both of Los Angeles.

Deaths

HATSUKANO, George C., 75; Seattle, Sept. 11, survived by sons Tom and Henry, daughters Amy, Lilly, Florence and Mrs. Mary Nakawawa. KASHIMA, Tetsuro, 48; San Diego, Sept. 19, survived by wife Yoshiko, sons Tetsuro and Tetsuzen. MAECHI, Genpei, 71; Monterey, Sept. 16, survived by wife Tome, son Kanao, daughter Mrs. Hatsuko Meido. SAIGA, Yukichi, 74; Gardena, Sept. 18, survived by wife Kazue, son Kazuo, daughter Mrs. Chiyo Kagawa, four grandchildren. SAKAI, Seigo Ted, 30; Watsonville, Calif., Sept. 17, survived by mother Chigono, four brothers Yataka, Kiyoto, Tommy, Isao (Fresno), and three sisters Mrs. F. Funida, Mrs. C. Masuoka and Miyeko. YAHIKU, Zengen, 78; Santa Maria, Sept. 16, survived by daughter Mrs. Haruko Tokeshi.



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EDITORIALS

Our First Year

Since the Pacific Citizen began publishing in Los Angeles a year ago, drastic changes in format, content and style have been obvious to the loyal readers. It was to be expected.

With the steady growth of Nisei vernaculars across the country since V-J Day, 1945, the envious position once occupied by this national weekly as the only publication of the Nisei has been relinquished. Like the Japanese American Citizens League which is resting on its laurels achieved legislatively in the past six years, the Pacific Citizen is quietly keeping time by serving its members primarily as a "house organ".

The transition to establish the Pacific Citizen in Los Angeles has been accomplished under the able guidance of Saburo Kido. His management has put the weekly "in the black". His hope of increasing circulation at the same time is still unfulfilled.

Moreover, the Pacific Citizen is grateful for the patience and encouragement it has received. Within the next year

in Los Angeles, we are certain further changes will be made—changes in the way of improvement in format, content and style.

DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, Oct. 2, 1943

Hawaiians regard evacuation as "colossal land-grabbing scheme," says newsman to San Jose Lions club.

American Legion in Minnesota passes Northfield resolution opposing attack on Nisei published in Congressional Record by Rep. Anderson of Minnesota.

National JAACL credit union ready for business; Hito Okada is general manager.

Nisei at Amache WRA camp not entitled to vote in Colorado elections; attorney general rules camp residence not permanent.

All-Nisei 442nd RCT has highest IQ in U.S. Army, reveals writer.

Treasury uses photo of Pvt. George Tsujimoto in bond drive.

From the Frying Pan . . .

In America via Baseball

by Bill Hosokawa

Paul James and his wife Nilda drove up from Pueblo last weekend to see us. Paul sells radios and television sets for Sears Roebuck and Nilda works at the state hospital. We first met a long time ago in Singapore. How they got to the United States makes a story which had better begin, I suppose, with Paul's father.

He was an Irish scholar who went to Siam as a tutor to the royal family. He married an Austrian girl and from that union were born three boys, one of whom was Paul. When Paul's mother died, his father married a Siamese woman of the royal household and they had five daughters, several of whom we met in Singapore.

Paul owes his arrival in the United States, which he thinks is the best thing he ever did, to the fact that as a youth he went to Borneo to take a job in the oil fields.

There he met and worked with some American engineers who taught him baseball. Paul thereafter became a hopeless

baseball fanatic. When he returned to Singapore he promptly drummed up interest and got a league going. The makeup of the league varied, but at the time I knew it there were four teams. There were the Americans, made up of rubber company representatives, National City bank people, merchants and traders, with Consul-General Keith Patton as manager.

Then there were the Japanese, mostly young men working for trading and mercantile firms, who had played ball in Japanese schools. Another team was made up of local boys, mostly Eurasians. Paul headed this group, catching, pitching or playing first base as the occasion demanded. The fourth team was the Royal Air Force with a couple of Canadians and some Australians showing most of the know-how.

Usually the Americans and Japanese topped the league and put on some mighty fine contests. The others just came out for the fun of it.

Several years before I got to Singapore, Paul's team was playing ball one Sunday morning when a couple of young Americans wandered up. Paul got to yarning with them and invited them to borrow mitts and get into the game. It developed that the Americans were Denver college students making a trip around the world on a pair of shoestrings.

One thing led to another and the Americans were guests in the James home for two months before they continued on their way.

Came the war. Nilda and her three children were evacuated to India, through sub-infested waters, a week before Singapore fell to the Japanese attackers. Paul had enlisted in a medical unit and was quickly imprisoned after Singapore fell early in 1942. It was 18 months before Nilda learned that Paul was safe, though

somewhat hungry, in a PW camp.

After the Japanese surrender, Singapore was in shambles. The Jameses wrote to the two American boys in Denver, just to renew friendships, and first thing you know they were being invited to migrate to the U.S.A.

Paul needed no additional urging. The ponderous wheels of the immigration service began to grind, and a year later the Jameses were on their way as quota immigrants. They landed in Los Angeles, came on to Denver where their benefactors were living at the time.

That's the end of the story, except that the Jameses are on the verge of getting their second papers and becoming full-fledged American citizens. The older son, Kevin, served a hitch in Korea with U.S. forces, was discharged as a sergeant and is now married and living in Pennsylvania. The second son, Desmond, is in the army, was selected for officer candidates school, and is awaiting only citizenship to enter training. The third child, is a teen-ager busy with a thousand and one activities in her set in Pueblo.

All of this, to me, makes a heartwarming little story. The little bit of kindness the Jameses cast upon the waters a long time ago has returned to them manifold.

MINORITY

Re-argument of the crucial public school segregation cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, originally set for Oct. 12, has been postponed until Dec. 7. The delay was requested by Attorney General Brownell. It was originally argued in the Supreme Court last Dec. 9-11, but unable to reach a decision, the Court called for re-argument, inviting the Justice Department to participate.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Hondt

Wicked Sales Tax

One of the most spectacular intra-party scraps last year between Rep. Daniel Reed of New York, chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, and the Republican administration is likely to recur when the issue of national sales tax is presented . . . Already, the 76-year-old Republican has vowed "they shall not pass" in referring to efforts to raise taxes or to postpone scheduled tax reductions . . . Last session, Reed tried to end excess profits tax on July 1 and to give individuals a 10 percent cut on income taxes at the same time. Both actions were delayed until Jan. 1, as urged by Eisenhower . . . In the meantime, there has been increasing talk that the administration might recommend a national sales tax as a substitute for other losses of revenue in order to balance the budget . . . Comments on this proposal have appeared widely and Reed announced recently "a general sales tax will not be approved by the Congress in the coming session." He based his prediction on reports reaching him from other members of his committee . . . The veteran New York congressman, oldest Republican in continuous service in the House, figures the present sentiment in the House guarantees "prompt repudiation of any more attempts to bypass the Ways and Means Committee."

Eisenhower's tax problems come from this picture: it estimates a \$4-billion deficit for this year ending next June 30. Automatic tax reduction laws would take away an additional \$6-billion the following year . . . While the administration hopes to balance the budget,

it faces an almost \$10-billion gap. To close this gap, it will try to reduce spending, postpone tax cuts or seek new sources of revenue or by a combination of the three . . . And since promises of letting profit taxes die and personal income taxes drop on Jan. 1, the administration is expected to seek postponement of other tax cuts and probably try to tap additional revenue sources.

As long as talk is drifting about a national sales tax, I'd like to add my "two cents" . . . On luxury items, such a tax is understandable and worthy. On items of necessity, a sales tax is downright wicked. . . . Wicked because it's a method of taking the tax burden off the people best able to pay on to people who are least able to pay . . . As one housewife has said, "A sales tax would be a rotten trick to play on parents who already are deviled almost sick with high prices" . . . It penalizes a mother everytime she goes to a store to buy shoes for her children to go to school in, or a new shirt for her husband so he can look presentable at work . . . We talk of discrimination on a man-to-man level being unprincipled because all men are equal. We can talk of discrimination on a family level being equally so because the family, as a basic unit of society, is entitled to its due and be allowed to live.

The NAM research department shows that a family of four with \$5,000 income spent more money on taxes than on food—\$1,526 for taxes, \$1,413 on food.

Vagaries . . .

Theater Prospects Brighten

by Larry Tajiri

Two of Hollywood's biggest studios and an independent producer, William Goetz, broke open their bankrolls and offered up to \$250,000 for a novel none of them would have touched a few years ago. The work is James Michener's forthcoming "Sayonara—A Japanese Romance" which is to be serialized in one of the nation's popular women's magazine and which will be issued in book form later this season.

The studios were MGM and Paramount and the producer was William Goetz. All of them accepted the author's terms which were a guarantee of \$150,000 and an additional \$100,000 if the picture's gross topped \$5,000,000. Instead, however, "Sayonara" went to one of Broadway's most successful producers, Joshua Logan, who accepted the same financial terms for the motion picture version and also promised a Broadway production.

It is fortunate that the current revival of interest in Japanese and Oriental subjects in entertainment is being sparked by James Michener whose "Tales of the South Pacific" and his more recent documentary on the Far East show him to be a man of deep humanity with none of the attitudes of 19th century colonialism. In "South Pacific," one of the greatest entertainment successes of our time, and in "Return to Paradise," the current film starring Gary Cooper, he approaches the delicate subject of miscegenation, once taboo on the screen, with sympathy and naturalness as he details the love stories of white men and non-white women.

The story line of "Sayonara" won't be known until the book is published but is presumably concerned with the love of a Japanese girl for an American, whether in post-occupation Japan or in those years after Perry and his black ships opened Japan to the world one hundred years ago.

The spirited bidding for "Sayonara" which Hollywood lost to Broadway is indicative of the broader approach of the filmmakers toward subjects which would not have been considered suitable only a few years back. One of the bidders for the Michener book was MGM's Dore Schary, responsible in considerable part for the screen's awareness of the world beyond the breakers at Malibu and the serrated ridges of the Sierra Madre. Schary was the first top Hollywood executive to tackle controversial subjects after World War II, making "Crossfire" and "Boy with the Green Hair" at RKO before transferring to MGM. He commissioned a writer, Robert Pirosh, to write "Madame Butterfly"

story with an American setting.

While doing research on the story, in the Pacific Citizen and other sources, Pirosh kept coming across the saga of the 442nd Combat Team and the Nisei-white love story eventually became "Go for Broke!" which MGM produced in 1951.

Paramount once produced "Madame Butterfly" without the music in 1932. Unable to get rights to the Puccini music, the studio made the story from the Luther Long play which was produced on Broadway by David Belasco more than 40 years ago. The picture starred Sylvia Sydney as Cho-Cho-San and Cary Grant, making one of his first film appearances as Lt. Pinkerton of the U.S. Navy. Scenes from Puccini's "Butterfly" also are a favorite with the studios and nearly every soprano has had a chance to don a kimono. Kathryn Grayson teamed with Mario Lanza to sing the love duet in "Toast of New Orleans" while the late Grace Moore and Deanna Durbin have sung "One Fine Day" in production numbers in their films.

A reason for Michener's sale of "Sayonara" to Logan which hasn't been publicized may be that both men are great admirers of the Japanese classic theater, the Kabuki. Michener and Logan, both of whom were in Japan early in 1952, returned singing the praises of the Kabuki and declaring it the greatest theater in the world today.

Logan, in fact, proposed to produce a version of Kabuki on Broadway and was involved in negotiations to bring the Tokyo Kabuki theater to the United States last fall. He proposed at the time to convert one of the Broadway showhouses into a Kabuki playhouse, complete with the "hanamichi", the full-length runway on which the players made their exits and entrances. He also proposed to install gift shops and snack rooms, similar to those at the Tokyo Kabuki, where the audience strolls during intermissions. A performance at the Tokyo Kabuki, of course, takes some nine hours but Logan planned to cut the New York performance to a normal two and a half.

The proposed visit by the Japanese Kabuki players did not materialize, probably because the project would have required considerable subsidization by a Japanese government which is short in dollar exchange.

It is expected that Mr. Logan, who directed "Mr. Roberts" and produced the successful musical, "Wish You

Were Here," will put some of his impressions of the Kabuki into the musical version of "Sayonara" on which he will team with Michener in writing the book. Irving Berlin already has agreed to write the music.

A few years ago a Broadway producer would have hesitated to produce a big musical with a Japanese setting because of the difficulty in obtaining performers. Now, of course, the producers know there is enough Nisei talent available for any such project.

Rogers and Hammerstein's "The King and I" have featured the dancing of Yuriko Kikuchi and Michiko Iseri for nearly three years, while Dorothy Maruki has appeared in "South Pacific." Yukiko Shimoda danced in a Schubert revival of "Geisha Girl" two summers ago, while there are a number of others who have appeared in concerts with modern dance groups. No casting has been reported but if Producer Logan is looking for a girl of Japanese ancestry for the lead there are Sono Osato and Shirley Yamaguchi, who are of star caliber, as well as such younger players as Michiko Okamoto and others who have been playing in TV productions.

There is also the example of Mariko Niki, a girl from Tokyo who was studying at Columbia University, who walked into the lead role of a Broadway play this summer and will play opposite David Wayne, John Forsythe and William Hansen in the forthcoming John Patrick play, "Teahouse of the August Moon," from the Vern Sneider novelette about Okinawa under U.S. occupation.

Miss Niki, whose name is really Kazue Ouchi, is 24 years of age and did some modeling back home in Tokyo and had some bit parts in movies as well as in little theater productions. She applied for the part when she heard that Maurice Evans, who is directing "Teahouse" while starring in "Dial M for Murder," was looking for a Japanese actress. "Teahouse" opens at the Martin Beck theater in New York on Oct. 15 and the producers are so sure of the play's success that tickets already are all sold for all performances through March 31, 1954. Miss Niki will dance and sing to the music of Dai-Keong Lee as well as handle the dramatic chores of the role of a geisha in a teahouse frequented by American GIs.

"Teahouse" and the proposed musical and film, "Sayonara," undoubtedly will be followed by other productions with Asian backgrounds. Things are looking up for Nisei in the entertainment world.