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## WASHINGTON OFFICE, D.C. CHAPTER HOSTS TO MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER

Washington

Medal of Honor winner Hiroshi Miyamura and his party will be guests of the Washington, D. C., chapter and the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League when they visit the Nation's Capital next week.

The Department of Defense has notified the Washington JACL Office that the President will personally decorate the Nisei Korean War hero at White House ceremonies beginning at 11 o'clock, the morning of Oct. 27. The same morning, two other Army men and three marines are also to be presented the nation's highest military decoration.

That evening, the Washington JACL chapter will sponsor an informal dinner in his honor at Bonat's French Restaurant. Dr. George Furukawa, chapter president, is in charge of arrangements.

The Washington Office announces that Hiroshi Miyamura, his wife and father are flying in Sunday morning, Oct. 25, to participate in the annual Nisei Memorial Day services that afternoon at Arlington National Cemetery.

Monday noon, Eikichi Araki, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, will honor the Nisei war hero and his party at a luncheon at the Embassy of Japan.

The Miyamura party is scheduled to leave Washington on Oct. 28 to return to Gallup, N.M.

Accompanying the Medal of Honor winner and his wife to Washington will be his father, Yaichi Miyamura, his brother just returned from Korea, Sergeant and Mrs. Kei Miyamura, and his personal friends, Mr. and Mrs. Amelio Gregorio.

## Rare California mollusk presented as gift to Japanese Emperor

Tokyo

The Japanese Emperor was presented with a rare specimen of California mollusk last week by an American Oceanographic group which included two Nisei members.

The presentation was made by Dr. Warren S. Woster of the Univ. of California when he and 18 members of an American oceanographic team visited the Biological Research institute here.

The Nisei were Richard Morita of Pasadena, 30, a bacteriologist, and Minoru Koide, 28, a chemist.

The Emperor, well known as a marine biologist, was said to have been specially pleased with the mollusk gift and asked many questions of the American scientists.

The American oceanographic team arrived in Tokyo Oct. 8 aboard the Spencer F. Baird, 780-ton survey ship, after completing a three-month exploration covering some 1,300 miles of the North Pacific area.

## Swain killer

Puebla, Mexico

A young Mexican peasant signed a confession in which he admitted shooting Dr. Ralph B. Swain, a U.S. Point Four official during a hold-up attempt on the Pan-American highway 150 miles south of Mexico City, police here announced last week. Swain is survived by his Nisei wife, the former Susan Noguchi of Iliff, Colo., and two sons, Alfred and Ralph.

"Gone With the Wind" is still drawing SRO crowds at seven Tokyo theaters after a three-month run.

Gallup, N.M.

Hiroshi Miyamura, Nisei Medal of Honor winner, has been nominated for recognition as one of the 10 outstanding young men of the year in a program carried on by the U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce. The nomination was made by State Sen. Guido Zecca and Gov. Mecham added his recommendation.

Miyamura was discharged at an "expedited" processing at Ft. Bliss, getting his papers from Maj. Gen. S. R. Mickelsen, post commander, after a review of six battalions.

"They offered me a commission in the Army," Miyamura said upon his return home last week, "but I'd be satisfied as a master sergeant if I did rejoin. I've got 90 days to think it over, and if this restaurant deal falls through, I may re-enlist. I don't know, right now."

Miyamura and his PW camp buddy, Dan L. McKinney of Clovis, N.M., who were discharged together, are planning to open a drive-in restaurant on Highway 66—a dream both developed while in captivity.

## Two Issei in D.C. naturalized citizens

Washington

Among 124 aliens naturalized here last week were Thomas Kohachiro Takeshita, who first came to the United States in 1907, and Mrs. Ayako McVay, who entered this country under the JACL-sponsored soldier bride law.

A graduate in chemistry from the Univ. of Utah, the prewar Los Angeles Issei resident was employed by the War Relocation Authority in Washington and Federal Broadcasting Intelligence Service during the war. He is among the few Issei employed by the Dept. of Defense during the past four years at the Armed Forces Medical Library. He also was Japanese translator at the Washington JACL office.

His Nisei wife, Lillian, is a board delegate of the D.C. JACL chapter. His two daughters are Mrs. Lyn Shiu, Chicago, and Mrs. Joy Teraoka, Honolulu.

The naturalized warbride, niece of Mrs. Sakaye Yoneyama, Alexandria, Va., plans to join her soldier husband who is stationed in Germany.

## Postmark date ruled out as timely filing of claims; CL to seek change

Washington

Date of receipt—and not the postmarked date—determines the timely filing of an evacuation claims, the Dept. of Justice informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Attorney General ruled that regardless of the postmarked dates on claims, only those actually received by the Dept. of Justice prior to the deadline (Jan. 3, 1950) are eligible to be considered.

## CROWN PRINCE AKIHITO DOUSES CATSUP ON RICE FOR SUPPER

Watsonville

Each week, the editorial column of the Watsonville Pajaronian and Sun features commentaries of "Pa Watsonville" on the events of the day and of people in the news. Last week he addressed some remarks to the "local Japanese colony" with this paragraph.

"Really something, wasn't it, getting a look at the crown prince? And I have news for you. My spies tell me that as a part of his supper, the other evening, Akihito ate two helpings of rice (which should be no surprise). What struck my eye was the fact that he doused each helping with a liberal gulp of catsup. Wow!"

## MASAOKA MAIN SPEAKER FOR NC-WN CONVENTION

Stockton

Mike Masaoka has been announced as main speaker of the biennial Northern California-Western Nevada District Council convention here Nov. 7-8 at the Civic Auditorium.

Stockton and French Camp chapters are co-sponsors.

The registration fees for official delegates is \$12 and \$10 for boosters for both days, which includes lunch, supper, convention mixer and a banquet.

"The package deal of \$10 for both days cannot be beat," George Ogino, convention official, added. However, boosters unable to attend both days are invited to participate for a day.

Both National and District officers have been invited to attend.

## Nisei unrserymen wins long fight over Oakland zoning ordinance ruling

Oakland

Frank H. Ogawa, prominent Northern California grower and wholesale nurseryman, won a five-year fight to maintain and operate his nursery at premises located at 7201-73rd Ave.

Last August Ogawa applied to the City of Oakland for permission to erect a lath house. He was advised by the secretary of the Planning Commission that he would have to apply for a variance permit, since his proposed lath house was proscribed in the zone in which his nursery was located.

At the hearing before the Board of Adjustments of the Oakland Planning Commission, a 17-point protest to Ogawa's application was filed by 70 neighborhood residents. The protest alleged that Ogawa violated the zoning ordinance in locating a nursery in an area zoned primarily for multiple dwelling residences. A field study was made by the Planning Engineer who reported favorably on Ogawa's application. The Board of Adjustments granted a permit.

Protesting neighbors then appealed to the City Council from decision of the Board of Adjustments and took issue with the findings of the Planning Engineer. In the meantime, the residents of the immediate neighborhood of Ogawa's property rallied to his support.

At a meeting of the City Council in Sept. 29, Mas Yonemura, Ogawa's attorney, pointed out that if Ogawa's operations were legal no variance permit should be required. He further urged that the City Council dismiss the appeal. The matter was referred to the City Attorney of Oakland who ruled on Oct. 13, that Ogawa's nursery was within the permit use and recommended dismissal of the appeal.

During the course of the protracted hearing, it was developed that since March, 1948, when Ogawa started his nursery venture, there have been several attempts to force Ogawa to move his nursery.

Ogawa's only comment upon winning the case was, "I'm glad it's all over."

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY HOME DENIED TO VET

Los Angeles

Housing discrimination against Japanese Americans continues unabated in this area, according to Tats Kushida, JACL Regional Director. The latest reported instance of discrimination against a Nisei and his wife was called to the attention of JACL last month.

John Kanda, 442nd Regimental Combat Team veteran, encountered discrimination at a housing development in San Fernando Valley. Kanda had paid a deposit of \$100 toward the purchase of a home in Branford Manor following selection of a lot site and house model as well as decoration and landscaping details.

Subsequent to his deposit and selection, the amount of his deposit was returned to him with a note stating that his application had been rejected by the loan company.

The matter was then referred to Frank F. Chuman, JACL legal counsel.

Chuman, of the law firm of Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki, has enlisted the support of community agencies and organizations including the Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations, which through its coordinating council in San Fernando Valley has already taken action to support the Kandas in their battle against prejudice.

Earlier this year, Attorney Chuman had successfully intervened in two other instances where Nisei veterans and their families had been denied opportunities to purchase in new housing tracts.

## TWO SISTERS BECOME NUNS TOGETHER

Valley Park, Mo.

Two Honolulu nurses took their first vows in religion as Maryknoll Sisters at the Our Lady of Maryknoll Novitiate here. They are Sister Marie Bernadette, formerly Bernadette Therese Higa, and Sister Regina Therese, Mary Louise Higa, both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ushi Higa of Honolulu.



George Killion (left), president of American President Lines, presents to Donald B. Tweedy, scoutmaster of Troop 11, San Mateo, a Japanese flag, compliments of the shipping company, to send to Japan where a new Troop 11 will be formed. The flag, used by APL in connection with the recent visit of Crown Prince Akihito, is part of a shipment of uniforms and other Scout equipment that will be sent by the American troop to form the Japanese troop. The idea was conceived by the Scouts at the international Jamboree near Los Angeles as a way to symbolize the good-will existing between the two countries.



## Nisei Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery to feature CMH winner Miyamura, draft official

Washington Medal of Honor winner Hiroshi Miyamura and Deputy Director of Selective Service Col. Campbell C. Johnson will be feature speakers at the annual Nisei Memorial Day Services to be held this Sunday afternoon, at Arlington National Cemetery, according to Ira Shimasaki, chairman of the National JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee.

### Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

#### CONGRESSIONAL LINEUP . . .

As of this date, Congress is almost evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats. These figures tell the story:

	House	Senate
Republicans . . . . .	218	47
Democrats . . . . .	214	48
Independents . . . . .	1	1
Vacancies . . . . .	2	0

On Nov. 10, California's Fourth District will elect a successor to Republican Norris Poulson who resigned recently to become Mayor of Los Angeles. If the Democrats win this one—and the political prognosticators give them less than a fifty-fifty chance—they will up their total to 215.

A week earlier, on Nov. 3, New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District will elect a successor to former Rep. Clifford P. Case, also a Republican, who gave up his seat for the Presidency of the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Republic. This district is so traditionally Republican that the Democrats aren't claiming victory here. But, if there should be a major upset, the Republican majority in the House would be reduced to two votes—218 to 216, with Ohio Independent Frazier Reams, who almost votes with the Democrats, reducing the margin to a single vote.

**These razor-thin divisions in both Houses mean that absenteeism, illness, and death will affect congressional attitudes more than ever before.**

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#### SENATE MINORITY . . .

Though the Republicans are in the actual minority, they expect to serve in a majority capacity with the consent of the Democratic majority. This paradox, particularly strange in politics, arises from the fear that the Democrats have that they will be blamed for any Administration shortcomings in the 1954 congressional elections if they assume control of the Senate next session.

**To appreciate the sacrifice that the Democrats are making, one must appreciate the value attached to committee chairmanships, especially by those Southern Democrats who have the seniority to be chairmen of their respective committees.**

Oregon's Independent Wayne Morse has promised to vote with the Republicans on organizational matters. This means, assuming that every senator is present and votes on a straight party basis as usually happens on organizational matters, that a 48-48 tie will be created, enabling Vice-President Richard Nixon, who is the presiding officer of the Senate, to cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the Republicans.

Even if Senator Morse does not live up to expectations in this regard, Ohio Gov. Frank J. Lausche, though a Democrat, extracted a promise from Cleveland Mayor Thomas Burke that he would not take any action upsetting the present organization of the Senate before appointing him to the seat of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, "Mr. Republican" of Congress for the past decade.

And, even if Senators Morse and Burke are absent, if Republican control of the Senate were in jeopardy, it is expected that enough Democrats would absent themselves to assure GOP domination, at least nominally.

**The more difficult question, and one that hasn't been settled yet, is the composition of the Senate committee. Under the Reorganization Act of 1946, every senator is entitled to be assigned to at least two committees. With 48 Democrats and 47 Republicans, it is going to require some real juggling to arrange every committee in such a way that the GOP will control every committee by at least one member without causing the Democrats to resent such arbitrary action. With only nominal control, the Republican leadership can't afford to offend the Democrats if they have any hopes for the passage of a legislative program.**

Since actual policy making and legislative drafting is done in committees, and not on the floor, the real battleground on legislation will be behind closed doors. Democrats will want to exert as much influence as possible on these bills. Accordingly, they will be most reluctant to accept any compromise offers to diminish their influence in the various committees.

Senate leadership on both sides of the aisle is now engaged in trying to resolve this problem to the satisfaction of the Republicans as well as the Democrats. The way it is solved will affect the course of legislation in the next session for better or for worse.

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#### HOUSE MAJORITY . . .

The narrow House margin is actually more in favor of the Democrats than the minority role of the Senate Republicans. In the House, more Republicans vote with the Democrats on more party-line matters than in the Senate.

Thus, this thin vote spread could result in Democratic victories if its party leaders decide to make party policy issues of most controversial bills. Strange as it may seem, though the Democratic Party is so divided in their interests, last session at least party discipline was better than it was for the GOP.

**As presently constituted, the next Congress bids fair to be the most interesting in quite some time. Parliamentary maneuvering will play a more important role than ever before as advocates and opponents of legislation jockey for positions and votes.**

The fifth annual observance of Nisei Memorial Day, proposed by the National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City, in 1948, will be held at the gravesites of Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi and Fumitake Nagato, first Nisei to be interred at the National Cemetery. Both were killed in action while with the 442nd Regt. Combat Team.

**Nisei Memorial Day commemorates the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion in the Vosges Mountains of north-eastern France on Oct. 30, 1944, by the 442nd RCT.**

This single action, one of the more dramatic maneuvers of World War II, resulted in three Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations, the highest organization award that our Government confers, for the heroic Nisei outfit. More 442nd men were killed and wounded in this action than in any other in which the 442nd participated. Chairman Shimasaki, himself a veteran of World War II, announced traditional services would begin at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Andrew Kuroda delivering the invocation. During the war, Rev. Kuroda was with the Office of Strategic Services and participated in activities that even today remain classified as confidential.

Dr. George Furukawa, president of the Washington, D. C., JACL Chapter, will deliver the tribute of all JACL chapters to the Nisei soldier dead.

Jesse Shima, president of the Japanese American Society, will speak on behalf of the Issei community.

Tad T. Masaoka, wounded while with the 442nd and whose brother Ben, killed during the rescue of the Lost Battalion, is interred in Arlington, will respond for the Nisei veteran.

**Col. Johnson will deliver the principal eulogy of the day. He is remembered as the Assistant to General Hershey who was so responsible for the reinstitution of Selective Service to the Nisei in 1943.**

He was also the outspoken champion of fair treatment for the Nisei in official military circles during the war and was instrumental in organizing the 442nd Combat Team and using Nisei troops in the Pacific.

Earlier in the year, the National JACL Recognitions Committee awarded him a scroll in appreciation of his efforts in Selective Service to accord equal treatment and consideration to the Nisei.

Miyamura, himself a veteran of the 442nd, will lay floral tributes at the gravesites of Tanamachi and Nagato, after paying his respects to the Nisei dead of World War II and Korea. He and his wife and father are flying to Washington early Sunday morning to participate in these services.

The graveside service will conclude with the playing of "Taps" and the firing of a rifle salute by members of the "President's Own" Ceremonial Detachment from Fort Meyer.

**Following these services, the Congressional Medal of Honor winner will lay a special wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, JACL's tribute to America's war dead of all wars.**

Thereafter, led by the Nisei war hero, members of the Washington Chapter will decorate the individual graves of the 20 Nisei who are interred in Arlington.

**"This Fifth Annual National JACL Nisei Memorial Day services bids fair to be the most impressive that we have ever held," Chairman Shimasaki said, "because our only living Congressional Medal of Honor winner will be with us to pay tribute to those Nisei who, by making the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield, so helped all Nisei gain acceptance in these United States."**

### NOTICES

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## IN HONOR OF:

### Four sons, all doctors, honor parents at gala dinner-dance

Four sons of Dr. and Mrs. Eijiro Nishijima, oldtime Honolulu residents, were hosts to approximately 500 guests recently at a dinner-dance honoring their parents, enjoying the whole family reunion for the first time since 1934.

The four sons are Satoru, 41, and Randal Atsushi, 38, both MDs, and Theodore Takeshi, 40, and Frank Hiroshi, 33, dentists. Coming from a long line of obstetricians, Dr. Eijiro Nishijima came to the Islands in 1901 from Fukuoka. He was the 15th doctor licensed to practice in the Islands.

Sen. Wilfred C. Tsukiyama congratulated the Nishijima family on behalf of all their friends. Kenji Hamada, English editor of the Hawaii Hochi and close friend of the family, was toastmaster.

Membership in the Rocky Mountain News-Central Bank Honor Club rose to 671 two Sundays ago when two honest Denver Nisei youngsters were awarded gold pins and a \$7.50 savings account. Richard Tsuda, 12, of 556 Adams St., found a purse and returned it to the owner, Steve Umamoto, 13, of 1865 Dudley St., was the other member, who found a billfold containing \$15 in the street near his home and returned it before the owner realized it was lost.

● It is said Diogenes was in search of an honest man with a lighted lamp during the day. His quest is over as Harry T. Yamachika, who seems to have an affinity for lost wallets in the last 10 years having found three wallets which were quickly returned, was honored with a gold trophy. Inscribed on it were "To an honest man—Harry T. Yamachika. In appreciation—Kwong Dung" given at a nine-course Chinese dinner last week in Honolulu. On his way home from work, Yamachika spotted a well-packed billfold on the street. He stopped his car, retrieved it and 30 minutes later returned it to the owner. It contained \$100 in cash . . . He returns the wallet with no thought of being rewarded, said he believes "honesty is the best policy."

Ruth Sachie Hase, daughter of Mrs. Ura Hase of Lemoore, became the first recipient of the \$250 Dr. Tashiro Medical Scholarship award last week. A junior medical student at the Univ. of California, she was selected

### PRESS FILE:

**NEW COLUMNIST:** Manabu Fukuda, noted Bussei leader of Central California, joined the contributor's staff of columnists for the Hoku-bei Mainichi, San Francisco, recently. A humorous side-light reported last week was: Reprecussions already?

We received a box of candies the other day with a little note inside the box: "Dear Manabu: Knowing that you do not eat sweets we're sending the candy to your wife—and nuts to you!" No nut was to be found in the box. We are wondering—and a bit disconcerted.—"Gleanings", Hoku-bei Mainichi, San Francisco.

**CHICAGO EDITOR:** Katsu Asano, 48, editor of the Chicago Shimpo, was arrested by Immigration officials Oct. 12 and released on bail on charge of having become a Communist after he entered the United States. It was charged that Asano joined the Community party in New York in 1936 and wrote dispatches for the Daily Worker and a Japanese newspaper on the West Coast.

**DENVER VISITOR:** Kiyoshi Kawaguchi, who served as war correspondent for the Yomiuri in New York, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kawaguchi, 3732 Cook St., Denver. The Nisei newspaperman was stranded in Japan during the war. He returned to recover his citizenship to the U.S. several years ago through the court.

from a field of seven applicants on the basis of character, scholarship and need. The fund was established last March by Mrs. Moto Tashiro, widow of the late Dr. Kikuwo Tashiro, to perpetuate the fatherly interest he had shown in medical students. The fund is administered by a board composed of Drs. Norman Kobayashi, Tadashi Fujimoto, George Wada and George Tsunekawa.

Sumiye Nerio, education major at Los Angeles State College, was awarded a \$150 scholarship to further her studies. The grant was on the basis of past scholastic achievement. She expects to teach home economics in high school next fall.

The Rev. Arthur M. Tsuneshi, recently graduated from California Baptist Seminary and UCLA, is now head of the English department of the Honolulu Holiness Church.

Outstanding 1952 graduate of Honolulu's St. Francis Convent School, Shirley Suenaga is a second year student at Holy Names College, Spokane.

Harriet Yamahira, assistant program director in the young adult department of the Honolulu YMCA, is attending the School of Applied Sciences at Western Reserve University in Cleveland for her master's degree.

Among Chicago artists represented at a department store exhibit this month is Seattle-born Atsushi Kikuchi, 5526 Dorchester Ave., who spent his childhood in Japan and returned to graduate from Oakland's College of Arts & Crafts and Art Center at Los Angeles.

Receiving a four-year scholarship because of her interest in church work and outstanding leadership, Bernice Tanioka, 1948 McKinley (Honolulu) High School graduate, is attending as freshman at Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex. She is majoring in Christian Education.

Receiving a \$2,000 scholarship from Princeton University was Edwin K. Kato, Honolulu, who has matriculated in the engineering course. Besides being student-body president at his high school, he was a member of the American Legion baseball team representing the Islands at the Yakima (Wash.) regional finals last year.

At Harvard University on an \$800 scholarship is Vincent Aoki, 1952 student-body president of McKinley High School, Honolulu. He is studying premed and hopes to continue his studies at the Harvard Medical School. He attended the 1952 summer citizenship encampment at New York.

Kazuo (Jake) Higashiuchi, 5623 Dorchester Ave., Chicago scored a total of 657½ points in the four final rounds of the Midwest Goren individual contract bridge tournament last week. He was the only Nisei participating. Winner amassed 723 points.

● Japanese trading circles reported U.S. has approved shipment of scrap iron to Japan for the first time since World War II.

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## TOKYO TOPICS:

## Role of Japanese leadership in Asian labor stressed at ILO meet

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA  
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The Asian Regional Conference of the International Labor Organization is currently meeting in Tokyo. More than 200 government, labor and management delegates from some 20 nations are participating in the biggest international meeting being held in postwar Japan.

Zentaro Kosaka, Japanese labor minister, A. K. Malik, Pakistani labor minister, U. Bah Shwie, Burmese labor minister, figures are taking part in various phases of the ILO regional conference.

A picturesque sidelight is the variety of attire, probably based on religious background of the various nations represented, and languages. Buddhists from Burma and southeast Asia clasp their hands as if in worship whenever they meet each other — be it in the conference room or out on the streets. The Indians wear their white caps, while the Pakistanis have sheep-skin caps. The Burmese wrap their heads with colorful garbs.

While Japanese working con-

ditions have been hard hit by the ravages of war and unemployment, Japan is considered to be in better shape than other Asiatic countries. Asian workers are seeking leadership in Japan, having forgiven wartime activities in their respective countries.

A British delegate, on the other hand, has been accusing Japan and waging an anti-American whispering campaign at the conference. Naturally, Japanese Communist elements have been cooperating with this agitator at the ILO conference.

What makes this conference interesting is the attempt to elevate the living standards of Asians as a means to promote peace and prosperity. If present conditions continue, communistic up-risings are very probable in the Far East and Middle East.

Japan, classified as a well-to-do nation in Asia by other Asians because of its highly industrialized segment, has no minimum wage law. Workers in Japan have urged both govern-

## MOVIE STUDIOS SEEK CURVACEOUS NISEI

Hollywood

Paramount Studio is seeking a curvaceous and pert Nisei girl, between 19 and 23 years of age, to portray one of the leads in the film "Bridges of Toko-Ri". The studio said a Nisei "Terry Moore" is being sought to play the part of Kimiko.

## Maki Ichiyasu joins Honolulu social agency

Honolulu

Maki Ichiyasu, formerly group work director at Palama Settlement, has joined the staff of the Honolulu Council of Social Agencies to serve as secretary of group work and recreation division.

A graduate of Mills College, Miss Ichiyasu has been in the Territory since 1946. She was awarded a Community Chest scholarship to attend Univ. of Hawaii where she received her master's degree in social work in June, 1952.

On the mainland, she did youth work in San Francisco, Los Angeles and at Poston Camp I.

ment and management to consider family allowances with their wages. Some countries, such as England, are advocating special allowances for workers with a large family to support. Employers in Japan have refused and a person with a large family is continually finding it difficult to support his family at the going wage scale.

Fundamental trade unionism is also being studied. There are delegates from England, Australia, France and the United States here reviewing this issue at the International Confederation of Free Trade Union conference. Important labor policies are expected from this gathering.

Emphasis will be made of trade unionism for Asiatics. While the argument of "Asia for Asiatics" is seldom upheld at such conferences, Asian labor leaders have convinced the Japanese rank and file of its role and responsibility as a leader in Asia. This alone is an outstanding accomplishment.

## Observance of Jr. Chamber week may heal cleavage of two Honolulu groups

Honolulu

A partnership in racial cooperation is being formed by two "Jaycee" groups in Honolulu.

One is the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, composed exclusively of young Nisei; the other is the Honolulu Junior Chamber of Commerce, composed mostly of Caucasians, with a minority of non-Caucasians, including a few Nisei.

The joint effort is being tried for the observance of annual Junior Chamber Week, which comes in mid-January.

All events of the week-long celebration will be planned and carried out by committees made up equally of Nisei and non-Nisei Jaycees. There will be a kickoff breakfast, a "Church Sunday," a citizenship program, and a Founder's Day dinner at which the outstanding young man of the community will be announced.

The fact that the two groups are working together is a significant development in the Jaycee history in Hawaii. The older Honolulu Junior Chamber was unhappy when the Nisei decided to form their own racial organization several years ago.

There was, and still is, a wide cleavage of opinions as to the wisdom of organizing a racial Jaycee, identified as such.

The argument most often advanced for justifying the formation and continuance of a Japanese Junior Chamber has been the need for a "stepping stone" by which the Nisei could move up into the non-Japanese junior chamber. The Japanese Jaycee movement was started in part with this thought in mind.

Whether this theory will work out in practice is problematical.

In the meantime, the non-Japanese Junior Chamber is helping along toward this objective by inviting the Nisei Jaycees to collaborate in sponsoring Junior Chamber Week. It has never been done before, so the outcome should be interesting to watch.

Committees from both groups held a joint luncheon meeting last week to launch plans for the celebration. Not only the work

but also the expenses of the observance will be shared according to the size of their respective memberships.

The Japanese Junior Chamber has about 125 members; the other junior chamber, more than 300.

Both groups are chartered by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Members must be between the ages of 25 and 36.

One fact about racial organizations stands out in the case of the junior chamber movement in Hawaii. It is that nobody, no individual or organization, can stop the various racial groups from organizing into their own ethnic societies or clubs, once those groups have made up their minds to do so.

Not only the Japanese, but the young Chinese also, have formed their own junior chambers. The Chinese Jaycees organized themselves only a few weeks ago.

If a racial group is not satisfied that existing organizations can furnish the social, athletic, cultural or spiritual outlet it seeks, then, almost inevitably, that racial group will set up its own organizations, regardless of any criticisms or attempts to block such a move.

## CAPSULES

The much-travelled Crown Prince of Japan returned home Oct. 12 and to commemorate this occasion, two stamps were printed. The Y5 and 10 designs show birds, according to the *Postal Bell*, monthly newsletter of the Japanese American Philatelic Society, 1631 Eighth St., Berkeley.

Four able-bodied youths, charged with beating two amputees, one a Nisei who lost both legs on Heartbreak Ridge in Korea, were granted an extension of one week to prepare their pleas by a San Francisco municipal judge. They are accused of an unprovoked assault on Oct. 9 of Pfc. Tetsuo Nakahama and Sgt. 1/c Donald N. O'Callaghan, both Letterman General Hospital patients.



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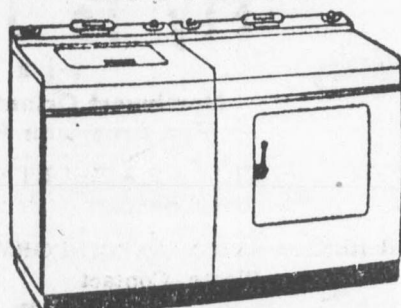
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## Chicago Corner

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The Chicago Commission on Human Relations, 54 W. Hubbard St., was established Dec. 12, 1947, by the city council as part of its municipal government and became the first city to have a human relations group supported by public funds. . . . Since then, some 40 other cities and states have taken the lead of Chicago. . . . The commission cooperates with the mayor, city council, agencies and officials to secure equal services for all residents; to train city employees in methods of dealing with inter-group relations; assuring fair and equal treatment under the law to all citizens; protect the rights of all persons to enjoy public accommodations and facilities; aid in formations of local community groups to lessen tension or improve understanding in the community; to investigate complaints of tensions, practice of discriminations and acts of prejudice against any person or group because of race, religion or ethnic origin. . . .

### Around Chicago . . .

Widespread burning of fallen leaves by home-owners was partly responsible for a heavy ground smog which blanketed the city one early morning last week. And Indian summer greeted us last week-end. . . . Because the Grant Park underground garage is 82 days ahead of construction schedule, a strip of Michigan Blvd. between Randolph and Monroe will be open to traffic Nov. 9. . . . Voters are reminded of the Nov. 3 elections. Over half of the city's 4,262 precincts will be equipped with voting machines. . . . Fritz Reiner is new director of the Chicago Symphony.

Parties and benefits coming up next week:

**Friday, Oct. 30**  
Children's Halloween party from 7 to 10 p.m., Christ Congregational Church of Chicago, Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave. Parents welcome.

**Saturday, Oct. 31**  
Benefit square dance and folk-song concert from 8 p.m., Kenwood gym, 4608 S. Greenwood Ave. Free cider and donuts to be served.

### Personals . . .

**Seitsu Ogura**, young metallurgical engineer of Sumitomo Metal Co., Ltd., of Osaka, was a recent visitor of Midwest steel works. He has completed a year's graduate work at the Univ. of Oklahoma and is anxious to meet Nisei engineers. . . . Among visitors from Japan viewing the Japanese art masterpieces at the Art Institute were **Tokujiro Namikoshi**, president of the Japan Finger Pressure Institute, and **Yosuiro Nakasone**, member of the Japanese House of Representative, both of whom were escorted by **Consul General Otoshiro Kuroda**. . . . Faithful CLer **Elsie Shiohara**, 5508 S. Greenwood Ave., of Seattle is surgical head nurse at Chicago's Lying-In Hospital. . . . TV specialist **Clarence N. Kimura**, formerly of Kona, Hawaii has been in business for a year now at 2131 N. Clark St. . . . The Co-operative Investors had a farewell party at Wilson Village last Saturday for **Tom Kanno**, to be employed as chemical engineer for Triple Oil at Minneapolis. Chicago CL's loss is but Twin Cities' gain.

**CORNER COUPLES:** Floral designer for Park Florist, 5311 Hyde Park, is **Paul Shimada**, 5700 S. Maryland Ave. He is formerly from Oakland. His wife is the former **Kiyo Kaga** of Seattle, and they have one girl, **Constance**, 4½. . . . The **Harry Yamaguchis**, 5634½ S. Maryland Ave., are CLers. Formerly from Honolulu, Harry is a junior accountant for Walter Joplin Langer Co. His wife, the former **Teri Miyata** of Stockton, is circulation manager for Scene magazine. They have one daughter, **Joyce**, 14 months old. Harry's sister is **Mrs. Roy Hombo**. Teri's sisters are **Mrs. Allan Hagio** and **Mrs. James T. Nishimura**. . . . Coming January the **Mitchell Nakagawas**, 5634 S.

### Central California District Council ready for Nov. 15 convention

Fresno

Pre-registration rates for the Central California District Council convention Nov. 15 at the Hotel Californian were announced last week. Sam Azuma of Delano JACL, 430 Fourth Ave., Delano will accept advance registrations at \$3.50 (without dance) per person.

For registered delegates, the dance will be \$1; for non-registered, it will be \$1.50, it was added.

National JACL officials, Central California dignitaries and officials are being invited to the convention. Mas Abe of Reedley is chairman of the National Reports session, scheduled in the afternoon. Fred Hirasuna of Fresno is banquet toastmaster.

The convention committee will meet at the home of Attorney Jin Ishikawa, convention chairman, 4117 Kirckoff, on Oct. 28, 8 p.m.

### Tentative Pacific NW convention schedule told

Portland, Ore.

The tentative schedule for the Pacific Northwest JACL District Council Convention Dec. 5-6 was recently announced by Dr. Matthew Masuka, PNWDC chairman. Mrs. Martha Osaki, Portland, and Henry Kato, Gresham-Troutdale, are co-chairmen with the three chapters, Portland, Gresham-Troutdale and Mid-Columbia, acting as hosts.

The PNW convention program as announced is:  
**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
10 a.m.—Registration.  
2-4 p.m.—Get-Acquainted Social.  
2-4 p.m.—Panel Discussion.  
6 p.m.—Banquet, Multnomah Hotel.  
9 p.m.—1 a.m.—Dance, Multnomah Hotel.

**Sunday, Dec. 6**  
Morning—Golf Tournament. Church Services.  
Afternoon—Outing at Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood.  
Bowling and bridge (or canasta tournaments).

### Reedley float

Reedley

The local Japanese American community participated in the Reedley Fiesta with a large fruit basket float in the parade. The float indicated a donation of \$304 which was presented to the Reedley Red Cross Ambulance fund. Dr. Akira Tajiri represented the JACL in the community project.

### Rev. Morikawa returning

Chicago

The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is due home Oct. 31 at the Municipal Airport after two months preaching in Japan in connection with the 80th anniversary of the founding of the American Baptist Foreign Mission.

Maryland Ave., will be married for 10 years. Mitchell, formerly from San Diego, is foreman for Admiral Metal Product (makers of kitchen cabinets), 3945 W. 5th Ave., says they plan to expand soon and need reliable sheet metal workers. His brothers **Mas** is at Aspen, Colo., and **Katsumi** farms in Encinitas, Calif. His wife, nee **Ruth Ogawa** of Honolulu, is requisition clerk for Midwest Inter-Library Center, a research library for 16 midwest universities.

### CHAPTER MEMO

**Detroit JACL:** The chapter's fall program was under full sway with new classes opened in contract bridge, ballet and tap as well as resumption of the popular ballroom dancing class.

**So. Alameda County JACL:** Proceeds of a Japanese benefit movie tonight will be used to continue various civic and social programs of the chapter, it was announced by Hideo Katsumoto, chairman.

**San Francisco JACL:** A joint political rally with the S.F. NAACP chapter was held Sunday at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA. Various city and state issues on the November ballot were aired by speakers. Yori Wada, chapter political committee chairman, presided.

**Hollywood JACL:** A costume-mask Halloween party at the Hollywood Community Center has been planned Oct. 31 by the chapter. Open to the public without charge, Danar Abe, social chairman, adds dances, games, prizes and refreshments are featured.

**Chicago JACL:** The Inaugural Ball Nov. 28 at the Breakers Room in the Hotel Sherry, 1725 E. 53rd St., will have the music of Jimmy Ray and his orchestra. Mickie Carroll, formerly vocalist with Harry James, is to be featured, announced Dr. Frank Sakamoto, general chairman. Tickets are available at \$5 per couple at the Midwest JACL office, 1200 N. Clark St.

**Newsletter Received:** Hollywood JACL Newsletter; Chicago JACL Bulletin.

### New York 442nd veterans slate third reunion

New York

Color films of the Honolulu reunion of the 442nd RCT will be shown at the Miyako Restaurant, Oct. 31, during a luncheon which is part of the two-day third annual 442nd Ass'n Reunion, headquartered at Beekman Tower Hotel. A semi-formal dance is scheduled that evening.

On Sunday, new officers will be installed. Nominated were: Kelly Y. Kuwayama, pres.; Irving Akahoshi, George Buirke, v.p.; Jack Feeley, Toru Kanazawa, Jimmy Kono, sec.; Gene Herbert, James Bones Taono, treas.

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## Denver program honoring Issei citizens Oct. 30 at Glenarm Y made elaborate

Denver

The Rev. Waichi Oyanagi of the California St. Methodist Church was named by president John Noguchi of the Mile-Hi JACL to act as master of ceremonies at the Oct. 30 Issei Citizenship Dinner to be held at the YWCA. Rev. Oyanagi was formerly an active Sacramento JACLer.

Noguchi noted also that Oct. 30 is Nisei Soldiers Memorial day, commemorating the liberation of Bruyeres, France, and indicated that appropriate ceremonies would be held in honor of Nisei veterans.

Denver

Elaborate plans for a potluck supper and program honoring new Issei citizens of the Metropolitan Denver area on Oct. 30 have been announced by Dr. George Takeno, chairman.

Twenty-seven men and women from Denver and Brighton will be guests of honor at the event to be held at the Glenarm YWCA, 1545 Tremont Place, starting at 6:30 p.m., under sponsorship of the Mile-Hi JACL.

## New citizens —

Omaha

Four Issei of Omaha recently were naturalized as American citizens and several more petitions are pending. New citizens are Max M. Hanamoto, T. S. Arikawa, George Watanabe and R. Wanya.

Denver

Additional names of Issei in Nebraska recently naturalized were reported by the Mountain-Plains JACL Regional Office last week as follows:

SCOTTSLUFF

Ed Yoshimura, Mrs. Moyo Otsuki, Mrs. Saka Sakurada, Mrs. Tomono Hirasawa, Mrs. Noe Sato, Mrs. Oto Nanbara, Mrs. Hideyo Kakuda, Mrs. Itsuni Hara, Mrs. Masano Okawaki, Mrs. Kotono Sugano, Mrs. Shima Kishiyama, Mrs. Sumino Hayano, Mrs. Tamayo Tomoi, Mrs. Kiyo Hashiba, Mrs. Kumaki Nakada and Mrs. Tochi Nagasawa.

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Seattle

Among 100 men and women naturalized before U.S. Judge William J. Lindberg Oct. 12 were 35 from Japan, the largest single nationality group. The judge addressed the new citizens:

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### 'Home Again, Home Again, Jiggety Jig Jig'

Although we really enjoyed our combination vacation and business trek to the Pacific Northwest, it's nice to be home and back on the job.

### Stockton Fish Story

The big event coming up for the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council is the convention in Stockton on Nov. 7-8, hosted by the French Camp and Stockton JACL chapters. Our District Council meets regularly each quarter; consequently our convention is not piled up with a year's accumulation of work. This year's convention promises to be a bang-up affair.

National dignitaries will be present to give their reports. **Mike Masaoka**, our eloquent lobbyist, will not only report on the latest in his legislative activities in Washington but will also speak at the banquet on Sunday.

A special and interesting feature for delegates will be the Fishing Derby which will take place Saturday from 7 a.m. According to reports from Stockton, each participant will be accompanied by a member of the Red Hat Anglers Club who will act as guide. Weigh-in time is 3:30 p.m.

Prizes for the biggest and the mostest will be awarded at the Saturday dinner which will be followed by a mixer. Stockton and the adjacent islands are famous for striped bass. I remember visiting on Bacon Island and being amazed when my cousin came home excitedly with a 49½-pound striped bass. We anticipate a lot of fish stories floating around during the course of the convention.

### 'The More We Get Together'

In San Francisco, staff personnel of various racial and community relations agencies get together for an informal monthly luncheon. A project assumed recently by this group is a course in human relations with personnel from these agencies acting as resource leaders.

It is a series of seven evening sessions meeting on alternate Thursdays. Some of the lectures and discussions center around goals and problems in human relations, role of the agencies, discussion techniques, public speaking, films and their uses. The JACL is happy to be a cooperating sponsor of this project.

The primary purpose of this course is to train picked volunteers from each organization in techniques such as showing films, leading discussions, developing community action programs, etc. Key leaders from the San Francisco JACL Chapter are attending these sessions. The course started while I was gone on vacation; however, I hope to drop in on some of the sessions and give you a report on this worthy project.

### In Line of Public Service

A bottleneck confronting Issei men who have applied for citizenship is their World War I draft status. At the present time, the Naturalization Section is planning to deny citizenship to Issei who were classified as 5-F, that is, persons who were relieved from military service on the ground of alienage.

The JACL believes that these Issei should have opportunity to clarify their status, especially if they were arbitrarily so classified. In San Francisco ten Issei men have been called in for special hearings to settle this problem. Our thanks to attorneys **Vic Abe** of San Francisco, **Wayne Kanemoto** of San Jose and **Mas Yonemura** of Oakland who are representing these Issei in the line of public service.

### Difficulties in Housing Easing for Nisei

A recent meeting which I enjoyed was an interesting and enlightening one at which half a dozen persons interested in human relations, more particularly in housing, met with **Philip Sadler**, Assistant Commissioner of the Public Housing Administration in Charge of Race Relations, touring the United States to get a composite picture of the housing situation in the major cities.

We were appalled to learn that in North Richmond exists one of the worst housing situations nationally. The wartime housing project there is being closed, and project residents are forced to turn to practically any possible solution or be left homeless. Consequently, they are prey of unscrupulous realtors and rental agencies. Most unfortunate victims are Negroes who came to Richmond during the war years to work in defense plants.

We were advised that generally speaking Japanese Americans are not suffering too greatly from housing difficulties nationally. Although we were pleased to hear this, we, Nisei should remember the difficulties we encountered during and immediately after the war and should be cognizant of our responsibilities toward not only other minority groups but to persons in less fortunate financial circumstances.

The special luncheon meeting was called by **Clarence Johnson** of the local Public Housing Administration office staff. Housing is a primary need of all men, and in our complex urban areas it constitutes one of the most pressing problems, especially in terms of fair treatment for minority groups.

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By DEN MOREY

## GRANDPA WAS STUBBORN

Grandpa was hailed a Farmer of the Year . . . He was expected to explain his success at the dinner in his honor. But Grandson worried because only he knew Grandpa was deaf-mute since childhood.

WHEN CENTER Valley Farmers Association had named Grandpa as Center Valley's "Farmer of the Year", I thought they could have picked no one better. As a farmer in this rural community, no one had grown quality vegetables in such bountiful quantities. But when they had asked Grandpa to accept an award at their annual dinner I was still proud but a little worried. After Grandpa had accepted the invitation, I read the next day in the Center Valley Chronicle that Grandpa was also expected to give a talk about his miraculous success, I stopped sleeping. Grandpa had been deaf-mute since childhood.

Now as I helped Grandpa into his aged, pin-striped suit, he stood unusually erect. After I had buttoned his coat, he went before the dresser mirror and began dusting away the imaginary dust from his suit while looking at himself. Then he spun around and faced me. He wore a smile over his tanned face, which almost closed his naturally thin eyes. Seeing him so happy brought a lump in my throat, but my thoughts again turned to the problem just an hour away.

"Grandpa, you still could cancel the invitation," I said, facing him so he could read my lips. "Better yet, after you receive the award, maybe, I could give the talk."

What I had proposed hurt Grandpa. I read it in his eyes—in his wrinkled face. My stomach did a double turn. However Grandpa quickly revived and smiled at me. I read his lips. "Don't you worry, Grandson. Just wait and see—wait and see . . ."

I guess Grandpa could be more stubborn than the proverbial mule. Still many times his trait had been an asset to both of us. For instance, we probably wouldn't have stayed in Center Valley if it had been for Grandpa's stubbornness.

When we had first settled in Center Valley, there were two strikes against us: an unfriendly community and an exhausted farm. I had been ready to admit defeat even before we started but not Grandpa. He rolled up his sleeves and went to work.

It wasn't that I cared so much of a community ignoring us. But when my eyes fell upon the wasted land—the tell-tale marks that had been left by the people who had tried and failed, I shook my head.

"Ah, but this is good land. They were not farming it right." Grandpa's eyes shone wisely and constraining his voiceless throat he had explained his trust in the land. "You can't expect your land to grow good crops without helping her to grow them. If you want the best out of your land, you must first learn to do the best for her. And remember this, always, Grandson; if you treat your land well, she'll treat you well. But ignore her and she'll ignore you, too."

And to prove his point, Grandpa couldn't find any time for leisure. Well, by the time we had finished our first harvest the land showed great promise—even more than what Grandpa had first anticipated. Neither had that gone unnoticed by the farmers. They began to take more than a passive interest in us, greeting me with questions whenever we met in town. Still it wasn't until late in the second harvest—the past one—that any of the farmers had come to visit us and casually asked to see Grandpa. However, none ever met him. True, neither Grandpa nor I had wanted to rebuff any friendly overtures, but neither had we

● A new by-liner for the Pacific Citizen Literary Experimental Page, Den Morey, is a Chicagoan who has already contributed a charming tale of an old Issei widower who lives with his married daughter and children, for the 72-page Holiday Edition . . . Short stories from others are invited at this time. Manuscripts (of not more than 3,000 words) must reach us by Nov. 15—The Editor.

forgotten the "cold treatment" the farmers had given us when we first moved into Center Valley. And probably, neither did they. As soon as I told visitors that Grandpa was busy working, they would leave.

THEN IT WAS day after Halloween. I had just come home with a truckload of tomatoes and had been readying myself for a trip into town when a car drove into our yard. I watched Jonathan Byron step out. I knew him because I had seen him several times in town and once saw his picture in the Center Valley Chronicle. I also knew him as one of the bigger farmers of the community. However I had never seen him quite so well dressed, wearing a light serge suit, rainbow-colored tie, and a blue fedora hat.

"Hello," he said with a big smile. "My name is Jonathan Byron." Then for a moment he hesitated, probably wondering what my reactions would be on his unexpected visit. He quickly recovered and stuck out his fat hand. I grasped his hand feeling its roughness . . .

"Hello, Mr. Byron," I said. "Yes, I've heard of you. By the way, my name's Frank Morita."

"Frank Morita. Yes, I know, Frank. And people around here call me John." Then his smile faded and he said seriously, "Two years in our community and we haven't formally met. Things like that must change."

I nodded my head in agreement.

"Speaking of changes, Frank, I really came over to talk to your grandfather . . . First let me explain—. Each year after harvest, the Center Valley Farmers Association, of which I'm the present chairman, sponsors an annual dinner for our community. It's in the line of a Thanksgiving Day dinner—not like the ones we know today, but like the ones the early settlers knew—inviting the whole community. And each year, the association selects from the farmers in the community, a person whom they feel has contributed most to our community and award him with a plaque at the dinner. Well, this year the members of the association have chosen your grandfather to receive that award and designated him the community "Farmer of the Year."

"Grandpa? But, I—"

My mouth hung open. Jonathan Byron continued. "Maybe you don't realize the effect that you and your grandfather had upon this community when you produced so much quality vegetables from this land. Those onions—and those tomatoes! Why it's hard to believe unless one actually knew it's been done. Why do you think the farmers around here let you buy this land in the first place? Because it could produce such good crops? Of course not! Old man Harris who owned it last lost his pants a few years ago. The best anyone could do—we all thought—was to break even. But here you folks come and within two years have proven

to us farmers that this farm could produce crops better than many of our own farms. Well, people are curious . . . and . . . and they want to know about you and your grandfather. But then they wake up and realize how they had been treating you . . ."

Jonathan Byron must have read my thoughts because he added quickly, "But, please get this straight, Frank. I know they didn't choose your grandfather because they wanted to undo the wrong the community had done to you two—not that I couldn't blame you if you think so—but only because they felt that he had rightly deserved that award. Nothing more—nothing less."

He stole a glance at his wrist watch before he added, "And now about your grandfather—"

"Grandpa isn't home," I said.

"Well, if you'll take me to him, then I'll—"

"I'm sorry, Mr. Byron, but it'll take some time to locate him—and—and you understand I must get this load into town before it gets too late."

What I said was just an excuse. Although I tried to make myself believe differently, I knew deep inside me I didn't want him to see Grandpa . . . because I was ashamed of him—ashamed of the man who had been both father and mother to me ever since I was five when my parents were killed in an automobile accident. Maybe, if Grandpa hadn't been a deaf-mute, I might have felt differently. Oh, I could have kicked myself hard—

"I'm sorry, too," the tall man said in disappointed tones.

Cutting in, "I'll tell you what. In either case, I'll give you his answer in a couple of days," I said.

Jonathan Byron smiled. "That'll be swell. Thanks, Frank. Oh yes, although I came here today, there'll be an invitation mailed to you in a few days."

Later that evening, when I revealed to Grandpa about Byron's visit and the reason for his call, he acted like a four-year-old kid who wakes up Christmas morning to find his stockings filled with chocolate. Right then and there, he made up his mind to accept the invitation. Nothing I said or did then or in the past two weeks had altered his mind.

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## SPORTSCOPE:

## Seattle Golfer Wins California Open

Ervin Furukawa, 3-handicap Seattle golfer, toured the Pebble Beach course last weekend with an 80-84 to cop low gross honors and the California State Nisei Open. A beautiful day Saturday but windy & wet Sunday, he nosed out Frank Yoshioka of San Jose by a stroke. Moto Matsuda of San Francisco won low net . . . Host Garden City club won the team title, 14 strokes ahead of Monterey Peninsula in the four-man event . . . The rain Sunday didn't bother the Northern Cal boys or the Puget Sound star as they pulled out rain togs from their bags; the Southern Cal visitors were wholly unprepared.

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## More 600 Series Bowlers throughout Nation

Smith Morimoto's season high series 665 and Jim Wada's 258 season high game at Ontario's Nisei Commercial League last week highlight bowling news from the Pacific Northwest. Wada ended with a 611. Teizi Yasuda's 607 and Min Nakamura's 600 were tallied the same night . . . Shig Hironaka's 652 was high for this week . . . In the Bay Area, Fuzzy Shimada of San Francisco continues to be hot! He uncorked a 668 series in the Downtown Bowl's Invitational League and thus far has a 222.66 average. (He's also teaching at the old Fillmore Rec every evening) . . . Other standout scores include George Yamada's 632 in the Sac'to Nisei Winter loop, Tats Nagase's 625 in the Eastbay, and Johnny Kasano's 600 in the San Jose Veterans league.

Micki Inouye came through with the first 600 series in San Francisco Nisei Women's League with 241-202-157.

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## Yonamine Stars in Japan World Series

Honolulu's Wally Yonamine sparked the Tokyo Giant's 4-2 victory over Nankai Hawks last Friday with timely hitting and speedy base running for the Giant's third straight Japanese Professional Baseball championship. Wally singled in the first inning and scored the run which gave Tokyo a 1-0 lead until the sixth when the Hawks went ahead on two homers. In the next inning, Wally started the Giant's three-run rally by stretching a line drive into right into a double. While Tetsuji Kawakami, leading series hitter and Giant first sacker, was voted the most valuable player of the series, many sportswriters thought the Nisei outfielder deserved the honor for his all-round brilliant play. He hit 12 out of 27, while Kawakami had 13 out of 27 . . . The series went six games . . . The weekend crowd watching the New York Giants play at Tokyo's Korakuen Stadium totaled 50,000 Saturday and 45,000 Sunday. On Saturday, the visiting New Yorkers won 11-1 over the Tokyo Giants, Japanese World Series champions. In the Sunday fracas, the Americans bested a 3-0 lead to win 5-3 over the Central League All-Stars.

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## High School Gridders Introduced

There should be some more introductions of Nisei high school footballers in closing . . . Bob Hirasaki is extra-point kicker for Gilroy High . . . Halfback Bill Maruyama is thrilling Watsonville High fans with his running through the lines . . . Jim Suzuki of Queen Anne (Seattle) and Teddy Fujioka at Franklin (Seattle) are handling their linebacking assignments well despite their lack of weight. Suzuki also has a 2.9 yard average on 22 attempts . . . A couple of Nisei in the Portland prep circle are halfback Inouye at Lincoln, center Ishida at Benson and guard Kurihara at Washington . . . Linemen Shiro Sasaki and Gerald Kosaka start for Lodi High near Stockton. Glenn Muramoto starts at tackle for Sacramento, High.

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An outstanding teen-aged swimmer, Richard Tanabe, from Hilo, Hawaii, has enrolled at Univ. of Indiana this year. The startling news to Hawaiian swim fans broke after Tanabe left for the State in early August to compete in the Indianapolis Nationals and later enroll at Univ. of Florida on scholarship.

Tanabe enrolled at Indiana with another outstanding Hawaiian boy, Bill Woolsey, 18, of Honolulu, who was slated to enter Ohio State.

Young Tanabe's father, Richard Tanabe, Sr., is Hawaii County treasurer.

Mrs. Helene Harms, National AAU women's swimming committee member from New Jersey, was largely responsible for the Hawaii duo moving to Indiana, it was understood. Well known in Honolulu when she stayed for several months two years ago while her daughter, Jill, 12, was learning competitive swimming under coach Soichi Sakamoto, she is said to have a "warm spot in her heart for Hawaii swimmers."

## Bowling—

Denver

Plans for the Mountain Plains JACL bowling tournament, scheduled here Nov. 28-29, have been enlarged to include women bowlers.

Nisei women will be permitted to bowl in all events, it was announced by Hooch Okumura, tournament director, and John Sakayama, co-chairman.

Guaranteed prizes, based upon participation of 20 teams, have been announced as follows: 1st place, singles, \$50 plus trophy; 1st place, doubles, \$75 plus trophy; 1st place team, \$100 plus trophy. A trophy will be awarded the all-events winner.

All events will be handicapped, with handicaps to be figured at 2/3 of 200, with a maximum of 120 pins per series.

Entries must be sent, with bowling fees included, to Okumura and Sakayama by Nov. 20, at 1225-20th St., Denver 2. Entry fees have been set at \$4.50 per person per event. The fees include \$3.00 for the prize fund and \$1.50 for bowling expenses and tournament expenses.

## Midwest Golf prexy

Chicago

Dr. William Hiura succeeds Dr. Randolph M. Sakada as president of the Midwest Golf Ass'n.

## SOCIAL NOTES

Fresno JACL Women's Auxiliary: Prizes for the most original costumes will be awarded at a masquerade party Oct. 27, 8 p.m., at the Fresno Congregational Church. Mmes. Masako Inada and Chico Taira are in charge. Other committeemen are:

Mmes. Tomoye Kitano, Mitzie Saito, Gloria Okamura, Sumi Suda, Betty Nakamura, refreshments; Mmes. Ai Kimura, Edna Yabuno, Alice Takahashi, games; Mikey Kubota, Sumi Murashima, Faye Kazato, prizes.

You don't have to wait until any particular season to can a certain brand of sour grapes.

## THE SOU'WESTER

TATS KUSHIDA

## Gardena Valley Chapter First to Respond

GARDENA TAKES THE spotlight this week not because the Sou'wester lives there but because of the cooperation and early support being given by the Gardena Valley chapter on the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue.

Ads and greetings from merchants and business houses already surpassing last year's total have been sent in by Ryo Komae, chapter president, with more to come. "Curly" as the youthful but balding proprietor of the Gardena Pharmacy is affectionately known to some of his friends, is an Angeleno whose wife, the former Jean Fukui, hails from San Francisco.

The Gardena Valley JACL, while semi-inactive in the sense that it does not conduct regularly scheduled meetings, has carried its share on JACL projects such as the annual registration of aliens and assisting in the filing of naturalization petitions by the Issei.

The chapter's immediate past president, Henry Ishida, is proprietor of the Union Nursery. For several years before evacuation, Union Nursery had a contract with the Santa Anita Turf Club supplying bedding plants for landscaping. When the track was used as an assembly center in 1942, its inmates at least got some enjoyment from the flowers growing there which had been supplied by Henry's nursery.

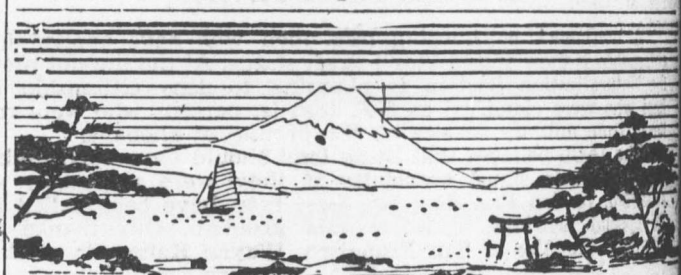
Last month the contract was again renewed and Henry has supplied 11,000 flats of "Santa Anita" pansies, specifically 1,100,000 plants, which are now planted there and in bloom, making up the floral pattern of the infield. We think this is another healthy indication of Nisei enterprise becoming re-established in the community.

Getting back to Gardena, there are many formerly active JACLers who are now prominent residents here. Dr. George Kambara, ophthalmologist and former prexy of the Downtown LA Chapter, for one. Another is Sam Minami, proprietor of the Gardena Sporting Goods. Dr. Mike Horii, dentist, is a former president of the Ogden Chapter who last year was president of the local Rotary Club. Paul Shinoda, first postwar chapter president, operates the Torrance branch of the San Lorenzo Nursery. Another nursery man is Kaz Minami, secretary of the Southern California Flower Growers (Japanese Flower Market). His brother Yo and sisters Toshiko and Masako have been staunch chapter leaders. The numerically fabulous klan Kobata on 139th St. are good JACL supporters, many of them members of the 1000 Club. In fact, Gardena may have more 1000 Club members per capita than most communities. The family of Chiz Salow, wife of our national director, operates the Uyeda nursery in Gardena.

Two of the officers of the East Los Angeles chapter have recently moved to Gardena, Aki Tashiro and Joe Yamamoto.

A number of JACLers belong to the various service clubs and also serve on the board of the Japanese community Center of which Ishida is chairman.

Despite the notoriety of its poker palaces, or as some people contend, because of them, Gardena is a pretty nice place to live, with lower taxes, a nice commuting distance from L.A., 10 degrees cooler in summer and 3 shades less of smog. Potentially, the JACL in Gardena can earn its place as one of the outstanding chapters in the national organization.



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# Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

The recent appointment of Superior Court Commissioner John F. Aiso to the Municipal Bench was hailed as a significant step forward in the field of human relations by the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations at its seventh annual meeting held at George Pepperdine College last Saturday.

In a resolution, mentioning the precedent-setting appointment, the group commended former governor and now U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice, Earl Warren, for having far-sighted good judgement in giving the job to a member of the local Japanese community. The organization, meantime, elected Robert Yoshio Komatsu to its board of directors in which Mrs. Ruth Dodani also serves. The resolutions meeting was presided by Tats Kushida, So. Calif. regional director.

Mrs. Setsuko H. Matsushita, who came to this country on a student's visa to study hair setting, has won status as a permanent resident through legal accommodations of the McCarran Act. She utilized the voluntary departure and re-entry procedure of the 1952 law which grants the right to citizenship now as well as the privilege to live here permanently.

In her case, which was handled by Attorney David Yonozeki, she sought a re-entry permit by asking for a visa to Juana, Mexico. After getting approval from the State Dept. and the Dept. of Political Affairs in Mexico City, she spent several days there and returned as a non-quota immigrant.

Lt. Tokio surgeon, Dr. James M. Goto, was commissioned as full colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Reserve. He will serve as a government board adviser.

The man who established the hospital at Manzanar Relocation Center is married to former Manzanar Kusayanagi who is a specialist in dermatology.

The noted surgeon, who outside of his practice teaches at White Memorial Hospital, is quite a sports fisherman, owns the Lucky Dok which is chartered to fishing enthusiasts. Before the war he was deputy coroner and autopsy surgeon as well as chief house surgeon at the L.A. County Hospital. His patients today number over 200 every day.

Fourteen of the 23 aliens who were naturalized Monday before Federal Judge Ben Harrison were Japanese. Four were Mexicans; two Chinese; two Koreans; and one Armenian.

Among the Issei was Mrs. Kanaoka of 16633 E. Arrow Highway, Azusa, who is mother of 11 children, seven of whom are veterans, another serving in the Army, and another awaiting draft. She also has two daughters.

Ex-servicemen sons include Yoshio, 36; Yoshinao, 35; Satoru, 33; Minoru, 32; Henry, 31; George, 29; and Jimmy, 26. Tommy, 22, is in Alaska with Uncle Sam; and Steven, 19, ready for uniform. The husband is Ginzo; while daughters are Grace, 24, and Hannah, 21.

Los Angeles YBA: Jim Araki and his orchestra, featuring the Nakano, has been engaged for the sports formal eighth anniversary ball Nov. 14 at the Hollywood Women's Club, 1749 La Brea. Highlight will be the crowning of Miss L.A. YBA, who will compete for district honors next year.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

AOKI—Sept. 28, a boy to the Iwao Aokis, Huntington Beach, Calif.  
BOYD—Sept. 27, a girl Paula Ann to the Billy Wayne Boyds (Ritsuko Nakagawa), Los Angeles.  
FURUKAWA—Sept. 29, a girl to the Sam S. Furukawas, Stockton.  
HAYASHI—Sept. 6, a boy to the Masao Hayashis, Fresno.  
HAYASHIDA—Sept. 21, a boy to the George Hayashidas, Loomis, Calif.  
HIGUCHI—Oct. 10, a girl Nancy Reiko to the Henry T. Higuchis (Kivoko Masuda), Los Angeles.  
HIRAKI—Sept. 15, a boy Lester Atsushi to the Takeyoshi Hirakis (Motoye Jane Saisho), Los Angeles.  
HIROMATSU—Sept. 22, a girl to the Akira Hiromatsus (Mary Michiye Fukave), Los Angeles.  
HIROSE—Sept. 18, a girl to the Ken Hiroses, Fowler, Calif.  
ICHINOSE—Sept. 20, a boy Elliot Evans to the Minoru George Ichinosen (Mary Tomiye Akahoshi), Los Angeles.  
ITATANI—Sept. 5, a boy Rodney Phillip to the Haruo Itatanis, San Jose.  
IWASAKI—Sept. 18, a girl Junko Florence to the Toyoji Iwasakis (Misako Nagato), Los Angeles.  
KAWASHIMA—Sept. 26, a girl Janet Keiko to the Kiyoshi Kawashimas (Chiyeo Osaka), Los Angeles.  
KOMOTO—Oct. 6, a girl to the Joe Komotos, Ontario, Ore.  
KATO—Sept. 16, a boy Donald J. to the Harry H. Katos (Kay Kaneko Mimaki), Gardena.  
KUWADA—Sept. 3, a boy Robert Alan to the Paul Y. Kuwadars, San Jose.  
MARUMOTO—Aug. 24, a boy Kerry F. to the George Y. Marumotos, Portland, Ore.  
MATSUI—Sept. 18, a boy to the George Matsuis, Seattle.  
MATSUMOTO—Sept. 23, a girl Victoria Eiko to the Masao Matsumotos (Masai Gohata), Los Angeles.  
MATSUMURA—Sept. 6 a boy to the Kunio Kay Matsumuras (Shizuko Arakami), Magna, Utah.  
MIYAMURA—Sept. 20, a boy Arthur Brian to the Takeshi Miyamuras (Shizue Kusanagi), San Gabriel.  
MORIKAWA—Sept. 26, a boy James Kazumi to the Kaoru Morikawas (Josephine Sawako Ohmura), Los Angeles.  
MURAKI—Sept. 8, a boy to the Tom Murakis, Sacramento.  
NAKAMURA—Sept. 12, a boy to the Fred K. Nakamuras, Stockton.  
NAKAYAMA—Sept. 8, a girl to the Ichiro Nakayamas, Sacramento.  
NAMBIA—Sept. 20, a boy Rex Tooru to the Yoshio Roy Nambas (Teru Yamauchi), Los Angeles.  
NISHIMATSU—Sept. 29, a girl Saron Miyeko to the Rickio Nishimatsus, San Jose.  
NOGUCHI—Oct. 6, a girl Ellen Toki to the Moriaki Noguchis, San Francisco.  
OHATA—Sept. 13, a boy to the Kiyoto Ohatas, Acampo, Calif.  
ONO—Sept. 22, a boy George Shizuo to the Sadao Onos (Suzuye Take-moto), Los Angeles.  
OTSUKA—Sept. 22, a girl to the Hiroyoshi Otsukas, Oakland.  
OZAWA—Sept. 19, a girl Kathy Sachiko to the George Yukio Ozawas (Susie Setsuko Tamaki), West Los Angeles.  
OZAWA—Sept. 24, a boy to the William Ozawas, Live Oak, Calif.  
SAIKI—A boy to the, George R. Sais, Spokane.  
SATO—Sept. 25, a girl Irene Kayoko to the Gene Toshikazu Satos (Teruko Muramoto), Los Angeles.  
SEKO—Sept. 22, a girl Naomi Reiko to the Itsuo Sekos (Kimiko Kamei), Los Angeles.  
SHIMANE—Sept. 27, a boy Dale Shizuo to the George Fujio Shimanens (Mabel Matsuko Santo), Gardena.  
SHIRANE—A boy to the Yoshio Shiranes, Denver.  
STOWELL—Sept. 21, a girl Beverly Ann to the Roger Stowells (Fumiko Fujisawa), Los Angeles.  
SUGIMOTO—Oct. 2, a boy Stephen Richard to the James Sugimotos, San Jose.  
SUZUKI—Sept. 15, a girl to the Masamichi Suzukis, Sacramento.  
TAKANISHI—Sept. 7, a girl to the Tak Yutaka Takanishis, Reedley, Calif.  
TAKENO—Sept. 8, a girl to the Ichio Takenos, Selma.  
TSUMURA—Sept. 17, a boy to the Harry S. Tsumuras, Sacramento.  
UCHIDA—Oct. 11, a girl to the George Uchidas, Seattle.

UCHIYAMA—Aug. 20, a boy to the Mikio Uchiyamas, Fowler.  
UTSUROGI—Sept. 27, a boy to the Mamoru R. Utsurogis, Oakland.  
UEDA—Sept. 9, a boy to the Akira Uedas, Stockton.  
UYENO—Sept. 28, a girl to the Shiro Uyenos, San Francisco.  
WATANABE—Sept. 27, a boy Dean George to the George Watanabes (Tsuyako Kasai), Los Angeles.  
WATTS—Sept. 11, a girl Willamina Yoshiko to the William Ira Watts (Helen Kay Goto), Los Angeles.  
YASUI—Sept. 28, a boy to the Tom Yasuis, Stockton.  
YAMAGUCHI—Sept. 18, a boy to the Ernie Yamaguchis, Fresno.  
YOSHIOKA—Sept. 26, a girl to the Makoto M. Yoshiokas, San Francisco.

### Engagements

HAYASHIDA-TACHIYAMA—Tosh to Tak, both of Seattle, Oct. 2.  
HORIO-TOKUNAGA—June, San Jose, to Ted, Santa Clara, Oct. 4.  
TOCHIHARA-KOYANO—Sumiyo to Wesley Kaname, both of Denver, Sept. 26.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

AKI-WHITE—Richard, 24, (USMC) and Joyce, 26, San Francisco.  
BLAS-NAKUCHI—Ignacio T., 23, and Ruby Y., 22, both of Seattle.  
GOTO-YAMAMOTO—George, 30, Berkeley, and Ann, 28, San Francisco.  
HORIUCHI-HORITA—Minoru, 34, San Francisco, and Sadako, 27, Sacramento.  
INOUE-YOUNG—Jimmy, 36, and Olive, 22, both of San Francisco.  
KIMURA-INAMASU—George T., 29, San Francisco, and Kikuye, 28, San Jose.  
KOZAI-SAWADA—Masao, 33, Detroit, and Yoshiko, 24, Auburn, Wash.  
YAMATE-INOUE—Henry Takenori, 31, San Jose, and Kikuye, 26, Los Gatos.  
YOSHIOKA-HIRO—Yutaka, 34, and Shizuyo, 33, both of Acampo, Calif.

### Weddings

DEMISE-ISHIBASHI—Oct. 4, James Y. Demise, Vale, Ore., and Ayako Ishibashi, Seattle.  
FURUKAWA-ARAMAKI—Oct. 11, Yukio Furukawa and Eva Aramaki, both of Seattle.  
IKEDA-SUNAGAWA—Oct. 11, Chiharu Ikeda and Peggy Kikuko Sunagawa, both of Los Angeles.  
KAWAGUCHI-NIZAWA—Oct. 11, Mitsuo Kawaguchi, Huntington Beach, and Jeanette Hiroko Nizawa, Los Angeles.  
KAWAKAMI-IWASAKI—Sept. 26, Fred Kawakami and Aki Iwasaki, both of Denver.  
KOHAYAGAWA-MATSUMOTO—Oct. 4, William Kohayagawa and Lillian Matsumoto, both of Chicago.  
KUMAMOTO-AMAI—Sept. 25, Toshio Kumamoto, Los Angeles, and Miki Amai, Pasadena.  
NISHIFUE-KOBAYASHI—Oct. 10, Kozo Nishifue, Spokane, and Fumiko Mary Kobayashi, West Los Angeles.  
OTOMO-MIZUKAMI—Sept. 26, Henry Otomo and Etsuko Mizukami, both of Chicago.  
TOMOI-KANNO—Sept. 25, Thomas Tomoi, Mitchell, Neb., and Ruth Kanno, Morrill, Neb.  
URABE-KAWAHARA—Oct. 11, Frank Urabe and Haruko Kawahara, both of Fresno.  
YOSHIMURA-KUMAI—Sept. 12, Frederick Takao Yoshimura and Eleanor Akiko Kumai, both of Seattle, at Honolulu.

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## Construction plans for new Shonien home submitted for city approval

### Los Angeles

Construction plans for a new Japanese children's home, replacing the old Shonien Home, began this past week as a co-operative venture of professional talent representing the top-notch Nisei architects, engineers and landscape designers. Initial funds for the new child-care center were raised in a community-wide campaign last year in which Nisei social clubs played

a major role.

The all-Nisei welfare project has been hampered by risings costs of construction and the Shonien Board revealed outlying areas with large concentration of Japanese American residents would be canvassed for funds as these areas were missed in the general drive.

A preliminary plot plan for the new construction has already been prepared by the Nisei Planning Group and submitted to the City Planning Dept. for approval. The new home will incorporate the latest developments in child care practices.

Members of the Nisei Planning Group include:

George Shinno, Kazumi Adachi, Ken Nishimoto, Hideo Takayama, Tom Makino, Mits Nozaki, Dyke Nagano, Toshio Terazawa, architectural design; Kenneth Iwata, Shu Magota, Joe Takahashi, Tom Kamei, structural engineering; George Hayakawa, mechanical engineering; Spencer Kono, Kenichi Matsuoka, electrical engineering; Junichi Asakura, landscape design.

## Report Canadian Nisei in East Coast swindle

### Hartford, Conn.

Identity of an asserted Canadian Nisei operating as a confidence man in this area early this month was not ascertained by a local Japanese American who had placed a long distance call with a Toronto Japanese vernacular.

The victim said money was loaned to a Canadian Nisei who told a plausible hard-luck story of a car breakdown. He has not been heard from or seen since. Such a person has been understood calling upon Japanese for a loan in the Chicago and New York area.

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## EDITORIALS

## District Conventions

The month of November is replete with JACL District Council conventions. Stockton hosts the Northern California-Western Nevada Council Nov. 7-8. Fresno is the locale for the Central California Council Nov. 14-15. Over the Thanksgiving holidays, Intermountain District meets at Pocatello on Nov. 27-28 while the Mountain-Plains District meets at Denver on Nov. 28-29. And as a wind-up to district council convention month, Portland, Mid-Columbia and Gresham-Troutdale chapters are hosts to the Pacific Northwest Council on Dec. 5-6.

Other district councils have held their biennial "odd year" conventions. Judging from reports and

comments of delegates, each proved to be successful in point of business accomplished, more 1000 Club memberships, and maximum personal enjoyment.

These "odd year" district conventions have cemented friendships started at "even year" national conventions, and also encourage new ones. They also provide a fine field for frolic. There is less wear & tear over business which is usually relegated for delegates attending "even year" meetings.

But, more importantly, district conventions are a stepping stone to the weighty affairs of a national convention. Los Angeles is to host what may be the best attended national meeting in 1954—Sept. 2-6 to be exact.

## From the Frying Pan . . .

## Scene: a Good Gamble

by Bill Hosokawa

## Chicago

About five years ago, a brand new magazine made its appearance in this, the Windy City. Its name was "Scene," and it was published by James Nishimura, successful operator of a mailing service. Scene at first reflected the inexperience of its editors. It was a pretty rough product but this was natural since magazine editing was a new experience for most Nisei.

But gradually the product improved. Soon Scene was a slickly assembled package, neatly edited and laid out and not shamed by comparison with many larger, wealthier magazines.

From the beginning, however, Scene lost money. It is to the enduring credit of its backers that they continued to support it with hard cash during the long, lean years. Even today, it is no secret that Scene is not making a profit.

Why is this so? A good many people would like to know, for surely it has been proven that Scene is a well-read, well-liked, well-edited product held in high esteem by all those who have access to it.

There is no doubt that Scene has won a respected place in Nisei life. Like any other magazine, it fills a place in the reading fare that the newspapers cannot satisfy. Of

course, the English sections of the daily Japanese language newspapers are essential, and the weekly Pacific Citizen serves a purpose that no other publication can. But none of them can function as a magazine.

Nisei newspaper editors have been quick to realize that Scene does not pose the threat of competition. They have been generous with their editorial space in publicizing each new issue of Scene, which is as it should be.

But while Scene is widely read and coveted, it continues to have circulation trouble. Why?

Mainly, it seems, because people just don't bother to send Scene \$3 for a year's subscription (it's \$5 for two years). These days, that sum is scarcely sufficient to finance a movie date and a bite to eat afterward. It's easy to spend that much in an evening of bowling, but invested in a subscription to Scene, \$5 returns two years of enjoyment.

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I didn't mean to make this column a subscription pitch, but I do believe Scene (just like the Pacific Citizen) deserves wider Nisei support. Last week I spent several hours talking about Scene with its editor-in-chief, Togo

Tanaka, and its editor, Dyke Miyagawa. Tanaka, an old-time English section editor himself, took over active management of Scene at the first of the year and has been working like a beaver at it.

Both Tanaka and Miyagawa are making personal sacrifices to keep Scene going. They believe it has a place in these United States and they are gambling on its future. I think they are making a good gamble.

They told me about some of their plans and we talked about stories and features that will be developed in coming months. There is no doubt that soon Scene will be a bigger, livelier, more readable and quotable magazine, one that will stand on its own merits.

Meanwhile the editors of Scene could use a little support, and I for one would like to see them get it. Scene is too valuable a property, although no one expects it to make big money, to be abandoned. If it folds, it will be a loss for all Nisei and Sansei in the United States. To date, Scene has published more consecutive issues than any other Nisei magazine. It is on sounder footing than any previous Nisei magazine. It gives every promise of succeeding if the Nisei who enjoy it would give it their support.

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

## Farm Concessions

On the premise that if a third world war can be avoided with "have" nations helping the "have not" nations, a grand scheme of agricultural concessions could conceivably solve Japan's population problem. . . . Emigration, birth control or changing the economy has been advocated in the case of Japan. . . . The fourth approach has obvious difficulties politically, but the plan that is being discussed in the United States among State and Agricultural Dept. officials and a number of legislators in Congress deserves at least an academic toe-hold if all means are to be studied to avert a calamitous war.

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The arrangement calls for "land rich" countries to grant "land poor" countries (like Japan) agricultural concessions similar to oil concessions already held by certain countries outside their own borders. . . . Father William A. Kaschmitter, M.M., who has long advocated this plan, believes Japan could rent agricultural areas in the undeveloped areas of western United States, send their own workers to farm them and ship the harvest home. . . . With provisions to bar Japanese workers from quitting their reservations and settling elsewhere, and with the size of the rented tracts limited, he holds that many separated farms could be leased without noticeable impact. . . . Since the produce would be kept off the domestic market or even be limited to certain crops, the U.S. farmer would not be affected dearly. . . . The upper Amazon basin in Brazil has been suggested as a possibility. To which, the priest says, would be a tremendous asset to Brazil. . . . "If Brazil were to allow the Japanese a long-term lease in the interior, you may be sure that the Japanese would develop that land, and obtain great profit for themselves for the term of that lease. At the end of the lease, Brazil would have an area that had been converted into a real paradise. . . . One is reminded of the great pioneering work the Issei farmers did in California—converting semi-arid and desert regions into million-dollar farmlands.

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Recently, the Chicago Tribune proposed the opening of Dutch New Guinea to Japanese settlement. The western half of the island is thinly populated and undeveloped. . . . The newspapers in Holland found no merit, which the

Chicago paper had expected, as they believed Japanese only want to emigrate to the United States. Elsewhere they go for temporary jobs. . . . The Tribune then cited the large numbers settling in Brazil and in other South American countries, where they intend to remain. . . . "It is true that very few Dutchmen have been attracted to this territory (New Guinea), but it does not follow at all that the Japanese would be equally discouraged at the prospect of hardships and isolation," says the Tribune.

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The population situation in Japan since World War II hasn't diminished. Rather, it is said to be growing at a rate of 3,000 persons a day because of improved public health measures. . . . If this continues, experts figure Japan would have 90 millions by 1960 on a bunch of islands about the size of California although Japan is not blessed with tillable areas like our Golden State. . . . The problem of "have" and "have not" nations may not mean much to the average layman who can't recall the last day he was hungry. . . . But the few who have seen the millions of Asia without even a minimum of food, clothing and shelter are holding their breath against the day when this awful pressure breaks loose. . . . The fact that the United States has two big oceans on either sides will not curb the wrath of a "have not" lot. The last war proved that.

## MINORITY

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Four housewives were arrested for disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly by police on 24-hour guard at Chicago Housing Authority's Trumbull Park Homes project last week when three more Negro families moved in. They were part of a group who threw tomatoes and rocks at trucks carrying the families' furniture. The police force was increased to 1,200 men, with four shifts of 300 men each.

"It's only good business to improve the Negro's economic status through education," said Lindsley F. Kimball of the Rockefeller Foundation, "since Negroes in the United States constitute a market larger than the total population of Canada." He spoke to Chicago business leaders in support of United Negro College Fund.

## Vagaries . . .

## Interior Decorating Bonanza

by Larry Tajiri

If there is something of a vogue in interior decorating these days for fine handmade Japanese paper, used in lampshades, screens and other accessories, much of the credit must go to Tomoye and Henri Takahashi whose Japanese folk art importing firm in San Francisco has won considerable distinction in its field.

We've known Henri since he was attending Pomona College and writing occasional pieces for our paper in Los Angeles and Tomoye, nee Nozawa, since she was a student at UC. Henri, now also celebrated as one of the outstanding Nisei bowlers in the country and the 1953 National JACL singles champion (last week's PC reported a 688 series by him in the Nisei Majors), was just getting started in importing about the time the war started. After V-J day the Takahashis were one of the first to set up shop in San Francisco and they have been doing well ever since.

While editing the PC, we always had a warm spot for the Takahashis because they were one of the few to advertise consistently in the paper, week in and week out, during a time when the PC needed financial help.

In recent years Tomoye and Henri have started specializing in the importing of Japanese folk art, rather than a general import-export business, and their materials have made an impact upon American design and interior decoration. They have had considerable success with fine handmade paper from Japan and now control the whole output of the mill after obtaining sole distribution rights two years ago. Henri, who handles the importing end of the business, now designs some of the many kinds of paper handmade by the mill in Japan.

Tomoye manages the firm's retail store and the selling end of the wholesale business and has succeeded in introducing the Japanese decorating material to both architects and interior decorators who now use the papers for many interior accessories.

The new Judy Garland picture which Warner Brothers will produce in Hollywood will use the Japanese paper in many of the interior settings. The Takahashis have supplied Warners with a paper in which is caught actual butterflies and

real foliage, over which is scattered flecks of gold and silver leaf. This material is being made up in lampshades and screens. This paper, incidentally, was one of five which recently won a Good Design award from a jury chosen by the Museum of Modern Art in New York which judges the best in design contributing to good taste in American living.

During the past year the Takahashi firm has won 22 Good Design awards, five in paper and the rest in pottery and in handcrafted folk art pieces of wood and bamboo.

One of the Takahashi papers was used in a double-page color spread in the September issue of Harper's Bazaar, the third time this year in the same magazine. In April, one of the Takahashi papers made the magazine's cover. Other magazines which have featured the Takahashi materials and folk pieces in the past year include House & Garden, Interiors, Arts and Architecture, Seventeen, Living, Sunset and Mademoiselle.

Besides the home office in San Francisco the Takahashis now have a New York office and a Chicago showroom. Takahashi items have been displayed at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, as well as in museums and galleries in such widely-scattered centers as Seattle, Dallas and Miami.

The Takahashis have concentrated on Japanese art imports which can be applied or adapted for use in modern interiors, particularly in the California type of casual modern design which is a major trend in today's decoration. The firm's imports emphasize

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earth-color glazes in earthenware pottery and stoneware bowls and dishes, patio and barbecue accessories, modern lamps with a Japanese flair and even leisure clothes inspired by the age-old designs of the work clothes of Japanese farmers.

In the last California State Fair the Takahashis participated by invitation and the jury for the art exhibit passed 56 of the pieces submitted for exhibition, 47 more than exhibited by any other one source.

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The Takahashi story provides emphasis to the influence of Americans of Japanese ancestry on furniture and interior design. Fortune Magazine in its September issue gave six full pages, with some 16 illustrations, to the work of Isamu Noguchi, emphasizing the sculptor's application of his abstract art to industrial design and modern living. Noguchi's lamps, cocktail tables and chairs are sold by many of the nation's leading furniture stores. George Nakashima, once of Portland who became an outstanding architect in Tokyo and designed a school building in India, is now living in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and has established a national reputation as a designer of furniture in the Japanese mood. Ray Komai, whose chairs have won many design awards, is another of many Nisei artists who have applied their art to the materials of modern living. In Europe Shinkichi Tajiri, who fought in Italy with the 442nd Central Postal Directory, is applying his abstract sculptural background to wrought iron sculpture and wallpaper design and has studios in Amsterdam and in Paris.

In addition to the Takahashis, of course, there are a number of other Nisei who have contributed to the popularity of Japanese art in American interior decoration. Scotty Tsuchiya, for example, whose clients have included a late justice of the United States Supreme Court, has a national reputation. But the story of Tomoye and Henri Takahashi and their handmade Japanese papers is representative of the success of Japanese Americans in the field of design for modern living.