

TOKYO TOPICS:

Helping Nisei Stranded

(Very little has been said of those Japanese government officials who befriended the stranded Nisei in Japan during the war years. This week, our Japan Bureau chief, Tamotsu Murayama, pays tribute to these men and women who risked their positions to follow a noble role of assisting a very unpopular minority in Japan, the American-born Japanese, at their darkest hour.—The Editor.)

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
Japan Bureau, Pacific Citizen

Tokyo

Former Consul-General Kenichiro Yoshida of Los Angeles is scheduled for a promotion to a most responsible position as spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office.

When the Pacific war broke out, many Nisei in Japan were suddenly helpless as they lost their means of livelihood. Private firms were afraid to hire them because of repercussions from the Thought Police and gendarmie. However, some Foreign Office members were brave enough to face this situation to help the Nisei.

Yoshida was among the few officials who extended a helping hand. His pet name was "Ken-chan". Yoshida worked with the late Sukehide Kabayama, who took the initiative to assist Nisei at a time when employment was not available to them. He got the cooperation of Domei News and the Broadcasting Corporation of Japan to employ Nisei as typists, translators and in other similar capacities.

"Ken-chan" came along and worked hard to look after the welfare of the Nisei until he was knocked down with consumption.

"Ken-chan" made arrangements for Nisei to be employed even on a temporary basis so as Nisei could eke some sort of living. He tried everything possible under the circumstances.

If there were a Nisei arrested as an espionage suspect, he made an official approach to have the Nisei released. Usually, there was no evidence to prosecute the Nisei.

Nisei have been generally despised by people at large in Japan. It was only a handful of officials who had to put their necks out to save the suffering Nisei. This writer was saved by Koichi Suzuki, now section chief of the Immigration and Culture Bureau

New citizens —

Stockton

Among 40 aliens from 14 nationalities with eight from Japan Nov. 13 to be naturalized U.S. citizens, before Superior Judge Thomas B. Quinn. From Japan were:

Mamoru Ueda, Funishi Kaneda, Fusa Kimura, Aya Ueda, Roy Ko Hirota, Masuye Tabushi, Toshimatsu Tsutaoka and Motokichi Kikkawa.

Wailuku, Maui

Among 96 new citizens naturalized Oct. 30 here were 56 Japanese from Maui, 12 from Molokai and 1 from Lanai. Judge William B. Brown, Second Circuit Court, presided at jam-packed Baldwin Auditorium.

Berkeley

The first Berkeley Issei to be naturalized is Shunta Marubayashi, 2808 California St., the Berkeley JACL Newsletter reported. He is the father of Roy, a San Francisco architect, and Stanley, who recently became a doctor.

Seventeen students are still studying for citizenship at the Berkeley Evening School under instructorship of Yukio Kawamoto.

of the Foreign Ministry.

This writer is indebted to "Ken-chan" more than anyone else since most of my problems were presented to him during the war years.

Unfortunately, the Nisei stranded in Japan were accused by occupationists and U.S. officials later that Nisei who worked in government propaganda, such as Domei News Agency, the radio and foreign office as "pro-Japan." It would be more true to report the Nisei stranded in Japan did not work for the government but were protected by these official and semi-official governmental agencies during wartime.

The Foreign Office had an arrangement with the Home Affairs Ministry in protecting the Nisei throughout Japan then. If and when a Nisei were arrested, the Foreign Office was to be informed and the Foreign Office would look after the welfare of the Nisei.

There should be a proper expression of appreciation as nothing of this noble effort of a very few persons in Japanese government has been heretofore mentioned.

It was a few courageous officials of the Foreign Office, generally known or accused as pro-American, who came to the rescue of the Nisei in Japan during the dark days of 1942-45.

This writer, for the first time, can now mention the noble names of Yoshida, Kabayama and some 10 others whose sacrifice and devotion protected the lives and welfare of Nisei in Japan.

"The heart knoweth its own bitterness" is a well-phrased expression. Many innocent victims of circumstance have been unable to regain American citizenship by reason of this strange protection from certain pro-American Foreign Office personnel. Some have had their citizenship reinstated.

Others due public recognition for their interest in the stranded Nisei in Japan among official and semi-official circles include the widow of Sukehide Kabayama, now on the Tokyo staff of the Bank of America; and Shintaro Fukushima, former Japanese consul in Los Angeles.

Fukushima is now chief of the special procurement board, working at lengths with the Security Forces. He is married to a former Los Angeles girl. He was among those who stood by the Nisei through and through. His pet name is "Shin-chan". He was another person whose health was wrecked during the war years because of his hard work for the Nisei.

"Shin-chan" has stated: "My first and last duty is to improve Japanese-American relationships. I have to do everything I can for the benefit of these two nations."

He's a marvelous fellow. Everybody thinks that some day he is going to be premier of Japan. He is a refined diplomat as well as statesman. His statesmanship alone settled the recent labor turmoils of Japanese laborers working for the Security Forces.

He has served as deputy cabinet secretary and president of the Pacific League (Japanese professional baseball).

And many hope "Shin-chan" may return to America as Japan's ambassador. The period of "shaking-hand" ambassadors is now over.

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JACL ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR COURT TESTS OF ISSEI MALE NATURALIZATION PROBLEM

Los Angeles

As court tests to determine the validity of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's denial of naturalization privileges to certain Issei male applicants because of their World War I draft status are set for oral argument, the Japanese American Citizens League, through its national president George J. Inagaki, announced that it would carry the legal battle to the Supreme Court and the halls of Congress if necessary in order to gain for all alien Japanese the right to American citizenship.

At the same time, Inagaki announced that the JACL will participate as a "friend of the court" in the naturalization cases scheduled for Denver on Nov. 25 and a week later for San Francisco on Dec. 3.

Edward J. Ennis, legal counsel to the Washington JACL Office and generally considered to be the foremost expert in the field of immigration and naturalization, will argue on behalf of the National Organization. Ennis has served as general counsel of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, as director of the Enemy Alien Control Unit of the Department of Justice, as assistant Solicitor General, and as special assist-

ant to the Attorney General. Now a practicing attorney in New York City, he has agreed to participate in both the Colorado and California hearings for the JACL.

In the Nov. 25 case to be heard before Federal Judge W. Lee Knous, Minoru Yasui, Mountain Plains JACL special representative and a practicing attorney in Denver, will represent the petitioner.

In the Dec. 3 matter, to be argued before Federal Judge Louis Goodman, Mas Yonemura of Oakland, Victor Abe of San Francisco and Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose team up to represent the applicants. Although ten petitioners are involved in the Northern California hearings, it is considered likely that the cases will be consolidated and that one applicant will be selected to represent the legal problem involved.

JACL is interested not in the individual factual situation distinguishing the various applicants but rather in the validity of the interpretation of the statute by the Government, JACL's president said.

Unless the whole question can be resolved on the basis of general application, individual applicants will have to have their cases considered thereby further slowing up the process of naturalization.

Because of the importance of the problem to the National JACL and the possible need for subsequent Washington representations, Inagaki also announced that Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, will attend both the Denver and San Francisco hearings.

The JACL view is that Congress in enacting the Im-

migration and Naturalization Act of 1952, often called the McCarran-Walter Act, did not intend that its codification of the 1940 and 1948 Selective Service Acts should reach back to bar persons exempted from military service by Congress in World War I from naturalization privileges.

Congress, in codifying the military service laws of World War II, certainly did not intend to treat the very different problems of World War I on the same basis as the World War II and Korean situations and to deprive loyal Issei of what was the most argued point in favor of the 1952 statute, the extension of naturalization privileges to all resident alien Japanese.

"Because the facts and the equities are on our side, we are confident that the courts will vindicate our position," Inagaki declared.

Masaoka to speak at Denver banquet

Denver

Mike Masaoka, former legislative director of the JACL, will address two gatherings at the Mountain Plains JACL District Convention here Nov. 28 and 29.

Masaoka will be featured speaker at the convention banquet Sunday evening in the Cathedral Room of the Albany Hotel.

Masaoka will also talk to an Issei gathering Saturday evening at the Cathay Post. He is expected to give "off the cuff" and "off the record" account of Washington events relating especially to persons of Japanese ancestry.

He is expected to speak specifically on two problems currently facing Issei: denial of citizenship to Issei men who did not serve in World War I, and denial of return permits to Issei men wishing to visit Japan.

Senators investigate alien property policies

Washington

Senators opened an inquiry this week designed to determine whether Harry Dexter White and associates shaped U.S. policies on wartime seizure of enemy-owned properties to suit Russia's desires.

Sen. Dirksen, (R., Ill.), chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee, is conducting the inquiry.

ROTC instructor

Spokane

M/Sgt. Albert K. Kariya is ROTC staff instructor of military science at Eastern Washington College. The Boise-born Nisei was transferred from the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey. During World War II, he served with the 442nd RCT.

IT'S A MIRACLE, SAYS FATHER OF RESCUE OF SON ADRIFT 29 HOURS

Lahaina, Maui

Two young men who drifted for 29 hours in a tiny boat on windswept seas off Maui were rescued by the Navy destroyer USS Nicholas after being sighted by a rescue plane nine miles offshore last week.

Tsukasa Kawamoto, 21, and Ernest Torres, 19, were in the hospital early this week after the rescue termed as a "miracle" by Yutaka Kawamoto of Wailuku, one of 300 people who watched the end of the ordeal and dramatic rescue of his son just home from Korea.

Both lads were suffering from shock and exposure. Towing, choppy seas, whipped into 8 to 10 ft. waves by winds as high as 40 knots, had torn the outrigger from their homemade 11-foot boat. While the Nisei was reported in satisfactory condition by Dr. Edward T. Shimokawa, Pioneer Mill Co. hospital superintendent, the younger lad was in critical condition Sunday. He was delirious when lowered from the Navy destroyer to a sampan off Lahaina harbor.

Their ordeal began Wednesday last week when they reached a point offshore to do some spearfishing. There were three men in the tiny boat then. The third, Walter Kawamoto, 17, brother of Tsukasa, had dived after the line when they dropped anchor as it parted from the boat. When he looked around, the boat was drifting toward the wind-swept open sea. He tried to overtake the boat but gave up and headed for shore.

A policeman saw what happened from shore, called the Maui Coast Guard auxiliary, which sent two small boats in search of the canoe. A Coast Guard PBY patrol plane joined the auxiliary craft at 11 a.m. They did not locate the boat.

The search continued throughout the night. At 1:40 p.m. Thursday, a search plane radioed it had sighted the two men. The destroyer on a training cruise just seven miles from the scene, steamed to the boat, taking the pair aboard at 3 p.m.

Tsukasa had just returned home after serving two years in the Army, including a tour in Korea.

Birth rate among Japanese rising in Hawaiian Islands, health records show

Honolulu

Statistics released by the Territory of Hawaii Department of Health revealed an increase in the Japanese American population during 1952 calendar year.

According to the bureau information, there were more Japanese births (4,831) than among the other four major race classifications. Deaths among the Japanese were set at 901 for the same period. The second highest birth rate was among the Hawaiian and Part-Hawaiian and 4,085 natural births against 559 deaths.

The breakdown of the 1952 illegitimate births and the 1952 marriages by race showed: 104

illegitimate births; 1,729 marriages among the Japanese. The statistics showed that the Hawaiians and part Hawaiians had the highest illegitimate birth rate — 345, against 878 marriages.

The health department survey revealed that of the 3,689 Japanese American marriages, over 200 Nisei women married outside their race.

The breakdown is as follows:

Races	AJA Groom	AJA Bride
Hawaiian	2	8
Part-Hawaiian	66	61
Puerto Rican	1	1
Caucasian	12	153
Chinese	25	67
Japanese	1,590	1,590
Korean	18	34
Filipino	14	43
Other Races	1	3
TOTALS	1,729	1,960

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

THE CASE FOR TOMOYA KAWAKITA . . .

When President Eisenhower two weeks ago commuted the death sentence of Tomoya Kawakita to life imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine, most Americans, including many Nisei—because they were unaware of the facts—did not applaud the President's action as a courageous blow against racism and for civil rights.

Though we hold no brief for Kawakita, nor condone those acts of brutality while an interpreter in a Japanese POW camp during the war that led to his conviction for treason against the United States, we believe that the President's clemency prevented a gross miscarriage of justice and a flagrant exploitation of racial prejudice and discrimination.

Because the President is a military man and because Kawakita's alleged acts of brutality were against American prisoners of war, we believe that only the most compelling reasons could have persuaded him that the ends of justice demanded a commutation of sentence.

Though the Chief Executive gave no explanation for his clemency except that it was "in the national interest", we believe that the following reasons were among those that convinced him that the death penalty was excessive:

1. There was grave doubt that Kawakita's eight overt acts for which he was convicted actually constituted treason. He was found guilty of striking American prisoners of war, of causing some to strike others, and causing some to work while in a weakened condition. **In no case did his actions cause injury requiring medical attention; neither did he initiate nor instigate punishment or brutality; nor did he cause the death, directly or indirectly, of any American.** In normal times, in other places, these would constitute assault and battery, nothing more.

The jury took nine days to find him guilty, the longest deliberation in American history. One juror subsequently told the defense attorney that she only changed her vote to "guilty" because of the fear that, unless she did so, she might face prosecution, certainly persecution, as being un-American.

2. There was an even greater question as to whether Kawakita was an American citizen at the time he committed his alleged crime.

As far as the Japanese Government was concerned, he was a Japanese national. And, by his own acts, under the ordinary reading of the statute, he had lost his United States citizenship under the Nationality Act of 1940, for the job he had was available only to subjects of Japan.

The United States Supreme Court, however, in a four-to-three decision held that he did not lose his citizenship by acts the Japanese Government considered expatriation. The late Chief Justice Vinson wrote a strong dissent.

3. The trial took place at a time and in a place where prejudice against the Japanese ran high. A few months prior to the trial, the then Attorney General Tom Clark said that no person of Japanese ancestry could get a fair trial in California. Nevertheless, this case was tried in 1948 in Los Angeles amid sensational headlines. **We believe that if this case were held today, or had been held in any place outside the west coast, Kawakita would not have been found guilty of treason.**

4. The death penalty was excessive. The United States Attorney, now Federal District Judge James M. Carter, who prosecuted him recommended that the death sentence be commuted to life.

Judge Albert Lee Stephens, who wrote the decision for the Court of Appeals, wrote the Attorney General urging commutation to life imprisonment. Even the attorney who argued on behalf of the Government before the United States Supreme Court suggested that the death penalty was excessive.

5. The death sentence appeared to be racially discriminatory. When tried in an eastern court in 1951 for crimes causing the death of an American Army captain, volunteering his services to the Japanese enemy, and making radio propaganda broadcasts for the Japanese, Sergeant Provo received only life imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. **His acts were committed while in uniform; there was no question at any time as to his citizenship; he caused the death of at least one American and possibly many more; he volunteered his services to the enemy.** Yet, he was sentenced only for life imprisonment and given a heavy fine, while Kawakita, a Nisei, was given the death sentence for acts that were far less treasonable, if in fact they were treasonable at all.

The President's action commuting sentence from death to life and imposing a \$10,000 fine equalizes the penalties for Provo and Kawakita.

6. His execution would do damage to the general acceptance accorded persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

If he were executed, he would have been the first American to have suffered that penalty during peacetime for a wartime crime.

This fact, which could have been played up by those who still resent and have prejudices against the Japanese, could have done irreparable harm to the general goodwill that Japanese Americans enjoy in the United States today.

Coincidentally, perhaps, the White House announcement came on the heels of the presentation of the Congressional Medal of Honor to another Nisei, Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico.

7. His execution would have fomented much ill will and suspicion in the Far East and particularly Japan. Inasmuch as Kawakita was considered a Japanese national by that Government, many high officials throughout that country and thousands of others petitioned the President and the State Department to commute the death sentence to life. His death would have been exploited by the Communists and other un-American elements as "another example" of this country's "white supremacy" policies.

Truly, in the national interest and in the cause of justice, President Eisenhower acted wisely and generously

IN HONOR OF

John Fujita, Watsonville fisherman, towed two unidentified men to shore from slough waters after spotting them hanging to the edge of a small motorboat. Neither men were able to swim.

Sgt. James T. Nanamura of Lindsay, Calif., was awarded meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Korea during the period of Oct. 20, 1952, to June 20, 1953. He made an outstanding contribution to the Signal Corps communications system as teletypewriter mechanic. He was a member of the 4th Signal Bn. Said the citation: "He produced much more than normally expected volume of work required in his specialty and much of his work was done at distant locations . . ."

Yoshio Kasai, Tacoma, is the first Nisei to be a member of the Traffic Engineers Institute. He is assistant in the Tacoma city traffic department.

In the first Hawaiian 4-H beef-steer roundup, Raleigh Sakado of Waimea 4-H groomed the grand champion steer, which weighed 1,024 lbs., bringing a record bid of \$1.36½ per pound. In explaining this project now in its third year, Y. Baron Goto, U. H. extension director, emphasized that the program was designed to augment the beef supply through use of natural feeds which otherwise would be waste.

Flood relief total

Los Angeles
The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California announced that \$13,290.24 was raised from various campaigns for relief to flood stricken areas in Japan this year.

PRESS FILE:

WASHINGTON-B O U N D:
Helen Peterson, now on leave as executive director of Denver's Commission on Human Relations, is in Washington, D.C., as executive secretary of the American Indian Congress.

. . . there are about 400,000 American Indians still left on reservations and a big part of Helen's job will be to win legislative recognition of the American Indian as equal citizens. It's a tremendous job, but we're hoping she will succeed, because the wearing away and eliminating of legal inequalities of any minority group adds that much more strength and security for all of us individual citizens, regardless of our racial background or ancestry.

It's ironic that the American Indian, actually the only peoples indigenous to this country, should have to go to Washington, D.C., for special legislation to win equal rights. —Min Yasui, Colorado Times.

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when he commuted the death sentence of one Tomoya Kawakita to life imprisonment and a heavy fine.

Though the JACL, for obvious reasons, took no official position on this subject, many Nisei petitioned the President because they felt that, as a matter of principle, the death sentence was excessive and the result of racial prejudice.

Miyamura guest of honor at banquet; first fete since conferring of Medal

Denver

Hiroshi Miyamura, Nisei Medal of Honor winner, will be guest of honor at the Mountain Plains JACL convention banquet on Nov. 29.

The modest war hero will be accompanied by his wife, Terry.

State and city officials will join the Mountain Plains JACL Nisei who received the Medal of Honor from President Eisenhower on Oct. 27.

Masao Satow, national JACL director, will give the main address at the banquet, which will be held at the Albany Hotel, Satow will discuss work of the JACL today in pending problems of the Nisei and Issei, particularly in regard to citizenship.

Newly-elected officers of the Mountain Plains District Council will be installed in office, with Satow administering the oath of office.

Sgt. Miyamura, who did not learn of his winning of the country's highest honor until

his release from a POW camp, will drive to Denver from Farmington, N.M., where he will be a guest at a "Young Man of the Year" nominee dinner.

He will drive to Delta, Colo., where he will pick up Mrs. Ben Saruwatari and George Saruwatari, who will accompany the Miyamuras to Denver for the JACL convention.

The Nisei ex-sergeant is expected to arrive in Denver the morning of Nov. 29. He is expected to appear at the banquet and also the dance following.

Miyamura grand marshal of Christmas parade

Albuquerque

Hiroshi Miyamura, Medal of Honor winner, will be special guest of this city Nov. 27 when it opens its Christmas color and spirit in downtown Albuquerque and will lead the city's annual Yule parade.

Never before in the history of the city's pageant has a single individual been permitted to appear in the parade. Its directors waived the rule to publicly acknowledge Miyamura's accomplishment.

The Albuquerque JACL chapter is entering one of 25 floats representing New Mexico service organizations.

90 Japanese farmers complete U.S. studies

San Francisco

Some 90 Japanese studying American farming methods under a program initially started under auspices of the then Gov. Earl Warren are ending their six months' stay and are scheduled to return to Japan aboard the President Wilson Nov. 29.

A majority of the Japanese farmers lived on farms operated by Issei and Nisei throughout the state. The U.C. extension agricultural division assisted in the program the past two years.

The group will be guests of Japanese Consul General Yasusuke Katsuno at a tea party the afternoon before their departure.

● Citizenship classes formerly held at Sixth Ave. School in southwest Los Angeles are now being held at Dorsey Adult Evening School, 3537 Farmdale Ave., on Tuesday and Thursday, 7-9 p.m., with Eiji Tanabe as instructor. An advanced citizenship class meets the same nights.

NAME SECOND CHICAGO ISSEI AS COMMUNIST

Chicago

Another Issei in Chicago, the second in recent weeks to be charged with membership in the Communist Party, was arrested Nov. 13 for deportation. He is George Nishi, 49, of 3710 N. Broadway, who is free on \$1,500 bail. No hearing date was set.

At native of Japan and resident in the U.S. since 1922, he listed his services during World War II with the Office of Strategic Services and after the war sent to Japan to serve with the USAF Strategic Bombing Survey. He returned in 1946 and has lived in Chicago.

Prior to the war, he helped to organize the Japanese Gardeners' Ass'n in Southern California.

Nisei Buddhist priest assigned to Fresno church

Fresno

The Rev. Hogen Fujimoto of Los Angeles was announced to be in charge of Nisei work at the Fresno Buddhist church. Originally from Santa Barbara, the Nisei Buddhist priest was sent to Japan in 1940 to study in Kyoto. After the war, he was employed by the U.S. occupation. He returned in July with his wife and child and rejoined his parents, now Los Angeles residents.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

On Painless Taxation

By HARRY K. HONDA

The average citizen works from Jan. 1 to May 17 to pay his federal, state and local taxes, reports a Florida businessman. He figured this at the rate of money spent annually by government that is \$100 billion. It looks even worse on Mar. 15 . . . The other day the Internal Revenue Commissioner recommended a bit of tax legislation which should win favor of many millions. As a rule, tax legislation proposed by the collector is hardly popular . . . It was his idea that the federal government should exempt from filing income tax returns all those whose only earnings are salaries from which taxes are withheld . . . Where such wage-earners are concerned, the government already has all the information it needs to compute the tax . . . It knows the salary. It knows—because it has—the amount of the withholding tax . . . It has, too, the details of the

claimed exemptions . . . Why, then, cannot the government determine the tax and either refund the surplus to the taxpayer or bill him for the deficiency? . . . This commissioner says it can and should. He estimates approximately 35,000,000 taxpayers could be so aided . . . The only thing that bothers me about what is otherwise a good proposal: tax paying should not be rendered altogether painless . . . We have enough hidden taxes as is. As long as we can bellyache about taxes—it's a sure method of keeping tab of what goes in the legislature.

As a postscript on tax, one Washington columnist reports several changes in the making to give tax relief to just about everybody . . . Rep. Dan Reed, chairman of the ways & means committee which originates all tax measures, hopes to cancel the social security tax increase due Jan. 1, allow working mothers to deduct cost of care for their children and let fathers keep their college-going students on as dependents, provided they don't earn more than \$600 . . . When 1954 rolls around, we'll hear more, I'm sure.

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

'Secret Weapon' Commander

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

An Army colonel who commanded the "secret weapon" of World War II—the Nisei language specialists—has just spent a brief reunion with his former students in Honolulu.

Col. Kai E. Rasmussen was properly feted by his "boys," now organized as the Military Intelligence Service Veterans. More than 65 MIS veterans, some with their wives, gave a dinner for the bespectacled, silver-haired colonel who was commandant of the Military Intelligence Service Language School in San Francisco and at Camp Savage and Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Between 1940 and 1946 Col. Rasmussen and his school turned out hundreds of accomplished Nisei interpreters, interrogators and translators for combat service in the Pacific. Their exploits in the south Pacific atolls, in the China-Burma-India theater, in Alaska and elsewhere were credited with saving countless American lives and with shortening the war against Japan.

Because their work was necessarily of a secret nature, not much publicity was given the Nisei linguists—which prompted one general to call them a "secret weapon."

The language experts fought on every Pacific battlefield, from Attu to Okinawa, and with every branch of the armed forces. They performed valuable work interrogating enemy prisoners on the spot, collecting and translating every scrap of information, including documents, letters, diaries, maps, and files of captured enemy papers.

Col. Rasmussen founded the language school shortly before Pearl Harbor. The school at the San Francisco Presidio in California soon outgrew its quarters and a new home was founded at Camp Savage in Minnesota. In August, 1944, it was transferred to Ft. Snelling. Throughout this busy period, Col. Rasmussen gave the school the leadership it needed to turn out as rapidly as possible, highly trained linguists.

Col. Rasmussen says his initial interest in the Far East came from having served at Schofield Barracks, in Hawaii, while he was a 19-year-old GI 31 years ago. Later, he studied Japanese in the Far East and was an observer in the Japanese Army prior to World War II.

He stopped over in Honolulu last week for 10 days, en route from Tokyo to Washington, D.C., where he will be on duty at the Pentagon.

With him were his wife and

Enroute to Japan

San Francisco

Genji Mihara, prominent Seattle Japanese community leader, will be the first Issei of the Evergreen state to visit Japan with an American passport gained since enactment of the Walter-McCarran bill.

He was naturalized last August. He was scheduled to sail this week for Japan aboard the Yamatsuki Maru and is expected to return in February.

their 16-year-old son Kai Jr.

At the dinner, held on the evening of Nov. 12, Col. Rasmussen was presented with a Hawaiian wooden bowl by his former students. Charles H. Kimura, president of the MIS Veterans, placed leis on the Rasmussens. Masaji Marumoto was master of ceremonies.

A letter from Gov. Samuel Wilder King of Hawaii was read. The letter noted that it was "largely through his (the colonel's) efforts that Minnesota became the second home for many of our young men and women, who will long remember the warm spirit of hospitality that was shown to them by Minnesotans."

PLAN ANNIVERSARY FETE FOR IMMIGRATION LAW

Honolulu

To celebrate the first anniversary of passage of the new immigration and naturalization law, the Walter-McCarran Act, the Citizenship Naturalization Encouragement Ass'n is sponsoring a dinner Dec. 3 with some 750 expected to attend.

Since the new law went into effect, almost 1,000 local residents have become naturalized.

Min Yasui Appointed to Denver school post

Denver

Min Yasui, regional representative for the Mountain-Plains JACL, was appointed to the Citizenship Advisory Committee of the Denver Public Schools, assisting the Emily Griffith Opportunity School in planning and operating Americanization classes.

The Denver Public School system offered to consider the accreditation of Issei citizenship classes, if such classes are to be held in the future.

It was noted that F. I. Kaihara, publisher of The Colorado Times, instructed an Issei citizenship class of more than 250 last winter for six months, twice weekly, in order to prepare Issei applicants for U.S. citizenship.

French Camp bazaar

French Camp, Calif.

The chapter's annual benefit bazaar will be held tonight at the French Camp hall. Molly Goto and Harry Itaya are chairing the one-night affair.

Other committeemen include: Florence Itaya, Irene Nakano, Leroy Hayashi, Lydia Ota, food; Teruo Tanaka, Harry Ota, Tosh Hota, George Matsuko, Alyce Shinmoto, Aya Tsugawa, Tamako Yagi, Bob Ota, Ben Hatanaka, Shiyeko Murata, Joe Takeshita, Lawrence Nakano, Bob Takahashi and John Fujiki.

Sacramento teacher

Sacramento

Masako Kurotori, 2217-11th St., suffered a broken right shoulder blade in addition to cuts and bruises in an accident a few blocks away from Carmichael school, where she teaches. Her car was struck from the back.

Northwest Airlines tourist fares stayed

New York

Northwest Orient Airlines announced last week that it is indefinitely delaying operation of low-fare trans-Pacific tourist-class air service to Hong Kong, Okinawa and Korea.

Reason for the action is a request from the U.S. Aeronautics Board.

The company asked for an early meeting with the CAB to discuss the subject further. Northwest last month had announced its program for beginning the tourist-class air service at approximately 70 per cent of first-class fare levels effective Nov. 15.

Northwest had asserted that the low fares were necessary in the Pacific, as in the Atlantic and Latin America, to develop the full potential of trans-Pacific travel by American tourists.

Citizenship cases for 13 stranded in check

Honolulu

Federal Judge Jon Wiig here has taken under advisement the cases of 13 persons of Japanese ancestry whose U.S. citizenship the State Dept. seeks to take away.

Ten voted in postwar Japanese elections held under sponsorship of U.S. occupation forces. All claim residence in Hawaii.

Three others involve Nisei drafted into the Japanese army during World War II. Katsumi Yoshida, born in Seattle, but living in Hawaii with his family, served with American combat forces in Korea. Saburo Sakamoto and Kenneth Ishida are Hawaiian-born and have served with U.S. occupation forces.

Through attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles and Katsuro Miho of Honolulu, the Nisei filed suits in U.S. court for declaration they did not lose their U.S. citizenship.

CAPSULES

Dr. Misao Matoba, formerly associated with his brother, Dr. Ben Matoba, O.D., in Denver, was expected to open his office in Ft. Lupton, Colo. The former has passed both Colorado and California optometry board examinations.

Mrs. Monica Sone, author of "Nisei Daughter", was one of the speakers at International Day, Nov. 8, celebrated by the Cleveland Public Library. She was a Cleveland resident while attending Western Reserve Graduate school.

A number of Japanese American homes in Florin have been victimized by two burglars cavorting in a two-toned car in the past weeks. Entering homes while occupants are away at work, one goes through the house while the other stands watch, it was reported. The car is yellow with a brown top. Tamazo Tanikawa reported a garden hose missing after a man he believes to be the burglar, found him home and then asked: "Is George home?"

EXTEND YOUR GREETINGS IN THE HOLIDAY ISSUE

NISEI SHOT IN HEAD MYSTERIOUSLY SURVIVES

Vancouver, B.C.

Shigeru Masunaga, 35, who was shot in the head mysteriously last Aug. 21 while working on his fishing boat moored at Alert Bay, was discharged from Vancouver General Hospital recently.

He was flown here by emergency plane after being wounded in the head by a rifle bullet. Brain surgeons performed delicate operation to remove the bullet lodged in his forehead.

New Yorkers honor Issei at pioneer's program

New York

The Issei over 65 years of age in the New York area were honored at program last Saturday at Joan of Arc Jr. High School auditorium. Over 200 invitations were extended to Issei by the local Buddhist church, which arranged the talent show.

Gifts from Tokyo including a furoshiki and kohaku-mochi (red and white colored rice cakes for festive occasions) were given each Issei. Mme. Hizi Koike opened the program with the National Anthem. Shi-

Death verdict of Issei changed

Kamloops, B.C.

Last spring, 60-year-old Kosaburo Masuda was found guilty of murder of his 17-year-old daughter and was sentenced to hang. His defense counsel, Alex Fisher of Vancouver, appealed and in a retrial earlier this month, the Kamloops Issei was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 10-years' imprisonment.

His daughter, Lily Bing, died shortly after being shot by her father in a bizarre killing on the morning of Aug. 7, 1952, leaving a then three-week-old boy and her Canadian Chinese husband.

The shots had apparently been intended for John Bing. Masuda told police he wanted to shoot him "because he stole my daughter". Actions of his daughter and her husband had roused his anger over a period of months, the defense had found Masuda guilty of manslaughter on grounds that he pointed out in the retrial which had been provoked into the shooting.

ro Nose, Voice of America announcer on loan from Radio Tokyo, was a quiz show emcee.

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'Never too old to learn English' says aged Issei farmer after spending four decades providing for 11 children

Honolulu

Seiko Kakazu has spent most of the past four decades providing for his wife, Kameko, and their 11 children.

He first came to Hawaii from Okinawa in 1902, and for 10 years labored on the Big Island. In 1912 he tired of bachelorhood, and soon after, a picture bride—Kameko—arrived from Okinawa to join him on the Big Island.

Together, they worked, first on Hawaii and then for the past 23 years in Waialae, to give their children proper schooling and livelihood.

They did it even though they could barely say "Good Morning" in English.

Then, four years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Kakazu decided to try some of the schooling their children had had. They enrolled in the Kaimuki Adult School.

Today, the 65 years old husband and 58 year old wife speak English well enough to be interviewed—and well enough to feel proud of their accomplishment.

Kakazu's word of wisdom to others who might wish to learn English are, "Don't think that you are old."

"There are many old peoples, who came from Japan long ago, who are learning English as they wish."

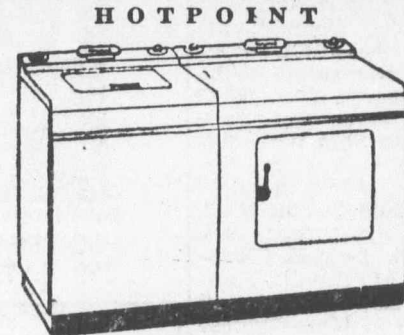
"I hope all of you to come and join in the conversation and the

pronunciation class which will be opened from September at the Kaimuki Adult School."

The Kaimuki community school is only one of many in the City which have spread knowledge to thousands of persons who previously could not speak English. The schools have helped prepare many for American citizenship.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kakazu, who live in a pig and chicken farm at 4425-E Ahuawa Place, are waiting their naturalization examination.

"I am a very happy man," Kakazu said, "and I hope others too will learn new things like I am doing."



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Around Chicago . . .

Michael J. Long, Chicago Land Commission chairman, announced a big housing project adjoining Michael Reese hospital will be built next year. It'll be 1,000 homes on a 14-block site . . . Co-operative Investors met at the newly-furnished apartments of Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 2109 W. Eastwood Ave., who is president of the active group. Paul Otake is the latest new member . . . Michael Reese Research Foundation announced a new polio vaccine—polio virus inactivated by exposure to ultra-violet rays . . . The Family Court reports show juvenile delinquency in Chicago has increased 15.2 percent over the previous year ending Sept. 30 . . . The City Council finance committee recommends a \$115 million budget, highest in the city's history. It includes a 5 percent pay raise for its 20,000 civil employees and \$225 annual boost for policemen and firemen . . . A big delegation of Issei and Nisei greeted the incoming Fujiwara Opera troupe at La Salle St. depot last Sunday morning.

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Personals . . .

The Ernest Iiyamas, 6126 S. Ellis Ave., were proud parents of a 7-lb. boy, Mark, born Nov. 10 at Michael Reese. They have a bright daughter Patricia, 8, now in the fourth grade at Fiske School. Ernest hails from Oakland, employed in the service department of Janette Electric Mfg. Co., in suburban Morton Grove. He is shop chairman of his union, United Electrical & Machine Workers. His wife, former Chizu Tsukano of San Francisco, is active in the PTA, United Woodlawn Conference Board, and was former associate director of the Resettlers Committee . . . The Philos will bake cookies Dec. 10 to distribute them on the following Sunday at Armitage Methodist, Church of Christ and Christ Congregation churches . . . Four Nisei are employed at Cosmopolitan National Bank, Clark and Chicago Sts. Emi Yamamoto is bookkeeper; Dudley Yatabe (son of Dr. T. Yatabe) is part-time bookkeeper; Yoshiaki Iwamura, teller; and Aiko Suzuki Amino, secretary to Sal J. Russo, vice-president and CLer . . . Jane Sumida, 1909 N. Hudson Ave., who was the local chapter entry in the Miss Charming contest last year, is part-time cashier at Dresslers drugstore. She is a pharmacy student at Univ. of Illinois . . . On the Beulah Karney radio show over WENR last week was Dan Kuzuhara, associate director of the Chicago Resettlers . . . The Jack K. Otas, 3342 W. Jackson Blvd., are former Angelenos. Jack was board member of the local CL credit union in 1948, and is architect for Shaw-Metz-Dolio. His wife, former Michi Tsui, works for Marshall Field department store. Their children, Jack, 12, and Alan, 7, attend Marshall School . . . Aki Hayashi of New York City, active CLer and past chairman of Eastern District Council, attended the Chicago JACL recognition committee meeting at the home of Dr. George Hiura, 6520 S. University Ave., last week and guest of the Shig Wakamatsus, 6231 S. Ellis Ave., the following evening. Aki is a salesman for Noritake Co., in NYC, on a business trip through upstate New York, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh . . . One Chinese gent with many associations with Windy City Nisei is Moy Wong, proprietor of Wah Mee Lo Cafe, 1226 E. 63rd St. A native of Canton, he came here 15 years ago. He could be taken for a Nisei. Of the name of his restaurant, it means "Chinese American Restaurant", although "lo" really means building, says Moy, yet consistently used to identify eating houses.

MOUNTAIN-PLAINS CONFAB

Continuation of Mtn.-Plains regional office, organizational problems to be mooted during Nov. 28-29 business sessions

Denver
A special "\$5 package deal" has been announced for registrants at the Mountain Plains JACL Regional Convention Nov. 28 and 29 in Denver.

The \$5 package will cover National JACL registration fees, a Sunday luncheon at Petrino's Restaurant, Sunday banquet and Sunday night dance.

Actual costs for the above would be \$6.50, according to John T. Noguchi, convention chairman.

Denver
JACLers from the Mountain Plains area will meet in Denver Nov. 28-29 for their biennial convention.

Highlight of the two-day meeting will be the appearance of Sgt. "Hershey" Miyamura, Medal of Honor winner, who received the nation's highest military award from Pres. Eisenhower last month in Washington, D.C.

Miyamura will be the guest of honor at the convention banquet Sunday evening, Nov. 29, in the Albany Hotel's Cathedral Room. He will be accompanied by his wife, Terry.

Mike Masaoka will be the main speaker at the banquet. Also scheduled to give addresses are leading state and city officials, as well as Masao Satow, national JACL director, and Minoru Yasui, regional representative.

Conference sessions will be held Saturday and Sunday, with official delegates taking on major organizational problems, including continuation of the Mountain Plains regional office, financial support for the JACL, Issei supporting memberships and evacuation claims.

The first session will be called at 2 p.m. at the Cathay Post Restaurant by George Masunaga, district chairman. The second session will go on at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Room of the Albany Hotel.

An "Open House" on Saturday afternoon will start convention activities for boosters with festivities scheduled for 2 p.m. in the California Street Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Sam Matsumoto, program chairman for the convention, will make arrangements for ping pong, bridge, canasta and other games.

The Fort Lupton JACL will sponsor a Sunday luncheon at Petrino's Restaurant. The luncheon will feature Hawaiian entertainment, and Vanda orchids will be distributed to women guests. Dr. George Uyemura will be in charge. Floyd Koshio will be toastmaster.

Social highlights of the convention will be the banquet and dance, both scheduled for the Cathedral Room of the Albany Hotel.

The dinner honoring Sgt. Miyamura will be the focal point

of conventioners, with an impressive list of civic dignitaries expected on hand to honor the Nisei war hero.

The dance, starting at 9 p.m., will be directed by Dick Yanase. Bowling awards will be announced at intermission. George Matsumonji's orchestra will play.

A two-day bowling tournament, to be held at the Bowl-Mor Lanes, is being held in conjunction with the JACL convention, with Hootch Okumura and John Sakayama in charge.

Registration for the convention will start Nov. 23 at the JACL regional office for Denverites. Regular convention registration will be held Saturday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. under Ruby Okubo, convention registration chairman. Housing will be directed by Dorothy Madokoro.

Bowlers are expected to register at the Bowl-Mor alleys.

Other convention committees have been announced by Chairman John T. Noguchi as follows:

Mrs. T. K. Kobayashi, hostess committee chairman; Tom Masamori and Tosh Ando, photographers; Ray S. Tani, posters; Shig Teraji, Sumi Tanaka, Carol Tanaka, and Kana Yorimoto, programs; Masako Furuta, Ben Furuta and Ruby Sakayama, photo committee; Gladys Taniwaki, banquet phone committee chairman; and Harry Hashimoto, Frank Sahara, Moon Kataoka, Jim Ota, Billy Mattox, bowling committee chairmen.

CHAPTER MEMO

East Los Angeles-Hollywood JACL: A joint meeting tonight at International Institute will feature a movie, "Angels with Dirty Faces," a display of weapons and a panel of three speakers moderated by Robert Y. Kodama discussing the facts of Nisei crimes. On the panel are Officer Stanley Uno, Dale Gardner and George Nishinaka.

Berkeley JACL: Colored movies of Japan were shown last night at the chapter meeting held at the Downtown YWCA. Ben Fukutome and Cal Sakamoto were co-chairmen.

Cleveland JACL: Two staff members of the JACL Bulletin left for California during the summer months. Margaret Iwata and Tak Minato were both honored at a farewell party in early September.

Seattle JACL: Min Yamaguchi will be chairman of the chapter installation dinner scheduled in January for newly-elected officers.

San Francisco JACL: Russ Byrd's orchestra will play at the chapter New Year's Eve dance at the Palace Hotel-Gold Room, according to Alice Shigezumi and Jerry Enomoto, co-chairmen.

Newsletters Received: St. Louis JACL, Detroit JACL, Cleveland JACL, Berkeley JACL, Chicago JACL.

CENTRAL CAL DISTRICT CONFAB:

Tom Nakamura of Sanger elected chairman; 180 attend one-day meet

Fresno
Tom Nakamura, veteran JACL leader from Sanger, was chosen chairman of the Central California JACL District Council at the second biennial C.C. District convention here last Sunday.

As district chairman, Nakamura will also serve on the National JACL board. He and his new district cabinet were installed at a convention banquet by George Inagaki, National JACL president. The other officers are:

Mas Abe, Reedley, 1st v.-chmn.; Kengo Osumi, Parlier, 2nd v.-chmn.; Mrs. Frances Yanase, Fresno, sec.; Bob Kanagawa, Sanger, treas.; Alice Yamamoto, Parlier, historian; Thomas Toyama, Fowler, publicity.

More than 180 Nisei and city officials were highly impressed with Mike Masaoka's keynote address at the banquet.

Mayor Gordon Dunn of Fresno welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city.

Fred Hirasuna of Fresno was toastmaster for the program which opened with an invocation by Rev. Harper Sakaue of the local Japanese Methodist church. Misa Asakawa of Fowler was the vocalist at this event.

Nakamura succeeds Kenji Tashiro of Orosi, Tulare County chapter, who was presented

with a certificate of merit for his service as district chairman. The nine chapters also gave him a wrist watch in recognition of his excellent work.

Rep. Harlan Hagen also spoke briefly at the banquet after Tashiro introduced the guests from several C.C. chapters.

Inagaki, Satow, Dr. Roy Nishikawa National JACL treasurer; Harry Honda, Pacific Citizen editor, and Tats Kushida, Southern California regional director, gave reports on various JACL activities.

Jim Ishikawa was convention chairman and was assisted by: Ethel Otomo and Frances Yanase, convention secretaries; Bob Kanagawa, convention treasurer; Sanger JACL, printing of tickets and program; Delano, registration; Kingsburg, reception; Parlier, banquet; Fowler, entertainment and publicity; Fresno, gen. arr.; Selma, bowling; Reedley, dance.

Song and dance

Chicago
A short program of classical Japanese song and dance was presented by Frances Emiko Suzuki during the reception last Sunday for Dr. Yury Abatsky, master organist and composer and now music director at the Kenwood-Ellis Community Church.



Ruby Okubo, left, registration chairman, and Dody Madokoro, housing chairman, plot out arrangements for handling delegates expected for the Mountain Plains JACL regional convention in Denver on Nov. 28-29.—Photo by Tosh Ando.

SOCIAL NOTES

CINO: The Southern Regional CINO board has sated a pre-convention dance Friday, Dec. 11, at Hotel Cosmopolitan, 360 S. Westlake Ave., Los Angeles. Kaz Kawaguchi, Woodbury College, is chairman. Music will be provided by Yo Shibuya and his orchestra. "Miss Nisei Coed" candidates will be introduced.

Cleveland Jr. Matrons: Sachiko Tanaka was elected as the new president, succeeding Mas Yamauchi. Others on the cabinet are:

Midge Fujimoto, v.p.; Janice Kaku, rec. sec.; Mae Shirasawa, cor. sec.; Sally Taketa, treas.; anw Yuki Nakaji, pub.

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With Hopes of Attending the Golden Jubilee

One of the most ambitious projects regularly undertaken by a JACL chapter anywhere in the United States is the annual Good Will Banquet sponsored by the Placer County Chapter. This year the chapter celebrated the 13th of such an affair and its 25th anniversary. This is one of the few chapters that is actually older than our national organization.

Especially honored were charter members of the chapter which include: Tom Yego, Louis Oki, Sam Sunada, Roy Yoshida, Togo Yokota, Uichi Sunada, Masayuki Yego, Kay Takemoto, Cosma Sakamoto, Harry Kawahata, Tom Matsumoto, Satoru Taoka, Marcelle Kawada, Tokuchi Imamoto, Jack Hanamoto and Tadao Nakamoto.

It is quite a coincidence that Tom Yego, newly elected chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, was the first president of the Placer County Chapter, serving two terms in 1928 and 1929 and once again in 1934, and that his younger brother, Tadashi, is the president in the chapter's 25th year.

This year's dinner, held on Nov. 12, was a huge affair, requiring the use of the Veterans Memorial Hall in Roseville, about the largest hall in the county. Including chapter members and guests, there was an attendance of approximately 300. George Inagaki, JACL National President, was the main speaker, and he spoke on contributions of the JACL through the past years and the forward program which must be carried on by the organization.

Much credit should be given to the Placer County Chapter and its various committee members, especially to Roy Yoshida, general chairman of the banquet, and co-chairman, George Hirakawa.

I thought the inclusion of a short history of the Placer County Chapter on the printed program was most appropos.

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The Placer JACL Chapter was organized in the Spring of 1928 by a handful of farsighted and persevering young men. The Placer JACL is one of the chapters older than the national organization. This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of this chapter.

This chapter has participated in many programs with the National JACL. Among the major projects:—

1. Passage of a bill in Congress which gave citizenship rights to Issei veterans of World War I.
2. Passage of the Cable Act which made it possible for women marrying aliens to retain their citizenship.
3. Assisted the government for an orderly evacuation of the Japanese people.
4. Invalidation of the California Alien Land Law.
5. Passage of a bill in Congress which gave Isseis naturalization and immigration rights.
6. Spearheaded CRDU drive.

Some of our chapter activities are:—

1. Annual goodwill dinner.
2. Community Picnic.
3. Sponsoring a baseball team in the Placer-Nevada League.
4. Sponsoring a baseball team in the Sacramento Valley Nisei League.
5. Numerous social activities for young people throughout the year.
6. Maintain service office at Penryn, California.

Today the Placer JACL is proud of all past performances, because, whatever undertaking we were in, we did it with the interest of the entire Japanese community in mind. The leaders worked relentlessly and without compensation except to get a sense of satisfaction from a deed well done. The leaders feel justly proud of the stand that they have taken and feel that they were always right.

As we mark our Twenty-fifth anniversary, our chapter today is increasing steadily in number and prestige. In view of many obstacles, the Chapter has survived twenty-five years with flying colors. This chapter was declared the winner of "Chapter of the Year" by the National JACL.

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Roseville, Calif.

The Placer County JACL chapter was host to over 350 persons at its 13th Annual Goodwill dinner held at Roseville last Thursday.

Among guests which include state and county officials as well as prominent local citizens of goodwill were Congressman Clair Engle (D) of Red Bluff, State Senator Harold Johnson (D) of Roseville, and Assemblyman Francis Lindsay (R) of Loomis.

Guest speaker for the evening was National JACL president George Inagaki from Venice, who spoke on the influence and achievements of the JACL from the time of its activation to the present.

Congressman Engle praised the record of the JACL in its efforts and contributions to the American way of life.

The chapter celebrated its 25th Anniversary in conjunction with this dinner and honored the following charter members who are still very active in JACL work: Tom Yego, Sam Sunada, Roy Yoshida, Togo Yokota, Uichi Sunada, Masayuki Yego, Kay Takemoto, Cosma Sakamoto, Harry Kawahata, Tom Matsumoto, Tokuchi Imamoto, Jack Hanamoto, and Tadao Nakamoto.

Roy Yoshida and George Hirakawa co-chaired the affair.

Bunny Nakagawa was toastmaster and Pat Morita of Sacramento who recently had a tour of duty at Forbidden City in San Francisco's famed Chinatown, was master of ceremonies of the entertainment portion of the program.

Albuquerque JACL names new 1954 cabinet

Albuquerque

Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto succeeds Charles Matsubara as president of the Albuquerque JACL chapter, it was announced this week. She will be assisted by:

James Sakato, 1st v.p.; Mike Yonemoto, 2nd v.p.; Sets Matsumoto, rec. sec.; Mrs. Evelyn Togami, cor. sec.; George Morimoto, treas.

The outgoing officers are: Mike Yonemoto, 1st v.p.; Hiroshi Morimoto, 2nd v.p.; Helene Saeda, sec.; Mrs. Tazue Akutagawa, treas.



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Final details of the Intermountain JACL district convention at Pocatello, Idaho, on Nov. 27-29 are discussed by members of the host chapter, left to right, seated, Sanaye Yamauchi, Ronnie Yokota, president, Art Yamashita; standing, Joe Tominaga, Jungi Yamamoto and Hero Shiosaki.

INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONFAB

200 attendance seen by host Pocatello chapter for 2-day meet

Pocatello

About 200 delegates are expected to attend the seventh biennial JACL Intermountain District convention to be held in Pocatello, Nov. 27-29, chairman William Yamauchi announced.

Principal speaker is George Inagaki, national JACL president. Banquet speaker is Prof. Thomas Tucker of Idaho State College, Pocatello.

Shigeki Ushio, of Murray, Utah, is master of ceremonies. Toastmaster for the banquet is Joe Saito of Ontario, Ore.

Election of officers will be held. Yukio Inouye, Shelley, Ida., will be the outgoing president.

The Intermountain District involves eight chapters. Expected to attend the convention are the following presidents and their chapters.

George Fujii, Mt. Olympus, Murray, Utah; Dr. Shig Matsukawa, Salt Lake City; Toyse Kato, Ben Lo-

mond, Ogden; Tom Ogura, Snake River, Ontario, Ore.; George Nishitani, Boise Valley, Boise, Idaho; Masayoshi Fujimoto, Yellowstone, Rexburg, Idaho; Takeo Haga, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Ronnie Yokota, host Pocatello chapter.

Convention headquarters will be in the Bannock Hotel. Delegates desiring advance reservations are requested to contact Mike Yamada, 1007 Cahoon St., Pocatello. Registration will be Nov. 27 and 28. Traditional feature will be a bowling tournament offering about \$750 in cash prizes. Trophies and other awards will be presented, Ace Mori, tourney manager has advised.

The Pacific Citizen, as well as National JACL headquarters, shall appreciate the home address of the new chapter president as well as his telephone number, either at place of business or residence. In the event the new president is without a telephone, a number of someone in the cabinet would be appreciated.—The Editor.

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SPORTSCOPE:

'Cookie' Moriya Back in Headlines

In the Central Collegiate Conference cross-country championships last week at Washington Park (Chicago), **Kikuo "Cookie" Moriya** of Wheaton College beat out last year's winner, Robert Soth of Drake, by four seconds. Moriya, the Japanese Olympic distance star, was pushed all the way by Soth and did the distance in 19m. 41s. . . . Over the same course a half-hour earlier, the Big Ten harriers held their championship meet, which was won by Rich Ferguson of Iowa in 19m. 43.2s. . . . Wheaton's 41 points (good enough to win the title) was raised to 50 because of a ruling that a Wheaton runner, who finished 12th, was ruled ineligible. Western Michigan won the team title with 47 points; Wheaton with 50 tied with Notre Dame University for second place.

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Get Ready for Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament

It has been our firm desire that listing scores of bowlers who are in the upper bracket will needle them into trying their wares at the only nationwide tournament of, by and for the Nisei—the JACL classic next March in Chicago. . . . At the Mabs Kerwin Memorial tournament in Stockton's El Dorado, after three weekends are three women pairs in the money: 2nd place—**Kim Furuya-Nobu Asami** 1102 (156)-1258; 3rd **Terry Asami-Terry Kuge** 986 (250)-1236; 8th—**Grace Yonezu-Alice Koe** 985 (198)-1183. All hail from San Francisco. . . . Still in women's bowling: **Chiyo Tashima** of Los Angeles dropped from second to fourth in the National Match Play team competition last week. She rolls her final ten lines tomorrow night at Trojan Bowl. Her 40-game score stands at 7671—a near 192 average. The top three will be selected for the Chicago trip in January. . . . ANOTHER 700 SERIES: **Fuzzy Shimada** put together a 224-278-203 for a 705 series in the "Fun for a Day" tournament last Sunday at San Francisco's Downtown Bowl. . . . **Kayo Hayakawa** hits his 600 series for the third consecutive week with a 646, sporting a 190 average to rank behind Fuzzy in the S.F. Nisei Majors. . . . **Hank Umene** smashed a 609 in the Eastbay league. . . . **Tom Mitsuyoshi**, a 607 in San Jose. . . . In the Pacific Northwest alleys last week were **Shig Hironaka's** 633, **Rick Tanagi's** 604, **Min Nakamura's** 624 (at Ontario, Ore.) **Kazie Yokoyama's** 531 and **Fannie Wong's** 208 were season's best in the Seattle Nisei Girls' until **Lois Yut** contributed a 569 and a 209 last week. . . . At Denver's CSMC Mixed loop, **Mrs. Marge Ota** leads with a 205 and 548. . . . **Hank Ichikawa** rattled a 609 in the Denver Nisei Men's. . . . **Kenji Noda** of Fresno posted a pair season highs: 279 and a 650 for the Nisei loop there. Noda smacked 10 strikes in a row in the high game. . . . **Toshio Namba** of Selma won the Richmond Uptown Bowl singles classic with a 244-211-179-201-188 (140)—1365. He took home a trophy a \$1,000. . . . In the Southland this past week were **Tak Ota's** 601 in Orange County; **Saji Mibu's** 531 betters her previous Gardena Mixed season high series of 517. **Mary Minato** rolled a 556 in the Los Angeles Nisei Ladies'.

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Baseballers Home, Mum on Pay

The New York Giants were home this week after a baseball exhibition tour of Japan, refusing to talk about their "take home" pay. "They're pretty disappointed," was all that Manager **Lippy Durocher** said about pay. There was a report each player only got \$337, but that was denied and a report the pay of \$1,000 per man was later made. "The Japanese lived up to their agreement," Durocher added. "Whatever happened was not their fault. The setup was misrepresented by another party" . . . Each Giant player had been guaranteed \$1,500 & expenses. While capacity crowds watched them play in Japan, most of them apparently got in free. Durocher commented that Japanese teams have improved and had special praise for two pitchers, **Kaneda** and **Otomo**. . . . **Horace C. Stoneham**, owner of the N.Y. Giants, in Manila said the trip was a great success and his boys were pretty well off in the matter of gate receipts. Anyway, the trip to Japan was a good will gesture and "we did receive an enthusiastic response for it".

ODDS AND ENDS: One Harlem Globetrotter unit will tour the Far East starting Dec. 13, with stops included in Japan. Four units of 10 colorful Negro basketball players each will be on an international barnstorming tour exhibiting basketball as only the Globetrotters know how to stage. . . . Sensational running was reported in the New Japanese American News sports section, now edited by George Yoshinaga. **Tom Uyeda** of Verdugo Hills High School "B" team last week against Marshall scooted 77 yards for the first TD, dashed off tackle for another TD after 49 yards, and ran 85 yards for the third touchdown. Verdugo won 19-6. . . . **Phil Kim** of Honolulu returns to action Dec. 5 when he meets Carmine Fiore in the 10-round main at Washington, D.C. The Korean Nisei slugger is managed by **Eisho Toyama**. . . . Nikkan Sports, leading sports daily in Japan, named **Wally Yonamine**, Tokyo Giants center-fielder, and **Jyun Hirota**, Giants catcher, on its all-star professional team of 1953.

Fowler, Delano teams win titles

Fresno

Fowler JACL and Delano JACL teams captured the 1953 Central California District Council bowling titles last Sunday at Playdium Recreation Center, the men's championship going to Fowler, the women's to Delano.

Individual performances were led by Michi Noda (Fresno), who took the high scratch game trophy with a 214. Saburo Yamada and Jeff Fukawa (Delano) tied with 252.

Members of the winning teams were:

Fowler (Men's): Tom Mukai, Roy Tagami, Saburo Yamada, Richard Doi, Ken Hori. **Delano (Women's):** Margie Nakagawa, Lily Misono, Phyllie Yukawa, Toshi Katano and Cecilia Tanihara.

Summaries:

MEN'S TEAM EVENTS
Fowler, 3035; Delano, 2891; Morishima (Selma), 2889.

WOMEN'S TEAM EVENTS
Delano Supper Club, 2708; Selma, 2671; Fresno, 2569.

MEN'S DOUBLES
Kengo Osumi-Min Doi (Parlier), 1250; Tosh Namba-Ken Noda (Selma), 1229; Tom Mukai-Ken Hori, 1185.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES
Tosh Katano-Cecilia Tanihara, 1156; Fudge Tara-Lily Sakamoto (Selma), 1111; Betty Joe Wakasa-Suche Yamamoto, 1097.

MEN'S SINGLES
Sam Yamakawa (Reedley), 648; Jeff Fukawa, 639; Joe Katano (Delano), 637.

WOMEN'S SINGLES
Betty Jo Wakasa, 638; Lily Sakamoto, 630; Fudge Tara, 596.

Trophies were donated by: Cal Theater, Royal Jewelers, Okamoto Jewelers, Sakata TV, Sakamoto Ogawa Insurance, S. H. Mikami, West Fresno Drug, Associated Insurance, Yonaki Bros., Takaki Pharmacy, Ted Cutler Garage, Ota's Grocery (Selma), Selma Nursery, Kebo Insurance (Sanger), Fowler JACL, Reedley JACL, Capital Market (Sanger).

Three No. Calif. bowlers in regional match series

San Francisco

Fuzzy Shimada, Paul Yasui and Art Nishiguchi are among the record field of 60 bowlers from 17 cities slated for the 1953 No. Calif. national Match game championships this weekend at Park Bowl.

The top four who survive this grueling elimination test over two weekends will be sent to the national finals in Chicago next January.

Shimada hails from San Francisco; Yasui, Sacramento; and Nishiguchi, Reno.

MOUNTAIN-PLAINS KEG TOURNEY SCHEDULED SET

Denver

The first annual Mountain-Plains bowling tournament Nov. 28-29 here in conjunction with the district convention was announced by Hootch Okumura, director, and John Sakayama, co-chairman.

With a guaranteed team prize of \$100 announced, some 100 Mountain-Plains and Intermountain bowlers are expected to participate. Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the convention dance Sunday night, Nov. 29, in the Cathedral Ballroom, Albany Hotel.

The schedule:

Saturday, Nov. 28: 10 a.m., 3-game handicap sweepers; 1:30 p.m., ragtime and mixed doubles; 3:30 p.m., team; 6 p.m., doubles; 8:30 p.m., team event.

Sunday, Nov. 29: singles and doubles with squads going on at 12 noon, 1:15, 2:30, 3:45 and 5 p.m.

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THE SOU'WESTER

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TATS KUSHIDA

Last Wednesday night, we had the pleasure of meeting with an informal Nisei businessmen's supper club in San Diego, being invited as guest speaker at their monthly gathering at Haynes Streamliner.

Naturally, the subject matter was the JACL program. The group of more than 20 members present couldn't have been more appropriate for the subject since all of them are staunch JACL members. In a future column, we shall plug this supper club which is a sort of unofficial JACL unit.

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The esprit-de-corp of the delegates attending the Central California District Council convention last weekend in Fresno was an inspiring thing for those of us on the board and staff privileged to attend this biennial function.

We concur with National president, **Callahan Inagaki**, who observed that **Kenji Tashiro**, retiring CCDC head is one of the outstanding district council chairmen ever to hold office in the JACL.

Tashiro's conscientious and able performance of the duties of chairman left little to be desired. His inspired leadership and intelligent direction of Central California JACL activities has boosted the CCDC to the top rung in the JACL family of district councils.

During his regime, which did not enjoy the benefits of a regional office, two additional chapters were organized, making a total of nine. His district's successful annual fund drive is one of the very few bright spots in an otherwise dim financial outlook.

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No longer is it a prerequisite to adorn the upper lip with hirsute growth to become the chairman of any of the three district councils in California.

This week previous, **Giichi Yoshioka**, chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, was succeeded by **Tom Yego** of Placer County. Yoshioka wore a cookie duster. Yego doesn't.

Last Sunday, **Tom Nakamura** of Sanger was formally installed as the new CCDC chairman to succeed Tashiro. Kenji sports a mustache but not Nakamura.

Where does this leave Ken Dyo, whose term as PSWDC chairman expires next year?

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Whenever the JACL board and staff members are invited to attend these gatherings as guests of the various district councils, we are bunked together in hotel rooms, two to a room.

Practically all of said board and staff have at one time or another had to share a hotel room with this writer, an experience which for reasons later explained they have termed "disastrous!"

An indignity of indignities was heaped upon the Sou'wester in a loud and conspicuous manner in the lobby of the Hotel California in Fresno by the three officers who accompanied him to the CCDC convention—**Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa**, JACL's chancellor of the exchequer, P.C. editor **Harry Honda** and **Ken Dyo**. To explain, let's go back a bit in time.

At the Frisco convention in '52, Doc was the victim of a week of sleepless nights as a roommate of the Sou'wester. On a recent visit to the same city, Honda and Dyo shared the same fate.

They and others including **Mike Masaoka**, **Mas Salow**, **Prexy Inagaki**, **Frank Chuman**, et al, allege that our stertorous sounds prevent their sleeping. Tough!

While we admit to some degree of snoring as is normal with most people, it should be made clear that the above-named are afflicted with the JACL occupational disease, hypersensitive Eustachian tubes. Please note also that modern hotel rooms are constructed with unusually fine accoustics.

At any rate, when the four of us were asked to register for the two available rooms, the other three immediately entered into a heated argument, in a raucous and shameful manner entirely unbecoming of JACL officers.

The dispute was finally settled by their tossing coins. The odd man, the loser, gets Kushida for roommate.

Much to the amusement of the crowded lobby, Doc Nishikawa was the loser.

Resigned to his fate, Doc stoically checked into room 317. However, when he later learned that the room assigned to Honda and Dyo had an extra bed, he packed up right then and there to join them.

Kenji Tashiro, rather than drive 70 miles home, decided to stay overnight. Learning of the extra bed vacated by Nishikawa, he was glad to move in for free. Kenji is now an older and wiser man.

While this writer does not object to the occasional humiliation to which he is subjected by his colleagues, we strongly resent the undignified and uncomplimentary remarks made about our personal habits over which we have no control such as snoring or turning vermilion upon the inhalation of a few spirits.

We hope some day to make a sound recording of our audible dormant emissions to prove to our satisfaction and to that of our fellow JACLers that snoring is neither a dissonant cacaphony nor an eruptive salvo of noises as they charge but is, in fact, a type of musical symphony, syncopated if you will, with counterpoint provided by the rare blend of grinding teeth.

There will be other overnight stops. There won't be any more embarrassing scenes. Hereafter, we will provide cotton ear-stoppers.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

The fact that non-Caucasian real estate brokers are not admitted into membership of the Los Angeles Realty Board was brought to the attention of State Deputy Commissioner Ray D. Westcott during a luncheon meeting held by the Rafu Realty Board.

The members took advantage of the National Real Estate Convention which had concluded a week's gathering here last Saturday to point out the discriminatory practices of the local realty boards.

Westcott said rather than attempt to get into boards here, members of the Rafu Realty Board should strive for recognition on the state level. "Local membership will then come automatically," he declared.

Westcott discouraged any move for test cases, reminding the members that such action would only aggravate the situation.

Hirotochi Yamamoto, Commissioner of Real Estate of Hawaii, who was another guest at the luncheon, said the same difficulty in the Islands was solved when a separate real estate board was formed, accepting members regardless of race, creed, or color.

"Our organization gained strength and overwhelmed the so-called all-white realty board which was supposedly the branch of the National Realty Board," Yamamoto said.

Southland's early winter drizzle didn't dampen the social spirit of the Los Angeles YBA group when 250 of them attended the eighth annual Anniversary Ball, Nov. 14, and witnessed the coronation of Haruko Hosozawa as "Miss L.A. Bussei of 1954."

Her court was composed of Kay Watari, Hideko Kusumoto, and Jean Ota. The affair was at the Hollywood Womens' Club. Not to be outdone, another 50 dancers jammed the Fox Hills Country Club for the annual Top Notch Golf Club dinner-dance. The six-bucks-a-bow affair included filet mignon and Bill Ulyate's orchestra.

Community leader and active member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Isao Sakurai was cited with the 1953 Order of Merit for his distinguished service and contribution to scouting during a recognitions dinner held by the Wilshire-Hollywood district of Boy Scouts of America at the Hollywood Roosevelt. Sakurai was the founder and organizer of Troop 9 of St. Mary's whose group now has nearly 30 scouts. He served as scoutmaster for six years.

Rollins MacFadyen, housing chairman of the 17th District of the American Legion, Dept. of California, reassured Japanese American veterans who volunteered or were drafted from another state as a result of evacuation that their status has not been altered and that they are eligible to beneficiaries of the State Farm and Home Purchase Act.

"Only in the case where they had received bonus from another state do they become ineligible to the California benefits," MacFadyen said in a letter addressed to Bill Takahashi, housing chairman of the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion.

Those veterans who were bona-fide residents of the state in 1942 can claim for their Certificate of Eligibility with no permit restrictions attached.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

FUGAMI—Nov. 8, a boy to the Roy Fugamis, Seattle.

HADA—Oct. 18, a boy to the Donald E. Hadas, San Diego.

HATANAKA—Oct. 23, a girl to the Roy Hatanakas, Yuba City, Calif.

HAYASHI—Oct. 19, a boy to the H. S. Hayashis, Long Beach.

HAYASHI—Aug. 19, a boy Glenn David to the Ken Hayashis, Cleveland, O.

HIROTSU—Oct. 6, a boy to the Hiroshi Hirotsus, Isleton, Calif.

HONGO—Oct. 3, a boy Russell Ken to the Isao Eas Hongos (Miyako Yokota), Los Angeles.

IBUSUKI—Oct. 19, a boy Clark Mikio to the Roy Ibusukis (Sachiko Chida), Los Angeles.

IKEDA—Oct. 16, a boy Roddie Ken to the Tom Tameo Ikedas (Donna Kojima), Los Angeles.

IKEMOTO—Oct. 20, a girl Lisa Rei to the George T. Ikemotos (Edna Lucille Markham), Los Angeles.

IMAJO—Oct. 29, a boy to the Hiroshi Imajos, Lodi, Calif.

INOUE—A boy to the Herbert Inouyes (Dorothy Yanaru), Denver.

INOUE—Oct. 17, a girl to the Theodore T. Inouyes, Sacramento.

ISHIDA—Oct. 10, a boy to the Tadashi Ishidas, San Francisco.

IWAHASHI—A girl to the Tats Iwahashis, Denver.

KANNO—Aug. 5, a boy Ivan Tadashi to the Stanley Kannos, Cleveland, O.

KASHIWAGI—Oct. 10, a boy to the Tadao Kashigawis, Sacramento.

KONDO—Oct. 29, a girl to the Henry Kondos, Vale, Ore.

KOZU—Sept. 21, a girl to the George Kozus, Seattle.

MAEDA—Oct. 6, a boy Stephen Roy to the Kunio Maedas (Fumi Hamai), Los Angeles.

MAEDA—Oct. 31, a boy to the George Maedas, Ontario, Ore.

MASUDA—Oct. 29, a girl to the Kaz Masudas, French Camp, Calif.

MATSUMURA—Aug. 26, a boy Glenn to the Isamu Matsumuras, Cleveland, O.

MIURA—Nov. 1, a girl to the David Miuras, Fresno.

MIYAHARA—Nov. 2, a girl to the Hiro Miyaharas, Seattle.

MORI—July 25, a boy Dale Lance to the Roy Moris, Cleveland, O.

MORITA—Oct. 19, a boy to the Charles H. Moritas, Sacramento.

MUGISHIMA—Oct. 16, a girl Emyko to the Harold H. Mugishimas (Pearl Ritsuko Kawaguchi), Los Angeles.

MURAKAMI—Oct. 28, a boy to the Yukio Murakamis, Anaheim, Calif.

NAGASAWA—Oct. 18, a boy to the George Nagasawas, Sacramento.

NAGATA—Oct. 16, a girl Donna Kiyo to the Robert Isamu Nagatas (Takeko Doi), Los Angeles.

NAKADATE—Oct. 11, a girl Michele Michiye to the Shoji Nakadates (Sugaye Hirata), Los Angeles.

NAKAGAWA—Oct. 15, a girl to the George Nakagawas, Marysville, Calif.

NAKAHARA—Oct. 26, a boy to the Toru Nakaharas, Long Beach.

NAKAMURA—Oct. 9, a girl to the Kay Nakamuras, Seattle.

NAKANISHI—Aug. 9, a boy to the Hiroshi Nakanishis, Seattle.

NISHIMURA—Nov. 7, a boy to the Hiromi Nishimuras, Seattle.

NOMURA—Aug. 9, a girl to the Ray Nomuras, Seattle.

ONAGA—Oct. 25, a boy Arnold William to the Yoshinori Guillermo Onagas (Millicent Hatsu Sano), Los Angeles.

ONO—Sept. 22, a boy Stanley Theodore to the George Onos, Cleveland, O.

ONODERA—Sept. 22, a girl to the George Onoderas, Seattle.

SENZAKI—Oct. 23, a boy Norman to the Takashi Senzakis (Mary Fumiko Kobayashi), Los Angeles.

SHIGAKI—Oct. 19, a girl to the Harry N. Shigakis, Sacramento.

SHIOZAWA—Aug. 29, a boy Gerald Kazuo to the Shiro Shiozawas, Cleveland, O.

SUENAGA—Oct. 29, a girl to the Herbert S. Suenagas, San Francisco.

SUGAI—Oct. 29, a girl to the Tom Sugais, Ontario, Ore.

SUGIUCHI—Sept. 24, a boy Paul Lewis to the George Sugiuchis, Cleveland, O.

TAKAHASHI—Oct. 16, a boy to the Fumio Takahashis, Long Beach.

TAKAHASHI—Aug. 9, a girl Marc Ann to the Harlan Takahashis, Cleveland, O.

TAKASHIMA—Oct. 16, a girl to the George G. Takashimas, Oakland.

TAKATSUNO—Oct. 21, a boy to the Joseph T. Takatsunos, San Francisco.

TANIMOTO—Oct. 25, a girl Nancy Fusako to the Yoshito Tanimotos (Masako Tanaka), Artesia, Calif.

TOMITA—Oct. 7, a girl to the Yoshio Tomitas, Seattle.

UYEKAWA—Oct. 29, a boy to the Henry Uyekawas, Huntington Beach, Calif.

YAGI—Sept. 23, a girl to the Takeo Yagis, Seattle.

YAMASAKI—Sept. 29, a girl to the Robert Yamasakis, Reedley, Calif.

YAMASHITA—Oct. 10, a boy to the Jun Yamashitas, Sacramento.

YASUDA—Oct. 16, a girl Janice Yoneko to the Ben Yasudas (Sumiko Gail Imamura), Los Angeles.

YUGUCHI—Oct. 18, a girl Jane Ellen to the Satoshi Yugushis (Irene Aiko Yonemura), Los Angeles.

Engagements

NAKAMURA-ASHIDA — Evelyn to Frank, both of Seattle.

NAMBA-FUJITA—Mary to Buddy, both of San Francisco.

SATO-TAKAI—Aya to Yulene, both of Sacramento.

SHITAMAE-NISHI — Fumi, Seattle, to Harold, Ithaca, N.Y.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KAMIHARA-TAKESHITA — Kazuo and Chiyoko, both of Seattle.

KAWAMURA-OKUBO—Noboru, 53 and Tamai, 51, both of Sacramento, at Reno, Nov. 5.

SAKAUYE-ISERI—Jiro, 24, and Dorothy M., 24, both of Sacramento.

SAKO-KUROSU — Saburo, 27, and Lillian S., 21, both of Seattle.

YOSHIKAWA-YANAI — Benjamin, 28, Newcastle, and Miyeko, 26, Penryn, Calif.

Weddings

DOI-OGUGAWA—Nov. 8, Dr. Peter Doi, Denver, and Amiko Okugawa, La Junta, Colo.

HADA-YOKOTA—Oct. 24, Yosh Hada, Sacramento, and Clara Yokota, Newcastle, Calif.

MAEYAMA-MATSUNO—Nov. 8, Jun Maeyama and Kaoru Matsuno, both of Suisun, Calif.

MORIKAWA-MINATO — Aug. 15, James Morikawa and Nori Minato, both of Cleveland, O.

KAMIHARA-TAKESHITA—Nov. 14, Kazuo Kamihara and Chiyoko Takeshita, both of Seattle.

SAKAUYE-ISERI—Nov. 8, Jiro Sakaue and Dorothy Iseri, both of Sacramento.

WAKABAYASHI-HIKIDA — Nov. 1, Gene Wakabayashi, Chicago, and Peggy Yoshiko Hikida, Seattle.

WAKINAKA-NAGAOKA — Nov. 14, Asa Wakinaka, Sacramento, and Bernice Nagaoka, Loomis.

YAMADA-YAMAGUCHI — Nov. 1, Frank Yamada, Chicago, and Etsuko Florence Yamaguchi, Spokane.

YOSHIKAWA-YANAI — Nov. 15, Benji Yoshikawa, Newcastle, and Miyeko Yanai, Penryn, Calif.

Deaths

AKAMINE, Yukiko, 43; Monterey, Nov. 9, survived by husband Yukinari, daughters Akiyo and Teruyo.

ASATO, Tokusuke, 76; Los Angeles, Nov. 16, survived by sons Sei, George Tetsuo and daughter Mrs. Kazuko Kondo.

ENOSAKI, Yoshio, 75; Gary, Ind., Nov. 1, survived by wife Riwa, son George, daughters, Mrs. M. Fujio, Mrs. Sue Sato, Mrs. Merry Yamaoka, 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

HARADA, Infant daughter: Syracuse, Utah, Nov. 2, survived by parents Utaka and Martha, sisters Katherine, Diane, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. K. Yamamoto, Mrs. S. Harada (Ogden).

IIDA, Akira, 72; San Francisco, Nov. 8, survived by wife Yoshiko, daughters Mrs. Kayo Nakamura and Mrs. Mariko Hirao (Japan).

IKEDA, John S., 62; Seattle, Oct. 28, survived by wife Kiyo, four sons Robert, Ben, William, Frank, sister Mary and four grandchildren.

IWAKI, Kyukichi, 57; San Francisco, Nov. 6, survived by wife Namiyo, sons Kazuo, Takashi, daughters Mrs. Hisayo Oshima and Mrs. Mary Shultz.

KUROISHI, Iwao, 68; Seattle, Nov. 4, survived by wife Nao, son Yukio (Omaha), daughter Mrs. Toshiko Furuta and four grandchildren.

MASUDA, Gary, 2; Los Angeles, Nov. 14, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Masuda.

MIYANAGA, Tetsuzo, 70; Salinas, Nov. 16, survived by wife Komatsu and son Tetsushi.

OCHI, Ralph S., 45; Seattle, Nov. 8, survived by mother Naka, sisters Mrs. Sachiko Kodaira, Mrs. Suyeko Hagiwara (Boise).

OGATA, Charles M., 66; Seattle, Oct. 30, survived by wife Ine, sons George (Tokyo), Yoshitaka (Kansas City), Pvt. Yoshiteru (Army), daughters Mrs. Ted Miyamoto (Cheyenne) and Mrs. Kay Saito (Portland), two grandchildren.

OKAYAMA, Matajiro: Pasadena, May 14, survived by wife Shizue, three sons Masao, Mitsuo, Kenny and three daughters Emi, Mrs. Yukiye Uyematsu and Mrs. Chisato Takemura. (Deceased lost in boat accident at sea off San Francisco.)

SAITO, Kanehiko, 64; Los Angeles, Nov. 14, survived by wife Chiyo, four sons James Kazu, Joe Tatsuo, George Tetsuo, Roy Yoshio.

TAKAI, Lt. Jack Itsuro: Tokyo (formerly Cheyenne, Wyo.), Oct. 21, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Jitsuzo and sister Mrs. Ruby Aiba.

TERANISHI, Noboru, 37; Reedley, Nov. 8, survived by wife Midori sons Allen, Kent, Emil, daughter Joyce, parents Mr. and Mrs. Riechi, brother Sonny.

UJIHARA, Yoshimi: Santa Monica, Nov. 7, survived by husband Masanobu, sons Akio and George.

UMEMURA, Yasuko K., 63; Salt Lake City, Oct. 26, survived by husband Charles, son George (Ft. Lee, N.J.), daughters Mrs. Mary Kasai and Florence.

WATANABE, Donald Kay, 8 mos.; Caldwell, Idaho, Oct. 18, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Watanabe.

YAMAGUCHI, Kyuichiro, 61; Los Angeles, Nov. 15, survived by son Jimmie.

Christmas Cheer campaign opens; \$231 reported

Los Angeles Monetary contributions amounting \$231 have been acknowledged by the Christmas Cheer Committee of the Club Service Bureau last Monday. With only four weeks remaining, the JACL-sponsored Club Service Bureau urged contributions be sent to the So. Calif. JACL regional office, 258 S. 1st St.

Food items, toys and other gifts as well as voluntary services to distribute these items to hundreds of Japanese under care of Los Angeles county public assistance agencies are also expected by the committee.

Mrs. Sue Takimoto Joe of Long Beach is committee chairman.

Current contributors: \$30—Dr. William S. O'Hira. \$25—Hatsuhiro Kodama. \$15—Fukui Mortuary, Orange County Debs.

\$10—Dr. Kohei Nijya, Seiichi Ogilow, Mrs. Victoria Clark (Portland, Ore.), Dr. George Nagamoto, Thomas Mastro Karawasa, Murayama Realty, Dr. Tom Watanabe, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Takimoto.

\$5—Jisaburo Kasai, Ryo Komae Naoji Nitta, Hirohata Insurance, Asajiro Nishimoto, Eiichi Taniguchi, Dr. Shozo Iba.

\$3—Nisei Sugar Bowl. \$2—Rose Kusama, Shikazo Mano, Shoji Nagumo, Yoshishige G. Tauchi.

New Year's Eve dance

Huntington Beach The annual New Year's eve dance heretofore sponsored by the Orange County Matrons will be presented by the Orange County Club Council at Memorial Hall here, Sixth and Orange Sts., on Dec. 31. Joe Sakai and his combo featuring Lane Nakano will play at the sports formal affair.

Statewide convention of Nisei collegian Dec. 27-28

Los Angeles Some 250 Nisei collegians will meet at the third annual California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization state-wide convention, Dec. 27-28, the locale of which is still pending. Climax to the business session will be the crowning of "Miss Nisei Coed of 1954" at the conference dance Monday night.

442nd Club official

Honolulu Akira Fujiki resigned as executive secretary of the 442nd Veterans Club here to accept a position with the local Japan Air Lines office. Fujiki was general chairman of the recent 10th Anniversary reunion of the 442nd RCT, a member of its anti-tank company during five campaigns in France and Italy.

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by Bill Hosokawa

DECADE AGO

Are We Proud?

There was a time when discretion advised against "washing our linens" before the public — especially when the public included civic and political dignitaries as were assembled at the Central California JACL district council convention banquet last Sunday in Fresno.

At the head table were state and federal legislators and among the various chapter tables on the floor, mayors, businessmen and school officials

Times are changing. Discretion has been sidestepped. Main speaker Mike Masaoka last Sunday began "washing our linens" before such a public. "The Nisei may be proud of its clean police record, of its scholastic achievements, but we cannot be proud of our political record."

And he recounted the role of the JACL and its fight of the past six years to gain those legislative goals which are now accepted as if it had happened automatically, as if to deny the struggle of an organization most responsible for such a record.

Are we proud of our political record?

Political consciousness does not end at mere registration for election day. So many register and yet fail to exercise their franchise. It takes a community-wide campaign to remind the electorate of their privilege of the ballot. The Nisei are not alone at the apathy on election days outside of a presidential election.

Our political record would be difficult to recognize if we rest at participation at the polls.

Politics begins at the polls but ends with the men who are elected to office. We vote once every other year for congressmen in the House of Representatives and once every six years for one of the Senators of a state. The several minutes in the secrecy of the voting booth go askance if those men elected to the halls of Congress are not informed of our desires.

Since those men are elected representatives of the people, they are quick to the wishes of its constituency. As for the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, the JACL has aided materially in the accomplishment of a great record. It was able to do so because of the interest and support of the Issei and Nisei community at large. All this stands to be lost if we drop our guard. Our present political apathy, or record if you will, jeopardizes all that has been won.

Do Japanese women make better wives? "Jet," a pocket-sized news magazine, for and about Negroes, asks this question in a current issue. I picked up a copy at Bill Kuroki's Ideal Pharmacy and found that "Jet" thinks the answer is affirmative, at least on the basis of interviewing a handful of Negro ex-servicemen with Japanese wives in Indianapolis.

Bruce Smith told his interrogator: "I like it when my wife waits on me hand and foot, gives me a massage when I come home from work, washes my back in hot water and turns down the bed so I can take a nap before dinner. Sayako Smith added: "I feel it is my duty to do my husband's bidding. If he's happy, I am happy."

"Jet" says critics of Japanese wives say they are "spoiling our men." It adds that jealousy "has flared up in American women" in Indianapolis. "Taking the 'what-have-they-got-we-haven't-got?' attitude," says "Jet," "American girls have shunned the Japanese girls, leaving many of them lonely and confused . . . An American who marries a Japanese woman soon learns that there are many obstacles to overcome . . . But despite these difficulties, most men frankly say that they prefer their Japanese wives to any other."

"Jet" reports that some 6,000 service men married Japanese girls but it is not known how many were Negro. In addition to a cover photo of James and Teruko Miller, the magazine shows four other Negro-Japanese couples posing happily.

Friends of mine asked the other day where he could get a Japanese peasant raincoat

made of rice straw. I didn't know, never having seen one on this side of the Pacific. I asked what he wanted it for.

"They're ideal for duck hunting," he said. "They shed the rain, but on top of that, you don't even have to hide in a blind if you're wearing one of them. Just sit out in the open and you're naturally camouflaged to look like a pile of straw."

I knew Japanese ceramics, furniture, architecture, coolie hats and happi coats have been adapted to American life, but rice straw raincoats—the kind you see pictured in the old prints—for duck hunting was a new one on me.

Our Susan lost the last of her frontline baby teeth recently on a day when I didn't come home for dinner. Next morning, as I was reading the newspaper, she told me about it. The conversation went about like this:

"Daddy, remember the loose tooth I had? Well, it came out yesterday."

"That's fine."

"Didn't Mommy tell you about it when you came home last night?"

"Nope."

"Oh, Well, I put the tooth under my pillow last night. The tooth was still there this morning and there wasn't any money."

"Oh, that's too bad." A light begins to dawn.

"Daddy, I think I'll put it under my pillow again tonight."

"That sounds like a very good idea."

Funny thing happened. Susan found a quarter under her pillow the following morning although the regular rate for discarded teeth around our house is a dime.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Does It Pay to Write?

More than a score of books, monographs and tracts have been written and published about the Nisei since Pearl Harbor. In almost every instance, however, these published works have been either biographical, like Ralph G. Martin's fine *Boy from Nebraska*, or documented studies, such as Carey McWilliams' *Prejudice* which set the mass evacuation in historical and political perspective, and the wealth of statistical material turned out by the scientists and researchers of the War Relocation Authority.

The novel has been generally neglected, although we were once told by Pearl Buck that the one way to get the Nisei story to the great mass of the American people would be to present it in the form of a novel, just as Mrs. Buck (Mrs. Richard Walsh) has extended the dimensions of our national understanding of the Orient in *The Good Earth* and the many other absorbing novels she has written with Asian settings.

Among the few novels written about the Nisei were Karen Kehoe's *Island in the Sun*, a story of the Poston relocation camp, and Florence Crannell Means' *The Moved-Outers*, an evacuation tale for a teen-age audience. These novels, in contrast to those written a generation ago by Peter B. Kyne and Wallace Irwin, were sympathetic in approach but did not have a wide audience. Kyne's *Pride of Palomar* and Irwin's *Seed of the Sun*, both serialized nationally, one by the Saturday Evening Post, both stressed the "alien" encroachment of farmers of Japanese ancestry on California soil and were utilized by anti-Japanese propagandists in California to fan hatred against persons of Japanese ancestry. *Pride of Palomar* also was made into a film in the 1920s but an effort by Harry Sherman Productions to make a new film version was abandoned after the National JACL conferred with the producers and pointed out the racist nature of the work.

One of the first novels to be written by a Nisei was published two years ago by the Exposition Press in New York. This was Shelley Ayame Ota's *Upon Their Shoulders*, the sensitive story of a Japanese family in Hawaii.

We received advance proofs of *Upon Their Shoulders* and our comment (we liked it) was quoted on the book's jacket when it was published in the fall of 1951.

This week we received a letter from Miss Ota, now Mrs. Lynn Wells of Milwaukee, Wis., which brings us up to date on *Upon Their Shoulders* and its author.

Here is Miss Ota's letter, in part: "May I through your column in the Pacific Citizen thank the many readers who wrote me expressing gratitude and good wishes for my novel, *Upon Their Shoulders*. The kindly and thoughtful thing to do is to sit down and individually answer these letters, but you know how overwhelming such a task is. And so may I say,

"Thank you for writing. It has given me strength and courage to go on.

"As I glance backwards, I realize how fortunate I have been in having friends who believed in me. The Japanese have a word to express a sentiment like this, *shinyo-suru*, a concept that I dearly cherish.

"What has happened to *Upon Their Shoulders*? Well, for one thing, the novel is now part of the permanent collection at Wisconsin's own state library in the executive mansion at Madison. Whenever I think of this, I regard it as a contribution to regional literature in America, one more evidence that the Nisei have gained in stature.

I have been asked a number of questions, and through your column, if I may, I would like to discuss them.

The most frequently asked question is: "Does it pay to write?"

"There is no adequate way to answer this question, save in this manner. I felt the story of the Japanese in Hawaii had to be told, and I proceeded on this basis. The question of financial return did not press me unduly. All I felt was a pressing need to tell the story within the social fabric of Hawaii.

"This, as I understand it, holds true with all kinds of expression, be it music, painting, designing or sculpture. There must be a burning desire to express one's self. The financial element is a secondary consideration.

"What does it take to make a writer? . . . Be fortunate enough to be born in a society where incidents happen to you and your class. Luckily, I was born in a group which was undergoing 'growing pains.' Enough happened so that I had drama, color and suspense to shape into a story. And my material had compelling freshness—as one critic put it.

"I often say that if you have the material, the technique will take care of itself . . .

"What has *Upon Their Shoulders* done for me? Well, it has opened a few doors. And if a first novel does this for you, you have climbed the ladder a bit. More than this, it has given me the satisfaction of achievement. The novel is no longer a dream. It is reality and the sense of achievement is a dynamic one. It cannot be measured for dollar and cents value.

"Most important of all, it has been a contribution to our regional literature. It has heightened awareness of our problems, dreams, hopes and aspirations.

"Given time and more dreams, I hope to finish my second novel, *The Obsession*, a story of the California Japanese.

"Recently I completed a manual, *How to Arrange Flowers*, adapted from the Japanese. This is to be used as a teaching aid in our schools.

"This manual is the expression of my firm belief that we are rich because of our heritage. The older I grow, the more I realize how deeply we are in debt to the Issei, to the enrichment they gave our lives. In our desire for integration, we cannot overlook this fact, for we are cultural linkways between the Far East and the West."

November 20, 1943
Gov. Maw upholds rights of Japanese Americans, says evacuees will return to coast; Utah governor expresses hope time will never come when liberties of citizens are limited because of darker skin, slanted eyes or religion.

No bombs, firearms found at Tule Lake, Army declares; no disturbances at segregation camp since army control.

Rep. Dickstein (D., N.Y.) deplores proposed investigation by Dies committee of situation at Tule Lake Segregation camp.

Rep. Engle (D., Calif.) raps WRA in report to Dies; criticizes establishment of segregation camp at Tule Lake.

Tule Lake incident has repercussions in White River Valley, Kent, Wash.; local businessmen tack up "We don't want any Japs back—ever" signs on community honor rolls listing servicemen including several Nisei.

Sgt. Ben Kuroki awarded Distinguished Flying Cross for part in Ploesti air raid.

Anti-evacuee law of Arizona invalid, U.S. Attorney General Biddle tells Gov. Osborn as Arizona supreme court hears arguments testing legality of wartime legislation. (Law requires three publication of notices of any projected business transactions with Japanese Americans in a newspaper of general circulation, and following this, at least 10 days prior to the consummation of the transaction, filing a copy of the notice with the Secretary of State together with detailed information regarding the transaction, and a report thereon not later than the fifth day of each month. Separate notices are required for separate transactions.)

MINORITY

A workmen's compensation suit challenging Oklahoma's law against interracial marriages was filed in the state supreme court last week. Clara Rodriguez, a Negro and widow of Nick Rodriguez who died last May, asked the court for \$13,500, amount allowed under state law for accidental deaths coming under workmen's compensation. In refusing benefits, the state industrial commission cited the constitutional provision prohibiting intermarriages. Her petition claimed the decision violated the Oklahoma and U.S. constitutions, treaties of the United States and the charter of the United Nations, which recognizes equality of races.

Because the Phoenix High School district board of trustees voted on its own accord to end segregation in its school system, the Arizona Supreme Court last week dismissed the case involving authority of the school district to segregate students due to race. The board took action after the filing of this suit last July. The issue arose when a group of Phoenix Negro children applied for admission high schools in the Phoenix system other than Carver. The parents of the rejected students sued and a superior court ruling in their favor that segregation was unconstitutional was appealed by the school.

The Univ. of Georgia Red and Black, 60-year-old campus paper, was threatened with withdrawal of state funds if it again attacks racial segregation in the schools. The paper operates on an annual budget of about \$15,000, about one-third comes from the student activity funds. Roy V. Harris, member of the university board of regents and a strong advocate of separate schools for Negroes, said his stand was not one of endangering freedom of the press. "The students can get their own paper and do what they please with it," he said.

Dry cleaners have no trouble at all getting in on the gravy and egg stains.