



## TOKYO TOPICS:

### Nisei in America

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Tokyo

Gov. Seiichiro Yasui, regarded as a strong candidate as the next Japanese ambassador to Washington, D.C., believes the future of American citizens of Japanese extraction in America is brighter than ever.

He derived this conclusion after heading a Japanese delegation which attended the Pacific Coast mayors' conference in Seattle.

His report on the Nisei in America is considered to be important in view of the governor's position, his political and civic influences in Japan. Of the Nisei, he speaks very highly.

"I noted a great change in the mentality of the Issei pioneers in America since my previous visit after the privilege of naturalization was granted to them.

"Pioneer Issei are stabilized more than ever and they are determined to stay in America rather than seek a final resting place in Japan.

"The Nisei have become their worthy successors. They have gained the respects of other Americans. With their ability, integrity and sincerity, the Nisei and Sansei will undoubtedly be even more respected.

"Now that the United States and Japan have become more close than ever, friendly sentiments of both nations are at its height in spite of loose talk of anti-American feelings in Japan," the Tokyo chief executive declared.

He is of the opinion that anti-American sentiments in Japan have been over-emphasized by the Communists in order to create anti-Japanese feelings in America.

"If Americans conclude that all Japanese are anti-American, it is liable to have disastrous effects in America. What I am afraid is the danger of hysteria among Americans over anti-U.S. feelings in Japan.

"Some Americans in Japan are unfortunately limited in their contact with Japanese in Japan. Therefore the Japanese must be careful.

"But I'd rather ask American citizens of Japanese extraction to be a hinge of Japanese-American relations. They should study the language, history and culture of this country in order to present to America the benefits of both civilizations.

"Japan has to depend upon America in every way," emphasized Gov. Yasui.

His report on the Nisei is particularly timely and valuable in presenting the American picture to Japan since fanatical anti-American agitators, such as Mrs. Ayako Ishigaki and other professional trouble-makers have attempted to stir ill feelings between the Nisei and other Americans in particular.

Yasui is sincere in his portrayal of American life. His vision is wider than other Japanese politicians or propagandists who have been in America.

Yasui has also assisted in establishing American Legion

posts and Boy Scout programs here. He also mixes well with such personalities as John D. Rockefeller III and other top-notch America-Japan Society dignitaries.

When Sen. Wilfred Tsukiyama of Honolulu visited Japan last year, it was unfortunate the governor was too busy. The people here later found out Tsukiyama is a fine speaker with eloquent Japanese. Many politicians and civic leaders want to hear people like him. Had the two met, the influence of Nisei in cementing Japanese-American relationships would have been felt keenly. Proper contact with the right party is so fundamental in the matter of influences in Japan.

### Woman killed by hit-run motorist

San Jose

A Morgan Hill housewife, Mrs. Masue Fukuda, 48, of Rt. 2, Box 571, was struck down and fatally injured by a hit-run motorist Nov. 19 when she tried to cross the rain-drenched Monterey highway near her home.

The accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. in front of the 15-Mile House, a highway truck stop about four miles north of Morgan Hill.

Highway patrol officers said the roadway was dark and Mrs. Fukuda was wearing blue denim work clothes. The motorist responsible sped away without stopping after hitting the woman, the officers said.

Other motorists called an ambulance. She died four hours later at San Jose Hospital.

### 300-year-old stone lanterns on way

Washington

A 300-year-old Japanese solid granite lantern is scheduled to arrive here this month to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Commodore Perry's landing in Tokyo Bay. The gift is from the governor of Tokyo.

Nine feet tall, the lantern will be placed on a pedestal shaded by the Japanese cherry trees on the northwest bank of the Tidal Basin and it will formally be received during the 1954 cherry blossom festival.

The lamp is one of three being presented from Seiichiro Yasui, governor of Tokyo; the others going to Providence and Newport, R.I.

### Arrest check forger using Japanese name

Hollister

Vernon E. Reynolds, 29, a draftsman, pleaded guilty to a forgery charge and will be sentenced Dec. 1. He was alleged to have passed two checks, one for \$72.16 and another for \$49.06, on two local merchants.

When apprehended, he had two more identical checks in his possession. All checks were forged in the name of K. Kamimoto, San Juan Bautista farmer.

### Drowns to death

Portland, Ore.

Kameji Yabuki, 64, store proprietor, drowned Tuesday last week while on a combination mushroom hunt and fishing trip.

### Special meeting for claimants set

Los Angeles

Claimants whose evacuation claims have not yet been adjudicated or settled will discuss possible courses of action which can be considered by the JACL at a dinner meeting Dec. 5, at the San Kwo Low, the local regional office announced.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, will participate in the discussion and endeavor to ascertain the views and desires of claimants as to JACL's action on their behalf.

Claimants and their attorneys wishing to attend the 6:30 p.m. dinner are expected to inform the JACL office of their reservations. The dinner is \$2 per person.

### Nine Nisei citizenship cases cleared by judge

Honolulu

Judge Jon Wiig of the federal court here has ruled in the cases of nine Nisei who were in Japan after the war and who voted in the Japanese post-war elections. All the decisions are in favor of the Nisei, who were represented by attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles and Katsuro Miho of Honolulu.

Judge Wiig decided that in all of the cases the Nisei's voting in various elections was not their free and voluntary act; and therefore did not result in a loss of United States citizenship.

Judge Wiig ruled as a matter of law that voting was not voluntary even though no actual threats of bodily harm or loss of job or loss of food were made. He agreed with the federal judge in Los Angeles that United States citizenship was a precious right which cannot be taken away except where clearly justified.

### PSWDC cabinet meets

Los Angeles

A report from Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, to bring Pacific Southwest District Council JACL chapters up to date on national legislation is to be made Dec. 6 at the Regional Office. The special PSWDC cabinet meeting was called by Ken Dyo, chairman, for 1:30 p.m. Chapters not represented on the cabinet have been invited to attend.

• Authors, composers, artists and musicians of Japan and the U.S. will get copyright protection under temporary agreement from Apr. 28, 1952, to Apr. 27, 1956. Both governments are working toward a permanent agreement on reciprocal copyrights.

### Hawaii's first educational film shows technique of Japanese print-making

Honolulu

Completion of the first art film to be made in Hawaii has been announced by George Tahara, producer, and William W. Davenport, who wrote the script.

The picture, "Japanese Print Making," was filmed in color at the Honolulu Academy of Arts and features the celebrated print maker, Toshi Yoshida, in a meticulous demonstration of his craft.

Music was provided by Heizan Mikami, Japanese flute, Kazue and Nanae Mikami, koto players.

"Japanese Print Making" will be shown at a private preview for the press and members of the Honolulu Academy of Arts early in December. It will then be released for national distribution.

### LAFCADIO HEARN'S GRANDDAUGHTER 'HOME'

Milwaukee

Lafcadio Hearn's granddaughter, Ranko, came "home" from Japan last week as the wife of 1st Lt. Gordon C. Brandes, U.S. Air Force officer who spent two-and-a-half years as a combat pilot in Japan and Korea. They met while the 27-year-old Milwaukeean was protocol officer at Far East Air Force headquarters in Tokyo and she was liaison officer for a Tokyo trading firm.

Hearn is best known for his brilliant literary sketches of Japan at the turn of the century. He went there in 1890, became a naturalized Japanese, adopted the Japanese name of Koizumi and stayed there until his death in 1904 at the age of 58.

Ranko, called Lonnie, is the daughter of the youngest of three Hearn sons, Kiyoshi Koizumi, well-known oil painter who had an exhibition in New York recently.

### Judd visits premier

Tokyo

The Minnesota Republican regarded as the "grandfather of Issei naturalization" paid a visit last week to Premier Shigeru Yoshida. Rep. Walter H. Judd, accompanied by U.S. Ambassador John M. Allison, headed a congressional committee inspecting Far Eastern and Pacific activities.

### Group donations low for Christmas Cheer fund

Los Angeles

Contributions continue to flow into the 1953 Christmas Cheer fund as a total of \$426 was reported this week. Tats Kushida, general chairman, stated that while individual contributions have been received at a generous pace, group donations have fallen in comparison to past years.

Group donations have been received from three clubs so far. Contributions are being accepted by the JACL Regional Office, 258 E. 1st St.

Recent contributors: \$30—Dr. William S. O'Hira. \$25—Hatsuehiro Kodama, Susumu Nogaki, Harbor City Sardonyx. \$10—Dreamers.

### Fast camera lens

Tokyo

Japan's optical industry announced it would begin the first large-scale production of the fastest camera lens in the world—the f1.1 for motion picture and candid cameras. It will be twice as fast as the f1.4 or f1.5 superspeed lens now used in such cameras.

### Tsuji petition to be heard in San Francisco

San Francisco

A court hearing to decide the eligibility to naturalization of Issei men who were classified 5-F during World War I will be held on Dec. 3 in the District Court, it was announced by the local JACL office.

At present, the Immigration and Naturalization Service is denying citizenship to aliens who were exempted from service in the U.S. armed forces because of alienage. Evidence indicates that most of the Issei men did not specifically request exemption and that they were arbitrarily placed in this classification by their draft boards.

The petitioner whose case is to be heard Dec. 3 is Kazuichi Tsuji of San Francisco. Tsuji, long-time resident of San Francisco, runs a cleaning establishment. He has three children. His son, Billy Akira, is in the U.S. Air Force stationed in Mexico. A daughter, Eiko, is employed at the Presidio, and another daughter, Yuriko, attends high school.

Representing Tsuji will be attorneys Victor Abe of San Francisco, Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose and Mas Yonemura of Oakland. Coincidentally, all three attorneys are former presidents of their local JACL chapters.

Appearing in behalf of the JACL as a friend of the court will be attorney Edward J. Ennis, legal counsel for the Washington JACL office and formerly general counsel for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Also present will be Mike Masaoka, JACL Washington representative.

### Seattle Issei pioneer decorated in Japan

Tokyo

For distinguished service promoting U.S.-Japanese relations and aid to fellow immigrants, Heiki Okuda, 85, of Seattle was awarded the fourth class Order of the Sacred Treasure by Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki last week.

The Seattle pioneer has been a resident in the U.S. since 1893, established a Japanese language school, children's homes and other institutions. As head of the Japanese Residents Ass'n in Seattle, he was also a leader in campaigning for liberalization of U.S. immigration laws.

The award was made in the foreign minister's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Okuda plan to return to Seattle before Christmas. They have a son, Kenji, who is professor at Washington State College, and two daughters, Mrs. Toyo Cary, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Nao Belser, who lives in Connecticut.

### Hawaii's oldest Issei citizen dies at 89

Honolulu

The Island's oldest Issei naturalized citizen, who would have been 90 years old next month, died Nov. 6—and after his wife had passed away a week earlier. Seijun Asakura was naturalized only two months ago.

A colorful citizen, he was ordained a minister when he was 85. He was long associated with the Hawaii Japanese language schools, the father of six children and "used to be pretty much of an individualist," in the words of one of his children.

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## Criticisms of Congressional Investigations . . .

As Congress, even while in adjournment between sessions, continues and initiates more investigations into various aspects of American life, criticisms of such non-legislative functions are bound to crop up. Naturally, many of the charges are purely political, while others are voiced by those who, afraid of exposure, hope to confuse the issues.

**At the same time, however, many thoughtful Americans, including congressmen, fearful that certain fundamental doctrines are in jeopardy, have expressed concern over this situation.**

Currently, of course, most criticisms of congressional probes are directed at the methods used by the committees investigating questions of internal security: Senator McCarthy's Operations Subcommittee on Permanent Investigations, Senator Jenner's Judiciary Internal Security Subcommittee, and Representative Velde's Un-American Activities Committee.

It was not so long ago, though, as Issei and Nisei will recall, that the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and the conduct of the WRA camps were the subjects of congressional inquiry. And Nisei and Issei will recall the great difference between the Tolson Subcommittee's hearings on the west coast in the spring of 1942 and the subsequent and more widely publicized and sensational inquiries headed by Senators Stewart of Tennessee and Chandler of Kentucky and Representatives Dies of Texas and Mundt of South Dakota.

Present-day critics allege that legitimate congressional studies are sometimes replaced by inquisitorial procedures which are as much a menace to America as the subversion the probes endeavor to uncover.

Defenders of the current investigations deny this charge, as well as another that some probes hamper the activities of the Executive Branch. Senator McCarthy, for example, has repeatedly challenged his critics to name one innocent person unjustly damaged by his investigating committee. In addition, the triumvirate of internal security chairmen demand to know how else communist infiltration of government could have been exposed.

The investigative power of Congress has been considered as a necessary check on the Executive.

Woodrow Wilson wrote in a study called "Congressional Government" that "unless Congress have and use every means of acquainting itself with the acts and disposition of the administrative agents of the Government, the country must be helpless to learn how it is served . . . The informing function of Congress is to be preferred even to its legislative function."

**Even in this sphere, some say that McCarthy's tactics, for instance, create an atmosphere of suspicion that makes creative government impossible, that such methods impair security work that should be done quietly by government agencies, and the net result is to discredit the investigative powers of Congress itself.**

Committees and their supporters reply that the investigative function is essentially a fact-finding one that would be obstructed by following the more formal court procedures.

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## Proposed Reforms . . .

To meet the mounting criticisms of investigative practices, several congressmen have proposed remedial legislation that may be considered next January.

Representative Keating (R., N.Y.), for example, would set up rules for House Committees permitting witnesses whose reputations were attacked at public hearings to present evidence in their own defense and cross examine other witnesses.

Senators Morse (Ind., Ore.) and Lehman (D., N.Y.) have introduced a resolution allowing witnesses before Senate committees to be represented by counsel at all times.

Counsel could object to questions and procedures, make brief statements and submit memoranda in support of their objections.

Moreover, the committees themselves could consider only reliable information of probative value. Witnesses would be permitted to answer questions completely and would be given the right to make oral statements to be made a part of the record.

A Joint Committee on Subversive Activities, composed of members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committee, would be established by Representative Celler (D., N.Y.) to "not only eliminate duplication of effort but also will afford a unified concentration toward reaching the objectives of such investigations."

These and other proposed reforms are now under study by their respective chamber committees charged with formulating uniform rules of procedure.

**But the traditional reluctance of any committee to give up its right to set up its own rules stands as a mighty barrier against any comprehensive changes in the committee system of conducting investigations.**

As with almost every thing else, it is the leadership and not so much the organization that determines subsequent action. Congressmen being individuals, committee investigations will mirror the personalities and ambitions of their respective chairmen.

In the meantime, the House Un-American Activities Committee adopted some new procedures, including a provision that due notice be given any individual named before the Committee as having been associated with subversive activities. That individual then has a right to appear before the Committee in his own defense.

Simultaneously, a special committee of the American Bar Association is studying congressional investigations as a part of a "study of individual rights as affected by national security", financed by a \$50,000 grant from the Ford Foundation Fund for the Republic.

## Nisei youth nabbed for \$4,100 holdup

Portland, Ore.

Four youths, including a Nisei, face charges of robbing \$4,100 from a messenger boy Oct. 26 and the last member of the gang was returned here from San Francisco last week.

Kenji Hirata, 20, Henry John Bentz, 18, and Frank F. Haddix, 18, were indicted by the grand jury of robbery by force and violence. A fourth member, Gerald L. Lavell, 20, turned himself in to the police. All were accused of strongarming 15-year-old William A. Hughes, robbing him of a money bag containing about \$3,150 in cash and \$1,000 in checks.

Hirata blamed his own part in the scheme on the fact that he was desperate for money to support his 17-year-old wife. He was picked off a California-bound train at Klamath Falls. Detectives said Hirata and Bentz each got \$936 and the other two around \$620. Recovered with all the checks were \$1,778 of the money, detectives added.

Bentz, upon return here, said he was paid 30 percent of the \$3,100 cash obtained when he and Hirata grabbed the money bag and then ran to the car in which Lavell and Haddix were waiting around the corner.

## PRESS FILE:

**BROADWAY:** A 21-year-old Korean girl named Reiko Sato — a dancing comedienne—may take Broadway by storm in the Gwen Verdon manner when "Kismet" hits town. Out-of-town viewers say she really shines. —Dorothy Kilgallen, (INS Columnist).

*(Let's hope Reiko will correct the Broadway columnist of the error.—The Editor.)*

**MORE PAGES:** The New Japanese American News (Los Angeles) English section edited by Mas Imon and George Yoshinaga, sports, has expanded into six tabloid pages a day: three to news, two on sports and one for classified advertising. The other six are in Japanese. Saburo Kido is president of the daily bi-lingual newspaper.

**CANADIAN EDITOR:** Frank Mortisugu, one time staff member of the New Canadian, is now articles editor for the Canadian Home and Gardens magazine, published in Toronto. In an address to Toronto JCCA members, he outlined the various steps aspiring writers can obtain jobs with Canadian magazines, but they must bear in mind that "nobody gets rich in journalism or drives around in Cadillacs".

## New citizens —

San Jose  
Naturalized in the court of Superior Judge William F. James Nov. 19 were three Issei among 22 aliens. They are: Tomozo Kawakami, Palo Alto; Tamotsu Hayashi, Santa Clara; and Mrs. Midori Kmura, San Jose.

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## New York JACL in appreciation to Newspaper Guild



The New York JACL Chapter expressed thanks to the Newspaper Guild of New York, Local 3, American Newspaper Guild, for the part played by the Guild in removing the word "Jap" from newspapers. At a recent meeting of the Guild's citywide Legislative Assembly, the JACL presented copies of the book *Beauty Behind Barbed Wire* by Allen Eaton to the three Guild members most active in the campaign.

Tom Hayashi, first national JACL vice-president, and Ina Sugihara, chairman of the Chapter's Social Action Committee, made the presentation. Shown above are left to right, M. Michael Potoker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Guild, Ina Sugihara, Arthur Rosenstock, Guild President, and Edward Hassett, Guild member of the Standard and Poor's Unit.

The New York Guild passed a resolution in February, 1952, urging New York newspapers to stop using the word "Jap." Its delegates initiated and pushed through a similar resolution at the national Guild convention held in Portland, Ore., in July 1952, urging newspapers in the United States and Canada to stop using the term.

New York newspapers have virtually stopped using the term and whenever there is a slipup, it is called to the attention of the editor.

## VERY TRULY YOURS:

## Good News for Pipe Smokers

By HARRY K. HONDA

Except to folks like me who puff on them, briar pipes are not very important in the American economy; but President Eisenhower's decision in the briar pipe tariff case may prove significant . . . The tariff commission had recommended duty on cheaper briar (from Italy and France) be increased on grounds imports were hurting the domestic pipe industry. The President overruled the commission . . . The theme of "trade not aid" has been frequently heard, but the administration's stand on the question of free trade vs. high tariff has never been stated definitely . . . This decision may be an indication . . . You'd think the President wouldn't personally care about briar pipes, since he himself is a non-smoker — a point which winces tobacco moguls each time it's mentioned . . . The question of free trade or high tariff has been constantly wrestled by our countrymen since pre-Revolutionary days. Businessmen who stand to gain by foreign trade will be on the "liberal" side of the tariff question. Businessmen not helped by foreign trade or hurt by foreign competition stand on the other side . . . The briar pipe industry is small and it may be the wisest measure for the present to keep the tariff as is, but even the dislocation of one small industry can cause considerable economic injury to a whole community. Further, it should be remembered that the U.S. is not alone in erecting trade barriers—such as tariffs can become. Other foreign countries protect their industries through tariffs, currency restrictions and other devices.

*To be fair about this, one can smoke U.S. tobacco in imported pipes or light imported tobacco in U.S. pipes.*

While the Holiday Issue preparations continue, it must be said that the few stalwarts of a chapter engaged in soliciting greetings from businessmen and friends deserve mention at this juncture . . . I'm afraid after the issue is put to bed, fatigue will wear us down completely and our thanks will go a bit late . . . Smoky Sakurada has devoted several weeks of his vacation to gather greetings from Chicago. At the present time, the

Chicago chapter has turned in the most . . . In Coachella Valley, Tom Sakai, Elmer Suski, Jack Izu and Mas Oshiki should be mentioned . . . The story of Kay Hanada of Orosi spending many hours just waiting to see the manager of a firm can be best told by Tats Kushida in his column . . . Dorothy Suzuki of Washington, D.C., turned in over 50 one-line greetings — best yet for a single chapter . . . The early solicitors include George Fujii, Mt. Olympus; Ina Sugihara, New York; Paul Hoshi, San Diego; John Sasaki and Mas Junjuji, Puyallup Valley; Jim Yamaguchi, Cortez; Ryo Komae, Gardena Valley; Frank Suzukida, Kay Uchima and Grace Morinaga for the Downtown L.A. chapter . . . There are many others, as the days pass by, who should be mentioned . . . Omission at this point is inadvertent, but we did want to show that the P.C. Holiday Issue is only as great as the number of loyal workers involved. The more there are, the better it shall be.

*To the chapters: if you already have greetings for the Holiday Issue on hand, make sure they reach us immediately. We want to avoid the necessity of placing Christmas greetings in the Dec. 25 issue.*

Two weeks ago in this column, mention was made of the crisis faced by the Alberta JCAA. Wholesale revisions had to be made to sustain the organization . . . The follow-up was reported last week in the Canadian Nisei press. The provincial chapter would be operated as a co-ordinating council of local chapter delegates . . . Member chapters are to work on province-wide projects on a rotation basis. Financial burdens were reduced after it was agreed local chapters would assume the work hitherto undertaken by the provincial chapter . . . It must be said of Canadian politics that unlike the United States with strong national tendencies, our neighbors to the North have emphasized provincial tendencies. The JCCA is following the same pattern, it seems.

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**Tokyo Topics: prescribed reading**

Editor: One of my regrets, as I grow older and life becomes more challenging, is that I seem to have less time to express appreciation for so much good that comes my way. Among my conscious "sins of omission" is failure to thank you for what the Pacific Citizen means continuously to me.

No reader can look forward more eagerly than I to the annual Holiday Issue referred to in the Oct. 30 PC, but I hope you will not think it an overstatement when I say that to follow closely the modest weekly issues of your paper is both education and inspiration.

And I am grateful to have such a worthy communication of one of the newest groups in our population also one of our most effective interpreters of American ideals.

May I offer in support of my judgment—and my gratitude—a few items in this week's P.C. which I have just spent a profitable evening reading.

Beginning with page 1, the account of the presentation of the Medal of Honor to Sgt. Miyamura and six other heroes of the Korean war by President Eisenhower would stir any

American reader. And on the same page, in as thoughtful a spirit, though lighter in vein, is the Honolulu Newsletter by Lawrence Nakatsuka with the cultural thread of a people running through the column on Aloha Week. One wishes that all the tourists and all the visitors to Hawaii could read it.

I never miss Mike Masaoka's Washington Letter. I can't afford to. But Mike has never written a better column, to my way of thinking, than this week's on Nisei Memorial Day,

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**Logger dies in mishap**

Lethbridge, Alta.

A falling log accidentally killed foreman Harry Shigeo Kato, 27, at a lumber camp in Blairemore Oct. 23. Fellow workers and employers travelled more than 150 miles to pay their final respects at the funeral several days later.

● Henry Nashizaki of Ontario, Ore., is among 65 students in the Oregon State College marching band. He is a freshman majoring in engineering.

**Crown Prince presents gift to P.C. correspondent**

Honolulu

Lawrence Nakatsuka, press secretary to Samuel Wilder King, Governor of Hawaii, was presented on Nov. 13 with a gift from Crown Prince Akihito of Japan for his assistance during Akihito's recent visit to Hawaii.

The gift was a silver cup, decorated with the 16-petal chrysanthemum symbol of the imperial household.

Nakatsuka handled the press arrangements for the Akihito visits last April and again in October on the Crown Prince's visits last April and again in October on the Crown Prince's return from the coronation in England.

The presentation was made by Japanese Consul General Shinjiro Tsumura and was accompanied by a letter of appreciation.

**Two Issei return after being listed 'missing'**

Long Beach

A commercial fishing boat Hustler overdue by two days had the Coast Guard on search last weekend. Aboard the vessel were Jenmatsu Mio, 69, and Tomogoro Oka, 64, fishing for lobsters off San Clemente Island since Nov. 13.

They were expected home Nov. 20. They arrived Sunday night after remaining on the protected side of the island to ride out the inclement weather rather than try to cross the channel.

**Gas stove blows up, man only slightly injured**

Denver

A gas stove exploded in his room and Toragoro Horizawa, 75, of 2531 Stout St., suffered smoke inhalation and a slight laceration of the head last Sunday.

Police said Horizawa told them he was trying to light the stove. When it didn't light, he left it on and tried again. The stove exploded. Most of the room was burned with

Horizawa was reported as not serious at the Denver General Hospital.

**HONOLULU NEWSLETTER**

**Two more stowaways to Hawaii**

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Immigration officials here can now take an "I told you so" attitude about a warning they gave last summer when two young Japanese stowaways were arrested after they jumped from a ship and swam 10 miles through shark-infested waters to a Hawaiian island.

A tremendous amount of public sympathy was aroused in favor of the young stowaways. The suggestion was made that the stowaways should be permitted to remain in the United States because of their daring act "to come to America to see democracy at first hand."

But immigration officials insisted on punishing the stowaways, in order to discourage others from "trying the same thing."

And punished they were, and sent back to Japan. But the Japan press apparently built the stowaways into "heroes" and stressed the hospitality and sympathy that was shown towards them in Hawaii.

So much so that last week two more young Japanese stowed away in hopes of receiving the same kind treatment from the local community.

Hiroshi Kato, 21, and Kiyoshito Nakamura, 23, made no secret about how they came to be aboard the ship. They said they were inspired to stowaway to the United States by the stories they had read about the two earlier stowaways, Koichi Kurokawa, 22, and Harry I. Arii, also 22.

To Kato and Nakamura, Kurokawa and Arii were heroes. They said they thought they might get the same attention as Kato and Nakamura. One of them, when caught aboard ship, was carrying a lengthy newspaper clipping outlining the plan of the Aug. 22 escapade by Kurokawa and Arii.

Unlike their "heroes," however, Kato and Nakamura did not "go overboard" and swim to shore.

Kato said he confessed stowing away to a Catholic priest

aboard the liner President Wilson, which, incidentally, was the same ship from which Kurokawa and Arii jumped overboard. Kato said he was "hungry and afraid."

Nakamura was caught by the head waiter in the third class dining room. The waiter asked him for his ticket and he said it was in his room. When the waiter followed him, he finally gave up.

Kato is a senior at Shundai High School in Tokyo and Nakamura is a graduate of a Japanese university and also from Tokyo.

The two have pleaded guilty to stowing away and are being detained by the immigration service while awaiting sentence. In all probability, they will be deported back to Japan, as was Kurokawa and Arii.

But sterner justice may be handed down this time and Kato and Nakamura may be sent to jail first.

So far there has not been the spontaneous gestures of aid and admiration that greeted the earlier stowaways. And no one is talking about raising a fund for the latest stowaways, as was done the last time. (Even with the earlier stowaways, some elements of the community, particularly the press, were more critical than happy about the stowaways.)

The chief officer aboard the ship remarked to reporters that "It's a wonder we don't have a dozen such stowaways, after the newspaper stories making heroes of the first two. Why, those two are thought of like Lindbergh and Wrong-Way Corrigan."

He added that the news stories about Arii and Kurokawa very seldom mentioned the fact that they had committed a crime on the high seas by attempting to enter this country illegally.

(The stowaways pleaded guilty to a charge of stowing away last Friday before U.S. Judge Jon Wiig, who is deferring sentence until a probation officer's report is submitted.)

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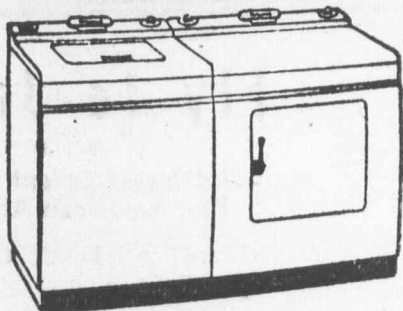
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**Around Chicago . . .**

The taxicab fare increase of 10 cents a trip from Dec. 1 was approved . . . For the first time in 94 years, street cars will not roll on Madison St. Busses take over from Dec. 13 . . . Chicago's annual pre-Christmas parade last Saturday down State St. was led by Santa Claus and **Monyeen Lavin**, 15-year-old Lake View High School student, as "star queen" There were civic dignitaries, movie stars, balloon floats and bands . . .



SAKURADA

**Abe Hagiwara, Mari Sabusawa and Misao Shiratsuki** represented the JAACL at a tea reception for **Benjamin C. Willis**, public school superintendent, who was ill that day and had his wife pinch-hit. The Council against Discrimination of Greater Chicago was sponsor . . . The **Rev. George Aki** of Christ Congregational Church, honorary chaplain for the Chicago Nisei American Legion Post 1183, announced the post's project, "Gift to the Yanks." Names of Midwest Nisei GIs in hospitals are requested for this project by **George Tamura**, 1249 E. 46th St.; **James Shimashita**, 1848 N. Hudson; or **Rev. Aki**, 3531 W. 12th Pl. . . . The Christ Congregational church holds its annual membership party Dec. 12 at Olivet Institute to honor 21 new members . . . It will be Japanese Day Dec. 4 at the annual "Christmas 'round the World" series at the Museum of Science and Industry. The **City-Widers** under **Kiyo Yoshimura** will decorate a Japanese tree. Choral groups and Japanese dancing and singing will be featured . . . The **Chicago Resettlers Committee** is \$1,200 short of its 1953 budget. Membership is now at 900 . . . The **Art Institute** glee club presents a free Christmas concert Dec. 2 and 6 (3:15 p.m.) at Blackstone Hall.

**Personals . . .**

The **Frank Matsumotos**, proprietor of Little Tokyo Cafe, 1025 E. 43rd St., greeted their newest, **Janet Aiko**, a 6 lb.-3 oz. girl, Oct. 28 at the Lying-In hospital. Father is a former Stocktonian, active Bussei and board member of the 43rd St. Business Ass'n. Mother is former **Nobuko Enkoji**, Portland, Ore. . . . A Chinese American with many Nisei friends here is **Florence Lim**, Honolulu, now living with married sister **Doren Ah Sing**, 4514 N. Clifton Ave. She studied at IBM School, is getting experience at Western Electric, a member of Christ Congregational and hopes to return next year . . . **Hank Miyahara**, co-owner of Cloister Garage, 58th & Lake Park, made 10 strikes in a row recently at Hyde Park Bowling, ending with a 288 . . . **Michiko Sunahara** and **Kazuko Matsuuchi** of the Fujiwara Opera Co. were week-long house guests of **Mari Sabusawa**, 5632 S. Maryland. Both are going to Paris. Mme. Sunahara has been under contract with the L'Opera Comique for 2½ years. She has a Dec. 18 concert engagement at Strasbourg. It will be Miss Matsuuchi's first trip to France . . . Apologies: to the **Jack Otas** for calling their daughter Jack instead of Jackie.

More active public relations and participation with other Japanese organizations in Chicago with respect to mutual problems were suggested to the Chicago Resettlers Committee by the analysis committee headed by **Harry Mayeda**. Even a new name was recommended.

**MOUNTAIN-PLAINS CONFAB**

**Delegates converge on Mile Hi city**

**Denver**  
Delegates to the Mountain-Plains JAACL District Council convention here Nov. 28-29 get their first taste of Denver hospitality at an Open House tomorrow afternoon at the California St. Methodist Church fellowship hall.

The Corneliens, headed by Mrs. Amy Miura, will be in charge of activities and refreshments. Mrs. Mary Takamine, social committee head for the young women's group, is in charge of arrangements.

Sam Matsumoto, convention program chairman, will be toastmaster at the informal "pay your own way" luncheon at noon tomorrow at Mandarin restaurant. Host chapter presi-

dent John T. Noguchi will greet conventioners.

At Bowl-Mor lanes, the first annual Mtn.-Plains regional JAACL tournament gets underway at 3 p.m. Saturday. Early entries this week were from Rocky Ford, Alamosa and Denver, it was revealed by Hootch Okumura, tournament director. Prizes and trophies will be awarded at the convention dance Sunday night at the Albany Hotel.

Mike Masaoka is the convention speaker Sunday night and will also discuss with Issei results of his west coast conferences of the past two weeks tomorrow night at Canyon Post restaurant.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFAB:**

**\$5.50 package deal offered**

**Portland, Ore.**  
A real "bargain" for delegates and boosters attending the Pacific Northwest District Council convention here, Dec. 5-6, was announced by the co-host chapters of Portland, Gresham-Troutdale and Mid-

Columbia. The bargain is seen in the \$5.50 package deal which includes registration, banquet and convention dance.

Charges for the Mt. Hood outing is \$2 and \$1 for box lunches.

Convention headquarters will be at the Multnomah Hotel. Speaking at the general assembly Saturday afternoon, Dec. 5, are Mas Satow, national JAACL director, and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Los Angeles, national JAACL treasurer and chairman of the 1954 Convention board.

Sunday will be highlighted with an outing at Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood. A bowling tournament is also scheduled.

**Group seeking changes in M'Carran law formed, JAACL sits as observers**

**Los Angeles**  
A community-wide organization to seek the revision of inequitable provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 has been formed here, according to the regional JAACL office.

At a meeting held at the Machinists Hall on Nov. 24, the second meeting following an initial organizational conference at the Ambassador Hotel on Oct. 29, the Los Angeles Conference of Immigration and Citizenship was adopted by the more than 75 persons present, reports Tats Kuschida, regional director who attended as observer. Attorney Kei Uchima, Downtown L. A. chapter vice-president, was observer at the first session.

Dr. Carl W. Segerhammer, secretary of the L. A. Church Federation and president of the Calif. Conference of Augustana Lutheran Church, served as chairman of the meeting.

Reports on the proposed organizational structure and program of the new organization adopted by the group. A speaker from the L.A. chapter of the Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers reported on inequitable restriction found in some provisions of the present law.

The purpose of this conference, now a non-going organization, is not to repeal the McCarran-Walter Act but to recommend remedial piecemeal legislative amendments to those provisions found to work injustices under application of the law, it was reported.

**Sacramento talent show postponed to Dec. 5**

**Sacramento**  
Due to conflict in dates, the "Stars of Tomorrow" talent revue of the Sacramento JAACL has been postponed to Dec. 5 at the YBA hall. As many as 32 numbers have been scheduled with 15 youngsters between the ages of 8 and 16 billed.

The complete billing is still to be announced but Bill Matsumoto, chairman, revealed the following would appear: Sandra Ouye, 11, marimba; Patty Fujimoto, 10, ballet solo; Dorothy Yuki, 10, songs.

**Cleveland CL in '54 elections**

**Cleveland**  
Bob Fujita was elected president of the Cleveland JAACL chapter last week and will be installed at an Inaugural Ball Nov. 27 at the Shaker-Lee Hall. He served as co-chairman of the membership and nominating committees this year and is employed as an administrative analyst for Ford Motors.

Bill Sadataki, dance committee head, adds Dick Pokorny's six-piece band will play at the chapter's biggest social event of the year.

Others on the 1954 cabinet are John Matushima, 1st v.p., active as Bulletin manager in 1950, now in a supervisory teaching position for the Cleveland Receiving Hospital group therapy department. Lillian Hashiba, 2nd v.p., head dietician at City Hospital, served on the program committee for three years. Hide Kimura, rec. sec., was 1952 Bulletin manager. Toyo Mizusaki cor sec., has been on the program committee this year. Mas Kimura, treas., is a master glofer. Helen Nakagawa, pub., served as ADC chairman and is a clinical instructor in psychiatric nursing at City Hospital School of Nursing. Nobe Uchiyama, hist., is a staunch CLer. George Uchiyama and June Taketa, members-at-large, round up the new cabinet. Uchiyama is a recent Ohio State pharmacy graduate.

**Senshin BSA troop**

**Los Angeles**  
Senshin Buddhist Church, 1336 W. 36th Pl., holds its impressive flag presentation ceremony tonight for their Boy Scout troop 636 and Cub pack 636-C, now 10 and 25 respectively. The colors were recently purchased by the church.

**Endowment Fund Contributors**

**San Francisco**  
An additional \$1,170.45 was acknowledged by National JAACL Endowment Fund. Grateful recipients of evacuation claims checks have now sent in a total of \$66,184.97 for this Fund.

The Tri-Villes Girls Club of Redwood City donated \$75 from profits of their recent carnival. The latest contributors:

- CALIFORNIA**  
Coyote—Teraji & Yoneko Hara \$100; Monterey—Hiroshi W. Kasuga \$5; Northridge—Kiyoshi Tomiye \$50; Redwood City — Tri-Villes Girls Club \$75; Sacramento — Harry H. Fujii \$25, Fred Fukada \$50, Masaichi Ikemoto \$75; Dr. G. Kawahara \$150, Michi Mizutani \$10, Mrs. Fuyuko Sanbo \$10, M. Tahara \$20, Anonymous \$100; San Francisco—Ichiji Motoki \$25, Genshiro Suyetsugu \$10, Ryuji Tsuchitani \$50; San Jose—Heikichi Ezaki \$10; Santa Barbara—Nobru Bud Asakura \$37.45; Seaside—Thomas Soma Miyamoto \$90; Stockton—Tad Akaba \$10, Kahichi Yonemura \$50.

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Ontario—Ihei & Ayako Kameshige \$50.

**UTAH**  
Salt Lake City—K. Kamada \$3.

**CHAPTER MEMO**

**Pasadena JAACL:** The chapter's annual potluck dinner will be held Dec. 12 at the local Union-Presbyterian church social hall. There will be movies and a visit from Santa Claus for the youngsters.

**Mile-Hi JAACL:** Florence Uyeda and Ben Miyahara teamed to win the fall duplicate bridge tournament Nov. 13 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Kobayashi. Tournament director Sam Matsumoto said bi-monthly sessions would be resumed Dec. 4 at the Min Yasui residence, followed by a Dec. 18 meeting at the Kobayashi home. Six tables participated.

**San Benito County JAACL:** As the only west coast chapter to go through evacuation without disbanding, the chapter held its 20th anniversary dinner last Friday at Rockhaven cafe. To the same relocation center an chapter members were all sent to the same relocation center and regular chapter meetings were held until they were returned to their homes. Haruo Ishimaru of San Francisco was guest speaker.

**Placer County CL plans anniversary ball Dec. 12**

**Loomis**  
The 25th Anniversary Ball of the Placer County JAACL chapter, on Dec. 12 at Loomis Memorial hall, will be highlighted by the installation of the 1954 cabinet.

The popular Nisei Combo will provide music for dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$1.50 per couple or stag, stagettes free.

● A new feature of Univ. of Hawaii homecoming celebration this year was the selection of a Mr. and Miss Univ. of Hawaii. Alma Ishida was named "Miss UH".

**WASHINGTON**  
Seattle — Jimmie H. Nakamura \$20, Takami Tachiyama, Jirotsu Tachiyama Masaru Harada \$40.

**San Francisco**  
Voluntary contributions totaling \$1,530 were received last week for the National JAACL Endowment Fund. This now means that \$65,014.52 has been received for this Fund. National JAACL publicly acknowledges these latest contributions:

- CALIFORNIA**  
Berkeley — Kiyoshi Furuzawa \$50; Del Rey — John K. Shimizu \$35, Mitsuo Yamane \$50; Hollister — Richard Nishimoto \$25; Lafayette — Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki \$65; Lodi — R. Wada \$30; Los Angeles — Rim Motowaki \$25, S. Yoshimine \$10; Martinez — Toshikazu & Yachiyo Matsumoto \$50; Oakland — Katsuchi Yamagata \$50; Sacramento — Shimizu Kurosawa \$100; Sanger — Harry Adachi \$75, Roy R. Kondo \$20, Takao Matoba \$20, Heimatsu Nishima \$10, George Nishioki \$40; San Jose — Mrs. Okiyo Okagaki \$40; San Leandro — Mrs. Saye Sasaki \$100; Spring Valley — U. Muraoka \$20; Stockton — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ito \$100, Sawajiro Sekimori \$15; West Los Angeles — Aki Sakamoto \$20; Whittier — Kazuo Miyashita \$25; Yuba City — Mrs. Teru Takabayashi \$35.

**COLORADO**  
Denver — Fukuichi Sumida \$10.

**ILLINOIS**  
Chicago — Mrs. Toshiko M. Honda \$10, Mrs. Riyo Kushida \$25, Mrs. Tomi Miyashita \$25.

**MICHIGAN**  
Detroit — Shigeru Kado \$75.

**NEVADA**  
Reno — M. Kano \$50.

**OREGON**  
Ontario — Y. Kamikido & Kay Teramura \$50; Portland — Manabu Hirao \$50, Masuchi Otsuki \$20.

**WASHINGTON**  
Olympia — Tsugio Ishihara \$5; Seattle — Yoshiro Abe \$5, Mrs. Hisa Inouye \$10, Dr. T. T. Nakamura \$50, Fred Y. Okada \$12.50, Robert Y. Okada \$12.50, Mr. and Mrs. G. Suzuki \$25, Tsutsumi Takizawa \$50, Tokutaro Tsujimoto \$10.

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# Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

## Friday the 13th and Rain No Deterrent

A highly successful dinner meeting was held in San Francisco on Nov. 13 at which **George Inagaki**, National JACL President, and **Mike Masaoka** were main speakers. The affair was sponsored by the JACL and special invitations were sent to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, the Nisei posts of the VFW and the American Legion, and the YWCA Bizpros. **Consul General Yasusuke Katsuno** was an honored guest for the evening.

Despite the evil omen of the date, Friday the 13th, and the rain which poured down in bucketfuls, a large, more than capacity, group came to the dinner in Chinatown. It was not necessarily a public affair; rather, invitations had gone to key leaders of the community. Special thanks go to **Viola Nakano** of the Bizpros for bringing 15 of her charming fellow club members.

-George and Mike spoke on the various problems still affecting Japanese Americans. We were gratified to hear extemporaneous responses from **Frank Nonaka**, president of the Chamber; **Frank Dobashi**, commander of the Golden Gate Post of the VFW; and **Harry Takahashi**, past commander of the Townsend Harris American Legion Post. Somehow **Evelyn Ikeda**, Bizpros president, attracted more attention from the men than did any of the other organizational spokesmen. I wonder why.

A series of similar monthly dinner is being planned, this as the first, although December will be skipped because of the holiday season. Our thanks to the San Francisco chapter for an excellent meeting.

Incidentally, I'd like to plug the Bizpros dance coming up on Dec. 19 at the YWCA residence hall, 920 Powell. The theme is "Snowflake Serenade" with Gene Mundy's orchestra supplying the music. Dancing hours are from 9 p.m. to midnight.

## San Benito's 20th Anniversary

### Twentieth Anniversary

Some of my JACL friends may suspect by looking at me that half my time is spent going from one dinner to another. They are so-o-o right.

I was a guest of the San Benito County JACL Chapter last Friday on the occasion of their 20th anniversary. This chapter, I believe, is the biggest little chapter in our entire organization, with a membership of almost a hundred per cent. It was probably the only chapter on the Pacific Coast which continued as an organization during the war years, holding regular meetings and elections even in the relocation center.

Three of the charter members of the chapter were especially honored at the dinner last Friday: **George Nishita**, newly elected vice-chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council; **Frank Nishita**, his brother, and **Dick Nishimoto**. Dick, past chapter president, and his wife, **Carmen**, are among the best producers that the JACL has. Although Dick is on the safe side of 40, they have six children. Wish he'd give his formula to some of the JACL staff and board people!

Congratulations to the San Benito County Chapter on their twentieth anniversary and for setting such a fine example. This year **Glenn Kowaki** energetically heads the group.

Last Saturday evening, with the **Masao Satows**, we were guests of the Eden Township Chapter at their second annual dinner-dance. The main reason for this affair, as described by **Kenji Fujii**, effervescent prexy, was "just to have a good time." I can't think of a better reason for having a party, and we certainly enjoyed the dinner and dancing which followed, and also the opportunity just to talk with our good friends in the Eden Township Chapter. Our thanks to them for a wonderful evening.

### Condolences

## Sympathies to Three Families

We join in sorrow with the families of **Kayo Nakamura**, **Tom Miyanaga** and **Mickey Ichijui** in the passing of their respective fathers. Kayo is the corresponding secretary of the San Francisco Chapter. Tom is retiring treasurer of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council and past president of the Salinas Valley Chapter, and Mickey is past president of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter. We join with other JACLers in extending deepest sympathies.

## IN HONOR OF

**Takashi Matsui**, 36, assistant import manager of Barclay & Co., Seattle, was selected as one of the 100 young men to represent Seattle's "Newsmakers of Tomorrow". The selection was made from 2,800 young men nominated and later thinned to 1,000 finalists. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce and Time magazine co-sponsored the affair. Matsui was born in Hood River, Ore., and educated in Japan. He was a member of the first graduating class at Camp Savage, served as instructor there and later at Ft. Snelling and Presidio of Monterey before being assigned as monitor at the war crimes trial in Tokyo. He is married to the former **Mitzi Kono** of San Francisco and they have two children.

The California state board of pharmacy announced five Nisei applicants have successfully passed their examinations and were granted licenses to practice. They are:

Lloyd Hiura, Watsonville; Norio Yamanaka, Lodi; Toshiko Ikemiya, Fresno; Sam Isamu Furumasa, Colalinga; and Kazue Inouye, Santa Maria.

The Arrowhead scouting award for satisfactory completion of training projects was presented to **Kenneth Takahashi**, Troop 58, and **Nobuo Tabata**, Troop 12, both of San Francisco, at an appreciation dinner held to honor leaders in the scouting program.

## CAPSULES

The **Tri-State Buddhist Church's** new \$20,000 addition (minister's quarters and Sunday School classrooms) in Denver held public open house on Nov. 21.

A trigger-happy gunman who fired recently at **Bob Yoshiaki Fujitani** of Sacramento was identified as a San Quentin parolee, **William Brown**, 31, who was trying to break into his home at 1314-3rd St.

Two Nisei veterans, **Seiji Ogata** and **Iruharu Shimatsu**, have announced the opening of their funeral parlor in Los Angeles. Both studied at the California College of Mortuary Science after graduating from the Univ of Southern California in 1950.

Recent statistics reveal there are 86 Nisei attorneys out of 517 licensed to practice in the Territory of Hawaii.

**Frank Katsumi Hiura**, 53, of Watsonville and a resident of the U.S. since 1915, filed his petition for naturalization at the Santa Cruz county clerk's office.

## Naturalization officer regards new law as better, urges changes

Denver  
Various officials associated with naturalization and citizenship problems affecting Japanese in this area were honored guests of the JACL Supporters Association at a dinner Nov. 17 at Cathay Post.

**John F. Hamaker**, officer in charge of the local I&NS, spoke on the "impact of the McCarran Immigration and Nationality law on U.S. immigration and naturalization policies." The service, commented Hamaker, regards the new law as better than past statutes because of improvements and liberalizations. Certain features, however, need to be improved, he cautioned.

**Z. Kanegaye**, JACL Koenkai chairman, extended greetings. **Min Yasui**, Mtn.-Plains JACL director, was chairman. **Ray S. Tani**, accepted as official in-

## SOCIAL NOTES

**Gardena Women's Circle**: Nominations were made last week and election will take place Dec. 17, 8 p.m., at the Gardena Nisei Baptist Church. Christmas candy boxes will be packed the same night. Accordingly to **Dorothy Dohi**, president, the group collected nylon stockings for war widows in Japan, packed and distributed Easter candy for Sunday School children; held a weimer bake with the men's group of the church.

**Monterey Peninsula JACE Auxiliary**: Christmas packages containing homemade cookies to local Nisei servicemen have been dispatched. **Mrs. Anita Higashi** was in charge of the project.

Interpreter for the Denver I&NS office, translated. Over 30 Koenkai members attended.



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SPORTSCOPE:

USC's varsity Nisei cager

By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

When the gun sounds ending the final game of the 1953 football season most fans will turn indoors and to basketball for their sports activities.

This year for Nisei fans, basketball and Dickie Nagai will practically be synonymous. Nagai is a candidate for the University of Southern California varsity quintet and latest reports trickling from the campus are that Nagai is definitely sitting on the starting five . . . If he maintains this position, you can bet that Dick will be Mr. Big in the Nisei casaba picture. Other opportunities for stardom will rise or fall with the cage fortunes of the Troy five. A good year for the SC team will elevate Nagai into a position of greater height. He may even be classed as the best Nisei basketball ever to put his hands on the leather ball at season's end.

What are his chances? . . . Well, he has the necessary height to hold his own in any select company of college basketball players. The 20-year-old youth from Los Angeles' eastside stands 6 foot 1 inch. He is agile and has excellent speed . . . The only thing may be the lack of experience. He played first string on the Roosevelt High School five and later in the NAU double aye league where he was all-league for two years.

Last year, he was the key man in the SC frosh set-up. The peagreens won all but one of their games against junior college and other freshman teams.

It may seem a bit premature to predict greatness for such a youngster but then, no one felt that he could break into the starting five in his sophomore year either.

FOOTBALL EBB TIDE

Though football is slacking off, a full slate was played last week. Nisei as usual played their share of the role . . . In the Stockton College vs San Mateo game, Ken Yamamoto, 145-pound right half, was rewarded for his two years with the team by getting the starting call. He replied by scoring the first touchdown of the game on a five yard plunge. Joe Hori saw plenty of action on the other side, starting at guard for the San Mateo eleven which lost the game 38 to 7. Hori weighs 180 . . . In the Northwest region, Jim Suzuki of Queen Anne high school accepted the city's prep championship plaque at a dinner given by the 101 Civic Club of Seattle. Suzuki captained the champions. Final statistics for the season showed Suzuki leading the league in pass interceptions with five. He also had one of the longest runs of the season and figured in one of the longest pass plays. In individual rushing, he trailed team-mate Pete Hanson with a 4.1 yards per try. He gained 359 yards to tie for sixth in rushing offense. Fujioka of neighboring Franklin high tied for fifth in the scoring race. . . Nobu Tamura tallied the ice-breaker for Lodi High School as they trounced Stockton High 25 to 0 in a Sac-Joquin conference game. It was the Flames' sixth straight win and gives them a good chance for a crack at the league championship. Jim Kobayashi's dazzling display of passing netted the Glendale Arizona preps a touchdown but it wasn't enough as the Cardinals fell to Mesa in their traditional game . . . Halfback Bill Maruyama gave a brilliant display of broken field running to go 54 yards to a touchdown to aid his team, Watsonville High, to win the CCAL title for the fifth straight year. . . East Denver High sought its 44th straight victory at the hands of North in one of the top prep contests of the Mile High City. Yabe started at center for the unbeaten East team while Inagaki held down a guard berth for the opposing Northmen.

BOWLING BITS

Fuzzy Shimada, the phenomenal San Francisco Bay area kegler continued his position as the top Nisei bowler in the country by pounding his way into the finals of the National Match Play tournament being held in the Bay city. The former Santa Clara High school basketball and baseball star, hit a 196-plus average for the gruelling 22 games over a two day period. Rolling at the Park Bowl, the flashy Shimada garnered the second best score in the elimination series with a 4321. The finals will be held next Saturday and Sunday after which time the top eight will roll off under the Petersen point system for the top four berths. The final four will earn a free trip to Chicago in January for the national meet. Shimada started off with a 1009 in the first block of five games Saturday afternoon to take his place among the leaders. He fell off in the evening play but came back strong to register his fine score. He ended the four block elimination with scores of: 186-203-179-245-193-158 . . . Two other entrants in the tourney were eliminated. They were Paul Yasui of Sacramento and Art Nishiguchi of Reno.

Mary Yokoyama of North Coast Importing hit a 207 and 549 in the Nisei girls league at Seattle's Main Bowl . . . Hank Umene topped 225-204 and 189 for a 618 series in the East Bay Nisei Bowling Association at Berkeley Bowl . . . Eiko Sato of Sacramento placed third in the all events of the Mabs Kerwin Memorial bowling tourney with a 1840 total . . . Ken Noda holds the highest average in Fresno bowling circles with a 196 . . .

BASEBALL

Two more Hawaiian baseball players are home from the Japanese pro leagues this past week when Jyun Hirota and Dick Kitamura returned . . . Hirota was regarded as the finest catcher in the Japanese league with the champion Tokyo Giants while Kitamura, former Colorado A & M star, did a fine job in the infield and outfield for the Mainichi Orions . . . In Los Angeles, in the NAU morning league, the underdog Nisei Trading team knocked over the league-leading Lil' Tokio Giants 5 to 4 on the strength of Yosh Arima's pitching and Babe Nomura's bat.

Nat'l CL bowling tournament entry fees, deadline set

Chicago

Entry fees for the 1954 National JACL bowling tournament, Mar. 5-7, 1954, at Hyde Park Bowl were announced last week.

With 60 percent going to the main prize fund and the remainder to squad prizes, men bowlers will pay \$5.50 per event, while women fees are \$4.50 per event. Both include bowling charges. All-events fees are \$1 in both divisions.

Deadline for entry fee is Feb. 7, 1954. Averages of bowlers to be used in handicap are to be as of Jan. 1, 1954.

Eligibility rules of the eighth annual affair state all participants must be JACL members for 1954 in good standing for at least one year prior to the tournament: Further, he must be a member of a regular Nisei bowling league, bowling at least 60 percent of the games by the tournament dates.

Further information is obtainable at the JACL office, 1200 N. Clark St., Chicago 10.

Placer County CL to sponsor basketball team in Placer-Nev. Loop

By Homer Takahashi

Loomis

It's basketball time again with football fading out in most parts of the country after this weekend.

Placer County, long the hotbed of Nisei basketballdom, will this season see a Nisei entry in the newly formed Placer-Nevada League, the same organization that sponsors semi-pro baseball during the summer months.

The Placer JACL will sponsor a team in this nine-team loop which will include Auburn, Colfax, Grass Valley, Lincoln, Nevada City, Placerville, Roseville, and Truckee.

Manager Hugo Nishimoto announced that the services of Tom Okusako, one of the best cagers among the Nisei in the country in pre-war years, have been promised to train and coach the team.

The second week of January has been tentatively set as the opening of the new league.

At the last meeting held at Hotel Auburn the league went on record establishing a set of regulations and also adopting the NCAA rules.

Nishimoto announced that the use of the Earl Crabbe gym in Auburn every Monday evening throughout the season for practices has been approved. Incidentally, the first practice and signup will be held at the gym this Monday starting at 7 p.m. All prospective players, not currently playing for any school team, were invited.

Turkey shoot winners

Sacramento

Barney Kubota won the annual Kagero Club turkey shoot last Sunday at Bing Maloney golf course with an 81. Tom Higashino, recent finalist in the city tournament won low gross honors with 82. Other turkey winners were:

- 64—Jun Takuma (27).
68—Masao Nishimi (27).
70—Moto Tsuda (16), Nobu Sugioka (23).

THE SOU'WESTER

TATS KUSHIDA

San Diego's Nisei Businessmen

Last week we had a fine bull session with the cabinet members of the San Diego Chapter at the home of Dr. Tad Imoto. No panacea. The nominations committee headed by Doc Imoto was able to line up an excellent slate of officers for 1954.

On hand for the session were president Paul Hoshi, past president Moto Asakawa, first veep Mas Hironaka, second veep Hy Nakamura, treasurer George Kodama, publicity Art Kaihatsu, and other good JACLers like George Muto, Runt Amano and Doc.

The cabinet session was preceded by a supper meeting of the informal Nisei Businessmen's Club to which they belong. This 30-member club meets monthly for dinner, invites speakers on interesting subjects, is comprised of nearly 100% JACL members and exudes a warm camaraderie.

The occupation of its members is a representative cross-section of Nisei in any community: Hoshi, insurance salesman; Asakawa, nurseryman; Hironaka, post office worker; Nakamura, oceanographer; Kodama, nurseryman; Muto, wholesale florist; Kaihatsu, CPA; Amano, produce buyer; Imoto, optometrist.

Tom Kida, farmer; Hook Masumoto, nurseryman; Taro Matsui, horologist (watchmaker to you); Harry Matsumoto, aircraft worker; Kats Nakagawa, nurseryman; Bert Tanaka, TV technician; Take Taniguchi, wholesale fishing gear supplier; Hide Takeshita, aircraft worker; Bell Shimada, biologist; Sam Sugita, gardener; Dr. Peter Umekubo, dentist; James Urita, cafe operator; Shig Yamashita, county employee; Ken Uyeda, post officer worker.

Members unable to make the dinner were Fred Hosaka, fisherman; Henry Koide, gardener; Dick Morita, oceanographer; Joe Owashi, farmer; Paul Oyama, farmer; Joe Yoshioka, commercial fisherman.

Rest in Peace

Our sincere condolences to Shig Wakamatsu and his family upon the death of his mother in Los Angeles on Nov. 19. Shig, immediate past chairman of the Midwest JACL District Council, his effervescently charming wife, To, and their youngster, Brent, were visitors in Los Angeles a month ago when his mother first became seriously ill. Shig's brother, Joe, teaches school in East Los Angeles and was instructor for one of the ELA chapter's citizenship classes. Joe is also active in the Democratic committee of his district. The late Mrs. Wakamatsu, 67, was a native of Fukushima, Japan. We're with you, Shig and Joe!

Bruin Benefactors Come Through

Thanks to a couple of JACL benefactors, some of us had the good fortune of witnessing UCLA's final vault into the Rose Bowl when it defeated SC last Saturday. Ty Saito, prominent Nisei real estate man (longtime PC advertiser) known to his Pioneer Club members as "Honest John" is an ebullient UCLA alumnus. Mike Masaoka, Callahan Inagaki and the Sou'wester were his guests at the game.

Another well-known Nisei name, Henry Ohye of air race fame and Central Chevrolet, had a guest ticket for Mike's secretary, Mieko (Myke) Kosobayashi who is vacationing here to sample our smog. Ohye also made available a pair of duets to the visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Makabe.

Wilson, who has spent the last fourteen months in Europe including some study at the Sorbonne in Paris, is a vet of the 442nd RCT, Eye company. The former Placer County JACLer is totally disabled with the loss of his right leg and a shot-up left leg. His wife is the former Marga Waldschutz of Munich, Germany, a good-looking and intellectual blue-eyed blond whose command of English puts us to shame. So does her command of six other languages.

A Temple U. grad who also attended UCLA, Wilson has a B.S. in business adm., hopes to settle down after showing the country to his ever-amazed frau. His sister, Ivy, is married to Leonard Down of Los Angeles, potential Hollywood chapter members. A brother Paul is a high school principal in Lincoln Arkansas. Brother Dan farms in Auburn, Calif., and his older brother, George, takes care of the old homestead in Loomis.

Immigration-Naturalization Attorneys

With Dave Yokozeki, vice-prexy of the Downtown Los Angeles chapter, we attended a monthly dinner meeting of the Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers as a guest of Frank Chuman, JACL legal counsel who hobnobs with these specialty barristers. Yokozeki is a partner of the law firm of Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki.

Congressman Chet Holifield (D., Calif.) of the 19th district and Laughlin Waters, recently appointed U.S. Attorney for Southern California, were speakers. Actually, they were invited to hear some "monku" about the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (McCarran-Walter law).

In the experience of some of the attorneys, they encountered what they felt to be unusually harsh restrictions and other shortcomings in certain provisions which they believe ought to be revised, covering such matters as suspension of deportation, change of status, loss of citizenship and administrative procedures.

There was general sentiment that neither wholesale revision nor passage of the Lehman substitute bill could be hoped for in the present Congress but that piecemeal revision of undesirable provisions should be sought through representation to appropriate Congressional committees.

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Los Angeles Newsletter  
HENRY MORI

Preventive measures to curb juvenile delinquency among persons of Japanese ancestry were aired by a four-man panel during a joint meeting of the Hollywood and East Los Angeles JACL chapters last week.

"It is the responsibility of all organizations to aid in combating petty crimes and delinquencies in the community," challenged Bob Kodama, former youth director at the All Peoples Community Center.

Kodama who acted as moderator was assisted by Officer Stanley Uno of the L.A. Police Dept.; Dale Gardner, community consultant for the L.A. County Committee on Human Relations; and George Nishimura of the Los Angeles Youth Project.

The panel agreed that teenage clubs need adult leadership, and importance was stressed on proper guidance to steer young men and women to good citizenship.

Kodama said he has seen too many families where each member goes his own way on vital matters without first consulting the rest of the household. "It is also nice for parents to have their own form of recreation, but it shouldn't be done at the expense of their children. A good family does things together," Kodama declared with a warning that delinquency begins in home.

Edison Uno, past president of the East Los Angeles chapter, said there were discussions at the last meeting of the Pacific Southwest District Council about forming a Junior JACL to invite memberships of those under 21.

"The Los Angeles Club Service Bureau is one of the answers, we think, in combatting delinquencies," Uno added. The league is sponsoring the CSB, a clearing house for all teenage clubs.

Lil Tokio's annual Community Chest drive ended Monday with \$1,566.66 raised for the campaign. It exceeded local goal by 103 per cent. Said Paul Takeda, executive secretary of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce: Our goal was reached on the first day of the drive; we are grateful to the Rafu Fujin Kai and the Japanese Christian Women's Federation for the overwhelming success.

Christmas Cheer Committee indicated its funds raised up to last Sunday was \$426. In 1951, the group which annually aids less fortunate Issei and Nisei families collected \$1,445.38, the most it had received from donors since the CCC formation in 1948. Last year, it was \$943.92.

According to reports, more people are giving this year but less in amount. The Cheer committee has its headquarters in the So. Calif. JACL regional office.

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Births

ASATO—Nov. 3, a girl Becky Ann to the Ted Tetsuo Asatos (Dorothy Yukino Morita), Los Angeles.  
BARRETT—Nov. 2, a boy William Joseph to the Lester G. Barretts, Jr. (Masako Miyazaki), Los Angeles.  
ENDOW—Oct. 1, a girl Evelyn Kinuyo to the Frank Masanao Endows (Miyoshi Mochizuki), San Fernando.  
FUSHIKI—Oct. 22, a girl Mary Keiko to the Toshio Fushikis, (Tomie Kawakami), Los Angeles.  
HAMAYASU—Oct. 331, a girl Shirley Mariko to the George Kiyoshi Hamayusus (Fumiko Asano), Los Angeles.  
HIRANO—Nov. 5, a boy to the Harry Hiranos, Vale, Ore.  
HIRAOKA—A boy to the Frank M. Hiraokas, Denver.  
HIRASHIMA—Oct. 31, a girl to the Hiroshi Hirashimas, San Francisco.  
HIROSE—Oct. 26, a girl Patti Jean to the Yuji Hiroses (Shizuko Ruth Shinto), Los Angeles.  
IYAMA—Oct. 27, a girl Linda Joyce to the Kohey Iyamass (Ida Shizu Mori), Los Angeles.  
IIZUKA—Oct. 23, a girl Jane Midori to the Kiyoshi Iizukas (Yukiko Miyayaga), Los Angeles.  
IMATANI—Nov. 13, a boy to the James Imatanis, Henderson, Colo.  
INOUEY—A boy to the Herbert H. Inoues, Denver.  
ISHIHARA—Nov. 4, a girl Roberta Lynn to the Tamotsu Ishiharas (Hitoye Ntahara), Los Angeles.  
ITO—Nov. 9, a girl to the Tsutomu Itos, Seattle.  
IWANAGA—Sept. 29, a girl Joan Keiko to the Russell Yukio Iwanagas (Kathleen Namiko Yasumoto), Los Angeles.  
IZUMI—Oct. 18, a girl Marianne to the Kiyoshi Izumis (Midori Kaji), Los Angeles.  
KANOW—Nov. 3, a girl Cheryl Robin to the Hichiro Kanows (Sumiye Sasaki), Long Beach, Calif.  
KANZAWA—Nov. 6, a girl to the Larry H. Kanzawas, San Francisco.  
KAWAGUCHI—Oct. 20, a girl Loraine Megumi to the Mitsugu Kawaguchis (Hideko Nozawa), Los Angeles.  
KAWAKAMI—Nov. 3, a girl Julia Rae to the Wright Kawakamis, San Jose.  
KENEALY—Oct. 8, a girl Mary Salome Tatsuko to the William Edward Kenealys (Tatsuko Okuno), San Pedro.  
KODAMA—Oct. 14, a boy to the Yukio G. Kodamas, San Diego.  
KURIMOTO—Oct. 31, a girl Robin Hideko to the Tom Kurimotos, San Jose.  
KUROSAKA—Oct. 27, a boy to the Kay Kurosakas, Sacramento.  
KUROYAMA—Oct. 27, a boy Don Norio to the Noriyuki Kuroyamas (Jennie Miyoko Noda), Los Angeles.  
MARUYAMA—Oct. 29, a boy to the Kazuma Maruyamas, Dinuba.  
MATSUDA—Oct. 31, a girl Joanne Reiko to the Toshikatsu Matsudas (Shizumi Sadakani), Los Angeles.  
MATSUMOTO—Oct. 27, a girl Carol Ann to the George Matsumoto (Shimako Tsunada), Los Angeles.  
MATSUMURA—Nov. 1, a girl Darice Yayoi to the Clarence Satoru Matsumuras (Lily Y. Oki), Los Angeles.  
MATSUOKA—Oct. 2, a girl to the Yutaka T. Matsuokas, San Diego.  
MIYAWAKI—Nov. 2, a boy Mark Tadao to the John Miyawakis (Kasako Konami), Los Angeles.  
MORI—Oct. 24, a boy Gary Toshio to the Giichiro Joe Moris (Mari Eto), Montebello.  
MORIKAWA—Oct. 16, a girl Gale to the Harry Morikawas (June Saito), Los Angeles.  
NAKAMOTO—Nov. 5, a girl to the Frank K. Nakamotos, San Jose.  
NAKAMURA—Oct. 20, a girl Frances Sachiko to the Katsumi Nakamuras (Fukiko Yamashita), Los Angeles.  
NAKAMURA—Oct. 18, a boy Wayne Tsutomu to the Kiyoshi Nakamuras (Fumi Saito), Norwalk, Calif.  
NAKATA—Nov. 2, a girl Joanne Sumi to the Isamu Nakatas (Shinae Nakata), Los Angeles.  
NAKAYAMA—Nov. 4, a boy Gerald P. to the Pete Nakayamas, Fowler.  
NAMBA—Oct. 19, a girl Cheryl Lynn to the Niyoshi Nambas (Mary Haruko Takasu), Los Angeles.  
OTAMURA—Oct. 23, a boy Ronald Noboru to the Howard K. Otamuras, Jr. (Kikuye Kathryn Kihara), Los Angeles.  
SAITO—Oct. 18, a boy Clifford Sho to the Shin Saitos (Nobuko Seki), Los Angeles.  
SAKAE—Oct. 29, a boy Clifford Roy to the Roy Sakaes, Mountain View, Calif.  
SAKURADA—Nov. 13, a girl to the Shogi Sakuradas, Lyman, Neb.  
SHIGETA—Nov. 6, a girl to the George Shigetas, New Plymouth, Ore.  
SONODA—Nov. 7, a girl to the Howell Sonodas, Lindsay, Calif.  
SUGAYA—Nov. 4, a boy to the Masami Sugayas, San Francisco.  
TANOUYE—Oct. 330, a boy Gary Kenneth to the George Isamu Tanouyes (Kazuko K. Yoshimura), Los Angeles.  
UGAKI—Oct. 17, a boy to the Yohshisa Ugakis, Rexburg, Idaho.  
UNO—Nov. 9, a boy to the Toshiichi Unos, Seattle.  
WATANABE—Nov. 3, a boy Gordon Craig to the Hideo Watanabes

(Ikuko Dorothy Amataka), Pasadena.  
YAMADA—Oct. 23, a girl Susan Lynn to the Hiromu Yamadas (Toshiko Neeno), Los Angeles.  
YAMASHITA—Nov. 3, a girl Diane D. to the George Yamashitas, Gresham, Ore.

Engagements

FUKUDA-TANI—Kimpey to George, both of Santa Ana, Calif.  
HIRAKAWA-YOSHIMI—Mary Jean to Richard, both of Walnut Grove, Nov. 14.  
SATO-MATSUMOTO—Sachiye, Pasadena, to Akio, Washington, D.C.  
TAKEDA-OMATSU—Violet (formerly of San Diego) to Frank, both of Los Angeles, Nov. 4.

Marriage Licenses Issued

ASHIDA-NAKAMURA—Frank and Evelyn Y., both of Seattle.  
DOOKA-INOKUCHI—Akira, 28, Redwood City, and Michiko, 23, San Jose.  
IWAHASHI-OYAMADA—Michio, 24, San Francisco, and Kazuko, 23, Berkeley.  
KALANI-MUKAI—William, 40, and Faith, 25, both of San Francisco.  
NAGATOSHI-FUKUMURA — Kiyoshi, 21, Palo Alto, and May, 22, San Jose.  
NARIMATSU-NAKASHIMA — Raymond Kiyoshi, 27, Berkeley, and Grace Misuye, 25, Yuba City.  
NISHI-NIZAWA—Ryoichi G., 30, San Jose, and Haruko B., 23, Cupertino.  
SASAKI-FURUSHO — Sakae, 30, Oakland, and Florence, 28, San Francisco.  
TOKUNAGA-HORIO—Ted T., 23, Santa Clara, and June, 21, San Jose.  
TAMADA-HIGO—Henry S., 26, and Katsuko, 23, both of Seattle.

Weddings

AMEMIYA-FUJINO—Nov. 15, Takeharu Amemiya and Tomiyo Fujino, both of Los Angeles.  
ASHIDA-NAKAMURA — Nov. 22, Frank Ashida and Evelyn Nakamura, both of Seattle.  
ENDO-NAKAMURA — Nov. 7, Joe Iwao Endo, San Fernando, and Fusaye Nakamura, Garden Grove.  
FUKAI-MIYASAKI—Nov. 15, Mits M. Fukai, Denver, and Lily Yuriko Miyasaki, Lafayette, Colo.  
HAGIHARA-SUGIHARA—Nov. 15, George Hagihara, Alliance, Neb., and Alice Suyeko Sugihara, Ft. Lupton, Colo.  
HATA-INABA—Nov. 14, Frank Tadashi Hata, Arlington, and Setsu Inaba, Riverside, Calif.  
HIGA-OBAN—Oct. 31, Yoshiharu Higa and Natsumi Oban, both of Los Angeles.  
IBATA-DOTEMOTO—Nov. 8, Yutaka Iyata, Los Angeles, and Evelyn Dotemoto, Long Beach.  
ISHII-SUGINO—Nov. 7, Harry Haruji Ishii, Anaheim, and Yaeko Clara Sugino, Gardena.  
KANEKO-NOMOTO—Nov. 8, Henry Kaneko and Takako Nomoto, both of Los Angeles.  
MATSUMURA-KANEKO — Nov. 8, David Matsumura and Ruth Kaneko, both of Los Angeles.  
MURASE-TSUCHIYAMA—Oct. 17, Takashi R. Murase and Grace Yuriko Tsuchiyama, both of Los Angeles.  
NAKAMURA-TAKAHASHI—Nov. 8, Ben Hisao Nakamura, Gardena, and Florence Tatsuko Takahashi, Los Angeles.  
NAKANO-WATANABE — Nov. 14, Masatoshi Ben Nakano, Oceanside, and Sueko Watanabe, Los Angeles.  
NAKAYAMA-WADA—Nov. 8, Shige Nakayama, Oakland, Helen Wada, Redlands, at Los Angeles.  
NISHIDA-SASAKI—Nov. 15, Kenneth Nishida and Midori Sasaki, both of Reedley.  
OGATA-FUJIMOTO—Nov. 7, Yoshito Jerry Ogata, Gardena, and Fujie Fujimoto, Los Angeles.  
ONISHI-HONDA—Sept. 26, Pat Onishi and Ann Honda, both of Chicago.  
SAKO-KUROSU—Nov. 8, Saburo Sako and Lillian Kurosu, both of Seattle.  
SHUNDO-ITO—Nov. 14, William Mikio Shundo, San Pedro, and Dorothy Emiko Ito, Sun Valley, Calif.  
SONODA-INOUEY—Nov. 21, Teruo Sonoda, Lindsay, and Taka Inouey, Oakland.  
TANI-HONDA—Nov. 8, Yasuo Joseph Tani, Los Angeles, and Mary Honda, Sun Valley.  
TAMADA-HIGO—Nov. 22, Henry Tamada and Katsuko Higo, both of Seattle.  
TSUETAKI-NASU — Nov. 22, Paul Tsuetaki, Penryn, and Hideko Nasu, Sacramento.

Deaths

FUKUSHIMA, Beverly (infant): Salt Lake City, Nov. 9, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Taira Fukushima (Nobuko Okumura), brother Steven.  
MORI, Masaburo, 66: San Francisco (formerly of St. Louis, Mo. and Sacramento), Nov. 13, survived by wife Yoshi, sons Ichiro, Kazuo (St. Louis, Mo.) daughters Umeka Pat (New York), and Mrs. Ayako Constantino (Richmond, Calif.).  
MUNEMASA, Tetsujiro: Salinas, Nov. 15, survived by wife Fuki, daughter Tokiye (Japan) and Mrs. Sunako Itani.  
NAKAHARA, Kazue: Los Angeles, Nov. 22, survived by wife Tsuru.

MAILBOX

From Page 3

joined with the account of Col. William Scobey which pulls everything in the column together. The account of Nisei Memorial exercises in Washington, on the same page, could not be more appropriate in substance and position; and I am grateful to Col. Johnson for quoting, as can never be done too often, the JACL letter of January, 1943, one of the finest expressions of patriotism in American history, words that were later translated into deeds by Americans of Japanese ancestry.

I had the profitable habit when Larry Tajiri was editor of Pacific Citizen, of reading every editorial from his pen, and I have never failed to be rewarded. His heart-warming article "Bruyeres Always Remember" was just right for this week's paper—which was a memorial issue with perhaps not quite knowing it. "This little parcel of land deep in a mountain forest of France . . . belongs to all Americans of Japanese ancestry," as Mr. Tajiri quotes; yes, but in a very special sense, too, it belongs to all Americans whatever their ancestry.

Bill Hosokawa's always entertaining column is most thoughtfully so this week when he shares with us this "Remarkable Stanford Man," George Mizota. But if I could choose but one article in this

week's PC as prescribed reading for us older native-born Americans, it would be Tamotsu Murayama's Tokyo Topics, "Analysis of Anti-Americanism in Japan." We are very fortunate to have this important point of view expressed in one of our own papers; I hope many papers will copy it.

I must express the hope that you will continue to print "A Decade Ago," so illuminating, so penetrating, and reading it now, so encouraging because it shows how far we have come in a little while—all together. The poignant and painful references mark the beginnings of one of the greatest achievements of our democracy—a time when our national government made a great mistake, but our people set about in such ways as they could to correct it—and the correcting still goes on.

You Japanese Americans in fighting for the rights of your own group have done it for all groups, and because you have sensed the threats and dangers to others, you have become effective champions of our most cherished rights — witness in this week's Pacific Citizen your editorial on Lt. Milo J. Radulovich of the American Air Force.

ALLEN H. EATON  
Crestwood, N.Y.

Dr. Eaton is author of "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire", (Harper & Bros.) on the arts of the Japanese in war relocation camps. —The Editor.

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## EDITORIALS

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

DECADE AGO

Nov. 27, 1943

## Era of Friendship

Japan and the United States are entering into a new era of friendship. Last week in Tokyo, Vice-President Richard Nixon in an extemporaneous speech before the America-Japan society frankly admitted "the United States did make a mistake in 1946" in disarming Japan. "We made a mistake because we misjudged the intentions of the Soviet leaders".

Many observers felt that admission of error would go a long way toward cementing friendship between the two countries. "There is no doubt in my mind," the Vice-President told newsmen at the airport before departing for Okinawa, "that our two countries are beginning a new partnership."

While the Vice-President pointed out the threat of communism in the Far East and the urgency of Japan sharing in the responsibility to defend herself, he also stressed the need of economic development of Japan in cooperation with the United States.

It is significant that during the centennial of Commodore Perry's visit to Japan, there is a sincere overture for peace in the Pacific. Mr. Nixon's remarks, which had been given wide prominence in the press last week, undoubtedly will dissipate much of the "yellow peril" hysteria which raised havoc on the west coast throughout the first half of the twentieth century.

The honesty of Mr. Nixon's statement, further, should soothe much of the "anti-American" soreness being inflicted upon the Nipponese populace.

## Before You Know It

It always takes a Thanksgiving dinner to fully realize that Christmas is less than a month away. Like the Post Office which has already made plans to handle the heavy holiday mail, we have been keeping late hours to prepare our annual Holiday Edition.

Each year, we remind ourselves to get our JACL chapters and contributors to submit their greetings, advertising and articles in early. The situation has improved slightly — yet, we're afraid of the avalanche to come. Still we live through it — weary but happy, and vowing to do better next time.

It's our own fault that gamblers have fifty-two clean-up days a year while we have only one.

## This Idea of Loafing

Sometimes, in the desire to get things accomplished, a fellow forgets the pleasure that comes from loafing. There was a mess of material demanding attention last Sunday, but I decided to ignore everything and just take things easy. We turned on the television to the Cleveland Browns-Pittsburgh Steelers football game and witnessed a rugged and well-played contest.

In reality, though, there was more excitement and action going on in front of the picture tube than in it. One of the prices I had to pay for loafing was to watch over Christie, our youngest, and she put on a tremendous show, talking sixty miles a minute all the while.

First, she played barber. She got out a comb, ran it through my hair, messed it up good and proper, and then ventured on into more interesting things. She took off my slippers, polished them on her overalls, suddenly saw herself as a shoe salesman. She tried the slippers on my feet and in a loud voice demanded to know—just as Otto Graham threw a touchdown pass—whether I would buy them or wanted to see something else.

When she tired of this sport, she climbed on my lap and made like the Lone Ranger riding Silver. Since she doesn't weigh very much, this wasn't too bad except for her ponytail tickling my nose and blurring the vision just about the time Graham cut a long one loose to Dante Lavelli.

Next, she assumed the character of a masseur. She worked over the back of my neck, massaged my shoulder muscles and finally got around to tickling me. That inspired a new game—buttoning and unbuttoning my shirt, all the while obscuring the view of the picture screen.

About this time she decided to be nature girl. She took off her shoes and sox, then put them back on. That meant she needed help in tying her laces, except that I had to search under the chair for the shoestrings which somehow had become divorced from the shoes.

Fortunately, the football game ended shortly afterward and I was able to stop relaxing. Another half hour and I would have been more exhausted than the players. Next day, I read in the newspapers that the Browns had defeated the Steelers 20 to 16.

Guyo Tajiri, who is Girl Friday for the Mountain-Plains JACL district convention this week-end reports that Hiroshi Miyamura will be in town for the convention banquet by dint of a breakneck schedule. On Friday, Nov. 27, he will lead Albuquerque's annual Yule parade. It will be a singular honor indeed for New Mexico's Nisei Medal of Honor winner.

The following night, he will be at the other end of the state as guest at Farmington's "Young Man of the Year" nominee dinner. Immediately after the dinner, Miyamura plans to drive to Denver—a 650-mile journey over some of the country's most rugged terrain.

Ever since his release from a Communist prisoner of war camp, Miyamura's life has been an almost continuous round of banquets, receptions and honors. Well-wishers have shaken his hand and pounded his back wherever he's gone; newspaper men, radio and television reporters have fired a steady barrage of questions at him. If ever a person desired the quiet life, the naturally shy, retiring and genuinely modest Miyamura must be the man.

A couple of months ago in Gallup he told me: "I realize what the honor that has come to me means to all the Nisei. I realize, too, what the JACL has done for the Nisei. You can count on me to cooperate with the JACL. I'll do everything I can to help the organization, and the Nisei."

The odd thing about all this is that in Gallup, Miyamura's home town, there really isn't any "Nisei problem." It would have been easy for him to say: "To heck with all this hullabaloo and chasing around. I'm tired of all this fuss and nonsense." But he didn't. He isn't that kind of fellow.

## Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

## Tried by Public Opinion

In a routine act which so far has evoked little, if any, public comment, President Eisenhower on Oct. 29 granted presidential clemency to Tomoya Kawakita, 33, convicted of treason in August, 1948, and sentenced to death. Mr. Eisenhower commuted Kawakita's death sentence to life imprisonment and added a fine of \$10,000.

The President's action averted what would have been in effect legal lynching.

None will gainsay the fact that Kawakita, a native of Calexico, Calif., who was sent by his parents to Japan to study at the age of 18, was guilty of aiding and abetting the enemy of his native land when he served as an interpreter in a Japanese prisoner of war camp in World War II. But there is a wide gulf between such activity and the crime of treason, punishable by death, as defined in our federal statutes.

It would appear that Kawakita and Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, ruled guilty of treason in 1949 in the so-called "Tokyo Rose" trial, were convicted, not by juries of their peers, but by a climate of public opinion. In the Kawakita trial, for example, the jury was out for eight full days and asked several times during that period to be discharged, claiming they were unable to reach agreement on a verdict. Each time the request was refused. Finally, the last juror opposing a guilty verdict capitulated, afraid, according to her alleged admission, that she would be considered "un-American" if she did not do so. The jury found Kawakita guilty on only two of the eight major counts involved in the case.

Kawakita was sentenced to death by Judge William C. Mathes in Los Angeles federal court on Oct. 5, 1948. In the full five years since then no effort was made to carry out the execution and Kawakita has remained in the county jail.

Kawakita deserves no sympathy, for it was by his own decision that he took the job of interpreter in the Oeyama prison camp in Japan at the age of 21 in 1942, whatever the alleviating circumstances for a Japanese American caught in Japan by the outbreak of war. Other Nisei, similarly stranded, managed to sit out the war without such overt assistance to the Japanese war effort. Later, in 1946, Kawakita managed by obtaining a United States passport to return to California by neglecting to inform U.S. consular officials of the nature of his wartime activity, since his position as a prison camp interpreter would have made him ineligible for certification. In doing this, Kawakita jeopardized the future of several thousand war-stranded Nisei who similarly sought to return to the United States.

It is ironical Kawakita was one of the first to be permitted to return. It is probable that the case never would have come to light

had it not been for the fact that he was recognized while shopping in a Los Angeles store by one of the POWs from the Oeyama camp. The latter notified the FBI and Kawakita was placed under surveillance for several months before he was arrested. He was indicted on charges of brutality toward American and Allied POWs and an 11-week trial followed.

The charges of brutality at Oeyama and other Japanese prison camps can be accepted without dispute, but the crux of the Kawakita trial was whether the defendant was personally responsible, in his capacity as an interpreter, for the conditions at Oeyama. His conviction by the jury after eight days of wrangling raised some of the grave doubts which have lingered over the case.

Another issue was that of Kawakita's nationality. Although he represented himself as an American citizen in 1946 when he obtained a passport to return to the United States, the defense contended at the trial that Kawakita could not be tried for the crime of treason because he had expatriated himself by accepting the prison camp job, a position which the Japanese government contended was open only to nationals of Japan. This issue was one which involved the status of thousands of stranded Nisei employed during the war in Japan who also sought to return to the United States. It was on this point that the Kawakita defense appealed his conviction to the Supreme Court. The tribunal's decision, denying the Kawakita appeal, thereby served as a test case for thousands of other strandeers. Had the Kawakita contention been upheld, however, the status of these other strandeers would have been jeopardized.

Although the Kawakita case is ostensibly finished, with the defendant facing a life term at Alcatraz, the issues which provoked the legal doubts and the five-year delay, still remain. Were Tomoya Kawakita, and Iva Toguri, guilty of acts of treason as defined in the federal statutes? Kawakita worked as a prison camp interpreter and Mrs. d'Aquino for Radio Tokyo, both Japanese government jobs. They were not the only war-stranded Nisei in similar positions, but they were perhaps the only ones to represent themselves as American citizens seeking to return to the United States. In the case of Mrs. d'Aquino the blunt fact is that it was "Tokyo Rose" and not she who was on trial in San Francisco. Yet Radio Tokyo never did have a "Tokyo Rose."

One result of the Kawakita case, however, is that the government, in its case for the prosecution, had to establish the fact that Kawakita retained his United States nationality despite his employment in Japan during the war. The Supreme Court decision, upholding that contention, has served to clear the status of a large number of strandeers whose American citizenship was in doubt.

WRA has no right to intern Nisei citizens, says Attorney General Biddle; criticizes treatment accorded group.

Sgt. Ben Kuroki completes his tour of duty, volunteers for another against Nazis.

War Department reports 16 Nisei wounded in action in Italy. (And with this issue, the Pacific Citizen each week published the list of Nisei soldiers who became casualties during World War II.)

Fred N. Howser, Los Angeles district attorney, quoted by Bronzeville News (former L.A. Tokio-community press), sees housing dislocation and trouble if Japanese American evacuees return; L.A. Daily News regards it as "another log on the fire of Jap hysteria".

Investigate attempt to burn down Sebastopol Japanese Buddhist temple; neighbors prevent entire destruction of gasoline-drenched building.

Ex-Ambassador Grew pleads for "square deal" for loyal Japanese American citizens.

Specific postwar reforms of Japanese institutions urged by John Aiso in New York forum; must smash Japanese myth of inviolability of Japanese shores by divine edict, disagrees with immediate abolition of emperor system, eliminate virtual serfdom in agriculture and seven-family rule in business, reorientation in a more unified and democratic world.

## MINORITY

Pending public school segregation cases will be reargued in the U.S. Supreme Court Dec. 7-8. The NAACP attorneys will contend the 14th Amendment was intended to destroy all caste and color legislation in the United States. They will hold segregation per se is discrimination and a violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. The issue is whether the states and District of Columbia have the constitutional power to segregate white and Negro students in separate schools in the elementary and secondary school levels. The school boards in the lower courts based their arguments mainly on the "separate but equal" doctrine.

It was reported the NAACP staff engaged in research and study to file the school segregation case briefs consumed enough coffee in their office to supply a regiment for a full week during their 22-weeks of preparation.

The President's Committee on Government Contracts has been asked to make full-scale investigations of employment discrimination against Negroes by U.S. government contract holding firms in the Cincinnati area. It was charged that there are hundreds of small and large firms holding government contracts practicing employment discrimination against Negroes. Appealing for assistance in the fight, the CIO leadership has been asked to rid such discrimination.

In the last seven years, Chicago has acquired an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 new residents — Puerto Ricans, and their situation is complicated by the fact that many of them and their children only speak Spanish. New York City encountered serious problems because the heavy influx settled in one area. Chicago is apparently to escape this condition because they are more widely dispersed. The Catholic Youth Organization has taken an active hand in trying to ease the path of the new Chicagoans.

With adoption of fair employment practices ordinances in Clairton, Pa., and Duluth, Minn., the total number of cities which now bar employment discrimination has reached 30.