



5-F DRAFT QUESTION IN ADVISEMENT

Denver

Right of the U.S. government to deny citizenship to a Japanese alien because of his draft status in World War I was argued here Nov. 25 in the U.S. District Court.

In the first test case of its kind, a longtime U.S. Issei resident Harry G. Matoba, asked the court of Federal Judge W. Lee Knous to recognize his right to American citizenship.

Outcome of the case, which was taken under advisement by Judge Knous, is expected to affect thousands of Issei men, some of whom have already been denied citizenship for the same reason.

Matoba, who came to the United States in 1914, registered for the draft in 1918 and was classified 5-F, a classification reserved for persons who applied and granted exemption from military service because they were not citizens.

While Matoba was not then eligible for U.S. citizenship because of racial restrictions then barring alien Japanese, he and other Japanese aliens became eligible to citizenship in 1952 under the newly enacted McCarran Walter act, which for the first time made this group eligible for naturalization.

The same law, however, included a provision that aliens who had asked for and were granted exemption from military service because of their alien status would be forever barred from citizenship. The law also included a provision that Selective Service records were to be conclusive evidence of such action.

Because of his 5-F classification, Matoba's application for citizenship was denied.

Minoru Yasui, representing Matoba, and Edward J. Ennis of New York City, as legal counsel for the Japanese American Citizens League, asked that the Nationality Act be interpreted in accordance with the "sincere intent" of Congress to make citizenship available to aliens like Matoba who were heretofore ineligible.

Congress did not intend to penalize Matoba and other aliens who, 35 years ago, were not eligible for citizenship, Ennis said.

Ennis pointed out that the regulation barring persons who applied and received exemption from military service was meant to apply to aliens who had applied for citizenship but withdrew their applications in order to escape military service.

Yasui said that while class 5-F was intended for persons who personally requested draft exemption, local draft boards in 1917-18 sometimes acted on their own initiative in applying the classification.

He introduced in evidence a letter written in 1918 by the Provost Marshal saying that local boards could use their own discretion in so classifying Japanese aliens.

Yasui charged that the government presumption that all aliens in 5-F had asked for exemption, whereas, he said, the letter proved the action could have been decided by the local draft board.

In his application for citizenship Matoba stated that he could not recall, in 1953, whether he specifically requested exemption.

Appearing for the government, Paul J. Westdahl, ex-



Hershey Miyamura, only living Nisei Medal of Honor winner, tells the 300 guests at the Mountain Plains JACL district council convention dinner honoring him at the Albany Hotel in Denver on Nov. 29, that he hopes to be "a credit to the Nisei." Applauding are (l. to r.) Congressman Byron Rogers, (D., Colo.), Mrs. Terry Miyamura, Mike Masaoka and Bob Lucas, editor of the editorial page of the Denver Post.

—Tom Masamori photo

EXCITEMENT ABOARD SHIP PROVES VERY EXPENSIVE

Seattle

A 19-year-old sailor, Roger A. Davis, of Riverside, Calif., and his 22-year-old Japanese bride, Tomiko, away from home the first time were in a big fix last week.

The couple arrived here Wednesday last week aboard a Navy transport James O'Hara. Just before the ship docked, she was struck by an LST. The damage to the ship was minor but in the excitement Davis lost his wallet containing about \$500.

"It was the savings of the year," the young sailor glumly said. The Davises had about \$20, what Mrs. Davis had in her purse.

Haruo Ishimaru resignation set

San Francisco

Resignation of Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California JACL regional director, was regretfully accepted at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council here last Sunday.

Ishimaru had submitted his resignation earlier at the recent District Council convention where no action was taken except to refer it to the Executive Board. Although he had requested his resignation to become effective as of Dec. 31, at the request of the Executive Board he agreed to stay on until a successor is appointed.

Stated Ishimaru: "There is a great deal of unfinished work that the JACL must support and I will continue to give every assistance to the JACL whether I am on the staff or not."

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Since the holidays of Christmas and New Year fall on Friday, the Pacific Citizen will be so dated but deadlines for these issues are being advanced by the production staff. Contributors and chapter reporters are advised of the following schedule:

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300 Mountain-Plain conventioners honor Nisei Medal of Honor winner

Denver

A brilliant and successful district council convention came to a close last Sunday night as 268 diners honored Hiroshi Miyamura, Medal of Honor winner, at the Mountain-Plains JACL banquet at Albany Hotel.

The huge crowd gave the modest, but truly great hero a standing ovation. Bill Hosokawa, who was a war correspondent for the Denver Post on the Korean war front, and now editor of the magazine section of the Post, introduced the only living Nisei winner of the Medal of Honor.

Byron G. Rogers, U.S. congressman from Denver, Lt. Gov. Gordon Allott of Colorado, Robert Lucas of the Denver Post, Earl Wennergren of the Rocky Mountain News, and former Rep. John A. Carroll delivered greetings and welcome to Miyamura and to the Mountain-Plains JACL convention.

Briefest of the speechmakers, Sgt. Miyamura said only:

"I wish to thank you and express my appreciation to all of you here. I only hope that in the future I will be a credit to my people."

Masaoka was introduced by Patrick Okura, JACL national vice-president.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the JACL, delivered the main address of the evening, speaking eloquently of the wartime heroism of Sgt. Miyamura in winning the Medal of Honor, and calling to mind the World War II exploits of the 442nd Combat Team during 1944-45.

"Nisei can be better citizens and better Americans," declared Masaoka, "by remembering their heritage and by making unique contributions as persons of Japanese ancestry."

Masaoka pointed to the critical world situation, noting that the world is divided into three parts: the free world, the slave world and the undecided world. He noted that Asia, for the most part makes up the bulk of the undecided world, and that Japan as the workshop of the

Orient may well be the key to whether the world remains free or is enslaved.

He warned of the dangers of "guilt by association" and the fear of hysteria.

Japanese Americans, he said, should be the last to fear such "guilt by association," since they themselves were the first victims of such unreasoned attack during the early days of World War II.

He urged Nisei to remember their ancestral background and stated flatly that Nisei can serve America better by helping the Americans to understand Japan's position in the orient.

He moved the audience as he spoke of the Issei's long fight and continued determination to get American citizenship, recalling individual instances of Japanese aliens who, in the final years of their lives, still sought citizenship as the most-hoped-for dream of their lives.

The Cathay Post No. 185, American Legion, through Commanders Rupert Arai, presented Miyamura with an engraved plaque. The Mile-Hi JACL, representing the Mountain-Plains JACL district, through Jennie Kitagawa presented Mrs. Terry Miyamura with a gift.

The national anthem, and the JACL hymn, written by Mrs. Larry Tajiri, was sung by Nancy Sogi, accompanied by Mrs. Sets Sumikawa. A group of Hawaiian students from the Colorado State College of Education entertained with Hawaiian numbers.

Roy Mayeda, president of the Brighton Japanese American Association, introduced special guests from his area:

Carl Dorr, publisher of the Brighton Blade, and Mrs. Dorr; Arnold Kretzman, publisher of the Adams County Sentinel, and Mrs. Kretzman; Mayor and Mrs. Charles Montandon of Brighton; Wayne Havanan, president of the Brighton Junior Chamber of Commerce; and Mrs. Havanan; Harold Ferguson, president of the Senior Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Ferguson. Introduced to the audience by Dr. George Uyemura of Fort Lupton, conference co-

JUDGE FIRM IN PUNISHING STOWAWAYS

Honolulu

Federal Judge Jon Wiig has taken steps to de-glamorize the adventure of stowing away.

"This stowing away business must stop," Judge Wiig commented Friday last week when he sent three youths to jail for embarking on the President Wilson to take a free ride from Japan to Honolulu.

The alien trio made up of Hiroshi Kato, 21, Kiyoshita Nakamura, 23, and "In Chin" Kim, 23, were sentenced to jail terms ranging six months to a year.

Kim, a resident of Seoul, Korea, whose records show two almost successful attempts to enter the U.S. by the stowaway route, was sent to jail for 12 months.

Nakamura, who made a previous attempt to leave Japan on a British vessel but was unsuccessful, was sentenced to a nine-month term. Kato, a first offender, received a six-month sentence.

When informed they would be deported when their terms are served, Nakamura told the court he wanted to stay in the U.S.

"I'll stow away again," Nakamura said. "I don't want to live in Japan again."

In commenting on the case both Judge Wiig and A. William Barlow, U.S. attorney, were of the opinion that the publicity given the "swimming stowaways" last August was partly responsible for others attempting to enter the U.S.

The publicity, Judge Wiig said, "made heroes out of stowaways" and prompted others to break Federal laws.

He referred to the two Japanese youths who jumped from the same vessel and swam about 10 miles to safety on Kauai. They were recently deported.

Judge Wiig said it was imperative that illegal entry attempts should be discouraged or the practice would threaten the country's security.

The stowaways were arrested when the President Wilson docked here Nov. 20. Kim boarded the vessel at Kobe and the other two at Yokohama.

Acquit Nisei of 'Red' charges

Honolulu

Yoshito Ishikawa was found innocent of charges that he failed to state his Communist party background when he applied for three government jobs in 1950 and 1952.

A jury took four hours last week in Federal Judge Jon Wiig's court to return this verdict. Defense attorneys Jack Mizuha and Sakae Takahashi had shown those meetings allegedly of Communists in Kauai in 1938 and 1939 were merely union meetings.

chairman, was Charles Lundeen, president of the Fort Lupton Chamber of Commerce.

Yutaka "Tak" Terasaki served as toastmaster for the banquet. Miss Sue Maruyama, assisted by Mitsue Matsuda was in charge of banquet arrangements.

The telephone committee which took more than 270 banquet reservations was headed by Gladys Taniwaki, and assisted by:

Kana Yorimoto, Sue Akiyama, Fumi Yabe, Sumi Takeno, Mary Kuritani, Dorothy Nakaoka, Setsu Sumikawa, and Toshi Tanaka.
Shig Teraji was in charge of the programs, assisted by: Carol Tanaka, Kana Yorimoto, Rev. Waichi Oyanagi, Dorothy Uchida, Gladys Taniwaki and Sumi Takeno.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

Probably the most "touching" study now being carried on by any congressional committee is the one by House Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Daniel A. Reed (R., N.Y.). What it reports out next January will affect every pocketbook and purse in the country, for the proposed bill will represent the first complete revision of the tax laws since 1875. Its aim is a simpler, fairer, more coordinated revenue structure.

As a preliminary to the revision study, the Joint House Committee on Taxation sent out questionnaires all over the country to get the peoples' ideas on taxes. And the people haven't been reticent on the subject, according to Colin Stamm, staff director. More than 13,000 suggestions for changes have come from more than 5,000 individuals.

What do people think about taxes? They're too high, of course.

But aside from that, Director Stamm says that the opinions will be very helpful to the congressional committees tackling the big revision job.

Chairman Reed of the House Committee that is charged with the responsibility for revenue raising by the Constitution has had his Committee holding hearings since the end of June. His group is studying what he calls the "crazy quilt" present tax setup. Laws have been added one by one since 1875, Reed says, often with little regard for the effect one provision may have on another.

His idea is to study the merit, justice and clarity of each provision—rewriting, eliminating, or adding new provisions as necessary. A composite new law, he hopes, will be ready for action early next year.

The House Ways and Means Committee has some 40 specific ideas before it for consideration, many of them providing more liberal tax deductions for individuals and corporations. Its New Yorker chairman added, however, that his Committee would not go into personal income or corporation tax rates themselves at this time, but will include a study of excise r sales taxes—the levies on liquors, tobacco, gasoline, furs, movie tickets, and hundreds of other items that take their daily toll from the buying public.

With no effort at placing them to importance, number of complaints, or possible congressional approval, Director Stamm disclosed that some of the subjects most frequently mentioned by taxpayers, include the following:

1. Permitting a deduction, as a business expense, for wages paid to babysitters by working mothers, especially in low income groups. Some 18 bills are now pending on this subject, some so broad as to include men.
2. Increasing exemptions for dependents, now \$600 per person.
3. Increasing the deductions for medical and dental expenses.
4. Abolishing the present requirement for an advance declaration of estimated income for millions of persons.
5. Clarification and simplification of tax return blanks and Internal Revenue interpretations, plus faster handling of disputed items.
6. Permitting deductions for certain business bad debts.
7. More adequate allowances for depreciation.
8. Relief from the present provision that taxes both corporation income and divided payments to stockholders (double taxation).
9. Changes in the present capital gains tax of 25 per cent.
10. Relief from penalties against corporations which retain a large share of their earnings.

While this congressional committee continues its investigations, the Treasury Department is carrying on its independent studies into the tax structure. Next January, the Eisenhower or Administration program for raising revenue will go up to Congress.

Whether the two groups will have reached the same general conclusions will be an interesting matter to watch, but, more important to the taxpayer, is the question as to what Congress will ultimately decide, for it is the Congress and not the President who determines how much we as taxpayers must pay, may deduct, or exempt in the way of taxes.

While it is a wonderful feeling to contemplate tax cuts, it must not be forgotten that such cuts may well mean a bigger deficit, less national defense, or fewer public or government services. The adage that one can't eat his cake and have it too applies equally to taxes as it does to so many other subjects. Nevertheless, though recognizing all this, every taxpayer hopes that somehow his taxes will be reduced drastically without impairing national defense, lowering or lessening government services, and increasing the national debt.

We doubt that Congress will be able to manage such a miracle but we continue to entertain secret hopes.

NISEI REPRESENTATIVES . . .

Illustrative of the growing and significant role that Nisei are playing in their various localities is the fact that more and more Nisei are coming to Washington to participate in conferences with congressional and government leaders as integral parts of their respective community organizations.

This past fall, for instance, Henry Sakemi of Indio, Calif., and Ken Uchida of Ogden, Utah, visited this nation's capital as respected members of their respective industry organizations. Henry was with California's delegation that conferred with other grower and rancher groups interested in bringing in Mexican and West Indian farm laborers, while Ken served as the Utah State delegation's secretary when farmers and cattlemen from all over the country descended on Washington to demand action from Agriculture Secretary Benson.

Both, incidentally, are active JACLers, having served as chapter presidents and district council chairmen. Henry was president of the Cochella Valley chapter and was the first postwar chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council while Ken was Ogden chapter president and chairman of the Intermountain District Council.

OUTCOME OF MATOBA 5-F ALIENAGE STATUS AWAITED

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mer immigration and naturalization acts, and also included sections from Selective Service Acts of 1940 and 1948. This codification, he said, put together numerous acts which conflicted, ranging from a broad policy in World War I of drafting only declarant aliens and citizens, to the policies of later years, in which the government began to draft all aliens.

In this codification, Ennis said, confusion resulted when a subsection of one act was made applicable to all others.

Thus, he said, in 1917-18, when the government drafted only declarant aliens and citizens, it was reasonable that the law should make citizenship unavailable to declarant aliens who withdrew their citizenship applications.

In the 1952 codification, however, this law became applicable to all aliens, contrary to the original intent of the law.

Victor Abe of San Francisco and Mas Yonemura of Oakland, attorneys, and Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, attended as observers.

Southwest L.A. Cler's plan box lunch benefit

Los Angeles

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Driver of car ramming station wagon dies; others escape injury

Fresno

The driver of the sedan who struck Minoru Tanaka's station wagon from the rear was hurled out of his car by the impact as it overturned and running off the road. The driver was pronounced dead on arrival last week at the Fresno County General Hospital.

Tanaka, 47, and his wife both escaped any injuries.

'GOMEN NASAI' COMPOSER RETURNS TO TOKYO

Tokyo

Jack Melick, composer of the popular Gomen-Nasai, who didn't cash in on royalties from the tune when it skyrocketed to success, arrived here with high hopes of success as an entertainer and composer.

He is also booking agent in the Far East for a New York entertainment concern. A pianist since 5, he is a graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Ohio, in tune were assigned to Eliza-1951.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Is there a Nisei crime problem?

By HARRY K. HONDA

Juvenile delinquency and underworld characters were the subject matters of televised hearings opening in Washington last week . . . Across the continent, attention was focused on the same problem — only on a lesser scale — by two JACL chapters in Los Angeles at a panel discussion: Is there a Nisei crime problem? . . . Other cities will be sites for similar senate hearings, aiming to coordinate efforts of federal, state and local agencies in fighting teenage crime . . . A report issued by the National Education Association showed that juvenile delinquency could be helped to change its way if the delinquent would stay in school—but he does not . . . Truancy runs high among delinquents, according to the NEA.

No matter how much the prewar Nisei balked at attending Japanese language school after 3 p.m. on school days or half-day on Saturdays, there are some today who assay this practice as one factor for the low juvenile delinquency rate among Japanese homes in America—and they were in areas which would be classed as "blighted" today by sociologists.

Figures today show over a million youngsters become involved with the police for misbehavior . . . Youth workers in Los Angeles fear the Nisei police record would rise . . . The typical age in the NEA report shows delinquents to be boys of 16, usually arrested for offenses against property—vandalism, stealing, etc. . . . JACLers at the panel discussion probably expected to hear some sordid statistics about Nisei. I am gratified it wasn't any worse than the arrest of 21 Nisei juveniles, of which only one was regarded as a felony last year . . . But a trend has been sighted . . .

The senate hearings also recognize this trend and hope to stop it . . . Since crime, by and large, is a community problem, it behooves local chapters to take active steps to cooperate with other agencies of the immediate area . . . No civic-minded organization can ignore this problem on the premise their members are not primarily involved. Crime is like a disease; it is no respecter of a person's race, color or creed. Poor and rich do not escape its web . . . It would be too late in some instances to take steps after crime strikes. There's no use putting a lock on the barn door after the horse runs away . . . The intelligent approach is to meet the situation well prepared. The Hollywood and East Los Angeles JACLers did learn a most potent factor in the causes for juvenile crime—a broken home or negligent parents . . . Furthermore, they were cautioned against isolating any Nisei crime problem within its own racial peculiarities and attention. Crime committed by an individual, be he Nisei or of some other extraction, is a community problem. If the individual is a minor, then he requires guidance and attention of parents primarily and welfare and social agencies thereafter.

This problem requires a constant alert as does civilian defense or civil rights. Complacency in the ranks only invites the enemy to strike as stealthily as it knows how.

We're the last ones to holler, "we told you so." It would be a tragic mark upon a society like America's vested with all the industrial and financial genius to be stymied by a complacent attitude towards the delinquent—today the innocent tool of underworld characters or victim of society which thinks lightly of crime.

PRESS FILE:

GOODWILL DINNER — What's this we hear about the city of Auburn wanting the JACL to hold its next goodwill dinner up there . . . Roseville's now had it for two years straight, having become necessary when the Loomis Veterans hall could no longer accommodate crowds over 300 . . . JACL has come a 300 . . . JACL has come a Commerce began to vie for its projects.—Homer Takahashi, Hokubei Mainichi.

MAGAZINE AWARD—For the first time in history, a Japanese American publication earned recognition in the Magazine Awards of the American Institute of Graphic Arts. In the AIGA catalog issued last week, Scene Magazine's article on Japanese Ukiyoe was presented as a winner. The magazine is edited by Togo W. Tanaka.

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Tamotsu Murayama (left), Pacific Citizen's Japan Bureau chief, is interviewing Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.) at the Tokyo International Airport.

Judd and Japanese Immigration

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
Japan Bureau, Pacific Citizen

Tokyo
Japan has been welcoming prominent figures from the United States one right after another. Following the departure of Vice-Pres. Richard M. Nixon from Japan, Dr. Walter H. Judd, Minnesota Republican congressman, arrived here Nov. 20 from Korea for a four-day inspection tour.

In an exclusive interview with this reporter at the International Airport, Rep. Judd revealed he had hoped Japan would be permitted a quota of 2,000.

"When I visited Japan in 1925, I realized then the great injustice done by the 1924 Exclusion Act. It took me nine years to win my fight to get some remedy for the Japanese nationals since I became a congressman. I had originally proposed to Congress for an annual quota of 2,000 Japanese emigrants, but it was defeated to 3,000 for all Asian nations," he stated.

He also recalled introducing many private bills to permit entry of individual Japanese nationals. And he promised he would continue to do so in the name of "humanity and justice".

"Of course, there are numerous immigration problems including the straggler issue and others. There will be much to do at Washington when I return," he added.

Chuichi Ohashi, one-time Japanese consul in Los Angeles and vice-minister to Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, and now a member of the Lower House, renewed acquaintances with the Minnesotan. Both had met last year through the good offices of Mike Masaoka.

In asking Judd for an increase in Japanese immigration quotas, Ohashi declared, "Japan's only solution for the present population problem is in immigration."

Ohashi had been informed by Masaoka of the great work of Judd on the immigration and naturalization law. "I ask you to work for Japanese emigration from the flood-stricken areas such as Wakayama, Kumamoto, Fukuoka and other places," Ohashi continued.

The Diet member also pointed out to Judd that Japan needs Liberty or Victoria ships for transportation of Japanese immigrants to South America.

"Rep. Judd's good offices would be appreciated tremendously if necessary shipping can be chartered to transport Japanese immigrants," Ohashi told this reporter. "Japan has not enough ships to send its seasoned laborers to North and South America," he explained. "Japanese skill can be properly utilized in the Southeast Asian countries which are undeveloped today."

Judd's visit to Japan was very significant since immigration issues were being discussed by Diet members of the Migration Enhancement League, which has proposed an international immigration study commission composed of U.S. congressman and Japanese Diet men.

Judd left after seeing and hearing a great deal, not promising anything substantially as a clever statesman usually does.

There have been a lot of endurance contests, but none to beat that of teen-agers on the telephone.

Nisei competing in Nat'l moot court meet

New York
Kase Higa, one of three students representing the Univ. of Colorado School of Law in the fourth annual National Moot Court competition, will be among some 200 students here this month to argue a fictitious case involving a university professor who was discharged after exercising his constitution-crimination.

Higa hails from Honolulu.

Japanese war bride freed on bond in slaying of own son

Chicago
A tiny Japanese war bride who strangled her baby and then attempted suicide was freed on bond of \$5,000.

Her attorneys announced she would stay at the home of friends, whose identity they declined to reveal.

She is Mrs. Etsuko Britton, 24, who has been in custody since her son Charles, 28 months old, was found dead Nov. 14 at 2156 N. Oakley, where Mrs. Britton lived with her husband's family.

She was admitted to bond Tuesday last week by Chief Justice Charles S. Dougherty of Criminal Court on the plea of her attorneys and of the Chicago Resettlers Assn., an organization that aids Japanese-Americans.

Leo Poch, an assistant state's attorney, said his office also approved the plea for bond.

Mrs. Britton appeared in court apparently virtually in a state of collapse. She was supported by a police matron most of the time. Nevertheless, her face was expressionless.

As she was helped out of the courtroom she made several low bows in the direction of the judge's bench.

A coroner's jury had, on Nov. 16, recommended that Mrs. Britton be held to the grand jury on a charge of murder.

Point-4 trainee program in Hawaii boost U.S. foreign policy in Asia

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu
It looks as though Hawaii, at long last, will be given a chance to display its inter-racial democracy in a way that will boost America's foreign policy in the Far East.

The opportunity will come, probably within a year, when a Point Four program is formally set up here to teach peoples of undeveloped areas the latest scientific methods in agriculture and industry.

Aside from this primary purpose, the Foreign Aid Trainee Program is being looked at from its potential contribution in America's fight against Communism.

Hawaii is unique as a show-place where people of many races, predominantly Oriental, live in a democratic society. It is the only American community, as a matter of fact, where the majority of its population is made up of people of Oriental backgrounds.

Well known as it is, Hawaii's inter-racial democracy has yet to be tapped for America's propaganda campaign against the enemy's claim that this country preaches and practices anti-Oriental policies.

The Federal and Territorial governments are now teaming up to promote Hawaii's role in this country's relations with Asiatic countries. The Interior Department has assigned an expert, Miss Mary Gresham, to organize a Foreign Aid Trainee Program at the Univ. of Hawaii.

Miss Gresham arrived from Washington, D.C., last week at the request of Samuel Wilder King, Hawaii's Governor, and immediately went into conferences here.

She said she was impressed with potentialities here. She emphasized her belief that Hawaii could demonstrate to the visiting Asiatic that democracy actually works in the islands, that democracy does not mean "only fine phrases."

Without any obvious attempt on our part, she said, the visitors would see for themselves how advanced people whose an-

cestors had come originally from the Orient have progressed in this democratic society.

Miss Gresham reported that Harold Stassen, head of the new Foreign Operations Administration which has over-all charge of Point Four programs, has expressed his support of the proposed Hawaii program to Dr. Gregg M. Sinclair, president of the Univ. of Hawaii. Miss Gresham's report on her current survey will go to Stassen for approval, upon her return to Washington in two weeks.

Federal funds, when made available, would be augmented by Territorial money later, if the Hawaii Legislature goes along. But for the present, Miss Gresham said the financial question for Hawaii is not as important as its willingness to back up the trainee program.

Interest locally has been heightened by the appointment by Governor King of a committee of prominent citizens to work with Miss Gresham.

Two of its members are of Japanese ancestry: Baron Goto, associate director of the Univ. of Hawaii Agricultural Extension Service, and Shigeo Soga, editor of the Hawaii Times, a bilingual daily newspaper in Honolulu.


Goto probably knows more about the trainee program than any other person in Hawaii. He visited Puerto Rico last spring to study the trainee program which Miss Gresham helped establish there, to train South Americans. Earlier, he attended a trainee conference in Washington.

For several years Goto has looked after visitors from the Orient who wanted to inspect farming methods in Hawaii. So far about 150 trainees have spent from one day up to three months at the Univ. of Hawaii to study various phases of agriculture, extension work, public health and other activities.

Goto and other university officials accommodated visitors on an informal basis, without support from the federal gov-

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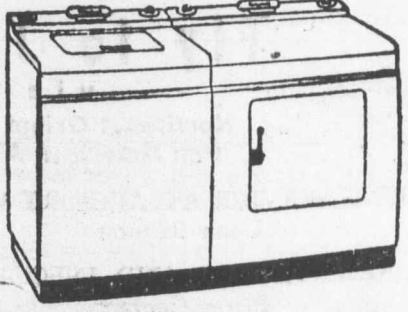


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Around Chicago . . .

The Women's Fellowship of Christ Congregation Church here have sent 500 lbs. of old clothes for shipment overseas to disaster areas. The ladies, led by **Cherie Nakayama**, wife of the Chicago JACL 2nd v.p. for 1954, **Dr. Joe Nakayama**, are sewing hospital gowns for the Cook County Children's hospital. The



SAKURADA

Sunday School children are preparing gifts to be distributed to children patients on Christmas . . . The Chicago Housing Conference is raising funds by selling tickets for all Orchestra Hall performances. They have on hand the following: Jan. 17, 3 p.m., Yehudi Menuhin; Feb. 13, 8:30 p.m., Gladys Swarthout; Feb. 21, 3 p.m., the Philadelphia orchestra; Mar. 11, 8:30 p.m., William Warfield; Mar. 13, 8:30 p.m., Richard Tucker; and Apr. 17-25, Ballet Theater. The **Midwest JACL** office, 1200 N. Clark St., is accepting reservations. Make checks or money orders payable to "Chicago JACL". Tickets: \$1.90, 2.50, 3.10 and 3.70; up to \$5 for ballet and Philadelphia orchestra . . . **George Morisato** teaches dancing on Friday nights at the Chicago Buddhist Church. Public is invited . . . The Issei group of Woodlawn Japanese Christian Church now worships Sundays, 11 a.m., at Ellis Community Center church parlor with **Rev. H. Sakuma** . . . A survey has revealed that residential rents here have levelled off at a point 12 percent higher than last July 31, when rents were decontrolled. Chicago's rate is 2 percent over the national average.

Personals . . .

Frank T. Hara, 464 Pine St., San Francisco, agent for Pacific Dry Good, visited **George Nishio** of Balli-hi for a week and then headed for Miami Beach . . . Among the cheerful lot in the City Widens is Fresno-born **Jiei Nakama**, 4222 Larchmont, Detroit, who spent his early childhood in Brawley and then schooled in El Monte. A 442nd veteran, he is attending University College here evenings. He hauls steel for a trucking firm and drives his own truck . . . A lovely clerk at Harry's Petite Cleaners & Dyers, 1413 E. 55th St., is a Belgian DP, **Ann Spildooran**. Proprietor is **Harry M. Yamamoto**, 6833 S. Dorchester Ave., who hails from Salinas. He is active in the Nisei American Legion Post 1183, Parkside Improvement Ass'n and 55th St. Businessmen's Ass'n. His wife is the former **Midori Hirotsu** of Walnut Grove, Calif. Their children, **Glenn 10** and **Joyce 9**, attend exclusive South Shore - Parkside grammar school . . . **Grace Kita**, 914 W. Newport Ave., formerly of Cal-exico, is supervising nurse in surgery at the new Veterans Administration Hospital, 820 S. Damen Ave. She is the sister of **George and Carl Kita** and has a married sister, **Mrs. Kaz Ikeda** . . . Other Nisei nurses there include **Elaine Nemoto** and **Masako Kondo** . . . **Dr. George Matsumoto**, 2745 N. Clark St., is presenting the American dentists' view in an authoritative review on a medical text to be printed soon on Gross Anatomy. He is assistant professor of anatomy at Loyola University here, a member of the American Dental Ass'n, Internal Ass'n of Dental Research and a 442nd veteran. He is married to the former **Masako Ishii** of Sparks, Nev. and they have one boy



National Director **Masao W. Satow** of the JACL gives the oath of installation to the newly-elected cabinet of the Mountain Plains JACL district council. Taking the oath at the convention banquet on Nov. 29 at the Albany Hotel are (l. to r.) **Bob Horiuchi**, Denver, treas.; **Mrs. Tom Kobayashi**, Denver, historian; **Mrs. Bob Nakadoi**, Omaha, secretary; **Floyd Koshio**, Fort Lupton, chairman; **Mrs. George Uyemura**, Fort Lupton, secretary; **Tom Ujifusa**, Worland, Wyo., and **Roy Inouye**, Alamosa, Colo., vice-presidents.

-Tom Masamori photo

MOUNTAIN-PLAINS CONFAB

Floyd Koshio new chairman

Denver
Floyd Koshio of Ft. Lupton was elected district chairman of the Mountain-Plains JACL district council for the next biennium, 1953-55. He succeeds **George Masunaga** of Denver, who had served the previous two-year term.

Other officers are: **Tom Ujifusa** (Northern Wyoming), **Roy Inouye** (San Luis Valley), **Sam Yonemoto** (Albuquerque), v.-chmns.; **Mrs. Robert Nakadoi** (Omaha), rec. sec.; **Mrs. George Uyemura** (Ft. Lupton), cor. sec.; **Robert Horiuchi** (Mile-Hi), treas.; and **Mrs. T. K. Kobayashi** (Mile-Hi), hist.

The new officers were introduced at the Mountain-Plains JACL banquet by **Min Yasui**, regional representative, and installation ceremonies were performed by **Masao W. Satow**, na-

tional director of the JACL. Two council sessions were held, one on each afternoon of the convention.

Delegates voted maintenance of the Mountain-Plains regional office for an additional two years, approved evacuation claims amendments proposed by the Washington JACL office elected a slate of officers headed by **Floyd Koshio** of Fort Lupton and urged the Justice Department to ask Congress for funds to carry out an Issei naturalization program.

The Fort Lupton JACL, headed by **Dr. George Uyemura**, co-conference chairman, sponsored a luncheon Sunday noon at **Petrino's** drawing 68 delegates.

INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONFAB

Jim Ushio of Murray elected

Pocatello
The seventh biennial convention of the Intermountain District Council ended Sunday morning with the words of JACL President **George Inagaki** still ringing in their ears. Inagaki, the keynote speaker during the three-day convention, warned the 200 guests to guard their liberties "guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

He cited the attempt by a Wisconsin congressman to introduce a bill at the last session "which, if it had passed, would have meant that all of our alien parents would have been deported."

The bill provided for the deportation of all aliens residing in this country for five years who have not become citizens. "Under the **Walter-McCaran** immigration bill," Inagaki said, "permission was given for the first time last year for our

parents to become citizens."

"The picture today for the Japanese-American citizen is quite rosy," Inagaki said. "This is partly due to the good record of Japan since the war. But it doesn't mean that we can be complacent. We must be vigilant and prepared to fight against any encroachment of our rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

The national president said the war record of the valiant Nisei troops in Italy "helped greatly" to show that Japanese Americans are good citizens.

New IDC officers installed at the dinner-dance at Hotel Ban-nock were as follows:

Jim Ushio (Mt. Olympus), chmn.; **Mas Yano** (Salt Lake), 1st v.-chmn.; **George Sugai** (Snake River), 2nd v.-chmn.; **George Nukaya** (Idaho Falls), treas.; secretary to be appointed by chairman.

Dr. Thomas T. Tucker, education professor at Idaho State College, was keynote speaker at the dinner.

Gregory, 4½. His brothers **James** and **Peter** are optometrists and his sister **Mary**, now **Mrs. Arimoto** of Oxnard, Calif., was active in the Ellis Community Center Church prior to her marriage in 1949 . . . **Capt. Thomas Hiura**, 5017st ASU (Dental), Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., is to be discharged Nov. 30, 1954 and will resume his practice at 1200 N. Clark St.

Ft. Lupton JACL: Issei who attended citizenship classes are to be honored at a banquet Dec. 5. **John Horie** of Brighton and Attorney **Min Yasui** of Denver will be honored guests . . . On Dec. 15, the chapter holds its Sportsmen's Dinner at the Buddhist church. The JACL baseball team and trout derby winners will be honored.

'Old guard' missing from Placer cabinet

Loomis
For this first time since the chapter was reactivated, the Placer County JACL selected a cabinet devoid of the so-called "old guard". **Koichi Uyeno** was elected president to succeed **Tad Yego** last week.

The 1954 officers are all active members since the war who have shown marked abilities. Assisting Uyeno are:

James Uyeda (Loomis), **Kazuto** (Penryn), **Jack Shinkawa** (Newcastle), **George Nishikawa** (Auburn), **Minoru Kakiuchi** (Lincoln), v.p.; **Sato Makishima**, rec. sec.; **Toshiko Hamamoto**, cor. sec.; **George Hirakawa**, treas.; **James Makimoto**, soc.; **Hugo Nishimoto**, ath.

CHAPTER MEMO

West Los Angeles JACL: An ADC benefit movie is scheduled Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at the **WLA Gakuen**, on Corinth Ave., north of Olympic Blvd. Cabinet officers have tickets on sale now.

Salinas JACL: The newly-weds, **George Higashi** and former **Janice Kitamura** (v.p. and sec., respectively), are "at home" at 37 California St. Both were married Nov. 15 by the **Rev. S. Kanow**.

So. Alameda County JACL: The annual Christmas party for all youngsters 12 and under will be held at Warm Springs School auditorium Dec. 18. **Mmes. Sue Kimi** and **Sachi Fudenna**, chairmen, are being assisted by: **Dorothy Kato**, **June Handa**, **Aki Kato**, **Sam Yamanaka**, **Sat Sekigahama**, **Tom Miyaoka** and **Setzu Umamoto**.

Richmond-El Cerrito JACL: A special meeting was held at the home of **Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki** with **No. Calif. Regional Director Haruo Ishimaru** as guest last Tuesday night.

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REPORTS

MASAO W. SATOW

One of the most delightfully refreshing experiences we have had of late was meeting with the Sequoia Chapter Junior JACL composed of members of the Tri-Villes Girls Club and the Redwood Athletic Club. Despite a driving rainstorm, over 60 young people were present and showed sustained attention for two solid hours in JACL, how and why organized, how it operates, what it has done, how it affects every person of Japanese ancestry in this country.

Their pointed questions indicated more than just a courteous interest. At a time when some of our Johnny-come-lately members think that our program is over and there is no longer any pressing need for JACL as an organization, these young people showed concern for the future with such questions as "What are you doing to groom future national staff members?", and then they backed up their concern with a generous check of \$75 for our National Endowment Fund.

More power to the Sequoia Chapters members who have encouraged this group, and especially to Roz Enomoto who gives generously of her time and efforts as advisor of the Tri-Villes.

NEW NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS: The various District Council Conventions being held means election of new officers and changes in our National Board.

Ira Shimasaki of Washington, D.C. was elected Eastern Chairman early this year. Ira is a long-time loyal JACLer upon whom you can always depend. A 442nd vet, he has been the able National Chairman of our important Arlington National Memorial Cemetery Committee for the past several years. His wife Gladys was our first office secretary when the Washington Office was opened up in 1947.

For Midwest District Council Chairman Harry Takagi, this is the second DC Chairmanship to which he has been elected. The Pacific Northwest chose him in '51, but the Veterans Administration for whom he works transferred him from Seattle to Minneapolis before he had a chance to get his feet wet, so to speak. Harry has moved right along in holding the Midwest together to assure the continued operation of our Midwest Office despite no Regional Director.

At the recent Placer County Chapter Silver Anniversary banquet, quarter-century JACLer Tom Yego, Northern California-Western Nevada DC chairman-elect, was presented by National President George Inagaki with the JACL sapphire-studded pin. The sapphire blue designates years of active loyalty to JACL including the present. Tom is just the kind of JACLer for whom this special pin was designed.

Just as what newly elected Chairman Tom Nakamura of Sanger peddles around Central California is indispensable to make things grow, so Tom has been one of the stalwart indispensables for the growth and strength of JACL in that area. Kenji Tashiro whom he succeeds has given two years of sacrificing and devoted leadership which are reflected in the strength and efficiency of the District.

Ken Dyo, PSWDC chairman is not a newcomer to our National Board, having filled the unexpired term of Dr. Roy Nishikawa when elevated to National Treasurer midway in his term of office several years ago. After this hitch as chairman, Ken was JACL spirited enough to take over the reins of the Pasadena chapter as president and serves on the Board in his own right.

Floyd Koshio, who was elected Mountain-Plains chairman last week is no newcomer to JACL. He is an active member of the Ft. Lupton chapter which was organized prior to the outbreak of war upon a visit by then National Field and Executive Secretary, Mike Masaoka. Incidentally, it was this field trip which saw Mike in Nebraska at the time of Pearl Harbor, and a jittery local sheriff hauled him into jail as a suspicious "Jap". This was the first year of eight such hospitalities Mike was to experience during the next year.

New National Board Member by virtue of his election as chairman of the Intermountain District Council is Jim Ushio of Murray, Utah, which for your information, is a suburb of Salt Lake City. Jim is a charter member of the Mt. Olympus chapter which was organized exactly 10 years ago, and like all the other new Board members has served as president of his chapter.

The fact that JACL has been able to challenge the time and energies of these leaders of high caliber is living testimony to the soundness of the purposes of our organization. At the same time, they are the kind of people who have made JACL possible down through the years.

OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT: And to top off our national leadership, we have a fellow who has set a high standard of devotion. Usually when a person is elevated to a high position it means personal prestige, but in George Inagaki's case we safely say it has been the other way—the manner in which George has carried his responsibilities has added prestige to the office of National President.

We know that George practically lives and eats and sleeps JACL. As if the various matters that Mike and myself write and phone him about were not headache enough, this year single-handedly he raised the national budget quota for his own Venice Chapter. "Callahan" is one of those rare fellows "who can walk with kings nor lose the common touch".

ONE THOUSAND CLUB: The two District Council Conventions which have already been held this month have resulted in close to 50 new setups and renewals for the One Thousand Club. In addition, we have received four new Life Members: Takeo and Miyoko Yuki of Los Gatos, Dr. George Baba of Los Angeles, and Ray "Chop" Yasui of Hood River. We quote Chop's letter as indicative of the spirit of the Thousanders who give us this support beyond the obligations of ordinary Chapter membership:

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CAPSULES

A total of \$1,017 was raised for Japanese flood relief in the Cleveland area.

Three thugs slugged Jujiro Morishita of San Francisco, robbing him of \$60 and his keys at O'Farrell St., near Buchanan St., then brazenly followed him home. Owner of the rooming house where the Issei lives immediately had the front door lock combination changed and distributed new keys to tenants.

Tom S. Honda, well-known in Santa Clara valley and a VFW official, was the first Japanese American to be appointed patrol officer by Patrol Co., specializing in patrolling homes and business establishments.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saito of Visalia; Dennis, 7, and Ace, 10, were struck down by a car while walking on Terra Bella Rd., after dark Nov. 21. Both were taken to the Tulare District hospital, seriously injured.

Roy Hatamiya of Marysville succeeds Joe Norikane of Walnut Grove as president of the Northern California Young Buddhist League.

IN HONOR OF

2nd Lt. William A. Harada, Lahaina, Maui, was graduated with top honors from the basic officer's course at Ft. Benning. He was a cadet lieutenant-colonel in the Univ. of Hawaii ROTC last year.

Highest aquatic sailing honors that can be bestowed upon a Boy Scout was awarded to 15-year-old Allan Yamakawa, Troop 515 of the Chicago Buddhist church. Requisites for the Owasippe "Skipper" award include expert rating in boating, swimming, life-saving and canoeing. When 10-years-old, he won every event he entered in the district life-saving meet. Now an official instructor's aide for the Red Cross and Boy Scout swimming program, he is the son of the Victor Yamakawas.

Ernest Yasuyoshi Yamane was appointed deputy attorney general for the Territory of Hawaii by Attorney General Sylva last week. He is a graduate of the Univ. of Hawaii and the Washington University law school (1951) and passed the Hawaiian bar examinations in 1952.

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HARUO ISHIMARU

Last Sunday the Executive Board of the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council met. One of the chief items of consideration was the District Council financial quota for 1954. It was agreed that a quota of \$17,250 be set for the District Council with the major portion being raised by the chapters.

The regional director informed the Board of developments in the 5-F situation. He pointed out that much of the work in the Northern California area had been done by three Nisei attorneys, Victor Abe, Mas Yonemura and Wayne Kanemoto, who have offered their services as "a labor of love." The Executive Board expressed their appreciation for the efforts of these attorneys.

Resignation of Mrs. Masako Minami from the Board, because of family responsibilities, was accepted with regret. Jack Noda, president of the Cortez Chapter and perennial JACL stalwart, was unanimously acclaimed to fill the position.

Present at the meeting were Tom Yego, District Council chairman; George Nishita, vice-chairman; Alice Shigezumi, secretary; Bill Fukuba, treasurer; Board members Grace Aikawa, Fred Hoshiyama, Ginji Mizutani, Bill Matsumoto, Noda, Gilchi Yoshioka, as ex-officio, chapter representatives Kei Hori of San Francisco, Glenn Kowaki of San Benito County, Masuji Fujii of Berkeley, and Haruo Ishimaru, regional director.

Guests Aboard the APL Luxury Liner

Yoshiko and I were the guests last Sunday of Toshi Kataoka of the Aki Hotel Travel Service and the American President Lines for lunch aboard the President Wilson, which is the vessel on which Crown Prince Akihito came from Japan. We had expected to be part of a group to be taken on a tour of the ship but discovered that we were the only guests and were overwhelmed by the royal treatment accorded us not only by Toshi, our charming hostess, but representatives of the APL: William Craig Galt, assistant to the General Passenger Agent, and Asiatic General Agents Marvin Uratsu and P. C. Quock.

Never having made an ocean voyage, although we had met boats and seen friends off, it was the first time we had a chance to dine aboard and to go a personally conducted tour of the boat. Lunch in the luxurious dining room was quite a treat, beginning with a fresh pineapple cocktail and ending, after dessert, with finger bowls yet! There was a choice of pheasant, filet mignon or fresh asparagus. The five or six dinner menus used during a voyage are fabulous, with a large selection of courses to choose from.

Both the President Wilson and President Cleveland are APL steamships engaged in passenger transportation between America and the Orient. The President Wilson (and no doubt the Cleveland) is practically a floating hotel with everything from the plush suites of the first class, such as the Magellan and Neptune, similar to which were occupied by the Crown Prince, down to the third-class compartments. The best suites rival similar space in some of our fanciest hotels with not only a bedroom but a private sitting room and bathroom as well.

Meals aboard are, of course, included in the ticket. The Wilson carries on a typical trip from San Francisco to the Orient and back, approximately 90,000 pounds of meat, fish and poultry; 6,400 dozen eggs; 5,000 pounds of butter, 20,000 pounds of potatoes and 800 crates of fresh fruits and vegetables. It was interesting to note that 80,000 gallons of water are distilled per day.

The Wilson accommodates 300 first-class passengers and 500 third-class with a crew of another 500, so is actually a small traveling city.

We were constantly amazed at all the provisions made for the comfort, fun and well-being of the passengers including medical care for emergency illnesses, deck chairs, swimming pool, playroom for children, a luxurious lounge, library, cocktail lounge, dancing to a band, barber and beauty shop, gift, flower and photo shops, gymnasium, laundry, movies, concerts, kennels for pets, in fact, practically everything one could imagine for a two-week trip to Japan with a ten-hour stopover in Hawaii.

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SPORTSCOPE:

Seattle's Sterling Suzuki

By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

The biggest news football and Nisei-wise came out of the great Pacific Northwest during the past week. The event was the annual battle for the state prep football crown between the Seattle city champs and the state titlists.

Representing the city was the Queen Anne eleven paced by their captain and sterling halfback **Jim Suzuki**. Olympia was the standard bearer for the state.

The final tally read 7 to 6 in favor of Olympia but the courageous performance of Suzuki was commended by the sports writers and fans in that area.

Until Suzuki left the game with a broken arm in the third period, the Kuays held a 6 to 0 lead. After his departure, the Olympians pushed across their touchdown and extra-point to capture the state bunting.

Johny Cherberg, head coach at the Univ. of Washington witnessed the TV'd game which drew 13,000 fans. After the rugged contest, he singled out Suzuki for his outstanding work.

Suzuki sustained his arm injury on a desperation tackle after an opposing back rambled 58 yards with a kick. Coach Dick Clark of Queen Anne also praised the Nisei ball-packer for his offensive and defensive play. He stated that if Suzuki had not been injured, the state title might have returned to Seattle for the first time in many years.

At 5 foot 9 inches, Suzuki has the height to make a college club but will have to put on more weight than his present 150 pounds.

What ever his destiny holds for him on the gridiron, his gallant stand in the state title game of 1953 will be long a topic of discussion with the folks in the Northwest.

From the "Valley of the Sun" as the area around Phoenix, Arizona is known, comes a bit of information on **Jim Kobashi** of Glendale high school.

Despite the handicap of playing for one of the "weak sister" teams in the strong class A, Arizona league, Kobashi was considered one of the best quarterbacks in the state. Only a junior, the deft ball-handling demon was the whole offense for the Glendale elevens during the past season . . .

In Denver, two Nisei gridders were honored with all-city selections. **Kenji Yabe**, two-way center for the undefeated East high team grabbed the top laurel while **Charles Inagaki** of North was cited for his outstanding offensive play . . . **Bill Furuta** received honorable mention . . . **George Kitagawa** of San Mateo high broke into print with a sensational catch of a lofty pass to set up the second TD for his team . . . **Jim Ono**, also of San Mateo, turned in a sparkling defensive game by intercepting a pass and rambling 47 yards . . . **Bob Shiroma**, all-Territorial prep star, injured himself in St. Louis' game against Punahou in Honolulu's game of the year. Shiroma and his mates were dumped for the second time by the Puns . . .

Roosevelt high school of Los Angeles, the school that produced **Dick Nagai**, currently a strong candidate for the Univ. of Southern California varsity basketball team, has added two more names for consideration to the cage world. This year's version of the Teddy five boasts two high-scoring twine-tankers. Both lads tower about 5 ft.-8 inches into the smog. **Kaz Shingato**, who had a 18 point outburst last week, holds down a forward post while **Yoneo Inouye** dunks 'em in from a guard slot. While they are not exceptionally fast afoot, they are more than fairly accurate at getting their share of two-pointers . . . The collegian invitational cage tournament held at Hollywood high school during the week-end was won by the UCLA Nisei five. They dumped the USC Nisei team 42 to 30 in the finals.

BOWLING ALONG: Fuzzy Shimada surpassed his fans greatest expectations by winning the National Match Play tournament held in San Francisco's Park Bowl. The veteran kegler thus earned a free trip to Chicago to compete in the Nationals in January as part of a four-man Bay City contingent. He compiled a 148.30 score under the Petersen scoring system as he led three others in the Northern California play-offs. On his way to winning a berth on the team, Shimada blasted pins at a 199 plus average. Fuzzy chalked up 21 wins in the 32 game elimination set.

San Luis keglers win Mtn.-Plains district confab team championship

Denver
The San Luis Valley JACL bowling team walked off with first place in the first annual Mountain Plains tournament Nov. 28-29 at Bowl-Mor Lanes.

The San Luis team shot a handicapped 3027 score to take top honors. High series for the team was a 590 scratch by Roy Fujii. Other team members were Charles Aigaki, Frank Uyemura, Frank Yorimoto and Charles Hayashida.

Mas Omoto took the singles with a 667. Doubles winners were George Omoto and Mas Omoto with 1275.

Hootch Okumura won the all-events prize with a 1903.

Trophies and prizes were

awarded at the Mountain Plains JACL convention dance Nov. 29 at the Albany Hotel. The team trophy was donated by Billy Mattocks, proprietor of the Bowl-Mor lanes.

Winners in tournament events were as follows:

Team: San Luis Valley JACL, 3027; Denargo Box, 2955; Cathay Post, 2934; Blossom Shop, 2912.

Singles: Mas Omoto, 667; Goon Sakaguchi, 656; Kiyu Yokooji, 653; Tak Yamasaki, 649; Paul Tanouye and Shig Morishige, tied, 645; Iwao Nishikawa, 644; Hootch Okumura, 642; Shun Nakayama, 632; Norm Arakawa, 629.

Doubles: George Omoto and Mas Omoto, 1275; Frank Sebara and George Otsuki, 1276; Billy Mattocks and Opie Hisamoto, 1265; Bob Noguchi and Shun Nakayama, 1264; Mizuno and Urano, 1254; Tom Nakayama and Henry Konishi, 1252; George Fukui and Willie Hasegawa,

Nisei paints life of Mexico Indians

New York

Makoto Oike, 30-year-old Nisei painter who lived and went with Indian tribes of southern Mexico, captured their lives and spirit on canvas. His exhibit closed last week.

From May, 1952, until his return last September, Oike traveled in southern Mexico. His complexion even darkened to the extent that other American tourists mistook him for a native.

The Los Angeles-born Art Center student became deeply interested in Mexican culture in New York. He found his inspiration in the early Mexican artists, studied under Kuniyoshi and Yashima and saved money for his trip.

He hopes to return for a second trip.

While in Mexico, Oike met Luis Nishizawa, a Mexican artist of Japanese ancestry who is coincidentally holding a one-man show in Mexico City. Another Japanese Mexican he has met is Alberto Teruo Arai, head of the architecture department, Institute of Fine Arts, which is connected with the Univ. of Mexico.

Oike has sold several of his paintings.

New citizens —

Visalia

Kumakichi Sekiguchi and his wife Tadako were the first Japanese-born persons to gain citizenship in Tulare County Nov. 20 in the court of Superior Judge W. G. Machtetanz.

Nakatsuka —

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ernment. The visitors have come from Japan, Okinawa, Indo-China and other countries.

When Miss Gresham's survey is completed and a formal program is set up, Hawaii would be the "conditioning" headquarters for American technicians headed for the Orient, as well as for Asiatic trainees headed for the Mainland. Too many Americans sent abroad to give technical aid to foreign countries have lacked an understanding of the culture and mores of the foreign countries and therefore have not been as effective as they might be if they had been "conditioned" in a community like Hawaii.

The same predicament has confronted Asiatic trainees thrown suddenly into an entirely new environment on the Mainland United States. A "conditioning" seminar or institute in Hawaii would be extremely useful for the trainees before they head for the Mainland.

OBITUARIES

GEN MURAYAMA, 11

Tamotsu Murayama's 11-year-old son Gen died of rheumatic fever at 12:30 p.m., Nov. 28, in Tokyo. Murayama is chief of the Japan Bureau, Pacific Citizen, and city editor of the Nippon Times.

1242.

Tournament committeemen: Hootch Okumura, director; John Sakayama, co-chairman; Harry Hashimoto, registration chairman; Frank Sebara, schedules; Billy Mattocks, announcer; Jim Ota, trophies; and Okumura, treasurer.

THE SOU'WESTER

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TATS KUSHIDA

This year's Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue tremender will be off the presses in a couple of weeks. For a good many days, our L.A. office has occupied most of its working hours to processing ads and greetings being sent in by good JACLers and chapters throughout the country.

We'll mention in an early column some of the outstanding hustlers who help make this issue a success. Look for a fine editoria ljob by Harry Honda who, after Christmas, will deservedly relax for a job well done.

Progress of Western Pioneer

The other day we broke bread with some of our friends with the Western Pioneer Insurance Company. In watching the growth and progress of this organization, we are encouraged to see a Nisei enterprise coming along so well.

Barely four years ago, Western Pioneer began operation with \$360,000, most of the stock of which was purchased by Japanese Americans. Today, the firm's assets are nearly one and a quarter million dollars.

President **Ralph L. Jensen** and practically all of the officers and members of the board of directors are JACLers, some of them past chapter presidents and officers.

From Los Angeles, **Dave Nitake** serves as chairman of the board while **Hughes Tsuneishi**, **Kiyo Yamato** and **Kay Kamiya** are directors as is **Joe Minato** of West L.A.

From Fresno way, **Mike Iwatsubo** and **Tom Shirakawa** are directors. Former co-chairman of the No. Calif. Kikaken Kisen Domei, **Keisaburo Koda** of South Dos Palos and **Kihei Ikeda** of Sacramento serve on the board of directors as well as another Sacramentan, **Tim Sasabuchi**.

Two other officers hail from the Sou'wester's home town, Berkeley. They are **Tad Hirota**, treasurer, and **Y. B. Mamiya**, vice-president, both members of the board of directors.

Mike, incidentally is giving the PC a helping hand with Holiday Issue ads in Fresno. We appreciate his reference to our appetite as that of a gourmet, not glutton. Anyway, as **Tokuo Gordon**, National 1,000 Club chairman might say, most people are partial to food.

Soon after we evacuees were permitted to return to our Pacific Coast homes, a very real problem smacked us in the kisser. Casualty companies were either unwilling to write auto insurance for Japanese or were charging extra high premium rates.

This situation inspired the organization of the Western Pioneer Insurance Co. as a means of filling a vacuum created by racial discrimination. Western Pioneer provided the insurance service denied the returnees and helped to bring other insurance firms into line so that Japanese now enjoy standard rates with many companies.

The "afu" was knocked out of "snafu". Other non-white groups are still victims of sub-standard policies if any at all.

The same officers and board head the newly formed Western Pioneer Investment Co., recently authorized by the Corporation Commissioner of California to operate a financing and loan company. The investment firm will finance autos for a start but expect to expand into other fields including furniture, appliances and other personal property.

It has received similar authorization to operate in Arizona and hopes to receive approval from Oregon and Washington in the near future.

Credit and loan manager for the investment company will be **Wayne Dermitt**, formerly associated with Universal C.I.T. and Union Auto Services.

Farm Workers for California

This writer wishes all the success so well merited by the Western Pioneer boys. A successful Nisei enterprise contributes to the total economic security and future well-being of all Nisei.

Henry Sakemi, former president of the Coachella Valley chapter and first postwar chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council, has an idea that might be helpful to farmers.

Hank is president of the Coachella Valley Farmers Association. Last week, he invited a delegation of British West Indies labor officials to meet with his association to discuss a proposal of supplying farm workers from the West Indies, a number of whom are already employed on midwestern farms.

Transportation guarantees, screening as to moral character and physical condition and other safeguards are assured by the BWI group to the association with which they enter into agreement, contracts running for one year and renewable each year for three years.

The workers could be transported from one farmers association to another to meet peak harvest periods, according to the BWI officials.

Sakemi suggests the possibility that farm workers from Japan similarly might be considered to help labor shortage areas here.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ Violence in the form of explosion rocked two hotels owned or leased by Japanese within five days. Damages soared above the \$10,000 mark on each of the two structures but fortunately only two of the guests were known to have been burned by the terrific blasts. Last Friday afternoon, the Central Hotel on Bunker Hill, owned by William Y. Ogawa, shook under the impact, dislodging doors, toppling bath tubs, toilets bowls, and shattering glass windows.

Two-thirds of the rooms in the five-story hotel were damaged beyond immediate use, and most of the 65-room tenants were forced to stay with their relatives or friends.

An early morning blast, Tuesday, at Clarence Hotel, 525 So. Wall St., injuring two tenants, and evicting more than 80 guests, still in their night attire, into the streets.

Seven fire companies rushed to the scene to keep the blaze, which followed, under control.

The explosion emanated from one of the rear rooms on the second floor of the four-story brick building. The 80-room hotel is leased by Kakuo Tanaka.

In both accidents, which could have resulted in wholesale deaths, city inspectors did not blame gas leakage as cause of the blasts. A faulty heater was believed to have been the cause of the Central explosion. Investigation still continues on the Clarence Hotel debacle.

★ The week's surprise announcement is that Assistant U.S. Attorney James K. Mitsumori, the first Japanese American to win such government position, resigned to resume private practice in Li'l Tokio.

The 31-year-old veteran of World War II with the 442nd Combat Team had, however, been contemplating about resuming his practice. He was appointed by the now Federal Court Judge Ernest A. Tolin two and a half years ago. Mitsumori later served under U.S. Attorneys alter Bians and Laughlin E. Waters.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Nisuke Mitsumori of Pasadena, who is married to former Nora Maehara of Honolulu, had practiced two years before getting his Federal job in June of 1951.

★ The Christmas Cheer Committee this week reported a total of \$704 in their offer to help Yuletide season a little more happier for the less fortunate Japanese American families.

Meantime, with deadline for the drive set the third week of December, an appeal has been made by the group for more toys to give to the children of the household. "Spiritual needs are just as important as food and clothing," commented Mrs. Sue Takimoto Joe, chairman.

Doing their bid to swell the same financial drive will be the members of the Southwest L.A. chapter JACL, headed by Mack Hamaguchi, president, who will hold a box lunch auction social on Dec. 12.

The pitch is that all the women (and we share the belief that most of them are attractive) donate two homemade delicious box lunches, and the negotiastical male bid on them—not the girls but the boxes.

Then the highest bidder on the said item and the maker get into a secluded huddle to share the out-of-this-world supper, quiet and peaceful like. There's nothing cheap about the deal. The bid ceiling is five dollars.

Ph.D. genius from Caltech, Toru Iura, will rattle out the bids, noted Hisashi Horita, chairman of the evening's affair.

Hamaguchi's wife, Hide, will

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

DE LA TORRES—Nov. 8, a boy Steve to the Steve W. De La Torres (Sadako Toyosaki), Los Angeles.

FUKUYAMA—Oct. 31, a boy to the Sanji B. Fukuyamas, Stockton.

HALTMAN—Nov. 7, a boy Richard to the Vincent Joseph Haltmans (Fujiko Hosokawa), Los Angeles.

HASHIMOTO—Oct. 26, a girl to the Hiroshi Hashimotos, Richmond.

HASHIMOTO—Nov. 5, a girl Dianna Joy Namiya to the Shigeyuki Hashimoto, Los Angeles.

HISHIMURA—Nov. 6, a girl to the Ichiro B. Hishimuras, Brentwood.

IMANISHI—Nov. 24, a girl to the Fred Imanishis, Seattle.

INAHARA—Nov. 8, a boy Alan C. to the Yoshio Inaharas, Portland, Ore.

INOUE—Nov. 12, a boy to the Kazuo Inoues, Kingsburg.

ISHIKAWA—Nov. 10, a girl Susan Rinko to the Tetsuo Ishikawas (Tsugi Ozaki), Los Angeles.

IWATA—Nov. 13, a boy Rodney Grant to the Dan H. Iwatas, Mountain View.

KATASHIMA—Nov. 12, a girl Laura to the Sawato Katashimas, Gilroy.

KIMOTO—Nov. 11, a boy James George to the James Tadao Kimotos (Pauline Mary Breda), Los Angeles.

KOBUCHI—Nov. 9, a boy to the Tamotsu Kobuchis, San Francisco.

KOTANI—Nov. 24, a girl Miyako to the Eugene Kotanis (Yuriko Obata), Berkeley.

KUROMIYA—Nov. 7, a girl Kathleen Aiko to the Setsuo Kuromiyas (Fumi Okahana), Los Angeles.

KUSUNOKI—Nov. 5, a boy Paul Nobuo to the Shinobu George Kusunokis (Hagiko Teramoto), Los Angeles.

KUWAYE—Nov. 3, a girl to the Yoshitsune B. Kuwayes, Sacramento.

LOWERY—Nov. 2, a boy Michael Lee to the John E. Lowerys (Ruriko Yamasaki), Reseda.

MARUYAMA—Oct. 29, a boy to the Kazuma Maruyamas, Dinuba.

MASUKANE—Oct. 29, a girl Edith Konae to the Minoru Masukanes (Lucille Yoshiko Uyebata), Los Angeles.

MATSUKAWA—Nov. 6, a boy to the Tashimi Matsukawas, Salt Lake City.

MINE—Nov. 14, a girl Susan Sachiko to the Wataru Mines, Cupertino.

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

MIURA—Nov. 11, a boy Glenn William to the Wilfred T. Hiuras, San Francisco.

NAGANO—Nov. 4, a girl Janet Hisako to the Paul Makoto Naganos (Florence Emiko Wake), Los Angeles.

NAKAMURA—A girl Jayne Sachiko to the Kay Nakamuras (Suma Nakamura), Lucerne, Wyo.

NAKATA—A girl to the Henry K. Nakatas, Denver.

NOMI—Nov. 19, a girl to the Ben Nomis, Ontario, Ore.

OHARA—Oct. 2, a girl to the Mas Oharas, Parlier.

OYAMA—Nov. 6, a boy Roy to the Roy Oyamas, Caldwell, Idaho.

SADAKANE—Nov. 5, a boy Michael George to the Masami Sadakanes (Fusako Kukuda), Los Angeles.

SAKURAI—Nov. 6, a boy David Takeo to the Takeshi Sakurais (May Tomiko Tomio), Los Angeles.

SASAKI—A girl to the Sam I. Sasakis, Henderson, Colo.

SHIBA—Nov. 16, a girl to the William Shibas, Orsi.

SHIOMOTO—Nov. 13, a boy Gary Hideo to the Sam Shiomotos, Santa Clara.

SHIRAIISHI—Oct. 30, a boy to the Tadashi Shiraiishis, Stockton.

SHIROMA—Oct. 30, a girl Debra Jeanne to the Ryoichi Shiromas (Kiyoko Higa), Los Angeles.

SUEKI—Nov. 20, a girl to the Jack Suekis, San Jose.

SUNADA—Nov. 10, a girl to the Tom Sunadas, Fresno.

TOKIWA—Nov. 13, a boy Ronald to the Toshio Tokiwas, San Jose.

USUI—A girl to the George H. Usuis, Denver.

WAKIMURA—A girl to the Masao Wakimuras, Denver.

YAMAGUCHI—Nov. 18, a boy to the Sumi Yamaguchis, Seattle.

YAMAMOTO—Nov. 23, a boy to the Sato Yamamotos, Seattle.

YAMASAKI—Nov. 3, a girl to the Henry K. Yamasakis, Sacramento.

YUKAWA—Nov. 15, a boy to the Masashi S. Yukawa, San Francisco.

Weddings

FUKUMOTO-NISHIKAWA — Nov. 29, Jack Fukumoto, Los Angeles, and Carole Nishikawa, Sacramento.

HIGASHI-KITAMURA — Nov. 15, George Higashi and Janice Kitamura, both of Salinas.

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

KANECHIKA-TOMITA — Nov. 22, Yoichi Kanechika and Rosie Yaeke Tomita, both of Los Angeles.

KAWAMOTO-KUSAGAYA — Nov. 22, Masami Kawamoto, Altadena, and Hisako Kusagaya, Long Beach.

KINOSHITA-HAMADA — Nov. 21, Willie Tomomi Kinoshita, Ault, Colo., and Helen Yukiye Hamada, Morgan Hill, Calif., at Denver.

KONISHI-YOSHIDA—Nov. 21, Dr. Ben Hisao Konishi, Platteville, Colo., and Miyeko Yoshida, Alamosa, Colo., at Denver.

KOYANO-TOCHIHARA — Nov. 22, Wesley Kaname Koyano and Sumi Tochiyama, both of Brighton, Colo.

NAKAI-SAKAGUCHI—Nov. 15, Masaji Nakai, Hawthorne, and Emiko Sakaguchi, Riverside.

NAKAZAWA-SHINDO — Nov. 22, Eise Nakazawa and Dorothy S. Shindo, both of Los Angeles.

NARIMATSU-NAKASHIMA — Nov. 28, Ray Narimatsu and Grace Nakashima, both of Sacramento.

NISHIDA-SASAKI—Nov. 14, Kenneth Nishida and Midori Sasaki, both of Redley.

NOBUHIRO-SHINE — Nov. 27, Ben Nobuhiro and Michiko Shine at Redley.

OGINO-YAMAGA—Nov. 7, George Patty T. Yamaga, 22, Morgan Hill, at Stockton.

OSUMI-NAKATA—Nov. 22, Takashi Osumi, Brigham Canyon, Utah, and Michiko Nakata, Gardena.

OTSUKI-TADA—Nov. 29, Thomas Otsuki, Gilroy, and Mary Tada, Watsonville.

RYONO-OKA — Nov. 22, Tetsuya Ryono, Chicago, and Tazuko Oka, Wilmington.

SHIMOKAJI-UMENO—Nov. 22, Ki-yoshi Shimokaji and Chieko Umeno, both of Los Angeles.

TATSUKAWA-AOKI—Nov. 21, Yoshio Tatsukawa and Dorothy Aoki, both of Los Angeles.

TOYAMA-IKEDA — Nov. 29, Evan Toyama and Toshi Ikeda, both of Sacramento.

Marriage Licenses Issued

ARIMA-NAKANISHI — George, 28, Sumner, Wash., and Shizuko, 27, Seattle.

KAGIYAMA-YAMADA — Jeanne to Jim, both of Spokane, Nov. 20.

ISHIKAWA-YAMANAKA — Takeo, 34, Mt. View, and Hideo O., 32, Warm Springs.

KOJIMOTO-FUJIMOTO — Robert and Betty, both of San Francisco.

MATSUMOTO-FUKIMITSU — Shurei, 25, Marysville, and Norma, 21, Yuba City.

NAKAMURA-UMEKI — Shigeharu, 28, and Chiye, 28, both of San Leandro.

NISHIMOTO-URANO — Hugh M., Ft. Lupton, Colo., and Alice M., Ione, Colo.

SONODA-INOUE—Teruo, 25, San Luis Rey, and Taka, 28, Oakland.

SUTOW-TSUDA — Ann, San Mateo, to Masuo, Watsonville, Nov. 21.

TERAJI-MATSUYOSHI—Shoji G., 24, Glendale, Ariz., and Toshiko B., 23, Mesa, Ariz.

WALLACE-KAWASAKI — Joe Harold, 26, New York City, and Betty Nobue, 26, Sacramento.

YAMAMOTO-NISHIDA—Ellis Iwao, 37, Newcastle, and Fusaye, 21, Lodi, at Reno.

YODA-OHASHI—Kenneth D., 22, (U.S. Army), and Miyeko, 24, Seattle.

Deaths

EKUNI, Mrs. Shin, 77: Seattle, Nov. 19, survived by husband Jinzo, sister Mrs. Suye Kikoshima, four brothers Seijiro Takahashi, Frank Takahashi, Harukichi Takahashi and Kanekichi Miyano.

HAYASHI, Fusazo, 54: Los Angeles, Nov. 28, survived by wife Juanita Yoneko, son Mickey and daughter Betty.

ICHIUJI, Kikujiro, 64: San Francisco, Nov. 20.

KAYASUGA, Tsunekichi, 70: Montebello, Nov. 28, survived by wife Masaye, sons Hajime, Hiroshi, Kiyoshi, daughters Mrs. Sachiko Namba and Mrs. Haruko Morioka.

KIUCHI, Sadakatsu, 52: Los Angeles, Nov. 28, survived by wife Yoshiko.

KIYOHARA, Jutaro: Portland, Ore., Nov. 13.

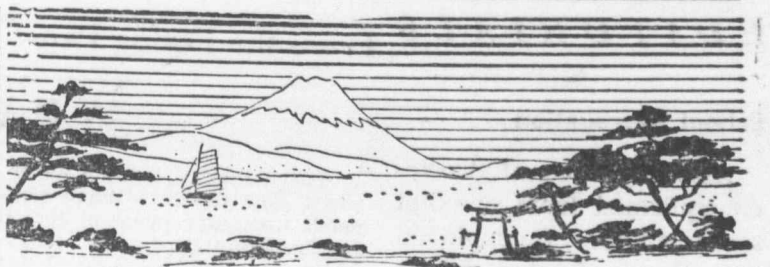
MIYANAGA, Tetsuzo, 69: Salinas, Nov. 16, survived by wife Komatsu, son Tom "Lefty", daughters Mitsuko, Itsuko, Mrs. Miya Kubota and Mrs. Yosh Nakai (Palo Alto).

Engagements

MATSUOKA-MATSUI — Violet to Tommy, both of Watsonville, Nov. 20.

NAGAI-SHOYAMA — Matsuko to Fumio, both of Parlier, Nov. 21.

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EDITORIALS From the Frying Pan . . .

School Segregation

Attorney General Brownell squirmed from one hot seat to another. He exploded the Harry Dexter White charges only recently and this week told the Supreme Court they have the duty and authority to outlaw public school segregation.

The Justice Department's brief represents President Eisenhower's stand on the question of segregation of white and colored pupils in elementary schools.

There were five cases attacking school segregation in South Carolina, Virginia, Delaware, Kansas and the District of Columbia argued en bloc before the Supreme Court in December, 1952. The court, before its summer recess last June, ordered a complete reargument set to begin Dec. 7 with a request that all parties study these three points:

1. Whether the 14th Amendment was intended to abolish racial segregation.
2. If it was not intended to abolish segregation immediately, did it open the way for congressional and judicial action in that field?
3. If non-segregation is ordered, must admission of Negroes to white school be immediate, or can the court permit a gradual adjustment?

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has held that segregation "per se" is unconstitutional. It is described as an anti-democratic device designed to perpetuate an obsolete caste system which is contrary to the basic ethical concepts of Judaeo-Christian tradition. On the other hand, the attorney general of Delaware, in his brief, declared that debates in Congress show strong evidence that the 14th Amendment was considered to have no effect on public school segregation. It was felt the issue was up to Congress to decide.

If the court rules segregation "per se" is unconstitutional, it could mean that all laws permitting racial segregation in schools, transportation, recreation, housing, public accommodations would be ultimately invalidated. Yet, at the same time the question of the court's right to enforce segregation without further legislation by Congress looms.

The answer lies in the South. Editorial comment in the southern press, church groups, students, units of organized labor are on record opposing continuation of segregation. "The South is more mature than some of its spokesmen would have us believe"—to quote Channing Tobias of the NAACP.

Because of the outburst of youthful gangs, a judge suggests the old woodshed treatment. A good way to thrash things out.

We've Come of Age

For a long time now we've been hearing about how the Nisei have come of age. One needs no better proof of this truth than the JACL Mountain-Plains district convention which was held here in Denver last week-end. It was an adult affair all the way through, with an impressive array of participants and guests.

Chief among the guests was Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., the garage mechanic who became the Nisei's foremost war hero. And to pay him tribute were a congressman and an acting governor, among others.

Through the entire convention, one couldn't help but be impressed by the know-how that the Nisei have acquired. Take the principal speaker, Mike Masaoka. There are few Americans today who can match his oratorical eloquence, who are as articulate on their feet, who can tug at the heartstrings or wave the flag as the occasion demands. He is a top-rater in any company.

Or take Tak Terasaki, a pharmacist by profession, who was banquet toastmaster. His performance was polished, urbane, entirely adequate. No one could ask more.

The arrangements ran off like clockwork. That was proof of sound groundwork, of highly competent behind-the-scenes preparations founded on know-how.

The heartening thing about all this is that the Denver convention was not particularly exceptional. All the other JACL gatherings are displaying the same high quality, attracting civic notables and winning a good press.

There was accomplishment reflected in the participants, too. The new district chairman,

Vagaries . . .

Era of Suspicion Mongers

Mike Masaoka's speech at the Mountain Plains JACL district council banquet in Denver Sunday night touched on the nerve-ends of a time when fear and suspicion walk the troubled streets.

In a ringing affirmation of faith in the innate ability of democracy to rectify its mistakes, he projected the Nisei history of the past decade against the present era when the suspicion-mongers are at work against the whole population. He recalled that the Nisei were corralled and locked in concentration camps as a result of a campaign of fear and suspicion. The Nisei, in 1942, were the victims of mass guilt by association and ancestry. The Nisei were evacuated without hearings and without the presentation of a bill of particulars; they were detained behind the barbed-wire because of an ethnic relationship to the enemy.

The Nisei, Mike Masaoka said, were the victims of smear and fear. They should be the last, he said, to be stamped today by similar charges against other individuals or groups in the American population. The Nisei know the end result of unbridled accusations. They must be the last to condemn and the first to demand proof of accusations and to insist on due process.

Mike Masaoka's speech is pertinent in a time when the lynching of the body is a memory of the recent primitive past, but the lynching of the mind and spirit goes on wherever suspicion multiplies and fear flourishes.

There is no softness toward communism, nor toward any other ideology, implied in an insistence that the full processes of democracy be followed. The recent case of Lt. Milo Radulovich of the air force provides a trenchant example. Lt. Radulovich was ordered separated from the air force reserve because of a board finding that, although there was no question at any time of his loyalty, he refused to dissociate himself completely from his father and sister who were considered suspected subversives. Lt. Radulovich's only crime was one of association and ancestry, a guilt not dissimilar to that charged against Americans of Japanese ancestry at the time of the mass evacuation in 1942.

It is significant that Lt. Radulovich did not lack for champions, one of the foremost being Edward R. Murrow of CBS. Mr. Murrow, on his weekly TV show, "See It Now," some weeks ago devoted the entire program to the case for the second generation air force lieutenant of Slavic ancestry. The program's sponsors, the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) skipped their usual middle commercial so that this courageous and unusual program, in a time when individuals and corporations are loath to take a stand on any issues more controversial than motherhood, could be presented without interruption or distraction. It also was heartening to read the Pacific Citizen's forthright editorial recently on the Radulovich case.

Insistence on democracy, strengthening its fiber and its fabric, is an effective way to combat that political disease which many Americans now refer to as McCarthyism. In

Floyd Koshio, is a successful farmer and respected citizen of Fort Lupton, Colo. Roy Inouye, another member of the executive body, is a farmer also, a Rotarian and highly regarded citizen of the San Luis valley in south-central Colorado. Big Tom Ujifusa, a Worland, Wyo., rancher is a long-time resident of that rich farming area, a well known personality in his home community. Bob Horiuchi, keeper of the exchequer, is an auditor employed by the Colorado state department of revenue.

Patrick Okura, a national JACL vice-president, came in from Omaha where he is a psychologist at world-famous Boys' Town. Kish Otsuka from Sedgwick, Colo., one of the area's biggest and most progressive farmers and civic leader, drove down for the proceedings. The roll call of notables could go on and on if there were room in this column.

One thing Mike Masaoka said in his address sticks with me. The Nisei, Masaoka declared, more than any other group, have reason to be thankful because of the amazing progress they've made in a decade's time. From America's "most mistreated minority," they have bounded forward and upward in giant leaps until they have won complete and respected acceptance.

I'd never thought about ourselves in that particular light, but it's the truth and something most of us are just beginning to realize.

Jim Imatani expressed the thoughts of a lot of fellows when he said: "We only feel what Mike says but we can't put it into words. It helps a lot when a fellow like him can express our own thought for us."

by Larry Tajiri

the Radulovich case this insistence finally resulted in the reversal of the air force loyalty board's decision by Air Secretary Talbot and the reinstatement of the lieutenant. Early in World War II the army had many similar Radulovich cases involving Americans of Japanese ancestry who were discharged or shifted to non-sensitive operations because of ethnic affiliations.

Much of the present disregard for the sanctity of American citizenship is a result of that betrayal of citizen rights exemplified by mass evacuation and mass detention in 1942 of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Fears expressed by a number of eminent legal authorities at the time, and following the Supreme Court decision which upheld mass evacuation and detention in the Yasui-Hirabayashi cases, have been borne out. That betrayal, as Morton Grodzins documented in his "Americans Betrayed", was of the whole population and not of Japanese Americans alone.

A strengthened democracy can better withstand the insidious doctrine of communism, but a democracy, weakened by fears and torn by suspicion, is less able to defend itself. The glaring inconsistency of the McCarthy approach to the fight against communism is that Americans are being asked to sacrifice their principles, surrender democracy and abandon the dignity of the individual. In the end the fighters will have lost the very thing for which they have been fighting.

The Harry Dexter White case, in which the major fact is that a Communist spy apparatus was operating within our government, shows that a determined effort was made by Communists to subvert the United States government. The fact of history is that they did not succeed. A strong democracy was able to withstand the subversion of a treacherous few.

The Nisei were the touchstone of democracy in the month after Pearl Harbor when their citizen rights were sacrificed in the name of expediency. The significant fact about the Nisei experience is that they did not lose faith in their native land, despite the treatment accorded them, and today stand with a future bright in the full sunlight of their vindication. It is also significant that the Nisei did choose to combat the racist hate-monger and the economic opportunist by matching truth against myth and deed against rumor.

There is a lesson for all Americans here, in a time when an effort is being made to undermine the structure of democracy, in the Nisei experience since the foreboding months of 1942 when barbed-wire and the watchtower were the limits of the Nisei horizon.

Nothing is a greater menace to good government than tax dodgers, says a banker. Unless it's tax spenders.

If you want a hole drilled in your patience, just stop and talk to a bore.

DECADE AGO

Dec. 4, 1943

Wholesale evacuation of Japanese from West Coast opposed by Justice Dept., Attorney General Biddle reveals at congressional hearing.

War Dept. announced 34 men of 100th Infantry killed in action.

ACLU may test coast exclusion ruling.

Mrs. Teruko Usui, 20, vic-tim of traffic accident on highway near camp.

Coast Fair Play committee backs WRA jurisdiction on Tule Lake segregation camp.

Police raid former San Francisco Konkokyo church now "bootleg" joint.

Sec'y of State discourages plan to deport Tule Lake segregationees for equal number of Americans in Japan; no assurance Tokyo will accept Tule group.

Brig. Gen. Ray Hays of California State Guards wants persons of Japanese ancestry permanently excluded from west coast, predicts "riots and bloodsheds" if allowed to return.

Pasadena Committee on American Principles and Fair Play opposes legislation barring return of Japanese to west coast.

White House gets bill repealing Chinese exclusion laws, given rights of naturalization and immigration quota of 106.

"Go for Broke," short Army film reporting the Camp Shelby training of Nisei troops, screened at Rowher WRA center.

Poston WRA official answers Sen. Tenney on evacuee's travel in evacuated area; all had permission of Western Command. (Tenney and L.A. Examiner charged "persons of Japanese ancestry were entering California in large numbers".)

MINORITY

Racial bias is on the wane, the Anti-Defamation League was told in three reports at the opening session last week of its annual convention in Washington, D.C. Henry E. Schultz of New York, national chairman of the B'nai B'rith, said this country "is an astonishingly different nation now than when ADL was founded in 1913".

A Long Island (N.Y.) police chief has refused to believe that racial prejudice lies behind two blazes occurring in eight days at the home of a Brooklyn Negro planning to move into a predominantly white area in Copiague. The partly-built house is under constant surveillance by detectives.

Banning of interracial dating by authorities of Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., was termed "downright reprehensible and unprecedented for a religious-affiliated educational institution" by NAACP youth secretary Herbert L. Wright.

Full citizenship for all California Indians is no more than a few years away, according to Glenn Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Some 16,000 are still living on reservations, governed by restraints imposed generations ago. But others have been thoroughly schooled and "are ready for emancipation". Major benefit of Indians gaining full citizenship will be that they will be allowed to control their own affairs, including the right to sell their land.

The House Ways & Means subcommittee on social security reported that 47.3 percent of the population over 65 is receiving old age insurance payments or old age assistance. Percentage was highest in Louisiana with 71 out of 100 older persons getting federal aid.