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## Quits Japan, costs too high to retire

**Tokyo**  
An American may be convinced that any foreign country is a cheaper place to live. But 70-year-old Kotaro Sudo and his wife are returning to Florida to get away from sky-high, inflationary living costs in Japan.  
Mr. and Mrs. Sudo arrived in Tokyo last June after 53 years in Miami Beach, Fla. They had come home to live out their lives in comfortable retirement after Sudo's successful career as a landscape gardener in America. He was made an honorary citizen of the resort city just before he left.  
Sudo couldn't get government permission to buy land, and couldn't even afford to buy a house because of exorbitant prices. Their planned budget couldn't take the strain of Japan's high cost of living.  
So last week they left for the U.S. on the APL's President Cleveland, with an assortment of potted bamboo and other plants Sudo hopes to sell.

## Minnesota post

**St. Cloud, Minn.**  
The Rev. Shigeo Tanabe of Tacoma was named new director of the Wesley Foundation at St. Cloud Teacher's College recently.  
He served as pastor at San Francisco, Sacramento, Tule Lake Center, Detroit and New Haven, Mich.

## A Reporter's Farewell to His Son

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA  
Japan Bureau, Pacific Citizen

**Tokyo**  
This is the saddest moment of my life. There are no words to express my feeling with the loss of my precious son Gen.  
Gen died of rheumatic fever after a valiant 40-month struggle. It has been a tragic fight for him, but God called him to His side from my hand, relieving him of further pain and suffering.  
In spite of his prolonged sickness, he was bright and cheery. Even during his desperate moments, he always gave everyone a smile. My wife was as devoted as a mother would be to assure speedy recovery. She stayed by him. Her daily life was built around him, cheering him on. She had no free time but for Gen.  
When the Saburo Kidos and Mike Masaokas visited him last year, it was his happiest moment. Saburo Kido had sent him a TV set, which constantly entertained him as he sat up in bed to enjoy the programs and news-reels. His gay, laughing voice filled the house in spite of his illness.  
One week before his death, he shunned the set. He knew he was going to Heaven on Nov. 28—because his youngest brother, Hiroshi, went to Heaven on May 28, 1950. The 28th day appeared mystic to him.  
Gen tried to be a comfort to his mother. He let her give a very deep and wide. He spent his days and nights and didn't let the doctor. He col-

# Speed-up plan of larger claims revealed, JACL to push in '54

**Los Angeles**  
Declaring the JACL is the only effective and interested party able to expedite the consideration and payment of the remaining larger evacuation claims, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, explained the organization's proposed amendments to the evacuation claims law to more than 100 claimants at a Los Angeles dinner meeting.  
During a two hour discussion period in which Eiji Tanabe acted as interpreter, Masaoka emphasized that in spite of the validity of the claim and the ability of the attorney of record, only the JACL is in a position to seek the necessary legislative amendments in Washington to insure speedy consideration and payment of the 4,000 remaining claims.

He estimated that the Southern California Japanese community might have an interest of more than 25 million dollars in the remaining evacuation claims. The payment of that amount of money will beneficially affect every person of Japanese ancestry in the area, he stated.

"Although it might be expected that the interested attorneys or the larger claimants would try to work out a program for the more expeditious handling of larger claims, it is interesting that, as usual, all are waiting for the JACL to suggest the appropriate alternatives," Masaoka declared.  
He expressed the hope that the larger claimants would appreciate JACL's position in making possible speedy consideration and payment of all claims and would support the

organization's present fund drive. He added that when the larger claims are paid these claimants would contribute generously to the National JACL Endowment Fund.  
"Remember, it is only these claims. And, JACL that can help expedite cannot function without the support of those whom they are trying to help," Masaoka said.  
One of the proposed amendments would make the postmark date, and not the receipt date, the determining factor in

the timeliness of filing a claim. The other, and more important, amendment would give to the remaining claimants three alternatives in the processing of their respective claims.  
One is the present adjudication method.  
The second is to allow the compromise and settlement of any claim without regard as to amount up to three-quarters of the compensable items thereof. If the government offer is less than 50 per cent of the total of the original claim (not compensable items), the claimant may reject the offer and insist upon the adjudication of his claim.

The third is to request the Court of Claims to litigate the claim.  
Masaoka declared that the first two were administrative methods while the third is judicial. He stated that depending upon the claim and the available documents, as well as the Department of Justice's adjudications of items included in the claim, the claimant may elect any of the three alternatives he feels best fits his particular situation.

Mere introduction of these amendments does not assure their passage, the Washington representative said, indicating that the present political alignment in Congress where neither party

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## 178 NEW, PROSPECTIVE ISSEI CITIZENS HONORED IN PORTLAND

**Portland**  
An elaborate welcome into the "greatest of all fraternities, American citizenship," was given Saturday last week to 178 new or incipient citizens of Japanese ancestry at a banquet in the Multnomah hotel.

The program was the closing event of a Japanese American Citizens League Pacific Northwest district council convention. Roy Nishikawa, Los Angeles, national treasurer, pointed out that the Issei—born in Japan—have made tremendous strides in the 11 years "since we were unwilling prisoners of our government."

"We are fortunate," he said. "In a great democracy like America we had the opportunity to make that comeback."  
He said objectives of the Japanese American Citizens League have been accomplished—restoration of rights, indemnification during the war, and the right of citizenship for Issei.  
He warned the JACL still has a job to do in "translating legal and theoretical equality to practical equality," and suggested the organization might well

turn its energies to "new horizons" and broader American fields such as over-all racial equality, juvenile delinquency and problems of the aged.

Masao W. Satow, national JACL director, told the group. "I am only sorry it has taken America so long to recognize the contributions of our parents to this country," noting that the military records of their children indicated the patriotic upbringing given by noncitizen Issei.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, in an address partly in Japanese, said Oregon's law changes have helped the cause of racial equality.

He urged the new citizens to "write back to Japan and tell how important it is that Japan stay on the side of freedom and democracy" in the struggle against communism.

A Japanese language officer during the war, Thornton told of meeting Japan's Admiral Nomura in a San Francisco hotel last week and delivered the admiral's message to the group: "Hope for the future of Japan lies in close and friendly alliance with the United States," and in rearmament of Japan.

Noboru (Newton) Takashima, 54, Gresham, a resident of the United States for 48 years and the first Issei to achieve American citizenship in this area, addressed the group in Japanese.

The invocation, also in Japanese, was given by Rev. Arthur Collins of Hood River's First Baptist church.

## New citizens —

**Cheyenne, Wyo.**  
Five Issei and a war bride of Japanese ancestry appeared before an Immigration Officer from Denver at the Post Office Building in Cheyenne, Wyo. on Nov. 25 and successfully completed the filing of petition to become American citizens.

Examinations were passed, and they are now anxiously awaiting the date to be set in January when they will become full-fledged citizens before Judge Blake Kennedy of the U.S. District Court here.

Applicants who successfully took their first steps toward becoming citizens are: Tatsunosuke Tokahashi, Shiro Ogasawara, Mrs. Toki Sakata, Mrs. Kiyoko Kubota, Mrs. Haruyo Tani, and Mrs. Nancy A. LaBunbard.

**Berkeley**  
Among 11 Alameda county residents representing as many nationalities became citizens of the United States in the naturalization proceedings in the court of Superior Judge Donald K. Quayle was Sugi H. Togasaki, 65, 2120 Channing Way, Berkeley.

**Ontario, Ore.**  
The oath of allegiance was taken by about 30 Japanese in the Vale Circuit court this week with Judge Biggs presiding. Among those naturalized was the Rev. Norio Yasaki, Ontario minister of the Community Methodist Church.

## Santa Barbara dentist promoted naval commander

**San Diego**  
Santa Barbara's Nisei dentist, Dr. Yoshio Nakaji, and longtime JACL stalwart, recently was promoted commander in the United States Navy. He is stationed at the San Diego Naval Training Station.

As commander, it is believed he is the highest ranking Nisei officer in the Navy.

## Draft evasion charges dismissed

**San Francisco**  
A Japanese American who trained as a pilot in the Japanese navy during World War II was arrested on charges of draft evasion two weeks ago. Last Monday, the charges were dismissed by Commissioner Joseph Karesh.

The FBI picked up Masanori Kusuda, 26-year-old Santa Cruz strawberry rancher, on a complaint filed by the U.S. attorney's office in Honolulu, charging he failed to report for induction there June 30, 1951.

Kusuda, speaking in broken English, told newsmen he was born in Hawaii, was taken by his family to Japan when he was 4 years old. In 1944, he was drafted into pilot training with the Japanese navy, he said, after his mother told authorities he was a Japanese citizen. Kusuda said he returned to Hawaii in 1948, registered for the draft, then came to California.

Last Oct. 31, he claimed he told the FBI he was willing to submit to induction, but by that time he was overage for the draft. The Honolulu draft board complained that he ignored notice to appear, but Kusuda said he never received the notice.

## Hershey's Two Lapel Pins

**Denver**  
Two small pins on the lapel of a Nisei who was guest of the Mountain-Plains District Council convention retold the story of American democracy.  
One was the Congressional Medal of Honor pin.  
The other was the achievement pin of the JACL.  
He is ex-Sgt. Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura of Gallup,

New Mexico, who was in Denver recently.  
Because he won the medal, "Hershey" is given the following privileges:  
1. His son can attend West Point automatically.  
2. He can travel anywhere in the world free of charge on an Army plane.  
3. All Service personnel must salute him if they recognize the pin—a round disk with 12 stars on a blue background.

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# Washington Newsletter

MIKE MASAOKA

### Test of a Technicality . . .

Perhaps by the end of the year, and certainly by early January, the federal district courts in Denver and San Francisco are expected to hand down key decisions of far-reaching consequence to Issei male applicants for naturalization as American citizens.

The test cases were necessitated when the Immigration and Naturalization Service took the narrow and unreasonable view that, for all practical intents and purposes, unless an Issei volunteered for military service in World War I he is forever barred from naturalization.

On Nov. 25, before Judge W. Lee Knous in the Colorado capital, Nisei attorney Min Yasui and JACL counsel Edward J. Ennis argued on behalf of the Issei petitioner, in this particular case Harry G. Matoba.

One week later, in the City by the Golden Gate, Victor Abe of San Francisco, Mas Yonemura of Oakland, and Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose joined with Ennis, who, flew out from New York City especially for this litigation, in presenting JACL's case, this time with Kazuichi Tsuji as the applicant in question. Judge Louis E. Goodman presided at the latter hearing.

### Statutes Involved . . .

In controversy are two sections of the Immigration and Nationality (McCarran-Walter) Act of 1952.

Section 311 provides that "The right of a person to become a naturalized citizen of the United States shall not be denied or abridged because of race or sex or because such person is married".

Section 315 provides that "(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 405 (b), any alien who applies or has applied for exemption or discharge from training or service in the Armed Forces or in the National Security Training Corps of the United States on the ground that he is an alien, and is or was relieved or discharged from such training or service on such ground, shall be permanently ineligible to become a citizen of the United States.

"(b) The records of the Selective Service System or of the National Military Establishment shall be conclusive as to whether an alien was relieved or discharged from such liability for training or service because he was an alien".

### The Problem . . .

Most Issei males were of draft age during World War I. But, because they were ineligible for naturalization on account of their race, they were non-declarants and as such exempt as a class by special congressional act from military service. They were, however, required to register.

Late in the 1930s, all World War I draft records except the final classification records were destroyed with the authorization of Congress. Accordingly, questionnaires and other supplementary documents explaining the final classification are no longer available.

Most Issei now applying for naturalization were placed in the 5-F category reserved for aliens exempted from military service.

The two questions to be determined are whether Section 315 of the 1952 Act applies to non-declarant aliens exempted from service in World War I and whether the 5-F classification factually establishes that the petitioner applied for exemption on the ground of alienage.

The government answered both questions in the affirmative while the JACL replied in the negative.

### JACL's Position . . .

The JACL contended that when Congress codified the 1940 and 1948 Selective Service Acts as they relate to naturalization into the 1952 Act, Congress did not intend to reach back 34 years back to bar from naturalization Issei aliens who as a class were exempted from military service because they were also ineligible for American citizenship. In other words, Congress did not intend to bar from naturalization non-declarant aliens of World War I whom Congress had not subjected but had exempted from such service.

The decision in these cases, the JACL argued, turns on the broad distinction between the 1940 and 1948 Selective Service Acts, which subjected non-declarant aliens to military service unless they individually claimed exemptions under penalty of being barred from naturalization, and the 1917 and 1918 draft laws which exempted non-declarant aliens from military service without exacting any such penalty.

To further demonstrate Congressional intent, JACL pointed to the remarks made by both representatives and senators on the floors of the House and the Senate during the debate on the bill urging enactment of this legislation in order that the loyal Issei residents of the country could secure at long last the privilege of sharing the citizenship of their children through naturalization.

Congress would not give naturalization to the Issei on one hand and then take it away through a technicality that was never mentioned during all the years of study and discussion of the McCarran-Walter Act.

As for the 5-F classification, JACL placed letters found in the Archives of the United States into the court records to prove that draft boards had the discretionary power to arbitrarily place Japanese aliens into that exempt category. Other regulations were introduced into the record that local draft boards were instructed to place non-declarant aliens into class 5, not subject to military service, unless they expressly in writing waived their congressionally granted exemption.

For the government now to contend that in the absence of records all 5-F classifications are presumed to have resulted from individual applications for exemption from military service when the Congress exempted these same Issei aliens as a class from such obligation does not square either with the facts or logic.

## Stuff that Makes American Recited in Denver editorial

By JACK FOSTER  
Editor, Rocky Mountain News

Japanese American Citizens League will begin a two-day convention here Saturday, and the mention of this name brings back to me many pleasant and, in some cases, sad memories.

At the time of Pearl Harbor, a commanding general ordered the evacuation of all Japanese and those of Japanese descent from the Pacific Coast area.

It made no difference whether they were American citizens. If they had a drop of Japanese blood they were declared a potential military hazard, and subsequently the U.S. Supreme Court upheld this now questionable order.

Be that as it may, Colorado was named as one of the states to which these helpless evacuees were to be sent.

Immediately violent opposition came from certain quarters. Sen. Ed C. Johnson declared that they must not be allowed within our borders.

The late Gov. Ralph Carr was out of town at the time. But the ebullient Bob Warren, state publicity director, without authorization moved into the breach.

He echoed Ed Johnson's sentiments, indicating that something like a Chinese wall should be erected on our borders to keep them out.

When Gov. Carr returned, some sense of justice began to rise from the political cauldron. He had long been a friend of the Spanish Americans as a result of his long association with them in his home town of Antonito. He welcomed to Colorado these Japanese American orphans in the storm.

Be it to the credit of The Rocky Mountain News that we were the only newspaper of large circulation in the state that shared Gov. Carr's position.

We declared that since this evacuation was a military order at the time of national crisis, we in Colorado must greet them with Christian charity, must give them the chance to prove that they could be good citizens within our community.

They had been torn from their businesses, uprooted from their homes in California

through no fault except that they were of Japanese descent. They deserved a chance to prove themselves.

The result is now well known. They took that chance, and proved to be among the most decent, law-abiding, industrious and charitable of our neighbors. There was scarcely any evidence of crime among them. There was no mark of disloyalty.

At the time of the evacuation there were about 500 Japanese Americans living in the Denver area. In a short time there were almost 15,000 of them here and near here.

Despite this sudden influx, despite the prejudice against them because of war, they busily went about their task of getting jobs. They set up pastry, food and novelty shops down on Larimer St. They worked in factories. They lived as domestic in homes, although the education of many was far beyond this.

They sent many of their sons to war, and record of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up of Japanese Americans, in Italy is one of the heroic sagas of World War II.

Now that the war at least is over the majority of Japanese

Americans have moved from Denver. They have tried to regain their fortunes, establish new lives in California, Oregon and in Washington.

There are only about 4000 of them left, and I join with them in welcoming the convention of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Especially do we welcome Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura of New Mexico, who will be guest of honor.

Sgt. Miyamura is winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in the Korean conflict. At the time of the Chinese breakthrough, as the Red hordes were pouring down from the North, Sgt. Miyamura's commander was killed.

Sgt. Miyamura stepped into the breach, manned a machine gun, alone, hurled hand grenades and opened fire so that the men under him could have an avenue of retreat. When the Reds finally reached him he was lying unconscious at his post.

For months he was in a prison camp, and only after his release was the story of his valor disclosed.

It is such stuff that Americans—Italian, English, German, Japanese Americans—are made.

## Shotgun blast injures Nisei; sheriffs nab two youths responsible for shooting

Stockton  
Law officers apprehended two men who inflicted painful injuries on an Acampo Nisei farmer with a close-up blast from a shotgun Nov. 28. Kazuto Ito was the victim of the surprise attack.

Sheriffs searched the scene of the shooting and found a pocket watch engraved with the name of the owner. Two men traced from this clue and arrested were Marcus Leonard, 25, and his cousin Robert Leonard, 22.

According to Ito, he had gone outside with a flashlight to fix a gas stove. Suddenly, there was a loud report and the flashlight which he was carrying in his right hand jumped out of grasp. He thought that the flashlight

had exploded but then he saw two men run to a car and speed away. Investigation later showed the pair had been stealing gasoline from Ito's tank.

After calling the sheriff, he was treated at emergency hospital for removal of some 17 or 18 pellets which had penetrated

## Claims payment -

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has any real control dictates the whole legislative picture.

"As always, JACL will in the public interest do everything in its power to help the people, in this case the larger claimants. In return, we hope that they will help us because without their financial aid we cannot continue to maintain a national organization and a Washington office. This is a reciprocal program in which all of us must help each other help ourselves," Masaoka concluded.

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## VERY TRULY YOURS:

## Chicago vs. Los Angeles

By HARRY K. HONDA

Our hard-working Chicago Cornerman is probably teasing me by sending me a Chicago Tribune editorial, "Will Los Angeles Pass Chicago in 1960?"

Flatly, the editorial doubts very much we can since it takes a soundly based peacetime industry to attract people . . . Excuse me, but business theory is premised on services and supply. It is up to business to go where it can sell . . . The editorial tosses a few statistics to show Chicago is still growing. For instance: Los Angeles added 64,564 new telephone customers during the 1950-1952 period, while Chicago added 84,441. Los Angeles suburban growth is only 26 percent since 1949 as compared to 42 percent in Chicago's case . . . Such figures and percentages, however, won't match one comparison of the past 50 years which appears more substantial . . . Check the 1900 and 1950 census figures for the two cities and you'll note Los Angeles has jumped from 100,000 to 1.9 million; Chicago had 1.7 million in 1900 and 3.6 million in 1950 . . . A student of geography can better analyze this situation; but the simple basis underscored by the Tribune that it takes peacetime industry to keep a city as big is questionable.

Whatever undue advantages about wartime industry, weather and old age pension being causes for the recent California boost in population, we still are comforted by the thought we sleep good at nights, needn't shovel snow off our sidewalks, and seldom worry about sultry days . . . The smog, we all admit, is a man-made situation which can be controlled. So is the traffic snarl . . . But weather is God-given, and if Providence has seen fit to bless this country of ours with an abundance of salubrious sunshine and refreshing sea breezes, good fortune marks those who can enjoy them . . . Los Angeles certainly doesn't intend to be haven to the 150 million living in the United States, but we are among those who'd say Los Angeles can pass Chicago by 1960.

One item the editorial failed to mention is the growth of so-called peacetime industries in Southern California. Automobile assembly plants, breweries, soap factories and industrial chemical establishments have been popping up . . . The freeway program here is scattering the population as well as industries . . . And while on the subject of freeways, the Harbor Freeway (which will make possible a drive from City Hall to the San Pedro Harbor in about 20 minutes) is coming through our home . . . We won't be spending our Christmas at a new address: 3926-2nd Ave., Los Angeles.

What may check the growth of Los Angeles, as one final thought, is the problem of water . . . If sea water can be converted even for industrial and agricultural use, there's no reason for Los Angeles not surpassing New York . . . The so-called desert areas to the east of us, which the Tribune editorial says is a limiting factor in our growth, can be made green and livable. So many areas have been transformed even though some geography books may not indicate that . . . I'm thinking of Coachella Valley, Antelope Valley to the north and the spectacular rise of homes in San Fernando Valley.

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# Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

When Heiji Okuda, Seattle pioneer who is 85 years old, was decorated by the Japanese government with the Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure recently, he was the first living Japanese to be decorated with the highest decoration in this postwar period.



MURAYAMA

Foreign Minister Kasuo Okazaki delivered the award Nov. 19 to the head of the Japanese touring party from the Pacific Northwest.

It is truly wonderful that a pioneer in America was formally recognized by the Japanese government, although it was somewhat late. Which is better than never.

Strongly urging this commendation were three former Japanese consuls of Seattle: Chuichi Ohashi, Yuki Sato and Toshito Sato, who jointly asked the Foreign Minister to properly acknowledge the outstanding services rendered by the pioneer Issei in promoting Japanese-American friendly relations.

At first, the Foreign Office declined to make the award for the lack of any substantial reports from a representative in America.

But protested Ohashi, "Three former consuls of Seattle vouch for this pioneer. His was a lifetime of integrity and devotion to promoting Japanese-American understanding. The Foreign Office must listen to us. Our words are as good as the sacred code! Mr. Okuda is a wonderful pioneer with an outstanding record of more than half a century."

It should be stated that without the joint request and insistence of three onetime Japanese consuls of Seattle, the pioneer would have never been decorated by the Japanese.

Okuda is also a devoted sup-citizen since the very beginning of the organization.

He has been living in the United States since 1894, during which time he has proven to be a respected leader of the Japanese community. Everyone who has ever lived or visited the Queen City of the Northwest has seen his ever-smiling face.

Many Nisei in Japan were very elated to see Pioneer Okuda get the highest postwar decoration in person. It is something to be proud of.

## Two more swindled in New York City

New York  
Two more instances have come to the attention of The Hokubei Shimpo of local residents who have "loaned" money to a plausible Nisei who claims Toronto as his home.

In one instance he claimed to know the friends in Toronto of a local resident. He named names, and on the strength of this knowledge borrowed \$10.

On another occasion he said he had to meet a plane from Toronto on which a friend was arriving, but admitted that he was short of money to make the trip out to the airport. He "borrowed" a loan which he promised to pay as soon as he met his friend.

On both occasions he used a different name.

So far four reports have reached this paper.

## Evacuation claims office attorney to resign service

Los Angeles  
Johnston Kimball Walker, attorney in charge of the United States Dept. of Justice Evacuation Claims Field Office in Los Angeles, has announced his resignation from that position, effective Dec. 21, for the purpose of entering private law practice in Bellflower, Calif.

He will associate with Vincent Dalsimer, a former Assistant Attorney General for the State of California.

Walker first came to the evacuation claims program in December 1949, and has since served in both the Los Angeles and San Francisco field offices prior to being appointed as Attorney in Charge in January of this year.

## Fresno Methodists buy new church building

Fresno  
The Japanese Methodist Church building on 1260 Kern St. will be torn down soon to make way for a new U.S. 99 freeway through West Fresno. Church officials announced last week negotiations have been completed for purchase of a church building now owned by the St. George Greek Orthodox Church at 740 W. Fresno St.

## Gen. Clark's translator

Honolulu  
1st Lt. Tadashi Hasegawa was discharged from the Army after seven years of service in the Far East. He was awarded the Commendation Medal for meritorious service as liaison officer with Japanese civil authorities. He was one-time interpreter for Gen. Mark W. Clark and other high ranking American officers.

## Issei cook answers newspaper ad, now chef at Hawaii governor's home

Honolulu  
Five months ago Miyochi Suzuki answered a newspaper ad. Today he is a favorite at Washington Place and Mrs. Samuel Wilder King calls him an "A-1 cook."

The other members of the governor's family are so delighted with him that they have nicknamed him "Robert." "Why, he's a wonder," said the governor's daughter, Pauline King. "When mother told him that food must be prepared for 1,200 guests at the Crown Prince Akihito and Vice-Pres. Richard M. Nixon reception, his answer was 'That's nothing.'"

Suzuki's assistant is Mrs. Alice Matsumoto and when dinners, receptions, teas or cocktail parties are now held at the governor's mansion, only extra help is hired. No caterers are now employed for special parties, for the chef has everything under control.

Mrs. King said, "Robert is a good-natured person and can prepare any kind of food from lavish French to simple Oriental dishes." In the short-time that Suzuki has been at Washington Place, he has become "sold" on his job and likes the Kings. He said the King family doesn't de-



Albuquerque JACL chapter's lavish float, "The Good Ship Lollipop", was among the most colorful entries in the traditional Yule pageant ushering the Christmas season in downtown Albuquerque. Medal of Honor winner Hiroshi Miyamura was grand marshal of the parade.—Redman Photo.

## 40,000 witness Yule parade

Albuquerque  
Grand Marshal of the Albuquerque Christmas parade, Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, Medal of Honor winner, and his lovely wife Terry rode triumphantly through Santa Claus Lane last week before a cheering and an applauding crowd of 40,000.

It was Albuquerque's tribute to the Nisei hero of the Korean war. And for the first time in the history of the pageant, the parade was telecast.

Among the 27 floats in the parade, the Albuquerque JACL chapter float pleased the hearts of every child with

its lavish and most colorful entry—"Good Ship Lollipop"—a colorful ship with red & white striped candy cane mast and bow, red and white sails and lollipop oars moving in a sea of balloons.

After the parade, the Miyamuras were honored at a luncheon given by the Albuquerque Retailers Ass'n. They then drove to Farmington, N.M., where Miyamura was honored at the "Young Man of the Year" dinner and then spending the weekend in Denver as guests of the Mountain-Plains District Convention. — Charles Matsubara.

## Fisherman saves fellow fisherman from drowning in dramatic rescue

Steveston, B.C.  
A Japanese Canadian fisherman here recently played the role of a hero in full movie fashion. Frank Kichiji Nishii, 30, was credited with saving a fellow Caucasian fisherman from possible drowning in the Fraser River, Nov. 26.

Nishii was working at his fishboat net with his radio on when abruptly, an urgent appeal for help was received over the radio frequency on his fishing craft, "Gallant Lady."

The originator of the message for help was Jack McEacherin of New Westminster, calling from his boat, "Caroline B." McEacherin was letting his net into the river about a half mile away from Nishii when his engine coughed. He pulled the throttle and his gillnetter caught fire.

"I heard Jack shout—'Frank, help me,'" said Nishii. "Then the radio sounded again with

Jack calling—'Hello, the Gallant Lady. Frank, I got a fire in my boat, help.'"

In an instant, Nishii had dropped his salmon net and was heading full throttle for the red glow beginning to appear on the dark surface of the river.

After pulling the Occidental to safety, Nishii and another fishing captain who arrived later, rammed the "Caroline B" in hopes of sinking her before the fire could wreck the whole craft. But they failed.

The ill-fated gillnetter quickly burned to the water line and went down.

Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa was named director of the Christian Social Relations department of the Minnesota Episcopal diocese. He will be responsible for developing and maintaining social action and service programs.

## No. Calif. KKD slates final meeting

San Francisco  
A dinner meeting to wind up the affairs of the N.C. Kikaken Kisei Domei has been set for Sunday, Dec. 12, it was announced by Keisaburo Koda, chairman of the group which has served since 1948 as financial backers of the JACL's legislative program.

This final meeting will be held at China Restaurant, and leaders of the KKD movement in various communities are expected to attend.

Plans for the dinner drawn up at a cabinet meeting held at the JACL building Saturday last week called for the presentations of momentos and certificates of appreciation to those who were leaders in the group.

As a result of legislative and court victories scored by the Issei and Nisei in this country during the past several years through efforts of the National JACL, the 1954 budget for this organization has been trimmed considerably in comparison to those of the previous five-six years.

Regional offices are now locally supported or abolished, while the Washington, D.C., office operation has been reduced.

With the JACL now expected to maintain its work within its own budget, it was pointed out that the KKD can now be dissolved. Koda pointed out that all its members will continue to support the JACL as members of individual chapters.

## Last Hawaiian PW to be freed by Reds at home

Honolulu  
The last Hawaiian prisoner of war to be freed in Korea recently returned last week with his brand new bride. M/Sgt. Katsuki Tanigawa of Kauai led his wife Toshiko into the crowd of relatives and friends on hand to greet the couple at Hickam Field.

"I'd go back and fight again—gladly," Tanigawa, who spent 34 months in Communist captivity, said. "If they need me, I'll do my share." Although plans are indefinite, the sergeant plans to stay in the Army.

Attorney Min Yasui and Ray S. Tani of Nisei Realty Co., whose offices are situated at 1225-20th St., Denver, expressed hope that extensive remodeling being done to their premise would help the general appearance of Mile High's Nipponmachi on 20th St. Next door, Don Miyake's Mandarin Cafe has been renovated.

Tad Miyake is the new Central California YBA president, succeeding Ben Nakamura. 200 attended the Fresno conference last week.

## BOOKSHELF:

FOR MORE THAN BREAD, by Clarence E. Pickett; Little, Brown & Co., Boston (\$5). An autobiographical view of 22 years' work with the American Friends Service Committee. Prof. Pickett describes his work as executive secretary of the AFSC, a privately administered agency dealing with human welfare around the world. Of the evacuation and relocation the author comments: "One wonder whether a similar group from any other segment of our population would have shown such a high degree of achievement."

THE VILLAGE TREE, story and pictures by Taro Yashima; Viking Press, New York City (\$2.50). Wonderfully lithographed and a rare treat more so for adults than the children, the artist describes to his daughter what he did when he was her age in Japan. Probably, this little tome stands out as the more colorful entry on the bookshelf.

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**Around Chicago . . .**

The Christmas spirit prevails instead of the somber business meeting this month for Chicago JACLers. There will be dancing, caroling, entertainment at the "Holiday", Dec. 19, from 8 p.m. till midnight, at the Monroe YW-CA, 59 E. Monroe St. The public is invited . . .



SAKURADA

While 1,200 delegates attended the National 4-H Congress here at the Conrad Hilton last week, one Nisei made news. **Tokie Oishi**, 18, of Puunene, Hawaii, was one of the dress revue winners . . . The **City-Widers** have scheduled a pair of movies Dec. 11 at the home of **Tuney Otani**, 908 W. Roscoe St. Billed as "Giant People" and "Pygmies of the Congo" . . . Last Saturday night at the home of **Mrs. Betty Ezaki**, 4829 W. Potomac, the Christ Congregational Church Women's Fellowship held an election of officers. Elected were **Martha Oye**, pres.; **Betty Ezaki**, v.p.; **Aiko Suzuki**, sec.; **Cherie Nakayama**, treas.; **Honker Hirabayashi**, serv.; **Kiyo Takemoto**, house; **Dorothy Miyake**, fin.; **Helen Nagai**, membership. They'll be installed next month. On the nominating committee were **Rose Oka**, **Miya Okawara** and **Seesue Shintani**. The Fellowship also gathered clothing to be distributed by **Mrs. Misaki Aki** at the Cook County Childrens Hospital . . . The local Japanese war brides have adopted "Cosmo" club as their new name. **Mrs. Shizuko Kikuchi** is the new president.

**Personals . . .**

As 2nd veep, **Dr. Joe Nakayama**, 2848 N. Seminary, is in charge of the 1954 Chicago JACL membership drive. A dentist who hails from Santa Barbara, he is also active in Christ Congregational Church. He is married to the former **Cherie Yusa** of Santa Maria. Their daughter, **Joan**, 7, attends Aggasiz school, where her mother is active in the PTA. **Harry Shigeta**, FSPA (Hon.), presented an illustrated lecture to the Lincoln Park Camera Club last week . . . **James Ogata** is now in business selling camera supplies at Triangle Camera Inc., 1533 N. Clark St. He is a member of the Photographic Society of America. He served five years in an Army photo unit and worked eight years with Chicago's largest camera concern. Formerly from wife is the former **Jennie Hirakawa** of Gallup, N.M. They have three children: **Evelyn** 7½, **Michael** 5½, and **Katherine** 3½ is the fellow usually heard singing at wedding ceremonies. Formerly of Sacramento, he is active in the Southside Bowling League and is the new chapter auditor. He is accountant for Kleen Stik Products, Inc. . . . One clarification: the lovely clerk at Harry's Petite Cleaners, **Ann Delphine Spildooren** from Belgium, is not a displaced person. She has been in the states the past six years, now attending St. Thomas High School for Girls with her sister, **Maria**. They lived in Steendorp, near Antwerp, before coming to America.

"The Philadelphia Story," is being presented at the Goodman Memorial Theater in the Art Institute on Dec. 8-13, 15-19. Curtains at 8:30 except Tuesday at 7:30.

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**PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFAB:**

**Tribute paid to Issei for their contribution to American life**

**Portland**  
Five resolutions adopted by the eighth biennial Pacific Northwest district council convention last week-end included a tribute to the Issei for their "great contributions to American life."

The tribute was crystalized at the convention banquet when 178 new and prospective Issei citizens were publicly recognized.

Other resolutions passed were:

- (1) Commending Mike Masaoaka for his services in Washington and reaffirming Pacific Northwest support.
- (2) Thanking contributors to the National JACL endowment fund and calling upon recipients of claim checks to give their

support.

(3) Acknowledging the guests of the convention and the services of the Hotel Multnomah.

(4) Supporting National JACL's case in the 5-F alienage question.

The Hood River chapter was awarded the "chapters of the year" plaque.

The 1000 Club signed 23 new memberships at the convention. Seattle was designated as the convention site in 1955.

Dr. Mathew Masuoka, Pacific Northwest District Council chairman, opened the convention. Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer, reported on national finances, supporting membership plan, endowment fund and the 1954 National JACL convention to be held in Los Angeles.

Mas Satow, national director, reported on national legislative matters, litigations, evacuation claims and other organizational problems.

Henry Kato and Mrs. Martha Osaki were convention co-chairmen. Portland, Mid-Columbia and Gresham-Troutdale chapters were hosts. Other convention personnel included:

- John Hada, Koe Nishimoto, gen. arr.; Jack Ouchida, Charles Shimomura, banq.; John Hada, resolutions; Hanji Akiyama, outing; Agnes Inouye, Minnie Oyama, Kumiko Ono, conv. sec.; George Azumano, Toru Sakahara, Chop Yasui, 1000 Club function; Albert Nalto, Hawley Kato, treas.; Mrs. Ike Iwasaki, Agnes Inouye, reg.; Mas Fujimoto, souv. prog.; Ted Hachiya, housing; Tosh Okino, Mickey Tamiyasu, dance; Nobuko Ochiai, Shizuko Ochiai, inv.; Kimi Tambara, pub.

**Mikami elected head of Fresno chapter**

**Fresno**  
**Seichi Mikami**, prominent realtor and insurance salesman, was elected to head the American Loyalty League, the Fresno JACL chapter.

Others on the cabinet include: Dr. Henry Kazato, 1st v.p.; Mrs. Mary Taira, 2nd v.p.; Willie Suda, treas.; Robert Yabuno, asst. treas.; Nami Hirabayashi, cor. sec.; Mrs. Toshi Koda, rec. sec.; Mrs. John Kubota, hist.; Hugo Kazato, pub. rel. counsel; Mike Iwatsubo, del.; and Paul Takahashi, alt. del.

Past presidents serving in the cabinet are:

- Jin Ishikawa, Fred Hirasuna and Dr. George Suda.

**New low-rent housing project planned in S.F.**

**San Francisco**

Construction work on the new Western Addition low-rent housing project will start in February, it was announced by John W. Beard, housing authority director. It will cover two areas—one bounded by Laguna, Buchanan, Turk and Willow Sts., the other by Turk, Pierce, Eddy and line 100 feet east of Divisadero St.

All but six of 433 families in the area have moved. About 10 Japanese American families were affected in the Buchanan-Turk area.

The new Francisco Plaza, as it will be called, will house 608 families in a series of eight-story buildings. The project is separate from the redevelopment project under which 26 blocks south of Post St. are to be razed as soon as court approval of the state redevelopment law is granted.

**SOCIAL NOTES**

**Fresno JACL Auxiliary:** Mrs. June Toshiyuki was elected 1954 president at election held at the home of Mrs. Faye Kazato. The group also presented table lamps to the Fresno Japanese Salvation Army old people's home and a Thanksgiving basket to a needy family.

Other officers elected were: Sachi Toshiyuki, Setsu Hirasuna, v.p.; Chiyo Hiraoka, rec. sec.; Betty Nakamura, cor. sec.; Akiko Matsui, treas.; Alice Takahashi, pub.; Edna Yabuno, well.; Emmie Kikumoto, hist.

Hostesses at the recent meeting were: Mmes. Setsu Nikaido, Tsuru Naba and Akiko Matsui.

**CHAPTER MEMO**

**Detroit JACL:** Among the many nationality groups participating in the 23rd annual Old World Market and Folk Festival were the chapter and the Detroit Warbride's Club at International Institute, Nov. 19-23. There were 36 nationalities represented . . . The chapter started another series of naturalization classes for Issei last Sunday. At the same time, an English class for warbrides as well as Issei was introduced.

**Fowler JACL:** The second annual Christmas Night program for children will be held Dec. 23 at the Fowler Buddhist Church. Dr. George Miyake is chairman.

**Marysville JACL:** The chapter will host the first quarterly meeting of the No. Calif. Western Nevada district council on Sunday, Feb. 14. It will be the first district council meeting for the area since the war.

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Chicago—Yukio Nioka and Kiyoko Hojo \$20, Shigekata Muro \$20, Rockford—George K. Nakamura \$25.

**OREGON**  
Ontario—Mrs. Matsuyo Kagayama \$25.

**WASHINGTON**  
Seattle—Mr. K. Kishi \$10, Mrs. Riichiro Fukano \$25, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fukuyama \$100, Mr. Kimitaro Niguma \$10, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nishimura \$50, Rose Y. Onoda \$10, Mr. S. Seike \$20, Mrs. Kiyoko Takayoshi \$20, Mr. and Mrs. Tazuma \$75, Mrs. Akie Todo \$25, Mrs. S. Yuasa \$5.

**ALASKA**  
Ketchikan—B. W. Ohashi \$15.

**Yoshinari heads Chicago chapter**

**Chicago**  
Kumeo Art Yoshinari and other candidates for the 1954 Chicago JACL cabinet were elected into office Nov. 20 and installed at the inaugural ball last Saturday at the Hotel Sherry by Dr. T. T. Yatabe, onetime national JACL president.

Others elected as officers include:

- John Yoshino, 1st v.p.; Dr. Joe Nakayama, 2nd v.p.; George Teraoka, 3rd v.p.; George Tanaka, treas.; Priscilla Haga, rec. sec.; Betty Iwatsuki, cor. sec.; Bill Fujii, aud.; Jean Shimasaki, George Okita, Haru Arita, Dr. Victor Izui and Nakayama, delegates-at-large.

In the same election, three members were elected to the board of trustees for the reserve fund. Abe Hagiwara, Shigeru Wakamatsu were elected to three-year terms, and Dr. Randolph M. Sakada to a one-year term.

A change was voted in the chapter by-laws. Delegates-at-large will not be elected by geographical residence but will be chosen from the membership at large and the number was increased from three to five.

**Seattle Clers conduct election by mail**

**Seattle**  
Howard Sakura and George Kashiwagi are running for president of the Seattle JACL chapter. Ballots are to be mailed and returned on the date designated.

In addition to the other offices, nine have been nominated to the five Nisei advisory positions; while seven have been named to serve in the three Issei advisory positions.

**Cleveland:** A successful bake sale by the Jr. Matrons in conjunction with a masquerade party for children in the Hallow'en motif recently provided funds for a gala Christmas party for youngsters Dec. 13 at the Calvary Presbyterian Church.

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HARUO ISHIMARU

"Hear ye, hear ye. All persons having business with the United States District Court in the Northern District of California will now draw near. Give your attention and you will be heard. The court is now in session."

With the intonation of this solemn and traditional chant, the United States District Court in San Francisco opened the morning of Dec. 3 with Judge Louis E. Goodman presiding to hear one of the most important cases affecting the Issei and pertaining to naturalization privileges to determine whether Issei who were classified 5-F during World War I (exemption from military service based on ground of alienage) would be forever denied citizenship.

Coincidentally, this is a historic court for Japanese Americans. Earlier this year it was in this very same courtroom and with the same judge presiding, that almost 200 Issei received their citizenship.

It was the first time that a group of Issei, who had studied in Japanese had taken group examinations in their native language, were thus declared citizens of this great country.

The Issei petitioner who was the principal in the case heard on Dec. 3 was Kazuichi Tsuji, businessman and a long-time resident of San Francisco. He is a respected member of the community.

His son is in the Naval Air Force and a daughter works for the United States Army at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Mr. Tsuji was really symbolic of the many Issei men whose future in the United States may depend on the outcome of this trial; to discover whether this country—in which they have made homes for themselves and for their children, this country which they have embraced so completely—after years of discrimination and injustice will now accept them as part of this commonwealth.

Mr. Tsuji was one of ten Issei men who were selected by the Naturalization Service of San Francisco for a special hearing prior to Dec. 3. From this group, Mr. Tsuji was selected to represent not only these ten petitioners but all Issei men who had received the 5-F classification during World War I.

## On Guard

The attorney for the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service was C.F. Antonoli, assisted by Daniel H. Lyons. Others in the court representing the government were Harold J. Hart, San Francisco Chief of the Nationality and Status Section and John O'Shea, designated examiner.

Representing the petitioner and literally the hundreds of Issei men, so richly deserving of citizenship, were attorneys Victor Abe, Mas Yonemura and Wayne Kanemoto. Coincidentally, all three of these attorneys have at one time or another been president of local JACL chapters and have long been recognized for their services not only to the JACL but to the Japanese American community.

Specifically representing the JACL as a friend of the court was attorney Edward J. Ennis, legal counsel for the Washington JACL Office and former General Counsel for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, D.C.

A number of Issei and Nisei keenly interested in the outcome of the trial were present. Among those representing the JACL were Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL Representative, who had previously advised and assisted the Nisei attorneys in preparing for the case, Saburo Kido, JACL national wartime president and former legal counsel for the JACL, Masao Satow, JACL National Director and yours truly.

## 'To be or Not to be'

The issue was based upon the interpretation of Section 315 of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act. Government attorney Antonoli argued that since there were no records other than those that these Issei men were given the 5-F classification, it should be assumed as conclusive that they had specifically requested exemption from military service because of alienage.

He argued for a narrow and legalistic interpretation of this particular section and declared that neither the intent of Congress nor the worthiness of the individual were important factors but requested merely that the court read literally and narrowly this particular section. Antonoli also pointed out that in his opinion it was strange that so many of the Issei did not have records of how they registered in World War I and that they did not remember whether or not they had specifically asked for exemption.

The Nisei attorneys argued that the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 did not include the 1917 and 1918 Selective Service acts and pointed out that the 1940 and 1948 Selective Service acts specifically contained warning to all aliens who refused military service because of alienage that they would forever be barred from citizenship. This warning was not found in the 1917 and 1918 acts.

They further pointed out that the only item "conclusive" is the fact of classification of 5-F and not of actual request for exemption.

Ennis, who is one of the most able immigration and naturalization attorneys in the United States, supplemented the arguments of the Nisei attorneys.

He stated: "It is inconceivable that Congress would grant citizenship to these long deserving Issei on the one hand and take it away on the other."

He referred to Antonoli's suggestion of the unreliability of the memory of the Issei concerning their World War I registration by pointing out that this had taken place 35 years ago and that the records which might indicate how or why the Issei had received 5-F classification had been destroyed not by the Issei but by the United States government.

He stated that if the Issei were dishonest, they would all deny requesting exemption but rather they have honestly admitted that they cannot remember what transpired so many years ago.

Ennis protested the application of Section 315 to the Issei who were non-declarant residents of the United States during World War I, pointing out that the Japanese were ineligible to citizenship until 1952.

Ennis summarized his arguments as follows: There has been favorable public comment at home and abroad on those provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act which lessen racial restrictions on immigration and naturalization. Thus the United States has already obtained in part benefits from the Act in the form of increased harmony in the vital foreign relations with nations of the Far East which was anticipated by Congress in enacting these provisions. These benefits should not be lost

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## CAPSULES

The Japanese American Committee of New York has changed its name legally to Japanese American Association of New York, Inc. The group of community residents last Sunday distributed Christmas gifts to patients at hospitals and state institutions for mental cases.

Kurt Woess, conductor of the Nippon Philharmonic Orchestra, is on a world tour during which he will conduct at performances of leading orchestras. Last week, he led the string ensemble of the New York Philharmonic in the first performance of Yasushi Akusagawa's "Suite on Old Japanese Folk Themes".

"How Jazz Came to Chicago" was the subject of a commentary presented by Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, professor of semantics, and Dan Burley at the Univ. of Chicago last week.

Burglars cracked the safe of Central Fish Co., Fresno, recently and stole \$1,775 in cash, according to owner Akira Yokomi. Police said the combination dial was knocked off and then the steel facing was peeled back by a heavy crowbar and hammer.

The Hayward Young Matrons, according to Mrs. Ruth Saito of the club, have sent \$300 to the Elizabeth Saunders orphanage in Oiso, Japan. Part of the fund came from a recent benefit dance at the Fairmont hotel.

The 24th annual Central California Young People's Christian Conference will be held in Livingston, Mar. 7 next year. Dorothy Nagata heads the 1954 conference cabinet.

Paul Rusch, former Ft. Snelling military intelligence personnel director, reported on the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP) at the Twin Cities Japanese American community center recently. He is currently on a nationwide fund-raising tour.

## IN HONOR OF

Bruce Kaji, Los Angeles certified public accountant, was accepted into the American Institute of Accountants. Apart from his professional practice as an accountant, the MIS veteran is an instructor at East Los Angeles Jr. College.

The 1953-54 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" lists Bill Shimori of Douglas Wyo., among 29 Univ. of Wyoming student. They were selected on the basis of high scholastic standing, leadership, participation in extra-curricular and academic activities.

Dr. Kenji J. Yaguchi, Ontario Ore., was elected commander of the Oregon chapter of the American Society of Military Chiropractors at the annual meeting Nov. 22 at Salem. He is a former 442nd Combat Team member. Other officers are: Dr. D. E. McCarthy, Hood River, v.-comm.; Dr. Bertram A. Smith, Roseburg, sec.-treas.

Irene Urashi, physical education major at the Univ. of Minnesota, was picked queen at a Thanksgiving dance in Minneapolis. Eight others vied for the title. Jane Matsuura was in charge.

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## HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

# Cherry Blossom Festival

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu Japanese Jaycees in Honolulu who rang up a whopping \$9,000 profit from a \$30,000 investment in last year's Cherry Blossom Festival are out to repeat the achievement.

With that one big project the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce "sold" itself to the community. The publicity value of the first Cherry Blossom Festival probably exceeded the dollar returns, substantial as they were.

Plans already shaping up for the next Festival, in March and April, would make it even more of a promotional job in both size and variety of events contemplated.

Harold K. Kometani is general chairman of the second Cherry Blossom Festival. Eighteen committees, some of which have been at their tasks for many weeks past, will put to work every one of the 130 members in the next few months.

Here are some attractions lined up for the festival:

A queen contest, a cultural show, fireworks display, window display contest, all staged last year; plus new ideas such as a cooking demonstration, a field day for sports, a debutante dance.

The queen contest will again be the main feature. Scores of Nisei girls, ages 18 to 25, are expected to turn out again for the honors. Last year's winner, Violet Niimi, received a free trip to Japan.

Organizations are being invited to sponsor candidates for the queen contest, as was the case last year.

The public will vote for the contestants with ballots obtained with merchandise purchases at participating business firms. From 25 to 30 contestants receiving the highest number of votes will enter the semi-finals on April 19. Nine finalists will compete for the crown on April 21, and the winner will be crowned at a ball on April 24. She will then reign over the festival from April 25 to May 1.

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SPORTSCOPE:

By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

The top basketball news of the still infant season will come from Long Beach municipal auditorium this Friday and Saturday when the Univ. of Hawaii five test their casaba knowledge against a very formidable foe . . . the University of Southern California.

It will be the first and only appearance of the Hawaii quintet in the Southern California area.

To date, they have been touring the northwest area where their luck on the maplewood has been little less than fair.

Their top game was against the Oregon State College Beavers, one of the favorites to replace Washington U. as the Pacific Coast Conference division champs.

Though the Rainbows, as the Island boys are known, lost both ends of the series to the Beavers, they gave them a tough tussle in the finale.

This year's Hawaii five is led by two towering oriental players. One is a Nisei, Fred Furukawa, a six-foot five-inch giant. In addition to his hook shots and jump shots, Furukawa does most of the backboard work for the visitors.

At his height, Furukawa is probably one of the tallest Nisei cagers in existence. He enjoyed his greatest night of the current series against the Oregon Staters when he hit the netting for 24 points. That total gave him the distinction of being the game's high point getter. Quite an amazing feat when one considers that the Beavers have a seven foot three inch lad in Swede Wade.

The Hawaii-SC clash will probably be one of the few games in which two major college fives will have a Nisei playing a prominent part. Dick Nagai, the six foot, one inch sophomore forward for the Trojans, is slated to see quite a bit of action.

In SC's first three games, the Nisei ball-hawk has seen only a limited amount of action though he is being touted for more.

High school basketball continued to roll along with only three Nisei seeing any action for their respective schools. In Los Angeles, Kaz Shinzato rolled along with his Roosevelt high school team with a 15 plus average to be one of the scoring leaders in the strong Southern League. His team-mate Yoneo Inouye is also a starter on the Rosevelt varsity five . . . Dave Nakata, five foot, five inch forward on the University high team scored for his team in a reserve role . . . The Southern Region of the California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization will hold their tournament this week with 15 teams from the colleges in the area entered.

Yosh Katsuura became one of the few Nisei to ever win a football letter from the University of California when the former Berkeley high star was presented one for his Rambler play. Katsuura was a former captain on the Berkeley prep eleven while playing fullback . . . Jun Miyano of Elk Grove high was picked to the second team of the San Francisco Chronicle's all-star team . . . Glenn Muramoto of Sacramento was given a similar honor by the SF Examiner at a guard spot . . . North Phoenix high picked Jim Kobashi of Glendale, Arizona on its all-opponent team. Quite an honor for a cellar team player . . . Jerry Ikeda of Mesa was given a place on the NP team too.

Sportscope received a letter this week requesting a plug for Cal Tech's Art Takido. It came from Mr. and Mrs. Babe Karasawa. Babe was one of Tech's gridders a few seasons ago. Here's what his letter had to say for Takido, the current mainstay on the Engineer eleven: "It's come to our attention that your weekly sports column has been a bit negligent in reporting about one of our outstanding Nisei athletes. Your tidbits each week are fine, because they (the readers) enjoy reading. We know that the other Nisei share the glory when a Nisei boy makes good, as they say. Unless you send a reporter out to Caltech, what we have to say won't be heard very far. So, we're taking it upon ourselves to do a bit of reporting. We're sure your readers will enjoy knowing a little about this guy Art Takido, Caltech's left halfback.

"We watched Caltech's games with Redlands, Whittier and Occidental in the Rose Bowl. In each of these games Art played well; exceptionally well considering the manpower situation facing the Caltech varsity and the limited ability of most of Art's teammates . . . Art played all but two minutes of the Redlands game. In the Whittier game he didn't last quite so long. Along about the 3rd quarter he was blasted by Whittier's defense, so the referee called time out while the trainer tried to revive him. After his substitute waited a full five minutes to carry on for Art, our boy got up off his back and Coach LaBrucherie promptly sent Art back into the fray. A fourth quarter injury denied him a chance to play through the final gun. This is an indication of his importance to the team. But that ain't all! Against Occidental this past Friday, Art played a sensational 60 minutes of rough football. The Pasadena Star News wrote him up for the game and rightly so. Art intercepted three Oxy passes, was not responsible for any of Oxy's completions and made a general nuisance of himself where Oxy was concerned. He also did well carrying the ball. He was terrific on both offense and defense. Had his teammates not made two simple mistakes that resulted in Oxy touchdowns Caltech would have won 12 to 6 and Art would've been a publicized hero. Art was unlucky enough to be playing on a winless team. We feel that he deserves a good deal of space in your column for the simple reason that he's a good athlete. Art's interest in sports is carried further in his office as sophomore class Athletic Manager. He's a fine all-around boy and well worth any praise you can write about him."

OK, Babe, your letter should best tell the story. So we printed it here.

Bowling-

West Los Angeles: Rolling a 1023 with a 80 handicap, Ets Yoshiyama won the five game sweeps of the WLA JACL bowling tournament held at the El Rancho Bowl last weekend with a field of 170 men keggers participating.

Yoshiyama rolled on the last squad on the final day to come from behind to nip Joe Nagaoka who had a 1067. The winner marked in every frame with a double along the way and topped it off with a blazing four strikes.

Lloyd Hahn won the no handicap division with a 987 scratch.

In the ladies division, Marge Miyakawa hit a 963 total to win the sweeps.

All the scores are subject to recheck and averages to confirmation.

MEN'S SWEEPS table with columns for player name and scores. Includes Ets Yoshiyama (173, 218, 225, 171, 236, 80-1103), Joe Nagaoka (178, 214, 170, 161, 274, 70-1067), Mits Hazama (186, 160, 206, 175, 190, 130-1047), Eddie Hazama (170, 162, 176, 187, 215, 133-1043), Jerry Kojo (925-110-1035), Sam Kawanishi (968-67-1035), Shibo Ikuta (942-90-1032), Tom Sakamoto (887-133-1020), Tak Katsumata (951-67-1018), Lloyd Hahn (987-30-1017), Carl Kawagoe (887-130-1017), Tak Minato (908-107-1015), Shap Kuwahara (906-107-1013), Geo. Tsunoda (879-133-1012), Yosh Kubo (889-123-1012), Geo. Miyake (926-85-1011), Ko Arihara (985-17-1002), Geo. Kobo (974-27-1001), Paul Ishizawa (949-50-999).

LADIES' SWEEPS table with columns for player name and scores. Includes Marge Miyakawa (174, 169, 177, 197, 199, 47-963), Ruth Miyada (147, 151, 178, 168, 158-133-935), Carrie Sugimoto (822-97-919), Donna Nagawa (775-137-912), Sets Maeda (759-150-909).

Judo lessons offered at Reedley High School gym

Persons, 10 years and up, can take judo lessons at Reedley High School gym. Carl Iwasaki, fourth-dan black belt holder, is instructor. Dr. Akira Tajiri and Tom Sakata arranged the course which is part of the adult night school curriculum. Assistant teachers are Koji Yoshimoto, Harris Tanaka, (2nd-dan), Parlier, and Sakata (2nd-dan), Reedley.

CHICAGO BEAUTIES VIE FOR KEG MEET TITLE

Kickoff feature of the National JACL bowling tournament in Chicago will be a queen contest.

All Chicago Nisei girls are eligible. A recent snapshot with name, age, and address should be submitted to the JACL office, 1200 N. Clark St., by Jan. 31, 1954.

The queen will be crowned at a pre-tournament dance from five finalists, it was announced by Dyke Miyagawa, contest chairman.

Nisei Buckeye beauty

Ruth Takakura of Wailuku, Maui, was among finalists in the homecoming queen selection at Ohio State University recently. Although she lost to Miss Sue Yvonne Pore of Woodsfield, O., she was outstanding. About 500 vanda orchids sent by the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, and pineapples from the islands added glamor to her skit.



John Sakayama, (left), congratulates winners in the first annual Mountain-Plains bowling tournament as they receive awards during intermission time at the JACL Regional convention dance Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Albany Hotel. Receiving trophies are (l. to r.) Roy Fujii of Alamosa, Colo., representing the winning San Luis Valley JACL team; Mas Omoto, who took a doubles win with first place in the singles and first in the doubles; and George Omoto, who shared first place in the doubles with Mas Omoto. To the right is Dick Yanase, dance chairman.—Tom Masamori photo.

THE SOU'WESTER
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TATS KUSHIDA

On Thanksgiving eve, we received a frantic phone call from Larry Chinn, a Chinese member of the Downtown Los Angeles chapter who works at the City Hall.

"There's an old Issei man who's been sitting in a daze all afternoon on the City Hall steps. Can you do anything for him?" he asked excitedly.

The Issei bachelor is a Vanishing American. While most of these "dokushin" are nearly half-century residents of this country, they have no families, no relatives, and few friends. Evacuation knocked out the props from under their economic equilibrium for nearly all of them were farm laborers—"fruit tramps" who lived in migratory labor camps no longer existent.

Despite their pathetic circumstances, for many of them are now destitute, too old and weak to be gainfully employed and some have to rely reluctantly on public assistance, the Sou'wester feels for them because as a whole, they have clung desperately to their self-respect, pride and dignity to the last ditch.

To our knowledge, none have become the irresponsible human derelicts and stumble-bums that frequent the skidrows of our cities.

Driving up to City Hall, we found this Issei mumbling incoherently. We made out that he was complaining about a buzzing in his ears. We pressed for his named and guessed that it was Minami. He carried no identification but he wasn't broke—he had \$19 in his wallet. He also had a slip of paper with the name and phone number of a Buddhist priest in Boyle Heights.

A Nisei girl, Eiko Tashiro, who also works for the city became concerned when she saw this man on her way home from work. She and Chinn had called this number and found that the priest was out of town. But his wife said, "Bring him over. We've taken care of him before." Which we did, the three of us unsuccessfully trying to make conversation with Minami during the short ride.

When we got Minami into the house, the lady explained that he at one time had stayed at the Rancho Los Amigos, a county indigent home. But one day, he had quietly taken off, presumably because he missed his Japanese food.

At any rate, assured that Minami was in good hands resting in familiar surroundings, we left. All Minami wanted at the moment was a drink of water. We went back to Li'l Tokio for a bite before digging in to some more paperwork at the regional office.

Soon comes a call from the lady that Minami had slipped out of the house and disappeared.

We hope he's getting along all right wherever he is. Could it be that his pride, subconsciously perhaps, made him want to avoid becoming a responsible burden to these good Buddhist folks.

This is not our first experience with peripatetic Issei. We've helped place a number of them under the care of the county Bureau of Public Assistance, or to obtain government transportation for them as voluntary deportees to Japan to spend their final few years with their kinsmen.

A couple of years ago, we got an SOS from Takeo Momita who was then operating a drug store in El Centro. He's now in Calipatria in Imperial Valley. Tak had given shelter and food for a few days to an Issei who has somehow wandered away from a home in Walteria where he was staying. He was returned safely.

Much will be said about the contribution to the American scene made by our parent generation of farmers and entrepreneurs. Our Holiday Issue will extol them for rightfully they should be given recognition and credit.

Even though he served mainly as a source of labor, neither should the Issei bachelor, this writer feels, be denied the recognition for the quiet but contributing role he played in the development of the far west, for they, too, helped build the railroad tracks, worked in the mines and converted marginal desert lands into fruitful edens.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

How much does it cost to live in Los Angeles? Of course, it always costs more than you make but the Bureau of Labor Statistics has come out with an interesting report.

The average Los Angeles family has an annual income before personal taxes of \$4,547. It saves \$46 per year. The breakdown on how the salary is distributed is interesting too. Personal taxes average \$362; insurance premiums are \$178; and \$736 goes for automobile purchase, operation and gasoline.

Other expenses listed for the average Los Angeles family include \$1,172 for food; \$44 for alcoholic liquors; \$55 for tobacco; \$46 for television sets and one dollar for radios.

House furnishings amount to \$492.

What surprised us is one dollar for the radio. That medium of entertainment must be ancient as horse and buggy.

From another source, it was indicated that Californians will save something like \$250 million dollars a year when the 10 per cent reduction in Federal income taxes goes into effect Jan. 1.

State Controller Robert C. Kirkwood gave the estimate today in reporting the cutback will increase the take-home pay of state employees by nearly \$3.5 million a year.

The tax break will come with the expiration of the increase voted by Congress shortly after the war began in Korea. About 2,700,000 Angelenos will be filing their income tax report for the 1953 calendar year.

Kirkwood's statement also showed Los Angeles is creeping up on Sacramento in the number of state employees. The capital city is still first with 14,716, but Los Angeles county now has 10,024.

We might add that there are many persons of Japanese descent working for the state here and in Sacramento.

Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japan's wartime ambassador to the United States, quietly dropped into Li'l Tokio several days ago after completing his six-week visit of former friends in Washington, D.C.

The community paid respects to the man who 12 years ago was busily engaged in peace talks with officials in the White House. Tragically his mission failed, and while he did not know it himself, his nation was geared to attack Pearl Harbor.

The 76-year old envoy, today a president of a recording company, said there were many in Japan who did not want war with the United States and objected vigorously. He explained Gen. Yamamoto was one of them.

Nomura for the last 12 years has been a quiet shadow. Until this U.S. trip, which he claims is non-political, he has been a forgotten figure.

On Monday this week, Dec. 7, Nomura spent his day in the Miyako Hotel, was interviewed by newsmen, and ate at one of the restaurants in Li'l Tokio.

Strange, how time changes things around. There is warmth and friendship today between the two nations.

Representatives of the Li'l Tokio press are being invited by Japan Air Lines when "City of Tokyo", one of its trans-pacific luxury planes, takes off Jan. 17 in a "preview" inspection flight preliminary to its inaugural passenger flights next Feb. 3. They will make a round-trip flight to Tokyo via Honolulu. The newsmen, including George Inagaki for the Pacific Citizen, will be accompanied by mayors and other civic dignitaries.

Today's hen is in a class with the goose that laid the gold egg—and that's no fairy tale.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

DOI—Oct. 4, a boy Jon to the Bill Dois, Minneapolis. FURUKAWA—Nov. 27, a girl to the Art Furukawas, Seattle. HINATSU—Nov. 25, a boy to the Kaz Hinatus, Ontario, Ore. IKEDA—Dec. 2, a boy to the Victor J. Ikedas, Seattle. KAWASHIMA—A girl to the Ben Kawashimas, Denver. KOGA—Nov. 22, a boy Ken to the James Kogas, San Jose. MARUOKA—Nov. 12, a boy to the Frank Maruokas, San Francisco. MIGAKI—Dec. 2, a boy to the Thomas Migakis, Seattle. MURAI—Nov. 22, a girl Helen Teruko to the Tadao Murais, Santa Clara. NAKAGAWA—Nov. 28, a girl to the James T. Nakagawas, San Francisco. OHASHI—Dec. 2, a boy to the Yoshio Ohashis, Nyssa, Ore. OKAJIMA—Nov. 27, a girl to the George Okajimas, Sanger. OKIYAMA—Nov. 30, a boy to the Ebo Okiyamas, Seattle. SHIKUMA—Dec. 2, a boy to the Kenzi Shikumas, Brogan, Ore. SHINTO—A girl to the Jim Shintos, Denver. TAHARA—Nov. 21, a boy to the John E. Taharas, Millbrae, Calif. TANI—Dec. 1, a girl to the Mamoru Tanis, Fresno. YABUJIKI—Nov. 24, a boy Kent to the Masao Yabukis, Oakland. YAGYU—Oct. 20, a girl Sandra Lynn to the Sam Yagyus, Memphis, Tenn.

Marriage Licenses Issued

AMEMIYA-FUJINO—Takeharu, 36, and Tomiyo, 33, both of Los Angeles. ANDO-ROHRS—Edward A., 27, and Shirley J., 20, both of Long Beach. ARIMA-TANAKA—Shuji Jim, Weiser, Idaho, and Tokie, Ontario, Ore. DICKEN-YOSHIZUMI—Ronald W., and Yukiko, both of Spokane. IGARASHI-NAKAMOTO—Isami, 26, Venice, and Mildred H., 21, San Fernando. KAHOOKELE-NISHIYAMA — Raymond, 24, (Army) and Alice T., 21, Pasadena. KANECHIKA-TOMITA — Yoichi, 31, and Rosie Y., 28, both of Los Angeles. KIYAN-HORI — Joe, 28, Covina, and Tokuko Y., 24, Los Angeles. MARUMOTO-KONISHI—Hiroshi, 32, Long Beach, and Shigeo, 32, San Francisco. MIYAMOTO-OCHI—Ken, 32, Los Angeles, and Alice H., 30, Long Beach. MOTODANI-OKADA — Kenji, 31, San Fernando, and Sally K., 28, Gardena. NAGATA-HIGUCHI—Iwao R., 51, and Tashi, 41, both of Los Angeles. NAGATA-NODA—Akira, 30, Pasadena, and Yasuko, 27, San Fernando. NAKAYAMA-WADA — Shigenobu, 29, Oakland, and Helen, 27, San Francisco. NATSUSHIMA-KANEKO—Dave W., 28, and Ruth Shizuko, 26, both of Los Angeles. NOMURA-IMADA — Minoru, 31, Venice, and Asa, 28, Jun Valley, Calif. SHIMOKAJI-UMENO—Kiyoshi, 26, and Chieko, 22, both of Los Angeles. SHIRAMIZU-CHITWOOD — Masao, 30, and Mary E., 43, both of Seattle. SHIROMA-AZAMA—Tom, 25, and Betty T., 25, both of Los Angeles. TAKABAYASHI-MORIKAWA—Kiyoko, 30, and Haruko, 30, both of Los Angeles. TAKATA-NISHIDA — Atzushi, 31, Whittier and Yasuko, 29, Los Angeles. TSUJI-TACHIBANA—Hirotosugu J., 27, Los Angeles, and Haruko, 22, Sun Valley. URAGAMI-YAMAGUCHI—Masaru, 31, Long Beach, and Shizuko J., 25, Los Angeles. WATANABE-KUWAHARA — Kaeko K., 25, Long Beach, and Florence F., 25, Compton. WITHROW-KIMURA—John P., 41, and Kinuko, 30, both of Pasadena. YAMASHITA-OKAMOTO—Yeige, 30, and Toshiye, 27, both of Los Angeles.

Weddings

ARIMA-NAKANISHI — Nov. 21, George Arima and Shiz Nakanishi, both of Seattle. ASHIDA-NAKAMURA — Nov. 22, Frank Ahisa and Evelyn Nakamura, both of Seattle.

IZUMI-HANAMOTO — Nov. 2, Yoichi Izumi and Suyeno S. Hanamoto, both of San Fernando. NAGAMOTO-OGUCHI—Nov. 27, Dr. Kenneth K. Nagamoto and Grace Akiko Oguchi, both of Los Angeles. SHIBATA-TOGASAKI—Nov. 14, Tokuo Shibata and Elizabeth Emiko Togasaki, both of Tokyo. (Bride is daughter of George Togasaki, Nippon Times president.) TAMADA-HIGO—Nov. 22, Henry Tamada and Katsuko Higo, both of Seattle. TANAKA-NISHI—Nov. 28, Tadao Tanaka, Los Angeles, and Kyoko Grace Nishi, Culver City. TANIGUCHI-KADIOKE — Nov. 22, Henry Taniguchi and Lillian Kadioke, both of Ontario, Ore. YASUDA-KIDO—Nov. 21, Paul Yasuda, Payette, Idaho, and Hisako Kido, Nyssa, Ore.

Deaths

NAKAMURA, Shotaro, 69; Berkeley, Nov. 27, survived by wife Toki, sons Tadashi and Akira, and daughter Keiko. NITTA, Mrs. Masako, 41; Seattle, Nov. 22, survived by husband Rinji, son Pfc. Kenichi (Germany), daughter Grace Junko, mother Mrs. Kume Murakami, brothers Roy, Frank (Los Angeles), sisters Mrs. Shizuko Bessie Inouye (Richfield, Utah), and Mrs. Yoshiko Ruth Watamura (Los Angeles). NARAHARA, Asaji, 79; Grand Junction, Colo., Nov. 29. OKAMOTO, Shizuto, 64; Los Angeles (formerly of Kent, Wash.), Nov. 1, survived by wife Tatsuko, son Frank Sho, daughters Margaret Shizuye and Marilyn Chiyeko. OKITA, Tsugoro; Los Angeles, Oct. 29, survived by wife Kaoru, sons Noboru, Hiroshi, Kiyoshi, daughters Mmes. Shizue Morita, Miyo Hamasaki, Hisako Tsujimoto. SHUSHO, Tetsujiro, 77; Salinas, Nov. 15, survived by wife Fuki and daughter Mrs. Oscar Itani. TANIHARA, Frank Hiroshi, 43; Fulton, Mo., (Stockton), Nov. 14, survived by wife Mitsue Flora, sons Jun, Melvin, daughter Joyce and two sisters Mme. Y. Nobusuye (San Jose) and N. Tanihara (Los Angeles). TOYAMA, Matsuke, 78; Sanger, Nov. 30, survived by wife Ushi, sons Kenny, Frank, Charles and daughter Mrs. Fumiko Tsuchiya. YAMAMOTO, Yoshimitsu, 63; Gardena, Nov. 26, survived by wife Tamayo, five sons Mike, Masayuki, Shiro, Joe and Jimmie Nagao, and daughter Mrs. Haruye Miyake. YAMAUCHI, Toro, 72; San Jose, Nov. 24, survived by husband Yasujiro, son George, daughters Mrs. Kikuko Ariga (North Hollywood), Mrs. Yaeko Kitajima, Mrs. Matsuko Honda, and Yoneko.

'FIRST BABY OF 1954' CONTEST OPENS IN SEATTLE

Another "first baby of the year" contest is in the making by the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee. The contest this year is limited to a baby whose parents are tither members of the NVC or its auxiliary, Koichi Yagi, chairman, said. The contest earlier this year was won by Craig Russell Heyamoto, born Jan. 2, and Wendy Jil Nitta, Jan. 4. Both received well over \$150 in merchandise.

High taxes doom Japan tourism, C. of C. charges

The Tokyo chamber of commerce charged high taxes are keeping tourists away from Japan. Because of high real estate and entertainment taxes, Japanese hotels are charging the highest rates in the world.

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by a harsh and retroactive construction of Section 315 to bar from naturalization a class of aliens it was intended to benefit and would have long since been naturalized, even though they had not served in World War I, if it were not for the racial bar to naturalization. It is submitted that the intentioned beneficent purposes of Congress in passing the 1952 Act will be fulfilled by construing Section 315 as not barring from naturalization non-declarant aliens who did not render military service in World War I.

The hearing took almost two hours. Judge Goodman took the case under advisement and will, it is hoped, render a favorable decision in the near future.

Mike Masaoka and Saburo Kido later commented that this case stands in significance to Japanese Americans with the celebrated alien land law cases and will serve as an important landmark in the legal history of Japanese Americans.

Important as the legal arguments are, it seems to me that there is a definitive moral issue related to the purely legalistic arguments pro and con. I believe that there is no question that the Issei by their very

lives have demonstrated a citizenship of profound usefulness and significance.

Beyond the various legal citations made by the attorneys, it would seem that a statement revealing America as refuge and home for our parents would and should be these lines carved at the base of the Statue of Liberty:

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses Yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me; I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

Condolences Extended

By SAM ISHIKAWA

Eleven year old Gen Murayama passed away Nov. 28 from rheumatic fever. Gen had suffered from this dreaded illness for the greater part of his short life. Although I never met Gen personally, I feel as if I were closely acquainted with him. For I have watched his father Tamotsu carry off his hard fight for Gen's life.

His father never once gave up nor did he spare anything within his reach to care for his beloved son. Tamotsu carried this burden with him constantly, even though many of us too well have known very little of this part of Tamotsu's life. For Tamotsu never asked for sympathy and called on his friends for help only when he was "just up against it".

Gen's father is known to all his friends as the hard fighting, good-willed and honest "Tamotsu".

Even though he holds the very responsible position as the Nippon Times' city editor, Tamotsu is better known for his frank opinions, and his social welfare activities.

He is one of the sponsors of the Boy Scout movement in Japan, and takes active part in promoting scout movement throughout the world. I can't but help believe that Gen did a great deal to encourage his father in scouting.

Not only do the Boy Scouts interest him, but Tamotsu, perhaps, is the only Nisei in Japan who is putting his full efforts to better the reputation of the Nisei.

It may come as a shock to some, but the Nisei is thoroughly discredited in many circles of Japan. This antagonism arises from some of the shady dealings of advantage taking Nisei during the Occupation, but most of it stems from misunderstanding and a great deal of exaggeration.

Tamotsu almost singlehandedly is working for the Nisei in Japan.

Gen, your father and family will miss you deeply. But your fighting spirit and courage will live through your father and our friend, "Tamotsu". Good-bye, Gen . . .

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## EDITORIALS

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

DECADE AGO

## Nary a Day of His Own

Denver

Since his triumphant return from a Communist prisoner of war camp three months ago, Medal of Honor winner Hiroshi Miyamura has had hardly a day to call his own. In Denver for the Mountain-Plains JACL district convention (and a testimonial dinner sponsored by American Legion Cathay Post), Miyamura expressed hope the fetes were over and that he could settle down to the job of becoming a private citizen again.

Miyamura still has hopes of going into the restaurant business in his home town of Gallup, N.M. He'd like to buckle down to the details of getting the place under way. He thinks, at this writing, that it'll be a combination restaurant and drive-in so that he'll be able to operate it the year-round.

In the excitement of the Denver convention, almost everyone overlooked the fact that Miyamura was one of two men selected as New Mexico's nominees for the national Junior Chamber of Commerce's "Young Man of the Year" award.

Miyamura was named at a dinner in Farmington the night before he arrived in Denver to be honored by JACLers. Among his sponsors was State Senator Guido Zecca, one of the men who made plans for Miyamura's homecoming to Gallup. The citation lauds Miyamura's war record, but that's only part of it. It states that, as a citizen-soldier, he answered the call to arms, defied efforts of the Communists to break his spirit, and demonstrated to all the world the meaning of democracy in America.

After he was honored by the Legion, Miyamura relaxed in a yarning session with old soldiers like Rupert Arai, commander of Cathay Post; Shig Teraji who won a battle-

field commission with the 442nd in Italy; and John Noguchi, Denver JACL chapter president who was attached to the First Marines for much of their island-hopping campaign across the Pacific and in North China.

What do Nisei old soldiers talk about? About liquor, comrades, bad food, liquor, hardships, personal experiences, liquor, characters they've known, and liquor.

As Shig observed, some of the battle situations a soldier finds himself in are so miserable that at the time he wishes the enemy would kill him and get the misery over with. But after it's all over, it's fun to talk about how rough things were.

Sometimes I think we Nisei have underestimated the effectiveness of the propaganda machine that publicized our cause during the dark years. This feeling has been strengthened by chance meetings with three individuals in the last few weeks. One was a Czech refugee who fled from his native land to France to get away from the Communists, and finally was allowed to enter the United States a few months ago.

The second was a young Methodist minister whose experience has been entirely in the midwest and New England. The third was an advertising man who in his youth had been a railroad fireman in the Mississippi valley.

Not one of them had any close connection with either the Nisei or the west coast, but all three knew something about the Nisei, the evacuation, the war relocation camps and the government's resettlement policy.

Perhaps it was just a coincidence, but the high batting average is indication that the word got around.

## Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

## Campus Prejudice

For a long time now the Greeks, campus brand, have had a word for it.

The word is prejudice.

When a student of non-Caucasian ancestry or of non-Protestant faith enrolls at most United States colleges and universities, he must face the inevitable fact that a part of college life will remain closed to him. Almost without exception nationally chartered fraternities and sororities maintain racial and religious restrictions on membership.

The blame is not necessarily for the present generation of college students since the restrictive practices go back fifty years and more to the time when many of these fraternities and sororities were chartered. In fact, it is only in recent years, particularly since the return of the GIs to the campuses, that a concerted effort has been made to abolish these discriminatory practices.

Within the past five years fraternities at several famous old New England colleges have pledged Negro or Oriental students, in violation to their national charters, as well as students of the Hebrew faith. In some cases there was little more than vocal displeasure voiced by the fraternity's national leadership but in at least one case the charter of the chapter involved was ordered suspended.

Since a fraternity charter constitutes a vested interest, including real estate, a treasury and the sentiment of old graduates, a suspension is not something to be taken lightly, nor dared on the spur of a moment of idealism. The usual tendency, as shown on most campuses, is to let well enough alone. Let someone else break the hard ground of social progress.

Restrictive policies, of course, have served to diminish influence of the fraternities on the campus. There was a time when, except on the biggest campuses where the sheer number of students overwhelmed the organized bodies, the Greeks dominated a school's politics and activities. Here again the more mature influence of the war veteran studying on his GI bill, often with wife and child beside him in a quonset hut, has been felt.

It is true that in the past five years and more the fraternities and sororities have developed a troubled conscience on their own shortcomings. The issue of religious and racial prejudice has been injected into annual meetings of the National Interfraternity Conference. It was raised again recently when the nation's fraternities convened in Cincinnati. Each year the conference has sought to avoid a showdown on the issue, but each year someone undiplomatically has brought it up.

This year the president of the University of Rhode Island, Dr. Carl R. Woodward, proposed at a panel discussion that national social groups in colleges abandon bars based on religious and racial differences.

Most of the 61 fraternities which belong to the National Interfraternity Conference either have constitutional prohibitions or policies hardened by practice and tradition which discriminate on racial or religious grounds. Racially it is aimed at the student of Negro or Asian extraction, religiously against

those of Jewish faith and sometimes against the Catholic.

Dr. Woodward defended the right of fraternities to continue to exercise the "principle of selective membership" in choosing new members, noting that such a right was basic to the democratic heritage of freedom and self-discrimination. He also stressed, however, that such right of selection should not be based arbitrarily on racial or religious reasons.

Another university president, Dr. Arthur Flemming of Ohio Wesleyan, who is now the director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, also asked the fraternities to judge a prospective member on reasons of ability and personality, ignoring race, color and creed.

The case for the opposition was stated at the conference by W. A. Shideler, geology professor Ohio's Miami University, who declared that existing prejudices would prevent a feeling of brotherhood with certain members and that this feeling was essential to a fraternity.

"Since an initiate becomes a member not only of the initiating chapter but of all chapters, we must initiate only those who will be accepted by all chapters," Shideler added.

Because most of the national fraternities have chapters south of the Mason-Dixon line, it is obvious that a change in policy must be accompanied by a change in public attitudes as a whole and general action, particularly in the field of race restrictions, still remains remote.

On the other hand, many local fraternities, particularly in smaller colleges, have dropped racial and religious restrictions as a result of the campus ferment on this problem.

In at least one New England college, where campus social groups are not affiliated nationally, the administration has ruled that no social group which discriminates on racial or religious grounds will receive recognition.

Students of minority racial or religious groups are not without their own social groups, of course. There are Jewish and Negro fraternities and sororities, while the Nisei have maintained social groups in schools in which there were sizable enrollments of persons of Japanese ancestry. For example, there were men's and women's groups at the University of California in Berkeley which, in the last pre-evacuation year of 1941, had more than 500 Nisei students. There is a Trojan club at USC and a Bruin club at UCLA, as well as the Chi Alpha Delta sorority at UCLA and similar groups at the University of Washington. All of these groups helped give Nisei an "in-group" feeling and did not necessarily detract from their participation in other campus activities.

The growing awareness of social discrimination on the campus has been accompanied by changes for the better. These changes will continue as long as fraternities and sororities realize that an "Aryan Protestant" elite is an anachronism in the college world of today.

## Non-Observance

The absence of sensational editorial by the metropolitan press in California Dec. 7, a day which President Roosevelt declared would be remembered as a "day of infamy", is a strong indication that American public opinion is changeable.

Mention was not even made of the alleged "double cross" by the then Japanese Ambassador Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, who was spending a very quiet day in Los Angeles. Rather, the metropolitan press here presented a sympathetic account of the ex-admiral's side of the story—12 years after the incident.

The change in American attitudes has always befuddled political experts. Persons of Japanese ancestry in America certainly gained by the 1941 experience. Every effort to prevent such a recurrence should be made.

## Acid Test

(Fresno Bee)

President Dwight D. Eisenhower in accepting the 10th annual America's Democratic Legacy Award of the B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation League and in speaking of the guaranteed right of every person to meet his accuser face to face, said:

If we are going to continue to be proud to be Americans, there must be no weakening of the code by which we have lived.

The right to speak your mind and be protected in it also must be guaranteed.

If the President uses his own great personal influence and the even greater prestige of his office to implement his words, this code and this right will be more secure and more respected both inside and outside of government.

But words without actions are as planes without wings and guns without ammunition.

## THE MAILBOX

Editor: Because I want the readers of the Pacific Citizen to know how much the JACL program has been helpful to me and my husband I am writing to express our appreciation.

My husband became subject to deportation shortly after the end of the war. Because of his entry status he was required to return to Japan.

My 9-year-old son and I are happy to inform you that thanks to the provisions of the McCarran-Walter Law of 1952, my husband has been able to return to the United States to join me and our son.

I am an avid reader of the Pacific Citizen. In following your paper and in talking to many Issei, I realize that most Japanese in America think only in terms of naturalization and immigration benefits of this new law. I just want to let you know that there are other benefits under this law which we Nisei and Issei can enjoy and which all of us should recognize and appreciate.

Best wishes to the JACL National organization and thanks again for its wonderful work. I am enclosing a small "Kihei Kinen" as an expression of our gratitude.

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Dec. 11, 1943  
War Dept. names nine dead, 60 wounded in Italian fighting; all but one from Hawaii. Sec'y of War Stimson declared: "Gen. Clark reports that the 100th Infantry Battalion composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry, continue to make a highly creditable campaign record . . ."

Military "fluke" gave Army's Japanese American battalion chance to fight on Italy front; joined (34th) division to fill gap caused by removal of rough-tough battalion before North Africa invasion.

Satoshi Kira, 22, reported shot by Gila River WRA camp sentry; youth had shown signs of mental derangement prior to shooting, family admits.

Former Nisei state employee protests dismissal by (Calif.) State Board of Equalization; civil service postpones hearings until after war.

Second chaplain (Lt. Hiro Higuchi, Hawaii) joins Camp Shelby Nisei unit.

Twin Falls (Ida.) Times News editorial comments on "Jap hot spot" charge of Hearst newspapers; "it all goes to show how hatreds, personal prejudices and racial intolerance can warp one's senses into vicious ways of thinking."

Ninth Circuit Court upholds Gen. DeWitt's evacuation of American citizens of Japanese descent; Judge William Denman regrets action, expresses hope evacuees will be compensated for losses as unanimous verdict filed.

Mrs. Lun P. Woo, American-born Japanese girl, permitted to rejoin Chinese American husband in Seattle; gets Western Defense permission to leave center.

L.A. Times conducts "Jap questionnaire"; returns show 10-1 prefer permanent exclusion of Japanese from west coast.

Report congressional "storm" in the "Battle of the Bathtubs," WRA newsletter indiscreetly urges relocating evacuee to midwest areas to teach farmers sanitation and efficiency.

## MINORITY

The U.S. Supreme Court was asked to review the case of Jesse Dukes, two-time escapee from the Georgia chain gang, now being held in a New Jersey jail. Dukes, at the age of 12, was sentenced to serve from 15 to 25 years for alleged theft of five automobiles at a trial that lasted only a few minutes and at which he had no counsel. His case was fought in New Jersey courts with the state supreme court recently declaring Dukes must return to Georgia. (According to the NAACP, Jesse had never been to school, did not know how to drive a car and still can't.)

The NAACP is "greatly pleased" by President Eisenhower's announcement that the Navy's non-segregation policy is now "completely effective". Said Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, "This is most commendable and demonstrates what can be done through courageous, decisive action." On the 60 Navy installations on federally-owned property in the South, only one retained partial segregation, a situation which is to be remedied by the end of this year, according to Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Navy.

The Mayor's Commission on Human Rights of Milwaukee sponsored Human Rights on Dec. 9 with representatives of social science departments of universities, colleges and public officials participating in a symposium, "What is Meant by Human Rights."

The more careful you are with what you say the easier it is to be a man of your word.