

*** Washington Newsletter . . .**

Warren E. Burger . . .

First presidential appointment of the new administration whose activities will have a direct relation to Issei and Nisei as such is that of Warren E. Burger of St. Paul to be Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Claims Division of the Department of Justice.



JOHN ALLISON
Knows Japan more intimately than any other person being considered . . .

In this post, he will supervise the Evacuation Claims section. Some capitol observers categorize this appointment as paying off a political debt because Burger is said to have clinched a first-ballot nomination for General Eisenhower by sending word, as Stassen's floor manager at the Republican National Convention, to the platform that Minnesota was switching to the President.

The importance of having a sympathetic head of the Claims Division is recalled in the more expeditious and humane manner in which the evacuation claims program was developed after Holmes Baldridge replaced Graham Morrison as Assistant AG two years ago.

The new appointee is expected to continue the present realistic and friendly program because he is aware of the evacuation and its aftermath as a member of the Governor's Interracial Commission and as president of the St. Paul Council on Human Relations. The Twin Cities chapter of the JA-

CL is active in both the state and local organization. Though division heads are traditionally changed whenever a new Attorney General takes office, this does not necessarily follow for section chiefs, especially those who have done a

*** Denver Dateline . . .**

Fever, flu and foey ! ! !

During these past weeks, we've been rocking precariously along with intermittent bouts of fever and chills, recurring attacks of a most persistent flu bug, and so it's been foey with the usual routine of worry, work and woes. Worries and woes we have plenty but no work accomplished for a couple of weeks.

True, was under the weather too, but she wants to know how a housewife and mother can afford the luxury of being sick with three and a half other patients in the house. (She claims friend husband is twice the baby the babies are!)

The virus flu infection is the same story all over town. Melanie the youngest of the Y. Terasaki household, the George Fujimoto's baby, Dick Nakayama's baby, the Miyamoto's child, and so many others are either in the hospital, or in bed with the flu.

Our little punkin, Laurel Dee, had a lonesome siege in the hospital for more than a week. We happily brought her home the other day, but she came back with a disconcerting yen for toast and jam every morning at 6 ayem! They wake people up too early at hospitals.

Her sister Iris Yummy was laid low by a galloping fever too, but now she's up and around. So much so that she goes galloping all over the house, imitating cowboys on TV. And she wants to know why when Daddy smokes "Happy-Go-Luckies", Daddy is so grumpy all the time. Our long-suffering wife,

And we aren't trying to give Denver a bad reputation. It's just that we're in a nation-wide flu epidemic. It says so in the papers.

Watch out, Chicago . . .

Annually the local JACLers go all out on a membership campaign to put the chapter at the top, until the larger population centers such as Chicago or Los Angeles finally manage to creep even, and maybe pass Denver by virtue of sheer

*** Los Angeles Newsletter . . .**

'Gomen Nasai' . . .

Disc jockeys are taking a strange hold on an imported recording of "Gomen Nasai" pressed by Nippon Columbia this week. Latest word from a Hollywood publicist is that the plate will soon be needed on many a turntable since Columbia Records has bought rights to bake more and more of them for U. S. consumption. If the ditty soaks well enough with the younger set, it might hit like "Shina No Yoru."

The Sumitomo Bank of California opened its Los Angeles branch on Monday as scheduled but its First and San Pedro office facilities are not yet ready. It operates temporarily in a small office on So. San Pedro St.

The lyrics were written by Sgt. Benedict Mayers in Korea: the tune by Raymond Hattori in Tokyo. The vocalist is Cpl. Richard Bower, a Negro, who is presently working in a factory in New Jersey. The music definitely carries an Oriental flavor.

Next Monday should see the Bank of Tokyo, California, open at the former site occupied by the prewar Yokohama Specie Bank.

Attorney Saburo Kido made a ceremonial deposit at the new Sumitomo to become its first client. Sim Togasaki was the first depositor in San Francisco.

Whale raises havoc . . .

Willie, the 60-ton whale, is again harassing Coast Guard boats and freighters in the waters around Terminal Island. The latest "victim" was Yamiko Maru, a Japanese cargo ship.

Crew members reported they definitely felt a shudder under their boat when big Willie scrapped under their vessel. Dr. Francis N. Clark, head of the State Fish Laboratories, has a romantic notion that the whale is lovesick but down-to-earth navigators think otherwise.

reasonably good job. Thus, Enoch E. Ellison, section chief, may be expected to remain. To this observer, Ellison has done one of the better administrative jobs under great difficulties and deserves much credit for the effectiveness of the compromise settlement evacuation claims program.

By Mike Masaoka

It would be a real tragedy for both our government and the evacuee claimants if Ellison were transferred from his present post and a new, inexperienced attorney put in his place simply to satisfy patronage demands.

Far East foreign policy . . .

One of the criticisms levied against the Truman administration was that its foreign policy placed too much emphasis on Europe while neglecting Asia. The new administration especially with John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State, will give considerably more attention to the Orient than possibly any other in American history.

This marked and welcome change in policy comes on the centennial of Commodore Perry's first visit to Japan.

Because of our ancestry, this greater interest in the Far East and in Japan can well alter our lives as individuals and as members of a racial minority.

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*** Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama**

Nichibeï press group . . .

An organization which adds unique color to the Japanese press is the Japanese American Press Association, composed of representatives of newspapers and magazines published in the United States by Japanese.

Saburo Kido gave his opinion that Nisei in the hinterlands here were not being informed of their citizenship status, or the general public of immigration problems. It was agreed by all that some contact will be made to disseminate the information coming from the states. This arrangement in itself would be of great value to all Nisei in Japan.

The Hawaii Herald of Honolulu is represented by Isao Makino, younger brother of the proprietor.

The Hawaii Times' correspondent is Soen Yamashita who has been in Japan since the prewar days. He has written many books on the Nisei in Hawaii and Japan.

Hachiro Shishimoto represents the Nichibeï Times of San Francisco and the Mexican Times of Mexico City. He was former managing editor of the Japanese American News of San Francisco, and publishes a district paper in Tokyo.

Kamenosuke Sakakibara is a popular correspondent of the Hokubei Mainichi and Sangyo Keizai editorial writer, covering the Tokyo Foreign Office. He is not only a journalist but a good business man.

Hokubei Hochi of Seattle is represented by Sumiyoshi Arima, former managing editor of the Hokubei Jiji.

Takeo Ozawa is a correspondent of the Colorado Times. He is also director of the Japan Steel Company.

Tokubun Aoki represents the California Daily News, and the Rafu Shimpo's correspondent is Shogo Muto, its former managing editor. Muto is probably the most brilliant newspaperman among the pen pushers from America.

The New Canadian of Toronto, Canada is represented by Kaizo Tsuyuki, former managing editor. He went to Canada after the war and brought back many 16-mm films of Canadian scenery. He is considered as the outstanding lecturer on Canada in Japan today.

Seiichi Sagitani, veteran journalist and pioneer as a newspaperman with the Japanese American News of San Francisco for many years, represents the New Japanese American News of Los Angeles. He is the dean of the pen pushers in Japan.

The monthly magazine, Scene, is represented by Suimei Azumi, former publisher of a weekly paper in San Francisco.

This writer is the correspondent for the Utah Nippo of Salt Lake City. Now that I am writing for the Pacific Citizen, JACL's official organ takes its place in the press association's set-up. I am working for the Nippon Times as city editor and give a weekly lecture on journalism at Waseda University.

On the eve of Saburo Kido's departure to the states, the group met at the Japanese YM-CA and discussed ways and means of establishing closer

Hideo Hagiwara is a former Los Angeles boy. His brothers and mother are still in the states. He became one of the best known writers after his publication on Iwo Jima called, "Hakotsu no Shima," or "An Island of Skeletons." His work created a nationwide sensation in Japan when he described the terrific scenes of Iwo Jima.

Hideo writes for newspapers and magazines besides books. He was sent to Iwo Jima as an interpreter and metal expert for reclaiming scrap iron.

He has organized groups and inspired individuals to bring back the remains of the war dead from various fighting sectors.

It is strange that no newspaper or magazine has mentioned his young days in Los Angeles. Persons like Hagiwara should be widely publicized and boasted in connection with his early life in America.

McCarran's cousin . . .

Sen. Pat McCarran has a cousin in Japan with a Japanese wife. He is Col. Leroy M. Martine, Ret., biochemist and a devoted Republican. His wife is Mitsui Komai, Kobe-born pharmacist.

"My cousin (Sen. McCarran) presented a private bill for me to obtain permission to get married in 1948," Col. Martine explained. "I faced all sorts of hardship and discrimination because my wife is of the Japanese race. I am happy to know that now the Japanese can go to America on the quota basis, though small in number . . . This great change is tangible proof that Americans are getting to understand the Japanese and Japan."

His wife speaks perfect English.

Col. Martine was under Gen. MacArthur at West Point and devoted to the "old soldier." In addition to improving hygienic welfare and enacting new pharmacy laws, Col. Martine convinced Gen. MacArthur in giving "sweets" to the Japanese youngsters. Sugar was like expensive medicine during the early days of Occupation. "When kids are happy, the parents are happy. When the parents are happy, everything is peaceful," Col. Martine believed. Hence, sugar was allotted to candy manufacturers in Japan.

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Christmas gift

Can anyone top this for a Christmas gift? Dr. Bill Hiura of Chicago gave his wife Toshi with a most luxurious, elegant fur coat—mink, no less!

Harry Nakano was unanimously elected president of Chicago's Ellis Community Center church.

Reporting for John Muir College in the Pasadena Star-News are Marge Fukutaki and Yoshiko Nakahiro this semester.

Shirley Yamaguchi petite movie star, will join her husband Isamu Noguchi now in New York after a year's stay in Japan, as non-quota immigrant for permanent residence.

A bold noon-hour hold-up in which Jean Oshiro, 20, flower-shop girl in a downtown Los Angeles Jan. 28, was victimized, had police searching nearby Biltmore Hotel for the robber who scooped some \$200 from the till.

Shonien home

If actual building starts by June 30, 1953, Shonien Home will have \$1,800 from the Los Angeles Area Building Funds, Inc. A building site in the Highland Park is being sought by Nisuke Mitsumori, Joe Ito, Fred Tayama and Hitoshi Fukui, committeemen. Currently, the fund stands past the \$18,000 mark.

Southland Japanese have another radio program, which started Sunday over KOWL (1580 kc) sponsored by the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society.

Alien registration

George Mochizuki again handled alien registration in Salt Lake City's Colonial Hotel lobby as a public service this past week.

Mrs. Chiyo Inaba of Riverside was instrumental in organizing English classes for Japanese war brides there.

Receiving his Juris Doctor degree at George Washington U., Washington, D. C., recently at the fall convocation was Daniel Ken Inouye, of 2322 Coyne St., Honolulu.

Ace bridge player Michie Shimizu is back in Chicago after visiting her ailing father in Japan.

Jack Nakagawa made his second European trip in a year recently for his firm which distributes foreign-made cars. He was accompanied this time by Ray Ikegami, both of Chicago.

Yaeko Kawaguchi, Maui-born co-ed, was pledged into the Sigma Sigma Sigma, Western State College, Gunnison, Colo., this past week.

Lovely Lucille Kikushima, Salt Lake City, was crowned Bussei Sweetheart of the Intermountain Young Buddhist League by Mrs. Shigecko Mizuno, last year's queen.

For the first time, two Nisei took leading roles at the Lowell High graduation rites last week in San Francisco. Wesley Muto, class president, delivered the salutatory address; Atsuko Awaya presented the class history.

Art Yoshioka of Seattle, '51 U. of W. architect grad, is ex-

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pecting the draft board to call him this month.

Fibber Hirayama, Fresno State College star scabback and more recently outfielder for the Stockton Ports, reported for induction Jan. 29 at Fresno.

Nina Fonaroff's newly organized company of dancers have signed Teru Masumoto and Alice Uchida. The group will present "Requiem" and "Lazarus" at New York's Lexington Ave. YMCA, Feb. 14.

Cake for Ike

Unusual greetings were sent to Pres. Eisenhower by Chris Imamura, pastry chef at ritzy Denver Country Club, who recently baked a big cake, decorated with "Congratulations, President Eisenhower" and a flag in red, white & blue frosting.

Winning a majority on the first poll, Koji Watanabe, varsity halfback, became the first Nisei student-body president at Placer Union High School this semester.

Pinned in the two-truck smash-up for half an hour, Alfred Mukai, 16, of 6845 Myrtle Ave., Long Beach, died enroute to the hospital after his pickup rammed into a rear of a cotton truck on the Ridge Route near Castaic Jan. 28.

Juilliard pianist

Recent Juilliard School of Music graduate pianist Elaine Hibi of San Diego performed Sunday at the Musical Merit Foundation program in the U. S. Grant Hotel.

Roy Hirai of Ontario, Ore., is president of the Malheur County Farm Labor Sponsoring Association, which met last week to discuss labor requirement program for the year.

Nursing cap recipient at Harborview County Hospital near Seattle, Jan. 13, was Fukiko Arakawa, U. of W. nursing student.

Energetic photographer Elmer Ogawa of Seattle is temporary chairman of the Jackson St. Community Council.

'Nisei Daughter'

"Nisei Daughter," a charming book reviewed in the P. C. last week, was reviewed by News-week's Feb. 2 issue.

An exhibit of Japanese woodblock prints by Paul Jacoulet attracted attention of NYU School of Education students last week.

That Nisei gentlemen appearing on TV optical ad in Salt Lake City is Heed Iwamoto, brother-in-law of Dr. Toshiko Toyota.

Paul Togawa, Nisei conga drummer and vocalist with Lionel Hampton's band, who recently played at Ike's inaugural ball, is headed south for an engagement in Miami.

YWCA worker first Hawaii Issei to file for citizenship

Honolulu The distinction of becoming the first resident whose petition for naturalization was accepted under the new Walter-McCarran Act went to Mrs. Tokue Nishi, 2208 Hoonanea St. Mrs. Nishi, a YWCA group worker, will appear at a hearing in Federal court Feb. 26 to be sworn in as an American citizen.

Born in Japan, Mrs. Nishi had been ineligible for naturalization under the old law, although she had lived in Hawaii for the past 40 years and applied for citizenship six years ago.

It is estimated that as many as half of the 35,000 Hawaii aliens newly qualified for naturalization may apply for citizenship ultimately.

Kosaka -

From Page 1 tion today, Kosaki relegates corruption to a minor role in face of two others which he says are more important.

On the domestic scene, he says the biggest problem is to avoid dangerous inflation. "There is still a serious problem of unemployment, but war is overshadowing many of our internal problems."

Abroad, obviously the most important task for the U. S. is to live in peace with all the other nations. With the world wide pattern of interwoven peoples and countries becoming more important, Kosaki believes that foreign policy now has a direct bearing on internal affairs.

As the ponderous governmental snowball moves along and into the path of the new, incoming national administration, Kosaki—who is also a research assistant for the legislative reference bureau—will be one of many specialists in government watching for a possible collision or merger of the two forces.

Puppet maker

Chicago Eight-year-old Bobby Kunita made his TV debut over WENR showing his hand-made puppet in a Chicago Boys Club show. He is a member of the Woodlawn Boys club.

He discussed his hobby with an adult who perfected the same hobby.

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Chicago CL credit union gives 4%

Chicago A 4 percent dividend return to all shareholders of the Chicago JACL credit union was announced at the Jan. 23 annual meeting at Como Inn. The asset holdings are \$63,165.71 for Dec. 31, 1952.

Annual reports were presented by Ken Yoshihara, pres.; Sumi Kobayashi, treas.; Mike Hagiwara, credit committee; Wiley Higuchi, supervisory committee; and George Nishimoto, educational committee. A \$100 bond was presented to the treasurer for her unselfish service and \$25 bonds to Lester Katsura and Paul Otake, ass't treas.

Vacancies in the board of directors were filled as follows: 3 Yr. Terms—Tom Masuda, Shig Wakamatsu, Noboru Honda, Ariye Oda, Rose Matsuura.

2 Yr. Term—Tom Oye. 1 Yr. Term—George Nishimoto. Other Members—Ronald Shiozaki, Paul Otake, Lester Katsura, Fumi Iwatsuki, Corky Kawasaki, Wiley Higuchi, Sumi Kobayashi and Ken Yoshihara.

Nakatsuka -

From Page 1 applicant for examination in Japanese, the Immigration Service is said to be prepared to provide an interpreter, since none of the three examiners now interviewing applicants can speak Japanese.

Presumably the interpreter would be one of the Nisei employees on the agency's staff who would be called in for temporary duty.

The 3000 applications on file already and the hundreds more that are certain to be filed in the months ahead will keep the three examiners busy for several years, by their own calculations.

Additional examiners are being arranged for, it was reported, but just how many or how soon they will be put into service has not been announced by the Immigration Service.

The plan, however, is definitely to step up the number of aliens who can be examined daily.

As it is, the late filers may not obtain their citizenship for several years hence, with the back log piling up all along.

Twin Cities credit union organized, officers named

Minneapolis The Twin Cities United Citizens League credit union, 2200 Blaisdell Ave. So., was incorporated under the state laws of Minnesota on Jan. 23. Its entrance fee was established at 50 cents per person.

The officers elected to serve are as follows:

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Credit Committee — Chester Fujino, Sam Shimada, Mas Teramoto.

Supervisory Committee — Dr. Paul Shimizu, Tak Tsuchiya, George Yoshino.

Citizenship plea

Washington, D.C. Rep. Shelley (D., Calif.) introduced a bill recently in the House to provide aliens serving with the U.S. armed forces in Korea shall be eligible for citizenship. Military service in Korea is evidence of willingness "to fight for democracy and freedom," Shelley said.

Kawasumi sisters

Los Angeles The Kawasumi Trio sang themselves into winning a week's vacation at the fabulous Hotel Flamingo, Las Vegas, by rendering "Sentimental Journey" in Bill Gwynn's Show on ABC-TV Tuesday night.

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Close contest reported in Long Beach chapter

Long Beach

A close contest was featured in the spot for presidency of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL chapter, it was revealed this week. George Nakamura eked out incumbent Mas Narita.

Nakamura and his 1953 cabinet will be installed Feb. 27, at the Los Angeles County joint installation dance at the Riviera Country Club.

Other officers are: Fred Hiroto, 1st v.p.; Mrs. Noble Narita, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Ruby Mio, 3rd v.p.; Mizzi Arihara, rec. sec.; Kazuko Matsumoto, cor. sec.; Fumio Takahashi, treas.; Gladys Iseri, hist.; Fred Ikeguchi, del.

San Luis Obispo CL

San Luis Obispo

Haruo Hayashi of Arroyo Grande was installed as 1953 president of the San Luis Obispo JACL chapter last Friday at an informal dinner at Dunes Restaurant, Grover City.

Assisting him will be: Paul Ichiuji, v.p.; Cherry Obayashi, sec.; Seirin Ikeda, treas.; Masaji Eto, Hiro Fuchiwaki, del.; Saburo Ikeda, Karl Taku, alt. del.; Matt Kunihiro, James Sakamoto, Bill Nagano, sgts.-at-arms.

Fresno JACL auxiliary

Fresno

Mrs. Fusa Mikami was elected head of the Fresno JACL women's auxiliary for 1953 at a recent meeting. She will be assisted by Mmes. Sumi Suda, v.p.; Neva Saito, 2nd v.p.; Gloria Okamura, rec. sec.; Tomiko Ishikawa, cor. sec.; Sumi Murashima, treas.; Tsuru Namba, welf.; Mickey Kubota hist.

San Mateo mayor installs CL cabinet

San Mateo

Civic officials witnessed the installation of Dr. Andrew Yoshiwara and his cabinet as officers for the San Mateo JACL chapter last Jan. 24 at the Chukker dinner-dance. Mayor Herschel Campbell of San Mateo was installing officer.

Other officers installed were: Yosh Tanaka, 1st v.p.; Yobo Tanaka 2nd v.p.; Keiko Kai, rec. sec.; Doris Ishimaru, cor. sec.; Claude Yamamoto, treas.; Tokiko Morikawa, hist.; Ann Sutow, pub.

Honored guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Morse, dir. of adult education, San Mateo J.C.; Assemblyman and Mrs. Daniel Creedon; Municipal Judge and Mrs. Fred Wycoff; Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Ishimaru, N.C. regional director.

Clevelanders push three-way drive

Cleveland

A triple-barreled membership drive is underway in the Cleveland area by JACLers. The chapter hopes to exceed its 307 memberships of 1952, a record in itself for the group. Mas Kimura and Bob Fujita, members-at-large are co-chairmen.

Canvassers will conduct a general interest survey to assist the cabinet set up its program for the year, gather addresses and telephone numbers for a JACL directory of Cleveland Japanese, and sign members with the new four-part JACL form.

Engineering honors

Chicago

James S. Fujinaka and Na-jita Kazatoshi of southside Chicago were initiated into the Illinois Institute of Technology chapter of Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society.

UNIQUE MEMBERSHIP SCHEME PRESENTED BY SAN DIEGANS

San Diego

Unique membership schemes need to be published and the San Diego JACL is tackling the renewal of its 205 members of the past year by Uncle Sam's help—the mailman.

Green 3x5-inch index cards have been sent to solicit 1953 memberships. In addition to the name, address and phone, squares are provided to check off the chapter dues and Pacific Citizen subscriptions. The card is then returned in self-addressed stamped envelope to George Kodama, membership chairman.



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Credit union

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—A READER.

San Francisco.

(Our apologies to the San Francisco JACL Credit Union, the second oldest in the JACL family. It is growing rapidly in membership and assets. Anyone desiring to take advantage of the credit unions in the San Francisco region have the San Francisco JACL Credit Union or the Cal-Neva JACL Credit Union at their disposal.—Editor.)

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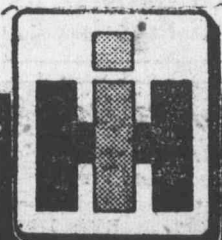
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*** SPORTSCOPE**

With a minimum of headline fanfare and hopefully a maximum of content the "Scope" may fill the bill hereafter.

TOP NEWS—With entry deadlines to the National JACL bowling tournament closed last weekend, George Inai, chairman, is busy scheduling the largest Nisei affair for the Downtown Bowling alleys, San Francisco Feb. 27-Mar. 1 . . . This section will present the roster of teams in next week's issue.

George's Market (Sacramento Nisei) rolled a 1057 scratch last week, carding a league high of 1165 net.

Kay's Hardware, WLA JACL tournament winner, added another trophy to its rack, the third annual Gardena Nisei tournament Sunday with a 3003 total. Tak Kiyohara took the singles with a 667 scratch, 721 net.

Jim Sato defended his junior veteran title in the 35th annual L. A. Metropolitan Tennis championships Sunday at Griffith Park, winning the finals 6-1 6-4 over Cliff Robbins.

Nisei Trading copped its fourth straight So. Calif. NAU "AA" win over Aris Ayes, 63-54. Mits Takasugi potted 21 points. The Traders are undefeated in league play. Traders meet once-defeated WLA Lucky Doks this Sunday at the Chapman court.

The weekend Western Nebraska YMA double elimination tournament was won by a hard-fighting Denver Bussei squad at Scottsbluff Jan. 28-29. Mas Yonemura was leading scorer.

San Francisco "Oldtimers," just organized, loom as the strongest Nisei quintet in the Bay area with Willie Wong, former USF varsity star, headlining the roster of other Nisei players including Mits Kojimoto, Stan Tsujisaka, Frank Ogi, Chinky Hidekawa, Peewee Matsuura, Ossie Tamaki, Tom Tomioka, Ray Tekawa and Mike Yoshimine. They will play independent ball.

AFTER-THOUGHT — Akira Moriguchi, Little League half-back of the Fighting Irish, Seattle is apprehensive of making the high school team. The speedy Nisei touchdown king weighs only 90 pounds . . . He enters Garfield next year. Writes Royal Brougham in the Post - Intelligencer: "Football has seen some good little men before—but none in the flea-weight division." Says the Garfield coach: "We'll take him on, even if we have to have a uniform made to order. If he is as good as Jack Ishida, who played with us last year, he'll do O. K. And Moriguchi's brother was on our squad a couple of years ago, although I will admit I never saw or even heard of a high school player weighing under 100." . . . Aki promises, in the meantime, to eat a lot of rice with hopes of putting on a few more ounces.

Nearly a \$1,000 was brought back by the Univ. of Hawaii basketball team from an eight-game Mainland trip. This and a \$10,000 surplus in the school's athletic funds assures football in 1953 for the Rainbows. Spring practice starts in March and 29 lettermen will return.

Veteran Julia Murakami of the Hawaii Swim Club was a double winner in the 100 and 220-yd. freestyle events recently in the annual Rainbow Indoor Swimming Meet. Her times were 1m. 5.4s. and 2m. 41.1s., respectively.

Honolulu golfers
Honolulu
Dr. Ernest Murai is the new president of the Honolulu Japanese Golf Club, which this year admitted the Japanese Women's Golf club as its auxiliary. Last year, the club held 16 tournaments and have scheduled 11 in 1953.

NISEI BACKSTROKER ON GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY SWIM TEAM VARSITY

Washington
A D. C.-born 19-year-old freshman swimming star, Hikaru Edward Izumi, churns the water on his back for the Georgetown University varsity this year.

In dual-meets as a member of the Hoya medley relay, the squad has defeated Catholic U., Howard and William & Mary.

Izumi started his swimming competition in city-wide playground meets. He recently placed third in the district AAU backstroke event.

Tokyo Giants spring training slate set

San Francisco
A contingent of 60 players and Tokyo citizens representing the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants will disembark here Feb. 16, it was announced by Lefty O'Doul Enterprises and the Japanese champions go into training at Santa Maria.

Their training schedule opens Feb. 21-22 at Fresno against a Nisei squad and winds up with five games in the Hawaiian Islands, Mar. 28-Apr. 1.

The complete schedule:
Feb. 21-22: Fresno Nisei at Fresno (tent.)
Feb. 28: Tucson, at Tucson
Mar. 1: S. F. Seals at Riverside
Mar. 7: St. Louis Browns at Santa Maria
Mar. 8: Hollywood at Hollywood
Mar. 10-11: S. D. Padres at Santa Maria (night)
Mar. 12: S. D. Padres at Ontario
Mar. 13-15: Padres at San Diego
Mar. 16: N. Y. Giants at Santa Maria
Mar. 17: Oakland at Monterey
Mar. 18: St. Louis at San Bernardino
Mar. 19: Portland at Glendale
Mar. 20: Chi White Sox at Pasadena
Mar. 21: Oakland at Oakland
Mar. 22: Hollywood at Santa Maria
Mar. 23: N. Y. Giants at Phoenix
Mar. 24: Sacramento at San Jose
Mar. 25: Sacramento at Lodi
Mar. 26: Sacramento at Sacramento
Mar. 28-Apr. 1: Hawaiian Islands

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Nat'l JACL bowling award dance site chosen: S.F.'s Italian Village on Mar. 1

San Francisco
A top night-spot, Italian Village has been selected as the site of the National JACL Bowling Tournament dinner-dance to be held Mar. 1.

Located in the heart of famous Italian Town of San Francisco, the colorful spot was recently renovated and regarded as the largest among the niteries. Other well-known rooms and clubs were considered, but to handle the 500 expected to be in attendance, Tom Hoshiyama and Shinako Ninomiya, committeemen, felt it was necessary to stay within the \$5 per person limit set by the tournament committee and still accommodate the crowd.

Arrangements have been made to reserve the entire premises for the night, including the Village's three fine shows and orchestra. Dinner will start at 7.
The Award dance will start after the tournament is over. Reservations are being accepted until Feb. 24 by Hoshiyama, c/o Nippon Goldfish Co., 1919 Bush St., San Francisco. The public is invited.

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San Jose kegler named candidate for top award
San Jose
George Miho, city bowling champion, was among those nominated as a candidate for "champion of champions" of Santa Clara Valley. The winner will be announced at a Feb. 16 banquet sponsored by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce and the San Jose Mercury-News.

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'Going our way?'

More than 11,000 Nisei banded together under the banners of the Japanese American Citizens League last year and supported its activities. Everyone of them can be proud of the fact they had some part by affiliation in the attainment of the cherished hopes and dreams of the parent generation to have the privilege of becoming naturalized American citizens.

While favorable laws have been enacted, their application and interpretations remain to be announced or executed. This practical phase of the law shall determine whether our success was academic or purposeful.

It means there is yet unfinished business which beckons Nisei to stick together.

An organization, such as the JAACL, is effective if its membership is large. While there is no other group of comparable size, last year's membership count may be satisfactory. But the prospects of an increased membership cannot be denied.

The 1953 membership campaign is on!

Our objective this year is 15,000. The fact that many Issei will be eligible for membership should raise the sights for this year. Passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act seems to have injected new enthusiasm.

It is most important that the 1952 membership be canvassed immediately. There is no excuse for a turnover in membership. Anyone who joined for a year should be willing to continue if he is asked.

This can be the year when a membership drive could bring more Nisei and Issei into our midst to make the JAACL a truly representative and an effective organization.

The foundation for a permanent future must be laid this year. The transitional period with principal objectives less glamorous than the past's, but still important, demands utmost loyalty and confidence of the membership.

Every chapter together with National Headquarters must seriously consider its functions to meet the needs of the entire Japanese American populace about them.

Can the JAACL win the support of 15,000 members in '53?

Will the membership drive be finished by the end of June?

It depends upon the push and drive by membership committees and chairmen to answer both questions in the affirmative.

Group examination

Group examinations of applicants for naturalization holds intriguing possibilities. Some 160 San Francisco Issei were quizzed this week by Immigration and Naturalization Service officials. The group were all graduates of the first citizenship class taught in Japanese.

With thousands expected to take advantage of the new law, some unusual procedure must be adopted to process naturalization petitions. A delay caused by a shortage of personnel would indeed be most tragic. So many Issei have too long to enjoy the blessings of American citizenship.

If interpreters are a bottleneck in the process, Nisei attorneys would be most happy to proffer their services to aid the Naturalization Service handle the large volume of applicants.

Since so many applicants have completed their studies in accredited Americanization classes, the examinations should be simple—the certificate serving as a record of their diligence in their course of study of American history and government.

We believe group examinations to be the best plan devised to date to facilitate the examination of Issei applicants for United States citizenship.

The Magic Mirror

Denver

I don't know how many books are written for each 100,000 Americans but the number can't be very high. Among the Nisei, I'd venture to say the ratio must be even lower (although I know about a dozen of them who have vague hopes of writing one someday).

Comes now Monica Sone, better known to her Seattle friends as Kazuko Itoi, with a book called Nisei Daughter. It's a good one. It was released by Little, Brown Co. last Monday, and already it has picked up a number of favorable reviews.

Mrs. Sone tells, with charming simplicity, the story of her own life. She was born in Seattle. Her parents operated a small hotel just off the tawdry waterfront. Innocently, she made skidrow streets her playground while her parents worked to support the family.

One day she discovered she wasn't a Yankee, but an odd hybrid offspring of two cultures. She learned she was a Nisei. She writes, and writes well, of the formative years when she was exposed to the influences of her double cultural heritage. But she doesn't say it in such pedantic sociological terms.

Rather, she explains by means of lively narrative what this double life meant to her—the New Year's celebration when they went visiting and

gorged themselves on Japanese delicacies; her terrifying experiences at the Japanese language school where many Nisei were doing their best not to learn anything useful; her mother's faltering (and hilarious) venture into P.-T.A. activities.

Presently Kazuko became aware of prejudice. It closed down on her life from several angles—the family couldn't rent a house in a desirable district, discrimination posed a job problem, threatened to restrict her entire outlook.

The prejudice reached its ultimate with the evacuation. She writes about this shocking experience frankly, but without bitterness. And then finally comes the happy ending, when the life as she knew it had vanished forever and she found a home and hope in the American midwest.

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Mrs. Sone dropped me a note the other day to explain that "Nisei Daughter" was written at the urging of Dudley Cloud of the Atlantic Monthly Press. "At first," she says "he wanted a story about the evacuation. I wrote it. Then he decided that the tale would have greater impact with a complete background of how the Nisei grew up on the west coast.

"This was quite an order since I have a mind like a sieve and everything slips through into the dark beyond. So like a psychiatric patient lying on

a couch, going back to childhood memories, I stare awake nights in my bed, haunted up the past, and fasten them down on paper while my children took naps or played outdoors.

"After two and a half years of brow-wrinkling and groaning, I completed the manuscript. Now that it's over, I can say it was fun, but I doubt if I want to do it again. Not at least until a decade has passed and I have lived a little bit more and acquired some material.

"Needless to say, husband Geary has developed the highest skill in cooking, dishwashing and changing diapers. He has already applied for a paying job as housekeeper and nursemaid, should I ever get rich and suddenly feel the need of one . . ."

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For Nisei, reading "Nisei Daughter" will be like looking into a magic mirror. They will recognize familiar episode situations and odd-ball characters from their own childhood—all come to life again through Mrs. Sone's own recollections. It's a delightful experience.

For the greater American reading public, "Nisei Daughter" will be a deep, clear look—probably the first available—into the hearts, souls and origins of this minority that through no desire of its own has caused a sizeable national splash.

VERY TRULY YOURS . . .

by Harry K. Holt

Make-Up Contrasts

If it were not coincidental, the subject matter would not appear this week. It's about our make-up, now that we've used column rules . . . From Northern California comes the favorable note that column rules are welcome, although the use of headlines without capitalizing words still seems harder to read . . . From Colorado comes the complaint that heads should be bolder, that a more interesting page be whipped up from a visual standpoint . . . The poetic point here is that Northern Californians thought the paper had gone radical and pinko by the use of the bold head type already in use . . . I say "poetic" because where we stand the contrast in taste is quite unvarnished and intriguing.

Allons: the road is before us! It is safe—I have tried it—my own feet have tried it well—be not detain'd! Let the paper remain on the desk unwritten, and the book on the shelf unopen'd!

—Walt Whitman.

The last issue mustered advertising layouts which may eventually mean a P. C. on a sounder financial basis . . . That sudden avalanche caught us unawares . . . This week is a repeat of last week's insofar as advertisers are concerned, but we had time to tackle the situation editorially . . . That our sports page suffered as a consequence was unfortunate, but a remedy has been applied.

Still, we relish the comments

MINORITY WEEK

A Negro doctor, Dr. James Lee Dickey, was named as the outstanding citizen of 1952 by the city of Taylor, Texas. Four local civic clubs presented an engraved plaque to the easy-going medico who founded a 15-bed hospital for Negroes, whipped tuberculosis among Negroes and got Negroes admitted to Rita theater balcony, where they were not permitted earlier . . . Of race relations, Dr. Dickey believes "it's a thing of the heart. All we can do is wait and hope."

The Negro press, 204 strong, celebrates its 126th anniversary this week. There are 2 dailies, 3 bi-weeklies and the remaining being weeklies.

—pro & con—on the general appearance of the paper. We're so close to the ink and type, the perspective of readers often misses us . . . I am not that old and stubborn.

That's just how I feel now—in need of light-heartedness to go the "open road." —H.H.

● WOMEN — There are four kinds of women men should be warned of, a veteran jurist of domestic relations advises . . . (1) Cats: you can tell by looking at their eyes—warm, bright and kind or catty. If the latter, stay away . . . (2) Saints: wonderful, but rather rough for sinners to live with . . . (3) Fun-Mad: the wife who wants to go dancing when you're plumb tired . . . (4)

Stupid Women: no matter how sweet and lovely she may be, it's pretty drab for a clever partner and she'll give him stupid children . . . The judge's qualification? He put asunder some 1,500 couples.

● UMBRELLAS — So popular are the Aloha shirts in sunny California, for the otherwise unsunny days Aloha umbrellas are now recommended . . . Umbrellas in garish colors and designs similar to the old paper types from Japan and China make a more cheerful array on a wet day than the bumblehoots of black silk . . . We think a practical rainshield such as this one would be suitable for some enterprising young manufacturer.

● TRIVIA—There was a souvenir hunter who swallowed an "I Like Ike" button and he didn't like it . . . Politics can stay out of anything that the man being can be kept out of . . . There are three Friday the 13th's this year.

OPINIONS FROM OTHER NEWSPAPERS:

Clinched by Nisei

One of the early steps to be taken by the 83rd Congress is likely to be the admission of Hawaii as the 49th State of the Union.

The Territory has long sought this, but because it seemed predisposed to vote Republican, a succession of Democratic Congresses has taken its time to act. Now, with a Republican Congress and President, the way seems clear.

Hawaii consists of a group of 20 islands eight inhabited, area 6,425 square miles, lying, most of them just inside the Tropic of Cancer and about 2,000 miles southwest of San Francisco.

Discovered by Capt. Cook in 1778 they were ruled by native kings until 1893, when the monarchy was abrogated, to be succeeded by the Republic of Hawaii, which was annexed to the United States in 1898; the Territorial form of government was established in 1900.

The 1950 census gave the

group a population of 499,794 as compared with Alaska, rival claimant for Statehood which had a population of 128,643.

The native Kanaka ("protocaucasian") came in long ago by boat over wide stretches of the open Pacific from the East Indies.

These have merged with industrious Chinese and Japanese newcomers and other few of pure Hawaiian blood remaining.

The over-all case for Statehood is that Hawaii seems to have everything: A tropical climate; production of sugar, coffee and pineapples on a large scale; an agreeable and talented population; a native gift for music and the dance and the goodwill of all Americans.

This was clinched in World War II when a regiment of young Japanese (Nisei), recruited there, made world records for valor in battle. —Cincinnati Star-Times