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More than 50 entries have registered for the Cherry Blossom Queen contest and heavy voting looms in the ensuing weeks as a prelude to the April festival in Honolulu. Some of the contestants are (left to right) Hazel Fujiwara, Jean Katsuyoshi, Ruth Befu, Grace Ogata, Ramona Kimura, Jean Abe and Lily Arakaki. —John Ueyhara photo.

Nisei legislators give Hawaii unique place in American political history

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu
Nisei lawmakers give Hawaii's Legislature a unique place in American political history. Nowhere else in the United States are there Nisei legislators who are serving in such large numbers or in such responsible positions as they do in Hawaii.

Tourists are amazed at the inter-racial makeup of the Territorial Legislature. They are especially impressed by the creditable performance of the Oriental legislators.

Residents here (they're called *kamaainas* as distinguished from newcomers who are called *malihinis*) take for granted the racially mixed composition of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Six of the 15 senators are Nisei; 10 of the 30 representatives are Nisei. That makes a total of 16 or a third of the 45 members of the Legislature who are of Japanese ancestry. The rest are a cross section of the many racial strains of Ha-

waii's half million people. Nisei lawmakers were much in the spotlight on the opening day of the 27th Legislature on Feb. 18, not only because there were so many of them but also because they occupied prominent places of honor.

It was probably the first time in Hawaii's half century

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100th Infantry Bn. (Res.) reactivated in Honolulu

Honolulu
The famed 100th Infantry Battalion was reactivated into the U.S. Army Reserves in a simple ceremony this week at Ft. DeRussy. It will be commanded by Maj. John R. Porteus and will be a part of the 442nd Infantry Regiment (Res.)

Farrant L. Turner, former 100th commander, briefly remarked after the reading of the reactivation order:

"... it was a terrific outfit, and I can say this without hesitation. Out of the 1400 officers and men, 328 failed to return. There was not a single instance of anyone not doing his duty."

Lt. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, commanding general, U.S. Army, Pacific, was also present at the ceremony.

Takashi Kitaoka, president of Club 100 offered congratulations to the new reserve unit.

Senators seek end to segregation in Army schools

Washington, D. C.
Six senators joined the NAACP in urging the Dept. of Defense end all racial segregation in schools on military posts, especially in Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia. Senators requesting action were:

Duff (R., Pa.), Hendrickson (R., N.J.), Ives (R., N.Y.), Humphrey (D., Minn.), Lehman (D., N.Y.) and Morse (Ind. Ore.)

CASUALTIES

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Donald Sunahara, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Sunahara, 1403 Constance St., Los Angeles.

SEATTLE COMMITTEE READY FOR SECOND CITIZENSHIP CLASS

Seattle
Close to 400 Seattle Issei students studying Americanization have only four more weeks to go before taking an oral examination. It is the largest single class to date. Enrollment for a second group starts Mar. 23, according to Ted Sakahara, chairman in charge for the JACL-sponsored courses conducted by the Seattle School Board. There is a registration fee of \$5.

Reassurance given Los Angeles Issei they may be examined in Japanese

Los Angeles
Reassurance that Issei applicants for naturalization may take their examination in Japanese was given by H. R. Landon, director of the local Immigration and Naturalization Service last week.

Landon also expressed the hope that a pool of qualified interpreters could be formed here to offer free interpreting service to aged Issei unable to be examined in English. Applicants over 50 years of age and who have lived an aggregate of 20 years in the United States need not take the examination in English, according to the new law.

Other measures to expedite the naturalization procedures for Issei were discussed.

The possibility of a mass written examination in Japanese will be further explored by the I&N office. However, the office generally prefers examinations in Japanese on an individual basis with assistance from an interpreter.

Ray E. Griffin, chief of the nationality and status section of the local office, pointed out that experience has shown candidates receiving a diploma from Americanization classes have been more successful in passing the examination than those who merely receive a certificate of attendance from the public schools.

He commended organization of private Americaniza-

Japanese ceramic designer unafraid of imitators, reports S. F. columnist

San Francisco

One of Japanese famous ceramic designers recently visited the Bay area on a lecture and demonstration tour and Herb Caen, in his S.F. Examiner column, reports the following incident:

Shoji Hamada, Japan's world-famed potter who displayed his wares at S.F. Museum, never signs his work.

So when Mrs. Ray Hackett an amateur ceramicist, noticed a young man busily copying Hamada's masterpieces she asked: "Mr. Hamada, doesn't that make you very angry. After all, you don't sign your things, and he doesn't either." "It doesn't worry me a bit," said Hamada. "Years from now, I'll be given credit for his good pieces, and he will be blamed as an imposter for the bad ones."

Ex-mayor of Seattle leads Japan Society

Seattle

Former mayor of Seattle, William F. Devin, was elected president of the Japan Society of Seattle last week. He did much during a 1950 goodwill tour of the Orient to strengthen American-Japanese relations.

Attorney William Y. Mambu was elected one of the vice-presidents. Genji Mihara is on the board of directors.

City health intern

San Jose

John Hayakawa, Univ. of California science graduate, is serving an "internship" period with the City Health Dept. here. Possible state stipend for graduate study in public health depends on his record according to Levitte Mendel, city health educator.

Chuman appointed CL legal counsel, succeeds Sab Kido

Los Angeles

Frank F. Chuman, prominent Nisei attorney, has been appointed JACL legal counsel by George J. Inagaki, National JACL president, replacing Saburo Kido who resigned earlier this month.

Kido has served the JACL in this capacity since 1942.

"The JACL board is happy to know that a competent attorney of Frank Chuman's caliber has accepted to serve as JACL legal counsel," Inagaki said in making the appointment.

Chuman, member of the law firm of Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki was past national JACL first vice-president, onetime PSWDC chairman and national JACL second vice-president past president of the Los Angeles JACL chapter, and is now chairman of the JACL evacuation claims committee.

He is a graduate of the Univ. of Maryland law school, a member of both the Maryland and California state bar, has served on various local civic organization boards such as the Urban League, Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations, Japanese Children's Home and St. Mary's Episcopal church.

Edward J. Ennis of New York will continue to serve as legal counsel for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee and special counsel to the JACL Washington office, it was revealed.

No takers now for 'Peace' statue

San Francisco

A huge statue, which the San Francisco JACL chapter was once going to present to the city of San Francisco, was in the news again this past week.

The massive eight-ton black granite masterpiece by Benjamin Bufano, noted sculptor, is being sold at an auction because no one wants it.

The statue has been in storage for 10 years and no one wants to pay storage charges which now comes to \$742.50.

Shortly before the war the local JACL made plans to buy the statue which stands on a 14-foot stainless steel pedestal.

Preliminary talks had been held on the presentation to the city with the then mayor, the late Angelo J. Rossi.

However, the local chapter was just getting around to start raising \$1,000 to pay Bufano when the war clouds intervened.

Bufano originally made the statue for the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island in 1939, but the fair people decided not to use it.

Bufano calls his statue "Peace."

Naturalization Test

New York

Use your common sense and don't get excited, was the advice passed on to other Issei by Hiroshi Matsuo, importer and exporter here, who took his naturalization examination recently at the local Immigration and Naturalization Service offices.

Both he and Jack Sakurai, who took his test the previous week, said they would be happy to help anyone who

has questions.

At one table Matsuo was asked to write his name, the day's date, and "This is winter time."

Sample questions asked of him were: Who was Abraham Lincoln? What did he do? What is the Fourth of July?

Why do we celebrate this day? Who makes the laws?

Other questions were taken from the petition forms.

A DECADE AGO

(Pacific Citizen Mar. 4, 1943)

The 200 evacuated from Arizona Military Area No. 1 were permitted to return home from Poston and Gila River centers after a 60-mile strip was reclassified. The JACL charged the "dual citizenship" issue being raised by California racists was a deliberate misrepresentation. A Texas Nisei, Sgt. Frank Fujita of Abilene, was reported captured in Java after listed as "missing" since the fall of the Dutch East Indies to Japanese forces. WRA revealed 15,000 clearance applications were received this week. Gov. Maw vetoed the Utah Chicago Tribune editorially dure not without a smell of anti-alien property bill. The scored evacuation as a "pro-lynch law and vigilantism."

"... Organizations in California against the return of evacuees of Japanese ancestry (are) an example of race prejudice rooted in the muck of economic greed."—Larry Tajiri.

*** Washington Newsletter . . .**

Hawaiian statehood . . .

Last Monday, what is hoped will be the final round in the legislative battle to secure statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii began when the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs opened public hearings on H. R. 49. Sixteen earlier public hearings had just about exhausted every argument which could be advanced either for or against statehood.

A "must" on the President's congressional program, endorsed by both political parties in the campaign last fall, with an apparent overwhelming majority of both Houses in favor of statehood, proponents were more hopeful than ever.

But, as Delegate Farrington, who has probably advanced the cause of statehood more than any other single individual, knows, nothing is a cinch in Congress. Unexpected, unanticipated events and factors may change the complexion of the congressional battle overnight.

We hope that this time Congress will approve the necessary enabling legislation which will allow Hawaii to join the sisterhood of states and her people to actively and fully participate in the government of this nation to which she has contributed so much.

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Up to now, whether admitted or not the real issue was and is the Japanese population, alien and citizen in Hawaii. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 recognized the loyalty and allegiance of the alien Japanese by authorizing their naturalization as United States citizens. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team and other Nisei troops in the Pacific as well as in Europe demonstrated the loyalty of the citizen Nisei.

The issue of loyalty has been resolved and Congress should ratify what it has already recognized — Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart, not of race or ancestry.

The 10th anniversary of the organization of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team would be the most appropriate time for Hawaii to become a state, for the measure of devotion of the men of Hawaii to this na-

tion as dramatically demonstrated by the volunteers from the Territory is the measure of their desire for recognition as Americans, recognition which only statehood can give them and their fellow Hawaiians.

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Japanese art . . .

For the past month, Washingtonians have been visiting centuries of Japanese art and sculpture on exhibit at the National Gallery of art.

Even for devotees of Oriental art, the exhibit is an historic one, for it is said that never before even in Japan itself, have so many cultural masterpieces been brought together at one time in one place.

Sponsored by the Japanese government as a goodwill gesture, the exhibit fills nine specially air-conditioned galleries. Seventy-seven paintings and 14 sculptured pieces make up the show. Eighteen of the paintings are registered by the Japanese government as "national treasures" and 45 paintings and six sculptures are classified as "important cultural properties." As a matter of information, it should be noted that only 66 pieces of art are considered "national treasures."

The Emperor heads the list of those who loaned objects of art to this \$5,000,000 exhibit. Seven official Japanese collections are represented, including the nation's leading museums, the municipalities of Kyoto and Nagoya, 27 Buddhist temples, and one Shinto shrine.

"Examples of the art of every period," explains Masao Ishizawa, chief of five curators, accompanying the exhibit, "from the sixth century to the 19th century are included, illustrating all phases of Japanese painting and sculpture. Superb specimens of Buddhist painting and Yamato-e (native-style painting of Japan), black and white painting with examples by Sesshu and Sesson, as well as works of the various schools of the 17th century and later periods, are exhibited. There is a variety of types of painting, such as sliding doors, folding screens, hanging and horizontal scrolls, and books and albums.

"Among the horizontal scrolls, which present stories and their illustrations alternately, will be found such rare works as the 12th century Ban Dainagon scroll, the animal caricatures scroll, and the Heiji Monogatari scroll, which are among the most celebrated Japanese works of art," Ishizawa said.

"The earliest sculptures in the exhibition are a series of gilt-bronze Buddhist figures. One of them is inscribed with the date 606 A.D. They formed part of a group of statues once in the art collection of the Horiyugi at Nara, one of the oldest Japanese monasteries founded in the seventh century."

More than 25,000 jammed the gallery for the first evening of the show, more than the number which packed the museum in 1948 and 1949 when European art works from Berlin and Vienna were displayed. President and Mrs. Eisenhower were treated to a private showing.

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This week the exhibit moved to the Metropolitan Museum in New York City. Thereafter, it is to be shown in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Seattle Art Museum.

Even though I am one who is not particularly keen on visiting art galleries, I believe that this particular exhibit is one which should be seen by every American, and particularly the Nisei. It gives to every viewer an insight into the cultural past of Japan and some sense of the beauty and patience of that land. It causes those who see it to realize that the Japanese, and other Asian peoples, developed their own art and sculpture which while different from the European are equally as old and as eloquent in their expression of human emotions and experiences.

The Nisei will gain a better appreciation of the great cultural heritage which is his and he will be the prouder for having witnessed some of the art treasures of the land of his parents. It is unfortunate that the exhibit cannot be shown in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other centers of Issei-Nisei population.

By Mike Masaoka

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

Nisei journalists . . .

Nisei in Japan have made considerable inroads in the field of journalism.

George Kiyoshi Togasaki, veteran of World War I and one-time Sunday School teacher in San Francisco at the Church of Christ, is the most outstanding as president of the Nippon Times. He is ably assisted by Goro Murata, formerly of Los Angeles, now business manager and former managing editor. He is really coming up in Japan.

Outstanding editorial writer in Japan is Masaru Ogawa, Phi Beta Kappa graduate from UCLA. His fame goes with the Nippon Times. On the same staff are Tanny Koitabashi of Seattle, managing editor; Tokuo Doi of Palo Alto, cable editor; Mrs. Itoko Suzuki Muraoka of Vancouver, features; John Fujii of Alameda, staff writer.

Ken Oki of Sacramento and Fred Otsuki of Alameda are on the advertising staff with Goro.

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A newcomer in the English-language field here is the Tokyo Evening News with Kimpei Sheba of Honolulu as its president-editor. George Somekawa of Tacoma is managing editor.

With the Mainichi are Aimei Kato from Chicago and Yoshi Koitabashi of Seattle. Welly Shibata of Seattle is editor, currently touring the world. (His latest dispatches have been datelined Geneva.) Emile Masatomi is the veteran journalist on the Mainichi staff, being one of the few Nisei who writes Japanese well. Iwao Peter Masunaga is also on the editorial staff.

Roy Kurakawa is one of the few Nisei cameramen in Japan. He is with Asahi. George Kyoto of San Francisco is with Reader's Digest. Kazuma Ueno from Canada is with Japan News.

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An enterprising Nisei-manned news agency, the Radio Press (RP) was started after the war and has won its place in the Japanese Fourth Estate. Originally, it began as a wartime listening post. On the executive staff are George Ogishima of Seattle, Tom Nakata of Honolulu, Mas Ekimoto, Sakaya Nikaido, Seiichiro Katsurayama, Noboru Uehara and others.

Kyodo News Agency employs many Nisei. Roy Otake of San Francisco is a member of its board of directors. With the English section are Hidehiko Hasegawa, Toshimichi Hara and Masao Mambo, all of Los Angeles; and Mike Miike of Honolulu.

United Press has many capable Nisei writers including Day Inoshita of Los Angeles; Leslie Nakashima of Honolulu, and Susie Miyashita.

At Time-LIFE are Kay Tateishi of Los Angeles, Frank Iwama of Canada, and Harold Hirata of Hawaii.

Peter Takahashi of Los Angeles is with International News Service and King Features; Takahiko Ishii of Los Angeles is with Associated Press so is Shinobu Higashi. Jack Shinohara of Los Angeles is with NANA (North American Newspapers Alliance), while Roy Saiki and Charles Hasegawa of Riverside are prominent with Yomiuri Shimbun.

Isamu Suzukawa is the veteran with Asahi Shimbun and George Kawake is the up & coming reporter with Sangyo

Keizai. Many of these Nisei journalists have lost their U. S. citizenship while some have been reinstated.

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Howard Imazeki . . .

An interesting picture of the occupation can be painted by Howard Matsuji Imazeki, former newspaperman from Seattle when he returns next month to gain his American citizenship.

At present, he is recuperating from a serious operation for stomach ulcers. He was confined at the Tokyo Army hospital where he even underwent several blood transfusions to regain consciousness.

Howard is now head of the translation division of TIS, Security Forces with offices at the NYK Building, where it has been since the start of the occupation six years ago.

He is one of the few Japanese with an interesting aspect to the problem of naturalization since he is regarded as an alien Japanese employed by the U. S. government. He went to America as a baby, received an American education, became a language instructor during the war years, and returned to Japan as an occupation personnel. He is considered an American "citizen" by the Japanese government, but an alien Japanese as far as the American government is concerned.

Since Japan regained its independence, his citizenship status became more delicate. Howard never became a "subject" under Japanese law. He is still working for the U. S. Army in Japan, living with his family at Washington Heights—where Occupation personnel reside.

Alien Howard's return permit expires Apr. 1. As soon as he returns to the United States he will terminate his status as an alien in the eyes of American law.

*** Los Angeles Newsletter . . .**

Americanization . . .

Southland Issei residents are all hepped about naturalization. In Gardena, 85 aliens of Japanese ancestry were recipients of a Certificate of Completion from instructor Choyei Kondo. W. F. Temple, public relations officer from the Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization Service, was guest speaker. His talk was interpreted by the Rev. Harumi Nishimoto of Gardena Baptist Church where the ceremony was held.

Next Tuesday in Hollywood, Mickey Moriawaki, wartime instructor for the Military Intelligence at the Univ. of Michigan will start a once-a-week class in citizenship. The 48-hour course is sponsored by the Dept. of Adult Education, and is heartily backed by the I & N Service officials.

Mass examinations for local Issei may be in the offering, declared Herbert R. Landon, district director of I & N Service, if enough interpreters are available. JACL plans to establish such a group of volunteers to speed up naturalization for the aging Issei.

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"Piping hot" resolutions were brought out by the four California Nisei posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their annual convention here over the weekend but delegates asked newsmen to keep it confidential until the membership studies them first.

Commander Salem Yagawa and his Los Angeles Nisei Memorial Post 9938 hosted the two-day event attended by 80

ex-servicemen. Sacramento will be conclave site next year.

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Consul Moriki Tani who received several flying lessons from Henry Ohye, veteran Nisei pilot, departed for Japan via Pan American Airways plane Wednesday night. Prior to boarding his plane, he was interviewed by Bill Welsh over a television network. Said Tani: "I intend to promote private flying in Japan." He made a metropolitan press photo spread Monday with Sadako Kawanami, Air Queen Derby of 1952.

On the topic of air space, Kaz Kojo of Lancaster was greeted by a "flying saucer" in the form of a metal door which came off a Marine Corps helicopter last week. He watched the odd-shaped object zoom down, hit the sidewalk in front of his place of work. No one was hurt.

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The McCarran Act went to work again for one 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenei Nakaya. The Tokyo-born youth, Takeshi Nakaya, rejoined his family last week. Mark one off the 185 per-annual quota given Japan. However the reunion was a sympathetic one. The couple have four other sons.

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Basking away . . .

They basked in the desert sun, they did. The three-hour trip to Indio for the Pacific Southwest District Council affair was no drawback for scores of Angelenos last Sunday.

There were business sessions,

but there were other things which made the occasion pleasant. Among the southland beauties were Susie Yamashita, former Nisei Week Festival queen attendant, her Denver junior high school mate, June Aochi, parttime secretary for JACL National Associate Director Sam Ishikawa (Big Sam knows how to pick them—and we don't mean Indio's luscious dates), Sadako Kawanami, Air Race queen; Florence Wada, former Nisei Week queen attendant as Pasadena JACL chapter delegate.

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The Claims Division of the Los Angeles Dept. of Justice where ex- evacuees have their 1942 west coast ouster damages processed, has been changed to another section: the Civil Division. There's no actual harm in the change but we hope we won't turn out to be like Indians who are still seeking long-lost claims.

by Henry Mori

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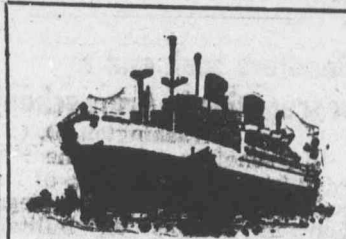
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*** CAPSULES**

Accident . . .

Gary Saruwatari, 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Saruwatari, Delta, Colo., died on the way to the hospital Wednesday last week after a car driven by his father overturned 20 miles south of Grand Junction on U. S. Hwy 50. The boy's skull was fractured . . . The car hit a concrete abutment over a culvert and rolled over. It was reported by state patrolmen. Gary's twin brother, Cary, and his mother also were passengers in the car. Cary suffered head injuries. The parents were unhurt.

Dr. Kenneth K. Fujii, who served in the Korean campaign and later at Camp Desert Rock, site of the atomic weapons proving grounds near Las Vegas, opened his office for practice of dentistry in Stockton last week.

Betty Kimura, June Kobayashi and Mary Morimoto, thus far, have been nominated as candidates for the 18th annual Nisei Basketball Tournament queen in Salt Lake City. Nominations close Feb. 28.

Nursing students . . .

Among the 31 students of San Joaquin General Hospital, Stockton, were Nuiko Tomimatsu, Rose Funamura Marian Naomi Mayeda, and June Fukiko Yagi, who were capped last week in ceremonies marking the end of their six-month probationary period as student nurses. Peggy Yonesaki, student body president, presented the class.

Continuing their education toward a B. S. in nursing under the service scholarship program at St. Louis University school of nursing are Mildred Abe, Lillian M. Kimura, Jean Kurate, Florence M. Igawa and Naomi Nakatsukasa, all of Hawaii.

Cissy Shigetomi of Fort Lupton, Colo., has accepted the position of dietician with the Oklahoma City Clinic.

Chicago Symphony Orchestra presented Brahms' "The Song of Destiny" recently with Chicago Musical College chorus. Harry H. Hamada of Honolulu is a member of the chorus.

Naturalized warbride . . .

Mrs. Chiyo Twine, Japanese warbride in New York, was informed she was the first such person to become naturalized recently by immigration officers.

Los Angeles Koyasan's Boy Scout troop 379 celebrated its 21st anniversary at a father-son banquet last Friday. Tad Yoshizaki is scoutmaster. Fred Wada is chairman of the parents committee; Frank Kuramoto, troop committee.

"East and West Meet Daily in So. Side Center," Chicago Tribune. With six pictures and a nice write-up, the Ellis Community Center marked its first anniversary in the influential midwestern daily last Sunday. Remarkably the Rev. George Nishimoto, "We feel that the reason the experiment was so successful was that it was a religious merger based on a spiritual fellowship."

Rev. Soyu Matsuoka of Chicago's Zen Buddhist church returned last week after delivering more than 200 lectures last year on his Japan tour.

The city of Vancouver, B. C., returns Taikukan, Japanese language school on Jackson Ave., to its original owners after 11 years and 4 months, on Apr. 15.

Nisei added to Chicago's Mutual Aid society

Chicago Mutual Aid Society of Chicago, primarily to arrange funerals for elderly Issei without kin in this country, added six prominent Nisei to its board of directors of 1953. They are: Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, Noboru Honda, Thomas Masuda, Dixie Ishida, Harry Mayeda and Richard Yamada.

Leading Japanese abstract painter exhibits works for first time in U.S.

New York Paintings of Japan-born Tatsuo Arai are on exhibit at the Riverside Museum until Mar. 8. Arai is regarded as the leading abstractionist in Japan and his 31 canvasses are his first American display.

The 48-year-old artist was directed by his father to study law although he was inclined toward art as a youth. Only after the death of his father in 1927 could he devote full time to art.

His works have been included annually in the annual exhibitions sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Education. He is now leader of the Modern Art Association of Tokyo, a committee member for Japan on the International Fine Arts Association.



When Mayor Wilson of Honolulu started his fourth consecutive term this year, he filled a two-year city attorney vacancy by naming James C. Morita (above), who was deputy public prosecutor and a strategist for Mayor Wilson's last campaign. —Honolulu Advertiser photo.

Eastern Oregon farm labor shortage feared

Ontario, Ore. Adequate housing is lacking in eastern Oregon's Malheur county to maintain a labor force this year, according to Roy Hirai, president of the county labor sponsors association. Necessity of migrant labor was recognized for the first time last year.

The association estimates 3,000 laborers will be needed this year.

Delano community picnic scheduled for Mar. 15

Delano Delano's community picnic will be held Sunday, Mar. 15. Ernest Takaki is general chairman. If weather is inclement, it will be postponed to Mar. 29. Committeemen are: Paul Kawasaki, Tad Muranaka, Kabo Takemoto, Marcus Naito, Bill Nakagama, Sadao Yonaki and Kichi Nakayama.

Deputies take knife from man threatening wife

Watsonville Shigeo Oyama was booked for disturbing the peace last week and was scheduled to appear in court. He was subdued by deputy sheriffs at the Reiter Berry Farm after he reportedly threatened his wife.

Deputies took a 6-in. butcher knife away from Oyama.

Reedley JACL signs up Issei for Americanization

Reedley Citizenship classes conducted in Japanese will open in the near future following registration of local area Issei last Wednesday night.

New address

Los Angeles Hereafter, communications concerning evacuation claims being processed in the Los Angeles field office should be addressed:

U.S. Department of Justice, Field Office, Civil Division, 808 Federal Bldg., Los Angeles 12, Calif.

The change was in compliance with an order from the Attorney General issued Feb. 19.

Nakatsuka -

From Page 1 old legislative history that Nisei opened the sessions of both the Senate and the House.

Freshman Sen. Kazuhisa Abe and veteran Rep. Thomas T. Sakakihara banged the gavels that brought their respective chambers to order for the biennial business of passing laws.

Traditional decrees that the senator and the representative who polled the most votes in the last election in a certain district shall open the Legislature. The high vote getters were Sen. Abe and Rep. Sakakihara this time.

The legislative post with the highest prestige—President of the Senate—went to Sen. Wilfred C. Tsukiyama again. This is the third straight term the Honolulu attorney will preside over the upper chamber.

Although a Republican, he was elected unanimously by the seven Democratic senators, as well as by the eight Republican senators.

There was no question, even before the Legislature convened, that he would be re-elected by the GOP majority. But the fact that the Democrats did not put up an opponent was regarded as a great tribute to the standing Sen. Tsukiyama has attained among all his colleagues.

The Senate organized for business on the opening day but the House was snagged for several days over the appointment of committees.

The Republican majority in the House was split by factionalism and a GOP-Democratic coalition took control. Incidentally, a Chinese American, Rep. Hiram L. Fong, was re-elected speaker of the House.

Most Nisei legislators are Republicans. That is the party that has dominated every session of Hawaii's legislature since Hawaii became a U. S. Territory in 1900.

Of the six Nisei senators, four are Republicans, two Democrats. Of the 10 Nisei representatives, six are Republicans, four Democrats.

Araki pays tribute to Issei, Nisei goodwill

New York Speaking before a Japanese American Citizens League function for the first time since his appointment as Japanese ambassador to the United States, Hon. Eikichi Araki paid tribute to the spearheading activities of Mike Masaoka, past JACL legislative director, in a speech delivered at the Eastern JACL

District Council convention here last Saturday.

The convention, its third biennial district affair, was hosted by the New York City JACL at the Hotel McAlpin in midtown Manhattan. It was also the Eastern seaboard's testimonial to Masaoka.

Araki pointed out the existence of broad mutual understanding between the United States and Japan today was contributed most significantly by Issei and Nisei goodwill.

Araki also hoped the Japanese American community would continue to foster ever greater friendship and understanding between Japan and the U. S. under the new status and conditions granted under the recently enacted Immigration and Nationality Act.

"You who live in this land of liberty have shown many concrete examples of the fine characteristics of the Japanese during and throughout the hardships of the last war," Araki said. "The finest qualities of man are generally brought forward during times of distress."

He cited "Beauty Behind Barbed Wires," which reports the traditional cultural heritage displayed in relocation centers; the heroic story of the 442nd, and that it was only natural after the end of hostilities, "you should have staged a wide and powerful campaign for the enactment of the Evacuation Claims Act and the Amendment to the Stay of Deportation Act as well as for the acquisition of the right of naturalization."

Araki credited the success of the enacting the Walter-McCarran Act to "all those who worked hard and long to reach this goal."

"However, we must sincerely acknowledge the leadership and the great devotion of the honored guest who, in his capacity as the National Legislative Director of the Japanese American Citizens League, devoted his entire time and energy to the accomplishment of his great task," he added.

Worthwhile allies cannot be bought. It can only be done through mutual respect, mutual confidence and readiness to cooperate.—Dwight Eisenhower.

GOV. DEWEY EXTENDS WELCOME MESSAGE TO EDC TESTMONIAL

New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York joined in the celebration of the Eastern District Council JACL testimonial to Mike Masaoka last weekend in addressing a message to Akira Hayashi, district council chairman. The text is as follows:

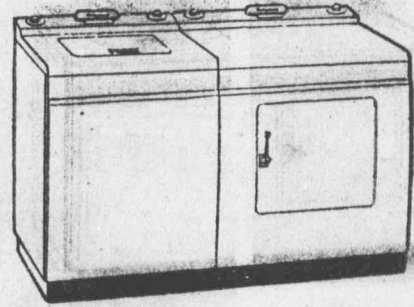
I am delighted to send cordial greetings to the Japanese American Citizens League on the occasion of the Testimonial Banquet and Ball on Feb. 21, 1953.

I join in your satisfaction that the discourtesy and injustice of previous laws which discriminated against people of Japanese origin have been, at least partially removed. For many years, the Japanese in our midst have helped American progress and American culture. In horiculture and floriculture alone, their contribution has been outstanding. In World War II Americans of Japanese origin, citizens by right of birth, fought with unrivaled loyalty and bravery for freedom.

Discrimination formerly practiced against people from Japan was repugnant to all persons of goodwill and decency. I'm sure I speak for them in rejoicing that it has come to an end. With the New York law against discrimination, the people of the Empire State have expressed their real feeling on the subject. We look confidently toward the day when all racial bias in action or in thought will be eliminated.

The message was inadvertently dispatched to Salt Lake City, so that it was not publicly acknowledged at the testimonial.

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Overflow delegation attends PSWDC quarterly session at Coachella Valley

Indio
Two conventions, finances, membership and sundry reports highlighted the first quarterly meeting of the Pacific Southwest District Council here last Sunday at Desert Vendome.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, 1954 National JACL biennial convention chairman disclosed a convention personnel of at least 500 was needed to stage the conclave Sept. 2-6 at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles.

John Tadano and John Glynn,

Orange County CL sets installation Mar. 14

Huntington Beach
Installation of 1953 officers of the Orange County JACL chapter will be held Mar 14 at the Huntington Beach Memorial Hall with Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer, as installing officer.

The affair begins with a 6:30 p.m. dinner, followed by dancing to the music of Joe Sakai's combo. Dinner will be \$2.50 per plate; the dance at \$1.50, couple or stag.

The new cabinet is headed by Ken Uyesugi succeeding Hitoshi Nitta.

Parliamentary procedure explained by JACler

Denver
Min Yasui, regional representative for the Mountain-Plains JACL district, spoke before the Brighton Nisei Women's Club last Friday, in Brighton on the subject of "Parliamentary Procedure", and staged a demonstration for the club members. Mrs. Katherine Sakaguchi presided as chairman.

Yasui was a member of the Univ. of Oregon parliamentary procedure team in the mid-1930s, and instructed a class in parliamentary procedure at the North Portland WCCA center during evacuation.

● An attack by the USSR on the U. S. or on any of our NATO allies would bring this (atomic bomb) force into immediate action.—Former Air Secretary Thomas K. Finletter.

delegates from the Arizona chapter, assured delegates and boosters attending the 1953 PSWDC convention in Phoenix's Westward Ho hotel May 1-3 will long remember the weekend "playcation".

Southwest Los Angeles chapter will host the post-convention quarterly meeting in the fall.

The new JACL "supporting membership" met unanimous approval of the PSWDC chapters. It was explained by Tats Kushida, regional director, that National JACL will acknowledge contributions for "supporting membership" with special or regular membership cards; specials going to Issei, and regulars to Nisei or naturalized Issei.

Interest by chapters in financial problems of JACL-ADC was keenly displayed. Urgency of completing the '53 ADC quota to operate Washington and regional offices until October this year was emphasized. A committee to be headed by Harry Fujita, Downtown Los Angeles chapter president, will study the future of the PSW regional office after October. Findings will be presented at the Phoenix convention.

Ken Dyo of Pasadena was selected chairman of the nominating committee for PSWDC officers, 1953-55.

Reports on the naturalization program, endowment fund evacuation claims, Kika Orei, Pacific Citizen and state legislation of importance to Japanese Americans were included in the afternoon agenda. Tut Yata chaired.

Over 80 were presented at the Sunday dinner. Queen Scheherazade (Mrs. Henry Sakemi) of the Coachella Valley host chapter in flowing gown and veil of palm tree green greeted Jiro Oishi, president of the Pasadena chapter, with a "bear hug" in recognition of their chapter being present with the greatest delegation.

Boosters spent the day visiting the Riverside County Fair and Date Festival, viewing desert wildflowers in profuse bloom and other points of tourist interest in the valley. Jack Izu, host chapter president, Mas Oshiki, Elmer Suski (newly-elected president) headed the program.



George Hasegawa, civil engineer, and his 1953 St. Louis JACL cabinet was installed Jan. 31 by retiring prexy, Dr. Al Morioka (left), in the colorful Colonial Room in midtown Melbourne Hotel. The inaugural was featured by presence of a number of Japanese war brides and their

husbands. Ernest Clarke, prominent manufacturer, was main speaker. Sworn in were (left to right) are George Hasegawa, Harry Haysashi v.p.; Rose Ogino; del. Pauline Sakahara, hist.; Jean Kawanishi, treas.; Sam Nakano, pub. rel.; (Michi Shingu, cor. sec., not in photo)

Edison Uno again East L.A. JACL prexy

Los Angeles
Serious consideration of the future of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter was paid by the board and cabinet at a recent meeting at the home of Akira Hasegawa.

Outcome was the board approval of the 1953 nomination slated as follows:

Edison Uno, pres.; Alice Hatakeda, 1st v.p.; Aki Tashiro 2nd v.p.; Joe Yamamoto, 3rd v.p.; Florence Sahara, sec.; Terrie Akasaka, treas.; Ritsuko Kawakami, pub.

The new officers will be installed tonight at the Riviera Country Club where the 2nd annual Los Angeles County JACL Inaugural ball will be held.

Florin chapter picks Okamoto president

Florin
Bill T. Okamoto was elected president of the Florin JACL chapter for 1953 recently. In the meantime, a five-district membership drive has been initiated.

Other cabinet officers are: Mas Iwasa, 1st v.p.; Amy Kanemoto, 2nd v.p.; Shiro Tahara, 3rd v.p.; Grace Yasui, rec. sec.; Helen Nakamura, cor. sec.; George Daku-zaku, treas.; Bill Tsukamoto, ass't treas.; Katherine Nakamura, hist.; Sam Tsukamoto, del.; and Oscar Inouye, alt. del.

Standing committeemen are: Amy Kanemoto, program; Mrs. Mary Tsukamoto, leg.; Alfred Tsukamoto, Issei-Nisei relations; and Oscar Inouye, pub.

Membership drive is headed by Shiro Tahara, assisted by: Alvin Seno, Richard Kobayashi, Florin; Shiro Tahara, Gerber Road; Al Tsukamoto, Woody Ishikawa, Bill Okamoto, Elder Creek; James Kawamura, Ted Kobata, Mayhew; and Sam Tsukamoto, Elk Grove.

Pacific Southwest credit union officials chosen

Los Angeles
Board of directors reelected Saburo Kido president of the Pacific Southwest credit union this past week. He will be assisted by:

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, v.p.; Ken Utsunomiya, sec.; Mrs. Yoshiko Sakurai, ass't sec.; Ted Okumoto, treas.; and Mrs. Mary Imon, ass't treas.

According to the treasurer, membership has been increasing since the new year and loans have depleted the surplus in the checking account, which has been interpreted as an indication the credit union may declare a similar 3 percent dividend for 1953.

CHAPTER MEMO

French Camp JACL: Municipal Judge Bill L. Dozier installed the new cabinet officers last night at Frenchy's Restaurant in Stockton. Sam Ishikawa, national associate JACL director, was keynote speaker. Honored guests included:

Mrs. Bill Dozier, Elsie Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. K. Ohashi, Mrs. Lee DiCarli, Mrs. Grayce Kato, Dr. David Green, William Ruggles, Edmond Hienbockel, Mrs. Marion Peace, W. F. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kievonis.

Albuquerque JACL: After a successful ADC drive in which \$200 was collected, the chapter held a Valentine Day social at the home of chapter president, Charles Matsubara. Mike Yonemoto, Sets Matsumoto and Mrs. Evelyn Togami were in charge.

Fowler JACL: Kazuo Hiyama was chairman of the chapter membership drive which closes tomorrow. Membership is open to persons 18 years of age and up. Assisting in the city-wide campaign were:

City—I. J. Iwamoto, Shizuto Shimoda, Tom Shirakawa; Iowa District—Thomas Mayebo, Sunao Onaka, James Renge; West—Tak Ideta, Howard Renge, Hal Tsuboi; Northeast—Frank Kimura, Ray Nishina, Shig Uchiyama; Southeast—Hiro Asakawa, Makoto Mukai and Joe Yoshimura.

Southwest Los Angeles JACL: Members of the chapter were guest of B'nai B'rith Olympic Lodge at a Brotherhood Week program last week at Temple Beth Zion. City Councilman Ed Roybal spoke on the advances in the meaning of brotherhood since his boyhood days. Attending were:

Mack Hamaguchi, pres.; Hana Uno, Dick Fujioka, Chiyeo Moritani and Blanche Shiosaki.

Oakland JACL: Newly organized, the chapter met this week to elect its first cabinet officers and discuss its program at the Oakland Buddhist church.

Seattle JACL: "Poison" Kato is instructing both beginners and intermediate students of bridge. They met the first time last week.

Washington, D.C. JACL: "Mike Sengen Ryo Tonari", a postwar Japanese movie comedy will be shown at Pierce Hall, Mar. 20.

Yamaguchi heads Ft. Lupton JACL

Fort Lupton, Colo.
Frank Yamaguchi was elected president of the Ft. Lupton JACL chapter. It has completed its membership drive with over 80 members—Luptonites claim to have better than 80 percent of eligibles signed up as JACLers.

Other officers are: Floyd Koshio, v.p.; Seizo Yokoji, rec. sec.; Yoshiko Okamoto, cor. sec.; and Alfred Watada, treas. Jack Tsubara, Lee Murata, George Uyemura, bd. of dir. In cooperation with the Issei chapter is co-sponsoring an Issei citizenship class. John Horie of Brighton is instructor.

Mtn.-Plains 1000 Club chairman appoints group

Denver
James Imatani of nearby Henderson recently named regional chairman of the Mountain-Plains 1000 Club district announced he has appointed Denver 1000 Club committee to assist the local area.

Named were Tak Terasaki, Tesh Ando, Ed Matsuda and Sam Matsumoto. Imatani hopes to reorganize the Mountain-Plains 1000ers from Montana to Texas in time for the November district convention under chairmanship of George Masunaga.

Southland fishing films feature of SWLA meeting

Los Angeles
"Let's go fishing" is the theme of the next Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter meeting Mar. 10 at the Centenary Methodist Church, according to Mack Hamaguchi, chapter president. Clyde Goto of Civic Center Sporting Goods will show films on fishing off Southern California shores. Issei and Nisei are invited.

Who's Who as Chapter Presidents



JOHN T. NOGUCHI
Mile-Hi JACL (Denver)

Born in Salinas, 34, son of Mrs. Shina Noguchi; attended Univ. of San Francisco, Western College (Electronics). Operated several radio stores before the war in Salinas; electronics technician, foreman at Modern Music, Denver. Active in JACL affairs since coming to Denver, 1948; chairman, 1952 National JACL bowling tournament, Denver.

Member of Cathay American Legion Post 185.

Military service: served with MIS in Pacific theater, Philippines, China, Korea, Marshalls, Japan; attached to 1st and 2nd Marine Division during World War II.

Goes in for bowling and fishing.

Married: wife Grace and children Lynn, Gaye.

Residence: 2219 28th Ave., Denver 11 Colo.



JACK T. TAMAI
Omaha JACL

Born in Vacaville, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rokuro Tamai (both deceased). Attended Omaha Central High, Univ. of Nebraska. Engineer, three years. Former chapter v.p., 1951; and pres., 1952.

Chapter plans: to increase membership.

Member of YMCA (judo instructor), American Institute of Electrical Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineer, Lettermans Club of Univ. of Nebraska (lifetime member).

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A Day in Factory

THE GREY and dismal dawn drew shivers from hurrying workers making their way to the large black entrance of the long gray building. Standing there at the corner, watching his fellow workers entering, the building seem to come alive to Taro like a huge, hungry, gray serpent that wagged its grotesque head enticingly, drawing its victims near it and snapping them into its yawning mouth. Soon Taro was swallowed up.

The atmosphere was strange inside when no one was working. An uneasy silence prevailed. Then as men slowly emerged from the locker room, casual groups formed; talking, idling, all awaiting the signal for the commencement of work. A sharp ear-piercing whistle cut through the quiet shop, and before it had died away the rhythm of the machines began to throb.

One-two-three. Hiss-clatter-bang. Left hand grabs coil, transfers it to right hand, right hand stacks it in the box. Rhythmically the machine produced coils, chattering incessantly. At one end straight wire was fed into the yawning, insatiable mouth of the demanding machine. Levers spun, jumped, and clicked. Magically, coils upon coils of bed springs appeared at the other end of the machine. Taro worked smoothly mechanically, receiving the completed coils as they left the coiling machine, stacking them neatly row after row in the box provided.

Monotonous, tedious boring. Taro hated the chattering machine, drab in its gray paint, squatting there arrogantly, singing its song over and over again, slowly driving him mad. Taro felt the impact of each stroke of the machine, and it was like nails being driven with vengeance into his coffin, sealing his fate. It was like a ball and chain, this machine, like an insidious parasite feeding on his nervous system.

Hiss-clatter-bang. Swinging from left to right, up and down, setting down the shining coils, cold to the touch, Taro moved mechanically, his mind dulled to the monotonous task, waiting for the routine to be broken.

Suddenly above the din of the clatter of machines, the whistle blew. With a sigh of relief Taro turned off the machine, and his ears echoed with the silence.

"HEY, TARO. C'mon. Let's shoot some dice," a neighbor shouted to him.

"Be right with you," was his reply. Wiping his hands clean of grease, Taro examined his wallet and fingered the few bills within, thinking, he still had to pay the rent. But he could shoot a few bucks to kill time, and besides he felt this was his lucky day. Everything seemed just right for it, he thought, and hastened after his neighbor into the nearby washroom.

In the corner of the latrine a ring of men kneeling on the cold concrete were shooting craps.

"Shoot a dollar," said a Negro clicking the dices in his

clenched fist.

A dark, swarthy Italian threw a crumpled bill on the floor and said: "You're faded." "C'mon dice. Papa wants shoes for baby. Dem shoes for baby. C'mon ba-a-by. Be good to me," crooned the Negro softly, gently rubbing the dice between his long black fingers, crouching over the money, white eyes dancing in his smiling black face. He made his point and shot it all and made it again. Smiling with shining white teeth the Negro kept on winning, taking on all comers.

FORGOTTEN for the moment was the monotony of work, its boredom and tediousness, among that circle of men. Taro's eyes were feverish as he watched the pile of greenbacks on the floor before him grow with leaps and bounds. Finally the colored lad had enough and passed dice.

With greed in his almond eyes, anxiety creasing his forehead, Taro seized the yellow-stained dice, threw his money on the ground and said: "Shoot two."

"You're faded," was the reply.

He made his passes with a smooth, rhythmic motion of his yellow, stubby hands, whispering to himself all the while:

"C'mon dice, roll them pretty seven eyes at me. Pretty baby, seven-n-nh. Six is my point. C'mon baby, this is the pass that's going to pay the rent tonight. Huh-h-h-hmm." Making his point, he said: "Shoot it all."

Blowing gently on his closed hands holding the dices as if a prayer, Taro made his throw and won again.

"Yessir, I'm hot today. C'mon you suckers. Want to win some easy money?" Taro shouted, joy in his smiling face, eyes gleaming through mere slits. His hate of the machine forgotten, only thoughts of more of that green stuff in his mind. The cold, damp, concrete floor made no impression on him, his hands getting filthy with the greasy dirt on the ground did not phase him. Grubbing around the ground on all fours pursuing a pair of yellow-stained dices, with men watching intently, Taro continued to win.

Hesitating a split second, undecided whether to quit as winners, Taro paused on one knee, eyeing the pyramid of currency in front of him. Then as if from a distance he heard and felt the hiss-clatter-bang of the ugly, gray machine, and a strange force within him urged him on.

"Shoot it all," he heard himself cry out shrilly. With hands shaking and brows twitching Taro made his throw. One dice rolled to a stop and showed one. The other still spun around and around. Clenching fists Taro watched intently. The dice came out of its spin to flatten out to six, to three, to one. Snake eyes.

He closed his eyes for a moment, his sides heaving with excitement, trembling; then cast the dices heavily on the

ground. He had lost. When he arose from the floor his face was ashen, almost green, his eyes dulled and wandering. Muttering curses under his breath, he leaned against the wall, raised his hands to brush away the sweat gathered on his brows, and found his hands grimy with dirt. All at once he noticed the smoky closeness of the room, the dank lye stench of the air, the stupid greed that made men animals groveling on the ground. He clamped down on his mouth as his stomach turned over. Hurriedly he left the room.

THE WHISTLE sounded and the clatter of the machines

by Paul Itaya

Madame B's Revenge

FRAGRANT CHERRY blooms added their delicate pinkish-white loveliness to the scene. Through the branches the light of the day filtered brightly, casting long shadows on the walk below as if countless kleig lights were shining through papier-mache boughs. In the distance a brilliantly painted "torii" stood silent guard. A young woman tastefully garbed in a mannish suit appeared, looked around, then hurried over to where a tall young man was nervously pacing up and down.

"Hello, Roy," Hisako greeted him. "I've come."

"Hi, dear," he smiled, taking her hands. "Have you decided?" he asked eagerly.

Hisako looked up into Roy's eyes for a long moment. Her eyes clouded, then became misty. She bowed her head. Roy, Roy, she thought. How am I going to tell you? I love you dearly.

"Look, darling," Roy said, gently lifting her head. "I know it's a tough decision—you love your parents, but you've got to think of yourself." He smiled at her tenderly. "You belong to me. America's your country, your way of life. Honestly, Hisako, I don't see what you'll gain by staying here in Japan."

Hisako pulled herself away from Roy. She turned and walked a few steps down the walk. For some time she stared out over the water below, so blue and serene as if it had been painted to form a backdrop. I'm glad my answer's going to be different, Hisako thought. When she spoke, it was in a slow, deliberate tone: "You wouldn't understand, Roy. Ever since I could remember I've wanted to come to Japan. That's why I took a teaching course at Ohio Northern. And with the occupation program my chance came. By staying I can do some good." She turned back to Roy. "Don't you see?"

"No, I don't see," Roy replied flatly. "All I know is that I love you." He stretched out his arms as if to take her into them. "Look, darling, you've had a good education, a good home, and friends in the states. You belong to us. Think of all these things, of the future; you can't toss them all away. For what? Just to satisfy a silly childhood dream. Think how much you've become a part of us, but now you're going to throw all this away to remain in a foreign land and teach Japs."

HISAKO'S face blanched as if slapped. Her eyes hardened;

again filled the shop. Hiss-clatter-bang. This time not only the rhythmic noise filled him with frustration. Hiss-clatter-bang. You lost it! You lost it! Hiss-clatter-bang. Dammit, why hadn't he pulled out when he was ahead. What could he say to Helen, losing their rent money. But he was so sure of winning, so very sure . . .

The day was beginning to clear up and in spots clouds were breaking, moving swiftly westward over and beyond the Golden Gate Bridge silhouetted in the flaming light of the setting sun. As Taro slowly made his way from work, the sun for a moment broke through and bathed his face with its warmth. He did not feel it. All he could think of was if the dices only had rolled over once more, he would have won. He would

have cleaned up forty bucks. Man-oh-man.

Helen was really going to dig into him. He shuddered when he thought of his nagging, tired-faced wife. Once she had been pretty, but time had taken its toll. He broke his stride and stood still for a moment. Hell, he could not go home broke. He'd just borrow some money. Maybe a buck or two. He knew of another dice game going on tonight. Yeah, he'd do that. He could ask John or Joe or Jack. He had loaned a buck or two to those guys before. They had to kick in. Yup, that's what he'd do. Then he wouldn't have to go home tonight with empty pockets. Hope rising a little he turned, retraced his steps jingling the few coins in his pockets, and entered a dimly lit bar.

The End.

her lips set in a thin line. Then she lowered her head. In a low voice she said, "I didn't expect you to understand, Roy." Hisako kept her eyes down as if reading a script, then looking up, she said, with a faraway gleam in her eyes: "Someday, you'll understand all this—why I'm doing this." She smiled faintly, tenderness in her eyes. "A minute ago you said that I belonged to you, to my friends, but you're wrong. We never give a part of ourselves away, nor do we belong to anyone. Sure, it's romantic to say we belong to someone, but deep down inside we don't believe it. We belong only to ourselves. You're beginning to understand, aren't you?"

"I guess so," Roy replied, half-dubious.

Hisako walked over to where Roy was standing with a grim expression on his face. She slipped off the diamond ring from her finger and handed it to him. "This is goodbye. I'm sorry it couldn't have been otherwise but it just wouldn't work." She looked up at him, sadness in her eyes, a trace of wistfulness in her voice: "I wish I could have said 'yes,' but it's better this way." Then smiling ever so faintly, she said, "someday, you can tell your grandchildren that you too left a 'Madame Butterfly' behind."

"OK, Hisako and Roy, that wraps it up. You both did fine in that scene," the director

complimented. Then turning to the group assembled on the stage, he said, "dress rehearsal tomorrow, kids. 5 o'clock sharp." With a curt nod of dismissal, he hurried off toward the wings.

"Come on, Hisako, let's grab a coke and cig," Roy said, snatching up his jacket.

"No coke now, please, Roy," Hisako replied. She saw the puzzled expression on his face. She smiled up at him, then said, "let's take a walk through the park."

Without a word Roy fell in step with her. The two walked along silently until they were well out of the building. Roy was the first to speak. "What gives?" he asked.

"I've been thinking," Hisako said slowly, as if by premeditation, "about that girl in the play. She's right when she says that we belong to ourselves. Golly, I feel kind of sad."

"For gosh sakes," Roy muttered. "You're taking the play too serious. You're no Bernhard. I'll be glad when it's over." All of a sudden, Roy stopped; he looked at her sharply. "You haven't changed your mind, have you?" he asked anxiously.

"Of course not," Hisako said, her voice instantly light and gay: "I'm still going to be Mrs. Sato next week."

The End.

by Kats H. Kunitsugu . . .

Musings

Comments, criticisms . . .

Reaction to the first literary experimental page of the Pacific Citizen was about what we expected. It ranged from polite praise to enthusiastic contributions. We are particularly encouraged by the latter, because they are what will keep this page going.

A question was raised by a correspondent that in order to be "experimental, does not one have to be progressive to the point of being bizarre?" Our answer is, "Not necessarily." Our definition of experimental is trial, in the sense that budding authors be given a chance to try out their writing skill

in print and judge their effect on the reading public and on their own critical sense.

Our page will be open to everyone who wishes to contribute and there will be a minimum of blue-pencilling by the editor. This policy will undoubtedly make for unevenness in the quality of writing which will appear on this page, but our policy will be to fit the page to the writer and not the writer to the page.

For the vast majority of writers, there will be much room for improvement. In this respect, comments, both favorable and unfavorable on the writings will be welcome on this page and should be wel-

comed by the authors. Let us emphasize that not only short stories but other forms of literary expression such as short essays and poems are sought for this page.

Send your contributions to the Literary Experimental Page, Pacific Citizen, 258 E. First St., Los Angeles 12, California.

Second book . . .

From San Leandro comes a note from Toshio Mori that his second book, "Women from Hiroshima," will be published by the Caxton Press, publishers of his first collection of short stories, "Yokohama, California." Mr. Mori's "Homecoming," which we printed in the recent Holiday Issue, is one of the chapters in his forthcoming book.

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*** SPORTSCOPE**

WORLD RECORD—Tommy Kono of Sacramento bettered his unofficial world record in the middleweight division with his 907.5 pounds in three lifts in Mannheim, Germany, last weekend. Earlier, he toted 899.5 lbs. bettering the recognized 893.

BOXING—Roy Higa who fought in Japan during the past year has returned to Honolulu. According to Ralph Yempuku, Higa may figure in a March bout against Billy Peacock, a promising bantamweight who has beaten Tommy Umeda twice in Los Angeles. . . . While in Japan Higa won three and lost two bouts, the worst being handed by Yoshio Shirai, world flyweight champion.

British flyweight champion Terry Allen is signed up to meet Yoshio Shirai of Japan for a world flyweight crown go in Tokyo on May 15. The Briton leaves for Japan in mid-April.

Roy Higa, 123, making his first comeback appearance in the ring since his tour of Japanese arenas, TKO'd Ernest Sylva in the third of a five-round special Tuesday night at Honolulu auditorium.

Higa jarred his rival with a short right to the jaw and then worked him over with both fists until the seconds tossed in the towel.

Phil Ishimaru, 125, won his bout for U.C. in a dual meet with San Francisco State recently. Berkeley won 8 to 2.

TENNIS—The United States drew Japan as its first round match opponent this week in the 1953 Davis Cup race. U. S. will draw up the schedule and locales.

MARATHON—Five Japanese runners, Keizo Yamada, 26; Katsuo Nishida, 24; Hideo Hamamura, 25, and Kurao Hiroshima, 25, with a fifth man to be named this week, will leave Japan Mar. 28 by plane to run in the 57th Boston marathon Apr. 19.

Mas Horiuchi, National JACL headquarters "office boy," rolled a 629 series—178, 226, 225—to be big gunner in the Salt Lake City JACL league last week.

Seven 600 series were polled in the Sacramento Winter league in definite warm-ups for the National JACL keg tournament this weekend in San Francisco. It was the league's biggest scoring spree. Sam Kono's 678 was the best, followed by Shig Ando 632, Willie Yee 627, George Chan 614, Shig Imura 612, Dubby Tsugawa 604 and Linc Ong 600.

Despite cold and rain, some 100 golfers defied the elements to conclude the Puget Sound golf club monthly tournament Feb. 15. Veteran Frank Nakamura posted low gross of 82 to win first flight honors.

Tokyo Giants win first two games on U.S. tour

Fresno
Stepping into class the Tokyo Giants hold a 2-0 win record thus far in their exhibition games against American squads. They meet Tucson tomorrow at Tucson and the S. F. Seals at Riverside Sunday.

This past week-end, they opened with a 3-2 and a 5-3 victory over the Valley All-Stars at Fresno. State College ballpark and at Visalia, respectively.

The third game Monday back at Fresno was rained out.

Cancel Hawaii Nisei nine barnstorm tour of Japan

Tokyo
Plans to bring the Hawaii Red Sox, non-pro Nisei baseball champions, to Japan were dropped this year because of bad weather and poor scheduling. Original plans called for a 45-day tour with the team leaving Honolulu next week.

Promoters were only able to slate 15 out of 22 needed games to meet team expenses and the month of March is usually wet in Japan.

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REDWOOD CITY BOWLER SO NEAR PERFECT MARK: 11 STRIKES PLUS 7 PINS

Redwood City
Yuki Kawamura of Redwood City rolling a potgame after a local tournament logged 11 straight strikes and then left three pins standing for a mighty 297 on Feb. 14 at Redwood Bowl.

Buckeye swimmers break pool marks

Madison, Wis.
Ohio State's Hawaiian Nisei swimmers broke pool records in a Big-Ten dual meet here last weekend. Ohio State's Yoshi Oyakawa shaved a tenth of a second off the 220-yd. back stroke standard in 2m. 15.8s. Buckeye Ford Konno traveled the 440-yd. freestyle in 4m. 40.5s. to better the previous mark by four seconds. Konno also won the 220-yd. freestyle in 2m. 14s., only double winner of the day. Wisconsin lost the meet, 52 to 39.

Nisei skier nipped twice for first spot in two meets

Salt Lake City
Little Katherine Toda was nipped for first spot in the Tri-State giant slalom championship at Alta, Utah, two Saturdays ago. The plucky Univ. of Utah skier sped through the gates at 51.4s. Winning time of 51s. flat.

In the "Powderpuff" invitational last week-end at Univ. of Nevada's Winter Carnival in Reno, Katie Toda placed second in the 28-gait slalom in 34.3s., nosed out by a tenth of a second for first place by a teammate from the Univ. of Utah.

Hawaiian fisherman catches 250-lb. dragon fish: good luck fish of deep sea

Honolulu
A short, stocky fisherman of 30 years, Kichitaro Hamada, is convinced he has been blessed while on his first fishing expedition in 1953 with his 250-lb. dragon fish.

Deep-sea fishing off Kauai last Jan. 18 on a 50-ft. sampan, he got his answer to a dream. A bite on a 60-lb. nylon line ensued a three-hour struggle with the dragon fish, which rarely surfaces above 600 feet of water.

Hamada admitted that he almost gave up a few moments before the dragon fish exploded out of the water. "It had made one final desperation lunge deep down and we thought we'd lost it," he told newsmen at the dock

San Francisco
Fuzzy Shimada of San Francisco will be Nisei Bowler No. 1 in the seventh annual National JACL bowling tournament starting tonight at the Downtown Bowl, according to George Inai, tournament chairman.

He is entering the tournament with an average of 200, the first time a Nisei as entered a tournament with such an average.

Tiny George Gee of San Francisco will be the next man with a 195. Bay Area bowlers predominate the top ranks.

They are:

- 194—Henri Takahashi, S.F.
- Roy Ah Nee, Honolulu
- 193—Shig Nomura, Berkeley
- Warren Fong, Oakland
- Angel Kageyama, Sacramento
- Don Gee, San Francisco
- 191—Gish Endo, San Francisco
- Walt Yee, Sacramento
- 190—Mo Katow, Berkeley
- George Inai, San Francisco
- Hank Aragaki, Honolulu
- Paul Yasul, Sacramento
- 189—Skeets Inouye, San Mateo
- Taki Taketomo, Los Angeles
- Mike Murotsune, San Jose
- Tats Nagase, San Francisco

A roster of not less than 343 individuals began their bowling yesterday with ragtime doubles in a warm-up affair. Tonight the six-game sweeper officially opens the biggest and richest tournament.

Tomorrow, the teams start from 8 a.m., while doubles will start from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. Single squads begin Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m., while mixed doubles take over from 10:45 a.m.

The tournament closes with a dinner-dance at Italian Village; dinner being served from 7.

Committeemen working on the dance are:
Tom Hoshiyama, chmn., Shinako Ninomiya, Sam Sato, Kayo Iida, Yori Wada, Nob Wada, Hisashi Tani and Suey Lee.

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Chicago
Frank Matsumoto of Chicago is anxious to develop youth 18 and up for CYO boxing tournaments by offering instruction free. He can be phoned at GRaceland 7-5879.

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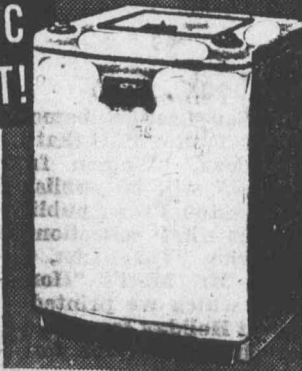
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Horiuchi scores TKO in 46 s. of first round in Oahu amateur main

Honolulu
Don Horiuchi of the Citywide A. A. TKO'd Uli Roberson of the Navy in 46s. of the first round in a scheduled three-rounder Feb. 9 main event of the fifth Oahu Amateur Boxing Association tournament show.

An outstanding contender for the 147-lb. title, he made short work of the Navy fighter. As the round got underway, Horiuchi landed a hard left hook to the head. Roberson shook it off, but hurt apparently as a moment later, he went down when Horiuchi landed two smashing lefts to the body from close quarters.

Roberson came up without taking a count but his legs were wobbly. Horiuchi moved in without any loss of motion and pined him against the ropes with a left to the head. The European Zone Army champion of 1952 then barraged Roberson on the head until the referee stepped in to halt the fighting.

No. Calif. Nisei golf tourney confirmed for Pebble Beach Apr. 18-19

Fresno
Confirmation was made last week to schedule the 1953 Northern California Nisei Golf tournament at Pebble Beach, Apr. 18-19.

The 36-hole classic will be jointly sponsored by the Fresno and Turlock Nisei golf associations. Tourney officials expect a field of 150 golfers competing in four flights. A special Issei flight is also slated.

Golfers affiliated with the N. C. Nisei league are eligible. Deadline is Mar. 18 with a \$15 entry fee payable to Gary Kadani, 1414 Fulton St., Fresno. Maximum handicap has been set at 25. Prizes include awards for each flight on both days, low gross, runner-up low gross and low net.

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BIRTHS

ASANO—Feb. 6, a boy Gary Wayne to the Shuji Asanos (Hideko Minabe), Los Angeles.
 CHING—Jan. 8, a girl Portia to the Lloyd Chings, Omaha.
 DOBASHI—Feb. 7, a girl Jo Ann to the Joseph Dobashis (Masako Yoshida), Inglewood.
 FUJIMOTO—Feb. 3, a girl Kay Shigeo to the Masato Fujimotos (Sumiko Ida Otomo), Los Angeles.
 HONJO—Feb. 1, a boy David Jin to the Kazusue Honji (Ruby Suzu Oshio), Sunland.
 KAGAWA—Dec. 24, a girl Margaret Maile to the Tom Kagawas, Omaha.
 KAYA—Jan. 11, a boy Wayne Toshiaki to the Jack T. Kayas, Omaha.
 KOBAYASHI—Jan. 30, a boy Gary Martin to the Hisao Kobayashis (Sylvia Kazue Kogane), Los Angeles.
 KOBAYASHI—Feb. 7, a boy Jody Shigeo to the Shigeru Kobayashis (Yoshiko Ito), Los Angeles.
 KONO—Jan. 15, a boy Roland Tetsuo to the Rev. and G. Konos, Chicago.
 KYOU—Feb. 9, a girl Janice Christine to the John J. Lyou (Nobuko Watanabe), Los Angeles.
 MARUYAMA—Jan. 11, a girl Linda Yoshiko to the Yon Maruyamas, Chicago.
 MATSUNAGA—Feb. 1, a girl Jean to the Henry Y. Matsunagas, Portland.
 MATSUO—Feb. 6, a girl Nancy A. to the Perry M. Matsuos, Portland.
 MIKUNI—Feb. 10, a boy to the John Mikunis, Fresno.
 MURATA—Feb. 1, a girl Jeannette Cindy to the Tom Muratas (Akiko Jeanne Kobayashi), Los Angeles.
 NAKAYAMA—Jan. 22, a boy Clifford Eric to the Roy Nakayamas (Lillian Okano), Riverside.
 NAKANO—Feb. 2, a boy Steven Hiroshi to the James H. Nakanos, East Palo Alto.
 OKADA—Jan. 27, a boy to the Toshiharu Okadas, San Lorenzo.
 SAKAI—Jan. 31, a boy Ken W. to the William Y. Sakais, Portland.
 SAKODA—Jan. 31, a boy Lester Masamitsu to the Masazo Sakodas (Mitsuye Hirahara), West Los Angeles.
 SUZUKI—Feb. 1, a girl Laurie Joe to the Takashi Suzukis (Ellen Sada Oshio), Los Angeles.
 SHIMIZU—Jan. 30, a girl Janet Emiko to the Kazuo Shimizus (Takemi Oda), Los Angeles.
 SHIOHAMA—Feb. 2, a girl Virginia Saki to the Rikio Shiohamas (Tadayama), Los Angeles.
 HASE—Feb. 7, a boy Kenneth Hideyo to the Hideharu Hases (Hideko Oshio), Los Angeles.
 TAKAGI—Jan. 19, a girl to the Paul T. Takagis, Albany.
 TANIZAWA—Feb. 5, a boy Richard Takeo to the Kazue Tanizawas (Mitsuko Taniguchi), Los Angeles.
 TATSUMI—Jan. 31, a boy Kinya Glenn to the Kinya Kay Tatsumis (Shizuye Barbara Yamaoka), North Hollywood.
 TERADA—Jan. 25, a girl Nancy Toshiaki to the Ken Teradas (Haruko Abe), Los Angeles.
 TERADA—Feb. 6, a girl Darole Ellen to the Ryoji Terada (Uriko Takahashi), Los Angeles.
 TONOKO—Jan. 29, a girl Joyce Yukie to the Ben Yukio Tonokos (Misayo Butsumyo), Los Angeles.
 TORIGOE—Feb. 8, a boy John Mamoru to the Nobuo Torigoes (Kiniko Kuboyama), South Gate.
 TOYODA—Feb. 12, a boy to the George Toyodas, Fresno.
 TSUKAMOTO—Jan. 31, a girl to the George S. Tsukamotos, Berkeley.
 UYEMURA—Feb. 3, a boy Chris Susumu to the Torao Uyemuras (Marie Meriko Miyawaki), Los Angeles.
 WATAMURA—Feb. 5, twin boys Rodney Yoshio and Ronald Kiyoshi to the Yoshio Watomuras (Tsuruko Matsuno), Los Angeles.
 WATANABE—Feb. 10, a girl to the Mac Watanabes, San Francisco.
 WATANABE—Feb. 17, a boy to the Joe Watanabe, Caldwell, Idaho.
 YAMABE—Feb. 8, a boy Glenn Yoshiyuki to the Yoshio Yamabes (Esther Hanako Kawanami), Los Angeles.
 YAMAGISHI—Feb. 7, a girl to the Edward E. Yamagishis, San Francisco.
 YAMAGUCHI—Feb. 2, a boy Steve to the Paul Yamaguchis (Terry Yamashita), Riverside.
 YAMASAKI—Feb. 1, a boy Richard Lee to the George Masami Yamasakis (Merry Meriko Yamasaki), Los Angeles.

WEDDINGS

Go-Oizumi—Thomas M. Go, Weiser, and Annie Martha Oizumi, Payette, Idaho, Feb. 7.
 Higashi-Watanabe — Keigi Higashi Long Beach, and Ayako Watanabe, Los Angeles, Feb. 22.
 Izumi-Takemori — Edward Hikaru Izumi and Irene Sumiko Takemori, both of Washington, D.C., Feb. 15.
 Kanno-Hatasaka — Tucker Kanno, Morrill, Neb., and Frances Hatasaka, Brighton, Colo., Feb. 14.
 Kimura-Hayashi—Kaz Kimura and Jane Hayashi, both of Seattle, Feb. 7.
 Miyata-Fujita—George Miyata and Bessie Fujita, both of Chicago, Feb. 8.
 Murao-Yamahiro—Shig Murao, Chicago, to Helen Yamahiro, Madison, Wis., Feb. 7.
 Sadataki-Hata—William Shizuto Sataki, Cleveland, and Mary Masako Hata, Chicago, Feb. 21.
 Shigaki-Shinmachi — Thomas Tadashi Shigaki and Fern Teruyo Shinmachi, both of Los Angeles, Feb. 15.
 Tanaka-Wada—Dr. A. Masashi Tanaka and Teruko Wada, both of New York City, Feb. 14.
 Tashiro-Tokunaga — Hitoshi Tashiro and Joyce Kikuye Tokunaga, both of Brighton, Colo., Feb. 14.
 Yamashita-Maruko—Fred Yamashita and Yoshie Maruko, both of Los Angeles, Feb. 22.

ENGAGEMENTS

Eiko Fukuki of Kapuola, Hawaii, to Gerald G. Kubo, New York (formerly of Tacoma), Feb. 15.
 Hisako Kido, Nyssa, to P. Yasuda, Payette, Idaho, Jan. 24.
 Masae Kubo, Cortez, to Kenichi Okuno, Palo Alto, Feb. 15.
 Toshiako Marian Kuromi to Ray Kurihara, both of Los Angeles, Feb. 14.
 Aileen Oki to Hoshi Tanida, both of Los Angeles, Feb. 14.
 May Ono to Minoru Akiyama, both of Spokane, Jan. 31.
 Takayo Tsuboichi, Chicago, to Dean Doran, Milton, Mass., Feb. 15, at Jacksonville, Fla.
 Betty Yamada, Seattle, to Eddie Tanaka, Kent, Feb. 8.

INTENTIONS

Thomas M. Kuriur, 30, and Teruko Ogata, 25, both of Lodi.
 William Saburo Nakaso, 25, and Hiroko Yoshimine, 24, both of Berkeley.
 Ben Tsurumoto, 23, Alameda, and Yoko Ann Koyano, 18, Berkeley.
 George Kazuo Shimizu, 29, Guadalupe, and Tomi Shinn, 23, Campbell.
 Henry Uyeda, 21, and Jean Nakamura, 20, both of Seattle.

DEATHS

ENOMOTO, Tomokichi, 69
 Ogden, on Feb. 16; survived by wife; sons Eddie, Norman and daughter Mrs. Martha Kazue Fukuda.
 HATTORI, Saichiro, 74
 Stockton, on Feb. 20; survived by wife, sons Bob, Ben, Ken and daughter Mrs. Tomiko Kosugi.
 ITO, Mrs. Hisa, 59
 Glendale, Ariz., on Feb. 12; survived by husband.
 MITSUI, Yoshinobu
 Los Angeles, on Feb. 24; survived by wife.
 NISHIKAWA, Toraei, 86
 Gardena, on Feb. 22; survived by sons Tamotsu and Shigeru, seven daughters Chiyono, Mmes. Shizue Nagashima, Kikue Adachi, Okie Inadomi, Misao Kaminishi, Kiyome Yoshikawa and Sueko Shikko.
 SAKAI, Asakichi, 77
 Salt Lake City, on Feb. 13.
 SASAKI, Dr. George R., 44
 O'Fallon, Mo., on Feb. 21; survived by brother Joe and aunt, Mrs. K. Sasaki, San Jose.
 TAKEMOTO, Larry, 4 1/2
 Denver, on Feb. 18; survived by parents Magoichi and Saku Takemoto.
 UYEMORI, Kisaburo, 73
 Los Angeles, (formerly of Marysville) on Feb. 24; survived by wife, sons Takeo, Hiroshi, Roy, Tommy and daughter Mrs. Sumiye Oda.
 YONEKURA, Iwajiro, 68
 Chula Vista, on Feb. 12; survived by sons Masaichi, Eugene and daughter Mrs. Betty Kusaka.
 YOSHIDA, Yoshimatsu
 Denver, on Feb. 17; survived by wife and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Teresa Jenkins and Masa Marie.

Intermountain Christian youth confab Mar. 7-8

Salt Lake City
 Intermountain Christian Youth Conference next weekend Mar. 7 and 8, will hear the Rev. Masumi Toyotome, who ministered in New York City until being appointed missionary to Japan, at the Japanese Church of Christ.

Delegates from Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Colorado will banquet Mar. 7 at the local YWCA followed by a mixer and talent show. Skip Tabata, ICYC president, and the Rev. T. Saito, pastor of the host church, are completing plans this week.

St. Louis surgeon dies

St. Louis
 Dr. George R. Sasaki, Philippine-born Nisei, died Feb. 21 of a heart attack at the age of 44. He was surgeon at O'Fallon (25 miles northwest of here) the past three years. He received his medical education at California and was interned at Arkansas during the war years.

Prewar hosteler dies

San Francisco
 A prewar San Francisco Issei leader and hosteler, Sakutaro Nakano, died Jan. 31 in Fukuoka, Japan, at the age of 72, it was learned. He was operator of Kashu Hotel, onetime president of the San Francisco Japanese Association, and had repatriated during the war.

Veteran educator dies

Chicago
 Veteran educator Flora J. Cooke, 88, died at her home Feb. 21. Onetime JACLer, she frequently lectured on progressive education, and was principal of Francis W. Parker School at 330 Webster from 1900 to 1934, trustee of the same school from 1934 to 1948.

SOCIAL NOTES

Engagement: Two students of Rollins College, Jacksonville, Fla., Takayo Tsuboichi of Chicago and Dean Doran of Milton, Mass., will be married June 5 there, the day the groom-to-be is graduated. Miss Tsuboichi, a sophomore theater arts major, attended Hyde Park High School, Chicago, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chukuro Tsuboichi.

WLA Jr. Matrons: A county adoption center official spoke on child psychology at the last meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Akashi. Buddhist Church Ladies Guild and Circle III of the Community Methodist church were invited.

Opinions —

From Back Page
 Langer is reported somewhat under McCarran's influence, so the fortunes of corrective immigration and naturalization legislation in the Judiciary Committee are unclear at this point.

The shape this law finally takes will have a direct and important bearing upon our whole foreign policy position. Nothing should remain in it which would tend to alienate support anywhere in the free world.

In Hawaii thousands of aliens are taking, or preparing to take, the naturalization tests. It is important that their cases be handled expeditiously.
 —Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

CLASSIFIED ADS

PERSONAL

Anyone knowing whereabouts of following persons should call the Pacific Citizen, care of the JACL Regional Office, 25 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, Madison 6-4471.
 Joe Chikara Takagaki, formerly Star Rt., Rosamund, Calif.
 Shoichi Abe, formerly 661 Truman Boyd Manor, Long Beach.
 Shoichi Samura, formerly 238 S. Beaudry, Los Angeles.
 Shinn Yamashita, 2127 Irving St., San Diego 13.

Miss Annie Clo Watson impressed by Japan, wants revisit after world tour

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Tokyo
 On her way around the world, Miss Annie Clo Watson, executive secretary of International Institute, San Francisco, quietly sat in the busy lobby of Imperial Hotel following her tour of the Kansai district—Nara and Kyoto.

"I should like to come back to Japan and stay at least three more months to learn and see more of this country," she remarked. "I was tremendously impressed by many things and I was convinced that there is so much to learn. Americans are very ignorant on many phases of Japan."

"Evidently, Americans here in Japan fail to mingle with the Japanese people in order to know their problems and their thinking," she surmised.

Miss Watson pointed out the dire need of closer public relations between Japan and America so necessary for better relationship.

She is going to visit Hong-

kong, India, Cairo, Rome, Paris, London and expects to visit Scotland, where her ancestors left during the 17th century for America. Because she assisted immigrants from all parts of the world, Miss Watson will have no lack of friends wherever she visits.

She has addressed the Domestic Relations court in Tokyo. George Togasaki and Judge Kondo accompanied her to the Kabuki Theater.

Miss Watson, who served the Institute for 21 years, has met people from 70 different nations. She briefly explained the role of the Institute:

"Our work is to help immigrant and DPs, who come to the United States, find employment and a place to live and help them learn the language. Our purpose is not to mold newcomers into one pattern, but to help them feel at home in the American community while keeping their own cultures."

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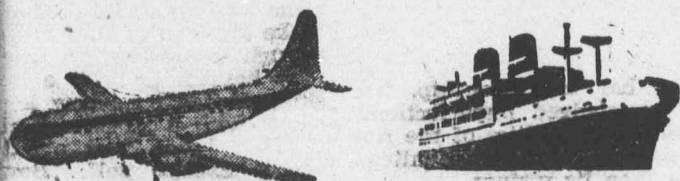
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From the Frying Pan . . .

Denver

Herbert Wong, one of the largest wheels of Denver's Chinese American community threw his annual New Year's party the other night. It was a gala occasion. Herb locked the public out of his restaurant, which is among the town's more spacious places, and entertained his friends with its entire facilities.

Among the guests were a federal judge, an attorney general, a district attorney, a municipal judge, the Denver chief of police, an assistant fire chief and a small horde of lesser fry. The menu was appropriate for the occasion, providing a variety seldom seen east of San Francisco. It started with shark's fin soup, went through pressed duck, stuffed black mushrooms and three different kinds of chicken, in addition to more ordinary foods. There was plenty of liquid refreshments, and by quitting time the Chinese New Year had been provided an auspicious sendoff.

Herb, who was naturalized as a citizen a few years ago,

still has difficulty on occasion with his English. Once he called Earl Pomeroy a Denver Post communist when, of course, he meant to say columnist. Troubles notwithstanding, Herb gave a short, sincere little speech thanking his guests for giving up their time to help him celebrate the New Year. The guests, comfortably filled with Herb's food, responded by subjecting him to a standing ovation.

I report all this by prefacing an observation I've been harboring for a long time, namely that the Chinese brought to this country a flamboyant flair for showmanship that fits them nicely into the U.S. scene. The Issei, to the contrary, usually turned out to be somber individuals who tip-toed through life outside the Li'l Tokios.

Within their communities some of the Issei might have been table-thumping firebrands. But expose them to the greater public's gaze and almost invariably they become obsequious, mumbling, shrink-

ing violets—too servile to express an opinion and terribly self-conscious about the way they sipped their soup.

Not so the Chinese. They forged out into the hinterlands, taking the attitude that others were unfortunately stupid if they couldn't understand pidgin English. If they were ridiculed, well what did it matter, at least they were noticed. But ridicule was something that Issei pride couldn't stand.

In the long run I suppose none of this mattered. The Nisei, who naturally acquired many Issei traits, got a beautiful kick in the pants from Gen. John L. DeWitt, and the impact propelled them a couple of decades up the ladder. This enabled them to avoid a painful adolescent period, and as of today they're doing pretty well, thank you.

Now if you'll forgive all these generalities, let me wish you a happy Chinese type New Year and I'll put away my typewriter for another week.

by Harry K. Honda

Critical Readers

Very Truly Yours . . .

Recently a critical letter reached our desk . . . After so many paragraphs, it concluded: **Your reminder to extend my subscription to the Pacific Citizen came last week. I prefer for reasons stated above to have it lapse. You may so inform your circulation manager . . .** Quite properly, others may feel the same way—not supporting a publication whose views and policies do not coincide . . . This "box-office side of journalism" is a rather negative approach—whether to buy or not to buy.

But does such a negative approach answer anything when successful newspapers have long forsaken the principle of being subsistent upon the income from circulation? . . . A reader's responsibility with the press can be viewed from another approach . . . It is the same (maybe not that same) as a student enrolling in a college. He may wrangle with the professor, heckle and even demand the professor conform to his own thinking or quit school if he doesn't comply . . . **Subscribing to a newspaper for many folks is a way to keep tab on things . . . But some subscribe because they believe that what appears will prove useful to him in**

some way . . . It seems unreasonable for a reader to complain that the paper he buys has editorial policies on assumptions which differ . . . No reputable newspaper adopts a policy without much thought. No editor is going to junk them just because some reader hollers "reactionary" or "red."

Yet readers write long, drawn-out letters demanding a change in policy . . . Some of the local papers continue the policy of using "Japs" in headlines. Yet the last thing I would do is to waste my time writing long letters correcting them . . . It would take common-sense salesmanship and I'm no salesman.

Then, there are differences of basic premises and differences of opinion . . . **No reasonable person expects a paper to desert them to please their readers . . .** As to differences of opinion, it is the matter of an open mind . . . If he has an open mind, he would value the judgment, digest it with other opinions before coming to a conclusion . . . **It appears more mature to regard a paper in this light than to complain because personal views are not expressed . . .** If

anything any editor appreciates, it's a letter that is brief but illuminating. It's one way of knowing how readers are responding—whether pro or con. But an editor isn't going to consider a note that starts "you imply that—" . . . Implications so often avoid singling out exact words. And they are rather lengthy, strangely enough.

INDIO INDIGO—Further away a JACL activity is scheduled, the better the attendance from Metropolitan Los Angeles. This cue may mean at least 200 at the Phoenix district convention in May . . . **Every Southland JACLER will get in the mail soon from the Arizona chapter a brochure of Phoenix, convention program. (Package deals in way of accommodations and convention doings look mighty tempting)** . . . The sprawling modern desert-paradise home of the Henry Sakemi on Hwy. 111 near the Suski-Sakemi garage is a "must see" . . . Their "stop for coffee" after the PSWDC quarterly last Sunday includes bringing an appetite, it seems, in view of the delicious buffet added with java . . . We'd like to see Coachella Valley host another quarterly session when the Date Festival is slated. JACL fellowship is truly heart-warming.

Opinions from Other Newspapers . . .

By the Way

The new administration's first head-on crash with the Congress is coming on two pretty hot topics.

Ike is going to have to let Congress cut taxes, and he's going to get into an awful hassle with them over the McCarran Immigration Act if he isn't careful.

In the matter of taxes, the vast majority in the House feel that the Republicans have campaigned on a promise of lower taxes and that taxes therefore must be lowered. . .

And, on the Immigration Act, Ike had better realize that the Congress takes a certain pride in the existing legislation. The members of Congress know more about the bill and its background than Ike does.

Maybe you think that it is a bit unfair, and Ike seems to believe so, and certainly there is a vast propaganda machine shouting that this is the case, but the Congress thinks it is a good bill, which had uncom-

monly lengthy and thorough study and almost universal support from all the government agencies concerned with the problems.

Furthermore, the Congress believes that there are vast numbers of people in this country who feel the way Eugene Nixon expressed himself the other day — what this country needs is no immigration at all for a few years.

Now, maybe you don't personally feel that way, but a lot of folks do and there are plenty of people in the Congress who agree. It will be a great mistake for Ike to ignore that fact.

—Bill Henry
Los Angeles Times

Pres. Eisenhower has called upon Congress to remove some of the discriminations in the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act.

The act, which performs a great service in removing race

as a bar to citizenship, has a acknowledged imperfections. Some of the critics of the Act give these flaws more attention than its virtues.

The two features of the laws as it now stands which have drawn the greatest criticism are retaining the national origins principle set forth in 1920, and the provisions establishing almost impossible loyalty standards which, in effect create a special police state for foreigners.

The author of these objectionable provisions is Sen. Pat of the Senate Judiciary Committee of Nevada, chairman of the last Democratic Congress.

His successor as chairman of the committee is William Langer, the free wheeling independent from North Dakota, who gets elected on the Republican ticket but pays scant attention to Republican policies once he is elected.

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A Nisei in Reverse

I am writing in very thank acknowledgment of the courtes shown to me for several years in sending me the Pacific Citizen. I can account for it only by the keen interest I have ever since the passage of the Immigration Act of 1924, in remedying the injustice done to the Japanese people and, since the cruel and uneducated-for evacuation of Japanese residents on the Pacific Coast in measures to mitigate the irreparable wrong done to them after Pearl Harbor.

It would be impossible to overrate our debt to Mike Masaka for his valiant leadership in the righting of the wrongs.

The change of public opinion as reflected in the removal of the ban against immigration and naturalization of Japanese and other Oriental peoples can be attributed to the gradual realization of three facts: (1) the demonstration, however belated, that the evacuation was wholly unnecessary to ensure safety from espionage and sabotage; (2) the brilliant war record of the Nisei; and (3) the remarkable extent to which bitterness and rancor which evacuation could have been expected to excite was under control by most of its victims. There has been a wonderful demonstration of patience and magnanimity, and an acid test of loyalty.

As an American born in the pan—a Nisei in reverse—I feel the greatest pride in the exhibition by both Issei and Nisei of the finest traits of their race—traits which have a great contribution to make to our country. Among these traits are loyalty, industry and a wide diffused appreciation of beauty in nature and in art. Striking evidence of the latter has been afforded by the beautiful objects of art and craftsmanship created by Japanese in relocation camps as an alternative to a demoralizing inactivity.

The Pacific Citizen has, in my opinion, contributed greatly to the excellent morale of our fellow citizens of Japanese descent without overemphasizing their interests as a group apart from the rest of the community. On the contrary, nothing could be more gratifying than to observe the extent to which Japanese in many parts of the country are becoming identified with the varied interests of their communities not as Japanese Americans, but as Americans.

—JEROME D. GREEN
Cambridge, Mass.

MINORITY WEEK

Brotherhood in Sports

This has been Brotherhood Week and it is with a lot of satisfaction that you note progress made in eliminating prejudice in the realm of athletics, wrote Royal Broughman of the Seattle Post Intelligencer sports desk.

"Loyal Americans, and even some who aren't loyal, can make the team if they are good enough regardless of whether they happen to have a brown skin, slanted eyes bow legs speak with a slight accent."

"That is, in just about sports except golf. Bowling was the last game to become Americanized and recognize the rights of ALL citizens, municipal golf clubs in our community are still hang tough."

"A veteran from Korea who happens to be a Negro is barred from competing in city, county and state championship tournaments and so are members of the heroic "Go For Broke" regiment of World War II whose parents happened to be Japanese."

"What hurts these dead-loyal Americans way down deep that their sons are banned from many local golf competitions and on city-owned golf courses at that, and how can a dad who fought and bled for his country explain a situation like this to his kid? . . ."

"Before another Brotherhood Week comes around, let's clean up this mess."

Renewals

Where we sit, we can see the deluge of business reply envelopes pouring into the Pacific Citizen business office everyday. And what a wonderful deluge — so many remittances for renewals and from new readers.

To the many chapter members now canvassing membership dues and P.C. subscriptions go our deepest appreciation and heartiest gratitude. The mark of excellent cooperation has been manifested by this deluge of business mail.

Our cherished dream is to pass the all-time high of 10,000 which the P.C. enjoyed during the war years. It is in the realm of possibility to hit 15,000.

To facilitate matters at the business office, JACLers on membership committees are being advised to obtain renewals during the present drive even though a subscription becomes due later in the year.

Subscription and advertising are the main sources of income. As to advertising, we are happy to report an increase of more than 100% since moving to Los Angeles. And we anticipate an even greater response. Things are picking up!

This response from advertisers reflects the goodwill the JACL has won for itself through its activities and program.

Every renewal and each reader helps to balance our budget. Frankly, we need at least 3,000 new subscribers for this year. If our present readers can help us sign another reader, we can top our 10,000 mark easily.

We are counting on our friends and CLers to help make the Pacific Citizen a sound business venture as well as a national medium of Nisei thought and activities.

Backward step

California can become the laughing stock of the nation unless its citizens act swiftly to defeat Senate Constitutional Amendment 21, which in effect legalizes discrimination.

The awkward fact today is that some believe there should be no state or federal interference whatsoever with protecting the rights of citizens as to "certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property; and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness."

Passage of SCA 21 would be disgraceful. California would erase all social progress ever made these past years.

The danger of such a measure is not the concern of minority groups alone in California. It has been blandly announced that a national movement would be launched. Headquarters were expected to be moved from Southern California to Oklahoma since adequate financing was obtained.

In a democracy, no man has an absolute right to do as he pleases. His duty as a citizen and a member of a community requires him to respect the rights of others. The ideals of Americanism dictate that ALL men are entitled to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Every effort must be made to let state legislators in Sacramento know immediately that SCA 21 should be thoroughly defeated.

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