

TOKYO TOPICS:

Visit of Canadian prime minister hailed, encourages Canadian Japanese

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Tokyo
Canadian Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent's visit to Japan was a great cementing factor of the Japanese-Canadian relations. He was the second national guest next to Vice-President Richard Nixon. His visit to Japan was also an encouragement to the Japanese Canadian, whose fight is as similar as to that of the Nisei in America.

"A Committee was set up to give a general review to the evacuation claims of the Japanese Canadians," disclosed the Canadian Prime Minister, who was about to complete the last lap of his six-week global goodwill trip around the world.

The Canadian Prime Minister also assured that Canada welcomes Japanese immigrants, and he created a wonderful atmosphere here in Tokyo.

Seek Evacuation Claims

The Japanese Canadians were fighting to get their evacuation claims for many years. Although Washington authorized evacuation retribution to the Japanese, the Japanese Canadians have failed.

Eiichi Kagetsu, pre-war large lumber mill operator in Vancouver Island, has kept on fighting to get a fair and reasonable retribution. Although he was asked to accept a half-million dollar settlement, about one-tenth of his claim, Kagetsu asked to get the full retribution of his losses in past years. Kagetsu fought single-handedly for the Japanese Canadians in order to get fair and reasonable treatment.

Immigration to Canada

Canada is opening her doors to Japanese immigration.

This is another important statement given by the Canadian Prime Minister here in Japan.

It is necessary to review the background of the Japanese in Canada as prepared by the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, of which this writer went to organize a nucleus early in the '30s.

"At the time of the Pearl Harbor there were 24,000 persons of Japanese origin living in Canada, and 18,000 of these were Canadian citizens by birth or naturalization. The Japanese began to come to Canada around 1900, encouraged by industrialists and others who desired them as a source of cheap labor. As a result of protests against the importation of 'contract labor,' restrictions were imposed in 1908, and made more stringent in

1923. Then in 1928 the Canadian government made the so-called *Gentlemen's Agreement* with the Japanese government. This limited Japanese immigration to 150 a year—an arrangement which continued until the outbreak of the war.

"It is worth keeping in mind the fact that the Japanese who came to Canada from Japan entered this country legally. In 1938 the Keenleyside Committee, appointed to investigate charges of illegal entry, declared that such charges were 'false both in detail and substance.' It is also important to remember that 15,000 of the Japanese in Canada at the outbreak of the war were born in this country and had no other homeland."

The Japanese Canadian has endured various humiliations including deportation threat, evacuation and other unreasonable situations.

Property Investigation

The Royal Commission to investigate the Japanese-Canadian properties may render the satisfactory decision. It is said that the total expenses incurred by the committee for the valuation and legal costs connected with the property hearings amounted to \$158,000.

The scale of investigation must have been tremendous; however, it is happy to learn that a fair disposal of the evacuation claim may be rendered in the future as assured by the Canadian Prime Minister.

For the first time, the Japanese Canadians were given the voting franchise in British Columbia since April 1, 1949. This franchise was asked by the Nisei there for more than 30 years.

God bless the Japanese Canadians as the important cementing factors of human welfare across the Pacific.

The Canadian Prime Minister's visit to Japan will turn a new page to them all. A better understanding of two peoples will be undoubtedly promoted with his audience by the Emperor here and discussing important state affairs with Premier Yoshida and other leaders of Japan.

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Idaho Falls
Next year's Intermountain Christian Youth Conference will meet in Ogden. Ken Miya of Ogden was chosen president, succeeding Kay Tokita.

Senate side of Capitol Hill employs first regular Nisei sec'y, Mrs. Nakayama works full time in office of Connecticut solon

Washington
"Working for a Washington senator keeps me very busy, but I enjoy it," Mrs. Toshiko Nakayama told the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

As an employee on the regular office staff of Sen. Prescott Bush (R., Conn.), Mrs. Nakayama is the first Nisei to work full time on the Senate side of Capitol Hill. Another Nisei, Mrs. Mary Matsumoto Ono, now a secretary in the office of Rep. Barratt O'Hara (D., Ill.), was the first Nisei to work for a Washington representative.

Mrs. Nakayama, a native of Seattle, graduated from the Univ. of Washington in 1942. She received a B.A. degree with

a major in economics.

Taught at Yale

While in Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, Mrs. Nakayama (nee Hiroshige) married Yukio "Yuke" Nakayama. Shortly after leaving camp in 1943, her husband joined the army and was assigned to New Haven, Conn., as a teacher of Japanese in the Army Specialized Training Program at Yale University. She joined him at the University and also acquired a position teaching Japanese.

When Yukio was transferred to the Fort Snelling Japanese Language School, Mrs. Nakayama moved again with her husband and continued teaching Japanese to Army personnel stationed at the Univ. of Min-

nesota.

Her husband returned from duty in the Philippines and in Japan in 1946, and the couple moved to New York City. Toshiko worked as a secretary for a manufacturing concern, and Yukio entered the graduate school of government and political science at Columbia University, where he received a master's degree in 1948.

AFC Editorial Assistant

Later they again moved to Washington, D.C., where Mrs. Nakayama became employed by the Interior department. Transferring to the National Production Authority, she was given work as a summary writer for the Office of the Industry Advisory Committee. Receiving a promotion, she transferred to become editorial assistant in the Atomic Energy Commission. She resigned from the Commission to accept employment in the Office of Senator Bush.

Her husband, Yukio, is presently employed as the Chief of the Planning Office in the Standardization Branch of Research and Development, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

Senate labor committee in favorable action on CL-endorsed FEP measure

Washington
The Senate Committee on Labor and Welfare favorably passed the so-called fair employment bill, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The JACL-endorsed civil rights measure would prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry. The bill prohibits both employers and labor unions from such employment discriminations.

Testimony prepared by the Washington JACL office had been submitted to the committee in support of the fair employment measure.

WRA Policy Cited

The JACL statement contended that a government agency could carry out a fair employment program with success and used the War Relocation Authority (WRA) as an example of a federal agency which aided some 50,000 Issei and Nisei locate proper job opportunities during the early years of World War II.

Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.) of the Senate Committee had specifically requested that the record show that he was opposed to the legislation. Votes of other committee senators made in the closed session were not disclosed.

The bill now awaits scheduling on the Senate calendar for full Senate discussion and vote.

Strong Floor Opposition

The fair employment bill is expected to receive strong opposition on the Senate floor. Sponsors of the civil rights measure, Sen. Irving Ives (R., N.Y.) and Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), had previously disclosed

that passage was not likely in the current session. It had been conceded that effective delaying tactics by "states' rights" senators could defeat the legislation.

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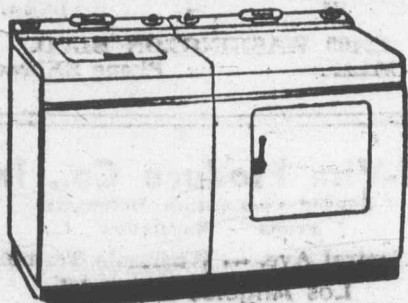
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Margaret Nakai, Elsinore High student, after winning the local Elsinore Lions club speech contest, speaks next week in a zone competition at Perris. Topic is based on the Constitution and its application to the changing aspects of American life.

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San Francisco Council for Civic Unity . . .

Recently the Council was unfairly implicated as being Communist by the Veterans Administration. In a letter by Eldon Bailey, Security Officer to an individual being questioned, the following statement appears: "In 1952 you were associated with persons who are or have been members or supporters of Communist organizations in the San Francisco area by your admitted affiliation with the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, which reportedly has been successfully infiltrated and whose policies are directed by the Communist Party."

Not only the San Francisco JACL Chapter but the Regional Office as well, has enjoyed a long cooperation with the council. I believe that the allegations made by Eldon Bailey are unfounded and unfair. EDWARD HOWDEN, the capable Executive Director, has long been one of the most useful advisers to our chapters and to the Regional Office.

At the present time, DR. KAZUE TOGASAKI, prominent Nisei leader of Northern California is one of the Vice-Presidents of the CCU. Sponsoring members for recent years have included many JACLers. We deplore the state of affairs of our nation when an organization such as the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco can be maligned. We believe that the Council has been a shining example of true Americanism and fair play. We know that it will be vindicated.

Executive Board Meeting . . .

The executive board of the NC-WN District Council met in San Francisco to prepare for its second quarterly meeting which will be held in Oakland on May 16. Presiding was TOM YEGO, chairman; chapter representatives who sat in as guests and observers were: JACK NODA, TOM HARATANI, TOM MIYANAGA, GEORGE NISHITA, NEIL MASAOKA, BILL FUKUBA, TOM SHIMONISHI, FRED HOSHIYAMA, JERRY ENOMOTO, KEI HORI, GINJI MIZUTANI, GRACE AIKAWA, SIM TOGASAKI and ALICE SHIGEZUMI.

Some of the major resolutions were to re-apportion the DC financial quota in order to absorb the \$3,000 miscellaneous item; to reactivate the Cal-Neva Credit Union which has almost \$9,000 in loans available for JACL members; to push integration of the Issei to the JACL picture through the Koen-Kai wherever necessary.

It is hoped that many of the Issei will join chapters as active members; however, age and language has proved to be a barrier in some cases. Following the Executive Board meeting which was held at the home of "yours truly," the officers met with the Cal-Neva Credit Union members at their annual dinner.

Cal-Neva Credit Union . . .

Cal-Neva Credit Union held its annual dinner meeting at Shanghai Low. Acting as toastmaster was SIM TOGASAKI, chairman of the board. Financial report was given by YUKIO WADA, treasurer, who stated that 2.7% dividend was declarable at the end of second full year of operation.

This Credit Union is the youngest of the major JACL credit unions. Mr. Wada also announced that almost \$9,000 is available in loans and JACL members are eligible to join.

Stockton-French Camp CL Installations . . .

Featuring SAB KIDO as main speaker, the Stockton and French Camp JACL chapters installed their newly elected officers last Friday night. The French Camp Chapter has always been one of our active and reliable units. The Stockton Chapter with a great potential has been comparatively inactive the last few years. Under the energetic leadership of SAM ITAYA, the chapter has quadrupled its membership.

Reports come to me from Itaya and GEORGE BABA, newly-elected president, that they will go over the 200 mark this year, which is quite a contrast with barely 30 members in 1952.

Newly elected presidents are George Matsuoka of French Camp and George Baba of Stockton. Installing officer was Judge BILL DOZIER and MARIE DE CARLI as the Toastmistress. Mrs. De Carli has been instrumental in assisting the Issei to get citizenship in the Stockton area and has proved to be one of the most helpful and active citizens of Stockton . . . Our best wishes to these chapters and their officers.

The UCL of Santa Clara County . . .

After making the quick trip to Stockton, I detoured back by way of San Jose where I met with chapter members of UCL as well as various community leaders.

This chapter has been suffering from one of the common ailments of any chapter or organization despite the good size membership and leadership possibilities in the community. A dozen officers have had to carry the brunt of the work for the last few years. Newly-elected president TOM MITSUYOSHI called a special meeting to get more community response and assistance from both Nisei and Issei.

It was unanimously agreed that the JACL was a vital and useful organization not only nationally but for community participation in their activities. We will keep our eyes open on this chapter which represents the second largest population of Japanese Americans in the State of California . . .

New citizens

North Platte, Neb.

Two more Issei residents here

were recently naturalized citizens. They are Frank Yamaki and Shosuke Kuroki, father of ex-Sgt. Ben Kuroki, most noted Nisei airman of World War II.

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NEW HORIZONS:

About the Board Chairman

By EDISON T. UNO
JACL Convention Public Relations Director

Los Angeles

My namesake the great American inventor, Thomas Alva Edison, remarked that success can be attributed to 1 per cent inspiration and 99 per cent perspiration. I often like to apply this principle to many of the members in our national organization who are responsible for the success we have attained since the founding of the JACL.

Many of these unsung heroes are individuals who devote a great deal of time and effort in behalf of our purposes, despite the fact that the business of living requires more time than most of us can afford. Nevertheless, our progress can be accredited to these unselfish members throughout the country who are loyal to JACL.

One such man is Dr. Roy Nishikawa, 13th Biennial National Convention chairman. Six years ago we both embarked on the avenues of the JACL. Dr. Nishikawa was the first president of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter, while I became a charter member of the newly-organized East L.A. chapter. Dr. Nishikawa was destined to become one of great importance in our organization because of his leadership abilities and his fearless capacity for work.

The proof was soon to come, for in 1948 at the national convention in Salt Lake City, Dr. Nishikawa performed an outstanding job presenting the reports of the important resolutions committee. The JACL was quick to respond and in 1949 he was re-elected president of his chapter. In the same year he was elected chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council and was also the first secretary to their credit union.

As chairman of the national planning committee he attended the Chicago convention which ultimately won him the office of national treasurer. Two years later he was re-elected to this office by unanimous vote of the national council. More recently he has held memberships on the

CHAPTER MEMO

Chicago JACL: Sixty-two CLers were signed last Sunday afternoon at the home of the Lincoln Shimidzu, 5528 S. Kimbark Ave., hosts. Harry Mizuno is in charge of the membership drive.

Dayton JACL: The Hideo Yoshiharas served as host and hostess at the informal meeting with National Director Mas Satow, Mar. 10, when he told an Issei-Nisei audience of the pertinent bills before congress, importance of good public relations, naturalization and evacuation claims.

Salt Lake JACL: Mas Satow, national director, spoke to members of the Junior JACL chapter this week, informing them of the nature of the organization and activities which the youth group could engage.

Washington, D.C., JACL: Japanese culture was the theme of the February meeting held at the YWCA, Feb. 27. Mrs. Thomas Takeshita, garbed in kimono, briefly reviewed the history of tea ceremony, followed by a demonstration. Takashi Sugiura, art connoisseur with Freer Art Gallery, acted as host with Reiko Hummel and Ruth Kuroishi as guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Havelock, graduate-teachers of the Koryu School of Ikebana, Tokyo, spoke on and demonstrated flower arrangement.

Selma JACL: Akira Iwamura was appointed membership drive chairman by George Okazaki, chapter president. Assisting are:

George Baba, Mas Morishima, Shig Nagao, George Tanaka, Tom Umade and Ken Yamamoto.

The chapter is also in charge of prizes at the annual Selma community picnic Apr. 11. George Tanaka is in charge. The place is to be announced . . .

The chapter is also planning to resume naturalization classes. \$10 donations were acknowledged from recently naturalized Issei citizens:
Yoshio Kajitani, Mamoru Kuramoto, Shotaro Takikawa.

Pacific Citizen operating-board, the Southern California Evacuation Claims committee, was chairman of the national budget and finance committee, chairman of the national testimonial banquet, and to top it off he is a charter member of the 1000 Club.

Yes, we in Los Angeles are proud of our hometown boy. His record and deeds of accomplishments speak for themselves.

He is married to the former Alice Yoshiye Kawakami of Hollywood, and they have one son, Kenny, 12. Of his profes-

sional background, Roy was graduate magna cum laude in 1946 from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago. He was tentatively accepted to enter U.C. Medical School in 1941 after graduation from UCLA but war intervened.

The success of the New Horizons convention lies in these capable hands. As of this date some 45 special convention committees have been organized with approximately 300 members participating. This is only the beginning and we of the host chapters can assure that will be the greatest of them all. The New Horizons convention will be the greatest of them all. Plan now to attend—13th Biennial National Convention, Statler Hotel, Sept. 2-6, 1954. Don't forget my job is 100 per cent inspiration.



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SPORTSCOPE:

Fine spring weather ushered in the Los Angeles city high school track & field season last week. Top effort of the day was the double sprint win in the 100 and 220 by Verdugo Hills' Uyeda in 10.3s and 22.5s. Westchester's Matsuda won the 220 in 23.6s... FRANK MURAKAMI, prepster from Centerville's Washington High, is working out on San Jose State Frosh baseball team for an infield post...

Former Fresno State and Stockton Ports outfielder FIBBER HIRAYAMA had a good day at bat for the powerful Ft. Ord Warriors, in the 10-6 triumph over the San Francisco Seals last week at Monterey. As the starting batter, he got two singles, walked once, drove in a run and scored another.

DICK NAGAI, sophomore guard with Univ. of Southern California, played briefly in the 73-59 defeat administered Idaho State in the Western regional NCAA basketball tournament at Corvallis, Ore., last week. The win made them finalists in the battle against Santa Clara, which lost a 66-65 thriller Saturday. Tonight they meet Bradley University at Kansas City in the NCAA national semi-finals.

A couple of high school cagers made all-city honorable mentions this past week: STAN NISHIMOTO of Manual on the 1954 Denver Post list and TORCHI MUKAI of Live Oak High on the San Jose Mercury-News Santa Clara Valley All-League... KEN FUJII, handsome athlete for the Reno High Huskies, was a member of the 1953-54 Western Aye Conference basketball championship squad that lost one game (and that by a 50-49 score) in its 19-game schedule. He was captain of the football team and is outstanding in baseball. Furthermore, he's student body president—"truly a Nisei girl's dream," quoting FRED AOYAMA, Reno JACler.

Ohio State retained its Big Ten swimming championship for the sixth straight year, copping five of seven events at the Univ. of Michigan pool. The Hawaiian trio, FORD KONNO, YOSHI OYAKAWA and Dick Cleveland, helped the Buckeyes roll 125 pts. in the three-day meet, 22 more than runner-up Michigan. Konno was the lone triple winner—taking the 1,500-m., 220-yd. and 440-yd. freestyle events. He broke his own 440-yd. NCAA and Big Ten record with a speedy 4m.28.8s.

Credited with popularizing the Asahi baseball team of Vancouver, B.C., before World War II, HARRY MIYAZAKI, died suddenly at his Toronto home Feb. 14 at the age of 59 of cerebral hemorrhage. The venerable sportsman played first base for the team he later managed as early as 1917. The team toured Japan in 1921.

Davis Comets won their first Salt Lake Basketball League championship two weeks ago in a playoff match with defending titlists Harlem AC. Hanging to a slim lead throughout the game, the Comets bunched points in the final minutes to triumph 46-34. UTAKA HARADA and FRANK KOBAYASHI led the champs with 19 and 12 points respectively. The squad is coached by 17-year-old KENNY NAKAISHI.

The Mustangs clinched their sixth straight Toronto Nisei Basketball Association championship recently. And the way it looks now, they are going to remain champions for quite some time with only two members over the age of 21, comments the Continental Times, Canadian Japanese publication.

ROY KUBOYAMA, 125-lb. boxer for the Univ. of Wisconsin, and GIL INABA, 132-lb. boxer from Washington State College, won their respective bouts in a dual match last week at Madison, Wisc. Price of bowling in Chicago has gone up to 41 cents per line for open play. League bowlers continue to pay 40 cents per line. Next season, however, they'll pay 9 cents more per series... DICK KITAMURA will play for the Mainichi Orions this season in Japan. The Honolulu player played his collegiate ball at Colorado A&M and starred with the Denver Nisei... It will be the San Francisco Protos, winner of the Northern California NAU basketball champion, versus the winner this Sunday of the Shin Nichibei-Nisei Trading Southern California championship playoff game for the mythical state Nisei crown. The Protos gained the Northern title with a double overtime win over Berkeley Bob's TV, 60-59, last Sunday.

CHI HARU IGAYA, the Japanese skier of Dartmouth College, won the annual national Roch Trophy for slalom racing at the national ski championships at Aspen, Colo., ending last Sunday.

CL bowlers vote to keep nat'l on scratch basis

Chicago

Captains representing teams participating in the eighth Annual JACL National Bowling Tournament voted unanimously to accept Long Beach's bid for the 1955 Tournament presented by Easy Fujimoto. Fujimoto indicated that the Tournament would be held in two houses—Virginia Bowl and Ken Mar Bowl, in order to accommodate the anticipated entries. At least 100 teams are expected to participate when the Tournament reverts back to the West Coast next year.

At the same time, the Captains accepted Salt Lake City's bid for the 1956 Tournament presented by Maki Kaizumi. It was in Salt Lake in 1947 that the National JACL Bowling Tournament was initiated and held successfully for three years.

To Remain Scratch

It was definitely decided to continue the entire Tournament, including Women's Events, upon a scratch basis. National JACL Director Mas Satow, who presided at the meeting, indicated that several women would

be invited to serve on the National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling. This group presently consists of:

- Fred Takagi, Seattle; Buzz Noda, Selma; Gish Endo, Oakland; Eddie Matsueda, Honolulu; John Noguchi, Denver; Easy Fujimoto, Southgate; Choppy Umemoto, Salt Lake City; Shigeo Imura, Sacramento; Ichiro Fukunaga, Los Angeles; and Dyke Miyagawa, Chicago.

Eligibility Rules

An important supplement was made to the eligibility rules.

Non-Nisei bowlers who wish to participate in the National Tournament must have been JACL member for five consecutive years to the time of the Tournament.

However, for non-Nisei bowlers who have participated in past National Tournaments, the JACL membership stipulation for eligibility will be three consecutive years to the time of the Tournament.

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TATS KUSHIDA

Experience in Brotherhood...

Once a year, we are invited to participate in a radio program invariably of the brotherhood or race relations type. Which is a kind of experience we enjoy because first, it provides a rare opportunity to discuss the goals, aspirations and problems of the Japanese American community so little known to the broad American public (and too often glossed over by "integrated" Nisei), and secondly because the inside operations of a radio or TV station are so fascinating to this tourist. And thirdly, because we welcome every opportunity to espouse the JACL cause.

Last Tuesday ayem, we joined a panel which included executive directors of the City of Hope and American Red Cross in a half-hour program moderated by ABC news commentator CHET HUNTLEY at the network's Hollywood studios.

The program, called "Dream of Brotherhood" and featuring Vincent Price, was one of a series sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, a private agency well-known for its promotion of brotherhood during the month of February.

Chet Huntley should be a name familiar to many Nisei for he has been a steadfast supporter of Japanese Americans and was an effective voice during the period when the JACL was seeking congressional enactment of the Evacuation Claims Act, and subsequently. What Chet knows about the record of the 442nd RCT would amaze even the vets.

The NCCJ series is being broadcast Monday nights over KABC from 9 o'clock. Our particular program, which was recorded, is scheduled for Mar. 22.

February, being brotherhood month, is the high point for Nisei appearances at non-Nisei organizations, churches and programs.

An example is SUE TAKIMOTO JOE, representing the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL chapter, who served on an interracial women's panel discussing individual group problems at the Harbor Jewish Community Center on Feb. 24.

JACL officers now accept these invitations as a matter of community relations and seldom report them as news. Chapters also take part in community brotherhood programs as has the Southwest L.A., East L.A. and other chapters.

The regional office receives a flurry of requests for guest appearances of Nisei speakers at these programs, intended to promote goodwill among men of different colors and creeds.

Cultural Entertainment...

Once in a while, we get soured on the way some people interpret the NCCJ's commendable brotherhood theme.

There are, believe it or not, groups that think they are fulfilling their good deed in human relations by condescending to expose themselves to foreign culture. At least, that's the impression this writer receives when a request comes in for an "entertaining" dance number by Nisei girls in kimonos to appear at an annual "brotherhood" program. Maybe this is called cultural brotherhood.

So we're hyper-sensitive. But it's not difficult to distinguish between a sincere attitude and a patronizing one... No, Christmas and Easter do not have a monopoly on conscience-saving. Some of this heaven-bound activity takes place during February.

Fortunately, a great deal of really sincere efforts to disseminate the gospel of the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God does take place. You've heard the moldy cliché—why confine the promotion of brotherhood for just a week or a month? Well, thank God, there are many real advocates of brotherhood who live and practice it throughout the year.

Real Advocate: Dr. Galen Fisher...

One such man is Dr. GALEN FISHER. He is one of the few great men who stood by the Nisei when the chips were down—during the crucifying pre-evacuation days. He is an ardent champion of justice and fair play, even if it means placing his neck on the block. His help to the returning evacuees has endeared him to Issei and Nisei everywhere. We're kinda proud to hail from his hometown—Berkeley.

Galen is now engaged in another humanitarian enterprise—that of aiding the YMCA's re-building program in Japan. As a former Y secretary in Japan, he is especially hopeful of raising \$70,000 from all sources in California to complete the buildings at Nagoya and Kobe. Nine others ravaged by war and time have already been rebuilt.

We wish Dr. Fisher much success and support for his campaign.

Heartening news reached us from the new president of the Ventura County JACL chapter this week. Dr. SAM TOKUYAMA tells us that his chapter will soon "go for broke" on its membership and fund drive. Doc is a prominent emcee and not an osteopath as erroneously reported. He is a member of the Ventura County Medical Society, the Calif. Medical Ass'n and the AMA.

Engineer HISASHI HORITA, former San Franciscan who now serves as president of the Southwest L.A. JACL, has a well-written weekly bridge column in Sab Kido's Shin Nichibei. Hisashi instructed two highly popular bridge classes for the chapter last year at St. Mary's Episcopal church. His latest assignment is chairman of the convention queen contest.

For the past two months, we have had unrequested daily serenading from a samisen class being taught next door. The plucking of strings and the vibrating of vocal cords should achieve a mellifluous sound under certain circumstances, which this ain't. The blaring of our secretary's portable radio offers little relief. At least, as psychologists say, the distraction makes us concentrate more on our work through over-compensation (not salary, if you please).

The Eastern District Council's quarterly meeting held on Mar. 13-14 was fully covered by GRAYCE UYEYHARA, EDC publicity chairman, who sent us a six-page report. Thanks, EDC, for approving a generous space for your greeting-ad in the convention souvenir booklet, and for going all out on Operation Ichidoru.

WATSONVILLE NISEI

SCORES 'HOLE IN ONE'

Watsonville

Harry Okamura scored a hole-in-one at Pasatiempo course Mar. 7 on the par-3 eight hole, using a five-iron to cover the 165 yards.

A member of the Watsonville Eagle club, he finished out of the running in the 36-hole spring tournament although grabbing the spotlight by his rare feat. Tournament winner was Tom Mine with a 144 net. George Ura is club president.

It was the first hole-in-one on the eighth hole as far the course pro could recall.

Two to co-manage

Placer JACL horsehiders

Loomis

Chuck Hayashida of Loomis and Mori Hada of Newcastle were named co-managers of the Placer JACL baseball club which began its practice season Sunday in preparation for play in the semi-pro Placer-Nevada league.

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EDITORIALS

VA Sees Red

A nasty dab of Red paint has been slapped on the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity by a security officer in the Veterans Administration in Washington. This smear came to light last week when the San Francisco News revealed a VA employee was suspended from his job because of his admitted affiliation with the CCU which "reportedly has been infiltrated and whose policies are directed by the Communist Party."

The CCU has never been cited as subversive. Its records show it to be definitely anti-Communist. Its board membership includes the city's more important leaders.

Protest of this irresponsible action was quick. San Francisco congressman Shelley demanded the Attorney General investigate and publicly clear the CCU and take steps to prevent further use of unfounded reports by federal security officers.

Where government security is concerned, it appears most illogical and unprincipled to have the so-called guardians of our liberties disregard some of the fundamentals they are charged to protect.

Mutual Security

Since it has been shown the Soviet Russian empire has no intention of guaranteeing world peace, the necessity of Japan becoming militarily and economically strong has been recognized with the signing of a mutual security agreement with the United States.

Significant for persons of Japanese ancestry in America is the agreement was greeted with approval by most Americans—in sharp contrast to the uproar created 12 years ago after Pearl Harbor. This paradox has no equal in modern history.

Japan, like Germany, has had a bitter lesson. The new agreement is encouraging evidence of turning over a new leaf politically.

Sub-Cabinet Appointment

A noted Chicago Negro lawyer, J. Ernest Wilkins, was nominated by President Eisenhower and confirmed by the Senate to be a member of his "little" Cabinet as assistant secretary of labor.

The appointment is notable in that it recognizes the principle that race is an irrelevant factor in the choice of qualified persons in government service. The willingness or ability of a man to be a servant of the people should never be confused by the color of his skin or the slant of his eyes.

From the Frying Pan . . . by Bill Hosokawa All for Ten Bucks

Denver ALL OF A sudden, and without any particular urging, our 13-year-old Mike became interested in household chores. He emptied the waste baskets, carried out the garbage pail, picked up the papers, vacuumed his room. He urged us to go out more often, professing his eagerness to watch his younger brother and sisters.

After Sunday school, he volunteered to wash the car. He did a passable job, too, with a minimum of supervision. It was the first time he had offered to do this. Hitherto it had been a major task to just get him to help me with this unpleasant duty. This time, after the car had passed inspection, he held out his hand for the going price of a car wash. They charge \$1.25 in most places. With high disregard for the NRA, FEPC, child labor and interstate commerce laws, I compromised on a dollar.

I knew Mike's new concern for money, and his unexpected eagerness to work, was not entirely purposeless. He sprang the trap tonight.

IT SEEMS HE has eye and heart on one of those small gasoline engines that fly model airplanes. Such engines cost money, a pretty good chunk of the green for a kid without a job. And so all this attentiveness, like that of a waiter angling for a tip, was for the purpose of buttering me up for a loan. I asked for the particulars, and got this listing:

Table listing items and costs: 1 Enya 19 gas engine \$10.95, 2 Dry cell batteries 5.90, 1 Model airplane 4.00, 1 Can fuel .50, 1 Gas pump and tank 1.00, Fuel-proof dope, various colors .75, Miscellaneous items .50, Total \$23.60

Against these proposed expenditures, he had cash assets of about \$3, but an unlimited

supply of optimism and desire. He proposed to raise \$10 additional by odd jobs (he wished it would rain so he could wash the car again), and it was the last \$10 that he wanted to take care of through a loan.

Since Mike has been working on model airplanes for a long time, graduating from solid models to rubber-powered flying models, a gas job is a natural job forward. Yet his impecunious predicament disturbed me as a potential financier. I asked how he planned to repay this amount and what security he had to offer.

At first Mike suggested he could pay back 50 cents every other week, and pay 10 per cent interest. The interest rate sounded most interesting, but then I pointed out that it would take him eight months to liquidate the principle. He countered with another proposal—50 cents a week. This isn't too unreasonable in view of the fact that he gets \$1.50 weekly allowance, out of which he must buy milk, soup, dessert or whatever he wants to eat with his home-made sandwiches. For security, he offered either his bicycle, or the wrist watch he got for Christmas.

I haven't given him a decision yet on the loan, but I would like to help further his interest in aeronautics. I think this issue can be solved by a matching program, such as the federal government uses in helping states improve roads and municipalities to pay for slum elimination projects and airport improvements. If and when Mike can show me that he has earned \$10, for a total of \$13 cash, I will lend him the additional \$10 which he needs to make his purchase. There will be no interest charge. I'll expect to be repaid at the rate of 50 cents a week, but I have a hunch that if he makes a zooming success of the plane, we may forget the repayment plan.

Now we'll see whether he or I will be the first to put aside \$10.

Vagaries . . . by Larry Tajiri McCarthy on the Spot

NOW THAT ENOUGH people in the administration's high places apparently have decided that the junior senator from Wisconsin is a liability to the Republican party, it's open season on Joe McCarthy in Washington. Joe, of course, has long been a political privateer, warring on the GOP and the Democrats, as well as the Communists, from the sanctuary of the U.S. Senate.

But it was his verbal manhandling of the Army's war hero, General Zwicker, during a recent hearing which has put Joe, the demagogue's demagogue, on the spot.

During the past week McCarthy has been attacked by most of the country's newspapers, even receiving criticism from the Chicago Tribune, Col. McCormick's flagship of the extreme right which previously was considered to be in McCarthy's corner. The most devastating job of all, however, was done by CBS' distinguished news commentator, Edward R. Murrow, a pre-Zwicker anti-McCarthyite. Mr. Murrow, on his network TV show, See It Now, used film clips to show Joe browbeating a witness and uttering half-truths. One sequence from this TV show ballooned into an issue when McCarthy accused Murrow of lying.

ED MURROW screened a film of the hearing in which McCarthy was shown questioning Reed Harris, former chief of the Voice of America. McCarthy named the American Civil Liberties Union and asked Harris if the latter knew that the ACLU had been cited as subversive by the government. Harris said he didn't know but heard that it had. Murrow commented that the ACLU had not been listed by the "attorney general's office, the FBI or any other federal government agency" and that, instead, there were letters of commendation in the ACLU's files from Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, and from General MacArthur.

Two nights later McCarthy was a guest on Fulton Lewis Jr.'s network radio show. He said that Murrow had lied about the ACLU, and that the organization was listed as subversive—by the California state senate un-American activities committee in the days when Senator Jack Tenney was riding herd on the "Japanese problem" and similar matters of regional interest west of the Sierras.

The California committee's listing, in the seven years or so since it has been made, has received no credence except from the political opportunists like McCarthy who have twisted it for their own purposes. The listing has not deterred Harry Truman or Dwight Eisenhower from warm praise of the organization's unceasing efforts to secure the constitutional rights of every American.

IT'S POSSIBLE that the American Civil Liberties Union has incurred the ire of every partisan at one time or another. The ACLU is a non-partisan body dedicated to the preservation of constitutional liberties. It has not been swayed by threats or the unpopularity of the causes concerned in defending the rights of

individuals. It has petitioned on behalf of Communists and Fascists, and for men of religion and atheists. It has defended the constitution from the wreckers like McCarthy and from the zealots who seek its suspension for currently unpopular minorities. Since Pearl Harbor its attorneys have entered "friend of court" briefs in every constitutional test involving the rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry. The ACLU also has fought restriction and censorship of ideas, information and entertainment.

The national board of the ACLU is an honor roll of distinguished justices, attorneys and educators. Two Nisei, Saburo Kido and Mike Masaoka, are or have been members of that board.

In his answer to McCarthy regarding the ACLU, Ed Murrow commented that either he or the senator had been lying and he was willing to let the public decide.

THE USE OF the half-truth is, of course, one of the techniques of McCarthyism. The Nisei, because of some unpleasant wartime experiences at the hands of so-called investigating committee, are veterans of the kind of abuse which has been tolerated by some legislative bodies.

In 1943, for example, the Nisei and the government's relocation of the evacuees was investigated simultaneously by committees of the House and Senate and two free-wheeling committees of the California legislature. The Chandler committee launched an extensive investigation which did not dig up a single subversive evacuee and which finally issued a lukewarm report which could be construed as favorable to the War Relocation Authority. The high-powered Dies committee roamed the western countryside in search of Nisei or Issei subversion and found none, but did leave in its wake public apprehension and anger regarding the untrue "coddling" of evacuees by the Roosevelt administration.

Among the lies which got wide circulation were that each evacuee was being issued a gallon of whiskey a month in the camps (Rep. Joe Stearns, D., Ala.) and that a division of the Japanese army existed on the west coast before the evacuation (Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, R., N.J.). Rep. Thomas, in fact, acting apparently in the interests of west coast groups opposing the return of the Japanese Americans, is said to have instigated the whole Dies committee investigation.

None of the investigative bodies were able to prove their charges of subversion by persons of Japanese ancestry, nor that charge that the evacuees were being "coddled" in the centers, but they did manage to becloud the atmosphere with lies and half-truths to the extent that a sober consideration of the return of Japanese Americans to the coast was not possible until nearly two years later.

THE NISEI HAVE known McCarthyism in its earlier forms. Although the California state committees were ostensibly investigating Japanese Americans, no Nisei was invited to

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Announce reopening of draft for Hawaiian Nisei.

Colorado Nisei (Noboru Toshiro) wins U.S. Air Force commission, only Nisei officer in corps.

Rep. Eberharter (D., Pa.) challenges Dies report on Tule Lake, declares majority view show "ugly manifestations" of racist thinking on evacuee problems; Pennsylvania says Dies subcommittee report is "serious disservice to American people."

Fear is greatest anti-relocation factor, New York Times survey reports.

Initiative proposed in California to deny Nisei right to own land or fishing boats.

"Heroism of Nisei soldiers now in Italy is having a good effect upon public opinion, and the opening of the draft to Nisei is to them opportunities they never had before." Capt. Taro Suzuki of 100th Infantry says in Chicago, on sick leave.

Nisei urged by Carey Williams to work for complete removal of present restrictions (military ban) on coast.

740 evacuees relocated in Salt Lake City, WRA reports.

Chinese Americans in Philadelphia sending clothes and money to relocation centers.

MINORITY

Negro attorney J. Ernest Wilkins of Chicago became the second member of his race to be represented in the "little cabinet" when President Eisenhower nominated him assistant secretary of labor recently. In 1911, William H. Lewis of Boston was named assistant attorney general and served until 1913 under the Taft administration. During the Truman administration, Ralph Bunche was offered the post of assistant secretary of state but turned it down because of racial discrimination in Washington.

(The Senate last Saturday confirmed the nomination and will soon take over the Labor Dept.'s international affairs division.)

Word has apparently spread among those of Spanish ancestry in Chicago that the round-up of suspected members of Puerto Rico's fanatical Nacionalista party is indiscriminate. Hence representatives of the Puerto Rican and Mexican governments have complained to the Chicago police that Spanish-speaking citizens are "living in fear of arrest."

testify, while persons like Pearl Buck, who did appear to answer the ridiculous charges against the evacuees, were treated with less than common courtesy by the solons.

McCarthyism, in the light of the hearings conducted by the Wisconsin senator, is government by slander. Its reckless manifestations have done more to pit Americans against Americans than the sum of all the efforts of agents of the Kremlin. To paraphrase a recent comment in Time magazine, McCarthyism is expendable and the time has come to spend it.