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'Ambassadors in Arms', new book on 100th Infantry to be published

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Club 100, the veterans' organization of the first Nisei unit to go into action in World War II, is advertising for sale the "best history of any military unit."

It will be called "Ambassadors in Arms," a book about the illustrious 100th Infantry Battalion. The book will be published this summer by the Univ. of Hawaii Press. Its author is Dr. Thomas D. Murphy, a history professor at UH.

The battalion was composed of Hawaii men several months after Pearl Harbor and trained at Camp McCoy, Wisc. It went overseas, after training, to fight in Italy.

'Purple Heart Bn.'

It fought valiantly in some of the bitterest battles, including Cassino, and suffered heavy casualties. After a while the 100th was nicknamed the "Purple Heart Battalion."

After Anzio, the 100th was joined by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the two outfits fought as a team up the Italian boot, over to Southern France, into the Vosges Mountains, then back to Italy for the final push before V-E Day.

Spark M. Matsunaga, president of Club 100, has sent word to members that a special edition of "Ambassadors in Arms" is being published for Club 100 members and their relatives and friends.

Special Edition

The special edition will contain the names of all those who at any time were members of the 100th. A list of awards and medals will also be included.

These features will not be among the contents of the regular edition.

Pre-publication orders for the special edition are being received, for a limited time only, by Club 100, 520 Kamoku St., Honolulu. The price of $6, is the same as for the regular edition. But the special edition will not be printed unless a total order of 500 or more copies is received.

Five Years of Research

"'Ambassador in Arms' is not a pictorial review put together in a few months by some enterprising journalist," says Club President Matsunaga. "It is the result of more than five years of painstaking research, writing, and rewriting."

Matsunaga says that many facts, taken from once top-secret files, are related for the first time.

The book, he adds, will describe the attitude of the Army and the Navy toward the Japanese in Hawaii before the Pearl Harbor attack, and immediately afterwards; the FBI's appraisal of the loyalty of the Nisei; the men responsible for the formation of the 100th, and why it was formed; whether it was intended as a labor battalion and why it was made a combat unit.

Evacuation Question

It also answers questions about the influence of the 100th in the formation of the 442nd Regiment; why the Japanese in Hawaii were treated differently from those on the West Coast; whether evacuation of Hawaii's Japanese had been contemplated; and the thinking among high government and military officials in Hawaii and Washington about the 100th.

On the lighter side, the book will define a "kotonk" as distinguished from a "buddahead," and even relate how the men of the 100th got along with the *signorine* in Italy.

SKETCH CHAPTER BANNER FOR SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake City

An appropriate chapter banner is being designed by the Salt Lake JACL for display at formal occasions with the American flag.

Mrs. Tomoko Yano was asked to submit original sketches. Several showing Japanese American motifs as well as local and national themes were presented.

Last week, Ted Nagata of the Youth group and Marge Nishikawa were named to the committee to work further on details.

PERUVIAN-JAPANESE RELIEF BILL AMENDMENT APPROVED BY HOUSE

Washington

Acting with firm conviction, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill amending the Refugee Relief Act to include from deportation for Peruvian Japanese.

The bill, amending the adjustment of status section of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, would prevent the deportation of Peruvian Japanese and permit them to apply for permanent residence in the United States.

Several hundred Peruvian Japanese are expected to benefit from this legislation if it becomes law, according to Mike Masaoka, Nisei lobbyist in Washington.

Prevents Deportation

"This bill would prevent immediate deportation to Japan of Japanese who were brought from Peru for internment in the United States during World War II. These individuals," Masaoka explained, "are unable to return to Peru. This special suspension from deportation and adjustment of status for Peruvian Japanese will not be charged against the 185 annual immigration quota of Japan."

Masaoka gave particular praise for the favorable House action to Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), who introduced the amendment to the bill to include the Peruvian Japanese; Rep. T. Millet Hand (R., N.J.), who had introduced a Joint Resolution for this same purpose last year and who joined in this year's efforts to secure House passage of the bill; and Rep. Louis E. Graham (R., Pa.), who, as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, provided encouragement and support for this measure.

JACL Supports Bill

JACL is supporting this effort which provides relief from deportation for Peruvian Japanese. Existing law contains no provisions to satisfactorily handle this unusual situation. These Japanese were brought here from Peru by the United States government in 1942 for internment. After hostilities were over, the Peruvian government refused them permission to return to their former homes in Peru.

Masaoka undertook responsibility to try to solve this problem by appropriate legislation at the request of a number of Peruvian Japanese in Los Angeles and in Seabrook, N.J.

Nisei cabbie robbed, suspect held

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Cleveland, O.

Three Wednesdays ago, a man stopped Jack Morimitsu's cab at E. 105th and Euclid Ave. and asked to be driven to an E. 95th St. address. Once there, he pulled a gun and took $10 from the 23-year-old Western Reserve University dental student.

Then two detectives passing by in their cruiser, suspecting something wrong, stopped to investigate. A man fled. Morimitsu shouted for help. The detectives called on the fleeing man to stop. He ran on and one detective fired at him with a shotgun.

The man staggered as he ran, leaving a trial of blood behind him, but got away.

Information leading to the man's apprehension was given to police by a tipster who told them "the man shot Wednesday night on E. 95th" would be found at a certain address. The East Sider was found lying in bed with festering shotgun wounds, taken from his home and lodged at the City Hospital.

The suspected cab robber, Robert Catchings, 22, has refused to let doctors remove a bullet from his leg because "it would leave a scar." He denied the robbery even though three of the eight recently robbed cab drivers identified Catchings as the gunman who robbed them.

First all-Nisei Lions International may be organized by Sacramentans

Sacramento

It finally appears Sacramento will have an all-Nisei Lions club. "Just as Sacramento was the first city to have an all-Nisei VFW post, this will mark what is believed to be the first all Nisei Lions International," Eugene Okada revealed in his recent column published in the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi.

The writer also reported San Jose is understood to be considering a similar type of organization.

Questioning the need of such an organization for the community, some pointed out efforts of the JACL and VFW groups would be duplicated and cause further financial strain on the community. Others feel the Lions, a public service club, would do the community good in both welfare and public relations.

JACL Leaders Mum

While JACL and VFW leaders here have not commented on this movement, formation of the Nisei Lions is centered around younger Nisei business and professional men not active in any club, according to Okada.

The Nisei are being encouraged to form their own chapter by the Sacramento Lions, who recently aided the Sacramento Chinese to form their own Lions group. The Chinese have met considerable success, despite their all Chinese American American Legion and VFW posts, the columnist reports.

Since they have assurances of 20 to be charter members, Okada feels organization is due by the end of the month. Among the key members are Jack Hitomi, George Kato, Stan Sugiyama and Bob Sofye.

Special Nisei newsfeature

Boston

In a full-page feature Mar. 31, The Christian Science Monitor will bring to its world-wide audience of readers the story of what Nisei are accomplishing in the United States.

It will tell how Japanese-Americans distinguished themselves in World War II, how they're finding new opportunities today in business, in the professions, in government, and in the trades, and what problems still confront them.

"Once hated as symbols of a vague but frightful 'yellow peril,'" one of the articles in the forthcoming Monitor observes, "they're accepted today as citizens. Where prewar college graduates had to clerk in green markets grads of a decade later are breaking into new, lucrative fields." The writer adds, "And they're taking these historic steps as quietly as they took their wartime and prewar reverses."

Here is a story citing the accomplishment of men well known to Japanese Americans in the Los Angeles area—Attorney Frank F. Chuman, Dr. James M. Goto, Judge John Aiso, Dr. H. James Hara, for instance. But most of all it tells how thousands of everyday Nisei citizens are getting ahead as typical Americans.

"With the first hurdle of acceptance past," one article declares, "Japanese American leaders plan to help guide their people out of the Little Tokyo's to integration."

Two Nisei MDs

Salt Lake City

The degree of Doctor of Medicine will be conferred upon two Nisei at special commencement exercises tomorrow afternoon at the Univ. of Utah Kingsbury Hall. The two are Lindy Fumio Kumagai and Elsie Sakae Sata, who have completed their studies during the 1953-54 winter quarter.

HIGHEST RANKING NISEI DENTAL OFFICER IS LT. COL. MORIMOTO

Texarkana

The highest ranking Nisei dental officer, Lt. Col. George G. Morimoto, is currently post dental surgeon at the Red River Arsenal here.

He was 1941-42 president of the Sacramento JACL, is married to the former Nettie Fujita of Stockton, and father of five children.

Soothsayer predicts statehood

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Honolulu

The man who predicted Truman's "upset" victory in 1948 and Eisenhower's job in the White House in 1952 says the territory of Hawaii will win statehood in this session of Congress.

He is Donsho Kodama, famed Japanese fortune teller, who made the prediction at the request of the Hawaii Times.

From the words, *yama, kaminari, ago, chi, ten* and *tai,* (translated from Japanese: mountain, thunder, chin, earth, sky and peace), the 76-year-old soothsayer deduced Hawaii's racial problem is gone, that while Hawaii is getting federal aid today — it would be the other way around when she gets statehood, and that Hawaii will prosper as a state.

According to the Hawaii Times, Kodama did not know of Hawaii's statehood problem before he made the prediction. He tackled an entirely new question.

National JACL Endowment Fund Report

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Current Total: $74,649.78

In Trust: $60,000

GI babies: information concerning adoption and immigration

The Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League in cooperation with officials administering the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 released the following information concerning the adoption and immigration of orphan children under the Act.

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The Refugee Relief Act of 1953 provides for the issuance of not more than 4,000 special non-quota immigrant visas to certain eligible orphans who are under 10 years of age at the time the visas are issued. These special orphan visas are to be issued on a world-wide basis with no special allocation to any country.

A United States citizen and his spouse (regardless of whether or not the spouse is an alien) may bring to the United States one or two eligible orphans, or more than two if it is necessary to prevent the separation of brothers and sisters.

Three Conditions

To be eligible, the orphan must be an alien child:

(1) Who is an orphan because of the death or disappearance of both parents, or because of the abandonment or desertion by, or separation or loss from, both parents, or who has only one parent due to the death or disappearance of the other parent and the remaining parent is incapable of providing care for the orphan and has in writing released the child for emigration and adoption;

(2) Who has been legally adopted abroad by a United States citizen and spouse or for whom necessary and satisfactory assurances have been made that if the child is admitted into the United States they will adopt him and provide proper care; and

(3) Who is ineligible for admission into the United States solely because the non-preference portion of the quota to which he would otherwise be chargeable is oversubscribed.

The question of whether a United States citizen is qualified to adopt a child is exclusively governed by foreign law if adoption is completed abroad and by state law if the child is adopted in the United States.

Adoption Qualifications

The Refugee Relief Act does not affect the qualification of a citizen to adopt a child. Rather, it facilitates the admission into this country of children who either have been adopted abroad or are to be adopted in the United States, and for whom necessary assurances have been made.

The Washington JACL Office makes this release for informational purposes and recommends that interested individuals seek authoritative guidance for further details in the program.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

CONFERENCE CALL ON CIVIL LIBERTIES . . .

"Freedom from fear is an objective which may be unattainable in our time. There can be little serenity and no easy security in an atomic age of anguish engendered by the continuing threat of war, by Soviet imperialism abroad and by demonstrable Communist subversion at home.

"Yet the idea of freedom is the only sure line of defense against the totalitarian spirit, either Communist or Fascist. And this defense is weakened when we permit our civil liberties to be undermined, our civil rights denied.

"The loyalty of men's minds to the principles of democracy is essential to the survival of democracy and of the Government intended and provided by the Constitution. Resistance to totalitarianism should not and need not involve us in programs of fear and suspicion which have as their end result the weakening of faith in ourselves and in each other, and the erosion of that true freedom which has made our Nation strong.

"This Conference comes at a time when distrust, dissension and division are widespread. It also comes at a time when there seems to be a growing awareness that we face domestic—as well as foreign—dangers, and when every voice that speaks up in loyalty to liberty counts.

"To re-appraise the status of freedom in our Nation today, and to discuss ways for strengthening it, we invite responsible national organizations—which need only agree that civil liberties are vital to the country's enduring security—to meet in conference together."

Among the 70 national organizations that responded to the Conference Call to the Sixth Annual National Conference on Civil Liberties, sponsored by tthe National Civil Liberties Clearing House last weekend in the nation's capital, was the JACL.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

In sending his "warmest greetings" to the Conference, President Eisenhower wrote:

"History attests to the fact that times of tension bring with them the greatest perils to the civil liberties of a people. But we must constantly remember that the struggle against foreign tyranny can scarcely be won by any people who lightly regard their own freedom.

"Your role is therefore quite clear: it seems to me that it includes support of all efforts to insure the integrity of our nation, constant vigilance against a breach of civil liberties, and a vigorous campaign to heighten public awareness of the importance of those liberties. May your conference serve to inspire all who attend it with renewed recognition of the need for preserving our basic constitutional rights and of protecting the freedom of the individual."

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM . . .

Herbert Brownell, Jr., Attorney General of the United States, opened the Conference with a report on "Civil Rights in 1954: Achievements and Challenges on the Road to Equality."

Senators John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) and Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.), shared the leadership in the discussion on "Congressional Investigation Committees: Their Powers, Purposes and Effects."

Harlan Cleveland, executive editor of the Reporter Magazine, spoke on "Security and Freedom for the Nation and the Individual" and Oscar Cohen, national program director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, concluded the meetings with his suggestions for "Promoting Freedom through Voluntary Organizations."

After each principal speaker, members of a selected panel composed of experienced workers in the field discussed the subject, either making comments of their own or on the speaker's dissertation. Thereafter, questions from the floor directed to the speaker or panel members were invited and answered.

A summary of the Conference was given by the Rev. Robert E. Van Dusen, Washington Secretary of the National Lutheran Council.

Paul Sifton of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, was the Conference Chairman and John J. Gunther of Americans for Democratic Action and Dr. Earl F. Adams of the National Council of Churches served as Program Committee co-chairmen.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SPEAKS . . .

In addressing members of the Conference, Attorney General Brownell associated himself with the record of achievements of the group and declared that it was "a splendid example of a free nation in action."

According to the chief law enforcement officer of the country, *"The need for frank discussion and widespread dissemination of the issues regarding basic freedoms is imperative. Only those completely blind to present day realities can fail to recognize the alarming tendency upon the part of too many Americans to assume that there must be something 'un-American' about a person or group that evinces a genuine interest in civil rights.*

"Yet informed people know, and through the efforts of this organization the uninformed have had demonstrated to them, the exact converse. It is 'un-American' not to be interested in the protection and extension of civil rights. The distinguishing feature of our Republic is that it was born of a strugale to secure these rights. Without the assurance that the Bill of Rights would be included, our Constitution would not have been ratified."

After summarizing the achievements and activities of the Eisenhower Administration in this field, the Attorney General revealed that the Government is seeking to establish a public defender system for our Federal Courts to "make plain that all persons, including the poor, are entitled to be represented by counsel to protect their civil rights."

In addition, to more effectively cope with the present situation, the Attorney General declared that the Dept. of Justice is requesting legislation "to grant immunity from prosecution to witnesses whose testimony is deemed important to ferreting out criminal and subversive conspiracies" and to "authorize the introduction into Federal Court proceedings, in cases involving national security or kidnapping, of evidence secured by wiretapping."

In summary, the Attorney General quoted from Dr. Robert E. Cushman who once wrote: "The chief danger is not that public officials will arrogantly override the liberties of a protesting people, but that an intolerant public will not only permit but demand the supression of minority rights. The professional patriots and witchburners suddenly rise to posts of leadership. Whole communities lose their capacity for thoughtful judgment and are whipped into an emotional frenzy not far removed from the mob psychology which results in lynching."

"The protection of our civil rights against this danger is the responsibility of every American," the Attorney General charged in his conclusion. *"Because it is, our future is secure—for Americans believe above all in the dignity of man. They will never permit the substitution of intolerance and persecution for our cherished heritage: civil liberties."*

'Mercy package' of rare plant leaves shipped by Santa Barbaran to Tokyo

Santa Barbara

Japanese fishermen sustaining radiation burns when their boat got within 80 miles of the Bikini hydrogen bomb explosion have stirred international concern. Even congress is vitally interested.

In the meantime, a Santa Barbara mercy package was being rushed this week by air to aid 23 Japanese men still in the hospital.

The package contains 10 pounds of salve and 12 leaves of the aloe vera plant. The leaves weigh a total of 18 pounds. With them are complete instructions on how to use them, though Dr. James T. Case, noted radiologist, said the doctors attending the fishermen probably are familiar with the use of aloe vera.

Applied Directly

When the package arrives at the hospital, doctors will "skin" the leaves much as a fish is cleaned, lopping off both ends, cutting off the spiny sides of the broad leaf, and then peeling off the skin. Inside, the leaves are light yellowish-green and moist, with a jelly-like consistency. The skinned leaf will be laid directly on the damaged tissues with a waxed paper "bandage."

The salve, which contains 50 per cent aloe vera leaf, is used in the same way, applied directly to the "burned" area.

The pain-easing materials were donated by Ed H. Blockinger, general manager of the Elleni Cosmetics Laboratories and the Chemical Industries of California, a Santa Barbara concern.

Saw Victims on TV

It was Blockinger's idea to help after seeing the fishermen victims on TV Thursday last week. He contacted the Santa Barbara News Press and Dr. Case for assistance.

The newspaper made arrangements with Japanese consular officials, while Blockinger raced to his Montecito home—the only place in the U.S. outside of Florida, so far as he knows, where the aloe vera plant is grown—to cut a dozen of the fattest leaves he could find.

By 5 p.m., he was in San Francisco with the package and handed it to Stewardess Machiko Akiba of Japan Air Lines.

The leaves and product is only sold to doctors or hospitals needing them for the treatment of radiation reaction due to X-ray.

Three Japanese women join ICU foundation

New York

Three prominent New York women recently accepted membership in the women's planning committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation to help develop co-education in the Far East.

Mrs. Alfred Akamatsu, wife of the (Japanese American) United Church of Christ minister; Mrs. Naraichi Fujiyama, wife of Japanese consular official here; and Mrs. Hisanaga Shimadzu, wife of the Japanese consul-general here, join a committee which is headed by Mrs. Harper Sibley, former United Churchwoman president.

Primary interest of the committee is to increase support among U.S. woman for ICU, located at Mitaka, Tokyo, in operation since April, 1953.

Fourteen major Protestant denominations in United States and Canada are raising funds for building and endowment of the university through the Japan ICU Foundation, 44 E. 23rd St., New York 10.

● Letters from America Week, May 17-23, will mark the beginning of its fifth year as a project utilizing millions of letters that go abroad as a weapon for democracy in the fight against Communism. Bulk of them are written by first and second generation Americans to their friends and relatives.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

On chapter bulletins

By HARRY K. HONDA

This is purely a local problem, and by *local*, I mean right here in the office where the Pacific Citizen has been quartered for the past half year . . . Several metropolitan Los Angeles chapters have been publishing their newsletters with the regional office mimeograph. A laudable project, but even more laudable when you appreciate the complete picture behind the scene . . . As far as offices go, it is suitable for our own particular purpose—that of editing, filing and handling PC routine. But when a volunteer crew converges into the small room to help run off the monthly newsletter, a sardine might have more room in his own tin can . . . Patience gets an even rougher trial when the machine—well-abused by the variety of tyro operators—decides to act up . . . The feeder jams; the ink feeds unevenly; a bolt works loose; something else pops up . . . Despite these mechanical handicaps, the crew pursues a newspaperman's motto: make the deadline.

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After several hours of temper-raising work in this office, another diligent crew in the regional office (about five times more spacious than the PC office) handles the mailing. It's a task easier said than done . . . The two page affair has to be folded properly and stapled, addressed and stamped. In the meantime, they check each sheet to make sure there are no blanks . . . Unless the reader himself has spent a night in this office on the newsletter project, the newsy chapter bulletin might be regarded lightly . . . So many things are taken for granted today—especially the necessities of life which cost so little—we fail to appreciate the manhours involved to make such possible . . . So, to the ch apter committeemen vested with unglamorous assignment, this desk extends best of luck.

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As for the mimeograph operators, I borrow the immortal words of the poet Horace and say: *Nil desperandum.*

PRESS FILE:

COVER ARTIST — An illustrative cover of Azuma IV in the Saturday Review Feb. 27 issue was done by Tack Shigaki, Nisei commercial artist, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Shigaki of Los Angeles. He came to New York eight years ago after he attended Los Angeles Art Center and had studied in Paris and the Art Students League, New York. He has illustrated for Harpers, Scribner's Nation's Business and Reporter.

BURGLARS IN ALMOST DAILY RAID OF HOMES

San Francisco

The burglary wave continues to assault San Francisco's Japanese town. By mid-March, the San Francisco police estimated 75 burglaries have been committed in Issei and Nisei homes since the first of the year with only 35 of them being reported, according to Inspector Charles Frescura.

Several suspects have been arrested, but no property has been recovered from them.

Many of the victims have been down to the Hall of Justice in the past week to identify some of the suspects, but definite identification has been difficult as in most cases the witnesses had only a glimpse at the burglars.

Mrs. Lily Nakanishi, 1702 Steiner St., reported a vacuum cleaner she left in the hallway for use of apartment tenants and a tape recorder belonging to Ikuji Maruki, a tenant, were missing Sunday afternoon. The lock of Mrs. Nakanishi's apartment door on the second floor had also been tampered, police were told.

Husband, Wife in Chase

Mrs. Kimi Nakahara, 1731 Laguna St., found a man ransacking her flat recently when she returned home about 5 p.m. She ran out to call her husband Bill, in his Coast Camera and Radio store on the ground store. By the time they ran out to chase him, the intruder had fled toward Bush St.

Mrs. Bessie Doiguchi, 2017 Bush St., found a man on the stairs inside the door at an early hour. He had knocked over a stroller in the vestibule. A later check followed showed the door to be locked.

Dr. Shigeru Horio's flat at 1835 Buchanan St. was reported broken into. The Nisei physician, now in the Army stationed in Honolulu, has rented a part of his home. Several rooms were ransacked.

Motoji Kitano, 1416 Webster St., chased a man out of his apartment last Saturday morning. Burglars have twice visited his apartment recently.

One Attempt Frustrated

One attempted burglary was frustrated when the man, who sought to steal a portable sewing machine on a back porch landing, found he was being watched by Will K. Ito, 1964 Post St., last Sunday. The machine had been carried out from the apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Moto Matsuda.

Two suspects taken into custody after police traced them through an automobile license number supplied by an Issei were released after an overnight investigation last week.

Inspector Frescura and Edward Preston of the burglary detail assigned to the Uptown area, however, felt that these two men are the guilty persons.

General Description

"We've had reports of one or two new cases every night for over a month," Frescura said. "Wednesday night when we had these two suspects in custody, we didn't have any burglaries in the area."

One of the pair answers to the general description of a burglar given by many victims—light-complexioned colored man, about 26, 5 ft. 6 in., stocky-build, wearing faded army jacket and trousers.

Judge Goodman signs Tsuji 5-F case papers

San Francisco

Federal Court Judge Louis E. Goodman signed Monday last week the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Kazuichi Tsuji case as presented by his three counsels. Victor Abe, Wayne Kanemoto and Mas Yonemura, and also the judgment of granting United States citizenship upon his taking of oath.

These documents were filed the next day. Tsuji is expected to take his oath with others in the near future.

Only 23 Weeks 'til JACL Convention Week

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TOKYO TOPICS:

Mutual defense assistance

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Tokyo

The Mutual Defense Assistance treaty and accompanying agreements based on the U.S. Mutual Security Act were formally signed by Japan and the United States on Mar. 8 to mark another important step toward the cementing of Japanese-American relations.

U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declared in the Congress in May last year that the U.S. was prepared to extend MSA aid to Japan and it stirred wide speculation and argument in this country as to its significance and value.

Under the new treaty, general weapons for the ground forces along with naval and air equipment will be provided Japan by the United States. Making up the future naval forces of Japan are:

Destroyers	5
Submarines	2
Destroyer Protectors	2
Minesweepers	5
Landing vessels	2
Destroyer Tender	1

For the Japanese air forces will be:

Jet fighters	6
Jet trainers	10
Basic trainers	51
Cargo planes	11
Heliocopters	26
Submarine Patrol	2
Observation Planes	36

Economic Assistance

Japan will also get vitally needed agricultural as well as financial aid from America. In order to put various defense fronts into proper shape, economic aid will rehabilitate the aviation, arms, jet engine and powder industries.

As for Japan's defense, it is following a traditional custom: self-defense must come — no matter what.

On the other hand, Japanese Socialists and some women organizations have formed the Kempo Yogo Rengo (Constitution Independence League) in order to keep the present constitution including the renunciation of war. While the Communists are known to be in underground activities with the Socialists, it has become extremely difficult to distinguish between the two "progressive" elements. Many Socialists fear being called or admit they are communistic.

Non-Defense Groups

Both groups advocate non-defense of Japan and further desire to join hands with the Soviet Union, in spite of its tyranny.

While the ratification of the Diet is a matter of time, the constitutionality of the MSA treaty is questionable. The Yoshida government has appointed a special committee to revise the constitution to meet this question. Japan must revise her war-renouncing clause by the time the treaty is in full-swing.

Nixon's Statement

It was U.S. Vice-Pres. Nixon who said:

"The Japanese Constitution was a mistake, and more people should frankly be able to admit it . . . If Japan falls to Communism, all Asia will fall. On the other hand, if the rest of Asia falls to Communism, Japan will also fall."

Nixon's statement was enough to make the Japanese people fully realize their position.

Japanese Youth Organization

In this connection, the Japanese Youth Organization decided to boycott the constitutional defense movement as proposed by the Socialists and women organizations. The youth group is the largest in Japan.

This recent decision is considered to be of tremendous importance. Because membership includes every section of the island nation, the political observers interpret Japanese young people (outside of radical groups in colleges and school teachers) are tired of Communistic propaganda. They are finding out what goes on behind the silk curtain of Japanese Communists.

Japan is about to enter a most interesting and important crisis of her national life.

Sumitomo Hawaii bank depositors due interest

Honolulu

Interest amounting to about $100,000 has been recently authorized for payment by Attorney General Herbert Brownell to more than 6,000 depositors of the Sumitomo Bank of Hawaii, which was seized by the U.S. government on Dec. 7, 1941.

A rate of 6% has been approved for depositors and other creditors whose deposits were unfrozen between Dec. 7, 1941, and Nov. 28, 1942, after filing claims.

The liquidation of the bank is under the supervision of the Office of Alien Property.

Japanese houseboy willed $5,000 by rich lumberman

Toronto

Working as houseboy for a lumber millionaire, the late Edward Elsworth Johnson, Kazuo Ichikawa, 33, of Toronto was the unexpected recipient of $5,000 by the will of his late employer recently.

The will of the former president of the Great Lakes Lumber and Shipping, Ltd., being showing an estate of some $3,700,000, contained a bequeath of $5,000 to his Okayama-born servant. He had been working only three years and is still at the same home.

● One Hollywood restaurant this week began featuring in their Rickshaw Room a "Chinese Chuckwagon."

65 Santa Barbara Issei study for citizenship

Santa Barbara

Sixty-five prospective Issei citizens are attending Americanization school sponsored by the JACL chapter here. A banquet in their honor was held Mar. 20 at the Santa Barbara High School.

Included in the 150 attending were officials from the local board of education and adult education department, under whose supervision the class is conducted.

"The degree of our acceptance in the community depends on what we contribute to the nation," George Inagaki of Venice, National JACL President, told the gathering.

Congratulations

Speaking in Japanese to the older residents who are taking citizenship studies in adult education classes, he congratulated them for nearly 100 per cent turnout and said their efforts in seeking citizenship are something of which to be proud.

"For the first time in our history, father and son, mother and daughter are sitting here together as fellow citizens or citizens-to-be," Inagaki said. "This is the result of the work of loyal American citizens of Japanese descent working together in the 88 chapters of JACL since the war."

He pointed to the record of the Nisei in World War II and Korea, including two Congressional Medal of Honor winners, and the appointment of Municipal Judge Judge John Aiso in Los Angeles by Gov. Warren.

George Inagaki, national JACL president, spoke bilingually. Lillian Nakaji was toastmaster. Especially honored were six Issei recently naturalized.

Japanese, Spanish and American food was served. Guests included:

Mr. and Mrs. George Elmott, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wake, Frank Mori and the Rev. M. Ohmura, citizenship teachers, and Mrs. Dickinson.

It was revealed Issei attendance at the class represents nearly 100 per cent of the Issei physically able to attend.

● A holiday banned by Gen. MacArthur was observed by Emperor Hirohito Feb. 11 (Kigensetus-National Foundation Day) when he worshipped at the Imperial sanctuaries within the Palace.

Temple lantern to adorn famed cherry trees of Washington, D.C.

Washington

A seven-foot high temple lantern is being donated by the Japanese government to light the famed cherry trees here given to Washington 42 years ago.

The new gift will be a symbol of "aspiration and friendship" with the United States. The presentation at a special sundown lighting ceremony will be a highlight of this year's cherry blossom festival, to be held Mar. 31-Apr. 4, when the trees are expected to be in full bloom.

The lantern is to be placed between the two original cherry trees planted by Japan's ambassador in 1912.

As in the past, a festival queen will be chosen from representatives of the 48 states by the spinning of a giant wheel of fortune.

IN HONOR OF

Henry Kokubun, heading for an aeronautical engineering degree, was graduated from Cleveland's East Tech High with an outstanding record. He won the award for excellence in the combined course of technical and general subjects, the Rensselaer Award in mathematics and science, top honors in physics and aeroengines and a $25 award for all-around student. He plans to enter Parks College of Aero-technology, East St. Louis, Ill.

Jean Kakutani, 17, concert mistress of Parlier High School orchestra, has been invited to play in the all-state orchestra. It will be her second year in which she has been invited to participate in the 100-piece orchestra. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy S. Kakutani.

Attorney Jin Ishikawa, 4117 Kerckhoff Ave., Fresno, was elected president of the West Fresno Rotary. Born in Sacramento, he moved to Fresno in 1941. He is a graduate of Univ. of California and was past president of the Fresno JACL.

Tom Shirakawa, insurance agent, announced he will seek reelection to the Fowler City Council post.

Janet Fukada, scholarship student at Univ. of Southern California from Anaheim High, was elected vice-president of the Associated Women Students. The pretty Nisei coed has been admitted to the study of dental hygiene next year.

Azuma Kabuki dancers schedule four cities

New York

The Azuma Kabuki dancers and musicians will appear in Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and Chicago following an extended run ending Mar. 28 here at the New Century Theater.

The troupe opens in Boston on Mar. 29, in Philadelphia Apr. 5. Dates for the Washington and Chicago appearances have not been confirmed.

Shilin-Fujihara film on India world-premiered

New York

"Village of the Poor," an Alan Shilin Production, with Toge Fujihara, photographer, was given a world premiere at the Museum of Modern Art auditorium last week.

A 28-minute film in color was taken in the Madras area of India last year.

Travel economies in Japan flights effected

San Francisco

Inauguration on Apr. 1 of Northwest Orient Airlines tran-Pacific tourist service in the new DC-6Bs will bring great travel economies to Japan, according to Pete Ohtaki, special sales representative for Northwest.

For example, from points in California, Oregon and Washington to Japan, the new tourist fare will be $488, compared with the present first-class fare of $650. New York-Tokyo tourist fare will be $587 and the Chicago-Tokyo tourist fare will be $564. Ohtaki said.

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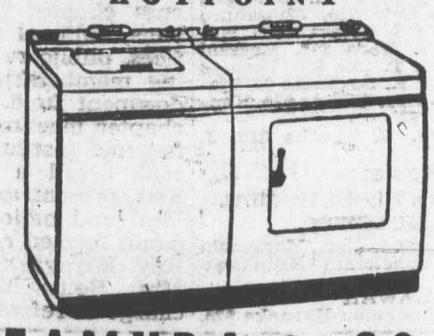

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Around Windy City . . .

● HIROSHI MIYAMURA will be guest of honor at the J.A. Council testimonial to Chicago area Nisei who served in the recent Korean campaign. It will be held at the Morrison Hotel Grand Ballroom, 79 W. Madison St., Apr. 15, 7:45 p.m. Tickets are $1.50 to help defray expenses.

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"Designer Craftsmen, USA," a most comprehensive exhibit of contemporary American artist-craftsmen continues through Apr. 26 in the East Wing galleries of the Art Institute . . . Attendance at the Whistler-Sargent-Mary Cassatt exhibits at the Art Institute totaled 87,902.

● Co-Operative Investors and Enterprisers have their bowling duel this Sunday at Sheridan Bowl.

● The Rev. JITSUO MORIKAWA will hold two services Easter Sunday to accommodate the large crowd, 9:30 and 11 a.m., at his First Baptist Church . . . Christ Congregational Church holds its first worship at their new edifice, 701 Buckingham Pl., this Sunday . . . International Wesak Day will be celebrated under joint sponsorship of the Chicago Buddhist Church and India Association at Univ. of Chicago's Mandel Hall, Apr. 2, 7:30 p.m. After services, native dance and music of India, China and Japan will be featured. Public is invited . . . Kenwood-Ellis Community Church hosts at the confirmation convocation of 14 Evangelical and Reformed Churches of the Southside Apr. 4.

● The next JACL meeting, Apr. 16, at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 13th floor, 116 S. Michigan, will feature PETER WALZ, Bureau of Indian Affairs, speaking on the 90 American Indian tribes.

● A Sunday afternoon (Mar. 14) holdup by a lone gunman at the Southside Food Market, 1215 E. 47th St., was foiled by Miss TOSHI NAKAMURA, sister of the proprietor TOOTS NAKAMURA, both CLers. A young man came into the store to buy a pack of chewing gum, gave Toshi a dime. As she rang the cash register, he pointed his pistol from his left side—hidden from view from the sidewalk. As she slowly took out the greenbacks and was ready to hand it over, a lady walked in. The gunman hesitated; then Toshi went screaming to the rear where Toots was working, scaring off the gunman. Police combed the neighborhood, but to no avail.

Bowling . . .

The *Corner* has been granted an extra column in next week's 12-page issue, so as to conclude this series of personality sketches of some of the bowlers who came to Chicago.

● The top West Coast bowler is FUZZY SHIMADA, (prewar Santa Claran) 745 Fillmore St., San Francisco. A 199-average bowler, he was a member of the Sequoia Nursery team, is an instructor at High Hat Bowling Lanes, five nights a week. During the day, he is employed by Simmon Mattress Co. . . . Representing the Bay area were Sequoia Nursery and S.F. Nisei Majors. Ten bowlers came by plane. GEORGE FURUYA, HI INOUYE (Sequoia) and GEORGE INAI (Majors), however, bought cars and drove them back home.

● From the Cincinnati-Dayton area was the Hi Gold Dental Lab squad. STOGIE TOKI, 706 Ridgeway Ave., Cincy, is a well-known CLer in the Midwest District Council. Formerly of Tacoma, he is employed by the City of Cincinnati, personnel dept. He is the brother of:

✔ JIM, watch repairman in Tacoma, married to MARY ASAHARA, also of Tacoma. Children: MARY ANN and KRISTINE.

✔ TY, dry cleaning shop employee in San Francisco, married MARY GOISHI of Florin, Calif.

✔ MERRY, now Mrs. GEORGE TAKEUCHI of Stockton. Four children: GEORGIA, MARIAN, BONNIE and CONNIE.

✔ AYA, now Mrs. SHIG WATANABE of Seattle. One boy: WAYNE.

Others on the squad were HY SUGAWARA, with the sponsors; FRED MIYASATO, head accountant for Schenley Industries of liquor fame. Daytonians were MAS YAMASAKI, ex-Florin, and JOHN TAKASHIGE, ex-Los Angeles.

Salinas JACL chapter held its 25th annual installation ceremonies Jan. 23 at Loma Linda restaurant. From left in front are James Tanda, rec. sec.; John Terakawa, re-elected pres.; Miss Icky Miyanaga, pub.; Dr. Harry Kita, alt. del.; in the back, Miss Sumi Iwashige, cor. sec.; Kiyo Hirano, treas.; Tom "Lefty" Miyanaga, del.; and Charles Tanda v.p.—Salinas Californian Photo.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT SETS CHAPTER CLINIC SESSION IN SEATTLE

Seattle

Representatives from the six member chapters of the Pacific Northwest District Council will combine DC business with a chapter clinic this Sunday at the Nikkei Jinkai Hall, 1414 Weller St.

Also attending will be representatives from the newly-organized Moses Lake chapter as well as observers from Auburn, understood to be interested in reactivating the prewar Valley Civic League.

The meeting will be open at 10 a.m. Dr. Kelly Yamada of Seattle is chapter clinic chairman. Dr. Matthew Masuoka of Portland, PNWDC chairman, will preside at the DC business meeting. George Kashiwagi, Seattle chapter president, is in charge of arrangements.

Clinic by Satow

The chapter clinic is being conducted by National Director Mas Satow, who will provide new officers of the chapters with some background of JACL, its purposes as well as program help and leadership hints.

The PNWDC is formed of:

Seattle, Portland, Puyallup Valley, Mid-Columbia, Gresham-Troutdale and Spokane.

KUNIMURA ELECTED GILROY CL PRESIDENT

Gilroy

The newest JACL chapter of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council elected Hiroshi Kunimura its first chapter president at a meeting at the local community hall two Mondays ago.

Also on the cabinet are:

Tom Obata, 1st v.p.; John Hanamoto, 2nd v.p.; Manabe Hirasaki, 3rd v.p.; Shig Yamane, sec.; Moose Kunimura, cust.; Sueyo Imagawa, pub.

With the membership drive underway, it was decided regular meetings would be held on the first Monday of the month.

Cleveland CLers pushing five community events

Cleveland

Five events of community interest are being planned by the Cleveland JACL program committee headed by John Matsushima, v.p. Slated are:

April—Workshop evaluating Nisei socio-economic positions in the community.
July—Community picnic.
August—JACL chapter picnic.
September or October — Barn dance.
November—Inaugural ball.

In discussing plans for the workshop, tentatively set in April, the committee felt that areas of most common concern to local Nisei would relate to children, occupation, neighborhood and community responsibilities. Conferences with representatives of other Nisei organizations here were decided before making further plans.

Enthusiasm for the program committee this year is attributed to members who have been or are active in various community activities. On the committee are:

Frances Ikeda, Mickey Fujimoto, Hazel Tanaka, Tom Fujimoto, Min Iwasaki, Shig Nakanishi, and Mas Uyesugi.

Newsletters Received: Stockton (Mar.), Cleveland Bulletin (Mar.), San Mateo (Mar.)

Over 600 members signed for Chicago JACL

Chicago

Over 600 members have been signed up, reports Dr. Joe Nakayama, membership chairman of the Chicago JACL. It was hoped the campaign would end by Apr. 1 as the "biggest and best" chapter in the nation.

Kay Fujii, in tabulating the count, says Chairman Nakayama has personally signed up 151 members.

JIM KIMOTO HEAD OF RICHMOND-EL CERRITO

Richmond

Jim Kimoto was elected president of the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL chapter at a board of governors meeting last week. Others on the cabinet are:

Marvin Uratsu, 1st v.p.; Eddie Hitomi, 2nd v.p.; Seiichi Kami, treas.; Teiko Imaoka, sec.

The board of governors include:

Grace Hata, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Sumi Ohye, Hideo Ajari, Tamaki Ninomiya, Sam Sakai, Tosh Adachi and Heizo Oshima, past pres.

● The Selma JACL acknowledged a $5 donation from K. Arakaki on the recent marriage of his daughter Kimi.

Salt Lake CL in active program

Salt Lake City

A banner year is the goal of the Salt Lake JACL chapter under its 1954 president, Rupert Hachiya, reports Alice Kasai, National JACL board secretary who has been assigned this chapter's publicity work.

A refresher course is being organized. Miss Susie Kaneko, in charge of arrangements, said the new class will begin soon. Thirty more citizenship books translated in Japanese have been ordered.

The recent benefit movie netted $425. George Yoshimoto, chairman, cited the following for the success of this event:

Rupert Hachiya, Susie Kaneko, Grace and Anna Imai, Warren Hasegawa, Tomoko Yano, Rae Fujimoto, Mr. B. Y. Kaneko, Mr. Naoki Kobayashi, Josie Hachiya, Marge Nishikawa, and Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Kojima.

Isamu Watanuki has been appointed to replace Bill Inouye as chairman of the public relations committee. Among his duties will be to handle memorial wreaths and flowers for the Japanese deceased of this area. Memorial gifts have been sent the late Miss Anne Sasaki and Mrs. Nao Yonezu.

Mas Satow, national director, spoke before 50 youths gathered at the Japanese Church of Christ on Mar. 17, despite a snowstorm. Satow spoke on JACL history and its accomplishments, the need for its continued growth and organization. Carl Matsuda, president of the chapter's Jr. JACL, presided.

Two Americanization classes in Santa Maria

Santa Maria

Americanization classes under sponsorship of the Santa Maria County JACL and the local board of education started this week at the Santa Maria Japanese school and at the Guadalupe grammar school.

S. Dohi, who instructed the class at Arroyo Grande last year for the San Luis Obispo JACL, is instructing the Santa Maria group of 60 Issei.

Harry Miyake, chapter president, is teaching 25 at Guadalupe. Both instructors are certified. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9.

JACL Endowment Fund Donors

San Francisco

JACL National Headquarters reported last week that over 2,000 contributions have been received for the National JACL Endowment Fund.

It was announced that a total of $74,649.78 has been sent in voluntarily by 2,019 persons. The majority of these contributors have been grateful recipients of evacuation claims checks who have acknowledged their appreciation by making donations to this perpetual fund.

Contributions totaling $766.03 this past month were received from the persons listed below:

CALIFORNIA

Berkeley—Anonymous $5; Long Beach—Mrs. Sato Dotemoto $5; Sacramento—Mrs. Kyoko Iijima $30.50; San Diego—George Kozuma $35.25; San Francisco—F. Y. Tonomura $100; San Mateo—Howard T. Mori $50; Riizu Nagasawa $5; Mrs. Yui Uchida $25.

Selma—K. Fujioka $7, George T. Horiuchi $15, Al Kataoka $75, Kazumi Kawate $10, Henry H. Kono $25, Chiyeko Kuramoto $10, Chozaburo Matsui $10, Roy I. Misaki $5, S. Nakagawa $10, T. Noda $12, Masashi Okubo $35, Ben T. Ono $20, Yoshiye Otomo $5, M. & K. Sugimoto $5, Masao Tsutsui $20, Mr. Umeda $10, Kenny Yamamoto $25;

Turlock—Mrs. U. Tanaka $10, J. Yotsuya $5.

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Seattle—Mr. and Mrs. Masayoshi Nakao $10, Tsuneichiro Nishikawa $100.

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Honolulu—Yosoemon Uyenaka $25.

CHAPTER MEMO

Pasadena JACL: To take advantage of the once-a-month page Pacific Citizen, the chapter meeting date was changed from the first Tuesday to the last Tuesday of each month to insure complete publicity of chapter activities . . . Plans for the Apr. 24 chapter dinner-dance will be made soon. The chapter also plans to sponsor a candidate for the forthcoming JACL convention queen contest. Florence Wada, v.p.; was named chapter delegate. Subcommittees pushing the National convention are headed by:

Mary Ito, pre-reg.; Tom Ariki, Operation Ichidoru; Mas Fujimoto, souvenir booklet.

Downtown L.A. JACL: Clyde Goto, Li'l Tokio sportsman, will discuss the local sports fishing picture at the chapter luncheon Mar. 25, 12:15 p.m., at San Kwo Low. A glass salt-water rod has been donated as a door prize, it was announced by Kei Uchiyama, program chairman.

Richmond-El Cerrito: The first annual installation dinner-dance will be held tonight at Italian Village in San Francisco. Board of governors for the new term to be installed are:

Grace Hata, Eddie Hitomi, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Sumi Ohye, James Kimoto, Teiko Imaoka, Hideo Ajari, Tamaki Ninomiya, Sam Sakai, Marvin Uratsu and Tosh Adachi.

Fowler JACL: The current membership campaign showing 101 reported as members last week to near its record roll of 116 made last year.

Arkansas Valley JACL: The first social in LaJunta (Colo.) tonight will be called the Arkansas Valley Dust Bowl dance at the Country Club. In charge of the dance are:

Mrs. George Nakayama, Sam Kawata, Ted Maruyama, Mrs. Frank Miyako, George Nakayama and Harry Shimonaka.

JACLers of this region hopefully predict many activities for the Nisei during the year as well as supporting programs for advancement of community welfare and aiding in National JACL programs.

Southwest L.A. JACL: Climaxing their '54 membership drive, the chapter get-acquainted social is being held this Saturday at the Gene Parker Dance Studio, 3908 Wilshire Blvd., beginning at 8 p.m. Since the doors will be closed after a reasonable length of time, Sumio Nerio, events chairman, urges promptness. A program of games, square dancing with Mori Kubota as caller, and social dancing is arranged. Grace Oba and her committee will serve refreshments.

San Francisco JACL: A get-acquainted social with no business matter to be discussed has been announced as the first meeting planned by the new cabinet this Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at the Buchanan Y, 1530 Buchanan St. On arrangements are:

Vi Nakano, Jack Hirose and Tazu Hironaka.

Hollywood JACL: The first cabinet meeting of the chapter held at the home of Art Endo, president, recently concentrated on plans for a membership drive. Two teams headed by Nob Ishitani and John Endo will be in action till Apr. 15. On the teams are:

ISHITANI—Frank Funada, Hiro Mitokawa, Miwa Yanamoto, Danny Abe, Art Endo, May Gojobori, Charles Kamayatsu.

ENDO—George Saito, Fumi Shimizu, Sue Azuma, Dick Zumwinkle, Seiko Ishimaru, Shiro Shiraishi, Art Ito.

Detroit JACL: To gain maximum benefits of Mas Satow's short stay here Mar. 15, the chapter cabinet and other CLers met at Bit of Sweden to discuss chapter programs, problems, national and regional offices, public relations, supporting membership plan and endowment fund. At the general chapter meeting later at International Institute, some 40 persons heard a presentation of past, present and future of the local and national JACL by a panel formed of Min Togasaki, Kay Miyaya and Mas Satow. Mrs. Betty Mimura was in charge of refreshments.

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United Citizens League of Santa Clara County . . .

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TOM MITSUYOSHI, the newly-elected president, is undertaking a tremendous job in revitalizing this very important chapter. Fortunately, he has a handful of good JACLers who will be supporting his program. Tom invited WAYNE KANEMOTO and me to a ritzy dinner at the Vieux Carre to discuss methods of activating the chapter.

Beside regular Chapter meetings, they are contemplating a series of dinner meetings. It seems that the Chapter may be divided geographically and possibly by age-groups as well. It will be very interesting to watch the development of one of the most promising Chapters in our National organization.

American Legion Post Honors Issei Citizens . . .

The Ballica Post of the American Legion invited the Issei students of the naturalization classes sponsored by the Cortez and the Livingston-Merced chapters to a ceremony honoring new citizens and these students. Co-operating were the two Chapters. In fact, most of the people there were JACL chapter members and the Issei, who outnumbered the American Legion members themselves.

Helping on the program from the Japanese American community were: MRS. HELEN YUGE, pianist, who also explained the bonseki (miniature Japanese gardens in tray), and REV. I. NAKAMURA, the instructor of the citizenship class in Cortez, who introduced the Issei students.

Also from the two chapters were special guests of the Ballica Post: ERNEST YOSHIDA, president of the Cortez Chapter, and JAKE KIRIHARA, president of the Livingston-Merced Chapter. Past Presidents were JACK NODA, GEORGE YUGARE, TOM NAKASHIMA and BUICHI KAJIWARA. ALBERT MORIMOTO and FRANK SHOJI, chairmen of the respective Citizens Committee.

Serving on the American Legion Post Naturalization Committee were JOE NISHIHARA and K. YAMAGUCHI.

Our congratulations to the Post and to the Chapters for their work in honoring our new citizens.

Cal-Neva JACL Credit Union . . .

The Cal-Neva Credit Union has shown signs of new life at a recent combined meeting of the board of directors, supervisory committee and the credit committee. Newly elected officers of these Board of Directors are AKIRA HORIKOSHI, TOM SAKAI, SACHI UEDA for one-year term; VICTOR ABE, JUTARO SHIOTA for two-year terms; SIM TOGASAKI, chairman of the board, and GIICHI YOSHIOKA for three-year term.

Supervisory committee is composed of FRANK ITAYA, GINJI MIZUTANI and Miss TOYOKO TOPPATA. Credit committee is composed of MASUJI FUJI, HARUO ISHIMARU and SCOTTY TSUCHIYA. YUKIO WADA is treasurer.

The regional office will serve as the educational department for the Credit Union. The Credit Union declared 2.7 per cent dividends last year despite a relatively inactive period. It has on hand $9,000 for loans available to JACLers who qualify.

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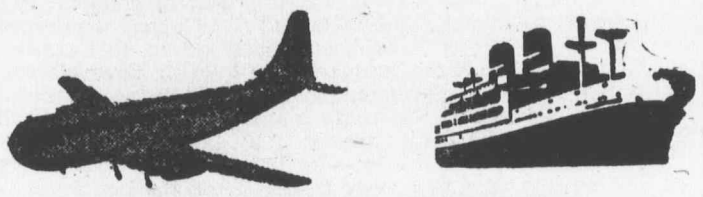

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CAPSULES

Fred Okrand, Los Angeles attorney, is spending a month in Japan. He is remembered as the attorney who, with A. L. Wirin, succeeded in re-establishing U.S. citizenship of many stranded Nisei in Japan during the war.

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Governors of five states will tour Korea and Japan, leaving the States Mar. 29. Planning to make the trip are Dan Thornton, Colorado; Allan Shivers, Texas; John Fine, Pennsylvania; Johnston Murray, Oklahoma; and Robert Kennon, Louisiana.

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Appearing in a public forum series sponsored by the Utah State Medical Association last week was Dr. Edward I. Hashimoto, general practioner of Salt Lake City. He and other members of the panel spoke on "Colds, Influenza and Pneumonia."

To dedicate chapel to Dr. Frank Herron Smith

Berkeley

A chapel dedicated to Dr. Frank Herron Smith in recognition for his many years of ministry and service to the Japanese community on the Pacific Coast is being built by the Berkeley Methodist United Church, 1710 Carleton St.

Dr. Smith served as missionary in Japan, Korea and Manchuria for 22 years, receiving the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun, before returning to the States to work among Japanese Methodists.

During the war years, he visited relocation centers, defended persons of Japanese ancestry and served singularly as chairman of the Protestant Commission for Wartime Japanese Service until his health broke down.

Church officials here announced an appeal of $30,000 is underway. The chapel will cost approximately $60,000, of which half is being subscribed by the Advance Special, Methodist missionary fund.

Citizenship classes in L.A. schools in session

Los Angeles

Enrollment is still open to Issei students attending Americanization classes at the Hobart School, 980 S. Hobart Blvd., it was announced by Eiji Tanabe, instructor.

Emphasis is being placed on passing the naturalization examination in English. The classes meet Monday and Wednesday nights, 7 to 9:30. The classes are sponsored by the Downtown Los Angeles JACL.

At the Southwest Los Angeles JACL-sponsored classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Dorsey High School, soundfilms on citizenship will be featured. Tanabe is also instructor of these 7-8 p.m. classes.

Recall early CL history at Stockton installation

Stockton

The history of the Japanese American Citizens League, which has spread across the United States since the first chapter was started in 1928 in Portland, Ore., was reviewed here last week by a former national president.

Saburo Kido, Los Angeles attorney who headed the JACL during its difficult years of World War II, traced the history in an address at joint installation ceremonies for new officers of the Stockton and French Camp JACL chapters at Bruno and Lena's.

Tom Yego of Penryn, Placer County agricultural commissioner who was one of the founders of the organization, was among the 140 members and friends present at the dinner, program and dance.

Dr. Julio Bortolazzo, president of Stockton College, also spoke briefly, stressing the importance of education in assimilation of the Nisei.

Municipal Judge Bill L. Dozier installed the new officers, headed by George K. Baba as president of the Stockton chapter and George Matsuoka as president of the French Camp chapter.

REMEMBER THE JACL ENDOWMENT FUND

Question of 5-F Issei citizenship did not impel ACLU to act–Yasui

Denver

That the American Civil Liberties Union would not intervene in the recent 5-F Issei naturalization issue was brought to light last week by Min Yasui in his column published by the Colorado Times.

The ACLU, which certainly has shown a keen interest in naturalization and immigration matters, according to Yasui, "though it is a good and vigilant organization, could not and would not intervene in the Matoba or Tsuji cases for the direct benefit of the Issei males."

Yasui thought "that might be an answer for many Nisei, who preach assimilation, and argue that they ought to become a part of the larger community, without regard to specialized Nisei groups.

'When Chips are Down'

"When the chips were down, and the issue went to court, the only national or for that matter local organization that went to bat on the question was the Japanese American Citizens League . . . .

"Church groups, labor unions, the ACLU, liberal organizations and others had an interest in the matter, but not of such urgency as to impel them to immediate action," the columnist concluded.

JACL Efficiency

While the favorable decision of the Attorney General to withdraw opposition in the 5-F cases is expected to push some 300 cases in the Denver naturalization office, Yasui cited the efficiency of the National JACL in the problem.

"Certainly, no single individual could have accomplished the sweeping victory in the Matoba and Tsuji cases. Only through a nationally coordinated effort was this achieved," Yasui said, after reviewing the development of the case.

New citizens —

Brigham, Utah

Twenty-six Box Elder county residents were naturalized U.S. citizens Mar. 16 in impressive ceremonies in the First District Court. Judge Lewis Jones presided. Twenty-three from Japan were:

Kumakichi Endow, Umataro Nagao, Giichi Ben Fukui, Riichi Aoki, Yoshii Horiye, Masao Shiotani, Jinbei Mori, Hayano Mori, Matsue Kano, Tokukichi Nagasawa, Sataro Shiotani, Fusae Shiotani, Momoye Okada, Yoshitaro Suzuki, George Takasugi, Kiyoko Takasugi, Shigeno Takahashi, Isami Takahashi, Asano Tanaka, Isono Tanaka, Fusa Yagi, Jugoro Yagi and Fumi Sekigawa.

Kol Haramoto served as Japanese interpreter for a few of the group unable to speak English.

Out of the state and unable to take the oath was Makino Mitamura whose oath will be given Aug. 10.

● Some 400,000 names are being sought by the California Institute of Social Welfare, 1031 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, to qualify an Aid to the Needy Aged measure for the Nov. 2 state ballot. The bill provides a $20 increase or $100 a month in state pensions.

Special JACL price for Mashbir's book announced by Nat'l headquarters

San Francisco

By a special arrangement with the Vantage Press of New York City, JACL members may obtain Col. Mashbir's *I Was an American Spy* for $2.75, which is a dollar less than the established bookstore price of $3.75, National JACL Headquarters advised its membership.

Of special interest is Chapter 13, "The Nisei," which states the main reason for the book as the "solemn assurance" to the Nisei G-2 men under his command "that when the war is over I will make every effort, so far as it is within my power, to place the true story of your achievements before the American public."

"In order to take advantage of this reduction," Mas Satow, national director, declared, "your order must come through JACL National Headquarters and money orders or checks must accompany oyour order." The check should be made to National JACL, which in turn will forward the order to the publishers who, then, will send the book.

Good for Libraries

JACL chapters are urged to have the book placed in local libraries or present it as gifts to people in their respective communities.

(A handy order coupon is printed in this issue.—The Editor.)

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Placer JACL nine workouts impressive, 15-game schedule opening Apr. 25

By HOMER TAKAHASHI

Loomis

An impressive first workout was held by the Placer JACL ball club two Sundays ago with everyone reporting getting in several rounds of swinging the bat.

Newly-appointed manager Chuck Hayashida was pleased with the power displayed by his charges, even at the expense of having several balls pounded out into the creek on the other side of the left and centerfield barriers.

The Placers open their 1954 campaign in the Placer-Nevada League on Apr. 25 with the Nevada City Athletics at Nevada City.

Practice Game Mar. 28

Prior to the opener the JACL nine will play several tune-up games, playing hosts to the Folsom Globes here on Mar. 28, and tentatively booking a home and home series with the Lodi AC of the Sacramento Rural League.

Reporting to practice last week were a number of veterans:

Bob and Jack Hayashida, Merv Matsuoka, Matt Morita, Johnny Nakao, Angel Kageyama, and Bob Takemoto.

'54 Schedule

The 1954 schedule of the Placer JACL as released at a Board of Directors meeting at Roseville is:

FIRST HALF

Apr. 25—JACL in Nevada City
May 2—Roseville vs JACL at Auburn
May 9—Grass Valley vs JACL at Auburn
May 16—JACL vs Lincoln at Lincoln
May 23—JACL vs Colfax at Colfax
May 30—Auburn vs JACL at Auburn
June 6—JACL vs Placerville at Placerville

SECOND HALF

June 20—Nevada City vs JACL at Auburn
June 27—JACL vs Roseville at Roseville
July 11—JACL vs Grass Valley at Grass Valley
July 18—Lincoln vs JACL at Auburn
July 25—Colfax vs JACL at Auburn
Aug. 1—JACL vs Auburn at Auburn
Aug. 8—Placerville vs JACL at Auburn

SPORTSCOPE:

● Two more local double Aye Nisei basketball championships were decided in as many weeks . . . Nisei Trading won the Southern California NAU title for the second consecutive season by trouncing an injury-riddled Shin Nichibei 53-35 last Sunday in the only capacity-house game of the NAU season at Chapman College gym in Los Angeles . . . California St. Methodist Church claimed the Colorado Nisei title for the second straight year, dumping Johnny Downs 39-32 at Manual High gym. TAK TSUTSUI, with 23 points, paced CSMC which wound up a perfect season.

● Not since the days when the first Japanese jockey in America, JOE KOBUKI, rode in the California county fair circuit, has there been as wide an interest in the business of horse-racing incurred by the sensational record being made by GEORGE TANIGUCHI, 24-year-old apprentice, who brought in three winners last Saturday at Bay Meadows. One of Taniguchi's winners was a longshot winner paying $57.30 for $2. He also scored with $9.50 and $14.40 winners. Since the meeting opened ten days earlier, he had visited the winner's circle seven times and among the top four jockeys at the course. The Imperial Valley born boy is under contract to Larry Kidd, top developer of riding talent in the nation.

● The Femway Golf Club, Cleveland, starts their third year of organization in April with a membership of 15 girls, who plan a match play and Scotch foursome with Fairway Club members. Advised by KIMBO YOSHITOMI, the '54 officers are SETS UYESUGI, pres.; FUMI SHIMA, sec.; KAY OHMURA, tourney chmn.; TOSHI KADOWAKI, HELEN NAKAGAWA, tourney comm.; MARY ASAZAWA, treas.; SACHI FUJIMOTO, hist.; and MARGARET KUMAGAI, social.

● Washington State claimed the '54 Pacific Coast Intercollegiate boxing championship last weekend in Sacramento with a new team record of 38 points. The Cougars picked up its winning margin in the 132-lb. finals where GIL INABA retained his PCI title with a loudly booed decision over John Jeager of Idaho State, who appeared to have the better of the going in the final round. The verdict drew one of the loudest roars of disapproval ever heard in the PCI meet.

● Ten years ago speedy WAT MISAKA was making himself headlines with the Univ. of Utah cagers in the NIT and NCAA tournaments. In recent years, he's taken up bowling. Last week he pounded a 277 game and a 694 series in the Wasatch League of Salt Lake City. He had seven strikes in the row until the eighth frame tap.

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SOCIAL NOTES

WLA Ladies Guild: Dr. Tom Abe, who recently opened his office in West Los Angeles, spoke on Cancer Facts for Women and a film on cancer was shown at the March meeting. Other Bussei women groups also attended. Mrs. Shizue Naramura introduced the speaker.

San Diego YBA: Taro Matsui and Mas Tanikazi are co-chairmen of the benefit bazaar to be held May 15, 3 p.m. to midnight, at the San Diego Buddhist Church. Proceeds are for the building improvement fund.

Tri-Villes (Palo Alto): Mrs. Elizabeth Eisenberg was guest speaker at the Mar. 12 meeting at Okamura Hall. She spoke on "What Job Opportunities Are There for Young Graduates." The Sequoia JACL-sponsored girls' group is planning an April skatefest.

Cleveland Tennis Club: The Easter egg hunt, Apr. 18, will be presented again at Addison Y. Admission has been set at two colored eggs per child and prizes await those with the best-decorated and those who find the most in the hunt. Shiro Shiozawa is chairman.

Southwest L.A. JACL: The chapter will hold an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, Apr. 18, at the Exposition Park picnic grounds, announced Hisashi Horita, chapter president. Further details are to be reported soon.

MAILBOX

Role of Nisei Votes

Editor: One of these days why not write on the apathy of the American voters including the Japanese Americans, and on the role that the Nisei or Sansei, etc., votes in the future will play in elections to come.

—M.I.

West Los Angeles

(We intend to—twice a year, and more so in the even years when national elections are held.)

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Jehovah Witness

Editor: In reference to "Jehovah Witness Nisei on trial" item in the Mar. 5 PC, Supreme Court Judge Alan Goldsborough refused citizenship to a "Jehovah Witness." They refuse to salute our Flag and still do not respect our Flag. They have no right to citizenship.

—Mrs. J. G. FALCK

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TATS KUSHIDA

Souvenir Booklet for Nat'l Convention . . .

Ads for the souvenir program booklet for the 13th Biennial JACL National Convention are beginning to trickle in. We really appreciate the cooperation of chapters and district councils that realize the magnitude of the booklet committee's job. It's helpful for the art-editorial staff to receive copy earlier so they can spread their work over many weeks rather than concentrate it for a few hectic days around deadline.

We like SMOKY SAKURADA's idea of soliciting personal greetings from Chicago chapter members at a "fin" per, requiring only 30 names to fill up a full page. Or, at three bucks per, 50 names. This we encourage other chapters to follow suit.

The booklet, as originally planned, will be an offset job which the committee has assigned to Toyo Printing in Li'l Tokio. At one time, in the interest of economy, the committee was prepared to have the booklet printed by letterpress. However, letterpress limitations in art work, cost of engraving and other factors ruled in favor of the lithographic method. Every conventioneer will receive a copy of this beautiful 80-plus page booklet.

A Grand Opening in Li'l Tokio . . .

JOSEPH ITAGAKI, a member of the Hawaiian Territorial Senate, was a visitor here this past week. He and MIKE MASAOKA were tent-mates with the 442nd RCT in Europe during WW2. Senator Joe is visiting his brother, JIMMIE, who operates the Civic Inn, the only Nisei-operated bar in Nihonjin-machi. Jimmie, with the help of architect KAZ ADACHI, had a big "opening" last night at his spanking new "Ginza Sukiyaki" in the basement of the Miyako Hotel, where our offices are located. The Ginza has unusual decor and can't be beat for Japanese atmosphere. Tatami mats, individual steaming-moist face towels in basket a-la-Japan, waitresses in kimono, excellent Japanese cuisine and gift chopsticks all make up what promises to be a number one tourist attraction.

Adams-Washington Freeway Hearing . . .

Last Tuesday, in the interest of a number of Nisei families who have recently purchased homes in LA's Seinan section designated for the construction of the Adams-Washington freeway, we testified at a hearing of the State Highway Commission at the State Building three blocks west of our office.

Proponents advanced economic and engineering arguments favoring the proposed route for about an hour.

The opposition, principally representing residents whose homes lie in the path of the freeway, was led by attorney Bernard Jefferson followed by an eloquent and well prepared presentation by Floyd Covington, race relations adviser for the FHA; others included Nisei realtor TY SAITO and the SOU'WESTER and many protesting residents.

Many more non-whites live in the proposed freeway strip than in an alternate route further north. The opposition's (ours) position was that while it did not oppose east-west freeway *per se*, it did oppose the proposed route since the many thousands of non-white residents would find great difficult in relocating elsewhere because of the racial discrimination practiced against non-whites in the purchase of homes.

To substantiate this from the Nisei viewpoint, we pointed out a number of documented instances where the purchase of homes was denied to Nisei veterans and their families in residential communities in and bordering the city.

Relocation of the Nisei residents from this strip, we submitted, "would constitute a second evacuation," recalling to the commissioners our mass removal of 1942.

Job and Housing Discrimination . . .

Housing is the number one problem of the Nisei, we have always contended. Employment discrimination is not discernible although a few weeks ago, a group of Nisei employed by the Sierracin Corp. in Burbank, manufacturing plastics, fired a crew of Nisei. In this instance, there are some aspects to the firing which lead us to believe it was not based solely on racial grounds but we are still investigating, despite lack of cooperation from the persons involved. The NLRB and the County Conference on Community Relations have been consulted in this matter.

Generally, the Nisei, Issei too, are holding down decent jobs and a few thousand gardeners are, by and large, in that occupation by choice for there are more returns from pushing a lawnmower than pushing a pencil (alas, how true!).

But the housing problem—let us cite some of the instances we dug up during our cursory research for the hearing.

Ensign ATSUKO EMOTO (U.S. Navy) turned down by Carson Park Mutual Homes near Long Beach in February, last year; HENRY and MARVEL MIYATA by the La Mirada project in Azusa about the same time; insurance man GEORGE ONO by a cooperative housing group connected with the USC faculty in Baldwin Hills; JOHN and ALICE KANDA by Branford Manor in Pacoima last May; MARY MIYAHARA in La Canada in 1950; MISAO TAHARA at Joshua Trees near 29 Palms last April; KIYOSHI KAGAWA by Ponty Homes in South L.A. in 1950; early this year, a Nisei vet at a tract in Bellflower; the MAS NARITAS just last February by the Lakewood Plaza in Long Beach; or ask GEORGE UMEZAWA of the local Sumitomo Bank about his experience with a dozen new developments that didn't want a Nisei residence to *discolor* their community all-white-sanctity.

Fortunately, most of these manifestations of racial intolerance were satisfactorily worked out to the advantage of the Nisei, thanks to representations by JACL legal counsel FRANK F. CHUMAN and a mustering of widespread community support for fair play and equitable treatment for them.

There are some who say, why barge into a hostile neighborhood—leave 'em alone. Rather, we give credit to the plucky Nisei who stick by their guns by not being frightened out of a deal because of the prejudices of one or two anti-Oriental persons. They feel, rightfully, that to give in to such prejudices without some effort to combat them would only serve to encourage more of the same against other Nisei.

An invariably (we know of no exceptions), when these Nisei have moved in to their homes, they are completely welcomed and accepted by their neighbors as fellow Americans. The bugaboo of the undesirable Oriental existed only in the mind of the salesman, owner or financing company.

Irritations No. 2 . . .

Last week, we complained of auditory irritations. Brother, that ain't all. For about half a year, our olfactory senses have been assailed by an acrid, pungent, thoroughly disagreeable gaseous concoction emanating from the room next to PC editor Harry Honda's down the hall from us. It seems this Issei medico cures ailments through the inhalation of certain vapors created, we suspect, by the burning of garlic, camphor, moxa (okyu) and other ingredients we haven't bothered to inquire about. So visitors to the non-air-conditioned L.A. regional office, if you notice a peculiar stench around the place, it's not us.

Los Angeles Newsletter

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HENRY MORI

★ Mrs. Mildred Younger, candidate for the State Senate, from Los Angeles county, was a luncheon guest at a Nisei Volunteers for Younger gathering in Li'l Tokio earlier this week. The 33-year-old wife of Municipal Court Judge Evelle J. Younger goes against incumbent Jack B. Tenney and Richard Richards, chairman of the L.A. County Democratic Central Committee.

Mrs. Younger carries a mean political wallop, although her attractiveness makes her more fitting as a movie star. She was the third woman in the history to be on the National Republican Platform Committee, and nominated the then Gov. Earl Warren of California as GOP aspirant to the U.S. presidency in 1952.

She was on the National Civil Rights subcommittee and served on a committee which drafted the Hawaii Statehood bill. She becomes the first woman candidate to run for a state senatorial office.

Mrs. Younger's campaign involves a big hunk of territory where some 5 million people reside. The stronger of her two opponents, of course, is Tenney whose very name is household "bogie" in many a Japanese American home.

Tenney's strength lies in his constant assault against minority groups, although his methods in introducing certain bills affecting their welfare are rather subtle.

Most of his racist movements have been aimed to limit civil rights, or bring back the old racial covenants idea, to stir up prejudice and permit discrimination.

He was almost a one-man show in nursing and keeping alive the 32-year-old Calif. Alien Land law until its final defeat in the State Supreme Court in 1952.

One of Mrs. Younger's sponsors is Mrs. Frank C. Pellissier, prewar resident of San Gabriel, who heads many community and philanthropic activities in Whittier today.

Mrs. Pellissier, one recalls, was one of the strong defenders of Nisei rights after Pearl Harbor, and opposed vigorously evacuation.

When a fact-finding committee buzzed in the City Hall following the footsteps of then-Mayor Fletcher Bowron who whipped up hysteria to remove all persons of Japanese ancestry, Mrs. Pellissier asked that a certain amount of mercy be shown so that "parents and their children" would not be separated if they had to be moved out to camps.

★ Some of the bigwigs in Li'l Tokio are contemplating formation of an Optimist Club and getting memberships from community leaders and merchants on First and San Pedro.

The main activity of the international organization is boys' work. The Highland Park Optimist Club, which will sponsor the local group until "it gets itself established," has three Nisei members: Eiji Tanabe, Banji Hamasaka, and Fred Miyake.

Optimist Clubs are found in all parts of the country and in Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii, but not in Japan.

If the Li'l Tokio club becomes a reality, it will be the first such all-Japanese (Issei and Nisei) organization.

★ Speaking of the organizational "firsts," Garfield High School PTA in East Los Angeles just elected a wife of a Nisei dentist to serve as president during the 1954-55 term.

She is Mrs. William M. Kato, who is an active member and officer of both Garfield and Stevenson Junior High School PTAs.

Meantime, serving her second year as president will be Mrs. Joe Abe, whose husband is also a dentist in Pasadena. She was re-elected to the top post at Lincoln PTA. Mrs. Abe is 1954 secretary at her Pasadena JACL chapter.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

FUJII—Feb. 15, a boy to the Lincoln Fujiis, Sacramento.
FUJIKAWA—Feb. 17, a girl Nancy Harumi to the Masami Fujikawas (Yoshiko Mae Origuchi), Los Angeles.
HANADA—Mar. 3, a boy Scott Gregory to the George Hanadas, San Jose.
HIGA—Feb. 7, a girl Akiko Alice to the Renyu Higas (Haruko Owan), Los Angeles.
HIRATA—Jan. 24, a girl to the Hajime Hiratas, Seattle.
ISHIZUE—Mar. 7, a girl to the Takashi Ishizues, Dinuba.
ITO—Feb. 11, a boy Clifford Shiro to the Sachio Itos (Chiyoko Tanara), Los Angeles.
ITO—A boy to the Koji Itos, Denver.
IWAI—Mar. 6, a girl to the George Iwais, Spokane.
IYAMA—Mar. 7, a boy Kenneth Kunio to the Masakatsu Iyamas, San Jose.
KAWASHIMA—Feb. 10, a boy Gary Minoru to the Jiro Kawashimas (Sakiyo Muro), Los Angeles.
KOKKA—Mar. 4, a boy to the Tom Kokkas, Fresno.
KONISHI—Mar. 12, a boy Jeffrey Sadao to the James Konishis (Rose Haruki), Cleveland, O.
KOSHA—Feb. 1, a girl Christina Elaine to the Takemi Koshas (Rose Sachiko Sugiyama), Los Angeles.
KUBOTA—Feb. 2, a boy to the Tadashi Kubotas, Clovis.
KUMAGAI—Mar. 13, a girl to the Joe Kumagais, Ontario, Ore.
KURIMURA—Mar. 6, a girl to the Robert T. Kurimuras, Spokane.
KURODA—Feb. 13, a boy to the Masatoshi Kurodas, Parlier.
KUROKAWA—Mar. 7, a girl to the Nobeji Kurokawas, Reedley.
KUROSE—Feb. 14, a boy to the Junelow Kuroses, Seattle.
MATSUDAIRA—Mar. 8, a girl to the Michael Y. Matsudairas, Seattle.
NAGAKI—Mar. 12, a boy to the Yoshio Nagakis, Ontario, Ore.
NAKAMURA—Feb. 24, a girl to the Nobuo G. Nakamuras, Long Beach.
NAKASAKO—Mar. 8, a boy John Stephen to the Fujio Nakasakos, San Jose.
NAKASHIMA—Jan. 29, a girl to the Robert Nakashimas, Long Beach.
ODA—Feb. 2, a boy to the Makoto Odas, Reedley.
OHAMA—Mar. 3, a girl Marilyn to the George Ohamas, San Francisco.
OHTA—Mar. 3, a girl to the John Ohtas, Huntington Beach.
OKAZAKI—Mar. 1, a boy Jonathan L. to the Minoru M. Okazakis, Portland.
OTSUKI—Feb. 13, a girl to the Michael Otsukis, Long Beach.
PERKOV—Feb. 16, a girl Pamela Doris to the William R. Perkovs (Saiko Takayama), Los Angeles.
SAKATA—Feb. 24, a boy to the George S. Sakatas, Stockton.
SUZUKI—Mar. 7, a girl to the George Suzukis, Fresno.
TAKAYAMA—Feb. 14, a girl Carol Risayu to the Soichi Takayamas (Kuniko Tamura), West Los Angeles.
TANAKA—Feb. 26, a boy to the Tadao Tanakas, San Francisco.
TSUCHIDA—Feb. 17, a boy to the Jack Y. Tsuchidas, Sacramento.
WAKAI—Feb. 27, a girl to the Charles S. Wakais, Stockton.
WOODS—Feb. 12, a girl Margaret Georgina to the Ivan Douglas Woods (Rose Mitsuko Oki), Los Angeles.
YAMADA—Jan. 12, a girl to the Yoshito Yamadas, Kingsburg.
YAMAMOTO—Feb. 12, a boy to the Toshio Yamamotos (Miyo Kikuchi), Los Angeles.
YANO—Feb. 11, a boy to the Robert L. Yanos, Kingsburg.

Engagements

HATAKEDA-MASUDA—Ruriko, Visalia, to Toshio, Parlier, Mar. 6.
KUROKI-MURAMOTO—Amy, Denver, to James, Pueblo, Mar. 17.
MIYOSHI-KADOWAKI—Betty to Charles, both of Cleveland.
OKAMOTO-SUMIDA—Himeko, Hawaii, to Roy, Visalia, Mar. 14.
SHIRAMIZU-IWATA—Sumiye to Ira, both of Denver, Mar. 13.
TSUBOKURA-MATSUEDA—Kay to Richard, both of San Mateo, Mar. 14.
TSUGAWA-FUJII—Toyoko Tee to Jim, both of Sacramento.

Marriage Licenses Issued

IKEDA-HOSHINO—Harry Yoyoji, 52, Alameda, and Kin Mary, 46, Oakland.
KAWAMOTO-SMITH—John E., and Marjorie, both of Sheridan, Wyo.
KOBARA-TAKEMURA—Seiji, 29, and Kazuko, both of Seattle.
SAKOI-KAMINAKA — George 26, and Eunice, 26, both of San Francisco.

Weddings

AKIYAMA-YOKOI—Mar. 21, Hideo Akiyama and Jean Yokoi, both of Watsonville.
AOKI-OKUDA—Mar. 12, Hutch Aoki and Barbara Okuda, both of Salt Lake City.
HIRATA-KAWANO—Mar. 13, Akito Hirata, Dinuba, and Masako Kawano, Kingsburg.
IMORI-YATSU—Mar. 13, Thomas Imori and Takeyo Yatsu, both of Cleveland.
SRIBATA-WILSON—Mar. 7, Teruo Shibata and Audie Wilson, both of Seattle.
TOKUNAGA-SASAKI—Mar. 20, Joe Tokunaga and Fujiye Sasaki, both of Seattle.
YAMAMOTO-MAYEGOTO—Mar. 27, Akira Yamamoto, Watsonville, and Nancy Yoneko Mayegoto, Berkeley.

Deaths

HIRASHIMA, Tsutae, 48: San Jose, Mar. 13, survived by husband Sensuke, son Itsuwo, Bobby, daughters Asami, Nardine, Georgia, Janice, Mrs. Nobuko Amamoto (San Mateo), Mrs. Sadako Katayama (Gilroy), sisters Mrs. Louise Imokawa, Mrs. Helen Agawa and brother Hidemasa Higuchi.
KAWATA, Wataru, 71: Oxnard, Mar. 10, survived by wife Suma, four sons Hajime, Jiro, Saburo, Shiro and eight grandchildren.
KITAMURA, Masao, 76: Watsonville, Mar. 8.
KOJIMA, Hachihei: Palos Verdes Estate, Mar. 13, survived by wife Sen, four sons, Takeshi, Joji, Fred, Tom, three daughters, Mmes. Miyoko Ando, Suma Fukuhara and Sachiko Yasukawa.
KUSAYANAGI, Yoshio, 30: Chicago, Mar. 11, survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshizo, brother Shigeichi, sisters Sachiko and Chieko.
OGAWA, Hikotaro, 68: Salt Lake City, Mar. 6, survived by two daughters in Japan.
OKAZAKI, Ben, 31: San Jose, Mar. 8, survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hachisaburo Okazaki, seven brothers George, Harding, Sam, Sueo, Leo, Yoshiro, Tom and sister Shizuko.
NAKAMOTO, Yoshitaka, 75: Watsonville, Mar. 3, survived by wife Fuku, sons Frank and Masaru.
SASAKI, Ann Yukiko, 37: Salt Lake Cityd, Mar. 12, survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Koji Sasaki, brother Frank K., sisters Mary and Mrs. Jennie Y. Matsuo (Monterey, Calif.)
SHIMOBE, Yoshimatsu: Oxnard, Mar. 8.
TAKAO, Inosuke, 79: Ontario, Ore., Mar. 6, survived by sons Yanosuke, George, daughters Mrs. Jim Watanabe (Payette) and Mrs. Matsumi Takata (Japan), one brother and 11 grandchildren.
TERAMOTO, Kunzo, 53: Fowler, Mar. 15, survived by son Kenichi, daughter Sumiye, brother Sawe, sisters Mrs. Kayo Kikuda and Mrs. Tonami Arai.
YOSHIDA, Dr. Ryubei, 70: Los Angeles, Mar. 11, survived by sons Kazuo, Wataru and daughter Mrs. Yoshi Arai.
YOSHIZUMI, Yoneko, 38: San Pedro, Mar. 12, survived by husband Harry Katsumi, daughter Betty Setsuko, sons Philip Katsumi and Gordon Yoneo.

San Fernando mother goes full-time breeding jumbo frogs for public sale

Los Angeles

Seven years ago, Mrs. Marie Doizaki and her husband bought two small business-size lots facing busy San Fernando Blvd. in Sun Valley for a frog farm. As the California Farmer, agricultural weekly publication, commented: "To see hundreds of frogs of all sizes about in pools is quite a sight."

There are eight pools 10x30 ft. each filled with Louisiana jumbo frogs. It has become a full time job for her, has written a booklet on frog-raising in her spare time and her husband, a Los Angeles businessman, helps on weekends and does all the slaughtering.

The Doizakis take care of the food problem by making weekly trips to the creeks in the Rosemead and El Monte sections of the county to gather sack loads of crawfish. It was explained that a sack load will be dumped into a pool where a supply will last for at least a week as it takes that long for a breeder frog to digest one crawfish—shell and all.

Hatchery Pools

A special hatchery pool is reserved for the spawn which hatches from three to seven days. Constant fresh water runs through the pool and the wrigglers are fed white flour. From tadpole to frog is a four-month period, a year later it is ready for the market. A bullfrog, howevr, takes two years to attain full growth.

Since the annual spawning produces up to 20,000 eggs per frog, it is easy to understand why the Doizakis have nearly a million frogs on the farm.

A lot of dressed meat is retailed (about $2.25 a pound for legs) from the house. Frogs as young as nine-months-old may be eaten, but many prefer waiting longer for a meatier specimen. They may be eaten up to the three-year-old stage when the breeding period commences.

Some frogs are sold to laboratories for experimental purposes and many go to private pools to prey upon snails and other insects.

Northwest Bussei

Spokane

James Demise and Minoru Tsubota were elected presidents of the Northwest Young Buddhist League and Northwest Young Adult Buddhist League, respectively, at the seventh annual postwar regional convention here recently. Over 500 delegates from the Pacific Northwest states and Canada attended.

PRE-REGISTER NOW FOR NAT'L JACL CONVENTION

CALENDAR

Mar. 27 (Saturday)
WEST L.A.: Installation dinner-dance, Carolina Pines, 7 p.m.
WASH'N, D.C.: Family Pot-Luck.
SOUTHWEST L.A.: Get-acquainted social, 3908 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m.
SEQUOIA-SAN MATEO: Joint bowling tournament, San Carlos Bowl.
SAN FRANCISCO: Get-Acquainted party, Buchanan Y, 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 28 (Sunday)
PNWDC: DC mtg, Chapter Clinic, 1414 Weller St., Seattle.

Apr. 3 (Saturday)
PLACER COUNTY: Community picnic dance.
SAN MATEO: Dinner in honor of Issei pioneers and new citizens, San Mateo Buddhist Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 4 (Sunday)
PLACER COUNTY: Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park, Penryn.
MARYSVILLE: Community picnic. (If rain, postpone to Apr. 11).

Apr. 10 (Saturday)
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EDITORIALS

5-F Issei Victory

Several thousand applications for naturalization by Issei men were being held up the past months because of the interpretation of Sec. 315 of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act. The same interpretation complicated re-entry of Issei male who were returning from a visit of Japan.

The personal relief and joy now at hand in so many families is immeasurable. Our faith in American fair play and justice stays unsullied with the latest turn of events and last week's naturalization of the first Japanese alien who had been denied citizenship because of his 5-F draft status.

Yet to accomplish this state of affairs, it required hours of research, coordinated efforts of legal minds and organization.

After the favorable decision in the Tsuji case in San Francisco and the announcement of the Attorney General not to oppose 5-F naturalization cases concerning non-declarant aliens, the Matoba case in Denver still agitated. Min Yasui, who handled the Matoba case and who is the Mountain-Plains regional JACL representative, was able to show Judge Knous who heard the Matoba case a letter from the Solicitor General to Edward Ennis, special JACL counsel, stating that the Attorney General had withdrawn his opposition to Issei naturalization cases. The urgency of a decision in the Matoba case was further pointed out.

This victory is but one instance illustrating the effectiveness and significance of a national organization, such as the Japanese American Citizens League, working for the welfare and interests of persons of Japanese descent in America.

That people disregard the potential and value of organization is but a sign of social immaturity of their part.

Newsletters

Some of our JACL chapters are old hands in publishing newsletters for their membership and community. But to others which have been wondering how to start have a simple formula that appears successful in several instances.

A two-page mimeograph affair can adequately report the cabinet meeting and the regular meeting of the previous month, highlights of Washington activities and local announcements. Where distribution is limited, the newsletter may be hectographed.

The indispensableness of newsletter in chapter activities is hard to deny. Often times, it may be the only sustaining link between the membership and the chapter.

JACL CONVENTION EVENTS REQUIRE REGISTRATION

From the Frying Pan . . . **by Bill Hosokawa**

The Happiest Man in Town

Denver

BACK IN THE year 1914, a 16-year-old lad from Okayama province came to the United States to join his father. The boy's name was Harry G. Matoba, and he was to lead the unspectacular life of a typical immigrant until this year. A few weeks ago he made legal history by becoming the first Issei male to receive American citizenship over the immigration and naturalization service's objections in connection with his World War I draft status.

As every reader of the Pacific Citizen knows, Matoba took his plea for citizenship before Federal Judge Lee Knous. The case was argued by Attorneys Minoru Yasui and Edward J. Ennis, and Judge Knous ruled in effect that Matoba should be granted his coveted papers.

It was a great day for Matoba when he was sworn in as an American citizen one afternoon recently. To celebrate the event, Matoba held a banquet for some of his friends from Oregon, where he had lived before the evacuation, and we were among those privileged to attend. Between mouthfuls of a sumptuous Chinese feast, Matoba told us his life story, and we thought you might be interested in hearing a bit about this new American.

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LIKE MOST ISSEI, Harry Matoba is a slight, graying man with a ready smile. Unlike most Issei, Matoba speaks English with machine gun rapidity. He picked up his knowledge of the language in grade school and high school in Portland, Oregon, and in business college.

Before the war Matoba ran a small grocery store in Portland. The evacuation uprooted him and his five children and dumped them in the Minidoka WRA center. Soon he headed the payroll department, putting in the vouchers so that the residents could get their $16 and $19 monthly paychecks.

Eventually Matoba went to Nyssa, Ore., where, although an alien, he got a job as bookkeeper in the Wartime Food Administration. The taste of freedom was heady. He went back to Minidoka to make his leave permanent and then headed for Brigham City, Utah, where he went to work as bookkeeper in a fruit canning firm.

Some five years ago, while one of his sons was on occupation duty in Japan, the boy became stricken with an unusual disease. The army sent him to Fitzsimons hospital in Denver for what promised to be prolonged treatment. Matoba moved his family from Brigham City to Denver to be near his son. But the young soldier died, and a little bit of Harry Matoba died with him.

"Ever since I came to this country," Matoba says, "I loved America. But I came to love it even more after my son passed away while a member of the United States army. It must have been his sacrifice that deepened my affection for my adopted country."

The Matobas decided to make Denver their home. He opened what he called a service bureau, a place where Issei could go for help in a wide variety of fields. Now five times a grandfather, Matoba makes his livelihood by helping people to fill out income tax returns, apply for licenses, by translating and interpreting. He is a ticket agent for trans-Pacific steamship and air lines. He is a perpetually busy little man in his profession of trying to help others.

When his application for citizenship papers was turned down the first time, Matoba was disappointed, of course. "But it made no difference to my love for this country," he says. "I loved it just the same. I kept thinking the officials would change their outlook, and eventually I could reach my goal of becoming a citizen."

Matoba no doubt was the happiest man in Denver when his papers finally came through. Promptly he paid his dues and became a member of the JACL. And then he called Herb Wong, who himself had become a naturalized citizen a few years ago, to make plans for the celebration feast.

Through the precedent that Matoba established, a good many other Issei men will be getting their citizenship soon. And it couldn't happen to a more deserving bunch of fellows.

Vagaries . . . **by Larry Tajiri**

Better Known Cho-Cho San

IT IS AN ironical commentary on American audiences that Tomi Kanazawa, a girl from Los Angeles, is better known in Europe, particularly in the Scandinavian countries, than she is in her native United States.

In her American appearances Miss Kanazawa has been typed as Madame Butterfly, although she has appeared in other operas. But when she is abroad, the Nisei soprano is accepted in a wide range of roles and two years ago enjoyed a triumphal concert tour of Denmark, Finland and Sweden, giving an additional command performance for the royal family in Stockholm.

In the four decades since the Puccini opera was first performed, this operatic staple about the love of a Japanese girl in Nagasaki for an American navy officer has been played in virtually every country in the world and a wide variety of sopranos have sung of the tragedy of Cho-Cho-san.

(At the famous old opera house in Mexico City some 18 months ago we heard a Mexican soprano in the role. More than a decade ago in New York City, we saw a tabloid version at Radio City Music Hall which featured a Filipino soprano named Gonzales. The New York City Opera has presented Camilla Williams, a Negro, as Butterfly, while the Metropolitan's favorites are Licia Albanese, Dorothy Kirsten and Victoria de Los Angeles.)

Tamaki Miura toured the United States for many years, singing Butterfly with the San Carlo opera and her successor with the company, Hizi Koyke, has made the part particularly her own, adding depth and dramatic dimension to the role. Yoshie Fujiwara brought his own company from Tokyo last fall and performed the opera in Los Angeles and San Francisco with considerable success, and principals of the Fujiwara troupe flew to Manhattan to appear in it with the New York City opera.

But of all the Madame Butterflys in more than four decades of the opera's success, Tomi Kanazawa has been seen by more people than the rest combined. Miss Kanazawa, in a single performance, sung to an audience of several millions when the NBC Opera Guild presented "Madame Butterfly" on network television three years ago.

This past week in Kansas City, Tomi Kanazawa was featured in the Kansas City Philharmonic's second annual opera festival. She played the lead in two performances of the durable Puccini opera on March 18 and 20. In recent years Miss Kanazawa also has appeared with local opera groups in San Francisco, New Orleans, Cincinnati and many other cities.

Between concert tours and operatic engagements, which may range throughout the United States and from far Scandinavia to Alaska, Tomi Kanazawa Mueller lives in a New York apartment. Her husband is a musician with the Metropolitan opera company and conducted the orchestra for the Met's tour with *Die Fledermaus* two years ago.

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THE SALE OF Scene magazine to Jaffe Publications of Los Angeles assures the continued existence of the monthly, but it marks the end of the first real effort on the part of a Nisei group to publish a picture magazine with a fully professional format.

There was nothing wrong with the Scene operation in Chicago that a larger potential audience wouldn't have cured. Its primary audience was the American of Japanese ancestry and there are less than 250,000 Nisei in the continental U.S. and Hawaii. Allowing for family groups and for the fact that a considerable number out of the 250,000 are under 18, Scene's ultimate circulation could not have been more than 25,000. Had it gained that it would have done something so far unprecedented in American publishing (even Reader's Digest has a circulation of not more than 5 per cent of the American population). A circulation of 25,000 also would have meant that Scene would have been above the break-even point, but it is doubtful if its circulation averaged more than 10,000.

The problem faced by Scene was one of mathematics—rising production costs on one hand and a frozen audience potential on the other. It costs just as much to produce a magazine aimed at an audience of 250,000 as it does to put out a publication for 160,000,000.

Scene originally was a subsidiary of the General Mailing of Chicago, a business started by James Nishimura, a former West Coast rice broker, after the evacuation. It was divorced from the mailing and packaging business last year.

The new owners in Los Angeles have been successful in the trade magazine field. They are expected to continue the magazine's outlook and policies. The only major change at present is expected to be a mechanical. Scene, formerly printed by the offset process, will be a letter-press operation.

Dyke Miyagawa, one of Scene's editors was expected to go to Los Angeles to put out the next issue, but has received an extended leave of absence at his own request.

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THERE ARE A dozen performers of Japanese ancestry in the Broadway hit play, *Teahouse of the August Moon*, which MGM eventually will transfer to celluloid. Meanwhile, a London production is forthcoming and Yuki Shimoda, dancer and choreographer who has been acting as assistant stage manager of the Broadway company, has flown to England to act as technical assistant to Producer Robert Lewis. Jerry Fujikawa, an actor in *Teahouse*, is the new assistant stage manager of the Broadway troupe.

There won't be any Japanese actors in the London production under present plans unless the British come up with someone like Mariko Niki who has the leading feminine role in the New York version. Miss Niki was an actress in Tokyo before she came to the United States with her American army officer husband.

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Navy official says Comm. Melvin McCoy's attack on Nisei does not reflect department's policies; Batann hero's view that Nisei be deported were only personal.

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First Nisei war casualties of European theater sent to Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif.

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Report 28 "Kibei" inducted before Pearl Harbor facing courtmartial for refusing to submit to military training, confined in Ft. McClellan, Ala., stockade.

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Nisei merchant marine killed in action against German air raiders, had taken over gun when Navy crew was knocked out of action, letter discloses in protest against some discrimination of New Jersey and Delaware farmers against evacuee workers.

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"Go for Broke" adopted as official motto of 442nd RCT.

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Sec. Ickes reports 21,000 relocated; 3,500 in Chicago to lead other cities in resettlement program.

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New Pasadena group urges restoration of civil rights of loyal Japanese Americans.

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Japanese American teachers at Univ. of Colorado Navy Japanese Language school commended by naval intelligence.

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Federal judge signs order restraining Layton officials from closing Nisei's business.

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Wat Misaka, Univ. of Utah guard, plays at National Invitational Basketball tournament, Madison Square, New York; lose 46-39 to Univ. of Kentucky.

MINORITY

Since the first disturbances last July at Chicago's Trumball Park homes, involving Negro families in residence at the project, it was pointed out that there have been 16 arrests, 40 busses and cars stoned, 20 police stoned or injured, and some $200,000 in property damages.

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While the Knights of Columbus have a rule against chartering of racial groups as such, the Cleveland auxiliary bishop wants the K.C. supreme board to give a local interracial council a second chance for a charter. The interracial council was formed after three Negro Catholics were refused membership. Two of them then started to organize it. Its membership of 138 is 2 to 1 Negro. Ruled the Supreme Knight Luke Hart of St. Louis, they should apply for membership in existing councils "like everyone else" and added that Negroes have become knights in various parts of the country.