



LESSON IN IMMIGRANT QUOTAS FROM A GIVEN AREA

Japan minimum 185 a year, but 2,489 admitted in 6 months

Washington
During the first six-months operation of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, 2,489 Japanese nationals entered the United States as new immigrants. State Department officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Noting that the Japanese quota is 185 per year, officials said that the large Japanese immigration was possible because of other liberalized features in the law. The 2,489 Japanese immigrants entered the United States from Dec. 24, 1952 (effective date of the Walter-McCarran Act) through June 30, 1953.

Government accounting records are maintained on a fiscal year basis which ends each June 30.

Visitors Not Counted

Visitors, students, merchants and other Japanese who entered the United States on a temporary basis with intentions of returning to their homes in Japan upon expiration of their non-immigrant visas are not included in the 2,489 figure, the Washington JACL Office said.

At the same time, Edward S. Maney, director of the State Dept. Visa office, informed the National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship of his views on the immigration law. The JACL is a member of the Council, and Mike Masaoka now serves as a member on its Executive Board.

Visa Office Director Maney informed the Council that "after this trial period of fifteen months [of the Walter-McCarran Act] we in the Visa Office can say that the new law as far as it affects the visa function of the Department of State constitutes a considerable improvement over the earlier laws.

Considerable Improvement

"I hope my brief presentation has shown you that the new law tends to keep families united in migration, makes the use of quotas more flexible and facilitates the admission of 'new-seed immigrants.' It gives due recognition to the need in the United States for certain skills, professional knowledge and ability. It also opens the door to those who in the past were permanently barred for reasons of race or as a result of former and long past political affiliations."

Earlier the Visa Office director had stated "ne of the most important changes the new law has brought about is the elimination of race as a bar to immigration."

"Alien wives and husbands of American citizens and alien children of American citizens are now eligible for immigration and entitled to nonquota status irrespective of their race.

"While it is true that the quotas accorded Asian peoples are minimum quotas, it must be borne in mind that the volume of immigration from a given area is composed of both quota and non-quota immigrants and the latter group, of course, may exceed without limit the numerical limitations placed on quota immigrants.

Over 3,000 New Asians

"This is best illustrated by the fact that during the last fiscal year 1,043 Chinese and 2,489 Japanese came into the United States as immigrants, although Japan has a quota of only 185 and only 105 quota numbers are available to Chinese people. In evaluating these data it must be recalled that racial bars to immigration were not lowered until the second half of the 1953 fiscal year [ending June 30, 1953].

"Another important change which the new law has brought about is a general relaxation of the method by which the quota chargeability of an alien is de-

termined. The basic rule remains unchanged that the quota of an alien is determined by his place of birth.

"While formerly only an alien wife chargeable to an over-subscribed quota could be charged to the more favorable quota of her accompanying husband, under the new law a husband as well as a wife may be charged to the more favorable quota of the accompanying spouse. For example, the Greek husband of an English wife may be charged to the quota of Great Britain.

Quota Chargeability

"Similarly, a child may now be charged to his own quota, the quota of his accompanying father or mother, whichever of the three is most favorable. In the past a child mandatorily had to be charged to the quota of the accompanying father. This relaxation of the law which may seem unimportant, I assure you, has brought relief to many an immigrant family by giving them an opportunity to come to the United States together rather than choosing between separation or waiting together abroad.

"Fuller use of existing quotas is made possible under the new law by permitting that any portion of a given quota not used during the first ten months of a quota year may be used without numerical limitation during May and June, that is, the last two months of the quota year.

"The restriction on the use of quotas to 10 percent of each quota per month which is now applicable only during the first ten months applied to every month of the quota year under the old law. Thus, quota numbers were lost if a demand for immigration visas in excess of 20 percent developed in May and June of a year under a quota which had not been utilized up to 80 percent during the first

118 Central California Issei get naturalized

Fresno

A group of 118 Central California Issei were among 209 persons granted American citizenship last week. The first group appeared before Judge Arthur C. Shepard of the Fresno County superior court on Monday morning and continued to report in groups of 30 to 40 through Thursday.

They were presented to the court by J. S. Hemmer, local area naturalization examiner, who certified applicants all have qualified.

Kyoichi Fujito of Selma, 86, was the oldest person admitted to U.S. citizenship in Fresno county history.

Among Fowler residents receiving their citizenship were: Masao Nakamura, Yoshi Ogawa, Masao Teraoka, Hina Tsuboi, Hisa Yamagiwa, Misa Ninomiya, Kenso Henry Okamura, Tokio Shirakawa, Vic Tsukasa Ueki, Elizabeth Izumi Washiya, Koichi Kamikawa, Ichitoku Kuda, Toyoso Kuramoto, Tamachi George Ochiai, Kanichi Renge, Frank Shigeo Washiya, Jiro Yamagiwa, Otona Hagihara, Yoshiko Hata, Masaharu Horii.

Seattle

Another group of new American citizens were greeted after taking their oath of allegiance Apr. 5 before Federal Judge William J. Lindberg. Among the 74 were 16 Issei from Japan.

Sacramento

Sixty-four Issei women were naturalized Mar. 29 in Federal Judge Oliver J. Carter's courtrooms. It was the largest single group of Japanese to be given citizenship here. The new citizens are:

Mitose Umeda, Kiku Yamagata, Toshie Nakamura, Tsuruyo Mizobe, Shizuko S. Moriya, Tsuyu Makishima, Yaeno Takahashi, Ai Miyasaki, Hideyo Okumura, Suna Iwamoto, Sumi Kawahisa, Yei Yamada, Miyoko

ten months of the same quota year.

Alien With Skills

"The prohibition against the immigration of manual labor, the so-called contract labor provision of the old law, by and large restricted immigration to the United States to relatives and close friends of American citizens and of permanent resident aliens. Aliens with good skills and many of them needed in this country but lacking family or friendship ties as a rule could not come to this country as they were unable to secure an acceptable affidavit of support as evidence that they were not likely to become public charges.

"Thus real 'new-seed immigration' had become unknown in this country except for those immigrants who benefitted under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948.

"This situation has been drastically changed by two provisions of the new law. On one hand, the out-dated and inflexible contract labor law was eliminated. Now an alien is permitted to make arrangements for his employment to show that he is not likely to become a public charge.

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Texan renews old Dec. 7 feelings

Austin, Tex.

Gov. Shivers signed yesterday a bill outlawing the Communist party in the state after overriding a charge that the measure is unconstitutional. It provides a 20-year maximum prison term for membership.

The House two weeks ago had passed 130-4 the bill sponsored by Rep. Meridith of Terrell, who said when opposed by Rep. Maury Maverick, Jr., of San Antonio:

"There is just as much of a Communist influence in Texas today as there was a Japanese influence at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941."

Maverick, son of a former Texas congressman, had asked: "Why fight communism if we are going to gradually impose on ourselves an equally vicious form of totalitarianism?"

The governor has called on the legislature to impose a maximum death penalty on convicted Texas Reds.

Pioneer Issei asparagus grower in Sac'to dies

Sacramento

Tatsuki Sakata, 77, one of the pioneer developers of the Courtland delta area, died Apr. 11 after a fatal attack of cerebral hemorrhage the previous day. He and his late brother, Kameki Sakata, were leading asparagus growers in the country after developing the Clarksburg-Courtland delta lands.

Slam-banging truck driver

Campbell

Nisei driver misjudged clearance on the right side of his pickup truck and set off a chain of collisions that damaged five cars parked in front of Campbell Union High School recently.

Yoshio Robert Uyeoka, 25, of Saratoga, was driving west on Campbell Ave. when—as police could best reconstruct it—things happened in this sequence:

Uyeoka's truck first struck the rear of auto No. 1, knocking it into auto No. 2 parked next to it. Uyeoka told Campbell offi-

EARLY SENATE ACTION SEEN ON STRANDEE VOTING (WATKINS) BILL

Washington

Early Senate consideration is anticipated on the bill restoring citizenship to Nisei who voted in Japanese elections during the American occupation, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Expectation of Senate action

Statehood measure bogged down in House Rules group

Washington

The question of statehood for Hawaii and Alaska was bogged down temporarily early this week when Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas objected to sending the legislation to a Senate-House conference to compose differences.

The Democratic leader objected to a move by Interior Committee chairman, A. L. Miller (R., Neb.), which would have sent the Senate-passed bill to a conference committee.

Rayburn's action shunted the measure to the House Rules Committee, where its fate is uncertain.

Rep. John P. Saylor (R., Pa.) formally introduced a motion for placing the matter before a Senate-House conference.

Honolulu

Gov. Samuel Wilder King will convene a special session of the Territorial Legislature on Apr. 20 to promote further Hawaii's statehood movement.

The combined Hawaii Alaska statehood bill, passed by a 57 to 28 vote in the U.S. Senate Apr. 1, is awaiting action in the House, where its fate at the moment is still uncertain.

Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, president of the Hawaii Senate, and Hiram L. Fong, speaker of the House, agreed with Governor King that the Territorial Legislature should exert its utmost efforts to achieve statehood for Hawaii this year.

Minneapolis Issei dies on day due to be called for citizenship exam

Minneapolis

Kakunosuke Tsuchiya, 76, a resident of Minneapolis for eight years passed away here suddenly at the General Hospital on Apr. 5.

Tsuchiya, who in recent years was retired, relocated to Minneapolis from Jerome Relocation Center. Just before evacuation, he operated grape farms in Fowler and Merced, Calif.

Before settling in California he lived for a short while in New York, in Alaska and before coming to the United States from Nagano, Japan, he lived in Australia and England.

He died on the day on which he was to appear for hearing for citizenship.

in the near future came in the wake of a Senate Judiciary Report recommending Senate passage of the measure.

Last week the Senate Judiciary Committee favorably reported the JACL-sponsored bill introduced by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization. This measure would provide expeditious naturalization for Nisei who lost their citizenship by voting in a Japanese election between Sept. 2, 1945 and Apr. 27, 1952.

Two Year Period

A period of two years is allowed after the bill is enacted into law permitting such Nisei to recover their lost United States citizenship.

The JACL has argued that Nisei voted in Japanese elections at the encouragement of occupation authorities to demonstrate democracy in action to the Japanese. Japanese authorities had also threatened to withhold food rations from many Nisei if they did not register and vote in the Japanese postwar elections.

Action to restore United States citizenship to these Nisei began in 1950 when the JACL requested Rep. Chet Hollifield (D., Calif.) to introduce a bill for restoration of their citizenship. The measure introduced by Congressman Hollifield considered only those Nisei who voted in the 1946 and 1947 elections.

Masaoka Meets Strandeas

Following his visit to Japan in 1952, Mike Masaoka, after discussions with many stranded Nisei in Japan, requested Sen. Watkins to provide restoration of citizenship to those Nisei who voted in Japanese elections during any period of the American occupation of Japan.

Sen. Watkins acted favorably on the JACL suggestion. The full Senate Judiciary Committee followed its Subcommittee recommendations and reported out Sen. Watkins' bill.

Accompanying the JACL-sponsored legislative measure, covering restoration of citizenship lost by voting in Japanese election during the entire period of American occupation of Japan, was a favorable Senate Judiciary Committee Report.

Committee Report

Recognizing the situation that existed in Japan during the occupation, the Report said:

"In every case the election was held under the supervision of American military officials and was sanctioned by the occupation authorities. The first national elections were held in April 1946 for the purpose of the adoption of the new constitution promulgated by the American occupation authorities and for the election of the Lower House of the Diet.

"In April 1947 elections were held for the members of the Upper House of the Diet. Again in 1947 a special election was held at the suggestion of General MacArthur to demonstrate the support for the pro-American Yoshida cabinet.

"In 1949 another election was held for members of the Lower House of the Diet and in 1950 an election for one half of the membership of the Upper House of the Diet was held. During the same period covered by the legislation local elections were held for governors, mayors, and other officials.

Expatriation by Voting

"Prior to December 7, 1941, the date of the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and the United States thousands of American citizens, mostly of Japanese ancestry, visited Japan annually to see the country, to study in its universities, to call on family, friends, and relatives and to carry on business opportunities. As a result of the war in the Pacific many of

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Washington Newsletter

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Elections, 1954 . . .

Though overshadowed in the headlines and perhaps in the hearts of free men by the awesome potentialities of the H-Bomb, the imminent dangers of the explosive Indo-China crisis, the possible consequences of the forthcoming Geneva Conference, and the dramatic overtones of the pending "McCarthy-Army" hearings, this past week witnessed the beginning of a momentous campaign that may well be far more important in its lasting implications for mankind than of these tremendous events.

Last Tuesday, Apr. 13, marked the opening of the 1954 major league baseball season.

It also marked the start of an eight-month battle for the control of the next Congress, a Congress that may be called upon to make crucial decisions that may affect the fate not only of the political world but also the physical universe as well.

On that day, Illinois held its primary elections to select a GOP opponent for Sen. Paul H. Douglas, a Democratic "liberal," and candidates for its 25 seats in the House of Representatives, including those now occupied by chairmen of five of the 19 House committees, the most held by any state. These chairmen are Leo E. Allen of Rules, Chauncey W. Reed of the Judiciary, Robert B. Chipfield of Foreign Affairs, Harold H. Velde of Un-American Activities, and Sid Simpson of the District of Columbia. The first three are considered among the most powerful legislative committees in Congress while the Un-American Activities Committee is the top investigative agency in the House.

Forty-five other states will hold primary elections and two will hold nominating conventions in the next few months.

The GOP hopes to increase its four seat margin in the House and to gain actual control in the Senate, where today they enjoy nominal control only because Independent Wayne Morse of Oregon refuses to vote with the Democrats in organizational matters.

At stake this November are 35 (one-third of the membership) Senate seats and all 435 House seats.

The Picture in the Senate . . .

Of the 35 Senate seats up for election this fall, 22 are now held by Democrats and 13 by Republicans. Nineteen of these are believed to be held so solidly by one or the other party that barring an unexpected political upheaval no shifts are anticipated. This leaves 16 elections that will probably decide control of the next Senate.

GOP leadership is optimistic about its chances because they feel that they face defeat in possibly three states while the Democrats risk defeat in five. In the eight remaining contests, the Republicans are risking fewer seats—again a ratio of three GOP to five Democratic seats. Their calculations give them quite an advantage this early in the campaign.

But the Democrats point to history to refute Republican claims; only once in the past 25 years (1934) has the party out of power failed to gain from five to 12 seats in a non-presidential election year.

The Picture in the House . . .

Though all 435 seats in the House are up for election, the contest, as in the Senate, can be narrowed down to a few key races.

Professional observers usually hold that a seat won previously by a margin of fewer than 55 per cent of the votes is a doubtful one for the party which holds it. In the House this year there are 88 such seats—46 held by Democrats, 41 by Republicans, and one by Independent Frazier Reams of Ohio. Thus, the odds mathematically calculated favor the GOP.

The Democrats, however, claim that a seat cannot be considered really safe unless the previous victory margin was better than 60 per cent. And they point out that in the 55 to 60 per cent bracket, the Republicans have twice as many seats at stake (55 to 24). In addition, the Democrats recall history to substantiate their belief that the "outs" usually pick up some 20 to 30 seats in any "off-year" election.

Election Prediction . . .

Though it's a long, long time from now to November, and the national and world situation at election-time will be decisive, the early betting is that, in the final outcome, the Republicans will hold the Senate while the Democrats will regain control over the House.

Another evenly-divided Congress is anticipated, with either party capable of winning or losing both chambers.

The Importance of a Vote . . .

Because of the razor-thin margin in the present Congress and because all the key races appear to be close, every single vote will be more significant and important than ever.

With great issues of life and death at stake on the outcome, every American should exercise his privilege and responsibility of the franchise.

Remember, every vote actually adds up to two—one less for the one voted against and one more for the one receiving the vote.

In recognition of the crucial nature of these elections, National JACL Headquarters has issued instructions to each of the 88 chapters in 32 states to sponsor special "responsibility" programs—to get every eligible person of Japanese ancestry to register and to vote in both the primary and the November elections.

This year, for the first time, naturalized Issei will be eligible to participate in these elections. They should be encouraged to do so, for the ballot is the most priceless privilege of every citizen and his greatest responsibility.

If you want to have a say in your government, vote. If you want good government, vote. If you want a change, or a continuance in policy, vote.

Your vote is your voice in this democracy. Don't be dumb, vote!

Immigrant quotas—

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"Only if the Secretary of Labor certifies that there exists an oversupply of a given skill in a given locality of the United States will the immigration of aliens be barred who possess such skill and who are coming to this locality. No such finding has so far been made by the Secretary of Labor.

"The other provision of the new law which is helping the 'new seed immigrant' as well as American industry, business and cultural interests is the one giving a first claim to one half of the quota of each country to aliens whose services are needed urgently in the United States because of their high education, technical training, specialized experience or exceptional ability and to their spouses and children.

"Some misunderstanding seems to exist in the mind of the general public as to the effect of the new law has had on the security provisions applicable to immigrants. The opinion seems to be widespread that the new law is more exacting in that respect. Actually the reverse is true.

Security Provisions

"For all practicable purposes the new law has reenacted the security provisions which had been part of the immigration laws since the passage in 1950 of the Internal Security Act.

"One significant change however has taken place. In the past, and ever since 1940, not only present but also former members of proscribed organizations were excluded from admission into the United States as immigrants.

"For example, an alien who in his youth some 20 or 30 years ago was a member of the Communist Party was still ineligible to receive a visa regardless of the fact that long since he had given up his early political associations and had since become an outspoken fighter against Communism.

Escape Clause

"The new law contains an escape clause for former voluntary members of proscribed organizations, a fact which has been given little if any publicity.

"The defector clause contained in the new law permits the issuance of a visa to a former voluntary member of a proscribed organization if the alien since the termination of his membership and for at least five years before the date of his visa application has been actively opposed to the principles and ideology of the proscribed organization of which he was a member.

"This provision of law has made it possible to admit to the United States as immigrants a number of aliens whose record of the past years has justified that the United States show forgiveness for past political association and has thus enabled us at least indirectly to encourage future defections."

PRESS FILE:

SPEAKING FREELY—To those many Nisei who ask "why JACL when everything is coming our way?"—here's a gentle reminder.

Just little over ten years ago Japan and the United States were enemies at war, and we were without justification uprooted from our homes to waste away in relocation camps. Yet just a few weeks ago in Tokyo these two countries signed a mutual security agreement to make Japan as Asia's stronghold for free nations. There is a strong object lesson in this historical event. What will happen ten or fifteen years hence? Will the pendulum swing the other way. Will we Nisei be prepared when it does? Or do we go back to the relocation camps?

I believe we have more cause to remember Pearl Harbor than we think. I believe we have more cause to keep JACL strong than all too many of us think—Roy Yoshida, Hokubei Mainichi.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

Scouts as Goodwill Envoys

Tokyo

This correspondent is scheduled to fly via Northwest Air Lines as deputy chief of the Boy Scouts of Japan delegation attending the first national jamboree of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

The eight-day jamboree starts Apr. 23 at Quezon City. Seventeen scouts led by Scoutmaster Seio Konko sailed for Manila aboard the APL Pres. Cleveland, arriving there last Sunday.

Participation of young Japanese scouts in a Filipino event is significant in view of the tense political feelings in the Orient.

Admit Grave Mistakes

At a departure ceremony earlier this month, Prince Mikasa, youngest brother of the

Emperor, declared the Boy Scout movement as one means of cementing closer relationships between nations.

"Japan must admit that she made a grave mistake in the terrible crimes and atrocities committed by her armed forces during the last war in the Philippines," the Prince continued. "The presence of Japanese scouts in the Philippines is a wonderful opportunity to express our sincere apology."

The scouts go as goodwill ambassadors. The sentiment among the Japanese people has been to seek pardon of the Filipinos for the wartime atrocities. Even the Emperor's personal feelings were eloquently expressed in the message of his younger brother.

Salvation of Japan

The so-called "death march of Bataan" and other stories of the war in the Philippines surprised the Japanese at home. How they can pay for these crimes has been in the mind of all Japanese.

Hitoshi Ashida, one-time prime minister, also extended bon voyage to the scouts. He believes that Japan's salvation is in the scouting movement as opposed to communism among youth who are rapidly being tainted.

This correspondent has also been asked by the national office of the Boy Scouts of Japan to accept the invitation of the Boy Scouts of America to study scouting and make an appeal to American friends in behalf of Japanese scouts.

U.S. appellate court rules in Nisei's favor on citizenship case

San Francisco

An effort by the Dept. of Justice to set aside a decision of U.S. District Judge J. Frank McLaughlin of Honolulu, favorable to a Nisei who voted in postwar Japanese election, failed when the Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, failed when the Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rejected a government motion to upset the favorable ruling.

Judge McLaughlin had entered an order restoring U.S. citizenship to Fujiko Furusho.

Since Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, was named as defendant but no longer head of the State Department, the U.S. Attorney for Hawaii filed a motion in the appellate court to set aside all court proceedings.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

Some thoughts of Spring

In the spring, they say a young man's fancy turns . . .

It was spring and ours turned to open spaces and wildflowers. Maybe I'm not young nor is it fancy, but millions of city folks here spend a day driving out to see the splash of colors Mother Nature uses about this time of the year . . . To be brief, our neighbors in Kern county shouldn't boast too loudly over its array of purple lupines, orange poppies and yellow daisies in the wild pastures. Our own county in the northern section out-did Kern this year . . . I'm sure city-folks elsewhere have been doing the same—driving out to the rustic greenlands nearby, a well-filled hamper of picnic food in the back seat of the car and a venture-some spirit to take a new road even though the folding map says the route is unpaved.

Cities are still growing, so statistics show . . . It's no wonder that the urban populace, at times, yearns to stretch its look on life undisturbed by city lights, traffic and hustle . . . Some resorts at distant places are taking on airs of commercialization—the city touch, you

might say—which negate all the fine qualities of a communion with nature . . . Maybe it's still the Boy Scout in me but our trip Sunday was divested of all the pressures of city life. It was indeed a leisure-laden trip . . . Study the smallest bloom on the desert floor of Mojave, stoop through barbed wire fences to inhale the perfume of California wildflowers, marvel at the sights of rugged mountains and roaring rivers—we only missed a scoutmaster keen in botany and geology . . . At one stop, miles from civilization, one harrowing thought struck me: what a nice place to be if the H-bomb hits town.

Some city-folks stretch their legs with skis in the winter, with waders in the summer . . . Some sprawl lazily on the warm beach, the more energetic go hiking to a hilltop . . . Whatever the manner, city-folks can forget the trials of the week with such a Sunday we were fortunate to enjoy . . . On the other hand, the country-folks come to town for their change of pace. So, you can see everything balances out as do other things in nature.

Only 20 Weeks 'til JACL Convention Week

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Honolulu Newsletter

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Between now and May 1 the Cherry Blossom Festival in Honolulu will be in full sway. The labors of scores of young Nisei men and women for the past several months will become evident in the variety and lavishness of the events scheduled.

The public will be able to see a mingling of Occidental and Oriental influences in the Festival, sponsored for the second year by the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It is such a harmonious and pleasing mixture that the Cherry Blossom Festival is likely to become an established extravaganza like the annual Aloha Week in the Fall and the Chinese Narcissus Festival in February. They all seem to fit well into the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the islands.

HEADLINING FESTIVAL EVENT

Take the headline event of the Festival—the Queen contest. It is a Western idea, with the emphasis, of course, being on glorifying feminine pulchritude.

Fifty-six Nisei girls are entered in this year's contest, from among whom one will be chosen the Queen and a few others, her attendants.

The contestants will be judged, not for their bathing suit form but more for their appearance in a kimono, among other criteria such as personality, poise, voice and diction.

There also will be a cooking demonstration. Dr. Aya Kagawa of the Tokyo Nutrition Junior College has arrived to teach Japanese cuisine, but she will be cooking with gas, not with a Japanese-style brazier.

FIREWORKS SHOW

Then there will be a fireworks show. A Texan is coming to supervise the blowing off of a ton of pyrotechnics, reminiscent of an American Fourth of July celebration.

For the sports fans, there will be wrestling, "self-defense," fencing and archery, strictly Japanese-style. Translated, the athletic contests will be sumo, judo, kendo and kyudo, in that order.

For the aesthetically-inclined, there will be a cultural show, Japanese culture that is. Classical floral arrangements by exponents of the several "schools" will on view. Bonsai (dwarfed trees), bonseki and bankei (miniature tray landscaping), a fashion show, display of object d'arts, including pottery, dolls, costumes and culinary arts also will be included.

Classical and modern Japanese dances and music, and a Japanese marriage ceremony will be staged.

TOURISTS INTRIGUED, FASCINATED

Whereas residents here accept the mingling of Occidental and Oriental influences as commonplace, tourists appear to be intrigued and fascinated, which helps to draw larger crowds to the Festival.

And that, says the Japanese Junior Chamber, is fine since the primary purpose of the Festival is to stimulate business and trade by encouraging customers to patronize stores which handle queen contest ballots and coupons for admission to the Festival events.

The parallel purpose of the Festival, not to be lost sight of in the money-making process, is to promote interest and understanding of Japanese culture.

JAPANESE COLOR FILM WINS TOP AWARD AT CANNES FESTIVAL

Cannes
The Japanese film *Jigoku-Mon* (The Gates of Hell) won the grand prix of the International Film Festival ending here last Saturday, after the U.S. film *From Here to Eternity* was ruled out of competition because it was already aptly honored.

The first Japanese color film tells a 12th century tale about a palace guard who falls in love with the wife of another guard. Trying to kill the husband, he accidentally kills his beloved. When the husband refuses to take vengeance, the slayer enters a monastery to expiate his sins.

Leading stars are Kazuo Hasegawa, Mitsuko Miura with Yumiko Hasegawa, Sanaye Takasugi and Seisaburo Kawazu in supporting roles.

CAPSULES

Hitoshi Tsufura of San Francisco was appointed National Director of the National Young Buddhist League. He was serving as coordinating secretary of the Buddhist Churches of America . . . Japan's right and left political factions were driving ahead this week with plans that may result in the merger of numerous parties to create a two-party system . . . Japanese foreign minister Katsuo Okazaki gave the first official Japanese view since the injury of 23 Japanese fishermen by the Mar. 1 H-Bomb explosion. "We do not intend to request the United States to discontinue its atomic experiments . . ."

The Neptune Suite aboard the "Royal Suite" last week to APL Pres. Wilson was renamed commemorate the first anniversary of the arrival of Crown Prince Akihito to San Francisco. The suite was occupied by the prince during his trans-Pacific voyage . . . Aiko Saita, Canadian-born operatic singer, cut short her tour of Canada due to illness. She returns Apr. 29 to Japan to convalesce . . . Movie directors, executives and stars from all Asia will meet in Tokyo May 8-16 in the first Asian Film Festival. Grand prix will be the Golden Harvest Award. Propaganda films will be barred from competition, upon agreement of the nine participating nations.

Intermountain Nisei collegians hold eighth annual conference at Colorado

Boulder, Colo.
The Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference concluded its eighth annual meeting at the Univ. of Colorado campus Apr. 2 and 3. Highlights of the student conference were the banquet in the Persian room of the student Memorial Building and conference dance in the Glenn Miller ballroom. Herb Iwahiro of CU was conference chairman.

The 1953-54 NICC officers are:

Marie Mizoue (Denver U.), pres.; Richard Matsunaga (Denver U.), v.p.; Kiyoshi Yamasaki (Denver U.), treas.; Agnes Suyehiro (Denver U.), asst. treas.; Diane Matsuda (Colo. Women's Coll.), rec. sec.; Rosie Nishimoto, (Denver U.), cor. sec.; Akiko Kambara (Denver U.), pub.; Sally Nishimura (Denver U.) and Jane Hirata (Colorado), soc.; Sam Okada (Colorado), ath.

50 Students Attend

The new officers were installed at the conference banquet, attended by about 50 students, by Min Yasui, one of the advisers of the group, and Mountain-Plains JACL regional representative.

Registration for the conference was handled by Joyce Honda and Naomi Hasui, both CU students. About 40 students from CU, DU, Colo. A&M, CS-CE, and other schools registered for the conference.

The annual basketball tournament was handled by Art Yamada, a second year student in engineering at CU. The Denver University team, paced by Tak Tsutsui who scored a phenomenal 36 points in the final game against CU No. 1 team, won the three-year perpetual JACL trophy by a score of 57 to 48.

The conference mixer was headed by Gene Manabe, a second year pharmacy student at CU. Manabe is also president of the Kenkyu Club at CU.

Saturday morning was scheduled as a campus tour and picnic in Bluebell Canyon, with Sue Akagi, an education major from Crowley, in charge. The welcoming committee was headed by Mits Hidaka, senior in pharmacy from Pueblo, and Kathy Kobayashi, a senior in

education from Hawaii. Tom Sera was toastmaster for the conference banquet on Saturday night, with Herb Iwahiro, president, extending greetings on behalf of his cabinet. Other outgoing officers were:

Gene Manabe, v.p.; Sue Akagi, rec. sec.; Joyce Honda, cor. sec.; Steve Murata, treas.; Dave Nikaido, asst. treas.; Art Yamada, ath.; Kathy Kobayashi, soc.

Conference Speaker

Feature speaker of the banquet was Dr. Earl Swisher, who has traveled extensively in Japan, speaking on "Personal Experiences of an American in Japan." Dr. Swisher spoke of meeting the patriarch of the Tenrikyo Church in Nara, and being presented with Japanese costume. Dr. Swisher donned the beautifully made Japanese clothing at the banquet, during his presentation.

Bob Kurita, senior in pharmacy from Hawaii, was chairman for the banquet. Following the banquet, the student group held their dance in the central ballroom, with Dave Nikaido as chairman. Hideo Hirose and Marie Mizoue, DU students, were in charge of the program booklet, and Steve Murata, a graduate student in chemistry, was in charge of publicity for the NICC.

The 1953-54 NICC advisory board were:

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Y. Matsumoto, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Terasaki, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hosokawa, Mr. and Mrs. Min Yasui, and Sam Kishiyama, NICC past pres.

Honor Nisei minister with doctorate degree

Honolulu
The Rev. Harry S. Komuro, pastor of the Harris Memorial Church since 1940 and new superintendent of the Methodist Mission board here, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from his Alma Mater Depauw University June 6.

Before returning to the Islands, he will attend the Southern California-Arizona annual conference of the Methodist Church at Redlands, Calif., June 14.



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Around Windy City . . .

● Interest in the Azuma Kabuki troupe has been so high that its run at the Great Northern Theater here has been extended from Apr. 19 to May 2, then open at the Biltmore Theater in Los Angeles May 5.

● Student nurses JEAN KAMISATO and KATHLEEN GOYA of Hawaii were capped after six months probation at Cook County Hospital.

"Fragments of the Easter Mystery," a recorded presentation made by Dr. YURY ARBATSKY at the St. Vladimir monastery near Elbasan, Albania, in 1935, will be premiered May 2, 8 p.m., at the Kenwood-Ellis Community Church, 46th and Greenwood Ave. EMIKO SUZUKI will sing. Dr. Arbatsky accompanying on the organ with recitation by Alexander Vereschagin, former director of National Theater in Yugoslavia.

Of People . . .

● A baby boy TOYA was born Apr. 4 to DEAN and TAKAYO DORAN at the U.S. Naval Air Technical Training Center hospital, Norman, Okla. The 6lb. 15oz. boy's mother is the former TAKAYO TSUBOUCHI, 21, born and raised in Hardwick, Calif. She was evacuated to Fresno Assembly Center, where she had ballet lessons from DOROTHY MARUKI (now Mrs. Phil Stein); to Jerome and Rowher WRA camps before relocating to Chicago in the summer of 1945. At Oakenwald elementary school here, she was city clerk in 8B and mayor in 8A classes as well as hall guard lieutenant. She was graduated from Hyde Park High in 1950, was a freshie queen candidate, majorette, cheer leader, a member of the Vicky Tri Hi-Y, pep club, Senior Girls; chosen election committee chairman, and sophomore class president . . . She performed for Japanese programs, was runnerup in the Eastern Young Buddhist League oratoricals in 1948, acclaimed EYBL oratory champion in 1950 at Cleveland and finished Boulevard Modeling School in 1951 on a scholarship. She modeled at shoe exhibits, jewelry exhibits and the International Trade Show . . . She was employed as office girl and secretary for a wholesale jewelry firm after high school, participated on weekends at the Salt Creek Summer Theater in suburban Hindale. Between 1951 and 1953, she attended Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., was elected freshman class secretary-treasurer, won the Theta Alpha Phi award for outstanding contributions to the Theater Arts department, awarded the Fiesta scholarship, was a member of the Phi Beta (national honorary sorority in music and speech), chapel reader, cheerleader and typist for the college paper Rollins Sandspur . . . She was chairman of the King & Queen contest for the Rollins Fiesta, a member of the Rollins Players, staff announcer for the college station WPRK, worked in the student dean's office part time, awarded the Algernon Sidney Sullivan scholarship and a member of the Dubsread C.C. in Orlando . . . In March, 1952, she had the role of a young girl in *Darkness at Noon*, receiving good reviews in the Orlando newspaper. On June 6, 1953, she was married to DEAN DORAN after his graduation from Rollins.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. CHUKURO TSUBOUCHI, 1737 W. Rascher. She was active in the Chicago JACL while here. She is the sister of:
 ✓ SUMIKO, now MRS. GEORGE SHIZURU; husband is a mail clerk for a private concern. One child: MAXINE 7.
 ✓ AKIKO, now MRS. FRANK ICHIKAWA, industrial nurse at Boeing, Seattle; husband is an aeronautical engineer hailing from Hawaii.
 ✓ KAZUKO, now MRS. MITSUO FUJISHIMA; husband is a body-fender mechanic at Lake Park Motors. One child: BURT SATORU 7 mos.

● The Chicago Nisei serving as post dental surgeon at the Red River arsenal is Lt. Col Muramoto and not as previously reported.

Chicago JACL leads nation-wide race for chapter memberships, Mile-Hi 2nd

Denver
 Unofficially, the Mile-Hi JACL chapter of Denver this week claimed to have regained the lead as the biggest chapter in the United States with a report of 456 members as of Apr. 8.

Miss Fumi Katagiri, chairman, vowed to pass Chicago and promised to make the California chapters look silly in their mediocre membership drives.

On Mar. 30, the official membership roll released by Mas Satow, National JACL director, listed Chicago leading with 432 members, Mile-Hi with 393, followed by San Francisco with 376.

Former chapter president Tak Terasaki, who coined the phrase "Mile-Hi JACL—Miles Ahead!" as a slogan for the local chapter, annually led the Denver membership drive with more than 100 members signed up personally.

In the local membership drive, membership solicitors reports indicated Sam Y. Matsumoto in first place with 51 members signed up.

Other solicitors with the number of members signed up were: Harry Sakata, Tak Terasaki, 50 each; True Yasui, John Sakayama, 48 each; Fumi Katagiri, 37; Haru Tanaka, 32; Willie Hasegawa, 28; Dr. M. George Takeno, 14; Bill Kuroki, 13; John Noguchi, 12; George Fujimoto, 12; Tosh Ando, 11; George Masunaga, 10; Roy Mayeda, 9; Bob Horiuchi, 8; Ben Miyahara, 7; Nancy Sogi, 6; Shig Teraji, 6; and Florence Uyeda, 4.

Solicitors urgently request potential members to contact them in order to qualify for the more than 25 members

Hadassah hears Buddhist

Denver
 The local JACL office arranged the presentation of Buddhism by the Rev. N. Tsunoda of the Tri-State Buddhist Church with the Jewish Hadassah study group this week. Edward T. Nakagawa, noted layman of the church, also attended.

signed up group.
 The Mile-Hi JACL tentatively planned a victory celebration dinner in early May, provided the local chapter surpasses its 1953 membership of 588 members.

MONTANA CL INSTALLS NAGASHIMA AS PREXY

Billings, Mont.
 The Montana JACL installation banquet held at the Shangi-La Club here Mar. 27 had a 100 percent attendance, according to Mrs. Roy Nagashima, chapter corresponding secretary.

Joe Nagashima, new chapter president, pledged that the Montana JACL would continue its constructive work for the advancement of persons of Japanese ancestry. Other cabinet members are:
 James Shirasago, v.p.; Sam Shirasago, treas.; Mrs. Yasuo Nayematsu, rec. sec.; Mrs. Roy Nagashima, cor. sec.; Mrs. George Kawamoto, hist.; Yasuo Nayematsu, cust.

Dr. Minol Ota of the Northern Wyoming JACL was to have officiated at the installation, but was unable to attend due to bad weather. Past president George Kawamoto installed the newly-elected officers.

Delano Clers assist in community-wide picnic

Delano
 The local Japanese community, assisted by the Delano JACL chapter, held its annual picnic at Guthrie Ranch in the Sierra foothills Apr. 4. Bill Nakagawa, chairman, credited with the success of the affair to the committeemen.

Dr. James Nagatani, Toshi Katano, Cecelia Tanihara, Betty Nagatani, Margie Nakagawa, Roy Nagatani, Sam Okasaki, program; Tad Muranaka, Mas Takaki, transp.; Sab Okino, prizes; Nob Takaki, Sam Azuma, donations; Sam Yukawa, sanitation; Sam Oksaki, refreshments; Marcus Naito, George Fukawa, p.a. system.

CHAPTER MEMO

San Francisco JACL: Because of a good turnout, the locale of the chapter dance class has been shifted to American Friends Service Center, 1830 Sutter St., it was announced by Viola Nakano, in charge of the class. The next session is slated Apr. 23, 8:30 p.m. Some 60 persons attended the first class. Seven more evenings will be conducted.

Mile-Hi JACL: Ethel Yanase scored first in the individual awards at the duplicate bridge tournament held Apr. 2 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Kobayashi. Dick Yanase and Haruno Tanaka followed. Bridge-fans were also preparing for the big spring tournament Apr. 30.

Orange County JACL: The second annual Easter Egg hunt will be held on Saturday, Apr. 17, 1 p.m., at Orange County park. The OC Jr. Matrons are preparing baskets and coloring eggs donated by several local egg ranchers, according to Ken Uyesugi, chapter president. Over 100 children participated last year; more are expected this year.

East Los Angeles JACL: An appreciation banquet for 30 volunteer membership committeemen is scheduled Apr. 24 at Swally's, 1331 S. Boyle Ave., according to Roy Yamadera, v.p. in charge. Receptionists will be:

Lucille Okada, Miyo Fujita, Linda Ito, Terrie Akasaka and Elizabeth Yoshida.

Reservations at \$2.25 per person should be made with Yamadera, MI 4565, by next Wednesday.

So. Alameda County JACL: Sam Yamanaka and Sat Sekigahama are co-chairmen of the annual community outing May 1 at Half Moon Bay. Place a ring around your calendar and join the outing caravan. Everyone is welcome!

Ventura County JACL: The chapter holds a general meeting Apr. 20 at the Oxnard Community Center. The membership drive now being concluded exceeds 100 members, including three Issei recently naturalized.

Columbia Basin chapter makes JACL 88 strong

San Francisco
 The JACL now stands at 88 chapters throughout the United States.

Acceptance of the Columbia Basin chapter (Moses Lake, Wash.) into the Pacific Northwest JACL District Council held recently in Seattle was announced this week by Mas Satow, National JACL Director.

The new chapter is headed by Bill Utsunomiya, Moses Lake, Wash., president, assisted by Tom Ogoshi, 1st v.p.; Chi Moto, 2nd v.p.; Kiyo Murakami, treas.; Mrs. Aki Kataoka, rec. sec.; Mrs. Kay Utsunomiya, cor. sec.; Ed Yamamoto, del.

The chapter has already sponsored a citizenship class which has graduated 17 Issei.

IN HONOR OF

Michi Kubota and Sam Asahi were named recipients of Fresno State College Nisei Club scholarships of \$50 each recently. Benefit socials are held to maintain the fund.

John Ikeda, member of the business staff at the Univ. of Idaho, from where he graduated in 1948, was elected president of the Moscow Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. George Nishio was elected president of the Fresno County Optometric Association. Last year, Dr. Robert Yabuno was its president.

Joe Arata, who was student pastor at the San Francisco Evangelical and Reformed Church last year, will be ordained as minister May 5. He is finishing his studies at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo. He is a brother of Mrs. Jitsuzo Nakamoto, 1838 Buchanan St., San Francisco.

Noboru Hirasuna, 822 N. Mohawk, Chicago, was among successful out-of-state candidates passing the California state dental board examinations last month.

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Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

N.C.'s 1,200 Issei Citizens . . .

This week the Regional Office has moved lock, stock and barrel to the Immigration and Naturalization Office, 630 Sansome St., to help process and examine approximately 400 Issei for citizenship. In fact, I am dictating this column from the 10th floor of the building sitting on a window ledge with a beautiful view of the Bay and bridge and Treasure Island. The weather, as usual, is wonderful.

A lot of credit must be given to HAROLD J. HART, chief of the Nationality and Status Section, for the very efficient way in which he has utilized the innovation of group examinations and filing to facilitate the program of naturalization for Issei. He is getting a reputation as a national authority on procedure for Japanese American naturalization for the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Much credit must also be given to the Chapters and their voluntary workers to come out to help the Issei. Yesterday, Mrs. MASAKO MINAMI and Mrs. MAGARET UTSUMI spent all day at the Naturalization Office to help the Issei. Today, coordinating for Alameda and Berkeley are YUKIO KAWAMOTO and ALBERT KOSAKURA. Besides these persons, the Chapter has sent secretarial help.

All in all thanks to the cooperation between the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Chapters, our District Council can boost for approximately 1,200 Issei who have received their citizenship or have been processed in Northern California compared with reports of less than 100 in Southern California. Our District Council chapters are really on the ball!

Due to the confusion in the hallway and the pressure of assisting in the process up here, this is all for the "Scene" for this week. I have to make it up some time in the future.



The United States gained 194 new citizens Mar. 26 in the crowded San Francisco federal courtrooms of Judge Louis E. Goodman and Judge Oliver J. Carter. The mass swearing-in was mostly of Issei men whose petitions were held up because of their 5-F status. —George Tanaka, Kido Studios

Strandee voters—

FROM PAGE 1

these American-born citizens were stranded in Japan and during the period of enforced exile many of them lost their United States citizenship by performing certain acts of expatriation under the Nationality Act of 1940, amended.

"The instant bill, however, is concerned only with that group who had expatriated themselves by voting in Japanese elections.

"The information before the committee indicates that in all the elections held during the period covered by this legislation on the basic issue was continuing support for the pro-American policies of Prime Minister Yoshida against the attacks of the Communists.

"It appears that the former United States citizens who voted in the Japanese elections were subjected to considerable pressure to cast their ballots, and that most of those persons voted in the elections with firm belief that by so doing, they were helping the United States win the battle against the Communists.

Undue Pressure

"It has also been alleged that many of the former United States citizens voted in the elections because they felt that they would lose their food rations and other vitally needed privileges if they failed to vote. Other persons apparently even feared the imposition of criminal penalties by the local police authorities for failure to vote.

"The evidence discloses that there were extensive newspaper and radio campaigns strongly urging everyone to vote in the elections—particularly the women who were enfranchised for the first time in Japanese history. It also appears that there was a general feeling that the occupation authorities who were supervising the elections were actually urging everyone to vote or become subject to serious consequences.

"Undoubtedly, therefore, there was an atmosphere created by the occupation authorities who were working intensively to stimulate participation in the elections that if persons in Japan at that time failed to vote such failure might be interpreted as a sympathetic attitude toward the former discredited Japanese Government or the forces of communism.

Unintentional Loss

"Under the circumstances as they existed at the time the elections were held in Japan it becomes apparent that many of the former United States citizens unintentionally lost their citizenship by voting in Japanese elections under circumstances which amounted to duress, such as fear of loss of their ration cards, employment, or vital necessities or the fear of the possible consequences which they might suffer in view of the admonition and urging by the occupation authorities to vote. Others sincerely believed that by voting in the election they were rendering a patriotic duty to the United States.

"It would appear, therefore, that general legislation is the best method for granting a remedy for these persons."

Washington JACL Representative Mike Masaoka expressed the hope that this measure would receive favorable legislative and executive action in the current session. The favorable Senate Committee Report indicates a need for immediate enactment of the JACL-sponsored bill to allay anxieties of many Nisei who lost their citizenship while intending to aid the American military authorities during the occupation of Japan.

Convention Chatter

By DR. ROY M. NISHIKAWA
Convention Board Chairman

Taking a cue from National Prexy CALLAHAN INAGAKI who wrote recently on the qualifications required of a National President, I am finding, to my dismay, that the following qualifications are required of a convention chairman: He must be a prolific letter and "memo" writer. He must be an executive and a coordinator. He must be available on the phone at all times. He must be an expert on human relations and motivations. He must have infinite patience. Further, he must be imaginative, resourceful and a fund raiser. After re-reading this, I find myself asking the question, "What the heck am I doing in this job?"

Above all, perhaps, the convention chairman needs to be a diplomat. (If you want to be unkind, call him a fence-sitter.) All sorts of inquiries, requests and demands reach his desk. Some you wouldn't believe. All must be answered tactfully, firmly and yet without equivocation.

The brunt of the work of the convention will be borne by the following associate chairmen: attorney FRANK CHUMAN, horticulturists KEN DYQ and TUT YATA, collegian EDDIE UNO, insurance man HARRY FUJITA, and schoolmarm MABEL OTA. (Note: In Southern California, we don't have gardeners, only horticulturists.) One couldn't ask for a more capable and conscientious group.

Attractive FLORENCE WADA of the Pasadena Chapter, is the first official delegate chosen by any JACL Chapter. Some have suggested that the pretty and intelligent lass become a JACL queen candidate, but she prefers to be a delegate. Maybe she could be BOTH?



FLORENCE WADA

Ever since SABURO KIDO, "genro" among JACLers, became the publisher of the Shin Nichibei, (subscriptions still acceptable), Convention Board members have not been able to inveigle Sab in any convention work. But as convention time approaches, we are almost willing to bet that the Old Warhorse will be in there pitching.

Most salaried workers can choose, within reason, their vacation periods. Ask your boss NOW for the first week of September for your vacation and take in our 13th Biennial, Sept. 2-6. If you can afford three weeks off, Nisei Week will start Aug. 14 in Los Angeles.

'Way back in August, 1952, this writer prepared a questionnaire which was distributed to all JACL Chapters asking for suggestions in improving the National Convention. Topping the list of requests were: (1) A CENTRALIZED LOCATION, (2) BETTER FOOD and (3) A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. About these, we have done the following: (1) All Official Events will be at the Statler Hotel with the exception of the 1000 Club affair. (2) Our legal-eagle DAVID YOKOZEKI has drawn up a contract with the caterer which guarantees the quality of the food. (3) We have already set up a Hospitality & Reception Committee, but we expect to indoctrinate ALL committee workers so that out-of-town delegates and boosters will feel right at home.

TY SAITO is able, willing and ready to throw a Convention Tennis Tournament provided enough interest is forthcoming from other areas. Why not drop him a line at his realty office: 2421 W. Jefferson, L.A. 16.

The first trophy donated to Special Events came from TOM ITO, Pasadena Chapter Prexy and long-time One Thousander. Tom (who better check on my fire insurance pretty soon) has really built up the Pasadena Chapter. They will host the PSWDC Pre-Convention Rally in mid-July.

It is reported that the Arizona Chapter and JOHN TADANO & Company are coming to the Convention wearing high-heeled boots and all of the accoutrements. They intend to "shoot up the lobby" of the Statler. Arizona will no doubt send at least 25 delegates besides a cowgirl queen contestant.

The Convention Outing is always looked forward to by weary delegates attending the grueling National Council Sessions. This year we have chosen the Royal Palms (at White Point, beyond Palos Verdes) which is about an hour's drive from Ellay. If you have seen any South Seas movies, you probably have seen the Royal Palms as it is used as a "location" by many motion picture companies.

The Convention Board is grateful for the continued cooperation of the local Regional Office staff: TATS KUSHIDA and BLANCHE SHIOSAKI. Their help has been prodigious and will continue to be so. Blanche has already "ordered" a moon for the Sept. 5 Royal Palms outing. Orchids also got to Convention Secretary HANA UNO, whose quiet but efficient work deserves more recognition.

If your local chapter hasn't set up a Convention Committee yet, as Spade Cooley would say, "Shame, Shame on you." Local chapters by their cooperation on Ichi-Doru, booklet ads, advanced registrations (\$30) and pre-registrations (\$3) have the power to make or break any National Convention. I know most chapters will help make this the "best Convention ever." I know they say this about every convention, but this time it's going to be TRUE.

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PLACER COUNTY JACL BASEBALL

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Auburn Vengeance looms in the game this Sunday at the local James Field when Placer JACL and Lodi AC tangle in another ball game. Last Sunday, timely hitting enabled the visiting Placer nine to snatch a 14-10 victory over Lodi at the latter's Lawrence Field.

The JACL got off to a flying start in the first inning when firstsacker Norm Matsuoka, fresh home from his honeymoon, lifted a line-drive home-run over the rightfield wall with teammates Frank Kageta and Jackson Hayashida on board.

In the big fourth inning uprising it was Jackson Hayashida, catcher and outfielder who this year came out of a two-year retirement, who hit for the circuit with two on, Bob Kozai and Kageta. Hayashida's clout sailed into the wide, blue yonder in the left field section.

Knot Count in 1st
The Lodi AC, an entry in the Sacramento Rural League, came back strong in its half of the initial canto to knot the count at 3-all on 3 hits plus one of the two Placer errors.

Threatening again in the seventh and eighth innings, only the Placers hitting power throughout the game prevented any damage by AC.

Bob Hayashida hit three for four, including a double, and Matsuoka garnered three for six. Kageta, another veteran on the comeback trail, who handily plays both infield and outfield, hit two for four.

For Lodi it was Mettler, Yamashita, and Kosaka with two hits apiece.

The Placer JACL totalled 14 hits while Lodi rang the bell for 10.

Wildness Gets Nakao

Johnny Nakao started on the hill for Placer but lasted only two-thirds of the first inning when wildness got the better of him. Bob Takemoto relieved him and handled himself nicely except for a few wobbly mo-

ments. Angel Kageyama took over the last two frames.

The Hayashida brothers, Jack and Bob, shared the catching duties.

Lodi sent up three of its full-time pitchers to face the local artillery. Tamura started and worked 4 innings. Stoebner handled his assignment for three innings and Daijogo finished the game. Yoshimoto and Mettler shared the receiving chores.

Loomis

Placer JACL ball club defeated the visiting Folsom Globes of the Sacramento County League, 5 to 2, in a practice game Mar. 28 at the JACL recreational park.

Manager Chuck Hayashida of the locals used three of his chukkers, each putting in a three-inning stint. Johnny Nakao started and gave up one run and three hits. Bob Takemoto succeeded him and was nicked for one run and four hits, while Angel Kageyama held the Globes in check and yielded only one hit.

Trailing 2 to 0 going into the sixth, the JACL put on its hitting togs to tie it up before finishing out the inning, got one more in the seventh, and sewed it up in the eighth by tallying another pair of runs.

Rabbits Watanabe and Jackson Hayashida hit twice safely for the Nisei club, one of the latter's going for an extra base. Frank Kageta, another veteran coming out of retirement, cavorting at first base for Norm Matsuoka, connected for the longest hit of the day, a triple down the right field line in the eighth with Watanabe on base.

Regulars Bob Hayashida, Jimmie Enkoji, Norm Matsuoka, and Billy Nishimoto did not suit up.

White and Orvick each collected a pair of hits for the Globes. Cutler, fresh out of the Army, went the entire distance on the hill for the losers.

San Mateo-Sequoia Cl
bowling tourney results

Redwood City

Final results of the fifth annual San Mateo-Sequoia JACL bowling tournament, Mar. 27-28, at San Carlos Bowl was announced this week by Tets Fujikawa, chairman.

Men's Singles: Tie for 1st, Roy Kato, Hiroji Kariya, 627; Sab Namba 625. **Doubles:** Won by Marsh Tokawa-Elmer Yamada 565-692-1257; Tom Yamane-Hero Tsukushi 596-653-1249; Sus Inouye-Gunji Togami 622-621-1243. **All-Events:** Gunji Togami 1883.

Women's Singles: Won by Dot Dozen 620, Lorry Inouye 595, Sayo Togami 593. **Mixed Doubles:** Won by Jackie Hesse-Yuk Kawamura, 691-702-1393; Jackie Hesse-Ted Imura 627-581-1208; Dot Dozen-Roy Yoshimoto 550-645-1195. **All-Events:** Kitty Uchida 1212.

HG—Sab Namba 244, Sayo Togami 191; HS—Yuk Kawamura 658, Jackie Hesse 613. Low Series—Tony Shibata 279.

MAILBOX

ACLU and 5-Fs

Editor: In your March 26, 1954 edition you ran an article quoting extracts from Min Yasui's column in the *Colorado Times*—which left the reader with the impression that the American Civil Liberties Union let the Issei down by not intervening in the 5-F cases.

First, I would like to make it clear that I have not read the Yasui's original column as it appeared in the *Colorado Times* and what I have to say in the following paragraphs is directed at the "quotes" taken from the *Times* column as they appeared in the *Pacific Citizen*.

The ACLU as the name implies is concerned first with civil liberties. Its stand on the curfew, evacuation and renunciant cases is too well known to both Issei and Nisei alike to require documentation here. To say that "it is a good and vigilant" organization in its field, to quote from Min's article is to understate the ACLU's record of achievement. It is uncompromising and utterly fearless in the defense of civil liberties. Moreover, it is the only organization with the fortitude and objectivity to intervene in cases affecting thousands of Nisei renunciants. To date, the official JACL policy vis a vis the renunciants is "hands off."

To Correct Impressions

This letter is not intended to criticize the JACL with respect to the renunciants or any other particular case, but to correct the impression left by the article in the *Pacific Citizen* that the ACLU's position on the Matoba and Tsuji cases answered the advocates of assimilation.

The ACLU works with a limited staff of legal counsel and limited funds. Both time and money of the organization are conserved for cases involving unlawful or unconstitutional "restraint of liberty." Pure and simple, the 5-F cases did not involve a denial of civil liberties in the Tsuji and Matoba cases since the issue arose on petitions for naturalization. Had the 5-F issue arisen as in the Oishi case, where a resident Issei returning from a temporary visit to Japan, was detained for nine days at Terminal Island, California, detention quarters by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the ACLU would not have refused to intervene at once. I represented Mr. Oishi at the hearing before the Special Inquiry Officer and secured his release within a few hours after appearing on his behalf thanks largely to able briefing from Lawrence Speiser, counsel for Northern California ACLU.

Again the lack of personnel and money, prevents the ACLU from appearing as counsel in all but the exceptional cases involving civil liberties on the trial court level, especially where the litigant or defendant has counsel of his own choosing as in the Matoba and Tsuji cases.

ACLU Assistance

It is not clear from the *Pacific Citizen* article where Yasui got the information that the ACLU refused to intervene in both the Tsuji and Matoba cases. He is incorrect as far as the Tsuji case is concerned. Lawrence Speiser, counsel for the Northern California ACLU offered to assist in the Tsuji case and after an informal conference. I advised him that the ACLU could best assist by filing an amicus brief as a "friend of

THE SOU'WESTER

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TATS KUSHIDA

Nisei participation in partisan politics is on the upswing, witness the number who lent their names and otherwise campaigned for various candidates at last Tuesday's election in Gardena where the issue was, shall legalized gambling continue or not. The election was for three members of the city council of five councilmen. The church-supported trio of anti-gambling candidates was soundly defeated by a threesome who did some powerful campaigning in the hotly contested election.

The winning combine of Bolton-Chapman-Finch left no stone unturned and enlisted the support of a number of Nisei. To name a few, among Bolton's supporters was TAUL WATANABE while Dr. JOHN KOYAMA and photographer TAK ISOBE backed Chapman and Finch's campaign literature was signed by druggist RYO KOMAE and STANLEY HIRAGA. We understand some members of the Gardena Baptist Church opposed poker palaces but we saw no literature with their names.

The incongruity about Nisei electioneering in this instance is the high proportion of politically active Nisei compared to the total Nisei registration. Barely over a 100 Nisei are registered voters in the city of Gardena while the potential registration is closer to a thousand. And a thousand votes could easily swing an election in this town of 19,287, provided they vote as a bloc, which of course they do not, unless it is on a critical issue directly affecting their welfare.

So it is in many other small communities. We're glad to see Nisei awaking to the political facts of life. It's equally gratifying to note that candidates are more than ever, making overtures to the Japanese American registration, which is an oblique recognition of the Nisei as a community entity to be reckoned with.

About the time JACL was going through childbirth, and that's nearly a quarter century ago, CLARENCE ARAI was an unsuccessful candidate for the Washington state legislature. Since then, there have been very few Nisei throwing their hats into the ring.

Perhaps within the decade, a number of Nisei and Sansai will project their names publicly as political candidates. And many should succeed. Already, TOM SHIRAKAWA serves on the city council of Fowler. HARRY MIYAKE, though he didn't succeed, put up a good campaign for the city council of Guadalupe two years ago, and our hats off to Harry for making the effort. There are no doubt other elected officials among Nisei-dom which we'd like to hear about. The mainland, that is, for Hawaii is way ahead on this score.

An amateur Nisei all-star baseball team to tour Japan this fall, and a similar amateur team recruited from schools and clubs in Japan to play some good teams on the west coast is the hope of JIM MCGREGOR, former athlete and coach now sports director with the Canadian Pacific Airlines operating out of Vancouver, B.C.

Jim dropped in the other day and described his ultimate objective of increasing athletic competition between Japan and the U.S. and his efforts to arrange support and sponsorship of his promotional work. He recalled doing kitchen duty with JIMMY OKURA of the Harbor Skippers and KEN UYESUGI, Orange County JACL head and Trojan baseball letterman, when they were on the USC campus before the war.

Interested parties wishing more info from Jim, who leaves for Japan the end of April, can reach him at the CPA offices in Vancouver.

JACL's organizational structure appears to appeal to other ethnic groups, for we have been requested to serve in a consultant capacity to the Indian Center, an activity formerly sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) but now an independent agency. The Indian Center officers will study the national JACL constitution and by laws and perhaps pattern its own structure after the JACL. A few years ago, we offered similar suggestions to the now well-organized Community Service Organization, a Mexican-American group for whom Fred Ross, former WRA official, did so much to establish.

According to Alice Shoemaker, director of the Indian Center, 2920 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, there are some 5,000 American Indians in this area. The center provides recreational facilities, cultural activities, job and housing assistance and other services.

court" in event of an appeal.

Both the JACL and ACLU have a wide area of overlap in interest and activity but there are also areas where these organizations do not intervene in each other's activities. Both organizations uniquely and ably serve the American public well as guardians of our liberties. The JACL, because of the predominant ethnic makeup of its membership, is primarily interested in cases involving persons of Japanese ancestry.

The rewrite on Yasui's column coming on the heels of Colonel Mashbir's remarks quoted in a recent issue of the *Pacific Citizen*, admonishing the JACL and its members not to get embroiled in the troubles of other minorities, suggest a note of chauvinism. The record ought to be set straight. While it is true that the JACL has been the guiding light and primary force in the fight for equality for persons of Japanese ancestry, we have never been alone in the battle. One has only to read beyond notes of the Supreme Court Reports of the Oyama, Hirabayashi, Yasui, Endow and

other land mark cases to see the names of other organizations such as the ACLU, NAACP, that have ably intervened on our behalf.

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SPORTSCOPE:

● **FUZZY SHIMADA** wound up in the top notch San Francisco Invitational League just concluded with a league-leading average of 201. Bowling for Spreckels Russell Dairy, the Nisei star posted 43 200-games out of 78 league games, has 13 600-series and one 701, wound up with the highest number of turkeys in the league with 99. He holds the league's highest series—a 768 bowled last year. (He's headed for the ABC tournament in Seattle Apr. 21.) . . . **HENRI TAKAHASHI**, only other Nisei bowler participating in the league which is by invitation only, was a member of the championship Four Wheel Brake team and ended up with a 190 average.

● **GEORGE "FREEZER" FURUYA** caught fire in his bowling to ring up nine straight strikes before running into a tap recently for a 277 game, the season's high in the San Francisco Majors. It passes the 268 mark jointly held by GISH ENDO and DICK IKEDA . . . Salinas Valley CLers bowling for Salinas Drive-In Market recently won the Salinas City Bowling Ass'n tournament team event with a (2670 scratch) 3010 series. On the squad are CHARLES TANDA (2nd in all-events with 1884), George Young, GEORGE HIGASHI, KIYO HIRANO and BOB YAMAMOTO.

● There'll be Nisei keggers taking their turn in the ABC tournament at the new Seattle Armory until May 3, when a delegation of Honolulu bowlers appear . . . This past week, notable scores include: 620 by I. KONISHI, Ephrata, Wash. (among best by a Nisei); 602 by EDDIE TSURUTA, Los Angeles and a 1108 doubles by JACK OKAMOTO-LLOYD HAHN and P. DeGrace and PAUL ISHIZAWA, all of Los Angeles.

● Undefeated Univ. of Hawaii sophomore SEIJI NAYA won the 125-lb. NCAA boxing championship by unanimous decision over top-seeded Bobby Freeman of Louisiana State last Saturday at State College, Pa. . . . Wisconsin's ROY KUBOYAMA was beaten in the 119-lb. finals by Gary Garber of Maryland. Roy, a transfer from Univ. of Hawaii, was 1952 NCAA 112-lb. champ . . . CYRIL OKAMOTO, 132-lb., the other UH entry, was dethroned in the semis. GIL INABA, 139-lb., of Washington State, was ousted in the second round.

● It may be YOSHIO SHIRAI's fourth defense of his world flyweight title if negotiations for a title match May 16 in Tokyo are completed with Leo Espinosa of the Philippines. The latter stopped Shirai with a bad eye cut by a sixth-round TKO in a 10-round non-title go last September.

● In the 1954 Davis Cup play, Japan is scheduled to meet Mexico and then, if victorious, Canada. The Japanese Lawn Tennis Association announced the appointment of ZENZO SHIMIZU as coach-manager of the Japan Davis Cup team. KOSEI KAMO and ATSUSHI MIYAGI have been selected, the third member to be determined shortly in the all-Japan tennis tournament. The new manager is remembered as a member of Japan's first entry into the Cup race in 1921, when Shimizu, paired with I. Kumagai, defeated India and Australia to meet the U.S. in the challenge round. Shimizu was in competition until 1925. Bill Tilden praised his forehead shots in one of his books.

● **MASAKO KATSURA**, Japanese bride to an American GI and foremost billiard ace, is participating in three-cushion exhibitions in San Francisco with Ray Kilgore, world champion . . . Hollywood Judo Club won the state judo team title by defeating San Jose Buddhist Church last week in the San Jose State College tournament. Lyle Hunt and GEORGE UCHIDA of SJS were standouts . . . HENRY NAKANO is new president of the Los Angeles Angelus Tennis Club . . . NEAL MIURA of Lodi Bees set a new meet record in the 75-yd. high hurdles at 10.4s. two weeks ago against Stockton. His 19.5s. in the 160 lows tied the meet record. Tominaga of Stockton copped the 100 in 11s., the 220 in 24.9s., and the broadjump at 19 ft.-5 in. JUN AKABA of Stockton Ayes was nosed out of a 440 victory done in 53s. . . . SUS MATANO, Watsonville Bees, grabbed two firsts against Monterey last week, 75-yd. dash in 8.2s., and the 150 in 16.3s.

Los Angeles Newsletter

★ HENRY MORI

★ A military funeral for a Korean War GI whose body was never found since late 1950 was conducted Sunday at the Koyasan Betsuin for Sgt. First Class Toru Takai of the 31st Inf. Regt., 11th Airborne Division.

The Hawthorne-born youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kanejiro Takai, was 23 at the time of his death. The Defense Department announced Sgt. Takai is now presumed dead after missing for over three years.

It was the first military service this year, a reminder of the conflict which started in June of 1950 and flared for 36 months.

Meantime, there are prospects that the names of the Japanese American soldiers who gave their lives in the most recent battle will be engraved on the memorial plaque which is part of the Nisei Soldiers' Monument at Evergreen Cemetery.

★ Gunso Hayashi, 50-year old Hawaiian-born renunciant is home again, thanks to some sharp counseling by Katsuma Mukaeda and the Dept. of Justice which granted him clearance to return to the United States from Japan as a non-quota immigrant.

Hayashi, his wife Masako and their two children left for Hiroshima in 1938; he, coming back alone the same year. War broke out and Hayashi renounced his citizenship at Tule Lake segregation center in order to reunite with his family in Japan. He did in 1945.

Meantime, his wife and children elected to return three years later; but he, without citizenship, was this time stranded in Japan. Mukaeda started the legal machinery to gain a return permit for Hayashi. That was last July.

Last Saturday, President Wilson brought him home in San Francisco, and this week the family is once again together.

★ Contemporary furniture designer Henry Mittwer delivered an interesting lecture at a Southwest L.A. chapter meeting last week in which he said simple lines used in modern furnishings come from old Japan with emphasis directed first toward comfort.

He believed, too, that much of the natural beauty in some furnishings is lost because of the heavy coating of paint. "Sometimes, a coffee table or a kitchen cabinet looks nicer if they are merely waxed to bring out the texture of the wood alone."

Mittwer also noted that much of the individuality and personal taste of a home owner is lost when he selects conventional style or trend. "Mixing color or finish of furnishings is not a bad idea," he said.

Mittwer mass-produces his furniture; thinks wrought iron type of furnishings will continue to be popular. He illustrated his talk with slide films.

★ Enlisting the help of JACL chapters in the "fringe area" to take note of agricultural conditions in the county and outlying districts, the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce this week launched a 21-day economic survey of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Leading businessmen in various occupational fields are expected to receive confidential questionnaires to fill out. A census of white collar workers, gardeners, hotel and restaurant operators, fruit stand owners, and garment factory workers is also planned.

Chamber officials also hope to find out through personal sampling interviews the average wage earned by Issei and Nisei workers in Li'l Tokio and in non-Japanese firms.

The success of the survey will depend on cooperation the JCC can get from the individuals. Most persons are reluctant in giving out personal information. A booklet is expected to come out in June on the outcome of the survey.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

DORAN—Apr. 4, a boy Toya to the Dean Dorans (Takayo Tsubouchi), Norman, Okla.
 GOISHI—Apr. 2, a boy Ricky Darrell to the Mac I. Goishi, Sacramento.
 HANAMOTO—Mar. 20, a boy William Tadashi to the Max Hanamotos, Omaha, Neb.
 ITO—A boy to the Aaron Ito, Denver.
 KOZAI—Feb. 6, a boy Gerald Tokihiro to the Toshiaki Kozais (Tomyo Hayashi), Los Angeles. (Previously listed as Kogai.)
 KUWADA—Mar. 25, a boy to the Kazuo Kuwadadas, Spokane.
 KUWAMOTO—Mar. 2, a girl to the Frank B. Kuwamotos, Sacramento.
 MASADA—Mar. 12, a boy Glen Osamu to the Frank Nobozu Masadas (Miyeko Kito), Los Angeles.
 MINAMOTO—Mar. 7, a girl to the Min Minamotos, Kingsburg.
 MITOMA—Mar. 16, a boy to the Takashi Mitomas, Oakland.
 MOMII—Mar. 17, a boy to the Noburo J. Momis, San Francisco.
 MORISAKI—Apr. 1, a boy to the George Morisakis, Seattle.
 MURAKAMI—Mar. 14, a girl Diane Susan to the Sadao Murakamis, San Martin.
 MURATA—Mar. 30, a boy Steven Michio to the Paul Muratas, Cupertino.
 NAKAMICHI—Apr. 3, a girl to the Yoshio Nakamichis, Seattle.
 NAKAMURA—Mar. 18, a girl to the Takeo Nakamuras, San Francisco.
 NISHI—A girl Lisa Maria to the Ken Nishis (Setsuko Matsunaga), Tappan, N.Y.
 NISHIMOTO—Jan. 24, a girl to the Frank Nishimotes, West Fresno.
 NITTA—Mar. 31, a boy to the Susumu Nittas, Seattle.
 OKAZAKI—Apr. 3, a girl to the Raizo Okazakis, Seattle.
 TAKEUCHI—Feb. 27, a boy to the Takeo Takeuchis, Sacramento.
 TANIMOTO—Mar. 17, a boy Glen Rickey to the Muneysu Tanimotos, Gilroy.
 TSUJI—Mar. 9, a boy Philip Kiyoshi to the Theodore Takeshi Tsujis (Suzuko Sue Tanabe), Los Angeles.
 WADA—Mar. 4, a boy Victor to the Hisashi Z. Wadas (Yoshie Sakamoto), Los Angeles.
 YAMASAKI—Mar. 18, a boy to the Fred S. Yamasakis, San Francisco.
 YANAGIMACHI—Mar. 26, a boy to the Frank Yanagimachis, Seattle.

Engagements

KAMIGAWA-HIGASHI — Satako, Fresno, to Richard L. Chicago.
 OTANI-WELLER — Michiko, New York City, to David F. Buffalo, N.Y.
 SAKAKURA-OBATA — Emie to Shuichi, both of Los Angeles, Apr. 4.
 SHIGETOMI-FUJIOKA — Joan, Los Angeles, to Tsutomu, Montebello, Apr. 4.

Marriage Licenses Issued

ARASE-TAKAKI—Shingo, 25, and Noriko, 24, both of Los Angeles.
 FUJIMOTO-NAKASHOJI — Tsugio, 21, and Yoshiko, 21, both of Los Angeles.
 FUKAI-OKADA—Richard A., 20, Los Angeles and Kay K., 21, Fresno.
 HASHIMOTO-ITO — Hiroguchi, 29, Canoga Park, and Edna T., 26, Stockton.
 HAYASHI-YAMAMOTO—Frank Y., 29, and Yaye, 29, both of Los Angeles.
 ITO-NOMURA—Henry, 33, Los Angeles, and Anne H., 31, West Los Angeles.
 KATSURA-MAOKI—Te d Ishimaru, 28, Parlier, and Blanca Sadako, 23, Berkeley.
 KURATA-FURUKAWA — Shigeyuki, 28, and Elsie S., 28, both of Los Angeles.
 MAYEDA-UYEDA—Steve M., 36, Los Angeles, and Miyuki, 32, Gardena.
 MIYASHIRO-KUTAKA—Fred Y., 35, and Alice H., 29, both of Los Angeles.
 MORI-TSUTSUMOTO—Jun, 24, Los Angeles, and May, 26, Seattle.
 MORISHIGE-NAGAI—Katsumi, 33, Sacramento, and Kimie, 33, Lawndale.
 NISHIMATSU-FUNAKOSHI — William S., 23, and Emiko, 21, both of San Jose.
 NODA-ARIHARA—Arthur, 30, Los Angeles, and Mizuye, 26, Long Beach.
 OKADA-KUWAHARA — James M., 30, and Setsuko, 25, both of Los Angeles.
 OSHIRO-KANEMOTO — Masao, 29, and Jane F., 20, both of Los Angeles.
 OYA-KUNITAKE—Ken, 27, and Kimiye, 25, both of Los Angeles.

CALENDAR

Apr. 23 (Friday)
 PASADENA: Gen'l mtg., Cleveland auditorium, Washington between Lincoln and Forest Ave.; "Cancer and Cancer Research," Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita, spkr.
 Apr. 24 (Saturday)
 SEQUOIA: Benefit movies, Palo Alto aud., 7 p.m.
 EAST LOS ANGELES: Membership appreciation banquet, Swally's, 1331 S. Boyle Ave.
 SOUTHWEST L.A.: Shonien benefit dance with L.A. YBA, Senshin Buddhist Church.
 CHICAGO: Membership social, McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn.
 Apr. 25 (Sunday)
 FRENCH CAMP: Community picnic.
 Apr. 29 (Thursday)
 SAN MATEO: Gen'l mtg (place to be announced)
 May 1 (Saturday)
 PASADENA: Dinner-dance, Carpenter's at Santa Anita.
 May 2 (Sunday)
 LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Community picnic.
 May 8 (Saturday)
 DETROIT: Japanese movies.

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SAKABU-TERAKAWA — John M., 27, and Michiko, 26, both of Los Angeles.
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 SASAKI-YAMAGATA—Nobuo, 35, and Katherine T., 33, both of Glendale.
 SHIELD-HASEGAWA — Robert F., 37, Hollywood, and Fusae, 37, Honolulu.
 SHIGEMOTO-NISHIMURA — John M., 24, and Katherine M., 24, both of Los Angeles.
 SUMIDA-OKAMOTO—Roy Y., 30, and Linda H., 20, both of Los Angeles.
 UYEDA-HANDA—Herbert H., 25, and Dale Y., 21, both of Los Angeles.
 UYEDA-KUMAGAI—Charles M., 26, Campbell, and Lillian K., 22, San Jose.
 YOSHIDA-NAKAYAMA—Masao, 31, Watsonville, and Mae, 24, Cupertino.

Weddings

HAYASE-MATSUO—Mar. 6, Masashi Hayase, Washington, and Yoneko Matsu, Arlington, Va.
 ISHIGURO-UEDA—Apr. 4, Robert Masaaki Ishiguro, Los Angeles, and Kikuye Chryse Ueda, Pasadena.
 KIYONO-FUKUDA — Mar. 21, Charles Kiyono, Sacramento, and Midori Fukuda, Clovis.
 KONOSHIMA-YABE—Apr. 17, Isaku Konoshima and Rayko Yabe, both of New York.
 MAKINO-OKABAYASHI — Apr. 10, Ray Chiyoto Makino, Aberdeen, Md., and Chiyoko Okabayashi, Philadelphia.
 NII-FUJII—Apr. 3, Ted Nii and Mary Fujii, both of Dinuba.
 NINOMIYA-TAKAHASHI — Apr. 3, Joe Ninomiya, Bowles, and Sally Sadako Takahashi, Clovis at Fresno.
 NISHIDA-YAMAGUCHI — Apr. 4, John Yoshiharu Nishida, Reedley, and Kikuko Yamaguchi, Los Angeles.
 NISHIJIMA-HASHIGAMU—Apr. 1, Bill Norio Nishijima, Los Angeles, and Ayako Hashigamu, Campbell.
 OGAWA-NAMBA — Apr. 3, Hugo Ogawa, Sanger, and Lily Namba, Hood River, Wash.
 SASAKI-MORIHORO—Apr. 10, Susumu Sasaki, Reedley, and Joan Morihoro, Fresno.
 SHODA-TATEOKA—Apr. 2, Kayoshi Shoda and Mary Hatsuko Tateoka, both of Los Angeles.
 SUYAMA-KAWACHI—Mar. 21, Kazuo Suyama and Jean Kawachi, both of Seattle.
 TOMOOKA-YAMAUCHI — Mar. 20, Masayoshi Tomooks, Santa Maria, and Toshiko Yamauchi, Gardena.
 UMEKUBO-KARASAWA — Apr. 3, Robert S. Umekubo and Helen C. Karasawa, both of Los Angeles.

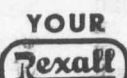
Deaths

HORIYE, Bunji, 72: Salt Lake City, Mar. 20.
 KAWAMOTO, Harry K., 49: Seattle, Mar. 31, survived by wife Kay, daughters Marjorie, Joanne, Carole, son Richard, mother Mrs. Yae Kawamoto (Tacoma), brothers Masao Bill, Takeo (Boise) and Sgt. Mitsuo (U.S. Army).
 KAZAMA, Mrs. Moto, 79: San Francisco, Apr. 7, survived by daughter Mrs. Mits Kimura.
 KUIDA, Keiichi, 63: Los Angeles, Apr. 6, survived by wife Kumae, sons Minoru, Shigeru, daughter Keiko.
 MUTO, Dick Ryojo, 38: Omaha, Feb. 24, survived by wife Tamiko.
 YAMATE, Sasato, 64: San Francisco, Apr. 1, survived by wife Kikuye, sons David, Herbert, Don Allen, daughters Aileen Midori, Mrs. Lorraine Sadako Kawamoto.
 NAGASAWA, Kinzo, 53: Salt Lake City, Mar. 26, survived by wife Saku, sons Iwao, Takashi, Sammy, Edward, daughters Yeiko and Kazuko.
 NAKAGAWA, Seitaro, 85: Fresno, Mar. 29, survived by four sons Kiyoshi, Manabu, Izumi, Isamu, two daughters Mrs. Aiko Fukunaga, Shizuye.



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An Escape to Paradise

(The writer, Mrs. Fred Mittwer in private life, is no newcomer to Nisei readers or to the Pacific Citizen. We welcome her aboard with her first contribution since the P.C. was established in Los Angeles some 19 months ago. She promises to continue in our 12-page editions coming out the first week each month—Editor.)

GREETINGS! Happy Easter, or what have you—Refreshed after a leave of absence, here we are again just as we promised Tats Kushida some time ago. And what a shock to dear editor Harry Honda. But it's about time we returned to harness after gallivanting around on a five-weeks vacation to the Hawaiian Islands and thereby escaping the flu-bugs during the winter months of December and January.

Returning home on Feb. 1, two subsequent months were spent on catching up on housework left in the dubious care of husband and two adolescent sons, and possibly recuperating from the rigors of the aloha-filled vacation. And what a time we had, my countrymen—the kind of golden daze which one remembers with a sigh.

We'd been told that MAY MIYAHARA of Pasadena, an old-time friend of ours, had enjoyed a similar vacation a season or so prior to ours and that she had returned home swearing that she had concluded some of the most wonderful days of her life. Well, we came home with similar sentiments.

VISIT TO PARADISE All we can say (and the Hawaiian Visitors Bureau will love us for this), is: *gad, what a place.* Scenically, the Islands were ten times more beautiful than we had ever imagined or anticipated. At times we had the uncomfortable feeling that in comparison, California had been vastly overrated. (Oh, how the local Chamber of Commerce will geev us *el beeg mean ojo* for such heresy, but—) Pasadena, Beverly Hills, and even Bel Air are as nothing but "peanuts" compared to the beauties of the Island Paradise.

We had been told by *kamaainas* that it was gorgeous but such superlatives, naturally, had fallen on adjective-jaded ears. Not till our eyes had beheld the clear smogless atmosphere, the brilliant colors flashing in the clear sunlight, and the lush beauty of the tropical flora and fauna, did we really appreciate the true meaning of such superlatives as: colossal, terrific, wonderful, and the hackneyed "out-of-this-world."

Exotic flowers, fantastic flowering-shrubs, and strange trees of endless varieties, balmy breezes laden with a thousand perfumes and the fresh apple-cider fragrance of the ocean, all conspired to turn the *malihini* (stranger) into an old-timer. We would gladly have turned native and never have returned but for obligations of home-hearth-and-fireside. It shore was Heaven while it lasted!

MALIHINI HALE The next best thing about the Islands was the *aloha* spirit of its friendly hospitable people. Everybody, from the highest to the lowest, from strangers and acquaintances to relatives and fellow "kotonk" friends, knocked themselves out to give the visiting *malihini* a real gone good time. The handsome, healthy, sun-bronzed inhabitants were a delight to see. Exotic faces everywhere. And also exotic, informal, highly colorful clothes and attire were to be seen at every step and glance.

Bronzed Jeff Chandlers on the beaches, very attractive Nisei girls in the shops, and striking native Hawaiians. The latter struck us as exceptionally handsome, regal-looking people. The Nisei lasses too impressed us as being exceptionally pretty, all of them, and they seemed more smiling, relaxed, and friendly than the Mainland variety. They are more informally natural and less poker-faced.

BEAUTY EVERYWHERE Despite the fact that building costs are almost three times as much as on the Mainland, everybody seems to be living in extremely ultra-modern homes. Public housing projects look like exclusive apartments or *ne-plus-ultra* real estate developments, and even humble shacks are set as such heavenly bower of natural beauty that poverty seems more bearable. A home for delinquent boys and ditto for young ladies look more like swanky country clubs than grim corrective institutions. The very modern, streamlined YMCA hotel appears just as impressive as any of the plush hotels lining Waikiki beach.

No doubt there is a slum section, with the usual poverty and hardship cases as in any large city, but at least such manifestations are not so painfully obvious and ugly as in some places here at home.

Also, the warm tropical rain, which nourishes the lush greenery and fragrant blooms, seldom lasts more than five minutes at most. (The longest we experienced during our stay was only a half-hour sprinkling). The winds are never cold. We got through the whole winter season of December-January without even a sweater, which was something unusual for us—the world's champion "*samu-gari*" (all time cold-cold gal).

The summeriest of our L.A. type clothes were not tropical enough for that gay, giddy, informally *deshabille* climate: perhaps a mite too humid to work in, but perfect for lolling and lazying around.

At any rate, we lazed aplenty. Who wouldn't after going vacationless for almost thirteen years. Not since Treasure Island 1940, had we leisured around in such style and fun as we did during this Hawaiian jaunt. So, from time to time, bear with us as we regale you with tales of our Hawaiian adventure. Aloha, Nui.

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EDITORIALS

House Should Pass

Action of the Senate in combining statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii — undoubtedly the only form acceptable—brings the goal of these two territories closer than ever before. Earlier, the House of Representatives passed statehood for Hawaii, but bottled up the Alaskan measure in their Rules committee.

Under normal procedure, the Senate bill should go to the House Rules Committee, where its fate almost certainly will be the burial treatment. Only by unanimous consent would force the issue into conference. And that is unlikely.

Defeat of this measure in the present session would mean the process must be started all over again later.

National polls have indicated that the American people favor increasing the Union to fifty states. It is time that the weight of public opinion was brought to bear on this long standing question.

H-Bomb Reactions

The dramatic and awesome hydrogen bomb pictures and films have shocked everyone. From Americans' viewpoint, it is interesting to note that the experiments by this country have also shocked the composure of parliaments which showed only passing interest in the Soviet test blast of August, 1953. It may be that the burns suffered by the Japanese fishermen or the U.S. revelations of its destructive power as compared with Russia's secrecy explain the expressions of outrage against the United States. Winston Churchill is the outstanding exception.

Catastrophe is feared in the Bikini experiments, but apparently the Russian blasts in Siberia, which the Japanese say occur frequently, raise no apprehension.

What makes our allies seem to mistrust Americans with custody of the hell-bomb, but overlook the Russians?

Two Alaskas

The proposal of the Alaskan governor to split the territory for sake of statehood deserves serious consideration. There are many precedents since colonial times. For instance: the original territory outside the 13 original states east of the Mississippi, the Nebraska Minnesota, Utah, Oregon territories which were larger than the states bearing the same name today.

From the Frying Pan . . .

New Mexico Live-Wire

by Bill Hosokawa

Albuquerque, N.M.

ONE LARGE reason for the Albuquerque JACL chapter being a live-wire outfit is the president, name of Ruth Hashimoto. She, no doubt, is the only woman ever to head two JACL chapters. Before the war she put in a term as president of the San Jose, Calif., chapter, and after she moved to Albuquerque some three years ago, it was only a matter of time until she was drafted for the top there.

Note the word "time" in the previous sentence. This is what Ruth does with hers: Holds down a fulltime job in an office at the hush-hush air force special weapons base in Albuquerque. Runs a household for her husband and three comely young daughters. Teaches a citizenship class for the benefit of local Issei. Serves as a one-woman public relations committee for Albuquerque area Issei and Nisei.

The last time the Albuquerque chapter threw a bingo party (for funds to send delegates to the national convention in Los Angeles), Nisei and other interested persons came in throngs from a wide area. Among them were a couple of carloads from Gallup, 140 miles west across the New Mexico desert.

GALLUP, OF COURSE, is the home of Medal of Honor winner Hershey Miyamura, and therein lies a tale. Since he came home from a Communist PW camp to fame and acclaim last fall, Hershey has been on the run almost constantly. He feels that he has an obligation as a Nisei, and to other Nisei, to accept every request for an appearance. He's weary of receptions, tired of being feted; he's never overcome an uneasiness that borders on fear when he's asked to speak before a group.

Yet, because he's an obliging fellow and because he doesn't want to offend anyone, he's

traveled the banquet circuit from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. and back to Seattle. Soon he'll be taking off for a series of appearances in Chicago.

Being a celebrity exacts a terrible toll on a man's time. Hershey has been so busy that he hasn't been able to do much toward carrying out his ambition of opening a drive-in restaurant in Gallup. And since a large part of the expenses for his travels have come out of his own pocket, Hershey's financial picture isn't improving either. He'd like nothing better than to settle down darn soon.

Seems to me we've all imposed far too much already on Hershey's good nature.

AN HOUR AND A half north of Albuquerque is ancient, quaint Santa Fe. Only fellow I know there is Al Rosenfeld, a writing type man who breaks into the big magazines quite frequently. Al is in the current Collier's with a story about an asthma hospital for kids. Carl Iwasaki, the Life magazine photog, took the pictures for Rosenfeld's story.

If you look far enough into this issue (April 16), you'll find it's quite a Nisei-Japanese number. In addition to Iwasaki, Bill Kajiyama is credited as assistant to Mason Weymouth who in turn is credited for a number of startling game fish pictures. And the cover story, about how algae can be grown and converted into food, quotes at length one Dr. Hiroshi Tamiya of Tokyo.

While visiting with Rosenfeld in Santa Fe I was surprised to learn he claims a kinship with the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and especially the 100th Battalion. Al says he was a member of an ack-ack battery that was attached to the 100th. He used to wander over to where the Nisei troops were bivouacked just to their company. "Happiest fellows I ever met," he recalls.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

'Poor Butterfly' Comeback

THERE PROBABLY is a hint of the public mood for those studying American attitudes and opinion in the fact that *Poor Butterfly*, a Tin Pan Alley contribution to the Madame Butterfly legend, is making a comeback after these many years.

Several recordings of the tune, originally introduced back in 1916 or thereabouts, are currently popular and the other night it turned up as an "Extra" on the Lucky Strike Hit Parade over the NBC-TV network. In the Hit Parade version a "Japanese" boy, slanted eyes and all, sang to a kimono-clad girl of love among the cherry blossoms.

About the same time that *Poor Butterfly* was a hit there were several other popular songs with Japanese themes, including *Japansy* in which a youth mooned about a Nipponese girl and crooned that there was never a violet true, that 'ere in a garden grew, that could compare with you, Japansy.

After the Jap-Baiters got started in California after 1921 and tension developed between nations, popular love songs about Japanese girls lost their popularity for more than two decades, although Puccini's *Cho-Cho-San* regularly lost her Lt. Pinkerton on the operatic stage. It was not until the U.S. occupation of Japan after the surrender on the Missouri that the GIs brought back *Shina No Yoru*, *Tokyo Boogie-Woogie* and more recently, *Gomen Nasai*. The song, *Shina No Yoru*, telling the story of a Japanese soldier's love for a Chinese girl, was banned for a time in Japan by the military as showing a degree of softness toward the enemy. Whatever the reason, it was revived in Japan after the war and the GIs brought it to America. It wound up as the theme song of an RKO film about Americans in the Korean war, in which Ann Blyth sang it to Robert Mitchum.

The popularity of a song often reflects national attitudes. There are no tunes from the hack shops of Tin Pan Alley these days about love under the Kremlin wall or the Great Wall of China. In fact, it was fear of some sort of public reaction which was given, back in 1951, as the reason why the producers of the Broadway musical *Marco Polo*, called off the production after the Chinese entered the Korean war, although it already was in rehearsal with Shirley Yamaguchi in the leading distaff role. The producers' fears, though unfounded, mirrored similar apprehension on the part of Chinese Americans who openly feared reprisals which also proved unfounded.

Japanese themes no longer worry Broadway producers, and a musical production of James Michener's *Book-of-the-Month* club novel, *Sayonara*, is planned with Irving Berlin's lyrics. Recently the first Japanese Kabuki troupe to tour the United States was booked for four weeks at New York's Century theater and proved so popular that it was held over for an extra week and could have stayed

longer. The Azuma Kabuki, which came to the United States with a guarantee of only \$3,000 weekly, drew more than \$100,000 in five weeks in New York. The Kabuki company also made a memorable appearance on CBS' Omnibus TV show where it was seen by millions.

An album-full of numbers by the Azuma Kazuki company was taped by Columbia records in New York for the longhair trade and is expected to be on the market soon. The album will be the first of Japanese music since the Japanese Folk Songs which Decca recorded and released in 1940 as played by Yoichi Hiraoka, the world's outstanding concert xylophonist. Hiraoka, a staff artist for 10 years on NBC, is now in Japan. His last American appearance was a concert in Los Angeles two years ago.

MICHIKO ISERI rated "star billing" for her appearance recently in the special Rodgers and Hammerstein extravaganza which was staged over all four TV networks. She appeared in a song and dance sequence from *King and I* in a scene with Patricia Morrison who now creates the role of the English schoolteacher which was originated by the late Gertrude Lawrence . . . Kinuko Ito, "Miss Japan" of 1953, appears briefly in Universal-International's current film, *Yankee Pasha* . . . Rollin Moriyama, one of Hollywood's veterans, plays a North Korean officer in MGM's *Prisoner of War*. He is also seen briefly in the Cinemascope *Hell and High Water* . . . The Japanese have been trying to repeat with another film ever since *Rashomon* won the Venice International award. The Nipponese recently showed three pictures at the Cannes festival, *Gates of Hell*, *Love Letter* and *Female Destiny*. The first-named was the Festival winner . . . Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga, one of the leading players in MGM's *Go for Broke!*, is back in films after a brief foray into politics, in United Artists' Tony Curtis film, *Beachhead*. He and Dan Aoki play Japanese sailors.

Message of Courage

There are those who view Christianity as a means of escape from the labor, the burden bearing, the human failure and the penitence, which are a part of daily living. But Christianity is deeper and more realistic than that—courage unselfishness, sacrifice are Christian virtues. Easter does not give us exemption from the need of such. Rather, Easter tells us that the battle is worthwhile and assures us of the power to live victoriously.

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DECADE AGO

Apr. 15, 1944

Ickes denounces West Coast hate-mongers; urges understanding, tolerance for Japanese American problems. Promises WRA will not be stamped into "undemocratic, bestial, inhuman action" demanded by professional race-mongers.

Six Nisei GIs found guilty of "wilful disobedience" of orders from superior officers at Ft. McClellan courts-martial; must serve from 5 to 30 years at hard labor.

Amendment on bill concerning salaries of staff physicians at Missouri State Sanatorium blocked by state legislature; would have barred employment of Nisei doctor (Fred Fujikawa of Los Angeles).

San Jose-born Nisei sergeant (Tom Sakamoto) cited for action in battle for Los Negros Island (Admiralty group); first Japanese American to be mentioned in press for participation in this particular Pacific campaign.

WRA rules government to ship household, business, farming equipment for evacuees to push relocation program.

California attorney general initiates legal action to force escheatment of evacuee-owned farm lands; indicate property of "loyal" group will be excepted.

Dr. William N. Takahashi, plant pathologist, awarded one of 60 Guggenheim Fellowships to study mechanism of virus reproduction.

MINORITY

Catholic archbishop of San Antonio, Most Rev. Lucey, issued a letter prohibiting segregation in parochial schools. It was believed to be the first such move south of St. Louis.

Because of its "derogatory and stereotyped" characterizations, the NAACP urged the British Broadcasting Corporation to reconsider its purchase of the "Amos 'n' Andy" films for TV programs. The NAACP has consistently opposed this show.

The Justice Department was alerted to the controversy of racial discrimination in public housing on two projects in Las Vegas, Nev.

"How Washington's Color Line Looks to Me," by Walter White, civil rights expert, appears in the Apr. 3 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. The nation's capital had made admirable progress in ridding itself of race prejudice within the past decade, but it still has "many ludicrous contradictions" in race practices.