



TWO SEATTLE NISEI BUYERS REFUSED HOMES

Seattle

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith last week protested what it charged was discrimination against Japanese Americans in the sale of housing at Eastgate, a development on the Sunset Highway about 5 miles from Seattle.

The protest was made by letter to Bell and Valdez Builders of Bellevue, developer of the project.

Officials of Bell and Valdez could not be reached for comment.

Two ex-GIs Refused

Leonard Schroeter, state director of the league, cited in the letter two cases of Nisei refused the right to purchase homes in the development, both World War II veterans of the famed all-Nisei 442nd Infantry Regiment.

One, he said, is Paul Akana, a community social service worker and former professor of social work at Indiana University.

Schroeter said Akana's earnest money was accepted and then returned.

Couple Refused

The second case was of a couple, both life-long residents of Seattle, who were turned down as prospective purchasers of an Eastgate home in his presence on Memorial Day, Schroeter said.

Schroeter asked for a meeting with representatives of the company to discuss the situation.

Hanford-born musician wins composition prize

Cleveland

A former inmate of an internment camp won \$1,500 for writing an elegy for orchestra in a national student music competition.

Higo H. Harada, 26, student of Carcel Dick and Ward Lewis at the Institute of Music, won second prize in the composition contest sponsored by Broadcast Music Inc. of New York.

Born in Hanford, Calif., the Harada family was rounded up after Pearl Harbor and spent four years in camps at Butte, Mont., and Crystal City, Tex. The Haradas moved here in 1947. Higo and his mother, Kei, live at 1779 Crawford Rd.

The talented musician can play cello, piano, trumpet, oboe "and other instruments slightly." He is studying for his master's degree and plans to use his prize money to advance his musical cause.

Issei citizens attend voters' information night

San Francisco

On the eve of California's direct primaries last Monday, over 100 new Issei citizens attended a voter's information program at the Reformed Church here.

S. Hideshima was meeting chairman. Yukio Kumamoto explained the voting procedure used in San Francisco and also described the major issues on the ballot.

The new citizens were served refreshments by the San Francisco JACL chapter. Assisting were:

Lucy Adachi, Hatsuo and Amy Aizawa, Joyce Enomoto, Sumi Honami, Kei Hori, Fred Obayashi, Kaye Uyeda, Haruo Ishimaru.

'Mme. Butterfly'

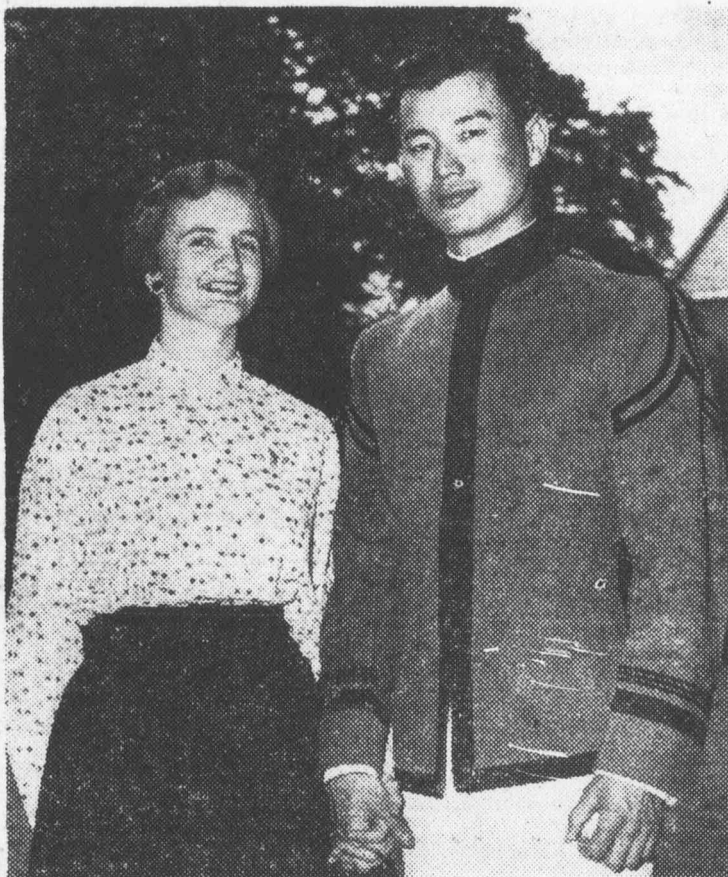
Culver City

Joe Pasternak, MGM, movie producer, is planning an October trip to Japan to scout locations for "Mme. Butterfly."

Charge California officials slow to aid refugee



Julia Sugita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sugita of Pasadena, is the second candidate to be entered in the JACL National Convention queen contest. The 18-year-old student of Pasadena City College is majoring in medical stenography. She is 5 ft. 5 in. tall, weighs 117 lbs. Last year she was on the WAA "B" basketball all-star team and is vice-president of the Pasadena Chaldeans. —Roy Hoshizaki Photo.



Second Lt. Glenn K. Matsumoto of Bakersfield, Calif., was graduated from West Point this week, and married six hours later to the former Miss Eva M. Loebarth of Brooklyn. —Army Photo.

2nd Nisei commissioned at Point

West Point, N.Y.

Glenn Kenge Matsumoto became the second Nisei to be graduated from the celebrated United States Military Academy here at West Point.

First Lt. George Shibata of Garland, U., now overseas as a jet pilot, was the first Nisei to receive an appointment to the Army officer school. He received his appointment through the late Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah at the request of the Japanese American Citizens League in order that the Academy would be open to Japanese Americans.

Second Lt. Matsumoto received his Bachelor of Science

degree and commission last Tuesday, six hours later was married to Miss Eva M. Loebarth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Loebarth of Brooklyn. She was graduated from the Fordham University School of Business this week.

Sergeant in CIC

Prior to his entry at the Academy, Glen served three years in the Army, two of them as a sergeant in counter-intelligence corps in Japan. He is a graduate of Adams City (Colo.) High School and attended Univ. of Denver one year on a scholarship. Lt. Matsumoto chose anti-aircraft artillery as his branch of service.

Washington

Upon his return from the west coast, Mike Masaoka conferred with State Department officials charged with the administration of the Refugee Relief Act regarding the problems presented him while in California.

While on the west coast, he had discussed the operations of the Refugee Relief Act with interested individuals and organizations, including the Consul-General of Japan in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In his conference with Department officials, the Nisei lobbyist stressed the difficulties that individual citizens were encountering in securing certifications for available housing and employment and urged that the federal government call upon state employment offices to be more cooperative in carrying out congressional intent.

3,000 Refugees Allowed

The Refugee Relief Act provides for the entry of some 3,000 refugees from Asia, including Japan, outside the regular quotas.

The law provides that applicants in Japan, for example, must register with their nearest American consular officers. Applicants must qualify as refugees.

In the United States, their sponsors must provide written assurances from citizens regard-

ing housing, employment and against becoming public charges. Assurances for housing and employment must be certified by state employment offices.

California Reluctant

Masaoka declared that California state officials have been most reluctant to certify these assurances, insisting upon technicalities that make it virtually impossible to receive a certification.

During the conference, it was disclosed that government officials hoped to develop a workable arrangement with the state authorities.

At the same time, it was revealed that there is a special Refugee Relief Act team operating in Japan but only with orphans scheduled for admission into the United States under the provisions of the 1953 law. It is expected that special teams to process adult applicants will be sent to Japan as soon as there are sufficient assurances to warrant such action.

At the present time, only a handful of assurances for applicants in Japan have been processed in Washington.

Masaoka is assisting in the expeditious Washington processing of a number of assurances from west coast citizens who desire to speed the entry of refugee friends and prospective employees from Japan.

HOUSE OKs SOCIAL SECURITY BILL, AIDS JAPANESE DOMESTICS

Washington

Proposals to include most Japanese domestic workers in social security were included in the bill passed by the House of Representatives, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The JACL-endorsed provisions included in the House bill would change existing social security requirements for domestic workers and enable most Japanese "day workers" to be included in the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program.

Coverage qualifications for all domestic workers would be combined in a single test of \$50 or more cash wages received in any calendar quarter from a single employer. A calendar quarter is a three-month period beginning January, April, July or October.

Aid Japanese Domestic

Since most Japanese domestic and "day workers" receive over \$50 from each of their employers in a calendar quarter, these new provisions would enable them to enjoy social security benefits as do other workers in business firms, the Washington JACL office explained.

Existing law now requires that domestic workers report for work to each employer for at least 24 days in a calendar quarter and receive at least \$50 in cash wages from that employer. Japanese day workers who work for each employer only once a week or once every two weeks are unable to meet the present requirements.

The new proposals would enable almost all of these "day workers" to qualify for social security coverage if they regularly earn \$16.67 or more a month from an employer. Two or three days work in a month for an employer would be sufficient in most instances.

Self-Employed Farmers

Other coverage provisions of the House bill to amend the Social Security Act include self-employed farm operators, professional self-employed persons now excluded, certain Federal,

state and local government workers, farm workers under certain conditions, American citizens employed abroad under certain conditions, home workers under certain conditions and certain fishermen would be brought into the government insurance program.

Changes in the present benefit formula, general increases in present and future benefits and earning limitations are included in the measure.

Detailed JACL studies are now being conducted on the 122-page Social Security Bill and 99-page accompanying House Report regarding limitations on benefit payments to persons residing abroad. The study will consider the aspects of the proposed law as it would affect persons now in Japan and those who may go to Japan in the future.

Additional attention is also directed towards all provisions of the bill which might affect present or future benefits to Issei and Nisei in the United States or abroad, including sections regarding termination of social security benefits to persons illegally in the United States.

House Ways and Means Committee staff technicians informed the Washington JACL office that illegal Mexican "wet-back" immigrants were considered in the sections dealing with illegal immigrants.

Denver prep graduates

Denver

Manual High School with its 20 Nisei seniors leads in the number of Japanese American students being graduated this week from the public high schools. Out of 2,518 seniors, 32 are Nisei.

Seattle

A total of 3,076 seniors will be graduated during the coming week from the Seattle public high schools. Forty Japanese American students are included, 29 of them from Garfield High School.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

President's Legislative Program . . .

With the current congressional session at the two-thirds mark, Capitol Hill observers predict that the President will get about half of the ambitious legislative program he outlined for the Congress last January.

This is considerably more than the Democrats were willing to concede only a few weeks ago but still considerably less than some Republican leaders were claiming at the beginning of the session.

Thus far, the President has gotten or is likely to get a good part of what he wants in the fields of taxation, social security, housing, highway and hospital construction, and foreign policy.

Apparently dead for the session are his requests for revising the Taft-Hartley labor law and the vote for 18-year olds. He is also not likely to receive all he asked for in the way of tariff-cutting powers, farm legislation, postal rate increases, antisubversion statutes, and health insurance.

Adjournment Rush Threatens Program . . .

Some highly controversial measures almost certainly will fall by the wayside in the traditional adjournment rush. With every seat in the House and a third of the Senate seats up for election this November, GOP leaders are bending every effort to wind up Congress by the end of July in order that members can return home* to campaign for re-election.

At the same time, congressional leaders on both sides are mindful of the President's declarations that his Administration should "stand or fall" on its record, including its legislative history.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas estimates that the lawmakers cannot finish up their work before Aug. 15 at the earliest. He declared last week that certain of the Administration's measures, such as the \$1,397,000,000 tax reform bill, will require extended debate.

Appropriations Roadblock Not Anticipated . . .

Customarily, the various money or appropriations bills foul up early adjournment plans. But this year for a change Congress is pretty well up on money bills. The House, which under the Constitution initiates these measures, is well ahead of schedule. It has acted upon all regular fiscal year appropriations except those for the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare, the District of Columbia, and foreign aid.

Of these, only foreign aid is of controversial nature. The House Foreign Affairs Committee has not approved legislation authorizing additional foreign spending. Congressional leaders are holding back on this measure so that it may reflect the latest developments in Indo-China, the European Army, and other elements of the ever-changing world picture.

Among other things, foreign aid is expected to cause sharp debate over East-West trade in the Senate where Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and others are expected to lead a fight to deny funds to those who trade with Communist China.

Senate Picks Up Steam . . .

Apart from foreign aid, in spite of the McCarthy-Army hearings, the Senate is beginning to roll out its appropriations bills. Chances are much better than in most recent years that most, if not all, of the money bills will be sent to the White House by or soon after July 1, when the 1955 fiscal year begins.

Under Majority Leader William Knowland's direction, the Senate is also moving to clear its docket as rapidly as possible in order to avoid the usual "last days" chaos before final adjournment.

In any case, according to the political pundits, the President's legislative boxscore at the end of the session will look something like this:

Taxes . . .

Cuts of nearly a billion dollars in excise taxes, more than the President wanted, already law; continuation of the present 52 per cent corporation tax rate and existing taxes on liquor, tobacco, autos and gasoline, approved by the House and likely to win Senate endorsement; and \$1,397,000,000 in tax "reforms" facing a fight in the Senate where Democrats want to increase individual exemptions.

Foreign Relations, Defense . . .

Ratification completed of a mutual assistance pact with Korea; some form of foreign aid to be continued, including major help for the French in Indo-China, still awaiting initial action in both Houses.

A reduced defense budget, unless an international emergency arises, passed by the House and pending in the Senate; approval of stepped-up funds for hydrogen and atomic construction, passed by both Houses and now in Conference to compromise differences, and approval of the long-delayed St. Lawrence River Seaway, signed recently into law.

Domestic Items . . .

An Administration housing bill to ease mortgage requirements and help builders, passed by both Houses and awaiting Conference to adjust differences; funds for expanded road building, now law; expanded hospital building, approved by House and pending in Senate; expansion of coverage under Social Security, passed by House and pending in Senate; establishment of a new federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, now law; enactment of a bill permitting importation of Mexican farm labor; and a wool growers' subsidy bill, passed by Senate and pending in House.

Doubtful and Dead Issues . . .

Presidential requests which are dead or in doubt include Taft-Hartley revisions, apparently dead; "flexible farm supports," not likely—Congress will probably continue present rigid 90 per cent supports for another year; higher postal rates, not likely in an election year; tariff cuts, not a chance—Congress will probably continue present reciprocal trade law another year; health insurance, doubtful; 18-year old vote, dead; statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, doubtful; wire tapping evidence to be used in court cases involving subversion, doubtful; stiff anti-Communist measures, doubtful; increase in debt limit, passed by House last year but facing a stiff Senate fight unless international situation worsens.

IN HONOR OF

Dickie Matsuishi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Matsuishi of Oasis, was elected student-body president of Coachella Valley Union High School. He is the first Sansei to be selected.

Richard Arakawa of Reedley received a \$300 scholarship from the Univ. of California alumni.

Kaizu Kubo of Reedley, senior at Pomona College, has been awarded the Bracken Fellowship for study at Claremont Graduate School.

Kay Nakamaye, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakamaye, 238 Colfax Ave., Salt Lake City, was honored as "Boy of the Month" by the Salt Lake Optimists. Award is made on basis of leadership and citizenship qualities displayed during their school year.

Harold Shigetaka Harada, UCLA graduate from Riverside, Calif., is believed to be the first Nisei to be elected into the Delta Sigma Delta, national dental honorary fraternity. A student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco, he is the brother-in-law of Saburo Kido.

Chizuko Takasago, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Takasago, Los Angeles, was awarded a four-year \$2,500 scholarship to the Univ. of Southern California. The attractive Manual Arts High School senior is the sister of Tazuko, recent regional winner of Science Fair, who won a trip to Purdue University.

Marjorie Okano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Okano, Rock Springs, was tapped by the Spurs, sophomore women's honorary at the Univ. of Wyoming.

Lily A. Shimamoto, 16, daughter of a naturalized Issei citizen and Nisei mother, was the first valedictorian of Oriental ancestry in the 33-year history of Memorial High School, West New York, N.J. She had the highest scholastic average of 93.6 in a class of 124, plans to study pre-med or psychology in the fall. Her father, George Shimamoto, formerly of San Francisco, is believed to be the only person of Japanese ancestry to hold New York state licenses as a professional engineer and as registered architect.

Final resting place of Comm. Perry determined by N.Y. Times writer

New York

The final resting place of Comm. Matthew C. Perry, who opened Japan to the West a hundred years ago, was finally determined by Meyer Berger, special writer for the New York Times.

Two gravestones had hitherto marked the final resting place of the commodore, one in the churchyard at St. Marks-in-the-Bouwerie, the other at Island Cemetery at Newport, R.I.

A search of the New York tomb disclosed the fact that the commodore's body was not there. The Health Department dug out an order dated Mar. 21, 1866, for transfer of the body from New York to Newport.

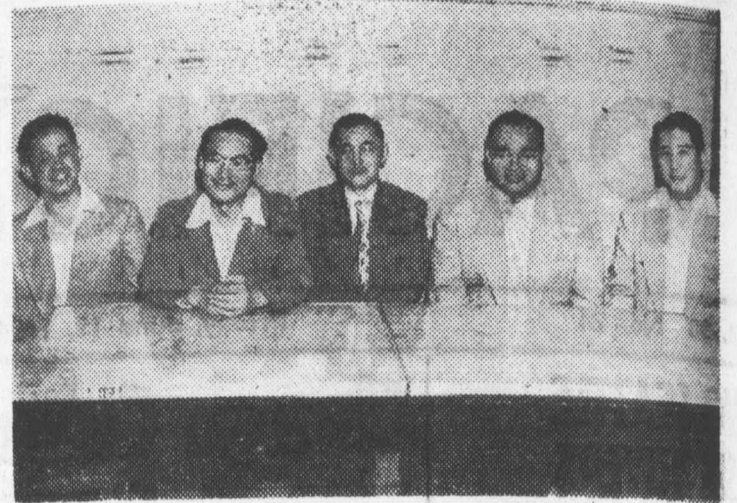
Reservations for McCarran-Walter banquet being accepted

Washington

Advance reservations for the Second Anniversary Banquet of the McCarran-Walter Act, to be held Sunday evening, June 27, at the Sheraton Park Hotel, are now being accepted, Harold Horiuchi, chairman announced.

The banquet, sponsored by the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, commemorates the second anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and honors the newly naturalized Issei citizens in the Washington area.

Because both Senate and House sponsors of the legislation that mean so much to all per-



On his first trip of the United States since the war, JACLers renewed acquaintances with Tamotsu Murayama (second from left), P.C. columnist, who will spend six weeks training on scout leadership in New Jersey. Others in the photo are (left to right) Harry Honda, Saburo Kido, George Inagaki and Tats Kushida.

—Bob Kishita photo.

Murayama revisiting America

Los Angeles

Enjoying a brief stay here was Tamotsu Murayama, city editor of the Nippon Times and PC columnist, who is enroute to New York on a \$1,500 grant from the Boy Scouts of America to train for six weeks in scouting leadership.

("Tokyo Topics", a regular PC feature relating human interest stories about Nisei in Japan, will be resumed next week. He expects to comment on how the United States strikes him after a 16-year absence.—Editor.)

Murayama, recently deputy chief to the Japanese Boy Scouts attending the Filipino scout jamboree, told local scouting officials and friends that scouting in Japan is most fundamental.

"It must reteach the youth of

Japan a tradition wiped out by the war and postwar years—that of love of family," he declared. The scouting program, he believes, is the best counterpart to the hold being sought by Japanese Communists, especially school teachers who are in Red-controlled unions.

Of his brief travels on the west coast from Seattle down to Los Angeles, he pleasantly regarded the fact that not once did he overhear or hear the term "Jap."

While in San Francisco this past weekend, he stayed with his mother, Mrs. Namiye Murayama, and sister at 1727 Lyon St. He was in Salt Lake City as guests of the Henry Kasais this weekend before reporting for training June 15.

Very Truly Yours by Harry Honda On fighting communism

Gen. Carlos Romulo, personal envoy of the president of the Philippines in the United States, spoke on "How to Fight Communism in Asia" last week before graduates of Seattle University . . . What Gen. Romulo had to say is interesting in the light of stories from our Tokyo colleague, Tamotsu Murayama, who has been reporting on the heartening aspects of Filipino-Japanese goodwill among the people . . . Gen. Romulo described the situation in Asia at present as critical and said that "though we are racing toward catastrophe, there is still time to do some hard thinking and intelligent planning" . . . "The most dynamic single fact of our time is the awakening of Asia." Asia is no longer mysterious, resigned or meek, he warned . . . The Asian peoples will no longer tolerate the "shackles of colonialism." They want status of equal partnership with other nations.

Many of its problems will not yield to pat and easy solutions. Romulo declared Asians want to know if it is to be saved from communism,

for what is it being saved . . . "It is not wholly certain that it is meant to save Asia in the interest of its own people . . . The Asian peoples are fired with an aspiration to human dignity and an economic well-being which can no longer be held in abeyance . . . The Asian peoples will not fight for the vague concept of a 'free world'; they will fight on the side of the free world only if they have a stake in freedom, being themselves free."

This sudden awakening of the populace in Asia has been attributed to the American G.I. . . . Products of Yankee industry were employed in wasteful quantities. After all, in war everything was expendable . . . Natives, still in unmechanized agricultural economies, couldn't help but notice. And human nature being what it is, the sort of 20th century life in the United States is easy to take . . . The market of Asia, with four-fifths of the world population there, is now readied. And with this cry of Yankee-style goods is this personal status of political freedom Gen. Romulo of which he spoke.

Ruth Miskel, secretary to Congressman Walter, have also accepted invitations to attend the June 27 banquet.

Ambassador of Japan Sadao Iguchi and, recently appointed Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Joseph M. Swing are also expected to attend the gala event.

Since the hotel has limited accommodations, Horiuchi urged those planning to attend to make reservations immediately. Those in the Washington area may telephone Dr. George Furukawa, at EMerson 3-6029 for reservations while other in the eastern district may write him at 3429 Yuma St., N.W. Washington, D.C.

'Tempus fugit'-JACL Convention Three Months Off

Honolulu Newsletter

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LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Are Okinawans U.S. Nationals?

Two Nisei attorneys made the news, each in his own way, last week. Shiro Kashiwa did it in the courtroom; Norito Kawakami, by going into government service.

Kashiwa, one of the older, established Nisei lawyers of Honolulu, raised the novel point in Federal court here that Okinawans are U.S. nationals, not aliens.

If he wins this point, he can win the case for his client, an Okinawa-born resident in Hawaii named Ushi Shiroma.

Shiroma is charged with failure to register as an alien with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. He has pleaded not guilty.

Kashiwa contends that because Shiroma is an Okinawan, he is also a national of the U.S. by virtue of the peace treaty with Japan in 1951 and, as a national, he is not required to register.

Under the treaty, says Kashiwa, the U.S. has jurisdiction over Okinawa, formerly held by Japan.

The case has been set for a non-jury trial on June 28.

Shiroma is 57 years of age, a farmer who speaks no English and only basic Japanese. His case has news interest also from the fact that he is a member of the Hissho Kai, a group of elderly Japanese in Hawaii who believe Japan won the war.

The Hissho Kai received unwelcome publicity recently when another member also failed to register as an alien. This member asserted that since Japan had won the war, there was no necessity for him to register.

He was found guilty, given a suspended sentence and ordered to quit the organization.

Law degree for 41-year-old Nisei

Norito Kawakami was appointed a deputy attorney general of the Territorial government last week. He received his law degree only last year from the University of Colorado Law School.

But, at 42, he is already well known in political circles. He served one term as a Republican representative in the Legislature from Kauai, where he was born.

A fluent speaker, he made a favorable impression during his term from 1949-51. The legislative experience stimulated him into deciding on a legal career.

He left his earlier calling as an agriculturist and, with his family, went to Colorado to study law. After his return to the islands last year, he went into private practice.

He is being urged to run for elective office this fall, but the chances are he will stay on the sidelines until some future election, after he has established himself as an attorney.

A World War II veteran, he served in military intelligence with the U.S. Air Force in Australia and with the Australian army in Indonesia.

He was a county agent with the Univ. of Hawaii agricultural extension service after his graduation from the local university in 1933.



Miss Miyeko Kosobayashi of Washington, D.C., sister of World War II veteran Tom Kosobayashi, places JACL wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery. Wreath placed by President Eisenhower during the same ceremonies is in the foreground.

JACL participates in traditional commemorative Memorial Day services

Washington
Honoring American soldier dead during Memorial Day services, the Arlington National Cemetery Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League participated in the traditional commemorative services with President Eisenhower and 50 other patriotic and veterans organizations.

Placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Chief Executive initiated the Memorial Day rites at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Following the eulogy by Secretary of Navy Charles Thomas, a JACL floral wreath was placed beside the presidential wreath by Miss Miyeko Kosobayashi.

Veteran's Sister

Miss Kosobayashi is the sister of Tom Kosobayashi, veteran with three years service in the Pacific during World War II and sister-in-law of 442nd veteran Kenneth Nishimura, recently named commander of the California Golden Poppy Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Accompanying Miss Kosobayashi in the Memorial Day rites was John Katsu, Washington JACL Chapter president and a veteran with military service in Germany. An American Legion Honor Guard escorted the JACL representatives during the wreath presentation.

Earlier in the day, individual floral tributes were placed beside the white marble grave shrines of the 20 Nisei soldier dead in the Cemetery. Local JA-

CL members and friends participated with the JACL National Arlington Cemetery Committee in this seventh annual Memorial Day Service.

Traditional Tributes

Committee chairman, Ira Shimasaki, himself a veteran of World War II and JACL Eastern District Council chairman, said, "Realizing that few families of the 20 Nisei war dead buried here are unable to visit the gravesites of their loved ones, these JACL services for them at Arlington have become traditional as a tribute to all Nisei heroes who died in the military services of our country."

The individual services were conducted for:

Pfc. Fumitake Nagato, Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi, Pfc. John M. Nakamura, Pfc. Kiyoshi Murakami, Pvt. Raito Nakashima, Pfc. Victor K. Hada, Pfc. Shichizo Toyota, Pvt. Hiroshi Nagano, Pfc. John Tanaka, Cpl. Jimmie T. Kokubu, Pfc. Roy T. Morihiro, T/Sgt. Jimmie T. Shimizu, Pfc. Lloyd Mitsuru Onoye, Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka, Pvt. Stanley Takashi Oba, Pvt. Roy R. Shiozawa, T/4 George T. Yamaguchi, Pfc. Tamotsu Thomas Kuge, Sgt. Haruo Ishida and Sgt. Wataru Nakashima.

"Photographs of the individual JACL services for these honored dead will be mailed to next of kin," announced Shimasaki.

A-bomb radiation on unborn told

Los Angeles

Frightening implications of the A-bomb and the unborn were detailed in the American Journal of Diseases of Children by three Los Angeles doctors.

Drs. James N. Yamazaki, Stanley W. Wright and Phyllis Wright studied pregnant women exposed to radiation from the atomic bomb explosion over Nagasaki in 1945.

A survey of 30 pregnant women disclosed:

Three miscarriages, four stillbirths, three babies who died within the first month of life, three who died within the first year of life and one who died at 2½ years. Four of the surviving 16 were mentally retarded.

Concluded the investigators: "The evidence strongly suggests, however, that radiation either directly to the fetus or indirectly as a result of its effect on the maternal issues, was of considerable importance in determining the outcome of these pregnancies."

The authors of the report are faculty members of the UCLA School of Medicine and are associated with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, Hiroshima.

Iowa doctor honored with high Masonic post

Webster City, Iowa

Dr. Sam I. Kuramoto was elected president of the local High Twelve club for the coming year. The organization is devoted to service and composed of professional and businessmen of the Masonic order.

As osteopathic physician and surgeon, Dr. Kuramoto and his wife have resided in Webster City for 10 years and the only persons of Japanese ancestry in this community of 8,000.

Dr. Kuramoto is also a member of the Kiwanis, deacon of the church and JACLer of the Twin Cities UCL.

Ex-Sen. McFarland in bid for Arizona governorship

Florence, Ariz.

Former Sen. Ernest McFarland (D., Ariz.) last week announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor. He is the second candidate to enter the Democratic primary race. Election day is Sept. 7.

Held for stabbing

Visalia

Dick Murokita, 14, who admitted stabbing 17-year-old Patsy Inn, has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon. A June 29 hearing has been set. Meanwhile, he is being held in juvenile detention hall.

Alien Japanese population in Hawaii dwindling—by death or naturalization

Honolulu

Like burning a candle from both ends, the alien Japanese population of the Territory which totalled 30,380—16,021 males and 14,359 females—at the time the 1950 decennial census was taken is dwindling fast—by natural death on account of old age and by naturalization.

On Oahu alone, it is estimated that some 101 alien Japanese died during the period from Jan. 1 of this year to Apr. 6—a period of 96 days—or an average of one a day.

Up to the 1950 decennial census, some 463 Japanese aliens were naturalized—280 males and 183 females—throughout the Territory. Since the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality act took effect on Dec. 24, 1952, however, the naturalization of alien Japanese in the islands has been accelerated.

On Oahu alone, during the 15-month period from Jan. 16, 1953, to Apr. 6 of this year, 1,859 alien petitioners have been granted U.S. citizenship. Of these 1,859 new citizens on Oahu, 766 or about 41.2 percent are of Japanese ancestry.

Nisei and Sansei births on

Oahu alone during the period from Jan. 1 to Apr. 6 of this year—a period of 96 days—totalled 709 or an average of better than seven a day. In the close American-Japanese stork derby, sons are leading daughters by the narrow margin of 358 to 351.

Deaths among the Oahu residents of Japanese descent for the same period totalled 159 or less than an average of two a day—58 citizens and 101 alien Japanese. The natural increase of the American-Japanese population on Oahu for the 96-day period is, therefore, estimated at 651 or a little less than seven a day.

Women of Japanese descent on Oahu are outliving the men. Of the 159 deaths for the 96-day period, 106 were males and 53 were females—a ratio of two to one.

Marriages among persons of Japanese ancestry, not counting mixed or out-marriages, totalled 227 or an average of about five marriages every two days. Mixed marriages among the Nisei and Sansei totalled 82—the brides outnumbering the grooms 57 to 25—or a ratio of better than two to one.

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Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada Golfer killed in accident

Harry Hisatomi Sakamoto, on his way home from a Memorial Day golf game in McHenry (Chicago suburbs), was one of 36 holiday traffic deaths in Illinois. Driving alone at the time of the accident, his and a car driven by Mrs. Irene Michel collided at Dundee and Pfingsten Rds., Northfield township. Sakamoto was one of the lowest handicapped members of Midwest Golf Association.

Souvenir Booklet . . .

Chicago JACLers are urged to contact this writer, 6128 S. University Ave., for personal greetings to be placed in the 13th biennial National JACL convention souvenir booklet. Greetings are being accepted at \$3 and up . . . BETTY IWATSUKI is in charge of Operation Ichidoru.

Around Windy City . . .

It should be a "must" for Chicagoans on June 18, when STUDS TERKEL, well-known radio & TV personality, makes his debut among a Nisei audience with a talk and demonstration of "Jazz and Folk Music in Chicago." He brings his valuable record collection to the JACL monthly meeting, starting at 8 p.m. at 116 S. Michigan Ave. . . His keen appreciation of people, a down-to-earth approach and informal "Chicago" style are reflected in his many radio and TV shows, Stud's Place, Stud's Warehouse, Wax Museum, Jazz Classics, Musical Almanac, and I Come for to Sing . . . A Univ. of Chicago law graduate, he is a jack-of-all-trade in the broadcasting business having been a sportscaster, writer, actor, producer, moderator, news columnist, music critic and now disc jockey. His knowledge of music from the classics to jazz is outstanding, but his favorite is New Orleans Dixieland and folk-song music.

ELMER SHIREL, former WRA head here during relocation days and Curtis Candy Co. vee, is new chairman of the Council Against Discrimination.

The Rev. GEORGE AKI of Christ Congregational Church is now in residence at 701 Buckingham Pl.

Art works of ATSUSHI KIKUCHI were on display at the seventh annual Art Fair on 57th St., between Kenwood and Kimbark over the past weekend . . .

Weekend at lake set for Chicagoans

A \$5 deposit with the Midwest Regional Office now will assure the 4th of July weekend a place to sleep plus three meals at Lake Geneva, Wis.

Jean Shimasaki, Chicago chapter social chairman, announced a contract was signed guaranteeing 61 persons for the July 4-5 outing at George Williams College Camp. Activities being planned include a July 4 social chaired by Bill Fujii, assisted by:

Helen Mayeda, Chiye Tomihiro, Fred Tanaka.

There will be Sunday morning golf, swimming and boating.

Assisting Miss Shimasaki are: Fumiko Iwatsuki, Yoshi Nishimoto and Tomoye Tada, reservations; Harry Mizuno, pub.; Smoky Sakurada, arr.

Rates are:
Tent cottages (2 per room), \$5.25 including three meals starting with supper July 4, 5:45 p.m. CST; East View and Johnston Hall (common bath), \$8; lake front cabins, \$9.50.

Other fees are:
For guests, 50c; program, 50c; transportation, \$1.50.



Studs Terkel, jazz and folk music authority, will address the Chicago JACL at its final meeting of the year, June 18, 8 p.m., at 116 S. Michigan Ave. He believes that people can live in peace and understanding the world over if they knew one another's music.
—Mickey Pallas photo.

The Art Institute has humorous and satirical photos of Paris of Robert Doisneau on exhibit until July 1.

About People . . .

JAMES SHIKAMI, formerly of Santa Monica, Calif., now residing with parents at 1401 Greenbay Rd., Lake Forest, Ill., received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Lake Forest College. He was also bestowed the Iron Key, highest student honor at the college for scholarship and leadership . . . He served as director of placement bureau (ordinarily a faculty post), chairman of Parents Day, was active in public speaking and debating, elected into the college Who's Who and has received a scholarship in personnel management at the Univ. of Pittsburgh . . . The Shikamis relocated to Lake Forest in 1947 from Manzanar WRA, finished high school there before attending college on a scholarship. He is the brother of:

MABEL, now Mrs. JAMES KITSUSE, whose husband was past president of the West Los Angeles JACL chapter, and upholsterer by occupation. Child: SUZANNE, 10.

HELEN, now Mrs. MIKE HORI, 1911 N. Sedgwick, Chicago, a dental laboratory assistant and receptionist for a doctor. She is a member of the local JACL public relations committee. Husband, formerly of Los Angeles, is radio parts comptroller; active Laker and Midwest Golf. Both CLers. Child: RANDY, 11.

RUTH, now Mrs. SADA TACHI, local JACL representative to the Citizens School Committee, was program chairman and immediate past president of La Salle PTA. Husband, formerly of Los Angeles, is photographer with Williams & Meyers, an advertising agency. Child: DOUGLAS, 9.

FLORENCE, now Mrs. KARL NAKAZAWA, Buffalo, N.Y. Husband, formerly of Los Angeles and son of the late Ken Nakazawa, USC lecturer in oriental history, and family plan to return to Los Angeles soon as he has received a position with Prudential Life. Children: ROGER 10, NANCY 7.

REGINALD, foreman for A.A. Wire Products, Chicago. Married to FUMI NAKANO of Los Angeles.

JOE, now civil service worker in Yokohama; married to KIKUYE NARUI of Yokohama.

MENTION THE PACIFIC CITIZEN TO OUR ADVERTISERS

CHAPTER MEMO

New York JACL: Robert W. Lord, vice-president of Slitcraft, Inc., spoke on "How to Get the Most out of Your Insurance Dollars" at the chapter financial forum last Tuesday evening at the home of Ricki Suzuki, Apt. 2E, 345 Riverside Dr.

Downtown L.A. JACL: Jim Peck, producer of Paul Coates' Confidential File, popular television Sunday feature on KTTV (11), was the main luncheon speaker yesterday at Ginza Sukiyaki.

Sanger JACL: Johnson Kebo, pre-registration, and Robert Kanagaw, Operation Ichidoru, were appointed JACL convention chapter committeemen by George Nishimura, chapter president.

San Mateo: The San Mateo Community picnic is to be held on Sunday, June 13, instead of June 12 as heretofore listed in the P.C. Calendar.

Salt Lake JACL: Invitations were extended to 73 graduating seniors of Utah's high school, business college and universities to attend the chapter Graduation Prom last week at Memory Grove's Memorial Hall. Forty were high school students.

Convention booklet art editor on screen title

Los Angeles
Screen credit-line for animation of cartoons produced by United Productions of America (makers of the popular Mr. Magoo) mentions Michi Kataoka, Nisei artist of Los Angeles, who is art editor of the 13th biennial National JACL Convention souvenir booklet.

She and her staff have tentative layouts for the 88-page booklet completed. "All we need are the greetings," added Tats Kushida, booklet business manager. Chapter solicitors are reminded that an advance deadline of June 15 has been announced.

Miss Kataoka has also contributed drawings which were used in a JACL brochure. She is now associated with Kling Studios in Hollywood. Charles Asawa of Downey is editor of the souvenir booklet.

Mile-Hi holds victory membership celebration

Denver
As of May 31, the Mile-Hi JACL chapter here had a membership of 570, not quite meeting the previous year's record high of 588, it was announced by Fumi Katagiri. But she expected the mark would be broken by the time of the "Victory Celebration" slated last night at the Patio Restaurant, Littleton.

Members of her membership committee guaranteed the local chapter would go over the top by June 10; hence, the scheduling of the victory dinner.

Tak Terasaki was leading with 83 members signed, followed by:
John Sakayama, 58; Fumi Katagiri, True Yasui, 57 each; Sam Matsumoto, 53; Harry Sakata, 50; Haru Tanaka, 34; Willie Hasegawa, 30; Bill Kuroki, 26.

New Orleans families pledge continued assistance

New Orleans
The nine Japanese families remaining in New Orleans have pledged continued support to National JACL, Jim Yenari recently indicated to the Mountain-Plains Regional JACL office.

The Louisiana 1000 Club member said these families have sincerely appreciated the part National JACL has taken to advance the interests and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Both Yenari and Kango Izumi were influential in previous financial drives here.

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Santa Barbara
A year's gift subscription of the Pacific Citizen will be presented to each Nisei graduating college and high school from the Santa Barbara JACL, it was revealed this week.

Seniors are to be honored at a graduation dance Saturday, June 19, 8:30 p.m. at the Montecito Hall. Ken Ota and Mary Kanetomo, social chairmen, are in charge.

Fowler CL scholarship winner announced

Fowler
Yuko Tsuchiguchi was named winner of the Fowler JACL scholarship this week. The presentation was made this week at Fowler High School, where she is a graduating senior.

Planning to attend Fresno State College or Redeley College, she will major in general education.

So. Alameda County CL plan graduates dinner

Centerville
Nisei graduates of southern Alameda county will be honored by the Southern Alameda County JACL at a Chinese dinner, June 25, at San Jose's Mandarin Restaurant, 230 Jackson St., it was announced by Jane Yamauchi and James Sekigahama, co-chairmen of the party.

Reservations are being accepted by:
June Handa, Cntvl 8-2077, or James Sekigahama, Cntvl 8-8433 (noon hour or evenings).

Serving on the committee are:
June Handa, res.; Kimi Muraki, Eleanor Motozaki, Setsu Umemoto.

442nd goodwill troupe tour Western Germany

Wurzburg, Germany
The 442nd Goodwill Ambassadors were escorted here by the Army upon arrival recently at Wiesbaden. According to John Tsukano of the troupe, Germany is a far cry from the last time men of the 442nd saw the country scarred by war. Reconstruction of roads, of buildings, of bridges is everywhere.

Their first performance in Germany was in the Eagle Club at Wiesbaden, a health resort since Roman days. Further appearances were made south along the Necker River.

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Fresno CLers plan Issei division

Fresno
The Fresno JACL will hold a recognition night for new Issei citizens next month and also form an Issei citizen division of the local chapter, it was announced by Seiichi Mikami, chapter president.

He reported on the plans to honor the new citizens and hold the first organizational meeting of the new division sometime in the middle of July, following a noon conference between chapter representatives and Issei leaders at Tokiwa restaurant last week.

Present at this meeting were: S. G. Sakamoto, Dr. Robert Yabuno, Mrs. Momoko Taira, Mrs. June Toshiyuki and newspapermen.

Named to committees for the coming event are:

Mrs. Toshiyuki, invitations; Jin Ishikawa and Dr. Yabuno, locale; Fred Hirasuna, Mrs. Chiko Taira and Paulo Takahashi, program.

El Paso community in support of National JACL

El Paso
The Mountain-Plains regional JACL office of Denver has acknowledged a \$50 contribution for National JACL from this area as follows:

Dr. S. Furoguchi, El Paso, \$25; Tashiro & Tashiro, Mesilla, N.M., \$25.

(Min Yasui, regional representative, noted there are several outstanding Nisei in this region. George Kurita is manager of a Walgreen Drug Store in El Paso; Harry Yanaga of Las Cruces, N.M., was delegate to the VFW National Encampment in Florida; and the Tashiro & Tashiro family grow cotton in southern New Mexico.)

July 4 picnic

Cleveland
The community picnic planned by all Issei and Nisei organizations of Cleveland will be held July 4 at Wiegand's Lake. George Ono and Frank Yatsu are co-chairmen.

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Redevelopment problem in Sacramento

At the request of the Sacramento JACL Chapter, one of my most recent assignments is to help in the study of the Redevelopment Program in Sacramento which threatens and may seriously damage the economic position of many Japanese Americans of that area unless some assistance and consideration is extended to them.

Neither the Sacramento JACL or the Japanese American community is opposed to Redevelopment, but are requesting equitable treatment of businessmen and residents in the proposed area in order to alleviate any great hardship.

Because of the seriousness of the situation, the Japanese American Redevelopment Study Association has been organized under the general chairmanship of Dr. AKIO HAYASHI with DEAN ITANO, young local attorney serving as the executive secretary. The function of our Regional Office will be to assist in the study by gathering legislative data and aiding in the public relations work.

If necessary, the JACL will arrange for national and state legislative efforts to remedy the situation if possible.

With all respect to the local community leaders, many of whom are JACLers, the present problem and its relationship to national and state legislative needs, points out the usefulness of a strong nationally organized Japanese American organization and statewide chain of district councils which can be pressed into action when any problem affecting Japanese Americans are discovered.

Our sympathies are with the community in Sacramento and we hope that the Redevelopment Agency will present plans whereby the interests of our friends will be protected.

Youngest NCWNDC chapter: Gilroy

Officers of the Gilroy JACL Chapter were officially installed at a dinner dance on Saturday, May 1. The guests included city and county officials. GEORGE NISHITA, vice-chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, was a guest representing the area council. It is very encouraging to see the enthusiasm in our youngest JACL Chapter which already reports 65 members. Our congratulations to them.

'Christian Basis for Social Action'

Last week, taking sort of a busman's day off, I attended the annual Northern California Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches as the official representative of our church. Although we are the only Nisei family in the Pilgrim Church, we frequently represent it at various meetings. Due to other engagements I was able to attend only one of the three days of the Conference, but found it stimulating.

The Congregational Church has been especially helpful in the area of Social Action. It was one of the first Churches to support the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, which helped send so many Nisei students to college from the relocation centers. In fact, if it were not for the Social Action Committee of the Congregational Church, I know that I would never have been able to go to college and make myself a more useful (I hope) citizen. This Christian denomination was one of the few that did not stipulate that their educational funds should be limited to Christian students alone, but rather allowed funds to be used by any Nisei student based only on ability and need.

Although not much publicized, the Congregationalists provided the initial funds to set up the Chicago Resettlers Committee and later the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations which received its major support and impetus from them. It is probably the most liberal of the regular Christian Churches. I think that this statement from the "Christian Basis for Social Action" merits thoughtful consideration and applause and we believe it is in harmony with the observations of any of our Buddhist or Christian friends and general JACL philosophy:

At the present hour, certain human problems face us with special insistence and with unusual opportunity.

Among our special concerns are aid to the weak and oppressed; equal opportunity for all children and provision for their health and education; considerate treatment of the physically and mentally ill, the aged and infirm; relief for the victims of natural or social disaster; and the overcoming of personal and public discrimination on grounds of class, creed or color. But our obligation is not discharged when we have contributed to the relief of suffering. We must attempt also to prevent the causes of suffering. As single individuals we are not able to prevent economic depression, large-scale unemployment or war; success depends on common and united action.

I believe that the Japanese American people are greatly indebted to our many friends who have helped us during evacuation and relocation, and it behooves us to repay our debt by serving as better citizens in our many communities.

Inventory of Human Relations

Denver

Mayor Quigg Newton of Denver invited the JACL and Nisei to participate in a proposed Inventory of Human Relations for the City and County of Denver to be presented to the public sometime during November, 1954. Among those invited to participate were:

Mary Nakamura, Pat Hiram, Rev. Waichi Oyanagi, Y. Terasaki, and Sam Y. Matsumoto.

Mayor Newton pointed out that in 1947, he ordered a survey of discriminatory practices in Denver, which resulted in the creation of the Commission of Human Relations, now headed by Helen M. Burke, executive director. The Mayor expressed his interest in providing equally

for all citizens in Denver the services of the city and opportunities for employment in city government. He further indicated interest in reappraising conditions in housing, employment, educational institutions and public accommodations.

The local JACL has been cooperating with the intergroup agencies of the City, through the local JACL office and John Sakayama, program chairman and 1st vice-president of the Mile-Hi JACL.

Nisei artist granted MacDowell Colony honors

New York

Taro Yamamoto, Nisei artist who has won several scholarships, has been accepted for a six weeks' stay at the MacDowell Colony at Petersborough, N.H.

Founded in 1908 by Mrs. Edward MacDowell in honor of her husband, America's first composer of international repute, the MacDowell Colony has among its alumni such artists as Edwin Arlington Robinson, Dabose Heyward, Elinor Wylie, William Rose Benet, Carl Carmer, Hervey Allen, Thornton Wilder, Rumer Godden, Padraic Colum, Aaron Coplan, Marc Blitzstein and many others.

Twenty-four fellows are in residence at one time. Each one has a studio out of sight and sound of the others on the Colony's 600-acre tract in the foothills of the Monadnock region.

"This year's resident fellows represent a fine cross section of American talent in the arts, coming as they do from twelve states, with one distinguished writer, Alex Waugh, coming from England," Carl Carmer, president of the Association, said.

Nippon color film set for Kauai location

Honolulu

Kauai, site for a number of Hollywood movies including Miss Sadie Thompson, Beachhead and Pagan Love Song, will be the locale of another movie this summer—a Japanese comedy titled *Hawaii Chindochu* or (roughly) *Sunny Travels in Hawaii*.

Two of Japan's most popular young sisters, Chiemi Eri and Yoshio Tabata, are scheduled for location shots June 15. The picture will be in color.

✓ Peggy Nakasone, reigning 442nd Association, New York, queen, was honored at an aloha dinner before returning home in Honolulu.

✓ Kazuko Kutaka of Kapaa, Kauai, joined the staff of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, as entomologist.

San Francisco Nisei promoted to high supervisory position with SB of E

San Francisco

George R. Reilly, member of the State Board of Equalization for the seven counties comprising District 1, has announced the promotion of Tom T. Sakai of the sales tax auditing division, to a supervising position in the division, effective May 1.

In announcing the advancement of Sakai, the Board's longtime member and chairman pointed out that "ability, adherence to the principles of justice and equality, and service to the people of California are the criteria by which all are judged in the Board of Equalization. In recognition of this, I am pleased to announce the advancement of Tom T. Sakai to new responsibilities in our auditing division," Reilly said.

Sakai is well-known throughout the area as a former treasurer and board member of the San Francisco JACL Chapter and currently is a director of the Cal-Neva JACL Credit Union. He is a former commander of American Legion Townsend Harris Post No. 438, San Francisco, and also served as district finance officer of the American Legion.

A member of the sales tax

auditing division of the State Board of Equalization for the past six years, Sakai previously served with the California Public Utilities Commission.

He is a native of San Francisco and during the war was in the Headquarters Intelligence Division of the U.S. Army. He was graduated from Univ. of California.

Denver area Issei citizens fete plan

Denver

Newly-naturalized Issei citizens of the Brighton-Denver area will be honored at a dinner in the main YWCA auditorium, 1545 Tremont Pl., June 25, commencing at 6 p.m., according to John Sakayama, program chairman of the Mile-Hi JACL.

The chapter will present gold lapel pins fashioned in the form of an American flag to the recently naturalized. Florence Uyeda and Fumi Katagiri will make the presentations on behalf of the chapter.

Assisting Sakayama are: Dick Yanase, m.c.; Kana Yoritomo, Ethel Yanase, Rose Tanabe, dinner; Florence Uyeda, hostess; Babe Takeoka, color guard; Nancy Sogi, soloist; Ben Miyahara, Willie Hasegawa, arr.

Following the dinner program, Japanese movies will be shown to Issei; and there will be a dance in honor of graduates from the Nisei.

Honolulu

Forty-one more Issei were naturalized U.S. citizens May 27 in the courtroom of Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin.

Chicago

The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was formally declared a citizen of the United States on June 1. The Canada-born minister attended UCLA and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

Portland

George Mamoru Gokami, 29, whose enforced service in the Japanese army in World War II cost him his American citizenship, won it back under an order handed down by U.S. District Judge Claude McCulloch.

In 1934, Gokami, born in Portland, went to Japan to visit his grandmother, who was very ill. He returned in 1937 but was sent back right away to visit his father's mother who was ill. Stranded by the outbreak of war, he told the court he was coerced into entering the Japanese army in 1944.

Ordered to report for a physical examination, he was slapped and beaten until he submitted to it, he stated. In service, then, for 11 months, he advanced from private to sergeant but insisted he never fired a shot.

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Bob Watanabe of West Los Angeles JACL, his right thigh thoroughly taped, streaks to victory in the San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics 100-yd. finals in the winning time of 10.3s. Tom Uyeda and George Sasaki, both of the Downtown Los Angeles (Lords), follow in the Southland clean-sweep. —George Yoshinaga Photo.

San Francisco CL retains perpetual Nisei Olympics crown for second time

San Francisco
Two Los Angeles teams dominated the second annual Nisei Olympics in the open division last Sunday at Kezar Stadium, but San Francisco JACL, sponsors of the event, won the overall team championship with an aggregate score of 100 3/4 points to retain the perpetual trophy.

Downtown Los Angeles, which walked off the open division championship, was second with 69 1/2 points.

Records fell by the wayside like tenpins during the afternoon. Bob Watanabe of West Los Angeles, ex-UCLA varsity man, was clocked in 10.2s. in the 100-yd. semi-finals, breaking a 10.7s. mark held previously by Floyd Kumagai of Sequoia.

John Nakamura of Fowler lived up to all advance notices in the 880. He took a 10-yd. lead at the first turn and enjoyed a 70-yd. gap on one occasion to win in record-breaking time of 2m.10s. Teammate Tom Sano took two weight events, the discus and shot. He hit nearly 140 ft. in the discus and 52 ft. in the shot but had fouled on both throws.

Bob Maturaku of San Francisco was high-point man, taking three firsts and a second in class B events. Gilbert Matsumoto of Sacramento was another triple-winner.

The complete summaries:
CLASS A DIVISION
100—Won by Bob Watanabe (WLA), Tom Uyeda, (DLA), George Sasaki (DLA), Karl Kato (DLA), Floyd Kumagai (Seq), 10.3s. (New

meet record of 10.2s. in semi-final heat by Watanabe. Old record: 10.7s. by Kumagai.)

220—Won by Tom Uyeda (DLA), George Sasaki (DLA), Karl Kato (DLA), Bob Watanabe (WLA), 23s. (Old record: 23.7s. by Paul Adachi, S.F.)

440—Won by Eddie Setoguchi (WLA), Kinji Kataoka (DLA), Yuji Ichioka (Berkeley), Jun Akaba (Stockton), 54s. (Old record: 58.7s. by Stan Ozaki, S.F.)

880—Won by Johnny Nakamura (F), Henry Kawamoto (DLA), Kinji Kataoka (DLA), Jack Okura (DLA), 2m.10s. (Old record: 2m.14.4s. by Ronald Hirano, S.F.)

1 mile—Won by Henry Kawamoto (DLA), T. Kanzaki (Oak), Jack Okura (DLA), Min Okamura (Seq), 4m.53s. (Old record: 4m.59.2s. by Ronald Hirano, S.F.)

180 yds.—Won by Joe Iseri (WLA), Clyde Ikuta (DLA), David Yamada (DLA), Akio Inouye (SF), Dick Iseri (WLA), 21.5s. (New event.)

70 yds.—Won by Joe Iseri (WLA), Clyde Ikuta (DLA), Dick Yamato (WLA), David Yamada (WLA), Moses Yasukochi (SF), 9.7s.

880 relay—Won by Downtown Los Angeles, San Francisco, Stockton, 1m.37.3s. (Old record: 1m.39.6s. by San Francisco.)

Broadjump—Won by Floyd Kumagai (Seq), Dick Iseri (WLA), Joe Iseri (WLA), Kinji Kataoka (DLA), Bob Yamabe (SF), 21ft.7 1/4 in. (Old record: 21ft.6 1/4 in. by Sab Fukuda, S.F.)

Highjump—Won by Hiro Nomura (DLA), Joe Iseri (WLA), Floyd Kumagai (Seq), Tad Sato (Seq), tie for fifth by Yo Shibata (Liv-M), Dick Yamashita (P), Akira Watanabe (SF) and Clyde Ikuta (DLA), 5ft.9 in. (Old record: 5ft.6 in. by Bill Kitagawa, San Mateo.)

Polevault—Won by Gilbert Matsumoto (Sac), tie for second by Ben Ito (Seq) and Hank Tsugawa (Stock), tie for fourth by Hiroshi Fukushima (SF) and George Nara-saki (Rich), 11ft.9 in.

12-lb. shotput—Won by Tom Sano (F), Bob Matsumoto (WLA), Aki Shirai (SF), Bob Yamabe (SF), Henry Hirata (Stock), 47ft.7 in. (Old record: 47ft.4 in. by Joe Hori, San Mateo.)

Discus—Won by Tom Sano (F), Bob Matsumoto (WLA), Tad Sato (Seq), Bob Yamabe (SF), Aki Shirai (SF), 124ft. (New event.)

Sacramento baseball coach dies on field

Sacramento
Fred Toshiaki Yamamoto, 30, 1239 T St., died at Sacramento Emergency Hospital after a cerebral hemorrhage suffered while coaching a baseball game May 28. He was standing on the third-base coaching box at McClatchy High School field where his company team was playing when felled by the attack.

Suski heads Lions

Indio
Elmer Suski, past Coachella Valley JACL president, was recently installed as president of the Coachella Valley Lions. International Counsellor Lyman Theal officiated. Jack Izu was elected treasurer to serve on Suski's cabinet.

Hop-step-jump—Won by Kinji Kataoka (DLA), Floyd Kumagai (Seq), Joe Iseri (WLA), Dick Iseri (WLA), Tom Uyeda (DLA), 40ft.7 1/4 in. (Old record: 39ft.5 in. by Kumagai.)
Team Scoring—Downtown Los Angeles 69 1/4, West Los Angeles 55, Sequoia 22 1/2, San Francisco 17 1/4, Fowler 15, Stockton 7 1/2, Sacramento 5, Oakland 4, Berkeley 3, Richmond 1 1/2, Placer 1/4, Livingston-Merced 1/4.

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Reader's Digest

Editor: The June 1945 issue of Reader's Digest's first article is about Mr. Kotaro Suto—Happy Where Heart Is. Perhaps your readers would be interested in reading the same. Keep up the wonderful work!

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TATS KUSHIDA

Presidency by quarter-years . . .

The only JACL chapter with an active program and no president is the Santa Barbara JACL with whose cabinet we met last week. How come? There is in effect four president-elect members who this year are all vice-presidents, each taking a three-months' responsibility as chapter head.

IKEY KAKIMOTO, at whose house the cabinet met, is the veep in charge of the second quarter which ends this month. He followed former prexy LILLIAN NAKAJI whom many will remember won the Mrs. Delegate trophy at the '50 national convention in Chicago. Her DDS spouse, Lt. Cmdr. YOSHIO, is at San Diego for a spell and is also a member of the Lions and a Mason, his other talent being gin rummy. Lillian is also a busy gal, among other things serving on the Adult Education Advisory Council.

TOM HIRASHIMA, 1000 Club member like Ikey, holds the reins for the third quarter which includes convention time, and the final three months will be JOHNNY SUZUKI's responsibility.

We felt like a tax collector after our get-together, bringing back with us chapter checks for the District council, national chapter dues, 1000 Club, Convention package registrations, etc.

Their convention enthusiasm is percolating. This gang is really pitching in with Operation Ichi-doru and ads. They'll make a lot of noise, too, at the pre-convention rally in Pasadena on July 18. They've already passed last year's membership and are now going for their fund drive quota. Oh yes, a couple of prominent eligibles expressed an extremely avid interest in the convention's date bureau.

Ikey and his wife were perfect hosts, serving a real gastronomic delight, generous gobs of strawberry shortcake a-la-mode which we enjoyed with Ikey, Lillian, Tom, secretaries HARUO YAMADA and MARY KUWAMOTO, treasurer MIKE HIRASHIMA, members-at-large TAD KANETOMO and AKIRA ENDO, both past prexies, and social co-chairmen MARY KANETOMO and KEN OTA, the latter being both a judo and ballroom expert (Arthur Murray medal). TAD SUZUKI, another m-a-l and his veep brother JOHN couldn't make this meeting.

East Los Angeles leadership . . .

A successful chapter program is influenced to a large degree by the leadership qualities of its president. By his own energetic work, by example he stimulates and inspires others to follow suit. Thus, rather than a one-man operation, you have a well-coordinated team, a team that goes beyond the cabinet officers and brings in many member participants.

Such a chapter is East Los Angeles JACL. Its president, WILBUR SATO, former officer and one of the founders of the California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization (CINO), by exemplary leadership has inspired an esprit-de-corps that has brought amazing results in terms of support for the national program in which its members are very proud. A membership approaching 400 is recorded to date. Their delegation to the district meeting is record-breaking. As a co-host chapter for the forthcoming national convention, it has provided much responsible personnel from its membership.

These include MARVEL MIYATA, housing reservations chairman; YAEKO NAKASHIMA, registration committee; CHARLES ASAWA, convention booklet editor; JOHN WATANABE and JIMMY HIGASHI, booklet photography editors; HATSUKO KAWAKAMI, chairman of the reception and hospitality committee; BESSIE YANAMOTO who serves on the queen contest, Sayonara Ball, outing committees; AKIRA HASEGAWA, KEN UTSUNOMIYA and SAM FURUTA who are big guns in the budget and finance committee; MOLLY MITTWER who will run the date bureau; LUCILLE OKADA who helps both the booklet and Ichi Doru committees; EDISON UNO and Wilbur who serve on the convention board and a zillion committees; RYO YAMADERA and SAM FURUTA who co-chair the concessions at the convention outing which this chapter has taken over.

"Now that our membership drive is nearly completed, we will devote a great deal of effort and thought to broaden our activities to strengthen our chapter and induce the active support of our members," Wilbur says in discussing future plans. One such activity is a Women's Events committee under KIM MATSUDA.

A carefully prepared and effective monthly publication reaches all members with excellent morale-building and informational results.

Participation by members in community projects has resulted in good public relations with the non-Nisei of the community. Representing ELA at the International Institute banquet were Molly and Sam. At the intergroup activities committee of the Eastside Jewish Community Center were AIKO WAKAMURA, MIYA, BILL TAKEI, BETTY YOSHIDA and Wilbur. BETTY and HARRY TAKEMATSU cooperated on the Friendship Festival of the EJCC.

Chapter activities for members include regular classes in their present program of socials are square dancing and bridge, ballroom dancing and cooking. Planned to supplement singing under program chairman FUMI ISHIHARA and social chairman MIYO FUJITA, who by the way is editor of the booklet secretary.

DON MATSUDA and IDA NISHIFUE are co-chairmen of the annual picnic scheduled for July. Ida is also in charge of the bridge sessions. A cultural committee headed by Molly will plan an annual program on Japanese cultural subjects in participation with other groups. Foremost in chapter planning is an annual program in line with JACL's motto, "for Better Americans in Greater America."

Wilbur, who is grateful for the interest and support of the young unmarried group, hopes that more active members can be revived from among the "older, settled group." "Our potential is no better, in fact less, than in other chapter communities but we have made the best of it and will strive for even a better JACL here," are his encouraging words.

Conventioners, look for Wilbur and his ELA delegation at the 13th Biennial. If the PSWDC had a "chapter of the year" contest like the NCWDC, ELA would be a strong candidate.

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A. Newsletter by Henry Mori
Iguchi Visits Southland

Had there not been a riot in the Diet (and we're not trying to be poetic) in Tokyo last week, Japanese Ambassador Sadao Iguchi would have been in Washington with Premier Shigeru Yoshida this week.
But as things went, the Nipponese envoy went home without the honor and privilege of escorting the No. 1 statesman of Japan from San Francisco to the Capital.
However, Mr. Iguchi was here in Los Angeles on Saturday and was quite impressed with the progress made by persons of Japanese ancestry since his last visit here in 1938.
"I return to Washington—although without the honorable presence of Prime Minister Yoshida—with the happy knowledge that Japanese Americans and their parents have made great strides since my last visit here," Ambassador Iguchi told a group of Li'l Tokio well-wishers.
On the previous night he was feted by the dignitaries of the Japan America Society of Los Angeles where the occasion was highlighted by the presence of Gov. Goodwin J. Knight.
Gov. Knight who has been liberal in his praise of recently naturalized Japanese told the Biltmore Hotel banquet audience that the annual Nippon Visiting Farmers project instigated by former Gov. Earl Warren is a wonderful way to cementing better relationship between the two countries.
The state executive noted that the understanding of grass-roots people is an important factor in maintaining and building peace and goodwill among all men.

So. Calif. KEEP Committee

Col. Paul Rusch, director of Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project, was again in town for a brief spell to give a progress report made at the Yamanashi center which embraces a 350-acre farm with 110,000 rural inhabitants.
Local bigwigs are planning another campaign to raise funds for the program—established since 1947—to help the former university professor in Tokyo maintain top efficiency in the agricultural endeavor, operated on a cooperative basis.
Col. Rusch also acknowledged a donation of hospital equipment valued at \$15,000 from the Ohio Chemical and Surgical Equipment Co., Madison, Wis., which will be used for his KEEP clinic in Kiyosato.
George Aratani, co-chairman of the So. Calif. Committee for KEEP, said the local group will foot the transportation cost from Madison to San Francisco.

California Primaries

Not too surprising but nevertheless the political end finally came to State Senator Jack B. Tenney (R), who was badly defeated by Mrs. Mildred Younger in the GOP primaries, and by Richard Richards in the Democratic slate.
Tenney, whose rabid career of pitting one religious group against another, and bringing discord within the ranks of the minorities, was the lone incumbent who lost support in both primaries.
It will be a Richards-Younger battle in November.
Which way that tide may turn, the unseating of a state senator who spoke under one breath one thing and acted on another brought relief to all Californians.
Richards acclaiming victory indicated, too, that Californians are no longer in the mood to tolerate discrimination in any form, let alone against those who may not be able to enjoy equal opportunities because of their racial background.
Meantime, Richard Graves, Democratic nominee for the state's top post, showed a surprising upset by ekeing out a nod in his own party over Incumbent Goodwin J. Knight.
Gov. Knight, who is scheduled speaker at the National NAACP Convention here in Los Angeles in September, may not lose his office, but certainly the turn of events for a November run-off was unexpected.
Another Democratic strength in the state was shown in Councilman Edward Roybal's vote over Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers in his own camp, although faring poorly in the GOP ledger.
The nation found that California was not altogether solid Republican.



Simple but impressive rites of sealing in documents into the vault of the Matsudaira monument at Denver's Riverside Cemetery were performed May 31. Documents (including the Apr. 2, 1954, issue of the Pacific Citizen) include the life history and genealogy of Tadaatsu Matsudaira, the earliest pioneer from Japan coming to the United States in 1872. He studied at Rutgers, Harvard and MIT, served as engineer for the state of Colorado, city of Denver, city of Bradford, Pa., Union Pacific Railroad, Brooklyn Bridge project, and Manhattan Elevated Railroad. Dr. K. K. Miyamoto, president of the Oriental Culture Society, places the final seal in the photo. —Howard Oda Photo.

Larry Tajiri--

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maguchi for the leading femme role in the musical version of James Michener's novel Sayonara, now that Miss Yamaguchi, wife of

sculptor Isamu Noguchi, has received a visa to come to the United States. Miss Yamaguchi's first American film was Japanese War Bride, made in 1951 on a previous visit, and there's a chance one of several film projects which were announced for her will be revived. Anson Bond, writer of Japanese War Bride, once wanted her to star in a picture called The Second Star.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AKIYAMA—May 5, a boy to the Joe Akiyamas, Westminster.
AOKI—Apr. 27, a boy to the J. Aokis, Long Beach.
BAN—May 3, a girl Judi Misa to the George Misao Bans (Ryoko Yano), Los Angeles.
HASHIMOTO—May 7, a girl Debbie Lou to the Dick Seikichi Hashimotos (Terumi Hirata), Torrance.
IWAMURA—May 2, a boy to the Minoru Iwamuras, Sacramento.
KAKEHASHI—May 13, a girl Donna Lynn to the Yoshio Kakehashis (Kimiko Tamura), Los Angeles.
KANADA—May 6, a girl to the Norman Noboru Kanadas, Orange Cove.
KATAOKA—May 7, a girl to the Jiro Kataokas, Selma.
KAWAHARA—Apr. 27, a girl Kerry Louise to the Raymond Hagemu Kawaharas (Michiko Takeda), Los Angeles.
KAWASAKI—May 3, a boy Paul Shigeo to the Joe Tamio Kawasakis (Harumi Suehiro), Los Angeles.
KOHAYA—May 5, a boy to the Jimi Kohayas, Rio Linda.
KOHARA—May 8, a girl to the Tadachi Koharas (Setsuko Kimura), Los Angeles.
KUMAMOTO—May 20, a boy to the Toshio Kumamotos, Pasadena.
MARKOWITZ—May 2, a boy Jonathan Justin to the Richard Allan Markowitzes (Haru Yvonne Yana), Los Angeles.
MATSUMOTO—May 11, a boy John Yoshinobu to the Ralph Yoshinobu Matsumotos (Amy Emiko Kong), Los Angeles.
MIYAGISHIMA—May 7, a boy Kirk Hisami to the Hisami Miyagishimas (Tomiko Endo), Los Angeles.
MIYAZAKI—May 7, a girl Marlene to the Paul Miyazakis (Marjorie Toshiye Inaba), Pasadena.
MIZUTANI—A boy to the Saburo Mizutanis, Sacramento.
MOTOIKE—May 8, a girl Pamela Teru to the James Kazuo Motiikes (Hiroko Alice Yata), Los Angeles.
MURAKAMI—Apr. 26, a boy to the Sam K. Murakamis, Sacramento.
MURATA—Apr. 29, a boy to the Masao Kuratas, Fresno.
NAKATANI—Apr. 30, a boy to the Kanji Nakatanis, Sacramento.
NIINO—May 19, a boy to the George Shigem Niinos, Madera.
NOMURA—Apr. 24, a boy to the Shiro Nomuras, Norwalk.

OKA—May 1, a boy Thomas Kenichi to the Harry Haruo Okas (Fukiko Yamashina), Alhambra.
OKIMURA—May 21, a boy to the Itsuo T. Okimuras, Pasadena.
SAKAI—May 5, a boy to the Hideyo Sakais, Fresno.
SAKITA—Apr. 19, a girl Marcia Ann to the George Sakitas (Jean Masae Iwasaki), Los Angeles.
SUGIHARA—May 5, a boy Neil George to the Paul Toru Sugi-haras (Miyoko Takahashi), Los Angeles.
TABATA—May 20, a girl to the Harry Tabatas, Marysville.
TATEISHI—May 6, a boy Steven Tsuneo to the Masato S. Tateishis (Shizuko I. Oki), Los Angeles.
TORIMARU—May 1, a boy to the Muneo J. Torimarus, San Diego.
UYEHARA—May 7, a girl Carol Ann to the Kenneth Kotaku Uye-haras (Matsue Miyagawa), Los Angeles.
WAGATSUMA—May 4, a girl Diane Midori to the Takeo Wagatsumas (Teruko Nikaido), Los Angeles.
WAKAYAMA—May 9, a boy Byron Dean to the Yoshio Wakayamas (Kyo Tanaka), Los Angeles.
WATANABE—Apr. 24, a boy to the William M. Watanabe, San Diego.
YAMAMOTO—Apr. 30, a girl to the Yoshiyuki Yamamotos, Sacramento.
YAMANI—Apr. 28, a boy Alan to the Yuki Jim Yamani (Mishiko Nomura), Los Angeles.
YOSHIMOTO—May 19, a boy to the Kazumi Yoshimotos, Parlier.

OZAWA-TOKUNAGA—Ichiro R. 28, and Hide 28, both of Los Angeles.
SAKUDA-MAYEMURA—Tadashi T. 25, San Fernando, and Shizuko 25, Los Angeles.
SAKUDA-OKITA—Frank S. 44, Los Angeles, and Teruko 37, West Los Angeles.
SHIOTA-SUZUKI—Jack M. 26, Los Angeles, and Yoshiko 32, Chicago.
TAKEMURA-YAMADA—Hideo Jr., 32, and Toshiko 24, both of Los Angeles.
TANAKA-TANAKA—Minoru 31, and Katsuko 25, both of Oxnard.
TOKASHIKI-SHINAGAWA—Paul Y. 24, and Helen S. 27, both of Los Angeles.
YOKOGAWA-OHTA—Nobuyuki 31, Los Angeles, and Marie S. 29, Sun Valley.
YOZA-MURAKAMI—Shigenobu 25, Los Angeles, and Haruko 28, Honolulu.

Weddings

SAKUDA-MAYEMURA—May 23, Tadashi, San Fernando, and Shizuko, Los Angeles.
SAKUDA-OKITA—May 23, Frank Satoru, Los Angeles, and Teruko, West Los Angeles.

Deaths

EZAKI, Thomas Densaburo: Minneapolis (formerly of Santa Barbara), May 29, survived by wife Iso, daughter Mrs. Teiko Uejima and sons William, James and Ben.
IGARASHI, Yoshimasa, 59: Garden Grove, May 26.
INOUE, Ryusuke, 72: Long Beach, May 26, survived by wife Toku, sons Joe and Masao.
ISHIDA, Kanjiro, 78: Los Angeles, May 30, survived by wife Mine, sons Morizo and Bill, daughters Mrs. Juanita Hayashi, Mrs. Mary Okumura.
KADA, sutekichi: San Diego, June 1, survived by wife Sei, son Kaoru and four grandchildren.
KAYANO, Kiyoji: Los Angeles, May 28.
MATSUMONJI, Tatsusaburo, 74: Englewood, Colo. (formerly of Bakersfield), June 1, survived by son George Tatsuo.
MATSUMOTO, Masuyo, 48: Los Angeles, June 2, survived by husband Mikinosuke, son Hajime and daughter Mrs. Chiharu Ota.
SORI, Uiehi, 66: Chicago, June 2, survived by wife Masue (Japan), sons Mas and Edward.
TANBARA, Soji, 70: Los Angeles, May 28, survived by wife Nakaye, son Charles Masatada and two grandchildren.
UYEMURA, Mrs. Suyu, 61: Los Angeles, May 29, (died at Trinidad, Colo.), survived by husband Hanzo, son Takashi, daughters Mrs. Yoneko Ogawa and Mrs. Kiyoko Shimamoto.

Engagements

KAWAHARA-CHIKAHISA—Evelyn, Gardena, to Raymond, Los Angeles, ay 22.

Marriage Licenses Issued

HAYASHI-NAKO—Roy Y. 19, and Dora F. 21, both of Los Angeles.
ICHINOSE-NAKABA—Goro 28, and Fusaye 35, both of Los Angeles.
INOUE-TACHIBANA—Ted T. 24, and Miyoko 25, both of Los Angeles.
KANETOMI-OKAHANA—Roy S. 30, and Rose O. 30, both of Los Angeles.
KAWA-OKA—Kenji 26, and Natsuye 28, both of Los Angeles.
KAWASHIMA-SANO—Daniel K. 25, and Fumiko 23, both of Los Angeles.
AKAOKA-MORIMOTO—Tom T. 28, and Mary M. 29, both of Chicago, at Los Angeles.
NAKAMURA-NAKANISHI—Jimmy A. 29, Los Angeles, and Toni F. 27, Beverly Hills.
OBATA-SAKAKURA—Shuichi 31, and Emie 26, both of Los Angeles.
OKAMOTO-KUBOTA—Takashi 24, Los Angeles, and Hisaye 22, Long Beach.
OSHIO-ONO—Kay 21, Los Angeles, and Mari 22, Long Beach.

CALENDAR

- June 12 (Saturday) SAN FRANCISCO: Bridge tournament.
DETROIT: Japanese movies, International Institute.
SELMA: Barbecue outing.
June 13 (Sunday) IDAHO FALLS: JAFL picnic.
SAN MATEO: Community picnic.
June 18 (Friday) CHICAGO: General meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan St., 8 p.m. Stud Terkel speaks on jazz.
June 19 (Saturday) SANTA BARBARA: Graduates dance, Montecito Hall, 8:30 p.m.
WATSONVILLE: Graduates' barbecue, Sunset Beach, 6 p.m.
June 20 (Sunday) TWIN CITIES: Community picnic, Theodore Wirth Park No. 2.
POCATELLO: Community picnic.
SAN FRANCISCO: Community picnic.
June 24 (Thursday) STOCKTON: General meeting. H-Bomb movies.
June 25 (Friday) SO. ALAMEDA CTY: Graduation dinner, Mandarin Restaurant, 230 Jackson St., San Jose.
MILE-HI: Issei Citizen recognitions supper, YWCA, 1545 Tremont Pl., Denver.
June 26 (Saturday) PASADENA: Dance session, Cleveland auditorium.
SAN FRANCISCO: Sports Formal, St. Francis Hotel, Ray Hackett's orch.
STOCKTON: Benefit movie.
June 27 (Sunday) D.C.: Second anniversary banquet in honor of McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act, Sheraton Park Hotel.
July 3 (Saturday) SONOMA COUNTY: Two-day Homecoming Festival, Memorial Hall.



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EDITORIALS

No More Bigotry

One of the most encouraging results of the primary election in Los Angeles county was the retiring of State Sen. Jack Tenney. It means the people of this county don't like bigotry.

The stunt of putting a Mrs. Hazel Younger, an unknown who was even refused a ballot at her polling place because she was a mental patient, on the ballot to confuse voters failed to work as overwhelming Republican endorsement of Mrs. Mildred Younger was given.

Mrs. Mildred Younger faces a November runoff against Democratic nominee Richard Richards. But whichever way that goes, the cause of intolerance in our community has received a setback.

It served as another demonstration that the American voter-at-large is sane, tolerant and alert.

Welcome Tamotsu

Some six weeks ago, Tamotsu Murayama in his "Tokyo Topics" column in the Pacific Citizen reluctantly and sorrowfully related how he had to renounce his American citizenship in order to obtain a passport to go to the Philippine Islands, where he was invited to attend the first national Filipino Boy Scout jamboree.

Despite his act of expatriation, he confidently predicted that he and other Nisei stranded in Japan during the war years and who similarly expatriated themselves would continue to serve the cause of U.S.-Japanese relationship.

"There is no one more who desires peace between the two nations than the Nisei in Japan," he wrote.

This past week, Tamotsu was granted a visa to come home—although specifically, he is here as guest of the Boy Scouts of America to undertake some summer leadership training courses back East.

In the eyes of immigration authorities, he is a subject of Japan; but those who knew Tamotsu before he went to Japan in 1938 will still regard him a Nisei in heart and mind. The same old fire and enthusiasm burns in him.

He was among the founders of the Japanese American Citizens League at a San Francisco meeting back in April, 1929. He still champions the same cause. His steadfastness, despite the intervening war years that proved to be unfortunate, his courage and crusading spirit deserve a hand. So welcome, Tamotsu.

THE 1000 CLUB IS YOUR INSURANCE FOR THE FUTURE

From the Frying Pan . . .

News Artist from Dayton

by Bill Hosokawa

THIS IS THE time of year when the Nisei are on the march. The nation is theirs now, and distance holds no terror. They criss-cross the continent, from east to west and west to east. Mostly, they're vacation-bound, off to visit relatives and friends, to look over the old home stamping grounds, or just to be traveling. Sometimes they're on business trips, but primarily they're on the move for fun.

As it happens, Denver is on a main trans-continental travel route, so it is natural that we get telephone calls frequently from these sojourners. Usually, thank goodness, they call during the day but sometimes a fellow figures that friendship transcends bounds of convenience and the call comes along some hours after dark. It wasn't too dark, though, when Pete Hironaka telephoned the other Sunday night. We invited him to drop over to meet some friends.

Pete, we discovered, is a resident of Dayton, Ohio, by way of Poston and Sacramento. He's an editorial artist for the *Dayton News*, the kind that draws cartoons lampooning the Republicans, as well as being a photo-retoucher. Pete had studied art at Miami university, in Ohio, when he got word of the job with the *News*. Rushing over there post-haste, he discovered the color of his face and the shape of his eyes weren't important. They were just interested in what kind of work he did and how reliable an employee he'd make.

Dayton, he says, has the smallest chapter in the entire JACL—about 35 members. (Don't know what Deacon Satow thinks about that statement, but I've seen JACL meetings attended by considerably fewer members.) Most Dayton Nisei are professional or business people—engineers at Wright-Patterson field, doctors, dentists and the like.

In view of the scarcity of Nisei, it is understandable that Daytonians should have

trouble pronouncing Japanese names. Pete got around that by having some stationery printed with his name on it, and under it in parentheses, "pronounced Hear-a-Knock-a."

Not exactly exact, but close enough.

THE INCREASING influence of Japanese architecture on contemporary American homes is pointed up again in the June issue of *House & Home* magazine. A series of articles in this issue are devoted to the Japanese post-beam-plank type of construction, its economies and advantages.

One of the *House & Home* articles notes that Japanese carpenter-architects utilized this system more than 300 years ago in developing their house-building to a "fine art" and achieving "many of the refinements of design we are still 'discovering' today: climate control and indoor-outdoor living, flexible open plans, multiple use of rooms, modular planning, standardized parts." This article was prepared with the help of Yoshinobu Ashihara, associate editor of the Japanese architectural magazine, *Sinkentiku* which, back in the old days would have been written *Shin Kenchiku* and means "new architecture."

Adapting Japanese architectural and design features, as we've done with considerable diligence since the end of War II, is a fine idea. The Spartan Japanese life has bred large amounts of simplicity, good taste and utility into their creations, characteristics that currently are vogue in the American design field.

But I can't help but feel that more good would result for more persons if the Japanese economy could be elevated to the point where that nation could adopt an American feature, namely central heating. The same open Japanese houses that are so delightful during their humid summers are hardly more comfortable than igloos during the miserably humid Japanese winters. If we could give every Japanese family a home that would remain shirt-sleeves comfortable in winter, they'd be friends of America for evermore.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Concern over a Movie

ONE DAY LAST week we noticed that Channel 9, one of Denver's four TV stations, had booked a film called *Black Dragons* for its Movies Till Midnight feature the following night. Though we hadn't seen this particular picture, made in Hollywood in 1943, we did recall somewhere that the producer was the same man who had turned out an anti-Nisei picture featuring the East Side Kids and which was about New York Japanese and the Black Dragon Society, purportedly an organization dedicated to subversive activity in the United States. Anyway, we called Min Yasui, the Denver attorney who belongs to some 30 civic organizations and is regional director of the Mountain Plains JACL.

Min got right on the phone to one of the officials at KBTB, Channel 9. He expressed the JACL's concern over the film if it happened to be one of a number (Across the Pacific, Little Tokyo, U.S.A., and Air Force are three examples) of the pictures which Hollywood made around Pearl Harbor time which wrongly accused the Japanese Americans of traitorous activities and thus attempted to justify the mass evacuation of 1942. Min hadn't seen the picture either—it might be noted that Min Yasui had little opportunity to see movies in 1942 and part of 1943, having spent nine months in Multnomah county prison in Portland, Ore., when he volunteered himself as a test case on the legality of the army's curfew order after Pearl Harbor against Americans of Japanese ancestry. So the man at KBTB promised to "preview" the picture before making a decision on whether to go ahead with the film.

The next day Min got a call from the KBTB official who said they had decided to show *Black Dragon* because the only "Japanese" in the picture were the enemy and not residents of the United States. The feature, which starred Bela Lugosi, went on as scheduled and turned out to be a fantastic melodrama about Japanese and Nazi agents who undergo plastic surgery to become the facial counterparts of six prominent American industrialists, and then proceed to disrupt the war economy. We didn't see all the film, and we doubt few others stayed with it—one of the other channels had a film about Jesse James and another had a delayed feature on the Army-McCarthy embroglio.

The point to all this is that the JACL has a continuing watchdog role to guard the best interests of the Nisei group, but that role is an advisory one, rather than that of a censor.

There are fundamental differences in the two positions. The first is in the best traditions of democratic government, the other is restrictive and presumes the right of dictation. The fact that the JACL attitude, as expressed by Min Yasui and other national and regional officials, has been reasonable, also has made it more effective.

OUR MAY 21 column on Damon Runyon's failure to popularize *skibby* as a derogatory term of reference for persons of Japanese ancestry has elicited a number of letters and inspired a column by Bill Hosokawa in the May 23 PC. Correspondents Yas Abiko, editor of the *Nichi-Bei Times* of San Francisco, and Dr. Masaru M. (Mike) Horii of Los Angeles agree with Bill Hosokawa that the word *skibby* or *skibbie* is a derivation of the Japanese *sukebei* which *Kenkyusha's* Japanese-English dictionary describes as: *Sukebei*—n. Lechery; bawdiness; lewdness; prurience; in a person—satyr; a bawdy person; a hot-stuff.

As H. L. Mencken recorded in *Supplement I to The American Language*, *skibby* came to mean "at least in California, any Japanese male or female." We did comment that we had only seen the word in the writings of Damon Runyon who was a practiced fomenter of hatred against Japanese Americans. Since Bill Hosokawa, who grew up in Seattle; Yas Abiko, who went to school in San Francisco, and Dr. Horii, a native of Los Angeles, all are familiar with *skibby*, the word must have been a little more widespread than this corner realized.

NOTES: Ralph G. Martin, author of the biography of Ben Kuroki, *The Boy from Nebraska*, is now associate editor in charge of special reports for *Newsweek* magazine. Ben, the B-29 gunner who became a newspaperman, is one of the editors of the *Daily Bulletin* in Blackfoot, Idaho . . . S. I. Hayakawa, editor of *Etc.*, the magazine of semantics and author of the *Book-of-the-Month* club selection (Dec., 1941) *Language in Action*, has won a wide audience for his special program on the origins of American jazz on a Chicago radio station. The program soon will be heard over the Wisconsin state network . . . There's some talk of Shirley Ya-

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Camp Savage student (Pvt. Yoshitaka Kataoka of Hakaiau, Hawaii) drowns as boat capsizes on Lake Minnetonka, Minneapolis.

California Methodists urge restoration of rights of loyal Japanese Americans; annual conference supports return of evacuees to coast; asks strong domestic policy upholding rights of minorities.

WRA reports 1,487 resettled in state of Michigan; over 600 in Detroit.

Noted editor (Charles A. Sprague of the Oregon Statesman) decries mass prejudice against Nisei, liken to Nazi injustice.

Univ. of Pennsylvania holds ancestry bars Nisei Phi Beta Kappa student (Naomi Nakano) from graduate school; accepts fellowship from Bryn Mawr College instead . . . Penn alumni in Los Angeles protest university action, letter of William C. Carr of Pasadena discloses.

Three Nisei farm workers forced out of Provo (Utah) cafe by group of white youths; police officers, city officials pledge full protection . . . Salt Lake Telegram condemns prejudices in Provo area, "woefully unpatriotic."

Li'l Tokio, once composed of 30,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, jammed with 79,000, mostly Negro war workers and families.

Disclose Nisei aided capture of two-man submarine at Waimanalo, Hawaii, after Pearl Harbor; soldier interviewed in Chicago hospital, recuperating from wounds received in 100th Infantry's Salerno push.

WRA will continue efforts for recognition of rights of loyal citizens, says Sec. of Interior Ickes.

MINORITY

In its fight to eliminate racial discrimination in all phases of American life, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed two suits involving segregation in housing projects in Savannah, Ga., and in Shreveport, La. The Savannah suit concerns 18 Negro families seeking admission in the Fred Wessels Homes, a project built on Old Fort, a traditionally Negro residential area. The Shreveport case against the FHA, sponsors of cooperative individual homes project called Clark Terrace, was filed by two World War II veterans who sought to purchase homes in the project and had made the required down payments. Both suits were filed three days before the U.S. Supreme Court refused on May 24 to review the ban on segregation in public housing in San Francisco.