

Preservation of free Japan vital to U.S., says Eisenhower

Washington
It is "absolutely mandatory" for America's security that Japan be spared from falling under the domination of communism now spreading over Asia, President Eisenhower declared this week in an off-the-cuff address before the National Editorial Association.

The President indicated that the preservation of a free Japan is the keystone of Ameri-

can policy in southeast Asia and the Pacific.

If the Kremlin and the rulers of Red China are able to control the vast resources of Asia and give Japan the task of providing naval strength, the President said, the Pacific could become a "Communist lake."

Sen. Albert Gore (D., Tenn.) applauded Mr. Eisenhower's warning that the Pacific would

become a "Communist lake" if the U.S. were to follow policies that would drive Japan into the Communist orbit.

Sen. Gore said he found the President's statement closely paralleling some contained in his own Senate speech urging adoption of a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act instead of the GOP-backed one-year extension.

On Monday night, the Presi-

dent told editors of 5,200 weekly newspapers of the complexities that exist in the world. Of the four ideas he dwelled on, he pointed out the notion: "Let us not trade with countries whose labor and living standards are so far below us that it hurts some of the industries at home." Then focusing attention on Japan, the President declared:

"Japan cannot live and Japan cannot remain in the free world unless something is done to allow her to make a living. Now, if we will not allow her to trade with the Reds, if we will not try to defend in any way the Southeast Asian area where she has a partial trade opportunity, what is to happen to Japan? It is going to the Communists."

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304 MORE ISSEI NATURALIZED IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco

Although 390 were to be called for naturalization last Monday, 304 Issei were sworn in as new citizens in the local federal district court of Judge Louis E. Goodman. About 90 petitioners had to be left out of the already capacity-filled courtroom to be called in July.

The mass swearing-in ceremony included Issei from the Bay Area chiefly, but some hailed from Sebastopol, Stockton and Monterey, according to the JACL regional office here.

Tokuya Kato spoke a few words of gratitude on behalf of the new citizens. Tom Baldwin, court clerk, later disclosed that while petitioners were asked to be present by 8:30 a.m., many were present by 7:30 and a special elevator operator had to be called.

Kazuichi Tsuji, whose so-called 5-F case clarified Issei male petitions, was among the new group.

Interpreters supplied by the JACL were:

Ichiji Motoki, Kiyoshi Tomizawa, both of San Francisco; Mrs. Margaret Utsumi, Oakland.

Stockton

Five Issei were naturalized among 44 persons June 11 before Superior Judge M. G. Woodward. They were:

Tetsuo Ishihara, Akizumi Watanabe, Kumakichi Kunimori, Genzo Fujimoto and Matsuo Jyono.

Hanford

Four Japanese naturalized as U.S. citizens June 11 before Superior Court Judge Clark Clement were:

Ichitaro Funahashi, Eiji Hayakawa, Kango Horie and George Matsubara.

Durango court swears in first Issei citizens

Durango, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yamaguchi, Pagosa Springs, were among four new citizens naturalized June 11 before District Judge James M. Noland. They are the first Issei to be made citizens here. They are parents of five children, four sons serving in World War II, two of them severely wounded in action.

Ontario, Ore.

The largest group of Japanese to be naturalized in the history of the Malheur Circuit Court was composed of 38 Issei, who were sworn in before Judge M. A. Biggs June 10. They were:

Fred Yoshimi Furuyama, Koshiro Hamamura, Izu Hara, Yoshiyuki Horiuchi, Setsuko Horiuchi, Kometaro, Iida, Natsujiro Imada, Tsumi Imada, Michi Inouye, Harue Iwasa.

Kaneo Kay Kaneyama, Sam Sukeichi Katsura, Sumi Kuga, Harry Satoru Kuramoto, Jiroichi Matsumoto, Tami Matsumoto, Kaoru Kay Morinaga, Yorimi Morinaga, Setsu Morinaga, Masuko Morishige.

Benso Nakada, Mitsuno Saito, Kinzo Sato, Matsuko Shimomada, Katsu Shiraishi, Harunosuke Sunada, Masao Tanabe, Yoshie Tanabe, Michiye Tanaka, Yoshiaki Tomiyoshi, Joe Yasuji Watanabe.



A Seattle-born miss, Dorothy Mayeno, is the fourth candidate to be entered in the Miss National JACL queen contest, by the West Los Angeles JACL chapter, it was announced by Hisashi Horita, contest chairman. Secretary for Blodgett Co., a brack shop in downtown Los Angeles, she is a graduate of Garfield High, Seattle, and attended Univ. of Washington for two years, where she was a member of the Valeds. She is 23 years old, 5 ft. 3 in., and weighs 108 lbs.—Ray Hoshizaki Photo.

PRES. EISENHOWER PRAISES JACL FOR EFFORTS WITH CITIZENSHIP

Washington

Warm greetings from President Eisenhower praised the efforts of the Japanese American Citizens League for "instilling in your members a sense of responsibility in respect to the rights and obligations" of citizenship even before Japanese nationals could gain American citizenship.

The message from the White House was addressed to George Inagaki, National JACL president, of Venice, Calif., in connection with the forthcoming national convention, Sept. 2-6, at Hotel Statler, Los Angeles.

The President's message: "My warm greetings go to all of you attending the 13th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League.

"I am told, and am glad to hear it, that even before Japanese nationals could gain American citizenship, your League was instilling in your members a sense of responsibility in respect to the rights and obligations such citizenship entails. May this help to encourage your members in coming years to engage actively in the civic affairs of their communities. In this way, they will enjoy the

full value of citizenship. Also in this way, they will contribute their share toward strengthening those processes of government in our country which help to keep us free.

"You have my best wishes for a most successful convention.

"Sincerely, (signed) Dwight D. Eisenhower."

JAPANESE METHODISTS HONOR RETIRING MINISTER

Los Angeles

The Rev. Yuzuru Yamaka, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church here, is retiring from 42 years of active ministry and will be honored tonight at the closing banquet of the Provisional Methodist 15th annual Pacific Japa-

'Teahouse' symphony

Boston

A symphonic suite by Dai-Keong Lee based on themes of his Broadway comedy score, "Teahouse of the August Moon," was given its premiere performance recently by Arthur Fiedler and his Boston Pops Orchestra.

WATKINS ELECTION BILL NEARING CONGRESS OK, HOUSE GROUP ACTS

Washington

A House Judiciary Subcommittee Monday approved a bill calculated to restore U.S. citizenship to about 2,000 Japanese Americans who lost it by voting in Japan after World War II.

The measure, passed by the Senate last month, will now go before the full House Judiciary Committee.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens' League, was the sole witness before the sub-

committee as he spoke in favor of the bill.

"This does for the Japanese Americans what the Italian election bill did for Italian Americans in 1950," he explained. "It is designed to help American citizens of Japanese descent stranded in Japan by the war who voted during the U.S. occupation when we were encouraging support of democratic processes."

Most of the persons covered by the legislation, Masaoka said, are former residents of Hawaii and California.

The exemption period of the bill would run from Sept. 2, 1945, to Apr. 27, 1952, a subcommittee assistant said. This would cover only persons voting under the American occupation period and not those who voted in wartime elections or subsequent to the occupation.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah) at JACL's request.

Senate OKs 1955 evacuation claims administration fund

Washington

Justice Department appropriations for the next fiscal year, 1955, including \$200,000 for administration expenses for processing evacuation claims, were approved by the Senate, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The appropriations are necessary for the Justice Department to continue adjudication of Japanese evacuation claims through June 30, 1955. Government salaries of adjudicating attorneys, clerks and other administrative personnel processing evacuation claims in the Justice Department are to be paid out of the \$200,000 appropriation.

Because of Senate amendments in other portions of the House-approved bill, the measure was assigned to a Joint House-Senate Conference Committee to "iron out" the differences between the Senate and House versions of the bill.

Senate conferees named to participate are:

Sens. Styles Bridges (R., Ohio), Leverett Saltonstall (R., Mass.), Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.), H. Alexander Smith (R., N.J.), Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), Allen J. Ellender, Sr. (D., La.), and Lister Hill (D., Ala.).

STOMACH CANCER DEATHS IN JAPAN HIGHER THAN U.S., DOCTOR REPORTS

San Francisco

The Japanese as a race has a higher incidence of stomach cancer than any other race, according to Dr. Russel S. Boles, special consultant of the cancer control committee of the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Md.

He is attending the American Medical Ass'n convention which opened here this week.

Dr. Boles found cancer of the stomach accounted for half of all cancer in Japan, while in the United States, the figures stand at one-ninth. Cancer of the digestive tract in Japan accounted for 71 per cent of all cancer deaths as compared with 40 per cent in U.S., Dr. Boles added.

While he did not attempt to interpret his findings, he urged that research continue and every attempt made to diagnose gastric cancer as early as possible.

Pre-registration of Nat'l JACL convention delegates announced

Los Angeles

With 11 weeks remaining until the opening of the 13th biennial National JACL Convention, pre-registration of delegates and boosters is gaining momentum, Mrs. Mabel Ota, registration chairman, revealed today.

Only two chapters, thus far, have official delegates selected and pre-registered. Other pre-registered delegates and boosters have been reported from Orange County, Venice, Southwest Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, and Downtown Los Angeles.

Pre-registrations were being

urged as early as January this year, according to Mrs. Ota, who hoped at least 300 would have signified their intentions of attending the Sept. 2-6 convention at the Hotel Statler in Los Angeles in adequate time to permit her committee to have necessary paper-work finished before the last minute rush the first week of September.

Pre-registration tickets, being circulated by all JACL chapters, are \$3.

The registration list is as follows:

OFFICIAL DELEGATES
Frank Oda, Sonoma JACL; Flo-

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Frank T. Hori, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hori, Venice, Calif., was graduated this week from the Univ. of Oregon dental school in Portland. He was a graduate of Ontario (Ore.) high school, attended Oregon State College and Univ. of Washington, served two years in the U.S. Air Force.

Elsie Yotsuuye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toju Yotsuuye, Fife, Wash., was awarded a four-year scholarship to the Univ. of Washington College of Education provided by the Washington Congress of Parents and Teachers at Fife High, she was student-body treasurer, drill team majorette and an honor student.

Mary Hideko Nishi, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Nishi, Pasadena, who was

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the most decorated girl in school history while at John Muir College two years, was graduated as a Phi Beta Kappa member from Univ. of California at Berkeley. She continues her studies in the fall at Washington University Medical School, St. Louis.

Mrs. May Saiki, 1927 S. Grant, Stockton, was the fourth person at Sharpe General Depot, to receive an outstanding performance rating, the first other than a supervisor. She is in the administrative section of the engineer depot maintenance section.

David Yamada, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yamada,

Santa Barbara, is the first Nisei to be elected student-body president at Santa Barbara High School. He is also Hi-Y president, co-editor of the school yearbook, member of Quill & Scroll (student journalism) club and winner of a DAR citizenship award while in junior high school.

Howard Noburo Horii, 403 W. 21st St., New York, completed the four-year course in architecture at Pratt Institute with a 4.69 point average out of a possible 5 point record. The 31-year-old Hermosa Beach (Calif.) native was awarded a \$2,000 Emil Schweinburg scholarship. He is married to the former Shizuko Nakamura, Pasadena, and have two children, Steven 3½, and Janice 2. His parents are living in Torrance,

Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

In Memoriam . . .

Joseph Rider Farrington, Republican Delegate from Hawaii, passed away of a heart attack Saturday afternoon, June 19, at his desk in the House of Representatives Office Building.

Up to the second of his death, he was working on his great crusade—Statehood for his beloved Hawaii.

Like a soldier in battle, he "gave his last full measure of devotion" to the cause that is synonymous with his name.

One could not speak with the Delegate without realizing that Statehood was his all-consuming legislative objective, that he had dedicated his life to that proposition. And, in the halls of Congress where he labored for more than a decade, he symbolized the long struggle of that Territory for equal status.

This writer recalls talking with the Delegate just a few days before he passed away. As always, all he talked about was the politics that was depriving Hawaii of a chance to become the 49th State. He mentioned the latest strategy that he had evolved to divorce Hawaii from Alaska and still secure the necessary Democratic votes to win Statehood for his Pacific Paradise. He gave me an assignment, as he told me that this might be the crucial week, that either Hawaii would gain Statehood because of the events that would take place or be denied it for perhaps years to come.

Though his untimely death deprives the Statehood forces of dynamic leadership at this critical juncture in the 83rd Congress, his spirit will continue to inspire those who believed with him in the ultimate destiny of Hawaii, to carry on as he did, unflinchingly, courageously, continuously, until Statehood becomes a reality. And when Hawaii becomes the 49th State, Joe Farrington will ever be remembered as the "Father of Statehood."

Friend of the Nisei, Issei . . .

Though better known nationally as the champion of Statehood, to persons of Japanese ancestry, particularly in Hawaii, he was a personal friend and advocate.

He probably knew and called as friends more persons of Japanese ancestry than all other congressmen combined. And, this writer knows that there are thousands of Japanese in Hawaii who were passionately devoted to him not only because of what he had done for them personally but because he represented to them the best in "haole" friendship.

Delegate Farrington's career in Washington spanned the years of decision for persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, for he first came to Washington as an official representative in 1942 when many Americans suspected Issei and Nisei of disloyalty.

He raised in voice, though he had no vote, in protest to the indiscriminate mistreatment of persons of Japanese ancestry; he insisted upon the loyalty of those who, though they may have looked like the enemy, had been raised and educated in American ways; he called upon sanity and Americanism at a time when few were willing to be sane and humane about the Japanese in our midst.

He fought for the use of the 100th Infantry Battalion in combat, for the organization of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, for Nisei in combat intelligence in the Pacific.

No person is prouder of the record of Nisei heroism in World War II and in Korea than the late Joseph R. Farrington, and few, if any, had more to do with making that re-

cord possible than he himself.

And, after the war in Europe and in the Pacific, he contributed more than his share to the legislative battles in the Congress to gain equality and acceptance for persons of Japanese ancestry.

In the 79th Congress, he was the first to introduce a bill providing for naturalization and immigration privileges for the Japanese. In later Congresses, because he appreciated the legislative situation in which he had no vote, he remained in the background but continued to work valiantly and steadfastly for naturalization and immigration privileges for the Japanese and other Orientals. He knew that only when all Asians had achieved the same legal status as other Americans would they be truly accepted as the 100 per cent Americans he knew them to be.

In his passing, persons of Japanese ancestry have lost an outspoken advocate and a true friend. The Territory of Hawaii has lost its living symbol of Statehood. And the nation he served for so many years has lost an able public servant who literally worked himself to death in order that the American Flag might have another star.

If out of the tragedy of his death congressional leaders resolve the legislative dilemma and statehood for Hawaii becomes a reality this year, then his life shall not have been in vain and the 49th State shall ever be a monument to Joseph R. Farrington's inspired efforts.

2nd Anniversary, McCarran-Walter Act

Sunday, June 27, marks the second anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (McCarran-Walter) Act of 1952.

Though two years have passed since that legislation was placed on the statute books, the controversy over its provisions still goes on.

But, for persons of Japanese ancestry, its so-called Asian provisions ended the era of legal discrimination and began an epoch of freedom and opportunity.

More than 500 federal, state, and municipal laws and ordinances were nullified by removing the racial bar against naturalization, thereby opening up new fields of employment and endeavor for all persons of Japanese ancestry.

In the 18 months since the McCarran-Walter Act became effective on Dec. 24, 1952, an estimated 6,000 alien Japanese have become naturalized citizens of the United States of America.

In this same period, another estimated 6,000 Japanese have immigrated to the United States as permanent residents.

In the coming year, because the World War I draft situation for the Issei has been cleared up by the courts, several thousand more resident alien Japanese will become naturalized citizens and the thrilling story of their long struggle for citizenship will remain as a saga of faith and fortitude. Several thousand more Japanese are expected to come to these shores too, even though Japan has an annual quota of only 185, because of the non-quota provisions of the law.

All in all, as those who shared in the securing of these privileges for persons of Japanese ancestry, JACLers and their supporters may look back upon their contributions with pride and satisfaction. For this statute has given to all persons of Japanese ancestry new dignity and new status, new freedoms and new opportunities.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

San Francisco, Los Angeles

(Tamotsu Murayama, now back East studying Boy Scout training techniques, presents his second article of his west coast tour. Next week, he writes of Salt Lake City.—Editor.)

Los Angeles

San Francisco appeared majestic from the sky. Flying down from Seattle, I was met by my mother and sisters at the airport.

It seemed to be like a dream come true—a reunion with family at home after an absence of 16 years. But it was a bit sad to find our home on Post Street was no longer a part of us. My mother, sisters and their husbands live on Lyon Street.

The familiar sight of cable cars has disappeared . . . Sim Togasaki lectured to me philosophically, his dynamic words still ringing as clearly as long ago. He's also a devoted Christian worker; God bless his soul! . . . My brother Makio was not home in time to meet me. He is working at Harper Hospital, Dearborn, Mich., after being awarded his Ph.D. degree from the Univ. of Michigan . . . My sister Etsuko, however, was home. She works at a Berkeley hospital . . . Tad Fujita, world-famous Nisei stamp collector, rushed from Berkeley to meet me. He has been an inspiration to my philatelic work in Japan . . . Indeed, it was a grand reunion. Everyone looked dignified in spite of some now being bald-headed.

Five-Day Week

Iwao Shimizu, editor of the Hokubei Mainichi who complains that he was pulled into the quicksand of newspapering by me many years ago, was with me Saturday when we wanted to visit some Boy Scout officials. I should have known Saturday was a bad day for calling on officials. Nobody works on Saturdays.

The five-day week was a great personal discovery, although I saw this custom practiced among Americans in Japan. It proves I am still behind-the-times even though A-bombs and H-bombs have affected Japan.

Here in San Francisco, I was asked to lecture. I didn't know what to say. I was advised that I would have to be careful in-

asmuch as I came to America as an alien. I should have legal advice . . . It was too bad I had not time to see Saburo Kido in San Francisco for assistance. In spite of the short notice, there were many Issei, Nisei and Kibei at this lecture meeting sponsored by the three local Nisei Boy Scout troops. Hence, I had to behave for the sake of the sponsors.

My folks took me to the International Airport for the next hop to Los Angeles. Saburo Kido's eldest son, Larry, met me at the airport and we went directly to Kido's residence on Dalton Street.

Expanding Los Angeles

Los Angeles was most confusing with its many changes. Undoubtedly, Los Angeles is going to be the largest metropolis in the world because of its natural resources and space. And how clean it looks, compared with pre-war days.

In 1932, the Miyako Hotel (I recall) was the social center for the Japanese Olympic team. Across the street from the hotel rises a new edifice—the police building—and the main section of Li'l Tokio is no more. A new section is about to grow, I was told, as Li'l Tokio is likely to move.

It was good to meet with George Inagaki, Harry Honda and other fellows. The girls I knew are today charming ladies. The "bad boys" of pre-war days are leading community figures . . . Los Angeles—it was wonderful to see with its clean face!

HENRY MITARAI HEADS RICHFIELD (U.) LIONS

Richfield, Utah

Henry Mitarai, staunch JACLer from prewar Santa Clara Valley days, is today president of the local Lions. He was first vice-president the past year. Prior to the war, he was also a director of the Sunnyvale (Calif.) Lions.

Married to the former Helen Inouye of Mountain View, they have five children: Jeanette, Shirley, Patsy, Elaine and Mark. Shirley, sophomore class president last term at Univ. of Utah's nursing school, was named president for the coming year.

Very Truly Yours by Harry Honda

3 of 5 U.S. males veterans

Comradeship born from sharing gripes or glories while in uniform is hard to break . . . This can be attested by the still growing numbers of Nisei veteran posts throughout scattered communities in California . . . Veteran organizations in the immediate post-World War II era sprouted wherever sizeable Nisei populations existed; in past years, the phenomenon has lingered . . . Explanations can be varied, but it seems Nisei veterans were devoted to the process of settling down heretofore in those communities and were only recently organized . . . Another answer may be the fact that this nation is fast becoming a nation of veterans—so much so that today the ex-GI is a major economic and political force in America . . . This could not be said after World War I, when the veteran was still a decided minority.

The Veterans Administration has reported as of April, 1954, there are 20,700,000 living ex-GIs, an all-time high, which means three out of every five men over 20 years of age is a veteran . . . Two out of three men between the ages of 22 and 37

—or 17,300,000 ex-service-men—served in World War II or the Korean struggle . . . The politician and economist thus weigh primary concern on the matter of veterans. Veterans are voters. Veterans are buyers . . . Aside from elections and profits, it also represents a huge manpower reserve in case of an immediate emergency.

At this point, it appears justified to mention that the JACL is playing its role assisting Nisei veterans . . . Representations have been made with Veterans Administration officials whenever a new problem is called to the attention of the Washington JACL office . . . Congress has been urged to pass legislation providing increased allowances and subsistence, housing and some Nisei have been active in both groups . . . The Arlington Cemetery JACL committee each year decorates the graves of Nisei war dead buried there . . . Chapters each year participate in other Nisei memorial services . . . Can it now be that the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America be promoted with both barrels—Nisei veterans and JACLers?

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Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Del. Farrington Dies

A staunch friend of the Nisei has passed away. Joseph Rider Farrington, Hawaii's Delegate to Congress, stood by the Nisei when few others were willing to do so publicly. He and his newspaper, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, never lost faith in the loyalty of the Japanese Americans when that loyalty was being severely tested before, during and immediately after Pearl Harbor.

Many were the "sunshine friends" who ducked the issue when faced with possible censure from a sensitive community during the uncertain days early in World War II. The reference is to the non-Nisei "friends" who conveniently kept quiet when the Nisei most needed outspoken allies; who gave secret testimony casting aspersions on the Nisei behind closed doors of Pearl Harbor investigating committees, while maintaining a front of friendship for the Nisei.

Joe Farrington was not one of these; neither was Riley H. Allen, the editor of the Star-Bulletin. They editorially backed the Nisei consistently; they gave space freely to publicize the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.



As a matter of fact, the publicity they gave the Nisei fighting men was so generous, it drew criticisms from the not too friendly elements in the community.

Joe Farrington died of a heart attack on Saturday afternoon, June 19, in his office in Washington, D.C.

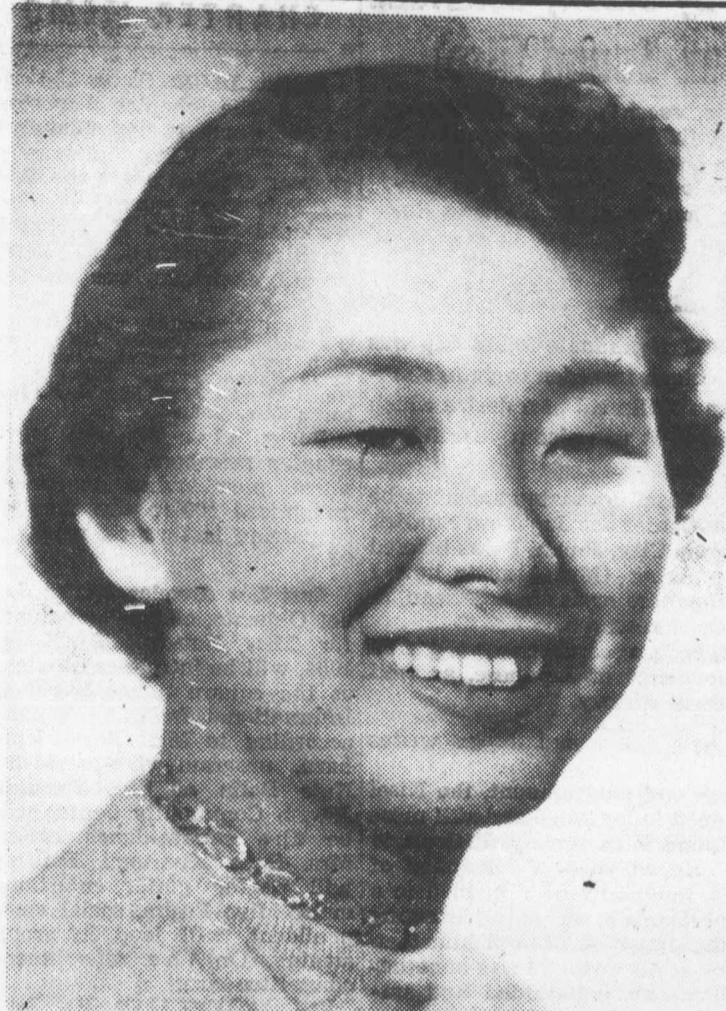
He was 56 years of age, still young enough in an average lifetime for many more years of activity. But when he died, he had already packed within his lifetime, an extremely busy career as a public servant and as a newspaperman.

Where his father, the late Wallace Rider Farrington, performed his public service as a governor of Hawaii, Joe Farrington did so as the delegate to Congress from Hawaii, continuously since 1942. Previously, he was a senator in the Territorial Legislature.



To the people of Hawaii at large, Joe Farrington will be remembered as the outstanding champion of the statehood campaign. He did not live to see his efforts crowned with success, but he led the fight that has brought it closer to success than at any time before. No one can take this credit away from Joe Farrington, and no one wants to.

To the Nisei, he will live in their memory as a staunch friend and a true ally. He lived a life symbolized in the saying of "A friend in need is a friend indeed."



Pat Kita, 17-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Kita, is being sponsored in the Colmo del Rodeo parade Cinderella Queen Contest by the Salinas Valley Union High School. The winner of the contest, in addition to riding her own special float in the parade, will receive a \$200 wardrobe, \$100 cash, and an all-expense paid trip for two to Hollywood with tours through the major studios. —Ed Frayne Photo

Six Nisei named for permanent army commissions

Washington

Six Nisei appointments for Army officer commissions were sent to the Senate for confirmation, White House officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The nominations from President Eisenhower would grant commissions in the Regular Army for five Nisei graduates of Reserve Officer Training Corps schools and one Nisei now in the armed forces.

2nd Lt. Fredrick K. Kamaka was nominated for the permanent grade of first lieutenant.

Five Nisei nominated for the permanent rank of second lieutenant are:

Richard I. Fukumoto, Kenneth T. Okazaki, Harold K. Okita, Jr., James T. Shiraishi and Robert H. Tanimoto.

Presidential nominations for permanent officer grades are submitted to the Senate for approval. Members of the House of Representatives do not participate in consideration of these Presidential nominations.

Sec'y to Crown Prince tutor returning to Japan

San Francisco

Miss Tane Takahashi, secretary to Mrs. Elizabeth Vining, who formerly tutored Crown Prince Akihito, was among the 450 passengers aboard the APL President Cleveland which sailed Sunday for Yokohama.

She was mentioned prominently in Mrs. Vining's book, "Prince." She was librarian and student for three years at Bryn Mawr College, and returns to teach at International Christian University in Tokyo.

Bill Matsumoto, district manager for West Coast Life Insurance Co., Sacramento, was elected director of the Sacramento Underwriters Ass'n.

CLEVELAND ISSEI, NISEI RECALL A DECADE OF FRIENDLY RECEPTION

Migration of a people and their friendly reception in a strange new home was recalled at the June 13 testimonial dinner at the Hotel Cleveland by 200 members of the Japanese American community here.

Nisei entertained members of the resettlement committee which helped move them here from western relocation camps in the early years of World War II.

George T. Trundle, Jr., headed that committee and made a trip to the camps to see what the needs of the transplanted citizens would be. Illness prevented his attending to receive a scroll.

Mrs. Harold F. Banister, committee secretary, recalled that the first arrivals were housed in a reconverted fraternity house on Prospect Avenue S. E. Donations of rationed food were admission tickets to the open house in June, 1943.

Other guests honored for their work on the committee were:

Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Bacon, Miss Frances Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. Earle W. Brailey, Miss Marjorie Buckholz, Dr. Grace Coyle, Miss Margaret Fergusson, Mr. and Mrs. Max Franzen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Lynde, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meeks, Mrs. Daniel P. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Max Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zucker.

The dinner also recognized

55 first-generation Japanese who have become American citizens since passage of the McCarran Act in 1952. Of 300 here, 85 per cent have obtained or are obtaining naturalization papers.

Taking part in the program were:

Kimbo Yoshitomi, Robert E. Fujita, John Matsushima, Henry Tanaka, Thomas Sashihara and Frank Shiba.

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Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada

An Informed Japan-Bound Nisei

Guest writer, Gladys Ishida, recently returned to the States after spending a year of field work in Japan on a pre-doctoral fellowship from the Univ. of Michigan; she also has an M.A. in International Relations from the Univ. of Chicago. She is temporarily holding the fort in the Midwest Regional JACL Office.

By GLADYS ISHIDA

● During the academic year 1952-53, a graduate fellowship was awarded me from the Univ. of Michigan in order to gather material for a thesis in Japan. It was a fulfillment of a desire which I had nurtured for the last five years. It was also a year full of memorable and enlightening experiences.

Since I happened to be the first Nisei graduate student to be going out to the field station of the Center for Japanese Studies, Univ. of Michigan located at Okayama City, Japan, I was briefed by the Director of Center in Ann Arbor (Mich.) as to how I should act when I got there, as a Japanese or as an American, in order to do the most effective piece of research.

For purposes of field research, each researcher was required to have speaking and reading knowledge of Japanese, as well as a background in Japanese cultural history.

● Edwin Reischauer in *The United States and Japan* writes about the Nisei:

"Thoroughly American by birth and environment, the Nisei had a hard time in Japan. Handicapped in language and still more in social habits and outlook, he found it extremely difficult to make the adaptation to Japanese life which was demanded of him by his relatives and associates. Inevitably he remained to a certain extent a small island of Americanism, ultimately exerting a greater collective influence on the Japanese around him than they on him. Rejected by the country of his birth, he was nonetheless an ambassador of Americanism—an unheralded and un-honored ambassador, but still a very effective one."

I think that the above statement is true to the extent that those Nisei who have some knowledge of Japanese culture and are able to conduct themselves properly in Japan without being obnoxious to the Japanese, are the ones who can be more effective in selling the American way of life.

It is these Nisei who can contribute substantially toward the creation of friendly feeling toward America and be an unofficial ambassador of goodwill.

● On the other hand, there are other Nisei who perhaps did not know as much about Japanese culture when they went to Japan before the war; these were the ones who helped to create a climate of opinion which was unfavorable toward the Nisei in prewar Japan.

In this post-World War II period when things Oriental are acceptable and fashionable, the Nisei in many communities throughout the country are called upon to answer questions about our cultural heritage. The American public expects the Nisei to know something about our cultural heritage.

Though the Nisei are culturally American in their outlook and mannerism, we can contribute indirectly to better understanding and mutual respect of Japan, if we can provide correct answers to these questions posed to us. This is being informed

● Now that there are more and more Nisei going to Japan on visits, as students, as businessmen, as civil service workers, and as newspapermen, it seems to me advisable for these Nisei to know a little about Japan and what is expected of them; because in this way, they will not be faced with embarrassing situations.

Caucasian Americans are excused if they make mistakes, but the Nisei are criticized and ridiculed if they don't know.

One of the most frequently heard criticisms that the Japanese level at the Nisei is that they are ill-mannered and know nothing about the land of their ancestry.

My experience in Japan was delightful because the Japanese did not expect a Nisei to know anything about them, and when I casually made knowing remarks, they were surprised.

They said that even their Japanese youngsters now do not know as much Japanese history as I, because of the lack of formal classes during the war when their desperate wartime effort mobilized children in the primary schools for defense work. At least they gave me a little credit for being informed.

● I had two knocks against me when I went to Japan, one of being a woman and the other of being a Nisei. As you may know, a woman's position in Japan is one of subordination, and it was not until the new constitution that she has been able to vote and her position in society slightly improved.

My colleagues at the university saw to it that I was properly introduced as an American graduate student. *Education is regarded with respect in Japan.*

Secondly, I tried to put my best Japanese foot forward when the occasion called for it, trying to speak and act properly in the best manner. They were surprised and pleased; I was acceptable to them, and thus in this way I was able to work among them, gathering information of a delicate nature, which some of my colleagues were not able even to approach.

● It seems to me that if the Nisei who are going to Japan can get a little briefing before they go, everyone of these persons can help to turn a source of contention and bitterness between the United States and Japan into a bond of understanding and mutual respect.

Culturally American, we can be effective in our contacts with the Japanese if we don't antagonize them, especially in a period now when there is anti-American feeling in Japan, as a result of politico-scientific happenings.

In a broader context, we can help to bridge the wide cultural gap between the United States and our neighbors in the Far East by being informed.

CHAPTER MEMO

Selma JACL: Some 150 attended the chapter barbecue outing June 12 at Blakely's Pool. Miss Kiku Katayama, chapter candidate for the Selma Fair Days queen, was introduced by Mrs. K. Kobashi, auxiliary president. Takami Misaki, chairman, was assisted by:

Keny Yamamoto, chef; George Okazaki, Tom Umade, Dale Okazaki, ass't chefs; Mrs. Jean Abe, Betty Takao, Mmes. Yuki Urabe, Helen Umade, Meri Misaki, K. Kobashi, Mrs. Takao.

Party also honored new chapter members. Akira Iwamura, membership chairman, announced 109 in the chapter, surpassing last year's mark of 86.

East Los Angeles JACL: Janet Okimoto, chapter candidate for Miss National JACL of 1954, will be introduced tonight at the square dance party at International Institute, 8 p.m., according to Mrs. Fumi Ishihara, program vice-president. Nate Balin of the Eastside Jewish Community Center will be the square-dance caller. Mrs. Sue Kunitomi Embrey will render guitar entertainment. Miyo Fujita, social vice-president, will lead in group singing. On the refreshment committee are:

Beti Yoshida, Linda Ito, Tami Kurose, Toshiko Nakamura and Ida Nishibue.

Southwest Los Angeles JACL: "Cotton and Cords" is the theme of the chapter's monthly social, June 26, 8 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal church hall. Hiroko Kawanami, chairman, promises a spry evening of bunny hop, la raspa and hokey pokey dances in addition to social dancing and refreshments.

D.C. JACL: Chairman Ed Mitoma and his membership committee established a new high with 160 signed up for the current year. The committee hopes to add to this already impressive total.

Sequoia JACL: Twenty more Issei completed naturalization classes sponsored by the chapter at Menlo-Atherton Evening High School. Iwasuke Rikimaru, Calif. Chrysanthemum Assn. secretary, worked closely with the chapter in expediting the class.

Pocatello JACL: The annual JACL picnic was held last Sunday at Bilyeu Ranch, north of Pocatello, it was announced by William Kawamura and Mits Nakashima, co-chairmen. On the committee were:

Bill Yamauchi, mc; Sanji Tsukamoto, Sumi Kanamata, Joanne Kawamura, Marianne Endo, Kazu Kawamura, Ida Hanaki, Frances Yamada, Kinuko Sato, Sanaye Yamuchi, Alyce Sato, Louis Gucker, Ace Morimoto, George Sato, program and buying; Doug Morimoto, grounds; Junji Yamamoto, Guy Yamashita, Joe Sato, Sho Higashi, Shin Kawamura, Judd Cook, Miye Morimoto, Mae Endow, Midori Endow, Clara Yamashita, Harisi Yamamoto, refreshments; Bob Endo, Gene Sato, Leo Hosoda, tickets; Kenji Akiyama, Kunio Yamada, Roy Morimoto, Masa Tsukamoto, Tom Morimoto, judges; Ace Morimoto, George Sato, advisers.

Snake River JACL: Eighteen high school graduates were honored at the ninth annual banquet in their honor by the Judge M. A. Biggs was main speaker. Paul Saito, chapter president, made the welcome address. Tom Ogura was emcee. Chester Yabitsu, Vale High valedictorian, made the response. Some 150 persons attended.

Reno JACL: The chapter booth at the Reno YWCA International Festival proved to be the most popular and won plaudits from city officials and YWCA. Henry Hattori arranged the display, assisted by:

Bud Fujii, Mrs. F. Date, Mrs. G. Oshima, Mrs. H. Hattori.

Many JACL chapters had contributed gifts for use at the Reno booth, it was revealed by Fred Aoyama, chapter president.

San Diego JACL: The 4th of July picnic will be at Silver Strand State Park at Coronado. Highlights include a fishing derby, games and free refreshments.

Newsletters Received: Seattle (June 15), Chicago, D.C. News Notes, So. Alameda County, Berkeley, San Francisco (June 12), Cleveland.

MILE-HI MEMBERSHIP HITS 592; SURPASSES LAST YEAR'S RECORD

Denver

The Mile-Hi JACL is, unofficially, the third largest single chapter in the nation with its 592 members, Fumi Katagiri, membership chairman, announced last week. The total surpasses the 1953 record of 588. (Chicago has over 800 members and Seattle JACL follows with over 700.)

Individual solicitors honored at a victory dinner, congratulated by Min Yasui, regional representative, and acknowledged by Sam Y. Matsumoto, chapter president, for the splendid work were:

Tak Terasaki, 88 members signed; John Sakayama, 58; Fumi Katagiri, 57; True Yasui, 57; Sam Matsumoto, 53; Harry Sakata, 50; Haru Tanaka, 34; Willie Hasegawa, 30; Bill Kuroki, 26; Dr. George Takeno, 25.

Terasaki was presented a gift from the chapter for his outstanding efforts. Daisy Uyeda, office secretary to the National JACL, was special guest.

Denver

Seventy-seven newly naturalized Issei citizens are to be honored tonight at the Mile-Hi JACL banquet by a host of civic dignitaries from nearby Brighton and Denver, veterans and JACLers, it was announced by Sam Y. Matsumoto, chapter president.

NCWNDC executive board meeting in Sacramento

Sacramento

Nominations for National JACL officers will be submitted at the executive board meeting Nevada JACL District Council here this Sunday, according to Tom Yego, chairman.

Other items on the agenda include the future and budget of the regional office, 1955 programming, Issei citizen participation in the JACL and the Aug. 1 district pre-convention rally at Monterey.

SOCIAL NOTES

Chicago Buddhist: A four-day carnival, July 2-5, will be held on the church premises, 5487 S. Dorchester Ave. Yosh Hirata is chairman. Doors open at 7 p.m. the first two days and at 11:30 a.m. the last two days.

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Name toastmaster for June 27 fete

Washington

Mike Masaoka will serve as toastmaster at the June 27 banquet commemorating the second anniversary of the Immigration and Nationality Act, announced Harold Horiuchi, banquet chairman of the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

"Because of his intimate knowledge of the legislative history of the law and his personal friendship with Senator Pat McCarran and Congressman Francis E. Walter, Mike Masaoka was selected to be toastmaster at our banquet honoring newly naturalized Issei citizens in the Washington area," chairman Horiuchi said.

Senator McCarran and Congressman Walter, co-authors of the Act, are to be the principal speakers in the June 27 JACL program.

In the same announcement Horiuchi said that banquet reservations have been received from JACL members in New York, Philadelphia and Seabrook JACL chapters. Because of widespread interest in the special event, invitation is extended to other JACL chapter members desiring to attend the anniversary event, Horiuchi explained.

Nebraska hailstorm

Scottsbluff

While the extent of damages of Issei-Nisei farms was not immediately ascertained, hailstones up to an inch in diameter accompanied the June 14 rainstorm over a 50 square mile area east of Scottsbluff. Up to 18 inches were piled up.

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HARUO ISHIMARU

Recent chapter activities . . .

The Richmond-El Cerrito chapter officers met at the beautiful home of Dr. YOSHIE TOGASAKI. She has built herself a modern home in Lafayette with a breath-taking view of the valley. This is one of our newest chapters, which has at its helm some of our youngest JACL officers. A great deal of credit goes to presidents HEIZO OSHIMA and JIM KIMOTO who have sparked the chapter along.

Among their plans for the near future will be a discussion on "How to Build a Home." TAD NAKAMURA, prominent Nisei realtor, will be invited to be the main speaker. A movie night will be held mostly for the Issei sponsors and later in the year a picnic co-chaired by JOHN and HANNAH YASUDA.

The San Francisco chapter is again to be congratulated for its participation in the community picnic co-sponsored with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Nichibei Kai. Some 2,000 persons were reported at the picnic. The chapter supervised the games and the races. The chapter is doing a nice job on their Bulletin which is coming out regularly now.

Visitors passing through . . .

Among some of our good friends passing through was the Rev. KIYOSHI ISHIKAWA, Issei minister of the Chicago Congregational Church. He is the father of SAM ISHIKAWA, former Associate National JACL Director. Elder Ishikawa is one of the most brilliant Japanese ministers in the U.S. and I do not think I have met a more able and intelligent father-son combination as is found in the Ishikawas.

Visiting in San Francisco at the home of YAS ABIKO's are HENRY TANI family. Tani is the National Youth Activities director of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and is on a national tour observing and advising church youth camps. He is a brother of Mrs. LILY ABIKO and is married to ROSE SHIGENO, formerly of Florin. They have four children and we add a personal note that the Abiko household with their five children and the Tani's four must be a happy and uproaring three-ring circus.

300 more Issei citizens . . .

Congratulations to the 300 new Issei citizens sworn in last Monday. Our thanks to ICHJI MOTOKI and KIYOSHI TOMISAWA for serving as interpreters and Mrs. MARGARET UTSUMI of the Utsumi Photo Studio in Oakland for assisting. We are hoping that 2,000 Issei will be sworn in by the end of the year in Northern California and our thanks certainly go to the local JACL chapters and officers for their keen interest and efforts.

All-time peak attendance expected for June 28-July 4 Mt. Hermon Camp

Berkeley
Pre-registrations for the national Mt. Hermon Nisei Christian Camp are reaching a new high and indications point to an all-time peak attendance for the fifth annual conference June 28-July 4, according to the Rev. Bill Kobayashi of Berkeley, registrar.

Large delegations are arriving from Seattle and San Diego.

The program includes such discussion topics as:

"Fundamentals of Our Faith," led by Rev. Akira Kuroda; "Christian Heresies and other Religions," Rev. Howard Toriumi; "Building a Christian Home," Dr. Llewellyn Davis; "Courtship and Marriage," Dr. Fulton C. Lytle; "Secrets of a Victorious Christian Life," Rev. Roy Ishihara; "Christian Missions," Rev. George Ray; and "Christianity on the Campus," Harry Kawahara.

The recreational program, directed by Ray Nurusawa of Berkeley, will feature the division of the entire conference into teams for competitive games, skits and KP duties. Optional are swimming, tennis and horseback riding.

Counsellors for various cabin groups are being selected by Rev. John Nagayama of Fow-

YEGO RE-ELECTED MEMBER OF COUNTY GOP COMM.

Penryn
Tom Yego of Penryn was re-elected member of the Placer County Republican central committee at the recent state primaries. He was an incumbent from District 2.

Yego, active in the past primary campaign, was vice-chairman of the Placer Knight-for-Governor brigade, co-chairman of the Knight-for-Governor Nisei committee of Northern California, served on the Kuchel-for-Senator committee as well as other campaigning groups.

It was his comment that more Nisei should engage in active party politics. He is also a member of the Placer County JACL and currently chairman of the No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL district council.

ler, who acts as dean of men.

The Victory Circle, an informal time of singspiration and testimonials, will be directed by Roy Sano of Oxnard.

Camp Director Dan Shinoda announced scheduled speakers, Dr. Robert Cox and Dr. Bob Munger, are unable to attend because of serious ailment and that the Rev. George Ray, formerly with the China Inland Mission, and the Rev. Hideo Aoki, executive secretary of the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society, would speak.

Rev. Aoki is known among Nisei churches as director of the Japanese Gospel Hour radio program.

442nd Goodwillers get four-hour peek behind Iron Curtain in Berlin

Berlin
East Berlin looks as if it had been bombed a week ago, according to John Tsukano, a member of the 442nd Goodwill Amassadors, which recently visited Berlin—both the Allied and Russian sectors.

During the four-hour jaunt behind the Iron Curtain, Tsukano reported a hula-dance incident.

"Fun-loving Merna Tilton, our hula girl, almost created an international incident.

"At the Berlin-Russian monument of honor, where a detachment of soldiers is stationed to guard it, Merna commenced to do the hula to see their reaction.

"From nowhere, it seems, seven Russian soldiers appeared, and they seemed to be enjoying the movements. It seemed they were just about to break into smiles and laughter as Merna did the 'around the island,' when a stern-looking Russian lieutenant barked out orders. The GI Joes of Russia scattered in nothing flat.

"An American major who was getting quite a big kick out of the proceedings told Merna, 'You see what you have done? You have just sentenced those poor guys to Siberia.'"



LILY AOKI



ETHEL HATA



REIKO YAGURA

Crowning of Miss Central California YBA of '54 touches off the two day carnival at the Fresno Betsu-in July 2-3. Coronation ceremonies take place at the Marigold Ballroom, Fresno, July 2. Three candidates vying for the title are (1) Lily Aoki of Bowles, 20; (2) Ethel Hata of North Fresno, 17; and (3) Reiko

Yagura of Fresno, 17. Midori Sunada of North Fresno, '53 queen, will participate in the coronation. The church grounds will be the locale of the annual benefit carnival with five Bussei chapters of Central California handling the chores.

—Cut courtesy of Bussei Review.

Convention--

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rence Wada, Tom Ito, Pasadena JACL.

PRE-REGISTRATIONS
Orange County—Elden Kanegae, James Kobayashi, Fred Mizusawa, Hitoshi Nitta, Harry Matsukane, Tad Ochiai, Roy Kobayashi, Ken Uyesugi, George Kanno. Venice—George Mikawa, Ken Amamoto, Miki Chikasawa, Louis Kado Miyo Nishi, Steve Nakaji, Mary Wakamatsu, Frances Kitagawa, Mrs. George Isoda, George Isoda. Los Angeles—Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, Mrs. Marvel Miyata, Mrs. Mabel Ota, Anna Sakawye, Mrs. Yaeko Nakashina, Hana Uno, Ritsuko Kawakami, Harry Honda, Charles Asawa, Michi Kataoka, Mrs. Merijane Yokoe.

Early reservations with L.A. hotels urged for Sept. 2-6

Los Angeles

JACL chapters throughout the United States this week will receive a rate sheet of Los Angeles hotels together with a brochure and reservation request form from the Statler Hotel, official hotel and site of the 13th biennial National JACL Convention, Sept. 2-6, in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Marvel Miyata, housing chairman, advised strongly reservations be made directly with the hotel of the delegate's or booster's own choice. "Since our convention takes place during a busy holiday weekend, the management of Los Angeles hotels has requested early reservations," she added.

The Statler in downtown Los Angeles boasts circulating ice water, radio, 17-inch television set and a host of other carefully planned luxury features in their rooms.

No Deposit Required

The Statler, according to Mrs. Miyata, does not require a deposit with the hotel reservation request. Confirmation will be made upon receipt of a request.

The housing committee may have some rooms available at convention time at the Statler, but in order to avoid delay and disappointment, it was suggested the hotel be contacted directly immediately, care of the Reservation Clerk.

Rates at the Statler begin at \$6.50 single, \$9 doubles, \$10 twins and up.

Camellia grower dies

Menlo Park

Shozaburo Takahashi, 73, local camellia grower, died June 15. He came to this country in 1901 and was active in community affairs in Lodi and Visalia.

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Portlander establishes Yokohama Red Cross unit

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Mary Minamoto of Portland, Ore., is in Yokohama establishing a sub-office to the Yokohama American Red Cross field office to assist dependents arriving to and departing from Japan. Japanese war brides are also under her jurisdiction.

She was recently honored by her co-workers at the Far Eastern ARC headquarters, where she has been on the staff since last Oct. 12. She also served at the Tokyo field office assisting American servicemen with emergency leaves and financial assistance.

In the employ of American Red Cross since 1945 by the Portland chapter, her longtime meritorious service, was recognized last January when Henry L. Janeway, Far East director of operations, presented her with a Red Cross pin.

Earlier this month, Miss Minamoto, who was also active in JACL, was honored by George Somekawa of Tokyo at a farewell dinner. Somekawa, pre-war Portland JACler, is assisting managing editor of the Asahi Evening News. A graduate of Northwestern College of Law in Portland, he came to Japan to study but was stranded by the outbreak of war.

Nature of Miss Saita's illness told in letter

Toronto

The nature of the illness suffered by Miss Aiko Saita, Canadian-born opera singer who cut short her concert tour of Canada earlier this year to be flown back to Tokyo by stretcher, was revealed in a letter partly published by the Continental Times.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Miyake recently received a letter from Miss Saita, who stated she was making rapid improvement due to a new anti-cancer drug, sarcomycin, developed by Dr. Hamao Umezawa of Japan.

Philadelphia secretary to attend Tokyo seminar

Philadelphia

Betty Watanabe, secretary to the head of the American Friends Service Committee headquartered here, is making her first trip to Japan this summer.

The former president of the local Young Buddhist Association and JACler will spend three weeks at a seminar on international affairs sponsored by the AFSC (Quakers) at the Christian Women's College in Tokyo.

She previously served on the staff of an UNESCO seminar on "Education for International Understanding."

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Los Angeles Nisei Relays entry deadline announced as June 25

● Deadline for the Los Angeles Nisei Relays to be held July 11 was announced earlier this week by BOB WATANABE, chairman, as Friday, June 25, at the L.A. JACL Regional Office. The Li'l Tokio vernaculars emphasized this matter and it was hoped by the committee that last-minute sign-ups would affect a record turnout. Athletes not meeting this deadline will not be permitted to participate, it was emphasized . . . A junior division weigh-in is scheduled for 10 a.m. on the day of the meet, at Rancho Stadium. Point scoring is on the basis of 10-6-4-2 in individual events; 12-8-4 in the relay events . . . Another innovation this year is the running tally scoreboard for the public eye. And athletes must wear his top to facilitate the placing of the athlete's official number.

● The hard-hitting band of Hawaiian amateur boxers on a four-city tour of the mainland wound up their engagements successfully in Seattle last Friday night, taking the Seattle hosts 6 to 4. MICHINORU OKADA, who came to Seattle with a string of 59 consecutive victories, watched his win streak go down the drain as he lost a split decision to Jerry Boucher, Canadian flyweight champ. The crowd roundly booed the decision . . . At Albany, N.Y., the Hawaiians won 6 to 4 on June 17. Earlier they defeated the Cleveland Golden Glovers 7 to 3, but lost 6-4 at Portland in their first matches.

● YOSHIO SHIRAI, world's flyweight champion, visits Los Angeles for two days, July 11-12, enroute to Brazil for several non-title bouts. Accompanying the champion will be his manager, Dr. Alvin Cahn and trainer Uchiyama.

● Six Nipponese swimmers will compete in a series of meets in Hawaii next month. KATSUJI YAMASHITA, who scored an upset win over FORD KONNO of Ohio State last year in the 1,500-m., won in 18m.58.8s. and a rematch of these two distance swimmers looms. Other members coming from Japan are MANABU KOGA, TERUKI HOSOMA, sprints; MITSUHIRO SUGAHARA, 400-m.; KEIJI HASE, backstroke; MASARU FURUKAWA, breaststroke; and Olympic champion SHOZO MAKINO, coach. Koga staged a big upset nosing out HIROSHI SUZUKI by a touch in the 100-m. in 58s.

● ART YOKOTA was the only Nisei among 83 Northern Californians who "beat Ben Hogan" in this year's Life-PGA National Golf Day. The Sacramentan shot a 75-12-63 on June 6 at William Land Links to beat Hogan who hit 64 in the U.S. Open.

● Placer JACL's first-half record in the Placer-Nevada semi-pro baseball league stood at 5-2 in third place. The Nisei squad rang up its fifth straight June 13 by winning 7-3 over cellar-dwelling Grass Valley Braves. On the previous Sunday, they downed the Placerville Bartletts 12-8 in a free-hitting go . . . Sensational fielding plays were turned in by outfielders JACK HAYASHIDA and CHARLIE OSETO* who hauled in long flies labeled extra bases in the latter fracas.

● Young BART OKADA of Seattle joined the elite circle of "300" game bowlers last week in Main Bowl. FRED TAKAGI, proprietor, awarded him his Perfect Game pin and checks amounting to \$500. Several seasons ago, Okada also posted a 290 in the Oregon Nisei Bowling Classics.

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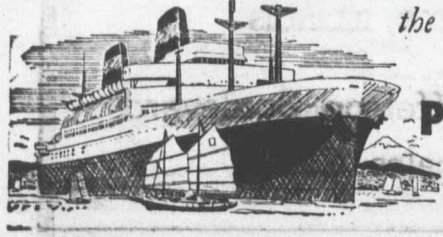
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Keeping cool in Coachella . . .

Three out-of-town chapter visits this past week were encouraging "breathers" to punctuate the hectic schedule under which our office is now operating, mostly in preparation for the National Convention, JACL fund raising, district council and other matters.

Actually they weren't breathers since it meant either week end or evening visits but we have come to look forward to these opportunities to renew acquaintances with our district chapters.

With National President "CALLAHAN" INAGAKI we drove to Indio Saturday afternoon and were greeted with an unseasonably warm 107 degrees heat. Fortunately, we holed up at the air conditioned home of HENRY SAKEMIs on the Palm Springs highway, so it wasn't bad staying indoors.

That evening we met with chapter leaders to build up convention, membership and fund raising support. The farming season in Coachella Valley is just about wound up because during July and August the only things that grow are heat-resistant cacti.

TEK NISHIMOTO reports that his chapter membership surpasses last year's but simply has been too busy to report it to Headquarters. It's on its way.

GEORGE SHIBATA will head a vigorous one-week campaign to obtain advertising for the convention booklet. While sitting there, he outlined more than two dozen potential advertisers from among local suppliers and merchants with whom the Nisei farmers do business.

At least a carload delegation will be on hand for the PSWDC pre-convention rally in Pasadena on July 18, while president Tek Nishimoto and others will be sure to represent the CV JACL at the national convention in Ellay.

On hand for the meeting were Tek, Henry, George and his brother CHARLES SHIBATA, MARY OSHIKI, HERB HIROHATA, JACK IZU and, of course, gracious hostess ALICE SAKEMI whose refreshments were really cool.

Hotter yet in Arizona . . .

Not wanting to hit the desert highway during the day, we hit U.S. 60 for Arizona at midnight and made Phoenix around 5:30 a.m. Noting that the air seemed to be warmer even during the early hours, we immediately signed up at Western Village Motel, which we thought was one of the nicer auto havens on the road—air-conditioned and very modern.

Prexy TOM KADAMOTO and past presidents JOHN TADANO and KEN YOSHIOKA dropped over and together we had a late lunch. Not daring to venture out of doors where our car had become literally an oven in the 112-degree heat, we killed a bit of time with gin rummy before attending a nice informal China-meshi which the chapter folks were good enough to arrange at Toy's Shangri-La Restaurant in a nearby mountain resort area.

We were happy to see a number of the Issei community leaders, all of them recently naturalized citizens, to greet us at the dinner: T. OKABAYASHI, T. TADANO, K. WATANABE, K. NAKATSU, H. ARAKI, G. KOBASHI, W. SAKAGUCHI and N. OZASA; Nakatsu and Araki represented the Mesa district.

Chapter people on hand were: MAS INOSHITA, last year's president; GEORGE KISHIYAMA, STO NAKAMURA, MARY TADANO, HELEN and SAT TANITA, MIYO IWAKIRI, JIMMY OZASA and the trio that took us there.

Right after dinner, where Inagaki gave

a brief message to the Issei in their more familiar language, we drove to the JACL Hall in Glendale for an informal cabinet-community leader meeting. Joining us for the meeting were Issei, S. TSUTSUMIDA and I. ASANO, and JACLer MACK TANITA.

First agenda item was the forthcoming convention. Plans were made to solicit convention booklet ads from local fertilizer, insecticide, farm implement and other suppliers and merchants with Tadano and Tom in an all-out 10-day drive. Advance registration will soon be forwarded, we were assured.

During the discussion on the JACL Fund quota, the group agreed that last year's quota should be raised immediately on a fund drive with planning and arrangements to be discussed at a campaign meeting with Tom Kadamoto, Ken Yoshioka, T. Okabayashi, T. Tadano and others. The chapter is confident that this year's quota will be met almost entirely through 1000 Club memberships.

It was a lonely ride home that night since Callahan had to fly back to attend the final adoption hearing of his second youngster, CHRISTOPHER, in court Monday. However, as ballast we were presented with some luscious Arizona honeydew melons which JACK SUDA was kind enough to give. A few stops for coffee enroute kept us awake enough to pull into Los Angeles Monday morning.

Orange County in double drive . . .

The Orange County Chapter, unable to conduct a fund drive in 1953, is planning to conduct a double drive to attain both this year's and last year's quotas.

Fortified with a belly-full of MARY NITTA's wonderful chicken dinner, we attended the O.C. cabinet meeting Tuesday night at the office of president KEN UYESUGI in Santa Ana. Ken is a top agent for the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

HITOSHI NITTA will head the double drive with the target date of July 15 to wind up the campaign. He will receive much assistance from cabinet and past officers and other experienced campaigners.

Sitting in on the discussion with Hitoshi and Ken were past presidents BILL OKUDA and ELDEN KANEGAE; HARRY MATSUKANE, GEORGE KANNO, PAUL NAGAMATSU, FRED MIZUSAWA and ROY KOBAYASHI.

O.C. JACL is one of the few chapters that has sent in convention pre-registration for the entire cabinet. Representing the chapter at the Pre-Convention Rally will be president Uyesugi and Kanno with a good sized delegation.

Oxnard's folk festival . . .

We understand TOBI OTANI, former president of the Ventura County JACL Chapter is promoting an International Folk Festival on June 26 in Oxnard. He has asked our aid in securing Nisei entertainment to round out his bill of fare. Songstress KARI SHINDO and dancers MICKEY GOTANDA and CHIKAYE AZEKA will perform at the Teatro, next door to Tobi's restaurant.

Last call for booklet greetings . . .

Our thanks to AL OBAYASHI for his fine work in obtaining San Diego chapter supporters to advertise in the Convention Booklet. Locally, JIMMY OTA of Orica Trading Co. who imports gobs of frozen tuna from Japan, has been helpful in referring steamship lines and other firms for us to solicit on advertising.

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States and that similar action was taken in Canada.

IN PERU, with a population of some 50,000 Japanese Peruvians, the government appears to have acted somewhat capriciously. Many persons of Japanese ancestry with large commercial holdings were arrested and sent to the United States for internment.

Political scandals since have been uncovered involving members of the government in power at the time, involving seizure of the properties of the evacuees for personal gain. Lima also has refused to permit

many of the evacuees to return and several hundred still are in the United States under the supervision of the Department of Justice.

Efforts are being made to obtain permanent residence rights for these Japanese Peruvians, all of whom have now lived in the United States for some 12 years.

Race-baiting alarmists had referred, in the years before Pearl Harbor, to the immigrants of Japanese ancestry in the western hemisphere as the potential fifth columnists in time of war. There has not been an instance of actual or attempted sabotage on the part of residents of Japanese ancestry in the U.S., Canada or on the Latin American west coast during World War II, although several months passed between Pearl Harbor and the time the mass evacuation policies went into effect.

L.A. Newsletter by Henry Mori Quests for Nisei Beauty

The quest for Nisei beauties this summer could be a hectic one, what with two queen contests going on—one (which hasn't started) by the Nisei Week Festival committee and the other (nearing its close) by the Pacific Southwest District Council for their queen and two-attendant court to reign during the 13th Biennial National JACL convention here in September.

But, according to both camps, attractive women seem to be plentiful. It's just the problem of getting them to run.

The "bug" in the Li'l Tokio deal is that gals need too much money to stay abreast of the pack to enter the five-finalist circle. But the committee is working off that handicap with offers of expense allowances and prizes to aid the contestants.

Those who are familiar with Nisei Week competition know that queen and her four attendants are voted by popular merchandise tickets which are distributed to business houses in town.

The selection for the Pacific Southwest queen and her two ladies-in-waiting will be made on basis of personal merit at the Brookside Park outing on July 18. If enough interest is stirred, we should have an exciting race.

At least 10 chapters are expected to enter candidates. The Festival contest hasn't rolled yet, although one source revealed five have consented to run. Still, no names.

In another event of the 14th annual Nisei Week celebration, Issei residents over 70 years of age will be honored at a Pioneer Night program at Koyasan. The naming of "Mr. Pioneer of 1954" will take place. We hope the said honoree can be a naturalized citizen.

Los Angeles must be strictly a one-day stop for dignitaries who head eastward. Within a fortnight this reporter had the pleasure of meeting two fellow PC columnists.

Tamotsu Murayama, city editor of the Nippon Times and Japanese Scout Director and a former San Francisco newspaperman, visited here three Mondays ago. He will stay for two months back east where he will observe American scout training.

Lawrence Nakatsuka, ex-ass't. city editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and now press secretary to Gov. Sam Wilder King of Hawaii, spent a brief 24-hours in Southland's smoggy clime.

His scheduled trip calls for a three-day reunion of Neiman Fellows in Cambridge, Mass., which ends today. He will spend several days in New York and then in Washington to talk shop probably with Mike Masaoka, JACL's representative, and then home after two weeks.

Nakatsuka, who wanted to see his former boss, Del. Joseph Rider Farrington from Hawaii, who ran the Star Bulletin, was quite broken up about the death of the Hawaiian representative last Saturday.

Nakatsuka said the loss of Farrington, who served nearly 12 years in Congress after succeeding Gov. King, only means a renewed effort by all Hawaii statehood advocates to fulfill the legislator's dreams which he had nursed since the early 1930s.

The 34-year old journalist who became the first person of Japanese descent to win a Neiman Fellowship to further his studies in the writing game wasn't sure what would come of the statehood movement but indicated "as long as Congress is in session, there is hope."

We wouldn't want to entertain any feeling that when Farrington's heart suddenly stopped at 56-years of age, that was the end also to any statehood ambition. But fate plays funny tricks.

The Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles, the first all-Nisei group ever to be organized under the Optimist International, took it on the chin this week when one of their bigger planned projects fizzled.

The Optimists had scheduled ball games between a visiting Waseda nine against USC and Li'l Tokio Giants in August. Proceeds were to go to "friend of the boy" projects. But the deal fell through when passport and financial difficulties plagued the Tokyo team.

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- June 26 (Saturday) SOUTHWEST LOS ANGELES: "Cotton & Cords" informal dance, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 8 p.m.
- PASADENA: Dance session, Cleveland auditorium.
- SAN FRANCISCO: Sports Formal, St. Francis Hotel, Ray Hackett's orch.
- STOCKTON: Benefit movie.
- June 27 (Sunday) BERKELEY: Community picnic, Tilden Park Camp Padre.
- D.C.: Second anniversary banquet in honor of McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act, Sheraton Park Hotel.
- June 29 (Tuesday) NEW YORK: Graduates, Issei Citizens dinner, Ding Ho, 6:30 p.m.
- July 3 (Saturday) SONOMA COUNTY: Two-day Homecoming Festival, Memorial Hall.
- July 4 (Sunday) SAN DIEGO: Fishing derby and picnic.
- NO. WYO. & MONTANA: Joint picnic.
- CLEVELAND: Community picnic, Wiegand's Lake.
- CHICAGO: Weekend outing, George Williams College Camp, Lake Green, Wis.
- July 11 (Sunday) LOS ANGELES: Nisei Relays, Rancho Stadium, 10 a.m.
- July 18 (Sunday) PCWDC: Pre-Convention rally, Sec. E. Brookside Park, Pasadena; 10 a.m.
- July 24 (Saturday) BERKELEY: Benefit movies, Longfellow School.

Watsonville VFW post inducts new officers

William Mine was inducted as commander of the newest Nisei VFW post in California here. There are 34 charter members in the Watsonville Nisei Memorial Post No. 9446. Assisting are: Toshio Manabe, sr. v.c.; Tomio Tsuda, jr. v.c.; Hiroshi Shikuma, chap.; Louie Hayashida, qm.; Tom Kaita, advocate; Ben Umeda, surg.; James Yamamoto, Junio Kawata, Shige Morimune, trustees. Appointed officers are: Sam Sugidono, adj.; Masaharu Okumura, OD; Hiroshi Shikuma, patriotic inst.; Akira Tao, hist.; James Yoshida, serv.; Yutaka Kimoto, gd.; Yoshio Fujita, Kunio Kawata, Jiro Sugidono, James Yamamoto, colors; Haruto Tao, pub. rel.; Tomio Tsuda, asst. qm.; Tom Kaita, asst. adj.

Show-woman dies

Mrs. Kono Ashikaga, 54, born in San Francisco, died at her home here June 9. She was one of the early Japanese show-girls, having appeared on the RKO circuit in America and in Australia.

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- AKAMINE—May 1, a girl Marlene Kimiko to the Sadakichi Frank Akamines (Mildred Takako Kono), Los Angeles.
- AKITA—May 28, a boy Dale to the Joe Akitas (Mae Lee), Los Angeles.
- ANDOW—May 15, a boy Steven Haruo to the Shigeo Andows (Kazuko Ogashi), Los Angeles.
- BEETSCHANS—May 16, a boy to the Richard D. Beetschans (Jeannette Michiko Iga), Los Angeles.
- DOMOTO—May 10, a girl Laura Lee to the Sam Isamu Domotos (Mary Louise Yoshino), Los Angeles.
- FUJII—May 13, a girl Carolyn May to the Ben Tsutomu Fujii (Mitsuko Miura), Los Angeles.
- FUJIMOTO—May 13, a girl Nanette Lyne to the Tsugiyuki Fujimotos (Mary Saito), Los Angeles.
- FUJINAKA—May 20, a girl Nanette Fumiko to the Roy Shigetou Fujinakas (Helen Reiko Kaizumi), Los Angeles.
- GOTO—May 24, a girl Margaret Louise to the Shigeru Gotos (Nellie Hide Nishimura), Inglewood.
- HAMABATA—May 17, a girl Michiko Doris to the Takashi Hamabatas (Yaeko Kosaka), Los Angeles.
- HANASHIRO—May 19, a boy Mike Steven to the Kay Seiichi Hanashiros (Marie Mariko Suo), Los Angeles.
- HANDA—Apr. 27, a girl Jo Ann to the Ace Handas, Oakland.
- HARA—A girl to the Frank Haras, Scottsbluff, Neb.
- HAYASHIDA—May 21, a boy Stan-Hayashidas (Kazue Momose), Los Angeles.
- HIRAGA—May 18, a girl Melanie Yoko to the Noboru Hiragas (Shyoko Toda), Seattle.
- HIRAOKA—May 10, a girl Deirdre Namia to the George Michio Hiraokas (Florence Atsuko Mikami), Pacoima.
- INOUE—May 8, a girl Lois Reiko to the Tadao Ernest Inouyes (Chiyo Iwamoto), Los Angeles.
- ISOZAKI—May 23, a boy Martin Lane to the Takeshi Isozakis (Esther Takeko Yabumoto), Los Angeles.
- KATAYAMA—May 7, a girl Diane Gail to the Terry Teruo Katayamas (Ester Mitsuye Tsuji), Los Angeles.
- KAWASAKI—May 21, a boy to the Paul Kawasakis, Delano.
- KAWASAWA—May 25, a girl Helen Aiko to the Don Takashi Kawasawas (Shizu Koyama), Los Angeles.
- KAWAYE—May 12, a boy Jonathan Ken to the Harry Harumi Kawayas (Kathryn Kiyoko Akahori), Los Angeles.
- KIDO—June 2, a girl to the Hiro Kidos, Nyssa, Ore.
- KIMOTO—May 31, a girl to the Tak Kimotos, Reedley.
- KIMURA—May 23, a girl to the George Kimuras, Reedley.
- KOBAYASHI—May 17, a boy Arthur to the Edward S. Kobayashis (Ame Hamade), Montebello.
- LEE—May 19, a boy Ernest Yen to the Kwong Richard Lees (Rae Jean Nishiguchi), Los Angeles.
- MIYAMOTO—May 24, a boy Richard Lee to the Fred Masayoshi Miyamotos (Jean Hiratsuka), Los Angeles.
- MIYAMURA—May 10, a girl Lorraine Michi to the Minoru Miyamuras, San Martin.
- MIZUMOTO—May 23, a girl Peggy Ann to the Katsumi Mizumotos (Florence Fumiko Ueyehara), Los Angeles.
- MORI—May 19, a boy Kenneth Ross to the Isamu Moris (Michiko Hozaki), Los Angeles.
- MURAGISHI—May 21, a boy Scott Mitsugu to the Sutetsugu Muragishis (Emiko Nakamoto), Los Angeles.

SEATTLE MAN DROWNS WHILE SKIFF FISHING

By FLMER OGAWA
Seattle

A Seattle man drowned and another was saved last Saturday when their fishing skiff overturned at the entrance to Willapa Harbor, the Coast Guard reported.

The accident, which happened about noon, cost the life of Sam O. Saiki, 105-14th Ave. His companion, who saved himself by tying the bow line around



him and drifting ashore with the overturned boat, was George Y. Furuta, 162-14th Ave.

The Coast Guard said the pair were fishing on rough, foggy and rain-swept waters. It was not notified of the accident until after Furuta reached shore about 3 p.m.

World War II Vet

Saiki, 30, a mail carrier and World War II veteran, is survived by his wife, and 18-month-old son, and she is expecting a second child.

Furuta, 36, Seattle Tavern owner and World War II veteran, after notifying the Coast Guard, returned to the beached boat and found the motor had been stolen.

Nisei Veterans Committee here organized a group which left early Sunday morning to search for Saiki's body.

Stockton

The body of Kenji Matsunaga, 13, was recovered by a sheriff Tuesday from the San Joaquin River at Malibu, a river beach near here. The lad was swimming with a group of other teenagers.

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EDITORIALS

Sobering Thoughts

On Monday night this week, the President gave an off-the-cuff address before the National Editorial Association, a group primarily for weekly newspaper editors. And the problem of Japan was clearly focused for the attention of Americans on the front pages the next day.

The position that Japan is the key to defense of the western Pacific area was elucidated by the President. Said the Chief Executive: "Japan comprises 85,000,000 people—industrious, hard working, inventive. Actually, the power that they developed against us in World War II was such as to be frightening when we saw what they could do alone."

"Consequently," the Chief Executive continued, "it becomes absolutely mandatory to us, and to our safety, that the Japanese nation does not fall under the domination of the Iron Curtain countries or specifically the Kremlin." The President's use of the pronoun "us" includes Americans of Japanese descent unmistakably.

While some fear revival of anti-Japanese hysterics against Japanese Americans in the States if Japan should fall prey to the Communists, it would be an even greater tragedy to the nation as a whole as well as the world if the Kremlin is handed Japan by what might be termed as default.

The security of an entire nation—not just a small group within the nation—would be endangered.

The Nisei position with regard to Japan in the light of harmony and peace in the world may well spell the "New Horizon" the forthcoming National JACL Convention in Los Angeles is seeking to delineate.

Statehood for Hawaii

Of the various eulogies expressed in the daily press and by the columnists in this issue of the Pacific Citizen, what struck us deeply in memory of the late Del. Joseph R. Farrington from Hawaii are the final words in Mike Masaoka's Newsletter:

"If out of the tragedy of leaders resolve the legislative dilemma and statehood for Hawaii becomes a reality this year, then his life shall not have been in vain and the 49th State shall ever be a monument to Joseph R. Farrington's inspired efforts."

It used to be that a bad boy had to think up his own offenses, so where's the prestige in being delinquent these days with the comic books and TV showing you exactly how to do it?

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

Silly Fad: Suntanning

Denver

LATEST FAD IN our fair city (where we've been getting too much sunshine and not enough rain) is to tan one's hide until it is toasted to the rich color of Cordovan leather. At least one shapely lady in our immediate neighborhood spreads a blanket on the lawn each afternoon and proceeds to brown herself on all sides.

Her activity is in direct contrast to that of another lady in our neighborhood, the one who lives in our house, who spends as little time as possible in the sun. This is a rather difficult thing, because she enjoys putting in the flowerbeds, turning the soil and harassing the weeds. But she was born, she figures, with a skin already dark enough and doesn't care to be tanned any further.

One of my favorite columnists, Roscoe Fleming who writes for The Denver Post, recently was led to observe as follows about the tanning fad:

"The other day I saw a friend at a distance. He was so dark brown from sun that for a moment I didn't recognize him. Had he been that way from birth he would have encountered numerous cruelties and disabilities from people who thought themselves better than he because, neither with their own knowledge nor by their own virtue, they had happened to be born in families wearing lighter skin.

"The same way with a lady who sun-bathed so much that blue eyes with white irises flash startlingly in a face that might otherwise be that of a mulatto. As it is now, such tans are symbols of being able to be conspicuously idle, and as such are in our queer gee-whickered society, symbols of social distinction.

"But the same melanin that accumulates under those skins under the lash of sunlight to protect the tissues below, is a social handicap as accumulated in skins over a long period of evolution. Silly, ain't it?"

Silly, indeed.

THE DEATH OF Wyoming's Senator Lester C. Hunt by self-inflicted gunshot wound

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Evacuation in Retrospect

THERE IS A school of thought which considers the mass evacuation of 1942, in which 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were displaced from homes in the three west coast states and southern Arizona, as something of an unilateral affair, carried out by the military at the prompting of race-baiters and selfish competitive commercial interests in California. A considerable body of evidence has been accumulated in the past decade to support this view.

There is yet another group which sees the 1942 mass evacuation as part of a grand design of hemispheric military strategy. They point to conferences between Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding the Western Defense Command, and the military officials of Canada and Latin American countries.

Mass evacuations of persons of Japanese ancestry, citizen and non-citizen, were carried out in Canada and Mexico almost simultaneously with the forced movement on the west coast of the United States.

In Canada, the 23,000 residents of Japanese descent in coast British Columbia were first interned at a reception center in Vancouver and then relocated in mining ghost towns in the Canadian Rockies. Later, they were permitted to resettle in eastern Canada. Considerable percentage of Japanese Canadians still reside in the Toronto area where they have gained a degree of community acceptance far improved from their status in British Columbia where they, like Japanese Americans in California a generation before, had been used as scapegoats by the politically ambitious.

IN MEXICO, persons of Japanese ancestry were moved from the U.S. border cities and from ports and fishing settlements on the west coast to camps in the Mexico City area. Many have resettled permanently in communities in Mexico City's suburbs.

Nearly two years ago when we spent a month in Mexico City we remember a dis-

tribut on the outskirts of the city—on the road to Xochimilco—where we noticed signs such as "Dentista Japones" and "Sukiyaki Japones." This was the district Mack Oike may have been describing the other day as he told us of some of his experiences in Mexico. Mack, a painter who was raised in Los Angeles and relocated to a Colorado sugar beet farm from the Poston WRA center, was going back to his native Los Angeles after being away more than a dozen years.

Mack recalled that he had spent more than a year in Mexico, living in small towns and the byway places from the big city to the Guatemalan border. While staying in Mexico City he says he kept seeing people on the street who looked "Japanese." One day he saw a group of young boys and girls with schoolbooks. He inquired, and found they were returning from the local Japanese language school. They were members of evacuee families who had lived on the Mexican west coast and had been moved to the interior in collateral action to the mass evacuation in the United States.

Unlike Canada and the United States, where a background of race prejudice on the part of some elements of the population became confused with the necessities of military policy, the evacuation in Mexico appears to have been strictly as a military maneuver carried out as part of some sort of hemispheric understanding, lending some credence to the view that the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coastal areas of the western hemisphere was part of Gen. DeWitt's grand strategy. This leaves unanswered, of course, the question why there was no attempt to evacuate some 180,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii, but then Hawaii was not within Gen. DeWitt's command.

In Costa Rica it is reported that all persons of Japanese ancestry were rounded up, interned and later deported via the United

has led to talk that former Senator E. V. Robertson may be appointed to fill out the term. If Robertson is named, it would be a calamity of the first water.

Robertson, a Republican, was defeated by Hunt, a Democrat, six years ago. His party affiliation, however, is not the point at issue. He was rejected by the people of Wyoming on his record, and one small part of it is of great interest to all Nisei.

Robertson's home is Cody, Wyo. He has a large ranch nearby, and at the time he was campaigning in 1942, he owned the Cody Trading Co., the town's largest store. The store did much business with the residents of Heart Mountain WRA camp which was not far distant. Many of Cody's leading citizens visited Heart Mountain camp to see what it was like. E. V. Robertson never did.

Yet, when he was elected to the senate, he sounded off many times as an authority on how WRA was pampering the evacuees. The fact that a WRA camp was located near his home town lent weight to his words although he never mentioned that he hadn't set foot inside the camp.

The Heart Mountain Sentinel, published by the evacuees, once sent Robertson a lengthy telegram inviting him to visit the camp and see for himself how wrong he was. The telegram offered him every cooperation if he wished to investigate conditions, and assured him that he would be welcome. He never acknowledged the invitation, but continued to make erroneous statements about conditions at the camp. I happen to know because I helped write the telegram and a certain WRA official (who'll be nameless just in case someone decides to investigate him) paid for the telegram out of his own pocket.

Along with the talk about Robertson's possible appointment, there are reports that Mrs. Mildred Rachford, also of Cody, is being pushed as a candidate. Evacuees may recall that Mrs. Rachford, who ran a motel and inn in Cody, married Heart Mountain's well-respected first project director, Chris Rachford, during the project's earliest days. Who do you think I'm rooting for?

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DECADE AGO

June 24, 1944

Pvt. Yutaka Koizumi, 22, San Francisco, identified as first Nisei volunteer from WRA center (Topaz) to be killed in action in Italy.

Maj. Gen. Bonesteel named successor to Lt. Gen. Emmons, Western Defense commander.

150 letters from Pasadena, promising jobs, housing for evacuees sent to War Department.

Federal judge takes Heart Mountain draft delinquent cases under advisement as argument ends.

Maryland board of public works opposes use of evacuees in state work.

Salt Lake Telegram urges fair play in editorial, says no military justification left for detaining loyal Japanese Americans in camps and be allowed to return to coast.

Lloyd C. Douglas (author of "The Robe") criticized for racist-talk at Univ. of Nebraska; denounced all persons of Japanese ancestry as "birds of the feather."

Dominion officials back bill to disfranchise Nisei group in Canada for duration of war; need for national Japanese Canadian organization cited by Nisei newspaper to protest proposal.

MINORITY

U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review the case of Jeremiah Reeves, 17, Montgomery (Ala.) Negro found guilty of rape by an all white jury and sentenced to die.

Dr. Ralph Bunche will speak at the 45th annual NAACP convention meeting in Dallas June 29-July 4. The problem of desegregation in public schools will be a main topic for delegates.

President Eisenhower signed into law the first of a series of liberation bills for American Indians. Some 3,200 Menominees of Wisconsin will be given four years to prepare themselves for self-rule. The Shoshone and Piute bands of Utah are expected to be removed from federal supervision next.

The Protestant Episcopal Church, which recently canceled plans to meet in Houston, Tex., because of racial segregation there, announced the meeting will be in multi-racial Hawaii.

Two Negro physicians were admitted last week to the Tennessee State Medical Association, first members of their race to gain membership in the organization of white doctors.

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