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CALIF. LEGION MAY RID OWN DISCRIMINATION

San Francisco

While 4,000 delegates to the 36th annual California American Legion convention were taking their stand on the issues of the day, resolutions urging an end to racial restrictions in the American Legion were withdrawn "to avoid a fight on the floor."

They were withdrawn after a bit of behind-the-scenes maneuvering on the part of Legion officials who felt the resolutions would have hurt rather than helped the cause of racial equality in the organization.

The Legion itself has no racial restrictive clauses in its by-laws but two of its subsidiary organizations do. Both the "40 et 8" honor society and the Past Post Commanders' organization limit their membership to "white, male Legionnaires."

Two Resolutions

The San Diego District of the Legion submitted two resolutions to the State convention here urging that the Legion's national constitution be amended to outlaw such restrictions.

The San Diego District was understood to have withdrawn the resolutions before they reached the convention floor at the request of Legion officials.

A high-ranking official who declined to be quoted by name explained it this way: "Most Legion officials are in favor of the amendment to outlaw segregation. And it will definitely come up at the national convention in Washington next month."

Chance of Passage

"But they want to avoid a fight on the floor here. They feel that they have a much better chance of swinging the 150-man California delegation to the national. If California goes for the amendment it has a dam good chance of passing."

Statehood chances killed in House

Washington

Statehood chances for Hawaii and Alaska were killed Monday for this session of Congress when the House Rule Committee, by voice vote, tabled a resolution to send the bill to conference to iron out variances in House and Senate bills.

The House had approved legislation giving statehood only

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California Exchange clubs lead fight against racial discrimination

Oakland

Palo Alto and Stockton Exchange Club delegates attending a special meeting of California locals here last Sunday to hear National Secretary Herold M. Harter were expelled before the secret session got underway.

Both clubs earlier had protested a national policy to ban non-Caucasian members.

\$38,000 included in supplemental bill for claims

Washington

Included in a supplemental deficiency appropriation measure is \$38,358.63 for payment for nine evacuation claims awarded early in June, reported Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

All of the awards to be paid from this appropriation are in excess of \$2,500 and were adjudicated under the 1948 Japanese Evacuation Claims Act, which was enacted under JACL sponsorship.

Claimants to be paid under the supplemental deficiency appropriation bill are:

Frank T. Abe, \$8,092.29; Theresa Kano, administratrix, \$3,533.35; Mrs. Yuri Kushino, \$2,729.89; James Mayeda, \$3,132.88; Mitchell Nakagawa, \$4,234.20; Yoshimatsu Inada, \$2,573.42; Kin Satow, \$3,454.00; Yenosuke Sawa, \$6,113.60; Hiroshi Tatsu-ta, \$4,480.00.

The appropriation measure would pay the nine claimants for loss on real and personal property suffered in evacuation. Masaoka disclosed that the measures now under consideration in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Meanwhile, another Supplemental Deficiency Appropriation Bill to pay \$74,785.88 to 14 claimants in the evacuation claims program received House approval and has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee. [The names of these 14 claimants appeared in the July 16 issue of the Pacific Citizen.]

JACL's support of both Supplemental Deficiency Appropriations bills, which include payments for evacuation claims, will be continued through the session with hopes that Congress will enact the money-paying bills before adjournment, Masaoka said.

Stockton's charter was suspended recently because members refused to expel from membership an American citizen of Chinese ancestry.

Palo Alto was suspended because its club president had been an observer at the July 18 Oakland meeting.

The feud also has spread south this past week with Culver City joining the feud opposing the national's by-laws which limit membership to "male, white business and professional men."

San Jose

Exchange Club of San Jose voted unanimously July 20 to join with a number of other Northern and Central California branches of the organization in an effort to change the National Exchange Club's by-laws to avoid discrimination.

Bert Legg, president, said the by-laws clause that restricts club membership has never been invoked in San Jose and was not known to exist by most members.

"True cosmopolitan spirit" of the San Jose group is attested to by its participation in its many drives and community activities, Legg said.

It will be easier to carry on service to the community, state and nation if the controversial clause is deleted, he added.

Oakland

The Visalia Exchange Club today stands suspended from the national organization because of the its efforts to change the parent group's ban on non-whites.

The Visalia club's president, Albert Tramantana, last week received the notice of suspension from J. Benjamin Brick, the national president.

Visalia is the fourth Exchange Club in California to come to the parting of the ways with the national group be-

CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN IN SUSPENDED 'EXCHANGE'

Oakland

U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren, who wrote the Supreme Court decision against segregation in public schools, is a member of the Oakland Exchange Club, suspended last week for its activities fighting the national policy against non-white members, the Associated Press reported.

Former citizens barred from the remedial provisions of the law include communists, subversives, and deserters and evaders of military service in the United States armed forces.

Oath Against Communism

Prior to taking the oath of al-

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'Black Caucasians' allowed

San Leandro

Any Exchange Club sending delegates to a scheduled Northern California secession meeting Aug. 6 are in danger of suspension by the national body,

cause of its policy limiting membership to white business and professional men.

Club Dissolves

The Menlo Park club dissolved this spring rather than expel a Chinese member. The charter of the Stockton club was revoked for similar reasons and the Golden Gate club in San Francisco announced its withdrawal.

After the Menlo Park incident, the Visalia club circulated a letter to all other California Exchange Clubs in an effort to launch a campaign to change the non-white policy.

As a result, some 15 Exchange Clubs met in Oakland July 18 to discuss ways to do it.

Chapter Accused

The suspension order, accused the Visalia chapter of trying to establish a new national policy in violation of the national club's constitution. The order referred specifically to the letter sent to the other 165 California clubs.

The Visalia club's board of control, however, decided unanimously to continue its fight for revision of the national constitution.

Another meeting of the 15 clubs seeking the change of the national rules is scheduled for Aug. 6.

Herold M. Harter, national secretary of Exchange Clubs, warned this week.

The meeting has been scheduled to continue discussion of withdrawal of clubs from the national organization, begun at a meeting in Oakland July 18 in a controversy over restriction of membership to white businessmen.

Harter is here from Toledo national headquarters to personally answer a grass roots challenge by 15 California chapters for the national organization to end their "whites only" membership policy.

Staunchly denying any racial discrimination in the organization, Harter explained that while Chinese and all other non-whites are excluded in the nationwide organization, its doors are wide open to "black Caucasians." He declined to identify the ethnic origin of a "black Caucasian" or volunteer a definition of racial discrimination.

L.A. supervisors urge approval of JAL request

Los Angeles

The county Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution this week calling upon the Civil Aeronautics Board to approve a Japanese government request to make Los Angeles International Airport a terminus for Japan Air Lines. The plan has received approval from the State Department.

Nisei of Biennium nominees

(Approximately 15 days remain for any person or organization to nominate individuals for the National JACL Distinguished Community Leadership awards. One among five finalists will be named Nisei of the Biennium at the National Convention banquet in Los Angeles, Sept. 6. Entries should be mailed not later than Aug. 15 to Dr. Randolph Sakada, National Recognitions Committee Chairman, Midwest Regional Office, 1200 N. Clark St., Chicago 10.—Editor.)

Chicago

The following nominations have been officially received by the JACL National Recognitions Committee for the "Nisei of the Biennium" award:

1. Sgt. Hershey Miyamura, Albuquerque, N.M.; Medal of Honor winner.
2. John F. Aiso, Municipal Judge, City of Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Harvey Itano, M.D., Ph.D., California Institute of Technology; for his work on Sickle Cell Anemia—a biochemical contribution of the first order.
4. Minoru Yamasaki, Detroit, Mich.; nationally famous architectural designer.
5. George K. Iwashita, Bloomfield, N.J., General Manager, General Electric Commercial Products Department, Air Conditioning Division.
6. The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chicago; outstanding clergyman and official delegate to the World Council of Churches.
7. George Inagaki, Venice, Calif.; National JACL President, and an outstanding leader.
8. Masao Satow, San Francisco, Calif.; National JACL Director, for his untiring leadership as Director of the national organization, and for his many contributions to the JACL Chapters and members.

EISENHOWER SIGNS WATKINS BILL RESTORING U.S. CITIZENSHIP TO STRANDED NISEI IN JAPAN

Washington

As the President signed into law legislation restoring citizenship to some 2,000 Nisei in Japan, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League explained the details of the new statute.

Public Law 515, as the measure is designated, was originally introduced by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, at the specific request of the JACL over a year ago.

It provides that a person who lost United States citizenship

by sole reason of having voted in any political election or plebiscite in Japan between Sept. 2, 1945, and Apr. 27, 1952, inclusive, the period of the American Occupation, may have his citizenship restored by a process of expedited naturalization.

July 1956 Deadline

To be eligible, the applicant must take the naturalization and other oaths prior to July 20, 1956, or two years after the enactment of the law.

The applicant must also, subsequent to voting in the post-war elections, not have commit-

ted any act which, had he remained a citizen, would have operated to expatriate him. These acts include accepting employment available only to subjects of Japan, naturalization as a Japanese subject, and renunciation of United States citizenship.

Former citizens barred from the remedial provisions of the law include communists, subversives, and deserters and evaders of military service in the United States armed forces.

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**\$250,000 MALPRACTICE
SUIT FILED BY FRESNO
NISEI AGAINST OSTEOPATH**

Fresno

A \$250,000 malpractice suit has been filed by James Wada against Dr. Juanita Graham Jones, a Fresno osteopath, for the death of his wife, Mrs. Mitsuko Wada.

The complaint makes no specific charges against Dr. Jones and says only Mrs. Wada allegedly went to the doctor for treatment in June, 1953, and died July 18, 1953.

Also named as plaintiffs are the Wada's children, Ben, 15; Mitsuye, 13; Meriko, 17; and Janice, 7.

195 lbs. by Sept. 1

San Francisco

Jovial Haruo Ishimaru's bet until Sept. 1 is to lose 25 pounds, according to the San Francisco JACL Newsletter. Using a secret diet, he has lost 10 and has 15 pounds to go. He hopes to tip the scale at 195 by convention time.

Strandee voters—

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legiance prescribed by the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, the applicant must take an oath that he has done nothing to promote the cause of communism. These oaths must be taken before a naturalization court in this country or before any American diplomatic or consular official in Japan.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared that specific regulations and procedures implementing the new law will be issued soon by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the State Department.

He added that under the language of the Watkins Law stranded Nisei in Japan who lost their United States citizenship only because they voted in the post-war elections should have little difficulty in regaining their citizenship and returning

to this country.

He made it plain, however, that Nisei who served in the Japanese Army, Navy, or Air Force during World War II, or who were employed in jobs available only to Japanese nationals, or who voted in Japanese elections before and during the war, or who renounced their American citizenship, or who became naturalized Japanese subjects are not covered under this JACL-sponsored legislation.

"The Watkins Law does take care of the great majority of the stranded Nisei in Japan, and does resolve the greatest national problem now confronting American diplomatic and consular officials in Japan," Masaoka said.

The Washington JACL representative pointed out in closing that this legislation is the only public law involving either immigration or naturalization that the Congress has adopted thus far this year.

Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

Communist Victory at Geneva . . .

This is another newsletter that I hate to write, for it is always a sad duty to comment on any defeat, whether it be military or diplomatic, suffered by our United States. And yet, the facts must be told in order that a repetition may be avoided.

Last week, the Communists may have gained their most important victory since the end of World War II when they forced the western powers to accept their peace terms at Geneva. Although the United States was not a signatory, in the eyes of the world in general, we were silent partners in another capitulation to the Communists, in another diplomatic defeat that seems to have become commonplace since V-J Day nine years ago.

The scope of the Geneva defeat may be inferred if we recall the estimates of President Eisenhower just a year ago when he warned that the fall of Indo-China would end in the fall of all of Southeast Asia, with its resultant dangers to Australia, the Philippines, Formosa, and Japan.

At his weekly press conference following the Geneva accord, the President frankly stated that the United States does not like many features of the arrangement but that it was probably the best that could be obtained under the circumstances. He admitted that this country had no better alternative to offer.

This, too often, has summed up our attitude as the Communists have made gain after gain at the expense of the free world since World War II. When Japan surrendered, Russia had only 180 millions under her domination. Today, perhaps more than 900 millions are under Red control.

The Moscow and Peiping world imperialists have gained their victories against the free world for the most part by default, by the sorry lack of will power among the leaders of the democratic powers, by the inability or unwillingness of the free nations to make a determined stand while there was yet time, according to a leading analyst.

The British and the French may excuse themselves by hoping that the Indo-China peace will bring about a militarily stronger France and a stronger Europe.

But, for the United States, it means a weaker Asia at a time when the Kremlin seems more determined to exploit our weaknesses in the Pacific than in the Atlantic.

At great expense and effort, we have built a perimeter defense for our western flank, ranging from Japan in the north southward through Formosa and the Philippines with an anchor on the Indo-Chinese peninsula. The Geneva peace has seriously weakened that crucial southern anchor.

But, perhaps, even more important is the fear that is growing among the free nations of Asia that the Communists will be the eventual winner in the global struggle for survival. They may accept this calculation and turn to Peiping and Moscow, thereby wrecking our main lines of defense in the far Pacific.

To prevent such a catastrophe, the United States must make immediate and bold plans to demonstrate to all the world, particularly the Asians, that we have not only the will to stand by our friends but also the capacity to do so. Though it would be better with our traditional English and French allies, the United States must be prepared to "go it alone" if necessary to challenge the flood tide of communism in the Orient.

The United States is the principal target of the Communists. And, as the principal involved, we must take the courageous steps to protect and keep our friends in Asia, even though others, in their own self-interest, choose to default on their obligations.

The costs will be high, and bloody. But, they will be less costly and bloody than a global war in which this country itself will become a battleground for atomic and hydrogen weapons.

We must be willing to pay the price now for peace and security, or else be prepared to pay the price of a war that may end civilization.

The Great Filibuster . . .

As this is written (July 25), the Senate has just recessed after 85 hours and 40 minutes of almost continuous debate—except for a technical 25 minute break last Friday morning—on legislation to revise the Atomic Energy Act.

The question of atomic energy is a most vital one, perhaps as important as any measure considered by this Congress. But the discussion seems to have gone off on a tangent, on whether the President has the right to order the Atomic Energy Commission to contract with private power companies to buy power and feed it into lines controlled by the Tennessee Valley Authority as replacement for TVA power sold to the AEC.

Proponents charge a filibuster, but opponents call it "thorough debate". Proponents claim that only a side issue is involved while opponents counter with allegations of another "giant giveaway" scheme.

Regardless of its name and outcome, the prolonged discussion last week blasted the last remaining hopes for a July 31 adjournment date.

The House, as usual, will be ready.

But, the Senate won't be. When it will be depends on how long the debate on atomic energy continues and how much controversy remains on the rest of the legislative program.

Many explosive items that would normally evoke extended discussion have piled up in the legislative logjam created by the longest consecutive talkathon in the memory of Capitol Hill observers—social security, health insurance, housing, mutual security, farm program, anti-Communist bills, tax revision, raising the legal debt limit, Flander's censure resolution against McCarthy, etc.

Tragic as the situation is, a contest to determine whether one group can talk longer than the other group can wait on its legislative program, there are some ironies in what is taking place.

Senator William F. Knowland, for example, was one of the leaders a few years ago to require a constitutional two-thirds majority, or 64 senators, to stop debate. Now, as Majority Leader, he is most anxious to break the present "filibuster" but finds it impossible to round up the necessary 64 votes.

On the other hand, most of the "extensive discussion" is being carried on by the so-called Northern Liberals who for years have been trying to change the cloture rules to prevent Senate "filibusters". In other words, they are utilizing a device they deplore to gain their ends.

And some of their colleagues in this legislative "fight" are among the most "reactionary" members of the Senate.

Politics, indeed, makes for strange bedfellows.

Incidentally, the first recognized "filibuster" in the United States Senate took place in 1789 and the debate was on the location of the national capital city.

And, the word "filibuster" is supposed to be derived from "filibusteros", who were West Indian pirates in the 18th Century. The term now apparently refers to allegedly "piratical" legislative methods by which normal procedures are stopped.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

Tempest in Teacup

(Tamotsu Murayama is making his first revisit of America in 16 years and will write of his impressions. He is attending summer training conferences with the Boy Scouts of America.—The Editor.)

New York

"Will Japan go communistic?" This question is often asked here and with greater apprehension since the titanic power of the Russian Bear is at Japan's back door.

President Eisenhower's off-the-cuff speech before the National Editorial Association has been widely quoted in many circles as a basis for serious consideration as to whether Japan should trade with Red China and other Communist-bloc nations.

This American concern over the future of Japan was rapped by a Korean in Washington when he asked:

"Japanese prosperity is all very well, but what about destitution in Korea?"

Korea Exploitation

"For 35 years, Korea was exploited by Japan. During the Korean war Japan made enormous profits supplying material to the United Nations Command.

"It is said that all the difficulties (between Korea and Japan) are caused by Syngman Rhee who hates the Japanese. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

"Rhee loves Korean rehabilitation and hates to be an economic satellite of Japan again. That is all.

"We do not want to assume that officials of the United States in the Far East are more eager to make Japanese merchants prosperous than to accomplish other goals. We realize that in order for Japan to rearm herself, a sound economy is indispensable.

Not Excuse for U.S.

"But this is no excuse for dropping Korea into the pit of Japanese consumer-goods market. If Japan must get financial help from the United States, it should be accomplished by some other means—not through the budget allotted to Korea for its rehabilitation."

Still another Korean pointed out that Korea would not buy any commodity from Japanese merchants, so long as they sell everything higher to Korean than other countries. Evidence of Koreans in America denouncing Japan appear often before the public in newspaper columns.

The New York Times recently reported Japan's deficit with the United States in 1952 was over \$500,000. It may surprise many Americans to know that Japan was the largest foreign customer for American cotton, rice, barley, soybeans in 1952; and second-best for wheat.

World-Wide Trade

It should also be remembered that Japanese expansion of commerce and trade outside the Communist bloc is not limited to the United States alone. She hopes to establish world-wide trade.

Rep. Robert W. Kean (R., N.J.), sees the necessity of spreading market opportunities for Japan around the world. A practical means to this end would be through multilateral negotiations by which countries

willing to open their doors to Japan trade would, in return, get greater opportunities for themselves in the United States and elsewhere.

In contrast, the Herald Tribune recently printed a sad picture of one Japanese, who wrote:

"Though our personal life is very happy, the future prospect of our country is very gloomy. The political situation is chaotic. Of course, our colorful art and natural scenery is very beautiful. But the present economy and policies are a different story.

Troubles in Japan

"The next trouble facing our daily lives is the influence of the Bikini H-bomb tests. At first, only several crew members of tuna-fishing boat were contaminated by the Bikini death-dealing ashes during the middle of March. But several months later, that influence covers all of Japan. Many fishes caught in the Central Pacific area were found to be radioactive and dangerous; vegetables have become radioactive by successive contaminated rains; the government then warned of the danger of contaminated drinking water, etc.

"To make matters worse, no scientist can tell how to avoid these dangers. No one knows what will happen to our bodies. I am afraid that only a few Americans know the actual and terrible influence of H-bombs."

While such gloomy tales come from Japan, people in this vast nation with its abundance cannot imagine the picture of a poor country in the Far East. Yet, the importance of Japan in Asia is being realized gradually. Many GIs, who once visited Japan, have a soft spot for Japan.

Japan's struggle seems to be the tempest in a teacup here.

Rev. Tsunoda schedules Southland speaking tour

Los Angeles

The Rev. Noboru S. Tsunoda, Nisei priest now associated with the Tri-State Buddhist Church in Denver, will be on a Southland speaking tour, July 31-Aug. 15.

Born in Oxnard, he attended public schools in Santa Barbara before attending Ryukoku University in Japan. He was ordained in Kyoto at the Nishi Hongwanji and returned to the U.S. in 1938. During the war years, he worked in Poston Relocation Center and was then assigned in 1944 to Denver.

The schedule, as disclosed by the Southern District Young Buddhist League this week, is: July 31—Gardena; Aug. 1—Nishi Hongwanji, Los Angeles; Aug. 2—San Fernando; Aug. 3-5—Santa Barbara; Aug. 7-8—Mesa, Glendale, Ariz.; Aug. 11-13—Senshin, Los Angeles; Aug. 14-15—San Deigo.

Fray Sotelo Kato was the first Peruvian-born Nisei to be ordained a Catholic priest in Lima last month. Bishop Thomas Wakida of Yokohama administered Holy Orders.

Very Truly Yours by Harry Honda

Tired of black & white

One reason why a touch of indifference has set in my TV-viewing habits at home is the fact that color TV is here and the anxiety to see more colorful productions on the air . . . The variety of programs available in Southern California, where as many as eight stations can be tuned during the day, adds weight to this indifference.

Color TV curiosity was heightened recently with the news that a practical, economical 21-inch color tube was a Christmas prospect. An improved chassis circuit reducing the number of tubes will also reduce the price of this set . . . Some stores now have 12-inch models on sale for about a \$1,000 . . . Other manufacturers are bound to join this ready market—a low-priced, big-screen color TV sets for the home . . . We

have already seen rapid development in black and white TV and how the customer benefits from the rivalry of competitors . . . It wasn't long since the 10-inch black and white sets of \$1,000 gave way to 21-inch sets at \$200 . . . These same factors will bring about very soon the thrilling new dimension of color at a price within the means of the average household.

It may be that I see so much during the day in black and white, there's an unconscious aversion to black and white on the screen when home . . . The scheme of colors is one of beauty—be they on the myriad of stamps I have been collecting, the flowers around the house of the neighbors clothes line of printed cotton dresses and gay aloha shirts.

House committee favors elimination of discrimination against air shipments of flowers and decorative greens

Washington
Japanese flower growers and shippers received a boost last week when the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee favorably reported legislation to eliminate the existing discrimination against air shipments of flowers and decorative greens.

Provisions of the bill, introduced by Rep. J. Arthur Younger (R., [San Mateo] Calif.), would extend the same rights to

consolidate and ship floricultural and horticultural commodities in air transportation as are now granted under several laws regulating surface (motor and rail) transportation.

Because many Nisei and Issei are engaged in the production and distribution of flowers, the Washington JACL representative, Mike Masaoka, testified in support of the so-called Younger Bill. Two California non-profit associations—Flower Consolidators of Southern Cali-

fornia (Los Angeles) and the Consolidated Flower Shipments, Inc.—Bay Area (San Francisco)—also requested Masaoka to support the cause of flower transportation in the newly developed air field.

Committee Report

When the House Committee favorably voted on the Younger Bill, it also released a report supporting the Bill. The report, summarizing many of Masaoka's arguments before the Committee, declared:

"While the need for this legislation became acute first in the states of California, Washington, and Oregon because of the phenomenal growth in shipments of flowers, fruits, and vegetables by air from that area, shippers located throughout the United States will benefit. These shipping organizations have proved to be a particular boon to the small and medium sized growers and shippers, for by being able to consolidate their shipments with others they have gained from the economies of bulk rates from the air lines, economies that have been shared on a pro-rata basis for the benefit of their members.

"The so-called big shippers too have a real stake in these operations for without the right to consolidate their shipments with others, transportation costs for even them become prohibitive, for the bigger the consolidation, the greater the savings, generally speaking.

How Florists Order

"The average florist orders only a few flowers at a time in order that he will always have a fresh supply. Thus, whether a major or a minor shipment itself is involved, because of the perishability of the commodity, the shipment itself is relatively small on an individual basis.

"Without the right to consolidate whenever possible, the air transportation expense of individual shipments could become so costly that California-grown products, for instance, would not be able to compete in out-of-state markets east of the Rockies. Such an eventuality could prove catastrophic, for the flower industry is the seventh largest agricultural operation in California, with an estimated two-thirds of the total output going into interstate commerce, much of it by air."

The Committee report made mention of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Society of American Florists as national organizations which testified in support of the Younger Bill. Both organizations were cited to demonstrate the merits of the legislation and the national interest on the problem of flower shipments in air transportation.



Mrs. Norris Poulson (right), wife of the mayor of Los Angeles, and Miss Mieko Kondo, Miss Nippon in the Miss Universe pageant, discuss a Japanese doll at a tea held at the home of Consul General Hogen in Pasadena. The Japanese beauty, who has been on a whirlwind tour of Hollywood this week, is scheduled to leave this weekend for Yosemite and Northern California before leaving for Japan.

—Shin Nichi Bei Photo

Statehood—

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to Hawaii, while the Senate accepted this and added Alaska to it.

Chairman A. L. Miller, (R., Neb.), of the House Interior Committee said the Rules Committee action kills the Statehood legislation for this session. He said the adjournment rush ruled out the possibility of a discharge petition taking the resolution from the committee.

He noted, however, the legislation will remain alive until the next Congress.

Walt Whitman books

Tokyo

Some 150 Japanese publications on American poet Walt Whitman are being donated to the Library of Congress, Washington. It is in conjunction with the centennial celebration of Whitman's work.

Conference on Race Relations . . .

The Nisei as a "minority problem" was not discussed as a specific topic at the recent Conference on Race Relations in World Perspective, held at the Univ. of Hawaii.

But there were several references to the Nisei in Hawaii and on the West Coast during the month-long international assembly of social scientists from many parts of the world (Iron Curtain countries excepted).

Since the press was excluded from the plenary sessions, the only official source of information was the summaries made by an official reporter of each session. The excerpts that follow were taken from the summaries.

References to West Coast Nisei . . .

During a session on the topic "The Racial Situation in the United States," the effect of changing balance of power between the federal government and the state government in breaking down segregation was considered.

One speaker asserted that regional interests have sometimes controlled federal policies as in the case of the Japanese Exclusion Act and the evacuation of the Japanese from the West Coast during World War II as a result of pressures from the Pacific Coast states. In California, for instance, the FEPC directive (Franklin D. Roosevelt) also signed the evacuation directive, it was recalled.

At another point during the same discussion, a speaker said it is an error to focus attention completely on the Negro as "the race problem" in the United States. In California, for instance, "the race problem" has been concerned more with Orientals, especially Chinese and Japanese, than with the Negroes.

Employment encouragement . . .

During a discussion on "Social Stratification and the Struggle for Status," a sociologist referred to the encouragement that had been given to young persons of Oriental ancestry to qualify for commercial employment in Hawaii and to accept posts at the bottom of organizations that would ultimately lead them to the top.

The practice, it was noted, had hitherto been to enter the professions that offered prospects of quick advancement but with relatively low status as compared with business, in American culture.

The inability of persons of Oriental ancestry to get jobs with the Big Five is therefore explainable in these terms rather than in terms of race prejudice, the speaker said. "Breaking points" had not appeared in Hawaii; groups affected by change are often unaware that it has taken place.

Japanese assimilation in Brazil . . .

During a discussion on "Social Stratification in Latin America," a conferee inquired about problems of Japanese assimilation in Brazil. He was informed that in the second and third generations, assimilation proceeded rapidly and that the common people were unconcerned with the matter, but that there was official anxiety about it.

Indeed, it was pointed out, the official policy is to oppose further immigration of any group which might be assumed to defer the final amalgamation of the Brazilian people. On this ground, no immigration is permitted from Africa.

Race relations in Hawaii . . .

One plenary session was devoted to the topic of "Race Relations in Hawaii." Local speakers discussed population changes and population composition; "Frontier Factors in Race Relations in Hawaii;" and "Intra-Group Divisions and Integrative Trends in Hawaii."

A question was asked as to how to assess the racial situation in Hawaii, as between the "sweetness and light" theory and its critics. The answer given was that it is difficult to assess because it is complicated and dynamic, with a variety of sets of influences.

The theory of Dr. Romanzo Adams, the late eminent Univ. of Hawaii sociologist, that Hawaii's "unorthodox" race doctrine led to race mores of equality was held to be valid in regard to the overall pattern of public relations.

It was noted that major threats to the pattern of racial equalitarianism, such as the war situation, did not actually destroy it, as evidenced by the fact that the Hawaiian Japanese did not suffer from discriminatory treatments as did the mainland Japanese.

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Aside from camera-shy Pasadena JACLers who pitched in to make the recent Pacific Southwest District Council pre-convention rally at Brookside Park successful were the following workers and honored guests: (left to right) standing—Harris Ozawa, Mack Yamaguchi, Dr. Joe Abe, Mrs. Mary Ito, Elizabeth Ozawa, Masayo Makino, Lou Kawai, Holly Murashige, Aki Kawai, Sadie Hatashita, Shiku Omori, Minnie Takagaki, Janet Fukuda (Miss National JACL), Masami Takata, Tom Ito (chapter president), Kei Mikuriya, Mieko Kondo (Miss Nippon), Moe Takagaki, Al Takata, Mary Enomoto (Miss Southwest Los Angeles JACL), Shig Nishio, Janet Okimoto (Miss East Los Angeles JACL), Charles Yamamoto, Mas Fujimoto, Haruko Yamamoto, Grace Sato, Eiko Matsui and Kimi Fukutaki; front row—John Nishio, Esther Nishio, Anna Oishi, Robbie Mikuriya, Yoshi Mikuriya, Kei Monma, Dr. Tom Omori, Jiro Oishi, Paul Miyamoto, George Murashige and Butch Tamura. —Toyo Miyatake Photo.

Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada Illinois credit unions

Over a half million workers in the state of Illinois are shareholders in credit unions with assets listed over the \$160,000,000 mark. The movement has mushroomed to such an extent in the past three years this state now tops the nation with a record-breaking 1,164 groups organized in all sorts of industries.

Orville E. Hodge, auditor, said that state-supervised unions are doing such a good job that loan losses are running less than one-tenth of 1 percent. The Chicago JACL Credit Union was organized in late 1946 and started full operation the following year. Today, thanks to many loyal JACLers and volunteer directors, it has an asset close to \$100,000. ARIYE ODA, current treasurer, is the hard-working backbone of the group. JACL members in good standing are invited to join. The usual procedure is to start with a 25 cents registration fee with a deposit of \$5 (one share) or more. Its office is located at 1200 N. Clark St., Chicago 10.

Nisei Businessmen . . .

Two World War II veterans, EDWARD T. MORIOKA and WILLIAM T. OKUMURA, have jointly organized a new business firm, Japanese American Real Estate, 4639 N. Broadway, located in the heart of the Uptown district where Japanese are buying property.

Ed is formerly from Marysville; his brother AL is a dentist in St. Louis. William hails from Long Beach, Calif. Both JACLers, they also will accept PC subscriptions and JACL memberships.

Around Windy City . . .

Some 50 acres on 54th and 55th St. in the Hyde Park area are included in an anti-blight program, which was presented to the President and other Washington officials. Sponsors said the program was regarded favorably.

The Rev. YOSHIO FUKUYAMA, formerly of Los Angeles, was guest preacher last Sunday at the Christ Congregational Church . . . Rev. GEORGE AKI, minister at the same church, is attending a special planning conference for State Conferences on Christian Action in Framingham, Mass.

About People . . .

Dr. and Mrs. TAK INOUE were visiting Chicago last weekend. They now reside in Lafayette, Ind., where Tak is

serving his residency in surgery at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He was interne at San Diego County Hospital this past year. Formerly of Stockton, Calif., he is a graduate of Indiana University. His wife is the former BETTY KUROTSUCHI, Oakland; active Chicago JACLer, and sister of:

- ✓ TOSHI, wife of active CLer Dr. FRANK SAKAMOTO, Chicago.
- ✓ ROY, now in Chicago.

Japan-born sociologist at Fisk U. attends Univ. of Hawaii race confab

Honolulu Society would have no race problems if it didn't try to bring different groups together—yet society can't avoid the amalgamation.

That's the opinion of Dr. Jitsuichi Masuoka, a participant in the Race Relations Conference at the Univ. of Hawaii.

The sociology professor from Nashville, Tennessee's, Fisk University has a theory that:

1—Strong elements in the typical family of Japan are missing among Islanders of Japanese ancestry.

2—A culture like Japan's can begin to change even before it comes in close contact with a different culture.

Japan-born Professor

Dr. Masuoka was born in Japan. His parents brought him to Hawaii in 1917. He left eight years later to attend college on the Mainland.

But in 1934, he returned to his old surroundings—Puunene, Maui—to study 100 families there in connection with a research project.

He says society tends to favor integration of all its parts

Henry Nakamura of 'Go for Broke' completing role at Chino honor farm

Los Angeles Henry Nakamura, Honolulu actor who first moved into Hollywood prominence for his performance as Private Tommy in Metro Goldwyn Mayer's production, "Go For Broke," is working on another movie at nearby Claremont.

The movie is called "Unchained," and stars Barbara Hale and Elroy Hirsch.

The movie is being filmed at the Chino Honor Farm, and is

a Hall Barlett Production.

Nakamura feels very lucky to have obtained a role as "there are many actors in Hollywood who have been in the business for many years before, and who cannot find work for months and months.

"Work in the picture business is very scarce at this stage and they tell me that, figuratively speaking, many actors are 'starving,'" he said.

Nakamura finished a picture at M.G.M. last month, a musical called Adam and Athena. The movie has not been released yet.

He hopes to return home sometime in August or September for a few weeks vacation.

The Honolulu actor has also been in two other movies. He had a speaking role in "Westward the Women," a western starring Robert Taylor, and starred in a Japanese production, "Forever, My Love."

A veteran of the 442nd regimental combat team in World War II, he also served in Korea and Japan during the Korean War. He left for the Coast last August after he was discharged from the Army.

Puunene were taking to them more and more—even though they had to be shown a catalog facsimile of the garment for which they had no name.

CALENDAR

Aug. 1 (Sunday)
NCWVDC: Pre-convention rally, Monterey, San Carlos Hotel.

Aug. 7 (Saturday)
CHICAGO: Weenie bake, Marquette Beach; meet at 3516 N. Sheffield, 2 p.m.

Aug. 15 (Sunday)
DAYTON: Chapter picnic, Polo View, Hills and Dales Park, 3 p.m.

Aug. 20 (Friday)
EAST LOS ANGELES: Chapter meeting, "Operation Ivy" (H-Bomb film), International Institute, 8 p.m. Ian Theirmann, spkr.

Aug. 22 (Sunday)
SAN FRANCISCO: Auxiliary fashion-tea, Buchanan YM-YWCA, 2 p.m.

Sept. 2-6
LOS ANGELES: Nat'l JACL Convention, Statler Hotel.

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Longtime Issei resident joins Mile-Hi CL, ranked as 600th chapter member

Denver Jack Hirasawa, 3032 Arapahoe St., became a supporting member of the Mile-Hi JACL, with a \$10 contribution to the National JACL. Hirasawa, a long time Denver resident, became a naturalized U.S. citizen last July 6, in the local U.S. District Court.

Miss Fumi Katagiri, Mile-Hi JACL membership chairman, stated that while the regular 1954 membership drive has been completed, Hirasawa will be noted as the 600th member of the Mile-Hi JACL chapter. She further stated that supporting memberships will be solicited from all newly naturalized Issei citizens for the balance of this year.

Mtn.-Plain district names Masunaga official delegate

Denver George Masunaga, past Mountain-Plain District chairman, was appointed official district representative to the 1954 National JACL Convention in Los Angeles by Floyd Koshio, chairman.

Masunaga will accompany the Mile-Hi JACL delegates, Sam Y. Matsumoto and Ben Miyahara, leaving here in late August for San Francisco and Los Angeles.

CHAPTER MEMO

Richmond-El Cerrito JACL: On Friday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m., Issei who have been naturalized, who have passed their examination or are expected to be examined, will be honored at a dinner at Memorial Youth Center, Richmond. Jim Kimoto, president, said guest speakers will be announced.

Salt Lake City JACL: Officers of the auxiliary annually treat their husbands at a dinner and this year went to Andy's Smorgasbord. Auxiliary officers are:

Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, chmn.; Mrs. Alice Kasai, v.-chmn.; Mrs. Tomoko Yano, sec.-treas.

San Luis Obispo JACL: The chapter prepared the barbecue, feature at the SLO County Japanese Welfare Association picnic July 17. Among the 200 attending were Consul General Hogen and his family and other community leaders. Karl Taku, emcee, introduced H. Dohi, association president, the consul general and T. Eto, who extended brief greetings. Eddie Nakamura and Bob Shigenaka were in charge of games.

Newsletter Received: East Los Angeles, San Francisco, Omaha.

Susumu Matsumoto, real estate agent in Denver, taking a two-month trip in Japan to visit the home of his parents in Shikoku as well as the metropolitan centers of Japan.

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Lunch Time Welcome

HARUO ISHIMARU

The time to drop in our office, whether it is for business or just to "gas" a while, is around lunch time. This is the time we all five of us, CHIZ and MAS SATOW, DAISY UYEDA, MARTHA TSUKIYAMA and I knock off. Because there are so many of us, it has become a pleasant break for us during the day's work. Quite often some of our JACL members from near and distant points drop in and we can always rustle up an extra sandwich or some reasonable facsimile for food. There is always a big pot of coffee and/or tea brewing around lunch time, and we extend a welcome to all our JACLers and friends.

Generally, the lunches are fairly prosaic, but sometimes we put on the dog and special treats are prepared by one of the excellent chefs. We have had "sushi", home-made chili con carne, and the other day we had barbecued chicken prepared by yours truly, using a Rotissomat, a wedding present from my kid sister to us.

Sometimes our food gets a little exotic like today, when one of Martha's friends brought some fresh poi from Hawaii. Martha gobbled it down. She let us lick the spoon afterwards (in deference to parties present she didn't use her fingers as she is used to doing at home).

To the uninitiated, the poi was simply "ugh!" I guess it is something you have to acquire the taste for like "fu-nyu", "natto" and some of the riper cheeses.

Joining us today was MASUJI FUJII, past District Council Chairman and chairman of the National Nominations Committee. Especially to out-of-town visitors (but also local yokels), we extend a cordial invitation to join us for lunch.

Passing through

We're glad to see SHO IINO of Los Angeles and TOM SAKAI of Indio who dropped in our office during the week. They are both good JACLers from the Southland. Tom is related to me by marriage and through this new annexation, Yoshiko and I have inherited a bunch of very nice new relatives which include in San Francisco the DON IWAHASHIS, JUTARO SHIOTAS, and LLOYD WAKES. Tom's wife is a Wake.

Someday I am going to try to figure out the intricate meshings of all my relatives through marriage. I suspect I'll cover a quarter of the Japanese population of the U.S.

Offhand, just on my wife's side alone, we range the Pacific coast pretty solidly from practically the Canadian border to the Mexican limits. Maybe some Nisei scholar ought to develop a "keringa" system for the Japanese in America.

Monterey meeting this Sunday

P.S. We'll see you at the third quarterly District Council Meeting at Monterey this Sunday. Come on out and greet Miss National JACL, National Prexy, GEORGE INAGAKI; National Convention Chairman, Dr. ROY NISHIKAWA; KEN DYU, Pacific Southwest District Council Chairman; TATS KUSHIDA, Regional Director of the Pacific Southwest.

This will be the pre-National Convention Rally and will feature the first District Council Golf Tournament. We're told that there are 47 golfers entered for this first experiment in golfing. Let's rise and shine!



Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

Penryn: TOM YEGO, who is senior agricultural inspector for the Dept. of Agriculture for the County of Placer, is a full-time JACLer and a part-time county fair worker—if he has any time left. We don't know where the time fits in, but he is in politics too—about knee-deep. He is also member of the 20th District Fair board of directors (located at Auburn), having been appointed to the post by the Governor.

An annual chore for Tom is the horticultural and agricultural exhibit at the Placer County Fair held at Roseville. He has been handling this phase the past four years. At the 20th District fair at Auburn, Tom is in full charge of the horticulture and agriculture committees.

At the State Fair in Sacramento, Tom has had charge of the fruit exhibit for Placer County the past five years. It means collecting, storing, packing and displaying all the fruit from Placer County. All in all, Tom has built quite a reputation as a fair worker and an expert on fruit.

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250 MORE ISSEI TO BE EXAMINED IN NO. CALIF.

San Francisco
Up to 250 Issei petitioners for American citizenship will be examined during the month of August, it was learned by the JACL Regional Office. Two-hundred are to be examined Aug. 9.

The remainder will be examined at a later date. JACL chapters are furnishing interpreters.

Issei from various Northern California cities are being called. Examination will be conducted in either English or Japanese, the choice to be left to the petitioner.

"This should complete all the Issei who have filed their petitions in this area and who have been cleared by the Immigration and Naturalization Service," Haruo Ishimaru, JACL regional director, commented.

Phoenix
Three Issei naturalized among 18 new citizens July 23 by Judge James A. Walsh of the U.S. District Court here were:

Kimie Tadano and Yomie Matsumori, both of Glendale, Ariz.; and Kazu Dan Higuchi of Phoenix.

Oakland
Two Issei among 18 Oakland residents naturalized U.S. citizens before Superior Court Judge James R. Agee in mid-July were:

Charles Nihachiro Sakaki and Sunao Harada.

Denver
Akiye Nakamura, 36, of Ft. Lupton, Colo., was the only Japanese to be naturalized in July 26 ceremonies before Federal Judge W. Lee Knous.

Syril I. Shraiberg, chief naturalization examiner for the Denver I&NS office, indicated the next group of Japanese will probably be sworn during the month of August.

Georgia judge in hot water for mixed marriage

Columbus, Ga.
Defending himself on the grounds that the Supreme Court would probably brand as unconstitutional his state's law prohibiting marriage between a Caucasian and a person of color, City Court Judge T. Bradford Bagley is under fire here and facing possible prosecution for performing the marriage of a white ex-GI and a Japanese girl.

Judge Bagley, who will be the first person prosecuted under Georgia's statute, defended himself with the observation that, "in view of the late Supreme Court decision the high tribunal would hold a law prohibiting marriage between Caucasian and Japanese or person of color, unconstitutional."

Anyway, he added, "They had a marriage license issued by the county clerk, and I presumed it was all right. She looked white. I knew she wasn't a Negro."

The "offending" couple has moved out of jurisdiction of the court, back to Philadelphia, the GI's home before he was inducted.

The State Attorney General had asked the Solicitor General to prosecute the couple for violation of the law, which provides one to two years in prison for the principals in a mixed marriage and two to three years for the person officiating.

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Nisei opportunities at army, navy, air force academies appear good

Washington
Nisei interested in appointments to the Army, Navy or Air Force academies should communicate with their congressman immediately, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Rep. Harlan Hagen (D., Calif.), informed the Washington JACL Office that interested Nisei living in Kern, Kings or Tulare counties in California should write him at once.

The congressman explained that he will conduct preliminary screening examinations on Aug. 23 in Bakersfield, Tulare and China Lake (cities) in the 14th Congressional District of south-central California.

Between 17 and 22
To qualify for the examination, a candidate must be between 17 and 22 years of age and reside in Kern, Kings or Tulare counties, Congressman Hagen told the JACL Office.

"I am continuing the practice I instituted last year of choosing my Academy nominees strictly on merit by means of competitive examinations, a method which has met with enthusiastic response and widespread interest," Congressman Hagen said.

Last year, Robert Matsumoto of Bakersfield received an appointment from Congressman Hagen to attend the Army Military Academy at West Point.

Nisei in the 14th Congressional District in California desiring to enter a Government Military Academy should write to Congressman Hagen, Suite 1720, House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C., or to his congressional office, 209 Habersfelde Bldg., Bakersfield, Calif.

Write Congressman Now
For Nisei residing outside Congressman Hagen's district, inquiries should be sent directly to their congressmen in Washington, D.C.

With a noticeable decrease in applications to attend the Army Academy at West Point, opportunities for interested Nisei appear good at this time, the JACL Office said.

Each congressman may choose

IN HONOR OF

Betty Lou Lung, 22, of Honolulu and now with the New York Public Library, was chosen queen of the Toronto Invitational Tennis Tournament. She represented the New York Nisei Tennis Club.

one principal and three alternate appointees for each military and naval academy vacancy. Appointments made this year will be assigned to the class which enrolls in July, 1955.

In the case of the recently created Air Academy, each California congressman may select 10 nominees to compete in a statewide examination for the 15 openings for Californians for the first class in the new academy, which also begins next July.

4 Nisei nominated for commissions by White House

Washington
Four Nisei received executive nominations for permanent officer grades in the Armed Forces, White House officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Nisei nominations from President Eisenhower were forwarded to the Senate for confirmation. The officers are subject to a physical examination, as required by law, before the nominations can be confirmed.

Nominated for permanent captain grades in the Regular Army are George M. Nagata and Juneus T. Oba. Oba, now a first lieutenant, began his Army career as a volunteer in the famed 442nd Combat Team. He served as an enlisted man in Co. E during the Italian and French campaigns with the highly decorated Nisei unit. His brother, Pvt. Stanley T. Oba, was killed in action with the 442nd Infantry Regiment and is buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va.

For permanent first lieutenant grades in the Marine Corps, Joseph S. Ohina and Edward R. Yama received the required executive nominations. Both are now serving as second lieutenants with the Corps.

Kauai Republican

Lihue, Kauai
Jack H. Mizuha, prominent Garden Island Republican and former supervisor, may challenge Democrat incumbent J. B. Fernandes for his seat in the territorial Senate this fall. Considered an outstanding prospect, his election may give both Kauai Senate seats to the GOP, the other now being held by Noboru Miyake, who does not run this year.

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SPORTSCOPE:

- A total of 47 golfers participate in the first annual NCWDC tournament this Sunday at the Pebble Beach course. BILL ITO and FRANK SHINGU are co-chairmen. A team trophy is to be awarded to the best two-man JACL chapter team. Awards will be made at the pre-convention rally of the district at San Carlos Hotel, Monterey. Eleven chapters are represented in the tourney.
- YOSHIO SHIRAI, world flyweight champion from Japan, and Pascual Perez, Argentine champion, battled to a 10-round draw last Sunday before a 27,000 sell-out crowd at Buenos Aires.
- ARTHUR KONO of Riverside, after drawing a first round bye, was beaten by Ned Neely of Atlanta, Ga., 3-6 8-6 6-2, to be eliminated in the Western Boys Tennis Tournament Monday last week. The 14-year-old netter is participating this week in the U.S. Lawn Tennis Ass'n junior and boys championships at Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Nisei apprentice jockey GEORGE TANIGUCHI last week finished his Hollywood Park season with 324 mounts, 54 of them to win, 51 to place and 43 to show, for second place. Willie Shoemaker led with 71 wins out of 287 mounts.
- Southpaw NED IWAKIRI of Gardena, recently signed by the San Francisco Seals, was assigned to the Visalia Cubs of the California League and won his first game in his second appearance on the mound July 19. He beat the Salinas Packers 3-2 in the first game of a two-night double-header. He was relieved in the top-half of the seventh for a pinch-hitter after hurling 4-hit ball. While not responsible for a loss in his first role the preceding Wednesday, Iwakiri pitched against league-leading Channel Cities and Visalia, in the cellar, led 8-4 when the opponents teed off for a record-breaking 11 runs in the eighth inning. The Nisei chucker was relieved and charged with only three of the 11 runs. Channel Cities went on to win 16-10. . . In his first two appearances, Iwakiri seemed inclined to wildness, walking nine in the first game and eight in the second game. He fanned six in the first game, four in the second. His hitting was two out of three in the first, shutout twice in the second. . . He made his third appearance last Saturday against Stockton and was lifted after pitching one and two-thirds inning, being tagged for two hits and walking five. He was not charged for the 11-6 loss.
- Trailing 4 to 0 at the fifth inning, the Placer JACL ball club snapped out of it in time to get into the ball game July 18 Sunday with the Grass Valley Braves and after 12 full innings emerged with a 5 to 4 win, the first in three starts in the second half of the Placer-Nevada League. It was GEORGE GOTO all the way for Placer allowing 12 hits well scattered and effective in the overtime period. Goto struck out 11 and walked four. The JACL rang up 11 hits off three Grass Valley pitchers, Warren, Trathen, and Harris. Hitting for JACL were NORM MATSUOKA with three for five, JACKSON HAYASHIDA, two for five; and BOBO HAYASHIDA with a double in three attempts. . . The winning run was scored in the 12th when BOB KOZAIKU singled to left, went to second when BOB HAYASHIDA walked, and advanced to third when NORM MATSUOKA filled the bases with an infield single. FRANK KAGETA, who's been playing a bang-up game afield and at bat, sacrificed Kozaiku home.
- Last year they were being beaten by every club in the league but this season the worm has turned and the Placer JACL Juniors are in the thick of the Sacramento Valley Nisei baseball league pennant chase with their fifth straight victory July 18 at the expense of Riverside, the score being 7 to 4. WAYNE HIRONAKA held Riverside to three hits, while his mates jumped on T. KATAOKA for seven bingles. Hironaka fanned 11 men and walked six.

Nisei gridders joins Canadian league squad

Edmonton
Joe Yamauchi, 21, who played with Eastern Washington College of Education at Cheney last year, was announced as an understudy to Chinese full-back Normie Kwong of the Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

New temple for Berkeley Bussei

Berkeley
An \$80,000 edifice, housing the Berkeley Buddhist Church and Buddhist Churches of America study center, will be under construction in August. Harry Nakahara, local Nisei architect, submitted final drawings.

Under the proposed plan, the total floor area will be approximately 8,000 sq. ft. and will incorporate facilities of the BCA study center with a 20-student dormitory and a library of approximately 4,500 sq. ft. To add the dormitory and the library facilities necessitated the increase in budget figures from its original \$50,000 to its present \$80,000.

Two autumn season tours to Japan via APL liner planned by Nisei guides

San Francisco
Travelers planning to visit Japan during that country's colorful and delightful autumn season will be glad to learn of two special all-expense group tours being organized, sailing on American President Line's luxury liner President Cleveland, flagship of the APL fleet.

Miss Toshi Kataoka of Aki Travel Bureau, San Francisco, and Eiji Tanabe of Far East Travel Service, Los Angeles, will each conduct tours sailing on the President Cleveland from San Francisco Sept. 18, and from Los Angeles Sept. 20.

After some 16 days on shipboard, the tour passengers will arrive at Yokohama. The tour leaders have arranged excursions during the two weeks in Japan which will permit leisurely visits to points of interest in Tokyo, Nikko, Kinugawa, Kamakura, Hakone, Mitohama, Izu, Nagoya, Futami, Yamada, Toba, Nara and Kyoto.

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Japanese Amer. philatelic group sponsoring dinner

Berkeley
The Japanese American Philatelic Society are taking active part in the fourth annual Philatelic Weekend of Eastbay Area stamp clubs by sponsoring a sukiyaki dinner Aug. 6 at the Yamato Suki-yaki in San Francisco. Tad Fujita, 1631-8th St., is handling reservations.

Dr. Bob Kiyasu recently returned home after serving 22 months in the Orient and will be practicing medicine with his father, Dr. K. Kiyasu, San Francisco.

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A Hakuji interpreter for MIKE MASAOKA on his recent visit to Japan! Such is the claim to distinction by a pleasant fellow we ran into the other day at the Nisei Sugar Bowl (no, we don't live there). His name—JOE SYKES.

Joe was visiting several travel agents hereabouts with PETER OHTAKI, Nisei representative with Northwest Airlines, one of PC's good advertisers. Just back from an eight year stretch in Japan, Joe, who is one of the few non-Chinese we know with a mono-syllabic name, will be stationed at NWA's St. Paul offices as manager of international sales. He and Pete were explaining the new low-cost all-tourist service to Japan.

Has it gotten to be that Mike's Nihongo is so lousy that a Haole can serve as his *tsuyaku*? But then Joe, being linguistic, can handle Japanese better than most Issei can English. We recall Mike's classic request to a prominent Issei whose Japanese he didn't savvy: "Hakuji shabette kooda sai."

★ **New San Fernando president**

The official president of the recently reactivated San Fernando Valley JACL will be TOM ENDOW, it was decided at a cabinet meeting of the chapter which we attended last Monday. CHIBO SAKAGUCHI, who was first elected president, will assume the third veep's post on the cabinet because, he explained, the pressure of his DDS practice won't permit the time he feels the president's job requires.

Tom's choice by the entire cabinet is an excellent one, too. Tom was instrumental in reviving interest in the JACL and had called a series of organizational meetings at his home to get the ball rolling. And it's rolling along with top-notch officers which include 1st veep FRED MUTO, 2nd veep GEORGE SHIBUYA, rec.-sec., CHIYO SHIBUYA, cor.-sec., CHIYO YAMAMOTO, treas., KATS HAZAMA and official delegate GENE KONO.

A membership drive is now in progress under Fred's direction. Meanwhile, George will plan a get-acquainted social to wind up the drive by the end of August.

★ **Hatch natch batch**

The Los Angeles office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which doesn't see eye to eye with us on the matter of mass naturalization exams for the Issei as has been done in San Francisco should earn an E for effort soon. During May and June, we figure, with temporarily assigned examiners from other offices of the I&NS, more than 7,000 petitions were processed, including several hundred Japanese.

This week we conferred with officials of the Ellay I&NS office and were gratified to know that all available manpower is being funneled into the naturalization section to "bring the situation current" which means catching up with nearly a year's backlog. Then, too, there are a number of Issei who successfully passed their oral examinations over a year ago but have not yet been called in for their final hearings.

The new stepped up program, which hopes to process as many as 200 a day, should clean up the accumulation in a couple of months if our estimate is correct. During this month, we observed the efficiency with which a thousand petitioners a day were arranged for final hearings (swearing in) at eight courtroom sessions on successive Thursdays.

★ **Bank rank**

Taking the cue from SAB KIDO's recent editorial in the Shin Nichi Bei, at whose plant the PC is printed, we extend a pat on the back to the encouraging progress made by the Japanese banks operating in California—the Sumitomo Bank and the Bank of Tokyo, both PC's steady advertisers.

According to the semi-annual statement of the Sumitomo Bank, for instance, its assets total \$7,111,216.87:

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and Due from Banks	.....	Deposits	..... \$5,503,085.76
U.S. Government Securities	..... \$1,039,644.19	Letters of Credit and Acceptances	..... 404,723.61
Other Bonds and Securities	..... 3,004,859.15	Other Liabilities	..... 68,465.94
Loans and Discounts	..... 133,407.50	Capital	..... 1,000,000.00
Customers Liability under Letters of Credits & Acceptances	..... 2,356,127.76	Surplus and Contingent Fund	..... 134,941.56
Furniture and Equipment	..... 404,202.59		
Other Assets	..... 85,202.59		
	..... 87,252.07		
Total	\$7,111,216.87	Total	\$7,111,216.87

★ **There's no glory in it**

As a minister once said, "The trouble with preaching is, the wrong people hear the sermons." This, in a sense, applies to the coming national convention. The delegates and boosters who attend the national council sessions are already imbued with the JACL spirit of community service and self-sacrifice for fellow men. They are the leadership element in their respective communities. They constitute the minority that is willing to give time, effort and money, accept responsibilities, who are damned if they do and damned if they don't by the non-performing critics, and who have a high sensitivity to the needs, status and welfare of the community.

We know that newcomers to JACL are deeply impressed with the serious dedication to purpose by the delegates who in past conventions have foregone the many planned pleasures enjoyed by the boosters and sit through hours of council sessions grinding out a policy and program designed to serve the best interests of all Japanese Americans.

No, there's no glory in it for them. A thankless job except for the satisfaction it brings that they are contributing a share to making this a better place to live for everyone. We still think it's a darn shame that more non-JACLers don't attend the convention.

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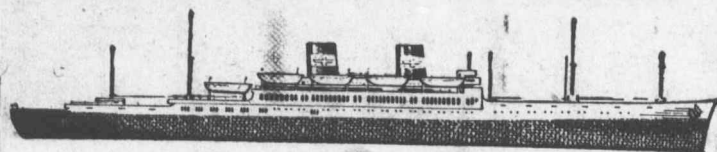
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Larry Tajiri--

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was panned in Tokyo where critics complained it lacked "Japanese feeling." It opened recently in New York and the critics there were kinder and appeared by a young actress, Akemi Negishi, who plays the only feminine role. For the New York showing, Anatahan was retitled *The Devil's Pitchfork*.

The best of the new crop of Japanese pic-

tures and winner of the Golden Harvest award at the Southeast Asia Film Festival in Tokyo recently is another Daiei production called *The Golden Demon*, an adaptation of Koyo Ozaki's literary classic of late 19th century Japan. A tragic tale of star-crossed lovers, *Golden Demon (Konjiki Yasha)* was made by Daiei with an eye to the American film audience and already is complete with English subtitles. Filmed in color, it stars Fujiko Yamamoto, who toured the U.S. as Miss Japan in the Miss Universe contest two years ago, and Jun Negami as the lovers. The picture is considered one of the best ever made in Japan.

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Art entries sought for Nisei Week

Los Angeles

Artists interested in entering their work in the 14th annual Nisei Week Festival art exhibition were reminded last week of the rules which govern.

There is a limit of one work per artist, the subject matter being left to the discretion of the artist. Paintings must be in frame. Watercolors must be framed and in glass. A \$1 fee is required.

The exhibit is being sponsored by the cultural department of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Deadline is Aug. 7-8, 1-5 p.m., at the Festival Headquarters, 369 E. 1st St.

Those who have no frames should bring their work on July 31, 1-5 p.m., and artist Taro Yashima will help in making frames at 30 percent less cost of market price. The artist

should also attach his name, address, phone number, title and sales price in the upper right hand corner on the back.

Sueo Serisawa is adviser, assisted by a committee composed of:

Paul Motoyoshi, Jack Yamasaki and Harriet Okada.

Five Nisei artists enter State Fair competition

Sacramento

Five Nisei are among some 100 students from 21 colleges, universities and private art schools submitting entries for the comprehensive art show at the California State Fair and Exposition, Sept. 2 through 12.

The artists are: Midori Kono, UC, senior prints; Nora Yamamoto, Oakland College of Arts and Crafts, senior oil; Arlene Shibata, UCLA, senior print; Harry Yoshizumi, Carmel Art Institute, private oil; and Ann Konishi, Santa Maria Junior College.

HAWAIIAN NISEI FAMILY GREET'S ELEVENTH CHILD

Wailuku, Maui

A baby girl, Marie Bernadette, their 11th child, was born to County Clerk and Mrs. G. N. Toshi Enomoto June 22 at Puunene Hospital. baby weighed four pounds.

Mrs. Enomoto is the former Anne Lighton McNicoll. The baby weighed four lbs. and five girls.

379 drum & bugle

San Francisco

For the second consecutive year, Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 379 came within a point of winning the state junior drum and bugle corps championship July 25 at Kezar Stadium. Defending champion Monterey Park team won the title. The 44-piece Nisei corps also ranked sixth in the overall competition of 25 teams.

Inhales poison dust

San Jose

Clifford Hanada, 8, died Monday night after inhaling poison dust used to spray strawberry plants, the Santa Clara County coroner's office declared. The Los Angeles youth was helping his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Higuma of Coyote, dust the plants when stricken.

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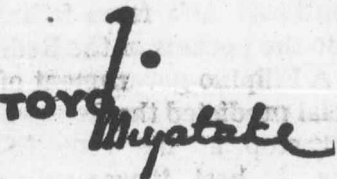


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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AKADA—June 23, a girl to the Ryochi Akadas, Seattle.
ARATANI—July 5, a boy to the Y. Aratanis, Seattle.
ARIHARA—July 4, a girl to the Kouji Ariharas, Long Beach.
DAIJOGO—July 1, a boy to the Kazuto Daijogos, Acampo.
FUJII—June 14, a boy Michael Mitsuo to the Edward Yoshimi Fujii (Myrtle Masae Yagi), Los Angeles.
FUJII—June 13, a girl Marilyn to the John Fujii, Ft. Lupton, Colo.
FUJITANI—June 30, a boy to the Eddy Fujitanis, Lodi.
FUKUDA—June 15, a girl Cynthia Lee to the John T. Fukudas, San Jose.
FUKUTOMI—June 8, a boy Robert Joel to the Ray Ichiro Fukutomis (Sachiko Hayashida), Los Angeles.
HACHUYA—June 21, a boy to the Tak Hachiyas, Parlier.
HANADA—May 28, a boy Ronald Gary to the Tom T. Hanadas (Frances Momoye Higuma), Los Angeles.
HATA—June 9, a boy Arnold Sonoo to the Kongi Hatas (Toshiye Sherrie Furuya), Los Angeles.
HAYASHI—July 12, a boy to the Shigeo Hayashis, Salt Lake City.
HAYASHI—June 19, a girl Linda Lani to the Roy Yasuo Hayashis (Dora Fusako Nako), Los Angeles.
HIGASHINO—June 17, a boy to the Haruki H. Higashinos, Sacramento.
HIGUCHI—June 28, a girl Kathy Mae to the Takashi Higuchis, San Jose.
HISAMOTO—A girl to the Opie Hisamotos, Denver.
HORI—June 6, a girl Susan Sachiko to the Fukashi Horis (Tomiko Matsumoto), Los Angeles.
HORITA—June 19, a boy Vance Satoshi to the Tadao Horitas, Cupertino.
HOSHIZAKI—June 15, a girl Dale Etsuko to the Kotaro Robert Hoshizakis (Fusako Irene Inouye), Los Angeles.
ISHIDA—June 13, a boy Garrick Shigeo to the Chuichiro Mack Ishidas (Yvonne Suzuko Iwamizu), Los Angeles.

Engagements

YUZUKI-NINOMIYA—Clark Tokiko to Elwin Ichiro, both of Los Angeles, July 20.

Marriage Licenses Issued

TAKEDA-KOGURA—Herbert K. and Chiyeko, both of San Jose.

Weddings

FUJIMOTO-KITAGAWA—June 5, George and Elizabeth, both of Minneapolis.
HASHIMOTO-NISHIMURA—June 19, Henry T., Milwaukie, and Miwa, Minneapolis.
KANAMINE-STUBEN—Ted, Omaha, and Mary, Council Bluffs.
KONISHI-HONJI—June 26, Donald Yukio and Toshiko, both of Los Angeles.
KUNITAKE-OZAKI—June 27, Albert and Martha, both of Fresno.
KURIHARA-IDOGAWA—July 11, Saburo, Glendale, and Hideko, Los Angeles.
MARUYAMA-TSUJI—July 18, Yoshiaki, Pasadena, and Fudeko, San Gabriel.
MATSUSHIMA-KITAMURA—July 4, John Manabu, Los Angeles, and Hideko, Monrovia.
MAYEDA-EBIHARA—July 11, Shigeo Henry and Sadako, both of Los Angeles.
MIKUMI-YAMATO—July 11, Willie T., Denver, and Betty Emiko, Los Angeles.
MISHIMA-TANAKA—July 18, Taro and Miyo both of West Los Angeles.
MIYAMOTO-SATO—July 11, Dr. Osamu and Akiko, both of Los Angeles.
MURAKAMI-UNOSAWA—July 18, Ken and Marion S., both of Seattle.
NAKAMOTO-CHINO—May 29, Tokuhide, Hawaii, and Tsuruko, Chicago.
NAKAMURA-YUZUKI—July 18, Yukio and Alyce Sumiko, both of Los Angeles.
NAKANO-MACHIGASHIRA—June 27, Takeo, Roseville, and Yayo, Tulare, at Sacramento.
OKAZAKI-MIYAZAKI—July 1, Harry Juro, Hawaii, and Jean Akemi, Los Angeles.

'Letters from America' contest

New York

Cash prizes will be awarded for the best statements on how correspondence with friends and relatives abroad is used to create goodwill for Americans and correct misconceptions about the United States, it was announced by the Common Council for American Unity.

Anyone who writes to friends and kinsmen in other countries is eligible. The contest closes Aug. 31.

Read Lewis, CCAU executive director, said the purpose of the contest is "to obtain suggestions and examples that will be helpful to letter-writers in general as to how they can make their letters abroad tell the American story and combat communist propaganda."

OSAKA-NISHIOKI—June 19, Walter, Minneapolis, and Yoshiye, Sanger, Calif.
TANABE-NOMIYAMA—June 27, George Kimito and Sachi, both of Tacoma.
YAGI-YAMADA—June 26, Donald Takashi and Doris Miyoko, both of Denver.
TAGUCHI-OSUMI—July 3, Charles, Reedley, and Chiaki, Parlier.
TAKAGI-KUMASAWA—June 19, Henry T., Minneapolis, and Helen, Boise.
TERAOKA-NAKAGAWA—June 26, Masaki and Sachiko, both of Bowles.
URAGAMI-TONAI—June 26, Robert, Los Angeles, and Rumi, San Pedro.
YAMADA-KIKUCHI—July 10, Joseph Yoshitake and Elizabeth Yuko, both of San Diego.
YAMAGUCHI-SHIMIZU—June 26, Atsushi and Evelyn, both of Cor tez.
YAMAGUCHI-KOIKE—July 11, John Ichiro, Los Angeles, and Grace Suzuko, Sacramento.
YASAKI-MURAOKA—July 17, Masao and Ayako, both of Los Angeles.
YAMAMOTO-YOSHIMI—July 18, Henry, Hawthorne, and Jane, Stockton.

Deaths

ARAKAWA, Mrs. Masayo, 56: Fresno, July 2, survived by seven children Hayami, Eiso, Kiyoto Yasuko, Mrs. Fujiye Haramoto, Mrs. Masako Yosako and Mrs. Teruyo Tanino.
ENDO, Yonezo, 54: Los Angeles, July 21, survived by wife Shigeno.
HIRAI, Mrs. Shizuko, 31: Chicago, July 1 (formerly of Seattle), survived by husband James M., son Russel, parents Mr. and Mrs. Jutaro Kawamura, brother Isamu (Seattle).
HIGASHI, Juichi, 76: Lodi, June 24.
HORIKAWA, Shishisaburo: Fresno, July 19.
KANDA, Masaji, 67: Auburn, Wash., July 7, survived by wife Kikuno, sons George, John (Tacoma), daughters Mrs. Haruko Ohashi, Mrs. Betty Shioyama, and Mrs. Michiko Nishimura.
KAYAHARA, Masayoshi, 65: Spokane, July 5, survived by wife Yoshiko and son Jim.
MATOI, Mrs. Kame, 74: San Francisco, June 23, survived by husband Takuji, son Dr. R. M., daughters Mrs. Kiyoko Yamada and Mrs. Masako Oishi.
MATSUMIYA, Kaoru, 32: Cherokee, Ia., July 1, survived by wife Sego, daughters Katherine and Gail; parents Mr. and Mrs. Jinzaburo (Salt Lake City), sisters Jo, Mrs. Jeanne Konishi, Mrs. Fumi Ikeda (Lemon Grove, Calif.), and Mrs. Fusae Nakaishi (Chicago).
MATSUMURA, Emiko, 19: Sanger, June 27, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoo, brothers Ko and Yutaka, sister Yaeko.
MURATA, Ichiro, 70: Costa Mesa, July 14, survived by wife Shieyoo.
NAGUMA, Mrs. Yukimi: San Francisco, June 28, survived by husband Leo Ryu, son George Junichi, daughter Sadako.
NAKAMURA, Kitano, 82: Fresno, July 7.
ORITA, Shizuo: Chicago, July 1, survived by three stepsons Rev. Hajime Saito, Rev. Hitoshi Saito and Rev. Perry Saito.
SAIKI, Sam O., 30: Seattle, June 19, survived by wife Akiko, son Gordon and mother Ume (Japan).
YOKOBE, Joun, 65: Chicago, June 29, survived by wife Fude, sons Yoneo, Fumio, and Hideo.

Mother of 10 dies

Blackfoot, Idaho

Mrs. Nobu Tominaga, 68, died July 16 at the home of her son Frank following a prolonged illness. She is survived by her ten sons and daughters, including Mrs. Ken Shiozaki, charter Salt Lake City JACL Auxiliary member; and Mrs. Frank Yamashita of Chicago, who was Miss Pocatello at the 1943 National JACL Convention.

In Japanese, there is a word "giri," which loosely translated into English means "a desire to return an obligation or do whatever he can—materially or spiritually—for what favors or kindnesses shown him by another fellow man."

Today, unfortunately, most of us have a tendency to forget such obligations as selfishness overshadows "giri," or whatever name you may wish to call such human actions.

Morton E. Feiler, a Beverly Hills attorney, whose friendship with persons of Japanese ancestry dates back to the 1930s, knows well the meaning of "giri," still retained and nurtured by many alien Japanese. "It comes almost second-nature to them," he would say.

So it came as no surprise to him when an Issei gardener, Isamu Ikebuchi of West Los Angeles, who wanted to clear his legal resident status to obtain his U.S. citizenship, approached him for legal assistance, and then insist on paying the necessary fee for services rendered.

You see, the Japanese have wanted to become U.S. citizens more than anything else, and gaining that status through legal steps was a very important matter to him.

But for Feiler, it was just doing another favor for a good cause. There is no commercial price attached to becoming a citizen. He made sure Ikebuchi did not pay him a cent. Otherwise, Feiler's well intended motives would have gone for naught.

However, Ikebuchi was, too, a type of man who measured himself on the moral code of "giri." He cannot dismiss himself without some sort of appreciative expression.

One Sunday, five weeks ago, Feiler sighted a stranger's truck, filled with plants, rocks, and gardening equipment parked in front of his home.

It was Ikebuchi, and with him were five other men, all volunteers apparently ready to help him along with his end of the bargain: building a Japanese garden in the backyard of Feiler's home.

It was not long before then that the gardeners' wives brought Japanese lunches to the men every Sunday. The Feilers soon joined the group, and together there established a strong bond of friendship.

It is now five weeks.

The men are just about finished, working every weekend to fence the garden with bamboo strips; create a water fall, and a miniature pool for goldfishes; and plant several Oriental trees in the background to lend the atmosphere of old Japan.

Ikebuchi, what a wonderful "If we had more men like world this would be," the bar-

rist commented gratefully. "The modest answer from the future citizens of the United States was: "All our work comes from our heart. The garden should serve as a symbol of friendship and goodwill. We'll cherish them in our hearts as the garden grows." Very few of us can express in words that kind of a feeling. It must come from the heart.

Heads for Oxnard pulpit

Denver

The Rev. Waichi Oyanagi, Nisei minister at the California St. Methodist Church for the past two years, has been transferred to Oxnard, Calif.

EDITORIALS

Southeast Asia

Maybe it's oriental stoicism that has made many Americans accept the loss of half of Vietnam to the Communists at the Geneva conference. Premier Mendes-France said he had no "illusions" of the agreement. The United States, as a silent observer, was convinced it was the best arrangement under the circumstances.

Ominous were the comments from capitals of neighboring countries. Burma and Thailand regard the conquest by Red China as an inevitability. Japanese politicians, diplomats and newspapers saw the truce as a prestige victory for the Communists and a feeling is growing to have Japan adopt a more realistic attitude toward the Communist countries.

The Communists in Malaya were provided tremendous encouragement by the Geneva agreement, according to British military leaders in Singapore. Anti-Communist newspapers in Hongkong declare an anti-Communist defense alliance is an urgent necessity to keep Southeast Asia from falling into the pockets of the Reds.

A Filipino government official predicted the Reds will not stop at the cease-fire line. At best, it was only a temporary arrangement.

Such are the difficulties facing the 10-nation conference which the United States and Great Britain have agreed to call early in September.

This week's shooting of Red Chinese MIGs may lend importance and meaning to United States intentions on the proposed Southeast Asian Treaty Organization. But further delay seems to hasten the day of "inevitability" of which Burma and Thailand fear.

Weather Note

The blistering temperatures across the country (and we have been noting the high 90s and low 100s in recent weeks in areas where PC readers are) have been intriguing. When the weatherman said cooler weather was on the way, we checked with Mr. Webster who describes "cool" as "moderately cold, lacking in warmth". He neglected to say at what degree cool begins, however. So any temperature can be cool if it is lower than it was. Whatever the definition, the temperatures by day have been wilting us. At night, it's comforting (on the West Coast anyway).

On exhibit in America as a loan from the Louvre is the famous painting, "Whistler's Mother," which has delighted artists and irritated mothers for so many years.

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

Appetite for Flowers

Denver

If you should see a tiny Japanese woman strolling through an empty lot or across a hillside, peering intently at the growth around her feet, reaching down now and then to pluck a scraggly little wildflower or kneeling to photograph a blossom, chances are she is Mrs. Misu Togasaki. It is only incidental that her husband is George Kiyoshi Togasaki, publisher of the Nippon Times in Tokyo and one of the more influential personalities in Japan. For in the field of botany, especially wildflowers, Misu Togasaki is a personality in her own right.

One day last week we had the privilege of accompanying her on an expedition to Rocky Mountain National Park. Her objective: To photograph alpine wildflowers and gather specimens for her collection as well as for Tokyo University. It was a long and arduous day, and throughout she displayed a singlemindedness and tireless devotion to her hobby.

We got underway shortly after 6 a.m. Ordinarily it's only a 90-minute drive from Denver to Estes Park, but on this occasion it took us nearly twice as long. Why? Let me give you an example. By way of the new 65-mile-an-hour turnpike, one can drive from Denver to Boulder in 20 to 25 minutes. The turnpike is a four-lane concrete highway which is an invitation to nonstop flight. But we stopped four times, and while traffic whizzed past, she contentedly explored the roadside for little blue flowers, big blue flowers, little white flowers, big white flowers, little yellow flowers, big yellow flowers, little red flowers, big red flowers. Funny thing, I'd never even noticed before this that flowers grew beside the highway.

When we finally reached Estes Park, Dr. Robert Griggs, Mrs. Griggs and Joan Seear were waiting for us. Dr. Griggs is a world-reknown botanist specializing in arctic and timberline flora and Joan, who's studying for her Ph.D. in botany, is a member of the national park staff. Thus convoyed and equipped with a specimen collecting permit, Mrs. Togasaki headed in lofty spirits for the high country. We drove up over Trail Ridge Road to the

12,000-foot level, dismantled, and thereafter she proceeded to scramble up and down hills like an inspired mountain goat. She photographed flowers endlessly, plucked specimens in a state of high ecstasy.

About midday I asked: "Aren't you a little tired? Wouldn't you like to rest?" Mostly, I was concerned about a flatlander, somewhat past youth, exerting herself so vigorously on slopes more than two miles above sea level. I was also a little concerned for myself.

She stopped trotting long enough to remark: "How can one have time to be tired when there is so much excitement with all these flowers." Then she resumed trotting, so that was that.

When finally, the last specimen had been collected and the last piece of film exposed, we returned to more sensible altitudes. I waited for Mrs. Togasaki to collapse. But no. She had to press the flowers and have Dr. Griggs and Joan identify them by their proper Latin names. When we reached Denver 12 hours after we had left it, she pronounced the day the finest in all her travels from San Francisco to Boston and back again.

That evening her son, Gordon (who'd managed to slip away on a fishing trip), told a story on his mother. It seems she had three hours layover in New Orleans and the Japanese consul there, showing proper hospitality, met her at the station to inquire if she'd like to lunch at some famous French restaurant. "Thank you, no," Mrs. T. replied. "But I do see interesting wildflowers and I would like nothing better than to go out somewhere so I can pick them." So the consul and his chauffeur escorted her to the outskirts of town where she promptly disappeared into the thick Louisiana underbrush.

Some two hours later she reappeared just in time to be rushed to the station to catch her train, triumphantly carrying her specimens in her little bamboo press.

I can believe Gordon's story. America, to Misu Togasaki, is one long, happy botany tour.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

The Hollywood Front

Reports up from Hollywood disclose that things are pretty dull for the score and more performers of Japanese ancestry who have been making a haphazard living on the fringe of the motion picture industry. The recent trend to CinemaScope, Vista Vision and other wide-screen techniques, and the subsequent emphasis on expensive "A" pictures, has cut drastically the number of films in production. Filmed television shows, called "vidpix", have kept Hollywood technicians busy, but have meant little to bit players, particularly Oriental types, since these TV shows generally are family situation comedies with compact casts.

It's somewhat ironical that there were more jobs for Issei and Nisei in the films in the days before Pearl Harbor when Hollywood was producing pictures with Asian backgrounds and with Japanese-type villains. Now with the Orient in flux politically, the studios aren't gambling on pictures with Far Eastern backgrounds unless the stories have been pre-sold to the public as a play (*Teahouse of the August Moon*, which MGM has bought), a best-selling novel (James Michener's *Sayonara*, which Joshua Logan hopes to produce after making it into a Broadway show), or a popular musical (*The King and I*, now in the works at 20th Century).

None of Hollywood's performers of Japanese ancestry depends wholly on the cinema for a livelihood, unlike the silent film days when Sessue Hayakawa was one of the biggest of the stars and Sojin Kamiyama, Tetsu Komai and other featured players were getting steady employment, or even as recently as time of the early talkies when Toshia Mori was nominated by Columbia Pictures as its top young actress of the year (Miss Mori had just appeared with Barbara Stanwyck in Frank Capra's *Bitter Tea of General Yen*). In those years Paramount made a non-musical version of *Madame Butterfly*, from the Luther Long play and not the opera by Puccini, starring Cary Grant and Sylvia Sydney, with a supporting cast consisting almost wholly of Japanese Americans. Warner Brothers dramatized Alice Tisdale Hobart's *Oil for the Lamp of China*, while MGM made a cinematic epic of Pearl Buck's *The Good Earth* with Paul Muni and Louise Rainer. Columbia used Toshia Mori, Tetsu Komai, Miki Morita and others in a number of "B" films with Asian settings, such as *War Correspondent* in which

Komai was a modern-day Manchu war lord. Teru Shimada had a number of important featured roles, including one in *Four Frightened People*.

There also were supporting roles in the many Mr. Moto thrillers turned out by a producing unit on the Fox lot, featuring Peter Lorre as John P. Marquand's famous Japanese secret agent from the pages of *The Saturday Evening Post*. The Mr. Moto films died with Pearl Harbor. Actor Lorre, who first won international attention as the sadistic killer of Fritz Lang's unforgettable *M*, a German classic, dropped his imitation Japanese accent and went on to better things.

Mr. Moto hasn't come back (although he may one day go on TV if 20th-Fox ever releases the films to video) but it appears that Mr. Lorre has—and therein lies the possibility of the first chance for steady employment of Nisei and Issei in a TV series. Returning from Europe where he did, among other things, a brilliant acting job for John Huston's *Beat the Devil*, Lorre is pacted for a coming series to be called *Dateline—Tokyo*, which bespeaks of espionage and international intrigue in the Orient. The producer is to be Mickey Rooney Enterprises, and young Mr. Rooney may have gotten the idea for it earlier this year when he went to Japan to make some scenes for Paramount's *Bridges of Toko-Ri*, the Korean war story by James Michener, in which he plays the role of a GI in love with a Japanese girl. A number of players from the Japanese film industry appear in this forthcoming picture which also stars Fredric March and William Holden.

But while acting opportunities seem limited for Japanese-Americans in Hollywood, the success of *Rashomon* has opened a possibly lucrative field for Tokyo-made pictures in U.S. art houses. *Hell's Gate*, the Cannes Festival grand prize winner this year which was produced by Tokyo's Daiei, which also made *Rashomon*, is set for an early fall showing in New York. *Anatahan*, the story of one girl and many men on an island during World War II which was inspired by a true story, was made in Japan with an all-Japanese cast by Josef von Sternberg, director of Marlene Dietrich's *Shanghai* and other notable Hollywood films. *Anatahan*

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DECADE AGO

July 29, 1944

100th Infantry awarded Distinguished Unit Citation; Gen. Mark W. Clark of Fifth Army confers citation, declares Japanese American troops always placed country first.

War comes home to relocation centers as parents in Minidoka, Heart Mountain, Granada, Gila River, Rowher and Tule Lake centers notified of casualties: 9 killed, 12 wounded and 2 missing in action.

Nisei troops have "proved" themselves, says Time magazine.

Fourteen segregate isolated for several months at Tule Lake and termed trouble-makers by WRA engage in hunger strike for release.

James Omura (ex-English editor of Rocky Shimp), seven others arrested on draft conspiracy charges.

Nisei patrols first to enter city of Pisa; correspondent reports Japanese American squad made daring stab into city, learns famed leaning tower heavily mined by Germans.

Salt Lake police hunt youths who fired at evacuees enjoying swimming outing.

Judge Louis E. Goodman dismisses draft law complaint against 26 segregates at Tule Lake, rules internee not accorded due process of law.

MINORITY

Charles Vernon Bush, 14, honor junior high school graduate and son of a Howard University official, will be the first Negro to attend the Capitol Page School, having been appointed a page boy by the Supreme Court.

Calling attention to a federal statute that provides penalties for destruction of government-owned property, Attorney General Herbert Brownell was urged to make a thorough investigation of the race-hate inspired violence at Chicago's Trumbull Park Homes project by NAACP officials. Brownell promised to make such an investigation. . . . For a year now, police have had to maintain 24-hour vigil to protect Negro families who moved into a previously all-white Trumbull Park, a federally-owned housing project. . . . Penalties of \$10,000 fine and 10 years in prison can be levied.

The Interstate Commerce Commission this week began comprehensive hearings on compulsory segregation in interstate commerce, especially by railroads, railroad stations and restaurants in railroad stations. The NAACP filed its complaint last Dec. 14, citing such companies as St. Louis-San Francisco, Louisville and Nashville, Southern, Santa Fe, Texas and Pacific, Atlantic Coast Line, Missouri Pacific, Seaboard Air Line, Kansas City Southern, Illinois Central and the Gulf, Mobile and Ohio.