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Tom Yego (left), charter member of the Placer County JACL, receives his 25-year pin from George Inagaki, National JACL president, last fall at the chapter's Silver Jubilee celebration. —George Makabe photo.

## APPOINTMENT MEANS LOT OF HARD WORK:

### Gov. Knight names Yego to fair post

Auburn

Tom Yego of Penryn Jan. 20 was named by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight to a four year term on the board of directors of the 20th District Agricultural Fair in Auburn. Yego succeeds Eugene Fowler of Newcastle whose term expired Jan. 15.

When first informed of his appointment by the Placer Herald, Yego declared: "It'll be a lot of hard work but I'll do the best I can."

Yego for the past six years has been with the County Agricultural Commissioner's office where he has held the post of senior agricultural inspector.

Born at Newcastle in 1908, he attended Placer Union High School and in 1926 became a farmer. He farmed in the Newcastle area until he took his present position with the county.

He and his wife, Masako, moved to Penryn after World War II. They have one son, Tom, Jr., with the U.S. Air Force and three daughters; Florence, a student at Sierra Col-

lege; Elaine, a student at Placer Union High School, and Lucille, a student at the Penryn Grammar School.

Yego is one of the founders of the Placer County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, having been awarded a 25 year pin at the annual dinner last fall. He is chairman of the No. Calif.-Western Nev. JACL district council. He is a vice-president of the newly organized Loomis Lions Club and a member of the Penryn Volunteer Firemen. He is affiliated with most farm and agricultural organizations and an active participant in the affairs of some twenty organizations in all.

### New Japan envoy to U.S. selected

Tokyo

Sadao Iguchi, present Japanese ambassador to Canada, has been appointed to succeed Eikichi Araki as ambassador to the United States. Araki recently returned to Japan and informed Premier Shigeru Yoshida of his desire to quit the Washington post.

Iguchi, 54, a career diplomat, served as consul in Shanghai, New York, Chicago, councillor of the Japanese embassy in Washington in 1941 and prior to his Ottawa appointment, was deputy foreign minister.

### JACL to greet visitors aboard Japan Air Line plane

San Francisco

When distinguished visitors from Japan alight from the pre-inaugural Tokyo-San Francisco flight of Japan Air Lines this morning, they will be greeted by the city mayor Elmer Robinson and other representatives including the JACL.

Among the 38 passengers will be Miss Nippon of 1954, Yoshiko Harada.

National JACL Endowment Fund  
Total Today: \$72,104.26  
In Trust: \$60,000

### Issei detained on return from Japan, paroled minus bond

Los Angeles

A 40-year resident of Berkeley, Zensaku Oishi, detained for nine days by immigration authorities at San Pedro because of his 5-F status during the first World War, was paroled without bond for 90 days to his son last Tuesday.

The Issei was returning from Japan with his wife and had departed Jan. 17 from the OSK Panama Maru.

Eastbay attorney Mas Yone-mura was retained as counsel in the case. In arguing for parole, he said Oishi was no security risk and that there was evidence he attended the Berkeley JACL citizenship class with intent to become naturalized.

The San Francisco Immigration and Naturalization Office has released eight returning alien Japan on parole without bond, according to the No. Calif. JACL regional office. Hope was expressed that the favorable decision rendered in the Kazuichi Tsuji case by Judge Louis J. Goodman may reverse the adverse rulings of the Immigration service.

### Gov. Knight invited as Nisei VFW confab speaker

Sacramento

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight was invited to be main speaker at the Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars conference here Feb. 18-22. It was extended by Frank Oshita and William Sakai of the host Nisei Post 8985 during the governor's open house recently.

## Three-fold election to settle remaining 3,000 evacuation claims offered in Hillings amendment proposal at CL request

Washington

In order to speed up final determination of all remaining evacuation claims, Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) introduced an amendment to the evacuation claims law at the request of the Japanese American Citizens League last week.

The bill's principle objective is to expedite the program, according to the California Republican from Arcadia, who extended his remarks in the "Congressional Record" in order that his fellow congressmen might better understand the problem of the larger evacuation claims.

Hillings said that as of Jan. 1 there were 3,297 claims pending for a total of \$68,165,227.83. Practically all of these remaining claims, he explained, are for considerable larger amounts than the \$2,500 limit presently imposed on compromise-settlements; several are for more than a million dollars each.

"Since the amendment of Aug. 17, 1951 (Editor's Note: This amendment was also sponsored, as was the original bill, by the JACL), applied only to compromise-settlements of \$2,500 or less, and since virtually all claims that qualify under that formula have been awarded by this time, the problem is to find some method by which the remaining larger claims can be settled expedi-

tiously, lest the program drag on for years, possibly for decades," he said.

The youthful Republican, who succeeded now Vice-President Richard Nixon as representative, declared that his amendment was the answer.

"First, they may elect to compromise and settle their claims regardless of amount up to three-fourths of the total of all compensable items thereof as determined by the Department of Justice;

"Second, they may elect to have the Court of Claims determine the amount of their claim; and,

"Third, they may elect to have their claim adjudicated by the Department of Justice as under the existing law," Hillings stated.

He went on to explain:

"The administrative determination proposed is patterned after the compromise-settlement procedure that proved so effective in the handling of more than 19,000 smaller claims. The most that any claimant may receive will be 75 percent of the compensable items thereof.

"In order to protect the claimants' interests, however, a floor of 50 percent of the original amount is stipulated in the amendment. If any compromise-settlement offered by the Government is more than this 50 percent floor, and still 75 percent or less of the compensable

items, the claimant will be required to accept the offer automatically.

"If, on the other hand, the offer is less than 50 percent of the total of the original amount claimed, the claimant may reject the Government compromise and have his claim adjudicated by the Department according to the prescribed regulations.

"The judicial or Court of Claims alternative allows those claimants who prefer to seek a legal determination of the validity and amount of their claims to do so."

The congressman then explained the background of the evacuation and how the evacuees suffered their property losses in the spring and summer of 1942 and thereafter.

"As a matter of fairness and good conscience, and because these particular American citizens and law-abiding aliens have borne with patience and undefeated loyalty the unique burdens which this Government has thrown upon them, I strongly urge that the proposed legislation be enacted into law.

"As the only member of the Committee on the Judiciary from California, I am pleased to introduce this legislation," he concluded.

Mike Masaoka, Washington

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## EISENHOWER 1955 FISCAL BUDGET CUTS FUNDS FOR PROJECTS OF CHIEF INTEREST TO ISSEI-NISEI

Washington

Reductions made by the Eisenhower Administration in its domestic budget for the fiscal year 1955 may hurt persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, declared after studying the President's budget recommendations to Congress made last week.

Masaoka noted particularly the cuts made in the appropriations for the Dept. of Justice for the coming fiscal year beginning July 1, 1954. The Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Japanese Evacuation Claims Section, and the Office of Alien Property are all within the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Justice.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service controls the immigration and naturalization program of the country. A cut of more than a million and a quarter dollars from this year's budget is made for the Service. For the next fiscal year, the White House estimated that \$33,794,800 would be needed. During the current (1954) fiscal year, \$35,083,200 was appropriated while \$33,899,947 was appropriated for the 1953 fiscal year.

This budget cut means an estimated reduction in force of some 461 members.

Because the naturalization program for the Issei has bogged down so much in the past year for the lack of interpreters, examiners, and facilities, Masaoka declared that JACL would urge Congress to increase, rather than decrease, the inadequate administrative funds appropriated for the current year.

He indicated that JACL district councils and chapters

will be requested to urge their respective congressmen and senators to request additional funds for the naturalization of the Issei who first became eligible for citizenship in 1952 with the enactment of the McCarran-Walter Act.

The already over-slow and over-taxed immigration section is at least several months behind in processing applicants for immigration from Japan and other foreign countries. If the funds are cut from the present amount, this program will slow up even more, Masaoka pointed out.

For the administration of the evacuation claims program, the President has recommended a budget of \$215,000, which is \$10,000 less than the \$225,000 appropriated for the current fiscal year.

This means that least three more attorneys will have to be cut from an already mini-

mum staff and that the processing of claims may proceed at an even slower pace than ever before, the Washington representative said.

In fiscal year 1953, \$4,590,791 was appropriated for this same program. \$4,354,516, however, was to pay awards adjudicated and compromised and settled by the Dept. of Justice that year.

Since practically all of the remaining claims are over the \$2,500 limit imposed by Congress that the Justice Department can pay out of its regular appropriations, for 1954 and 1955 fiscal years Congress has appropriated only administrative funds for the operation of the section.

Commenting on this reduction in administrative funds, Masaoka declared that it emphasizes the necessity for the JACL proposed amendments to enable the Dept. of Justice to compromise and settle all the remaining claims or to allow the Court of Claims to assume jurisdiction. Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) has just introduced such a bill at JACL's request.

The Office of Alien Property, however, was recommended for an increase from the \$2,108,800

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### Unhitch Alaska from Hawaii bill

Washington

The way was apparently cleared early this week for separation of the question of statehood for Hawaii from that of statehood for Alaska. Sen. Henry C. Dworshak (R., Ida.), key legislator in the situation, dropped his stand for a combined bill.

Plans of the Eisenhower administration for separate consideration for Hawaii were upset when Dworshak voted with Democrats last week in the Senate Interior Committee for a combined bill.

Senate Majority Leader William Knowland of California earlier expressed doubt that the Senate would approve the combined statehood bills.

### Child dies under wheels of truck

Stockton

His skull crushed under dual wheels of a truck driven by his uncle, Gale Takeo Sakakura, 1½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sakakura, Rt. 1 Box 654, Stockton, was pronounced dead on arrival at Emergency Hospital Jan. 21.

According to police, the driver, Noboru Sakakura, 30, was backing up and didn't see the child.

# Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

## THE NISEI AND THE PACIFIC WAR . . .

"I want to make an unequivocal statement in regard to the Americans of Japanese ancestry who, being American citizens, fought by our side in the war. Had it not been for the loyalty, fidelity, patriotism, and ability of these American Nisei, that part of the war in the Pacific which was dependent upon Intelligence gleaned from captured documents and prisoners of war would have been a far more hazardous, long-drawn-out affair.

"The United States of America owes a debt to these men and their families which it can never fully repay. At a highly conservative estimate, thousands of American lives were preserved and millions of dollars in materiel were saved as a result of their contributions to the war effort. It should be realized, also, that this group of men had more to lose than any other participating in the war in the Pacific. Had any of them been captured, their torture would have been indescribable. They would have been literally taken apart with tweezers, and death would have been the kindest thing that could have happened to them. Not only that, but being of Japanese descent, their relatives in Japan, if identified, would have been subject to the most harsh and brutal cruelties which could have been devised."

With these dramatic paragraphs, Col. Sidney Forrester Mashbir begins his chapter on "The Nisei" in his book "I Was An American Spy," scheduled for release on Feb. 2 by the Vantage Press of New York.

## NOT A BOOK REVIEW . . .

This is not a book review in the usual sense, although this writer believes that Colonel Mashbir's revelations will have a profound effect on those who are interested in psychological warfare, Intelligence, and in World War II in the Pacific.

This will be, rather, some comments regarding what should be Nisei interest in this most important and interesting book. "I Was An American Spy" is the almost unbelievable autobiographical account of more than 30 years of fantastic activities in Intelligence operations which until recently were either top secret or known only to a select few.

From the Nisei standpoint, however, this book is most important because it reveals to the public-at-large for the first time the epic story of Japanese American troops in the Pacific. While several magazine articles have mentioned in passing something of the vital contributions of the Nisei in G-2, Colonel Mashbir's book is the first authoritative documentation of their generally unknown and unpublicized history.

Indeed, according to the author, one of the main reasons for the book is "to place the true story of your (Nisei) achievements before the American public."

## ATIS HISTORY TOLD . . .

As the wartime commander of the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section (ATIS), Colonel Mashbir was in charge of more Nisei than any other Pacific officer. In sketching the history of his command, he pays eloquent tribute to the Nisei who more than any other group made possible the success of his service, thereby contributing mightily to the shortening of the war and the saving of many casualties and dollars.

He gives names and tells incidents of some of the Nisei war heroes in the Pacific. His book also contains some heretofore unpublished photographs.

According to their commandant, "Throughout the entire four years of the war, it was never necessary to take disciplinary action of any kind against any Nisei. Furthermore, there was never a time . . . that volunteers were called for that every available Nisei did not immediately come forward. For example at the Rear Echelon we called for two-men to make the parachute drop in the assault on Corregidor. Every Nisei volunteered although not one had ever made a parachute jump before."

Of special interest to the Nisei are the Colonel's evaluation of the importance of the Nisei in the American occupation of Japan, his revelations on the surrender ceremonies, and his comments on the Japanese language and psychology.

## NEEDED, A BOOK LIKE THIS . . .

Since during the war itself, the American public has thrilled to the exploits of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. This has given the erroneous impression to most Americans that the Nisei served only in Europe and against the German enemy.

The publication of this book will help to correct that misimpression. As a matter of fact, more Nisei in World War II and thereafter served in the Pacific than they did in the ETO.

Unfortunately, because of the nature and organization of G-2 operation, it has not yet been possible to publish a volume like "Americans—The Story of the 442nd" by the Infantry Journal for the Nisei who served with equal gallantry in the war against the Japanese enemy. Until such a detailed history can be published, dedicated exclusively to the Nisei in the Pacific war, Colonel Mashbir's "I Was An American Spy" will do because it dares to demonstrate that the Nisei are Americans not Japanese.

The writer suspects that every Nisei who served in ATIS and the Pacific, as well as members of his family, will purchase a copy of this book. The writer, as one of the original members of the 442nd, urges every combat infantryman who served in Italy and France to read this account of his fellow Nisei's gallantry and contributions in the Pacific war. It will make him proud that Nisei in every theater of war served so loyally.

Every Nisei family should have a copy of this book, for "I Was An American Spy" is a must, along with "Americans—The Story of the 442nd," as a record of the loyalty of the Nisei in World War II, a record that enabled them to gain the goodwill and acceptance of their fellow Americans they enjoy today.

In writing "I Was An American Spy," Colonel Mashbir has not only done a great service to the Nisei who fought the war in the Pacific but also to all Americans who need to remember that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart, and not of race or ancestry."

It is also the story of a man who has accomplished much, yet one who still must struggle for the recognition that is his due.



Mrs. Toku Tsukamoto is probably the happiest mother in Japan. Her Japan-born son, Tetsuo, came home as a soldier in the United States Army recently.

## Tokyo mother proud her Japan-born son home in uniform of United States Army

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA  
Japan Bureau, Pacific Citizen

### Tokyo

Mrs. Toku Tsukamoto is one of the happiest mothers in Japan and rightfully proud of her sons although she struggled to raise the five boys by herself after her husband was killed in an air raid. The eldest son had turned 20 then and was able to help, but the other four were too young.

Her second son, Tetsuo, was a "rough neck" like most teenagers of the immediate postwar period, but about five years ago, he took interest in scouting, organized a troop and became a capable scoutmaster of Tokyo Troop 69. His diligence won him outstanding honors.

In the spring of 1952, Tetsuo Tsukamoto passed an English examination for entrance at San Francisco City College and departed home. He lived with his uncle, Kay Tsukamoto, well-known Nisei veteran with service in France during World War I and a JACLER, who was present at the first discussions when the JACL organization was still an idea.

Kay's father is a legendary personality, one might add. He's the oldest living Issei pioneer in America. Matsunosuke Tsukamoto, born in 1857 in Chiba, was sent to America in 1890 by

Yukichi Fukuzawa, founder of Keio University, to found a Japanese colony.

Fukuzawa foresaw the benefits of sending Japanese to America since he had visited the United States earlier, accompanying the Grand Embassy to America which ratified the first Japan-U.S. treaty.

Pioneer Tsukamoto first settled in San Jose, working in a laundry. He also started a nursery, which he later turned over to Tokutaro Oishi. In 1891, Tsukamoto entered the laundry business himself, but not without a fight as he was continuously assaulted by anti-Japanese agitators.

Eight years later he moved to San Francisco, continued in the same business, meeting the same opposition. He maintained his fight for the rights of Japanese residents in America in the name of justice. His life has been a colorful history of individual courage and sincerity.

It was this illustrious family that young Tetsuo of Tokyo joined upon arrival in San Francisco. After classes, Tetsuo assisted in driving one of the laundry trucks of his grand-uncle.

Tetsuo joined the Japanese delegation attending the nation-

wide jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America at Santa Ana last year. The series of events which followed were one surprise after another. The Japanese press here thought them too fantastic.

Tetsuo had volunteered into the United States Army, was accepted and then the surprise—he was given the privilege of naturalization by reason of his service in the armed forces of the United States.

When Tetsuo appeared in Tokyo recently as a United States serviceman in uniform, everyone here was convinced. All the newspapers and radio reported this unique incident. It further convinced many that Japanese-American relations had taken a turn for the better.

Undoubtedly, Tetsuo is a pioneer of a new era as his granduncle in his time.

Tetsuo's mother is widely honored as the model mother, who is willing to allow her son to join the U.S. army. "I am very happy to see Tetsuo has enlisted in the U.S. Army. I thought it was just a rumor until I saw him in uniform with my own eyes. If he can be of any service for the promotion of Japanese-American friendship, it will make me very happy," she said.

## Hillings bill—

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JACL representative, said that the Hillings Bill was the result of more than a year's research and that it had been unanimously approved by the various JACL district council conventions last fall. He also disclosed that not one of the 3,000 larger claimants or their attorneys to which the proposed bill was submitted for their consideration last year objected to any section or to the measure as a whole.

"Though Congressman Hillings is only in his second term, he has already demonstrated that he is among the most able Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee," Masaoka said.

"His appointment as chairman of a subcommittee, a position usually reserved for those with many more years of service, is indicative of his leadership and ability. Under his sponsorship, we are hopeful that this amendment will become law this session so that the compensable losses of twelve years ago will be paid this year."

## PRESS FILE:

**ENGAGEMENT** — Frank Tamura, English editor of the Colorado Times, and Miyo Yamasaki of Calgary, Canada, are engaged to be married in the spring.

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## VERY TRULY YOURS:

## Another cup of coffee

By HARRY K. HONDA

Coffeeless Wednesdays, 15 cents a cup, and \$1 or more for a pound—prospects of this zoomed into headlines last week . . . And to addicts like me who consume as much as six to eight cups per day, the proposition sounds prohibitive. It can be serious enough to convert me to drinking tea (if it were substantially cheaper) and milk (if it didn't have such unmomentous effects on me) . . . If the demand for coffee is heightened by the increase in prices, there is a good cue for refreshment chairmen to advertise coffee "on the house" . . . Dur Li' Tokio cafes haven't boosted their prices as yet, but if they go along with the idea of second refills free for 15 cents, I won't protest.

What is so horrifying is that coffee merchants not so long ago sang "they've got an awful lot of coffee in Brazil" and crops were big. So big, Brazilians burned coffee beans as fuel in their tiny locomotives to rid the surplus . . . Times have changed. Poor crops, increased demands and rising prices with no end in sight make a happy story for some coffee growers . . . California is rightfully proud of its agricultural output and even wonders if coffee could be grown here. The idea was immediately nixed when they learned it takes a lot of rainfall and heat to ripen the berries . . . A happy postlude to the ambitious immigration

program from Japan to Brazil could produce some *nouveau riche* overnight.

Coffeeless Wednesday reminds some of meatless Tuesdays staged during the war years . . . If public reaction to spiraling prices can be popularized in this manner, what's to prevent tealess Mondays, butterless Tuesdays, riceless Thursdays, shrimpless Fridays, T-boneless Saturdays? On Sunday, that's a holiday so there's no need of restrictions . . . Catholics observe a restricted diet during Lenten season. The weight-conscious folks count calories . . . And the March of Dimes have urged beans on Thursdays . . . Probably the whole answer to this high cost of food problem lies in per capita consumption . . . Because so many are eating too much, the entrepreneurs feel justified in charging what the traffic will bear. And after reading last week's Sou'wester column and some of the food stories in Scene from the Golden Gate, I feel the situation ought to be balanced by a few words in the other direction . . . Although by one look at me, you'd never think I would be one to preach milder eating habits.

While coffee prices go up, a little item in the paper this week says wholesale prices of beer is coming down. So you can cry in your beer soon.

# Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

## Four Outstanding Young Men in Hawaii

Striking evidence that the Nisei are taking a more active and effective role in community work was furnished last week in the selection of outstanding young men in Hawaii.

Four of seven winners of Distinguished Service Awards were Nisei. The awards were presented by various chapters of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to men between the ages of 21 and 35 who had contributed most to their respective communities during 1953.

Nominations were invited from the public in order that the winners would be chosen from a wide field of contestants. A citizens' committee of non-Jaycees made the final selection in each case. The winners were not required to be Junior Chamber members.

Few Nisei names until only a few years ago were entered in these annual contests, even though the first such award was made by the Honolulu chapter a dozen years ago.

A listing of community activities for which the winners were recognized in the latest selection gives an indication of the diversity and energy of the young men chosen.

The winners and their service record follows:

**Rodney Fukui**, winner on Kauai. An agricultural extension worker for the Univ. of Hawaii, Fukui was cited for his

work in reorganizing and re-financing the Kapaa Community Church, and for establishing better relationships between farmers and local wholesale and retail produce dealers.

He held office in the East Kauai Lions Club; Kauai Junior Chamber of Commerce; Kauai Flowers Growers' Association; Kauai Truck Crop Growers' Association.

**Conrad Tsukiyama**, winner at Kailua, Oahu. Tsukiyama, 35 years of age, is an insurance underwriter. He is vice president and program chairman of the Windward YMCA; leader of a "Y" boys' club; athletic director of the Kailua Athletic Club; vice president of the Kailua Japanese Community Club; a trustee of the Kailua Methodist Church; adviser to the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

A veteran, he is commanding officer of the National Guard unit at Kaneohe; chaplain and past commander of Post 3824 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Yoshio Yanagawa**, winner at Hilo, Hawaii. He is project manager of the Hilo Veterans Homes and Lanakila Homes under the Hawaii Housing Authority. He is 33 years of age.

A veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team, Yanagawa has worked on a citizens' committee studying the need for rent control; participated in the Community Chest campaign as a director; served as chairman of the North and South Hilo Parks Commission, and is active in the Hilo Lions Club.

**George Ezaki**, winner on Maui. Ezaki is manager of the Wailuku Surplus Store. He is 32 years of age.

## Japan-America Society of Los Angeles in election

**Los Angeles**  
George L. Eastman, Sr., former Los Angeles C. of C. president now in Tokyo under MRA auspices in conference with government, industrial and labor leaders, succeeds Ralph Merritt as head of the Japan-America Society of Los Angeles.

Other officers chosen for the coming year are:

F. D. R. Moote, hon. pres.; Consul-General Shinsaku Hogen, Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins, Danzo Kiyowara, hon. v.p.; Dr. H. J. Hara, Dr. Paul E. Webb, Judge John F. Aiso, Atty. John C. McHose, v.p.; Nisuke Mitsumori, treas.; Katsuma Mukaeda, gen. sec.; Helen Ohnick, cor. sec.; Chiyoko Sakamoto, rec. sec.; J. Marion Wright, atty.

## NISEI OFFICER CAPTURES ESCAPED PRISON CONVICT

**Honolulu**  
Last September, convict Ernest Matias broke loose from Oahu prison—the first escape from the institution—and was apprehended 59 days later. Last week, he escaped again and had 60 hours of liberty.

He was captured by two policemen: Officer Eichi Hongo, 34, and Reserve Officer Leonard Pung, 42. Hongo won the only "reward" offered for the capture.

The amount—\$15. The money came from a "kitty" kept by Officer Hongo's shift for outstanding duty. As an added reward, he was given the night off.

● The Japanese government will abolish its fractional currency: the sen and rin, now .002 of one U.S. cent and .0002 of one cent, respectively. Japan's basic monetary unit—the yen—is pegged at .2 of one American penny (¥5 makes one U.S. cent.)

## RETURN OF LAND GIVEN IN WARTIME BY JAPANESE IN HAWAII SOUGHT IN BILL

**Washington**  
Legislation to establish a special commission to review and determine claims for the return of lands in the Territory of Hawaii that was conveyed to the Government during World War II by organizations composed of persons of Japanese ancestry was introduced in Congress by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington

(R., T. H.).  
This unusual bill, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced, was introduced in order to authorize return of lands in the Territory of Hawaii given to the Territory or any political subdivision thereof or the United States Government by Japanese organizations during the hysteria following outbreak of war in the Pacific.

Many community halls, school buildings, and even churches were given to various city, county, the Territory and the United States governments by unauthorized persons as "good-will and patriotic" gestures during World War II.

Now that the war has been won and these organizations desire their land properties returned in order to carry on their lawful and civic activities, the whole question of the legality of these transfers has been raised.

To settle the problem, Delegate Farrington's bill provides for the creation of a Special Land Commission of 1954 with authority to consider the return of such property of eleemosynary organizations whose members are of Japanese ancestry when such return is justified in equity and in the public interest.

"Although to those unfamiliar with the wartime situation that confronted persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii, as well as the mainland, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, this particular bill may seem unique, those intimately associated with the problem can appreciate the real merit and justice in Delegate Farrington's legislation," Mike Masakawa, Washington JACL representative, said.

He described it as a special bill to take care of a special situation and expressed the hope that Congress would enact it.

## Restoration of authentic Japanese garden near end

**Hilo**  
Restoration of Liliuokalani Park here, described as one of the few authentic Japanese garden-parks outside of Nippon, is expected to be finished soon. Rebeautification of the park which was damaged by a tidal wave began last fall under direction of Nagao Sakurai, noted Japanese landscapist.

## Central California congressman seeks qualified Nisei for West Point candidacy

**Washington**  
Nisei residents of Kern, Kings or Tulare County, California, interested in attending the United States Military Academy at West Point should not delay in their applications, Rep. Harlan Hagen (D., Calif.) informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Interested Nisei from these counties should communicate with Rep. Harlan Hagen, care of the House of Representative, Washington 25, D.C., or with his congressional office located at 209 Haberfelde Bldg., Bakersfield, Calif., to make an appointment for preliminary screening tests to be held Feb. 2. The tests will be given in Bakersfield and Tulare, Calif., the Washington JACL Office was informed.

Hagen said the four youths who place high will be selected as the principal appointee and as first, second and third alter-

nates and will be authorized to participate in the official West Point entrance examination the week of March 1 at March Air Force Base.

"The practice which I instituted last year of conducting a preliminary examination and making my appointments on the merit basis met with general approval," Hagen told the Washington JACL office.

"For this reason I am again employing this method, which eliminates favoritism and political patronage and results in the selection of the youths best qualified academically," the 14th District California Congressman added.

To be eligible, boys must be unmarried, have their parents' consent and be between the ages of 17 and 22 on July 1, 1954.

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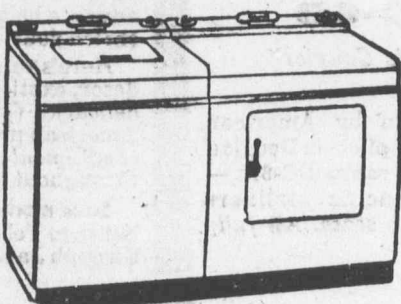
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**Around Chicago**

Some 100 Issei graduates of the third Americanization class were handed diplomas Jan. 12 at the Church of the Ascension, LaSalle and Elm Sts. Dr. John Lapp, author and educator on citizenship, was main speaker. Greetings were extended by Corky Kawasaki, Resettlers Committee president, and Kumeo Yoshinari, JACL chapter president. Violinist Kazuko Hatanaka accompanied by Mrs. Aiko Nakane rendered a selection . . . The 20 & 5 Investors hold their annual dinner Feb. 13 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel . . . In observation of Brotherhood Week, Feb. 21-23, the Resettlers Committee joins the McCormick YWCA, National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Lower North Community Council sponsor an art exhibit at the McCormick Y, 1001 N. Dearborn St. Japanese paintings, flower arrangement, sculpture and other works planning. Dan Kuzuhara is acting chairman . . . According to the Resettlers Committee, many younger Issei are being laid off from work. Though the overall employment situation is unfavorable at the present time, it was noted that the number of individuals seeking employment at the agency has remained relatively constant throughout the past months. The Resettlers are making efforts to provide more "home-work" type of employment for Issei women and warbrides, unable to leave home because of domestic responsibilities, and for the men, employment in factories not requiring any particular skill . . . Exhibitions of 59 photographs by world-famous documentary photographer, Henri Cartier-Bresson, highlight the Art Institute offering Jan. 18-Mar. 1 at its Gallery of Photography. . . The Christ Congregational Church women's fellowship is accepting orders for their third annual cookie sale on Mar. 7 . . . Chizu Iiyama, 6126 S. Ellis Ave., is accepting Nisei membership in the United Woodlawn Conference, 1230 E. 63rd St. Composed of people in the area, it urges its members to report all signs of conversions, overcrowding, traffic and parking violations, poor city service, vandalism, property neglect and deterioration . . . The CBS has purchased as Chicago Arena for \$1½-million and will spend an equal sum to convert the building to the largest enclosed TV studio center outside Hollywood.

**Personal**

Midwest District Council chairman Harry Takagi spent the weekend here, attending the JACL chapter meeting . . . John Y. Yoshino, 415 S. Trumbull Ave., 1st veep in charge of program for the chapter, is also active in Garfield Park Honore & Bradley Improvement Ass'n, which involves 500 families. He was recently elected to its board of directors and heads the education committee, which collected 200 questionnaires on a house-to-house canvass. It meets at Bethany Hospital, across the street from Bethany Seminary, one of the first hostels to open to Nisei in 1943-44 . . . Mrs. Joseph Watson, 1624 W. Pierce, is the second Japanese warbride to be naturalized. She is the former Asako Toyama of Yokohama, was married in August, 1947, and came here July 16, 1948. Husband is employed by International Harvester; wife is waitress at Hinode, 1248 N. Clark St. They have one son, Anthony 5. Her cousin, Keiko Kitamura of Nagoya, also employed at Hinode, returns to Japan next month . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Harold Gordon, 5550 S. Dorchester Ave., on the passing of his father, Jan. 22. Harold is National 1000 Club chairman.

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**Ikeguchi heads Long Beach CLers**

**Long Beach**

Fred Ikeguchi, who operates a real estate and insurance agency at 1707 Pacific Ave., was elected president of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL chapter, succeeding George N. Nakamura.

Included on the cabinet, which will be installed at the Hotel Statler tomorrow night, are:

Allan Kobata, 1st v.p.; Mas Shono, 2nd v.p.; Fred Hiroto, 3rd v.p.; Harry Iwasaki, treas.; Mizuye Aihara, rec. sec.; Kazuko Matsumoto, cor. sec.; and Ruby Mio, del.

Ikeguchi is widely known among Issei and Nisei circles here, having been active with the JACL and closely identified with the formation of the local Japanese community center.

**HOLLYWOOD CHAPTER PICKS ENDO PRESIDENT**

**Hollywood**

Arthur Endo will take the helm of the Hollywood JACL chapter this year, it was announced by Arthur Ito, outgoing president. On his cabinet are:

Frank Funada, 1st v.p.; Hiro Mitokawa, 2nd v.p.; Danar Abe, 3rd v.p.; George Saito, treas.; Fumi Shimizu, rec. sec.; Sue Azuma, cor. sec.; Dick Zumwinkle, Miwa Yanamoto, members-at-lrg.; Arthur Ito, ex-officio.

The old and new cabinet met with Tats Kushida, regional director, at the home of Arthur Ito to make 1954 calendar plans.

**EAST LOS ANGELES NAMES WILBUR SATO**

**Los Angeles**

The East Los Angeles JACL chapter elected Wilbur Sato as new 1954 president, succeeding John Watanabe, at a general membership meeting last Friday at International Institute. Other officers are:

Fumi Ishihara, 1st v.p.; (program); Roy Yamadera, 2nd v.p.; (membership); Miyo Fujita, 3rd v.p. (social); Terrie Akasaka, treas.; Linda Ito, rec. sec.; Bessie Yanamoto, cor. sec.; Jim Higashi, aud.; Lucille Okada, hist.; John Watanabe, pub.

A board of councillors has been selected for approval by the new cabinet. The new cabinet will be installed tomorrow night at the Hotel Statler.

**CONVENTION BOARD ASSOCIATES ANNOUNCED**

**Los Angeles**

Convention board members preparing for the 13th biennial National JACL convention Sept. 2-6 here at the Statler Hotel have been meeting each week. Dr. Roy Nishikawa, board chairman, announced the following associate chairmen: Ken Dyo, budget & finance; Mrs. Mabel Ota, registration; Harry Fujita, social events; Frank Chuman, official events; Edison Uno, pub. rel.; and Tut Yata, gen arr.

**Tom Haratani to head Alameda JACL chapter**

**Alameda**

National JACL Director Mas Satow installs the 1954 Alameda JACL chapter cabinet this Sunday at the Step-In Club, 1313 Park St. He will also be the main speaker.

Tom Haratani is the new president, assisted by: Mit Ikeda, 1st v.p.; Mary Yoshimura, 2nd v.p.; Shuzo Shiota, treas.; Cookie Takeshita, rec. sec.; and Sets Higake, cor. sec.

**GEORGE OKAZAKI TO HEAD SELMA CHAPTER**

**Selma**

George Okazaki was elected president of the Selma JACL and will be installed at a joint-installation Central California JACL District Council banquet tomorrow at the Belmont Inn, Fresno.

The chapter will also honor three Issei citizens, recently naturalized. They are: Y. Kajitani, S. Takikawa, and M. Kuramoto.

The chapter will have as guests at the banquet Robert Jenson, mayor of Selma; Harry Hoegh, adult education; and Roy Brock, editor.

The new cabinet officers are: Ethel Otomo, 1st v.p.; George Abe, 2nd v.p.; Kenny Yamamoto, treas.; Tom Umade, rec. sec.; George Baba, cor. sec.; Mas Morishima, del.; Yuki Misaki, alt. del.; Emi Misaki, hist.; and Jean Miyata, pub.

**Assemblyman Coolidge addresses Watsonville CL**

**Watsonville**

Some 45 persons attending the installation of the Japanese-American Citizens League Saturday night heard a talk by state assemblyman Glenn Coolidge.

He spoke on the set up of the state government and told about the new budget. Coolidge also devoted part of his speech to a discussion of liquor control in California.

For the installation ceremony Haruo Ishimaru of the San Francisco regional office was in charge.

Bob Manabe became the new JACL president.

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**CHAPTER MEMO**

**Salt Lake City JACL:** Initial project of the new cabinet headed by Rupert Hachiya was the two weeks service with alien registration at a downtown hotel. Aiding the Issei were: Dr. Shig Matsukawa, Mr. and Mrs. George Yoshimoto, Mmes. Jeanette Misaka, Rae Fujimoto, Midori Watanuki, Tomoko Yano, Misses Della Kono, Suke Kaneko, Messrs. B. Y. Kaneko and Hachiya.

**Mt. Olympus JACL:** Omitted from the report last week on the 1954 cabinet members was George Tamura, treas.

**Newsletters Received:** Chicago JACLer (Jan. 1954), Southwesterly, SWLA (Jan. 1954).

**Watsonville JACL:** A directory of Japanese residents in Pajaro valley is now ready to be mailed to persons listed in the book.

**San Jose UCL:** The 1954 cabinet was installed last Saturday at Villa Felice.

**Pasadena JACL:** Free alien registration service for Issei was provided here this week at the Japanese Community Center, according to Florence Wada, chapter vice-president. . . A local chapter fund drive is being planned for February with house-to-house campaigning, chapter president Tom Ito added.

**Detroit JACL:** Because of the huge success met at the first showing of Japanese films recently, the chapter will sponsor a Japanese film each second Saturday of the month starting Feb. 13 through June, it was announced by Tom Tagami, social chairman. Peter Fujioka is chairman of the 1954 chapter installation. No date has been set.

**SWLA JACL:** Outstanding Nisei in the fields of architecture, interior decorating and landscape architecture will lead the discussion on home-building, planning and improvement at the first regular meeting, Feb. 4, under chairmanship of Hisashi Horita, new president, at the Centenary Methodist Church.

**EDEN TOWNSHIP CHAPTER**  
**Hayward**

The evening of Feb. 5 has been planned for the Eden Township JACL installation dinner at Cottage Dining Room, 2295 E. 14th St., San Leandro, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Local and other civic leaders will be among the guests. Harry Kurotori is to be emcee. Min Shinoda, general chairman, is being assisted by:

Tok Hironaka, tickets; Dr. Keichi Shimizu, Miko Tanizawa, Willie Nida, Masako Minami.

Public is invited. Reservations can be made by callings on any committeeman.

**Snake River CL** slates benefit-bazaar Jan. 30  
**Ontario, Ore.**

The Snake River JACL holds its annual benefit bazaar at the Japanese Community Hall here from 12 noon tomorrow. Paul Saito and Mrs. Natsuko Hashitani are co-chairmen. Assisting them are:

Shig Nishida, Ichiro Yamaguchi, Shingo Wada, gen. arr.; Mrs. Alice Nishitani, D. Morimoto, prog.; Sam Wakasugi, George Sugai, booths; Gish Amano, cashier; Mmes. Katie Hashitani, Dorothy Saito, Mary Amano, Virginia Sakata, Hiro Kido, Noriko Morikawa, Jim Kanetomi, Henry Otani, Buddhist Fujinkai, Issei WSCS, food; Mrs. Mary Wakasugi, needlewood; K. Wada and Joe Saito, pub.

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**San Luis Valley CL installs cabinet**

**Alamosa, Colo.**

Civic dignitaries witnessed the installation of the new cabinet officers of the San Luis Valley JACL Chapter here Jan. 17. Sworn into office by Judge Blickhahn were:

Pete Uyemura, pres.; Clarence Yoshida, v.p.; Shiro Enomoto, treas.; Marge Enomoto, rec. sec.; Sadako Hayashida, cor. sec.; S. Yoritomo, Mike Mijokami, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Nob Ashida, Charlie Hayashida, Roy Fujii, mems.-at-large.

The chapter also honored five new Issei citizens of the area. They were introduced by Charles Hayashida, banquet chairman, as follows:

Roy Tanaka of La Jara, Mmes. Fujii, Katsumoto, Uyeda of Alamosa and Mrs. Sasaki, Blanca.

Guest speakers included Mayor Taylor of Alamosa, Dr. Placky of Adams State College and Mr. Fletcher of the Alamosa Daily Courier. Outgoing president Roy Inouye talked on the "JACL and the Japanese People." Other guests included:

Commander and Mrs. Hunsaker, American Legion; District Atty. and Mrs. John Ira Greene of Antonito; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christensen, La Jara, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eschman, Blanca; Grace Wolfe, Manuel Aragon, Alamosa.

Japanese dances were performed by: Sherrie Kameda, Carolyn Fujii, Grace Uyeda, Pearl Ito, Marge Yoshida, Shirley Yoshida, and Evelyn Sumida.

**HISASHI HORITA HEADS SOUTHWEST L.A. CLERS**

**Los Angeles**

Hisashi Horita, known for his popular bridge class instructions, was elected president of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter this past week, it was announced by Mack Hamaguchi, outgoing president.

Serving with him and to be installed tomorrow night at the Hotel Statler ceremonies are:

George Kakehashi, 1st v.p.; Hana Uno, 2nd v.p.; Sumi Nerio, 3rd v.p.; Roy Uno, treas.; Hiroko Kawamami, rec. sec.; Jean Ogawa, cor. sec.; Hajime Inouye, aud.; and Satomi Kuratomi, hist.

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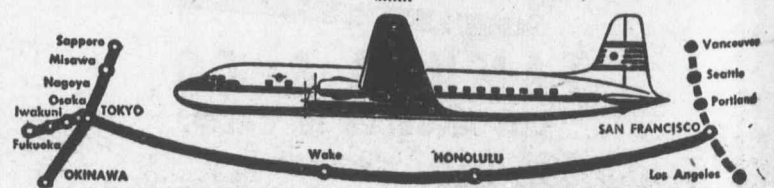
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# Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

Last week I started telling about JACL chapters in our area which won the Chapter of the Year awards.

The second place winner was Livingston-Merced Chapter which is one of our most distant chapters, but, nevertheless, a very active one. Their activity was characterized by regular meetings and active participation by both officers and members. They completed their ADC Fund Drive in January, 1953, with a high average of \$12.50 per family contributing.

It is reported that 63 percent of their Pacific Citizen subscription is subscribed by families, which is a remarkable figure. I wonder if any other chapter can top this?

Among some of the different projects that the chapter engaged in were to send gift Pacific Citizen subscriptions to all local boys serving in the Armed Forces as well as to the local high schools and newspapers.

"Operations Scrap Iron" was conducted in April to raise funds and to serve the community and the profit to the chapter was \$240. In May, a special service was conducted by the JACL to pay tribute to local boys who lost their lives in World War II. The thoughtfulness of Livingston-Merced CLers was further revealed in the report that in November, in cooperation of the church group, gift parcels were sent to all men from the local area serving in the Armed Services overseas.

Our congratulations to Livingston-Merced Chapter for their splendid activity. Steering the chapter along in the last few years were: presidents Buichi Kajiwara, 1951, Tom Nakashima, 1952, and Frank Suzuki, 1953. The newly elected president is James K. Kirihara. We hope they have another busy year.

Next week I'd like to report on Placer County Chapter which took first place in the Chapter of the Year award and which I believe is the most active JACL Chapter in the whole country.

### Three Chapter Installation Ceremonies

January is the month for election and installation of officers, and so far this month, we've had the privilege of meeting with the San Benito County, Southern Alameda and the Watsonville chapters for their installation dinners of new presidents Shoso Nakamoto, Sumi Kato, and Bob Manabe, respectively.

Often for the chapters, the installation dinners and sometimes dances are a high point for the chapter during the year. We think it's an excellent idea to give recognition for past services and to pep up the chapters for continued activity.

One of the most interesting and commendable features that we have observed was at the Southern Alameda County dinner. Tribute was paid to Kaz Shikano as the outstanding JACLer of the year. I discovered that this chapter singles out and presents an award to the individual who has worked the hardest in the JACL chapter in the past year.

We think that this privilege of the special award is an excellent practice and we would recommend to other chapters. Our best wishes to the new chapters and their officers. We certainly look forward to the JACL in our District Council area.

The Sacramento JACL Chapter reports that program is shaping up for the combined District Council meeting and their sixth annual Bowling Tournament on Feb. 13 and 14. As we have reported, the District Council will present its trophy to the chapter which enters the winning team. This will be the first official District Council Bowling Tournament.

We suggest that as many newly elected officers of local chapters attend the bowling tournament and the business session on Sunday, Feb. 14. This is one of the best places to get introduced to the multiple activities and concerns of the JACL.



Last official act of retiring president, Dr. Kelly Yamada (right) of the Seattle JACL, was to present the engraved tray to Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., who were guests of honor at the JACL installation banquet last Friday at the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.—Elmer Ogawa photo.

## Miyamuras honored in Seattle

Seattle

A Medal of Honor winner and 250 new citizens were honored with simple sincere words last Friday night by the Seattle Japanese American community. A deep loyalty to America and its cherished freedom marked the program throughout.

It opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem sung by all and a prayer.

The words of Dr. Paul Shigaya, spokesman for the new citizens, best illustrated the group's loyalty:

"We are extremely happy and our hearts are full of thanksgiving that at last we can call America our own country. It is our hope and prayer that we may in some way help to bring about greater understanding among our fellow man—and that we may serve our country—honestly, loyally and with wisdom."

But the couple who won the hearts of the 450 gathered at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium was ex-Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, Medal of Honor winner, and his wife, Terry. Mayor Allan Pomeroy presented Miyamura with a symbolic key to the city. The JACL chapter gave the Korean war hero a huge silver platter.

He was brought to Seattle to be honored Saturday night by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the 10 outstanding young men of the nation.

Robert Mizukami, past chairman of the Pacific Northwest District Council, installed the new chapter cabinet headed by George Kashiwagi. Toru Sakahara was toastmaster.

In a Sunday ceremony sponsored by the Nisei Veterans Committee, Miyamura paid homage by laying a wreath to the Seattle and King County war dead at Memorial Plaza. Later he placed another wreath in tribute to the Nisei war dead at Lakeview Cemetery.

## Ike's budget—

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it was appropriated for the current year to \$2,558,800 for 1955. In 1953 fiscal year, though, this Office received \$3,004,182.

The Office of Alien Property handles claims against the government for the return of vested wartime property. Some 20,000 claims of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States are among the several hundred thousands claims pending in the Office of Alien Property.

The most serious reduction, according to Masaoka, is in the amount for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

While JACL will make a concerted effort to secure a substantial increase in order that the naturalization and immigration program in the United States, including the Territory of Hawaii, will be expedited, the Washington lobbyist confessed that with the temper of the Congress as it is to cut every appropriation to the bone, it may even be difficult to gain congressional approval for the reduced sum requested by the President.

## Issei on social security pension quits Japan life

San Francisco

Nearly 400 Japanese, all former residents of this country now retired in Japan, are receiving U.S. social security payments but experiencing difficulty meeting living expenses, according to Umakichi Tsukada of this city, who recently returned from Japan with his wife.

The local Issei resident went to Japan in 1952, shortly after he became eligible to receive federal old-age payments, having reached the age of 65.

"Although a \$65 check would be about ¥23,000 in Japanese money, the average Issei who is accustomed to living in the United States has a hard time meeting expenses without dipping into his savings," Tsukada said.

"Living costs are high and those who want to live as they did in the United States can't do it on that amount," he added.

He pointed out that the average Japanese salary was about ¥10,000 a month and only a few in his native Tochigi prefecture were in the ¥20,000 class.

A bill was introduced earlier this month in Congress to cut off overseas social security payments. It was primarily aimed at those who returned to Italy and other European countries to live after becoming eligible.

## Albuquerque Clers pick Mrs. Hashimoto president

Albuquerque

Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto will lead the Albuquerque JACL chapter this year, succeeding Charles Matsubara. Other officers are:

James Sakato, 1st v.p.; Mike Yonemoto, 2nd v.p.; Takashi Morimoto, treas.; Setsuko Matsumoto, rec. sec.; Mrs. Evelyn Togami, cor. sec.

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## RICHARD MATSUICHI KAWADA

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of above named person is kindly requested to notify his mother, Mrs. Sue Kawada, who is seriously ill. Her address is care of 3518 Wai'ala'e Ave., Honolulu 16, T.H. Kawada is about age 47, resided in Honolulu until 1932.

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**National JACL Bowling Tournament**

The eighth annual National JACL Bowling Tournament, scheduled for the Hyde Park Bowl on Chicago's Southside on Mar. 5, 6, 7, is going to be an outstanding event in Chicago Nisei sports, due to the energetic and enthusiastic work of the committee members, under the capable chairmanship of Dr. Randolph Sakada.

Plans so far include a Queen Coronation Dance at the Hyde Park Hotel on Saturday, Feb. 6, when a tournament Queen will be chosen and crowned; an appearance by Ned Day in an exhibition on Saturday night, Mar. 6, at 7 p.m.; TV coverage of tournament activities at the Shoreland Hotel, official headquarters; and a Dinner Awards Dance on Sunday night, Mar. 7 at the Shoreland Hotel with Don Fernando and his NBC recording orchestra.

The tournament schedule is as follows:

- Mar. 3 and 4—Open Bowling
- Mar. 5—Class Sweepers, Men and Women
- Mar. 6—Teams
- Mar. 7—Singles and Doubles
- Mar. 7, a.m.—Mixed Doubles

In the Ragtime Doubles, scheduled to start Thursday, Mar. 4, and which is the only handicap event in the Tournament, a bowler may enter as often as he wishes, provided he teams with a different partner each time.

Reservations for 200 persons have been made at the Shoreland Hotel on the South Shore Drive. Rates will be a flat \$5 per person per night. For out-of-town bowlers, transportation has been arranged to and from the bowling alley.

Local bowlers are warming up for this event by rolling some spectacular series, such as Hank Miyahara's 717, compiled on games of 236, 236 and 207 plus 38 handicap, which is the top score in the Chicago Bowlers Association tournament and Andy Matsunaga's 652 scratch series, which is tops in the North Side Nisei Men's League.

**NORTHWEST CLASSICS:** Fred Takagi's eighth annual Northwest Nisei Invitational Classic in Main Bowl (Seattle) two weekends ago sparked with three stellar bowlers: Pruney Tsuji, Sab Tsuboi and Carol Dady, who averaged 202.5, 198 and 181 for nine games, respectively. The tournament winners were:

**Men's Singles:** Sab Tsuboi (S) 651, Tad Kono (S) 631, Pruney Tsuji (S) 626. **Doubles:** Harry Eng-Benny Wong (S) 537-624, Morrie-Yamaguchi-Pruney Tsuji (S) 497-648, Kenny Arita-Ted Sakura (S) 595-542. **Team:** Seattle 20th-Century 2895, Nisei Farmers (ML) 2760, Dragoners (P) 2722, Sakahara Insurance (S) 2718, Market Club (P) 2689, Ideal Grader (H) 2688, S. T. Produce (K) 2633, City Produce (S) 2626. **All-Events:** Pruney Tsuji (S) t549-d648-s626-1823, Sab Tsuboi (S) t558-d577-s651-1786, Fred Takagi (S) t558-d588-s603-1749, Benny Wong (S) 1739, Ben Yoshida (K) 1738.

**Women's Singles:** Lois Yut (S) 535, Miye Ishikawa (S) 517, Takako Inukai (P) 516, Kazie Yokoyama (S) 513, Kathleen Sasaki (P) 495, Mary Fujita (S) 478, Fumi Yamasaki (S) 476. **Doubles:** Miye Ishikawa-Carol Dady (S) 512-609, Lois Yut-Mickey Oyama (S) 992, Kazie Yokoyama-Yoyo Konishi (S) 939, Margaret Senda-Rose Young (S) 936. **Team:** North Coast (S) 2369, Gyokko Ken Cafe (S) 2316. **All-Events:** Carol Dady (S) t547-d609-s474-1630, Lois Yut (S) t538-d468-s535-1541. **Mixed Doubles:** Lois Yut-George Iwasaki 575-523. **Legend:** S-Seattle, ML-Moses Lake, P-Portland, H-Hood River, K-Kent.

**TIDBITS:** The 1954 No. Calif. Japanese Golf tournament at Pasatiempo golf course near Santa Cruz will be a two-day affair, June 5-6. The 9 a.m. starting times have been confirmed . . .

Harvey Zenimura, Fresno baseball star, scored the winning run for the visiting Hiroshima Carps 4-2 this week over Canlubang, Manila Bay baseball champions, at Rizal park, Manila . . . Feb. 1 is the entry deadline for the Sacramento JACL bowling tournament being held Feb. 13-14. Tournament chairman is Tom Furukawa, 3905-34th St., Sac'to . . . Both Fuzzy Shimada and Chiyo Tashima, only two Nisei rolling in the National Match games in Chicago, made favorable impressions with spectators and competitors. Fuzzy missed qualifying for the semi-finals by 12 pins with a 4628 at 24 games. Chiyo made the semis, placing tenth with a 20-game 3771 total. She was 26th with a 24-game 4455 total as the field of 46 was cut to 14 . . . Yasi Teramoto of Fowler and Ken Kaneda of San Jose State were officials at the two-day Far West Ski Ass'n class C championships last week. Yasi was course setter and Ken, course chief . . . Dick Nagai started for USC during the Univ. of Hawaii series in the Islands this week and tallied 29 points in 69 minutes of play .

**CAGERS LOST FIRST LEAGUE GAME IN 5 YEARS**

Toronto

The mighty Mustangs of the Toronto Nisei Basketball Association lost their first duel last week in over five years of play, being upset 52-48 by the Rebels.

An inspired squad, the Rebels were ahead by 10 points in the final quarter after being behind by 7 at the end of the third quarter.

**IN HONOR OF**

Marilyn Uyeda, 17, was elected student body president of Campbell Union High School government. She is the first Nisei girl to be elevated to this position and the fifth woman student leader in 53 years of school government. After graduation in June, she plans to enroll in San Jose State College for two years and then attend Univ. of California nursing school.

Broadjump star Johnny Nakamura was elected student-body president of Petaluma High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Nakamura, prominent chicken rancher. Fifteen years ago another Johnny — Johnny Hiraoka — was the only other Nisei to be elected to the office.

Paul Hoshiko, Jr., of Kuner (east of Greeley, Colo.), was named "Young Man of the Year" by the Greeley Jr. Chamber of Commerce last week. The 28-year-old Nisei farmer has been outstanding in 4-H work and recently participated in the International Farm Youth Leadership project.

Haruye Nakamura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Nakamura, Kirby, Wyo., and honor student leader at Thermopolis (Wyo.) High School will be the No. Wyoming JACL chapter nominee for the 1954 Pvt. Ben Mashaoka JACL memorial scholarship, it was announced by Mrs. Kaz Uriu, Worland.

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**TATS KUSHIDA**

Long awaited publicity on the planning progress for the 13th JACL Biennial, the national convention slated for the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles come Labor Day, will start shooting next week.

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, convention board chairman, reveals that committee chairmanships have been assigned, events, places and dates scheduled and much important information ready for release.

More and more Issei are taking care of their own form-filling of the address report card required to be filed by all aliens during January. We have received fewer requests for service this year than any time since the program began in 1950. Chapters conducting this service have noted a decreasing demand for their assistance. Nisei children helping out their folks seems to be the answer—and that's how it should be.

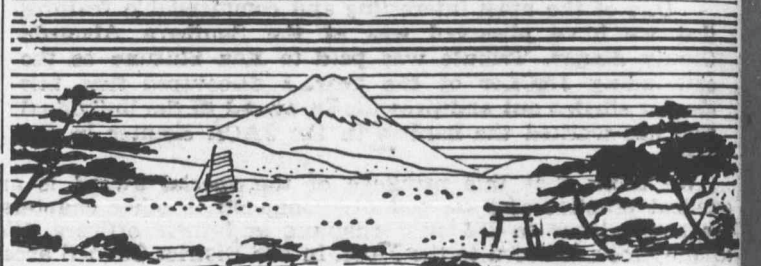
**January: One of the Busier Months**

So far this month, we have attended enough meetings to become a stranger at home: JACL National Convention Board; convention board finance committee; chapter cabinet clinic committee of the Pacific Southwest District Council; Hollywood chapter cabinet; Gardena Valley chapter cabinet; Downtown L.A. chapter cabinet; two meetings of the L.A. JACL coordinating council; Downtown LA chapter monthly meeting; Japan Air Lines reception; Consul General Shinsaku Hogen reception; publisher Ikken Momii sobetsukai; Japan America society dinner meeting; San Luis Obispo County chapter installation program; Japanese Youth Project Committee.

In addition we've had conferences with federal Judge Ernest A. Tolin, National Labor Relations Board and with officials of the Immigration and Naturalization service on matters affecting the welfare of Japanese Americans.

Several past chapter presidents have dropped in for a visit to talk shop about JACL during the past few weeks, including Fred Aoyama of Reno, John Tadano of Phoenix, Tad Kanemoto of Santa Barbara, Karl Taku of San Luis Obispo, Nobu Nakamura of Long Beach and Hitoshi Nitta of Orange County.

With alien registration, routine services, district council matters, Pacific Citizen chores and national convention assignments, January has been one of our busier months.



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## EDITORIALS

## Hillings Bill

Many months of JACL research and meetings with claimants concerned preceded the legislation introduced last week by Rep. Patrick Hillings (R., Calif.) asking that the evacuation claims law be further amended to permit compromising of bigger claims and access to the Court of Claims.

The young congressman said it was in "fairness and good conscience" that Congress enact this bill expediting the program caused by the "unique burdens which this Government has thrown upon them."

News of this bill fully reported in this week's Pacific Citizen certainly gratified the claimants concerned.

They realized the several discussions with JACL leaders and Mike Masoka, Washington representative, were deserving of the sponsorship of the only Californian on the House Judiciary Committee — the group which must first pass on such a bill as evacuation claims since this function is entrusted in the Dept. of Justice.

## Social Security

On Jan. 1, most Americans started enjoying a cut in taxes for the first time in five years. We say "most" because folks in the lowest income bracket, despite a 10 percent reduction in personal income taxes, will hand over to Uncle Sam in 1954 slightly more of their earnings than they did last year.

This odd development is the result of a slight increase in the social security taxes.

To benefit in take-home pay from the cut in income taxes, married couples with two dependents must earn in excess of \$3,600; married couples with three dependents, over \$4,500.

From a political standpoint it would seem this development would be avoided at all costs. No lawmaker wants to risk the charge that he voted tax relief for the well-to-do.

If Congress hikes social security taxes, it should be remembered that they are not really taxes at all but insurance premiums. Workers understanding this difference will not be inclined to think ill of legislators who vote for a sound social-security system.

## A Wee Reminder

There are now 31 weeks remaining until Labor Day, when Los Angeles hosts the 13th biennial National JACL convention. Summer plans made in wintry weather come so easy.

## From the Frying Pan . . .

## Some Faded Memories Revived

George Ishihara, now of Nampa, Idaho, but formerly of Seattle, was rummaging around in his things the other day when he came across some old photographs and clippings. He promptly bundled some up and sent them along. There was a clipping from the *Seattle Star*, dated 1940, which had to do with the plight of the Nisei, what with tension rising in Asia. The reporter seemed surprised that nothing but English was spoken in the Ishihara household.

There was a copy, too, of the report that the Seattle JACL chapter filed with the Tolan committee just before the evacuation was ordered in 1942. The report was a futile but last-ditch effort to avert, with facts, a decision that had been shaped by pressures beyond Nisei comprehension, pressures that had been superheated by hysteria.

I remember helping to draw up that report. It's altogether likely that never before, and never since, did a Japanese American community unite as did the Seattle group in the mutual effort of preparing the report. Our job was to assemble, correlate and evaluate facts about economic and social position of Japanese Americans in Seattle. Information was brought to us by everybody from the salmon cannery workers to the hotel owners, from farm groups to college students.

We worked late into many a night—the report was being drawn up in a race against time—to complete it. And then, after the final corrections were made, a corps of typists cut stencils and the entire business was mimeographed.

Jimmie Sakamoto presented the report to the Tolan committee during the Seattle hearings. It was included in the printed findings of the committee's hearings, but I wonder

if any of the congressmen ever read it. It was a revealing account of the economic progress the Issei and Nisei had made in Seattle since the turn of the century. But it didn't stop the evacuation.

Before we get all wound up on an evacuation again, let's go on with the subject. Ishihara also sent along a photo of the San Francisco Mikados basketball team, and some clippings about their trip to the Pacific Northwest. George, who was the high mogul of Nisei sports in the Seattle area, promoted that trip in '36.

It was the first time California Nisei had met Northwest teams, and what a drubbing they gave the tall boys from the high timber. Starters for the Miks were Mits Saito, Min Ichiyasu, Tosh Shimizu, Mas Hara and Kaz Yamamoto, and Kimbo Yoshitomi was their manager. They passed, dribbled and shot rings around the Northwesterner, won every game, and went home with ungrudging cheers ringing in their ears.

Nisei basketball up Seattle way improved considerably after that experience. But I don't think it ever measured up to the standard of the top teams in San Francisco, San Jose and Los Angeles (even though the Chicago Huskies, a most formidable postwar team, was made up in large part of exiled Seattleites).

It's hard to believe that all of 18 seasons have passed since the Miks visited Seattle. Where have the years gone? And what has happened to all the Miks? I saw Kaz Yamamoto in Tokyo three years ago, but I don't think I've seen any of the others in 15 years.

Thanks, George, for letting me share your souvenirs and reviving some fading memories. It's been a long time, hasn't it?

## Vagaries . . .

## The Bricker Amendment

Few Americans realize there is a connection, though a tenuous one, between the Bricker amendment to limit the President's treaty-making powers and California's anti-Japanese Alien Land law.

The Bricker proposal, now being debated in congress, has provided the most serious crisis to face the Eisenhower administration and has split the Republican party down the middle.

The Bricker plan, in a very few words, provides that the provisions of any treaty which conflict with the Constitution or with the internal laws of any state shall not have any force or effect, and that Congress, and not the President, shall have the power to regulate executive and other agreements with foreign countries or with an international organization.

Proponents of the Bricker plan—many of its advocates have previously been identified as isolationists or ultra-nationalists on the political spectrum—fear the abuse of executive power and cite Yalta and Potsdam. Their action is a slap at President Eisenhower (and Ike is described as boiling mad although official White House reaction has been more restrained) and would reduce the presidency to the honorary, ineffectual capacity of the president of France, Nationalist China or the Soviet Union.

The Bricker proposal is also a blow at the United Nations and at United States participation in that world body.

The genesis of the Bricker plan involves a test case on the validity of the California law prohibiting ownership of real property by aliens "ineligible to citizenship," a statute originally passed in 1913 and aimed directly against persons of Japanese descent.

In the Fujii case, in which a Japanese alien sued for the right to buy residential property in Los Angeles, the California appellate court upheld the petitioner and declared that the California Alien Land law was invalid, not because it contravened the provisions of the U.S. Constitution, but because it was in conflict with the United Nations charter, of which the U.S. was a signatory, which guaranteed equal rights to all. The California justices declared that the UN charter was a treaty and, as such, superceded all U.S. laws conflicting with it.

The California appellate court ruling soon reverberated through the legal world, and there was some consternation among constitutional lawyers in Washington and elsewhere that, should it be upheld in higher tribunals, it would endanger future U.S. participation in other international agreements, such as the UN genocide compact and proposed UN charter on human rights.

Provisions of these agreements, particularly those assuring equal rights to all, would be in direct conflict with the segregation laws of the southern states which, by the reasoning of the California state court, would become invalid. It was felt that this situation would result in a southern bloc against the UN and its activities.

Thus, a move was launched to emasculate the President's powers to participate in the day-to-day work of international agreements which, conceivably, would affect the individual laws of the various states. All of this happened during the Truman administration

and was aimed by its anti-administration sponsors against a Democratic president. It has carried over despite the change in regimes and now haunts the GOP.

Sen. Bricker was not the originator of the resolution but he has become its sponsor and principal champion.

The Ohio senator, incidentally, may be remembered by the Nisei for a quaint suggestion in the 1944 presidential election when campaigning in California. Candidate Bricker, then as aspirant for the GOP presidential nomination and later Governor Dewey's vice-presidential running mate, demanded in Los Angeles that all "disloyal" Nisei be deported and advocated that each West Coast community be permitted to decide individually whether evacuee persons of Japanese ancestry be permitted to return to their homes.

Governor Bricker, of course, was playing cozy with the California racists in 1944 in his anxiety to win their support for the GOP nomination and may not really have meant what he said, but his statements at that time were a reflection of unseemly opportunism and political irresponsibility.

This corner is apt to look with a somewhat jaundiced eye on anything Senator Bricker proposes, because of his stand almost a decade ago on the question of Japanese Americans, and it is difficult to see any merit in the present Bricker proposal which, in effect, upsets the basic relationships set up in the Constitution between state and federal governments and between the legislative and the judiciary. The Bricker plan would transfer decisions in international affairs from the federal to state governments and thus would be an invitation to anarchy. It would make an impossibility of international relations since, in practice, would not be binding unless implementing legislation was passed by a two-thirds majority of the states.

The California appellate court's decision in the Alien Land law case was used as a stalking horse for the proponents of this limitation on presidential power. Actually, the state court ruling was repudiated, in effect, by higher courts which have found the restriction on land ownership to be in conflict with the 14th Amendment of the Constitution and which have ignored any effect which the UN charter may have on state laws.

Now, of course, the California statute has been made impotent by the fact that the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952, revising the nation's immigration and naturalization laws, has repealed all arbitrary racial or national restrictions on citizenship.

Meanwhile, Congress debates the Bricker proposal and indications are that the President will be able to defeat it or to obtain passage of an innocuous substitute if he decides to carry his fight to the people.

Man and wife were caught robbing a store in an Idaho town. She probably went along to pick up after him.

Wind is produced by difference in atmospheric pressure—or by asking a man about his golf game.

## DECADE AGO

Jan. 29, 1944

Non-appearance of T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki on Ginny Simm's hour explained by NBC, believed Nisei problem on West Coast was "controversial."

Army Silver Star decoration given to S/Sgt. Kazuo Kozaki, first Nisei to win this medal. (The story does not mention the reason, but Col. Mashburn "I Am an American Spy" can partially explain it.)

Trouble-making group segregated at Tule Lake WRA center as internal security strengthened.

Local draft boards busy reclassifying Japanese Americans for induction into armed forces.

Judge Stutsman of Los Angeles rules for evacuees in Oshiro case—rights of evacuees to be freed from liability under leases, contracts and other obligations upon showing that performance of such obligations has become either impossible or an unconscionable hardship.

Threats from neighbors force eviction of Nisei wife of Caucasian from home in Martinez (Calif.), was permitted by Army to rejoin husband on West Coast.

## MINORITY

The Chicago Defender announced its 1953 "honor roll" of 10 individuals and five institutions for helping to improve racial relations in the United States as follows:

J. C. Caroline, Univ. of Illinois football star; Atty. Joseph Bibb, Illinois director of public safety; Eartha Kitt; Thurgood Marshall; Hulan Jack, newly-elected pres. of Manhattan borough; Rufus Clement, educator; Albert W. Dent, pres., National Health Council; Louis B. Toomer, register of Treasury of the U.S.; Mal Whitfield; Dorothy Martin, college student who enrolled at Philander Smith College in a campaign for non-segregated education in the South.

Institutions named were:

Harvard and Notre Dame universities for breaking off athletic relations with Southern schools that "sought to impress Jim Crow conditions on them"; Masons, for \$25,000 contribution to NAACP; Roman Catholic Church for electing Joseph Bowers, first American Negro to become bishop; Dept. of Justice for filing brief to support NAACP suit against segregated schools; North Carolina Supreme Court for reversing lower court finding of "guilt" of "assault by leer".

The Phoenix Community Council was against government interference in race relations by refusing to endorse a proposed Mayor's Commission on Human Relations and indirectly condemning the so-called "freedom of choice" campaign to amend the Arizona state constitution so that present race relations would be perpetuated by law. The council believes race problems "can be best solved with a minimum of legislation and interference by government." It also believes:

"1. Segregation and discrimination have no place in a democracy, and should be ended as quickly as education and local experience permit.

"2. To deny equal rights to employment or services furnished by the taxes of all the people is an injustice which should properly be prohibited by government.

"3. The denial or according of such rights in private business or facilities should depend on the voluntary action of the individual or organization, free of pressures or coercion either direct or indirect from any governmental agency. To impose a liberal practice is in itself a defeat of the liberal ideal.

"4. Private activities to discourage segregation and discrimination have made excellent progress in the Phoenix area. They should be continued and expanded as the soundest method of improving race relations."