



THREE BOWLING RECORDS BROKEN AT 9TH ANNUAL

(Long Beach) Three records were broken in the ninth annual National JACL Bowling Tournament held this past weekend as more than 500 keglers rolled over the Virginia and Ken-Mar bowling lanes.

Chiyo Tashima, a 189 bowler, broke her own four-game sweeper mark made in 1953 with a 753, which was 20 pins better. She also doubled with June Jue to improve their own 1953 standard with a 1108. John Kasano of San Jose laced a 235-256-179 to hoist a 670, batting down a mark set by Dr. Jun Kurumada in 1952.

Over 400 jammed the Pagant Room of the Wilton Hotel here to receive their awards at the tournament dinner-dance with Mas Satow, National JACL director, presenting the awards with the assistance of the tournament queen Marlene Hada and her princesses.

Easy Fujimoto, tournament director, said it was the largest tournament in JACL history with 84 men's and 24 women's team teeing the lines. Coffee's Strawberry squad, sponsored by Coffee Oshima of Sacramento, copped the men's team with 2848, preventing temporary retirement of the JACL perpetual trophy by either Sequoia Nursery of Redwood City or Marigold Arcade of Chicago, each with two legs on the mammoth award.

Tashima Brothers of Los Angeles won the women's team title with 237 to grab a second leg on the perpetual.

The 1956 tournament will be held in Salt Lake City with the 1957 frolic going to Oakland, seat of the Eastbay Nisei Bowling Association.

LEGEND: A—Alameda; Alb—Albany; BP—Buena Park; Chi—Chicago; Dnv—Denver; ELC—El Cerrito; Gda—Gardena; GG—Garden Grove; Id—Idaho Hw—Hawaii; LA—Los Angeles LB—Long Beach; O—Oakland; Ogd—Ogden; Poc—Pocatello; R—Reno; RC—Redwood City; Sac—Sacramento; SF—San Francisco; SG—South Gate; SJ—San Jose; Sea—Seattle Smn—Sumner, Wash.; SLC—Salt Lake City; Wash—Washington; WD—Woodside; WLA—West Los Angeles.

The complete summaries:

MEN'S ALL-EVENTS

Prizes: 1. \$75; 2. \$60; 3. \$50; 4. \$40; 5. \$30; 6. \$25; 7. 20; 8. \$15; 9. \$10; 10. \$5. 330 entries at 1—\$330.

MEN'S TEAMS

Prizes: 1. \$300; 2. \$200; 3. \$107; 4. \$90; 5. \$76; 6. \$65; 7. \$55; 8. \$45; 9. \$40; 10. \$30. 84 entries at \$20—\$1,008 main prize; \$672 squad prizes.

Won by Coffee's Strawberries Sac
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Dr. Nishikawa to sit at Nat'l CSO confab panel

(Los Angeles) Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer, will participate in the second national convention of the Community Service Organization, Mar. 12, at the Hayward Hotel here, as a member of a panel discussion.

The CSO, whose membership is largely Mexican American and organized somewhat on the order of the JACL, was formed under the leadership of Fred Ross, former WRA official.

Placer JACL community picnic slated Apr. 17

(PLACER) The seventh annual Placer JACL community picnic will be held Sunday, Apr. 17, at the JACL Recreational Grounds. A picnic dance will precede at the Loomis Veterans Memorial Hall, Apr. 16.



Rep. Francis Walter (D., Pa.) will be a guest speaker at the joint EDC-MDC Convention banquet Mar. 26 at the Hotel Washington in the Nation's Capital.

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REP. WALTER TO ADDRESS E-MDC MAR. 26 BANQUET

(Washington) Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), probably the greatest legislative champion for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, will be guest speaker at the JACL Eastern and Midwest District Councils convention banquet Mar. 26, at the Hotel Washington here, according to Ethel Fukuyama, banquet chairman.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D. Wash.), chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee, will be the other guest speaker.

"We are particularly happy that Congressman Walter will be with us that evening because so many Issei who owe their United States citizenship to him will be present at the banquet,"

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Idaho governor signs legislation repealing 30-year-old alien land law

(Boise) Governor Robert E. Smylie signed SB 42 on Mar. 4, eliminating the 1923 alien land laws from the Idaho statutes. The bill had been introduced by Sen. Vernon Daniel of Payette County and has been passed by the state senate without a dissenting vote.

The same measure was pushed through the State House of Representatives by Rep. Chas. Donaldson of Ada County.

"While the McCarran Act in 1952 provided that aliens eligible for citizenship would re-

ceive equal rights in all circumstances," Sen. Daniel declared, "the Idaho chapter from 1923 was still on the books." The freshman senator was particularly happy when his bill was wholeheartedly endorsed by his colleagues several weeks ago.

The Intermountain District Council and the JACL chapters of Idaho have been vigorously engaged in legislative work to eliminate this law in the past years.

NEW REGULATIONS MAY HELP JAPANESE REFUGEES, ASK GOV'T TO REVIEW REJECTED APPLICATIONS

(Washington) New revised Refugee Relief Act regulations, just published by the State Department, may allow the issuance of visas to refugee applicants in Japan, reported Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Because many Japanese have been disqualified under the former restrictive regulations, Masaoka has requested the Refugee Relief Act Administration to review all applications which have been rejected in Japan on the grounds of ineligibility in light of new definitions contained in revised regulations.

At the same time, he noted that the Third semi-annual Report of the Refugee Relief Act Administration to Congress reflects the slow progress of the program in Japan and expressed the hope that the new regulations would help correct the situation.

New Regulations

The new regulations reflect conditions investigated by Masaoka during his visit to Japan last December. While abroad he discussed Refugee Relief Act problems with the American consuls general in Tokyo and Kobe and with the American consuls in Fukuoka and Yokohama. He also conferred on local problems with the Japanese Foreign Office, the governors of Wakayama, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, and other prefectural officials and Japanese refugees.

Under the revised regulations, "firmly resettled" is now redefined to mean "the status of an alien who, at any time after the occurrence of events which form the basis of his claim to a refugee status under the act, has been reestablished

in a home under circumstances which indicate his intention and assure him a reasonable opportunity of remaining permanently. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as an exclusive definition of the term 'firmly resettled' inasmuch as the facts and circumstances in the individual case must necessarily determine the question of firm resettlement."

The 'usual place of abode' of a refugee under the RRA Act has been redefined to mean the "applicant's principal, actual dwelling place in fact, without regard to intent, to which he is unable to return because of fear of persecution, natural calamity, or military operations, or because of the consequences of a natural calamity or military operations."

Hopeful Future

"We are hopeful," the Washington JACL representative said, "that these new regulations will serve to demonstrate America's sincere interest in helping Japanese refugees by extending to them the privileges of the Refugee Relief Act. In addition, individual American citizens who have provided assurances of employment, housing and against becoming a public charge for the Japanese refugees in good faith should not be penalized through harsh interpretations of the law."

The Third semi-annual Report of the RRA Administration points out that the over-all problems of recruiting qualified personnel and the inadequate receipt of assurances have been the major administrative delays in the past.

Statistics on the number of visas issued in Japan are included in a group designated

AUTHORIZE CHANGE IN SCOUT OATH FOR CANADIAN BUDDHISTS

(Kelowna, B. C.) Canadian scouting history was made here in late February when the first Boy Scout troop ever sponsored by a Buddhist church received its charter.

Scoutmaster James J. Kitaura accepted the charter, granted by the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association, in a televised ceremony.

Special permission was granted to adjust the Scout Promise as follows: "... to my religion and Queen" instead of the usual "... to my God and Queen".

(As could be determined by the Pacific Citizen, scouting organizations sponsored by Buddhist churches in California adhere to the oath "... to my God and Country".)

Berkeley to host 2nd NC-WNDC quarterly

(Berkeley) The 2nd quarterly session of the NC-WNDC will be hosted by the Berkeley JACL chapter here May 15, it was announced by Ben Fukutome, chapter president. The second annual District Council bowling tournament is to be held in conjunction with the meeting on May 14-15, it was added.

San Francisco CL memberships hit 350

(San Francisco) The 1955 JACL membership mark here hit 350, according to Sumi Honnami, campaign chairman. Seven teams of recruiters are contacting Issei and Nisei for renewals and new members.

"Far East" and includes a possible 4,000 visas available to non-Asians in the Far East, 3,000 visas available to Asians and for a limited number of orphans found qualified in the proscribed area.

Orphans Aided

However, the Washington JACL Office reports that other official government reports on visas issued under the RRA program show that practically all of the "Far East" visas have been issued to Japanese orphans. Less than ten Japanese and other Asian adult refugees have been issued visas to enter the United States for permanent residence under RRA program.

The RRA report also stated that the average refugee assurance is processed in 120 working days. These statistics show that the United States Government agencies require an average of 71 working days to process each case. The sponsor and alien accounts for 40 working days to supply the required information and documentation. A total of 15 working days are used in the transmittal of assurances and documents.

Because of the Administration's early processing of the "relative preference" cases, most of which were documented and investigated under the former Displaced Persons Act, these statistics on processing time are not applicable to the Far East situation.

However, Masaoka said that the new regulations in combination with an adequate staffing of personnel in Japan may expedite the program there and reduce the processing time for Japanese cases to that shown in the Administrator's report.

HILLINGS BILL INTRODUCED IN 84TH CONGRESS

(Washington) Providing sweeping amendments to the evacuation claims act of 1948, Rep. Patrick J. Hillings, Rep., Calif., introduced legislation to expedite the final determination of all claims, the Washington Office of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims announced Monday.

In addition to speeding up the determination of claims, the Hillings Bill liberalizes many provisions of the statute.

The new bill follows the general suggestions contained in the legislation originally introduced at the request of the Japanese American Citizens League two years ago by the California Republican and which was the subject of public hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles last fall of a special House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims.

The new bill just introduced contains these alternatives in determining claims.

In addition, liberalizations proposed by the Subcommittee on Claims in its report and by interested claimant-members of COJAEC are included in the latest Hillings proposal.

So-called claims of internees are validated by exempting from barred claims those "by alien enemy internees for damage or loss that is a reasonable and natural consequence of the evacuation or exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry".

To make payable certain items that have been declared to be non-compensable by the Department of Justice, the new bill provides that "damage to or loss of real or personal property ... shall include expenses or expenditures incurred by claimants that would not have occurred but for the evacuation or exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry, including pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses, costs of transportation, management expenses and conservation costs, loss of fair rental values, and crop losses, including what buyers would have been willing to pay on the present and future crops of perennial crops had there been no evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry."

Corporations, partnerships, associations, societies, and other organizations, whether profit or non-profit in nature, the majority of whose stockholders or members on Dec. 7, 1941 were persons of Japanese ancestry, are specifically mentioned as beneficiaries of the law, which goes on to say that "the legal entity of the organization shall be disregarded, if necessary, to do equity and justice in achieving the purposes of this Act".

Favors Claimants

In commenting on the new bill, Mike Masaoka, Washington COJAEC representative, warned that the mere introduction of the legislation does not assure its immediate passage, especially in the form that it was introduced.

"As presently worded, the Hillings Bill reflects the objectives of the Committee on

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Nisei airman shaken up in crash landing

(Spokane) A 1/c Sumio Yasukawa of Santa Clara, Calif., was severely shaken up when a C-47 transport plane on which he was aboard crash-landed on an alfalfa field south of here Feb. 26 after running low on gas during a snowstorm.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka



Epic in Democracy

A Must for Nisei

"Home Again", James Edmiston's historical novel of the Japanese in the United States, is a "must" for every Nisei, and it should be for every American of every nationality too, for it relates an epic of democracy in action.

Far more eloquent pens than mine have already reviewed this stirring documentary of a Japanese family in Northern California, so this will not be another book review. Suffice it to say that "Home Again" is our story, told with sympathy and power.

This is the kind of novel that every Nisei should buy and read, and keep to pass on to his children.

This is also the kind of documentary history in fiction form that can and should be used by the Nisei as powerful public relations and general information media. It ought to be put into every school, into every library, into every place where people come to read. For better than any other book, "Home Again" tells the dramatic and inspiring saga of the Issei and the Nisei in America.

And, it ought also to be made into a major motion picture, for this medium more than any other can present the truly significant history in capsule form of the many contributions of the Japanese to the west and to the nation.

It is to the advantage of the Issei and the Nisei to help promote "Home Again" into a best-seller, for the more who read it the more will know our true story. More likely too will be the interests of Hollywood in filming this drama, which has every human element to make it a great picture.

Thus, if the Issei and Nisei want to help publicize their own story in a sense, they should not only purchase copies for themselves and their friends and for libraries but also encourage others to do likewise. They should begin to buy, and to urge others to buy, now, for such purchases may start an avalanche that will snowball into a best-seller and into a motion picture.

There may be some Nisei who do not want to read "Home Again" because its chapters on evacuation make them "mad all over again." This is disturbing, for this writer's observation is that too many Nisei, including many of our

mill and know first-hand the value of sports as an outlet for unflagging energy, they are devoted to give the least of them a chance.

They have spent close to a \$1,000 the past year plus many manhours as club advisers. They have intentions of spending as much this year . . . Where else in the states will you find a Nisei group of 20 young businessmen who have given willingly of their time and funds for the sake of the younger generation? Our community is fortunate they are here, where fear has been expressed our Sansei are getting a rough start in life.

The elder Nisei generation—even young matrons who now have time on their hands and can lend valuable assistance as teenage club advisers — can serve in its own way to combat delinquency. It is not a problem strictly for professionals . . . We can be as big brothers or sisters . . . Granted that there are established groups with professional abilities and facilities in most areas, there is still room for the public-conscious man or woman with a heart for children to pitch in this struggle to make his or her hometown a better place in which to live.

veterans, have already forgotten the lesson which we as a minority group should have learned from that racially discriminatory movement. Perhaps reading this novel may bring "Home Again" to them the need for constant vigilance, public relations, and organization.

The novel should certainly be purchased and kept for the coming generation, for our children should at least be told of what happened to their parents and grandparents during World War II.

For my part, "Home Again" is a story of which we Nisei can be proud and one which we ought to shout from the rooftops. It has the kind of "guts" and integrity that no other novel about the Japanese in America has dared to express.

Our understanding is that Doubleday and Company is pushing its sale locally only in the San Francisco area at this time to test its reception and to determine future promotion plans. This may account for the fact that you may have tried to purchase "Home Again" in your local bookstore, only to be told that it was not in stock.

To help persuade Doubleday that this novel should be given the full advertisement treatment, such as that accorded Caine Mutiny and others, may we suggest that you and your friends ask your own bookstores to please order copies. In this way, you'll be helping yourself and also helping to make "Home Again" the well read American novel that it deserves to be.

This is the first time that this Newsletter has made such an obvious "sales pitch" as this, but the writer feels so strongly about "Home Again" that he is happy to do everything possible to encourage its promotion.

Japan's Election Results

As predicted, Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Democratic Party won Japan's biggest election almost two weeks ago, thereby assuring a pro-western government.

Waging an unprecedented "American style" campaign, the Democrats ended seven years domination of the key House of Representatives by the equally conservative Liberal Party of former Premier Shigeru Yoshida.

Hatoyama's renomination and reelection as the Prime Minister is a foregone conclusion when the Diet Parliament reconvenes this week. Although partly paralyzed, he remains at 72 a most vigorous champion of Japan's destiny.

With all of the 467 seats decided, the Democrats control 185 seats, the Liberals 112, Left Socialists 89, Right Socialists 67, Farmer-Laborites 4, Communists 2, minor parties 2, and independents 6, of whom five are regarded as conservatives. Seven women were among those elected.

Also reelected were four key cabinet ministers — Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, Finance Minister Hisato Ichimada, International Trade Minister Tanzan Ishibashi, and Education Minister Masazumi Ando.

Of particular interest to Nisei was election of Frank Takizo Matsumoto, Deputy Chief

Cabinet Secretary, of Hiroshima, who has many personal friends here in this country, particularly among the sports minded.

Probably the most notable defeat was that suffered by Katsuo Okazaki who served as Prime Minister Yoshida's Foreign Minister and negotiated all of the post-war pacts.

The two conservative parties, the Democrats and Liberals, suffered a net loss of eight seats, while the left wing parties gained a net of 21 seats. Together, the two conservative parties have a combined vote of 297, which is 15 short of the necessary two-thirds needed to amend the constitution. This latter fact may be significant, because both conservative parties campaigned on the pledge to revise the so-called MacArthur constitution banning full scale rearmament and reducing the Emperor to a symbol of state.

Though revision of the constitution may not be possible, it is anticipated that a stable and aggressive government will be established under the Democrats. Though they enjoy only a plurality, their leader Hatoyama has announced that they will not enter into a coalition with the Liberals but would form their own government. This leaves the Liberals with no alternative but to support the Democrats in organizing the new government.

As a matter of information, it might be interesting to note the platforms of the four major parties as a guide to the true meaning of the recent elections.

Democrats are intensely nationalistic, though definitely committed to cooperation with the United States, and extremely conservative but in favor of a softer foreign policy toward communism, including expanded trade with Red China and Russia.

Liberals, no headed by former newspaperman Taketora Ogata, have a domestic policy that is almost identical with that of the Democrats but less extreme in their nationalistic thinking. On foreign policy, they are more avowedly pro-American and anti-Communist.

Left Socialists, backed by Japan's major trade union, Sohyo, are bitterly anti-American and neutralist in overall foreign policy.

Right Socialists, though firmly anti-communist, are also neutralist in their foreign policy. They are in favor of diplomatic and commercial relations with Red China and Russia and are moderately critical of the United States.

Both of the Socialist parties are against full scale rearmament, but the Rightists understand the necessity for a minimum "police" force.

Prior to the elections, there were talks that the two Socialist parties would merge after the elections. At that time, the Right Socialists had more members in the Diet and it was assumed that it would be on their terms. Now that the Leftists are stronger, it is not so certain that the Rightists will go through with the proposed merger.

All in all, the results of the election augers well for United States-Japan relations. It could have been much worse and hardly better, so we Nisei can look forward to continued good relations between our native land and that of our ancestry.

TOKYO TOPICS:

Japan Elections

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(Tokyo) A most exciting general election, the 27th since the first one held in July 1, 1890, was held throughout Japan and is significant from the standpoint of political analysis. Of course, Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama's Democratic Party enjoyed a landslide victory over other parties, but Japanese politicians failed to demonstrate the spirit of fair play in the past campaign.

The Democratic Party landslide has been measured to the six long years of Shigeru Yoshida, during which time there were merits and demerits. It seems the voters got tired of his bureaucratic ways and the Democrats were able to win away votes from Yoshida's Conservative supporters.

Hatoyama intended to amend the Constitution and speed up the rearmament project, but with the Socialists and Communists assuming more than one-third of the seats in the Diet and with Conservative strength in the House of Councillors very weak, it appears unlikely. It shall be interesting to note

what strategy Prime Minister Hatoyama will use to stay in power in the future, now that he has announced his proposals and yet stifled by his political opponents who have grown in numbers.

We well remember the Socialist appeal to the public on the basis that the Constitution should not be amended, that Japan should not rearm, and that the Conservatives were war mongers. Some 30 Communist candidates, out of the 100 running for a seat in the Diet, strategically withdrew from the race the day before election day (Feb. 26) to insure a more solid Socialist backing. Even the Progressives gained more than one-third of the Diet seats, so how the Democrats aim to fulfill their campaign promises is a very delicate proposition today.

It appeared Hatoyama was bold and astute in playing all his cards on the table—proposing restoration of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia, and recognizing Red China to enhance trade—in order to deal with radical elements. Its future shall depend on how the United States will regard the new Hatoyama cabinet.



While American-educated candidates were defeated en bloc at the previous election, practically all of them made spectacular comebacks last month. Among successful candidates were Frank Matsumoto (Harvard graduate), Etsujiro Uehara (Univ. of Washington), Takechiyo Matsuda (New York University), Susumu Nikaido (Univ. of Southern California), Takeo Miki (American University) and Haruji Tahara (Missouri University).

No matter to which party one belongs, there will be always a pro-American group. Fundamentally, all Diet members are pro-American outside of the leftwing Socialists and Communists. While the purge resulted in the loss of many pro-American friends, it is a big challenge to former U.S. residents here to rebuild Japanese-American relations with the help of American-educated legislators. The purge was bitter to many pre-war politicians, but they know where to stop and how to act today.



Tragedy struck in the general election when Noboru Tanigawa, originally from Walnut Grove, Calif., died suddenly of heart attack upon learning he had been elected. His father, Tamazo Tanigawa of Florin, pioneer and Buddhist leader in Northern California for more than a half century, also died of heart attack when he received a cable that his son would visit him on his return to Japan from New York.

Tanigawa was a brilliant and able leader. The Harvard graduate could have done much for Japanese-American friendship. He was no opportunist. He occupied many important government positions and his death is a great loss.



Another significant aspect of this past election was the increase of Progressive votes—twice as many as before. It may mean the Socialists will strengthen their emphasis on anti-American and non-rearmament policies. It bears watching.

The Japanese women, granted suffrage by Gen. MacArthur without much struggle, are slowly appreciating the value of their vote. Heretofore, the female vote was swayed by sentimentalism and fell an easy prey to radical influences.

Now that the general elections are over, we shall see what the labor unions will do next. Personally, I am not optimistic at all.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Juvenile Delinquency

By HARRY K. HONDA

This is our third consecutive week on the same topic—juvenile delinquency, and we're getting comments and material which encourages us to continue for another week . . . Several years ago, a group of young men organized themselves to help the needy youth through athletics. What appealed to me was their down-to-earth approach. So "down-to-earth" that their name—the Has-Beens—avoids sophistica-

tion.



Not the sort to bask in publicity, they have quietly tended to the needs of youngsters as they discovered them. Aside from granting funds with no strings attached, the Has-Beens have spent evenings and weekends advising and coaching youngsters in various athletic pursuits . . . Because the Has-Beens were once through the

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HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

Active Volcanoes

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Hawaii can add volcanoes to Waikiki Beach as tourist attractions. Starting February 28, Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire, bewitched an "extinct" crater to pour out new lava—the first time in 115 years it has happened in this particular spot.

Not since 1840 had the Puna district, on the island of Hawaii, seen a volcano eruption. No one suspected lava would belch forth again the rifts of long ago.

But early one morning, nature's spectacular fireworks started in Puna, soon pouring hot lava onto a sugar cane field. After newspapers came out with extras on the day of the outbreak, the eruption abated. But a day later, it was back in action, more violent than at first.

Ordinarily, people of Hawaii think of volcanoes as peaceful though spectacular "shows." That's because the two active volcanoes, Kilauea and Mauna Loa, also on the the Big Island, have not gone on sensational sprees that cost human lives or much property damage. They have acted up a handful of times in the past 15 years. They have sent lava flowing down mountain-sides, in the cave of Mauna Loa, or boiled up within a firepit, as in the case of Kilauea Volcano.

As a matter of fact, Kilauea was nicknamed the drive-in volcano when it spouted a couple of years ago. That's because the spectators could drive to the edge of the volcano and look down into the firepit and enjoy the fiery scene below.

One time, Mauna Loa sent lava streams many miles down the mountainside, covered a highway and destroyed some buildings, then cascaded into the ocean.



Sightseer's dream in the past

Generally, Hawaiian eruptions of recent times have been thought of as a sightseer's dream, to be chased after instead of running away. They do provide a fascinating sight without endangering human lives.

It started that way with the latest blow-up. As in the past, as soon as the news was flashed around the Territory, those who could, dashed to Puna by plane from other islands and by car from other parts of the island of Hawaii to watch the show.

At first, the spectators got as close as they wanted to the molten lava coursing its way slowly through cane fields and forests. Trees and brush burst into flames as the hot lava wound its unpredictable way toward the sea.

Police finally had to stop the spectators from entering the danger zone. Besides the thousands who saw the show from the ground, many others viewed the spectacle from planes sent aloft by the airlines to accommodate the crowds of curious sightseers from all islands.

But with this excitement for the spectators, there was heartbreak for others. Some 300 residents of the tiny village of Kapoho had to be evacuated.

The first day, they were ordered to leave their homes which were in the line of the lava flow. The next day, when activity in the area died down, the residents started moving back from the nearby town to which they had been evacuated.

But the outbreak of lava resumed, and the second evacuation was ordered.

Meanwhile, the hot, fuming fingers of lava probed closer and closer towards Kapoho. Miraculously, the village itself was spared when the flow veered off, although it was so close to some buildings, it was a wonder they did not burst into flames from the intense heat of the lava.



Lava—wasteful thing

It was a bewildering period for newspaper readers and listeners who tried to keep up with the latest volcano news. One moment the news had it that the village was doomed; a few hours later, another report had it that the village was spared. One day, the volcano was full of life; the next day, it was cooling off.

Lava is a wasteful thing. After it scorches and covers the land, it is of no use to anyone. It's a black mass of molten rock for which no one has found a commercial use. The land covered by lava, of course, is wasted real estate, since there is no easy way of removing the blanket of lava and work the ground for, let's say, sugar cane growing.

Since every island of the Hawaiian archipelago is the product of volcano outpouring, now a few people are beginning to wonder when the next, supposedly dead volcano will pop open and belch forth destructive lava. There is even speculation that Diamond Head, that famous landmark near Waikiki, might yet come to life.

CAPSULES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Balcomb, of Dayton, O. U.S. representatives of Omi Brotherhood, non-denominational group in Japan promoting world fellowship, returned from a year's stay in Japan and are serving as good will ambassadors by lecturing on Japan to Ohio groups.

Nine Japanese girls will perform with Ringling Brothers and Barnum - Bailey Circus opening at New York's Madison Square Garden, Mar. 30.

Noboru Tanigawa, formerly of Florin, Calif., died of heart attack the moment he learned he was a successful candidate from the Hiroshima second district to the Japanese Parliament Feb. 28. A graduate of Harvard, he was formerly governor of Yamanashi prefecture.

An icy highway claimed the life of Haruko Yoshida, 24, of Watsonville, Calif., who was pinned beneath the car she was driving east of Winnemucca, Nev. Feb. 17. She was returning from Colorado, where her fiancée, Bob Matsuoka, was discharged from military service. He and two other passengers escaped injury.

George Takeshi Miyake, National City vegetable packer, was sentenced Feb. 7 to a two-year prison term after he pleaded guilty to smuggling marijuana into the U.S. from Mexico.

Recently naturalized Issei citizen Toshio Nakagawa of Cupertino was notified for jury duty in the Santa Clara county superior court.

The former New York residence of actress Marion Davies, 331 Riverside Dr., was purchased by the American Buddhist Academy to be used as a school and library. Alterations are underway with George Shimamoto, New York architect, in charge.

Roland Tatsuguchi, Kansas University graduate student from Hawaii preparing for the Buddhist ministry, has prepared his 130-page thesis on Denver Japanese. Copies are available at \$15 by writing to him at 1420 Ohio St., Lawrence, Kan.

New book on Japan

(New York) "An Introduction to Japan," a 138-page book published under auspices of the Japanese Society has come off the Columbia University Press. Edited by Herschel Webb under direction of Hugh Borton, director of the East Asian Institute, Columbia U., and Douglas W. Overton, executive director, Japan Society, the book is intended to meet a growing interest in Japan and U.S.-Japan relations on the part of American colleges, schools and adult education groups.

Calif. Assembly committees okay Issei pension, land law repeal bills

(Sacramento) Favorable committee action last Tuesday on legislation of concern to Japanese Americans was reported by Haruo Ishimaru, representing JACL at the State Capitol. The Assembly Social Welfare Committee approved AB 2255,

a bill providing old age pensions to alien residents of 25 years and otherwise qualified.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee also passed AB 842, a bill to repeal the 1913 state alien land law. Ginji Mizutani of Sacramento was present at the hearing, assisting Ishimaru urging its approval.

Yellowstone CL fetes new citizens

(St. Anthony, Idaho) The Yellowstone JACL Chapter honored recently naturalized Issei parents at a banquet held Feb. 25 at the local American Legion hall. Masayoshi Fujimoto was chairman.

Steve Meikle, state representative for Madison County, principal speaker, urged active participation of the citizenry "if we are to keep America like it is, and like our forefathers had made it."

Responding for the 19 Issei citizens was K. Hosoda. Tommy Miyasaki spoke for the JACL. City Mayor Keefer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Haruo Yamasaki, retiring president, was presented a recognition award for his faithful service to the organization by Kiyoshi Sakota, chapter president.

Japan election law violations in new high

(Tokyo) A postwar record in election law violations was established by police arrested 2,066 persons involved in 1,181 cases of alleged violation of election laws throughout the country as of Feb. 28.

The Feb. 27 general elections topped the previous high of 239 reached in the October, 1952, elections.

Coloradan introduces bill to permit double amputee stay permanently

(Denver) Private bill (HR-1979) was re-introduced by Rep. Byron G. Rogers (D., Colo.) for double-amputee Chokichi Iraha, recovering from tuberculosis contracted while in the employ of the U.S. Army in Okinawa, for permanent resident status.

Iraha, who lost both hands in an accident when he leaned against an electrical transformer during a rainstorm, was dispatched to Letterman Hospital in San Francisco for prosthesis and later transferred to Fitzsimons for treatment of tuberculosis.

Since his recovery, he was accepted by Ex-Patients' Sanatorium for a year's convalescence and rehabilitation. Despite his severe handicap, he has

Red Cross campaign

(Denver) The 1955 American Red Cross campaign, now underway until Mar. 11, again will have active assistance from JACL. Tak Terasaki, John Sakayama and Min Yasui represented the League at the initial meeting.

a marked talent for art and with training shows promise of becoming self-supporting, if permitted to remain in the United States. He has been receiving art training at Denver Art Academy, the tuition being advanced by members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church through the Rev. George Aso.

Last year, Sen. Ed. C. Johnson (now governor of Colorado) introduced a measure on behalf of Iraha. It had been approved by the Senate, but Congress adjourned before the House could act on the bill.

The SDA Church with cooperation from the Mountain-Planis JACL office has been assisting Iraha in his efforts to remain as a permanent resident.



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Japanese prints are becoming more popular in the western world, particularly in America, where books and articles are constantly being published. "Floating World" by James Michener, who did most of his research here, is a recent example.

Many impressions in the collection are unique and many are in mint condition, which means that the fugitive colors like blue, which faded quickly after printing, are as pristine as the day they were applied to paper with inked wood blocks.



New York JACL cabinet officers are planning for the EDC-MDC convention in Washington, D.C., Mar. 25-29. They are (left to right): Tomie Mochizuki, sec.; Marie Kurihara, memb.-fin. chmn.; Sam Kai, pres.; Mike Suzuki, v.p.; Yumi Saito, pub.-hist.; and Tomio Enochy, treas. — Shida-Enochy Photo.

EDC-MDC

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Miss Fukuyama said. She pointed out that already reservations for the banquet have been made by 50 newly naturalized citizens from Southern California and 14 from Michigan. She added that many more were expected.

"In Senator Magnuson and Congressman Walter, we have two distinguished members of Congress who have contributed much to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country and we are pleased that both will honor us that evening," Miss Fukuyama declared.

JACL Medallion

Though Congressman Walter is best known as the co-author of legislation that granted citizenship through naturalization to resident alien Japan and repealed the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924, he has been identified, usually as the author, of every major congressional enactment since the end of World War II which has either eliminated discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country or promoted their general welfare.

He is the only member of the Congress to be awarded the gold medallion of the JACL for distinguished services to persons of Japanese ancestry. He received this medal at the National Convention in Chicago in 1950.

More than any other single member of the Congress, Congressman Walter is responsible for the enactment of the Evacuation Claims Act, the Suspension of Deportation Law for deserving alien Japanese, the Soldier Brides Statutes, and of course, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 which eliminated the racial bars to naturalization that had prevented the Issei from becoming citizens and had been used as the legal basis for most of the discrimination against the Japanese on the west coast.

First Elected in '32

One of the most influential members of the House of Representatives, he was first elected to the 73rd Congress in 1932. At the present time, he is the chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee and chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

He was elected as Speaker pro tempore of the 81st Congress and has served as chairman of the Democratic Caucus and of the House Patronage Committee.

He served on the Post War Economic Policy and Planning Select European Aid committee that did the groundwork on the Marshall Plan and he represented the United States as spokesman for the Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe.

Among the many honors that have been awarded him, in addition to JACL's gold medallion, are the American Bar Association's Award for outstanding service to the legal profession, the American Legion's for his many contributions to the veterans of World War I and II, Alumni Association's John Carroll Award for 1952.

Hillings bill

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Japanese American Evacuation Claims. It is deliberately worded to favor the claimants. It is likely that the Department of Justice and perhaps Congress itself will alter its provisions so that it will be less liberal and generous than its present language. But, the important fact to be remembered is that a bill has now been introduced and the long, hard road to its eventual enactment has begun.

Masaoka promised that COJAEC will do everything possible to secure the most generous bill possible.

Puzzle winner

(Vancouver) An unemployed Canadian Nisei fisherman, Mits Koyanagi, 28, won \$800 in the Vancouver Sun Easy Cash puzzle contest. Over 50,000 entries were submitted. He was the first winner since the popular crossword-type puzzles began running in the Sun.

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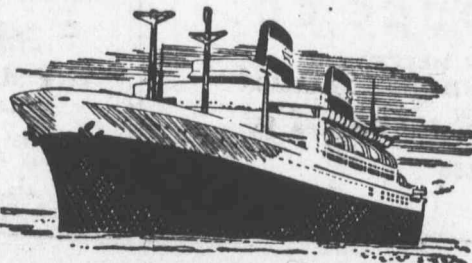
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Sacramento Report

HARUO ISHIMARU

Legislative objectives of the JACL were coming to a head with two Assembly committee hearings scheduled earlier this week.

Assembly Bill 2255, which would give old age assistance to Issei who are unable to pass naturalization examinations because of age or infirmity, was being heard last Tuesday afternoon. Author of the bill is Judge S. C. Masterson of El Cerrito. Co-authors are Assemblymen Ralph M. Brown, Modesto; Wallace D. Henderson, Fresno; Allen Miller, San Fernando; Ernest R. Geddes, Claremont; Vernon Kilpatrick, Lynwood; Thomas M. Rees, Los Angeles; Augustus Hawkins, Los Angeles; and Mrs. Wanda Sankary, San Diego.

Members of the Social Welfare Committee are Assemblymen Bruce F. Allen, San Jose, chairman of the committee; Dorothy M. Donahoe, Bakersfield; Edward E. Elliott, Los Angeles; Samuel R. Geddes, Napa; Herbert R. Klocksies, Long Beach; LeRoy E. Lyon, Jr., Fullerton; S. C. Masterson, El Cerrito; and Wanda Sankary, San Diego, vice-chairman of the committee.

The Assembly Judiciary Committee was to consider Assembly Bill 842 which would remove the alien land law of 1913 from the state constitution. Author of the bill is Edward E. Elliott of Los Angeles. Co-authors are Assemblymen Allen Miller, San Fernando. Vernon Kilpatrick, Lynwood; Lester A. McMillan, Los Angeles. Augustus Hawkins, Los Angeles; G. Delbert Morris, Los Angeles; Charles H. Wilson, Los Angeles; Vincent Thomas, San Pedro; and William Byron Rumford, Berkeley.

Members of the Judiciary Committee are Bruce F. Allen, San Jose; Clark L. Bradley, San Jose; Bernard R. Brady, San Francisco; Ralph M. Brown, Modesto; Thomas W. Caldecott, Oakland; Randal F. Dickey, Alameda; Richard J. Dolwig, Redwood City; Gordon A. Fluery, Sacramento, Chairman of the committee; Leroy E. Lyon, Jr., Fullerton; John J. McFall, Manteca; Patrick D. McGee, Van Nuys; Allen Miller, San Fernando; John A. O'Connell, San Francisco; Wanda Sankary, San Diego; and H. Allen Smith, Los Angeles, vice-chairman of the committee.

It was my job to testify at these two committee hearings. TOKO FUJII, president of the Sacramento Chapter, headed a group of local Japanese Americans who also were to testify.

The principal legislative objectives of the JACL are contained in the old age assistance bill for the Issei and the removal of the alien land laws from the state constitution because they most directly affect Japanese Americans. The JACL will support other bills which are concerned with civil rights or equality to racial or national minority groups.

Next week's column will be devoted to a review of some of these bills.



Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott (D., 40th Dist.) is author of AB 841 and AB 842 which would remove the alien land laws from the California state constitution. A World War II veteran of nearly four years with service in the Asia-Pacific theater, he was first elected to the State Assembly in 1947 and reelected four times. "California, as one of the great states of America, must do all in its power to demonstrate to the world that we will endeavor to practice our ideals of equality and freedom," the Los Angeles Assemblyman has declared.

Philatelist on search for fake Japan stamps

(Vancouver, B.C.) Harold Bradshaw, lawyer by profession, has a full-time hobby of detecting phony philatelic specimens and has so far catalogued 1,300 issues. According to Bradshaw, over 80 per cent of all known early Japanese issues have been faked.

He is preparing a reference work which will, he says, "enable a child to catalogue a Japanese stamp".

Canadian Buddhists form national organization

(Toronto, Ont.) Representatives of Buddhists from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and eastern Canada have adopted a constitution and organized as the Buddhist Church of Canada.

National Headquarters will be rotated with the Toronto church as this year's host. Rev. T. Tsuji heads the national committee.

Buddhism in Canada commemorates its 50th anniversary with a future publication of "History of Canadian Buddhism". There are three Nisei and two Issei Buddhist ministers in Canada today.

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Sen. Magnuson introduces bill to ban flower air shipment discrimination

(Washington) Chairman Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee has requested the Senate to grant flowers, decorative greens and other agricultural commodities the same rights in air transportation as are provided in statutes regulating these same products in truck and rail transportation.

Senator Magnuson's request, in the form of a bill to amend the Civil Aeronautics Act, would remove the existing discrimination against air shipments of agricultural and floral products by non-profit associations.

Voicing bi-partisan support for the bill, Sens. Richard L. Neuberger (D., Ore.) and

Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.) joined with Senator Magnuson as co-sponsors of the remedial legislation.

The bill was introduced at the request of Mike Masaoka on behalf of the Japanese-American Citizens League two California associations — The Consolidated Flower Shipments, Inc., Bay Area (San Francisco) and The Flower Consolidators of Southern California (Los Angeles).

Senator Magnuson, introducing the amendment, announced that the bill "would give to agriculture and florists the right to ship by air agricultural commodities and flowers collected by cooperative associations or groups and enable them to take advantage of bulk rates to the destinations.

Failure to give them the advantages by air as in enjoyed under surface transportation would be unfair and was never intended by the CAA Act."

The Chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee also pointed out that these flowers and agricultural commodities are shipped in large volume from "Washington State, Oregon and California by small growers who band together in non-profit associations to expedite their shipments and to take advantage of the lower rates made possible. Most shipments are small because florists must buy frequently to keep fresh stocks on hand."

Masaoka said that while Nisei floriculturalists and agriculturists would benefit by the passage of the bill, a much larger number throughout the United States would also receive direct benefits.

On the House side, two similar bills for the same transportation equality principle have been introduced. Rep. J. Arthur Younger (R., San Mateo, Cal.), reintroduced his bill of the 83d Congress. This bill received unanimous consent by the House last year but arrived in the Senate too late in the session for consideration.

Rep. George P. Miller (D., Alameda, Calif.) introduced a separate but identical bill to that introduced by Congressman Younger.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Southwest L.A. JACL: Entertainment through courtesy of Jimmy Itagaki, host of Ginza Sukiyaki, will be featured at "Guys and Dolls" mixer-social tomorrow at Park Manor, 607 S. Western Ave., according to Roy Iketani, chairman. Dancer Sonoie Reiko and singer Masa Hamasu with music by the Miyako Trio are billed. Taka Yamana will emcee. George Akimoto is decorations chairman.

Sacramento JACL: A \$250 donation was acknowledged from Kanishi Kataoka, insurance agent, who celebrated his 72nd birthday by contributing a sum of \$2,650 to various local organizations.

Stockton JACL: May Saiki and May Horita co-edit the chapter newsletter. The chapter, under chairmanship of Marie deCarli, is aiming for a membership of 300 this year plus 15 in the 1000 Club.

San Francisco JACL: Author James Edmiston, author of "Home Again", will be guest speaker tonight at the Buchanan YM-YWCA. Kei Horii will moderate at the discussion to follow.

Japan color travelogue

(Los Angeles) "Japan and Korea" will be featured in Homer Kellems' new Nipponcolor travelogue, Mar. 19, 8:30 p.m. at the Wilshire Ebell Theater. Kellems, former chief of Gen. MacArthur's photographic staff, will be narrator. Reservations for tickets may be made by calling WYoming 1128.

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(Parlier) Demonstration on how to make Japanese cushions will be highlighted at the next Parlier JACL Auxiliary meeting, recently organized with a membership of 60 ladies. It meets on the third Tuesday of each month at various homes of members.

Mrs. Ito Okamura, chairman, is assisted by: Mrs. Terie Tsuji v.-chmn.; Mrs. Rose Komoto, sec.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

Edmiston Interviewed

By HENRY MORI

James Edmiston, author of best selling novel "Home Again," is quite a man. The wiry-haired gentleman from Palo Alto visited Los Angeles this week to tie up some loose ends to a "package deal" to get his story into a movie.

On last Sunday afternoon's Mary McAdoo television show, the former San Jose War Relocation Authority official was interviewed. He casually reminded his audience of what had happened in that spring of 1942 when Issei and Nisei alike were removed from the coast.

To a Japanese American viewer it may have been a source of some recollection of not-too-pleasant memories.

Nevertheless, it was an inspiring text what with all the discrimination and prejudice meted persons of Japanese ancestry after Pearl Harbor and the ensuing postwar years of resettlement in California from fast-closing relocation centers.

Edmiston didn't leave any stones unturned when he said how the Japanese were ousted—without any proof of guilt—from their homes and into camps. Nor did he make any bones about the unfair swiftness in which hysteria and hatred, combined, created the blackest mark in the American history.

"But," he says "democracy takes over in the end and the struggles of the former evacuees are rewarded by the erasure of many hundreds of anti-Japanese laws from the statute books"

Edmiston wants his countless readers to know that in "Home Again," although it is in novel form, every incident and every movement are true. Even the long and unusual name, "Toshimichimaru," is authentic.

"To get the right players for the various roles in the book will be a great task," we remarked loosely. Edmiston thinks he can get them, instilling a note of optimism. The search for actors and actresses will be nation-wide.

Miss McAdoo said on her show that "Home Again" may be as dramatic and powerful as "The Caine Muntiny" in motion picture form. That is quite a tribute to an author who has written his first book.

Edmiston, asked if he ever received adverse review or comment, was quick to say that pettiness today doesn't work so well with the public.

He cited one incident, at an autograph party in a downtown bookstore in Northern California, where sympathetic patrons flocked to his side to buy his book one day after a not-too-complimentary write-up in the local paper.

And so it goes with all forms of bigotry and intolerance.

Since the last time we reported on the Nisei Week Festival plans for 1955, the proposed "new twist" has been rejected and again the merchants of Li'l Tokio will be the lone sponsors of the August celebration.

The commercial tug-of-war, involving the profit and loss responsibilities for any organizations which may want to co-sponsor the various events, hit a snag after two meetings between Li'l Tokio officials and club representatives.

In prewar days, it was possible for a group to take care of one event and not get into the red. The project has grown, almost out of proportion, in the last several years. Unless the budget is saddled close to what the festival can actually make, each year will only produce minus signs.

What the merchants wanted in 1955 was financial assistance on share-the-profit-or-loss basis from Nisei organizations. The latter agreed to help but not do it alone.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES
HAMAMOTO—Jan. 22, a girl Debra Michiko to the Tsuyoshi Hamamotos (Florence Asawa).

HASHIMOTO—Jan. 11, a girl Donna Kim to the Yoneo Hashimotos (Mitsuko Nomura).

HONMA—Jan. 17, a girl Trudee Kim to the Tadanobu Honmas (Grace Yamamoto).

ITSUKA—Jan. 2, a boy Ronald Ken to the Masami Itsukas (Tomoko Yamamoto).

KAWANO—Jan. 5, a girl Hana Ruth to the Nobuteru Kawanos (Chizuko Nakadegawa).

KIMURA—Jan. 4, a girl Janis Sachiko to the Tatsushi T. Kimuras (Yoshiko Shitakubo).

KOGA—Jan. 14, a boy Bradley Eric to the Kiichi Kogas (Lillie Yoshizaki).

MASUKAWA—Jan. 16, a boy Alan to the Yutaka Masukas (Misao Nimura).

MIYAZAKI—Jan. 2, a boy Bryon to the Moses H. Miyazakis (Jeannette M. Horiye).

NAKAGAWA—Jan. 7, a boy Robert Masaru to the Yukiharu Nakagawas (Kimiko Kamiyama).

UWATE—Jan. 19, a girl Jean to the Tomio Uwates (Mary Kawagishi).

WADA—Jan. 16, a boy Peter Paul to the Kenneth Yamamotos (Edith Nishi).

SAN JOSE

MUKAI—Feb. 9, a girl Susan Nobuko to the Shinichi Mukais.

TANAKA—Feb. 1, a boy to the Hideo D. Tanakas, Campbell.

FRESNO

ASAKI—Jan. 22, a girl to the

Tom Asakis.
TAKAYAMA—Feb. 3, a boy to the Tom Takayamas, Reedley.
OTO—Jan. 29, a girl to the Earl K. Otos.

SACRAMENTO

OKAMOTO—Feb. 3, a boy to the Masanao Okamotos.
UMEZU—Feb. 3, a girl Ann Kasumi to the Yasuo J. Umezus.

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NISHINO—Feb. 4, a boy Robert A. to the Robert R. Nishinos.

Weddings

KANO-TSUNETA — Feb. 19, Tomio and Mike, both of Los Angeles.

MUKAEDA-ISHIDA—Feb. 27, Lt. Richard, Pasadena, and Keiko, Los Angeles.

NAKANO-MAEHARA — Feb. 27, Lyle and Kinue, both of Los Angeles.
TACHIBANA - KIKUGAWA — Feb. 27, Kiyoshi and Midori, both of Los Angeles.
YAMASHIRO - TSUNEISHI—Feb. 27, Jack and Rose, both of Los Angeles.

Deaths

ISHIHARA, Kamejiro, 64: Los Angeles, Feb. 24, survived by son Tom T., daughter Mrs. K. Kiyoko Nii.

KITADA, Masaki, 64: Los Angeles, Feb. 27, survived by sons Mitsuo, Nobuo, Teruo, daughters Haruko and Mrs. Masako Sato.

OTAMURA, Howard K., 49: Los Angeles, Feb. 25, survived by wife Tama, son Howard Jr., daughters Mrs. Chiyo Nagasaki, Mrs. Yachiyo Takahashi, and Mrs. Ishiyo Matsukawa.

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(Los Angeles) Reflecting Japanese community confidence in Los Angeles properties, the Rafu Realty Co. opened its door for business at 3760 S Norton in the Leimert Park area.

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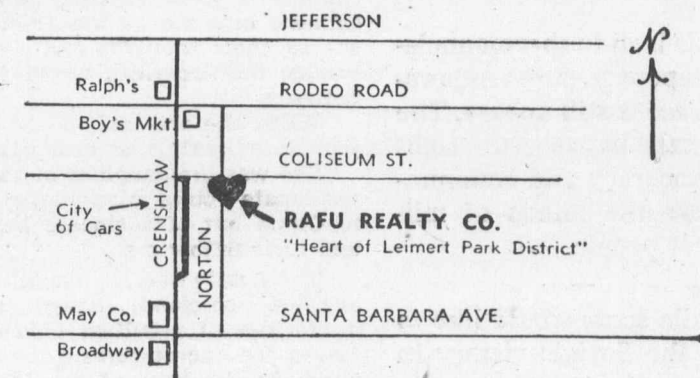
"Usually an opening announcement is all business," says Hoshide, "but I feel I should thank the people who helped me during my period of anxiety in getting established: Wilstar Co. for their help in obtaining my location; Ty Saito and Henry Hayashida of the Rafu Realty Ass'n for their goodwill; Roy Takai and my former associates at Kashu Realty and many others for their expression of friendship."

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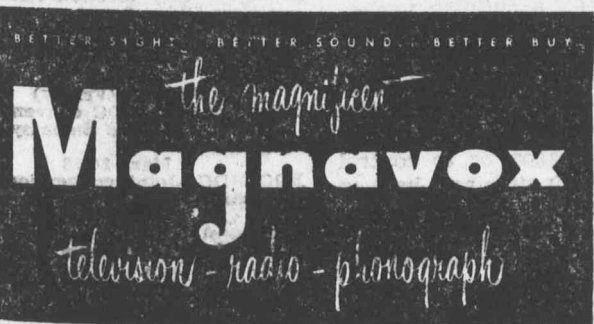
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EDITORIALS

IDC Achievement

Without public fanfare, the Intermountain District Council has successfully eliminated the alien land law from the Idaho statutes. Last week, Idaho Governor Smylie signed a bill erasing an entire chapter of the 1923 state laws that ruled against persons ineligible to citizenship (in the main, the Issei) who could not hold land as a trustee, ward or other position.

While the 1952 McCarran Act knocked the teeth out of many state alien land laws then in effect, the statutes still stood. JACL chapters in California are in the midst of ridding an alien land law from its books.

The IDC and Idaho chapters have reached another milestone. It further emphasizes the value of organization at the regional or district level in the League.

CARE Packages

CARE has announced that after April 8, packages designated to individuals in Austria, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway and West Germany (except Berlin) will not be accepted. This part of the world is a going concern.

But CARE is not going out of business. Services to Africa, Asia and Latin America are being extended. They are still spots in the world in need of help from the United States. If those people fail to get it from us, they will get it from the other side—we mean the Communists.

Our Real Lead

In an international climate which places emphasis on weapons for security, it would be a folly to risk all our eggs in the one basket of H-bombs now that we are assured by Churchill and Eisenhower that the West still leads Russia in their production.

This lead in thermonuclear weapons is only temporary. Peace is still uneasy. The real stake between the fight of democracy and communism are the minds of millions of people.

While some would like to hand the Soviets victory in the war of minds for another fleeting moment of security, or merely rely on greater military and economic strength, our abundant advantage lies in God-fearing respect for human liberty and personality under a system of government in which the state is servant. Our own lack of faith can only forfeit this advantage.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

Kish of Sedgwick

Julesburg, Colo.

Almost everybody in this town of 2,000 souls, not far from the Nebraska border, can tell you who Kish is. His real name is Kiyoshi Otsuka, but that was abbreviated long ago about the time he began to cut a swath in local agricultural and community circles. Kish is the oldest of three brothers (the others are Akira and Kameo) who together farm some 600 acres of rich bottomland along the South Platte river near the village of Sedgwick. Although he is only 35 years old, Kishi is among the most-respected farmers in this entire region.

Last week, on a quick trip to Julesburg where Kish is the perennial secretary of the Rotary club, I had a chance to renew acquaintances briefly with this Colorado-born Nisei. His office in Rotary is only one of his many accomplishments. For instance:

Last year he was chairman of the Sedgwick Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the Sedgwick county tax equalization board which reclassified every acre of land in the county.

He has been chairman of the local Beet Grower's Association.

He has been chairman of the local Soil Conservation Board, and his district won a statewide competition in 1951.

He's rated a "Five Star" farmer, which means he has been among Great Western Sugar company's top ten beet-growers (in terms of tons per acre) on five different occasions. There's only one other Five Star farmer in the district.

Kish and his brothers raise beets, seed potatoes, feed corn, beans, barley, alfalfa, and a little truck for the local market. In addition they have a small herd of dairy cows, and fatten beef cattle. All this makes for a highly diversified operation that, year after year, is a model of good farming practice. The county agent usually comes to Kish when he wants a new idea tried out, and Kish is quick to adopt any progressive plan. Yet he is no Ag school graduate.

Kish's father, Torakichi Otsuka arrived in Hawaii from Japan in 1900, two years later

made his way to the high Colorado plains where he got a job as section hand on the Union Pacific. In 1905, sugar beets were introduced into the region. Otsuka quit the railroad, went to work as a farm hand. In winter, he'd go to Kansas City or Omaha to take a job in the stockyards. In summer, he moved back to Sedgwick.

By 1912, Otsuka was ready to farm on his own. Five years later he married. Kish was the first-born. Otsuka became seriously ill in 1935, when Kish was a high school sophomore. Kish didn't hesitate. He assumed responsibility for the Otsuka farm in addition to continuing with his studies. Two years later, when he had been graduated from high school, he became farm manager in name as well as in fact. The Otsukas had 160 acres then and Kish had three younger brothers and two sisters to help feed. The elder Otsuka died in 1948 after a 13-year illness, but by then Kish was well on the way to becoming a successful farmer thanks to some studying at night, some shrewd observing, and a lot of hard work.

Kish today is slim, smiling, soft-spoken. He and his wife, Aiko, have four youngsters, and of course they live well. Every once in a while Kish and Aiko throw a sukiyaki dinner for the Rotarians, and these parties are the talk of the county for days.

There are about 80 persons of Japanese descent in the Sedgwick-Ovid-Julesburg area divided into six family groups. Most of them are well integrated into their community, but none is so completely a part of the greater community as Kish.

"We've been successful," he says of his operations, "because man for man my brothers and I work harder than anybody around here."

To me, Kish Otsuka is a splendid example of a Nisei who has not only won acceptance among his neighbors, but has taken the lead in making his community a better, more interesting, more progressive place in which to live. In addition to being an outstanding Nisei, he is an outstanding citizen of Colorado.



MINORITY

The NAACP will celebrate May 17 as Freedom Day, the day on which the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its historic anti-segregation decision in 1954.

DECADE AGO

Mar. 10, 1945

Hood River post will restore names on honor roll; bows to National Legion demand. Oregon group had been threatened with inquiry, possible expulsion from Legion; 15 names will be replaced on county war memorial.

Hood River Post still objects to evacuee's return.

Night riders attack returned evacuee (Suyekichi Takeda) family on San Jose farm with fire, gunshot; nine persons asleep as home set afire, shots fired as members of family rush outside to fight flames. . . Delano Japanese Hall burned down. . . State Highway Patrolmen alerted in Tulare area to protect returning evacuees. . . Tulare authorities seek evidence of incendiarism in fire which gutted house of Sam Uyeno of Orosi.

Role of Japanese Americans in Pacific war disclosed; many Nisei fighting enemy Japanese have been cited for bravery, WRA report says.

95,000 evacuees approved by Army for return to coast homes, Gen. Wilbur (Western Defense Command chief of staff) testifies in court hearings on validity of individuals exclusion orders.

First Nisei student registers at Placer (Calif.) High as six city stores in Auburn still show "No Jap" cards in windows.

California supreme court may be asked to rule on state's anti-alien land legislation; superior court judge says higher tribunals must decide issue.

California CIO backs return of evacuees.

Sparta (Wis.) will erect plaque to honor Nisei troops (100th Infantry) which had trained at nearby Camp McCoy. Funds originally contribution of 100th GIs toward city's flood relief, but not used.

Work of Japanese American Joint Board in Washington disclosed by War Department; determination of selective service, employment, other policies concerning Nisei credited to inter-agency group.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 12 (Saturday) Mt. Olympus—Boys Meeting, South Salt Lake City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Coachella Valley—Installation banquet. Southwest L.A.—"Guys and Dolls" mixer, Park Manor Hall, 607 S. Western, 8:30 p.m. Coachella Valley—Installation, Bowling Awards dinner.
- Mar. 13 (Sunday) Stockton—Installation Banquet, Bruno & Lena's 6 p.m. San Francisco—Auxiliary Spring Luncheon, Booker T. Washington Center, 1 p.m. Stockton—Installation banquet, Bruno & Lena's, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 16 (Wednesday) Chicago—City election issues, Retailers Bldg., 8 p.m.
- Mar. 20 (Sunday) IDC—First Quarterly, Sun Valley, Idaho.
- Mar. 25 (Friday) D.C.—Pre-EDC MDC convention reception, Japanese Embassy, Washington.
- Mar. 26-29 EDC-MDC—Joint convention, Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C.
- Mar. 26 (Saturday) Southwest L.A.—Japanese Cooking class, Centenary Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Yoshiko Sakurai, instr.

and gay, Miss Buck has done much to bring the several worlds closer together. Her writing and work brought her a Nobel Prize. Humble and unaggressive by nature, she has nonetheless been a great force for understanding between the peoples of the world.

*From "American Unity and Asia," by Pearl Buck. John Day Co.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

A Girl Understands



When Pearl Buck was a little girl growing up in China, she learned what it was to live in two worlds.

The child who was to become a Nobel Prize winner and one of the great women of her time played with her Chinese friends unmindful of the arbitrary classifications of race.

Before she ate her "American" breakfast of fruit and porridge she would have a savory meal of rice gruel and fish. She thought of the Empress Dowager as her own Venerable Ancestor, and she played an Oriental version of Cops and Robbers in which all Westerners were "foreigners" who threatened the security of Asia.

For Pearl Buck there was always that identification with persons around her. In her newest book, "My Several Worlds," she writes:

"When I was in the Chinese world I was Chinese. I spoke Chinese and behaved as a Chinese and ate as the Chinese did, and I shared their thoughts and feelings. When I was in the American world I shut the door between."

When she was only eight, she found out just how tightly that door was shut.

She was the daughter of zealous and compassionate young missionaries who had come to China out of a sincere belief in religion and their fellow men.

The family had always felt secure in their adopted homeland, though there had been mutterings of rebellion among Chinese who feared the encroachment of the Western powers. At the turn of the 19th Century the dissatisfactions exploded in the Boxer Rebellion. The objects of attack were the whites and Christians.

The young child was increasingly bewildered as her friends began to shun her and seemed, even, fearful of any association with her.

"I was a child spoiled by love and gifts and at first I was bewildered and then sorely wounded," she writes, "and when my mother saw this she explained to me as best she could what was happening. It had nothing to do with Americans, she said, for surely we had never been cruel to the Chinese nor had we taken their land or their river ports.

Other white people had done the evil, and our friends, she promised me, understood this and did not hate us. Indeed they felt as warmly to us as before, only they didn't dare to show their feelings, since they would be blamed. At last I comprehended that all of us who were foreigners were being lumped together in the cruel fashion that people can adopt sometimes, for particularly and temporary reasons. . . It was now that I felt the first and primary injustice of life. I was innocent, but because I had the fair skin, the blue eyes, the blond hair of my race, I was hated, and because of me and my kind I walked in danger."

Forty-two years later she echoed much the same belief when, scant months after Pearl Harbor, she spoke to a group of anxious Japanese Americans and said in part:

"... the unjust barriers of race have always been raised between Japan and ourselves, so that even in times of peace Americans of Japanese ancestry have had a burden to bear in our country. Now when we are at war with Japan this burden is a hundred times heavier to bear than it has ever been. . .

"Ignorant persons in their anger at Japanese successes may wreak a childish vengeance upon any Japanese American who may happen to be living near them. The population of any country includes many childish persons, persons whose bodies are full grown and strong but whose minds are half-developed and unable to reason or to control their own prejudices. When such acts happen I beg you, Japanese Americans, that you will not despair of democracy in America."

Pearl Buck, maturing and developing and learning, had not swerved in her fundamental belief of brotherhood, had not forgotten the early anguish of "the primary injustice" of prejudice.

She lived in many worlds before she settled down in her present home in Pennsylvania. She knew the Chinese, the Japanese, the Indians, the Javanese—almost all of the peoples of Asia. Everywhere she went she found a new world. And almost everywhere she found, as in her childhood, the doors between her worlds were tightly shut.

But, compassionate and wise, humorous