

## From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

### RECOGNIZING 'ENTERPRISE'

Denver

Today's epistle is about that rare and admirable quality known as enterprise which was demonstrated here this last week by several Nisei whom we'd like to recognize.

The first is a 49-year-old Hawaiian Nisei school teacher named Kiichi Saiki. Saiki had a hankering to see the United States, and he wanted his three sons to take a good first-hand look at the mainland, too. But being a school teacher he didn't have the kind of money it would take to tour the U.S. of A.

So what did he do? He organized a father-and-son act, although none of the Saikis are showpeople. His sons, Gilbert, 18; Owen, 16, and Howard, 15, join with their dad in a judo demonstration. Then Saiki gives a little lecture about the Hawaiian Islands, and the boys play the uke and sing a few songs. Then there's some more judo, with one of the Saikis taking the part of a thug armed with a knife. Of course he's disarmed with the twist of a wrist and judo triumphs again.

Saiki got a year's leave of absence from his job starting last July, and since then the father and three sons have visited 22 states. They hit a town stone cold, visit local school people armed with a sheaf of testimonials and letters of recommendation, and try to get a few bookings. They've been doing fine and hope to visit all 48 states before they go home to what they believe will be the 49th.

That sort of enterprise hasn't been seen in Nisei circles for a long, long time, not since the hungry depression days when fellows like Tom Takagi, Tosuke Yamazaki and Joe Oyama were seeing America first from the side door of railroad boxcars.

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### EDITING THE MILE-HI BULLETIN

The second Nisei is of the same vintage as the three named in the paragraph immediately above. His name is Oski Tanikawa and he used to edit an English section for one of the San Francisco Japanese language newspapers in the early thirties, an era that we like to think of as the Golden Age of English sections. Oski long ago drifted away from Nisei journalism to more lucrative fields, but recently he was prevailed upon to edit the Mile-Hi JACL chapter's little monthly publication, the Bulletin.

Many another editor would have been content to get the paper out any old way, just so it got out. Oski saw the job as an opportunity for reporting and serving his community. One of his recent issues carries a penetrating and moving feature story about the plight of Japanese war brides married to Negroes. It was a story which Oski researched and wrote because, as an oldtime reporter, he saw a story and felt the need to tell it. That story was kicking around this community for a long time, but nobody bothered to write it until Oski showed a little enterprise.

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### LOCALE FOR JUDO TOURNAMENT

The third Nisei is George Kuramoto, the one man who's nursed along the two-year-old Denver Judo Dojo. This outfit last Sunday held what it hopes was the first of a series of annual invitational judo tournaments. A team from Salt Lake City came over for the meet, competing with three local teams in addition to the host group. About two-thirds of the 175 lads taking part were Caucasians.

When the Deaver group was first planning this tourney, the question of a hall loomed large. They didn't have a lot of money to spend in renting one, and at the same time they wanted a place spacious enough to accommodate plenty of spectators. So where did they finally locate their tournament? They took the matter up with the general and arranged to borrow the huge gymnasium at Lowry Air Force Base. Some 1,500 fans showed up, and judo got a substantial boost locally. That's enterprise, and we're glad to recognize it.

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And so endeth today's lesson.

## Editorials

### OVERSHADOWING QUESTION

Can the United States avoid war with Red China? By far, this question overshadows other public issues of the day. Recent turn of events force us to believe Communist China is determined to conquer Formosa. If they try, President Eisenhower will have no alternative to unleash our might against them.

To yield any more ground would be pulling the rug from under the most exposed people of free Asia—from Pakistan to Japan.

Our only hope is that Mao understands how determined we are to take a stand and what armaments we will unchain.

### BOGART INTERESTED IN 'HOME AGAIN' MOVIE ROLE OF RELOCATION OFFICER

(San Francisco) Humphrey Bogart is interested in portraying the role of Sam Morgan, the relocation officer, in the film version of the James Edmiston novel "Home Again", the author recently revealed before a JACL meeting here. Film rights to the book have been sold to Sam Jaffe, independent Hollywood producer.

A large number of Issei and Nisei actors would be needed, Edmiston added, for the film which is expected to roll "within six months".

### DAR GROUP SEEKS ALL CITIZENSHIP EXAM IN ENGLISH

(Washington) A resolution urging Congress to require that all U.S. naturalization examinations be taken in the English language was adopted by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D.C., district, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed last week.

As one of the oldest and largest in national organizations, the DAR district will present the resolution at the 64th National Continental Congress to be here in April.

Charging that since English is the basic language of this nation and since good citizenship requires that all voters, for example, be able to read the ballot which is printed in English, the DAR demanded that the special provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 that authorizes aliens over the age of 50 on Dec. 24, 1952 and who have been in the U.S. 20 or more years to take the naturalization examination in other than the English language, be repealed.

This waiver of the English language requirement for this special category of aliens was sponsored by the JACL on the grounds that good citizenship and loyalty are not based solely upon the ability to read and write the English language. JACL proposed this waiver in order to take care of the special situation of the Issei residents who had been denied through all the previous years of American history the privilege of citizenship.

In spite of this waiver, however, the Washington JACL office noted that the great majority of Issei who have taken their naturalization examinations to date have done so in the English language.

"This waiver of the English language was to take care of a special situation that in a few years will no longer exist and this provision will automatically become inoperative after the present group of eligible aliens qualify," the Washington office said.

### SEN. MAGNUSON URGES NISEI TO AID IN U.S.-ASIA TIES AT EDC-MDC DINNER

### Alien land law repeal bill handed full assembly OK

(Sacramento) The State Assembly last week approved two bills which seek to erase the last vestiges of the alien land laws from the statutes.

One of them, AB 842 to repeal the 1913 law, is incorporated in a general bill to repeal a number of old or inoperative laws. Its companion bill, AB 841, was adopted by the Assembly Friday.

The bill, authored by Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott (D., Los Angeles), seeks to place the repeal proposition on the November ballot as the present law, adopted an initiative measure in 1920, can be rescinded by popular vote only.

The "do pass" recommendation was taken when Elliott and Haruo Ishimaru, JACL representative, testified before the committee and explained that the law was nullified by the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and by state supreme court decisions in the Fujii and Masaoka case.

(Washington) Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.) Sunday urged the Japanese American Citizens League to use its knowledge of the peoples of the Pacific to create better understanding with the United States.

The Senator spoke at a dinner of JACL representatives from Eastern and Midwest District Councils declaring:

"If you, who are in the JACL can contribute as much to international relations as you have already contributed to eliminating discrimination and injustices in the United States against persons of Japanese ancestry, you will have rendered a great service to our country and to the cause of peace in our time."

Magnuson praised the League's record since World War II in combatting prejudice, racial bias and discriminatory laws. He said its action has made Japanese Americans a "welcome people" in all parts of the country.

Reviewing the record of Nisei troops in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, he declared:

"This unprecedented war record proved the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry and made possible many of the legislative and legal gains that are yours today."

### Hospitality of San Leandro defended in Eden Township JACL protest to city mayor

(San Leandro) The Eden Township chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League defended the hospitality of San Leandro, despite an "incident of racial discrimination" against a Nisei dentist.

This defense was contained in a letter dated Mar. 19 from the chapter to Mayor Thomas O. Knick. It referred to the incident in which Dr. Larry S. Aikawa was denied a San Leandro home when a telephone threat caused the seller to cancel the deal.

While "we would like to point out to you the basically unAmerican aspects of such discrimination," the letter stated, "we believe that such isolated cases of discrimination, important as they may be, should not carry a distorted picture of the true nature of this friendly and hospitable city of San Leandro."

The letter pointed out, however, that "the cold war in Asia is especially important and crucial today, and by such acts as have been reported in San Leandro we are actually giving ammunition to our enemies which may be purchased at the cost of countless American lives."

The letter, signed by chapter president Kenji Fujii, stated "it is imperative we demonstrate, by practice at home, our national premise of equality to all," and urged the Mayor to use "the powers of

your good office toward rectifying this situation which denies the integrity of Americanism."

Meanwhile, Dr. Aikawa, who lives with his wife and three small children in a two-bedroom apartment at 140-C Singleton Ave., Alameda, said he has had dozens of calls offering homes or best wishes as a result of the publicity.

He said he has not yet found one, however, since he wants it to be convenient to his offices at 633 East 14th St. Dr. Aikawa is a part-time instructor at the Univ. of California dental school.

### 1,100 flock to WYBL conference

(San Francisco) Sacramento will host the 1956 Western Young Buddhist League convention, delegates to the 13th annual statewide Bussei gathering here decided this past weekend.

According to Yone Satoda, chairman, there were 1,198 registered for the two-day session. Six outstanding Nisei leaders recognized by the National YBA were honored at the conference dinner. They were:

Dr. Kikuo Taira, Fred Nitta, Tad Hirota, Mrs. Michi Nakamoto, Manabu Fukuda and the late Masao Murata.

Kenji Osaki of Orosi and his WYBL cabinet were installed into office. Miyoko Sasaki of Sacramento was crowned "Miss Bussei of 1955". Betty Moriguchi, 19, San Francisco State coed, won the oratorical contest.

Official delegates from the 45 YBA groups also decided to continue sending monthly scholarship funds to three Nisei now studying Buddhism in Japan. Sums of \$10 each were voted for:

Ty Unno of Berkeley, Laverne Sasaki of Sacramento and Art Takemoto of Fresno.

### 'Jigokumon' awarded two Oscars by movie academy

(Los Angeles) "Jigokumon," Daiei's color movie, was awarded two Oscars Wednesday night for its costume designing and as the best foreign language film of 1954. It was the second time a Japanese production was honored by the Academy.

### Samurai sword legend recalled

(Tacoma) A samurai sword that chopped down an aged Tacoma resident, Andrew Stolen, early last week was the same blade that killed the superior officer of confessed slayer Harvey Collins on blood-drenched Iwojima.

It was a terrifying weapon, measuring 33½ inches from its glistening dark handle to its diamond-bright lethal point.

Collins, a Marine corporal, claimed his grisly war trophy in 1945 from the fallen body of his superior officer. The Japanese officer who wielded the sword died in a hail of American bullets.

When Collins first appeared at the Tacoma police station, Of-

ficer Russ Skattum looked at him in shocked silence. He recalled that it was Collins who went through the same campaign with him. One became a police officer, the other ended up a confessed killer.

Skattum's mind flashed back to Iwojima. He recalled how he was carried off the island an injured man, his shoulder twitching with pain as he felt sharpnel still lodged there.

Skattum also recalled he too had a samurai sword in his collection and the legend of samurai swords: you never draw a samurai sword from its scabbard unless it is to draw blood. "Collins drew the blade once too often," Skattum said.

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**Tokyo Topics**

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**MINISTERS OF STATE MUST BE 'CIVILIAN'**

Tokyo.

Only major change from the "interim" cabinet which took office last December after Prime Minister Hatoyama unseated Shigeru Yoshida was the appointment of Arata Sugihara as director-general of the Defense Board. Hatoyama had former Kichisaburo Nomura in mind as defense chief, but he was overruled on constitutional grounds.

"I have always thought Nomura was the right man for the job," Hatoyama told newsmen when questioned on the possible lineup of cabinet. (Hatoyama was re-elected prime minister in a special session of the Diet Mar. 18 and installed by the Emperor the following afternoon. — Editor). Nomura was considered the only person capable of manning Japan's defenses.

Article 66 reads: "The Cabinet shall consist of the prime minister who shall be its head and other ministers of state, as provided by law. The prime minister and other ministers of state must be civilian.

The cabinet, in the exercise of executive power, shall be collectively responsible to the Diet."

Nomura, now a member of the House of Councillors and a director for Victor Record Co. of Japan, is a retired naval officer, but never regarded as a war-monger and considered by many people as a refined and respected person.

The term *civilian* is translated into Japanese as *bunmin*. The Socialists, Communists and other anti-Hatoyama forces contended ex-Admiral Nomura was not a civilian in the original sense. Even though Japan has no army or navy today or professional military men, the term *civilian* becomes a serious issue as far as national security is concerned. Yet no ordinary politician is one to handle the delicate affair of Japan's defenses or rearmament.



**OPPOSITION FROM ARMY CLIQUE**

One newspaper editorial thought "the opposition of the 'army' clique plus the fear that Admiral Nomura's appointment would look like an endorsement of war caused his name to be withdrawn from the list of prospective cabinet ministers."

The "opposition of the 'army' clique" refers to the severe protest from ex-Col. Masanobu Tsuji, a fantastic character who was responsible for killing many prisoners of war in southeast Asia. Named a war criminal, he miraculously escaped Occupation authorities and when Japan regained its sovereignty, he reappeared in his home district and made terrific speeches to be elected to the House of Representatives.

When Nomura's name was mentioned as a possible candidate for director-general of the Defense Board, Tsuji protested in behalf of the "army". Always regarded as a selfish and dangerous army officer during wartime, Tsuji became a "hero of heroes" because he was able to escape arrest during the Occupation.

Such is Japanese politics today. Good, capable men can be ruined by constitutional misinterpretations. It appears Nomura's name was withdrawn by design. Hatoyama had contended a man with a military career could be regarded as a civilian so long as he was not currently in active service.

Prime Minister Hatoyama has already given up any hope of proposing changes to the Japanese Constitution. He has to wait. His opposition is too strong for him to do any vitally important work.

**ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTY**

Another difficulty in the constitution is in connection with Japan's youth movement. Article 89 reads: "No public money or other property shall be expended or appropriated for the use, benefit or maintenance of any religious institution or association, or for any charitable, educational and benevolent enterprises not under the control of public authority." The original intent of this article was to remove state-support from Japanese temples and shrines.

But it has prevented the Japan Boy Scouts from seeking aid from any public official or institution. It is "unconstitutional" for a troop to even seek assistance from a local office. Japan is a strange country—since it requires some official sanction to assure some degree of success and the Japanese people won't support a worthwhile movement unless there is a government approval.

**Minority Week**

The suit against Levitt and Sons, charging the home-building organization with racial discrimination in its sales, has been dismissed by U.S. District Judge William H. Kirkpatrick of Philadelphia. The NAACP had charged six Negro couples were denied the right to buy homes in Levittown, Bucks County. The judge said his court lacked jurisdiction but added that it did not affect their right to sue in a state court.

Residents of Greater Cleveland now have at their finger tips a complete guide to the businesses, clubs, churches and organizations of the city's 46 nationality groups. The "All Nationalities" Directory lists some 2,000 organizations and is the product of 25 years' research by Romanian-born Theodore Andrica, nationalities editor of the *Cleveland Press*.

**San Francisco adoption group endorsed by Tokyo American Joint Committee**

(San Francisco) The local Committee for the Adoption of Japanese Children has received a letter endorsing its project from a similar group in Tokyo, the American Joint Committee for Assisting Japanese American Orphans.

The local group was recently organized to act as a clearing house of information to interested couples, but does not arrange for specific cases of adoption.

**CAPSULES**

Roland Tatsuguchi, who made a population study of Denver Japanese, is enroute home in Hawaii for a short visit before commencing studies for the Buddhist priesthood in Kyoto. He was awarded a master's degree in sociology at Kansas University.

George K. Shimabukuro, 24, Honolulu singer making good as a professional singer in Tokyo returned home for an indefinite stay. Under contract to Nippon Columbia, he made nine records since September, 1952.

George Togasaki, president of the Nippon Times, will be among representatives of the Near East and Orient making the Town Hall seven-weeks tour of the United States this spring. The 21-city tour started last week and winds up in Washington, D.C., on May 1 when he will speak on "Japan's Role in Asia".

Sei Kami, Richmond-El Cerrito JACLer, won a 1955 Cadillac in a monthly Berkeley service station drawing recently. "The only thing that bothers Sei is the fact that he must pay approximately a 'grand' in taxes," commented the chapter newsletter.

Miss Evelyn Suyehiro has moved to Brownville, Texas, in order to accept a position with Mercy Hospital. Miss Suyehiro was active in the Mile-Hi JACL, and has kept her membership even though she has moved to Texas.

Tokuya Kako, San Francisco importer, was elected 1955 president of the Northern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Nisei attorney Victor Abe is second vice-president.

Florence Uyeda, former Army nurse and now medical student at Denver University, will visit her folks in San Francisco during the spring vacation. Miss Uyeda expects to enroll as a medical student next fall at Colorado University Medical School.

George S. Miyake of Atwater was named one of 11 directors of the California Freestone Peach Association, which reported its membership handles 20,000 tons of Elberta freestone peaches.

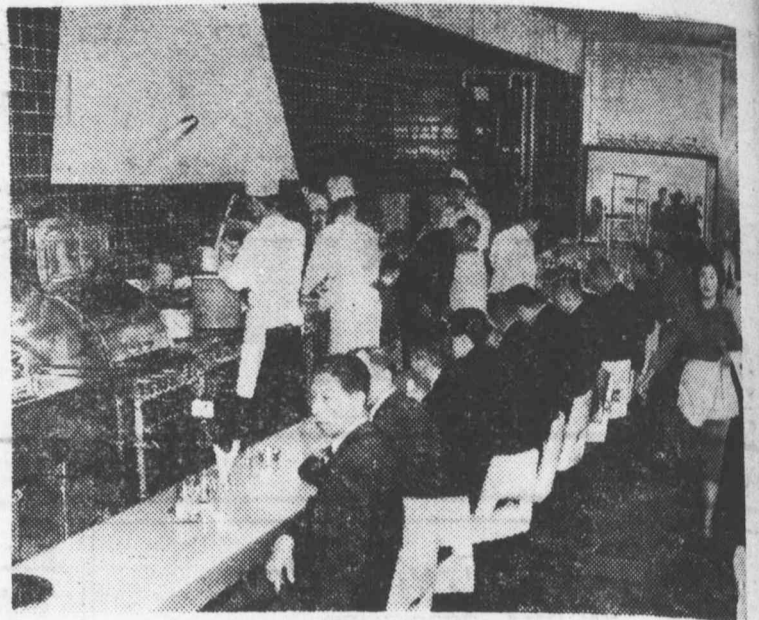
The Rev. Newton Ishiura of Honolulu Honja Hongwanji, and formerly of Fresno, Calif., offered Buddhist prayers in English Mar. 16 in the Hawaiian House of Representatives for the first time in territorial legislature history.

Sixty-six young farmers from Japan arrived by Japan Air Lines this week to continue in the fourth annual study of American farm methods in California. The international project was started by the then-Gov. Warren.

Sessue Hayakawa, veteran Hollywood actor who played in many villain roles before the war, turned down an offer to play the part of a villainous Red Chinese officer in "Left Hand of God". He arrived in Hollywood with Shirley Yamaguchi from Tokyo after finishing work on "House of Bamboo", a technicolor film with Japanese background.

Japanese actress Mitsuko Kimura, now married to Ken Fukunaga, Salt Lake Nisei, announced she will retire from the screen as soon as she completes her current Hollywood movie, "The Gentle Wolfhound," now shooting in Japan.

SIGN-UP TODAY FOR 1955 JAACL MEMBERSHIP



George Y. Kuniyoshi (extreme left), Pacific Citizen board member, sits at the lunch counter of his new Fuji Rexall Pharmacy in Tokyo. Largest American-type pharmacy in Japan, the store is located on the main floor of the new Sangyo Keizai Newspaper building in downtown Marunouchi district. Among dignitaries present at the Mar. 15 opening were Prime Minister Hatoyama, Foreign Minister Shigemitsu and Tokyo Metropolitan Governor Yasui. Kuniyoshi is also proprietor of two Rexall drug stores in Los Angeles. —Cut courtesy: Shin Nichi Bei

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**Honolulu Newsletter**

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

**BEAUTY ANGLE IN PROMOTIONS**

Honolulu  
For a long time advertising men and publicists have appreciated the power of feminine beauty in their trade. A beautiful face and figure have an eye-catching appeal that's hard for almost anyone (especially the men) to resist. If female pulchritude fits into the promotional scheme, fine and dandy. But even if it doesn't, in a normal situation, an expert publicist will find a way to call attention to the product or project he's boosting by injecting the "beauty angle" into the advertising.



Well, never let it be said that the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce is slow to learn and practice the art of advertising feminine beauty for a good cause. In this instance, it's the third annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

**NISEI STEWARDESSES ABOARD PAN-AM**

But before launching on a description of this year's Festival, which will be bigger and probably better than ever, a note of appreciation should go to Pan American World Airways for employing, for the first time, Nisei girls to serve as stewardesses.

PanAm this month selected five Honolulu Nisei girls to begin training in the Pacific-Alaskan division headquarters in San Francisco-Honolulu-Tokyo run for PanAm.

In the airlines tradition, the girls have one asset in common—beauty of face and figure. Here's a case of putting to effective use, not only beauty but the proper type of beauty for the benefit of the airline passengers and, of course, for the trade promotion of the airline itself.

Since many of PanAm's passengers are Nisei and Issei traveling to and from Japan, it was certainly good business sense to select Nisei girls as stewardesses for those flights.

It's also a method of developing favorable community relations with the Japanese people here and in Japan, by demonstrating not only that PanAm has no racial discrimination against the Japanese but quite the contrary, considers them a valuable partner in business.

Interviewing teams are at present seeking Nisei girls in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas who might want to become PanAm stewardesses. More girls are to be chosen from Hawaii later.

The five Hawaii girls who have just started training are May Satsuki Hayashi, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riusaku Hayashi; Louise Yoshiko Otani, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Otani; Katherine Sumiko Shiroma, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kama Shiroma; Jane Setsuko Toda, 22, and Cynthia Kinuko Tsujiuchi, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kazmezo Tsujiuchi.

Four have had airline experience with other airlines.

**THIRD ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

As this writer was saying, before he was delightfully sidetracked by the prospect of having comely Nisei girls wait on him on his next trip to Japan, the third annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Honolulu should be better than ever.

The Honolulu Japanese Jaycees are becoming more experienced in staging this extravaganza, which opened officially on Wednesday, March 30, with the selection of the Cherry Blossom Queen and her court.

Forty three candidates competed for the first prize of an expense-paid trip to Japan and a month's vacation, plus many other valuable prizes. The girls, as in the past, charmed the public with their petite beauty and friendly rivalry.

A giant fireworks show was held April 1, and the coronation ball for the Queen on April 2. A Japanese Culture Show will be held April 4-6.

The top attraction this year is the Takarazuka Revue—entertainers from Japan who will perform their internationally-known acts for the first time in Hawaii.

Twenty six performers and assistants will stage twice-nightly shows from April 8 through 17. An entirely new show is to be given the second week.

**NAME CLAIMANTS DUE AWARDS OVER \$2,500 PAYMENT**

(Washington) Names of 44 claimants, whose awards in excess of \$2,500 are included in the second Supplemental Deficiency Appropriations bill, were disclosed by the House Appropriations Committee last week.

Payments totaling \$244,455.64 are proposed in the House-approved measure that includes \$1,068,267 for claims awarded through the regular adjudicative processes. Successful claimants are:

Katherine M. Otsubo	\$13,494.97
Shungi George Kashiwagi	11,700.29
Sawayo Mukai	6,030.50
Kilen Tamaki	4,158.43
Takeo Tsuji	4,512.18
Haruo Imura	4,337.88
Yukichi Sakai	4,566.58
Miyo Goto	7,518.00
Miss Shizuko Oto	5,510.98
Hide Sakai	4,566.58
Gentoku Sakiyama	8,618.00
Tsuro Takazawa	3,667.20
Katsuyo Nakata	8,863.00
Joe Katayama	3,004.01
Chikatoshi Kawahara	3,319.80
George Yokoyama	2,725.25
Kanshiro Sato	3,671.50
Masato Nitta	4,462.80
Tom and Sueko Kimura	23,679.50
Toshiyuki Iwasaka	3,773.76
Takeshi T. Kubota	3,342.56
Torao George Ichikawa	7,078.67
Seikichi Joe Miyuchi	8,764.00
George Sonoda	2,532.65
Tsuneko Nakamura	4,430.42
Akira Hojo	5,616.50
Tom S. Furukawa	4,332.65
Seichi Sugino	6,746.85
Mack Yanagawa	2,757.72
Masaichi Oda	7,587.00
Yashichiro Funatake	5,511.83
Henry Y. Weston	7,690.00
Ichiro Mayeda	4,092.50
Chiyoko Koyamatsu	6,848.30
Noriyoshi Omokawa	4,749.70
Henry H. Murakami	9,746.15
Genzo Iijye	3,845.60
Shiro Abe	4,636.33
George Nakanishi	8,231.00
Jack Hisao Tanabe	3,734.00

These awards are for losses on real and personal property claimed under the JACL sponsored evacuation claims legislation. The deficiency bill, which includes payment for the above awards, has passed the House of Representatives and has been sent to the Senate. The next consideration of the measure will be by a subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Koto composer to play**

(New York) Shinichi Yuize, who has composed a Concerto for Koto with Orchestra at the request of Leopold Stokowski, will be heard on the Japan Night program sponsored by the Japanese American Association of New York at Manhattan Center Apr. 21.

**38-year-old court obstacle dismissed as Berkeley Issei gardener naturalized**

(Oakland) A grey-haired 70-year-old Japanese gardener has wiped out a 38-year-old court obstacle to his wish to become an American citizen "before I die." Shinichi Yagi, 2539 Fulton St., Berkeley, left the Alameda County courthouse Mar. 23 smiling and saying in Japanese, "I'm for this country. I love this country."

Superior Judge Chris B. Fox

had just restored the civil rights whose loss barred Yagi from citizenship.

In 1917 Yagi pleaded guilty to larceny involving bank notes and securities drawn on Japanese banks in yen and was placed on probation for 10 years.

Recently, when he made application for naturalization as an American citizen under the McCarran Act, it was learned he had not been cleared of the penalties of his probation.

Back in court after all the years, Yagi last week again saw the man who had been prosecutor as a young deputy district attorney. Now he is presiding as Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook.

Because of his previous handling of Yagi's case, Judge Snook disqualified himself.

So the slight Japanese appeared before Judge Fox. He was accompanied by his life-long friend, the Rev. Lester Suzuki, pastor of the Berkeley Methodist United Church, who acted as his interpreter.

Yagi, in this country since 1906, tried to say in English what Judge Fox' action meant to him, but his radiant smile conveyed his meaning as his interpreter did his words.

**IN HONOR OF**

Janet Fukuda, who reigned as Miss National JACL of 1954 at Los Angeles, was elected president of the Associated Women Students at the Univ. of Southern California last week. Currently, AWS vice-president, she will attend the International AWS Convention at the Univ. of Kansas, Apr. 6-10.

Katashi Oita, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Oita, 411 Watson St., Watsonville, Calif., received his Ph.D. degree in organic chemistry at winter quarter graduation exercises at Iowa State College.

Dr. Roy Teranishi is among chemists engaged in sugar beet research at the Western Regional Research Laboratory in Albany, Calif. Department of Agriculture recently installed \$45,000 worth of equipment, the first of its kind to be designed in this country.

Five Nisei candidates for California state license as dentists and one dental hygienist were announced in San Francisco as follows:

Dentists—Royce Y. Fujimoto, Letterman Army Hospital; Katsumi Izumi, Monterey; Kay K. Kashibara, San Francisco; Masato Morimoto, San Diego; Wallace T. Urata, San Francisco; dental hygienist—Fumiko I. Saito, Seattle.

Masaru Jinbo, 4042 Monroe St., Los Angeles, who works by day negotiating contracts for the Army in Japan, is the leading student in the Univ. of California's Far East Command educational program. At night, he studies psychology, sociology, anthropology, physics and other subjects. Having finished an equivalent of two year's college work, U.C. extension officials sent Jinbo a letter of congratulation for the high quantity and quality of his studies.

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Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

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Denver

The predicament of Dr. Satoru Larry Aikawa, 31-year old dentist of Stockton, Calif., who found himself the center of controversy when he sought to buy a home in a neighborhood of his choice...

Each denial of democracy doesn't make the papers, like the Aikawa incident did, or the celebrated case of the Sing Sheng family which was forced to abandon a home in South San Francisco because of neighborhood antagonisms...

Patterns of segregated housing are changing in California, though the shift may be almost imperceptible to the impatient. And it is because of the change for the better that incidents arise.

For every case which gets into the newspapers, there are hundreds which do not, but in which the denial of democracy is every bit as final. Degrees of discrimination probably range along a scale somewhat equivalent to the "color visibility" of the minority group involved.

NO LONGER SANCTIONED BY LAW

A decade and more ago a Nisei seeking to buy a house in what would be called a "white" neighborhood—and in this Caucasian country, most houses for sale are in "white" districts—had no recourse when he was turned down...

But in 1948, in a celebrated case in which the National JACL was a participant, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racially restrictive housing covenants were enforceable in the courts. Such covenants still are written into many deeds...

In recent years, the Federal Housing Administration will not issue a government loan on housing if a racially restrictive covenant is written into the deed covering the property. The present FHA administrator, Albert M. Cole, has been forthright in his declarations of principle regarding discrimination in housing.

Of course, a federal municipally-owned housing project for low-income families is one thing, and buying a house in a shiny new residential suburb is another. But even in the latter area, the barriers are coming down.

Even in San Leandro, Calif., where a bigot's death threat on the telephone helped stop the sale of a house to Dr. Aikawa, a man named James Marsden, owner of a television shop, took time off to conduct a one-man survey in the neighborhood in which the Nisei wanted to buy.

RIGHT TO LIVE IN HOME OF OWN CHOICE

It is important to all Americans of minority group ancestry that their right to live in homes of their own choosing be upheld. More communities could do with a group like the Palo Alto, Calif., Fair Play Council which recognizes the importance of democracy in housing.

In the years since the end of World War II, the housing boom has resulted in the building of huge residential areas in the suburbs of nearly every city in these United States. Most of these communities, some as big as the 100,000-population Lakewood near Los Angeles or the two Levittowns (Long Island and Pennsylvania) have been built and maintained on an all-white basis.

It is when minority group Americans seek to buy on one of these "all-white" residential islands that bigotry flames. It is to be hoped that Dr. Aikawa buys his home in San Leandro. It's a nice community with wonderful climate. It will be good for him and good for the neighborhood.



Congressional Record

Washington

This Newsletter's recent comment that in the first two months of activity this 84th Democratic Congress was threatening to outdo the famous "Do Nothing" GOP 80th Congress in futility brought a rejoinder from a congressional reader.

This was compared to the five that the GOP 83rd Congress had compiled in their first session's initial two months, and to the 12 recorded in the first two months of their second session last year.

So, my congressional friend reminded me, the speed with which this Congress is working is about par for the course. What really counts, he emphasized, is not how one starts but how one finishes.

And, on this score, he promised that the Democrats would really chalk up a record to be proud of before the 1956 presidential campaign.

Be that as it may, Congress' record to date has not been outstanding. And, with the traditional Easter recess and the Jefferson-Jackson Day lull coming up right away, Congress will really have to get down to brass tacks if it hopes to write any kind of legislative record this session.

The Republicans have just about completed their annual Lincoln Day speeches which have lasted well over a month. Now, it is the Democrats' turn to extol the virtues of their party while celebrating the twin birthdays of their historic founders.

And, while they are doing it, by mutual consent and reciprocal courtesy, no important, controversial matters can be brought up for debate and a vote.

Who said that politics wasn't a gentlemen's game!

Divided Leadership in U.S., Japan

As far as trying to work with his legislature is concerned, Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama of Japan must find himself in pretty much the same situation as President Dwight D. Eisenhower of the United States.

Here in this country, the President is the Chief Executive but the Congress is in the hands of his political opponents, the Democrats.

In Japan, the Prime Minister was elected by the House of Representatives to head the new government but his opponents were elected to the key legislative posts of Speaker and Vice-Speaker.

Premier Hatoyama's Democratic Party controls less than an absolute majority—only 185 seats—in the 467 member House of Representatives, or Lower House. Accordingly, he needs the votes of the equally conservative Liberal Party to run his government.

But in the elections for the Speaker and the Vice-Speaker, the Liberals joined with the Right Socialists to elect a Liberal Speaker and a Right Socialist Vice-Speaker.

As in the United States Congress, the Speaker is one of the most influential lawmakers because of his control over committees and legislation to be considered by the chamber. Strictly from the legislative viewpoint, the Speaker may be designated as the single most powerful member.

In the American system, congressmen themselves initiate and write the laws, although the President may, and does, send his legislative ideas to the Congress for its consideration.

In the parliamentary system, practically all of the bills—major as well as minor—are drafted by the government and submitted to the Diet (Upper and Lower Houses) for approval. If the Lower

House or House of Representatives, which is the more important branch of the Parliament, fails to approve a major legislative proposal, it indicates a lack of confidence in that particular government, which then resigns. Then, either an election is held to determine a new government or a majority of the members of the House of Representatives vote to have a Prime Minister a member in whom they have "confidence" to lead the government.

Prime Minister Hatoyama is reported to have remarked after his first parliamentary setbacks in the naming of the Speaker and the Vice-Speaker, "If the Diet should proceed in this way, curious things might happen".

And yet, according to observers of the Tokyo scene, the opposition Liberal Party merely used the same technique that Premier Hatoyama had used against them only last December to out the six year government of Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida. This time, the Liberals joined with the Right and Left Socialists to elect their own man. Last December, it was the Democrats who joined with these same Socialists to force the then Prime Minister Yoshida to resign.



The political situation as it is developing in Japan does not portend a strong, stable government of any duration, which is most unfortunate because at this critical juncture in her history Japan needs stability and strength. The conservative Liberals can join with the Socialists and can topple the present government at any time.

Nevertheless, one of the more significant pronouncements of Prime Minister Hatoyama was that he would send a special envoy to Washington in the near future to try to reconcile all outstanding differences, if any, between the two great Pacific nations.

That he intends to adhere to his campaign promises to work in close cooperation with the United States is seen in his key cabinet selection, that of retaining Mamoru Shigemitsu as Foreign Minister.

Another Million for Investigations

Following the trend of recent Congresses, this one too appears to be more interested in investigations than in legislation, if such can be said of our legislative branch.

On the Senate side alone, more than two million dollars now are earmarked for investigations. More than half that amount was recently voted by the Senate for investigations ranging from subversive activities to anti-trust laws, from juvenile delinquency to the nation's outmoded highway system.

Supreme Court to hear segregation case Apr. 11

(Washington) The Supreme Court announced that arguments in the school segregation cases will be heard beginning Monday, Apr. 11. Arguments will be on how to put into effect the court's historic decision that race segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

With Senate confirmation of Judge John Marshall Harlan to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Robert Jackson, the court will have a full bench of nine members to hear the arguments.

Pioneer druggist dies

(Seattle) Yasukichi Chiba, 69, who founded the Nippon Golf Club in 1930 and which existed until evacuation, died Mar. 8 at his home. The Issei was a pharmacy graduate from the Univ. of Washington in 1917, operated the Main Drug Co., which was established by his father. He and his wife were among the first group of Japanese to be naturalized in June, 1953.

Most of the probes authorized by the recent million dollar appropriation will be undertaken by subcommittees of the Judiciary Committee. They received \$904,600 out of the total of \$1,104,600 voted by the senators.

The Internal Security Subcommittee received \$260,000; the anti-trust subcommittee \$250,000; the juvenile delinquency subcommittee \$150,000; the Trading with the Enemy subcommittee \$58,000; refugee and migrations subcommittee \$35,000; federal prisons subcommittee \$13,500; immigration and naturalization subcommittee \$102,000; and narcotics subcommittee \$30,000. All are subcommittees of the Judiciary Committee, chairmanned by Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, (D., W. Va.).

The "housing" investigation was allocated \$100,000 and another \$100,000 was appropriated to study the nation's highways problems, including the President's \$101-billion highway program.

Previously, the Senate had voted sizable sums for investigations of the stock market, for further inquiries into Communist infiltration, and for scrutiny of the radio and television industries.

It is expected that additional funds will be requested to investigate the government's security program, the farm program, the labor program, and many other programs which the Democrats in Congress feel are "necessary and proper".

There is no question that legitimate probes can result in constructive corrective legislation. But too often investigations are prostituted for political purposes. And this criticism applies equally to the Democrats and the Republicans.

It is hoped, nevertheless, that the nonpolitical, nonpartisan findings of some of these investigations can be translated into remedial legislation for the national good. It would seem that if only a few good laws for the betterment of our way of life are enacted out of all these investigations, the rest of the probes, even for purely political fishing expeditions, are justified. But, it seems to be out of proportion!

Oregonian killed in 3-way auto accident

(Ontario, Ore.) Raymond A. Hashitani, 38, died in a three-car accident on Highway 30 about 10 miles north of here Mar. 24. His car hit the rear of an oncoming truck and then struck an oncoming truck-trailer almost head-on. The JACLer was a graduate of Oregon State College and employed as an agricultural economist by the OPS in Washington, D.C.

CALENDAR

- Apr. 2 (Saturday) So. Alameda County—Community picnic, Martin Beach. San Diego—Potluck Dinner, Japanese Congregational Church, 7 p.m. Chicago—Box Lunch Social, Monroe YWCA, 59 E. Monroe, 7 p.m. Apr. 3 (Sunday) Marysville—Community Picnic, Spring Valley Rd. opp. Sperbeck Ranch, NE of State Hwy 20. Gilroy—Community Picnic, Uvas Dam. Apr. 6 (Wednesday) Marysville—Executive meeting, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m. Apr. 8 (Friday) Chicago—Meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan 8 p.m. Film: Edw. Murrow's "Dr. Oppenheimer Interview". Apr. 10 (Sunday) Southwest L.A.—Easter Egg Hunt, Southeast section, Exposition Park, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Apr. 13 (Wednesday) San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Booker T. Washington Social Hall, 7:30 p.m. "Fashion for Your Homes, Norman Black of Sloan's, spkr. Apr. 14 (Thursday) East Los Angeles—General Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m. Apr. 15 (Friday) Seattle—Installation dinner-dance, Chamber of Commerce Bldg. Apr. 16 (Saturday) Placer County—Pre-Picnic dance, Loomis Veterans Memorial Hall. Apr. 17 (Sunday) San Francisco—Auxiliary visitation, Laguna Honda Home for Aged. Placer County—JACL picnic, Penryn JACL ball park. Apr. 20 (Wednesday) Marysville—General meeting, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m. Apr. 21 (Thursday) Southwest L.A.—Pre-PSWDC convention mixer, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m. Apr. 23 (Saturday) Mile-Hi—Box lunch social. Apr. 24 (Sunday) Reedley—Community Picnic. Alameda—Issei Citizens Dinner (tentative).