

Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

SPY-HUNTERS VS. SADAKICHI HARTMANN

Denver
Carl Sadakichi Hartmann, then 13 years ago age, arrived alone in the United States in May, 1882. With the exception of several trips to Europe, Hartmann lived for 62 years in America. It was ironic, then, that his loyalty to the United States was not seriously questioned until World War II when, because of his German-Japanese ancestry, he became an object of some suspicion.

Reporter Harry Lawton of the Riverdale, Calif., Daily Press noted in a series of definitive articles on Hartmann and his times, published last year, that a few zealots and "spy-hunters" made life miserable for Hartmann and his family after Pearl Harbor. Hartmann, a veritable citizen of the world, lived the last 20 years of his life in a shack built on property owned by a son-in-law on the Morongo Indian reservation near Banning, Calif. It was a long way from the ateliers of Paris, the brownstones of Greenwich Village or the vista of San Francisco's Russian Hill, but Hartmann found in the dry desert air of San Geronio Pass a certain relief from a chronic asthmatic condition.



Hartmann thus was living in Southern California at the time, in 1942, when the army ordered the mass detention and evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the area. Reporter Lawton says Hartmann was tormented by fears he would be interned, despite the fact he had never associated with persons of Japanese ancestry and had been a naturalized citizen since Oct. 21, 1894. Hartmann did not volunteer for evacuation, but he was not wholly ignored by the authorities.

In his biography of Hartmann, *Minutes of the Last Meeting*, Gene Fowler recalls a visit by a military intelligence agent in April, 1942. Fowler at that time was working on a biography of Hartmann at the urging of John Barrymore who once called Sadakichi "a bamboo bridge connecting the literary scene of the 1880s with that of our time . . ."

Fowler was able to convince the G-2 man that Sadakichi was no threat to the American war effort. Sadakichi was 73 at the time and Fowler told the military intelligence man that Hartmann "was an old man, and ill." "Does he hate America?" the agent asked. "He hates the whole world," said Fowler. "Does he oppose this war," queried the agent. "He opposes all war," was the reply. Finally, after reading Fowler's correspondence with Hartmann, the agent departed, "We will write Mr. Hartmann down as 'harmless,'" he said.

But some of the residents of the San Geronio Pass region were not as perceptive as the military intelligence man. "Banning had a few zealous gossips, who enjoyed spreading doubt as to Hartmann's loyalty," recalls reporter Lawton. "When Hartmann walked the desert at night, studying the stars and drawing a chart of the constellations, they whispered that he had a lantern hidden on a mountain top and was signalling Japanese planes to bomb Banning."

The story is that these local gossips even brought the FBI onto the scene to investigate Hartmann. The Riverside county sheriff's office also made a number of trips to Hartmann's desert hermitage. Sadakichi told the officers that no less an authority than H. L. Mencken had once called him a "thoroughly American personality."

"I wrote the first history of American art," Hartmann told the officers. "What better proof can I offer of my devotion to my country?"

"Hartmann and members of his family were caused a great deal of anguish by the biting gossip of a small minority," says Lawton. "Hartmann worried constantly over the investigations. He even convinced himself that his mother had not been Japanese, but a Korean dancing girl."

Fowler reports in *Minutes of the Last Meeting* that Hartmann hitched a ride into Los Angeles—at a time when all persons of Japanese ancestry were evacuated from the city—and visited him in Hollywood. Sadakichi's arrival was regarded by his Hollywood friends as an embarrassment, since they were placed in the position of harboring a person of Japanese ancestry in an area from which Japanese Americans were excluded.



FINAL DAYS OF NOVEMBER, 1944

One of Hartmann's greatest disappointments in this period, not too long before his death in November, 1944, was his belief that Fowler had abandoned writing his biography, fearing that the fact that Sadakichi was of German-Japanese ancestry would hurt the book's sale in wartime. Fowler, in fact, did not complete the Sadakichi book until almost a decade later and it was published by Viking in the spring of 1954. Instead, Fowler busied himself with writing the life of Barrymore which was published under the title, *Good Night, Sweet Prince*.

Sometime in 1944, according to Lawton, Hartmann decided to write his own biography, "having decided Fowler was unlikely to finish the work." In November of that year he set out for St. Petersburg, Fla., to visit a daughter and to gather more autobiographical data. He was not to return. Sadakichi's death was reported to the nation in a terse two-paragraph Associated Press story which told of the death of a man whose career linked Whitman, Whittier and Whistler with the present.

It is this unpublished autobiography of Sadakichi Hartmann which is in contention in a \$300,000 damage suit filed by the Hartmann estate against Gene Fowler and the Viking Press. The complaint alleges Fowler with having used an appropriated portions of Hartmann's biography in the writing of *Minutes of the Last Meeting*.

Sadakichi Hartmann, a stormy figure in art and literary circles of his time, had left one last storm behind.



Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington

New Issei citizens feted at Seattle JACL installation

(Seattle) Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington urged newly naturalized citizens of Japanese ancestry not to give up entirely the customs and manners which characterized their homeland of Japan before 300 guests assembled at the New Citizens testimonial dinner, Apr. 22, sponsored by the Seattle chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Washington state chief executive said the mixing of different cultures creates the best way of life in this great land.

Mayor Allen Pomeroy also briefly greeted the gathering, which met at the Chamber of Commerce hall here. Some 350 Issei have been naturalized in the past year, boosting the Issei citizen total to over 750 since the program began in early 1953.

Mas Satow, national JACL director, of San Francisco installed the new Seattle chapter officers and presented the past-president's pin to George S. Kashiwagi. William Mambu, who was toastmaster, was also introduced as the new secretary to the National JACL Board. The new officers installed were:

Howard Sakura, pres.; Dr. Kelly Yamada, James Matsuoka, Mitsuji Noji, v.p.; Min Yamaguchi, treas.; Marie Yamamoto, rec. sec.; Aiko Matsuda, cor. sec.; George S. Kashiwagi, bd. del.; Dr. S. Fukuda, Frank Hattori, Henry Miyake, William Mambu, Ted Sakahara, Toru Sakahara, Tad Yamaguchi, Kazie Yokoyama, bd. of govs.

Harry Kataoka, Nisei Veterans Committee commander, led the Pledge of Allegiance, assisted by a color guard from the organization. Others participating were:

Rev. Kiyoshi Noji; Millard P. Thomas, clerk, U.S. district court for Western Washington, for Judge William Lindberg; Keifer Gray, supervising legal ass't for I&NS District Di-

DEPORTATION ORDERS MAY BE REVIEWED BY COURTS, SUPREME COURT DECIDES

(Washington) Justice Department deportation orders may be reviewed by the courts as well as through writs of habeas corpus the United States Supreme Court ruled Monday, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The high court ruling, clarifying and broadening the judicial avenues for reviewing government deportation orders, may have widespread application for Japanese aliens under similar circumstances, according to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

By a six to three vote, the Supreme Court rejected the government's contention that the courts could only review its deportation orders in habeas corpus proceedings after he is taken into custody.

The Supreme Court based its decision on the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (Walter-McCarran Act) and the Administrative Procedure Act.

The government attorneys had argued that the interpretation of the Immigration Act of 1917, controlling in this matter prior to Dec. 24, 1952 was continued in the present immigration law by Congressional intent.

Associate Justice Hugo L. Black, delivering the majority opinion, said that he could not accept the government position which asked that the word "final" as applied to deportation orders by the Attorney General be given the same construction in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 as in the 1917 Act, "and thereby continue to deprive deportees of all right of judicial review except in habeas corpus."

On the philosophy of the law, Associate Justice Black continued, "It is more in harmony with the generous review provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act to construe the Act as referring to finality in administrative procedure rather than to the cutting of judicial review in whole or part."

"And it would certainly not be in keeping with either of these Acts to require a person deported

to go to jail in order to obtain a review by a court."

Also concurring in the majority view were Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Justices Felix Frankfurter, William O. Douglas, Tom C. Clark, and John M. Harlan.

Associate Justice Sherman Minton dissented and was joined by Associate Justices Stanley F. Reed and Harold H. Burton.

The minority held that the word "final" was not ambiguous and that the Congress had made it "unmistakenly clear" that it intended to "preserve habeas corpus as the only escape from a deportation order."

The high court decision was made in the case of Mampriel Sequiera Pedreiro, who had requested the Federal District Court in New York to invalidate a Justice Department deportation order against him.

Dismissal of the alien's petition to the court was requested by the Attorney General on the grounds, among other things, that the deportation orders were reviewable by the courts only after the alien was in custody.

The District Court agreed with the government and dismissed the alien's petition. However, the court of appeals rejected the government's arguments and reversed the lower court. The Supreme Court upheld the Appellate Court action.

Now, the Federal District Court in New York may review the government order of deportation.

Study Japanese festival for S.F. Golden Gate Park

(San Francisco) An annual festival typically Japanese at the Golden Gate Park Tea Garden is being studied by the Northern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce, according to Tokuya Kato, C. of C. president. The idea is tied in closely with plans to have the tea garden developed into an even more typical example of Japanese culture.

(Los Angeles) Another group of 27 Issei applicants were naturalized in special Japanese language ceremonies Apr. 25 in Judge Westover's courtroom, according to Sam Hozman of the local I&NS office. Eiji Tanabe was interpreter.

Supplemental deficiency appropriation bill awarding payment to 45 'larger' evacuation claimants ready for Ike's signature

(Washington) Appropriations totaling \$1,300,000 for payment of evacuation claims awards has been approved by the Congress, reported Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Both the Senate and House passed the supplemental deficiency Appropriation Bill, including the funds for payment of evacuation claims, and agreed with dispatch to accept the Conference Report on the legislation.

The Conference Report was prepared by a committee of senators and representatives to "iron out" the discrepancies between the Senate and House versions of the bill.

The appropriation measure is now before President Eisenhower, who is expected to also approve of the money-paying bill within the next few days.

Masaoka revealed that five JACL endorsed sums are included in the bill, amounting to \$1,327,258.68 for the payment of current evacuation claims awards.

All of this million dollar appropriation is for the payment of evacuation claims awarded or to be

awarded during the present fiscal year and it does not include any funds for Justice Department expenses for processing these claims, he explained. The current fiscal year ends June 30, 1955.

The \$1,327,258.68 will be paid to Issei and Nisei in the following five groups, according to the Washington JACL representative:

1. The sum of \$198,257 will be paid to evacuation claims awarded but unpaid in fiscal 1954. These claims were awarded through compromise or adjudicative procedures before July 1, 1954, but were not included in any appropriation bill for payment during the last Congress. None of the individual claims in this group exceed \$2,500 each.

2. The next \$578,379 will be paid to a similar group of claimants whose awards were made from approximately July 1, 1954 to Feb. 25, 1955.

3. An additional amount of \$291,621 will be used to pay compromised and adjudicated claims awarded under \$2,500 during the remainder of the current fiscal year. This sum is estimated by the Justice Department to be sufficient to pay claims in this group that are now in process and

which they anticipate will be awarded before July 1, 1955.

4. Forty-four claimants (as published in the Apr. 1 issue of the Pacific Citizen) will receive \$244,455.64. All of these claims were processed and awarded through the regular adjudicated method of the Justice Department and each award is in excess of \$2,500. Largest total \$23,679.50, the smallest \$2,532.65.

5. One evacuation claim for Ricky Washizaki in the amount of \$14,861.04. His evacuation claim was awarded after the above 44 awards were submitted to the House Appropriations Committee agreed to include his award in the Appropriations bill in order that payment could be made to him this year.

The Washington JACL representative said that this is the first time in recent years that any appropriation bill has been approved by Congress before the end of April, the fourth legislative calendar month in the session. Early approval this year, he explained, is particularly fortunate because Congress will soon be tied up in the highly controversial matters now being considered in committees.

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From the Frying Pan

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PERUVIAN NISEI PEN-PALS

Denver

The week's mail brought a letter from Lima, Peru, and who should it be but the globe-trotting New York movie cameraman, Toge Fujihira. Toge doesn't write very often, but when he does it's likely to be from Bangkok, the African Gold Coast, Paris, the Okefenokee swamps, the Arizona desert, or other strange and exotic places. Toge said he'd been in Peru for a month working on a documentary film on the Incas, their legends, and present day Peruvian Indian life as part of the "Indians of the Americas" series he's filming for a cigarette company.



Real purpose of Toge's letter, however, was to ask if I'd tell PC readers about a group of Peruvian Nisei high school girls who are anxious to correspond with American Nisei and Sansei. The girls names are Margarita Teraoka, Diana Okamoto, Dina Uruma, Alicia Sasaki, Martina Sasaki, Escolastica Tamaki, Alexandrina Sakaguchi, Tsuneko Yamashita, Juana Aguenta, Emilia Nagasaki, Luisa Sato, Yolanda Ichikawa, Elena Okamoto, Teresa Konno and Angela Ito. They are all students at Colegio Maria Alvarado, a Methodist girls high school whose address is Apartado 768, Lima Peru, and you can write to them at the school.

Toge says all the girls speak, read and write English since all their schooling is in the English language. These girls are from 13 to 18 years old (he didn't say who was what age), and they're interested in exchanging information of concern to all teen-agers—sports, music, school, trading photos, and the rest of the pen-pal routine. All this came about after Toge met some Japanese Peruvians and was persuaded to speak to a group of them about Japanese Americans. If you or your children are looking for interesting pen-pals, this looks like a fine chance to find one.

Toge, incidentally, reported he was on his way to Chile, with a stop in Ecuador before returning to New York.



A ROSE BUSH FAILS TO BLOSSOM

Maybe there's something symbolic in this story. Last spring we bought a rose called Peace, the 1946 All-America rose selection. The catalogue described it as "a miracle of color blends and variations," and we looked forward to the blossoming of Peace with a great deal of anticipation.

To make a short story long, Peace failed to blossom last summer. It hardly even leafed out. Last Saturday, while poking around the rosebed, we found that all but one had come through the winter in fine shape and were beginning to sprout again. The exception was Peace. It was stone cold dead, and it had been the most expensive of all the roses we'd bought, too. As I said before, is there some symbolism to all this?



ADVANTAGE TO NO AVAIL

Our Pete, the first grader, is something less than a gazelle when it comes to either grace or speed afoot. We hadn't realized how much less until the other evening when he came home to tell us about how they'd been practicing relay races for the school-wide field day which comes up shortly.

It seems Pete had been assigned to run one leg of a relay. That much we gathered, although he was vague about what position he was running. At any rate, when it came Pete's turn, his opponent was some distance ahead.

"Well," said Pete, "Robert was running ahead of me. Then he tripped or something and he fell down."

"So you beat him?" I asked.

"Nope," answered Pete. "Robert got up and ran across the finish line before I could catch up with him."

Come to think of it, it might be heredity. Pete's dad wasn't very fast afoot either.

Minority Week

Everett Lee, 35-year-old Negro, directed the New York City Opera Co.'s performance of *La Traviata* Easter Sunday in what was believed to be the first time a member of his race conducted professional grand opera in the United States. He scored another interracial musical "first" four years ago when he conducted the Louisville Philharmonic, being the first Negro to lead a major symphony group in the South.

Four of the nation's largest oil refining companies operating under contractual agreements with the U.S. government were charged with job and wage discrimination by 31 Negro workers in Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas in a memorandum-complaint filed with the President's Committee on Government Contracts. It accuses the Esso Standard Oil Co., Cities Service Refining Corp., Carbide and Chemical Co., and the Lion Oil Co. of maintaining a pattern of discrimination which confines Negro oil refining workers to the categories of laborers and deprive them of job opportunities and security.

Desegregation of white and Negro students in Oklahoma was a step nearer reality Apr. 6 when unofficial returns of a special state election gave a 3-1 majority approval to a constitutional amendment providing a single four-mill levy for all schools instead of support of separate schools.

Washington JACL representative writes book publisher about Nisei loyalty on basis of charges levelled by columnist Tajiri

(Washington) On the basis of charges by Larry Tajiri regarding lies and half-truths on the loyalty of Issei and Nisei in California

JACL invited to UN conference on world migration

(Washington) The Japanese American Citizens League has been invited to attend the fifth conference of Non-Governmental Organizations Interested in Migration, which will be held at the United Nations headquarters, N.Y., May 2-6.

Sponsored by the United Nations and the International Labor Organization, the conference is composed of non-governmental groups throughout the world that are interested in the problems of migration. Its International headquarters and Secretariat are in Geneva, Switzerland. The conference makes recommendations to the United Nations and its appropriate agencies, as well as to the member nations of the international union.

This is the first year that the JACL has been invited as one of the participating United States organizations, according to the Washington JACL office. The invitation was extended because of JACL's interest in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and Refugee Relief Act of 1953, particularly as they relate to persons of Japanese ancestry, and because the JACL is the only national organization in the United States that represents any Asian people.

The fifth conference will consider the results of the Ad Hoc committees and Working Parties set up by the Fourth conference last year. These groups have been studying the following questions: Implementation of the General Principles Concerning the Protection of Migrants, Laws and Practices on the Admissibility of Migrants, Minimum Standards of Protection of Migrants During Journey, Legal Assistance to Migrants, Integration of Migrants into the Life of Countries of Resettlement, Problems of Migrants in Professional Categories, and Problem of Non-European Migrants.

Nisei-drawn cartoon like 'Dennis' big hit in Tokyo press

(Watsonville) A Watsonville Nisei, Jack Shigeru Matsuoka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Matsuoka, 139 Elm St., who is studying at the Tokyo university under the GI bill, is author of "Taro, the Terror," a Japanese counterpart of "Dennis, the Menace," popular American newspaper feature.

Matsuoka created "Taro, the Terror" at the special request from Preview, English monthly published by Robert H. Booth, after his style was noted in the various Japanese sports pages. His sketches also appear in the Japan Times, Asia Scene and the Yomiuri Giants weekly.

He has been in Poston WRA Center in 1943, trained at the Cleveland School of Fine Arts before being drafted in 1945. He served in the occupation army in Tokyo until his discharge in 1952.

Yashima art accepted

(Los Angeles) Taro Yashima's new oil "Window" and watercolor "Apples" have been accepted by the Los Angeles County Museum for the 1955 exhibition of "Artists of Los Angeles and Vicinity" May 13-June 26.

Japanese cooking

(New York) The April issue of "House Beautiful" has a spread on Japanese cuisine. According to Thelma Hecht Brown, the article seeks to introduce Japanese foods among average middle class homeowners who are accustomed to a diet of meat and potatoes.

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and Hawaii repeated in a college textbook, "Modern World Politics", in his Apr. 8 column of the Pacific Citizen. Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, wrote Crowell Publishing Company of New York last week.

Published in 1948, "Modern World Politics" records the discredited information of alleged espionage and sabotage during the attack on Pearl Harbor and of "Japanese fishing boats" and "Japanese truck farmers" in California as the historical truth.

After pointing out that Congressional and governmental sources have officially reported no instance of espionage or sabotage by any American citizen or resident alien of Japanese ancestry either in the Territory of Hawaii or the United States mainland, Masaoka wrote that "such misinformation is not only prejudicial and unfair to loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry but also does a disservice to the cause of higher education, which is dedicated to the exposition of truth and fair play."

Masaoka then asked the New York publishing firm questions as to whether the textbook is still being published and in use with the misinformation contained in their 1948 edition; if not, then when it was last published and sold; and if it is, whether the company would be willing to listen to the facts as JACL can docu-

ment them in order that the textbooks themselves can be corrected. In commenting upon his action, the Washington representative declared that it was his understanding that all such improper and inaccurate information relating to the wartime loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States has been eliminated from all of the textbooks for use in the public schools of the nation.

"Of course, with so many thousands of textbooks being written, it is impossible to check everyone for accuracy," he said, "so occasionally one with misinformation slips by. When such publications are called to our attention, we shall do everything possible to have the errors corrected or the book withdrawn."

Because so many children and students read these textbooks and accept as gospel truth that which is written in them, it is particularly important that the lies and half-truths of Japanese American loyalty in World War II be kept out of such key publications repeating the misinformation of those hysterical wartime days to send them to the JACL for proper action.

"Our present status was won because of our loyalty and no efforts to undermine the general public's confidence in us as loyal citizens can be tolerated," Masaoka concluded.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

FULL-TERM NISEI CIRCUIT JUDGE

Honolulu

Hawaii is about to have its first full term Nisei circuit judge in Benjamin Masaru Tashiro.

President Eisenhower nominated Tashiro on April 13 to fill the vacancy in the circuit court on Kauai. The Senate Judiciary Committee in Congress is now considering the nomination. A favorable report is said to be only a matter of time.



Tashiro's friends—he has hosts of them—expect the nomination to be confirmed by virtue of his outstanding professional fitness for the position and the solid support he has received from all sides. No one has spoken against his candidacy.

When Tashiro is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he will have the distinction of being the first Nisei in Hawaii so honored. Another Nisei, Robert Murakami, a Honolulu attorney, served as a circuit judge on an interim appointment several years ago but was not a confirmed appointee.

For the Nisei everywhere, Tashiro's appointment by President Eisenhower should be an encouraging indication of the Administration's policy and practice of recognizing so-called minority groups by selecting outstanding representatives for public offices. More and more of them are receiving the kind of dignified attention and respect that they deserve—and always on the primary basis that they are beyond question qualified to fill the jobs offered.

To recognize minority groups just for the sake of displaying fairness in political matters, without proper attention to professional competence and fitness, would not be quite enough. Such an attitude would likely be regarded as paternalistic or condescending by the minorities.



★ RISING THE LONG, HARD WAY

In Tashiro, Hawaii's judicial system would gain an eminently qualified jurist. At 50 years of age, he has lived a life of increasing usefulness to community and country. At present he is the Assistant Attorney General of Hawaii, the Number 2 legal officer of the Territorial Government. He rose to this status the long, hard way, in Hawaii and on the Mainland.

Ben, as he's known to his associates, was born on May 23, 1904, at Wahiawa, Kauai, not far from the courthouse where he will soon preside as circuit judge.

His wife, the former Gladys Yoshie Yamachika, is also Kauai-born. They have five children, all girls: Ora Ann Keiko, 15; Alma Tomoko, 13; Lynn Chizuko, 7; Lani Eiko, 5, and Mitzi Michie, 2.

His father, Ihachi Tashiro, 74, was born in Japan but became a naturalized U.S. citizen not long ago.

Ben became a school teacher in 1921, following his graduation from the old Territorial Normal and Training School in Honolulu. He taught for four years, then went to Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for two years of study. In 1929, he entered the Univ. of California at Los Angeles, and subsequently the Hastings College of the Law, University of California, at San Francisco, where he received his law degree in 1932.

He returned to Kauai in 1932 for the private practice of law, later became director of personnel and classification for Kauai County from 1939 to 1943.

He then volunteered and enlisted in the U.S. Army in the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, Minn. He served as an enlisted instructor of the Japanese language, until his honorable discharge in December, 1945, with the grade of master sergeant.

He was appointed a district magistrate at Lihue, Kauai, from 1950 to 1953, until his present appointment as Assistant Attorney General of the Territory.

Ben had one term of legislative experience as a representative from Kauai in the Territorial House of Representatives from 1934-36.



★ AS ASS'T ATTORNEY-GENERAL

During the past 60 days of the biennial legislative session, he has rendered valuable service in drafting bills, assisting committees with reports, and analyzing legislation for the Governor. His calm, competent grasp of legal problems has been recognized in the legal fraternity—one good reason among many for his exclusive endorsement by the Bar Association of Hawaii for the judgeship.

Other support came from the numerous community and fraternal organizations he has served for many years, as well as the top officials of Hawaii, the Republican Party to which he belongs, veterans' groups, and even the Kauai AJA Baseball Association (Ben is an ardent baseball fan).

His term of office, when confirmed by the U.S. Senate, will be for four years.

**HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE
CLEARS STATEHOOD BILL
FOR FULL CONSIDERATION**

(Washington) The House Rules Committee cleared the way this week for a vote on the Hawaiian-Alaskan statehood in the near future as the measure was sent to the floor with a proviso that the House must vote statehood for both territories or neither.

Amendments which might be aimed in granting statehood to one territory and not to the other were barred by the steering group. President Eisenhower has urged statehood for Hawaii, but not Alaska. Last year, the House approved statehood for Hawaii, but the measure was pigeonholed in the Senate when Democrats insisted on statehood for Alaska.

**Sac'to legislature
OK's alien land law
for referendum**

(Sacramento) AB 841 by Assemblyman Edward Elliot and Augustus Hawkins, which would submit to the voters of the state a proposition repealing the Alien Land Law Initiative Act of 1920, passed the Legislature last week. The bill was presented in the State Senate by Senator Richard Richards.

Assemblymen Elliott and Hawkins said the bill was introduced at the request of the Japanese American Citizens League. This law discriminated against Oriental Americans in the right to possess and transfer real property.

"The repeal of this notorious law," asserted the two Los Angeles legislators, "will mark the elimination of the last vestige of a past epoch. Although the Alien Land Law has been nullified by decision of the State Supreme Court and a 1951 Act of Congress, its repeal will be a symbol of the great progress that has been made in California in eliminating laws discriminatory toward Oriental Americans and assuring them equality with other Americans."

Case workers volunteer

(Detroit) Mrs. Yaye Ambo and Mrs. Rose Leong have volunteered for case work with local Japanese war brides following an appeal to the Detroit JACL from Helen M. Day, case work supervisor at the International Institute.

**JACL SUPPORTS NOMINATION OF
TASHIRO TO BE JUDGE IN HAWAII**

(Washington) Senate confirmation of Benjamin M. Tashiro of Kauai for a federal judicial post in the Territory of Hawaii was urged last week by the Japanese American Citizens League through its Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka.

In a letter to Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the JACL urged the "immediate confirmation of the nomination of Benjamin M. Tashiro to be the judge of the Fifth Circuit, of the Circuit Court of the Territory of Hawaii."

The JACL endorsement also added "should hearings be scheduled on this nomination, we would be pleased to testify to his fitness for this responsibility."

Tashiro, presently the Deputy Attorney General of Hawaii, has been nominated by President Eisenhower to the Federal judicial post which carries a term of four years.

If confirmed by the Senate, he will be the first Nisei to receive appointment to a full term as a Federal judge. He would also, upon Senate confirmation be the first person of Japanese ancestry to receive Senate confirmation for Federal responsibility, except for officers in the armed forces and the Foreign (Diplomatic) Service of the State Department.

The JACL letter by Masaoka outlined the various endorsements given Tashiro for the Federal post and provided a detailed resume of Tashiro's military civic and community services.

On his qualifications, Masaoka wrote "the JACL endorses his nomination and urges his speedy confirmation not only because he

is of Japanese ancestry but also, and more important, he undoubtedly is eminently qualified by training, experience and temperament for this judicial appointment . . .

"We believe that his exemplary record, as a citizen, attorney and magistrate, demonstrates his outstanding qualifications to be a federal judge . . .

"Although this factor has no reference to his judicial capabilities, it should be pointed out that should Benjamin M. Tashiro be confirmed by the United States Senate for circuit judge, he will be the first American of Japanese ancestry to be so honored. Such recognition will be applauded in the Far East, and particularly in Japan, as another demonstration of America's goodwill towards the peoples of the Orient and an example of democracy's willingness to reward individual merit and ability without regard to ancestry.

"The JACL is proud to urge the confirmation of Benjamin M. Tashiro because of his outstanding Americanism, his demonstrated talent for legal activity, and his unquestioned temperament for a judicial role."

IN HONOR OF

Gerrold Mukai of Ogden was among 10 Utah high school students receiving Rotary Club certificates worth \$160 in tuition at the Univ. of Utah at the annual SLC Rotary Youth Conference last week.

John Glynn, 1000 Club chairman for Albuquerque JACL, was elected post commander of the newly-chartered American Legion Post 99, considered to be one of the fastest growing units in the state. Other JACLers in the post include John Dayley, senior v.-comm.; Henry Yoshimoto and Hiro Tamura.

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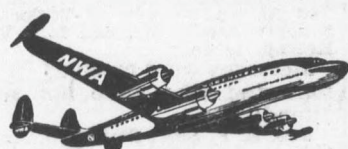
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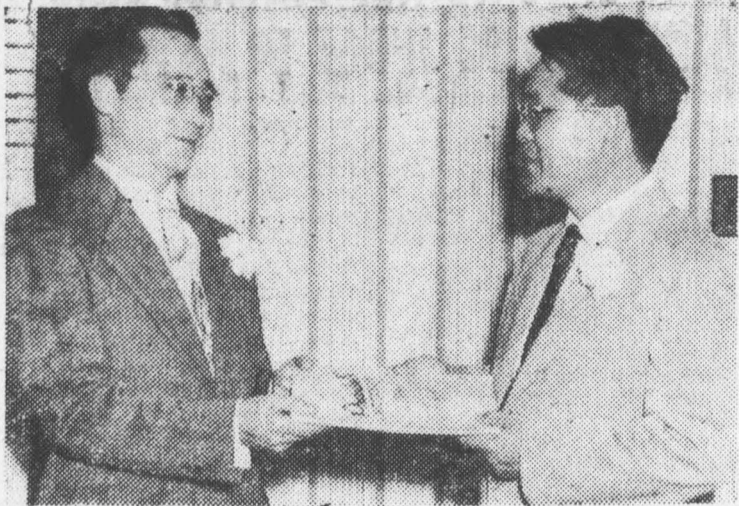
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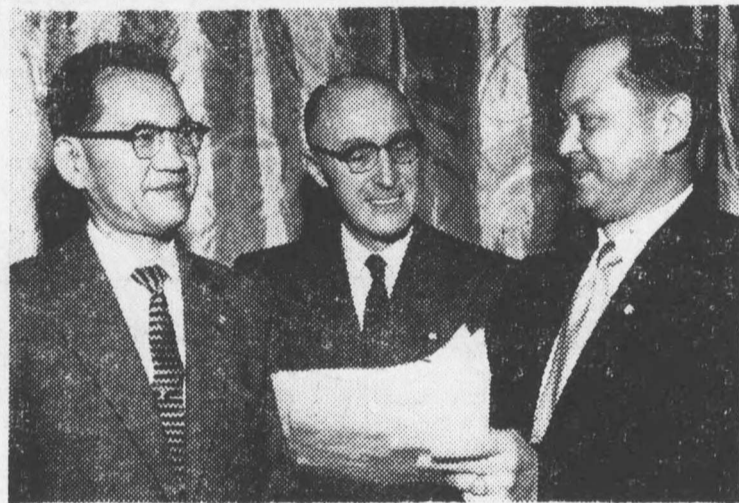
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Henry Furushima, (left) new president of Seabrook JACL receives the "Presidents' Notebook" prepared by the National headquarters from Harry Okamoto, the outgoing president. Okamoto will continue to serve on the new cabinet as an "ex officio member."



Keifer L. Gray (center), for many years chief of naturalization service in Seattle and now supervising legal assistant of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, tells Mas Satow (left) and William Mimbu, secretary to the National JACL board how the 750 Issei in the Seattle area applied for citizenship and passed with an average grade of 96.5%. Only seven had a grade below 70. —Elmer Ogawa Photo

Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

SOUTHSIDE REDEVELOPMENT

Chicago

A very successful meeting of Southside residents was held on April 22 at the Chicago Buddhist Church. Co-sponsored by the JACL, Chicago Buddhist Church, Kenwood Ellis Community Church, First Baptist Church, Japanese American Service Committee and Chicago Nisei Post No. 1183, the meeting heard the distinguished Dr. Herbert Thelen of the Univ. of Chicago describe the growth of block groups and community organizations in Hyde Park to work on the problems of a middle-aged community.

Japanese American leaders, including the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa of the First Baptist Church, Rev. Gyomai Kubose of the Chicago Buddhist Church, Rev. George Nishimoto of Kenwood-Ellis Community Church, Kenji Nakane of the Japanese American Service Committee, and Shig Wakamatsu, JACL emphasized the importance of working together with block groups and community organizations to improve and stabilize communities. They spoke of the real problems of discrimination and high rentals and challenge the Southside offers in terms of interracial living.

Mrs. Mary Shimbo, block group leader, brought out the problems faced by residents in Hyde Park redevelopment projects, and the difficulty of securing comparable housing. Other participants emphasized the need for legislative action for more adequate housing, and to combat discrimination in housing.

Leo Despres, newly elected alderman of the Fifth Ward, was present and assured the audience of his help in problems raised by redevelopment.

Highlight of the evening was a skit, "Li'l Neebo and . . . Away We Go?" with a cast including Harold Gordon, Suzy Sabusawa, Mike Hagiwara, Lincoln Shimidzu, Mas Nakagawa, Kiyu Hashimoto, and Chizu Iiyama. Borrowing the melody of the popular "Ballad of Davy Crockett", the skit began and ended with the "Ballad of Li'l Neebo".

Philip Doyle of the Land Clearance Commission, and attorneys Thomas Noboru Honda presided over the meeting.

Planners for the interesting and enjoyable evening were Kikuno Tanabe, First Baptist Church; Kay Miyamoto, Chicago Buddhist Church; Harry Sabusawa and Rev. George Nishimoto, Kenwood-Ellis Church; and Shig Hashimoto, Mrs. Mary Shimbo, Mrs. Suzy Sabusawa, Hana Tani, and Mrs. Chizu Iiyama, Japanese American Citizens League.



New Jersey State Senator, Howard Sharp (right) conducts the installation ceremony for the newly elected cabinet members of the Seabrook JACL Chapter at the banquet held at Richard Farm dining room, April 2, while William Sasagawa, (left in back) chairman of Eastern District Council of JACL looks on. In the picture at (left to

right) Mary Nagao, hist.; Kiki Tagawa; Morio Shimamura, alt. del; Harry Okamoto, past pres., ex officio member; Keigo Inouye, v.p.; James Yamasaki, v.p.; Marion Glaeser; Taka Nakao, rec. sec., and Henry Furushima, pres. The newly elected members of the board of governors are not in the picture.

Organizations join Salt Lake JACL project to donate cherry trees

(Salt Lake City) Dedication of cherry trees being donated by Utahns of Japanese ancestry to the State of Utah will be held May 8, 2 p.m., on the westside of the Capitol grounds, it was announced by the Salt Lake JACL.

The project had support from the following organizations:

Intermountain Shizuoka Kenjin Kai, Japanese Church of Christ, Salt Lake Buddhist Church, Salt Lake Bukkyo Sonenkai, Okayama Shinyu Kai, Seicho no Iye, Hiroshima Keinin Kai, Ogden Buddhist Church, Kiwa Doshi Kai, Jordan Doshi Kai, Kyushu Kenjinkai, Nisei Women's Bowling League and M. Namba, 2nd v.p., SLC JACL (indiv.)

Cortez CL honors new Issei citizens

(Cortez) The Cortez JACL honored Issei residents who recently acquired American citizenship papers at a recent dinner held at the Ballico Veterans Memorial Hall. Mrs. Helen Yuge and Joe Nishihara, Ballico American Legion post commander, co-chaired the successful event.

George Yuge, toastmaster, welcomed the group and introduced the following who helped with the citizenship classes:

The Rev. and Mrs. Isamu Nakamura, teachers; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Monteith, Mr. and Mrs. John Swensen, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brown, trustees of Turlock High School District; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Keesey, teacher.

Messages were received from the following who were not able to attend:

Rep. B. F. Sisk; State Sen. James A. Cobey; John Pitman, Turlock High School principal.

Short addresses were given by Ernie Yoshida, chapter president; Art Ferrari, Legion district citizenship chairman; and Judge R. R. Sischo. Hajime Kajiwara responded on behalf of the new citizens, who each was presented a certificate of recognition from the chapter. Receiving the awards were:

Shizuka Asai, Saitaro Iwata, Umeno Iwata, Riu Kajioaka, Hajime Kajiwara, Skuzaemon Kumimoto, Matsuichi Miyamoto, Kazue Masuda, Kurataro Naka-

Shig Wakamatsu honored as PR man of the month by Lever Brothers

(Chicago) Recognition was recently bestowed upon Shig Wakamatsu for his untiring efforts in JACL activities, both locally and nationally, by the company with which he is associated as chemist, Lever Bros. In receiving the Lever Standard Award for March 1955, he became the "Public Relations Man of the Month."

The award was administered by J. E. Drew, public relations director, and presented by William Oylor, Hammond plant manager,

Former New Jersey judge made honorary member of Seabrook JACL at installation

BY MARIO NAGAO

(Seabrook) Henry Furushima was installed as president of the Seabrook JACL chapter by State Sen. W. Howard Sharp at a well-attended dinner meeting Apr. 3 at Richards Farm. Other officers installed were:

James Yamasaki, 1st v.p.; Keigo Inouye, 2nd v.p.; Marian Glaeser, del.; Kiki Tagawa, Morio Shimomura, alt. del.; James Nakao, treas.; Taka Nakao, rec. sec.; Tomi Wakatsuki, cor. sec.; Mary Nagao, hist.; Harry Okamoto, ex-off.; Harold C. Emerson, John Fuyume, Albert Ikeda, Vernon Ichisaka, Tom F. Kazaoka, James Mitsui Charles Nagao, Jack Nakayama Geo. Noda, Fukuji Sasaki, bd. of govts.

David L. Horuvitz, former Cumberland County (N.J.) judge, was made honorary member of the Seabrook chapter. He was introduced by Harold C. Emerson, member of the chapter board of governors, who praised the ex-judge for his "helpful and understanding attitude, his work in the spreading of tolerance and his assistance in naturalization activities."

Former Judge Horuvitz made a graceful reply and in his address of the evening spoke of the U.S. Supreme Court's demonstration in its vigilance of protecting and maintaining unimpaired the rights of U.S. citizens to liberty and justice in a democracy.

Congratulations were extended by past president Okamoto, William Sasagawa, EDC chairman. Other guests of honor included:

Mrs. W. Howard Sharp, Mrs. David L. Horuvitz, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brauer, American Legion Naturalization Committee; Earl Wescoat, county clerk; Kathrine Rieck; Elizabeth Moore, Seabrook School principal.

A piano solo by Lucille Usui spelled a pleasant musical inter-

lude. Saburo Narita, Haruko Narita, Sachiko Noda, Maju Sakaguchi, Chokichi Sakaguchi, Kikuyo Shajiguchi, Suyi Sugiura, Yonekichi Sugiura, Shinjiro Sugiura, Kasumi Tanaka, Masu Yamaguchi, Okio Yamamoto, Seitaro Yoneyama, Mae Yoshida, Yonezo Yoshida, Jiro Yotsuya, Yasuichi Yamamoto, Sude Yamamoto, Mura Sekine, and Denko Sekine.

Sam Kuwahara received a certificate for his father who is ill and N. Kajioaka received one for his late father.

lude. George Sakamoto was master of ceremonies.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Arkansas Valley JACL: Ted Maruyama, chapter president, is said to be seriously ill and hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver. "Spring Frolic".

New York JACL: Stanley Okada was to be guest speaker at the chapter dinner meeting last night at the House of Louie. The subject was "Our Aging Issei".

Omaha: JACL: The chapter held its first "Easter Fun", attended by some 30 youngsters and parents at Hanscom Park recently. Manual Matsunami and Max Hanamoto were co-chairmen.

Detroit JACL: Some 100 guests of the Members' Evening of International Institute were recently served a sukiyaki dinner by members of the Detroit JACL. Dr. Hide Shohara, associate professor in the department of Far Eastern Language and Literature, Univ. of Michigan, spoke on "Japanese Culture through Its Language". On the committee were:

Doris Fujioka, Catherine Ishioke, Joan Kimoto, Bety Mimura, Laura and Kenneth Miyoshi, Kay Nakahara, Janice Ouchi, Masashi Ouchi and Toshi Shimoura.

Marysville JACL: A house-to-house canvass which signed up 63 more members ended the current membership drive for a total of 288 JACLers, according to George Inouye and George Nakao, campaign co-chairmen.

Richmond-El Cerrito JACL: Two Japanese films, "Shacho Hissho" and "Hiyodori Shoshi", will be shown May 14, 7 p.m., at the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, according to Meriko Maida and Sei Kami, benefit co-chairmen. Proceeds will be used to purchase a mimeograph machine.

Pocatello JACL: A large gathering of 150 was present when the chapter recently honored the Issei with a buffet supper at the Japanese hall. Nisei and Saneisei talent furnished entertainment.

Orange County JACL: James Broadbelt of the Orange County sheriff's office will be guest speaker at the first general dinner meeting Apr. 29, 7 p.m., at Garden Grove's French Imperial Restaurant. Topic will be on narcotics. . . . George Ichien is editor and Ken Uyesugi is business manager of the new chapter monthly publication, "Santana Wind", which made its first appearance this week.

Fowler JACL: Some of the committees for the Fowler JACL booth in the 1955 Fresno District Fair were announced and a general chairman is to be named at the next cabinet meeting. Committees appointed were:

Setsu Kikuta, entries; Kazuo Hiyama, design; Frank Sakohira, fruit collection; Howard Renge, nuts, cotton, persimmon entries; Joe Yokomi, Fred Honda, grapes; Harley Nakamura, vegetables and raisins; Tokio Nakamura, field crops and olives; Mas Tsuboi, citrus; Shig Uchiyama, peaches and plums.

Tom Shirakawa was named chairman for the chapter booth display.

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Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

BACK HOME FROM JAPAN

San Francisco

Just returned home via Pan Am this morning (Monday, April 25) at 6:50 a.m. from a hectic three week tour of Japan and Hawaii, mostly the former.

Japan, the magical fairyland of romance, certainly presented a kaleidoscopic array of sights and scenes. Being the "dancho" or tour conductor for the Aki Travel Bureau had its good and bad points. On one hand, I had to muster up my meager knowledge of Japanese to "aisatsu" the various hosts for the many courtesies extended to us. The Japanese being very polite didn't even crack a smile at my downright assassination of the "Mikado's Nipponese".

Again on the other hand, this "dancho" business had its benefits such as special treatment by the geishas at our evening parties. I hasten to explain here that when I mean "special treatment" I only mean that the geisha girls bowed a bit more prettily to me and served me my fish and sake first; (ask me to put on a performance of "tanko-bushi" or "yakyuken".)

Still bewildered from my whirlwind tour, I haven't organized my story yet; however, in subsequent issues I will tell about the "Cherry Blossom Tour" which was both delightful and enlightening.



ON THE HOME FRONT

It looks like our coming District Council meeting scheduled for May 15 is really highballing along under the capable general chairmanship of Tad Hirota. The Second Annual District Council bowling tournament which will start on Saturday evening, May 14, 7 p.m., at the Pacific Bowl in Oakland will be held in conjunction with the district council meeting. It will continue through Sunday. Responding to the enthusiasm at the last district council meeting, another program workshop will be conducted.

The registration for the Sunday district council meeting is only \$6. However, for all JACLers registering by Monday, May 9, the advance registration fee will be only \$5. Ben Fukutome, Berkeley Chapter president, announced that the committees and their members are:

Tad Hirota, gen. chmn.; Allan Asakawa, George Yasukochi, Dr. Eiichi Tsuchida, pub. rel. & program; Frank Yamasaki, Bill Fujita, Osaky Kono, gen. arr.; Al Kosakura, Masuji Fujii, Mas Yonemura, guests & receipt.; Y. B. Mamiya, Sho Sato, Tosh Nakano, banq.; Bess Yasukochi, Hisa Horita, Beadie Kono, luncheon; Kathleen Date, Nobu Uratsu, Kiku Shimazaki, reg.; Tad Nakamura, Mich Nakajima, Paul Yamamoto, fin.; Mo Katow, Ike Takei, Gene Takei, bowling; Richard Yamashiro, Dane Kato, Don Itow, dance & entertainment; Jack Imada, p.a. system; Toke Ariyoshi, Hiro Kuwada, Tom Nakagawa, gate prizes; Haruo Ishimaru, Jack Noda, Ben Fukutome, advs.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKEI

HIGH POWERED FINANCES

Seattle

When we were a young, scrawny boy, we fancied ourself as a financier because we earned a few dollars by selling magazines and delivering newspapers. We weren't very much good at either job but those couple of bucks looked awfully big then.

Later, when we unhappily reached manhood, we realized the futility of it all—that of making the first million by those means.

While we were attending the now defunct Japanese language school (corner of Rainier and Weller) where we struggled laboriously over "hiragana" and "katakana," we often wondered about the building and lot south of the school. We saw in that property possibility of much money.

Our mind was put at ease recently. A Mr. Mikami of Mikado Fishing Tackle Co. and the well-known Tomita brothers of West Coast Printing Co. purchased the building and lot with a fat wad of that green stuff. And they formed a corporation.

Now, listen to this: Each leases building space from the corporation. You see, out one pocket and into another pocket—same pair of pants.

Anyway, after learning about the shrewd deal—or is it an ordinary business practice?—we were rather glad we never got around to making a livelihood figuring such angles.

Just thought you should know how some enterprising Japanese operate in this corner of the United States.



PURELY PERSONAL PIFFLES: . . . Flu Haruko struck down a number of Issei and Nisei during the last few weeks in Seattle, and, naturally, we were caught in the throat of her violent sweep of the area . . . erasure of the alien land law in the state of Washington may well be one of Seattle JACL president Howard Sakura's projects during his tenure in office; his biggest headache is that of stimulating interest in JACL among the J-As . . . 'tis true so help us: the ex-servicemen who were in the thick of combat duty usually talk the least about war and its accompanying unhappinesses . . . Pan American World Airways probably wishes Seattle had more Takae Taninos; the stunning UW coed, at this date, is the only Nisei qualifying for a stewardess job—fellows, the likes of Miss Tanino (looks, personality, intelligence all in one) are rare female specimens . . . a couple of Japanese Americans are doing weekly rat races on Washington state newspapers; one is in Port Angeles and the other in Parkland . . . the announcement that Mrs. F. F. Powell will leave the Seattle City Council will be felt deeply by Japanese Americans; Mrs. Powell has been one of the staunchest friends of the Nisei before, during and after World War II . . . spring is here and summer is not far away: Alaska canned salmon industry workers slowly trickling into Seattle . . .

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31 farmers band together for 'Operation Ono' to aid Japanese American family despite freezing temperatures

(Alamosa, Colo.) The Kichigoro Ono family learned this past week just how wonderful friends can be.

Demonstrating an admirable willingness to help a neighbor in a pinch, 31 farmers from five farming districts in the San Luis Valley banded together and gave a fellow planter in trouble a good

start for 1955.

A father was sick, a son hospitalized, and one daughter was left to manage an entire farm. Such was the situation with a Japanese family in Conejos county when a mobilized force of men and equipment converged upon the Ono acres for two full days to disc, harrow, plow, and plant for the coming season.

The joint efforts were initiated after two strokes of ill fortune struck the family. The father, known by his friends, as Kay, suffered a heart attack on March 25 which will keep him bedridden for a month.

Five days later his son, Den, was critically burned while destroying weeds and is now in a Denver hospital.

These unfortunate circumstances left 23-year-old Mary Ono alone to do the heavy spring-time duties until she was surprised by many helping hands.

The Onos are active members of the San Luis Valley JACL. Their father was naturalized in the district court at Alamosa last December.

Recognizing the plight of the Onos, farmers from Waverly, Carmel, Henry Morgan, and Bowen district held a meeting, laid plans and gathered their resources for the mass effort, even though they were already busy with their own planting.

George Katsumoto, close friend of the unfortunate family, was selected to oversee the operation.

The work started on Monday, Apr. 11, with Ros Garrett, Waverly, working 17 consecutive hours to disc 80 acres.

Garrett threw his huge Caterpillar tractor into gear at noon Monday and did not leave the farm until 7 a.m. the next day.

Early Tuesday, though the temperature was below freezing and biting winds swept the area, the first force of 20 men took over.

The work commenced at a furious pace but was well organized under the direction of Katsumoto. Working within marked sections, each unit knew its job, and as a result 120 acres were fully processed and ready for seeding by 4 p.m.

A portion of the actual planting was finished in the same day. A second group of 11 volunteers, however, were available on Wed-

nesday to complete this phase.

But other work is still to be done. A third group of farmers, ready and anxious to do their share, will be called upon later to prepare and plant 80 acres of potatoes.

The elder Ono, 74, has been a respected farmer in the Valley ever since he came here in 1925. Katsumoto's bond with the family extends far back, as his father and K. Ono traveled together from California to till Colorado soil.

Den Ono, 25, was born and raised here and just returned from service in the army last fall.

The farmers participating in "Operation Ono" included:

M. Miyage, Roy Fuji Charley Aigaki, Frank Uyeda, Y. Fujimoto, Bros. Kameda, Frank Yoshida, Tom Kawanabe and Tom Okura.

PLACER JACL PICNIC

QUEEN SELECTION MADE

(Penryn) Judges for the Placer County JACL picnic queen have made their selections among the three candidates, Sumiye Hirota, Fumie Nii and Mary Nakano, but its announcement is being kept secret until the coronation scheduled May 8, the new date of the picnic which was recently postponed because of a long overdue but unexpectedly heavy rain.

The judges were announced by Bunny Nakagawa, contest chairman, as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hdein, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wiegel and R. H. Richardson.

The picnic will be held at the JACL Recreation Park here.

Tokyo girl to sing at PSWDC confab dinner

(Santa Barbara) Shige Yano, young Tokyo soprano and pupil of Lotte Lehmann, will be guest singer at the PSWDC convention banquet, May 14, at the Mar Monte Hotel.

She was described as "having progressed from a charming young girl with a voice of pleasing purity and clarity, into a young artist of sensitivity, warmth and expressive power as well." Accompanying her at the piano will be Suzie Tamura, music teacher with the city schools here.

SMOGLITES:

Fancy Meeting You Here

BY MARY OYAMA

—Or, "Yoo-hoo Kats and Lawrence"—Katsuro Miho, chairman of the Hawaiian Statehood Commission was genial host at a dinner introducing us to Lawrence ("Honolulu Newsletter") Nakatsuka and his wife Mimi. And Kats being the expansive, extroverted, beaming person that he is, did everything up brown in his own distinctive way.

First he sent around his brother to pick us up at the hotel, a young man who looked exactly like Kats and who was nicknamed "Kats". "Even the Nisei get us confused even though there's ten years difference between us," Kats the Younger explained, "and the hakujins even mistake us for twins." This pleasant well-mannered vet who was a GI student at the Univ. of Hawaii, drove us up toward winding Tantalus Drive, one of Honolulu's most beautiful and charming sight-seeing musts.

High on a hillside overlooking the whole city of Honolulu and the dramatic sweep of ocean and sky, Kats Miho had built himself a showplace Japanese home, complete with authentic gardens, tokonoma (alcove retreat in the house), rough-hewn pillars, miniature waterfall, reflection-pool, and lanai (like an outdoor court) which commanded a magnificent view of the whole city. It was reminiscent of the view from our own home in L.A., plus the ocean, so one can imagine why we sighed, "Ah, all this and Heaven too!"

Many Southern Californians have seen pictures of this attractive home in the special Sunday Home supplement of the Los Angeles Times. What they didn't see but would have enjoyed seeing was: Kats broiling 5-inch steaks in the lanai's specially-constructed pit, battling the charcoal smoke, capricious breezes, and lost in one of his favorite hobbies of steak preparation. It was a ceremony and ritual with him.

So Lawrence said—

"Well, what are your impressions and how do you like our Islands?" So we told him highly favorable impressions of its scenic beauties, the aloha spirit, and the exceptional comeliness of the people—especially the young ladies particularly the Nisei girls.

Larry laughed when we seriously confided that the beauteous maidens ALL looked "more than Stateside" and that WE, the mainlanders, looked more like a "dojin" (savage) that had just come down from the trees, as we had told our cousins after we had seen how pretty their sisters, wives, and female friends were. We tourists by contrast were nothing but Nothing!

Larry, a slim, diffident, affable young man, seemed pleased to hear our enthusiastic reactions to his home territory. While he and host Kats chatted on local politics, the hostess Jane Miho set a table which would have made gourmets like "Callahan" Inagaki and Tats Kushida weep with the angels.

Without listing the entire menu, a mere mention of the dessert will be enough to give a hint of the delectable repast. A scoop of vanilla ice cream nested in half a papaya, covered with frozen strawberries and whipped cream. Real crazy, man.



June in December

While speaking of tourists, we were suddenly struck with the incongruity of contrast presented by them and the local Islanders. The former knocked themselves out by going sartorially native and "tropical" because the warm weather to them was, Ah Spring; while the latter feeling the weather "cooler" than usual since it was officially winter dressed conservatively "Stateside". There was Mrs. Nakatsuka looking typically San Francisco with black dress, black pumps, and here was Yours Truly in low-cut, cool cotton, in

a very giddy print, no doubt looking a bit crazy. Anyway, ha, we cod a zlight code id the dose ad hed. But a good time was held by all.



Speaking of weather

Actually the so-called "cold" breezes in Honolulu are nothing more than a balmy breeze on a warm late afternoon in L.A. Even at night one can walk around in the rain without feeling uncomfortable since both rain and wind are warm. No raincoats, hats or umbrellas are needed because the rain never lasts more than five or ten minutes at most. At least it was thus all through our winter stay in the Islands.

And always, even at night in the rain, we saw several "hardy" characters swimming blithely in the surf—most likely tourists mad about the warm ocean waters, even when the natives shuddered askance, muttering, "How COULD they? When it's so COOL!"



Romans are always first

Which reminds us, we don't like the nerve of Europeans or New Yorkers who come to L.A. and criticize the informality of dress, or Mainlander who condescendingly sniff at Hawaiian shirts and "uncivilized rusticity or provinciality" of Hawaiians who go barefeet. Even such snooty critics hastily shed their ignorance and prejudices after really living in a warm, humid, rather sticky climate, where it is sensible, practical common sense to dress coolly informal rather than stiffly, uncomfortably, plain dumbly "formal".

New York is New York, L.A. is L.A. and ditto Hawaii. One is always safe and wise to be a Roman.

In Honolulu, it isn't just the natives who go barefeet or in zori-slipped feet, we've seen haoles in zori and tabi, or just plain "hadashi" (barefoot, to you.)

The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

There was a time when we were the most by-passed guy in Li'l Tokio and environs. The cause of our odious poisonality being that which the love of is the root of all evil, namely legal tender.

When Caesar came, saw and conquered, some roamin' Roman said, "Vini, vidi, vici." When we went around on JACL-ADC fund raising, it was "Kita, mita, fuita", meaning we came, we were seen and they took to the hills (blew).



Time heals all wounds. Now that JACL budget funds are raised almost entirely through membership sources rather than by soliciting donations we are no longer deliberately avoided. Only shunned. There's a difference yet? Jodan yoko, which in Lower Slopovera means "joking aside", our hearts go out to the scores of CLers everywhere who took the brunt of abusive though tacit epithets from grudging givers during those ADC givu-kifu days.

Our hearts also go out to the many willing and generous contributors. With malice aforethought, another part of our anatomy goes out to the holdouts.

Membership support—regular, supporting or 1000 Club—is here, there and everywhere for the taking, the simple secret being to ask. But they gotta be gone after, if that's good English; they won't bring in their own. So let's go get 'em. Now.

MISCELLANY

Since last week's column's corn content was too high, we herewith respectfully submit a Webster-approved caption to replace "Miss L.A. Knee," which several readers lost sleep on trying to find a leggy double meaning which there never is unless it's put in special for guys like these, which in this case we did, but not leggy. To correct the foregoing grammar is like typing with boxing gloves so please re-read.

The sun daily sets on the JACL empire as it did when we blew into Santa Maria last Thursday to powwow with chapter leaders of the S. M. Valley JACL at the local gakuen. Some twenty CLers braved the squalling elements to give us the opportunity to disseminate the JACL gospel—and with peptimistic response. Following an all-out membership drive, the chapter will hold a reactivation meeting with newer and younger officers taking over to undertak a program focussed on local social activities.

This will relieve Harry Miyake of the President's load he's carried for several years. A man of many achievements, Harry is probably as community-minded as any two Nisei in his bailiwick. A city councilman of Guadalupe (without pay of course, like JACL), he is also a pillar of the local Buddhist Church. He was awarded the JACL Sapphire Pin at the '52 Frisco biennial.

Productive in other ways, Harry begat offspring who in turn sired his several grandchildren. His nativity being T.H., Harry came to the mainland while a youngster, put himself through school and joined in the spirit of the roaring twenties. He's done a turn at almost every enterprise including farming, shipping, business, counselling and accounting but has settled for insurance (Franklin Life) so he can age gracefully without drinking formaldehyde cocktails.

A parting gift from Shimmy Shimizu was a couple dozen Pismo clams and dried konbu seaweed he gathers on a nearby beach. Like men of the cloth (gads, what a comparison!), we appreciate the largesse of distant hosts, e.g. the asparagus showered on us when we journeyed with Gongoro Nakamura to Orange County Tuesday to sign up members for the Comm. on J.A. Evac. Claims at the Talbert Gakuen, our benefactors being George Kanno, OC prez, and S. Nitta, local genro.

The OC JACL has just come out with issue no. 1 of its new chapter bulletin, "Santana Wind", a classy, newsy four-page rag per letterpress, edited by George Ichien and bizmgr'd by past prexy Ken Uyesugi who also writes the sports page. One-Buck George is the Toastmasters club veteran who ably emceed OC's installation wingding last Feb. We're slated to make an appearance on May 12 to earn our meal at the Rotary Club luncheon in Orange, as ordered by Mits Nitta, chapter exchequerer.

KIKKYO

The Ellay regional office has become the habitat of "Home Again" author Jim Edmiston who's novel has been sold for movie making purposes. Incid., HA is selling best in Boston and Texas, says Jim, and being translated in Spain and Sweden with other countries getting in the line. He's also just sold a horse opera with a twist to Universal-International studios so that he'll be domiciled hereabouts for several weeks assisting production.

Being peripatetic, he's met a lot of good JACLers everywhere. Offbeats, too. Some of the latter seem to be capitalizing on their recent acquaintance with Jim for their personal glorification. But he gives it to us straight that he has no intention nor has he indicated such of writing a book or a movie story on any JA's pre or post evacuation experiences, unauthorized reports to the contrary notwithstanding. He has admitted wanting to do or help do the JACL Story but feels there are able writers in JACL who could do the trick.

Keeping tab on critic reaction on HA, we were wowed to see the rave notices in newspapers and publications all over the country. More than a hundred in Jim's scrapbook. Samples:

The Boston Globe: "This is a story to make us think and to renew our confidence in our government. The title of the book is taken from a statement of one of the wronged, Mike Masaoka, who said in 1942, 'Although we are citizens of this country about to be exiled with no crime charged against us, we will show a faith and conduct which in the end will restore our rights and bring us home again', and it did..." *Chicago Tribune*: "Home Again is an angry, proud, confident book, a blazing and unforgettable lesson in civics worth the time and attention of every American citizen." *Dallas Times-Herald*: "What Texan can forget the all-Nisei 442nd regiment rescuing the Lost Battalion of World War II, an all Texan outfit in France? This splendid book..." *Sacramento Bee*: "This story is a good one and a dramatic one about an important chapter in California history..." *Hollister Free Lance*: "A lot of people in this area are going to read strongly what he says about us. However, Mr. Edmiston wasn't writing a brochure for the Chamber of Commerce. He was writing an indignant protest against bigotry, and in that he has succeeded, regardless of what his California readers think." *S.F. Chronicle (Jackson)*: "...surprising how well this book gets across the message it was written to tell...powerful in its total effect..." *Christian Advocate*: "I can vouch for this book. It is authentic. I visited the internees at the various camps and watched their demonstrations of real Americanism. I watched the JACL fight valiantly for right and freedom. I am glad James Edmiston has written this book. Every American ought to read it."

NC-WNDC handicap keg tourney deadline May 1

(Berkeley) Entry forms for the second annual NC-WNDC handicap bowling tournament, May 14-15 at Pacific Bowl, 7425 E. 14th St., Oakland, have been distributed to chapters and Nisei bowling leagues.

All fees must accompany entry blanks and in the hands of Paul Nomura, tournament treasurer, 1924 Oregon St., Berkeley, postmarked not later than May 1, it was announced by Mo Katow, chairman. The fees are: Teams—\$20; Singles—\$4; Doubles—\$8; and All-Events (optional)—\$1.

Playing under the ABC moral support sanction, all bowlers must be JACL members as of Jan. 1, 1955; submit highest known 1954-55 average of 21 games or more as of Apr. 15 or the 1953-54 Blue Book average—150 minimum average and 100-pin limit with handicap based on 2/3 of 200.

SPORTSCOPE

Japanese Olympic diver Katsuchi Mori, declared eligible for competition at Stanford University, made his American collegiate debut last week by winning the diving event in a dual meet with UCLA. Stanford won 72-12. It was held that his participation in Japanese collegiate activities does not affect his eligibility in this country as NCAA rules only pertain to attendance in U.S. colleges.

Japan retained its world title in table tennis team championships last week in the tournament at Utrecht by defeating Czechoslovakia 5-3 in the finals. Japan will host the 1956 championship affair.

Fuzzy Shimada of San Francisco rolled a 211-269-238-718, the best series in the current invitational league at Downtown Bowl. It boosted his 198 average to 199.47.

Tosh Tsukamoto bowled a brilliant 682 series in the San Jose Nisei Scratch League recently, including a high 239 game.

Heiji Shimabukuro of Honolulu, Army southpaw, was crowned 1955 Inter-Service boxing champion in the 112-lb. class and aided the Army to a one-point victory in the third annual championship at the Oakland Army Base last week. He scored three knockdowns to decision defending champion Cliff Eskridge of the Navy. George Nakaoka of Hilo, another of Coach Ken Miura's boxers representing the Islands, missed the 119-lb. title by a split decision to Ward Yee of Youngstown, Ohio. Final point totals: Army 30, Navy 29, Airforce 16, Marine Corps 5.

Because judo is becoming popular in Europe and America, Avery Brundage told Tokyo reporters it may be added to the Olympic Games.

The Japan Swimming Federation announced the U.S.-Japan dual swimming meet will be held at Tokyo's Meiji Pool Aug. 5-7 with a second meet at Osaka Aug. 13-14.

Dr. Gordon Warner, first non-Japanese to hold a teaching degree in kendo and now a third-degree holder, was appointed kendo instructor at the Univ. of California

Mt. Hermon conference

(Berkeley) Staff members for the 1955 Mt. Hermon Nisei Christian Conference, June 27-July 3, were announced by Roy Takaya, camp director, as follows:

Alyce Matsumoto, registrar; Sab Masada, dean of men; Ray Narusawa, recreatio; George Inadomi, worship; Roy Sano, Victory Circle; Dick Nishioka, ann.; Harry Kawahara, entertainment; Dan Shinoda, treas.; Henry Kubo, gen. arr.; John Nagayama, prayer chmn.; Emery Andrews, photo.

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CAPSULES

"Madame Butterfly," merging Japanese acting and Italian lyrics, ended a 7-day Italian film festival in Tokyo last week. Heavily applauded were the fine photography and excellent acting of Katoru Yachigusa, new Japanese star, and singing of Nicola Filacuridi, the male lead.

Hiroshi Minami saw Paris ten years ago when a member of the 442nd Headquarters Co. He plans to leave Honolulu this July to attend the YMCA World Alliance Centennial Conference, Aug. 12-23. He is boys work secretary at Nuuanu YMCA.

Kiyoshi Otsuka of Sedgwick and member of the Mile-Hi JACL was registrar at the annual district Rotary International convention at Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Apr. 17-19.

at Berkeley by Henry A. Stone, physical education department chairman.

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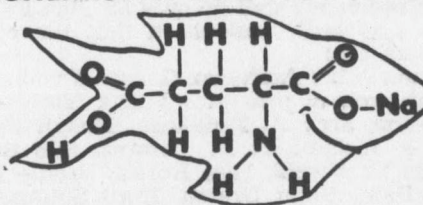
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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

RIDING THE STAMP COLLECTING HOBBY

This week's dissertation will be on stamp collecting—that elusive hobby of ours to fill empty spaces in an album with adhesives from all parts of the world.



While dyed-in-the-wool philatelists were known to exist much before the Roosevelt era, the number of collectors soared steadily each year until the death of Roosevelt in April, 1945.

ISSUE THAT ALMOST BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK

The famous Farley Imperforated Stamps of 1935, which the then Postmaster General had "printed" as gifts for his colleagues and the President, raised much public indignation—especially from collectors who could not avail themselves of the set.

It turned out later that Farley was forced to come out with the full issue—which philatelists labeled as "Farley's Folly" or "wallpaper" because of their clumsy newspaper-sized ungummed appearance.

It disgruntled countless hobbyists, but at the same time the government was able to swell its coffer by several millions at the expense of those 12 million collectors who had to complete their collections.

In 1948, the stamp market was flooded with some 32 new issues—commemorating everything from the poultry industry, the Palomar Observatory, firemen, and the California gold rush.

The situation with collectors became so acute that a "gentlemen's agreement" to have no more than 12 new stamps printed each year was then made by the government.

Those of us who have survived the "dumping" and kept up with the collection may be called a true lover of the stamps. We are often curious about the number of Issei and Nisei philatelists in the country. We meet them at most unexpected places.

We know that one of the nation's leading pre-cancelled stamp collectors is the Rev. Harper K. Sakaue of Fresno whose rare bits of papers are on display at prominent exhibitions wherever collectors congregate.

We've been asked often about the number of stamps we have and their value. We quip back and say that if we were to ask Rockefeller how much money he has, he wouldn't be able to give an exact answer. That's our situation, too. But please don't compare us with the multi-millionaire! We don't know—not having to take a personal inventory.

FRIENDS HELP US GATHER POSTAGE ISSUES

Among our close friends who help to build up our pages are PC Editor Harry Honda (who is quite a collector); Journalist Togo Tanaga, Chicago, who provides us with "dollar potatoes"; Postal Clerk Bill Fujimori; Travel Agent Eiji Tanabe; Writer and Chemist Jobo Nakamura in Japan; West Coast Ajinomoto representative Sadamu Eejima; and Tats Kushida, So. Calif. JACL regional director.

We mustn't forget JACL secretary Blanche Shiozaki, who saves us U.S. plate number blocks whenever new commemorative issues come out. Kushida is also an avid plate fiend. It isn't too infrequent, either, that by word-of-mouth friends discover our weakness and give us colorful stamps from other lands, although our specialty is U.S.

Every hobby has its own fascination. Ours happen to be stamp collecting, which is quite evident by now.

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GEORGIA MARRIAGE LAWS PROHIBIT INTERRACIAL RESIDENCE IN SOME CASES

(Washington) Georgia laws do prohibit interracial marriages and in certain cases residence in that state of interracial married couples, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was advised last week.

Hamilton B. Stephens, assistant attorney general of Georgia, replied to a letter from Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, that "the statutes in question relating to interracial marriages prohibit a White person from marrying any but a White person" and that "to prevent evasion of the various statutes having to do with marriage it has been provided that 'all marriages solemnized in another state by parties intending at the time to reside in this State shall have the same legal consequences and effect as if solemnized in this State'."

The Georgia law officials' explanation was in answer to a JACL letter requesting information regarding that state's laws relating to marriages between white persons and persons of Japanese ancestry.

The specific question was the result of news dispatches from San Francisco several weeks ago that the Attorney General of Georgia had warned an honorably discharged sailor whose legal residence was in that state to the effect that he, the sailor, could not marry his Japanese fiancée and live in Georgia.

A resolution adopted at the Joint Convention of the Eastern and Midwest JACL District Councils in Washington the last week end in March directed the Washington JACL representative to investigate the truth in the news story.

The Assistant Attorney General quoted from the Code of Georgia Annotated, as follows:

"Sec. 53-106. Miscegenation Prohibited.—It shall be unlawful for a white person to marry anyone except a white person. Any marriage in violation of this section shall be void."

"Sec. 53-312. 'White Person Defined.—The term 'white person' shall include only persons of the white or Caucasian race, who have no ascertainable trace of either Negro, African, West Indian, Asiatic Indian, Mongolian, Japanese or Chinese blood in their veins. No person any one of whose ancestors has been duly registered with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics as a colored person or person of color, shall be deemed to be a white person."

"Sec. 53-214. Marriage in An-

other State.—All marriages solemnized in another state by parties intending at the time to reside in this state shall have the same legal consequence and effect as if solemnized in this state. Parties residing in this state may not evade any of the provisions of its laws as to marriage by going into another state for the solemnization of the marriage ceremony."

The Assistant Attorney General also made clear to JACL's representative that "the Attorney General does not render opinions or provide legal advice and counsel to private individuals and did not do so" in the instant case.

In commenting on the letter, Masaoka said that the Assistant Attorney General did not answer the specific question as to the legality in Georgia of a marriage taking place in Japan between a Japanese national and a citizen and resident of that state. He also added that according to Georgia law apparently it was not illegal for Negroes to marry Japanese, or the West Indian from marrying a Chinese, and residing in that state, that the prohibition applies only to white persons.

"In a sense, this seems to be a discrimination against the freedom of white persons," Masaoka commented.

He concluded that the final answer would be supplied by the courts only after an actual case involving a white Georgian married to a Japanese person who attempt to reside in that state as a married couple is challenged by Georgia as a violation of their marriage statutes.

At the same time, the Washington JACL representative revealed that on April 11, the Supreme Court of Mississippi upheld that state's law banning marriage between whites and Orientals even though the ceremony is performed outside the state.

In this case, the Supreme Court affirmed a Chancery Court, decision that Katherine Lum, a white woman, and Charlie Lum, an Arkansan born in Atlanta, Ga., of Chinese parents, were never legally married and their three children are illegitimate. The marriage was solemnized in Arkansas.

Even in the Mississippi case, Masaoka pointed out, the question of current JACL concern: namely the legality of an interracial marriage consummated in Japan between an American in the military service and a Japanese national, is not specifically answered.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

- BALDI—Mar. 3, boy Paul H. to Louis Baldis (Michiko Nakamura). BOCK—Mar. 3, girl Pamela Sumiko to Herbert Bocks (Kikue Kashiharu). BOYINGTON—Mar. 15, girl Ooris A. to Richard Boyingtons (Fumi Kumagai), San Pedro. DOI—Mar. 17, boy Conrad Teruo to Carl Dois (May Horiuchi), Gardena. ENDO—Mar. 21, boy Gregory B. to Shigeru Endos (Elsie Hatago). FUJINKUNI—Mar. 24, boy Bradley Ken to Kuro Fujikunis (Alice Takeuchi). FUKUMOTO—Mar. 10, boy Leslie Satsuki to Robert Fukumotos (Florence Kodama). HIKIDA—Mar. 13, boy Thomas Ken to Henry Hikidas (Mieko Kudo), Pasadena. HIROHATA—Mar. 14, boy Gerald Ken to Albert Hirohatas (Rose Mori). HONDA—Mar. 15, girl Marion Yoko to Frank Kimuras (Emiko Kawahara). ICHIMURA—Mar. 25, girl Christine Momoko to Jimmy Ichimuras (Lillian Kobayashi). ISHIDA—Mar. 21, girl to Atsushi Ishidas, Pasadena. ISHIKURA—Mar. 20, boy Darryl Lee to Tom Ishikuras (Mitzi Kawamura). ISONAKA—Mar. 6, girl Sharon Keiko Isonakas (Lillian Mori). KAWAHARA—Mar. 19, boy Mitsuo R. to Yukio Kawaharas (Takayo Ishida). KINOSHITA—Mar. 17, boy to Teruo T. Kinoshitas. KITAGAWA—Mar. 20, girl Marilyn N. to Eiichi Kitagawas (Jeanne Washizaki). KOSAKA—Mar. 22, boy Darryl Robin to Minoru Kosakas (Kimiye Nakamura). KURAMOTO—Mar. 24, boy Ronald Katori to Ben Kuramotos (Mieko Kami), Pasadena. MANO—Mar. 26, boy Robert Noboru to Eichi Manos (Sadako Kajiwaru). MATSUMOTO—Mar. 11, boy Edward to George Matsumotos (Fumiko Iwamura). MATSUNAGA—Mar. 11, girl Sharon L. to Koichi Matsunagas (Mitzie Goto). MIYASAKI—Mar. 24, girl Peggy A. to Thomas Miyasakis (Rose Kumagai). MORIMOTO—Mar. 19, boy William Toshi to Nobuo Morimotos (Mildred Dote), Redondo Beach. NAKAMURA—Mar. 6, boy Jon Miki to Masahi Nakamuras (Joyce Iida). NAKAMURA—Mar. 13, boy Loren Haruo to Toshio Nakamuras (Yoshiye Ninomiya). NAKAYAMA—Mar. 21, boy Christopher T. to Tad Nakayamas (Annie Chung). NITASAKA—Mar. 23, girl Eileen Reiko to Hisashi Nitasakas (Toshiko Okamura). NORIKAWA—Mar. 30, girl to William T. Norikawas, Pasadena.

- OKUDA—Mar. 15, boy Ropald D. to Henry Okudas (Grace Mikamo). OSHIMA—Mar. 9, boy to Masa Oshimas. RICHARDS—Mar. 18, boy George P. Jr., to George Richards (Hatsumi Inatomi). SATO—Mar. 12, girl Susan L. to Gordon Satos (Miyu Sano), Pasadena. SHIBA—Mar. 18, girl Sharon Noriko to Joseph Shibas (Misayo Sakurada). SHINTAKU—Mar. 4, boy Steve A. to George Shintakus (Hisako Tsuchii). TAKAHASHI—Mar. 25, girl Ann to Joe Takahashis (Akiko Nakanishi). TAKEYAMA—Mar. 9, boy Jeffrey J. to Frank Takeyamas (Fumiko Kikumoto). TAKEMOTO—Mar. 4, twin girls Lyslie R. and Laura R. to Teruo Takemotos (Alyce Fujinaga). TAMURA—Mar. 16, boy Leonard J. to Spud Tamuras (Fumi Yoshida). VON ACHEN—Mar. 22, girl Terisa Ann Teiko to Robert von Achens (Aiko Nomoto). YAMAGUCHI—Mar. 26, girl Claire Yayoi to To mYamaguchis (Yoshiko Wakano). YOSHIYAMA—Mar. 5, boy Steve R. to Masaharu Yoshiyamas (Marion Noda).

Engagements

- ENDO-MASATANI — Kaye, San Jose, to Ben, Philadelphia. MATSUMOMOTO-YAMAGIWA — Yoshiye, Del Rey, to Haruki, Bowles. NAKATANI-WATANABE — Hideko, Martinez, to Genzo, Concord. TANJI-SANGEN — Yuriko to John T. of Los Angeles.

Marriage Licenses Issued

- AMBO-YOSHIHARA — Gensho, 28, Seattle, Emiko, 25, Renton. KOHAYA-SAKAUYE — Hary and Mae Yoshiko of Sacramento.

Weddings

- KONNO-EDDY — Apr. 9, Jimmy, Azusa, Calif.; Kathleen, Ft. Collins, Colo., at New York. MURAOKA-INOUE — Apr. 16, Victor Tatsu and Carol Shigeiko of Sun Valley, Calif. SHIMABUKURO-NISHIHARA — Apr. 9 Shigeichi and Fumiye of Los Angeles. YAMAMOTO.YAMASAKI — Apr. 17, Harry Shojiro and Itsuko of Los Angeles.

Deaths

- ISHIRARA, Genyei: Chicago, Apr. 9. KOKUBO Taizo, 70: Detroit, Apr. 5, survived by son Dr. Ted K. OSATO, Shoji: Chicago, Apr. 11, survived by son Capt. Timothy and daughter Sono.

DECADE AGO

April 28, 1945

Placer County jury rules trio innocent of terrorism; defendants acquitted on all counts after white supremacy plea by defense attorney; defense had offered no evidence to counter prosecution's testimony implicating three men with terror raids on Sumio Doi farm.

Seven Nisei die, 44 wounded in new 442nd offensive along Igrui-an coast... Return of Nisei troops to Italy "well kept secret".

Nisei help take 120 Iwojima prisoners.

California Preservation League formed to keep Japanese out of state or retaliate by economic boycott.

Commander of Hollywood WW2 Legion Post and Nisei veteran (center of membership dispute) quit post; blame "intolerance" of state Legion officials.

Night-raiders attack farm home of Japanese American family (Kishi of Livingston)... Home of ex-GI Bob Morimoto in Cressy also fired into; state attorney general's office to assist local officers investigate anti-Nisei raids in Merced county.

Japanese Exclusion League of Oregon seeks to bar Nisei citizens; state accepts articles of exclusion group for incorporation.

Hollywood talent to aid church building fund

(Los Angeles) Movie, TV and radio personalities of the Episcopal Theater Guild with Lyle Talbot as master of ceremonies will present two one-act plays and a full evening of entertainment for the Building Fund of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Friday, May 6, 8:30 p.m., at the Wilshire Ebell Theater.

Kuwa Iwataki is general chairman. Tickets are available from church members at \$1.50 and \$2.25.

SOCIAL NOTES

(Chicago) Harry Mizuno and Alma Kurisu, both active JACLers here, were married Apr. 5 in a private ceremony solemnized at the home of a close friend. The groom is co-owner of Disney, Inc., an advertising firm. The bride is co-editor of the JACLer.

(Pocatello) June bride-to-be Miye Morimoto, Pocatello JACL recording secretary betrothed to Kaz Hikida, Rexburg building contractor, was honored at a bridal shower last week at the home of George Shiozawa. Forty guests attended. Hostesses were: May Shiozawa, Sanaye Yamauchi, Miki Mori, Yaeko Sumida, Clara Yamashita and Hanai Yamamoto.

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Editorials

IS THERE A WAR PARTY?

A grim practice of labelling various schools of opinion or a group of people has been cleverly used in the past and we hardly suspect the custom will cease. Many of us who have little time to thoroughly study a given situation are content with concise, one-sentence generalizations and labels.

A new phrase cropped up in the lexicon of national politics—"war party", which has been tagged on anyone who thinks that the United States should not be afraid of Communist China even at the expense of defending Formosa, Quemoy and the Matsus. It is unfair as calling anyone who wanted to stop Hitler in the days before World War II a "war monger".

Another way to be labeled a member of the "war party" is to argue that the United States should go right ahead testing atomic bombs. There are even strange stories circulating to the effect that enough atomic tests will burn up the air we breathe, destroy the soil or turn future generations into malformed monsters. Yet only a usual portion of abnormalities was found among the 50,000 children of Hiroshima and Nagasaki born of parents exposed to intense radiation.

The fact of the matter is that there is no "war party" in this country. There may be honest differences of opinion as to how best to maintain peace. Some really believe the road to peace is to yield the offshore Chinese islands and by stopping atomic weapon development. They are so privileged, but pinning the "war party" label on everyone who disagrees with them won't prove their case.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

QUEMOY QUANDARY

Two years ago, it was Panmunjom. A year ago, Dienbienphu. This year, Quemoy and Matsu. Each step has only made the Chinese Communists hungrier . . . Much is being said pro and con as to the best policy to pursue with reference to keeping peace in the Formosa Straits and whether to abandon or make a stand at Quemoy and Matsus. These two island groups, mere "pin points" on the globe, have us in as neat a dilemma as American foreign policy has ever faced . . . The more we read and hear of Quemoy-Matsu, the stronger comes our appreciation of the silence waged by the White House. As long as conditions permit chairborne strategists to yak-yak, we shall continue . . . Best intelligence we've seen so far holds that if the Chinese Communists are going to attempt an invasion of Formosa, it would be within the next two months: June and July are typhoon months.



A balance sheet over the Quemoy-Matsu problem, at this juncture, proves interesting.

"Pro" elements regard Quemoy with a certain strategic value, since it controls Amoy harbor, thereby checking the flow of aviation fuel into an area devoid of inland communication . . . The strengthening of the Quemoy garrison was undertaken at the insistence of U.S. military advice and material . . . "Con" elements feel that if we should go to war over these islands, it would be the "flimsiest cause for war" in our history. The Tachens, which were evacuated earlier this year, were regarded by them as more important than Quemoy-Matsu since it faces the Shanghai-Ningpo area where Chinese Red air bases are concentrated. The islands gave from 30 to 40 minutes radar warning to Okinawa and Formosa if they took to the air. Quemoy blocks a harbor of little importance, the "con" adds . . . The "pro" also feels loss of Quemoy-Matsu would further risk American prestige in free Asia. The islands stand as morale boosters so long as Chiang Kai-shek possesses them . . . The islands have been compared by the "pro" with the Berlin Airlift of 1948, which broke the Soviet blockade of the city. A stand made at these islands would have a psychological lift upon the millions of mainland Chinese who await deliverance . . . On the other hand, "con" quotes Japanese Premier Hatoyama who feels that America would not lose "face" if we didn't defend Quemoy-Matsu because this spark might set off an atomic war. It's this prospect that keeps our European allies aloof if the U.S. intervenes. Further, if Formosa were to be invaded, these islands could be by-passed easily.

Since Quemoy-Matsu have little intrinsic value to the Communists, some have felt that Peiping is more interested in winning over non-Communist Asia by pursuing the old principle of "divide and conquer". The Quemoy-Matsu quandary could separate the U.S. from their allies.

Decisions being made during these critical weeks are frightful ones to make . . . We don't know which advocate has the suitable answer. It is only for the President to decide . . . However, there is this one stubborn consideration of which we can not lose sight . . . By now we should know that there is no "give and take" when dealing with communism . . . One concession only leads to another demand. As we stated in the opening sentences—it was first Korea, then in Indochina, the Tachens next (over the protests of Chiang) . . . What good has come of them? It has sent Red China to prowl all the more . . . If anything, the impression seems to be that Red China is becoming more invincible as contrasted to free-world lack of integrity. We can not allow that idea to snowball through free Asia, through Western Europe and other neutral nations in the world . . . In the meantime, we pray Divine guidance for the President, who thus far has pursued (we believe) a very prudent course on the islands.

Trade Tariff Battle



Washington

The Senate has just begun debating one of the key issues of the present Administration, on a policy inherited from the Democrats, yet so crucial that its determination may well alter the whole course of American and world history.

The debate is on HR 1, a bill designed to authorize a three-year extension of the so-called Reciprocal Trade Agreements program. It is strongly endorsed by the President, who appreciates its significance as one of the cornerstones of United States domestic and foreign policy.

The program itself was conceived by the then Secretary of State Cordell Hull some 21 years ago as a means of "fighting" the economic depression of that time and to raise living standards generally by promoting the freer flow of goods between nations bound by reciprocal agreements regulating tariff rates and trade concessions.

When the "New Deal" initiated this program, it had the heavy support of the then traditionally "free trade" South. Since 1934, however, the rapid industrialization of that area and the Far West has created progressively stronger "protectionist" feelings. At the present time, some of the gravest doubts regarding the program has been expressed by southerners and Democrats.

Tariff safeguards for everything from A to Z

Since the current debate in the Senate may well establish a precedent for the future, organized pressure groups are bombarding the Congress with their appeals.

New England seeks assurance that its textiles and its watches won't be drowned in a flood of foreign imports.

The South, with its own textile plants, warns of "cheap" competition from Japan, Asia, and Europe.

The Midwest wants to keep out foreign pottery and glassware and protection for its coal from imported fuel oils.

The Pacific Coast states fear for their fisheries and nut growers. Practically every United States-made product, from aluminum to zwieback — chemicals, dairy products, matches, plywood, fruits, vegetables, fish, hats, wools, synthetics, nonferrous metals etc. — all require tariff safeguards against foreign competition, according to industry spokesmen.

On the other side, led by the President's outspoken support of the legislation, various trade policy committees, backed by some of the leading industrial and financial giants of the country, are arguing that the larger national self-interest demands and enlightened trade program.

In January, 1954, the Commission on Foreign Economic Policy, authorized by the Congress, five senators, and five representatives, plus chairman Clarence B. Randall and vice-chairman Lamar Fleming, made its report after six months of study, investigations, and hearings. Needless to say, the report was not unanimous.

Three-year extension of trade plan urged

But, the consensus was for American leadership in developing an expanding international trading system among the free nations. The report specifically urged a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program without crippling amendments.

"Dominating our (the Commission's) thinking throughout, has been the sobering realization that the policies pursued and the actions taken by the United States in respect to foreign economic policy profoundly influence the destinies of all the peoples of the world. Our Nation bears an awesome responsibility of world leadership. Though not of our seeking, it is one that we may be fated to bear for a long time to come. If we bear it with understanding, courage, and honor, we can make incalculable contributions to the cause of peace and the advancement of human welfare . . .

" . . . Nor can we forget that the security and well-being of our own citizens are constantly at stake as we take significant steps in foreign economic policy, though the effects of such decision may

at times seem remote to the individual, or difficult of evaluation."

The Commission continues: "Our primary reliance should therefore be upon the incentives of the free enterprise system, the stimulating effects of competition, and the stabilizing influence of free markets."

"In moving toward a fresh release of these expansive forces, here and abroad, we must not expect to repeal history. The present fabric of our laws, the obligations we have assumed under the necessities of national defense, the customs and traditions of our people, the basic protective standards of our laws that safeguard wages, commerce, industry, and agriculture, must all be respected . . .

" . . . Boldness will be required. We have outgrown some former practices. "The larger interests of all our people must at all times be our standard of conduct."

'Protectionist' demands of constituents dictate

In spite of these brave, basic truths which should dictate our national and international trade policy, it is difficult for senators to resist the "protectionist" demands of their own constituents.

When a tuna fisherman believes that his livelihood is at stake, he can hardly see the larger national interest. When a chinaware maker feels that he will soon be out of employment because of foreign imports, he is more interested in his own personal welfare than the larger national interest. When a textile worker is told that his factory is being shut down because of "cheap" foreign competition, he cannot understand the larger national interest that permits such competition.

And when a senator has many fishermen, many factories, and many plants in his state, and when he knows that his very election may depend upon his vote on a trade-tariff program, it is understandable that his local considerations may outweigh the larger national interest.

It is for such "personal reasons" as these that the President's task in securing enactment of HR 1 is so difficult.

But the President sees the larger national interest.

He knows that only by promoting trade between the United States and the other free nations can many of these nations remain free. He understands that international exchange is not a one-way street, that the United States cannot expect to sell unless we are also prepared to buy. He appreciates that as a nation we export almost a third more than we import, that the balance is all in our favor. He realizes that often foreign trade is the safety valve for industry which permits it to expand without going bankrupt. He is aware that our national defense depends upon certain strategic materials that must be imported.

Above all, he knows that peace and prosperity at home is not possible unless there is peace and prosperity in the world.

These considerations prompted the President to declare recently that "it would be fatal, in my opinion, to allow the accumulated minor objections of each district, or of each industry, because of real or fancied damage, to defeat us in this great purpose of a legitimate economic union of the free world opposing communism. Now this is what I am honestly convinced of: unless we make it possible for the free world to trade more freely, we are not going to win the ideological battle."

In their hearts, most of the senators would probably agree with the President's statement. But the specter of defeat at the polls may cause them to vote otherwise.

Unfortunately, in legislative battles of this kind, the organized, militant, vocal strength lies with those who feel the "dollar pinch".

Those who may be benefitted indirectly or casually or who personally feel inclined towards the program are not as well organized and do not have the facts and figures marshalled to build up their case and to refute the opposition.

President bears brunt of trade-tariff battle

And so, in congressional battles of this nature, the President, representing all of the people and the larger national interest, must bear the brunt of leadership.

He must use all of the powers of prestige, patronage, and prerogatives of his high office to persuade the members of the Congress that in this great hour they must vote for the national interest, and not for the local concern.

It would be well, therefore, for citizens interested in supporting the President to communicate their support to the White House and to the Senate, for every champion, no matter how strong, becomes the stronger with the knowledge that millions are behind him with their prayers and their strength.

Expect Senate to act on trade bill soon

(Washington) The Senate Finance Committee approved by the vote of 13-2 Tuesday night President Eisenhower's foreign trade program and recommended that he be given new power to protect national defense industries.

As approved by the committee, the bill would extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for three years from June 12 and give the President authority to reduce tariffs 15% during that period in return for similar advantages in foreign markets.

The bill is expected to reach the Senate floor early next week. Committee Chairman Byrd (D., Va.) believed there was a good chance to get it through the Senate without any damaging amendments.

CALENDAR

- Apr. 29 (Friday)
San Francisco—Issei meeting, Buchanan YM-YWCA, 7:30 p.m. Consul Kanbara, spkr.
Richmond—El Cerrito—Concord meeting, Diablo JA Club, 8:30 p.m. Mas Yonehura, spkr.
Orange County—Dinner meeting, French Imperial Restaurant, Garden Grove. James Broadbelt, spkr. "Narcotics Problem".
Cincinnati—Chapter meeting, 1st United Church.
Apr. 30 (Saturday)
D.C.—Potluck dinner, Joppa Lodge, 8 p.m.
East Los Angeles—Skating party, Montebello Roller-drome, 7:30 p.m.
May 4 (Wednesday)
Marysville—Executive Board meeting, JACL Office, 8 p.m.
May 6 (Friday)
So. Alameda County—Mothers' Day tea, Hansen Hall, Centerville, 7:30 p.m.
May 7 (Saturday)
Albuquerque—Potluck dinner, Rancho School.
May 8 (Sunday)
Placer County—JACL Community Picnic, JACL ball ground, Penryn.
May 14-15
PSWDC — District convention, Mt Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara.
May 14 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—"Spring Frolic" (details to be announced).
Richmond—El Cerrito—Benefit movie, Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, 7 p.m.
Mt. Olympus—Surprise Social.
May 15 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley.
Richmond—El Cerrito — Mothers' Day potluck dinner.
Detroit—Issei Testimonial Dinner, International Institute; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
May 17 (Tuesday)
Parlier—Auxiliary meeting, Topic — Health.
May 18 (Wednesday)
Marysville—General meeting, JACL Office, 8 p.m.
May 20 (Friday)
So. Alameda County—Meeting, Warm Springs School, Editor Stuart Nixon, spkr.
May 21 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Dinner-dance, Swaley's Restaurant, 8 p.m.
San Francisco—Meeting, Experimental films.
May 22 (Sunday)
San Francisco—Peninsula Home tour (Auxiliary benefit).
East Los Angeles—Festival of Friendship, Fresno Playground.
May 25 (Wednesday)
San Diego—Issei Testimonial banquet, Miyako Cafe, 7:30 p.m.
East Los Angeles—Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m. Convention reports.
June 5 (Sunday)
San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.