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Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

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Denver
As the New York Times noted the other day, the opening of the new Japanese film, *Hiroshima*, at a Manhattan theater on May 17 marked the return to the entertainment world for Otto and Mia Yamaoka, both of whom have had long careers as motion picture performers. The Yamaokas are distributing *Hiroshima* in the United States and are also planning their first motion picture production. This picture, according to the Times, will be a biographical feature based "on Mr. Yamaoka's grandfather, Tesshu, whom they described as 'one of the most famous samurai during Emperor Meiji's colorful reign.'"

The Yamaokas hope to make the picture this year as co-producers with one of the big Japanese filmmakers. They also have plans for a future film on the career of Kokichi Mikimoto, the Japanese pearl king, who died last year at the age of 96. The Times quoted Mrs. Yamaoka as saying they hoped to have the award-winning Hollywood cinematographer, James Wong Howe, affiliated with them.

The Times report recalls that Mia Yamaoka, born in Hiroshima, came to America with her parents at the age of 4. Her screen credits include *Streets of Shanghai*, when she was only 9, *Adventures of Marco Polo* and the Eddie Cantor picture, *Forty Little Mothers*. Mia Yamaoka wrote the English subtitles and narration for *Hiroshima*.

Otto Yamaoka, also known professionally as Otto Hahn, has been in more than two score Hollywood films. He told the Times reporter he was a court interpreter in Los Angeles when he was asked to appear as the Japanese assistant to Warner Oland in one of the first Charlie Chan pictures. *The Black Camel*. Otto recalls he was "the Japanese assistant to Charlie Chan, the one who always came up with the wrong clues." His final Hollywood film was that of a Japanese villain in *Three Came Home*, the story of civilian war prisoners in the Far East which starred Claudette Colbert. Since then the Yamaokas have been in New York where they operate an export-import business.

The Yamaokas became film distributors by chance when a friend in Japan sent them a print of *Hiroshima*.

'HIROSHIMA' NOT PERIOD PICE

Hiroshima, made in 1953 by the Japanese Teachers Union, was directed by Hideo Sekigawa. Time magazine recalled in its May 23 review of the film that *Hiroshima* "originally contained so many gruesome horrors and so anti-American a line that Japan's Education Ministry protested."

About 15 minutes have been cut from the film for U.S. distribution by the Yamaokas and Time's verdict is that the film is "well worth seeing", despite the fact it "is amateurishly

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Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

THIS PROSPECT OF AUTOMATION

Total automation is still a dazzling dream in the eyes of scientists, but we had a brush with it the other night bowling at a house where automatic pin-setters are employed . . . They say automation insures wealth and new leisure, but it kept me rolling at an "unleisurely" pace. Without hesitation, the tenpins were automatically racked. We were toeing the alleys as if magnetically drawn . . . As for the wealth angle, it might be suggested from the fact that you don't have to tip automatic pinsetters . . . Our first awareness of automation came in the 1954 election night when UNIVAC was employed to compute trends. Since that time, we have continually noted the strides made by machines replacing manpower . . . Actually, automation is nothing new. Modern technologists have coined this word for popular usage today. It simply stands for substitution of machinery for human labor . . . Since primitive times, man has sought to improve his status. He first employed animal power (beasts of burden), then came wind power (windmills and sailing ships), steam, electric, gasoline and now atomic power. Each advance made manpower more valuable . . . Each step made human labor more dignified.

A form of automation will come to the *Pacific Citizen* in a couple of weeks . . . An electronically-controlled automatic line-setting machine will be installed at the New Japanese American News plant where we have the PC published. It is capable of producing twice as much type in the same amount of time, which means one of the problems of production will be minimized . . . Known as the teletypesetter, it will be fed by perforated paper tape cut by typists . . . The *Pacific Citizen* is indeed fortunate to be associated with a firm that believes in the miracle which has made America the prosperous nation it is today.

OVER 7,000 ISSEI NATURALIZED IN FIRST 18 MONTHS AFTER LAW CHANGED; UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATES FIGURE TEN-THOUSAND

(Washington) Over 7,000 Issei were naturalized American citizens by the end of the 1954 fiscal year (June 30, 1954), is was reported this week by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Immigration and Naturalization Service statistics show that 7,424 native Japanese acquired American citizenship during the two fiscal years of 1953 and 1954. Government data for the past 11 months are not yet compiled.

While the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (Walter-McCarran Act) was passed on June 27, 1952, the law itself did not become effective until Dec. 24 of the same year. The effective date of the law was the first time in United States history that Japanese resident nationals could become American citizens through naturalization.

To date, the unofficial estimate of the Washington JACL office is that over 10,000 Issei are now American citizens, based on newspaper accounts and reports of Issei naturalization services received from Hawaii and mainland United States.

During the last full fiscal year of available data, the 12 months which ended June 30, 1954, a total of 6,750 Issei successfully passed their examinations and received citizenship papers. The fiscal 1954 figure does not include the 1,600 Issei naturalized during mass ceremonies throughout the nation last Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

During the six months after the effective date of the naturalization law, June 30, 1953, 674 Issei obtained their citizenship under the new statute.

Prior to the Immigration and Nationality Act and during the preceding eight years, a total of 310 Japanese nationals became American citizens. These Japanese received their American citizenship through service in the United States armed forces during World War II or under the so-called Cable Act, which was the first successful JACL legislative effort, passed in the early 1930s enabling Nisei to regain American citizenship lost through marriage to an Issei.

Only a few of the 6,750 Issei naturalized in fiscal 1954 are recent arrivals to the United States, indicating that the so-called Japanese "soldier-brides" do not comprise a large percentage of the Japanese naturalized.

Of the Japanese naturalized in fiscal 1954, only 5 arrived in the United States in 1954; 18 in 1953;

179 in 1952, and 11 in 1950.

During the 20 years between 1930 and 1950, 241 Issei arrived here who were naturalized in the last fiscal year. Most of these Japanese were treaty merchants, their families and students, stranded in the United States during World War II. Immediately after the cessation of hostilities with Japan they were subject to immediate deportation to Japan. However, they remained in the United States with the passage of the JACL sponsored Stay of Deportation Act of 1948.

Compared to other national origin citizens naturalized in fiscal

1954, the Japanese have gone to naturalization classes and become American citizens by a larger percentage than any other group during such a short period after their eligibility.

Based on actual number naturalized in fiscal 1954, the Japanese are exceeded only by five other nationalities: Germans, 12,483; Italians, 10,776; Polish, 8,989; English, 7,295, and Canadians, 13,233.

During the same period of time, other Asian nationalities were naturalized in the following numbers: Chinese, 2,054; Indians, 137; Filipinos, 1,886, and all other Asians, 2,021.

WHITE HOUSE AID SOUGHT BY JACL, COJAEC TO URGE SUPPORT OF HILLINGS BILL AMENDING EVACUATION CLAIM LAW

(Washington) The White House was requested to endorse and urge immediate administrative action on the Hillings bill to amend the Evacuation Claims Act allowing expeditious determination of remaining claims by Mike Masaoka, acting for both the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims and Japanese American Citizens League.

Pointing to the fact that Rep. Pat Hillings, (R., Calif.) had introduced his bill to liberalize and expedite the payment of remaining evacuation claims early in March, Masaoka declared that since that time the Dept. of Justice and other Federal agencies to which this legislation was referred for comment have failed to make their report to the House Judiciary subcommittee on Claims.

Under usual Congressional procedure, unless reports from executive government agencies concerned are received, subcommittees can not proceed to act upon bills referred to it. In this way, an effective "stalling" device to prevent action on any legislation is to hold up reports as long as possible, Masaoka said.

The Nisei lobbyist conferred last week with officials in the Bureau of the Budget which must approve all departmental reports before they are submitted to Congress. He pointed out that with two or three exceptions, the Hillings Bill contained the recommendations of the special House Judiciary subcommittee on Claims which held public hearings in California last summer.

In his memorandum to the White

House, Masaoka revealed that one of the reasons for departmental exceptions to the legislation is that it gives a "better break" to the larger, remaining claimants than the smaller claimants who have already been paid, received by liberalizing interpretations regarding the definition of noncompensable items.

While admitting that this is true, Masaoka declared that it is in the nature of the legislative process that as experience dictates, amendments are proposed to make for better law. To refuse to amend a statute simply because prospective beneficiaries may fare better than those already served is to reject progress and past history, he said.

Stressing the lateness of the Congressional session, Masaoka stated that unless some remedial legislation is enacted into law this year before an expected Aug. 1 adjournment the whole evacuation claims program will be stalemated as the remaining claimants will request postponements of their cases in order to take advantage of the liberalizations proposed in the Hillings Bill.

Calif. pension for Issei passes 70-0

(Sacramento) Old age assistance for Issei unable to obtain citizenship because of age is a step closer to reality as the State Assembly last Friday passed 70-0 the Masterson bill AB 2255.

Judge Masterson of Richmond, in his presentation of the bill, argued that the legislation was remedial in intent and would render justice to a group of loyal residents, who because of discriminatory naturalization laws prior to Dec. 24, 1952, were unable to qualify for old age assistance.

Haruo Ishimaru, state JACL lobbyist, said this was a most hopeful sign for such a bill, which had been killed in committee at the 1951 and 1953 sessions. The new bill is being referred to the Senate social welfare and finance committees.

(San Francisco) JACL chapters in California were being urged by Haruo Ishimaru to write their respective state senators to act favorably on AB 2255, the Masterson old age assistance bill.

Its urgency was stressed by Ishimaru who pointed out that the legislature has no more than a week left before adjournment.

Frozen assets of Peruvian-Japanese in U.S. available for restitution

(Los Angeles) Peruvian Japanese in this country may now apply for restitution of frozen properties, the Pacific Citizen learned from the local Japanese Consulate General.

The Peruvian government last Mar. 25 promulgated restitution procedures. Chief feature affecting non-resident beneficiaries would require application of a form to be filed through a delegated resident in Peru with the letter of delegation to be filed with

a Peruvian consulate in the United States.

A committee headed by Shoichi Mishima in Lima will assist non-residents in filing their applications for restitution, it was learned. Frozen property includes cash, bank deposits, securities, real estate and personal property now under custody of the Peruvian ministry of finance & commerce.

Deer, auto crash; 3 hurt

(Sacramento) Three local residents were thrown out of their car when their car crashed into a deer which was darting across U.S. Hwy. 40 near Sierra summit last week. The Nobuichi Yoshidas and Mrs. Henry Nakatomi were hurled out of the speeding automobile upon impact.

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From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

JAPANESE RESTAURANT SHORTAGE

Denver

Ever since George Furuta, the expansive and erstwhile Mayor of Larimer Street left this fair city for Los Angeles, there has been a discouraging shortage of restaurants hereabouts where one could take guests for a Japanese dinner. Furuta and Helen Umezawa held forth at a restaurant called the Manchu Grill, a place which later was given a Tahiti type decor and renamed the Club Seven Seas. Then, a few years ago when Furuta thought he saw the handwriting of television on the bamboo wall, he sold out. He headed quickly for Los Angeles where, we hear, he's doing right well with another *sukiyaki* emporium. None other than Gen. Douglas MacArthur, we read not long ago, was among his guests.



The departure of Furuta left a sizeable vacuum in Denver's gustatorial world. There are plenty of chop suey houses where you can go for a spot of chow mein or pork noodles, but the availability of Japanese food is limited to a couple of smaller places. These latter are fine for the family trade—the Ichiyo Tei, for one, is quite satisfactory—but somehow they aren't quite like the Club Seven Seas for entertaining visiting firemen with a yen for Tokyo style chow.

Many times around town we've heard people remark that it was a shame we didn't have a good *sukiyaki* house. There's a need for one, they said, and it would be a sure money-maker. But no one had the gumption to scratch the money together and get such an enterprise under way.

Comes now one George Fukuma, no restaurateur but a man of ideas and a certain courage, to make a bid for the patronage of those who hunger for Japanese food. He has implemented the bid with a new Larimer Street restaurant called the Oriental Garden. George Furuta's brother, Ben, is major domo of the kitchen.

Fukuma is by profession a grocer. In middle age, he's convinced that there is a future in a *sukiyaki* restaurant, and even in landlocked Denver there is a sizeable Orient-interested population to draw on. First, he points to something like 2,000 or 2,500 Issei, Nisei and Sansei in Denver and northern Colorado. Then there are the servicemen from local air force, army and naval air stations, a large percentage of whom are veterans of the Japanese occupation and can be expected to have acquired a taste for things Japanese. After that come an unknown number of ex-servicemen and other civilians who have spent some time in Japan. And not least, there are an estimated 100 Japanese war brides who, Fukuma hopes, have a gnawing desire to stow away fool like mama used to make back home. Now if each of those named above brings one friend...

"There is a need for a restaurant like this," Fukuma insists. All I have to do is let them know that we are in business. We have *sukiyaki* made right at the table. We can put electric hotplate in every booth. Also *tempura*, *domburi*, *sushi*, *tendon*, *nabeyaki* *udon*, *sashime* and lots of other things."

While Larimer Street falls somewhat short of being the best address in town, Fukuma hopes the promise of good food will draw a clientele from all over the region. In a way it's a shame that Fukuma could not have established a real Oriental Garden, with Oriental decor and a garden atmosphere. Perhaps he'll get around to it some day. Meanwhile, he deserves a lot of credit. The trend on Larimer Street has been for businessmen to close up shop and head for sunny California. Fukuma, to the contrary, has both the faith and the hope that he can make something of a venture which everyone said was fine, but no one wanted to tackle.

Minority Week

The California Senate Labor Committee last week killed three bills dealing for fair employment practices, two of them, bills introduced by Assemblymen Rumford and Hawkins, were approved by the Assembly. The Rumford bill provided a five-member FEP commission. The Hawkins bill provided civil damages against employers or labor unions for discrimination. The two Assembly bills, approved by the lower house, had gone further than any earlier California FEPC legislation.

The Supreme Court last Monday directed that public school segregation of white and Negro students be ended as soon as feasible, taking local conditions into account. Chief Justice Warren, announcing the court's decision, said the lower courts should decide whether a prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance was being made by local school authorities. The Supreme Court on May 17, 1954, unanimously declared racial segregation in the schools was unconstitutional.

The Illinois NAACP branches are organizing a mass lobby in support of FEPC and Equal Job Opportunities bill now before the state senate. They will assemble in Springfield June 15, to confer with respective senators. Robert Birchman, member of the Chicago JACL and publicity-research director for the Illinois NAACP, is directing a campaign to secure 100,000 signatures petitioning the Governor and members of the state legislature for its passage.

TOKYO TOPICS

20,000 WAR BRIDES IN AMERICA

Tokyo

One of the causes of the last Pacific war has been pinned on the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924, which stopped Japanese emigration to the United States. However, the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952 has reopened immigration on the quota basis of 185 Japanese nationals each year.

But, more significant is the disclosure recently made by U.S. Consul General Laurence Taylor at Tokyo that over 20,000 visas have been given to Japanese war brides, who have joined their American servicemen-husbands to live in the United States as permanent residents. Over 4,000 war brides went this past year.

Added to this number are the hundreds of war orphans who have made America their permanent home — all on a non-quota basis. Then, there are the numerous temporary Japanese visitors and students who have been granted travel visas by his office.

Many in Japan never knew so many Japanese war brides were being admitted into the United States. Instead, they only read of cases in the newspapers which played up the tragedy of interracial marriages, which appear to be the exception to the rule. They also heard of clergymen who discourage marriage of American GIs and Japanese women.

Regardless of such discouraging reports in the press and advice to Japanese women not to intermarry, nature is taking her course. Love conquers all. Japanese girls are being accepted. Even a certain American admiral with a Japanese wife, remarked: "Let the hot-headed guys shout all their nonsense. I think the Japanese girls are really wonderful."

War bride's school

The American Red Cross has been conducting a brides' school in Tokyo and Yokohama for the benefit of those Japanese girls who are to be admitted into the United States. The purpose of the school is to assist them in becoming good American wives.

The school was started in 1948. Classes meet five days a week.

Okinawa double amputee granted permanent status

(Denver) Chokichi Iriha, double amputee recovering from tuberculosis contracted while working for the U.S. Army Engineers at Okinawa, was granted a permanent resident status by Congress. The private bill, co-sponsored by Senators Milliken and Allott, was sent to the White House for signature last week.

The Senate-passed bill went to the House in early April as Rep. Byron G. Rogers of Colorado was instrumental in having it reported out of the Judiciary Committee to the floor.

San Jose VFW chief

(San Jose) John Sumida was elected commander of the San Jose VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9970, which will host the 1956 Nisei statewide VFW convention.

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BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

touch many aspects of American community life such as homemaking, religion, child care, history, geography, culture, customs and manners. A new course in explaining the legal status of women and the role she plays in church activities has been added.

One of the first things a Japanese war bride is taught is not to chew gum in public. Since many of the brides think it to be very Americanizing and up-to-date, they are avid gum-chewers.



Picture hopeful

To say the least, there is every reason to be hopeful on both sides of the Pacific. Nisei in Japan are having their U.S. citizenship re-

instated. Families separated by war are being rejoined.

The first group of 57 Japanese being admitted to the United States under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act were given their visas last Apr. 22. It was the first conclusive result for Japanese refugees — something Mike Masaoka fought for so long in Washington.

In the meantime, the Japanese government is desperately negotiating to assist more immigrants to Brazil and other South American countries. The Foreign Office has been stymied by a lack of funds to push this project. It is also planning to remodel two freighters for the purpose of sending Japanese emigrants to Brazil and construct more ships to expedite migration.

U.S. flag flown over nation's Capitol to be presented to Japan Boy Scouts

(Tokyo) An American Flag, which flew over the Capitol of the United States, is awaiting official presentation to the Boy Scouts of Japan. Efforts are being made to secure cooperation of the American Legion, the Shriners and other civic groups to participate in the ceremonies.

The flag, in the meantime, is in the hands of the U.S. Embassy here. It is hoped that Ambassador Allison may be able to present it in behalf of Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D., Ill.), who secured the flag.

Congressman Yates, in his message to the Japanese Boy Scouts accompanying the flag, declared: "The American flag presented to you this day has recently flown high over the Capitol of the United States in Washington, D.C. May it now serve as a constant reminder to the Boy Scouts of Japan of the friendship and esteem of their friends across the ocean in the land whence it came."

Last December when Mike Masaoka was in Japan, it was Tamotsu Murayama who suggested an American flag be secured for the Boy Scouts of Japan Headquarters as a token of world brotherhood of Boy Scouts. On Ma-

saoka's return, he requested Congressman Yates to secure a flag that had flown over the Capitol for the Japanese Boy Scouts headquarters.

Revealed Masaoka in the message accompanying the American flag to the scouts: "This request was made of Congressman Yates for many reasons. He represents many persons of Japanese ancestry in his district; he has demonstrated in the Congress of the champions of youth development program in this country; he himself is a former Boy Scout, as are most members of Congress."

"The flag will symbolize the historic friendship between Japan and the United States as well as the bonds of brotherhood and scouting for the Boy Scouts of Japan and the Boy Scouts of America," Masaoka added.

Federal grand juror

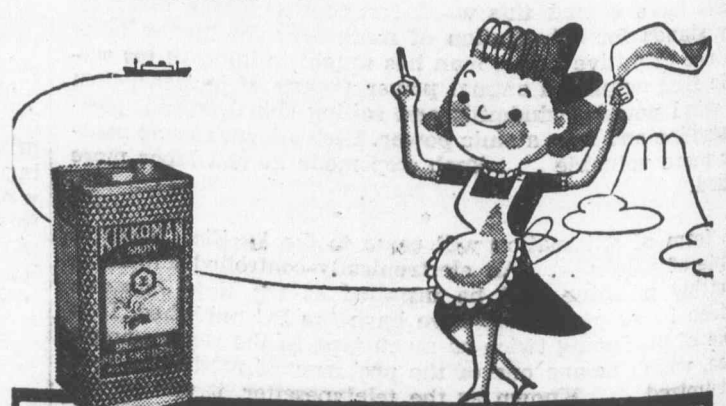
(Denver) Mrs. Mary Y. Ikuma, operator of Champa Grocery was impanelled last week among 11 women and 12 men to serve on the federal grand jury for the next 18 months by U.S. District Judge W. Lee Knous.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

FRESHMEN LEGISLATORS DISAPPOINTING

Honolulu Nisei generally throughout the Territory are shaking their heads in amazement and disappointment over the performance of most of the Nisei legislators, particularly the freshmen, during the recent session.

It is difficult to describe the feelings of the public as it followed the antics of the 28th Legislature. It was, in short, a mess. So many things went wrong that, if a vote were taken today, it is doubtful some of the more "promising" ones could get reelected.



"Promising" is no longer the word for the young Nisei who swept into office with such high hopes in the November elections, when the Democratic Party scored a historic upset—for the first time winning control of both houses of the Territorial Legislature in the 54 years since Hawaii became an American territory.

The Democrats had been building up to a victory but no responsible person could predict it would be such a decisive win for the party. Once before, in 1946, the Democrats had shown great strength by putting into office 15 members of the House of Representatives. The Republicans were tied with 15 members also, but after a prolonged deadlock emerged winner in retaining control of the House.

That was the closest the Democrats had gotten to taking over either chamber of the Legislature.

Then came the sweeping victory last November. The Democrats captured the Senate 9 to 6, and the House, 22 to 8.

The outstanding surprise was the election of numerous freshmen in the House, most of them Nisei. They had campaigned vigorously and adroitly, promising bigger and better things for the "poor man." They pledged themselves to overhaul the economy, the tax structure, the land system, the labor laws, etc.

They had ideas and ideals, and the voters liked them, apparently.

REFORM PLATFORM FIZZLES

With great energy and publicity, they embarked on their legislative mission to reform and reshape Hawaii to their high-flown specifications. Immediately after the elections, they started building their legislative program around the campaign promises.

Finally came time to carry out these big plans.

The biennial session convened last February for its usual 60 days. The young hopefuls tossed their party bills into the hopper. Then came committee meetings to work over the legislation.

They found themselves confronted with practical problems they had never dreamt of. Witnesses appearing before them—far wiser and more experienced in the practical workings of their special fields—called attention to the harmful consequences of the idealistic bills if they became law. They pointed to some unrealistic features of the bills and gradually forced the young hopefuls to modify their proposals and retreat from their starting point.

The freshmen tolerated their leader so long that they were backed to the wall when adjournment time loomed up. They tried to revolt but backed away from an open break. Lacking leadership, courage and political know-how within their own ranks, the young hopefuls suffered humiliating setbacks time and again.

OVERTIME SESSION ENDED

When the 60th day arrived, the Legislature was far from done with its tasks. The big bills still remained unpassed, although the Democrats at all time maintained a clear and overwhelming majority in both houses. The Republicans fought back as an effective minority, especially in the Senate where they succeeded in sustaining the Republican Governor's vetoes on several key measures.

Round and around the fight swirled, first on one big bill, then on another. Although the 60th day had arrived, the Democrats stopped the clocks and kept the Legislature going.

With each "overtime" day, the public grew more hostile to the majority legislators. Day after day, the headlines related the same story of more bickering and more stalling.

The legality of stopping the legislative clocks so long became a more pressing question.

Finally, on Friday, May 27th—28 days past the normal adjournment time—the Legislature ground to a stop. By that time, the public had thrown up its hands in disgust and frustration. Many didn't care what happened in or to the Legislature. They just wanted the lawmakers to go home and stay there.

To add insult to the injury already done, the young hopefuls swept aside their feuding on the final day and made peace with the House Speaker. They clothed themselves with a cynical political "maturity" to bury the hatchet and close the badly split party ranks.

The public was past the point of being impressed.



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Five of 10 Eisenhower proposals to liberalize Refugee Relief Law applicable to Japan, JACL study shows; two in operation

(Washington) Five of ten recommendations urged by the President to fully achieve the purposes of the 1953 Refugee Relief Act are directly applicable to Japan, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League said following a study of the White House message Congress last Friday on the subject of revising the law. Two other changes have indirect application, it was noted.

In general, these five recommendations are substantially those suggested to the Refugee Relief Administration by Mike Masaoka,



Washington JACL representative, after his return from a survey trip to Japan last December and January, the Washington Office said. Two of the President's recommendations were subjects of liberalizations in the interpretations of the Act which were promulgated last February, making eligible many Japanese refugees who were formerly disqualified; i.e., the more realistic definitions of the terms "firmly resettled" and "usual place of abode."

The President would eliminate entirely both these qualifications. In recommending the withdrawal of the "firmly resettled" limitation, the message declared that "experience has shown that this provision tends to exclude the hard working and the adjustable, the very people we want most as new citizens. Moreover, it appears that 'resettlement' is such a vague term as to create conflicts in interpretations and delay in clearing applications."

As for the definition "usual place of abode," the President said that "the requirement that a 'refugee' be living away from his traditional home has excluded many tragic victims of disaster whom I am sure the Congress intended to admit."

Though the Japanese were not mentioned specifically in the message, probably because the Far East allocation which includes Japan is so small, being limited to 3,000 for all Asia, these two recommendations would enable many who were disqualified in Japan to renew their applications for special immigration visas outside the regular quotas.

The other three Presidential proposals with direct application to Japan are:

1. The elimination of the "security check" for the two years immediately prior to the application for a visa; 2. The repeal of the section providing that the entire family must be admitted into this country at the same time by providing that family members may follow the breadwinner into the United States at a later date, and 3. The revision of the "health standards" to allow family members with such diseases as tuberculosis to enter the country under proper safeguards.

The two recommendations that indirectly affect Japan are:

1. To use unused nationality

IN HONOR OF

David T. Imagawa, Ph.D., was among four UCLA scientists receiving a year-extension grant from the United Cerebral Palsy Association to study "placental transmissions of viral infections". Dr. Imagawa is with the UCLA Medical Center.

May M. Iwamoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryohei Iwamoto, Los Angeles was awarded the \$500 Mabel Wilson Richards foundation scholarship at the Univ. of Redlands.

Rev. Hirose installed at Salt Lake City church

(Salt Lake City) The Rev. George M. Hirose, San Francisco-born Nisei minister, was installed last Sunday by the Utah Presbytery as pastor of the Japanese Church of Christ, succeeding the Rev. Tetsuo Saito now in California. Rev. Hirose is a graduate of Huron (S.D.) College, holds a bachelor's degree in divinity from Univ. of Dubuque Seminary and a master's degree in theology from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Mother judged insane for killing own girl

(Los Angeles) Mrs. Daisy Takata, 24, who shot her year-old daughter to death, wounded a 4-year-old son and then attempted suicide last Mar. 28, was found guilty of murder and assault with intent to kill, but also insane at times.

Superior Court Judge Nye last week ordered her committed to Patton State Hospital after three psychiatrists found her medically insane at the time of shooting.

quotas for such worldwide purposes as to authorize the admission of orphans over the present 4,000 orphans, and 2. To allow responsible voluntary agencies to provide group assurances of housing, employment, etc., instead of individual assurances for individual refugees.

The remaining three suggestions relate generally to prospective refugees from Europe.

Bills to implement the President's 10 point program to liberalize the much-criticized administration of the Refugee Relief Act, are expected to be introduced this week.

Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, (R., Ut.), author of the basic 1953 law when he was chairman of the GOP controlled Senate Judiciary subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, declared that the President's recommendations could be approved by this Congress, saying that they were essentially the provisions that were eliminated from the 1953 act in order to secure Senate approval. He warned his colleagues, however, that attempts to add even more liberal amendments would kill the chance.

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Urge pay boost for all federal gov't, postal workers

(Washington) Because more than 5,000 Nisei are involved, the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League unanimously went on record last week urging Congress to enact bills providing pay increases for postal and classified federal government employees.

Immediately following the Senate's action in upholding the President's veto of the so-called 8.8% postal pay bill, the JACL chapter acted upon a resolution calling upon Congress to approve this year, before adjournment, pay increases bills for both postal and classified workers that will provide the highest possible percentage increase that the President will sign.

The members of Congress who have just voted themselves a 50% pay increase which the President approved certainly should not allow political considerations to prevent them from passing pay-increase bills this year that the President will sign, the JACLers said in approving the resolution.

It should be left up to the Federal employees themselves to assess the blame, if any, for the veto of the original pay bill and any effort to postpone action this session on the grounds that this question of pay raises is a campaign issue for next year should be exposed for the shabby political trick that it is, the Washington chapter members declared.

The reason that all government employees are interested in the fate of the bill to increase postal workers salaries is that it will serve as the precedent for the subsequent measure to increase the

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BY SMOKY SAKURADA

\$1,500 AWARD TO HAWAIIAN ARTIST

Chicago

● The largest sum ever awarded in the 58-year history of the annual exhibition at the Art Institute to local artists was given to 22 winners. It totalled \$7,850 . . . Among the winners were Joseph Goto, 29, Hawaiian-born resident here since attending the Institute in 1947, for his welded steel sculpture, some 14 ft. high titled "Struggle". He was awarded \$1,500 for his entry representing tremendous insects in battle . . . 9tsushi Kikuchi, 37, Seattle-born graduate of the Institute, submitted a water color titled "City Alley", winning \$50.



AROUND WINDY CITY

● The Chicago JACL 1000 Club Whing Ding promises to be a gala affair with Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon, past National 1000 Club chairman, wielding the toastmaster duties. Featuring a buffet supper, it will be held June 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Crystal Room, North Park Hotel, 1931 Lincoln Park West . . . The event is open to all 1000ers, their wives, husbands or dates at \$3.50 per plate. Those joining the 1000 Club between May 1 and June 11, of course, will be guests of the chapter. Reservations are being accepted by the Midwest JACL Office, MO-hawk 4-4382.



● The Chicago JACL will honor Nisei graduates from the local high schools, colleges and universities at the "New Horizons" dance on Saturday, June 18, 8 p.m. at the McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn St. Jim Dakes' orchestra will play. Helen Hori is in charge. The chapter social committee is anxious to get the names and addresses of graduates. Notify the Midwest JACL Office.

● The tenth annual convention of the Eastern District Young Buddhist League met for three days over the Memorial Day weekend at the Midwest Buddhist Church here.

● The local Japanese American community memorial services were held at the Montrose Cemetery last Monday morning. Corky Kawasaki was in charge.

● The four Japanese Protestant organizations, Christ Congregational, Church of Christ, Armitage Methodist and Kenwood-Ellis Community churches, co-sponsor the June 17-19 conference at Bowen Country Club near Waukegan.



LARRY TAJIRIS VISIT MIDWEST

● The Larry Tajiris, 1810 S. Newton St., Denver, were on their vacation, motoring to Chicago last week to visit friends and relatives in the Midwest. Larry visited his mother, Mrs. Fuyo Tajiri, 6322 So. University Ave. His brothers, Vincent, Thomas, and sister Mrs. Yoshiko Roberts, are also here. Other brothers are in Europe—George in Paris and Lt. James in Germany . . . During their stay here, they visited Dr. Randolph Sakada, Father Joe Kitagawa and Togo Tanaka . . . They left for Madison, Wisc., where Guyo's brother, Dr. Henry Okagaki, is with the Univ. of Wisconsin Hospital, before heading for home via Minneapolis . . . Larry, who edited the *Pacific Citizen* between 1942 and 1952, attended schools in Los Angeles, was English editor of the old *Kashu Mainichi* between 1931-34, English editor of the San Francisco *Nichibei* between 1934-40 and served as *Tokyo Asahi* foreign correspondent in New York from summer 1940 until Pearl Harbor Day . . . He is now production chief of the Sunday *Denver Post* magazine, "Empire", that is edited by Bill Hosokawa. The Tajiris were married in May 1937 in San Jose.

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JAPAN AIR LINES



Among the 82 Issei citizens recently honored by the San Diego JACL were Hizu Uyeji, 37, (second from left) as the youngest being congratulated by Mayor Charles C. Vail (left); and Kijiro Sumi, 75, (third from left) as the oldest new-citizen present by Judge Arthur Mundo. JACL Regional Director Tats Kishida (fourth from left) and George Kodama, chapter president, look on.

—Shin Nichi Bei Photo.

Reedley CL fetes new Issei citizens

(Reedley) Judge Philip Conley of the Fresno Count Superior Court was the guest speaker at a banquet held in Reedley last week honoring newly-naturalized citizens in this area.

Approximately 100 Issei heard Judge Conley praise the Japanese for countless hardships, and for their courage and determination to prove their loyalty to their adopted country.

President Charles Iwasaki of the Reedley JACL, which sponsored the banquet, welcomed the new citizens. Dr. Akira Tajiri, toastmaster, introduced Reedley Mayor M. S. Gaede; J. S. Hemmer, naturalization official; Commander Walter Grawan of the local American Legion Post 35, and Bertha Starkey, a well-known Methodist missionary, who each extended words of congratulation to the new citizens.

A congratulatory telegram received from Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative was also read.

Other guests included: F. Campbell, naturalization official; Paul Goodwin, Reedley Union High School principal; Ed Tejerian, Chamber of Commerce; Eagen Hofer, Dinuba radio station WRDU; and James Fairweather, Reedley Exponent.

Ben Nakagawa spoke in behalf of the new citizens and thanked the special guests for their parts in making citizenship possible for the local Issei. Each new citizen received a copy of the Japanese American Creed, written by Masaoka and first read before the United States Senate and printed in the Congressional Record on May 9, 1941.

Cathay American Legion post holds annual dinner

(Denver) Emceed by past commander Rupert Arai, Cathay Post American Legion Post held its annual dinner at the Golden Nugget at nearby Golden May 23. Commander Jack Ishida and his cabinet members were introduced.

John Noguchi, post blood bank chairman, reported 12 pints have been credited at the Bonfils Blood Bank. Six pints had been withdrawn for use by post members.

Nat'l JACL endowment fund boosted to \$83,000

(San Francisco) National JACL Headquarters announced last week that additional contributions have been received for the National JACL Endowment Fund during the past several months totaling \$1,954, boosting the total amount \$83,006.01 with \$80,000 in trust.

Recent contributions include a check for \$1,000 from Edward J. Ennis of New York City, legal counsel for the Washington JACL Office.

Included also are contributions in memory of beloved family members from:

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(CALIFORNIA)

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(ILLINOIS)

Rockford—Mr. and Mrs. Yazo Ishizaki \$50.

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Ontario—Roy K. and Dr. Roy J. Kondos \$25.

Salinas CL prepares for Aug. 7 DC meet

(Salinas) A cordial invitation to all JACLers was extended by the Salinas Valley chapter, hosts for the third quarterly session of the NC-WNDC on Sunday, Aug. 7, at Hotel Cominos. A dance follows at the Knights of Pythias Hall.

The second annual NC-WNDC golf tournament will be held in conjunction with the meeting at the Salinas municipal course.

Chapter president James Tanda announced Tom "Lefty" Miyana-ga will be general chairman. Chick Abe and Harry Shirachi will co-chair the golf tournament. Other committeemen will be appointed.

Attending the first planning meeting were:

James Tanda, Henry Tanda, Ken Sato, Kiyo Hirano, Tony Itani, James Abe, Roberta Urabe, Tom Miyana-ga, Oscar Itani, John Terakawa, Dr. Harry Kita, Harry Shirachi, and Sumi Iwas-hige, George Nishita and Haruo Ishi-maru.

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(San Francisco) New membership and renewals in the JACL 1000 Club received at National Headquarters here for the month of May include the following:

SEVENTH YEAR

Frank F. Chuman, Los Angeles; Ken Dyo, Pasadena; Roy Inouye, La Jara, Colo.; George S. Mochizuki, Madera.

SIXTH YEAR

Johnson Kebo, Sanger; Kazuo Minami, Gardena; Hiraio S. Sakurada, Chicago; Paul Shinoda, Torrance; Sojira Yoritomo, Blanca, Colo.

FIFTH YEAR

Mack Y. Hamaguchi, Los Angeles; Tetsuo Iwasaki, Palmyra, N.J.

FOURTH YEAR

Charles Hayashida, Blanca, Colo.; Sam Ishikawa, New York; Henry Murayama, Los Angeles; Miss Mari Sabu-sawa, Chicago; Al Tanouye, Los Angeles.

THIRD YEAR

Yukus Inouye, Lehi, Utah; Noboru Ishitani, Los Angeles; Shigeki Ushio, Murray, Utah; David Yokozeki, Los Angeles; Clarence Yoshida, Alamosa, Colo.

SECOND YEAR

Hatsuro Aizawa, San Francisco; Harry Hayashi, St. Louis; Miss Kathleen Iseri, Washington, D.C.; James M. Itagaki, Los Angeles; Roy T. Kaneko, Allen Park, Mich.; Robert K. Kato, Dr. Shokichi Kato, Los Angeles; Dr. Henry H. Kazato, Fresno; David McKibbin, Los Angeles; Mike Mizokami, Blanca, Colo.; Frank Nakamura, Marysville; Asajiro Nishimoto, Seichi Oguchi, Los Angeles; George Okamoto, Yuba City; William Sadatoki, Cleveland; Lincoln Shimidzu, Chicago; Harry Sumida, Blanca, Colo.; Dr. Kikuo H. Taira, Fresno; Jim Ushio, Murray, Utah.

FIRST YEAR

Miss Annabelle Akita, Los Angeles; James Edmiston, Palo Alto; Shigerumi Hayashi, Capac, Mich.; Mrs. Helen Hori, Chicago; Jack Fukuzawa, John C. Glynn, Albuquerque; Roy T. Hoshizaki, Los Angeles; Roy Ikeda, Detroit; George H. Inouye, Yuba City; Hajime Joseph Inouye, Dr. Hiraoka Ishida, Los Angeles; Joe Katano, Delano; Chester I. Katayama, Ken K. Katayama, Los Angeles; Paul Kawasaki, Tom Kawasaki, Delno; Tom Kimura, Gallup; James Leonard, Charlie S. Matsubara, Miss Setsuko Matsumoto, Albuquerque; James S. Matsura, Detroit; Hiroshi Miyamura, Gallup; Dr. Ryo Mune-kata, Dr. Kenneth Nagamoto, Los Angeles; Dan Nishita, Yuba City; Larry T. Nitta, Los Angeles; Arthur Oji, Henry Oji, Yuba City; Minoru Saito, Fresno; James T. Shimoura, Detroit; Miss Helene Saeda, James H. Sakata, Albuquerque; Walter Shibata, Gallup; George Suzuki, Cleveland; Fred M. Tada, Tom T. Taira, Los Angeles; Frank M. Takahashi, Hiroshi Tamura, Mrs. Evelyn H. Togami, Albuquerque; Henry J. Tsurutani, Los Angeles; George Ushijima, Alameda; Jack M. Wada, Los Angeles; Sadawo Yonaki, Delano; Mike M. Yonemoto, Albuquerque.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Mile-Hi JACL: Attending the dinner presided by Denver Mayor Newton at which the 1955 Inventory of Human Relations was announced by the city commission on human relations were the following JACLers:

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Terasaki, John Sakayama, Dick Yanase, Mr. and Mrs. Min Yasui.

Richmond - El Cerrito JACL: Parents are being honored at the JACL chop suey dinner this Sunday, 6 p.m., at Richmond Memorial Youth Center, 3230 Macdonald Ave. Awards will be made to the oldest Issei, to the Issei with the most grandchildren and to the Issei with longest residence in the United States.

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CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR (Part 4)

San Francisco
Our second weekend in Japan was an exciting and full one. On Sunday morning we left Futami to visit the fabulous Mikimoto Pearl Island, reached by ferry. The cultured pearl industry was started in Japan under the shrewd direction of the eccentric K. Mikimoto. Our tour party was given a diving demonstration by young women who took their little buckets and dove for oysters. The entire process of creating a pearl necklace was shown, beginning with the insertion of an irritant into the young oyster which is then placed back in the ocean to be reharvested three to five years later. Pearls are extracted by nimble-fingered girls, sorted into grades, colors and sizes, polished and marked for holes. Special pains are taken in drilling holes to save the most beautiful surfaces of the pearl to be exposed on the necklace. Sometimes minute flaws are covered by the drilling process.

Finished products, such as necklaces, earrings, and brooches, were being sold on the spot; however, the most intriguing was a little stand where for 300 yen one picked out an oyster from a huge tub. The oyster was opened for the customer who kept what pearls were found in it. Sometimes as many as four or five fairly good-looking pearls rolled out. Other times one's luck was not quite as good, although they guaranteed at least one small pearl in each oyster.

After leaving Pearl Island, we headed for Osaka, visiting another of the shrines which seem to dot Japan, the Ise Grand Shrine.

DAY WITH SUMITOMO

One of the first problems that confronts any tourist in Japan is the necessity of exchanging his dollars into yen. It is practically impossible to make a purchase in Japan with American currency, even at U.S. Army PXs. Often we discovered that in many of the smaller towns there were no facilities for conversion.

Before leaving on our tour, we learned that one of the easiest ways to handle our finances in Japan was to make a deposit in the Sumitomo Bank in San Francisco which would present us with a letter of credit enabling us to draw upon our accounts at any of the numerous Sumitomo Bank branches all over Japan. This is probably not only the most convenient but the safest way to travel because there is no necessity to carry large amounts in cash or traveler's checks which may be lost or stolen. As the tourist goes from one city to another, all he has to do is to withdraw whatever is needed. We were greatly indebted to Shigeo Urano and Kazuo Ishii of the San Francisco Sumitomo Bank for making this arrangement.

In Osaka we were treated royally by the Sumitomo Bank which has its main office in this huge industrial capital of modern Japan. An interesting sidelight I observed was that at most of the Sumitomo Banks there, at least one teller speaks some English.

A delightful incident occurred at one of the smaller Osaka branches where I had to withdraw a few yen. Generally I asked for someone who could speak English as my Japanese is quite limited. Since this was a small branch in a non-tourist section of town, a very charming young lady led us into a small office which seemed to be a reception room. While waiting for our interpreter she graciously served us tea and mochigashi. Imagine going to a bank in America and being served coffee and doughnuts while waiting for a teller!

Our day with Sumitomo began when members of our party, almost 60 strong, led by Toshi Kataoka of the Aki Travel Bureau, were invited to lunch at the main office building of Sumitomo. Following the delicious repast, the Bank provided two buses to take us to the glamorous Takarazuka where we were their guests. Takarazuka is actually a small suburb of Osaka. Although the Takarazuka Revue is the main attraction, there are huge fair and playgrounds with numerous exhibit halls, a zoo and botanical gardens. Since Osaka is a great commercial center, many import and export items were on display in the exhibit halls.

TAKARAZUKA LIVES UP TO FAME

The Takarazuka show truly lived up to its name of "grand revue." There were eighteen scenes in which were presented an array of Japanese, American and Latin American dances. This was literally an all-girl show to end all-girl shows. Even the parts of male actors were taken by girls. The acts were diversified; we saw glimpses into Japanese history in a scene from the *Tales of Genji*, a presentation of a portion from Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*, a ballet bit adapted from Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty Waltz*, "Roman Holiday" featuring "Mambo Italiano" and depicting two Japanese tourists in Italy, "Carnival in Rio de Janeiro,"—all delighting the eye and ear in rapid succession. It seemed that there must have been close to a hundred girls taking part in the revue. Most of them were attractive and shapely; however, a few had legs rivalling mine.

It was already dark when we left the theatre and returned to Osaka. To cap this day with Sumitomo, Yoshiko and I were invited to dinner by three Bank officials, Messrs. Arima, Hirano and Sato, I suspect at the suggestion of our Sumitomo Bank friends in San Francisco. We expected a simple dinner and were really overwhelmed at the sumptuous banquet. Almost every kind of dish was placed before us: Osushi, tempura, slices of roast duck, sashimi, fried chicken, etc.

By the time a huge steak appeared we were so filled that, although it was a rare treat in Japan, we had to pass it by. When Ishimaru passes up a steak, it is practically history-making. The final course was miso-shiru and ochazuke, by which time we were "filled to the gills."

A Japanese dinner, such as this one, is not only for eating but also for entertainment, and there were about ten waitresses hovering over us including three or four geisha who played the samisen and danced for us. I think I delighted our hosts by my adept (?) performance of the "tankobushi" and "yakyuken" which invariably came up at these parties. It was after midnight when we took leave of our generous hosts, thanking them not only for the courtesies extended by the Sumitomo Bank but for a very memorable day.

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THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS:

BY MASAO SATOW

'56 NAT'L JACL CONVENTION

San Francisco
It is now definite that National Headquarters has the responsibility of putting on the 1956 National Convention in San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend.

Rather ironic that our chapters have done such a terrific job the last several conventions to scare out other chapters from bidding.



Happily, the San Francisco Chapter Board has pledged its support and co-operation. San Francisco never loses its appeal for out-of-town-ers, but we suspect that the Bay area people would prefer to travel for a national con-fab.

Historically, the 14th Biennial National Convention marks the tenth anniversary of the first post-war biennial at Denver which spelled out our ambitious national legislative program, and where we set out to rebuild our national organization. It will also be the first biennial of JACL's second quarter century.

New nat'l board members

Since the joint EDC-MDC gathering in Washington D.C. was so well covered, we did not add our comments, but it is proper that the new DC chairmen should be welcomed to membership on the National Board.

Midwest DC Chairman Abe Hagiwara of Chicago brings to his JACL volunteer services a wealth of professional group work experience, with the YMCA in Cleveland, the Chicago Resettlers Committee, and now Olivet Institute. Personable Abe helped to get the Cleveland Chapter started and served as its first President, also has headed the Chicago Chapter.

He succeeds 442 vet and Veterans Administration attorney Harry Takagi. Harry started with the Seattle Chapter and became its President. His term as Chairman of the Pacific Northwest District Council was interrupted by the VA shifting him to Minneapolis, and it wasn't long before the Midwest Chapters saw his worth and elected him MDC Chairman.

Eastern District Council Chairman Bill Sasagawa should be a real asset to the organization since planning is his career. His professional experiences include posts with the City Planning Commissions of Kansas City, Cincinnati and Philadelphia.

His predecessor Ira Shimasaki of Washington, D.C., is also a 442 vet whose JACL affiliations date prewar from Central California. We have seen Ira really develop under his responsibilities as President of the Washington Chapter and DC Chairman. His wife Gladys was our Washington Office secretary when it first opened, and even now when additional professional secretarial help is needed under the pressure of work, she voluntarily pitches in.

Outgoing PSW Chairman Ken Dyo is one of our most loyal JACLers. He filled the unexpired term of Dr. Roy Nishikawa some years back when the latter became National Treasurer so has actually served twice as DC Chairman, but the second time in his own right. In between these two stints, he put the Pasadena Chapter on its feet as President.

Dave Yokozeki adds the DC Chairmanship to his JACL load of LA Coordinating Council Chairman, Downtown Chapter Prexy and Chairman of our National Constitution Committee. His inspiration plus Frank Suzukida's hustle has resulted in the Down-

town Los Angeles Chapter enrolling 137 One Thousand Clubbers, which is practically one hundred per cent of the membership.

1000 Club shines

The One Thousand Club spotlight this month shines on the Albuquerque Chapter with credits to Ruth Hashimoto and former Arizona JACler John Glynn. Included in the fifteen members, exactly fifteen more than last year, is our modest Congressional Medal of Honor winner and Nisei of the Biennium Hershey Miyamura.

Our appreciation to 1000 Clubber Dave Tatsuno and brother Tut of the NB Department Stores of San Jose, San Mateo and San Francisco, and thanks to Tad Horita, the San Francisco store manager for allowing us to *kojiki* their carton boxes to provide cardboard backing in mailing out our 1000 Club certificates. The deluge of 1000 Club membership has made the regular supply from Taiyo Trading Co. inadequate.

More honor chapters

Inspiring performances from the Fresno, Hollywood, Long Beach and Dayton Chapters have boosted to thirty one the number of chapters which have surpassed their last year's membership totals.

New staff-man needed

We are now in the process of looking for a Northern California-Western Nevada Regional Director to replace Haruo Ishimaru who has tendered his resignation effective the end of July.

For some time now he has asked to be relieved of the responsibility, but graciously stayed to work on the California legislative program. As of now on our California program, the State legislature has voted to refer the elimination of the 1920 Alien Land from the state statutes to the electorate in 1956, and this past week the Assembly passed the bill providing old age grants to aged Issei who will not have acquired citizenship. This latter bill now requires Senate approval.

In cooperation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Haruo pioneered the mass naturalization examinations which set the pattern for other areas, and during his four years on the Golden Gate scene the Northern California - Western Nevada area has continued as the largest and most vigorous of our district councils, numbering almost one third

of our total national membership.

Scholarships

Nominations from the chapters are now being received for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship. Again it will be an exacting job for the judges to pick a single winner from a high caliber group of graduates. We are glad to see that the Nisei and Sansei are winning their share of other available scholarships.

Plaudits to the Marysville Chapter for presenting a scholarship to Yuba College which is not confined to a Nisei, and also to the Placer County Chapter which has just announced its scholarship winners on the same basis. We understand the Fresno Chapter also has an annual such award for Fresno State College.

Our George Togasaki

It was nice to renew acquaintance with Dr. George Togasaki, our 1952 Convention speaker, at an informal supper gathering of his friends and JACLers under the auspices of the San Francisco Chapter. The publisher of the Nippon Times is undoubtedly the most effective goodwill ambassador for understanding between the peoples of Japan and America.

Small wonder that in spite of his busy speaking schedule, he should take time to meet with JACLers, for Dr. George Togasaki was one of the small group who met in San Francisco in 1939 to set up the 1930 JACL National Convention out of which came our national organization. Little did he dream that one day JACL would become the organization it now is as he went out on JACL deputations with Sab Kido, Dr. T. T. Hayashi and Doc Yatabe.

Upon supper chairman Dr. Carl Hirota's suggestion, he told the moving story of the background of the Hiroshima maidens project and belittled the important role he played. We are proud to have a Nisei of such stature but of deep humility and Christian motivation.

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BY TATS KUSHIDA

BORDER-BOUND

Los Angeles

Restaurateur Al Obayashi's Miyako Cafe on 4th Ave., San Diego's answer to Ellay's Imperial Gardens, the Ginza and Kawafuku, was sewed up for the nite of the 25th (see pic in usual spot, page 4). The Esdee chapter's second *shikuga-kai*, a testimonial honoring some eighty new Issei citizens, was a snappy two hour program contrived by prexy George Kodama, an hour and a half of which was spent in eating, as was appropriate for the exotic nine-course Chinameshi conjured up by Al's imported *cocinero*.



Our bi-lingual *o-iwai* oratory was, as grammarians and semanticists agree, for the birds. But as one guy put it, "I didn't savvy your Nihongo so I'm sure the Issei did." To which we add "!" Oyez, Sam Sugita, Mas Hironaka and others workhorsed the deal.

With time on our hands and at the insistence of our three hitchhikers—ELA prez Jim Higashi, fiztherapist Roy Yamadera and Shin Nishi Bei photog Bob Kishi-

ta—we detoured south of the border to see if Tijuana had anything worth *kembutsu-ing*. That last word, to explain to the uninitiated, doesn't mean what it sounds like. It's just plain, honest slumming. Of which there wasn't much. But you can haggle for a sharp pair of sterling cufflinks for cheap, which we did.

Smuggling wetbacks must be a precarious pursuit. We were questioned twice, once at the border and again north of SD as we were singing the theme song of SWLA prexy Doc Toru Iura's Kaboochi Troupe, "Kanchō Grande".

This same Toru (neuter gender for Toro, Spanish for male cow) presented us last week with an honorary membership in his chapter, card No. 1363. We find no hidden meaning in those numbers but wish it was 5439 so we could say, "Goshi, san-kyoo".

Upon our arrival, in one piece, to Smog City, we joined the Downtown LA chapter's monthly *kai* to present Frank F. (for fecund) Chuman, JACL Nat'l legal counsel, with the coveted award, the JACL Sapphire Pin. The rundown of his outstanding JACL record: 1946, first postwar LA chapter prexy; 1946-47, PSW district chairman; 1948-50, 2nd nat'l veep; 1950-52, 1st nat'l veep; 1953-55 Elcee; also chmn nat'l legis-legal and evac claims committees.

Frankie Boy, a wheel at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, was a pre-war birdwatcher for the Audubon Society. He's back in harness only this time, he's watching for the stork, scheduled to make his first visit to spouse Ruby in August. Which will make it offspring No. 6 for the firm, Chuman, McKibbin and Cydekoff—a mighty legal fortress. Bail, anyone?

The Gardena Valley JACL will spotlight June 9 for its testimonial-installation dinner when 180 naturalized Issei will be honored guests at the Western Club in Gardena, locale for occasional nefarious undertakings not in the mortuary sense. San Lorenzo Nursery's Paul Shinoda will emcee and Municipal Judge John Aiso will speechify. Installing the new officers will be the nat'l JACL *kaicho* (not be confused with kanchō), Cal-lahan Inagaki. The new chapter prez is Frank Kuida of the fertilizer Kuidas.

ASE DOMESTICA

An aversion to becoming holiday statistics kept us home over the Memorial weekend, completing our front lawn renovation with an enforced assist from SWLAer and co-Anchovy-ite George Tada who had dared to invade our domestic sweatshop. Earlier this year when our rear dichondra (an alleged lawn grass) got to look like a briarpatch leg, we yanked it out and threw in 3,000 bricks, practically all of it mortared in by our bricklaying kanai. The Sou'wester was never any great shucks at this laying business. Stucco redeck is our next project as soon as we find some striped paint—orange and purple. Meanwhile, as an appreciation gift to our good readers who send stamped reply envelopes, we offer a five-grain capsule of oxalis seeds guaranteed to over-run your lawn in two months.

PACKAGED CORN

Recognizing our love for gags, a group of Angelenos over-nighting at Big Bear Lake sent us a little souvenir package with a cover picture of a young couple in an avid embrace, and entitled "O! Reliable Deodorant; or, Don't be half-sure." (We resent the insinuation because we take chlorophyll.) Other come-ons said: Not a liquid, not a powder, not a cream, not a spray; sure, safe, simple. The punch line is "Guaranteed you won't smell". The contents: one wooden clothespin on a cardboard nose.

Reminds us of the gag we, undergrad then, were suckered into at burley-Q in Oakland when our combination coat hanger and cigarette lighter turned out to be a neatly boxed nail and match. We've taken to watching "Racket Squad" on tv so we won't be maneuvered into buying contraptions, like the one that counts geigers, f'rinstance.

Visitors this week: Aki Endo, conscientious past prez of the Santa Barbara chapter who initiated the naturalization program for Issei there; Rev. Harry Komuro, superintendent of the Hawaii Mission of the Methodist Church, enroute to the Methodist conference in Redlands and speaking engagements in the deep south, including New Orleans, his wife's home; Ken Amamoto, 1954 prez of the Venice chapter, a short 3 months after joining the ball and chain fraternity, his wife being the former Yuriko Miyake of West L.A.

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LeBell retains judo grand tourney title

(Los Angeles) Favored Gene LeBell of Hollywood won the heavyweight title and then defeated John Osako of Chicago, the 180-pound titlist, for the grand tourney championship in the National AAU judo tourney last weekend at the Olympic Auditorium before some 5,000 fans.

Kenji Yamada of Seattle, the 150-pound winner, won over Ben Takahashi of Hollywood, the 130-pound champ, in the other elimination.

HEAVYWEIGHT—Gene LeBell (Hollywood); 2. Frank Leszczynski (Chicago); 3. Shuzo Kato (Seattle). 180 POUNDS—John Osako (Chicago); 2. Vince Tamura (Chicago); 3. Tokuji Hirata (Hawaii). 150 POUNDS—Kenji Yamada (Seattle); 2. Edward Malley (Air Force, Baltimore); 3. Tats Kojima (Seattle). 130 POUNDS—Ben Takahashi (Hollywood); 2. Joe Fujimoto (Los Angeles); 3. Mas Kumamoto (Gardena). Team Scoring: Hollywood 12, Chicago 11, Seattle 8, Omaha, (Strategic Air Command) 3, Seinan (Los Angeles) 3, Hawaii 1, Gardena 1.

Refugee act—

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es for the President's "reasonable requests."

On the other hand, Rep. Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat who is chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and who opposed the passage of the Refugee Relief Act in 1953 as an effort to circumvent the quota restrictions of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 which he co-authored, expressed his opinion that no action would be taken this session. The President in his message requested enactment prior to adjournment this year.

New York "liberals" Sen. Herbert Lehman and Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, charged that the President did not go far enough, while conservative Sen. William Jenner of Indiana questioned the elimination of the two-year background check.

Several voiced some criticism of the suggestion to waive the health standards. But there appeared to be general bipartisan willingness to study these 10 Presidential proposals aimed at liberalizing the two-year-old statute which would in the President's words, "again reaffirm that the great tradition of sanctuary lives on in America."

Automobile insurance rates lowered for Californians

(Los Angeles) Lowered auto insurance rates throughout California for bodily injury and property damage liability as announced by the Nat'l Bureau of Casualty Underwriters and the Nat'l Auto Underwriters Ass'n were reported to the Pacific Citizen by the L.A. Japanese Casualty Insurance Ass'n.

The new rates which concern private passenger cars are effective June 1 and will reduce the statewide rate level from \$1 to \$13 while the comprehensive fire, theft and collision reduction is reported to average 14.6% overall. Special reductions were also made for women operators under 25 who are not the principal operators or owner of vehicles.

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SPORTSCOPE

Harley Ito of Los Angeles toured the Meadowlark course near Santa Ana in par 71 to win low gross honors Sunday at the fourth annual Orange County Invitational golf tournament. Joe Kishi of West Los Angeles was low net winner at 73-8-65. Ito scored a hole-in-one at the Griffith Park Harding links May 30 on the 140-yd. fifth hole using an 8-iron.

Jim Sato of Los Angeles returned in full force to tennis tournament play in the North Hollywood matches, where he was edged in the finals by Ed Cotten 6-1, 4-6, 9-7, last Sunday. The veteran Nisei netter has been playing for more than two decades.

Tak Yamaguchi, Caldwell, Idaho, rolled a 706 series including a 278 game in a summer league affair recently.

NISEI WINS COLORADO STATE MARBLE CROWN

(Denver) The Colorado marble championship crown was perched confidently on the head of an 11-year old Denver boy, Ikie Kawamura, following the ninth statewide tournament held in La Junta May 22.

Kawamura will now compete in the national finals at the Denver Coliseum June 23-25.

While part of La Junta was digging out from the debris left by the recent Arkansas river flood, the largest entry of marble contestants in the tournament's history was battling for the crown at the National Guard armory blocks away from the fringe of the flood.

Shirai battered into retirement

(Tokyo) World flyweight boxing champion Pascual Perez of Argentina blasted ex-champ Yashio Shirai of Japan into retirement Monday night in five rounds before 18,000 fans.

The Argentine boxer punched the sleek Japanese into a glass-eyed wreck. Shirai was on his knees when the bell ended the fifth round—and his boxing career.

It was Perez's first defense of the crown he won from Shirai here on a 15-round decision last November.

Shirai's American manager, Alvin Cahn, announced the retirement of the 32-year-old Japanese boxer after the lopsided bout.

Shirai was battered to the floor five times.

The timekeeper said the bout ended at 2:50 of the fifth.

Perez weighed 108½, Shirai 111½.

Pay boost—

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wages of classified workers.

Meanwhile, the Senate Civil Service Committee unanimously reported another bill designed to meet most of the President's objections to the recently vetoed measure.

The Senate unanimously passed Wednesday an 8.1% pay boost for some half million postal workers. The bill now goes to the House where it is expected to be taken up next week. Prompt enactment is predicted. The bill replaces legislation—vetoed by the President—which called for an 8.8% raise for the postal workers.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

RECEIVES GOLDWYN WRITING AWARDS

Los Angeles
A short story entitled "Rain and the Feast of the Stars," written by Tokyo exchange student Reiko Hatsumi, won second prize of \$250 in the first annual Samuel Goldwyn Award for Creative Writing this week. Miss Hatsumi who attended Seishin Joshi Gakuen in Tokyo, has been in the United States since 1949 under sponsorship of the Maryknoll Fathers here.



A journalism major, she is a graduate student at UCLA. She will receive her M.A. this month. Last year she did an article on persons of Japanese ancestry in America for the Bruin's Yearly Roundup as her thesis.

She will begin teaching classes at the Army Intelligence School in Monterey for six months before departing on a brief tour of European countries and then back to Japan.

Goldwyn established the competition "to encourage young, creative literary talent at the college level." The campus-wide contest had two honorable mentions among a total of 68 entries.

CULTURAL CENTER DREAM BUSTS AGAIN

Last February we announced that Yaemitsu Sugimachi, principal of the Japanese Language School Cooperative, was about to venture into a huge project with an intent to establish an Oriental Cultural Center in Los Angeles at the cost of \$50,000.

Our humble thinking then was that an undertaking by him or by any other community leader (or organization) was not possible in the light of our present "ghetto clannishness." Mark our word, they tell us this pettiness also exists among other groups of racial minorities. But, peculiarly, we seem to sense this trait more among the Orientals. Basically, we think Sugimachi could have presented a clearer picture of what was intended when the financial campaign began rolling. Coupled with the indifference shown by some of his so-called "supporters," the idea was dismissed entirely by the promoter.

The tragic part of this rejection is that it leaves a sense of frustration for the many who might have thought a center of that kind could be possible. We think the whole idea is impractical. And so far we haven't met anyone big enough to undertake such an enterprise.

PERPLEXED BURGLARS SET FIRE

Nurseryman Joe Kishi of West Los Angeles was awakened little past midnight Wednesday morning to see one of his plant houses on fire. He rushed out to investigate only to find it had burned to the ground in a matter of minutes. The structure at 2335 Sawtelle Blvd., owned by Kishi, unfortunately was not insured.

Kishi woefully reported his loss would be between \$7,000 and \$8,000 when all damages are known. In addition to office equipment, Kishi lost a large stock of flowers which firemen were forced to trample on to get to the flame.

All this happened, Kishi discovered, because burglars who entered the office were unable to break into a safe and in anger set fire to the place.

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Births

LOS ANGELES

AIHARA—May 5, boy Dean D. to Luis Aiharas (Yaeko Kanogawa).
AKAMINE—May 1, girl Marlene Kimiko to Sadakichi Akamines (Mildred Kono).

BAN—May 3, girl Judi Misa to George Bans (Ryoko Yano).
EDDOW—May 3, boy Gary M. to Shig Eddows (Yasuko Kajihara).

FUJIMOTO—May 4, girl Terri Mitsue to Mitsusuke Fujimotos (Marian Fujii).
GOYA—Apr. 23, boy Dennis Tsutomu to Frank Goyas (Margaret Yogi).

HAMLETT—May 3, girl Elizabeth F. to Peter Hamletts (Martha Akimoto).
ICHIKAWA—Mar. 29, girl to C. M. Ichikawas, Long Beach.

IMAMURA—Apr. 28, boy Jon H. to Ken Imamuras (Mae Eguchi).
IRIYE—Apr. 10, girl to Koji Iriyes, Long Beach.

ISHIBASHI—May 5, boy Setsuo D. to Hiroshi Ishibashis (Midori Yashimoto).
KANE—May 2, girl to George Kaness (Ruth Ozaki), Torrance.

KIGUCHI—Apr. 26, girl Laurie to Sam Kiguchis (Mary Kumagai).
KISHIYAMA—Mar. 29, girl to Ken Kishiyamas, Paramount.

KOBAYASHI—Apr. 23, boy to G. H. Kobayashis, Artesia.
KOBAYASHI—May 5, girl Rena to Gerald Kobayashis (Chiyoko Nishimura).

KUWAHARA—Apr. 12, girl to N. S. Kuwaharas, Compton.
MATOI—Mar. 31, boy to Kaname Matois, Long Beach.

MURAKAMI—May 5, girl Candice Toshiye to Masatoshi Murakamis (Amy Yoshida).
MURANAKA—Apr. 13, boy to Shigeru Muranakas, Lomita.

MURAYAMA—May 6, girl Linda Miyako to Isami Murayamas (Kzuyo Kusaka).
NAGAISHI—Apr. 26, boy Eugene Noboru to Kenji Nagaishis (Yaeko Yamashita).

NISHIMURA—Apr. 25, boy Yukio Gary to Harold Nishimuras (Betty Mura).
NODA—Apr. 6, girl to Arthui Nodas, Long Beach.

OKAMURA—May 7, girl Diane Mori to Yoichi Okamuras (Rose Matsubara).
OYAMA—May 2, boy Kenneth to Yaichiro Oyamas (Yoneko Murakami).

PAYNE—May 4, boy Howard A. to Richard Paynes, Tamiko Nakamura).
SAKAKURA—May 5, boy Richard T. to Joe Sakakuras (Michiko Sakakura).

SAKAI—May 1, boy Richard Jr. to Richard Sakais (Cheri Iwata).
SAKITA—Apr. 19, girl Marcia A. to George Sakitas (Jean Iwasaki).

SATO—Apr. 26, girl Naomi W. to Wilbur Satos (Ross Yoshida).
SCOTT—May 1, girl Lydia J. to Richard Scotts (Toshiko Oka).

SHINTAKU—May 1, boy Randall G. to Minoru Shintakus (Seiko Furuya).
TAKAHAMA—Apr. 2, girl to Don Takahamas, Wilmington.

TAKETA—Apr. 28, boy Ronald M. to Harry Taketas (Kuniko Higashida).
TANAKA—Mar. 25, girl to Frank Y. Tanakas, Long Beach.

TANAKA—Apr. 2, boy to Tadashi Tanakas, Long Beach.
TANAKA—May 3, boy Jonathan Takeo to Yasuo Tanakas (Yuri Takenaka), South Pasadena.

TANIGUCHI—May 5, girl Charyn to Mitsuo Taniguchis (Yuriko Tanimoto).
TSUCHIYAMA—Apr. 21, boy Brian Yuji to George Tsuchiyamas (Sumiko Kato).

YAMADA—Apr. 26, girl Susan A. to Fred Yamadas (Ema Ohno), Monterey Park.
YAMAMOTO—Apr. 23, boy Thomas R. to Kunio Yamamotos (Frances Takechi).

YAMANI—Apr. 28, boy Alan to Yukio Yamanis (Michiko Nomura).
YASUNAGA—May 4, girl Susan M. to Tadao Yasunagas (Sally Mizokami).

SAN DIEGO

INOUE—Apr. 1, boy to John W. Inoues.
SHINOHARA—Mar. 24, girl to James J. Shinoharas.

FRESNO

HASHIMOTO—May 3, boy to Akira Hashimotos, Reedley.
KAWAMOTO—Apr. 23, boy to Kiyoshi Kawamotos, Fowler.

MIURA—May 6, girl to Shigeto Miuras.
NAGATA—May 2, boy to Tom Nagatas.

TAKANISHI—May 6, boy to Yutaka Takanishis, Reedley.
YAMAKAWA—Apr. 28, girl to Toyoji Yamakawas, Reedley.

STOCKTON

HIRAGA—May 1, girl to Tom T. Hiragas, Tracy.
NISHIDA—Apr. 29, girl to James T. Nishidas, Manteca.

YABUMOTO—Apr. 30, boy to Nao Yabumotos.
YAMASAKI—Apr. 23, boy to Clarence K. Yamasakis.

SAN JOSE

ARIU—May 11, girl Mary Sakae to Mum Ariis, Cupertino.
ETO—May 14, boy Terry to Thomas T. Etos, Campbell.

FUKUI—May 5, girl Cynthia Kimiye to George Fukuis, Warm Springs.
HIGASHI—May 5, boy Steven Susumu to Joe Higashis, Gilroy.

KANZAKI—May 11, girl Debbie C. to John Kanzakis, Cupertino.
KUNIMURA—May 12, girl Susan M. to Hiroshi Kunimuras.

SHIGO—May 19, girl Margaret A. to George Sihgos, Santa Clara.
SUYEISHI—May 6, boy Craig Tami to Shigeru Suyeishis.

YAMAOKA—May 5, boy Gregory E. to Edward M. Yamaokas, Santa Clara.
YAMASHITA—May 11, girl Judy Hirumi to George Yamashitas, Saratoga.

WATSONVILLE

MATSUE—May 14, girl to Tommy Matsues (Violet Matsuka).
MINO—May 21, boy to Tadashi Minos (Barbara Kuramoto).

WADA—May 9, girl to George Wadas.
SAK—May 8, girl to Joe A. Sakos.

TAKAGAWA—Apr. 29, boy to Leslie K. Takagawas.
YAMASAKI—May 5, boy to Allen H. Yamasakis.

YONEMOTO

YONEMOTO—May 4, girl to Kazuo Yonemotos (Lois Tabuchi).
YOSHIDA—May 4, boy to Harry Y. Yoshidas (Jeannie Ito).

SANTA ROSA

OTANI—Girl to Yoshino Otanis, Sonoma.
ARITA—May 8, boy to Tadashi Aritas.

SACRAMENTO

HAMAMOTO—May 3, boy to Yutaka Hamamotos.
MATSUURA—May 9, girl to Ronald T. Matsuuras.

NISHI—May 15, girl Judith Fumiko to Charles K. Nishis.
YAMADA—May 10, girl to Kay K. Yamadas.

YAMAKAWA—May 5, girl to George K. Yamakawas.
AUBURN

YOSHIKAWA—Apr. 29, boy to Shizuo Yoshikawas.

ONTARIO, ORE.
KODA—May 9, girl to Bill Kodas, Vale.

SAITO—May 16, girl to James Saitos.
SEATTLE

FUJIKADO—May 18, girl to Kei Fujikados.
KAMIHARA—May 19, girl to Kazuo Kamiharas.

OHMURA—May 11, boy to James Omuras, Maltby.
TANINO—May 12, boy to Ryomi Taninos.

DENVER
MITANI—May 13, boy to Bob Mitanis, Greeley.

NAKAMURA—Girl to Masayuki Nakamuras.
NISHIMOTO—Boy to H. M. Nishimotos.

NISHIMOTO—Boy to Shigeru Nishimotos.
SAKAGUCHI—Boy to H. Sakaguchis.

SUMIKAWA—Girl to Henry T. Sumikawas (Sets Ioka), Aurora.
TANABE—Boy to Benjamin Tanabes, Weld Co.

CHICAGO
ITO—Apr. 26, girl Kory Fujiye to Tom Ito.

MARUYAMA—Mar. 18, boy Kelvin K. to George Maruyamas.
NAKAMA—Apr. 28, girl Anne Miyuki to Roy Nakamas.

SASAMOTO—Apr. 27, boy Alen Take-mi to Tad Sasamotos.
SASAMOTO—Apr. 30, girl Katherine Yuri to Dr. George Sasamotos.

Engagements
BETSUIN-KAMIFUJI—Misako to Tom of Los Angeles, May 14.

UNO-KANEKO — Kay, Los Angeles, to Edwin T., San Francisco.

Marriage Licenses Issued
HOSHINO-MITSUI — Edward, 27, Sacramento; Sumito, 21, Seattle.

MATSUI-MATSUSHITA — Tsugio, San Diego; Marian, Seattle.
NAKAO-KONO — John S., Thornton; Grace Michiye, Sacramento.

NAKOTANI-OKIHARA — Roy E., Harue of Seattle.
THIEL-KONO — Philip, Midori of Berkeley.

Weddings
HAYASHI-NAGASHIKI — May 22, Shinro and Fumi of Los Angeles.

HORIUCHI-KUSHINO — May 14, Henry and Yayeko of Chicago.
IMAGAWA-ENDOW — May 21, Dr. Richard, San Francisco; Noriko, Jofuku-Kobata — May 28, Kaz and Yoneko of Fresno.

KOGA-OTANI — May 22, Toshio and Louise of Sonoma.
KUBOTA-WATANABE — May 22, Toyoaki, Gardena; Mary Haruye, Los Angeles.

MIYAUCHI-URANO — May 29, Hiro and Mary of Denver.
NAKAGAWA-NAKASHIMA — May 20, Akira, Fresno; Shizuko, Seattle.

ODOI-ABE — May 22, Mas and Frances of Chicago.
TANI-SUNADA — May 22, Yukio, Clovis; Midori, Fresno.

UTSUMI-TERAZAWA — May 21, Babe and Helen of San Francisco.
YANAGIHARA-MAYEDA — May 21, Rev. Higaru, Osaka; Kaworu, New York.

Deaths
ISHIOKA, Kuni, 49: West Los Angeles, May 26, survived by husband Riichi, sons Hisao, Kunio Shishido, daughters Mieko Shishido and Mrs. Toshiye Sogata.

KIMURA, Machi, 71: Los Angeles, survived by husband Guntaro.
KURATANI, Akimatsu, 81: Los Angeles, May 25, survived by sons Kazuo, Tsutomu, daughters Fumi, Mrs. Kikue Saito Mrs. Mary Suenaga, Mrs. Haruko Murota.

KUWAHARA, Hiroshi, 35: Chicago, May 5.
MORIZAWA, Bunjiro, 72: Denver, (formerly of San Francisco), May 10.

MURAKAMI, Shizuyo, 60: Los Angeles, survived by sons Kiyoshi, Yukio, daughters Kimiko, Kaeko, Mrs. Chi-yoko Nishimura, Mrs. Teruko Hori.

SUGAWARA, Fuyo, 72: Los Angeles, survived by daughter Mrs. Sakae Sugawara, grandchildren Louie, George, Bill and Mrs. Mary Furushiro.

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DECADE AGO

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First arrest made on coast terror against Nisei; Parlier man confesses gun attack against Charles Iwasaki home, receives suspended sentence . . . Gunman attacks home of Kaudy Mimura of Orosi . . . Fresno sheriffs meet with G2 men over terror raids.

Report death of first Nisei GI (T/3 Eddie Fukui of Tacoma) on Okinawa.

100th Infantry Battalion most decorated unit in U.S. Army's history, says article in *American Mercury* . . . War Department says Nisei combat team rated as one of best fighting units in Army.

"Vast majority" of Californians accept returning Nisei, reports *Christian Science Monitor* correspondent.

Arizona *Daily Star* (Tucson) believes Army should protect evacuees; honor, reputation of Army at stake, says editorial.

Gov. Wallgren explains his protest against return of evacuees to Washington because of the "presence of Japanese free balloons over western U.S. and Canada."

Clete Roberts (Blue Network correspondent in Rome) says GIs puzzled by anti-Nisei incidents; troops who fought alongside Nisei will oppose discrimination.

SOCIAL NOTES

(West Los Angeles) Doris Kawaguchi was installed as president of the WLA Buddhist Church Ladies Guild at a family potluck dinner May 22. Other officers are: Mmes. Helen Fujimoto, Ayako Yabuta, v.p.; Masaye Maruyama, Sally Oshinomi, sec.; Ruby Matsumoto, Michi Takeuchi, treas.; Virginia Tomimaga, pub.; Nancy Oku, hist.; Tomiko Iwamoto, Shizue Naramura, membs.-at-lrg.

(Sacramento) Parkview Presbyterian Women's Guild holds a benefit cake sale June 4; Mrs. Yoshi Nakagawa is chairman. Proceeds go for the church picnic in July.

(Los Angeles) Nisei Music Guild held its first anniversary dinner at Cove Restaurant May 21 with Tom Shimasaki as toastmaster. Ayako Matsumoto, who founded the organization, was cited for her leadership and efforts. Esther Kinoshita is the new president. Masuo Mitamura spoke on the international aspects of music.

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Editorials

10,000 ISSEI NATURALIZED

Unofficial estimates from the Washington JACL Office show 10,000 Issei are American citizens today. Government statistics for June 30, 1954, show 7,424 have been naturalized.

Compared with other nationalities in the same period, the Japanese have attended Americanization classes and become U.S. citizens by a larger percentage than any other group during such a short period of eligibility—since December, 1952.

This is one time we gladly toot the horn for a group of people who faced great odds upon arriving on these shores, suffered with their children the plight of evacuation and had to wait nearly a lifetime for a chance to swear allegiance to Our Flag.

SCHOOL SEGREGATION

Last Monday, the United States Supreme Court again spoke on the issue of segregation in schools. Last year, the court unanimously declared it to be unconstitutional. Taking a middle course, the latest decision returned the issue back to the local courts to see if a "prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance" was being made.

The decision is one of equity. It did not bend to the arguments of the proponents who wanted a deadline of one year for compliance. Nor did it bend to the questions of the defendants who wanted to know how and when it should be done. "The school authorities have the primary responsibility for elucidating, assessing and solving these problems," the decision continued. "The courts will have to consider whether the action of the school authorities constitutes good faith implementation of the governing constitutional principles."

We believe the solution will not be as difficult as it appears today. It will depend upon the attitude of the 17 states where school segregation exists.

We can point to the change of heart in California, where discrimination was keen against Orientals and Negroes as late as a decade ago. The change that has taken place in the last few years shows what can be done if the people want it.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Our Washington Newsletter writer this week harps on the indifference of the Japanese American community toward the memory of the Nisei war dead. Across the continent in Los Angeles, a Nisei judge eloquently declared "these heroes we honor would be the first to remind us, forget not Washington on his knees at Valley Forge nor Yankees at Chateau Thierry. They were the ones that made it possible for us Nisei Americans in turn to play our small part . . . May we resolve anew to order and live our daily lives sensitive to the great debt we owe to all our honored dead for making it possible for us to take part in the great American adventure. That only is true gratitude and reverence which translates into deeds the spirit of selflessness which carried these honored heroes to their untimely rendezvous with death."

Either way it's studied, Issei and Nisei Americans have the least excuse to forget. We owe so much to our fallen heroes.

VAGARIES

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photographed, badly edited and stuffed with propaganda."

A different view of *Hiroshima* is taken by Arthur Knight, critic for the Saturday Review. In the May 21 issue Knight notes that if *Hiroshima* is at all indicative "the current renaissance of Japan's film industry is not confined exclusively to the *dai-geki*, the period pieces." Rather than anti-American, Knight finds the picture's "sole note of overt criticism is directed against the Japanese military, first for its brutal discipline of civilians, and then for its refusal to adopt effective anti-radiation measures for fear of alarming the populace."

Knight comments the film's telling of the day the A-bomb dropped "is told dispassionately, without protest, without sensationalism, without cheap appeals for pity."

Speaking of the Japanese filmmakers interest in *jidai-geki*, period dramas, two of Japan's latest entries were shown this past month at the Cannes International film festival. Unlike two of their predecessors, *Rashomon*, and *Gate of Hell*, the 1955 entries failed to win any of the major awards. *Chikamatsu Monogatari*, a Daisei production, is a slow-moving tale of the illicit love of a worker and the wife of his employer in the feudalism of 17th century Nippon. The Cannes critics liked the picture, but there was no dancing in the streets. The other picture was *Princess Sen*, set in the Japan of the Tokugawa dynasty. The Japanese also entered a modern film, *Diary of Women*, the story of five sisters and their marriages.

The box-office successes of *Rashomon* and *Gate of Hell*, the latter now in its 25th week at the Guild theater in New York City, insure that American audiences will have an opportunity to see the best of films from Japanese studios.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

Have We Forgotten So Soon?

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Memorial Day, 1955

Washington
Last Monday, May 30, was Memorial Day.

Ten years ago, M minus 23, the war ended in Europe.

A decade ago, M plus 105, Japan surrendered.

Two days later, M plus 107, exclusion orders were rescinded and once again Issei and Nisei Americans were free to return to the homes and associations from which they had been so summarily evacuated three and a half years earlier.

In those days of new found dignity, and for the next several years to follow, persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States were grateful, and rightly so, to the Nisei GI, living and dead, who by their heroic gallantry on all the far-flung fronts of World War II, have earned for all Americans of Japanese ancestry, alien and citizen alike, the mantle of general acceptance by their nation and by their neighbors.

In those days ten years ago, it was recognized and acknowledged that had it not been for the unprecedented demonstration of loyalty and devotion of the Nisei GI, particularly the original volunteers for both the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and military intelligence in the Pacific, Issei and Nisei Americans would continue to be a "suspect minority", with the "relocation camps" perhaps becoming permanent centers for much of the "Japanese" population.

The bright, new dawn for that great opportunity which most persons of Japanese ancestry in this country have discovered since that time was made possible only because of the sacrifices of the Nisei servicemen who, by their sheer nobility in combat, swept away the clouds of hatred and suspicion that had hovered over this little known minority who had, in the language of the Supreme Court of the United States, a "racial affinity to the enemy".

This Memorial Day, 1955, in national cemeteries and in public and private observances throughout the land, those Issei and Nisei who remembered gathered to pay humble respects to the memory of those who gave "their last full measure of devotion" that all persons of Japanese ancestry in this nation might enjoy a "new birth of freedom".

True, these heroic Nisei dead gave their lives for their country, but in so doing also gave their lives for their fathers and mothers, their brothers and sisters, their friends and others of Japanese ancestry, that they might at long last be accepted as worthy partners in the great American dream of "one nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

Washington tradition

Here, in the Nation's Capital, keeping a tradition that began seven years ago, when 50 national veterans and patriotic organizations that annually present wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and hold memorial services in the marble amphitheater on May 30 invited the JACL to join with them in these solemn rites, members of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter gathered early last Monday morning in Arlington National Cemetery.

Under the direction of Ira Shimazaki, himself a veteran of World War II who has a brother-in-law interred among the nation's war dead, the little band of JACLers first met and conducted informal rites at the gravesites of Saburo Tanarachi and Fumitake Nagato, the first Nisei ever to be laid to rest in Arlington. Both were members of the 442nd Combat Team and both were killed in the action leading to the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion in the Vosges Mountains of North-eastern France in October, 1944.

Thereafter, the grave of every one of the 20 Nisei dead in Arlington was individually decorated. All of the Nisei dead were mem-

bers of the 442nd.

Later, Ruth Kuroishi, on behalf of the National JACL and of all persons of Japanese ancestry everywhere in the world who have gained some measure of dignity because of the Nisei GI, laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,



alongside that of Vice President Nixon who presented a wreath on behalf of all the people of the United States and for the President. The President himself took part in the observance of Gettysburg, the Pennsylvania battleground from which the original inspiration came for Memorial Day.

Later, members of the JACL participated in the services in the amphitheater where the Vice President, himself a veteran of the Navy in World War II, was main speaker.

The crowd of Issei and Nisei in the Washington area who took part in the decorating the graves of the individual Nisei war dead seemed smaller this year than last, and last year's seemed smaller than that of the year before.

And a check with Ira Shimazaki disclosed that this year only seven families of the twenty who have sons or brothers or husbands interred in this hallowed ground sent flowers or wreaths to be laid at the gravesites of their own dead. And two of these were local in that the families reside in this district.

Many fail to show up

Many of the veterans who served alongside their fallen comrades or who saw duty in the Pacific also failed to show up to pay homage to the departed.

Whether what happened and is happening in Washington is typical of what is taking place elsewhere is purely conjectural but the guess is that it is.

Nisei veterans groups and local JACL chapters may sponsor special services but what percentage of what should be a grateful community of persons of Japanese ancestry cooperate in these observances to the Nisei war dead? For that matter, how many Nisei veterans themselves show up to pay respects to their own?

The excuses are legion.

The Issei are too old to be able to go out on their own to take part in these cemetery services.

The Nisei are too busy—too busy earning a living, buying a home, raising a family.

Besides, there are so many other things to do. Golfing, fishing, picnicking, sleeping, watching television, or just plain loafing.

The war has been over for ten years and people simply can't just live in the past. The evacuation is like a bad dream, a nightmare that is best forgotten. The world is in crisis and no one knows what tomorrow may bring, so—why bother about Memorial Day.

Complacency rapped

Issei and Nisei Americans can not be so complacent about their obligations on Memorial Day because the Nisei GI, particularly the ones who were killed in battle, made possible their welcome acceptance in the mainstream of United States life.

If the Nisei GI had not paid the price to redeem their allegiance and good name, these same Issei and Nisei Americans who today are too busy for Memorial Day would not be able to enjoy the luxuries of living as they do, for the good living that is theirs today was not something that was purchased in the bargain basement. It was paid for in the blood and lives of the sons, the brothers, the husbands, the friends and relatives who are interred in national and other cemeteries across this broad land and overseas.

When persons of Japanese an-

cestry choose to ignore their noble war dead, let them look back to the barbed wire fences of the "concentration camps" to which they were removed because their loyalty was questioned only 13 years ago. The memory of man may be short, but it can't be so short that those of Japanese ancestry can forget the humiliation, the heartbreak, the suffering of evacuation.

And, who was it that opened wide the gates of these camps and the hearts of all America by living and dying as bravely as any American has ever done from Bunker Hill to the ragged peaks of Korea?

Who was it who made possible a secure and promising future for the Issei and the Nisei, and their children and children's children, for all the ages that these United States of America shall exist?

Constant tribute urged

It was, and is, these Nisei war dead who ought to be honored not just once a year, on Memorial Day, but every day in every week in every years—so long as Americans of Japanese ancestry live in an America made great because of the supreme sacrifice of those who put "country before self".

For all that persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States have, for all that the future holds for them and their posterity, they of all Americans should be proud of their soldier dead—proud and grateful enough to commemorate Memorial Day not on May 30 alone but every living day of their lives made living because of those whose memory must be enshrined in their hearts.

Wins 4-yr. college grant

(New York) Dorothy Kawachi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Kawachi, 220 E. 53rd St., successfully competed with 22,700 prep students throughout the state to win a four-year stipend from the state board of regents to be applied at any state college. She is graduating this month from Hunter College High School.

CALENDAR

- June 3 (Friday)**
Philadelphia—Meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.; Dr. James Dannenberg, spkr., "What Do You Know About Dentistry?"
- June 4 (Saturday)**
Marysville—Parents' Day, Gakuen Bldg.
Salt Lake City—Graduates' ball, Newhouse Hotel, 9 p.m.; semi-formal.
- June 5 (Sunday)**
Richmond—El Cerrito Parents' dinner, Memorial Youth Center, 3230 Macdonald Ave., 6 p.m.
D.C.—Chapter outing, Boyce's, Alexandria, Va.
West Los Angeles—Community picnic, Ladera Park.
San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.
- June 9 (Thursday)**
Gardena Valley—Issei Testimonial dinner, Western Club, 15516 S. Western Ave.; Judge John Aiso, spkr.
East Los Angeles—"Marriage Clinic", Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m.
- June 11 (Saturday)**
Chicago—1000 Club Whing-Ding, North Park Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco—Summer Informal dance, Surf Club, 9 p.m. Jim Bland orch.
- June 12 (Sunday)**
Marysville—Graduates' outing, Bidwell Bar, Oroville.
Detroit—Community picnic, Middle Rouge Park.
- June 14 (Tuesday)**
Seattle—General meeting, 1414 Weller St.; George Inagaki, spkr.
Marysville—Auxiliary meeting, JACL Office, 8 p.m.
- June 17 (Friday)**
Southwest L.A.—Airport tour.
- June 18 (Saturday)**
Chicago—Graduates' Dance, McCormick YWCA.
- June 19 (Sunday)**
Twin Cities—Community picnic, Webber Parkway.
- June 25-26**
West Los Angeles—Community Carnival, Japanese Institute.
- June 25 (Saturday)**
Cincinnati—Community picnic.
- June 26 (Sunday)**
Los Angeles—Nisei Relays, Rancho Conega Stadium.
San Francisco—Community picnic, Golden Gate Park Speedway Meadows.
- July 3 (Sunday)**
Sonoma County—Community picnic, Doran's State Park, Bodega Bay.
San Diego—Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park.
Cleveland—Community picnic, Weiland's Lake.
- July 10 (Sunday)**
Richmond—El Cerrito—Picnic, Marsh Creek, Springs Park.