

Editorials

INVESTMENT FOR FUTURE

In a few weeks, another outstanding high school graduate will be announced as recipient of the Pvt. Ben Masaoka Memorial Scholarship by the Japanese American Citizens League, administrators of the grant for Mrs. Masaoka. As in past years, the judges are perusing candidates of superior calibre, making the final choice an extremely difficult one.

What is most appealing, however, is the spirit of scholarships. It is one of the finest things people do for other people. Not all students who get scholarships are "needy" in the usual sense of the word. Probably they could manage to get some college education without help, though it might not be the college of their choice nor in the field of their choice. Scholarships, thus, make it possible for outstanding young people to go on to the kind of higher education they want. For some, it is an opportunity for further study instead of going to work. For all, it will be a better training to become outstanding citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

There seems to be four categories of scholarships. One is given in memory of some person; another is donated by alumni groups. The third comes from service or fraternal organizations and a fourth group of anonymous donors—people who are thoroughly sold on the idea of helping outstanding students and want neither thanks nor public recognition.

There is no better investment for the future than an establishment of such scholarships. We commend the idea to groups who want to be of service to their community and to citizens who have more than they need, realizing they can't take it with them, are looking for really worthwhile personal projects.

LUMP-SUM PAYMENT

Undoubtedly many questions are still arising from the recent announcement that the new Hillings Bill to facilitate payment of remaining evacuation claims has a section asking for lump-sum payment to every evacuee.

Rather than repeat what is being reported in the Washington Newsletter this week, we wish to call attention to the entire article. (It may be useful for JACL Chapter presidents to add this week's report from Mike Masaoka to their President's Handbook for future reference.)

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

THE ANAHEIM ATTRACTION

Taking a cue from a Hollywood columnist, I guess I'll wait until the first day of school to visit Disneyland. I didn't make it last Sunday . . . Judging from all the local comments of the press who were "mishandled" at the invitational preview, it appears my retreat into the Lake Arrowhead country was for the best as the beaches were crowded on the first summery weekend for Angelenos . . . While it was not mentioned specifically over the telecast, the drum & bugle corps making a brief appearance in front of Tomorrowland was Li'l Tokio's own—BSA Troop 379. They endured about five dry runs and a couple of dress rehearsals for that one-minute spot.

With all the outdoor attractions in metropolitan Los Angeles, it becomes increasingly difficult for Nisei social groups to schedule events on weekends in the summer. Even beach parties don't attract the number of previous years—bumper-to-bumper traffic has whittled down the crowd.

Parents whose tots are in the Davy Crockett rage ought to read John Fischer's iconoclastic piece in the July Harper's. He says the "Disneyfied version of history" has turned two million American boys into "infant brain-washees" worshipping Crockett, who was a shiftless bum and tippler . . . It only proves what a strong influence movies and TV can be and the rightful interest JACL has played in the past to eliminate erroneous stereotypes of Japanese Americans from the screen—wide screen or 24-inch brand.

PROXY-ADOPTED CHILD OF NAGOYA ADMITTED UNDER REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM

(San Francisco) A two-year-old Japanese-American child adopted by proxy through Japanese courts was greeted here upon arrival by Japan Air Lines Sunday. A special nonquota visa under the Refugee Relief Act was issued at the Nagoya U.S. consulate to Michael Glenn White, also known as Kureo Umekita.

The child's adoptive parents, Rev. and Mrs. Bertis E. White, who have one child, 2½, live in Ashdown, Ark., where White is minister of the Church of Christ.

His colleagues, the Robert J. Chambers, engaged in missionary work in Nagoya, located the child and arranged for the proxy adoption of Michael by the Whites.

REQUIREMENTS OF CALIF. PENSION FOR ISSEI TOLD

(Sacramento) "The Social Welfare Department of the State of California will extend every service in processing the newly eligible non-citizen Issei for old age security", reported Haruo Ishimaru of the No. Calif. JACL Regional Office, adding that although the effective date of the legislation which would not permit non-citizen Issei to obtain old age assistance until Sept. 7, he was advised that the central office of the Social Welfare Department has already advised county offices.

In a surprising successful legislative campaign, the JACL had introduced a bill which would give old age assistance to aliens who had been ineligible for citizenship prior to Dec. 24, 1952. With the passage of AB 2255 by the California State Legislature and signing of the bill by Gov. Knight on July 9, for the first time in the history of the state of California

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Vested property resolution yielded to new House group

(Washington) - Jurisdiction over four resolutions in the House of Representatives for full return of wartime vested property has been transferred to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported Monday.

Last week, public hearings on the four resolutions in question were held by Ad Hoc House Foreign Affairs subcommittee. Washington JACL representative, Mike Masaoka, testified before this subcommittee urging the full return of wartime vested property and was the only witness supporting return of Japanese property vested in the United States.

Following the public hearings on the four identical resolutions by the Foreign Affairs subcommittee, the question of committee jurisdiction was raised and resolved in favor of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee. The latter committee has traditional jurisdiction over matters relating to The Trading With the Enemy Act under which the assets were seized by the United

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Civil rights legislation being studied by House subcommittee endorsed by JACL, particular Nisei interest emphasized

(Washington) Some 53 bills, many identical in purpose and language relating to civil rights, are under consideration by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights. In accordance with mandates of past national conventions of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Washington JACL Office this week urged their congressional enactment.

In urging passage of the civil rights measure in its plea to Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass), chairman of the Civil Rights subcommittee, the Washington JACL office emphasized the particular interest in the legislation for persons of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. and Hawaii.

The JACL pointed out that Nisei "have experienced, especially during World War II, racial discrimination in many of its most sordid expressions, legal as well as otherwise. We can and do appreciate the subtle as well as more obvious aspects of prejudice which restrict, humiliate, and persecute some of our fellow Americans of other races, creeds, colors, and national origins.

"This is not meant to suggest that we Americans of Japanese ancestry are no longer subjected to racial antipathies. Though our present status as a nationality and minority group in the United States is considerably better than it ever has been, nevertheless we still meet with racial prejudice in various matters, particularly in housing."

Congressional enactment of civil rights legislation was urged by the JACL to supplement recent progress made through the courts and by the administration. The JACL said, "during the past several decades, the courts and the executive have done much to strike down the specter of racial discrimination in our national existence, thereby advancing greatly the civil rights of us all.

"But the Congress, during this same period, has demonstrated a reluctance to deal with this problem."

NISHITA MAKING RAPID RECOVERY FROM ILLNESS

(San Juan Bautista) George Nishita, veteran JACLer who sustained a heart attack recently, is now rapidly convalescing at his home here.

In addition to his long service with JACL here, he is currently serving as president of the San Juan Rod and Reel Club and Hollister Boat Club. He is in business with his brothers operating the Packers, Inc., vegetable shippers.

Wedding reception guests suffer food poisoning

(San Jose) Some 90 guests at a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Al Hamamoto, both 19, of 800-D N. San Jose-Los Gatos Rd., Campbell, suffered mild cases of food poisoning at a local Chinatown restaurant July 9.

The wedding took place June 26 at the home of the bride, the former Lillian Ohara, 11814 Miller Rd., Cupertino.

Exact cause was to be investigated by local health authorities and the restaurant owner told Hamamoto he was ready to cover any medical expenses incurred by the guests. But the premises were closed for a week because of the help and owners went on vacation, according to health officers.

lem; as a matter of fact, with few exceptions, the judiciary and the executive have been responsible for all the gains made, and some are of a momentous nature, in this field of human rights."

Because treatment of minority groups has an effect reaching beyond our national boundaries, the JACL explained that "many of our members know, from personal observation in Japan and Asia, where many served in our armed forces during World War II and in the recent Korean hostilities, and while on business and pleasure trips to the Orient, that one of the most embarrassing and difficult questions which is asked too often relates to our regard for our

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SHARE-CROPPERS COVERED BY SOCIAL SECURITY

(Washington) Because many Issei and Nisei are engaged in farming activities, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League conferred Wednesday with Internal Revenue Service officials regarding a new government determination covering farm share croppers under social security.

The Internal Revenue Service ruling held that farm share croppers in the ordinary meaning of the term are independent farm operators and must pay self-employment social security taxes if their earnings from share cropping are \$400 or more in 1955.

Share croppers are defined as those who farm belonging to another person and who receive a proportionate share of the income from the land for their farming services.

The land owner, deriving his income from a proportionate share of the income resulting from share cropping, is not a self-employed farmer and not under social security, the Internal Revenue Service said. In this case, the land owner is receiving "rentals from real estate" and such rental income is excludable from income taxable for social security purposes, the Washington JACL office was informed.

The Internal Revenue Service owners and farm operators.

Because many farming activities and employment are covered by 1955, Issei and Nisei who are farm social security for the first time in owners or operators should also said that its ruling regarding share croppers does not include or affect its earlier decision on persons who receive a stipulated or fixed portion of a crop farmed for the person owning the land. The decision, likewise, does not affect partnerships between farm tact their local Internal Revenue

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Colorado Times changes hands, Kaihara retires

(Denver) The Colorado Times exchanged hands July 1. Fred I. Kaihara, founder and owner, had published the only bi-lingual English-Japanese vernacular here the past 25 years. It suspended publication for a week and resumed last Monday with Ted K. Ogasawara as the new president.

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From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

UNSUNG HEROES OF PICNICS

Denver
 A 10-foot-long Japanese paper fish swam realistically in the breeze from a makeshift staff atop Genesee mountain, a minor peak just west of Denver. The plaintive sounds of a Japanese folk song poured out from a public address system, and scores of little black-haired moppets sucked contentedly at popsicles. The occasion? None other than the annual picnic of Denver's Japanese American community.



Even in these far Rockies this traditional event of the Japanese in America, half folk festival, half social blowout, continues to thrive and prosper. Compared to the west coast versions of the community picnic, Denver's was a modest affair. But for this hinterland it was a big turnout. Some 500 persons showed up, including some war brides and their families and a contingent of Japanese air force officers and enlisted men now training at nearby Lowry field. A good time was had by all.

Perhaps, as Taba Fujita observed, because the energetic folk who planned the picnic and did the work were the same ones who ran the pre-evacuation picnics out on the Pacific coast, this event followed a familiar format. There was a rope-enclosed running track too small except for the smallest athletes, generous merchandise prizes, plenty of free pop, and a fine festive air over all. Unsung members of the committee showed up early to prepare the site, and stayed long after everyone was gone to police the grounds like the good soldiers they are.

★ **SANDWICHES VS. SUSHI**

Speaking of soldiers, the Japanese air force folks got into the spirit of things, had a grand time, and made many a friend for themselves. Natty in their uniforms, clean-cut, friendly, they created a fine impression. Most of them scattered out to have lunch with various members of the Denver community, and the enjoyment was mutual.

In the group under our tree we had Captain Ohtsuka, Captain Hirai and Lieutenant Iwabe, all former Japanese naval officers. (Somehow, first names never seem to get revealed when Japanese are introduced.) Partaking hugely of May Tofizawa's fine Japanese food, Captain Ohtsuka observed that when the average Japanese goes on a picnic, his wife fixes up sandwiches. It was explained to him later that the average Nisei gets sandwiches frequently at home, and a picnic is a special sort of occasion when festive fare is called for.

Lieutenant Iwabe then remarked that when he left Japan, all his friends believed he wouldn't have a chance to taste Japanese food until he came back. So they stuffed him with all manner of goodies as a send-off. Now he can tell them they needn't have been concerned at all. Denver's reputation for hospitality is bound to spread.

★ **THOUGHTS UNDER A PINE TREE**

Loafing in the shade of a pine, I had a chance to reflect on the state of all manner of things as more vigorous individuals disported themselves.

For one thing, I was much impressed by the large number of late model cars on the grounds. And they weren't all in the "popular priced" bracket either. There were numerous big, long, sleek jobs that spoke of prosperity, and it made me feel that these folk, most of whom were unwilling transplants to Denver after the evacuation experience, are here to stay.

I was impressed, too, by the large number of Issei who not only showed up, but took an active role in running off the events. Denver has a big and active group of Issei, and may they enjoy many more picnics.

Nor must I forget the numerous and handsome Sansei girls, and the last of the Nisei crop now blossoming into womanhood. The young bucks were looking them over, just as we used to do at picnics a quarter century ago. Times flies, but customs change slowly.

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TOKYO TOPICS: by TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Can a strange flag—white moon on blue background—seen at Tokyo public meeting be a substitute for Hinomaru?

It might be said the pendulum of patriotism has swung to the other extreme. The daily newspapers constantly carry articles indicating the lack of patriotism and principle among the Japanese today.

One student wrote a letter to the editor of the Mainichi of a political rally he attended at Kanda Public Hall urging restoration of normal relations between Japan and the Communist countries of Russia and China.

"In the center of the stage were three flags. The Communist Chinese and Russian flags were there but the important 'Rising Sun' flag of Japan could not be seen. Instead, there was a strange flag with a white moon on a blue background.

"I am not color blind, so it cannot be that it was the Rising Sun flag that I saw. Moreover, it is unthinkable that all the other people on the stage were color blind.

"One of the speakers referred to the meeting as 'epoch-making'. Why was a flag which we had never seen put up to make it seem like the Rising Sun flag? I am at a loss to find a suitable explanation.

"To treat the national flag, in other words—the State, so carelessly while advocating 'complete independence of Japan' seems to me an indication of the true intent of the persons concerned. I can't leave such important matters as the restoration of Japan's normal relations in the hands of

Bay Area wholesale flower market to break ground on \$1,000,000 construction

(San Francisco) California Flower Market will break ground in August for construction of a \$1,000,000 flower terminal on Brannan St., between Fifth and Sixth Sts., replacing the present crowded quarters of the Issei-Nisei owned mart on Howard and Fifth Sts.

As the present quarters are to be demolished in time for auto parking facilities during the Christmas season, Takeshi Yatabe, general manager, said efforts are being made to locate suitable temporary spot.

Sumitomo Bank plans Sacramento branch office

(San Francisco) Permission from the State Banking Department for the Sumitomo Bank (California) to establish an office in Sacramento was recently granted. Approval of the Federal Reserve Board is needed before opening the office, according to Shigeo Urano, executive vice-president.

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such people," the letter concluded.

The Jiji Shimpo reported a Tokyo incident where school boys participating in an international athletic meeting failed to show any due respect to the Japanese flag, while foreigners honored it by rising during the ceremony. When the Japanese students were queried as to whether they were taught to respect their national colors, "to my great astonishment, the school children said that they were discouraged to respect the national flag by school teachers," the writer explained.

Japanese school teachers in recent years are under the delusion that democracy and freedom is wholly devoid of patriotism. A school teacher wrote of her dilemma. "I have been told by the Sendai Municipal Board of Education to take the fifth and sixth graders out to welcome the Emperor when he comes to Sendai City.

"Although the Emperor is a symbol of the State, there is no law which says that the people are obliged to welcome him when he comes. The Education Board is not supposed to have the right to force the people to welcome the

Emperor. I can see no reason to make them go. To have grammar school children, who are not able to form their own judgment, go out and welcome the Emperor is like making babies pray to God or Buddha. A responsible answer is requested from the Sendai Municipal Education Committee as to why primary school children must be mobilized to welcome the Emperor."

The Emperor was idolized by the people before the war and since the end of war, he is being ridiculed. There is currently a movement to restore the dignity of the Emperor.

However, educators have long voiced their fears of a revival of such an educational system of pre-war nationalistic levels. At the present time, a course on the Emperor is not taken until high school, so that many school children have never heard of the Emperor.

Some youngsters may be asked, "who's the Emperor?", and an answer might be, "he's the father of the Crown Prince". Which is true, but it reveals the terrible lack of respect due a symbol of the state.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

BURMA PRIME MINISTER VISITS HAWAII

Honolulu
"We Burmese are much like you Americans—informal and friendly," the visitor said to his Hawaiian host. Hawaii has had many visitors from Asia but few so far from Burma.

The visitor, who was a member of the party of Burma's Prime Minister U Nu, could have aptly applied the "informal and friendly" description to his own Prime Minister.



U Nu is, of course an Asian but seldom has an Asian visitor to the United States conducted himself with such amiable poise and un-Asiatic self-confidence.

The U.S. government extended more than the usual hospitality to U Nu, for Burma's friendship means much to this country.

Having won her independence from England in 1948, the Union of Burma has chosen democracy as its way of life. She considers America "a nation of great men and women who are capable of making this a better world."

But she will not tie herself completely to the United States because, in the Prime Minister's words, "we abhor the very idea of acting as a disciple to any Big Power or as a satellite of any political bloc." Burma has gone as far as to decline American economic aid.

Burma is anti-Communist. The government crushed a Communist insurrection soon after she attained independence. Last year the Burmese Parliament outlawed the Communist Party. But Burma has chosen not to "meddle in their (Communist) affairs" outside her borders.

U Nu has steered his country into a policy of strict neutrality and pledged himself to work for an "understanding" between Communist China and the United States.

As the leader of Burma's 19 million people, U Nu was accorded every courtesy by the American government, as he toured the country. His one-day stopover in Hawaii, the last American territory on the itinerary, was given the same careful and courteous treatment.

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ABOUT THE 'WASHINGTON INCIDENT'

There was much advance interest stirred by stories of an incident in Washington, D.C. The Prime Minister—so the story goes—was kept waiting for an appointment at the Department of Agriculture. He would not wait and walked out. It was inevitable that the impression would get around that His Excellency was an extra-sensitive, protocol-conscious Asian.

Reporters asked him about the incident when he alighted from his plane in Honolulu last Saturday (July 16). With a most genial smile, he remarked: "Of course, it is quite possible that such a thing can happen. But such a thing is not a very important thing."

He certainly was not the picture of official aloofness and cool demeanor one might have imagined as a result of the "Washington incident." He was gracious and friendly as he shook hands and accepted flower leis from the civilian and military officials in the airport receiving line.

He was unhurried and most cooperative during the informal press interview.

"There is no formula," he told the reporters, when asked about his peace-making efforts. "I simply place myself at the disposal of those people who want peace. I do what I can. No one wants war. Any future war will be very bad. It would mean the end of humanity."

"Misunderstanding, hate, suspicion—if we could clear that up—"

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AMERICAN FRIENDLINESS IMPRESSIVE

That evening, he was the guest of honor with his wife and party at a Hawaiian dinner given by the Governor, Samuel Wilder King, and Mrs. King at the Governor's mansion.

Here were assembled a harmonious cross-section of Hawaii's people—Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos, Koreans and others who trace their racial lineages to Asia.

The Prime Minister could see for himself how completely these people have been absorbed into the local community of Hawaiians and Caucasians, forming the racial "melting pot" which Hawaii is anxious for all visitors to see.

The Prime Minister appeared pleased and happy to have this opportunity to meet the cosmopolitan group.

A few hours before flying on to Tokyo, then home to Rangoon, U Nu in a message to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said: "I came to the United States to seek friendship and I found it abundantly. Everywhere I have gone I have been received with the same warm-hearted friendliness and this has impressed me more than all the other impressive things I have seen."



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YOUTH WINS FOWLER JACL, LIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

(Fowler) Floyd Hida, who plans to major in education at Fresno State this fall, won the Fowler JACL \$50 and Fowler Lions \$250 scholarships. He was active in the major sports as well as Fowler High School student-body service groups.

Pension —

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a group of aliens became eligible for old age assistance. Haruo Ishimaru lobbied in behalf of the JACL for this bill.

Some of the provisions and regulations of the bill include the following items.

The age of 65 must be reached; Applicants must be a citizen of the United States unless he had been ineligible for citizenship prior to Dec. 24, 1952;

Applicant must be a resident of the state of California for five years during the past nine years.

The applicant must not possess more than \$1,200 of personal property, or real property county assessed at more than \$3,500.

Through a change in the regulations the total amount of aid can be \$85 in cash per month although in cases of special needs such as medical, dental, etc., further reference or help can be given.

Ishimaru added that the Social Welfare Department has been very cooperative and friendly supplying much of the data which was used in the successful pursuit of this bill.

Ex-Portlanders to meet at London YWCA session

(New York) Frances Maeda, who was one of the first six women delegates to the first national JACL convention in San Francisco and now secretary to the World's Council of Churches here, is touring Europe this summer under auspices of the same organization.

She and Mrs. Ruth Nomura Tanbara of St. Paul, Minn., are expected to meet in London at the World's YWCA Council meetings. Both were pre-war Portland (Ore.) residents. Mrs. Tanbara is with the St. Paul YWCA.

Appellate court reverses strande case dismissed by Hawaii federal district judge

(San Francisco) Ruling that far as is reasonably possible in favor of the citizen." The Court also ruled that the McCarran-Walter Act "Savings Clause" required the cases to be permitted to go on.

Whether the Government will appeal these cases to the United States Supreme Court is not known.

Because in the Fujii case, the Government had contended that the Washington action had not occurred until March, 1953, the decision in that case may have a great bearing as to those stranded Nisei who tried to come back to the United States before December 24, 1954, but who did not file suits before that date.

New York Obon festival scheduled for July 30

(New York) A major Buddhist holiday, the Obon, will be celebrated here Saturday, July 30, in front of the New York Buddhist Church, 171 W. 94th St.

The street will be blocked off for the annual event and gaily festooned with lanterns for Obon dancers. To a Buddhist, Obon means the return of spirits of the dead to earth for a visit.

496 Japanese reside in Sac'to Capitol Mall area

(Sacramento) A house-to-house survey disclosed a total of 496 Japanese reside in the 15-block area to be razed shortly for the Capitol Mall project. The survey was made by the fire department at request of the City Redevelopment Agency.

Total breakdown of 2,652 residents showed the following percentages: white, 36.5; Negro, 20.8; Japanese, 18.7; Mexican, 13.4 and Chinese, 10.6 per cent.

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Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

HOSPITAL ANTI-BIAS BILL SIGNED

Chicago

Hospitals in Illinois that deny admission and use of their facilities to any person because of race, color or creed will now lose their tax exemption privileges under a bill signed into law July 12 by Gov. Stratton. The bill was among those passed in the closing hours of the House on June 30 where it received 113 votes in favor and no recorded votes in opposition. It had passed the Senate earlier 32-6. The bill was amended to provide that a hospital could not be denied tax exemption until it was proved in a court of law that they practiced discrimination.



The hospital bill is the only civil rights measure to pass this session of the Illinois legislature. An equal job opportunities bill passed the House, only to be killed in the Senate. Bills to ban discrimination in public housing and in the issuance of automobile, insurance and life insurance died in committee.

The Chicago Sun-Times editorially commented that "amendment requiring court suit was adopted by the House and considerably weakens the new statute, since not many patients would have the means to institute civil proceedings against a hospital. Nevertheless, the statute should have a salutary psychological effect on private hospitals which practice discrimination. For there is always the possibility that some organization formed to protect minority rights might undertake to finance a suit by a victim of such discrimination".

The City-Wide Recreation Council holds its summer outing this Saturday, July 23, at Chevy Chase Summer Theater near Wheeling. . . The Co-Operative Investors picnicked last Sunday at Wicker Park, Indiana.

Christ Congregational Church will sponsor a girl scout troop, which will first meet on Saturday, Sept. 3. They have placed a ceiling of 20 girls for the troop. . . The church's report and resolution on the refugee relief program was Chicago Congregational Family News publication last month.

Art Institute will exhibit 54 portraits taken by members of the metropolitan Chicago Press Photographers until Sept. 1.

Jiro Mukai and Tostie Fujii are coaching the Nisei Salons, current leaders in the Woodlawn Boys Club baseball senior league.

A bright-eyed Tokyo-born girl of 2 is in Chicago getting acquainted with American life. She is Barbara Ann Landwehr, adopted daughter of Air Force Maj. and Mrs. Virgil Landwehr, former Chicago residents, who have two sons of their own who are 13 and 10 years old. The child of an American serviceman and Japanese mother was adopted a year ago from a Tokyo orphanage.

'Closing gap between court and community' theme of Fisk Institute

By JOHN Y. YOSHINO

Continued from Last Week

Chicago

Meal time is a wonderful occasion to meet new and interesting people. All the meals were served in the student cafeteria in Jubilee Hall. I remember Hermon Lafoon, chief of the Mohave Indian Tribal Council at Parker, Ariz. He recalled the many Japanese who were at Poston, and related interesting stories of his experiences with them. As he told me of the headaches, trials and tribulations of his people leaving the reservation against the advice of the old to find a new life outside of camp, I was reminded of our experiences in the relocation camps.

Nat Griswold, Arkansas executive director of the Southern Regional Council, asked if I knew some of his Nisei friends. He was director of community activities at Rohwer Relocation Camp, spoke warmly of his friendship for many Nisei—Stewart Nakano and his wife Alice Ohashi, Allan Hagio, to mention a few I knew.

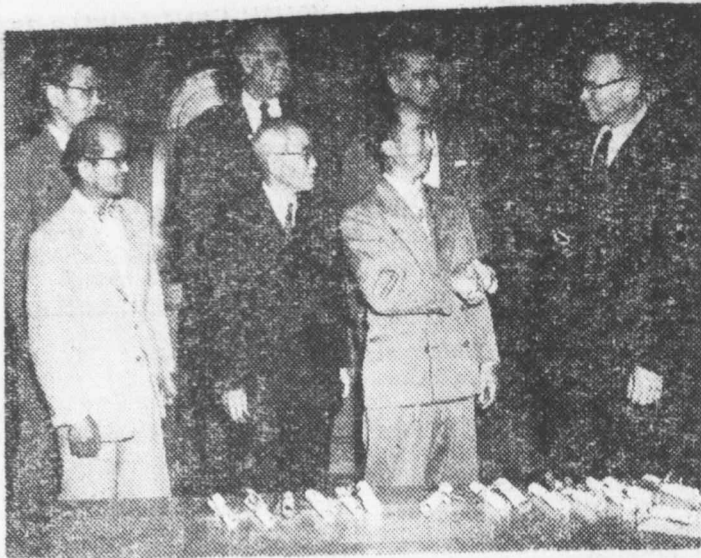
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Tom Fukuyama is a Congregational minister in a town of MacGregor, Iowa. Tom and I were the only Orientals in attendance at the Institute. Tom is pastor of 200 all-white congregation on the Mississippi River near the Wisconsin and Iowa border. He is formerly from Bainbridge Island, Washington, and before the war attended the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. Tom and I spent a most interesting bull-session one afternoon with Dr. J. Masuoka, who teaches sociology at Fisk.

Masuoka has been at Fisk for the past 12 years. Like Tom he is married to a Caucasian. He lives with his wife and two children 12 blocks away from the campus. He told us of many interesting experiences he has had living in the South. Incidentally, it was Gladys Ishida of Chicago who suggested I look up Masuoka. She had met him at Ann Arbor when she was in one of his classes at Univ. of Michigan. Gladys will be getting her Ph.D. soon.

It was a source of delight to me to meet people from all over the country who knew Nisei and who spoke so highly of them. Ed Kloppe asked about Henry Tani and Nobu Nishimoto—he had met these Nisei in St. Louis. I don't know how many states were represented but all of the regions were well represented. There was a beautiful Indian girl from North Dakota who had just graduated from Nebraska U. She was there to seek information of employment to help her people on the reservation.

In conclusion, I want to make just one evaluative comment. Human relations people become so deeply enmeshed in their little sphere of operation and often lose sight of the overall problem. It is good to come to a place like Fiske and meet other minority group leaders and hear their problems. They all think their problems are the biggest. The opportunity to gain the broad perspective of the problems of many Americans and to share in attempting to find solutions was a learning experience for me.



Over 600 alien Issei residents of Chicago have completed Americanization programs sponsored by the Chicago JACL and Japanese American Service Committee. Among the principal committeemen and officials were (left to right) front row—Kenji Nakane, instructor; Tabei Matsunaga, past ADC fund drive chmn.; Kumeo Yoshinari, chapter president; William D. Biggs, naturalization section chief, Chicago I&NS Office; back row—Paul Otake, instructor; A. K. Moe, naturalization examiner; and Harold R. Gordon, chairman of past graduation program held June 14 at Olivet Presbyterian Church. —Album Photo.

San Benito CL float wins parade prize

(San Juan Bautista) A float bearing the traditional Mission San Juan Bautista Cross theme with three Nisei kimono-clad girls constructed on a 15-ft. trailer drawn by a tractor was first place in the amateur division of the 158th anniversary San Juan rodeo-fiesta parade recently.

The float was sponsored by the San Benito County JACL, which received a cash award and trophy for the stunning entry. Dick Nishimoto was design chairman. Assisting in construction were:

Dennis Nishita, Isaac Shingai, Sam Shiotsuka, Thomas Shimonishi, and Tak Kadani.

Riding the float were Paddy Nishimoto, Diane Shingai and Miss Shiotsuka. Tony Yamaoka drove the tractor.

40 PINTS OF BLOOD IN SALINAS VALLEY C.L. BANK

(Salinas) Salinas Valley JACL chapter blood bank, established in 1953, has accounted 40 pints of blood to date to be used by its members and relatives. Since it was formed, about five persons have made use of the bank, it was revealed by Harry Shirachi, chapter reporter.

NC-WNDC Salinas meeting committeemen selected

(Salinas) Preparing for the third quarter session of the Northern California - Western Nevada District Council, Tom Miyanaga, general chairman, announced the following committee appointments: Roberta Uraba, reg.; Ken Sato, fin.; Harry Shirachi, James Abe, golf chmn.; Kiyu Hirano, dance; James Tanda, dance refr.; Ickey Miyanaga, cloak room; Dr. Harry Y. Kita, dinner toastmaster.

The third quarterly district meeting will be held Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Hotel Cominos here. Other highlights are the district council golf tournament at the municipal links and a dinner-dance in the evening.

Shigeta to head autumn Japan tour for photogs

(San Francisco) To see Japan in its autumnal beauty will be the good fortune of those joining Harry K. Shigeta, noted Chicago camera artist, on his Photographers Tour leaving here Oct. 15 via Japan Air Lines.

Further information or reservations can be obtained from Shigeta, 1721 N. Wells St., Chicago 14, or Kusano Travel Bureau, 1492 Ellis St., San Francisco 15.

Hollywood JACL set for Playa del Rey frolic

(Hollywood) New chapter members and recently naturalized Issei citizens are being honored at the Hollywood JACL annual picnic July 24, starting at noon, at Playa del Rey.

Under chairmanship of Charles Kamayatsu, vice-president, games for Issei and children, watermelon, cold drink and corn being donated by Danar Abe are to be featured. Those who wish to stay for the weenie bake are asked to bring enough food for this event. Assisting on the arrangements are: Danar Abe, Art Ito, Hiroko Motokawa and Noboru Ishitani.

'Fashion Interlude' date-site shifted

(San Francisco) Originally scheduled for Aug. 21 at Booker T. Washington community center, the second annual San Francisco JACL Auxiliary Fashion Interlude has been shifted to Gyosei Hall, Pine and Octavia Sts., on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14.

The show will spotlight both American and Japanese creations modeled by Auxiliary members, it was announced by Sumi Utsumi, general chairman. Mrs. Chiz Sato will be fashion commentator and Mrs. Nancee Limjap is fashion co-ordinator. Hostesses attired in kimono greeting guests will be:

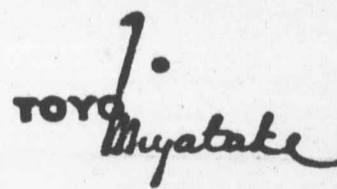
Sumi Honnami, Mrs. Joyce Enomoto, Viola Nakano, Mrs. Helen Utsumi, and Tess Hideshima.

Assisting Miss Utsumi are: Mrs. Yo Hironaka, wardrobe; Viola Nakano, tickets; Frances Ogohara, Thelma Takeda, dec.; Mrs. Helen Utsumi, music; Mrs. Aoyama, door prize; Mickey Aoyama, invl.; Louise Endo, refr.; Daisy Uyeda, pub.

Tickets are obtainable from Auxiliary members.

Minneapolis picnic

(Minneapolis) A record crowd of some 350 picnickers attended the Japanese American community picnic June 19 at Webber Park.



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CHAPTER MEMOS

East Los Angeles JACL: Shiozaki, 19, who represented chapter at the recent Festival of Friendship at Fresno St. Play ground, was the first to announce her candidacy for the 1955 Nisei Week queen honors. She was queen attendant at the CINO convention last year, a homecoming princess at East Los Angeles College, where she is majoring in secretarial course.

Southwest L.A. JACL: Typical scenes of WRA camp life and various jobs held by evacuees, as well as the 442nd RCT in training, will be screened at the chapter meeting, July 26, 8 p.m., at Centenary Methodist Church.

D.C. JACL: The annual Nikkeijin - Kai and Washington (D.C.) chapter picnic will be held this Sunday at Rock Creek Park, Grove 6, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Twin Cities UCL: A steak fry open to the public, will be held Saturday, July 30, 3 p.m., at Paulen Park in St. Paul, according to Dr. I. Iijima, chapter president.

San Benito County JACL: San local graduates were honored at a jointly-sponsored barbecue by the chapter and YBA recently. Present were:

Evelyn Nishita, Hartnell College; Louise Yamanishi, Alice Sakamoto; Phyllis Okita, San Benito High; Tomu Yamaoka, Olympia School; Paddy Nishimoto, Harding School.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Joe Shingai, chapter president; and Namie Yamanishi, YBA president, who also led in games. Tony Yamaoka was general chairman.

IN HONOR OF

Esther Omachi, daughter of the P.S. Omachi, Lodi, an ensign in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, will be assigned in Hawaii this winter. She is a graduate of Western Michigan State College, where she majored in occupational therapy.

Rumiko Sakow, daughter of Rev. Shawshe Sakows of Detroit, won the American Legion award for graduating with the highest academic points from Jefferson Intermediate School. She enters Cass Technical High School next fall in pre-nursing.

Harry Hiraoka was elected president of the Fowler Elementary School board of trustees.

Mary Minamoto of Portland, now with the American Red Cross in Tokyo, was presented teaching credentials by the Sogetsu School of Ikebana and a professional name of Madame Riho by Sato Teshigahara, founder and dean. She has also appeared on Japanese broadcasts in round-table discussions advising brides bound for America.

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CHAPTER VISITATIONS

San Francisco

The past two weeks have been fairly busy visiting some of our chapters, starting with the Stockton Chapter on Friday, July 8. The Stockton Chapter has made remarkable progress during the last three years. In 1952 it barely had the necessary twenty-five members to qualify itself as a chapter. Under the leadership of Sam Itaya in 1953, the chapter went over the 200 mark with accompanying improvement in chapter program. Fortunately Sam was succeeded by two other very able presidents, George Baba and Henry Kusama. This year the chapter has already gone over the 300 mark. The chapter has also been a hot contender for the top "Chapter of the Year" award. Our congratulations to the Stockton Chapter and its officers. We hope they will stay "keyed up."



On Sunday, July 10, the Executive Board of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council met in Berkeley

on more or less routine business, again with heavy emphasis on the pressing problem of finances.

In the evening an informal dinner was held with Assemblyman and Mrs. S. C. Masterson of Richmond as guests. Assemblyman Masterson's bill, AB 2255, granting Old Age Assistance to Issei alien, had been signed only the day before by Governor Knight so the dinner turned out to be an informal victory celebration. Acting as toastmaster was Mas Yonemura, Eastbay legal eagle. Our thanks to Masuji Fujii and Ben Fukutome for the use of the Berkeley Chapter hall for the meeting and for general arrangements.

On Monday, July 11, the Gilroy and San Benito County chapters held a joint meeting. Gilroy is the "baby" of our District Council. Greatly due to the impetus given by Hiroshi Kunimura, first president, Gilroy was organized with the help of the San Benito County Chapter. Energetic Hiroshi Kunimura has been succeeded by Joe Obata, one of the hardworking and capable Obata brothers who are the backbone of the Gilroy Chapter.

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AUTHOR EDMISTON SPEAKS

At the joint meeting I was privileged to share the program with James Edmiston, author of "Home Again", the popular novel about a Japanese American family during the war years. It was the first time I had heard Mr. Edmiston who was an exciting speaker and although I am known as a sort of "authority" on Japanese American matters, I learned much about Japanese Americans in Northern California and their problems that I had never heard before. All chapters are urged to invite Mr. Edmiston to speak at one of their meetings. He is a great person and a long-time friend of Japanese Americans.

The following morning I picked up Jack Noda and Bill Matsumoto, chairman and vice-chairman respectively of our District Council, in Sacramento and trekked over to Reno, our most distant and only chapter in the state of Nevada. Under the chairmanship of Oscar Fujii and Eunice Oshima the chapter welcomed us royally at a sumptuous barbecue dinner at Virginia Lake. Following this, an informal meeting was held at Fred Aoyama's beautiful new home.

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HEALTHIEST CHAPTER—RENO

Reno is an extremely strategic chapter not only for our District Council but for the entire national organization.

From this state came the late Senator Pat McCarran, co-author of the McCarran-Walter Act which made it possible for the Issei to become citizens and which established an immigration quota for the Japanese. According to the 1950 census there are only a few more than three hundred Japanese Americans in the whole state of Nevada, with the largest concentration in and around Reno and Las Vegas.

We would venture to guess that the non-permanent Japanese American population of Nevada exceeds the permanent population on weekends, especially around Las Vegas and Reno. Since Japanese Americans are such a minority in Nevada, they have integrated splendidly into their communities. In fact, they have had to because a Nisei would starve to death if he had to depend on Japanese American business for survival. Not only in business but socially Japanese Americans have been accepted widely; consequently, sociologically, the Reno Chapter might be considered our healthiest chapter.

Returning from Reno the next day, I stopped off at the Marysville Chapter to give a report on national and local JACL doings. Dinner was arranged by Dan Nishita, genial chapter president.

Completing this long trek, I stopped off in Sacramento the following day to confer with Social Welfare Department officials relative to the Issei Old Age Assistance bill which is reported on elsewhere.



National JACL President George Inagaki, coatless, open-collared and tie loosened, is busy organizing COJAEC work in the Northwest. He explains the special project to Seattle JACLers (left to right)

Hiram Akita, Min Yamaguchi, Toru Sakahara, Kazzie Yokoyama, Shigeko Uno, Shang Kashiwagi, William Mimbu, Amy Hatsukano and Howard Sakura (chapter president). —Elmer Ogawa Photo.

Civil rights—

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fellow Americans of another color or ancestry or religion.

"To these peoples of free Asia, who comprise more than a third of the world's population, this matter of equality in and under the law is a most serious one, for they are numbered among the colored peoples and few embrace Christianity.

"To them, the yardstick by which our sincerity of purpose and regard for all peoples is our treatment of our citizens who are not members of the so-called white race or believers in Christianity. In our regard for these of our citizens is measured our qualification for leadership of the free world.

"Though the international implications of our racial prejudices are very grave, even more important to us as individual Americans is the inevitable conclusion that so long as any individual suffers mistreatment because of his antecedents or method of worship, that long are the freedoms, liberties, and opportunities of all Americans in jeopardy.

"To strengthen our own civil rights, we must protect and defend the civil rights of all.

"Moreover, there are economic, social, and cultural advantage in a society of free and 'equal' men. Conversely, racial and religious discrimination rob our nation of these economic, social and cultural benefits by humiliating and hamstringing many who could contribute much to the real wealth of our country."

Concluding, the JACL declared "the time has now come when the legislative branch should join with the judiciary and the executive in making real the American dream of equal rights and opportunities for all without respect to ancestry or religion or color.

"The Congress can, and should, enact appropriate enabling legislation which will expand and extend the power and the authority of the courts and the executive to make secure the civil and human rights of all of our citizens. In this manner will this Congress promote the general welfare of our nation."

Book review: Traditions of Japan still grip young women

Earl H. Cressy: *Daughters of Changing Japan* (Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, New York, \$4).

"What remained was the stereotype of an individual, stamped out by the relentless pressure of Japanese society — the conventional, obedient wife, serving her husband; the fond mother of her children, meticulous in every detail of their welfare; the good neighbor, observation of the local folkways, saying and doing the right thing at the right time, smiling with just the right degree of cordiality; selfless."

According to Dr. Cressy, this is the general fate of Japanese women—a marriage that requires the sacrifice of individuality and of hopes of a better life in a new founded democracy with women's rights guaranteed by a new constitution and places them back in feudalism as chattels of a husband.

Summer vacations from college should be spent doing 'something worthwhile'

(Washington) A tall, attractive sophomore-to-be at Bryn Mawr, Joan Shigekawa, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Shigekawa of Silver Springs, Md. (formerly of Sacramento), thinks summer vacations from college should be spent doing "something worthwhile" and for the second season in a row she's holding down a job in the office of Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.).

Still undecided on her future career, Joan told a Washington Post and Times-Herald society reporter that the job provides a "wonderful opportunity for trying things. She's acquainting herself with the people and activities of the legislative branch of government, and will follow up this first-hand experience next semester by taking a course in political science and see if she'd like to concentrate on political theory.

Playing the part of Girl Friday on the Senator's staff means traveling about on Capitol Hill. "Watching the legislative government at work" is one of the more interesting aspects of her job. She meets men who make the laws

in the Senate subway, in the halls and at committee meetings.

The California Senator's mail takes up a good bit of Joan's time. She opens and sorts it, distributes it to the senator's assistants who handle the various types of problems, questions or inquiries.

Some typing and "lots of walking" are among her other duties. She carries press releases to the Capitol press gallery.

At college, she is active in extracurricular programs. She has her classical disk jockey show on Bryn Mawr's station WBMC, was freshman representative from her dorm, Rhodes Hall; and freshman representative to the alliance board, campus political activities coordinating group. She also played a lead in on an one-act play and was publicity chairman for "Ankles Aweigh", traditional campus show.

She maintained a B average scholastically and won a renewal of her scholarship, awarded by the Bryn Mawr Alumnae in Washington.

House—

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States government.

The House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee is expected to determine what action, if any, it will take on the four resolutions acquired under the jurisdictional determination. The committee also has several bills before it relating to the full and partial return of vested property.

In the Senate, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee investigating The Trading With the Enemy Act, Olin D. Johnston (D., S.C.), is to begin preliminary executive (closed) subcommittee meetings on a number of measures for the full and partial return of vested assets.

Sen. Johnston explained that the preliminary meetings are to prepare the groundwork for later public hearings, which are to be held this summer after the adjournment of Congress.

CAPSULES

■ Harold Strauss evaluates Japanese motion pictures in the current issue of Harper's in his article, "My Affair with Japanese Movies".

■ Chuck Urano, assistant county agricultural agent in Greeley, Colo., is in charge of a new contest for 4-H members to identify grass, field crops and weeds July 25.

■ A testimonial benefit in memory of Ann Koga Mortimer, wife of Broadway columnist Lee Mortimer, at New York's Latin Quarter June 30 raised \$15,000 for the Damon Runyan fund. Star of stage, screen and TV who had known the Nisei from Hilo performed. She died of cancer last December, one week after her 28th birthday.

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SU-MOGU — JAPANIZED 'SMOG'

Los Angeles

'Tain't the heat. 'Tain't the humidity, either. It's the lousy smog that gets us down.

The air pollution plaguing us these past few days inspired us to research the origin of the word smog which we have long suspected to have had its start in hibachi-using countries.

So we began by reverse deduction and romanized smog into sumogu. While we prefer to attribute the su to come from an intriguing word, surekkarashi, which our dictionary says is a fast woman, we'll stick to its simpler meaning, acetic acid.

Mogu, we aver, is from the word mogusa, which means moxa grass, the stuff used for that painful pain-relieving therapy called okyu, or moxicauteury where a small ball of the dried grass is placed on selected parts of the skin and set glowing like a firecracker punk and giving off an acrid smoke.

When we were a young rascal, which classification we probably couldn't conceal, okyu was applied to us as an effective means of punishment, a non-Occidental version of spanking. If there was any therapeutic value, it didn't benefit the recipient, at least this one. All we recall was a burning pain in the crook of our left index finger and an ardent desire to be virtuous and obedient. Maybe that's the therapy.

There you have it, acid and smoke, the impure ingredients of the celebrated Ellay air fast immunizing our lungs against tobacco cancer because the smog will get 'em first. We don't know what happened to the fast woman but we're looking.

Two readers dropped us notes this week, the first from a long-time supporter of the JACL, Mrs. Margaret E. B. Fleming of Pasadena, who sent along a generous \$100 donation to further JACL's work against discrimination. The other was from Mrs. Toshio Hirata of Rutherford, New Jersey, the former May Nakanishi, who brought us up to date on eastern CLers including the Hayashi clans of NYC, Aki and Tom. May, a former Santa Barbaran, was secretary of the NY JACL office circa 1950. To her we dedicate our week's lingo lesson above.

JACL PUBLICATIONS

The beautifully lithographed 128 page souvenir program for the '54 nat'l JACL convention in L.A. is still available upon request—this time for free if you pay postage. To make it easy, send a postcard to PC with your name, address and number of copies desired and we'll shoot it out. You can pay postage later. These make swell gifts to non-Nisei friends, or CLers who missed the confab:

Michi Kataoka, who art-edited the booklet, is just back from a 4-month sojourn to Japan with her mom and rarin' to swing into SWLA doings again.

Another publication we offer, this time for a 50% discount, is the out-of-print story of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, "Americans". The remaining copies of this valuable documentary book are in our office and for sale at only \$2.50 per copy, though listed at \$5. The same postcard will enter your order.

Visitors this week: Mary and Lincoln Shimidzu of Chicago. Linc, a fellow Anchovyite whom we did stir with at UCB is a foreman in a lahnjeree factory in the windy city, a thought-provoking occupation. Mary's brother, John Fujita, is treasurer of the Gardena Valley chapter. Linc's sibling Marie is the nyobo of Hy Nakamura, past prez of the San Diego chapter, while another sis, Charlotte, is a prominent welfare worker in Hawaii.

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Our unheralded philately lately has been stimulated by several friends who have saved postage stamps from their foreign mail for our collection. Which is to say that anyone else sending us foreign, or any stamps otherwise being discarded will receive the undying thanks of the Sou'wester and a free pass to watch the PC roll off the press which is a privilege you can't hardly get none of no more. Incid, editor Honda and columnists Mori and Murayama are also avid philatelists.

Wilbur Sato, '54 prez of the booming East LA chapter, took on a PR assignment for June 30 when he joined a panel sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Youth to discuss "Segregation—Two Edged Sword" at the new Westside Jewish Community Center. He also represented the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council on the County Conference of Community Relations, a coordinating agency of 60 affiliated orgs including JACL.

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PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Kono of Sacramento leaves hometown, going into health-food business in Hawaii

(Sacramento) The Capitol City has lost its only Olympic champion, Tommy Kono, and the first Mainland Nisei to win an Olympic gold medal when he won the middleweight weightlifting crown at the 1952 Helsinki Games. He left Sunday for Honolulu, where he will enter the health food business.

He decided to accept an offer from the Islands because he just couldn't keep on with his sports activities with his salary as a draftsman for the state. Because he was docked for leaves of absences, his last check from the state treasury was a mere \$30, it was learned.

Kono's financial plight was revealed several months ago at a local Senator Lion's Club meeting when Kono stated he could not compete in the 1955 National AAU because he was unable to stand the financial drain to compete as an amateur.

However, he was induced to go to the meet in Cleveland and subsequently accompanied the U.S. team which took him on a five-week tour of Europe and the Middle East. He returned July 10 from this trip which included matches in Russia.

He is with Dr. Richard You, Honolulu, team physician and friend of Kono's since the 1952 Games, in the latter's health food enterprise. Tommy will be on the selling end.

Tommy said the latest tour was interesting, but admitted the tour dragged toward the end. "I got a little homesick," he confided.

The light heavyweight champion lost 15 pounds, part of it due to stomach illness contracted while in Alexandria, Egypt. In Iran where food suitable for the athletes was extremely scarce, the entire team took ill—which explains the 6-0 loss at Teheran. The men were afraid of most of the foods. They were told not to eat greens, fruit had to be peeled or boiled, the water had to be boiled.

For breakfast, he said, he once had poached eggs and that was the main dish for the day.

Kono spent his 25th birthday in Iran. He said the Russians rolled out the carpet for the U.S. visitors. "They treated us real nice and, of course, we ate better than the normal Russians while we were there. Women are not really women over there. They work in the streets like men on pneumatic jack-hammers and they hardly wore lipstick."

Furukawa eliminated in Publinx first round

■ Erv Furukawa of Seattle lost to Mike Mural, Jr., of Parma, O, 7 and 5, in the first-round feature of the USGA National Public Links tournament at Indianapolis July 11. Other three members of the Seattle Publinx team, which lost the city team title by one stroke to Miami, Fla., the previous Saturday, survived. Furukawa had lost six of the first seven holes and it was just a matter of playing out the match.

■ Art Yokota's 83 was low-gross winner in the Sacramento Kagero Club monthly golf tournament at Haggin Oaks municipal links while Ted Miyahara took low net with an 85-17-68. Special tournament event—the least amount of putts for 18 holes—was won by Kei Maruyama with 29 putts.

Yoshizaki shoots 70 to win SoCal NGA

■ Min Yoshizaki, a 3-handicapper from Top Notch, continued bagging Southland Nisei golf crowns—this time, the So. Calif.

Nisei Golf Association 18-hole tournament title at Rio Hondo last Sunday with an under-par 70.

He toured the front nine in par 35 and coming home on the back nine with one-under par 35. He curved in a 35-ft. chip shot from outside the edge of the 18th green to birdie the par-4 hole.

Henry Furukawa (9) of Top Flite carded a 76 to win the championship flight with a net 67, bettering Bob Nishimoto (8) who also shot the same game of 76. Joe Kuwada (11) of Western took Aye flight honors with a 73 or net 62. Aki Kumamoto (22) of Alondra won the Bee flight trophy with his 82 or net 60.

Next big tournament locally is the Nisei Week affair in mid-August, which expects to attract another 100-plus.

SoCal Nisei tennis open nearing title matches

■ The Southern Cal Nisei Open tennis tournament is catching attention of the public with last Sunday's five upsets. Veteran Ted Sasaki (who played on the UCLA squad in the late '20s) surprised Sekizo Yoshikawa in the men's AA singles semi-finals with a 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 triumph.

Stephen Kobayashi's 0-6, 7-5, 6-0 tally over Jerry Koji in the men's A singles was another upset. Rey Maeno knocked over second-seeded Shuichi Miho (his uncle) 6-2, 6-4 in the same division.

Tosh Shinden's 6-1, 6-0 victory over Tom Tokoro was rated a mild upset. In women's play, Dianne Tamura scored 6-1, 6-1 to oust favored Fusaye Moon.

Feature matches this Sunday at Solano Canyon include Jim Sato against Tom Mori in the men's AA singles at 10 a.m.; Sumi Kamachi and Bess Igarashi in the women's A singles at 9 a.m. At Rancho, Shig Ho and Ted Sasaki combine to meet Rey Maeno and Henry Yamada in the men's A doubles at 10 a.m.

Kono-Mounger win PNW jr. men's doubles title

■ Art Kono (formerly of Riverside, Calif.) and Larry Mounger of Seattle scored a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Robin Hilgeman and Pat Vail of San Francisco to cop the Pacific Northwest junior men's doubles championships at Tacoma last Sunday. In a way, it was a get-even affair for the Seattle duo as they were beaten the week before at Portland in the Oregon junior men's doubles for the title by the same San Francisco pair, 6-4, 7-5.

In the PNW junior men's singles, Martin Schiller of La Jolla bettered Kono at 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 for the title.

■ Jim Sato of Los Angeles lost a marathon duel to B. Maxwell in the La Jolla tennis championships last Saturday, playing a 6-2, 10-12, 6-8 game in the junior veteran singles semi-finals. Maxwell went on to win the title Sunday.

Chicago kegger wins \$201 in ABC tourney

■ Official scores of the 1955 American Bowling Congress tournament last spring at Ft. Wayne, Ind., listed Kingo Iwafuchi of Chicago tied with two others for 35th place with a score 673, receiving \$201 in prize money. Winning score was 738 worth \$500.

■ Johnny Yasukochi, who rolled in Salt Lake City during the war years, was elected president of the

NC-WNDC golf meet offers special cup for 1000er low net

(Salinas) A special JACL Club trophy will be presented to the 1000 Clubber who scores the low net in the coming second annual Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council golf tournament here on Sunday, Aug. 7.

According to James "Chick" Abe and Harry "Tar" Shirahata, co-chairmen for the tourney, the special trophy was donated by the Salinas 1000 Club members.

They also stated that the regular first place trophy for the event will be donated by Harry Sato, operated by Harry Sato, gawa.

Tee-off time for this tournament at the Salinas Municipal course will be 11 a.m. The tournament is being held in conjunction with the third quarterly meeting of the council for 1955.

Tom "Lefty" Miyana, general chairman for the district meeting reported that reservations and registrations for the golf tourney have already been received from Dave Yokozeki, Pacific Southwest JACL District Council chairman and George Inagaki, National JACL president.

He asked all those planning to enter to send their registration immediately.

Kagero picnic-golf meet

(Sacramento) A family picnic and monthly tournament will be combined Aug. 21 at Williams Land course for Kagero Golf members, according to Howard Yamagata, tournament chairman. Women golfers are to be invited.

Japan Davis Cup team arrives for N.Y. play

(San Francisco) The Japanese Davis Cup team arrived here Sunday to compete in New York's Nashua County Club courts in the inter-zone competitions. On the squad are Kosei Kamo and Akashi Miyagi, who beat the Philippines last May for the Eastern Zone title.

Takeichi Harada, non-playing captain, accompanied the duo. Harada, ex-Japan Davis Cupper, once held a No. 3 national ranking in the United States for his prowess in American tournaments.

Westside Majors, which meet Saturdays at Los Angeles' Manchester Bowl. They start the winter season a week after Labor Day.

■ Chiyo Tashima of Los Angeles was honored at the third annual So. Calif. Bowling Writers' Awards banquet by being named as one of the five best women bowlers of the year.

■ Nobu Asami's 858-67-83 score won first place in the annual Mickey Collins Memorial Tourney at Albany Bowl recently.

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NISEI WEEK TALK QUIET

Heat and smog may have some bearing on the sluggishness of the 15th annual Nisei Festival queen contest, but generally speaking the 1955 brand hasn't caught the public fancy. Elimination of queen votes through merchandise stubs—old standby to stir up Li'l Tokio business—may have something to do with the quietness at this late stage. Less than a month prevails at this writing. Yet, we've not yet heard of one comment about the contest. The latest gimmick by the committee is to let public nominations take over. Name a girl of your choice and the local newspapers will print it. Then sell the idea to the prospective candidates—like free trip to Hawaii or Las Vegas for runners-up — and you have a lovely court of queen and four attendants, after a panel of judges eliminates all but five, and climaxed by popular vote at the coronation ball.

The Has Beens, through its spokesman Nixon Nagata of Pasadena, are backing a candidate but so far they have not revealed her identity. On the other hand, the Tuesday Niters, patron's group, picked Stella Nakadate as their choice for queen.

Miss Nakadate, the daughter of late Dr. M. M. Nakadate, was sponsored several years by the East Los Angeles JACL as a candidate in the Festival of Friendship beauty race. She won.

Stella continued her wins by being picked Cotton Queen at Roosevelt High School during her attendance there; and more recently acted as Shonien Fund queen.

Other familiar names, associated with the JACL, are Mio Fujita, Nori Shiozaki, Janet Yamada and Marlene Hada.

OMATSU WINS LEGIONNAIRE POST

Frank Kay Omatsu, 31-year-old second son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ichinosuke Omatsu of 1157 S. Irolo St., was installed last Friday at Elk's Temple as finance officer of the 17th District American Legion, Dept. of Calif.

The UCLA graduate in anthropology holds a similar position in Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion, and is also active in the Disabled American Veterans, Nisei Chapter 100.

His dad, we recall, received his citizenship late last year at a bedside ceremony because he was prevented from attending a mass swearing in rite at the Hollywood Bowl on Veterans Day.

JEHOVAH WITNESS CONVENTIONEER

Taeko Kimura, recently selected as a Los Angeles Jehovah's Witness delegate to the London conclave, left for Europe late last week.

The lone Nisei representative, an assistant X-ray technician to Dr. Isamu Sekiyama for the past 10 years, will be away for about two months.

ON GARDENA SHOPPING CENTER

Home State Investment Co., headed by Taul Watanabe, held its ground-breaking ceremony on Friday at the corner of 153rd and Western Ave. in Gardena where a Town and Country Shopping Center is to come up before Christmas.

The last time we mentioned Watanabe and his associates' ambitious undertaking, a New York Japanese American businessman contacted the So. Calif. JACL regional office for his whereabouts and subsequently flew in to sign lease papers for one of the units.

The Pacific Citizen certainly gets around, doesn't it!

What Others Are Saying

TEA GARDEN GOING TO POT

Prof. Chiura Obata commented the Japanese Tea Garden in San Francisco has lost its former artistry. "It's like a junk yard." To his eyes (it) has no more high point—the center of interest. In any piece of artistic design, a garden must have the center of interest. The trees and plants must be just so—cut and trimmed—and the rocks and stones placed just so, conforming to the entire beauty of the garden. There is no beauty in a junk yard.

We were interested in this observation. If the city of San Francisco hasn't got the interest in preserving this beauty spot of our community, then the Japanese American people in Northern California should spearhead a movement to do so. They will undoubtedly have the support of the growing number of Northern Californians, like (a) Mrs. Scott (who made two tours of Japan with Prof. Obata) who loves gardens and they should look. It may further stimulate California's interest in landscape gardening. Our beloved Californians are perhaps groping for leadership along this line.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES
AKIYOSHI—May 22, girl Donna E. to Takamichi Akiyoshis (Shika Takasugi).
ARATANI—June 7, girl Beverly Setsuko to Jiro Aratanis (Lily Inouye).
HAYASHI—June 10, girl Kim to Kazuo Hayashis (Chiye Sekino).
HIGASHI—May 27, boy Gregory S. to Mitsuo Higashis (Patricia Hotta).
INOUE—June 5, boy Glenn Minoru to Tom Inouyes (Mary Nakayama).
IWATA—May 27, boy Tetsuo T. to Philip Iwatas (Midori Kunitomi).
KANEKO—June 4, girl Sharon Satomi to Takeo Kanekos (Masako Kuratomi).
KOGA—May 18, boy Russell Teruo to Ted Kogas (Yoshiko Kinowaki).
LOW—June 8, boy Michael K. to Norman Lows (Reiko Yoshida).
NORITAKE—June 4, boy Dean Toshiyuki to Osamu Noritakes (Yetsuko Ikeda).
ONAGA—June 7, boy Thomas Tomokazu to Choichi Onagas (Eiko Kinoshita).
OUNE—June 11, boy David D. to George Ounes (Sadako Takabayashi), Hawthorne.
SAKATA—May 20, boy Arnold Tsugio to Thomas Sakatas (Aiko Kakiuchi).
SHIGAKI—June 2, girl Carol D. to Jerry Shigakis (Marianne Kashiwagi).
TOKIRIO—June 11, boy Carey R. to Masaru Tokirios (Sachiko Okai).
TOM—June 3, boy Sterling to Edward Toms (Miyoko Kojima).
TVEDT—June 2, girl June A. to Engbert Tvedts (Miyoko Sasaki).
YAMANE—June 12, boy Ben Toshio to Tadao Yamanes (Chieko Nakahara), Pasadena.

SANTA ANA

TASHIMA—June 7, girl Patricia Matsuyue to Yoshiyuki Tashimas (Yoshie Sugita), Buena Park.

Engagements

ASANO-OGAMI — Setsuko, San Francisco, to Sam S., Palo Alto, June 25.
HORI-KANASHIRO — Meri, Los Angeles, to Isamu J. Honolulu.
HOSHIKO-IWATA — Pune, Greeley, to Allen, La Salle, Colo.
KINOSHITA-OBATA — Betty, Winston, to William, Gilroy.
MASUDA-TAKEMOTO — Hatsumi Louise to Masashi of Fresno, June 26.
OTOSHI-TOMITA — Mits, North Hollywood, to Makio, San Fernando, June 26.
TERAOKA-NAKAMURA — Mitsuko, Bowles, to Masao, Fowler, June 24.

Marriage Licenses Issued

FUJIMOTO-HAMASHIGE — Royce, 30, (USA); Tatsuko, 27, San Francisco.
HINOKI-ITO — Frank, 27, San Mateo; Hisako, 26, Sebastopol.
MATSUMOTO-OKAZAKI — Ray M., 25, Santa Clara; Lucy Toshiye, 27, San Jose.
ONO-ODA — Hiroyoshi and Mitsue, San Francisco.
SASAKI-OKUMURA — Robert T., Lowry AFB; Alberta H., Milwaukee.
SHIDAWARA-MINAMOTO — James, 24; Betty, 24, San Francisco.
YAGI-MORI — Junior K., 23, Riverside; Selma S., 21, Salt Lake.

Weddings

CAMPBELL-SHOJI — June 11, Glenn A. and Mitzi of St. Louis.
FUJITA-MATSUNAGA — July 2, Harry S. and Dorothy of Los Angeles.
FUTAGAKI-SHIMIZU — June 18, Fumio, San Jose; Mai, Salt Lake City.
HAMAMOTO-OHARA — June 26, Setsuo and Lillian Yuriko of Cupertino.
ITO-KUSATSU — June 18, James and Elsie of Chicago.
KAI-KAWAKAMI — July 3, Jiro and Grace Harumi of Los Angeles.
KAMBAYASHI-KUDO — July 10, Noboru, Santa Monica; Lily Y., Los Angeles.
KANAWA-HATA — June 18, Henry, New York; Emi, Chicago.
KISHIYAMA-IWATA — July 1, George, Phoenix; Betty, Torrance, at Las Vegas.
KUSHIDA-MIYAGAWA — June 26, Richard R., Chicago; Masako, Hawaii.
MATSUI-HOKI — July 2, Ben N., Selma; Elaine Sadako, Los Angeles. (Name corrected.)
MATSUMOTO-OKAZAKI — July 3, Masao, Santa Clara; Lucy; San Jose.
MORIMOTO-SURUKI — July 1, Kazuo and Yoriko of Los Angeles.

NAGASHIMA-HIRABE — June 19, William K. and Misako of Denver.
NAKAWATASE-HITAHARA — June 26, James and Lillian of Chicago.
SUYEHIRO-TSUCHIMORI — July 10; Hito and Masako of Los Angeles.
TERAOKA-NAKATSUKA — July 2, Masaji, Fresno; Kiyeko, Santa Cruz.
TSUCHIYAMA - NAKATOGAWA — July 3, Shigeru, Tarzana; Katsuko, Baldwin Park at Los Angeles.
YABUKI-HOSHIKO — June 25, Kiyoshi, Seattle; June, Bowles, Calif.

Deaths

ASASHINA, Ichiro, 75: Salt Lake City, June 24, survived by wife Yei, sons Dr. George (Toledo, O.), Gunji, Tom (Los Angeles), daughters Sachi (Los Angeles), Mrs. Miye Kurumada and nine grandchildren.
EGASHIRA, Asaye, 61: Los Angeles, (formerly of Oakland) June 30, survived by husband Rikizo, son George, daughters Mrs. Aiko Iwata, Mrs. Mieko Yamate and Mrs. Sakiko Kobayashi.
FUJIWARA, Tetsujiro, 64: Los Angeles, July 5, survived by son Andy Yukio, daughters Kiyoko, Ellen Toshie and Mrs. Helen Teruko Sentachi.
KADOTA, Maju, 69: Baldwin Park, July 5, survived by husband Maruo, son Hayao, daughter Yoshie and a brother Kiyoji Iwasaki (Chicago).
MORI, Mrs. Sute, 64: Seattle, June 18, survived by sons Hideo, William T., Masumi (Salt Lake City), daughters Mrs. Haruye Yokoyama, Mrs. Hisaye Sumida (Chicago), and sister Mrs. Ko Yoshida (Chicago).
MORI, Mrs. Nami Y., 78: Salt Lake City, (formerly of Hood River) June 29, survived by sons Jerry and Shigeki (Ely, Nev.).
NISHIMOTO, Edith S., 46: Los Angeles, July 11, survived by husband Ray T., sisters Mrs. Yaeko Ogawa and Yukiyo Nakano.
TOYOTA, Tori, 68: Los Angeles, June 30, survived by husband Sadajiro, son George, daughter Mrs. Sadako Jane Ogawa.
SATOMURA, Isamu H., 80: Murray, Utah, June 20, survived by wife Tomeno, sons Mitsuo, Shigeru, daughter Mrs. Kimiye Mizuta and six grandchildren.
TABUCHI, Sam, 8 mos.: Denver, June 28, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry, four brothers and sisters.
UYEDA, Mrs. Mary: Portland, June 28, survived by husband Matsuo, sons Kenneth, Rex, mother Mrs. Take Eiri (Japan).

CALENDAR

July 24 (Sunday)
D.C.—Community picnic, Rock Creek Park, 11:30 a.m.
Hollywood—Chapter beach party, Playa del Rey.
East Los Angeles—Chapter picnic, Belvedere Park, 4914 Brooklyn.
July 26 (Tuesday)
Southwest L.A.—Meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m. Movies.
July 23 (Saturday)
Long Beach—Movie night, Harbor Community Center, 8 p.m.
July 30 (Saturday)
UCL—Steak fry, Phalen Park, St. Paul 3 p.m.
July 31 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Beach party, Paradise Cove, 1:30 p.m.
Aug. 5 (Friday)
Richmond—El Cerrito: Board meeting, Kimoto residence, 6124 Rosalind, 8 p.m. New constitution.
Aug. 7 (Sunday)
Seattle—Chapter picnic, Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Resort.
NC-WNDC—3rd Quarterly session: Hotel Cominos, Salinas; dance, Knights of Pythias Hall; golf tournament, Salinas Municipal course.
Aug. 10 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—Cabinet meeting, Linda Ito's home, 3519 Folsom, 8:30 p.m.
Aug. 13 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Benefit dance, Elk's Club.
Aug. 14 (Sunday)
PSWDC—3rd quarterly session, San Diego.
San Francisco—Auxiliary's Fashion Interlude, Gyosei Hall.
Long Beach—Community picnic, Peck's Park, San Pedro.

DECADE AGO

July 21, 1945

■ Agriculture secretary Anderson wires Seattle produce group to abandon anti-Nisei boycott; declares ban against evacuee-grown produce "unjustified", reports numerous complaints received of refusal to handle farm goods.
■ Nisei charges Seattle florists refuse to purchase flowers, donates blooms to hospital.
■ California justice of peace jails woman for threat against returnee.
■ President grants Att'y General Clark right to deport enemy alien deemed dangerous to U.S.
■ ACLU seeks revision of Navy ban against Japanese American enlistments; Navy only government department which totally excludes Nisei, says ACLU official.
■ NBC commentator Kaltenborn aids Nisei Student Relocation funds, lauds patriotism of Japanese Americans.
■ Hold hearings on California licenses for evacuees, returned brokers apply for renewal of real estate privileges.

Gardena Valley gardeners to organize association

(Gardena) Unanimous opposition to the recently proposed Maloney bill in the California assembly to license maintenance gardeners was voiced by some 50 gardeners which met last week at the Japanese Community Center here. The group also agreed to establish a Gardena Valley Gardeners Association. Paul Koga was meeting chairman.

Social security—

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Service offices or the Social Security field offices when in doubt as to their social security tax liabilities, the JACL office was advised.

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Vagaries

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EAST MEETS WEST ON SCREEN

Denver

Hollywood currently is in the midst of a minor cycle of Oriental-Caucasian love stories. Now in release is *House of Bamboo*, starring Shirley Yamaguchi, Robert Ryan and Robert Stack, a 20th Century Fox production. Another film with 20th's imprint, *A Many Splendored Thing*, is being edited. It stars Jennifer Jones as a Chinese-European girl and tells of her bit-ter-sweet romance with William Holden as an American newspaperman. (In Han Suyin's book of the same name, the newsman was a Briton).



Now being previewed is Columbia's *The Gentle Sergeant* (formerly titled *Sergeant O'Reilly*), the tale of a tough non-com in the U.S. Army's Wolfhound division who adopts an entire Osaka orphanage. This latter film stars Aldo Ray and Mitsuko Kimura.

Interracial love stories are nothing new to Hollywood. The films have delved into the problems of miscegenation, particularly those involving Asians and Occidentals, from the time of the silent film days. Sessue Hayakawa, who made his Hollywood debut more than four decades ago, appeared in a number of films involving interracial romance. The difference was that Hollywood's perspective in earlier times was the negative "never the twain shall meet" approach. It all made for unhappy endings.

With the more enlightened outlook of an atomic age, the filmmakers are now taking a more affirmative attitude toward these interracial love stories. In doing this, they reflect the spirit of the times. Several western states, for example, have repealed or are in the process of rescinding decades-old anti-miscegenation statutes. The impact of more than 15,000 GI-Japanese marriages since VJ day has revised a lot of hide-bound attitudes toward Oriental-Caucasian alliances.

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ACTRESSES FROM JAPAN

Their new films have established both Shirley Yamaguchi (whose first American film was *Japanese War Bride* in 1952) and Mitsuko Kimura as new screen personalities in the United States. Their availability for future roles probably will inspire other films. Several studios already are considering pictures on GI-Japanese marriages, one of them the true-life story of Frank and Sachiko Pfeiffer as told by James Michener in the Feb. 21, 1955 issue of *Life* magazine.

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, British film director David Lean announced the selection last week of Keiko Kishi to play one of the two major roles in *The Wind Cannot Read*, from a novel by James Mason of the love affair between an RAF officer and a Japanese girl, Miss Kishi, the young Shochiku studio star, recently won the best actress award at the second South-west Asian Film Festival in Singapore for her portrayal of the Japanese wife of a Chinese revolutionary in *Bomeiki* (The Refugee).

Director Lean, who made the current *Summertime* which stars Katherine Hepburn, picked Miss Kishi after testing many actresses. *The Wind Cannot Read* will be shot in India and London starting next January. It is similar in theme to *The Purple Plain*, now in release, which starred Gregory Peck and Win Min Than, a Burmese girl, in the story of a Canadian flying officer who falls in love with a native girl in Burma.

The difficulty in writing a drama for the screen or the stage is that dramatic conflict is a necessity. Often a situation must be overstated for the sake of the story. Hollywood's presentation of a GI-Japanese marriage probably will tend to over-emphasize any problems besetting the couple. The public may thus obtain a distorted picture of such a marriage.

Anson Bond's *Japanese War Bride*, the first film to treat on the GI-Japanese marriage, was concerned mainly with community antagonisms against the couple. Bond, who wrote the screen play, gave it a valid setting, the Salinas valley of California where racial prejudice was inflamed against persons of Japanese ancestry after Pearl Harbor. King Vidor, long one of Hollywood's ablest directors, gave picture a quality of documentary vividness. Yet the picture, which promised a happy ending, was overdramatized. *Japanese War Bride* recently was sold to television and is being screened these nights on the late, late shows.

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CLASSIC EAST-WEST ROMANCE

The classic of all Oriental-Occidental love stories is Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*. This popular opera has been brought to the screen again, this time in a joint Italo-Japanese production filmed in Rome, and starring Kaoru Yachigusa as Cho-Cho-San and Michiko Tanaka as Suzuki. This new version, which had its world premiere in Tokyo recently, is tentatively set to be shown for the first time in the United States in September at a projected Italian film festival in Denver.

Minority Week

■ The Kentucky School for the Blind may be the first school below college level in Kentucky to be desegregated. The school is administered directly by the State Board of Education, which has recommended that integration of white and Negro schools in Kentucky proceed as fast as local conditions permit.

■ Judge Harold A. Stevens of the New York court of general sessions was appointed by Gov. Harriman to the state supreme court, to become the first Negro justice of the state's highest tribunal. He is a graduate of Boston College Law School and was past president of the Catholic Interracial Council of New York.

■ Everett F. Morrow was sworn in as a White House administrative officer, the first Negro to hold a position of that rank on President Eisenhower's executive office staff. He serves as administrative officer for a special projects group in the executive office of the President.

Idea of lump-sum payment for every evacuee, as provided in latest Hillings Bill, favored by JACLers since 1942

Washington

When it was announced recently that the latest bill introduced by Congressman Patrick J. Hillings, Whittier, Calif., Republican, to expedite and liberalize the final determination of remaining evacuation claims, included a special section providing lump sum nominal payments to every victim of the 1942 mass military evacuation from the Pacific Coast, many prospective Issei and Nisei beneficiaries expressed real surprise, especially those who had already made their settlements with the Government for their evacuation claims.

If these same Issei and Nisei had followed JACL's continuing concern over the evacuation claims program over the years, this lump sum payment proviso would not have come as such a startling suggestion, for the idea of an indemnity for evacuation has long been one of JACL's primary objectives.

Conviction of 1942

As far back as the spring of 1942, when it became certain that forced evacuation would take place, a number of JACL leaders expressed the conviction that our Government should be called upon to provide compensation, not only for the property losses that would be suffered, but also for the other intangible human losses that would be involved in that arbitrary, racist movement.

Over the 1942 Thanksgiving holiday weekend, when JACL delegates from the "free zone" and all ten relocation centers met in emergency national council session at Salt Lake City, this suggestion found expression in an unanimous resolution demanding some form of indemnity for all evacuation losses.

After World War II, when the first post-war national convention convened in Denver, in the spring of 1946, one of the three major legislative objectives adopted by JACL was that for evacuation claims. Discussions held during that historic conclave reveal that the delegates felt that some kind of automatic indemnity for all evacuees should be proposed, as well as a claims procedure for those able and willing to prove property losses.

Limited program accepted

Even prior to the 1946 convention, discussions had been held with officials of the War Relocation Authority, the Department of Interior, and the White House regarding indemnification for evacuation.

But, none of the Government officials or agencies would accept an indemnity program on the grounds that, since the United States Supreme Court had ruled that the military evacuation of 1942 was a constitutional exercise of war powers, indemnification was not justified inasmuch as such an automatic payment to all evacuees would constitute Government acknowledgement that an illegal or wrongful act had been committed during wartime.

These officials and agencies, however, were willing to go along with a limited claims program for the adjudication of real personal property losses suffered as a direct consequence of the mass evacuation.

Because the evacuees at that time were just beginning to return to their former homes and associations on the west coast and because they needed funds for travel, rehabilitation, and reconstruction, in the best interests of the overwhelming majority, JACL reluctantly agreed to accept the rather restrictive bill drafted and introduced into the Congress by the WRA.

Indemnity idea persisted

That the JACL had never given up the thought of an indemnity, however, may be recalled by the delegates to the 1948 national convention in Salt Lake City, when, in discussing the implementation of the Evacuation Claims Law enacted by the 80th Congress that

July, mention was also made that at some appropriate time an indemnity, small though it might be, should be requested, since every evacuee regardless of age or circumstances suffered some losses, even though they might not qualify under terms of the congressional statute on the subject.



In subsequent biennial conventions, 1950 in Chicago, 1952 in San Francisco, and 1954 in Los Angeles, as fears of the JACL over limitations of the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act proved accurate, the thought was often expressed that when the present program is completed, an effort ought to be made to try to secure some indemnity or lump sum payment for every man, woman, and child who had to undergo the experience of evacuation.

Hearings on West Coast

When it became apparent in the summer of 1953 that a compromise settlement procedure would be needed if the remaining larger claims were to be settled during our lifetime, JACL drafted a bill to expedite and liberalize some provisions of the basic code.

The following January, when the Second Session of the 83rd Congress convened, Congressman Hillings, as the only westerner on the House Judiciary Committee, was asked to introduce this legislation. He agreed and introduced what has become known as the Hillings Evacuation Claims Bill.

Because Congress had never conducted hearings on evacuation claims on the west coast, where the evacuation itself had taken place and where most of the claimants resided, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims held two days of public hearings in San Francisco and three days in Los Angeles last fall, listening to over a hundred witnesses from all walks of California life.

During the hearings, witness after witness, most of whom had been invited to testify by the JACL, pointed out that, even though the Department of Justice had ruled that pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses were, in the main, not compensable because value was received for such expenditures, every evacuee had to pay out-of-pocket sums in preparation for the evacuation and for their return to their former homes after the exclusion orders were lifted, actual expenses which they would not have paid but for the evacuation itself.

Informal discussions fruitful

The congressional Subcommittee realized the injustice of the situation and recommended in its report issued last December that pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses should be recognized as a compensable loss.

Accordingly, JACL drafted a bill which was gain introduced at JACL request by Congressman Hillings this March that included specific provisions for recognition of these evacuation preparation and return expenditures as evacuation losses to be paid by the Government.

During informal discussions with congressional and staff members of the Judiciary Subcommittee and with the Department of Justice officials who are in charge of the administration of the program for the Government, it developed that there were certain deficiencies in the language of the specific provision for the recognition and payment of these particular losses.

One of these was the fact that under the basic law all who had received awards were forever barred from further claims under this legislation. Since more than 21,000 claimants of the 24,103 who had originally timely filed their claims had already been paid on compromised and settled claims

and on adjudicated claims, enactment of the proviso as drafted would have meant that about 2,500 claimants only would have benefited from this amendment.

Another related to the difficulty of determining the value of, for example, pre-evacuation expenses, especially if, as the Government argued, it was necessary to deduct the costs of what these evacuees would have spent for clothing, equipment, etc., had there been no evacuation from the special expenses paid in preparation for that movement.

Still another was that if every evacuee suffered some losses because of evacuation, some provision should be made so that every evacuee could recover in some way whether he or she had timely filed a claim or not under the 1948 Act.

Cheaper to administer

It was during these unofficial informal discussions that JACL again proposed the idea of an indemnity, a lump sum payment no matter how small, for every evacuee.

The reason suggested itself: to provide uniform compensation for pre- and post-evacuation expenses.

Such lump sum payments would be cheaper for the administration of the program than individual adjudications and, at the same time, would not require records, documents, or proof of loss and valuations on the part of the evacuees.

That the Department of Justice accepted this suggestion became evident in its letter to the Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims when it was proposed, if the Congress desired to compensate for these losses which the Attorney General believed were not recognized by the 1948 law, that some lump sum payment formula be adopted.

Section 7 of new bill

Accordingly, when JACL drafted a substitute bill which took into consideration some of the Justice Department's suggestions, it was specifically provided that:

"Sec. 7. In lieu of the determination and award of preevacuation and postevacuation expenses, including costs of transportation, actually incurred by or on behalf of evacuees and excludees, there is hereby awarded to each person of Japanese ancestry evacuated or excluded from such military area or Territory who files a claim therefor with the Attorney General within six months after the enactment of this section the sum of \$150 in the case of persons who were twelve years of age on or before February 19, 1942, and the sum of \$50 in the case of persons less than twelve years of age on February 19, 1942."

This provision is an integral part of the latest Hillings Bill that was introduced last month.

It is so worded, and deliberately too, that every evacuee, regardless of whether he or she filed a claim or not under the 1948 Act, or whether he or she received any award or not under the existing law, may file a claim. If the records prove that the claimant is an evacuee, depending on his or her age at the time the proclamation authorizing evacuation was issued, he or she will be paid, automatically, a lump sum payment of either \$150 or \$50 in the form of an indemnity.

JACL's concern for evacuees

Whether the Congress will approve this proviso or not is purely conjectural at this point.

But, the inclusion of this indemnity provision in the latest Hillings Evacuation Claims Bill demonstrates anew JACL's continuing concern for justice for every evacuee, without regard as to whether they are members or supporters of the JACL or not, and as to whether they have contributed to the National Endowment Fund or not.

Such is the spirit of the JACL.