



Editorials

WELCOME TO CALIFORNIA

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims will hold special hearings on evacuation claims in San Francisco and Los Angeles next week. We welcome the four congressmen, Chairman Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, Edwin E. Willis of Louisiana, Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota, William E. Miller of New York; and their staff, director Walter Lee, counsel Cy Brickfield, and secretaries Mary Cloonan and Dorothy Mann, to California.

Their visit should be constructive as well as pleasant: constructive because the majority of the remaining 2,500 claimants who are directly concerned have the rare opportunity of witnessing a legislative branch of government in action, and pleasant because expert testimony being offered by the attorneys is for implementing the Lane-Hillings evacuation claims bill and not wrangled in steep politics as some hearings in Washington can be.

While the hearings generally affect unsettled claims, among the six major proposals to be heard during the public hearings next week will concern every evacuee, regardless of whether a claim had been filed or not under the original 1948 Act. Pre- and post-evacuation expenses and transportation costs are included in the new bill. It means that if records prove a claimant was evacuated, depending on the age at the time of proclamation, a lump sum indemnity of \$150 or \$50 would be paid automatically.

Common decency and simple justice (which are hallmarks of American fair play) would support such a proviso. Had there been on evacuation, there would have been no special expenses paid in preparing for that movement. Continuing concern for every evacuee by the JACL, whether or not members or supporters of the organization, has been demonstrated by interest and support given the Lane-Hillings bill.

Interested Issei and Nisei are urged to attend the hearings, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., in San Francisco's federal court house on Sept. 26 and 27 or in Los Angeles's federal building on Sept. 29 and 30.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

GASOLINE VAPORS PLUS OZONE

Various alliterations on smog have been made by my colleagues (Srs. Mori y Kushida: am forced to allude to Spanish as there's only room for one *Nihongo* expert per paper and we have him in the "Sou'wester") who live and breathe in Los Angeles, I find myself unable to keep quiet on the same abominable atmospheric condition. . . . For the longest time, I was among stout-hearted Angelenos who attributed the smarting of eyes on certain days to lack of sleep or downtown dust. In recent weeks (especially that Tuesday last week which must have routed several out-of-town tourists home to cut their vacations short), the midday air downtown becoming so unfit to breathe that police officers were ready to barricade the freeways against inbound traffic and authorities were standing by at industrial plants to order their shutdown. . . . Smog, popularly conceived as "smoke" and "fog", is a mixture of gasoline vapor and ozone. Experts at nearby Cal-Tech who have studied the problem on a worldwide basis say air pollution is worst in Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Paris, Cologne, Copenhagen and Liege. . . . They also add that St. Louis and Houston are cities most free of air poisons. This smog-free condition is due to the absence of inversion layers that confine the air pollutants to a low altitude.

Most of our readers in Southern California have been treated to a thorough explanation of smog in the press, radio, TV and over backyard fences. . . . A scientific consultant advises that gasoline vapors and incomplete combustion products which escape into the atmosphere are relatively non-toxic at the point of release. But under the influence of light and action of nitrogen gases in the air, the hydrocarbons are partly oxidized to peroxides and ozonides—which are culprits that have

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Early enactment of Lane-Hillings claims bill in next session urged

[Washington] In a prepared statement submitted to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims for the hearings which will be held next week in San Francisco and Los Angeles, Mike M. Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League and representative for the special committee organized for the protection of the remaining claims (Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims) urges the early enactment of the Lane-Hillings Bill, HR 7763, or a comparable bill, for the conven-

ing session of Congress in January.

Masaoka points out in his testimony that the bill under present consideration, comparable to earlier bills introduced by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) but declared unacceptable by the Justice Department, endeavors to carry out the specific recommendations of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims which held similar hearings on the West Coast last year, as evinced in its Report to the Congress last December.

The present statement incorporates the relevant testimony submitted by Masaoka at those hearings as well as a comparative analysis of the current bill and replies to the statement submitted by the Justice Department on the predecessor bill, HR 4673. He also comments on the specific recommendations of the Subcommittee on Claims as constituted last year.

In last year's resume, Masaoka included a 90-page statement on the interest and concern of the JACL; the chronological highlights of the evacuation program; a summary of the history of evacuation in relation to the handling of evacuee property, some case histories and examples of evacuation losses; the legislative history, administrative history, and congressional history of appropriations for the Evacuation Claims Act; analysis of the Hillings Bill, HR 7435; and a bibliography.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The present testimony brings up-to-date the current status of the evacuation claims program.

Masaoka points out there seems to be apparent agreement in the Report of the Subcommittee and

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Four congressmen and staff to arrive for West Coast special claims hearings

[Washington] House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims will arrive in San Francisco tomorrow for evacuation claims hearings scheduled on the West Coast during the final week of September. The group was conducting hearings on other pertinent matters at both Devil's Lake, N.D., and Spokane.

Chairman of the subcommittee on Claims is Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), who was ranking Democratic member during the hearings held on the West Coast last year.

A 1925 graduate of Suffolk Law School, he was admitted to the practice of law in Massachusetts in 1926 and before the United States District Court in 1927.

Congressman Lane served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1927 to 1938 and the Massachusetts Senate from 1939 until his resignation to become a member of the 77th Congress. He was elected to a special election to the 77th Congress on Dec. 30, 1941, to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the death of Congressman Lawrence J. Connerly, and has served in Congress since that time.

Congressman Lane is a veteran of World War I.

LOUISIANA CONGRESSMAN

Rep. Edwin E. Willis, (D., La.), is also a lawyer. He was elected to the State Senate in January, 1948, and then was elected to the 81st Congress in the November, 1948, elections. In addition to serving on the Judiciary committee, Congressman Willis is also a member of the Un-American Activities committee.

He has served in Congress continuously since 1949.

Rep. William E. Miller, (R., N.Y.), completed his undergraduate work at Notre Dame University at South Bend in June, 1935, with an A.B. degree and was graduated from the Albany Law School of Union University in June, 1938 with an LL.B. degree.

After passing the state bar in

October, 1938 he engaged in the general practice of law in Lockport, N.Y. Until his induction into the United States Army as a private on July 1, 1942, he was United States Commissioner for the Western District of New York, an appointive office.

After his graduation from Officers Candidate School of the Judge Advocate General Branch of the Army at Ann Arbor, Mich., in May, 1945, when he was commissioned a first lieutenant, he was assigned to the War Criminals Branch at Washington, D.C., until August, 1945. At that time he was selected as one of the assistant prosecutors under the late Supreme Court Justice Robert A. Jackson for the prosecution of the Nazi war criminals at Nuremberg.

He resumed the practice of law upon his return in 1946 until Jan. 1, 1948 when he was appointed district attorney of Niagara County by the then Governor of New York, Thomas E. Dewey, and then was elected as the district attorney in the November, 1948 election, still continuing the general practice of law.

Congressman Miller has been a member of Congress since 1951, the 82nd Congress.

Rep. Usher L. Burdick, (R., N.D.), is a graduate of the State Normal School at Mayville, N.D. and of the Univ. of Minnesota, holding the degrees of Ph.B. and

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Fresno FEPC tabled . .

[Fresno] The Fresno City Commission tabled by a 4-3 vote a proposed fair employment practices bill last week. Voting against tabling the motion were Mayor Gordon G. Dunn, J. O. Thorpe and Ted C. Wills, who introduced the measure.

Endowment Fund totals \$87,000

[San Francisco] Recent contributions to the National JACL Endowment Fund totaling \$2,423.71 were acknowledged and National Director Masao Satow publicity thanked the following:

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Hayward—George and John Minami \$427; Los Angeles—Charles K. Kama-yatsu \$25, Mrs. T. Nishikawa \$25, Iwajiro Tsuji \$40; Perkins—George S. Oki \$25; Richmond—Mr. and Mrs. Yuhei Oshima \$1,000; San Francisco—Masateru "Tut" Tatsuno \$68.15; San Jose—Mrs. Alice Tatsuno \$80.20, Dave Tatsuno \$80.21, Shojiro Tatsuno \$68.15; Selma—J. Kawano \$20.

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New York — Katherine M. Otsubo \$150.

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St. Louis—Miss Rose Ogino \$30. WASHINGTON, D.C. George Ichikawa \$50, and Kyuzo Satow \$10.

The \$1,000 gift from Mr. and Mrs. Yuhei Oshima was on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, Satow said. They are parents of Heizo, 1953 president of the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL, Dr. Yuichi in Japan, and the late Fred Oshima, who died in 1952. Elder Yuhei is a JACL 1000 Club member and was active with the No. Calif. Kikaken Kisei Domei, JACL affiliate.

The National JACL endowment fund totals \$87,520.98, of which \$85,000 is held in trust.

Baby born to dying mother

[Seattle] A baby girl Allicyn born by emergency Caesarean section as her Nisei mother lay dying, was in an incubator at the Swedish hospital last week, her bid for life won.

But down the hill at 1007½ Weller St., the family and close friends were saying prayers for the dead mother, Mrs. Chiyeiko Hikida, 29, wife of Albert G. Hikida.

She was already in a coma while her doctor performed the emergency Caesarean to save the unborn child before the mother's death.

It was on Labor Day that Mrs. Hikida collapsed of a sudden brain hemorrhage. After the delivery of the child, she was rushed to King County Hospital where she could be put in an iron lung.

She was kept alive for another day. But, the doctor said, during the operation when she could not be in the lung, it was a race against certain death.

Mrs. Hikida, born Chiyeiko Ishida, attended Bailey Gatzert School and Broadway High and finished at Minidoka High School. She was active in the local YBA. Funeral services were held Sept. 13.

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From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

WHERE WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE?

Denver

Thoughts while trying to whomp a column together: In-
dian summer is the most pleasant time of year here in Colo-
rado. Sun is bright and warm, nights as crisp as fresh Jonathan
apples and just cool enough for wonderful sleeping . . . Which
raises the question: Where, if you had a choice, would youprefer to live? Colorado would be nearly
perfect if we had a seashore. I miss the
salt air, although you can keep the humi-
dity that goes with tidewater. Grew up in
the Pacific Northwest which is beautiful
country if you don't mind the rain. I love
the lush, sub-tropical splendor of Hawaii,
but I'm afraid the prospect of year-round
summer is boring. A change of seasons,
as we have here, is invigorating. About
the time you're fed up with the heat, here
comes autumn. When winter's cold begins
to pall, suddenly it's springtime in theRockies. If I were single and rich, Manhattan would be the
place to live. Can't ever recall hearing a Chicagoan say any-
thing nice about Chicago. And what's Los Angeles going to do
about the smog? I know a place north of Seattle, where the
timber grows down to the clear, blue sea. Once I thought I'd
like to build a home there, but I haven't seen the spot in 15
years. Chances are a superhighway runs by the place now,
and all the quietly magnificent beauty is a thing of long ago . . .

PRICE FOR TOMATOES

Was standing by a vegetable stand the other day when
an Issei farmer drove up with a load of beautiful red-ripe to-
matos. He should have been proud of the crop. But those self-
same tomatoes were being sold at the stand for a dollar a
bushel. At that rate the entire truckload would have hardly
bought a suit of clothes. On another day I saw a truckload of
honeydew melons without a market. Seems no one wanted
them, and the Nisei farmer who grew 'em was reconciled to
taking them home and feeding them to the hogs. Hear tell,
also, that Nebraska spud farmers are hardly going to get the
price of seed out of their harvest . . . It's a deeply satisfying
feeling to work the soil and watch the harvest mature. And
when farmers make a killing, they strike it rich. But there
are so many lean years, hail, early frosts, insects and a half
dozen other hazards to make their lot a precarious one . . .

HOUSE MOSS

Where does house moss come from? That's the stuff that
sprouts magically overnight under beds in even the best-kept
homes. If someone could find a practical use for it, it wouldn't
grow . . . Is golf worth playing when you have to ride after
the ball in one of those electric go-carts? . . . Couple of Japa-
nese air force officers, en route home after six months of train-
ing at Lowry AFB in Denver, stopped for a visit at Universal-
International studios in Universal City, Calif. The only movie
being shot at the time was a weirdy called *The Creature Walks
Among Us*, third of the series launched by *The Creature From
the Black Lagoon*. The "creature" is a huge, scaly monster
with a nose but no nostrils. It was persuaded to pose for a
photograph with the two Japanese officers. That photo, we'd
venture to wager, will be the prize souvenir of their entire
American stay . . .

ALLERGIC

Fellow I know owns nine dogs, all mutts and all females.
We don't even own one because two of the kids are allergic
to doghair. Two are also allergic to horses, one to rabbits, an-
other to cats, one to canteloupes, two to honeydew melons,
one to eggplant. The two older ones are allergic to the idea
of work, and sometimes when they're whooping it up I think
I'm allergic to kids in general . . . I know a lot of fishing nuts,
but the most enthusiastic anglers I've ever met are the fellows
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TOKYO TOPICS: by TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Newspapermen return from Red China inspection tour; reports
critical of regime, but don't deny material, industrial growth

Tokyo

A group of Japanese newspa-
permen recently returned from a
1½-month inspection tour of Red
China at the invitation of the Pei-
ping regime. Their general im-
pression pictures Red China mak-
ing rapid recovery industrially.Unlike their predecessors (the
politicians, scholars, labor leaders
and others) of recent years who
come back praising mainland Chi-na for its phys-
ical and indus-
trial assets and
not a word
about the Com-
munist leader-
ship, the news-
men are pre-
senting a more
detailed analy-
sis of what
makes Red Chi-
na tick.Newspapermen were astonished
to note the ever-increasing rise
in population. Experts are of the
opinion that Red China has a po-
pulation of 650 million. (The 1948
population has been placed at 463
million.) The journalists were sur-
prised to see so many pregnant
women and children everywhere.
This is an interesting observation
because the Chinese poor were
not permitted to marry before and
communism has brought about a
new phase of life—marriage for
all the poor, too.In contrast, Japan is ruthlessly
trying to reduce its population by
birth control—abortion would be
the truer word for it. Red China,
in the meantime, strengthens her-
self.War-torn Japan is falling apart.
Its young people lack ambitionNisei artists illustrate
three new children books[New York] Three children's
books, each illustrated by a Nisei
artist, dealing with Japanese chil-
dren or those of Japanese descent,
have been published here this
week."Tami's New House," by Hester
Hawkes, was illustrated by Betty
Matsumoto. Published by Coward-
McCahn, \$2.30 pp., it was written
for children ages 6 to 9."Emily San," by Barbara Leon-
ard Reynolds, was illustrated by
Tack Shigaki. Published by
Charles Scribner's Sons, \$2.50, 180
pp., it is for children ages 7 to
10."Roy Sato: New Neighbor," by
Vanya Oakes, was illustrated by
Isami Kashiwagi. Published by
Julian Messner, \$2.75, 157 pp., it
is for children ages 8 to 12.

VOA specialist

[Washington] Well-known
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version of success because of no
apparent road to success open to
them on the four-island empire.
The young men of Japan are pa-
thetic creatures with inferiority
complexes and lasting despair.For the first time in 5,000 years,
the Yellow River floods are being
controlled. China was never in a
position to check the almost an-
nual devastation of the muddy
waters. Red China is taking full
credit here. She is also boosting
a huge highway-building program
—the most ambitious being a link
between China proper and Inner
Mongolia.Social reforms are also enforced
with an iron rule. The Chinese
carry them out—whether they like
them or not—for there is only one
road to follow in the Communist
order.While the titanic mass of Chi-
nese are subjected to Peiping dis-
cipline, its young are allowed
some breathing and living space.
They were reported by newsmen
as having ambitions and spirit to
accomplish something.The Japanese journalists were
critical of Red China upon their
return, but as their reports con-
tinued to appear in the press inJapan ICU nat'l women's
planning body enlarged[New York] Mrs. Yoshio Te-
rada, 110 Morningside Dr., has
accepted membership on the na-
tional women's planing committee
of the Japanese International
Christian University Foundation,
Inc. The committee was formed
in 1953 to help development co-
education in the Far East through
the new International Christian
University in Japan.Also on the committee are Mmes.
Ralph Bunche, Charles P. Taft,
Joseph C. Grew, Robert D. Murphy,
G. Bromley Oxnam, Franklin D.
Roosevelt, Morgan Vining and Al-
fred S. Akamatsu.subsequent weeks, it was tragic
to compare them with the plight
of present-day Japan — poor in
spirit and lacking in ambition —
while the Chinese youth surge
forth to raise its worth.This dire condition of youth in
Japan is a sensitive target of the
Communists, who are very alert
in this respect. The approach is
subtle. Whenever a boys' camp is
organized, Russian propaganda
material is immediately distribut-
ed to them. No mention is made
of communism until everything is
assured that their program can be
waged without a hitch.A movement such as this takes
time—but they have patience and
carry on the program. For con-
trast, the youth of Japan who
went crazy for America and de-
mocracy after the war learned
how to fraternize, kiss in public,
to do the mambo or act like gang-
sters. Reaction to all of this is
becoming "anti-American."The Americans are spending
lots of money in Japan for vari-
ous purposes, but with little good-
will value.A century of cultural
exchange between
two countries
japanese and
americansBy Robert S. Schwantes, Japanese
expert at the Asia Foundation
in San FranciscoForeword by
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other through the years? Drawing
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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

HOW TO LOOK AT ASIANS

Americans who wonder why this country's overtures to Asian peoples are often rebuffed, may find the answer in a "pastoral letter" just read at the 58th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Honolulu.

This is an amazing document in that it combines candid self-appraisal and an inspired call for meeting the challenge in Asia. It deals primarily with the work of the Christian churches but its lesson is plain for the West, particularly the United States.

It is certainly a far cry from the "sales techniques" employed by high-pressure Americans to "sell" democracy to the foreign areas immediately after the last war. The *modus operandi* at that time was to hawk American ideas and ideals as though they were commodities like toothpaste or Coca-Cola.

Such methods were doomed to failure because they overlooked the differences in background—traditions, culture, outlook and aspirations—of each group of people, as contrasted with the American heritage.

The "pastoral letter" is a statement of Christian doctrine that will be read, within 30 days, in every parish of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. About 2,758,000 members of the Church will be thus called upon to think and act according to the guiding principles in the 2,000-word document.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PASTORAL LETTER

Here are the highlights of the pastoral letter:

"As we face westward to the islands of the Pacific and to Asia, seeking to look upon them in the light of our faith, we see much that to our human gaze is disturbing, even frightening, yet under God full of promise.

"Half of the population of God's world is crowded into the lands towards which we look. In all these lands, save those populated by white men migrated from the West, there is a tidal upheaval of deprived, hungry peoples struggling for food and nationhood and full human status and acceptance, and resentful towards the West and towards the white man in his pride and power.

"Humanly speaking, there are good grounds for saying that the fate of the world will be in large measure the fate of Asia.

"There are the greatest masses of uncommitted peoples in the basic conflict between the total views of life and ways of life which struggle for the allegiance of man.

"These people are in full revolt against foreign political and economic control, against colonialism and imperialism. They are in revolt against age-old poverty and misery, no longer willing to accept passively gross inequalities of fortune. The early fate of hundreds of millions is at stake in their desperate efforts to conquer intolerable physical poverty . . .

"They are in revolt against the Western white man's assumption of his permanent superiority. All of these peoples have experienced in some form the sting of contempt.

"Along with their divisions among themselves and their fears of one another, these peoples are drawn together by a pervasive anti-Western bias and a suspicion of the motives of the peoples and nations on the side of the world which most of us inhabit and represent.

NATIONALISM AIDS ANCIENT RELIGIONS

"Ancient religions which we were inclined to write off as decadent are showing many signs of vigorous revival in association with the nationalism of Asia—Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism . . .

"In all this we are summoned as Christians to recognize the judgments of God, which are the disclosures of the contradictions between our human ways and His design for His people. We can make a case for the very mixed benefits of empire and of economic penetration motivated by the desire for gain. Before God and men we can make no case for contempt and assumptions of racial superiority.

"These are the deepest roots of our alienation from Asia. For these there is no answer . . .

"The awakening of whole peoples from listless fatalism to self-awareness and self-determination, and even to self-assertion, should be for us a ground of hope. For the Christ whom we confess seeks the allegiance of free men and would lead them into the service in which alone they can find their perfect freedom . . .

"Plainly a deep-going reorientation in the method and spirit of our mission is called for. Only Asians can carry the main weight in witnessing for Christ to Asians.

"We cannot plant our Church and our institutions in Asia and then take pride because they are ours. We can only hope to plant Christ's Church in Asia with the full understanding that it will be theirs under Him . . .

"By bringing us here to the mid-Pacific God has called us to open our ears to the cries for help that come to us from the Churches of Asia. If we hear those calls we will be greatly concerned that the actions of our nation and the attitudes of our American people shall be guided and overruled by the purpose of God for the peoples of Asia, and not simply by our short-sighted judgments of what will be to our immediate political, military or economic advantage.

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Wakayama sailor seeks deportation

[San Francisco] A plea for parole and deportation will be made here shortly for Gentaro Kato of Wakayama, Japan, who was convicted last year for the slaying of a Lodi Nisei in a local Buchanan St. restaurant.

Kato was sentenced to San Quentin for one-to-10 years, but is now serving his term at the state medical facility at Vacaville.

The California Adult Authority can set the definite term for Kato now as he has served almost one year.

Kato recently wrote the local Japanese consulate general's office that he had been given one hearing but no decision was reached in his case.

Consulate officials said they have received letters from Kato's wife and from Wakayama women's associations asking state prison authorities to release the seaman for deportation.

It was reported that once a definite sentence term is set an effort will be made to seek a parole and deportation to Japan.

Cucumber harvester invented by San Diegan

[Oakland] The cucumber farmers may soon see their crops harvested with laborers picking the annual crop on their stomachs.

This is made possible through an invention by Tom Imaizumi of Valley Center, San Diego county.

An experimental model with a 12-row picking capacity, employing a crew of 13 men, was placed into operation near Alvarado recently on the Joe Soares ranch.

The farm implement consists of two wings operated through a hydraulic system which lowers 12 men—six on each wing—down to about 15 inches from the ground and the 12 men pick the cucumbers and place them in a conveyor just under them.

Road show lead

[New York] Reiko Sato of Los Angeles has signed a contract here to appear in the lead role in the road show company of *Tea-house of the August Moon*. The young Nisei has appeared on screen and TV in recent years.

ISSEI CITIZEN TO CALL FOR FAMILY FROM TOKYO

[San Francisco] Veteran Japanese exhibitor, Minekiichi Hi-yeda, better known as Chonmage Namiemon in prewar days, was among 16 Issei granted U.S. citizenship last month before Federal Judge O. D. Hamlin.

Now he plans to send for his wife and two children, 8 and 13, who are living in Tokyo. As an American citizen, he is able to obtain non-quota visas for their entry.

Y-worker returns from seven-week Europe tour

[San Francisco] Fred Hoshiyama, secretary of the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, returned Sept. 9 from a seven-week trip to Europe where he attended the YMCA World Centennial conference last month.

He was one of the five adult advisors who reached home with 21 Bay area teenagers on the British luxury liner *Orcades*.

The local delegation left here by air July 22 and flew to Europe for an 18-day tour of England, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France.

The conference in Paris was attended by 10,000 young people from 76 countries.

They left from Cherbourg and arrived here after a 17-day cruise via Trinidad and the Panama canal.

Arizonan cited on Citizenship Day

[Phoenix] Tom Kadomoto, Arizona JACL president, was cited with a certificate of "Good Citizenship" last Sunday at Constitution Day programs observed at the Encanto Park bandshell.

The Nisei accountant was honored with Walter Ong, Chinese American grocer and president of the local Chinese chamber of commerce, who were active in assisting more than 200 persons gain naturalization through their respective organizations.

The patriotic program featured a half-hour concert by the Arizona National Guard 108th Army band, a choir composed of various ethnic groups including the JACL, and talks by County Attorney William P. Mahoney and Harry L. Osborne, YMCA citizenship teacher.

Four Nisei sign for 'King and I' movie roles

[Los Angeles] Signed by the forthcoming 20th Century-Fox Cinemascope production of "King and I" are Nisei well-known in Los Angeles.

Among those selected to appear as Siamese Court Dancers are Miyasawa Kawanami, Don Takeuchi, June Tsukida, and Kana Ishii.

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Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

NAACP FOUNDED BY THREE WHITES

Chicago

● The slaying of a Chicago Negro boy in Mississippi and the bitter fight over desegregation of public schools in the South have focused national attention on the NAACP, a militant outfit that got its start in a race riot in Springfield, Ill.



Back in 1908, as an aftermath of a nasty race riot, three people (all white) met in New York to talk up an organization that would do something to remove the social, economic and political barriers in the life of the average American Negro. They were Mrs. Mary White Ovington, a New York social worker; Dr. Henry Moskowitz of New York and William English Walling, author of social and economic studies who had been born in Kentucky and educated at the Univ. of Chicago.

The three called a meeting in May, 1909, and the NAACP was created. Another group, made up of Negroes professing the same principles as the NAACP, merged with the new organization.

"I doubt very much whether Negroes would have selected such a cumbersome name as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People," says Clarence Mitchell, head of the Washington NAACP bureau. "But the name carried on, and the principles today are about the same as they were back in 1909."

Those principles, called for the opportunity for Negroes to vote, to obtain an education, to get a job, and for the "equal right to the use of public parks, libraries and other community services for which he is taxed."

The end of school segregation is missing in the objectives listed at the first meetings of NAACP.

Now 46 years old with a membership of about a quarter-million, the NAACP is interracial in leadership and membership. Arthur B. Spingarn, distinguished New York corporation lawyer, is president.

Dues are \$2 a year with local chapters retaining \$1, the other going to their national headquarters in New York. Income last year at the national office was \$271,106. Income from other sources, such as contributions and Christmas seal sales, boosted the total to \$466,065 in 1954.

Through its 1,000 branches, the NAACP is constantly on the alert for violations of civil rights in all fields, and uses all the legal means at its command to correct these situations.

● Some 50 different views of the Golden Gate and San Francisco Bay bridges from various spots, photographed by Fred Lyon, are the feature exhibits at the Art Institute Gallery of Photography until Nov. 1. . . Two of the 15,000-Chicago school principals and teachers have refused to sign the Broyles loyalty oath as required by state law . . . The famous Trianon ballroom has been converted for weekly TV wrestling shows . . . The Dean Dorans greeted a newborn son, John Howland, Sept. 9 at Mattpaisett, Mass. Mother is the former Takayo Tsuboichi of Chicago. They have a daughter Toya, 18 months old.

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Over 100 enjoy Chicago chapter Wisconsin camp

[Chicago] More than 100 members of the Chicago-JACL chapter took advantage of the long weekend by enjoying themselves at College Camp off Williams Bay, Wis., Sept. 3-5.

The majority arrived at the camp off the lake on Saturday afternoon in time for supper. That evening a mixer was held.

For the golf enthusiasts a tournament was held on the course owned by the camp. Tomi Domoto and Abe Hagiwara won a prize for low gross. Other prize winners were the combinations of Tsune Kirita-Jack Ota, Michi Shimizu-George Okita and Esther Hagiwara-Jack Ota.

Claims hearing—

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NAMED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

He started the practice of law at Munich, N.D., in 1904, and was elected to the State legislature in 1907 and again in 1909, becoming at that time the youngest speaker of the House in the United States. In 1911 he was elected Lieutenant Governor and state's attorney in Williams County in 1912. He remained there as prosecutor or special prosecutor for several years.

Appointed assistant United States district attorney in 1929, he resigned in 1932 to enter the race for Congressman at Large from North Dakota. Although defeated in that election he was successful in 1934 and has been a member of the 74th through 78th Congresses, and has served continuously since the 81st Congress in 1949.

An independent in politics, Congressman Burdick is a member of the Non-partisan League of North Dakota.

MINNESOTA FOOTBALL STAR

As well as being remembered for having played right end for the Univ. of Minnesota football team in 1903 and 1904, the Big Ten champion team at that time, Congressman Burdick is an authority on western history and has written many books, including "The Last Battle of the Sioux," "Tales from Buffalo Land," "The Farmers Political Action in North Dakota," and the "History of the Range Cattle Trade of the Dakotas."

Aside from his congressional duties, Congressman Burdick is presently engaged in the ranching business at Williston, North Dakota.

Congressmen Lane, Miller, and Burdick were members present at the West Coast hearings held last year in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Congressman Willis is a new member of the subcommittee.

Accompanying the congressmen will be Walter Lee, the administrative staff director of the House Judiciary Committee, who has served in that capacity for the past 13 years, and Cyril Brickfield, who has served as legal counsel for the House Judiciary Subcommittee for the past five years.

Secretaries Mary Cloonan and Dorothy Mann will also be members of the party.

Issei serve as chairmen on NC-WN district confab

[Sebastopol] The convention preparation committee of the Sonoma County JACL chapter, hosts for the NC-WN JACL District Council Convention Nov. 5 and 6, are working on several features, some of which will be announced while other will be kept as a surprise.

Ann Ohki, registration chairman, announced that there will be two awards presented to the chapters having the largest number of delegates in attendance at this convention. The award will be suitable for the use of any chapter.

Perhaps for the first time in the JACL history, Issei who have become citizens will take active part in the convention preparations. Roy Yamamoto and Iwazo Hamamoto will serve as co-chairmen of the welcome buffet supper schedule for Saturday evening. They will be assisted by a committee of Issei citizens.

Both have expressed the opinion that this would be the opportune time to show their appreciation to the JACL. The menu for this welcome supper have already been decided upon but will not be revealed. This affair, a feature of the 25th anniversary of the JACL convention, will be free to all registered delegates, it was announced.

General chairman of the convention preparation committee, Frank Oda, will have the following members assisting him:

Mary Hamamoto, sec.; Mike Yoshimura, fin.; Ann Ohki, reg.; Roy Yamamoto, Iwazo Hamamoto, welcome supper; James Miyako, 1000 Club luncheon; Sam Miyano, Tak Kameoka, dance; Edwin Ohki, George Hamamoto, banquet; Paul Otani, Yonemi Ono, bowling; Miyo Masaoka, gen. arr.; James Miyano, Riyuo Uyeda, fishing derby.

CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Gardena Valley JACL: The benefit movie originally scheduled for Sept. 23-24 has been rescheduled for Oct. 14-15, 7 p.m. at the Gardena Japanese Community Center, it was announced by chapter president Frank T. Kuida. Evening specialty will be the appearance of Miss Shige Yano, Tokyo soprano new studying at the Santa Barbara Music Academy of the West.

■ Fresno JACL: The Women's Auxiliary will discuss family relations at the Sept. 27 meeting, 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. June Toshiyuki. Dr. D. A. Bristow will be guest speaker. Mickey Kubota, Setsu Nikaido, Sumi Saito and Tsuru Namba are in charge.

■ Berkeley JACL: Fred Kaya and his quartet are the latest to be booked for the coming Berkeley JACL's "Talent-Vision" show slated for Oct. 1, at the Berkeley High School Little Theater. The foursome consists of Kaya and John Travis, guitars; Calvin Parker, drums; and Terry Hillard, bass. Kaya is currently studying at the Kendale Conservatory of Music in Oakland.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

BY SHIG WAKAMATSU

Midwest Exodus

Chicago

● Howdy, Thousands! Kind of glad the hot-dog days are over—and I'm not referring about anything to eat. Of course, we waited a couple of weeks to allow Southern California to simmer down a little to say this, but around Chi', this past summer was a spectacular one.

It was so hot that 1000er Dr. Clifford Fujimoto smelled what was coming 'way back in February. He and Jane moved to Watsonville, had set up office and was calmly trimming his hedge when the hot foot hit us.

Come to think of it, even before that, Jimmie Masuda and his wife, the former Nobu Bessho, shooed themselves away to Montebello; and Dr. Tom Abe with his beauteous Renko used his prognostic skill and has settled by Venice-by-the-Sea.

In quick succession, Chicago lost half of its Nisei dentist population. Besides Clifford, we witnessed the 1000er exodus of Dr. George Hara and family heading for Palo Alto. At the 1000 Club Blow-Out, a bright affair engineered by Chief Knight Ron Shiozaki in June, Doc was presented with an autographed crying towel to be used when son Gregory starts beating him at golf.

You can check Dr. Tom Hara and wife Dorothy in at their new home in San Jose. Last month, while Dr. Kats Uba was finishing up his hitch in the army, Flo sold their home in Skokie and they're in Los Angeles. Potential 1000er Dr. Roy Morimoto has also moved there, before we could put the touch on him.

In October, departing with the geese will be Togo Tanaka after a brilliant decade to Los Angeles. No, he is not a dentist. This sounds like a tale of woe for Chicago to lose all of these good and valuable people, but then it must be California's gain—in pullable teeth, that is. Anyway, blame the weather—it was that hot!

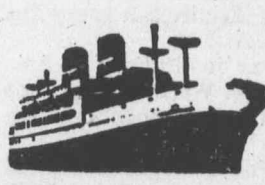
Chairman Shiozaki isn't discouraged, however. He's vowed that for every 1000er the Windy City loses to geographical pull, he'll come up with two new ones! That, my fellow Knights, is the true spirit. Amen.

Around the Country

● We note with deep regret the death of 1000er George Nishita of San Benito County. It seemed as if it were only yesterday George was moving amongst the delegates on the Council floor. He played a big and solid part in JACL's development and it is sad to say farewell. Our message of comfort, 1000 Club style to his dear ones, is one of firm belief that he has made safe passage up to the Land of Leaping Trout and Fighting Sea-Bass. Randy will be there, too, surveying the forever green fairways, and the two, we can be sure, are busy trying to convert each other to their favorite sport. We know there was never a need of either to be converted to anything else, particularly JACL.

Stepping in to fill George's place in the 1000 Club ranks is Joe Shingai, San Benito County chapter president. A big welcome to you, Joe, along with all the other good new members who pitched in to help.

In the renewal list for August, there was one H. James Kinoshita, Puyallup Valley No. 1001. Sounds real business-like, but with H. James, we have some roaring tales we can tell of the old Northwest days, but it'll take at least two beers—but hold it! Time and space is running out.



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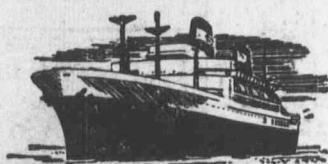
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Masaoka pleads for early enactment of Lane-Hillings bill—

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the recommendations of the Dept. of Justice in its memorandum on the predecessor bill on procedural or administrative matters.

First, the compromise-settlement procedure for processing of the remaining larger claims should be adhered to as in the processing of the smaller claims.

However, in the new bill is deleted the provision of the 75 per cent compromise which the Justice Department originally recommended inserting to speed up the processing of claims.

The Subcommittee recommended this compromise be retained in view of the fact that smaller claims already processed had been required to compromise under this ceiling.

The Justice Department also believed that the removal of the \$2,500 limitation was justifiable since most of the remaining claims to be processed were the substantial claims.

CLAIM-AWARD RATIOS

Furthermore, it was their belief that to remove this provision would not in any way alter the adjudication of awards since it had been their experience with the claims program that in most cases an average of approximately 43 per cent of the amounts originally claimed had been paid on full adjudications and in the compromised cases an average of only 37 per cent of the amounts originally claimed had been awarded.

Masaoka pointed out that since the Subcommittee did not "look with favor upon this automatic 25 per cent deduction," and since the Dept. of Justice had no objection to its elimination as the "price" for selecting the compromise-settlement procedure, there should be no basic disagreement between the Subcommittee and the Department on this problem.

Second point in agreement was that claims postmarked prior to the Jan. 3, 1950, deadline but received by the Attorney General after that date should be validated as timely filed.

Thirdly, the right to amend claims, but not to add new claims, prior to their final determination should be permitted.

Lastly, an annual report with a brief synopsis of the findings and reasons of adjudication must be filed by the Attorney General.

JUSTICE DEPT OBJECTS

Although the findings of the Subcommittee on Claims which held hearings on the West Coast last year recommended substantive changes in the law, the Justice Department vigorously opposed these liberalizing features in the bill.

Under scrutiny during the forthcoming hearings will be the provisions on whether "management expenses and conservation costs actually paid," should be considered a compensable item.

Heretofore, the Justice Department has ruled that under existing law "anticipated profits" are prohibited. And the interpretation of the Justice Department is that if there was not a net loss from the operation of these properties then these management expenses and conservation costs were non-compensable.

It further suggested that to make more realistic and generous by amendments what have heretofore been considered restrictive legislation would be unfair to other claimants.

To allow the claims, the Justice Department contends, is to permit "anticipated profits."

EVACUEES PENALIZED

Nevertheless, it was the recommendation of the Subcommittee last year that these claims should be recognized and compensated for, for the evacuees suffered a real loss because they would not have had to pay these expenses, oftentimes exorbitant because of the circumstances of the time, had there been no mass evacuation.

Masaoka pointed out that under the Dept. of Justice ruling where management and conservation payments were not made and the properties were damaged, the losses in value of the properties are compensable, whereas if the evacuees made an effort to protect their properties and expended

sums of money to manage and conserve property, they were penalized, for these were noncompensable items.

In clarifying the provision on "damage to or loss of real or personal property" . . . shall include loss of reasonably ascertainable crop losses, including perennial crops, measured by the market value of the particular claimant's crops at the time of maturity and marketing less the estimated cost of producing and marketing the crops," the Dept. of Justice contends that the present restrictive interpretation is justifiable under the present law and that the proposed more liberal interpretation would not be fair to other claimants who do not have so-called "crop loss" claims since this would fall under the category of "anticipated profits."

It was made clear by Masaoka, nevertheless, that the Subcommittee advocated the inclusion of this provision.

FAIR RENTAL VALUE

The Dept. of Justice has also ruled as noncompensable "fair rental value," although it has ruled loss on the sale of personal and real property as compensable. Thus, in many cases evacuees instead of selling their property, rented and in many instances received rents in amounts far less than the fair rental values.

In submitting claims for the difference between the fair rental value of the property and the actual rental obtained, the Attorney General ruled the item as non-compensable in spite of the fact that renting the property mitigated the losses sustained.

The proposed bill takes into account this special problem of rental losses to include "loss of reasonably ascertainable fair rental value when included in claims timely filed."

The Dept. of Justice opposes this feature as it did under "management expenses."

EVACUATION EXPENSES

Although the Justice Department has ruled noncompensable pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses since "value was received" from such purchases, the Subcommittee recommended that such expenses be compensated for.

It was the position of the Justice Department that allowance of such losses would require a very difficult computation because the Government would feel impelled to deduct, as a savings to the claimant, the cost of the ordinary clothing that the evacuees might have purchased if they had been allowed to remain at home and had not been required to buy special apparel for the rough living in camps.

Furthermore, the Department objected to this provision on the basis that it would discriminate against persons who were fortunate enough to have the clothing and luggage necessary for camp life and who accordingly were not required to make such purchases. It would discriminate against those whose claims had already been paid and who were denied this compensation.

Masaoka concurred with the opinion of the Justice Department that claims already paid should not be reopened. However in view of the Justice Department's recommendation that if this kind of relief were to be granted, it urged the Congress to consider the feasibility of separate legislation making a flat lump sum payment to all evacuees or to the heads of evacuated families under the administration of the Interior Department.

LUMP-SUM INDEMNITY

The JACL found this alternative acceptable and included in the proposed legislation a bill awarding a lump sum payment to all "evacuees or excluders who files a claim therefor with the Attorney General within six months after the enactment the sum of \$150 in the case of persons who were 12 years of age or before Feb. 19, 1942, and the sum of \$50 in the case of persons who were less than 12 years of age on Feb. 19, 1942."

It was the position of the JACL that since the Justice Department

had been administering the evacuation claims program, it would be administratively cheaper if the Justice Department also handled this program, and the recommendation was thus made.

Since the Justice Department ruled against the recommendation that transportation expenses be included as part of the evacuation loss and has ruled its uncompensable but provided for some redress by suggesting that a lump sum payment might be an alternative, this provision was included in the lump sum payment under pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses.

NEW CLAIMANT CATEGORIES

Since the Justice Department had declared that losses of Japanese internees were noncompensable, and since the findings of the Subcommittee of Claims during its hearings on the West Coast in 1954 recommend the compensation to this group, feeling that an injustice had been done them, claims of such persons, timely filed, should be compensated.

The Dept. of Justice in its memorandum, was willing to grant "—there would appear to be some justification for preferring internees who sustained losses as a consequence of the evacuation of their families, over alien enemy internees in general, there would appear to be no objection on that score to an amendment that would accomplish that result."

Another category of claimants to be included in the evacuation claims program, recommended by the Subcommittee, heretofore denied by the Justice Department would be claims "timely filed by corporations, partnerships, associations, societies and other organizations, profit and nonprofit, the majority of whose stock was owned by, or the majority of whose stockholders or members on Dec. 7, 1941, were persons of Japanese ancestry . . ."

The Dept. of Justice in the memorandum accompanying its letter on HR 4673, the predecessor bill, considered the provision "unobjectionable and might prove useful."

CONCLUSION

Masaoka stated that in view of the finds of last year's Subcommittee on Claims he hoped the present Subcommittee in its hearings would be able to find means for devising a precise formula under the proposed legislation to evaluate claims on management expense and conservation costs, fair rental values, and crop losses.

These losses merit the concern of the Subcommittee in spite of the adamant and adverse position taken by the Justice Department.

These losses were real, and particularly, these claims as submitted conform with accepted practices and standards established in courts of law in test cases on what is judged to be "anticipated profits" and recoverable profits.

The niggardly interpretation by the Attorney General is a travesty of justice when the intent of Congress was motivated by a spirit of grace, Masaoka said.

Masaoka concludes his prepared testimony with the statement that "justice delayed is justice denied," and that an early enactment of this bill or similar legislation was in the best interests of the remaining claimants, the Dept. of Justice, the Congress, and the Nation itself.

"For every passing day brings notice of the death of some of these claimants, most of whom are relatively aged, spending the twilight of their useful lives in this, their country, to which they have contributed so much.

"And every passing hour makes more difficult the problems of demonstrating and measuring loss, for witnesses die—documents disappear—and memories fade.

"We make our plea for favorable and early consideration of legislation needed to expedite and liberalize the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims, claims which are, according to the then Secretary of Interior, a 'moral obligation due to persons, most of them citizens, who were guilty of no other crime than the accident of birth and ancestry'."

The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

KU(RU)SHIDA

Los Angeles

Under orders of doc Bill Sato, we've been on a regimen of bland food and even disciplined ourselves to an *okai* and *hanjuku* diet this past week so's to chase out butterflies in the gullet. The italicized words mean rice gruel and soft-boiled eggs respectively but not respectfully.

We recognize the *han* to mean ½, but figuring the *juku* wasn't easy since the latter means either a private boarding school or nineteen and could even be, onomatopoeically speaking, the sound of boiling Pabulum (ugh!). Since only the 19 could logically be divided into two, we worked on the result, 9½ or *ku-han*. By happenstance, both *ku* and *han* mean the same thing, namely, trouble or distress, which is precisely the condition of our viscera. And *hanjuku*, we confess, is easy on the gut but certainly no ingredient for *joie de vivre*, unless you're a male member of the raw egg school.

Tuesday nite, at a steak dinner meeting of local attorneys preparatory to the Congressional hearings on evacuation claims, we reverted to form and broke bread with everyone else including Mike Masaoka who hobbled in on a cane. We must have broken something else like internal plumbing frinstance. Anyway, we're back to scratch on *okai*.

In this debilitated condition what with the week's absence of our girl Friday, we're in no fit shape for a full column this issue. Besides, we concur with Dorothy Lamour that brevity is the spice of life and quoting her, bid you "Sarong, now."

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS

Seattle

Although Seattle's colony of Japanese American professional artists number less than half-a-dozen, one or another of the group invariably captures at least one of the top awards in every Northwest competition.

Most recent honors went to Frank Okada, junior member of the group. He won first place at the Washington State Fair at Puyallup for his oil painting, *Transition*, an abstract work. Last year, he won top award at the Woessner Gallery in West Seattle for one of his paintings. He works mainly with oils.

Frank has devoted himself to the study of painting since he was 14 years old, studying at the Cornish School in Seattle. He served in the armed forces from July, 1952, to June, 1954. After discharge, he studied one year at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hill, Mich. At present, he is preparing to enroll at the Univ. of Washington to acquire credits toward graduation from the Academy.

Paul Horiuchi, another outstanding member of this group, recently received an award of \$600 in a national contest sponsored by the Tupperware Company. His entry in the event, which was limited to American Homes, was a snow scene in oil entitled, *Quiet Evening*. The contest was divided into three regional sections, each region offering one fellowship and one \$600 award.

Quiet Evening will make a three-year tour of the United States for exhibition at various museums.

In addition to oils, Horiuchi works in water colors and metal sculpture. He also operates the Tozai Antique Shop in Seattle.

George Tsutakawa and Kenjiro Nomura, two other talented Japanese American artists, were invited to display four paintings each at a special exhibition of the works of eight Washington artists held in Portland last fall. The same two artists each had a painting selected for exhibition in San Paulo, Brazil, earlier this spring. The Brazilian Exhibition was a showing of works representing United States artists.

Nomura, senior member of the group, works in oils and tempura. He has been acknowledged as an outstanding artist for more than thirty years, winning many awards during his career.

Tsutakawa is a professor at the Univ. of Washington, where he has taught sculpture, painting, and design for nine years. His oil painting, *The Beach Pattern*, recently won high honors at the Annual Bellevue Arts and Crafts show, which is sponsored by the Arts and Crafts Association of Bellevue, Wash.

In another exhibit under the joint sponsorship of the Music and Art Foundation and the Henry Art Gallery, Tsutakawa won one of the three top awards for his wood carving entitled, *Family Group*. This exceptional carving had earlier won first prize in another Northwest exhibit.

Fifth member of the group is John Matsudaira who is noted for his works in oil and water color. Matsudaira also has been a frequent winner of awards in Northwest competitions.—A.F.

VERY TRULY YOURS

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been irritating the population here . . . City and county authorities have been waging a thick battle with each other over responsibilities for enforcing anti-smog rules . . . People of advanced ages have been dying much faster because of the heat and smog. The figures vary between 75 and 100 a day. Yet it doesn't approach the awful count of 4,000 tolled in one week (December, 1952) in London. This spectre is truly something to worry about.

● Smog season is here. You don't suppose Angelenos will prepare for the smog season each year with gas masks, do you? Our columnist Henry Mori last week nearly had a photo taken for his column to replace his usual thumbnail cut, only he couldn't find a gas mask handy . . . The residents closer to the ocean are lucky. They just read about the smog.

Hawaii gridders face Sanjo State

[San Francisco] The Univ. of Hawaii team which upset Nebraska Saturday 6 to 0 at Lincoln, Neb., was here Tuesday and worked out at the San Francisco City college field in preparation for their game Friday night against San Jose State Spartans.

It was reported here Monday that the lightly regarded Rainbow eleven might have scored twice more against the Cornhuskers.

The San Jose State coach, Bob Bronzan, told the Northern California Football writers at a luncheon here that Hawaii fumbled at the seven and 10 or would have had two more TD's.

San Jose scout Gene Menges reported that Fred Nagata called a good game at quarterback for the Islanders.

■ Dr. Shunzo Sakamaki, history professor at the Univ. of Hawaii, was named to the board of athletic control, composed of three representatives from the alumni, students and faculty. Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga is on the board for the alumni.

Kono betters own weightlifting records

[Honolulu] World weightlifting champion Tommy Kono bettered his own universal record for the clean and jerk in an exhibition Sept. 11 at the Waimea gym, Kauai.

The former Californian, now a Honolulu resident, lifted 375 lbs. as against his own 371¼ lb. mark.

In the press, the 165-pound world titlist made 280 lb., only 8¼ lbs. below the world record but 10 lbs. better than the Olympic standard.

■ Kenichi Kawachika, 53, father of Ohio State swimming star Edward Kawachika, drowned Sept. 16 while swimming across a river after a skiff which had broken its mooring.

Calif. Nisei golf open at Pebble Beach Oct. 29-30

[San Jose] California Nisei golf championship tournament being sponsored by Garden City Golf Club will be played at Pebble Beach Oct. 29 and 30, it was announced by James Maruyama.

Entry fee is \$20 and the tournament will be limited to 18 four-somes.

Leading Nisei golfers expected to enter include Ervin Furukawa of Seattle, Roy Hashitani of Oregon, Frank Yoshioka, Chicky Hinaga and Frank Shimada from San Jose and Fred Yoshikawa of Fresno.

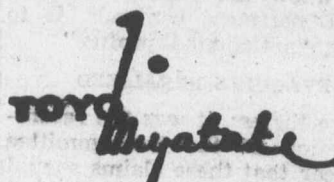
■ The Rev. Paul Kato, ordained June 26 as a Presbyterian minister, has been assigned to the Monterey Presbyterian Church.

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[Oakland] Eugene Elkins of Redwood City received the 1955 Oldsmobile last Sunday as winner of the Pacific Bowl auto classic which ended on Labor Day. The winning score was 1319.

Kayo Hayakawa, one of the top Nisei bowlers in the San Francisco Bay area led in the contest with only three weeks left at 1308, that was good for a \$100 fourth prize.

The eye-popper in this incident is that tournament alleys were resurfaced during the tournament and many of the top prize winners competed on the smooth alley after the work was finished. At the time, the job was started, three Nisei were reported leading in competition.

On the "rough" alleys, 1180 was considered "in the money", but it took at least 1230 to place in the finals.

CCDC bowling tournament

[Selma] Teams interested in bowling in the Central California JACL District Council tournament were requested to send representatives to a meeting in Selma Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m.

■ Masa Nakamichi of Seattle made the first serious bid of the season at bowling a perfect 300 game when he lined up nine strikes in a row to start his third game in the NFFE League at Ideal Alleys Sept. 12. However, with the jackpot of gold and glory that goes with a perfect game just three strikes away he left the 10-pin standing in the 10th frame. As an anti-climax he missed it to wind up with a 267 score.

His previous games were 167 and 194, giving him a 628 series.

CAN'T IMAGINE SOUTHLAND GOLFER TOPPING THIS

[Minneapolis] Toke Semba and Simpy Kuramoto started playing the Univ. of Minnesota golf course about 5 a.m. one morning recently, got soaking wet in a sudden shower, went home, changed to dry clothes, and returned to finish their round.

"Talk about persistence—", the J.A. Journal here dryly commented.

■ Roy Hashitani, who was the surprise winner in the recent Northwest Nisei Open, led a field of 48 qualifiers with a 68 (4 sub par) for medalist honors in the 1955 Ontario Golf Club championship last week. Championship finals are slated Oct. 9.

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Berkeley high QB in dazzling tally

[Berkeley] Veteran quarterback Pete Domoto of Berkeley High turned in the most sensational play of the day in the 24th season opener over visiting Tamalpais High last week.

With fourth down and seven on the Tam 14, Domoto faded to pass. He was chased back to the 25 by a host of Tam tacklers and finding no open receivers, took off for the goal line. He went untouched until the 5, where he was forced to lower his head and boom through Larry Davis (Tam's highly regarded halfback) for the final score.

Berkeley is the choice to win the Alameda County Athletic League football crown this year.

Yamaguchi TKOs foe in sixth round

[San Jose] Takeshi Yamaguchi, Japanese flyweight, stopped Augie Angeles of Mt. View in the sixth round of a scheduled eight-round semi here Sept. 13. He showed more class and won every round. The bout was stopped in 1m.55s. of the sixth.

Yamaguchi arrived in August for a bout with Memo Diez, which he lost on a TKO. He is being handled by Shig Takahashi of Stockton.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

FIRE DEPT INTEGRATION

Los Angeles
A tug-of-war over the local Fire Dept. integration, which has been smoldering in the past several months, has turned into an open blaze with Fire Chief Anderson and his men on one side and the City Mayor and his Fire Commission on the other side.

While no necks are expected to be chopped immediately the issue has taken on a grave attitude. The problem of integrating 81 Negro firemen throughout the system manned by an overall crew of 2,550 fire fighters is something Chief Alderson would like to "leave off" as long as possible.

On the other hand, Mayor Poulson and the Fire Commission which already has lost three members because Alderson "failed to hurry on the integration move" are bent on carrying out the policy.

The showdown came yesterday but so far both sides stood firm on their convictions. Chief Alderson, apparently is not without friends in his battle.

One battalion chief whom we interviewed recently on the Fire Dept. split said it was the Negroes who actually wanted to get two stations located in the heart of their district many years ago.

If this was the case, the blame certainly lies on both sides. The fact that there are 86 fire stations in the city and county was enough reasoning that they should not have been segregated.

The main bone of the Negro firemen now is that under the present setup, their chances for promotion are stymied. They have said that no Negro has risen above the rank of captain.

We asked our battalion chief about the other type of civil service work. One example is the Post Office. The postwar increase in the number of Nisei and other minority-group members in that department is quite pronounced. A Spanish American, or Japanese American mail carrier—a novelty before the war—is no longer a rarity. A Negro postman is common.

The station chief came out frankly and said that integration in the Fire Department, as he now sees it, has to be a drawn-out process. The Fire Commission, which sets up all policies in the department, disagrees.

"Unlike the Post Office, firemen work together, sleep together and have their own social structure. To break that suddenly is demoralizing and would destroy the efficiency of the department," he let go.

Chief Alderson is steadfast in his belief that there is no racial discrimination and that any drastic change would result in the discrimination against the white firemen. He was afraid that even if desegregation began today it would take about five years before all-Negro stations, Nos. 14 and 30, could be "dissolved."

\$10,000 CHURCH DONOR

Hiroshi Sakuma, 74, was so impressed with the summer session held by the So. Calif. Japanese Christian Church Federation last year that he decided to give \$10,000 to the organization. However, it isn't often that anyone turns that generous—even to a church. So, the Rev. Dr. John M. Yamazaki, Federation president, and other officials had to look twice at the check to believe their eyes.

Sakuma and his 30-year bedridden wife will receive an annual dividend of \$600 from their contribution which will go towards the social welfare work of the Federation. The donor was a former resident of Sacramento and served as president of a strawberry association there for 25 years. During the war, he headed the Tule Lake's Co-op enterprise.

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Births

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KIKUCHI—June 24, girl to George Kikuchi, Newport Beach.
SAN DIEGO
NAGATA—June 29, girl to George T. Nagatas.
NAKAMURA—June 6, boy to Hideyoshi Nakamuras.

PORTLAND

FUNATAKE—Aug. 16, boy Paul to George Funatakes.
SHOJI—Aug. 12, girl to Bob K. Shojis.
SOEJIMA—Aug. 13, girl Audrey to Benjamin J. Soejimas.

ONTARIO, Ore.

KONDO—Aug. 20, girl to Henry Kondos, Vale.
KUWAHARA—Aug. 18, girl to Harry Kuwaharas.
YANO—July 21, girl Deborah to Yukio Yanos.

SEATTLE

AKADA—Aug. 18, girl to Ryoichi Akadas.
FURUKAWA—Aug. 22, boy to Yoshio Furukawas.
HANDA—July 26, boy Daniel Shigeru to Bob Handas.
KOZAI—July 13, girl to Kearney Kozais.

MOMODA—Aug. 17, boy to Gerald Momodas.
MORISAKI—Aug. 18, girl to Harry Morisakis.
MUKAI—Aug. 17, boy to Yoshiaki Mukais.
NAKAGAWA—Aug. 1, boy to Takashi Nakagawas.

NARAHARA—July 5, boy to Hiromichi Naraharas.
OKI—Aug. 22, girl to Robert Okis.
OSHIMA—Aug. 12, boy to Kiyoshi Oshimas.
SHIMADA—July 16, boy to Mitsuyoshi Shimadas.

URIYU—Aug. 2, girl to Frank M. Uriyus.
YAMADA—Aug. 10, girl to Kenji Yamadas.
YASUDA—Aug. 15, boy to Barney Yasudas.

YOROUZU—Aug. 17, boy to William Yorozus.

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FUJINO—Aug. 12, boy to Jack Fujinos.
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ONO—Aug. 4, boy to Joe Onos.

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CHIKUMA—Boy to John M. Chikumas, Brighton.
FURUTA—Boy to Kazumi Furutas, Brighton.
HIRATA—Boy to George Hiratas.

HOSODA—Aug. 27, boy to Ray Hosodas.
KATO—Boy to Sam F. Katos, Brighton.
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YAMAMOTO—Girl to Yutaka Yamamotos, Lyman.

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EMA—July 28, boy Paul Isamu to Dr. Henry Emas.
HASEGAWA—Aug. 18, girl Diana Tracy to George Hasegawas.

SHIBA—A girl Nancy Emiko to Seiji Shibas.

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FUJIMOTO—A girl to the George Fujimotos.
MATSUNAGA—A girl to the Ray Matsunagas (Yone Kitagawa).
MATSUURA—A girl to the Taro Matsuuras.
OSAKA—A girl to the Walter Osakas.

SUGIMURA—A girl to the Jim Sugimuras.

CHICAGO

KADOWAKI—Sept. 5, boy to Ken Kadowakis.

Engagements

ISHIBASHI-TAWA—Yasuko Joyce to Ken, both Los Angeles.
OKANISHI-AKIYAMA—Natsuko to Yoshio, both Los Angeles.
SAKATANI-MINAMI—Masa to Roy, both Los Angeles.

Marriage Licenses Issued

ASHINA-WATANABE—Saburo, 28; Mary, 26, both San Francisco.
BROWN-BABA—Albert and Setsuye, both San Francisco.

DOI-KAKIUCHI—Joe, 39; Emiko, 32, both San Francisco.
FUKIE-NAVARRO—Masao R. and Josephine, both Sacramento at Reno.
HOPKINS-SAKAUYE—Byran L., 31; Chiyoko, 34, both Seattle.

ICHIDA-NAKAMURA—Harry, San Maeo; May Tokia, Los Gatos.
ISHIDA-KAWA—Arthur Minoru and Betty Shigeko, both Berkeley.
ISEHI-NAKAGAWA—Setsunosuke, 67; Spokane, Nami, 54, Seattle.

KAIDA-MASUOKA—Katsumi 33, Concord; Shinobu Alice, 21, Berkeley.
KIDO-HASEGAWA—Tom T., 27; Miyuki, 22, both Seattle.

KIMURA-YOSHIMORI—Morris and Sylvia H., both Denver.
KODAMA-KITAMOTO—Mitsuhiro, 27; Lily, 20, both Seattle.
MIYAMOTO-NII—Tom., Loomis, Fu-Sae M., Lincoln.

NAGAHIRO-MUKAI—James Y., 23, Honolulu; Elizabeth Ann, 23, Oakland.
NAGASAWA-KONO—Takekichi, Perkins; Tome, Sacramento, at Reno.

NEELEY-FUJITA—John, 48; Tonayo, 47, both Seattle.

OSHIRO-ISHIKAWA—Fred C., Napa; Emiko, Honolulu.
OTSUKA-YOKOMIZO—Makoto, 29; Mary Kikuko, 22, both Oakland.
TADA-TOHARA—Tatsumi, 31, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jennett H., 29, Honolulu, Hawaii, at Seattle.

TAMURA-KOSAI—Bill H., 29; Mary both Seattle.

YAGI-FUJISADA—Shoji O. and Mitsi, both Sacramento.

YAKUSHI-INOUE—Frank and Chiyoko, both San Francisco.

YOKOMIZO-WATANABE—Mamoru, 26; Florence Fusako, 20, both San Jose.

Hawaiian-born Nisei potter fulfilling dream to study under Japanese artisan

[Los Angeles] "Through a shared experience you gain understanding and a feeling of people," Toshiko Takeazu, talented Nisei potter, explained in relation to her work and her teaching, in an interview on her brief stop-over here this week, before leaving for Honolulu, and then for an extensive trip to Japan.

There, in the native land of her parents, she hopes to visit many potters and to "get to know the people," and to continue studying under a teacher. "When I find one where the feeling about work is mutual and," she added modestly and sincerely, "who will accept me as a student."

Those interested in fine ceramics have been acquainted with the work of Miss Takeazu for a number of years through her participation in important gallery showings on the mainland: Syracuse Museum of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Detroit Museum of Art, to name a few. But her ambition to study with Maija Grotel at Cranbrook, Mich., wasn't realized until five years ago.

Her experience in Honolulu had been varied: working in a commercial pottery plant, teaching elementary grades at Manoa Valley School, working with Claude Horan at the University of Hawaii where she also assisted him in teaching ceramics.

Her first two years at Cranbrook were devoted to concentrated study, "sometimes from 8 in the morning until 11 at night." The last three years included teaching at the University of Wisconsin and at Ludington School of Fine Arts, where she initiated classes in weaving and pottery.

"We say things in many words," the Hawaiian-born potter com-

mented, "but when you work with materials, you get to know people through their work."

This, she believes, is true partially because such handicrafts as weaving and potting are "shared arts," in which people who make up the unit have a genuine interest in the other person's efforts, progress and the final results of his labor.

Miss Takeazu found the Middle Westerners receptive to new ideas. They were delighted to extend their limited color knowledge in weaving to a whole rainbow of new colors. The same was true of materials.

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Nisei nurse aids police in hunt

[San Francisco] A Nisei student nurse at Mount Zion hospital was one of the several persons who told police that they saw a woman who is being sought for the kidnaping of a three-day old baby from the hospital nursery Monday.

Betty Yamazaki of 431 - 31st Ave., said that she saw the woman in the hospital corridor on the fourth floor on the opposite side of the building from the nursery.

The baby, son of Dr. and Mrs. Sanford Marcus, and the woman were hunted by Bay Area police and the FBI.

Miss Yamazaki said the woman was carrying a pink blanket and a blue knit baby's bonnet and sweater.

The Nisei nurse said the woman asked her "where is the elevator?" and she was given the direction. Dr. Marcus is a staff physician at the hospital.

Sac'to redevelopment plans may spare three buildings

[Sacramento] Three Japanese American establishments may not be affected by the city redevelopment program, it was learned. If remodeled in accordance with city planning, the Buddhist Church, Church, Lincoln Theater and the Flower Garden (recently purchased by the JACL for the memorial community center) need not be removed.

Aiko Saito memorial vocal competition set

(Toronto) Vocal competition in memory of the late Nisei singer Aiko Saita will be held here Oct. 1 at the Buddhist temple, according to the Kisaragi Club, sponsors who hope to encourage Nisei singing talent.

Miss Saita, who died of cancer last September in Japan, was born in Cumberland, B.C., and gained international fame after training in Toronto and Milan. She was a member of the Fujiwara Opera Co. in Tokyo.

TV color appearance

[Los Angeles] Mitsuko Sawamura, 12-year-old Tokyo singer, who draws a singing role in Metro's "Meet Me in Las Vegas", has been set for a guest-appearance with Judy Garland on CBS-TV's opening Ford Star Jubilee color spectacular Sept. 24.

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Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

IMPORTANCE OF 'SCENE' MAGAZINE

Denver

Scene magazine is dead and, we assume, the appropriate obsequies now have been performed. It was a valiant venture, this magazine for Japanese Americans, yet there have been few to mourn its passing. We've only seen Henry Mori's cogent comments in the Sept. 9 PC, in which he spelled out the lesson of the magazine's end. Stressing the economic factor, Henry said of the Nisei magazine: "We will probably not see another one in our generation."

The failure of Scene to survive is important to the Nisei because a considerable amount of money and effort was expended in order to establish it within the Japanese American community. We don't know what Scene cost the Chicago Publishing Corp. which launched the magazine in 1949 and Masamori Kojima and Scene, Inc., which took over the magazine in 1953 and continued it until last month. Chicago Publishing probably ran \$250,000, possibly much more, down the drain in the first four years of Scene's existence. This Nisei company has a successful mailing business and Scene's costs undoubtedly were written off out of the firm's profits from its other operations.

Scene, in Chicago, was launched by James Nishimura, a former San Francisco rice broker, who struck a bonanza in the catalogue mailing business after the evacuation in 1942. Scene, in its first years, floundered from lack of firm direction. It was obvious that its editors were not positive whether they wanted to appeal directly, and closely, to a limited Nisei audience, or whether they desired to publish an international magazine, with emphasis on Asia. Vigorous attempts were made, at various times, to build up circulation in Japan and among persons of Japanese ancestry in Brazil. Yet the core of Scene's support always was the Nisei, on the mainland and in Hawaii.

Togo Tanaka, senior editor with the American Technical Society, took over active management at Scene in 1952 and restored a sense of direction, aiming the magazine at the Japanese American audience. It apparently became obvious to Togo that the magazine was doomed, as a Chicago operation at least. In 1953, Chicago Publishing turned over Scene to Jaffe Publications of Los Angeles, a company which has been successful in the trade and union journal field. A new company, Scene, Inc., was organized and Masamori Kojima was elected president. Kojima edited the magazine until its demise this month.

In a recent announcement, Kojima declared Scene was being consolidated with a California magazine, *Fortnight*, and that Scene's subscribers would receive *Fortnight* until the end of their subscription term. *Fortnight*, an interesting magazine, also has had its troubles in locating an audience. Previously published as a bi-weekly news magazine in a sort of *Time-Newsweek* format, it has been a monthly for some time now. Kojima's action, however, like that of Chicago Publishing at an earlier date, assured that Scene's readers would not lose out on their subscription dollars.

ODDS AGAINST PURE NISEI PUBLICATION

In its six-year existence Scene did some fine things pictorially, such as its special issue on Japanese architecture. Its layouts, particularly those by Sho Kaneko (now art editor of the flourishing *TV Guide*), took full advantage of the offset process. But perhaps it was in the very nature of the group to which it was aimed primarily—the Japanese Americans—but the magazine's content lacked in excitement and in controversy. There were too many success stories, too few of the sort of challenging articles which a Negro counterpart of Scene, the fabulously successful *Ebony* (also a picture magazine directed primarily at a single racial group), features. But then again, *Ebony* does not have the sort of numerical odds to overcome that Scene did. There are approximately 320,000 persons of Japanese descent in the continental U.S. and Hawaii, and some 15 million of Negro ancestry.

Those numerical odds were against Scene from the start. Its eventual failure points up the fact that any enterprise aimed at the Japanese Americans is confronted by the irreconcilable fact that it must win a large share of a small population. We have never seen a report on Scene's circulation, but we'd doubt whether it ever exceeded 15,000 paid. Yet 15,000 subscribers would have been approximately 5 pct. of the Japanese American population. There isn't a magazine in the United States (possibly excluding *Reader's Digest*) which reaches 5 pct. of the American people. To succeed, Scene needed at least 20,000 subscribers. Primarily a picture magazine, its costs overran its potential.

The problem of the unexpandable maximum is one which has faced the publishers of other Nisei journals. Scene was one of few magazines to be launched for the Nisei group, with the best survival record. In the past quarter-century a number of Nisei weekly newspapers were started, and only the PC and Crossroads in Los Angeles survive. Among those which could not cope with the mathematics of a small population were Jimmy Sakamoto's *Japanese American Courier* and Budd Fukel's *Northwest Times* in Seattle, and the *Japanese American Mirror* in Los Angeles, to name three.

The Japanese vernacular newspapers—like the *Rafu Shimpo* and *New Japanese American News* in Los Angeles and the *Nichi-Bei Times* and *Hokubei Mainichi* in San Francisco, all are supported primarily by Issei readers and the story of the future of these daily papers already is written in the actuarial tables.

Minority Week

An organization for maintaining "the purity and culture of the white race and of Anglo-Saxon institutions" was chartered by Secretary of State Thad Eure of North Carolina.

Known as "Patriots of North Carolina, Inc.," the organization's charter listed 356 incorporators, many of them prominent in the state's political and economic life. Greensboro was listed as the principal office for the non-stock, non-profit corporation. Its incorporators come from 59 of the state's 100 counties.

Most-oft asked questions by claimants; why wasn't there action in last session; why hearings this time? answered by writer

Washington

With public hearings scheduled to begin next Monday morning in the Federal Court House Building in San Francisco on legislation to expedite and liberalize the final determination of the remaining 2,500 evacuation claims, many of these claimants rightly ask two questions: (1) Why wasn't some action taken in the last session on this legislation, and (2) Why are these hearings necessary?

No Action Last Session

The answer to the first question, as to the failure of the last session of Congress to act upon this legislation, is easy, simple, and obvious.

Last year's Subcommittee on Claims returned to Washington early in September, after conducting two days of comprehensive hearings in San Francisco and three days in Los Angeles, listening to more than a hundred witnesses representing practically every segment of the west coast population. Only one of the witnesses who testified or submitted statements was hostile to the principle of evacuation claims.

The hearings were reviewed and then ordered printed as a 456-page document. Future historians on the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 will probably conclude that this is about the best "popular" story of evacuation ever brought together, for the witnesses included federal and state officials who were in a large measure responsible for the evacuation orders, evacuee-claimants retelling their experiences, members of Congress and candidates for congressional seats extolling the virtues of the Japanese American population, and friends and neighbors of Japanese Americans requesting congressional enactment of remedial legislation to help remove the scars of that military eviction.

Thereafter, the Subcommittee issued a 26-page Report in which it reviewed the background of evacuation losses and the congressional record on its corrective statute; analyzed HR 7435, the subject bill of the California hearings; discussed the administration of the Act by the Department of Justice; and set down 16 specific recommendations for the expeditious and liberalized determination of the remaining claims.

Inasmuch as the hearings were held last fall, after the adjournment of the 83rd Congress, no action was possible last year.

Executive Reply Delayed

As soon as the present 84th Congress convened this spring, Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Whittier, Calif.), who had introduced the bill in the previous Congress that had been the subject of the public hearings last fall, studied the Report of the Subcommittee and drafted a bill, HR 4673, in which every recommendation made by this congressional agency was incorporated in spirit, if not in words. This measure was introduced on March 7.

The next day, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, parent body of the Subcommittee on Claims, addressed a letter to the Attorney General, requesting the views of the Department of Justice, which is charged by the basic law to supervise this program, on the Hillings proposal to expedite and liberalize the determination of the remaining evacua-

tion claims.

A quick reply was anticipated, since the Department had prepared a report on the original Hillings Bill introduced in an earlier Congress and since the Department was aware of the Subcommittee's recommendations. But, for reasons best known to the executive agencies, the official Government views were not delivered to the Subcommittee on Claims until late in June, too late for consideration by a Congress that was hopeful of adjourning by the end of July.

Attorney General's Answer

The Attorney General's letter declared that while the Government agreed with the necessity for a compromise-settlement procedure for the larger claims, it found most of the other provisions of the revised Hillings Bill controversial.

In a 16-page, single spaced memorandum accompanying the letter, the Department of Justice attempted to explain away its opposition to most of the liberalizing provisions on the grounds that under the basic law it had no alternative but to find that certain items were non-compensable and that the proposed legislation would in some manner unfairly discriminate against those claimants who had already adjudicated or compromised and settled their claims.

Congressman Hillings then revised his Bill to incorporate as many of the suggestions made by the Department as possible, while insisting upon retaining in spirit at least all of the recommendations made by the Subcommittee a year earlier. This bill was introduced on June 29 as HR 7108.

Before adjournment, additional refinements were made to HR 7108 and introduced on July 30 as HR 7763 by the chairman of the Subcommittee, Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), at the request of Congressman Hillings' Office, as the youthful Californian was then in Europe on a special mission for the Congress.

Why Hearings This Year

Claimants may ask why hearings are necessary this year if those last fall were so productive and comprehensive.

The answer is both political and strategic.

Last year's Subcommittee was under Republican leadership that was overturned last November by the Democrats who regained control of the Congress by the slenderest of margins.

In addition to the legal fact that one Congress is not necessarily bound by the actions of another, it is hardly conceivable that the Democrats will accept the recommendations of the Republicans without, at least, first satisfying themselves that the suggestions are in keeping with their own traditions, philosophies, and program.

Thus, these hearings are necessary from the political standpoint to convince the Democratic leadership in the Congress that the proposed bill is within the policy set down for legislation by the party caucus.

Moreover, in order to avoid repetitious testimony related to the background of evacuation and the property losses suffered, as well as the "public relations" aspects, of last year's hearings, the Subcommittee, most of whose members were with the Subcommittee last fall, plans to seek only expert testimony next week, mostly from attorneys representing the remaining claimants.

The Subcommittee is interested in hearing from these expert witnesses legal and equitable reasons for the need for these liberalizing amendments and detailed

explanations as to their implementation in terms of measuring the losses incurred 13 years ago.

The explanations may serve to guide the Department of Justice in its administration of the program as revised by the new provisions of the bill if it is enacted. They also will help the Subcommittee members refresh their memories of last year's hearings on the need for these changes and will demonstrate that the implementation of the bill's provisions is practicable, equitable, and expeditious.

Generous Interpretations

In addition, hearings on this specific bill will be useful in answering queries from other congressmen as to whether the particular bill under consideration was the subject matter of congressional hearings.

The hearings last year were on a much more restricted bill which concentrated on the problem of expediting the determination of the claims. This year's bill divides its concern not only to a faster administrative program for settling the remaining claims but also to more generous interpretations of categories of claimants and classes of losses sustained.

Claims of west coast internees and those of corporations and associations, profit and nonprofit, previously barred by the Attorney General as disqualified under the prohibitions of existing law are among the more important substantive amendments proposed by the Lane-Hillings Bill.

Claims for management expenses and conservations costs, crop losses including those of perennials, fair rental values, pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses, and transportation costs, all declared noncompensable by the Department of Justice under the present statute, are specifically brought into the remedial intent of the law by this bill.

The enactment of even a single one of these currently disallowed items of loss can mean the difference in millions of dollars to the claimants. And, congressional approval of most of them would mean additional tens of millions to the remaining claimants.

Early Action Possible

Finally, hearings this Congress by a Judiciary Subcommittee on this specific Lane-Hillings Bill, may have a salutary effect on the Senate Judiciary Committee that traditionally accepts the findings and conclusions of its counterpart in the House when it is unable to conduct hearings on its own.

Since passage by the House and Senate are necessary next year if this matter is to become law, in the long run these hearings may actually result in earlier and more favorable consideration next session in both chambers of Congress than if these hearings are not held next week in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

CALENDAR

Sept. 23 (Thursday)
Placer County — Goodwill Dinner
Comm. Mtg., Penryn JACL Hall.
Sept. 24 (Saturday)
St. Louis — Issei Citizens testimonial dinner, Tower Room, Congress Hotel, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati — Pre-election Meeting, 1st United Church.
Chicago — Hayride, and Barn dance.
Sept. 25 (Sunday)
Chicago — 1000 Club golf tournament, Glendale C.C., 8 a.m.
Sept. 28 (Wednesday)
CCDC — Pre-convention meeting, Selma JACL.
Sept. 30 (Friday)
Twin Cities — Meeting, J.A. Center.
Oct. 1 (Saturday)
Berkeley — Talent-Vision, Berkeley High School.
Sequoia — Tri-Villes Fun Night, Palo Alto Buddhist Hall, 2751 Louis Rd., 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11 (Tuesday)
Seattle — Meeting.
Oct. 14-15
Gardena Valley — Benefit Movies, Community Hall; Shige Yano, guest singer.
Oct. 14 (Friday)
Chicago — Meeting, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m. "Nisei Faces Housing Discrimination".
Philadelphia — Movie night, International Institute, 645 N. 15th St., "Kunisada Chuji".
Oct. 22-23
Chicago — JACL Carnival, Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland.

DECADE AGO

Sept. 22, 1945

Loomis — Hoodlums destroy home of K. Sakamoto, parents of four sons in U.S. Army.

Oakland — Police arrest two suspects in Centerville; shootings; booked on attempted murder as shots fired into homes of evacuees.

San Francisco — Police guard Buddhist Church hostel as first violent incident against evacuees here reported.

In Italy — 442nd's 3rd Bn. wins presidential unit citation for rescue of "Lost Battalion".