



## CALIF. OLD-AGE ASSISTANCE BILL FILED FOR ISSEI

### Sacramento

An assembly bill granting old age assistance to Issei unable to pass citizenship examinations because of age and general health factors was introduced in the California Legislature by Assemblyman S. C. Masterson of Richmond.

Co-authors of AB 2255 are Ralph Brown, Ernest R. Geddes, Augustus F. Hawkins, Wallace D. Henderson, Vernon Kilpatrick, Allen Miller, Thomas M. Rees and Wanda Sankary.

The veteran state legislator was former president of the Contra Costa Bar Association and municipal court judge at Richmond. When not in session, he is the senior partner in the law firm of Masterson and Edwards.

Haruo Ishimaru of the No. Calif. JACL Regional Office explained:

"Citizenship is a requirement for Old Age Assistance in the State of California. Although the Issei have now been able to receive citizenship through the passage of the Walter-McCaran Act sponsored by the JACL, a few Issei who need assistance the most are denied this aid because citizenship rights were granted too late for them and they are unable to pass the naturalization examinations.

"It is hoped that this remedial legislation will be successful to assist the few Issei who have been penalized by the past discriminatory law of the country."

### Sacramento

Assemblyman Edward Elliot of Los Angeles last week introduced AB 941, a bill to provide that non-citizens with 25 years residence in this country be eligible for old age assistance. It is being supported by Latin American groups and would aid aged Issei in the state if adopted.

## Office hours changed

### Chicago

The Midwest JACL regional office, 1200 N. Clark St., will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., until further notice.

## Eisenhower's call for lower tariff endorsed by U.S. businessmen in Japan

### Tokyo

President Eisenhower's call for lowered tariff on trade between the United States and Japan was endorsed by the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan last week.

Y. J. Johnson, Jr., ACC president, stated "Japan's economic stability requires liberal in-

ternational trade regulations. Not only Japan, but the United States and all the free world, for that matter, stands to benefit if tariffs are reduced."

(According to the Gallup Poll, many rank and file Republican congressmen favor lower tariffs, at least in principle, even though traditional Republican viewpoint has been to favor protective tariff.)

(Secretary of State Dulles told Congress last week that success for U.S. foreign policy in the battle against world communism may depend on lower tariffs and expanded trade. He was leadoff witness before the House Ways and Means Committee for a bill to extend the reciprocal trade act for three more years with power for the President to cut tariffs an additional 15 per cent at the rate of 5 per cent each year.)

## Estimate 400,000 Japanese residing in Brazil

### Rio de Janeiro

Unofficial reports indicate 400,000 persons of Japanese ancestry residing in Brazil, of which 180,000 were born in Japan. About 70 per cent of them reside in the states of Sao Paulo and Parana. The majority of the Japanese immigrants arriving here in the past year have moved into the Amazon river area as colonists.

## Family of nine children awaits arrival of another-GI war orphan from Japan

### Ukiah

Nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Schuette, six girls and three boys, are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the President Cleveland in San Francisco Jan. 30, for it is bringing them an adopted brother, six-year old Thomas, from Our Lady of

Lourdes orphanage in Yokohama.

Schuette, a carpenter, and his wife, Julia, live on a 270-acre ranch, one mile east of the Mendocino county line on Highway 20. They raise goats and sell cream to a dairy. Most of the land is leased to others.

Thomas is Shinichi Hayashi, the orphaned son of an American soldier and a Japanese mother.

The Schuettes, former residents of Marysville, comes from large families. Mrs. Schuette is a native of Holland.

They read in their church paper of the orphaned children of servicemen, many of whom were killed in Korea. They talked it over and decided one more child would fit in fine with their already large brood.

## PSW credit union

### Los Angeles

The Pacific Southwest JACL Credit Union will hold its annual meeting at the Centenary Church, tomorrow at 6 p.m. beginning with buffet dinner.

## HAWAII STATEHOOD COMBINED WITH ALASKA BILL FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

### Washington

Statehood for Hawaii and Alaska have been combined into one bill in both houses of Congress this week and committee action was expected today.

Senate Chairman James E. Murray (D., Mont.) announced his Interior committee would formulate the agenda with the statehood issue near or at the top.

House Chairman Clair Engle (D., Calif.) said his committee has been mapping plans to handle the statehood question

today. Tuesday he introduced a combined Hawaii-Alaska bill.

Because of sufficient hearings in the past congresses, both chairmen felt their committees would be able to approve the bills after "one or two days" of formal hearings.

Despite prospects for early favorable committee action on the statehood bills, it was noted that they face a problem with the majority leaders in both houses who are personally opposed to the measure.

## Explain filing of vested property claims refers to 'title' only, not yen debts

### Washington

The Feb. 8, 1955, deadline for filing vested property claims against the Office of Alien Property applies to "title" claims rather than "debt" claims, it was explained by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL Representative. Title claims are those which refer to real and personal property title ownership.

The law also limits return of property vested by the United States by the Alien Property Custodian and its successor, the Office of Alien Property, to persons who are not former enemy nationals residing in Japan or Germany.

While residents in Japan may file claims, existing law does not allow the return of their assets because of their former enemy status and residence in Japan. However, if such Japanese nationals residing in Japan were subject to persecution during their stay in Japan in the World War II period, their timely filed claims can be considered after a finding of such persecution, Masaoka explained.

### Yen Debt Claim

Debt claims, such as the so-called Yen Debt Claims, refer to debts against assets held by the Office of Alien Property. The filing extension through Feb. 8 does not apply to these claims.

Under the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, claimants had to file their title claims within two years from the time their property was vested or April 30, 1949, whichever was later. No Japanese property was vested after the Treaty of Peace with Japan was signed.

Shortly after this first deadline became effective, the JACL through its Washington representative sought to have the law amended to permit many Issei and Nisei file their claims. Masaoka urged Congress to extend the filing deadline because many in Japan were eligible to file but were not told of the bar date and had never been given the opportunity to file their claims.

### Early Confusion

Masaoka also informed Congress that many Issei and Nisei in the United States and Hawaii had confused the vested property filing deadline with that of the evacuation claims bar date of Jan. 3, 1950.

Last year Congress passed and President Eisenhower signed Public Law 292 of the 83rd Congress, which extended the filing date for title vested property claims to midnight, Feb. 8, 1955.

"This is the final bar date for these vested property claims to be timely filed," Masaoka said, "and it is unlikely that another extension will be granted."

### Not Postmark Date

Only those claims received by the Office of Alien Property before the final bar date of Feb. 8 (midnight) can be considered as "timely filed". These "timely filed" claims will be considered, adjudicated and paid when valid under existing law.

Claims received by the Office of Alien Property after the deadline cannot be considered and will not be paid.

Postmarks on the envelope of a claim does not establish the filing date, Masaoka said.

## Recent arrival of GI war orphans stirs Nisei interest in adoptions

### San Francisco

Nisei couples were among inquirers wanting to adopt Japanese orphans, the Nichi Bei Times learned last week from the International Institute and Pan American Airways offices, since the arrival of five refugee youngsters recently.

According to Annie Clo Watson, executive director of the International Institute, two separate laws must be first considered by the prospective foster parents—(1) the 1953 Refugee Relief Act which permits 4,000 refugee orphans to be admitted quota-free into the United States, and (2) the adoption laws of the state in which the couple resides.

The refugee relief law requires affidavits from a legally licensed agency which guarantees financial ability for the orphan until they are 21 years of age, in the event the new parent is unable to continue

responsibility.

The newspaper learned Catholic Social Service and the Federation of Jewish Charities would handle adoption matters for those of their faith, but there are no non-Catholic or non-Jewish agencies in the state in a position to provide the necessary guarantee affidavit, quoting Miss Watson.

The International Social Service, headed by Mrs. Susan Pettis, 345 E. 46th St., New York, it was revealed, will assist all those unable to secure affidavits in their home locality.

Arrangements for adoption under the California law can be made through Catholic, Jewish and public welfare agencies locally.

While the International Institute is not an adoptive agency, it was prepared to supply information. The Institute is located at 2209 Van Ness Ave., ORdway 3-1720.



Five Japanese-American orphans from Yokohama arrived in San Francisco Jan. 9 to join their new parents. From left: Albert Sharpe 7, Aloysius Sharpe 8, Madeline Pedley 8, Berna-

dette Aton 7, Clement Gerard 6; and Sachiko Kawaoka of San Francisco, Pan American World Airways employee who went to Tokyo to chaperone them on the trans-Pacific hop.

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## VERY TRULY YOURS About 'Poli Sci'

By HARRY K. HONDA

A young man in our shop, going to night school, is going to take a course in political science next time . . . Some have regarded "poli sci" courses with trepidation. Well, it's not that bad, Jerry . . . It deals with the mechanics of government, and going a bit deeper into why it runs the way it does because of the people in it and the various pressures it becomes subjected to . . . Even from the standpoint that some knowledge of government is necessary to understand why there is so much taxes today should be impelling enough . . . You'll get acquainted with background to appreciate the present and what an individual voter can do to shape the future . . . The mechanics of government were the very things our Issei parents studied in Americanization classes to be naturalized citizens . . . And since it is American government you'll study, the class might deive into the two-party system which differentiates us from other countries in the free world.

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Maybe there won't be time enough to stress California government, but there is enough in the daily papers to give you an inkling of the state legislature . . . For instance: this year, the California state legislature (which meets in the odd years) introduced a record-breaking number of bills—some 5,700 of them during January. It recessed until Feb. 28, ostensibly for the benefit of legislators who go back to their communities to see which bills should be acted upon . . . And "poli sci" courses is not all dry. Look at some of the bills which were introduced . . . One would prohibit commercial abalone fishing from Santa Barbara to San Diego. Another asks garbage be cooked before feeding to hogs. One puts a bounty on porcupines . . . Another provides state to issue identification cards to adult drinkers. One suggests pedestrian crossings near schools be painted orange.

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Some other strange consequences in California, if all the bills were passed—and it's most improbable—might include: not paying a dime to use a public toilet; it would be a misdemeanor to tattoo a person less than 18 years of age; double taxes on banks, corporations and insurance firms (thus eliminating the need of Gov. Knight's proposal for three-cent cigarette tax, higher beer, liquor and horse race taxes); and (this sounds good) a \$500 bonus to veterans who saw overseas duty in World War II or Korea, or \$800 maximum if you were a stateside soldier.

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I know the class won't go into the various bills introduced, but the interest to read the small print in the daily papers about Capitol doings will be stirred . . . A good instructor instills continuing interest in the students. Some of the news releases from our Washington office will have wider meaning . . . You might even browse through the printed edition of U.S. government committee hearings—like the ones the JAACL will distribute to larger evacuation claimants soon covering the west coast sub-committee hearings last September—and enjoy it.

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Who knows, Jerry, you might even consider majoring in it like I did in college . . . You'll take comparative governments, international relations, political philosophy, public finance, specialized courses on state government, development of political parties in the United States, constitutional history and then do a term paper on a topic of your liking . . . It's far from a disinteresting course. But, then, an English Literature major would tell you otherwise. If he had written this column, it would extol Shakespeare, Milton and the Romantic poets. They're fine, too . . . Anyway you look at it, it'll take a lot of reading and gabbing.

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

## Committee Importance

Although the 84th Congress convened on Jan. 5, it was not until last week when all the committee assignments were made that it was actually ready for routine activity, for the real legislative work of the Congress is done in committees, and not on the House and Senate floors.

True, the House Ways and Means Committee began its public hearings on the President's proposal to extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements for three years on Jan. 10, the Monday after the President urged his program. But this was simply an effort to dramatize the fact that the present Administration's top objective was one conceived by the Democrats some two decades ago.

Last week, Minority Leader Joe Martin announced the assignment of all Republicans to their respective committees, after the exact membership of all standing committees had been determined by the Democrats in such a manner as to assure them of complete control. A week earlier, the Democrats, through Majority Leader John McCormack, had announced their assignments.

Last November's elections meant 19 new major committee memberships for the Democrats, while the GOP only gained three. This changeover in control caused several Republicans who were on the bottom of their respective committee lists to be dropped and reassigned to less important posts.

On the Senate side, because of the thin margin of control and the fewer numbers, committee assignments were relatively simple and were accomplished about a week earlier than in the House.

Last week and this week the various committees in both the House and the Senate will organize themselves into sub-committees, naming chairmen and members for every sub-committee.

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Few outside Washington appreciate the significance of committee membership, which in the long run determines congressional policy.

If a certain committee, for example, has a majority of its members who believe in a certain philosophy of government, legislation embodying only that type of thinking will be reported out by that committee; all measures opposed to their viewpoint will be pigeonholed or studied to death. Thus, in many cases, the real fight for legislation is won or lost in committees.

It is because of the inestimable value of certain key committee memberships that the various interest groups attempt to maneuver those who represent their type of thinking onto key committees.

As a matter of fact, it has

been pointed out by several commentators that, for example, the big oil and gas interests used their influence with the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader to see that Texans were assigned to key committees having to do with taxes and the interstate control of oil and gas.

In other words, it might be said that much of the type of legislation that will be passed by the 84th Congress was determined by the Democratic and Republican leadership in the past three weeks when it assigned their respective members to the various committees.

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## Southerners in Control

Because of the seniority system that prevails in the Congress, Democratic control of the 84th Congress has resulted in the return to power of many Southern Democrats who held committee chairmanships in previous Democratic Congresses.

The death of Adolph Sabath of Illinois and the retirement of Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, however, elevated Rep.-Howard W. Smith of Virginia and Jere Cooper of Tennessee to the chairmanships of two of the most important committees in the House, the Rules Committee and the Ways and Means Committee, respectively.

Rep. Smith is known as an ultra-conservative and a regular member on the Southern Democrat-Republican coalition that made the Rules Committee a bottleneck for many New Deal and Fair Deal measures. He is expected to use his new power to resist House action on any legislation that he deems to be "socialistic". At 71, he is considered to be one of the most expert parliamentarians in the House, being particularly skillful in delaying maneuvers.

Rep. Cooper, 10 years younger than his Virginia colleague, on the other hand, has a fairly consistent record of supporting Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. He is expected to work closely with Speaker Rayburn on his legislative responsibilities, which include such important items as taxes and tariff.

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On the Senate side, Democrats who took over key chairmanships include Sen. Carl Hayden of Arizona, who replaced Sen. Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee who presided over the Appropriations Committee in the 82nd Congress, Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia, who replaced Tom Connally of Texas of the 82nd Congress, and Sen. Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, who assumed his chairmanship of the Finance Committee when Sen-



ator George decided to accept chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee instead of retaining his old post.

No drastic change in policy is expected from any of these new chairmen who are generally expected to go along with the established precedents of their chairmen in the last Democratic Congress before the present one.

All in all, the South controls 12 of the 19 standing committees in the House, with two more held by the border states of Missouri and Kentucky. The other five are held by New York, which has two, and by Illinois, Pennsylvania, and California, which have one each.

Eight of the 15 standing committees are presided over by Southerners in the Senate. Of the seven non-Southern chairmanships, four are held by westerners, two by the two senators from the border state of West Virginia, and one by 86-year old Senator Green of Rhode Island.

Added up, this means that the record of the 84th Congress and the record on which the Democrats must run in 1956 will be dictated by Southerners. And, coincidentally, the mass of voters counted upon by the Democrats to return them to the White House two years hence reside in areas outside the "deep South".

Southern domination of Congress is significant in a number of ways.

As far as the operations of Congress are concerned, it should result in relatively "smooth sailing", for the Southerners are recognized "pros" in the legislative game. The years of seniority have given them experience in legislative mills, if nothing else.

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As for philosophy or policy, Southern leadership is generally expected to follow President Eisenhower's leadership in foreign relations.

On domestic policy, because it is considerably more conservative than that of the liberal Democrats, it may be closer to that of the White House than it is to the northern wing of their own party.

In fact, there are some extremely conservative Southerners who will not even go along with such moderate proposals as those to increase the minimum wage slightly or to provide government reinsurance of health insurance.

Washington observers are convinced that the present Congress will be characterized by the same types of coalitions as have dominated in the past several congresses whether they were Democratic or Republican, rather than by straight party considerations.

The familiar Southern Democrat-Conservative Republican coalition that has proved so effective in the past decade on domestic items is expected to battle it out again with the liberal Democrats-urban Republicans team with the former favored because of numbers and chairmanships of key committees.

Some observers even go so far as to guess that the Southern Democrats are more interested in recapturing control of their party at the 1956 national convention than they are in gaining the presidency for their party, for they know that a Democratic president will have to come out of the North, Midwest, or West and that the votes of the so-called "liberals" will be needed to win.

These pundits venture that regardless of which party wins the presidency and the Congress these same Southern Democrats will still hold the balance of power.

## Fate plays delightful trick on U.S.-Japan pen pals

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(Another story recalled by Tamotsu Murayama, during his recent visit of America, is being published this week. His regular report from Tokyo failed to reach our desk in time.—Editor.)

Salt Lake City

It was in the fall of 1950 when the Japanese American Friendship Club in Japan sent a letter to the Salt Lake JAACL chapter with hopes of establishing "pen pal" relationships. About this same time, Mrs. Alice Kasai was doing her utmost to cheer up the folks of war-torn Japan through correspondence. Then followed drawings and handi-

craft from Japanese school children that were exhibited in cooperation with the local board of education. The newspapers played it up, naturally, and other Nisei took interest in becoming "pen pals".

It was encouraged by the MacArthur's occupationists as a vital part to assist the future leaders of Japan in becoming democratized.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Kasai had received a fascinating letter from Shota Kusuda, English teacher in Saga prefecture. It began:

"My dear unknown friend.

Excuse me. You have no idea how glad I am to communicate with you. Here in Japan, it is early summer. Farmers are busy, working from morning till night . . . After World War II, our life is very unpleasant. Our house burnt down. My parents were killed by bomber B-29 at Asakusa, Tokyo, during the war. I am 35 years old now. I graduated Waseda University and am teaching English language—broken and very poor English . . ."

It intrigued her and she continued her correspondence

for sometime not knowing fate was playing a little trick on her.

She mentioned to her father, who also hails from Saga, that a young school teacher, Kusuda-san, was writing to her. A moment of strange silence followed. She thus found out Kusuda was her second cousin.

A lost link in family relationships was discovered through the pen-pal arrangement. Alice never dreamed it would turn out this way.

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

11 Nisei Attorneys

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

"In our fight for statehood, we should point out the high caliber of our professional men, especially our attorneys," said my friend, noting a news story about the swearing in of the latest group of new lawyers.

Of the 24 admitted to practice in the Territory, 11 are Nisei, according to the story in the bi-lingual Hawaii Times last week.

"Look at their training—the law schools they've attended. Don't you think they rate high?" my friend asked.

His remarks sounded sensible, for it is true that many of Hawaii's lawyers are the products of the best law schools in the country.

Hawaii has no law school of its own, so the young men (and a few women) must go thousands of miles away to obtain their legal training.

The University of Hawaii offers pre-legal training but no law degree.

Products of best law schools in U.S.

For an illustration of the type of law schools they have attended, here's a run-down of the latest Nisei to be licensed to practice here:

Tatsuo Asari, Tulane University Law School, now serving with an Army unit here.

Herman Satoshi Doi, University of Minnesota Law School, now in private practice here.

Donald K. Iwai, Cornell University Law School, now in private practice here.

Fuyunori Kaito, University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Hiroshi Kato, University of Minnesota Law School.

Roy Shoichi Kuwasaki, Cornell University Law School, now an Air Force lieutenant at Wheeler Air Base.

David Keiso Nakagawa, Baylor University Law School, now serving in the Territorial Attorney General's Office here.

Morio Omori, University of Colorado Law School, now serving as a law clerk in the Territorial Supreme Court.

Henry Shigekane, Harvard University Law School, now serving as bailiff-crier in a U.S. District Court here.

George Morito Takane, George Washington University Law School.

Robert E. Teruya, University of Colorado Law School.

Incidentally, Iwai was selected to speak for the group of new attorneys at the swearing in ceremony January 21 by virtue of having attained the highest score in the bar examinations among the 24 who passed.

They, 24, took their oaths as officers of the court before Chief Justice Edward A. Towse of the Territorial Supreme court. They were congratulated also in speeches by the president of the Bar Association of Hawaii, and the Junior Bar Association.

Stepping stone into politics

For a growing number of Nisei, the way to public prominence has been through the law books, figuratively speaking. More than any other profession, law has opened up for the Nisei new opportunities to gain success, especially in politics.

Lawyers make up the largest group among the Nisei who have been elected to public offices, and it appears that that will be the case for a long time to come.

Some of them have had their start as government attorneys, working as prosecutors and attorneys assigned to various government agencies.

During World War II and shortly thereafter, Hawaii experienced an acute shortage of lawyers, and government offices had difficulty recruiting them.

Those days are past now, and the new attorneys are having trouble getting placed in either government or private employment.

With the end of the war, young men from Hawaii streamed into Mainland law schools with the aid of the GI bill. Within a few years, they started coming back in ever-increasing numbers.

Competition for jobs, as a result, has become keener, and the prospective employers, both the Government and established law firms, have become choosier.

But the fact remains that the legal profession promises the most effective means for a Nisei to step into public life, particularly in politics.

130 Santa Barbara County Issei naturalized at mass ceremonies

By TOM HIRASHIMA

Santa Barbara

One-hundred and thirty Issei were among the 293 recently naturalized American citizens in Santa Barbara County's largest single class, it was pointed out by Sidney H. Gren, naturalization examiner. Superior Court Judge Ernest D. Wagner officiated in ceremonies held at the supervisor's chambers.

The Rev. Masayoshi Ohmura, pastor of the Japanese Congregational Church here, served as interpreter for 67 Issei who took their oath in Japanese. His Salinas-born wife, who lost her citizenship when she married the Rev. Ohmura, now a citizen, was among the newly naturalized.

Harry Miyake of Guadalupe was also helpful in interpreting.

Something like a Christmas gift upon being made citizens, veteran flower-seed worker Masanobu Enomoto, Tatsuo Komatsu who came here in 1915 and Mrs. Shizuka Nakamura, Santa Maria resident, whose husband Sojiro died in April while planning to become a citizen, received citizenship. Others naturalized on Dec. 15 were:

Sutezo Yamada, Satoru S. Nakamura, Eikichi Toshima, Rinsuke Shirazu, Roy R. Endo, Kino Endo, Haru Kawano, Masukichi Ueki, Kuma Tabata, Ai Ka Takura, Yoshiko Asakura, Kaoru Iwamoto, Kuraichi Tamura, George Riusaki, Yayoi Eejima, Oriyo Morishita, Takashi Morishita, Ai Fukumaki, Tom H. Kurokawa, Sakutayu Kamo, Shinichi S. Nakata.

Setsumi Ito, Kumaichi Maeno, Thomas K. Takeda, R. Roy Yasuda, Kotaro Hayashi, Fumi Hayashi, Frank T. Fukusawa, Yobu Kata yama, Shigeru Koga, Eizaburo Hamada, Ken Kudo, Suye Arald, Shizuko Ito, Kiku Fujinami, Sugi Shintani, Yosei Komatsu, Isami Henmi, Kane Tomooka.

Mary T. Yamaguchi, Haru Sato, Yone Masumoto, Tadaichi Masumoto, Minne Gurozumi, Tamaye Hirokawa, Yasu Morihisa, Shunzo Yano, George M. Fujiwara, Yoshiko Fujiwara, Fusa Kozaki, Henry Y. Minami, Twugi Nakamura, Amy Kakimoto, Kazue Okino, Roy R. Kurozumi, Tome Fujinami, Torakichi Jujinami, Shin Teramura, Makako Nakano.

Midori Fukuzawa, Yoshihei Uozumi, Ben K. Utsunomiya, Masuyo Fujioka, Aaku Fujioka, Kohana Oyabu, Toyo Utsunomiya, Thomas Murayama, Shina Matsumoto, Hidetaro Yamashige, Yuku Yamashige, Sadame Mori, Kintsuchi Fujii, Zenkichi Taira, Asa Kanda, Matsuyo Kuwamoto, Masato Yamada, Kaemori Omura, Yasuye Yamada, Kima Watanabe, Hina Yamamoto Inouye, Yonekichi Inouye.

Isano Matoba, Yasuko Koga, Haruye Otsuko, Rev. Enryo Unno Hana Unno Kinoshige Kuri, Hisaye Inouye, Itaru Inouye, Yosuka Katayama, Sakuyemou Sato, Shizuka Nakamura, Toshiyo Hirabayashi, Shunnosuke Hirabayashi, Genzo Tanabe, Junsuke Kanetomo, Akiko Mizuki, Ichigo Mizuki, Chimi Kimura, Shizue Oye, Denichi Ichikawa, Frank K. Nakamura, Yoki Furuya.

Shizu Hirakami, Toyokuma Tomooka, Kotaro Kudo, Sakuzo Fujisawa, Takehira Nagata, Iku Yabuki, Denichi Yabuki, Genkichi J. Hiroshima, Sinzo Kuwamoto, Kumaji Matoba, Mine Suzuki, Hansheichi Suzuki, Yoshimori Yamamoto, Hideo Okino, Shiroichi Koyama, Ushimatsu Fujinami.

Yasuo Oshita, Kimiyo Araki, Kazuhiko Araki, George S. Otsuka, Tom T. Komatsu, Toyo Toshima, Akemi Tamura, Tama Furukawa, Kameo Furukawa, Kameo Furukawa, Masanobu Enomoto, Kame Komatsu, Chiyo Kamo, Jane K. Nakata, Tomiye Kuri, Kinoshige Kuri, Haruko Tokeshi, Matsumi Saito Ueyeno.

Sacramento

Two Issei community leaders, Giichi Aoki and Mrs. Miyono Tsushima, were among 41 new Americans naturalized Jan. 18 before Federal Judge Sherrill Halbert.

IN HONOR OF

Dr. Yoshio Sako, asst. professor of surgery at the Univ. of Minnesota College of Medicine, was presented a certificate of achievement at Brooke Medical Center, Tex., upon completion of his two year's service recently. The Nisei captain was a member of the Surgical Research Team in Korea, doing research in surgical problems at a front-line mobile Army hospital unit in the days when casualties were heavy at Heartbreak Ridge.

Seiji Yoshinobu, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Yoshinobu, 1110 Cedar Ave., Seaside, and both active JACLers, was elected student body president of Monterey Union High School. He is the first Nisei to be elected. A popular athlete, he won all league honors as center. His older brother, Rei, was student-body vice-president two years ago and was awarded a scholarship to Monterey Peninsula College. Mrs. Yoshinobu completed a term of office in the local JACL chapter; her husband is presently stationed in Japan with the U.S. government.

Nisei heads 3-day farmers' institute

Brighton, Colo.

Nisei farmers in Northern Colorado will learn the very latest developments in agriculture at the Feb. 1-3 Brighton Agricultural Institute, which will feature classes and discussions by experts from the agricultural colleges and commercial establishments.

Robert Y. Sakata, vice-chairman of the West Adams County Soil Conservation Service, is general chairman of the civic-sponsored program supported by the local chamber and junior chamber of commerce, state agricultural service and West Adams County Soil Conservation Service.

Primary objective of the institute is to develop better relationships between farmers and businessmen.

Community projects such as a swimming pool and hospital are sorely needed, it was explained. By helping the farmer in his work in growing bigger and better crops and demonstrating a close relationship with the businessmen, it was hoped that wider community interest would be generated.

Sakata hoped to promote such community cooperation on an area-wide basis and not limited to the Nisei population. Nisei participation was urgent as their cooperation with the Institute would help them become more important and integral parts of the community, Sakata added.

He is the younger brother of Harry Sakata, recently-elected president of the Mile-Hi JACL, and in the absence of his brother now visiting Japan, accepted the presidency on behalf of his brother at chapter installation ceremonies.

Buddhists return

Los Angeles

Two Los Angeles Buddhist ministers, the Revs. Kenryo Kumata and Bumpo Kuwatsuki, returned home last week from a global tour which sent them to the World Buddhist council in Rangoon early last month. They visited Tokyo, India, Rome, Paris, London and New York.

PRESS FILE:

NEW POST — Mary Kitano, formerly employed by the now-defunct Los Angeles Daily News for eight years, is with the publicity section of the KNXT (CBS-TV). She was assistant radio-TV editor for the Daily News.

ATLANTIC—Ken Yasuda of San Francisco, now with the Tokyo branch of the Free Asia Foundation, had a hand in collecting material for the 78-page supplement on Japan published in the January issue of the Atlantic Monthly. Approximately 20 articles, covering a wide range of subjects, are featured.



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## Chicago Corner

SMOKY SAKURADA

The fifteen members of the Chicago JACL credit union board of directors, who serve voluntarily, were heartily thanked for their assistance at the eighth annual meeting last week at Henrici's. **Tom Okabe**, chairman, presided at the business meeting; **Tom Oye** was dinner chairman. Accepting to serve three more years were **Ruth Nakagawa**, **Lester Katsura**, **Corky Kawasaki** and **Tom Oye**; **Fred Nomiya** and **Roy Iwata** are newly-elected to the board. Other board members are **Ariye Oda** (treas.), **Noboru Honda**, **Rev. George Nishimoto**, **Shig Wakamatsu**, **Rosie Matsuura**, **Thomas Masuda**, **Ken Yoshihara**, **Masaji Morita**, **Ronald Shiozaki**, **Fumi Iwatsuki** and **Wiley Higuchi**. Entertainment featured Norwegian dialect sketches by Mrs. A. Smith.

### Around Windy City . . .

The Enterprisers installed their new officers Jan. 15 at Armando's restaurant. They were **George Adachi**, pres.; **Aki Tani**, v.p.; **Wiley Higuchi**, sec.; **Ge'ge Yoshioka**, treas.; and **Ken Yoshihara**, aud. New members introduced were **Dr. Kenji Kushino**, **Mitchell Nakagawa** and **Aki Terumoto**.

Defending their title won last year were **Jake Higashiuchi**, formerly of Palo Alto, and **Dr. William Hiura**, formerly of Sebastopol, Calif., at the Hammond (Ind.) open pair bridge tournament.

The League of Women Voters, Lake Shore branch, invites Issei and Nisei voters of the 44th ward to attend a meeting of aldermanic candidates Feb. 16, 8 p.m., at the Children's Memorial Hospital, 707 W. Fullerton.

Former English editor of the Rafu Shimpō, **Louise Suski**, who was also publicity chairman for Chicago JACL for several years, will accept news for the Chicago Shimpō by telephone (BO 8-0905) Tuesday nights between 7 and 11. Mail deadline is Tuesday and address items to Chicago Shimpō, 1310 N. Wells St.

Art Institute's feature exhibit of photographer **Izis Bidermanas**, Lithuanian-born Paris art school student, consists of 42 pieces. His first one-man show here closes Mar. 1.

Work started last week on the \$139 million Northwest Expressway, scheduled for completion in 1958. . . . Bus service to substitute Shore Line electric trains is being opposed by the City Council. . . . The Calumet-Sag Canal, linking the Great Lakes and the inland waterway system, is to be widened from 60 to 225 feet. It may start a local industrial boom.

The Chicago NAACP six-point drive in 1955 lists (1) passage of a strong FEP law, (2) enactment of laws against medical discrimination, (3) abolish housing discrimination, (4) end all discrimination in education, (5) a stronger civil rights law for Illinois, and (6) end discrimination against Negroes in obtaining all forms of insurance.

### About people . . .

**Dudley Yatabe**, 22, son of **Dr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Yatabe**, 3459 W. Flournoy St., with a Mus. D. degree from Northwestern, was inducted Jan. 19 into the U.S. Army and ordered to Camp Chaffee, Ark.

**Dorothy Gibo**, 812 W. Leland Ave., hails from Paauilo, Hawaii; works for National Fire Insurance Co., and is planning to study at Northwestern university. Her step-brother, **Seiji Miyashiro**, is stationed with the Air Force at Alexandria, La.

**Kumeo Yoshinari**, 2443 W. Belmont, president of the Chicago JACL for his second term, sold out his share of Jackson Chemical Co., and is now chemist with Plastone Co., makers of Turtle Wax.

## St. Louis CL sets installation Feb. 5

**St. Louis**  
Rose Ogino was elected 1955 president of the St. Louis JACL and will be installed into office at a dinner-dance Feb. 5, 7 p.m., at the Claridge Hotel, 18th and Locust. She is being assisted by:

Dan Sakahara, v.p.; William Eto, treas.; Mae Kadowaki, rec. sec.; Shigeko Yakushiji, cor. sec.; Dick Henmi, pub. ed.; Miyuki Nishimoto, hist.; Harry Hayashi, del.

"Judging by the number of votes returned, we are convinced that more people are taking interest in our local chapter," Miss Ogino said, "even though we have few who may feel indifferent."

## HIROJI KARIYA HEADS SEQUOIA CHAPTER

**Redwood City**  
Sequoia JACL installed its 1955 cabinet officers last Saturday at Rickey's Studio Inn and also honored recently naturalized Issei. Banquet speaker was J. Hugh Jackson, dean of the Stanford Graduate School of Business, who spoke on "America, Land of Opportunity."

Cabinet officers are: Hiroji Kariya, pres.; Jay Sasegawa, 1st v.p.; Tom Yamane, 2nd v.p.; Pete Kashima, treas.; Lorraine Inouye, cor. sec.; Midori Kanazawa, rec. sec.; Yoneko Arimoto, hist.; Yaeko Yuki, pub.; Hirotsuke Inouye, del.; Gungi Togami, Harry Higaki, alt. del.

## CHAPTER OF YEAR AWARD TO NO. CALIF. GROUP UNDER STUDY

**San Francisco**  
One of the highlights at the first quarterly District Council meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council in Turlock, Feb. 6, will be the award for the Chapter of the Year, it was announced by District Council Chairman Jack Noda.

Every year the District Council presents this award to the Chapter with the most active program of the year. Winners for the last two years were the Placer County and San Benito County Chapters respectively.

## Salt Lake CL to fete naturalized Issei

**Salt Lake City**  
Fifteen Issei, recently naturalized American citizens, are to be guests of honor at the Salt Lake JACL Recognitions Dinner being held tonight at the Temple Noodle House. Isamu Watanuki is chairman. The new citizens are:

Fred Akutagawa, Eddie Fujimoto, Hideyo Sasaki Kimura, May K. Mori, Yoko Murakami, Hiroshi Nakahara, Iwako Mizuki, Frank Kumagai, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fujii, Yei Ito Mori, Joichi Fujii, Buntaro Mitsunaga, George Yamamoto, Tosuke Ota.

Other guests of honor include: Frank Koda, Aya M. Kawakami, Mrs. Frank Kumagai, Mr. and Mrs. T. Shimizu.

## Joe Shingai heads San Benito Clers

By TAK KADANI  
San Juan Bautista

Joe Shingai was installed as president of the San Benito County chapter at the recently held banquet here at the Dabo Hotel. Masao Satow, National JACL Director, installed the new cabinet as follows:

Frank Nishita, 1st v.p.; John Teshima, 2nd v.p.; Sam Shiotsuka, treas.; Sam Shingai, rec. sec.; Namie Yamanashi, cor. sec.; Sho Nakamoto, del.; Dick Nishimoto, alt. del.; Tak Kadani, pub.; Kay Yamaoka, Issei rel.; Marcie Teshima, hist.

Also introduced were recently naturalized Issei citizens and the following guests of honor:

The David Wrights, the Winnie Freitas, the Millard Hoyles, the Harry Brittons, Dr. and Mrs. Hull, Barbara Nelson, Louis Picetti, the Dell Laveronis and Miss Marian Hublit.

## Interpreting service offered for Denver Issei

Denver

Thirteen more Issei are to be called for naturalization examinations on Feb. 2 and 3, it was announced by Cyril I. Shraiberg, chief examiner for the local naturalization office.

As in the past two years, the Mountain-Plains JACL regional office is cooperating in obtaining interpreters as a community service. Those in need of such service should call the office, AL 5-7227.

## Easy Fujimoto president of Long Beach C.L.

Long Beach

Easy Fujimoto of South Gate was named to head the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL cabinet following a mail ballot election and special meeting last week. Tomizo Joe, previously announced inadvertently as president, will serve as special vice-president.

Fujimoto is also head of the local Nisei Bowling League and is chairman of the Mar. 3-4 National JACL bowling tournament.

It was announced also that a membership drive with a goal of 300 was to be launched at a meeting this week. Other members of the cabinet are:

Easy Fujimoto, pres.; Tomizo Joe, spec. v.p.; Smokey Iwasaki, 1st v.p.; Joe Seko, 2nd v.p.; Ted Kato, 3rd v.p.; Kazuko Matsumoto, cor. sec.; Judy Sugita, rec. sec.; Haj Fukumoto, treas.; George Iseri, aud.; and Takako Urugami, hist.

Present at the meeting were: Fred Ikeguchi, George Mio and Mas Narita, past pres.; Fujimoto, Joe, Iseri, Iwasaki, Fukumoto, Aiko Butsumyo, Fred Takahashi, Harry Iwasaki, Fred Hasegawa, Tak Urugami and Regional Director Tats Kusuda.

**Orange County JAYS:** Dick Shoop and his combo furnish the music at the scholarship benefit dance tomorrow at Downey Women's Club. The sports formal begins at 8:30 p.m.

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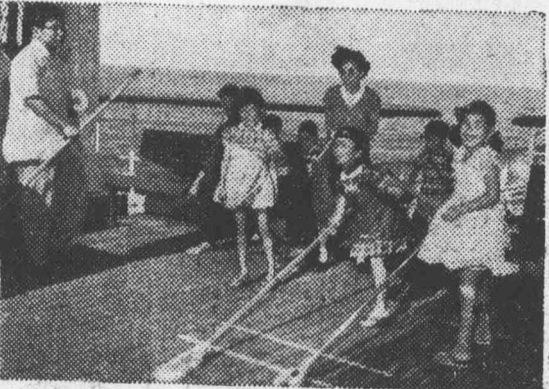
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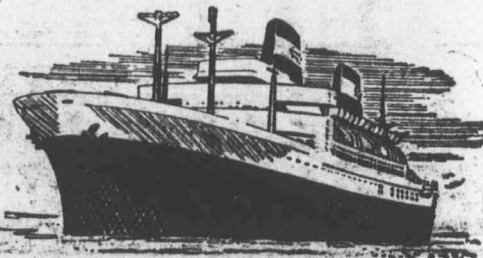
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Ray Kusamura (left), president of the Sonen Kai of Salt Lake City, presents the senior championship trophy to Yoshio Nishimura of Ontario, Ore. Don Johnson (second from left), fourth-degree black belt holder, was tournament referee. George Nagasaka (right), also from Ontario, placed second. The first annual Intermountain Judo tournament, held during the Christmas holidays at Kiwanis-Felt Club, attracted athletes from eastern Oregon to Denver. —Terashima Studio Photo

★ THE SOUTHWESTER

Issei Bachelors

★ TATS KUSHIDA

Pioneers deserve some memorial

"You-ra wa dameda", was the frequent malediction hurled our way by Issei bachelors during our fruit tramping days in Santa Clara Valley. Nothing personal, of course. Simply their baleful appraisal of the Nisei in general. There's no denying we did try to goof off as much as possible, even if we were getting two-bits an hour which was considered top pay then.

It's been nearly two decades and we've seen their pitiful decline brought about by circumstances peculiar only to the Evacuation and life in relocation camps was in one sense a vacation for them. As wards of the federal government, they were denied the responsibility or incentive to make a living receiving free shelter and food, such as it was.

In another sense, it was no blessing. The dulling camp life added to their physical deterioration. Many if not most of these single Issei had no home to return to when the west coast was reopened. It was some time before farming communities in the central valley called on them as a source of seasonal labor. Eventually, a few labor camps were again established and a semblance of home recreated for them.

These bachelors have in fact made a substantial contribution to the growth of California's agricultural industry, even as the Chinese provided the labor to drive spikes into the ties that built the first transcontinental railroad. And yet, they have few friends and no relatives. Now in the sunset of their lives, many have fallen and the only reward of an adult lifetime in the promised land is a marker in potter's field.

We're all for some recognition or memorial to these Issei bachelors.



Bonsai topic at Southwest L.A.

The Southwest Los Angeles chapter was what we started out to write about, and especially its atom-powered president TORU IURA. Trying to pronounce his last name (you-ra) he struck a rusty chord and took off on the Issei bachelor.

The SWLA JACL's '55 program calls for a series of attractive activities designed to inspire strong interest and participation by every member. Right off the bat, they'll try to improve any previous membership, then settle down to conducting a variety of projects.

One of its cultural programs will be a fascinating lecture and demonstration on the Japanese art of Bonsai, or the dwarfing of trees. JOHN NAKA, renowned authority in the field, will explain his technique to an anticipated overflow audience on Feb. 17 at the Centenary Methodist Church from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Toru couldn't have gotten a better qualified expert, for Naka is president of the So. Calif. Bonsai Club (Issei) and an officer of the Suiko Kai (Hakujuin). Watch this chapter in action in the coming months.



Seabrook visitor tells latest

Seabrook, New Jersey, is still a thriving community of relocatees, we were informed by CHARLES NAGAO, who dropped in for a visit this week. Nearly 700 residents of Japanese ancestry still make a happy living at the famous frozen food processing firm of Seabrook Farms.

Many Nisei hold highly technical and responsible jobs there. VERNON ICHISAKA, formerly of San Leandro or environs, is top gun at its soil analysis lab. We were classmates at school in Berkeley but look what happened. He analyzes dirt while we—skip it. Chuck himself is supervisor in charge of receiving raw materials (fresh vegetables to you).

A godsend to many relocation camp inmates seeking outside jobs, Seabrook Farms at one time had as many as 3,000 evacuee employees. These frozen food packers and growers with 25,000 acres, is the world's largest such firm under one roof.

With the naturalization of the Issei, the Japanese residents constitute an important political entity in the township. They have always been received with friendly courtesy by the neighboring folks and the nearby town of Bridgeton, N.J.

Charley was back in his hometown of Ellay a few weeks visiting around with his wife and son. His pretty twin daughters stayed home attending high school in Seabrook. He and Vernon helped to organize a JACL chapter in Seabrook shortly after the war's end and with a few ups and downs, the Seabrook JACL has become a leading unit in the Eastern District Council, having hosted two EDC conventions and always proving to be a reliable supporter of the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue and other JACL projects.

LONG BEACH PREPARES FOR NINTH NATIONAL JACL BOWLING TOURNEY

**Long Beach**  
An estimated \$6,000 in cash prizes plus trophies for each event features the ninth annual JACL National Bowling Tournament to be held here from Mar. 3 through 6.

The men's events in this scratch tournament has received the moral sanction of the American Bowling Congress and the women's events by the Women's International Bowling Congress. The former will be held at the Virginia Bowl; the Kenmore Bowl is the site for the women's events.

A special classic sweepstakes for the men will be held on Friday, Mar. 4, six games over 12 lanes with an estimated cash prize of \$1,000. There will be a first place trophy and squad prizes, entry fee \$7.50 (including bowling).

A special women's sweepstakes of four games over eight lanes will also be held on Mar. 4 with first place trophies and squad prizes, entry fee is \$5 including bowling.

**Entry Fees**  
Entry in both men's and women's events (team, doubles, and singles) is open to all JACL members. Entry fees for men's events is \$5.50 and for women \$5 (both including bowling). The all-events entry fee for men and women is \$1.

An added event of a mixed doubles at \$10 per team was also announced along with a special warm-up event—the ragtime doubles on Thursday, Mar. 3, at \$5 per team, handicap two-thirds of 200, 150 average minimum for men, no minimum for women.

The entry deadline of a Jan. 31 midnight post mark will be strictly observed, cautioned Tournament Chairman Easy

Fujimoto. Entry fees must accompany the entry except for ragtime doubles which are payable at the alley. Checks and money orders, made payable to Jack Kobayashi, should be mailed to the tournament office, care of Fred Ikeguchi, 2050 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach 10, Calif.

Presentation of prizes and awards will be made at the traditional awards dinner dance on Sunday, Mar. 6.

SPORTSCOPE

**Kaz Shinzato**, leading scorer in the Southern loop, tallied 206 points in 10 games for Roosevelt High. The Nisei senior guard finished second in the six-league Los Angeles city high school statistics behind Don Pino of University who averaged 24.2 points per game.

**Shingo Umene** of Oakland hit 261 Jan. 10 for the highest game of the Eastbay Nisei Men's Jr. Classic bowling league, stringing nine consecutive strikes and missing in the 10th frame.

**Jim Sato**, Southland's best in Nisei tennis circles, was ranked No. 5 in the junior veteran singles, and at No. 20 in the men's singles last week by the So. Calif. Tennis Association. **Arthur Kono** of Riverside was the only other Nisei listed, being No. 9 in the boy's 15-year singles.

Big 10's swimming season is underway in the indoor pools. While Ohio State's **Ford Konno**, who helped to win the Big 10 and national championships, did not compete, OSU defeated Wisconsin 50-44. **Yoshi Oyakawa** aided in the 300-yd. medley relay pool record win of 2m.52.4s. He also copped the 200-yd. backstroke in 2m.22.6s. Ohio State's **Kawachika** was in a two-way tie for third place in the 60-yd. freestyle.

NISEI SQUAD ROLLS 705 GAME THRICE

**Visalia**  
The John Spomer team of the Tulare County JACL bowling league rolled three identical games of 705 at the Visalia Bowling Alley on Dec. 21. It was the first of its kind at the alley.

The team is composed of Yosh Hasebe, Shig Tashiro, Aki Hirata, Charlie Hara and Frank Nii.

Two 700 series hit in pot games

**Denver**  
The "bowler of the week" was a bit hard to pick last week. Ken Matsuda and Ray Urie turned in terrific scores, so the Denver Post named both of them for the honors.

Matsuda, 19, turned in two 700 series while bowling "pot" games at Bowl-Mor: 268-267-177-712 and 268-257-220-745. His dad, Mack, got him interested in the game five years ago.

Urie won the monthly Mile-Hi Sweeper with 248-245-211-203-907 for a 229 average.

Sacramento JACL keg tourney deadline Feb. 1

**Sacramento**  
Sacramento JACL's seventh annual bowling tournament schedules were announced for Feb. 12-13. Entry deadline is midnight, Feb. 1. The schedule: Teams—Feb. 12 (Sat.), 7, 9:15 and 11:30 p.m. Singles & Doubles—Feb. 12 (Sat.), 11:30 p.m. and Feb. 13 (Sun), 9:30 a.m.

Entry fees are set at \$4 per event with all-events optional at \$1.

Nisei puckster in Seattle debut

**Seattle**  
Chuck Wakabayashi, tiny five-foot wingman for the New Westminster Cubs, made his Seattle debut Saturday night.

The Canadian Nisei joined the Cubs only recently and already has captured the imagination of puck followers in the Western Hockey League. Earlier in the week, he scored the lone tally for the Cubs, which lost 4-1 to the Seattle Bombers.

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EDITORIALS

Formosa Declaration

A rocky little island—Yikiangshan—off the coast of China has set off a chain of events that culminated to the special message of the President to the Congress this week delineating reasons for defending Formosa and the Pescadores. In future weeks, the names of three other island groups—the Tachens, Matsui and Quemoy—will be prominent in headlines as well as in Communist peril.

The developments have intensified the situation in the Far East. The newspapers have headlined Eisenhower's message as asking congressional approval to fight, if necessary, to keep Formosa out of Communist hands. It is, thus, apparent that Chiang Kai-shek's forces are not powerful enough to ward off an assault from the mainland.

Red China's premier, the same day, claimed the United States was intervening in China's "internal affairs". Last August, Red China said "liberation" of Formosa was one of Peiping's chief aims. It has been repeated consistently.

Now with decision to defend Formosa widely broadcast, there is no doubt of the resolution of the American people to make a stand in the Formosa Straits. The U.S. Seventh Fleet is already present in these waters.

If the Communists choose to cross these waters, they will have chosen to launch the war that America seeks to avert. It would be tragic, but there is good reason to hope that concern for their own skins would prevent Mao and his lieutenants from taking such a deliberate step.

We have taken a strong, affirmative stand. In it lies the hope of saving the rest of Asia from ultimate disaster. We must also not make the mistake that the loss of Yikiangshan to the Peiping regime is not part of some overall program to render the western Pacific area under Communist domination. The northern approaches to Formosa, by looking over the map, could equally serve as a hub against Okinawa, South Korea and Japan.

We have made our move. It's their turn now and they had better think this through thoroughly.

NOTICES

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FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

Slow Burn Glows

Denver  
Wonder if people around the country are getting the same reaction that we are at our house. My roommate, Alice, picked up James Edmiston's "Home Again" one night recently, read a while, then slammed the book shut. "Story's very nicely done," she said, "but I don't want to read about the evacuation any more. It gets me mad all over again, and I'd just as soon forget about those experiences."

I must admit I did a slow burn as long-dormant memories were revived from reading Edmiston's novel, but the story was interesting enough to keep me going. It'll be interesting to see how the book does in sales to the Nisei who, notoriously, are not book buyers. I hope the Nisei will buy, read, and remember. Strictly from a professional point of view, as one hungry writin' type fellow to another, Edmiston has my best wishes for a bonanza sale.

Alice's same reluctance to recall the unhappy past changed our plans the other night, too. I'd suggested going to see "Bad Day at Black Rock," a movie which has been getting top-rate reviews.

"Don't want to see it," she said. "It's got something about the evacuation in it."

"But," I protested, "there isn't a Japanese character in the entire film. They just talk about the evacuation and stuff."

"Just don't want to see it," she repeated.

We stayed home. Guess I'll have to go see it alone some night when it gets around to a neighborhood theater.

This week we helped some Chinese American friends celebrate their traditional New Year's. Fortunately this event comes a reasonable period of time after January 1, long enough for the effects of holiday over-eating

to have worn off, and for us gluttons to have worked up another appetite. Nicest thing about Chinese New Year's is that our friends whomp up a feast the likes of which you never see in these parts at other times of the year.

There used to be a couple of places in pre-war Shanghai that turned out magnificent Chinese food. I still water a little at the mouth when I recall some of the meals we enjoyed there. Now, since Iron Curtain austerity (an euphemism for hard times under the Communists) has descended on Shanghai, it's altogether likely that we had better Chinese chow over New Year's than Shanghaiers. Wonder why some enterprising international trader, like maybe Wesley Oyama, doesn't undertake a campaign to popularize Chinese oyster sauce as a seasoning in these United States. Wonderful stuff.

The PC in recent weeks has carried the sad news that some of the Nisei's most loyal friends—like Galen Fisher and Albert W. Palmer to name but two—have passed on. These were men who dared to speak up on our behalf back in 1941 and the dark years that followed. It's been 14 years since then, but their courageous action has not been forgotten. And time has more than vindicated their stand.

In Denver this week, many Nisei mourned the death of Katherine W. Garman who, with her husband Clark, was a longtime missionary in Japan. Dislocated themselves because of the war, they found a home in Colorado and set out to labor for America's own refugees from the west coast and WRA camps. Mrs. Garman stayed in the background most of the time, but numerous Nisei who enjoyed her hospitality, and were exposed to her good sense and quiet courage, realize they have lost a friend.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

'Home Again' as Film



At least one motion picture studio reportedly is interested in a cinematic adaptation of James Edmiston's story of one Japanese American family in World War II, *Home Again*. With any doubt the Edmiston book has all the elements of tense, suspenseful drama which can be translated by the camera in visual terms.

If a film were made of *Home Again*, it could tell a story that Dore Schary's splendid *Go for Broke!* could not, for a variety of reasons. *Home Again* deals with the circuitous path trod by Japanese Americans on the Pacific coast during the war years—from home to detention in assembly and relocation centers, resettlement in an outside community, and then home again. *Go for Broke!*, for soundly dramatic reasons, concentrated on the Nisei fighting man from Hawaii, as well as the coast. It was the proud story of the 442nd Combat Team, already becoming a part of American military legend, and of the men of the unit. *Go for Broke!* made a tremendous impact, both here and abroad.

But the story line of *Go for Broke!*, as originally visualized by Producer Schary and Writer-Director Robert Pirosh, was more than a story of Japanese Americans in battle. The original script is understood to have included also the story of the mass evacuation and the relocation camps. That story went something like this: The main characters were a Nisei boy and girl, sweethearts at a west coast university. They are well-integrated as members of the student body until after Pearl Harbor, when they become suspect in the eyes of a few bigots. They, along with all other persons of Japanese descent on the Pacific coast, are forced to evacuate from their homes to an assembly center, and then to a relocation camp. The boy cannot stand enforced detention under the watchtowers and behind the barbed wire and escapes. He goes to work in a Utah beet field, as so many Nisei in the camps actually volunteered to do in 1942 and 1943. Meanwhile, the formation of a volunteer army combat regiment of Japanese Americans (the 442nd) is announced.

The boy is bitter and declines to volunteer. The girl slips out of the relocation camp and goes to her sweetheart to convince him that it is his duty to enlist. The boy trains with the 442nd and goes overseas with the unit. In Italy, he is captured by the Germans and imprisoned in a Nazi camp. There is irony in the sequence in which the girl, learning

of the capture of her sweetheart, writes to him. She is a prisoner in her native land, in a desert relocation camp. He is a prisoner of the enemy. The boy eventually escapes from the Nazis and finds his way back to the Allied lines and rejoins the 442nd in time for the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in the Vosges mountains of France, the incident which provided the climax of *Go for Broke!*

MGM filmed *Go for Broke!* in 1951, at a time when the cold war between the Communist and Allied worlds was being waged in frigid intensity in Europe, and a hot war war going on in Korea. The Defense Department objected to the filming of scenes showing the United States Army putting American citizens in concentration camps which, in bald terms, is what happened in 1942, of course. There was a feeling in Pentagon quarters that such a film, if made, might be exploited by the Communists, particularly in Asia where the free world is still engaged in a monumental struggle for the hearts and minds of men. The Communists, who can be pretty casual about facts, were still showing *Grapes of Wrath* and *Tobacco Road*, two valid dramas about American poverty. The Communists, however, had removed these films out of their original context, and were showing them as representative of everyday conditions in the United States.

Whether the Pentagon's views were the final determinator, or whether the change was made purely in terms of cinematic impact, the final script for *Go for Broke!* was developed as a story of the unit. It was a successful film, but the other half of the story of Japanese Americans in the war years remains untold on the screen. *Home Again*, a story which contains all the drama the screen can hold, presents an opportunity to picturize that untold story.

A tale like *Home Again* is for a producer like MGM's Schary who is aware of Hollywood's responsibility to the world and its people. Schary has shown in *Go for Broke!*, the current *Bad Day at Black Rock*, and in such earlier pictures as *Crossfire* and *The Boy with Green Hair* that he is as much concerned with the integrity of his story as he is with its possible boxoffice earnings. *Home Again* is a story which enemies of American democracy will have difficulty in perverting to their own devices, for it is about the strength of a democratic nation in which mistakes, once made, can be rectified.



MINORITY

Oakland  
The Mountain View (Calif.) cemetery has a right to refuse to entomb the body of a Negro in its mausoleum, the state district court of appeals ruled last week. The court unanimously held that a private cemetery is not a place of "public accommodation" and therefore not subject to the state anti-discrimination law.

Mrs. Clara Mae Long of Berkeley sued the cemetery in 1941 after refusing to entomb her husband, charging that the cemetery violated the state law outlawing discrimination in "place of public accommodation." One judge added: "It strikes me that the carrying of racial discrimination into the burial ground is a particularly stupid form of human arrogance and intolerance."

DECADE AGO

Jan. 27, 1945

Placer evacuee family will stay on farm despite threats, violence from night raiders; "they will have to blast me out," says Sumio Doi who returned home near Auburn from Amache; police guard ranch from repetition of night raid. Gov. Warren condemns act.

Gov. Wallgren opposes return of evacuees to coast; state of Washington executive hints new war developments. Quakers deplore Wallgren's attitude.

National Legion commander urges Hood River Post replace Nisei names on honor roll; Scheiberling declares no place for race hatred in organization.

First Issei gets California business license since evacuation (to operate hotel in Sacramento).

Initial issue of "JACL Reporter" goes to press; edited by Joe Masaoka.

Ogden Nisei to file test case on city's license ban; officials reiterate policy to refuse business permits to Nisei.

JACL to stress resettlement during 1945, declares Kido.

L.A. Buddhist temple property leased to inter-racial clinic.

L.A. market official denies deal with Teamsters Union to freeze out Nisei workers.

Nisei assured welcome at Univ. of California; Dr. Sproul declares university will give friendly reception.

Japanese aliens inducted into Army under new policy.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 29 (Saturday)  
Arizona—Installation dinner, JACL Hall, Glendale.
- Jan. 30 (Saturday)  
IDC—Quarterly meeting, Sun Valley Challenger Inn, 10 a.m.  
Marysville—Installation banquet, Far East Restaurant.
- Feb. 4 (Friday)  
Philadelphia—Chapter meeting, International Institute.
- Orange County—Installation Banquet, French Imperial Restaurant, Garden Grove, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 (Saturday)  
St. Louis—Installation dinner, Claridge Hotel, Victoria Room, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 6 (Sunday)  
NCWNDC—Quarterly meeting, Assyrian American Hall, Turlok; Livingston-Merced chapter host.
- Feb. 12 (Saturday)  
Montana—Installation dinner, Shari-La, Billings.
- Feb. 13 (Sunday)  
PSWDC—Chapter Clinic, International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles.
- Feb. 17 (Thursday)  
Southwest L.A.—Chapter meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, John Naka, spkr., "Art of Bonsai."
- Feb. 19 (Saturday)  
Mile Hi—Chapter benefit, D-X club.
- Feb. 21 (Monday)  
Stockton—Chapter meeting, YBA Recreation Room, 8:15 p.m.
- Feb. 26 (Saturday)  
West Los Angeles—Installation dinner-dance, Santa Monica Elk's club.
- Mar. 2 (Wednesday)  
Long Beach—Pre-Bowling Tournament mixer, Wilton Hotel.
- Mar. 3-6  
Long Beach—Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament; men's events—Virginia Bowl; women's events—Kenmar.