



Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

BIG BREAK VIA TELEVISION

Denver

Bob Kinoshita, a sometime singer and nightclub m.c., got his biggest break on television last week. He appeared on Milton Berle's first TV show of the fall season, and banded dialogue with Uncle Miltie in five comedy sequences.

Kinoshita, listed as "Bob Kimo" in the cast credits, played the part of a Japanese spokesman for a group of foreign visitors who are touring the NBC studio. The Nisei performer read his lines deftly and earned his meed of laughter, although he was called on to project something of the usual portrayal of a Japanese. However, unlike the prewar stereotype, inspired by Wallace Irwin's Japanese schoolboy, Hashimura Togo, Kinoshita's character was far more literate and did not affect the former's hissing, bowing mannerisms. And he didn't say "So sorry, please."



The Hashimura Togo prototype was created by Irwin, a San Francisco newspaperman, who wrote a series of serio-comic articles for Collier's in 1906 and 1907 titled *Letters of a Japanese Schoolboy*. This was a period in which anti-Japanese sentiment raged in San Francisco. Political Boss Abe Reuf and Mayor Eugene Schmitz were facing indictment for corruption and, as a diversion, the San Francisco school board issued an order barring Japanese from white grammar schools. Irwin's mocking Japanese schoolboy stories played into the hands of the school segregationists. The misadventures of Hashimura later were published in two volumes and provided material for the Yellow Peril campaigns. Hashimura Togo became a stereotype which was accepted by a large segment of the public as representative of persons of Japanese ancestry.

OTHER RACIAL STEREOTYPES

American entertainment brims with racial stereotypes. They provide, of course, an easy method of identification. There is the tight of canny Scot, the Irishman with his blarney, the romantic Frenchman, the voluble Italian, the British Colonel Blimp, the siesta-loving Mexican and the Stepin Fetchit Negro. Most of these stereotypes are friendly—as was Bob Kinoshita's portrayal—but others can be vicious, such as Hashimura Togo. The later was a sort of white supremacist ridicule of a minority group. It laughed at, and not with, the Japanese schoolboy.

The Japanese stereotype, on the stage and movies, in magazines and in novels, changed with the times. In such books as Griffing Bancroft's *The Interlopers*, Peter B. Kyne's *Pride of Palomar* and Irwin's *Seed of the Sun*, the portrayal was that of people dedicated to treachery and villainy and these novels, naturally enough, were used in the California-led campaign which resulted in the passage of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924.

After 1924, when the tide of anti-Japanese sentiment ebbed for a decade and more—until Japanese warlords started rattling their sabers in the Far East—the mediums of entertainment continued to project the Japanese stereotype. But the emphasis changed with the conditions. Humor replaced viciousness. A succession of Japanese butlers was written into stage plays of the period. Tetsu Komai, Miki Morita, Joe Hayakawa and the other Japanese film actors of the period played it for comedy.

'FRANK WATANABE' RADIO SERIES

Meanwhile, on radio, a six-foot tall dialect comedian named Eddie Holden created a personality named "Frank Watanabe" who was to become a fixture of west coast radio for half a decade. Holden started out on the old Blue Monday Jamboree program out of San Francisco on KFRC. His Watanabe was a gentle soul whose main tribulations were with the English language. His "Ah, so . . .", played with the quick sucking-in breath, became his identification. He became so popular, at one time, that Frank Watanabe novelties were sold and a film studio mulled a series of short comedies.

Another projection of the Japanese stereotypes, again in a sympathetic vein, was in the series of Mr. Moto films produced by 20th Century Fox. These pictures, inspired by J. P. Marquand's stories, featured Peter Lorre as a clever Japanese secret agent who usually wound up fighting fascists and other totalitarians. The changing tenor of events in the Far East caused the studio to drop the Moto films in 1938. With Japan moving closer to the Berlin-Rome axis the studio considered it no longer feasible to make pictures about a Japanese agent working for the democracies. From that time on, the emphasis in Hollywood also changed and the stereotype became one of treachery, such as the Nisei traitor portrayed artfully by Sen Yung in John Huston's *Across the Pacific* in 1940, other subversives in such wartime films as *Little Tokyo, U.S.A.* and *Betrayal from the East*.

Now the pendulum has swung back and TV, the newest of entertainment mediums, presents Bob Kinoshita's pleasant, humorous Japanese to balance the portrayals of villainy which sometimes appear on television screens on the late, late shows when old movies dredged from Hollywood's wartime years are presented. Several films, which depict the Japanese treachery which never occurred, are still making the rounds of the TV stations.

Pre- & post-evacuation expenses item revives wide claimant interest

Special to Pacific Citizen

[San Francisco] Prospects of a lump sum payments for pre- and post-evacuation expenses has rejuvenated wide interest among Japanese Americans in the current legislative activity regarding evacuation claims.

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims has conducted its special hearings last week in San Francisco and Los Angeles gathering expert testimony on the so-called Lane-Hillings bill (HR 7763) introduced last July 30.

The bill is the outgrowth of the Lane-Hillings bill (subcommittee last year, incorporating specific recommendations to expedite and liberalize the remaining evacuation claims.

1954 RECOMMENDATION

The Subcommittee, after its 1954 hearings, had recommended: "Evacuation preparation expenses such as the purchase of heavy clothing, suitcases, etc., and also belongings purchased and used during the evacuation, which but for the evacuation would not have been purchased, should be recognized and compensated."

JUSTICE DEPT VIEW

The Justice Department, in its June 29 memorandum to the House Judiciary Committee, objected to the subcommittee recommendation on grounds that

since the specially purchased articles were worth the price paid, no loss was incurred because value was received.

It also indicated it would be an "almost impossible adjudicative task" to determine the difference between the amount of expenditures for special clothing and equipment for camp life and the sum which would have normally been spent for clothing and accessories had there not been evacuation.

Mike Masaoka, submitting testimony for the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, pointed out the Justice Department did suggest "if the Congress should decide to afford relief, it may wish to consider the feasibility of separate legislation making flat sum awards to all evacuated families, to be administered by the Dept. of In-

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Officials urge passage of claims legislation at West Coast hearings

Special to Pacific Citizen

[Los Angeles] Two days of public hearings on the Lane-Hillings amendment to the Japanese Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 were concluded by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims here last week.

Four congressmen and seven attorneys were among the witnesses testifying before the subcommittee's two morning sessions held in the court room of District Judge Ben Harrison in the Federal Building in Civic Center.

Attorney Frank F. Chuman, JACL National legal counsel and member of the law firm of Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki, who was responsible in scheduling the appearance of witnesses expressed satisfaction at the support given H.R. 7763 by the members of Congress as well as the several attorneys who appeared before the subcommittee.

HILLINGS APPEARS

On September 29, Rep. Patrick J. Hillings, co-author of the amendment, was the first witness. He was followed by Congressman Clyde Doyle of South Gate who asked that a liberal interpretation be given for the remaining claimants, pointing out that while those claims already settled may not have been considered with justice, that injustice ought not to be extended to the remaining claims. Rep. Chet Holifield of East Los Angeles was the third Congressional witness.

A supporting telegram from Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles who was away from the city was read into the record. The next witness was George Inagaki, National JACL president and chairman of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, who presented a resolution adopted by the city council of Los Angeles. He was followed by John T. Allen, Attorney-in-Charge of the Los Angeles Field Office of the Department of Justice handling Japanese evacuation

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Special to Pacific Citizen

[San Francisco] State and city officials, joined with congressmen from Northern California to urge passage of legislation to expedite and liberalize the final determination of remaining evacuation claims.

Gov. Goodwin Knight wrote to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims that "Americans of Japanese derivation have made many valuable contributions to the general progress of our State.

"In the tenseness which prevailed at the outbreak of hostilities, these people acquitted themselves with fortitude and courage. They accepted sacrifices imposed by the national defense situation in a most cooperative manner.

"While many were being treated as technical aliens, their sons and daughters were offering their lives in the armed services of our Republic in the most dangerous battle zone of the war.

"By their action then and by their prevalent attitude since, they have earned fair play and consideration from their fellow Americans . . ."

SERVED WITH DEWITT

Assistant Attorney General Herbert Wenig read into the record a letter from Attorney General Edmund G. Brown's office that was signed by T. A. Westphal, Jr.

(Wenig revealed to the Subcommittee that he had served on Gen. DeWitt's staff and had prepared the briefs for the states of California and Oregon to uphold the Army's authority to issue evacuation orders for consideration of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was of the personal opinion that evacuees should be compensated for losses.)

For the attorney general, Wenig reviewed the rise and fall of California's alien land law. "All of this history indicated clearly that the people of California are sympathetic to American citizens of Japanese ancestry who suffered

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Nakatsuka to leave on Asia goodwill mission Oct. 13

[Honolulu] Lawrence Nakatsuka, press secretary to the Governor, will leave Oct. 13 on an Asian goodwill mission for the U.S. State Department.

His temporary assignment will cover Japan, Hong Kong, Burma and Pakistan. In addition, he will visit briefly in India, Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines.

Nakatsuka will be on a leave of absence from his Territorial position for about 2½ months.

He will carry out special assignments arranged by the American embassies in the various countries, under auspices of the State Department's International Educational Exchange Service.

Specialists under this program give lectures, conduct group conferences, and meet with government and community leaders in the countries to which they are assigned.

Nakatsuka was for 12 years a reporter and later assistant city editor of the Honolulu *Star-Bulletin*. In 1951 he was awarded a Nieman Fellowship for study at Harvard University, then toured Europe.

In 1953 he became press secretary when Governor King took office.

He is married to the former Minnie Yamauchi of Honolulu.

REP. CLAIR ENGLE TO ADDRESS PLACER GOODWILL FETE NOV. 21

[Penryn] Rep. Clair Engle of Red Bluff will be guest speaker at Placer County Japanese American Citizens League's 15th annual goodwill dinner, Nov. 21, at the Roseville Memorial hall, announced George Itow, chairman of the special events committee.

Harry Hirakawa will assist Itow as co-chairman, while Barbara Nakashima will serve as committee secretary.

Chairmen of various committees are as follows:

Koichi Uyeno, Dick Nishimura, Mrs. James Makimoto, prog.; Frank Hirakawa, guests; Hike Yego, spkr.; Dick Nagaoka, hall; Mary Sunada, dec.; Toshiko Hamamoto, hostesses; George Hirakawa, George Makimoto, caterings; Jack Yokote, ent.; S. Yamasaki, Y-sei; Roy Yoshida, pub.

Hollywood can make all the sexy, gangster pictures it wants, but for God's sake, keep them away from Nipponese theaters

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From the Frying Pan

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JAPANESE MEDICAL PROFESSION HELPS

Denver

A couple of rather well-known Japanese physicians dropped into town this week and I think what they had to say will make interesting reading. Odd thing about their arrival is that although these gentlemen were acquainted with each other and both are cancer experts, neither knew the other was within 10,000 miles of Denver until both showed up the same day.



The first of the doctors to arrive was Komei Nakayama, professor of surgery at Chiba University school of medicine. He was in Denver to lecture on surgical techniques at Fitzsimons Army hospital where the world's best-known heart patient, President Eisenhower, currently is taking things easy. The other was Dr. Sadao Kashihara, of Nara, who was sent to the United States to study cancer research laboratories.

Dr. Nakayama has earned something of a reputation as the world's fastest stomach surgeon. In routine operations, he takes out diseased portions of stomachs in 20 to 25 minutes. U.S. surgeons figure about two hours as par for the course. And if you like, Dr. Nakayama will separate you from your esophagus in about an hour. If you prefer to have this done American style, you can figure on being on the operating table from four to six hours. At least that's what they tell me. Once Dr. Nakayama took out ten stomachs in two hours which, in the medical league, is roughly the equivalent of scoring 10 touchdowns against UCLA in the first quarter.

"We developed the technique out of necessity during the war," Dr. Nakayama says. "There were many people with stomach trouble. We were short of doctors. We had very little blood for transfusions, and almost no antibiotics. In order to save lives we just had to learn to work faster."

INCIDENCE OF STOMACH CANCER

Dr. Kashihara reports that the incidence of stomach cancer in Japan is almost three times as high as in the United States. On the other hand, cancer of the prostate occurs with alarming frequency among American males, yet the rate is almost negligible in Japan. Why? He doesn't know. He suspects, though, that when the secret is discovered, we'll be a long way closer to learning the causes and cures of cancer.

Dr. Kashihara also told me that polio is a relatively unimportant disease in the Japanese health picture. How can that be, the Japanese sanitation situation being what it is? His theory, supported by a good many other Japanese experts, is that most Japanese get a mild, undetected case of polio in infancy or childhood and thus build up an immunity to later attacks.

Dr. Nakayama (he's 45 years old, Kashihara is 33) has developed a gastro-intestinal cancer detection device that is attracting considerable interest in the United States. It consists primarily of a Geiger counter small enough to be swallowed. Nakayama injects radioactive isotopes of Phosphorus 34 into the patient's arm. The phosphorus finds its way through the patient's system and concentrates in the malignant tissue. The radioactive phosphorus sends out relatively weak beta rays, too weak to be detected through layers of flesh and skin. So the Geiger counter is slipped down the digestive tract where it can locate the trouble right at its source.

"In this way," Dr. Nakayama says, "we can detect cancers earlier than in any other way. And of course early detection is the surest way to control it."

For a long time the Japanese medical profession has looked abroad for help in developing techniques. Now, perhaps, it is ready to export a few ideas of its own.

Tokyo

The learned conclusion among the Japanese today concerning American movies being shown in Japan is that foolish or controversial subjects are screened for the purpose of public commotion and thereby reap profits.

At the time when anti-Americanism is mounting in the Orient, films such as *Blackboard Jungle* and *House of Bamboo* only add oil to the fire.

Both Socialists and Communists are making good ammunition from such productions. Perhaps, the



Americans are naive and do not understand their actions here.

The recent action by Ambassador Clare Booth Luce to Rome not to participate in the Venice Film Festival if

the *Blackboard Jungle* were entered has left local American officials limp and indecisive as to

possible action against the showing of the same film in Japanese YYPsculp y

Undoubtedly, the producers are very happy because great curiosity has been aroused, despite sentiment against this film depicting school hoodlums in action.

PTA and women groups have set up a real howl over *Blackboard Jungle*. A teen-ager in Fukuoka knifed a classmate after seeing the picture. And a group of local high school boys are carrying knives, imitating the movie.

Richard L. G. Deverall, U.S. labor representative, regarded *House of Bamboo* as a "free plug in Japan for the Bulganin line". The Japanese Communist party line is that Nippon is a vassal of the United States; but as the May Day riot of 1952 proved, Japan can be a free, sovereign and independent country.

What is more peculiar is the lengths the movie goes to backing up the Communist propaganda, Deverall continues. And the stupidity of those who produced the picture is obvious scene after scene: cops speaking as if they were women, the strange Nisei jargon, men of Asakusa wearing the *dotera* (seldom seen today), and a Japanese train stopped dead by American gangsters.

Let Hollywood make all the sexy, gangster, crazy and silly pictures it wants. However, don't bring them to Japan for the purpose of making money. Those of us who are attempting to improve Japanese-American friendship on this side of the Pacific find them more injurious than anything else.

JAL office in D.C.

[San Francisco] A new district office, the seventh so far established in the United States, will be opened by Japan Air Lines at the corner of K and 15th Sts. in Washington, D.C., with Charles S. Hagerdon as district sales manager, Yoshito Kojima, vice-president of the American division, has announced.

Father Minamiki named first principal of new Hiroshima Catholic high school

[Los Angeles] Fr. George Minamiki, S.J., has been named the first principal of the new Collegium Hiroshima, the Loyola Alumni newsletter reported this week. The Nisei priest is a 1941 graduate of the Catholic college here.

He is currently studying at the Paray la Monial near Paris, France, and will assume his new duties with the opening of the collegium (high school) in 1956 in Hiroshima city.

The campus will include a three-story building, scheduled for completion in April, 1956, with a faculty of five Jesuits and five Japanese laymen.

The California Jesuit Province has the responsibility for the new enterprise.

Father Thomas Sullivan, S. J. American director, stated, "The Collegium Hiroshima is one unit of the overall Jesuit program in Japan. Three additional schools of this type are planned, as feeder schools for the great Sophia University at Tokyo.

"A recent survey at the Imperial University of Japan revealed that 60 per cent of students professed communism. While this high per-

centage is not indicative of the total population, it does show a trend of Japan's future leaders.

"Deep concern for the future of the Far East, and particularly of Japan, caused the Holy Father (the Vatican) to call upon the General of the Society of Jesus to undertake a definite educational program. Four-hundred Jesuits from 25 Western nations will be working in this foreign mission by the end of the year."

VistaVision Visits Japan playing on U.S. screens

[New York] James A. Fitzpatrick, who has covered the world with his travelogues in color film, has made a new picture, "Vista-Vision Visits Japan," which was released here in late August.

Against a background of traditional Japanese music, the main scenic spots of Japan, interwoven with shots of Ikebana, Odori and sukiyaki, etc., are flashed on the giant size screen.

New editor

[Toronto] Tosh Tanaka of Greenwood, B.C., was announced as English editor of the Continental Times, Japanese vernacular semi-weekly.

3rd Pacific Mayors meet in Yokohama Nov. 10-11

[Tokyo] The third Pacific Mayors Conference will be held Nov. 10-11 in Yokohama.

The conference is aimed at promoting good relations between the two countries and also to discuss mutual problems of the major cities of Japan and the U.S. Pacific coast.

After the two-day conference the American mayors will be taken on a 10-day tour of Japan's major tourist spots.

'Yukawa Story' film

[Washington] World-wide distribution of the "Yukawa Story", documentary film of Japan's 1949 Nobel Prize winner, is being planned by the U.S. Information Agency, which made the 38-minute feature while Dr. Hideki Yukawa worked in the United States with a group of nuclear physicists.

The film was recently premiered in Kyoto.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

Lawrence Nakatsuka will be on leave of absence for about 2½ months while touring the Far East for the U.S. State Department. The columnist, however, hopes to submit his reports while overseas from time to time.

We extend him our best wishes for a successful mission. He goes as the first Nisei-born spokesman for the International Educational Exchange Service.—Editor.

What Others Are Saying

SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITALITY

The National JACL played the part of a "glad-hand" committee for the city of San Francisco Monday night to a group of Congressmen visiting this "Baghdad by the Bay." And did its job well. Thank you.

The Congressmen are here on a government business of holding hearings on the Japanese American evacuation claims. They and their wives were entertained royally Monday night (Sept. 19) at Kuo Wah Chinese restaurant on Grant Avenue. Invited also were the legal and administrative staff of the House Subcommittee on evacuation claims. Nearly 20 Japanese American hosts, representing the National JACL staff, the various Bay area chapters and the bi-lingual newspapers, were present. Sitting around a long table, two-thirds of the guests at the regular Chinese dishes handling long bamboo chop-sticks expertly. They included Congressman Willis, Congressman Burdick, and secretaries Dorothy Cloonan and Mary Mann. The other non-adventurous one-third ate American steaks, juicy and over inch-and-half. And they included Subcommittee Chairman Lane, Mrs. Lane, administrative director Lee, and legal counsel Brickfield. Those who enjoyed the Chinese dishes were high in their praise of San Francisco cooking. "We don't get this kind of dishes in Washington, D.C.," they complimented . . .

In the pre-dinner cocktail period (Chairman Lane, by the way, is not a drinker), Congressman Lane was heard telling Mas Satow sitting side by side that Congress was in sympathy with the Japanese American claims and intimated that it was his job to present a convincing conclusion, through the current hearings, to win favorable action on the amended bill. Very encouraging. Promising, indeed.

We saw Congressman Lane smile broadly (and understandingly) when Mike Masaoka jokingly read fortune from a tea-cookie: "It says here," Mike said, "Japanese Americans will each get \$15,000 lump sum payment." He was undoubtedly referring to the \$150 (\$50 under 12) per evacuee lump sum compensation provided in the amended bill.

Mas Satow remarked that Mayor Robinson was out on a junket in Europe and that the acting mayor was not able to attend the dinner, and that it became incumbent upon the JACL to greet the visiting Congressmen with hospitality that San Francisco is noted for. Very diplomatic. Mrs. Lane thanked for the "jovely evening."

Congressmen and their wives and administrative staff were taken on a sightseeing tour of Chinatown after the dinner, which presumably included a couple of stops at night clubs before retiring to their Fairmont Hotel quarters.

Mrs. Scotty Tsuchiya was heard promising to take the ladies on a shopping tour of the town Tuesday.

Your fund and efforts, Mas, were well expended.
—HOWARD M. IMAZAKI
San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi

WHERE'S THAT PROBE?

We haven't heard a word about that rip-snorting investigation that Albert Cole promised when he "learned" that a non-Caucasian by the name of Dr. Sammy Lee had been denied the right to buy a home in a subdivision financed through FHA-insured loans.

Mr. Cole, you may remember, is the director of the Housing and Home Finance Agency and when Dr. Lee's plight was put up to him, he denounced the discrimination and said that what had happened to the doctor "was just what we are fighting against."

Both Mr. Cole's surprise and his denunciation of discrimination were simulated. He has known about discrimination in FHA-insured tracts ever since he became head of the agency and he has connived at, where he has not backed, discrimination in such housing. He has been asked time and again to establish a rule in his agency denying loan insurance to contractors and builders without prior agreement on their part not to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing. He has refused.

As we recall it, Vice-President Nixon also denounced the builders in the Lee incident but he has apparently found that there is nothing he can do.

The incident points up the fact that government, through FHA, is neck deep in housing discrimination and that it is a partner in the residential segregation being promoted through FHA activities.
—California Eagle.

JAPANESE BABIES IN DENVER AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

[Denver] Several Japanese babies are available for adoption, the JACL Office here was informed by Ruth Wombell, Denver Child Welfare Department, 1420 Court Pl.

Miss Wombell indicated that such Japanese babies are relatively rare, but that whenever such an infant is available for placement, it is extremely difficult to locate properly qualified prospective adoptive parents.

The JACL Office, 1225-20th St., will assist in filing of applications or supplying additional information.

Piano teacher home after 19-yr. Japan stay

[Alameda] Mrs. Vera Tanaka Matsumura, former Oakland piano teacher, recently returned after 19 years in Japan. Prior to her departure in 1936, she received her music degree from the College of the Holy Names.

While in Japan, the Nisei pianist taught as many as 100 pupils in a single year. She said that many of her pupils are now appearing on Japanese radio-TV programs. Planning to teach again in the Bay Area, she will continue her study under Bernard Abramowitsch, concert pianist.

SAN FRANCISCO HOSTS 'FOX CO. REUNION

[San Francisco] The annual 442nd RCT Fox Company reunion, Nov. 11-13, will be hosted by local Fox veterans, it was announced by Frank Dobashi, reunion chairman, 1632 Steiner St., who is handling reservations.

Aside from the short business meeting on the 1958 Nisei Veterans reunion in Seattle, the affair will feature tours, golf tournament, dinners and a Monte Carlo night. Fox members in the United States and Hawaii are being contacted.

Ex-WRA head visits

[Denver] Dillon S. Myer, former WRA director, was here this week to look up former evacuee-friends and see how they were getting along.

SAMMY LEES PURCHASE HOME NEAR GARDEN GROVE, GREETED BY NEIGHBORS

[Garden Grove] Maj. Sammy Lee and his family received a warm-hearted welcome when they visited their newly-purchased home near Garden Grove last week.

A score of residents in the vicinity of the major's yellow-tinted four bedroom home on Cliffwood Avenue even plan a block party for the Lees as soon as they move in.

The former Olympic diving champion, who encountered a realtor's refusal to sell him a house in the same area because of his Korean ancestry, had bought the home Sept. 24 for \$14,750.

The next day, Dr. Lee took his wife, Rosalind; his mother, Eun-kee, and his 3-weeks-old daughter Pamela to inspect the home. They will move when he leaves

the military service in November.

Maj. Lee's next door neighbor, David Shapiro, a sales engineer, greeted the Lees with:

"Hi, neighbors!" Shapiro, grass clippers in hand, then asked Maj. Lee:

"Do you know much about devil grass?"

Lee offered to help Shapiro with the devil grass problem. A real friendship was begun.

Betty Zielke, tract saleswoman, told the Lees about the plans of other neighbors to give them a block party.

The Lees said they plan to build a swimming pool later, when they have budgeted their expenses.

The subject of racial prejudice never came up at all, along Cliffwood street as the plans went forward to welcome the new family on the block.

JACL defended in reply to article on Sammy Lee housing case in 'New Leader'

[Washington] Defending the Japanese American Citizens League as more than "merely a social and recreational club" on the local and regional level, Mike M. Masaoka, Washington representative, last week took issue with the statement which appeared in the Sept. 5 issue of *The New Leader*.

The JACL reply, made to the editor; was in response to an article by the Rev. Robert Lee titled "The Case of Sammy Lee."

Lee stated that "there are no protest organizations equivalent to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Urban League or the Anti-Defamation League to champion the Orientals cause" and summarily dismisses the JACL "on the regional and local levels as merely a social and recreational club," although he states that the JACL is "by design an action-oriented organization."

Masaoka granted that because of lack of numbers and of financial resources, the JACL could not compare with the NAACP, the Urban League, or the Anti-Defamation League as a "protest"

organization but stated that it was a "generally recognized fact among social and civil rights workers that, except for the Negroes and the Jews, no other 'minority' group in the United States has any organization that can compare with the JACL's record of service and success."

He pointed out that many other nationality groups with far greater numbers in this country than the Japanese have looked to JACL for guidance and inspiration in their organizational operations.

Although Lee did give recognition to the Washington JACL office, Masaoka refuted the unwarranted judgment made by Lee and asserted that the JACL for the past 25 years has been the only national organization and in many cases the only local organization which has been battling for the elimination of racial discrimination against Americans of Asian ancestry on the municipal, county, and state levels.

The JACL has been successful in its fight for invalidating the anti-alien land laws in 13 western states; seeking employment oppor-

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Chicago

● The Chicago JACL's annual carnival is regarded as "the" community carnival here and doors will open Saturday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. at the Olivet gym, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave. The doors open at 2 p.m. the following day . . . Best attended concession will be the tearoom where sushi and other Oriental delicacies will be served . . . Door prizes are scheduled every hour on the hour, but the chief attraction comes on Sunday, 9 p.m. when Operation X-2 is culminated.



Under the chairmanship of Charles Ukita, the carnival committee boasts the services of Bill Fujii, Wiley Higuchi, Mike Hori, Mike Kodani, John Okamoto, Yoshi Nishimoto, Dr. George Okita, Frank Seto, Jean Shimasaki, Tach Ukita; Dr. Frank Sakamoto, coordinator; Sumi Kobayashi, George Tanaka, finances; Abe Hagiwara, public relations; Miye Ito, Shig Okamoto, decorations; Mas Nakagawa, signs; Harry Mizuno, Hank Horikawa, Operation X-2.

● The world-famous Harlem Globetrotters will meet the College All-Stars in a benefit game, Oct. 11, 8:15 p.m., at the Olivet Gym. In the preliminaries, Chicago Nisei Saints meet the South Chicago Yacquas.

● Missionary officials of the Presbyterian Church met here for the first time last week in the 118-year-old history of the church board of foreign missions. Among the delegates were the Rev. and Mrs. Kyoji Buma of New York, Presbyterian youth workers.

● Chizu Iiyama, former associate director of the Japanese American Service Committee and contributor to this column, recently moved with her husband and children to Berkeley, Calif. She was also chairman of the Chicago JACL housing committee . . . The Bob Tarumotos and family are going to take up residence in Los Angeles soon. He has been busy planning the Chicago JACL open golf tournament Oct. 2.



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West Coast claims hearings—

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claims who asked that several provisions of the present law be clarified.

Attorneys who testified the first morning were Kimball Walker, predecessor to Allen in the LA field office; Lynn Takagaki, who testified and submitted a statement urging the compensability of the fair rental value and Ernest Iwasaki, who supported the section regarding crop losses.

ROOSEVELT TESTIFIES

Congressman James Roosevelt who was the first witness on the second morning of the hearings submitted important testimony with regard to the compensability of management expenses. He was followed by attorneys Saburo Kido who argued for pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses, Rollin McNitt concerning the compensability of corporate claims, Hugh Manes on losses incurred by internees and Chuman who summarized the general views of the JACL and COJAEC. The final witness was Mike Masaoka who pointed to the international implications of this legislation as being the only one before Congress which could indicate to the free nations of Asia that America practices the democracy she preaches.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Following is the resolution adopted by the Los Angeles City Council and submitted to the Lane Subcommittee:

"Whereas, more than 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, the majority of whom were American citizens, including many thousands from the City of Los Angeles, were evacuated from the West Coast by the military in 1942, and

"Whereas, the Congress of the United States enacted the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 to compensate these evacuated persons for property losses sustained by their evacuation from the West Coast, and

"Whereas, today, 13 years since these losses were incurred, there remain some 2,500 claims that have not been adjudicated or settled, and

"Whereas, Congressman Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts has introduced during the past session of Congress a bill, HR 7763, to expedite and liberalize the final determination of these evacuation claims as was intended by Congress and

"Whereas, HR 7763 is designed to bring to a just and speedy conclusion the completion of the Japanese evacuation claims program;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Los Angeles City Council go on record as favoring legislation which will provide for satisfactory and fair adjustment of the claims of the Japanese American citizens of Los Angeles."

The resolution was presented by Councilman John S. Gibson, Jr., and seconded by Councilman Edward R. Roybal.

HOLIFIELD STATEMENT

Following is the statement of Rep. Chet Holifield as submitted to the Lane Subcommittee:

"As the United States Representative of the 19th Congressional District, in which you are now holding this hearing, I wish to express my personal thanks and the thanks of many of my constituents of Japanese ancestry for your interest in pursuing a just determination of their claims.

"As a citizen of this district for more than thirty-five years, I, of course, have had the opportunity of knowing and observing the Japanese people who have lived and worked in our midst. I can say without reservation that they are an unusually industrious and law-abiding people. I believe that the incidence of crime or dependency on public charity on the part of this racial group is probably less than most any other group in our society.

"During the time of World War II, American citizens of Japanese ancestry proved that their loyalty and patriotism to their adopted country was of an unusually high order.

"I also know that due to the fact that we were engaged in war with the Japanese Empire—a

wave of animosity arose, against both aliens and citizens of Japanese ancestry, here in the state of California. This animosity based on the hysteria of those trying days, when hate of our enemies was carried over on members of the Japanese race who were not enemies of our country, but who lived in our midst, caused our military and civilian authorities to perpetuate many unjust and unkind acts.

"Had the result of these acts caused only financial sacrifices on the Japanese residents of California, we could possibly have corrected our injustices. But, they also caused wounds of the spirit which undoubtedly have left their scars on both those who committed these unjust acts and the victims of these acts.

"I come before you this morning as the Federal representative of many, perhaps a majority of the Japanese Americans in this area, to thank you for the work that your great Committee has done up to the present on these evacuation damage claims and to encourage you to pursue your hearings to the extent necessary to establish the equity of the remaining 2,000 claims.

"I trust that it will be possible for you to hear such legitimate witnesses as may request to be heard, that the people most affected may give to you their testimony on the legislation you are considering.

"I trust also that you will act favorably on HR 7763 with such amendments as your Committee in its wisdom may deem appropriate. I pledge to you my support of this legislation when reported to the Congress, and thank you again for conducting these hearings."

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Chicago—Fred Kataoka (Peoria), SEVENTH YEAR
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CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Salt Lake City JACL: Dr. Oakley Gordon, assistant professor of psychology, Univ. of Utah, spoke on the "Psychology of Human Relations" at the Oct. 1 chapter meeting at the Japanese Church of Christ. Mrs. Midori Watanuki was evening chairman.

■ Venice-Culver JACL: A pre-Hallowe'en potluck party has been set for Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Braddock St. Community Center. Mrs. Betty Yumori will call local members for the food committee. Assisting are: Steve Nakaji, music; George Inagaki, prizes; George Isoda, George Mikawa, dec.

WLA Hallowe'en dance
[West Los Angeles] A Hallowe'en dance under chairmanship of Aki Ohno will be presented Oct. 29, 9 p.m., at the Mel Pier-son's Club, 2566 Overland Ave., with Chito Montoya's Latin combo. On the committee are Steve Yagi, Fumi Tsuruda, Sue Ohno, Aki Yagi and Kaye Ichihara.

Flower arrangement topic
[San Francisco] Mrs. Kay Kyotow, noted flower arrangement instructor of the Sogetsu and Koryu schools, will be guest artist at the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary meeting, Oct. 19, 8 p.m., at the Booker T. Washington Center.

Her unique combination of classical and contemporary lines displayed at the Japan Trade Center exhibit room has stirred considerable comment. She will give basic pointers on table arrangement, etc., according to Vi Nakano, evening chairman.

Centinela Valley Women's Club: Christmas Cheer and the club's Christmas dinner were discussed at the monthly meeting held at the home of Kimi Eno, co-hostess with Ami Satow. New officers for the Hawthorne (Calif.) group include Ami Satow, Kay Satow, treas.; Tomi Eno, hist.; and Kay Mitsunaga, pub.; Yoshi Miwa and Alice Noda, program.

[Gilroy] Tom Iwanaga, chairman of the Gilroy JACL Thanksgiving Dance Nov. 24 has selected various committeemen to assist in the second annual affair. They are: Hank Yoshikawa, orch.; Jack Nakano, tickets; Peggy Teramoto, ref.; Ki-fuko Okawa, postcard; Saburo Kuwabara, dec.; Kimiko Okawa, pub.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

[San Francisco] Membership and renewals by chapters to the 1000 Club received at National JACL Headquarters here for the month of September, 1955, include:

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Seattle—Takashi Hori, Denver—Mrs. Bessie Shiyomura, EIGHTH YEAR
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Two different double features billed for Gardena Valley benefit

[Gardena] Four Japanese movies at the Gardena Valley JACL movie benefit, Oct. 14-15, at the Japanese Community Center, chapter president Frank Kuida announced. Two different features will be screened on both nights.

On Friday are billed Mikudan Aiutsu, starring professional sumoist Rikidozan; and Nuregami Gompachi (Gompachi, the Lover) starring Teiji Takahashi, Yukiko Shimazaki, Yataro Kitagami and Michiko Saga. The latter chambera feature has English subtitles and is regarded as Shochiku's challenge to Jigokumon.

On Saturday are billed Kino to Asu no Aida (Between Yesterday and Today) with English subtitles and a chambera Saigo no Edoko.

During intermission on both evenings, increasingly popular coloratura soprano from Japan, Miss Shige Yano, now studying at the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, will sing. Program begins at 7 p.m. No admission charge will be made.

So. Alameda County CL sets harvest barbecue as Nisei Growers fete

[Centerville] The Nisei Growers, who participate in the agricultural display competitions at the Alameda County Fair and California State Fair, will be honored at the annual Harvest Barbecue, sponsored by the South Alameda County JACL, at Warm Springs School cafeteria, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.

Isao Handa and Hisako Mizota, co-chairmen, announced a steak dinner with all the trimmings will be available at \$1.50 per plate, half-price for children, with diners bringing their own eating utensils.

The Nisei Growers have been consistent blue-ribbon winners at the state and county fairs in the past years. Other committeemen include: June & Yutaka Handa, Michi Handa, Chuck Shikano, Setsu Umemoto.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by MASAO SATOW

San Francisco chapter to assume host duties of 1956 national JACL convention; Nat'l Headquarters to push business sessions

San Francisco
Our personal thanks to the San Francisco Chapter for its fine spirit and concern for our National organization by taking over the 14th Biennial National Convention. This certainly relieves us of a major responsibility, although, of course, we will be working very closely with the Chapter.

Our past experience is that Headquarters has its hands more than full in setting up the business sessions of the National Council, so we were wondering just how we were going to manage.

State Pension Snag

The program for California old age benefits has hit a snag by the restrictive ruling of the State Board of Social Welfare that "living continuously in the United States for twenty five years" means just that, with no allowance for even a short visit out of the country.

We have asked former Regional Director Haruo Ishimaru to see if a six-month leeway such as the Immigration Service rules on continuous residence. The narrow interpretation of the law would limit the number of Issei eligible and is obviously not within the spirit of the original bill.

The application forms have been translated into Japanese and copies are now available.

School Segregation

We have a nice letter from the Alianza Hispano Americana organization for joining in on an amicus brief in the *Romero vs. Weakly* case in El Centro where the school board has in practice caused the segregation of Mexican and Negro school children. The case was argued before the Circuit Court of Appeals last month.

In 1946 JACL joined on the Mexican school segregation case in Orange County where the court ruled school authorities had no legal right to segregate children of Mexican ancestry. The following year the California State legislature repealed a 60-year-old law permitting segregation of children of Asiatic and Indian descent and the bill was signed by then Gov. Warren.

It is rather interesting that the school authorities segregated Mexican children on the premise that they were of "Indian" descent.

Contributions

A group of Peruvian strandeers of Japanese ancestry living in Chicago recently contributed \$100 to National JACL in appreciation for efforts in their behalf. These Peruvians were rounded up and evacuated to the United States during wartime, but upon the ter-

mination of the war the Peruvian government was unwilling to take them back. Thus, they were subject to deportation to Japan.

A similar sum was also donated by this group to the Chicago Chapter.

Incidentally, this sum has been placed in our JACL Reserve Fund which is made up of anticipated gifts, 1000 Club Life memberships, and whatever surplus, if any, accrue from our current operations. We now have \$6,597.74 in reserve for emergencies.

We have just received the quarterly interest check from our National Endowment Fund amounting to \$843.28, giving us a three quarters earning from the Fund of \$2,280.85.

Judd's Tribute to JACL

Copies of Congressman Walter H. Judd's tribute to JACL in the *Congressional Record* are being



mailed to all chapters for distribution to their members and for PR purposes. Congressman Judd will be on a trip to Europe and the Orient as a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He will be returning via San Francisco on Dec. 15, when he will personally present us with the Flag which has flown over the Nation's Capitol, and this will give us a chance to honor him properly.

Claims Hearings

The evacuation claims hearings kept us fairly well occupied, but it was a pleasure to renew acquaintances with members of the House Subcommittee, especially in more informal moments. Our thanks to the attorneys, both in Northern and Southern California, who so ably presented briefs in support of the items we would like to see included as compensable.

In making our contacts we were very favorably impressed with the understanding of the total program and the desire to assist as expressed by the Governor's office, San Francisco Mayor's office, of the State Attorney General, and the various congressmen we personally met. Our appreciation to the local chapters who contacted their respective congressmen.

We are also indebted to members of the San Francisco Chapter who assisted entertaining the congressional party as well as helping to collate the JACL state-

ment for the Subcommittee.

A special vote of thanks to Kenji Fujii, Eden Township Chapter president, and the No. Calif. Carnation Growers who provided beautiful carnation corsages and boutonnieres for members of the Congressional party, adding a delightful and thoughtful touch.

District Conventions

The various District Council conventions are now set for five straight weekends beginning with the first weekend of November when the Northern California-Western Nevada chapters convene at Sebastopol.

On Nov. 12 the Pacific Southwest will honor State Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott who introduced legislation erasing the California alien land law from the statutes and referring the law to the electorate next November.

Washington's Senator Warren G. Magnuson will headline the Pacific Northwest DC meeting on Nov. 19. The Thanksgiving weekend will see two district conventions, Mt.-Plains at Denver, and the Intermountain at Ontario, Ore.

The IDC will honor State Senator Vernon Daniels who was instrumental in wiping the alien land law off the books. Central California District Council's convention on Dec. 4 will wind up this series of meetings.

Lest We Forget

On Oct. 30 many of our chapters will pause to observe Nisei Soldier Memorial Day in grateful remembrance of our Nisei boys whose sacrifices have made possible the status enjoyed today by Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Since Oct. 30 this year falls on Sunday, we trust many of the churches will assist in this observance. Contact will again be made with the little French town of Bruyeres, where the entire town will turn out for special services at the sacred memorial park dedicated to our boys in grateful appreciation of their liberation.

We especially commend the Sacramento community in establishing its memorial building as a living tribute to the Nisei soldiers. The years will not dim our humble appreciation to the boys who paid the supreme sacrifice, but will help us to see even more clearly the tremendous debt we owe these fellow Nisei.

In fact, everything that JACL has been able to accomplish since that historic first postwar national convention in Denver in 1946 has been postulated upon the theme of that convention, "that they may not have died in vain".



In the absence of Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, donor of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship, her daughter Mrs. Kiyoshi Ito (second from right) presents the scholarship check to the 1955 winner, Seiji Itahara of Chicago. Looking on are (left to right) Mrs. Sumi Miyake, Mrs. Ruth Tachi, co-chairladies of the Chicago JACL schools committee; and Kumeo Yoshinari (extreme right), chapter president.

—Album Photo.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

(Recently, we were in receipt of several "Dateline Northwest" columns in advance. Now comes the reason: the Budd Fukuis greeted their first-born, a girl Sept. 23 at Providence Hospital.—Editor.)

DOG SHOWS UP MASTER

Seattle

Dogs are not always man's best friend. Sometimes they are his enemy.

Of course, there are dogs—and dogs. Take Jeanie, for instance, the friendly Collie who lives two doors down the street. She is a lady in every sense of the word. She is properly trained in dog behavior. Although there is no fence around her yard, she knows the limits, and never leaves those boundaries unless accompanied by her master or mistress, or unless they give her permission.

She knows that flower beds are not for taking naps or digging holes, and never disturbs them. She has a cheerful bark and a wagging tail for any who pause to greet her on their way along the street.

But as far as I know, Jeanie is the only such lady in our neighborhood.

Next door to us lives a little brown dog who makes daily visits to our front lawn. The application of dog repellent, ammonia water, and other devices has failed to discourage her unwelcome visits. She still returns regularly.

Across the street lives a black and white spotted dog who also makes frequent visits to our lawn. Complaints to his master have failed to have any results. He scampers throughout the whole neighborhood barking belligerently at people as they pass down the street. Sometimes, he snarls and threatens the owners of the property on which he is trespassing.

The Humane Society offers no solution to private individuals, but they prohibits dogs from public areas, such as schools, and pick up the dogs that are found on the playground.

During the past few months of trying to keep a lawn and garden in spite of the dogs, our formerly good opinion of dogs—and consequently their masters—has been lowered considerably. We don't like dogs as well as we used to like them.

In self-defense, we are planning to erect a fence. Dog may be man's best friend, but only when he know how to conduct himself properly, and his conduct is certainly a reflection of the kind of a master he has. —AF.



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D.C. JACL ask White House aid in integration of metropolitan police boys club serving 22,000 members

[Washington] President Eisenhower was requested to use his good offices to have the District of Columbia government comply with his pledge to eliminate "every vestige of segregation" in the District and to persuade the Metropolitan Police Boys Club directors to integrate its community-sponsored program by Mike M. Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The request was made in accordance with mandates of the National JACL in its past three national conventions and at the request of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter.

Masaoka pointed out in his letter to the President that these young men participating in the program of the Metropolitan Police Boys Club will soon be in the service of the United States, prepared to defend basic fundamental rights and principles in which all loyal Americans believe, and that this arbitrary segregation did violence to democratic concepts and to the great progress made in the present Administration toward integration and assimilation.

Particularly in the District of Columbia, he noted, has the Administration been successful in

eliminating many barriers of racial and color discrimination.

Wrote Masaoka: "As one who experienced racial segregation of the most vicious kind in World War II because of the accident of our birth, we know what this type of discriminatory practice can do to the minds and hearts of young men. We would not wish an American to have to suffer the humiliation and indignities of being 'not welcome' by his fellow Americans of other nationalities, races, and creeds."

It was especially important that the President use his good offices to eliminate this area of discrimination, he said, in order to enlarge the total area of freedom since the District of Columbia was the nation's showplace for democracy and democratic principles.

President Eisenhower in a message to Congress in 1953 said, "I propose to use whatever authority exists in the office of the President to end segregation in the District of Columbia, including the Federal Government."

Although the District Board of Commissioners has stated that their official policy for District-supported organizations is non-discriminatory, that the Police Boys Club will be integrated but

the problem is one of "proper timing," the Board of Directors of the Police Boys Club reaffirmed their previous determination to operate them on a racially segregated basis recently.

The District Board has given tacit approval to this policy by including the Club in the Community Fund drive soon to be conducted among the employees of the District government.

This fund drive, therefore, places the District government employees in the position of supporting racial segregation in order to support other worthy agencies, and the Washington, D.C. JACL chapter requested that the name of the Police Boys Club be deleted from the one-fund drive.

The plea was not in any way directed against the Community Fund drive itself, but requested the District Commissioners to remove the name of the Metropolitan Police Boys Club from this list so that the Commissioners might withdraw all official support from the Club so long as it insists on maintaining racial segregation.

There are approximately 22,000 members in the Metropolitan Police Boys Club, of whom about

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The Sou'wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

OFF OKAI

Los Angeles

By sheer dint of *yamato-damashii*, of which we had retained an atrophied residue, we catapulted ourselves from grueling gruel and returned to our usual saliva-stimulating fare. Gads, it's nice to drool again—for food, that is.

Loosely translated, *yamato-damashii* means the indomitable Japanese spirit. Research reveals the depths to which the warriors of old Cipango dug to unearth this formidable expression. Close scrutiny of the phrase will uncover the strange and bizarre threads of logic employed by these sons of Yedo.



Dissection results in this odd combination: mountain (*yama*), and (to), sphere (*dama*) and demonstration (*shii*) — conceivably a high-elevation juggling act.

Further use of the scalpel gives us: Alas! (*ya*), female parent (*ma*), cupboard (*todama*), children's mispronunciation of *todana*, death (*shi*) and gall-bladder (*i*).

We can picture Old Mother Hubbard griping that the bareness of her cupboard has a lethal effect on her innards (a deduction we find easy to go along with).

How juggling and a nursery rhyme got into the act we can't explain. Seems to us, though, that if the old lady stopped indulging in strenuous exercise and went on an okai diet such as we did, she might soon replenish her larder. We leave now the train of reasoning (?) by which robbers in Japan are invariably sticks-in-the-mud (*doro-bo*).

WHODUNIT

Since seldom do the silent workhorses of the JACL get spotlighted for their fine performances, we'll name here the said taciturn equines who helped prepare for the just-concluded hearings by the Lane Subcommittee on the Lane-Hillings evac. claims amendment held last week in Ellay.

First off, the PSWDC committee headed by ELA's Wilbur Sato informed some seventeen congressmen from this district about the hearings, the purport of the amendment, JACL's and COJAEC's position and request to testify or file statements with the subcommittee. Wilbur's typist mares were Midori Watanabe (Hollywood JACL) and Linda Ito, Laurel Murata and Kathy Yoshida (all ELA chapter).

The fillies who cut stencils of statements by the attorneys and did other paper chores were Sad and Hiroko Kawanami and Lily Otera.

Setting up the conference with Rep. Clyde Doyle were Eddie Tsuruta of Atlas Veg. Exch. and Henry Kurata of Crown Produce. Other producemen who attended the session held at the home of Ed Tunks in Downey were Buster Suzuki, Jun Tanaka, John Nishizu, Chas. Hisatomi, Jack Okamoto and Eddie Solznick. Non-produceman: the Sou'wester.

The attorneys who testified in support of various provisions of the amendment were Lynn Takagaki, Ernest Iwasaki, Saburo Kido, Hugh Manes, David McKibbin (at S.F.), Rollin McNitt and Kimball Walker, the first five being 1000 Clubbers.

Acting Mayor, John S. Gibson, and councilman Ed Roybal were instrumental in the passage of the resolution by the L.A. City Council supporting the amending legislation.

The most unsung hay-burner is appropriately named: F. F. Middlehorse (Chuman). Despite his recently acquired status of fatherhood with its accompanying responsibilities, Frank F. Chuman, JACL legal counsel, of 中馬・マツキビン・横関 found time to quarterback the appearance of witnesses at the hearings. He's also sr. pard of the bengoshi outfit—.

We drove with Frank to Indio the day after the hearings wound up to attend the Saturday funeral for Alice and Henry Sakemi which was a tremender, with nearly a thousand friends overflowing the Indio Women's Club where Alice was prexy. There couldn't have been a finer and better deserved send-off for this swell couple. Ours was the happy yet sad privilege of representing the nat'l JACL in delivering a eulogy.

New claims bill—

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terior which had the WRA in charge."

Section 7 of the Lane-Hillings bill also continues supervision of this program with the Dept. of Justice "to avoid the establishment of another agency in another Department to handle a part of this evacuation claims program," Masaoka testified.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS

The same section includes transportation expenses as part of the lump sum payment as recommended in its 1954 subcommittee report: "Transportation expenses incurred, either in leaving the evacuation areas or in returning thereto, should be compensated."

The Dept. of Justice objected again, explaining that transportation expenses were not compensable, but the government "does hedge its comments somewhat," Masaoka declared, "by proposing a lump sum payment alternative if the Congress desires to compensate for transportation expenses."

Masaoka concluded JACL and COJAEC testimony on section 7 in seeing "no great material difference between the positions taken by the Subcommittee and the Dept. of Justice on this item."

David McKibbin, who was special evacuation claims counsel for the JACL at the Los Angeles office between 1950-52, in his statement before the Subcommittee in San Francisco, reminded that many evacuees "did not possess the required items (such as carrying cases, suitcases, duffle bags, etc.)"

EARLY DAYS RECALLED

Additional items, such as boots, jeans and slacks, curtain materials for partitions, heavy garments, blankets are other items were purchased by those still waiting to be evacuated after receiving letters from the initial contingent of evacuees at relocation camps, McKibbin continued.

"Practically none of these items would have been purchased, had it not been for the evacuation," he declared, "and such items were not only purchased in anticipation of evacuation, but were utilized at the relocation centers during the period of exclusion."

McKibbin also told the subcommittee that Evacuation Claims Act as presently interpreted by the Attorney General, "apparently places a higher value on the preservation of property than it does on the preservation of human health and life."

He explained that one claimant had to leave his relocation camp to obtain dental treatment unavailable at the center and incurred hotel and travel expenses that he would not have otherwise sustained. "But the Attorney General has allowed expenditures for storage and pre-evacuation and post-evacuation transportation of personal property on the theory that it was for the purpose of preserving property."

McKibbin also urged the Dept. of Justice continue in supervising the matter of lump sum payments because of "an experience factor and an administrative set-up to handle the matter".

[Los Angeles] Attorney Saburo Kido, in testifying before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims here last week on pre- and post-evacuation expenses and transportation costs, felt Section 7 of the Lane-Hillings Bill "as about the only feasible procedure which can do some justice to the evacuees without necessitating heavy administrative expense". The wartime national JACL president further declared that

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Integration—

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14,000 number Negro and 8,000 white.

Certain facilities which have heretofore been made available to the Club program have been withdrawn until Club officials agree to operate them as nonsegregated units. Among these were facilities at Anacostia Park under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Interior. The D.C. Board of Education withdrew the facilities of the Brookland School effective Sept. 1, 1955.

Although the Boys Club operates segregated camps in Southern Maryland "for fear of local repercussions," the Boy Scouts of America operate integrated camps in Southern Maryland with no notable internal or external difficulties.

Claims hearing—

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losses during World War II. Any action (to assist these people) would be in keeping with the feelings of the people of California."

Acting Mayor James L. Halley of San Francisco submitted his statement endorsing the proposal for the record, though unable to attend the hearings.

NEED OBVIOUS

Halley was cognizant of the sometimes tedious channels of governmental administration in processing claims to assure fair and objective treatment, but at the same time "the need for and justice of providing further remedial legislation to augment and implement the commendable intent of Congress to fairly and speedily deal with the claims of evacuees is obvious".

Rep. Leroy Johnson (R., Stockton) declared he was heartily in favor. Repeating much of the testimony presented last year before the same subcommittee, he pointed out that since the fears that caused the evacuation were proved unfounded, the Congress should provide compensation for their losses.

Rep. J. Arthur Younger (R., San Mateo) urged early enactment of the amendatory measure. He felt that general provisions should be liberalized to provide a greater measure of justice and equity.

Rep. George P. Miller (D., Alameda) declared that in his opinion the wartime evacuation was one of the worst blots in U.S. military history and that early and generous compensation was only one way to express the Government's regret for misjudging the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry in wartime.

RECORD KEPT OPEN

Jackson T. Carle, administrative assistant to Rep. B. F. Sisk (D., Fresno), explained the congressman's concern for this legislation by pointing out a personal knowledge of evacuation and of his friendship for many Issei and Nisei in his district.

James F. Koenig, administrative assistant to Rep. William S. Mailard (R., San Francisco), reminded the Subcommittee that a year ago, the representative had testified in favor of the bill. Koenig also asked the record be kept open until Mailard's return from Europe so that he might submit a statement.

"this is one provision which will receive the support of all evacuees and their friends. The only objection may be about the amount being too small."

John T. Allen, attorney-in-charge of the Los Angeles Field Office of the Dept. of Justice, had earlier suggested to the Subcommittee that the figures of \$150 and \$50 in the bill were too high. Kido pointed out Executive Order No. 9066 of Feb. 19, 1942, for "furnishing of medical aid, hospitalization, food, clothing, transportation, use of land, shelter, and other supplies, equipment, facilities and services". But there were general losses due to preparation for evacuation as no assistance was given, Kido charged.

Of the figures \$150 and \$50, Kido considered them as "a token payment". The average is far greater, he estimated.

Yoyo Konishi rolls 276—fourth highest for Seattle women

[Seattle] Tiny Yoyo Konishi, a Nisei trundler who tips the scales at little over 100 pounds, bowled a 276 game in the Seattle Recreation's women's Classic League Sept. 27, the fourth highest game ever bowled by a woman in Seattle.

Starting with a spare, Miss Konishi ran up a string of nine strikes in a row before drawing a split on her first extra ball in the last frame.

The all-time high game was 298, rolled by Maebeth Schletwiler in Ballard in 1939. That was the highest game rolled by a woman in the nation that year.

In the 1950 National JACL bowling tournament at San Francisco, Yoyo was a member of the Seattle All-Stars, women's team champions; and paired with Tak Shibuya to win the mixed doubles. In the 1951 event at Los Angeles, she and Fumi Lee copped the women's double at 989.

Miss Konishi won \$500 from various Seattle merchants as a standing award for going over 270 and \$300 from Crown bowling shirts for wearing that brand of blouse at the time she rolled her big game.

D.C. JACL bowling league starts rolling

[Washington] A six-team Washington, D.C., JACL bowling league ending next Apr. 27 got underway last week. Ruth Kuroishi, chapter president, is being assisted by:

Ethel Fukuyama, v.p.; Tosh Enokida, sec.-treas.; and Ben Nakao, mgr.

The mixed league will roll six rounds with winner of the first half meeting the winner of the second half for the league championship. Team captains are:

Shin Inouye (Cabinet), Charlie May (Jades), Mieko Kosobayashi (Woods Offs), Fred Inouye (Fred's), Edward Izumi (Pecker's Ins.), Toshio Enokida (News-Notes).

Henry Hayashino had triplets Sept. 28 during Nisei League play at the Stockton Bowl. Hayashino rolled games of 165-165-165. But this didn't help Stockton Cigarette Vending much, as they lost 3 to 1 to the A-1 Market. High for A-1 Market was Ben Oshima with a 544 series.

Two magnificent goal-line stands by the Stockton College Colts defense, including linemen Shoji Yamamoto and Gary Ishimaru in the first half were outstanding. But the Colts lost 6-4 to Modesto High, which scored in the third quarter on a 45-yard sustained drive.

Kenji Yabe, 1954 Denver Post all-city center while performing for East High, is seeking a starting berth on the Colorado State grid squad this year.

Dick Miyata, burly Nisei tackle from Hawaii on the Univ. of Dayton varsity, has been sidelined with a leg injury in the past weeks. The 230-lb. barrel-shaped griddier is in his senior year.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

HOUSING PANEL ATTRACTS

Los Angeles

We attended a most interesting JACL meeting of the East Los Angeles chapter last Friday. President Jim Higashi prepared a panel discussion on housing discrimination—a subject which always evokes comments from various minority members and individual homeowners.



That night we heard Mrs. Mary Lee Shon, sister of Major Sammy Lee of the U.S. Army who confronted housing bias in Garden Grove and whose plight made national headlines throughout the nation. We listened to John A. Buggs, executive secretary of Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations; and John Ty Saito, real estate broker, who pioneered "better housing for Nisei" by introducing them to areas formerly considered as an all-white neighborhood, namely in Bella Vista and Leimert Park.

Mrs. Shon, an ex-social worker in Honolulu, admitted the Lee family never had an inkling how many staunch friends they had until the incident broke. "The fact that so many hundreds of people wanted to help my brother find a home showed what democracy can do through proper understanding." She said a San Francisco Chronicle reporter and Bob Pierpoint, CBS Far East news commentator stationed in Tokyo, learned about the shabby treatment received by Lee, the Olympic swimming champion three weeks before they blasted the story. On the air and in print, Pierpoint—a close friend of the Lee family—and the Chronicle spirited the attack against racial discrimination by revealing the Korean American's ill fortune.

Every 10th person in the county belongs to a racial or religious minority. The interesting breakdown by Buggs, a Negro, showed 300,000 of his own race living in Los Angeles today. Others include 350,000 Latin Americans; 400,000 Japanese and 10,000 Chinese.

Both Saito and Buggs agree that the segregation tendency, although no longer enforceable in U.S. courts, keeps those who may well afford better living conditions from getting into better areas. "Minority groups will continue to live substandard because of this evil practice of segregation," Buggs emphasized.

Saito said many Nisei families are at fault too when they are discouraged when brokers remark "you won't be happy there" when seeking a home in better districts.

Integration, indeed, is a two-way street. Between the two extremes of minority clannishness to remain together on one side and the element to impose complete segregation is the happy amalgam of integration. But that goal takes time and something which will not come about overnight.

TOYO MIYATAKE'S SON BOBBY

Bobby Miyatake, 25, second son of well known Li'l Toyo photographer Toyo Miyatake, is now working in New York City as an assistant fashion photographer for Vogue magazine.

Bobby, an illustration photog, specializes in color. He received his Certificate of Completion at Art Center in September and was recommended by the institute when Clifford Coffin, fashion photographer for Conde Naste Publications, contacted the school for a temporary assistant.

The work of the onetime head of the photo department at Presidio of Monterey was immediately noted by Coffin to be of high calibre and Miyatake was signed as an assistant in the New York office.

The Miyatakes are staunch JACL supporters. All seven members in the family are 1000 Club members.

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Births

LOS ANGELES ENDO—July 30, girl Yvonne Kiyomi to Fujio Endos (Miyoko Tsunashima). HANAMI—Aug. 13, girl Lisa Sumiko to Kay Hanamis (Aiko Ogura). HOSAKA—Aug. 10, girl Natalie M. to Munetsugu Hosakas (Tsukiko Fukuto), South San Gabriel. HORI—Aug. 8, girl Sharon Shizuko to Masanori Horis (Teruko Murakami). INASOKA—Aug. 16, girl Patsy Anne Chieko to Harumi Inasokas (Sachiko Uyeda). ITOMURA—Aug. 3, boy Richard G. to D. Kiyoshi Itomuras (Shirley A. Matsuda). IWAMA—Aug. 24, boy Kenneth Yukio to Tsuyoshi Iwamas (Emiko Nishi). IWATA—July 29, girl Pauline Natsuko to Michio M. Iwatas (Sachiko Hamada). KIZU—Aug. 22, boy Robert Takeshi to Yasu Kizus (Miyu Nukaya). KOBATA—Aug. 10, girl Joyce M. to Haruo S. Kobatas (Sumiko Matsuda). KOMOTO—July 31, boy Robert A. to Yoshito Alan Komotos (June Sato). KUWADA—July 29, boy Wayne Tadashi to Makoto Kuwadas (Emiko Hashimoto). NAKASHIMA—Aug. 5, boy Robert Koji to Isamu Nakashimas (Masako Hamabata). SAITO—Aug. 2, girl Bonnie G. to Kuchi Saitos (Fumi Kiyonaga). SAKURAI—Aug. 17, boy Michio I. to Walter K. Sakurais (Melva Natsuko Kudo). SASAKI—Aug. 14, boy Nicholas R. to Takeo Sasakis (Marian H. Sugiya). SHEAN—Aug. 22, girl Mary A. to William Sheans (Michi Sakai). SUGII—Aug. 15, girl Gayle Kyoko to Masaru Sugiis (Fumiyo Kubo), Sun Valley. SUMI—Aug. 13, boy Dennis Mitsuru to Sachio Sumis (Sachie Ryono). SUN—Aug. 28, boy Wade Kengo to Herb C. Suns (Alice Tagomori). TANIBATA—Aug. 10, girl Leslie Miyo to Kiyoshi Tanibatas (Mitsuko Kurita). TERAOKA—Aug. 8, boy Keith Kazuo to Muneo Teraokas (Shizue Yamato). USUI—Aug. 16, girl Sandra to Masaru Usuis (Mitsuko B. Hamamoto). WENG—Aug. 7, girl Judith Kimi to George G. Wengs (Sue Kawase), Puente.

SANTA BARBARA NISHINO—Aug. 27, boy Randy to Tosh Nishinos, Santa Maria.

BAKERSFIELD FUKAWA—Aug. 19, boy to George Fukawas, Delano.

VISALIA NII—Aug. 21, boy to Harry Niis, Dinuba. NII—Aug. 24, girl to Ted Niis, Dinuba.

FRESNO FUJIMURA—July 25, girl to Susumu Fujimuras.

HIRAMOTO—Sept. 1, boy to Shizu Hiramotos.

KAMADA—Aug. 16, boy to Ben Kamadas, Orange Cove.

KODA—July 31, boy to Roy Takeo Kodas.

KIMURA—July 21, twin boy & girl to George K. Kimuras, Reedley.

KURODA—July 31, boy to William M. Kurodas, Reedley.

OMI—Aug. 28, girl to Takumi Omis.

OSAKI—July 26, girl to Franklin H. Osakis.

SASAKI—Aug. 25, boy to James Sasakis, Reedley.

SHIROYAMA—Sept. 1, girl to Fumio Shiroyamas, Laton.

SUDA—Aug. 1, girl to Willie Sudas.

SUGAI—Sept. 1, girl to Tad Sugais.

TANGE—July 19, boy to Henry S. Tanges, Sanger.

TANIGUCHI—Aug. 4, girl to Tom Taniguchis, Caruthers.

YAMAMOTO—Aug. 23, boy to Shiro Yamamotos.

YAMAMOTO—Aug. 24, girl to Masami Yamamotos.

YAMANAKA—Aug. 20, girl to Takara Yamanakas.

SAN JOSE HANAMOTO—Sept. 2, girl Linda to Riuji Hanamotos.

ICHIKAWA—Sept. 9, girl Sumiko to Takeo Ichikawas.

KANZAKI—Sept. 7, boy Larry Yukio to Tomoyuki Kanzakis, Mt. View.

KATAI—Aug. 21, boy Bobby to George Katsais.

KATSURA—Aug. 27, boy Wayne Noboru to Ichiro Katsuras, Los Gatos.

MASUDA—Aug. 6, girl Julia A. to Tom T. Masudas, Coyote.

MATSUI—Sept. 3, boy Sterling M. to Bob Matsuis, Campbell.

MISAWA—Aug. 26, boy Steven Naoto to Naoki Misawas.

NISHIMATSU—Aug. 10, girl to George Nishimatsus, Saratoga.

SHINTA—Aug. 21, boy Ted Takea to Kunito Shintas, Cupertino.

YONEDA—Aug. 12, girl Kimmy to Akira Yonedas.

Oakland

NAKANO—Aug. 21, girl to Isami Nakanos, Berkeley. NEGI—Aug. 10, girl to Yoshio Negis, Berkeley. TAKESHITA—Aug. 22, boy Kenneth to Toshio Takeshitas, Hayward. UTSUMI—Aug. 12, girl to Donald N. Utsumis.

Woodland

URIU—July 25, girl to Kiyoto Urius, Davis.

Sacramento

AMIOKA—Aug. 15, girl to Isamu Amiokas, Carmichael. HONDA—Aug. 9, girl to Yasuo Hondas.

KUBOTA—July 27, boy to Toshiyuki Bob Kubotas.

MATSUOKA—July 29, boy to Ronald Haruya Matsuokas.

MIYASHIRO—July 29, girl to Isami Miyashiros.

NAKAO—Aug. 3, boy to Harry Atsushi Nakaos.

OKASAKI—Aug. 20, boy to Frank Toshiro Okazakis.

SASAI—Aug. 22, boy to Tadashi Sasais.

TAKETA—July 31, boy to Masao Taketas.

TSURUDA—Aug. 21, boy to Thomas Mankichi Tsurudas.

YAMAMOTO—Aug. 6, girl to Yasushi Yamamotos.

AUBURN NAKANO—July 29, girl to Takeo Nakanos, Roseville.

OROVILLE TANIMOTO—Sept. 6, boy to Mike Tanimotos, Gridley.

ONTARIO, ORE. KITAMURA—Sept. 11, girl to James Kitamuras, Brogan.

MIO—Sept. 10, boy to Tom Mios, Fruitland.

SEATTLE IKETA—Aug. 31, girl to Charles Iketas.

MORI—Sept. 3, boy to Herbert Moris.

ONDO—Aug. 30, girl to James Ondos.

SHIGAYA—Sept. 2, girl to Harry Shigayas.

DENVER KOYAMA—Girl to Manuel M. Koyamas.

CHICAGO KADOTA—Aug. 2, boy Richard P. to Clifton Kadotas.

Marriage Licenses Issued

AIHARA-KANO — George T., Sunnyvale; Yoko, Palo Alto.

ECKLER-TABUCHI — Eric and Kinu, both San Francisco.

HAMAMOTO-HORITA — Takashi and Eiko, both Stockton.

IMURA-OSAKI — Nobuo and Shizuko, both Sacramento.

KAIDA-MASUOKA — Katsumi, Concord; Alice Shinobu, Berkeley.

KATO-FUJISHIMA — Kazuo, Mt. View; Hatsuye, San Leandro.

KAWATOMARI-MATSUZAKI — Toshio, Davis; Harumi, San Francisco.

KYOTANI-ICHIHO — Glenn G. and Janet Chizu, both Sacramento.

MIYATA-UMEZU — Shigeo and Bessie Sumiko, both Loomis.

NAGAREDA-INAMASU — Ken and Amy, both San Jose.

NISHIMURA-IRIKI — Jonathan Sei, 23, Los Angeles; May M., 22, El Cerrito.

NOGUCHI-HONSHU — Yoshio and Ruth Yoshiko, both Sacramento.

OTA-ITATANI — Wesley, Berkeley; Margaret, San Francisco.

OTSUKA-YOKOMIZO — Makoto and Mary Kikuko, both Oakland.

SAITO-TAGUCHI — Mitsuo, Honolulu; Peggy Aiko, Sacramento.

SAKAI-TANAKA — Masahiro and Sachiko, both Cherokee, Idaho, at San Francisco.

YOKOYAMA-HONDA — Ralph Toshio, Berkeley; Emiko, Sacramento.

Weddings

ARAI-YAMADA — Sept. 11, Joe and Fujiko, both Gardena.

FUJIOKA-HONDA — Sept. 4, Bob and Rose, both West Los Angeles.

HONDA-YOSHIMOTO — Sept. 10, Ben, Culver City; Lily, Los Angeles.

ISERI-TAKENAKA — Sept. 4, George S., Los Angeles; Betty Iyuko, San Francisco.

KIRIYAMA-ISHIZAKI — Sept. 11, George, Pasadena; Betty, Los Angeles.

Deaths

ISHIDA, Shirohei, 67: Los Angeles, Sept. 7, survived by son Iwao and sister Mine. MIYAMOTO, Mrs. Hide, 73: Denver, Sept. 7, survived by husband Dr. Kona, daughter Mrs. Sadako Tsubokawa. NAKAUCHI, Eima, 69: Torrance, Sept. 11, survived by wife Tsunewo, son Eichiro, daughter Mrs. Yoshiko Yonezawa. TAMAKI, Mrs. Fujii, 68: Seattle, Aug. 15, survived by husband Masakichi, sons Paul I., Noboru (Japan) and two grandchildren. TOMORI, Mrs. Ikuno, 67: Portland, July 26. YANARI, Henley, 54: Rocky Ford, Colo., Aug. 7, survived by wife Fumiye, mother Setsu, brothers Masatomo, George, Frank, Harry, Jim, Sam; sisters Mrs. Mary Miyazawa, Mrs. Amy Tsumura and Mrs. Sally Sakamoto. YOSHIDA, Shigeru, 79: Los Angeles, Aug. 30, survived by wife Suki, sons Masaru, Haruo, daughters Mrs. Shizuko Asano.

Wrote Masaoka: "In cooperation with other minority and civil rights organizations, JACL has fought housing and job discrimination; segregation in schools and places of public accommodation and cemeteries; and other discriminatory practices and laws that have been directed against some Americans because of their race, color, creed, or national origin.

REGIONAL ACTIONS

"Indeed, regionally and locally, the JACL was the first of all organizations to protest the segregation of Mexican school children in Orange County, California, and was among the earliest to suggest a court case that resulted in the California Supreme Court declaring unconstitutional that state's prohibition against interracial marriages.

"In the District of Columbia, for another example, the chapter cooperated with other civic and civil rights organizations in eliminating segregation and discrimination in restaurants and other public places in the nation's capital.

"The National JACL, through its eight district councils grouped regionally, is presently conducting a campaign against discrimination in housing. In various areas, such as Chicago, Minneapolis, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, the JACL has successfully intervened in a number of cases involving housing discrimination against not only Japanese Americans but also other Oriental Americans.

"Since local chapters are not staffed by professionals but are simply dependent on volunteer workers, it is comparatively difficult to investigate and resolve every case of discrimination.

INDIVIDUAL RELUCTANCE

"The real difficulty, however, is not JACL's inactivity but rather, as Rev. Lee himself points out, the reluctance of most Asian Americans to make a public test of such discriminatory practices, excusing themselves with the belief that they do not want to live in places where they will not be welcome.

"The JACL keeps vigilance with the American principles of fair play and stands ready to assist when informed or aware of the need.

"That Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, who probably knows the Orient and Oriental Americans better than any other member of Congress, paid high tribute to the JACL on its 25th anniversary as a national organization vouches for this record.

"At that time, he extended his remarks in the 'Congressional Record,' saying in part, 'To have accomplished so much, for any people, in such a short time, and against such odds of prejudice and discrimination with so little in the way of financial and political backing, is not only a tribute to the leadership and membership of the JACL but also to the system of government and the democratic processes which gave opportunity and incentive for such progress in human relations.'

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Masaoka in a letter to Rev. Lee assured him that the JACL did not take a back seat to any of the numerically larger minority organizations which appear "perhaps somewhat more forceful, more effective, since they are constantly in the public eye," and suggested that "before you publicly write and categorically state that the JACL is 'merely' a social and recreational club,' some research on the subject be undertaken.

"The JACL record," said Masaoka, "speaks for itself."

Rev. Lee teaches at Union Theological seminary and is briefly noted in the "New Leader" as an "authority in Chinese-American relations."

AJI-NO-MOTO

Editorials

AGAINST 92 PERCENT

Strong objections on the so-called Lane-Hillings bill to expedite and liberalize the present evacuation Claims Law were made by a San Francisco Justice Department attorney on the grounds that the any general liberalization would favor the remaining 8 per cent of claimants to the detriment and discrimination of the 92 per cent whose claims have been settled and paid.

The analogy may be poor, but the point isn't. In medicine, the first 92 per cent may not have endured. But if means are discovered to sustain the remaining 8 per cent—no one will deny those remaining the progress gained in the meantime.

Rather, there should be joy in the hearts of all that justice is being dispensed more fully. It has been our contention that all losses due to evacuation be recognized.

For the present, the Attorney General has interpreted management expenses, conservation costs, fair rental values, crop losses, pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses and transportation costs—which would not have arisen had there been no evacuation—as “non-compensable”.

NEWSPAPER WEEK

In the observance of National Newspaper Week, it is well for the public as well as newspaper publishers to examine the increasing acceptance of this media when other sources of information are so popular.

Basic is the complete freedom of the press granted specifically in the Constitution. Editors and publishers are completely responsible for what they print. This freedom also gives the newspaper its distinctive quality—a personality of its own.

Almost as significant is the durability of the printed word. The files of the Pacific Citizen have been studied and analyzed by scholars and writers for information and opinions of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

FISHERMEN'S FIESTA

San Pedro

“Men who go down to the sea in ships know how puny is the power of human beings compared with that of the sea,” declared Bishop Joseph T. McGucken in his sermon at the solemn high Mass celebrated last Sunday at Mary Star of the Sea Church . . . It was a prelude to the annual blessing of the fishing fleet of Los Angeles Harbor, where some quarter-million people witnessed the ninth Fishermen's Fiesta . . . We had been viewing the colorful ceremonies on our “incompatible black & white” TV set at home for many years, and finally decided to see the gaily-decorated ships first-hand . . . This year's decoration theme for the purse seiners was “Toyland Parade”. We thought Frank Manaka's “Western Explorer” would be able to keep its 1954 sweepstakes award with its brightly-hued chartreuse coat and rose-red trimmings accented by huge lettered blocks strung to mastlines. It merited

fourth prize . . . There were close to 40 entries parading past the judges; about half were cleverly decorated, the others sailing down the Main Channel with flag and bunting only . . . You could tell the skippers didn't do well with fishes this year. We were conspicuously reminded of the problem local fishermen have met through low-cost foreign imports: fewer boats decorated and more protest signs.

In conjunction with the Fiesta, the USS Rochester (heavy cruiser docked at the U.S. Naval Supply Depot) was open to visitors. After noticing these gray ships in the harbor for the past 25 years, I finally boarded an American man-o-war . . . Because the Rochester had served in the Korean campaign and stayed in Japanese waters, there were red & white “restricted area” signs written in both Japanese and English along the route for visitors . . . The clean decks reminded me of the wooden barrack floors of Saturday morning inspections.

Terminal Island, a short auto-ferry ride from San Pedro, is completely changed from prewar days. Where hundreds of Japanese lived in crowded quarters between Seaside Avenue and Cannery St. is all occupied with imposing canneries . . . The Brighton Beach of yore is Reeves Field and a naval dockyard. Fish Harbor is still quaint with boats moored to the pier, but activity has been lulled by picket lines . . . The fog-horn from the breakwater still bellows in lifebuoy fashion on the same two keys—“bee-oooh” . . . Hustling oil wells are a prominent addition to the face of the east end of the island. The drawbridge next to the Ford Motor assembly plant is still operating, but much of the automobile traffic skirts over Ceritos Channel on the new state highway bridge further east . . . Terminal Island was one Japanese community that was never revived after evacuation. Many of the Japanese still engaged in fishing and canning reside in adjoining Long Beach . . . Maybe it was fortunate they didn't resettle there as every now and then, we note how the island is gradually sinking and how the engineers are confronted with the problem of leveling the bridges that connect the island with the mainland.

Claims hearings on West coast ends; real task still ahead in Washington as revised bill needs Congress, White House support

Los Angeles

Last Friday noon, after hearings in San Francisco and in Los Angeles, the public hearings on legislation to expedite and liberalize the determination of the remaining evacuation claims were concluded by the Lane Subcommittee on Claims of the House Judiciary Committee.

The hearings were quite different from those which were held a year ago by the same Subcommittee. That time, the emphasis was on ascertaining the facts and the background of the evacuation and the losses that were sustained as a result thereof, as well as to try to judge the public temper insofar as community sentiment for compensating the evacuees was concerned. This year, the justification for certain liberalizations and expeditious administration and analysis of the implementation of the proposed administrative and substantive amendments in the Lane Bill.

Expeditious Procedures

It might be useful to point out at this time that last year's Hillings Bill was concerned only with expediting the consideration of the remaining claims. During the hearings, it became evident that, while a more expeditious procedure for handling claims was vital to the early conclusion of the program, certain adjudications of the Attorney General had resulted in inequity and injustice to many claimants. The Subcommittee, therefore, as a specific result of the hearings last fall made certain recommendations for both speeding up the program and also making more generous the compensability provisions of the law. The instant Lane Bill embodies in spirit and in letter the suggested amendments of the 1954 Subcommittee. Thus, in actual matter of fact, the Lane Bill is the creation of the Subcommittee on Claims and last week's hearings were to validate and to reaffirm the recommendations made a year ago.

Expert Testimony

Last year, though some attorneys testified, the Subcommittee was interested in learning from the claimants themselves, and local, state and federal officials involved in the 1942 evacuation experience and the public officials of our time, the facts of the evacuation and of evacuation losses. It might be generalized that they hoped to gain a “feeling” for the subject.

This year, with three of the four congressmen also members of the 1954 Subcommittee, only so-called expert testimony was desired. With the exception of Mike Masaoka and George Inagaki, speaking for the JACL, all of the 30-odd witnesses heard in San Francisco and Los Angeles were attorneys, experts in the law. This compares with the more than a hundred witnesses who testified last autumn.

The prepared statements of each of the attorney-witnesses were devoted to a particular section of the Lane Bill and the questions asked by the members of the Subcommittee were pointed, direct, legalistic, and often-times difficult to answer because of the unique circumstances of the evacuation.

Areas of Agreement

There appeared to be general agreement on the administrative changes proposed in the measure: (1) compromise-settlement of all claims without limitation by the Attorney General, with the claimant entitled to seek judicial relief in the Court of Claims if dissatisfied with the Government's offer, (2) submission of annual reports by the Department of Justice to

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the Congress on the progress of the program, and (3) right to amend all claims up to the point of final determination to include new items of loss made compensable by the Lane Bill.

In the reference to the compromise-settlement formula, it should be emphasized that there seemed to be no argument against the elimination of the 75 per cent “ceiling” that the Attorney General may pay of compensable items that was one of the sources of irritation with the compromise-settlement program for claims of \$2,500 or less.

Though there were some problems of ambiguity and exact meaning, there was substantial agreement regarding the eligibility of certain classes of claimants: (1) west coast internees, (2) corporations, and (3) claims postmarked before the Jan. 3, 1950 deadline but received by the Attorney General after that date.

The real arguments and questions developed over the substantive changes, that is over those items that the Department of Justice has declared to be non-compensable because they represent prohibited “anticipated profits” but which the Subcommittee last year felt had merit inequity and justice if not in the legal technicality of the original 1948 Act.

Those items had to do with (1) management expenses and conservation costs, (2) crop losses, including perennial crops, (3) fair rental values, and (4) pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses, including transportation costs.

Exact Answers Sought

Auditors at the hearings who were also present last year were surprised and dismayed at the difference in the tone of the questioning and the exactitude of the answers requested this year.

The reason for this apparent difference is quite clear: Last year, the Subcommittee was interested more in the general principles and problems involved; this year, the Subcommittee must write specific legislation to carry out and resolve those principles and those problems. This is why the congressmen were so interested in learning just how each of the proposed sections would operate in practice and just how much each of them would cost the Government.

As one of the members put it, “While we don't want to measure equity in terms of dollars, we have to be prepared to answer questions that may be raised by our colleagues in both the House and the Senate as to the why-and-how and the how-much of every provision. In other words, what we're trying to do here is to learn the answers to the many questions we may be asked, the answers to which will determine whether Congress will pass this bill or not”.

Sharper Questions

Because the hearings were held in San Francisco first, the questioning appeared to be sharper and more antagonistic, though the fact is that every member of the Subcommittee is sympathetic to the general aims of the legislation.

In Los Angeles, the hearings proceeded faster and with fewer questions because the congressmen were more familiar with the problems by that time and also because some of the questions had already been answered for them.

Lone Witness Objects

There was only one hostile witness among the 30-odd that testified. He was William H. Jacobs, attorney-in-charge of the San Francisco field office, handling evacuation claims for the Dept. of Justice in Northern California. Though he was not directed to testify by Washington, he gra-

tuitously challenged about every major proposal of the Lane Bill, except those relating the compromise-settlement, postmarked claims, and possibly lump sum payments, though even on each of these items he had some adverse comment.

He argued that the liberalizing provisions would actually slow down the program and would discriminate against the 92 per cent of the claimants who have already settled their claims.

He went far beyond that of the Dept. of Justice's official observations on a predecessor bill. And, it is interesting in this connection to note that John J. Allen, his counterpart in Los Angeles, was not nearly so critical, bitter, or challenging in his oral presentation of his personal views, for neither Jacobs nor Allen were authorized to represent the official position and to interpret that position for the Attorney General.

The San Franciscan made certain statements which we felt were at variance with the facts as we knew them, but because he was the last witness there was no opportunity to refute them. For instance, Jacobs informed the Subcommittee that only about five claimants had requested formal hearings. Attorney Gordon Winton told us that he alone had made a request for hearings for about 50 of his claimants. Jacobs failed to tell the Subcommittee members that two of the primary reasons that more claimants have not asked for formal hearings are that in the seven years since the original Act was enacted a hearing officer has never been appointed and that a request for such hearings would mean postponement of the consideration of a particular claim for several years at the least. Jacobs also told the Subcommittee that no claimants had complained to him about their compromise-settlements and adjudications.

About all we need to say on this matter is that he (Jacobs) should hear some of the remarks many claimants make about his office and his compromise-settlements as compared to those of the Los Angeles office and even Washington itself.

Much more could be written about Jacobs' testimony but there is neither space nor need. Suffice it to say, his statements have jeopardized his standing as an impartial and fair arbiter of the remaining claims, for his obvious bias against the larger claimants will, as several attorneys and claimants informed this writer, cause these larger claimants to question his objectiveness and ability to properly evaluate their respective claims.

Long Road Ahead

At any rate, the public hearings in California are over. Now, the real task begins—in Washington. The Subcommittee must analyze the testimony offered them, evaluate their findings and conclusions, draft a new bill that will not include ambiguities or improper language that does not specifically spell out congressional intent, report the revised legislation, and gain House and Senate and White House support for it.

There is still a long way to go. But, the start has been made.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 11 (Tuesday)
 - Seattle—Meeting
 - Oct. 14-15
 - Gardena Valley—Benefit Movies, Community Hall; Shige Yano, guest star.
 - Oct. 14 (Friday)
 - Chicago—Meeting, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m. “Nisei Faces Housing Discrimination”.
 - Philadelphia—Movie night, International Institute, 646 N. 15th St., “Kunisada Chuji”.
 - Oct. 21 (Friday)
 - So. Alameda County—Harvest Bar-B-Q, Warm Springs School, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 22 (Saturday)
 - East L.A.—Jac' Lantern dinner-dance, Swalky's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 22-23
 - Chicago—JACL Carnival, Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland.
 - Oct. 29 (Saturday)
 - Cincinnati—Hallowe'en Social, First United Church.
 - West Los Angeles—Hallowe'en Dance, 2586 Overland Ave., 8 p.m.

