

## Judge Denman steps down from bench to plea citizenship case for Chinese

San Francisco

Federal Judge William Denman, chief judge of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, stepped down from the bench and recently petitioned his court as a whole to reconsider its decision which denied citizenship to two young Chinese.

Court attaches said that never in the history of the courts has a dissenting judge come into court and act as an individual to ask the whole court to reconsider a ruling.

The case involves Ly Moon, 21, and Ly Sue Ning, 17, China-born children of a Chinese American, Ly Shew. The entire conflict has been whether the courts are bound to believe testimony presented without documentary proof.

### Unusual Situation

Because of the situation in China, litigants have not been able to obtain documentary proof of birth and have relied on oral testimony of friends and relatives who could merely present personal knowledge of the relationship of father and child.

The court's decision to deny citizenship placed the burden of proof on Shew to prove the children were his, rather than making it the duty of the court to prove that they are not.

"In no case in my 20 years on the bench has the court so treated its litigant," Judge Denman said.

### Due Process Denied

In the original decision, the circuit court reversed a lower court decision which denied the citizenship applications. But last December, after the State Department asked for a rehearing, the court upheld the lower court. Denman characterized the December ruling as "clear case of denial of the due process" since the court issued a complete reversal without ordering a rehearing or without giving the plaintiffs a chance to answer arguments.

The Ly Shew case is considered a test case for more than 700 similar petitions in San Francisco and more than 200 others throughout the nation.

## EVACUATION CLAIMS COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND INTERNEE CLAIMS BE CONSIDERED IN NEW BILL

Washington

Compensation for losses suffered by internees that are directly attributable to the 1942 evacuation will be included in the draft bill to be introduced in Congress soon by the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative announced last week.

Noting that COJAEAC attorneys are preparing possible bills for introduction in the near future, Masaoka revealed that they have been specifically instructed to write provisions into the proposed legislation authorizing the consideration of internee losses resulting from the evacuation.

He pointed out that such special authorization is required because the Department of Justice has ruled that all internee losses are not compensable items under the 1948 statute.

### Due Compensation

"As was presented by the JACL in testimony in California last fall before the special House Judiciary Subcommittee, we believe that internees who suffered real and personal property losses as a direct consequence of the evacuation, and not of interment, should be compensated," Masaoka said.

Explaining that German and Italian internees, and even Japanese internees residing outside the evacuation areas, were able to leave their businesses and properties in the hands of their families and friends during the period of their internment, the Nisei lobbyist stated that only internees of Japanese ancestry on the west coast were unable to do this because

of the subsequent evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

What losses these west coast internees of Japanese ancestry suffered were over and above those suffered by other internees, and, therefore should be compensated, Masaoka said, otherwise they are being subjected to a special penalty simply because they happened to

be residing in a certain part of the country.

He added that George Inagaki, COJAEAC chairman, had informed him that many internees whose evacuation claims have been disallowed by the Department of Justice were joining in the Committee's legislative efforts as the only way in which their claims can be reconsidered and allowed.

## Twin jet B-57 bombers explode, Nisei test engineer killed; airman injured

Edwards AFB, Calif.

Robert Sunada of Fresno, civilian Air Force employee, was killed when a twin-jet B-57 Martin bomber crashed and exploded near Apple Valley Tuesday last week.

Son of Dan K. Sunada, 5695 W. Olive St., Fresno, was an honor graduate from Fresno State College and test engineer at the air base.

Air force officials said the aircraft was on a routine flight and had been in the air about an hour at the time of the accident. Other crash victim was identified as Capt. Anderson B. Honts, pilot, of Front Royal, Va.

Washington

Lt. Masaru Ueyehara of Compton, Calif., an Air Force bombardier was found dangling from a tree by his parachute after his jet exploded and crashed on a farm near Beallsville, Md., Tuesday last week.

His pilot, Capt. William S. Todd of Ogden, N.Y., was killed. Lt. Ueyehara was found six miles from the burning B-57, a twinjet night bomber. The Air Force said the plane had just been delivered by Glenn L. Martin Co. and was being ferried to Tinker AFB, Okla.

## New bill seeks to redistribute surplus immigration quotas each year

Stockton

A bill authorizing the President to redistribute surplus immigration quotas so that more persons might migrate to the United States from overpopulated countries was introduced in the House of Representatives last week by Rep. Leroy Johnson of Stockton.

According to Johnson, the proposed amendment would not change the present number of immigrants admitted into the United States each year, but would allow a redistribution of

surplus quota numbers.

The bill would repeal Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Some countries fail to use up the immigration quota allotted them each year. Under the proposed bill, the President could designate countries whose quotas would be increased, Johnson said.

### Stockton CL to fete New citizens Mar. 13

Stockton

San Joaquin county Issei recently naturalized will be honored en masse at the Stockton JACL installation banquet, Mar. 13, 6 p.m., at Bruno and Lena's, according to Henry Kusama, newly-elected chapter president.

Mrs. Lou Tsunekawa and Mrs. Jack Matsumoto are co-chairmen.

### Convalescing at home

Chicago

Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, past national JACL president, is convalescing at his home after having had two major operations at the Illinois Masonic Hospital.

### Fresno area claimants in favor of new plan

Fresno

Remaining claimants for 1942 evacuation claims here are generally in favor of plans to seek new legislation for compromise of large claims, it was reported by George Inagaki, chairman of the new Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

Personally visiting all large centers of Issei and Nisei on the West Coast this month, he visited coastal cities of Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Guadalupe, Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo before swinging inland to report at the NC-WNDC quarterly session at Turlock Feb. 6 and then meeting claimants at Livingston, Merced, Cortez and here.

## Rep. M'Donough urges Army to keep Gen. Ogden as Okinawa deputy

Washington

Rep. Gordon L. McDonough, (R., Calif.), has contacted Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens urging his personal attention to the recommendation of Gongoro Nakamura of Ios Angeles, that Major General D. A. D. Ogden be retained as Deputy General of Okinawa to further U.S. national interest in the island and to continue the General's successful administration which has resulted in tremendous improvements in that area.

Nakamura recently visited Okinawa, the land of his birth, and his recommendation for the retention of General Ogden as Deputy Governor was the result of his personal firsthand ob-

servations of the confidence, respect and harmonious cooperation General Ogden has won from the people of Okinawa.

Congressman McDonough has also conferred with Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, who has joined with Nakamura in urging that General Ogden continue as Deputy Governor of Okinawa.

In urging Secretary Stevens to give personal consideration to Nakamura's recommendation, Congressman McDonough declared:

"This is a matter of vital importance to the United States as Okinawa is an important link in the chain of defense of the free world against communist aggression in the Far East, and especially at this time when Red China is threatening the peace of Asia."

### Okinawan Society of N.Y. files corporation papers

New York

The Okinawan Society, non-profit group assisting the past year in relief and rehabilitation work in the Ryukyus, has been incorporated under state laws, William T. Davis, executive director announced. Society legal counsel Tom F. Hayashi handed the papers.

Davis, the ex-army sergeant who helped in the recovery and return of the national treasures of Okinawa, also said:

"Because of the status that the islands fell into after the war and at the signing of the Peace Treaty with Japan, the Ryukyus are not a recognized country. This prevents agencies of the United Nations and other recognized groups from sending aid and technical advisors."

### Issei citizen speaks

Oakland

Shigeo Aoki, prominent community leader who responded for newly naturalized citizens at Lake Merritt Park, spoke this week before the American Legion Post 605 Women's Auxiliary on "Why I Became Naturalized."

### El Centro-born Nisei restored citizenship

Los Angeles

Fusanosuke Miyata, El Centro-born Nisei, was restored his U.S. citizenship recently by Federal Judge William M. Byrne, who ruled his military service while stranded in Japan was under duress. He registered twice with the American consulate in Japan as an American before the war, registered as a foreigner with the Tokyo police during the war.

It was not until his grandfather was forced by police to put Miyata's name in the family register in 1944 that the Nisei was subject to the draft. He was represented by attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand.

## PRE-CONVENTION RECEPTION AT JAPANESE EMBASSY TO FEATURE JOINT EASTERN-MIDWEST DISTRICT MEETS

Washington

An invitation to all JACLers to personally meet the Hon. Sadao Iguchi, ambassador of Japan, and to visit the Embassy, considered to be among the most beautiful of diplomatic buildings at an informal reception Mar. 25, was announced by Tad Masaoka, chairman of the joint EDC-MDC convention.

"This pre-convention reception will be another attraction to what may well be one of the most interesting district conventions ever held," Masaoka said.

### Blossom as Attraction

Cherry blossoms which are expected to be in full bloom over the weekend of Mar. 25, when the convention will be held, are an attraction in themselves but Masaoka promises that the first joint convention

in JACL annals has many more appealing features for all JACLers.

Chairman Masaoka revealed that the first event will be held Friday evening, Mar. 25, when the informal reception will be held at the Embassy of Japan on Massachusetts Ave., Northwest (Embassy Row).

On Saturday morning, Mar. 26, "opening ceremonies" for the joint convention will be held, followed by the two district councils meeting in separate sessions. In the afternoon, if there is sufficient interest, a bowling tournament will be held. In the evening, there will be the convention banquet and the convention ball, both being held in the historic Washington Hotel near the White House. Both will be semi-formal at-

fairs.

### 1000 Club Affair

Sunday morning, Mar. 27, will feature the concluding sessions of the two councils. A luncheon for all delegates will be followed by a joint session of the Midwest and Eastern District Councils. The Convention will end with "closing ceremonies". The Thousand Club dinner will round out the busy two day affair.

If there is enough interest, a golf tournament for those interested will be arranged, Masaoka said.

Appointments will be arranged for delegates to meet with their respective senators and congressmen on Monday morning, Mar. 28.

Arrangements will also be made to attend any committee

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# WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

## Lawyer-Senators



### Senate Judiciary Committee organized

The Senate Judiciary Committee has now been organized and is ready to conduct its business.

Though it is the workhorse committee of the Senate, handling more than half of all the bills considered by this body, it has only 15 members—eight Democrats and seven Republicans this session. All of its members are attorneys.

Since Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson of New Jersey did not run for reelection last November, the seven remaining Republicans on last year's Committee are members of the present Committee. The two new Democratic members are Senators Price Daniel of Texas and Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

No west coast lawmaker is on this key Committee, although Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming of the intermountain area are represented.

Because Senator Kefauver is considered to be a leading presidential candidate again in 1956, there was much speculation as to the subcommittee chairmanships that he might gain, for one of them might serve as a springboard to the nomination two years hence. It is to be recalled that the sensational televised "crime" investigation catapulted the Tennessee "crime buster" into the national limelight four years ago.

Cloakroom rumor had it that Senator Kefauver wanted the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Anti-Trust and Anti-Monopoly Legislation because it might present him another opportunity for headlines. His next preference, so the rumor mongers had it, was the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee because this might make him popular with the foreign-born and their children in the populous East where he would have to pick up votes to win any Democratic nomination.

As the second ranking member, it was thought that he would gain one and perhaps both of these posts.

On the GOP side, there are many who see in Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen, the eloquent Illinoisian, the heir apparent to the late Senator Robert A. Taft's mantle as the leader of the "Regular Republicans".

### Nine standing subcommittees

The Subcommittee that makes most headlines is the one on Internal Security. It is said that the chairmanship of this special Subcommittee was promised to Sen. James O. Eastland of Mississippi in exchange for his vote to "censure" Senator McCarthy in last year's special session. His vote assured the Democrats of a party-line stand on the explosive McCarthy issue.

Unlike its House counterpart, which has only five standing subcommittees, the Senate has nine: Subcommittees on Constitutional Amendments; Federal Charters, Holidays, and Celebration; Immigration and Naturalization; National Penitentiaries; Improvements in Judiciary Machinery; Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights; Revision and Codification; Constitutional Rights; and

Anti-Trust and Anti-Monopoly Legislation.

In addition, it has five special subcommittees: Internal Security, Refugees and Escapees, Improvements in the Federal Criminal Code, Trading with the Enemy, and Juvenile Delinquency.

It has no standing or special subcommittee to consider claims matters but special subcommittees are designated to handle the various bills as they are referred to the Committee.

Subcommittees that are of particular concern to JAACL's legislative program are those dealing with Immigration and Naturalization, Refugees and Escapees, and Trading with the Enemy.

### Follows precedent of McCarran

Senator Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia, chairman of the full Senate Judiciary Committee, named himself to head up the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee. In doing this, he followed the precedent established by the late Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada. The GOP followed the custom of designating its ranking members chairmen of the more important subcommittees.

The Democrats on this key Subcommittee are Senators Eastland, Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina, and Thomas C. Hennings of Missouri. The Republicans are Sens. Arthur V. Watkins of Utah, Dirksen, and John M. Butler of Maryland.

Last Congress, Senator Watkins who made a national reputation when he served as chairman of the special Senate Committee on McCarthy, was chairman, with Senators Hendrickson, Dirksen, Herman Welker of Idaho, and Butler as his colleagues. Until his death, Senator McCarran was the ranking Democrat. Others were Senators Kilgore, Eastland, and Kefauver.

The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 authorized a Joint Congressional Committee on Immigration and Naturalization to continue investigations of the operations of the so-called McCarran-Walter statute. This joint Senate-House committee was inoperative last session and no decision has been made as to its organization in this Congress.

### North Dakotan named chairman

Sen. William Langer of North Dakota, who was chairman of the full Judiciary Committee when the Republicans controlled the Congress, remains as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees. This is in line with the Judiciary Committee practice of allowing the ranking minority member to hold one subcommittee chairmanship.

This is the Subcommittee that will consider any amendments to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Senators Johnston, Hennings, and John L. McClellan of Arkansas are the Democrats and Senators Watkins

and William E. Jenner of Indiana are the Republicans. It is to be noted that the Subcommittee line-up is three Democrats and three Republicans.

Last year, Senators Langer, Watkins, Hendrickson, Kilgore, and Johnston comprised the Subcommittee.

### Trading with Enemy Act

Senator Johnston will be chairman of the Subcommittee on the Trading with the Enemy Act. This is the group that will have to decide on whether this government shall return the wartime vested property of Germans and Japanese still in the custody of the Office of Alien Property.

The tall South Carolinian is joined by Senators McClellan and Daniel (Democrats) and Dirksen and Langer (Republicans).

Last year, Senator Dirksen was the chairman and his colleagues were Senators Langer, Hendrickson, Butler, Kefauver, Hennings, and McClellan, the last three of whom were and are Democrats.

### Anti-Kefauver moods noted

Senator Kilgore, exercising his prerogatives, assumed the chairmanships of the two Subcommittees that most pundits thought Senator Kefauver wanted, those on Anti-Trust and Anti-Monopoly Legislation and Immigration and Naturalization. Senator Kefauver received the chairmanships of the Subcommittees on Constitutional Amendments and Juvenile Delinquency.

Some Capitol Hill observers are trying to read some political maneuvering on the part of anti-Kefauver Democrats in these subcommittee chairmanships, for only Senators Kilgore and Eastland could have kept him off any subcommittees.

### No substantial changes seen

Last year, about the only important public bill on immigration and naturalization passed by the Congress was the JAACL-sponsored Watkins Bill to provide expeditious naturalization for Nisei who lost their United States citizenship by voting in the post-war elections in Japan during the period of the American Occupation.

The Refugee Relief Act, passed in 1953, is about the only other major legislation dealing with immigration that has been enacted since the McCarran-Walter Act was put on the books in 1952. Last year's amendment to the Act was only a minor one.

Although many bills revising and even repealing the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act have been and will be introduced this session, at this writing and with the current memberships on the Senate and House Judiciary Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization as they are, it does not appear likely that there will be any substantial changes in the basic federal code on this subject.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

## Civilian Defense

By HARRY K. HONDA

People in the know can paint a horrifying word picture of what would happen if one medium sized H-bomb were dropped in an urban area. (For instance, your home town.) . . . Death and destruction would be inconceivable if one were



dropped in a metropolitan area like the Bay Area or Los Angeles Basin. Tidal waves alone in the aftermath would sweep over all but the highest parts of the city . . . The blast would flatten much of the buildings and the radioactive mist would endanger an even greater area . . . Despite this picture of doom and the knowledge that a great many lives can be saved by proper organization and preparation, a cloud of public apathy seems to have settled on us. It seems such apathy could be as deadly as radioactive dust.

Starting in March, a survey of California's ability to feed, clothe and house city residents fleeing from target areas will be undertaken . . . (We bring this subject up because many JAACL chapters are situated in California) . . . Efforts to get the public interested in district, neighborhood and block defense organization have gone for naught. It appears JAACL program chairmen would render true community service by sponsoring a meeting on civil defense soon . . . While a disinterested soul feels, "what's the use; if a bomb is dropped, we'll never even know it", many lives can be saved. But it shall require organization.

We doubt seriously a nuclear bomb will ever be dropped, but nobody can say for sure. Our best bet is to be ready, even if all of our training, planning and equipment are never put to use . . . We cannot let our chance to survive go by default.

We can't let the week pass without mentioning Brotherhood Week (Feb. 20-27). Its theme is well-known: all men are brothers under the Fatherhood of God . . . After Tuesday's report on the H-bomb fallout, it seems the principles of brotherhood are the safest bet to stay alive.

TOKYO TOPICS:

## PTA and Elections

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

When parents in Japan have children attending public school, they automatically become members of the Parent-Teacher Association, established during the occupation in place of the traditional "fukeikai" or "parents association".

The usual procedure is to have some parent named as president of the school PTA; the school principal as vice-president, and a teacher as secretary-treasurer. In reality, the PTA is controlled by the teachers with parents acting as their puppets.

In contrast with the PTA movement in America where mothers take a vigorous part in the entire program, it is the fathers in Japan who hold official positions, and unwittingly used by teachers, who are organizing their powerful Japan Teachers Union. Thus the PTA movement in Japan has become a political force with its six million members.

It is a common thing to behold some proud father having his PTA presidency noted on his personal calling card; it seems so strange to see such a title.

In view of the heavy campaign for the coming general elections here, the Education Ministry for the first time (and somewhat belatedly) cautioned the PTA to be very careful about being used as a tool for a political organization. Parents were urged to be unbiased and independent in their views.

Yet, the situation has developed to the point where the PTA is allied with left-wing labor movement through the Japan Teachers Union. Minoru Takano, general secretary of the Sohyo (General Council of Japanese Trade Unions), has written:

"In the union struggle against two school bills, PTAs all over the country were mobilized. The worker's struggle, thus, ceased to be one only waged by the workers alone, but a process that mobilized a broad segment of the people to side with the working classes. The Japanese labor movement has expanded into a struggle by the masses with roots deeply imbedded in various regions."

As evidence, Takano pointed out there were 1,500 strikes last year bearing out this strategy.

The militant manner of the labor unions may change after the elections. Some expect changes in their methods because of Soviet foreign policies. But, in the meantime, Sohyo is telling the unions to capitalize on the pre-election period. "It is an opportune time to put up various demands at every workshop. It is advisable to carry on strikes and movements for fulfilling demands by taking advantage of the period," the Sohyo urged.

It also suggested problems concerning the villages and towns, such as bridge repairs, lower taxes, higher wages and removal of corrupt officials, might be solved by getting housewives and young men to take mass action against the prefect-

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HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

# Test for Bourbons

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Rarely has a Hawaiian Legislature convened, as it did this week, (Feb. 16), with such intense public interest focused on the lawmakers.

The 28th Legislature is unique in that for the first time in the half-century since the islands became an American Territory, majority control of both the Senate and the House is in the hands of the Democrats.



The Democrats rule the Senate with a 9 to 6 majority, the House with a 22 to 8 majority. The closest they came previously to controlling either House was in 1947 when they split with the Republicans, 15 to 15, in the House of Representatives.

After a three-week deadlock, the Republicans won control when a Democrat switched over.

As a result of their victory last November, the Democrats now have the novel experience of being able to "run the show." But with victory has come the realization for the Democrats, especially the new members, that much is expected of them, perhaps even more than had been expected from the Republicans during their heyday.

## 21 Nisei legislators in limelight

The reason for this is chiefly because the Democrats in their campaign last fall promised to perform political "miracles" if elected. Now they must translate their words into deeds, their promises into tangible results.

They have 60 days in which to introduce and enact bills. To their credit, the Democrats have energetically done the early spadework with a series of caucuses and public meetings to prepare for the law-making task ahead.

But the real test is yet to come.

The Democrats promised to overhaul the tax system by shifting the load from the low-income groups to the upper brackets. But the middle income people, too, will have to bear a heavier burden, if enough revenues to offset the loss from the low-income groups are to be realized. Hawaii taxpayers generally are already among the heaviest-taxed in the whole Nation.

The Democrats promised to give government workers a better deal, to lower the pupil-teacher ratio in the public schools, to provide more "free education." These promises, if redeemed, would cost millions extra.

The Democrats promised "home rule," meaning the right of the Counties to set their own real property taxes, and the authority of County officials to select their own police and liquor commissioners who are now appointed at the Territorial level. These proposals have already kicked up a controversy.

The Democrats said they would promote the tourist trade, but they are proposing a hotel occupancy tax, putting Hawaiian hotels at a competitive disadvantage in relation to other resort areas.

The Democrats promised to solve unemployment but government costs are already at a record high, and any government-sponsored project to make work would cost plenty and still provide only temporary relief.

The Democrats pledged to develop the economy but they may scare away investment capital for new enterprises because of unfavorable taxes against business.

In the face of these pressing problems, the Democrats intend to bear down hard and fast on solving or compromising the problems without disrupting their own ranks or inviting too much criticism from either the Republicans or the voting public at large.

## Political 'miracles' promised

Twenty one of the 45 Senators and Representatives are Nisei. Of the 21 Nisei, 16 are Democrats. They will be in the limelight as never before.

No matter how the session turns out, it will be one of the most interesting in the colorful history of Hawaiian politics.

# ASK \$200,000 FOR EVACUATION CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION; ITEM INCLUDED IN BUDGET NOW IN HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

Washington

The Bureau of the Budget has included \$200,000 to administer the Japanese American Evacuation Claims section of the Dept. of Justice in the 1956 federal budget submitted to Congress, reported the Washington office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The appropriation is to be used for salaries and administrative expenses in the new fiscal year (starting July 1) for processing evacuation claims.

Last year, Congress cut \$15,000 from the Budget Bureau recommendation and several adjudicating attorneys were transferred from evacuation claims work.

## Higher Expenses

In fiscal 1955, which ends this June 30, Congress approved on amount equal to the new request for evacuation claims administrative expenses. However, the actual adjudicative expenses in the JACL-initiated claims program in fiscal 1954 amounted to \$212,119.

Government adjudication expenses in the larger evacuation claims are expected to be substantially higher per claim than experienced in the fiscal 1954 average claim.

The House Appropriations Committee is considering the entire budget request. While several subcommittees have started hearings on other departmental appropriation requests, hearings on the Justice Department's request for evacuation claims administrative expenses are not yet scheduled, congressional officials informed the Washington JACL office.

Rep. Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.) is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, largest standing committee of Congress. Of the 50 committee members, 30 are Democrats and 20 are Republicans.

## Sumitomo Bank issues annual report on second year of operation

San Francisco

The Sumitomo Bank (California) continued to make satisfactory progress during its second year of operation. S. Urano, executive vice-president, declared in his annual report on business conditions as of Dec. 31, 1954.

Total deposits had reached \$7,834,085, showing increase of \$3,601,361. Total loans were \$3,547,214, an increase of \$2,195,184. Majority of loans were for real estate mortgages. Holdings of U.S. government obligations were \$3,792,898; other securities held amounted to \$231,500.

All officers and directors were reelected recently at the second annual stockholders meeting:

Directors—J. Nishimura, pres.; S. Urano, exec. v.p.; H. Robinson, gen'l counselor; L. Sutter, S. Togasaki.

Officers—K. Ishii, ass't v.p.; and cashier, sec.; S. Shimazu, ass't cashier, teras.; T. Satake, v.p.; mgr. (Los Angeles); M. Tsuda, ass't v.p.; cashier (Los Angeles); T. Okamura, ass't cashier (Los Angeles).

Sumitomo opened its doors for business on Feb. 2, 1953, as a California corporation, with offices at San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The chairman is considered one of the outstanding congressional parliamentarians and several of his published works are official references on precedents in the House of Representatives. He has served in the House from his first election to the 68th Congress in 1922.

## Subcommittee Consideration

The evacuation claims administrative expense item of \$200,000 will be considered first by the Subcommittee on Departments of State, Justice and Commerce.

Rep. John J. Rooney (D., N.Y.) is chairman of this important Subcommittee, a post in which he also served during the previous Democratic Congress.

California is represented by the members in the full Committee: Reps. Harry R. Sheppard (San Bernardino), John F. Shelley (San Francisco) and John Phillips (Imperial Valley).

Despite the large membership on this Committee, seven western states with substantial Nisei populations have no representation. These states are Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Montana and Wyoming.

The ranking Democrat on the full Committee is Rep. George H. Mahon of Texas, who has served in Congress since 1934 when he was elected to the 74th Congress.

## Ranking GOP

Rep. John Tabor (N.Y.) is the ranking Republican. He was former chairman of the Com-

mittee and like Congressman Cannon, who succeeded him, Congressman Tabor was elected to the 68th Congress in 1922 and to succeeding congresses.

"From California, Congressman Sheppard, the second ranking Democrat, and from Chicago, Congressman Sidney R. Yates, also a Democrat, have been very helpful on past appropriations for administrative expenses as well as for funds to pay evacuation claims awards," Mike Masaoka said.

Rep. Don Magnuson (D., Calif.) and T. Millet Hand (R., Seabrook area, N.J.) have also helped passage of appropriations for payment of evacuation claim awards.

For the evacuation claims program, explained Masaoka, appropriations are required for both Justice Department administrative expenses and for payment of awards.

Larger evacuation claims are individually studied before appropriations are passed for their payment. All of these vital money bills must be passed by the Appropriation Committees, it was pointed out.

## Fire damages home

Ft. Lupton

Fire of undetermined origin damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Koshio Tuesday afternoon last week. The Issei are parents of Floyd Koshio, Mountain-Plains JACL district chairman.

# Claimant who held civil service job as 'personal property' nixed 2nd time

Washington

Reinforcing a previous adverse evacuation claim adjudication for loss of wages from the State of California, the Justice Department issued a new precedent decision against the claimant, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The recent ruling was made against the claimant, who had requested a reconsideration of his evacuation claim.

The claimant had contended that his employment with the State of California as a civil servant was a matter of "personal property" and that his evacuation caused "damage to or loss of . . . personal property" in this regard.

The Government alleged "that even if claimant's relationship to the State, whether contractual or statutory, should be treated as 'property' and even if his temporary exclusion from that relationship should be considered a loss of or damage to that property, the claimant failed to demonstrate apart from his inability to earn the salary ap-

pertaining to the position that there was any measurable or significant economic loss consequent upon his exclusion."

On a second point in question, the claimant pointed out that he had been suspended from his job and, as a consequence, had acquired the right to pursue a remedy which later resulted in his reinstatement to the civil service position.

The Justice Dept. agreed that the reinstatement was "very probably delayed by reason of the claimant's exclusion," but concluded that the claimant had not shown any measurable economic loss apart from the loss occurred due to his absence and regardless of any delay in the prosecution of the remedy.

The ruling also held that the claimant's exclusion did not cause him to lose a right to recover damages from the State of California but merely prevented him from earning the salary appertaining to his position and his claim for loss of anticipated earnings could not be considered under the Act.



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## Chicago Corner

SMOKY SAKURADA

James Michener's article on Japanese war brides is to be featured in LIFE magazine out today, according to Helen Mukoyama, who aided the author while he was in Chicago. The family of Frank and Sachiko Pfeifer, Melrose Park, Ill., was selected to show how well a Japanese warbride had adjusted to the American way of life.

### Around Windy City . . .

The "King and I" producers here have announced Yul Brynner will leave the cast Mar. 19 to work in Cecil B. deMille's Biblical epic, "The Ten Commandments". No one was named to replace him. Chief dancer Michiko Iseri is also leaving this company. Again, no replacement has been named.

Chicago dentists were shown a built-in drugless painless dental drill, invented by Dr. Kensaku Suzuki of Tokyo Medical and Dental University and reported by Dr. Isamu Tashiro of Chicago. The drill is hooked up to an electrical source and emits a weak direct current as it is applied to the tooth. It is based on a long-known principle that electrical current will desensitize tissue and raise tolerance to pain. It has been tried with "varying" results at the Univ. of Illinois dental school.

Cigarette ashes dropped into some rubbing alcohol resulted in one of the worst skid-row hotel fires last Saturday morning. Over 25 men died in the fire that gutted Barton Hotel, 644-48 W. Madison.

It was an unofficial 14-below last week at Evanston, between 5 and 10-below in Chicago.

The Tax Foundation survey shows Chicago teachers rank 20th among large cities in the salary it pays beginning teachers with a B.A. degree: \$3,400. Los Angeles pays the most—\$3,940. In general, the South pays the lowest salaries. (\$2,400 in Birmingham, Ala.) . . . An Evanston educator believes American culture is going soft, even sissified, because of the scarcity of men teachers in grade schools. To solve the grade school "man problem," Robert F. Topp, dean of National College of Education, suggests salaries be raised and teaching conditions be improved. He points out youngsters today are reared almost singlehandedly by women until they reach high school. Hence, boys have fewer opportunities to do things that encourage masculinity (camping and rough and tumble sports), may even make marriage difficult for girls. "Children need contact with masculine personalities as they grow up" for proper balance, Topp believes.

### About People . . .

Mrs. Jessie Morisato, 25, of suburban Palatine, gave birth to a 6 lb.-3 oz. baby girl in the back of an automobile during subzero weather Feb. 11. Her husband was at the wheel, got to the hospital five minutes later where mother and child were reported in good condition.

### NEW YORK JA CL ENDS SPECIAL FUND APPEAL

The 1954 JA CL Fund Appeal reached a gross of \$2,845, just \$155 short of its \$3,000 goal, it was revealed by Sam Kai, chapter president, in a financial statement.

The appeal opened last August to meet a three-year quota ending with 1955 to cover national and local obligations. Expenditures amounted to \$274.59.

Alice Mayeda has resumed the teaching of piano at her Chicago studio, 844 W. Oakdale. She returned from two year's study in Paris. She is the daughter of Mrs. Fusako Mayeda and brother of Harry and Helen.

### EDC-MDC CONVENTION NOTES:

## What to wear in Washington

**Washington**  
The girls major concern in preparation for the EDC-MDC Convention or any occasion as far as that goes? Clothes! March in D.C. and what to wear—

Usually on the cool side during this between seasons period, your winter outfit will be appropriate. If your Easter ensemble has been selected, a preview of that won't be out of the weather—fashion scope. Your suit will be comfortable and practical for meetings, sight-seeing and general wear. In the conservative Eastern mode of dress, hats are fine, if you're accustomed to wearing them.

### Winter Coat Must

A winter coat will be essential. Rumors that minks are taboo in Washington are a fallacy; so, if you're a fortunate owner of a fur, do bring it along!

The semi-formal banquet-ball gives us an opportunity to wear that seldom-worn formal. The cocktail or ballerina length gown is popular and practical. A full-length gown, of course, will befit this affair. If luggage space doesn't allow this luxury item, a dinner dress is certainly adequate.

### 1000 Club Pow Wow

If you're able to arrive on Friday night, the pre-Convention Embassy reception calls for a street-length cocktail or dinner dress or that all-

around knit dress will be in good taste.

That easy-to-pack knit dress will come in handy for occasional wear as well as for the 1000 Club Pow Wow.

Lastly, but most important, shoes—for those who plan to do some sight-seeing, comfortable low-heeled shoes are recommended to tour those miles of marble halls.

All in all, dress comfortably, pack lightly. We must add, however, we will not be responsible for any change from our usual cool March weather on which the above is based. See y'all in March.

### Redwood City mayor attends CL dinner

#### Redwood City

City Mayor Sidney Herkner and John Enomoto, 1954 Sequoia chapter president, welcomed new JA CL officers and naturalized Issei at the fourth annual dinner. Hiroji Kariya was installed as new president by Haruo Ishimaru, regional director.

J. Hugh Jackson, dean of the Stanford Graduate School of Business, spoke on "America, Land of Opportunity." Robert Ross, Menlo-Atherton Americanization class instructor, addressed the new citizens with Jack Nakanishi answering on behalf of the Issei. Hi Inouye was dinner emcee.

## Convention

\* From Front Page

hearings of interest and to visit the House of Representatives and the Senate while they are in session.

### Sightseeing

The United States Supreme Court, which will be in session too, will also be visited, as will the Library of Congress.

For Tuesday, Mar. 29, a tour of the nation's capital, visiting places of special interest to JA-CLers, has been arranged. Among the places to be visited will be:

Arlington National Cemetery, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Graves of the Nisei heroes of the 442nd, White House, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Oriental Gallery in the Frear Art Gallery, National Museum, Smithsonian Museum, and, if time permits, Mount Vernon and Alexandria.

"More government and history will be crowded into two days than most visitors can, on their own, visit in a week or more," Masaoka emphasized.

Convention headquarters will be at the Washington Hotel.

### Early Reservation

Because more than 500,000 other visitors are expected to visit Washington that same weekend as the JA CL Convention, unless hotel reservations are made before Feb. 25, the Convention Committee cannot be responsible for room accommodations, Masaoka warned.

Reservations should be sent immediately to Miss Emi Kamachi, reservations chairman, 1310 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

## CHAPTER MEMO

**San Mateo JA CL:** The 1955 chapter cabinet will be installed into office, Feb. 23, 10 p.m., at the Sturge Presbyterian Church, 25 S. Humboldt St.

**Sonoma County JA CL:** A house-to-house canvass with a goal of 170 members is underway in Sonoma County, it was announced by Kanemi Ono, chapter president. It is being conducted by Sam Miyano in the Petaluma area; Miyo Masaoka in Santa Rosa, and Hiroshi Taniguchi in Sebastopol.

**Mie-Hi JA CL:** Billy H. Matlocks, finance chairman, is general chairman of the gala Family Fun night at the D-X Hall, 1900 W. 38th Ave., Feb. 19.

Matlocks, only non-Nisei on the 1955 cabinet, actively championed the cause of Nisei bowlers during the war years, was instrumental in having Nisei admitted to local tournaments and is proprietor of Bowl-Mat Lanes.

### KIDO MAIN SPEAKER AT PARLIER'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

**Parlier**  
Saburo Kido, Los Angeles attorney and publisher, will be guest speaker at the forthcoming 20th Anniversary dinner of the Parlier Japanese American Citizens League on Feb. 26 at Magnuson's. Other prominent civic and JA CL leaders are being invited as plans are nearly complete.



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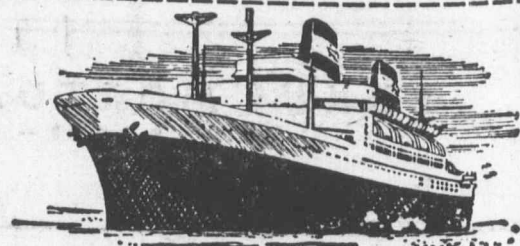
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SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE

# Decade for CCU

HARUO ISHIMARU

## To secure essential rights . . .

A most successful and delightful banquet was held by the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity at the Fairmount last Friday. The CCU is celebrating its tenth year of outstanding service, not only to San Francisco, but to the entire state and I'm sure that the echoes of this dedicated body's efforts have been heard throughout the world.

Their slogan: "To secure essential American rights and opportunities denied because of race, religion or ancestry" is not only their motto but their way of life. Without detracting from the excellent work of the many officers and members, I know that much of the Council's successes is due to the superlative ability of EDWARD HOWDEN, executive director. Being comparatively new in the Bay Area, I have leaned on him frequently for advice and assistance. A number of Nisei have worked in his office; the most recent arrival is HANA ABE, "kid" sister to our very good friend VICTOR S. ABE, San Francisco legal eagle.

I was happy to see many of our community leaders among the overflowing crowd of 400, many of them attending through efforts of DR. KAZUYE TOGASAKI. I spotted the DR. WILFRED HIURAS, FRED HOSHIYAMAS, YORI WADAs, Consul T. KAMBARA, YASUO ABIKO, KO OKAMOTO, HISAYE TANAMACHI, HIROSHI TOBATA, KAZUO ISHII and NOBU MATSUMURA. Seated at the head table was Dr. K. Togasaki, former vice-president of the Council, and I had the rare honor of sitting there between Mrs. Carl Spaeth, wife of toastmaster Dean Carl Spaeth of the Stanford Law School, and Mrs. Henry Grady, wife of the former U.S. Ambassador to India, Ira nand Greece. It was my pleasant task to pronounce the benediction.

The banquet was also the kickoff for the 1955 CCU membership and finance campaign, headed by Roger Lapham, ex-San Francisco mayor. The Japanese Americans owe a great deal to this crusading group, which is the successor to the courageous wartime Fair Play Committee, champions of Japanese Americans during the war years.

## Paul G. Hoffman speaks

Distinguished main speaker was Paul G. Hoffman, Studebaker-Packard board chairman and first president of the Ford Foundation. He served as administrator of the Economic Cooperation Administration, and has long been recognized as one of our great Americans, both at home and abroad. He spoke on "The Bill of Rights—a Living Document by Community Consent." He pointed out the necessity for America to remember her heritage of freedom and cautioned totalitarian methods could never become successful tools for freedom.

"We must make a living document of our Bill of Rights . . . That we cannot do unless we wrap our minds around the fact that our civil liberties can be vitiated by social pressure as well as by legal action. Everyone pays lip service to freedom of thought, but freedom of thought is a sterile and meaningless right unless we are free to discuss, to criticize and to debate. These freedoms have been under attack. I could cite numerous instances showing how our civil liberties are being whittled away by the use of blacklisting, intimidation and fear . . . Here is a major point I wish to make: If these un-American activities are to be thwarted—if instead of retreating we are to advance toward the great goals our founding fathers envisioned—our major reliance must be on voluntary action. Organizations such as this fine council are doing work, but this work must be stepped up . . . I suggest that in addition to working within groups for freedom we as individuals . . . should speak out for freedom regardless of whatever unpleasantness may ensue. We must also be ready to speak for justice. Everyone concerned about freedom in America must be concerned about justice too . . .

"One reason why we must encourage criticism is that we must encourage people to point out such injustices as remain in America and to fight for their elimination. An unjust society cannot long endure. An injustice against one puts all justice in danger. Only by safeguarding the rights of minorities do we safeguard the rights of majorities . . ."

We join in congratulating the San Francisco CCU for its ten years of monumental service and in saluting a great American, Paul Hoffman.

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## PAUL NOMURA INSTALLED OAKLAND C.L. PRESIDENT

Oakland

Paul T. Nomura, local real estate man, was elected president of the Oakland JACL, succeeding Ziggy Akahoshi, who was named chairman of the board of directors: The new cabinet was installed Feb. 11 at Helnick's Restaurant by National JACL Director Mas Satow.

Other new chapter officers are: James Tsurumoto, 1st v.p.; Tak Tachiki, 2nd v.p.; Katsumi Fujii, treas.; Joan Tachiki, rec. sec.; Keiko Fujii, cor. sec.; Asa Fujie, aud.; Hich Enudo, social; Harry Tajima, pub.

The new board of directors is composed of: Dr. Ernest Takahashi, Harry Nomura, Dr. Charles Ishizu, Mrs. Kathleen Okamoto, Mrs. Margaret Utsumi, Dr. Roger Matoi, Fred Nomura, Tom Okada and Mrs. Tsuboi.

## Twin Cities UCL installs cabinet

Minneapolis

Honoring the Issei who were naturalized last year, the Twin Cities United Citizens League (JACL) held its annual installation banquet Jan. 15 at the White House. Over 140 attended to hear George MacKinnon, U.S. District Attorney for Minnesota, speak.

Harry Takagi, Midwest District Council chairman, installed the 1955 cabinet of:

Dr. Ike Iijima, pres.; Stacy Kumagal, Becky Hasegawa, v.p.; Miko Uejima, Alice Nishida, sec.; Miko Fujita, hist.

Fred Ohno and Tosh Abe were in charge of the banquet. Hank Omachi was toastmaster. Honored guests included:

T. Yahanda, Marie Kallio, Mrs. Kawachi, H. Omachi, citizenship class instructors; M. Sher and A. Carlson, I&NS office; Charles Winum, Americanization Council.

(The J.A. Journal reports 70 Issei to date have been naturalized in Minneapolis. January swear-ins include Mr. and Mrs. Shikazo Harada and the Rev. Yasushi Wada.)

## Ex-Patients' Home slates public fund campaign

Denver

Hopeful that the Japanese community would assist Ex-Patients' Sanatorium, 8000 E. Montview, Mrs. Harry Slack of the Ex-Patients' women's auxiliary announced a fund drive would be undertaken from Feb. 27.

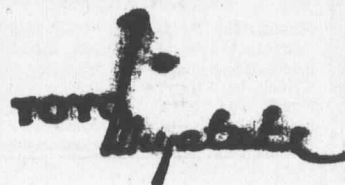
The auxiliary is a volunteer group active in attending to the personal needs of convalescents. Ex-Patients' Home provides room and board without charge to sufferers of chronic diseases and assists in their rehabilitation. It was established in 1908.

A double-amputee from Okinawa, who suffered from tuberculosis for three years at Fitzsimons Hospital, was admitted to Ex-Patient's last year and is still convalescing. Several Japanese in the past years, including a war bride last year, have been accepted. Contributions should be mailed to: Mrs. Harry Slack, 1007 Detroit St., Denver.

## Polio bridge benefits

Denver

Nisei participants in recent March of Dimes benefit bridge parties included Taki Domoto, Jr., who placed second, Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Kobayashi, who were third at the Democratic Club; and the Min Yasuis at the Denver Bridge League affair.



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## San Luis Obispo JACL honors 33 new Issei citizens; recall bedside ritual

San Luis Obispo

When the San Luis Obispo County JACL paid tribute to its 33 naturalized Issei citizens Feb. 5 at a dinner here, another bedside swearing-in ceremony was recalled when the late Mrs. Shige Yamada of Pismo Beach was naturalized by Judge Ray B. Lyon. She was very happy to have received her certificate of citizenship before she died a month later (Jan 12).

National JACL President George Inagaki, main dinner speaker, paid tribute to the patience of Nisei fighting men and their families for their "never faltering in devotion to America."

Ken Kitazako of Arroyo Grande, dinner chairman, introduced the guests, including Judge Charles Poulson, former justice of the peace at Lompoc, who entertained with piano music. Kaz Ikeda of Arroyo Grande introduced the 33 new citizens:

Los Osos—Mr. and Mrs. T. Eto, Mrs. Nagano; San Luis Obispo—Mr. Fuchiwaki; Pismo Beach—Shigetaro Yamada and the late Mrs. Shige Yamada; Mr. and Mrs. Kamitsuka; Grover City—Mr. and Mrs. Hiyama, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kobara, Mr. Obayashi, Mr. Sakaji, Mr. and Mrs. Sato; Oceano—Mr. and Mrs. Sakamoto; Arroyo Grande—Mr. and Mrs. K. Fukuhara, Mrs. Saruwatari, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hayashi, Mrs. S. Ikeda, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kobara, Y. Kodani, Mr. Yamaguchi, Mr. and Mrs. H. Dohi, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nakamura, Mrs. Sakamoto and Mr. Togami.

Hugh Doi, one of the 33 naturalized last Dec. 17 in the superior court here before Judge Lyon, responded for the group. "Now we can say—our state, our nation, our President," he proudly declared.

Asked to say a few words, Judge Lyon emphasized the earned part of citizenship hon-

ors gained by the group. Pointing out that he knew they must have had mixed feelings about a country which wouldn't allow them citizenship although their children were, he said he was sure they appreciate the change in law which made it possible for them to become citizens.

"We are all now truly Americans," he finished.

## Nisei of Biennium awardee participates in Jr. Achievement Week

Chicago

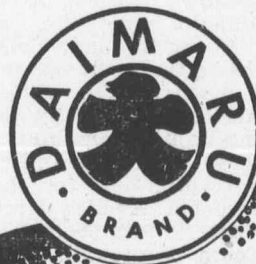
In recognition of Junior Achievement Week held nationally Jan. 30-Feb. 5, George K. Iwashita, recipient of a JACL Nisei of the Biennium award last year and general manager of commercial and industrial air condition for General Electric, presented a charter to General Enterprises, a new company of Essex County, N.J.

The firm is composed of young high school students who, by actually manufacturing and marketing products on the market like a full-fledged industrial corporation, learn what makes free enterprise tick. The new group's mainline is a shoeshine kit.

## Nisei scholarships

Fresno

Fumi Yamane, senior majoring in secretarial administration, and Carolyn Tanaka, sophomore in pre-nursing, both attending Fresno State College, were awarded FSC Nisei Student Club scholarships recently.



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# PERPETUAL TEAM TROPHY MAY BE RETIRED PERMANENTLY THIS YEAR AS TWO TWIN-WINNERS COMPETE

(From Last Week)

### '51 in Los Angeles

During 1950, the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling, of which National JACL was a vital part, finally broke the "white males only" restrictive clause of ABC. Thus, our 1951 Tournament at Vogue Alleys in Los Angeles became our first National Tournament under the official moral support sanction of ABC and the blessing of WIBC. Forty-four men's teams and 20 women's teams competed to mark this happy occasion.

We are especially grateful to Mr. Dick Gano of Salt Lake City, one of ABC's National vice presidents, who was exceedingly helpful in his advice as we became a part of ABC. This Tournament also marked the beginning of the codification of the rules and regulations governing our National JACL Tournament. Harley Kusumoto and Dick Fujioka co-chaired this Tournament.

The Sequoia Nursery team out of Redwood City, composed of the same personnel as the winning Towata Flowers the year previous, became the first winner of the Perpetual Team trophy donated by Ich Fukunaga of H & F Produce Company. Shun Nakayama of Denver won the first leg on the Singles Perpetual trophy donated by W. Fay Company, by recording a 692 which also helped him to win the All Events crown. The Doubles title was taken by Ken Takeno and Shozo Hiraizumi of Salt Lake City.

Taki Takemoto of Los Angeles spilled the pins for a 216 average over five games in the Classic Sweeper. It was decided that hereafter the Classic Sweeper would be a uniform six games over twelve.

But the talk of the Tournament was Los Angeles' Marge Miyakawa's performance in the Mixed Doubles. Her sensational 654 in an early Sunday morning squad with Pluto Shimamoto set a new Mixed Doubles mark of 1192 for the event. Participants will also remember Tok Ishizawa as the hard luck bowler of the Tournament, breaking a bone in his elbow the day before the Tournament.

The Stonehurst Nursery team from Berkeley was crowned Women's Team champion, Chuckie Watanabe of Los Angeles won the Singles title, and Seattle's Yoyo Konishi and Fumi Lee took the Doubles. Chiyo Tashima of Los Angeles won her first leg on the Women's All Events Perpetual trophy which she was to retire in three successive years.

### '52 in Denver

We moved inland to Denver in 1952 to the brand new Elitch's Lanes with Johnnie Noguchi in charge. Teams from Minneapolis, Cleveland, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado outside of Denver, for the first time were included in the 44 men's and 16 women's teams which competed. The Marigold Arcade team from Chicago found the alleys to their liking and edged out Sequoia Nursery for a leg on the Team Perpetual trophy. Dr. Jun Kurumada of Salt Lake provided the Tournament's feature by repeating his 1947 National Singles championship. Going into the third game with a pair of big 247s, he ran into splits and blanked three frames, but like a true champion, he punched out five in a row to

end up with a 201 and a new Tournament Singles record of 696.

Ken Yee of Sacramento, one of the first bowlers of oriental background to achieve a perfect 300 in 1935, established a new All Events record of 1837, aided by a 648 in the Singles. San Francisco's George Inai and Kayo Hayakawa teamed for the Doubles top spot with Inai registering the Tournament's high game of 267. San Francisco also took the 6-game Sweeper as Tats Nagase rolled a 1296 for that event.

A handicap Ragtime Doubles was instituted as a warm-up event, but it proved to be so popular, that some of the bowlers actually bowled themselves out in this event. The Los Angeles duo of Hy Sechi and Frank Ota topped this event.

Chiyo Tashima repeated her All Events victory although forced to a 9-game roll-off by Julia Wong as they ended the regular events with a tie.

Julia Wong teamed with Dixon Ikeda to give San Francisco the Mixed Doubles title. Aiko Fujimoto of Los Angeles won the Women's Singles, but Seattle took the Team event as well as the Doubles with Lois Yut and Kazie Yokoyama.

### '53 in San Francisco

The 1953 Tournament was returned to the Downtown Bowl in San Francisco with George Inai as Tournament Chairman. Two top San Francisco Nisei bowlers dominated this Tournament. Henri Takahashi set a new high in the All Events with 1902 as he won the Singles with 691, hit 632 in the Doubles to George Gee's 637 for a new Doubles record of 1269, and added a 579 in the Team event. Fuzzy Shimada demonstrated the form which was to gain him a berth on the Western States All Star Team by dominating the Ragtime Doubles with three sensational 700s and registering a record 1300 for the 6-game Sweeper. He also paced Sequoia Nursery to a second leg on the Team Perpetual, but Sequoia had to roar back with a 1033 after trailing a surprisingly strong J. C. Watson team from Caldwell, Idaho, for two games. Fuzzy Shimada and George Gee pushed the Ragtime Doubles to a new 1418 high.

Chiyo Tashima boosted the Women's All Events record to 1668 in retiring the Perpetual trophy. She also set a new Singles record of 588 and a new Doubles record with June Jue of 1061. A 4-game Women's Sweeper was added to the Tournament in which June Jue posted a 736 to win. The Tashima Brothers team from Los Angeles set a new record 2517 as Mary Matsumura contributed a 582. Inez Kama of Honolulu paired with George Kobo of Los Angeles to win the Mixed Doubles.

### '54 in Chicago

In 1954, we moved the Tournament to the Midwest with Chicago's Hyde Park Bowl hosting the event and former National JACL President Dr. Randolph Sakada as Tournament Chairman. For the first time, Detroit, Seabrook, and Cincinnati were among the 57 men's teams and 12 women's teams. Chicago dominated the picture winning every Men's event in the Men's division, except that George Inai of San Francisco tied with Ed Eda of Chicago for the Singles crown. \*

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### MARLENE HADA QUEEN OF NISEI KEG CLASSIC

**Long Beach**  
Beautiful and popular Marlene Hada will reign as queen of the ninth annual National JACL Bowling Tournament here Mar. 3-6, it was announced by the tournament committee. Serving as attendants will be Sachi Sumi and Kiyomi Mukai.

### TOOLEE PREP SWIMMER IN BACKSTROKE RECORD

**Brigham City**  
Toshio Imai, amazing sophomore swimmer for Tooele High, snapped the 100-yd. backstroke Utah prep record standing since 1942 here last Saturday in 1m.5.3s. Tooele copped eight of nine events to win the state high school title. The husky Nisei paddler also anchored the four-man 160-yd. freestyle relay for Tooele, which won in record time of 1m.22.6s.

### Baseball sponsor dies

**Selma**  
Harry H. Kono, 66, former Alameda florist, died Feb. 5 of intestinal cancer. Widely known for his interest in baseball, especially with the old Alameda Taiikus which he took on a barnstorming tour to Japan before the war, he was one of the few Japanese Rotarians in Northern California.

### SPORTSCOPE

**Sumi Matsui**, bowling in the Nisei Ladies League at Arlington Bowl, Los Angeles, scorched the lanes last week with 195-172-249-616, the final game being a season high mark.

**Mits Oshima**, national featherweight record holder from Sacramento, won the "Most Outstanding Lifter" trophy at the Northern California AAU championships at San Jose YMCA Feb. 5. He hoisted a total of 670 lbs., featured by a 260-lb. clean and jerk effort.

World-famous **Tommy Kono** of Sacramento turned in an aggregate total of 920 lbs. in the light-heavyweight division.

### Bowling history

**New York**  
Clancy Nakano made Nisei Bowling League history Jan. 12 when he rolled three identical games of 173 each for a 519 series.

### SOCIAL NOTES

**Bridal Shower:** A Miscellaneous shower was held in honor of Aki Kato, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kato, Warm Springs, Jan. 29, at the Mountain View home of Mary Satake. Honoree is active in the South Alameda County JACL. Hostesses were: Tomiko Hase, Hisako Mizota and Mary Satake.

**Portland Veleadas:** Evening candlelight ceremonies marked the installation of the 1955 officers: Martha Osaki, pres.; Kimi Kusonose, v.p.; Takae Okazaki, rec. sec.; Aya Fujii, cor. sec.; Nobu Tsuboi, treas.; Mae Kuge, hist.

The club voted to sponsor a talent show as an annual project, with a date tentatively set for Apr. 16.

### THE SOUTHWESTER

## Chapter Clinic

TATS KUSHIDA

The 150 participants at last weekend's Chapter Clinic were tremendously enthused and inspired from the discussion and inter-exchange of ideas among the chapters, judging from comments. This was the second annual clinic to be sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District Council and will no doubt become a yearly affair, taking the place of the first quarterly session of the PSWDC, set for the second Sunday in February.

East L.A. JACL being the host chapter, the International Institute was buzzing with ELA committee people to assure a well lubricated program. FRED TAKATA, as general chairman, saw to it that no detail was overlooked, while WILBUR SATO performed commendably as moderator. JOHN WATANABE designed the cover for the clinic packet. JIM HIGASHI ELA prexy, can well be proud of a tough job well done by his chapter.

The presence of national director MAS SATOW as resource person on each of several panels helped to steer the discussion to pertinent ailments most requiring the clinic's attention. The PSWDC came out of it a healthier and stronger body. This idea of chapters rubbing elbows has caught on fire in another respect.

Seems some of the chapters are planning joint meetings with each other, thus making up its own deficiency in the number of female or male members as the case may be. We have never contended that the JACL is a matrimonial bureau or escort service but it sure is a nice means of people getting together and meeting each other.

We were again on the receiving end of some good-natured ribbing to which we have this to say, and we say it strongly. It is entirely unbecoming to a JACL leader to call unnecessary attention to another person's caloric intake. After all, what and how much a person consumes is his personal business. Can we help it if we are blessed with a high metabolism rate that burns up fuel faster than average—requiring more refuelings?

### Santa Barbara beckons May 14-15

Last Saturday, we met with the Santa Barbara chapter at its installation banquet attended by some 50 CLers. The steak was jake. The locale for the May 14-15 PSWDC convention, the Mar Monte Hotel which we inspected following a planning meeting of the confab committee is a beautiful seaside resort hotel within a real stone's throw of some lush motels. What impressed us most was the quiet scenic beauty of the city. The air is clean and clear so that nearby hills are sharply outlined through our bifocals and stars are visible at night if anyone cares to do stargazing. Anyway, no eye-irritating smog!

### Coachella elections coming

The Coachella Valley chapter is holding its election meeting on the 26th, with the installation and bowling awards dinner scheduled for March 12, says TEK NISHIMOTO, outgoing president last Tuesday eldee. Here's another community where Murine salesmen go broke. Too bad air can't be bottled and sold.

### 'Home Again' sold out at clinic

JAMES EDMISTON, author of "Home Again" was a visitor this week for a short bull-session. We certainly hope it will be soon that a movie studio will do a pic on this story. Incidentally, the 30 copies of HA that we had at the clinic were sold out in seven minutes flat. So we have on hand another 30 copies, this time with the author's signature. And we still sell them for \$3 per copy (a discount from the bookstore rate of \$4 per copy) if you come and get it. Or, you can still have a copy mailed to you for \$3 if you send your order to National Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco 15.

### Genial George L. Thomas

One of the good friends of Japanese Americans is George L. Thomas, executive director of the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations. The LACCCR, many may be surprised to know, was organized at the critical time when the evacuated Japanese were first permitted to return to their homes in California.

Just ten years ago, there was still much community hostility and antagonism, occasional intimidation and violence demonstrated against the returnees. The LACCCR did much to promote goodwill, understanding and a welcoming spirit among many neighborhoods in Los Angeles County. The JACL, through the LA Coordinating Council, is one of the sixty organizations and agencies affiliated with the LACCCR.

Genial George, an attorney, received a recognition award at the JACL National Convention last September. He is a councilman candidate from the 10th district for one of the fifteen city council seats. We know the Nisei in his southwest Ellyay district who know the fine guy he is are going to give him full support in his campaign. We wish him success.

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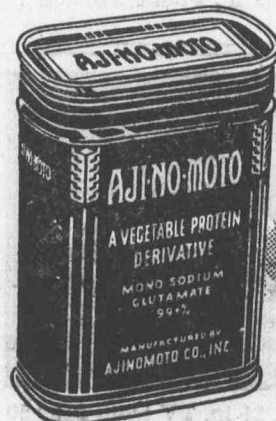
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# Library Center

By HENRY MORI

It is a known fact that Issei are more generous donors while the Nisei "give more thought" when it comes to shelling out money. Some don't even think to give.

This is not to say that the alien Japanese are fool-hearty spendthrifts. Their philosophy and approach are different.

They are more "kosaï" conscious; they are bound by tradition of obligation to their fellowman. Good or bad—and here is where the gap begins between the Issei and the Nisei.

If we may be slightly blunt, the Japanese Americans are very practical-minded and probably more realistic. While, on the other hand, the once-struggling immigrants from Japan are "greatly influenced by face-saving, or 'kosaï' spirit," as one person explained.

We are that practical and more realistic. Maybe our ego doesn't extend to seeing our names in a newspaper as one of the \$10 donors; or maybe the spirit of "kosaï" is lacking.

The latest venture is the Oriental Culture Center, instigated by Yaemitsu Sugimachi, principal of the Japanese Language School Cooperative System of Los Angeles.

Many of us have turned skeptical when it comes to talk of building a community center. Bad experiences in the past have put a damper on the project. The problem of not getting enough contributions has stymied more than one such projects before.

But maybe, we shouldn't continue to be dormant about possibilities of getting a center.

Sugimachi's dream is nothing which developed overnight. His ambition to establish an Oriental language school is also not new. But when one talks in terms of a \$100,000 fund-raising campaign, and another \$150,000 when the center becomes a reality, it may even frighten the most generous contributor.

But Sugimachi is of the opinion it can be done; that eventually \$250,000 could be collected from, say, 2,500 persons, each giving \$100. The crux of the thing is to get that many donors.

There is general conception that the majority of donors will be Issei. The center is to be used by second generation Japanese. The gesture is a memorial to first generation Japanese.

If each person of Japanese descent in the United States gave one dollar a piece, that would make about \$110,000. But collecting that much is quite a task and requires a lot of clerical work. And why should everybody give when, actually, only one edifice is to go up? And only certain segment of population will enjoy the benefits of such educational institution.

We have yet to find ourselves with enough money to start anything like that here. Several groups have started such drives but have even given up after lack of interest and financial response.

We are still going along with the majority of skeptics. We have good reasons that regardless of how sincere the proponents of the community center may be, the general public will still accept the idea as either far-fetched or impractical.

We would like to be wrong, find out that there are enough civic-minded persons to support such a plan and go on with it until the quota is filled. We'll soon know.

Meantime, three other groups are still setting up plans for one type of a center or another. The most feasible appears to be the \$50,000 Old Folks Home, planned by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

The Shonien Fund Bldg. committee, with \$25,000 collected, is reportedly "looking for a place to build" without success; and the Nisei Week Festival community center fund, with about \$9000, still struggling for more financial aid.

## Murayama—

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tural offices as well as factories. Ichiro Nakayama, chairman of the Central Labor Mediation Board, felt the conflict of old and new concepts of labor management are involved in the current disputes. Because of the rapid rise of bigtime industries in the past half century far exceed small-time businesses, which still carry on in semi-feudal forms, "this existence in the economy of Japan, side by side, of modern and ancient forms of industrial organization," Nakayama explained, "is the basic cause of conflict."

He compared the labor situation in Japan with those of Britain, Germany and the United States. In Britain, 90 per cent of all workers are wage-earners. In Japan, about 36 per cent of the working class are wage-earners, the remainder (about 17,000,000) are farmers or self-employed. Such a pattern exists nowhere else in an industrialized nation. It has immense bearing on the problem of unemployment. "It is obvious that in dealing with worker-employer relations in Japan, the wage-earner group is by no means the central factor," Nakayama continued. "Adequate note must be made of the family-worker influence on the entire industrial pattern."

While this economic explanation is always interesting to note, nevertheless, it should also be recognized that Japanese labor has swung too far to the left, thinking in terms of their own survival rather than the common good of Japan.

Something is wrong somewhere in this country. What we need is a great statesman who can cope with this situation.

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## JACL bowling—

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rigold Arcade achieved a second leg on the Team Perpetual trophy to tie Sequoia Nursery in this respect with Watts Uchida's big 679 helping Marigold set a new Tournament Team record of 2922. The Doubles went to the Chicago duo of Art Omori and Rocky Yamanaka and Rocky also won the All Events. Chicago's Shig Nabeta took the 6-game Sweeper and paired with Edo Yamauchi to take the Ragtime Doubles. San Francisco's Kayo Hayakawa registered the Tournament's high game of 279.

A Tournament feature was the appearance of Ned Day, Mr. Bowler himself, through the efforts of Kumeo Yoshinari, Chicago JACL Chapter President. In a special exhibition, Day paired with Fuzzy Shimada against Chicago's Shig Nabeta and George Kurtner but it was Fuzzy who stole the honors with games of 206 and 246.

For the women, Chicago's Marigold Arcade got hot with a first game of 954 scratch to coast into the Team title. However, it was Yo Shigehara of Chicago emerging as the Women's star, posting a 581 in the Singles and taking the All-Events. The Los Angeles team of June Jue and Chiyo Tashima successfully defended their Doubles title, and Chiyo also took the 4-game Sweeper, while June Jue teamed with Easy Fujimoto to win the Mixed Doubles.

At the Chicago Tournament, it was felt that the interest of the women bowlers should be represented in view of their participation and contribution to our National Tournament. Accordingly we have recently added the following feminine bowlers to our National Advisory Board on Bowling.

Chiyo Tashima, Los Angeles; Sally Furushiro, Denver; Grace Yonezu, San Francisco; Nobu Asami, Oakland, and Kazie Yokoyama, Seattle.

These women joined the following to comprise our present National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling:

Eddie Matsueda, Honolulu; Fred Takagi, Seattle; Shig Imura, Sacramento; Gish Endo, San Francisco; Tom Mukai, Fowler; Easy Fujimoto, South Gate; Ich Fukunaga, Los Angeles; Choppy Uemoto, Salt Lake City; John Noguchi, Denver, and Dyke Miyagawa, Chicago.

### '55 in Long Beach

This brings us down to the 1955 Tournament in Long Beach under the guidance of Easy Fujimoto who is as modest as they come and lets his bowling ball do his talking on the alleys.

For the first time, our National Tournament will be a split affair, and we are grateful to the management of the Virginia and Ken Mar Bowls for accommodating us.

After looking over some of the scores posted by Nisei bowlers over the country, we anticipate some new Tournament records, especially since most of the former champions will be back. There are always the potential champions who may catch fire at the right time, plus a raft of newcomers who (as typical buddaheads) are never impressed with what other Nisei bowlers have done in the past.

The Sequoia Nursery of Redwood City and Marigold Arcade of Chicago will be battling it out to see who retires the Perpetual trophy this year. However, there are any number of other teams capable of stealing the spotlight from these two, in fact, will be gunning to do just that.

We would like to say a word of appreciation and thanks to a lot of people who have made our National Tournaments possible. First to the bowlers themselves for their support, then to the various Tournament Chairmen and those who have worked with them.

Our thanks also to the various alleys and their staffs and to the merchants who have generously supported us. Then there are those who have advised and assisted us, which include city association and ABC officials, not to forget the JACL bigwigs who have looked kindly upon us hardheaded bowlers to encourage this tournament. We are proud of the progress we have made together in this Blue Ribbon Classic of Nisei bowling.

MASAO SATOW

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

**LOS ANGELES**  
ARREDONDO—Dec. 6, a boy Mike to the Miguel Arredondos (Nobuko Ikeda).  
FUKUSHIMA—Dec. 24, a girl Joy Yukiko to the Jun Fukushimas (Toshiko Kishimoto).  
GOTO—Dec. 18, a boy Donald Lloyd to the Takaji John Gotos (Masako June Masuda).  
HAMAGUCHI—Dec. 12, a boy Randal Tadashi to the Yoshiaki Hamaguchis (Aris Himeko Nakashima).  
HIGASHIDA—Dec. 13, a girl Jean Harumi to the Kunio Higashidas (Toshiko Kusaka).  
HIGASHIMURA — Dec. 7, a boy Myles Sadao to the Clifford Y. Higashimuras (Violet Sueko Nakama).  
HONDO—Dec. 13, a boy Keith Mitchell to the Shoji George Hondos (Marcia Kobayashi).  
ISHITANI—Dec. 23, a girl Denise Tamiko to the George Kiyoshi Ishitanis (Yoshimi Hayashi).  
IWAI—Dec. 30, a boy Elden Tamio to the Gordon Toshio Iwais (Margaret Tamiko Yoshinaga).  
JACKSON—Dec. 2, a girl Arisa Toshiko to the Frank H. Jacksons (Toshiko Hosono).  
KAWAGUCHI—Dec. 29, a girl Chisato Caroline to the Tsugio Kawaguchis (Toshiko Nannette Nakahara).  
KITAOKA—Dec. 25, a boy Mark Nori to the Noriaki Hiram Kitaokas (Suzanne Reiko Anzai).  
KUSHI—Dec. 24, a girl Carol Mineko to the James I. Kushis (Kazue Shibata).  
MATSUI—Dec. 29, a boy Harry Minoru to the Hisao Matsuis (Kazuko Miyasako).  
MINAMIJI—Dec. 24, a girl June Reiko to the Akira Minamijis (Shigeko Tanaka).  
NAGANO—Dec. 13, a boy Ronald Tatsumi to the Tatsuo Naganos (Miyoko Kakuda).  
OSHIMA — Dec. 27, a boy Glenn Daniel to the Himechika Oshimas (Rose Fusaye Ajima).  
TAIRA—Dec. 25, twin boys Takashi Steven and Shigeru Stuart to the Kotaro Tairas (Keiko Uechi).  
TAKEMOTO—Dec. 25, a girl Patricia Noel to the Jack S. Takemotos (Gloria Kiyoko Miyakawa).

**SAN DIEGO**  
HASEGAWA—Jan. 5, a boy to the Isamu S. Hasegawas.

**SANTA BARBARA**  
TAIRA—A boy Terry Alan to the Togo Tairas, Santa Maria.

### Engagements

KOZUMA-KASAI — Florence Emiko, New York, to George, San Francisco, Jan. 28.  
OHYE-OKAMURA — Sumi, Martinez, to Tom Suisun.  
TAKASHI-SHOJI — Grace Keiko to Jim Susumu, both of Los Angeles, Jan. 30.

### Weddings

AKAISHI-NAGATA — Jan. 29, The Rev. Tadashi, Hanford, and Amy Dinuba.  
HANDA-TAHARA — Jan. 25, Dr. Yoshio and Dorothy, both of Chicago.  
KANDA-MNO — Feb. 5, Mamoru Emery, Los Angeles, and Susan Kiyoko, Monterey.

KATO-SUEOKA — Yoshito, 29, Ogden, and Akiko, 25, Salt Lake.  
KAWAKAMI-TANAKA — Jan. 29, Kenji and Ami, both of Chicago.  
KISHIYAMA-FUJINO — Feb. 5, Jim, Los Angeles, and Janet, Anaheim.  
KUSUMOTO-SUYAMA — Jan. 30, Lindy Masao and Lili, both of Los Angeles.  
NARIMATSU-IWASAKI — Masato and Kiyoko, both of San Jose.  
OKINE-HAMADA — Feb. 5, Makoto, Whittier, and Sayeko, Compton.  
SRI-GUCHI-TOMITA — Dec. 31, Robert M., Detroit, and Ruby Ruriko, Ann Arbor.  
SHIBA-HIRATA — Jan. 23, Jinji, Stockton, and Grace, Linden.  
SHIBUYA-RYONO — Feb. 6, Hisashi, Los Angeles, and Misuko, San Pedro.  
SHIMADA-OZAWA — Hachiro, Santa Clara, and Janet Y., South Palo Alto.  
SONODA-KURIYAMA — Jan. 15, Jeff and Kiyoko, both of Chicago.  
TAKAHASHI-KIMURA — Jan. 30, Norio and Yoko, both of Chicago.

### Deaths

HAMAJI, Kurakichi, 79: Los Angeles, Feb. 2, survived by wife Tsugi, sons Shigeaki, Shinichi, James, daughter Mrs. Chitose Osaka.  
HASHIMOTO, Shigeichi: Winton, Feb. 6, survived by wife Chiyo, sons Fred, William, Ben, Noboru and daughter Mrs. Sumiko Iwasaki.  
HIRATA, Taikichi, 79: Seattle, Feb. 2, survived by wife Kikuye, sons Hajime, Osamu Satoshi and four grandchildren.  
KODAMA Hatsuichiro, 73: Los Angeles, Feb. 6, survived by wife Tsugi, son Henry, daughters Mrs. Edith Divalbiss, Mrs. Florence Kato.  
KONO, Hikotaro Harry, 66: Selma (formerly of Alameda), Feb. 5, survived by wife Kiyoko, son Kenneth Toshio (Berkeley), daughters Mrs. Emiko Nobusada (Monterey), Mrs. Tomiko Kawamoto, Mrs. Chiyeo Umeda (Mt. View).  
MORIKAWA, Shizuyo: Milwaukie, Ore., Jan. 26.  
MIYAGISHIMA, Gontaro, 67: Syracuse, Utah, Feb. 2, survived by four sons George, Lt. Terno (Holabird Md.), Roy, Kazuo, three daughters Mrs. Kimiye Yoshizumi (Chicago), Mrs. Shizuko Shimozu (Pasadena), Mrs. Kikuko Murata (San Jose), and 12 grandchildren.  
OGAWA, Ichiko, 59: San Pedro, Feb. 7, survived by husband Gontaro, son George Yukio Hirata, daughters Mrs. Yukiko Miyake, Mrs. Mitsuko Yamashita.  
SAITO, Rika, 67: Los Angeles, Feb. 5, survived by husband Shoichi, son Shingo and two grandchildren.  
SUNADA, Noburo Robert, 22: Fresno, Feb. 8 (at Edward AFB), survived by father Dan K., brother Katsumi, sisters, Lily, Midori and Mrs. Kaoru Minamoto.  
TAKAYANAGI, Jisuke, 78: West Los Angeles, Feb. 5, survived by wife Isa, four sons Harry Kenichi, George Seiji, John Teruzo and Jack Mitsuo.  
TERAMOTO, Mrs. Fusayo, 70: Nephi, Utah, Feb. 1, survived by husband Charles, sons William and Charles.

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EDITORIALS

The queen challenges

Miss Janet Fukuda, National JACL queen at the Los Angeles convention, in representing the high school-college age group on a chapter clinic panel, pointed out the value of organizing and tending to the needs of that group. It is from this group the future leaders come.

A more vigorous program to aid the pre-voting age group to help themselves appears most timely today. Issei problems have been settled in the main; thus we can turn around and help our younger generation.

Hosmer's plan

Long Beach congressman Craig Hosmer introduced a bill joining Hawaii to California and Alaska to the state of Washington as an answer to the statehood problem for both territories. Both Hawaii and Alaska have shown that "territorial status is not to their advantage" but neither has produced "a clear and convincing argument for Statehood," the Californian declared.

Aside from lobbyists who fear Sacramento might move offices to Honolulu and thus making it more expensive, we know Texans would oppose this proposal since it would then make Washington and California bigger than Texas. (It was rejected.—Ed.)

Deadlier than war

In three fierce years of fighting in Korea, some 33,000 Americans lost their lives. In one year of peace, accidents killed nearly three times as many in the United States. The National Safety Council estimates that 91,000 were killed in accidents last year. Traffic was the greatest killer—36,000. But it was almost as dangerous to stay at home. Accidents at home took 28,000 lives.

Even more staggering is the total injured: 9,200,000 or one of every 17 inhabitants. Limitations of the Pacific Citizen do not permit even a meager story of the accidents involving Japanese Americans each week across the country. Readers should not remain comforted because they miss Japanese names, but realize they should exercise necessary caution and help save people from their worst enemies—themselves.

California is now a three-party state: Republican, Democrat, and Prohibition. The Independent Progressives failed to tally at least 3 per cent of the state total to remain on the ballot.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

Another Dry Summer

Denver Thoughts while relaxing in a bathtub: Unless Denver and its watershed get some substantial snows during what remains of this winter, and lots of rain this spring, we're going to be in for some drastic restrictions on the use of water when summer comes. Many Nisei and Issei gardeners took a beating last summer when sprinkling was curtailed and it became impossible to put in new lawns. They're facing the same fix this year.

Drouth is a hard fact to face, especially for one who was reared in the rainy Pacific Northwest like I was. Used to hear people say that if you lived up there long enough, you'd grow webs between your toes. That's not quite true. You just get athlete's foot. I once had a car that started to grow fungus inside along the wooden doorposts. That's how wet it was.

The only Denver newspaper of any importance publishes a weather table every day and I like to check it to see how it's been in Seattle and Portland. Almost every day recently they've had .25 to .75 inches of rain. In almost any 24-hour period they get more rainfall than we manage to pick up in a month.

A few years ago we drove up to the Northwest for a visit. While driving alone between Seattle and Olympia one day I happened to pick up a G.I. hitchhiker. He noticed my out-of-state license and asked what I was doing in Washington. "On vacation," I told him. "Jeemany, Creemany," he said, or words to that effect. "We haven't seen the sun up here in 45 days. Don't see why in heaven anybody would want to vacation in these parts."

"Just wanted to get out of the sunshine for a while," I told him. Right now, we Coloradans would be happy to exchange a little sunshine for some nice wet, clammy, dank, sloppy, wonderful old rainfall.



Denver Thoughts while waiting for the bus: A few weeks ago we saw Sugar Ray Robinson on a television fight, and not long after that, Kid Gavilan. What time has done to those two once-peerless fighting machines gives a fellow reason to stop and ponder a while. The sage that said time is man's greatest enemy knew whereof he spoke. Trouble is, we don't begin to appreciate how precious time can be until it starts to run out.

For our youngsters, time drags on endlessly when they're waiting for a big day, like Christmas, or a birthday, or St. Valentine's. If it were in their power, they'd push time along to speed its flight. But for me, there's never enough time in a day to do all the things that I'd like to get done. Maybe that's why I hate waiting for the bus to come along. Haven't seen any estimates lately, but the average Nisei must be pretty close to 40 years old. At that age there's no time to be bored any more.

Resolved: To savor every moment of time for it's a precious, dwindling commodity.



Last Sunday, which was like spring, Pete and Christie and I got out the bag of stale bread we keep in the pantry and went down to the zoo to feed the ducks, elk, zebras and other critters that like stale bread. Trouble was, almost everybody else in town must have had the same idea. Most of the beasties were so full of stale bread by noon that they wouldn't even look our way. Masako Takayoshi, however, was making a big hit down by the monkey cages. She'd brought along some bananas and apples and stuff for the monkeys and it was evident she could win a popularity contest with them without any trouble at all. The way to a monkey's heart, as with man, is through his stomach. As for us, we went for a ride on the toy train.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

Hawaii-Alaska Issue

Denver The fledging Congress, newly constituted last month and controlled by Democrats, is displaying little eagerness to get to work on legislation for Hawaiian and Alaskan statehood. The last GOP-managed session got tangled in political expediency when the White House pushed the Hawaiian bill, but did not support the Alaskan measure. Democrats considered this an attempt by the GOP to gain political advantage—the general impression being that Hawaii is nominally Republican while the Alaskans are Democrats—and refused to support the Hawaiian proposal unless Alaska got state status, too.

Both Democratic and Republican leadership are on record favoring Hawaiian statehood, one of the main promises in both party platforms.

At a time when the current stage of continuing crisis in world affairs is set in Asia, Congress is letting slip an opportunity to give the two territories a long belated right and, at the same time, strike a powerhouse blow for western democracy in the Far East.

The leaders of Asia, those who determine its policies and manage its affairs, are not unaware that the majority of Hawaii's people are non-Caucasian, nor that Alaska has a considerable population of Eskimos. But they may not know that a majority of Hawaii's territorial government consists of persons of at least part non-white ancestry, nor that 21 of the 45 members of the legislature are Japanese Americans.

It certainly is time to tell Asia of the integral role assumed by Americans of Asian descent in the management of territorial affairs, as well as in social and economic fields. The story of present-day Hawaii is a proud one, and one which can be told proudly to the world.

What was once a deterrent to Hawaiian statehood—in the thinking of its opposition—are plus factors now in the mounting intensity of the battle for the minds and loyalties of the peoples of Asia. Hawaii is a crucible in which a population of Asian ancestry was tested during World War II. Postwar developments in Hawaii are indicative of the degree of acceptance won as a result of wartime performance. It can be measured in terms of the political and economic responsibility assumed by the territory's citizens of non-Caucasian ancestry.

There have been three degrees of opposition expressed in Congress against Hawaiian and Alaskan statehood. The largest group,

and most vocal in the years before World War II, were racists, mostly from the Deep South, who opposed Hawaii's state status because of the territory's non-white population. Pages of the records of congressional hearings, as well as the transcript of debate on the floor, were filled in years past by concern, expressed by men like the former Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi, that Hawaiian statehood would mean opening the doors of Congress to men of Japanese ancestry, for example. Mr. Rankin, who also favored full-fledged concentration camps for Americans of Japanese ancestry in World War II and sponsored a bill to that effect, was a loud voice against Hawaii.

A second group which has dragged its feet on the statehood bills consisted of the conservative and the cautious who fear to break with tradition by extending the borders of the United States beyond the continent. The argument of non-contiguity has been heard in Congress, though distance no longer is a factor in this supersonic age when a man can fly from Washington, D.C., to Honolulu in the time it takes a train to go from Atlanta to the Nation's Capitol.

By far the largest degree of obstruction, however, has been of an indirect nature, often carried out by men ostensibly favoring statehood. It is unfortunate that the territories come again to Capitol Hill with their dreams of statehood at a time when nose-counting is one of Washington's most persistent pastimes, since the absence of a single proboscis may change the destiny of a nation.

The control of the Senate hinges on a single ballot. Although Alaska presumably will send two Democrats to the upper house, and Hawaii will dispatch two Republicans, neither of the major parties appears to be in a mood to take chances. The Republicans have been particularly apprehensive since last November's balloting when the Hawaiian Democrats won control of both houses in Iolani Palace for the first time in Hawaii's history. Hawaii did send a Republican as delegate to Congress in the person of Elizabeth Farrington, widow of the late Del. Joseph R. Farrington.

So long as party control swings on a single vote, both parties in the Senate may be expected to continue to regard the statehood bills with considerable caution. Southern senators also may be expected to regard with distaste any measure which will add four new seats to the chamber and thus reduce proportionately the South's veto power, espe-

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Washington Sen. Malone (R., Nev.) has proposed in a bill to abolish the Bureau of Indian Affairs in three years. Jerry Poole, Arizona Republic columnist in Washington, also notes Eisenhower administration policy of terminating federal responsibility on a selective basis whenever individual tribes are deemed ready.

Washington Anti-Semitism of the Communists behind their Iron Curtain and their efforts to wipe out Jewish culture is painted in grisly colors in a special House committee report issued by a nine-man group headed by Rep. Kersten (R., Wis.).

DECADE AGO

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Frank Hachiya, one of 16 Nisei names stricken from county memorial roll by Hood River American Legion, fatally wounded on Leyte.

Fresno sheriff investigates three shotgun blasts fired into home of Nisei evacuee Frank Osaki.

Supreme Court denies appeal of Korematsu, rehearing had been sought by counsel on evacuation test.

Anti-Japanese League of Vacaville plans to join other such organizations to form state-wide group.

Massachusetts state VFW commander protests against Red Cross accepting blood from Japanese Americans; Red Cross blood center chairman declares Nisei blood fully as good as that of any Mayflower descendant.

"No Jap" stickers appear in Wapato (Wash.) valley.

Nisei nurse (Masako Takayoshi, who returned as supervisor of surgical nursing service at King County's Harborview Hospital, Seattle), leaves post after protest.

Native Sons of Golden West seek bans on evacuee groups.

Gresham (Ore.) farm group asks for deportation of Nisei citizens.

War correspondent James P. O'Neil says Nisei "best damned fighters" in the world in Los Angeles interview. "They are fighting the war of 1776 in 1945. They are fighting for the right to be American citizens."

CALENDAR

- Feb. 21 (Monday) Stockton—Chapter meeting, YBA Recreation Room, 8:15 p.m.
- Feb. 23 (Wednesday) San Mateo—Installation, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 26 (Saturday) Coachella Valley—Election meeting, Fresno—Issei Citizenship Recognition Night, Desert Inn, 7 p.m. Parlier—20th Anniversary banquet, Magnuson's Dining Room. West Los Angeles—Installation dinner-dance, Santa Monica Elk's club.
- Feb. 27 (Sunday) Southwest L.A.—Show Valley outing, meet at International Institute, 7 a.m.
- Mar. 2 (Wednesday) Long Beach—Pre-Bowling Tournament mixer, Wilton Hotel.
- Mar. 3-6 Long Beach—Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament; men's events—Virginia Bowl; women's events—Kenmar.
- Mar. 6 (Sunday) Downtown L.A.—Golf Open tournament, Rio Hondo, C.C. Long Beach—Bowling Tournament dinner-dance, Wilton Hotel.
- Mar. 7 (Friday) Chicago—General meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan St., 8 p.m. Harry Shigetani, spkr.
- Mar. 12 (Saturday) Coachella Valley—Installation, Bowling Awards dinner.
- Mar. 13 (Sunday) Stockton—Installation banquet, Bruno & Lena's, 6 p.m.

cially in the field of civil rights. In the absence of vigorous and affirmative action from the White House, the outlook is for both Hawaii and Alaska to wait, hat in hand, in the corridors while Congress mulls legislation of far less importance in the scheme of world affairs.