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Reveal Gen. Marshall's Support of Nisei

Mike Masaoka Reviews Nisei Problems in Conference With White House Representative

WASHINGTON—David K. Niles, administrative assistant to the President, and Philleo Nash, special assistant, met with Mike Masaoka, executive secretary of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, on Jan. 23 to discuss the problems of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Masaoka called to the attention of the White House to some of the major civil disabilities suffered by both the Issei and the Nisei.

He pointed out that because Japanese nationals are ineligible for citizenship both the alien and the citizen is handicapped. In some 12 states, Japanese aliens are prohibited from owning land and his citizen children's titles to real property are in jeopardy.

Japanese aliens are barred from engaging in some 93 different fields of occupation and employment in the United States and certain licenses to do business are denied them in various western localities. Some local labor unions and specialist fields use the fact that the Japanese are racially ineligible to citizenship against the native-born citizen, Masaoka charged.

"The unprecedented loyalty of the entire Japanese population in spite of the unique and great sacrifices which they were called upon to bear in World War II entitles them to fair treatment and equal opportunities," the ADC official declared.

In discussing the evacuation claims bill, Masaoka said that he had been instructed to request a more liberal measure than the one sponsored by the WRA and the Interior Department last session. He suggested an automatic lump sum payment for every evacuee, with the provision that the regular court of claims be opened for greater losses of a "demonstrable nature" than the stipulated lump sum. Such liberalization, Masaoka said, would save both the evacuees and the government a lot of time and money.

The problem of Japanese nationals who are now subject for deportation was also mentioned. A plea that appropriate legislation be introduced and passed by this Congress to prevent the deportation of Japanese aliens who served in the war effort of the United States, of those whose deportation would result in serious hardship to American citizens, and of those in the so-called "treaty merchant" classes was entered by the ADC representative.

Special problems created by such situations as those in which Nisei veterans marry Canadian-born Japanese were also discussed with the White House staff members.

Both Niles and Nash expressed great interest and concern for the problems posed, especially those which had to do with civil rights. They pointed out that President Truman, too, was concerned with such problems and that his recent order creating the Civil Rights Committee was ample evidence of his interest in such matters.

Mr. Niles declared that since this new presidential committee was interested in civil rights and their strengthening through proper legislation it would be wise for the Japanese Americans to present their problems to them, together with their suggested corrections. The presidential assistant thought that the JACL and its Anti-Discrimination Committee could render a real service to all concerned by cooperating with the Civil Rights Committee.

The White House executives asked that they be kept informed as to the latest developments in Japanese American problems and as to how they might be of service.

Forecast Early Closing of Hostels

WINNIPEG, Man.—Early closing of relocation hostels for Japanese Canadian evacuees in eastern Canada was forecast by J. F. McKinnon, commissioner of Japanese placement in the Department of Labor, in Winnipeg last week.

Colorado Gets Bill for Alien Fishing Rights

Would Eliminate Discrimination Against Japanese Residents

DENVER—A bill providing for an alien resident fishing license under which Japanese alien residents of Colorado will be able to fish within the state was introduced in the Colorado state assembly by Senator Arthur Brooks Jr., (R., Denver), on January 16.

The bill was prepared by the Tri-State JACL office in consultation with the Denver Unity Council.

Under a ruling handed down by Attorney General Lawrence Hinkley in April, 1946, Colorado aliens of Japanese ancestry are prohibited from fishing within the state.

His ruling was based upon the following: Under the criminal code of the state, Japanese aliens are prohibited from possessing a gun and from hunting game. The Colorado Game and Fish commission is authorized by statute to issue only combined small game and fishing licenses. Since, in order to fish, a Japanese alien would have to purchase a combined game and fish license, and he is prohibited from hunting, he cannot be issued a license.

Under the state law, however, non-resident aliens of Japanese ancestry can apply for and receive fishing licenses, but resident aliens cannot.

Senator Brooks' bill would provide for separate fishing licenses for alien residents of the state. The bill provides for a $5 license fee.

Two Persons Hurt In Flash Fire in Denver Watch Shop

DENVER, Colo. — Two persons of Japanese ancestry were injured on Jan. 16 in a flash fire which destroyed valuable watch repairing and dental equipment in two fourth-floor offices in the Mack building.

K. G. Yama, 64, and George Shibata, 26, received severe hand burns when benzine Yama was pouring into a watch cleaning machine spilled on electric wiring and was ignited.

Fire department officials said that the flames spread rapidly to an adjoining office of a dentist. Damage to the building was estimated at $900.

Nisei Veteran Elected Commander Of Legion Post

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The national headquarters of the American Legion announced here this week that an American war veteran of Japanese ancestry, Saijo Hirotsu, has been elected post commander of Hilo Post No. 3 of the American Legion in Hilo, Hawaii.

It was noted that Hirotsu is the first Japanese American to serve as commander of the post.

The Legion said that among the members of Hilo Post 3 are many Japanese Amercans "who served in the famous 442nd Combat Team and the 100th Infantry" in Italy in World War II.

Membership in Post 3 consists of war veterans of all racial groups.

Kushida Named JACL Chief in Midwest Region

New Regional Official Served During War On Staff of WRA

The appointment of Tatsuo Kushida of Chicago as midwest regional director of the Japanese American Citizens League was announced this week by Hito Okada, national president.

Kushida will take over his duties on February 1 in the Chicago JACL office at 189 West Madison street, Room 1008.

He replaces Masao Satow, who was last month named acting national secretary of the league.

Kushida was an employee of the War Relocation Authority during the war, serving in Kansas City and Chicago. His work was centered around public relations and employer contacts on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry.

He is a graduate of the University of California. He has a B. S. in commerce.

One of his first duties as head of the midwest region will be to set up a midwest district council in the spring. The council will be the first east of the intermountain area.

Eastern Oregon GI Dies of Illness In Japan Hospital

ONTARIO, Ore.—T/4 Paul Hashimoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Hashimoto of Ontario, died in Japan on Jan. 11 from acute encephalitis, according to information received from the War Department.

The Nisei soldier is survived by his parents and two brothers, Yukio and Kenji.

He attended Ontario high school and the First Methodist church and the Japanese Methodist church in Ontario. It is expected that his body will be returned to Ontario from Japan.

The Army report noted that Sgt. Hashimoto had been seriously ill since Jan. 1.

California Personnel Board Restores 39 Nisei to Jobs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California State Personnel Board this week restored jobs to 39 Japanese Americans who were evacuated from California during the war.

The employes were on the payrolls of eleven state departments in Sacramento and San Francisco. In addition, the board agreed to pay them an aggregate of approximately $4500 for loss of salary between the time of their suspension and the time they were evacuated.

More than 500 Japanese Americans were employed by state civil service at the time of the outbreak of the war. More than 400 resigned under pressure from state employment, but approximately 100 refused to do so. Those in the latter group were suspended on blanket charges of "disloyalty."

In recent hearings the state has withdrawn the "disloyalty" charges and all but four of the employes who were suspended have been reinstated with civil service rights unimpaired.

Disclose Secretary of State's Wartime Action to Restore Citizen Rights to Group

War Department General Staff Member Says Gen. Marshall Took Responsibility For Reopening of Army Service to Nisei

General George C. Marshall, Secretary of State, was revealed this week as the man in the government who took the first step in wartime to restore to Americans of Japanese ancestry the citizen rights which were restricted by Army action after the outbreak of war.

The disclosure was made this week in a special article for the North American News Alliance by S. L. A. Marshall, a member of the War Department's general staff during the war.

According to S. L. A. Marshall, "it was perfectly clear that had General Marshall (then Army Chief of Staff) failed to take the initial step toward restoring full rights and justice, the war would have ended without anything constructive being done for the Nisei or to uphold the freedoms represented by their cause."

Mr. Marshall declared that General Marshall took full personal responsibility for the change in government policy which resulted in reopening of military service to Japanese Americans and supported the decision to use the 100th Infantry Battalion of Japanese Americans as combat troops and not as a labor battalion.

The article noted that a historian, H. A. DeWeerd, had noted that General Marshall had "badly judged" persons of Japanese ancestry and the real danger to the Pacific coast after the outbreak of war. Consequently, General Marshall supported Lieut. Gen. John L. Dewitt's decision to evacuate American citizens of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast to war relocation centers.

Mr. Marshall noted that "it is unfortunate" that DeWeerd, knowing of General Marshall's decision on evacuation, "was not familiar with the rest of the story."

"Nothing has ever been said to set right the relation of the Chief of Staff to this (Nisei) problem."

Mr. Marshall said that the story of General George Marshall and the Nisei was worth reporting "now that the question of his military contribution to our history is of less consequence than his character in regard to institutions of democratic freedom."

Mr. Marshall declared that the view was "unqualifiedly false" that the Army's evacuation policy was applied with "brass-hat arrogance."

"If initially the Army made an error on the side of caution—thereby doing serious injustice to 100,000 worthwhile Americans—at least it should be added that the Army, at General Marshall's instigation took the courageous stand which rectified the error. In so doing the Army got very little moral support from civilians in the government."

"Let us agree that the De Witt policy was precipitated and unwarranted," the former War Department general staff official declared. "Certainly he was not the only American who was thrown off balance by the news of Pearl Harbor, nor was this the first time the constitutional rights of some American citizens were suspended during wartime.

"At that hour there were few Americans willing to give a break to fellow citizens of Japanese blood. The universal feeling was, if not of active hate, at least of general mistrust.

"That feeling continued while the Nisei and their parents were being rounded up. Not one political leader took a chance of offend- public opinion—particularly of an inflamed West Coast—by challenging the evacuation.

"After they were placed in the centers, there was no protest from the public or their spokesman. That the usefulness of one per cent of our population was being destroyed seemed to matter not at all."

Mr. Marshall declared that "in retrospect, one can say confidently that there is not the slightest reason to believe the steps would have been retraced while the war was still on, had not someone in high authority taken a clear view of the situation and assumed personal responsibility for the change."

The decision on the government's treatment of the Nisei was made by the chief of staff, General Marshall, according to the article.

"There was then in Hawaii a National Guard unit of Nisei—the 100th Battalion," Mr. Marshall recalled. "Hawaiian public opinion wanted this unit made into a labor group—a degrading step.

"Another Army 'brass hat,' Col. Kendall J. Fielder, G-2 of the Islands, opposed this idea as un-American and unworthy. He said these men were fit and loyal combat troops and that they deserved every confidence. General Marshall happened to be on a Pacific trip at the time. He gave his complete approval and the battalion was sent to Europe to gain fame as the Purple Heart Battalion.

"That was the beginning of the upturn. A small group of Army general staff officers, who had been concerned over the policy of evacuation and its ultimate effect on our traditions and constitutional liberties, drew courage from this example.

"Work had proceeded for some time on a plan to draft relocation center Nisei into Army combat service, not because the Army was hard put for manpower, but because it was believed this would be the most dramatic way to prove the loyalty of the J panese American population, and to win national approval for reestablishing these people in the American community."

"It became my task," S. L. A. Marshall added, "to write the policy, and to clarify the related administrative questions governing the responsibility of the Army and the War Relocation Authority in the general enterprise. The policy cleared the general staff and was approved by the White House exactly as written."

"The latter point has importance for two reasons," according to Mr. Marshall. "The story is still circulated that the policy was choked down the throat of the Army by the government, whereas the reverse is more nearly true. Further, it is of record that the Army remained steadfast to all of its commitments.

"The Nisei, given opportunity, went on to prove in a dramatic way their patriotic loyalty.

"Looking at it all from where I sat, it was perfectly clear that had General Marshall failed to take the initial step toward restoring full rights and justice, the war would have ended without anything constructive being done for the Nisei or to uphold the freedoms represented by their cause."

Layton Resident Hurt in Auto Crash

LAYTON, Utah—J. Nakaoka, 60, a resident of Layton, was injured on Jan. 19 in a two-car automobile accident on U. S. highway 91 in Sunset, according to the Weber county sheriff's office.

Nakaoka was taken to Thomas Dee Memorial hospital in an unconscious condition.

Slayer of Nisei War Veteran Changes Plea to Guilty; Gets Sentence of Life Imprisonment

LeRoy Bob, Convicted of Brutal Murder of Wounded 442nd Infantry Veteran, Was Saved From Gas Chamber by Action of State Court

STOCKTON, Calif.—Saved from death in the state's gas chamber by the action of the California State Supreme Court, LeRoy Bob, 22, convicted in the brutal murder of George Yoshioka, wounded veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, in November, 1945, changed his not guilty plea to guilty on Jan. 17 and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Superior Judge Raymond M. Dunne.

Bob was found guilty of the murder of Yoshioka, a native of San Jose who was visiting in Stockton, and originally was sentenced to death. The State Supreme Court reversed the local conviction and ordered a new trial for Bob when they overruled a decision of Judge Dunne which allowed as evidence a statement of S. J. Johnson, 23, Bob's accomplice who already is serving life sentence after a jury found him guilty of the same crime and recommended life imprisonment. In his statement Johnson had accused Bob of weilding the death weapon which Bob denied.

Yoshioka was robbed and bludgeoned to death by Johnson and Bob who fled from California and were apprehended in Texas. The Nisei veteran's wallet, watch and other belongings were found on the pair at the time of their arrest.

Yoshioka served with the 442nd Infantry in Italy and France and was seriously wounded during the Japanese American Combat Team's rescue of the "lost battalion" of the 36th Division.

Two Returnees Victimized in Daylight Robberies

SAN FRANCISCO—Masayoshi Ashizawa, proprietor of the Soko Hardware store, was painfully injured when he was attacked and severely beaten by three men on Jan. 21.

Posing as customers, the trio entered the store and asked to see some knives. One of the men struck Ashizawa over the head with a paper-wrapped bar or pipe when he turned his back to them to reach for the merchandise.

The three men fled after grabbing $20 from the cash register. Kusujiro Nobusada, who was passing by, saw the men run out and entered the store to find Ashizawa injured. Nobusada called Dr. Keijiro Kitagawa, who had been held up 30 minutes before by two other bandits.

Dr. Kitagawa reported that the robbers threatened him with a knife and took a dozen tablets of morphine and other drugs from his handbag.

Install Officers in Candlelight Service

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—New officers of the Twin Cities Buddhist Organization were formally installed at a candlelight service held Sunday, January 12, at the Unitarian church in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Hanako Terakawa officiated at the ceremony.

The new cabinet members are Susumu Hirota, president; Saburo Okamoto, vice-president; Mae Kuroda, rec. sec.; Jeri Tsurusaki, cor. sec.; John Kuroda and Yoneko Mizuhata, co-treasurers; Masaru Yoshioka, religious chairman; Jayne Suechika, social chairman; Pat Tanaka, music chairman; and Molly Hamaguchi, reporter.

Tri-State JACL Parley Planned For Denver

Confab Will Consider Problems Faced by Nisei in Region

DENVER—Nisei leaders from Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado will convene in Denver March 22 and 23 at a Tri-State JACL regional conference to be held under sponsorship of the regional office in that city.

The conference is being called to consider the special problems of Issei and Japanese Americans in the tri-state area.

JACL problems under discussion will be reactivation of old chapters, formation of new JACL groups, programs and organization.

Toshio Ando, Denver attorney and 1st vice-president in charge of activities for the Denver chapter, will head the program committee.

The following Colorado Nisei have been contacted to aid in the arrangements: Floyd Koshio, Fort Lupton; Sam Sameshima, Greeley; Roy Inouye, La Jara; Yase J. Fujita, Pueblo; Mits Harada and James Kanemoto, Rocky Ford.

Hito Okada, national president, and Masao Satow, acting national secretary, will attend as headquarters representatives.

Rev. Kitagawa Will Speak in Program At Minneapolis Church

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa of Minneapolis was selected by the Minneapolis Urban League to speak at St. Mark's Cathedral on Sunday, February 16.

The program will include a musical service presented by a combined Negro choir and the Twin Cities Symphonic Chorus.

This program is one of a series sponsored as a community service each Sunday afternoon by the inter-racial committee of the Urban League.

The Rev. Kitagawa, coordinator of Nisei church activities in the Twin Cities, will be the first person of Japanese extraction to be featured on such a program.

The installation services for the officers of the United Citizens League, chapter of the National JACL, were also sponsored under the auspices of this committee. George Grim, Minneapolis Morning Tribune columnist, and radio commentator, spoke on the topic, "Let's Be Intelligent." Uta Shimotsuka, student at Macalester College, was the vocal soloist.

International Institute Reports On Work With Evacuee Group"

SAN FRANCISCO — A report on the past year's activities of the International Institute's Japanese project was released this week by Robert C. L. George, director.

During the year the Institute handled 361 individual case work and counselling cases involving such problems as employment, housing, welfare, immigration and deportation.

In group and community work the Institute's staff held 57 special meetings to aid orientation and participation, with an approximate attendance of 1475 persons; held 5 special projects in recruiting for and working in cooperation with other agencies; and held 907 conferences with persons regarding group and community participation and adjustment.

The Institute also participated in many projects with other organizations, including the Council for Civic Unity, the JACL, the YWCA, YMCA and other groups.

In regard to employment the Institute's year-end report made the following recommendations as services needed: continued counseling; compiling of information for a general file of individuals looking for improved jobs and opportunities to offer them; consultations with the personnel manager's association; work with the labor unions' anti-discrimination league; the need to make clear to Japanese Americans to continue to seek work in keeping with their highest skill, thus serving to offset the "devastation of discouragement" which is growing.

Los Angeles JACL Unit Reactivated



LOS ANGELES—Saburo Kido, past national JACL president, congratulates Frank Chuman, newly-elected president of the Los Angeles chapter, as other cabinet members look on. Pictured left to right: standing, Noboru Ishitani, 2nd vice-president; Ty Saito, 3rd vice-president; Saburo Kido; Frank Chuman; Kiyoshi Kagawa, sergeant-at-arms; and Dick Fujioka, treasurer. Seated: Bessie Nagahori, regional office secretary; June Tokuyama, recording secretary. Not in the picture are Ken Utsunomiya, 1st vice-president and Duke Itatani, auditor.—Photo by Toyo Miyatake.

JACL Credit Union Sets January 30 For Annual Meeting

The National JACL Credit Union will hold its annual meeting Thursday, January 30, at 8 p. m., at the Japanese Buddhist church in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of the Salt Lake City chapter, according to Hito Okada, national president.

Dividend checks representing 2½% interest on funds on deposit will be distributed during the evening.

Members will be asked to approve the following nominations to office, made by the board of directors at a special meeting on January 23: Shigeki Ushio, three-year term as member of the board; George Fujii, one-year term as member of the board; Kay Terashima, three-year term on credit committee; George Yoshimoto, three-year term on supervisory committee.

The board of directors also announced that automobile loans will be made at 6% per annum in order to meet rates set by other loan agencies.

"America the Beautiful," a twenty-minute motion picture on famous scenic spots throughout the country, will be shown during the JACL meeting.

Masao W. Satow, acting national secretary, will be the main speaker.

Portland Drops Wartime Ban on Issei Business

City Authorities Rescind Restriction On "Enemy Aliens"

PORTLAND, Ore. — The city council has rescinded its wartime policy of denying business licenses to aliens of Japanese ancestry, it was reported here last week.

The decision of city authorities to issue business licenses to alien Japanese on application was indicated at a recent informal conference.

The ban against alien Japanese business was instituted shortly after Pearl Harbor. Although directed against all "enemy aliens," it was indicated that it was enforced only against Japanese aliens.

Liberal groups in Portland have been campaigning for the removal of the ban against the Japanese aliens, noting that Portland was the only major city on the West Coast to take such action.

Proof of citizenship was required from Americans of Japanese ancestry who applied for business licenses.

Representatives of the Portland chapter of the JACL met with city officials to urge the removal of the restriction.

State of California Accepts Settlement to Quiet Titles In Five Fresno Escheat Cases

FRESNO, Calif.—The state of California last week accepted settlements in five escheat cases involving persons of Japanese ancestry who had been charged with violation of the Alien Land law which prohibits land ownership by aliens of Japanese ancestry and other aliens "ineligible to citizenship."

In the settlements the state accepted $68,415 and quieted the titles to the farm properties involved in the names of American citizen children of the Japanese aliens who had been charged with acquiring an interest in the farms in violation of the Alien Land law.

News of the settlements was announced by Superior Judge Dan F. Conway as he stipulated the judgments.

The largest settlement came in two suits against Takei and Natsuye Iwamura and their children and amounted to $29,625, covering title to 100 acres of rich farming land in the Selma-Sanger area.

Under terms agreed upon, title to one parcel of 60 acres was quieted in the name of Akira Iwamura, U. S. Army veteran who was overseas when the state instituted legal action to confiscate his farm property on the ground that his parents maintained an interest in the property. The remaining 40 acres was vested in the name of Mary Iwamura Abe, daughter of the couple.

In another proceeding, the state compromised its suit against Tamigoro and Chisato Chiamori and their children upon payment of $24,502.50 and quieted the title to 62 acres of Fresno County agricultural property in the Reedley-Parlier area. The title to more than 40 acres was given to Yosushi Chiamori while Akira Chiamori, another son, and his wife, Toyoko, were given the title to 26 acres.

In settlement of a fourth suit brought by the state for alleged lien Land law violations, Hanako Ishii Teraoka received the land rights on a 40 acre farm in the Reedley district from Keijiro and Mary Nakashima.

The fifth suit involved the payment of $3,887.50 to quiet title to land in the Reedley area in the name of Fumiko Helen Akahori, daughter of Mitsuo and Umeji Akahori, defendants in the state's suit.

Plan Campaign To Raise JACL Fund in Hawaii

Seek Contributions To Back Fight for Issei Citizenship

SAN FRANCISCO—Representing the JACL and Anti-Discrimination Committee fund-raising campaigns, three West Coast leaders of Japanese ancestry are expected to leave by plane on Feb. 5 to raise $50,000 in the territory toward the present campaign for protecting the citizen rights of Nisei and to obtain citizenship for resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

Keisaburo Koda, noted rice grower and prominent supporter of the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union, K. Ikeda, well-known farm operator, and Sim Togasaki, businessman and former national treasurer of the JACL, are expected to make the trip.

The delegation will seek to obtain funds to assist the general program of the JACL and the special legislative program of JACL-ADC.

UC Group Asks New Coach Be Free From Racial Bias

BERKELEY, Calif. — Recalling the "fine contributions" made to University of California athletic teams by Ted Ohashi, George Fong, Walter Gordon, Achie Williams and other non-Caucasian athletes, the student cabinet of the University YMCA on Jan. 21 requested that "freedom from racial bias" be one of the qualifications required of the new football coach to be appointed by the University of California at Berkeley.

The student YMCA leaders also urged that no institution whose racial policies might prove detrimental or embarrassing to any individual connected with competing California teams be included on UC athletic schedules.

Ohashi was a star on Golden Bear varsity basketball teams in the early 1930s.

He is now connected with the YMCA in St. Louis.

Salt Lake Soldier Wins Promotion

TOKYO—Albert U. Oshita, Salt Lake City, Utah, has been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant, it was recently announced by the GHQ Special News Service of General MacArthur's Headquarters in Tokyo.

Staff Sgt. Oshita is assigned to a special unit of General Headquarters of the Occupation Forces in Japan.

Staff Sgt. Oshita is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Issaku Oshita, 476 Quince St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Los Angeles Housing Meeting Calls for Protection Of Nisei Right in Land Law

One Hundred Organizations Represented by Delegates Who Passed Resolution Unanimously; Amendment of Present Law to Be Requested

LOS ANGELES—Over one thousand delegates to the Los Angeles Citizens' Housing Council action conference on housing on January 18 asked that the California alien land act be amended to keep inviolate all property titles held by citizen children, veterans or citizen wives of Japanese ancestry.

The delegates, who passed the resolution by unanimous vote, represented 100 organizations.

The resolution was recommended by the conference's panel discussion group on housing problems of the minority groups.

Farnk Chuman, newly-elected president of the Los Angeles JACL, and Saburo Kido, past national president, represented the JACL.

In speaking on behalf of the resolution, Chuman pointed out that in addition to the problems of shortages and restrictive covenants, Japanese Americans were doubly handicapped by the alien land act.

Chuman pointed out that many Nisei were fearful of buying homes because of the possibility of later escheat action by the state. He also stated that title insurance companies were reportedly refusing to issue policies where alien Japanese parents provided the money for the purchase of a home.

The case of Nisei wives of alien Japanese was also presented by Chuman. Escheat proceedings have reportedly started in cases wherein community funds were used to purchase the real property and the alien husband lived with his citizen wife and children and helped to cultivate or manage the property, he said.

The resolution, which was introduced by Dan Marshall of the Catholic Interracial Council, reads as follows:

"Resolved that the Alien Land Law be amended so that the title or any interest in real property recorded in the name of citizen children or veterans or citizen wives of aliens ineligible to citizenship shall be inviolate."

The delegates were reported to be strongly moved when it was stated that real property owned by citizens of Japanese ancestry for periods of ten years and longer were under attack in escheat proceedings brought by the state.

The resolution, if passed as an amendment, would nullify the presumptions of evasion of the law, as stated in Section 9 of the act, in case the consideration is paid by an alien ineligible to citizenship even in cases where the purchase is made for citizen children or veterans of citizen wives of these ineligible aliens.

The conference on housing also asked for the support of any legislative bill whereby racial restrictive covenants would be declared null and void and denied enforcement in the courts.

The council approved the use of anti-racial restrictive covenants.

It also went on record asking that all housing involving the use of state funds or credits be "free from discrimination of segregation on account of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry." The council further asked that should the state legislature fail to pass such a provision, the provision should be sought through local ordinance or as administrative policy.

This conference was sponsored by the Los Angeles Citizens' Housing Council representing:

American Federation of Labor, American Friends' Service Committee, American Legion, American Veterans Committee, Amvets, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, Catholic Interracial Council, Church Federation of Los Angeles, Community Homes, Inc., Congress of Industrial Organizations, Disabled American Veterans, Interproject Residents' Council Lawyers' Guild, League of Women Voters, Los Angeles Jewish Community Council, Los Angeles Urban League, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Railroad Brotherhoods Council.

Spokane Nisei Join Drive For "March of Dimes"

SPOKANE, Wash.—Nisei businessmen of Spokane will join the national drive against infantile paralysis when they sponsor a "March of Dimes" dance on Friday, January 31, at Liberty hall. Walter Hagen's orchestra has been secured for the dance.

Sponsors of the dance have been announced as Leo Kiyohara, Pioneer Drug; Ike Minata, Bernard Pool; Shingo Hirata, Clem hotel; Charlie Yamauchi, M & M Noodle; Sam Ogo, Mas Akiyama, Eugene Yamura, Sunbeam Garage; Larry, Mike and Judd Saruwatari, Four Star Motors; Frank Toribari, architect; Mush Kuroiwa, Matt Wakabayashi, Beacon Cleaners. Tom Iwata, life insurance; Ichiro Yamamoto; K. Saito, Northcoast Supply; Norio Wakamatsu; Everett Matsui, Reno hotel; Joe Okamoto, Sunnyside apartment; and Frank Katahiro, City Hand Laundry.

Body of Nisei GI Reported Aboard Wrecked S. P. Train

LOS ANGELES—The body of a Japanese American war veteran who was drowned in Korea on Oct. 13 was aboard the Southern Pacific crack coastwise flyer, the Owl, which was wrecked on Jan. 17 near Bakersfield, Calif., killing eight persons.

The body of Pfc. Takeshi Inouye, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Inouye of Los Angeles, was transshipped across the Pacific to be accorded a military burial.

After its arrival in San Francisco on Jan. 15, the body was placed on the southbound Owl with a military escort, destined for the home of Pfc. Inouye's parents in Los Angeles.

When the train was derailed, the car in which the body was placed overturned and one member of the military escort, Pfc. Granville Bosler, was injured.

The body reached Los Angeles twelve hours late and a wake service was held on Jan. 20.

Pfc. Inouye was buried with honors on Jan. 21 in Sawtelle Soldiers Cemetery after a military funeral.

Membership Leaflet To Be Distributed

Ten thousand copies of a new membership leaflet, "You Bet I'm Joining JACL," will be distributed late this month by the national offices of the organization to its local chapters.

The leaflet was written by Mas Satow, acting national sercetary, for use in conjunction with the JACL membership drive, which will be held February 15 to March 15.

Two chapters, the Salt Lake City and the San Diego chapters, have gotten off to an early start in their recruiting, Satow said. San Diego has already reported a total of 102 members for the year. The Salt Lake City group began its drive on January 20. It will end February 20.

Repeal of Alien Land Statutes Asked in Utah Legislature

Veterans Groups Support Bill To Remove Ban as Tribute to Japanese American Soldiers

The Utah State Legislature was asked this week to repeal the 1943 Alien Land law as a tribute to American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought brilliantly in the European and Pacific war theaters.

The Alien Land law repeal measure was included in a group of veterans legislation submitted to the Utah Senate on Jan. 21 with the backing of the Joint Veterans Legislative Council, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Amvets, and the Spanish American War Veterans.

It was introduced by State Senators Holbrook, Davis; Newell Knight, R., Salt Lake; Claude Hirshi, R., Washington; Dexter Farr, D., Weber; Wallace Houston, R., Garfield; Elias L. Day, R., Salt Lake, and J. Francis Bowles, D., Weber.

The bill, titled Senate Bill 73, declared that the Utah Alien Land law was a wartime measure to prohibit aliens "ineligible to citizenship" from acquiring property in the state. It asked that the law be repealed because it was unenforced and was a dead-letter statute.

A message to the legislature from the Joint Veterans Legislative Council, of which S. W. Sandack, Salt Lake attorney, is chairman, declared that the anti-alien restriction, aimed at persons of Japanese ancestry, was enacted while Utah's fighting men were overseas.

The veterans noted the brilliant fighting record of Americans of Japanese ancestry and condemned the law as discriminatory on racial grounds against the innocent parents of Nisei GIs.

Officials Puzzled Over Birthplace Of Nisei Baby

ROCKY FORD, Colo.—County officials this week were stumped in figuring out how to make out the birth certificate of young Henry Nakamura, born on Jan. 14, 1947.

No one seeks to know whether young Henry was born in Otero county or Crowley county.

The baby made his entrance in the astomobile of the Nakamuras while the father was rushing the mother to the hospital. The birth took place, the parents recalled, in the vicinity of a bridge over the Arkansas river that divides the two counties.

But they can't remember on which side of the bridge the baby was born.

Three Persons Hurt Critically In Car Crash

Autos Collide in Dense Fog on Road Near San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Six persons were injured, three critically, on Jan. 21, when three cars crashed in a dense fog on the Oakland-San Jose highway near Milpitas.

Highway patrolmen said a car driven by Sumito Horio,28, of San Jose, heading towards Oakland, and one driven by Vernon Leal, of Irvington, crashed head-on when Horio turned out to pass a truck. The third car, driven by Alfred Gonzales, 22, plowed into the two wrecked cars.

All of the drivers were cut and bruised. Those critically injured were Horio's mother, Mrs. Shigeya Horio, 54, fractured skull and internal injures; Ralph, 26, internal injuries, crushed jaw and brain concussion, and his uncle, Fudedare Horio, 68, fractured skull, compound leg fracture and shock. All were taken to a San Jose hospital.

JACL Chapters Plan Dance to Support "March of Dimes"

PORTLAND, Ore.—In conjunction with the "March of Dimes" campaign, the Portland and Hood River JACL chapters will hold a joint social and dance on Saturday, January 25, at the Nichiren church, 1137 North Benton, in Portland, at 7:30 p. m.

A short meeting will precede the dance. Richard L. Neuberger, nationally-known speaker, writer and traveler will be the guest speaker. His subject will be, "How the Nisei Can Enter into Civic Affairs."

Paul Oyamada will be the general chairman for the evening, assisted by May Abe. Music for the dance will be handled by Tsugo Ikeda. Pollie Minamoto is arranging for a skit to be prseented during intermission. Other committee chairmen will be Lily Kobayashi, Marion Hara and Mary Minamoto, publicity; Mae Zakoji, refreshments; George Furusho, posters.

The public is invited to attend. Proceeds will be turned over to the "March of Dimes.'

Aged Man Leaves Suicide Note; Body Sought in River

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — The body of Hatsumi Yoshida, 70, who is believed to have leaped into the swirling waters of the Kern river, 13 miles northeast of here, was being sought by deputy sheriffs this week.

The officers reported they found a note written in Japanese and signed by Yoshida, which said he was "tired of living."

The note was attached to Yoshida's bunk at the Boy Scout camp where he had been working.

Yoshida's coat was found on the bank of the river not far from the camp.

The officers said Yoshida worked for the DiGiorgio Farms before being evacuated to a relocation center. After his return to the county he was given work at the Scout camp by the county welfare department.

He had no known relatives.

KALL Radio Program Discusses Labor And Minorities

The question of labor and minorities was discussed Tuesday, January 21, over Station KALL in Salt Lake City in a forum program presented by the NAACP, the JACL and the Council for Civic Unity.

Speakers were Larry Tajiri, editor of the Pacific Citizen; Elmer R. Smith, assistant professor in anthropology at the University of Utah; and Abner Howell, president of the Salt Lake City chapter of the NAACP.

Dr. Aubrey E. Haan, principal of the Stewart Training school, was moderator.

Miyamoto Elected To Head Hawaiian Civic Unity Group

HONOLULU — Stanley Miyamoto, principal of Waialae school, recently was elected president of the Hawaii Association for Civic Unity at a meeting at the Library of Hawaii.

Dr. John Rademaker, former community analyst at the Granada relocation center, was named first vice-president. Other officers include Iwalani Mottl, Nobuko Suzuki, Carol Rose and Lester Buffins.

Blind Author Completes Work On English-Japanese Dictionary

A dream of many years' standing will soon come true for Tokinobu Mihara, blind educator and author now in Salt Lake City, with the publication in February of an English-Japanese dictionary written entirely in English letters.

The dictionary, first of its kind ever to be published, is the result of the author's life-long campaign for the adoption of Roman letters (Romaji) in the writing of Japanese.

Although almost totally blind for many years, Mihara is also the author and publisher of textbooks on the Japanese language.

Work on his new dictionary began in 1944, while Mihara was at the Heart Mountain relocation center in Wyoming. He was assisted by a staff of Nisei workers who, he says, were his "eyes and hands." The work was completed in May, 1946, and publication will be within the month.

Prior to the evacuation, Mihara was city editor and later managing editor of the New World Sun, San Francisco bilingual newspaper. In 1944 he moved to Salt Lake City, where he opened his present store, the Oriental Culture Book Publishing Company, 74 South West Temple.

He is also the inventor of a new system of braille for the future education of the blind in Japan. The system is based upon the use of Romaji in order to correspond to English braille.

Two Los Angeles Girls End Trip Started in Fall of 1941

War Aftermath Told by Sisters On Return Home

LOS ANGELES—It really was the "Long Voyage Home" for two Nisei girls, Shizuye and Kikuye Hashimoto, who returned to their home in Los Angeles last week after a trip from Japan which began in November, 1941.

The two girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hashimoto of Los Angeles, had much to talk about after their return home, according to Takeshi Shindo, who interviewed them for the Rafu Shimpo.

Kikuye, the younger sister, went to Japan in August, 1937, to attend school.

Four years later Shizuye was sent by her family to bring Kikuye home. The Nisei sisters left Yokohama on the Kamakura Maru in late November of 1941, expecting to be back in the states within two weeks. On th e day before Pearl Harbor the boat neared Hawaii, but was forced to return to Japan with the outbreak of the war.

Back in Japan, Shizuye, who graduated from Belmont high school in Los Angeles in 1941, attended the Saint Luke hospital in Tokyo, majoring in nursing. Later she worked for the French Embassy until she was forced to evacuate to Hiroshima with the devastating bombing of Tokyo.

"I was pretty lucky to escape the Tokyo bombing," she said, but she had more to tell.

On the night of August 5, about 12 hours before the atom bomb split Hiroshima, Shizuye received an appointment by the Embassy to work "on the outskirts of Hiroshima." She talked to her roommate, Chizu, who formerly had worked as secretary in the San Pedro firm building in Los Angeles.

"Chizu didn't want to go," Shizuye related. "She said she wanted to stay in Hiroshima city for awhile.

"I left Hiroshima for my new assignment. You know what happened next."

Asked about the Nisei in Japan, both praised the work of the Japanese American GIs.

"The Nisei, both in uniform and civilian life, are doing wonderfully," they said. "Most of them are really homesick. The GIs are anxious about returning to the states to take advantage of their GI Bill of Rights.

'The moral standards of Nisei are high. They are industrious and work very hard."

Prices of food in Japan are terrible, the girls said. Apples and oranges, when available, are 20 yen apiece. Most of the people live on rations, which allow one bowl of rice per meal, and parents with children geierally skip one meal a day to provide their children with school lunches.

Not only did the girls survive the war tragedies of Japan, they sidestepped tragedy in San Francisco when they took an earlier train returning to Los Angeles.

Anxious to get home, they chose the streamliner instead of the Southern Pacific Owl, which was derailed at Lerdo, killing seven and injuring 94.

"Well, we're safely home," they said. "As to plans, we don't know yet. First we want to enjoy this beautiful weather."

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EDITORIALS:

Marshall and Nisei

The story of General George C. Marshall and the Nisei is a testimonial to the man who is now America's Secretary of State. According to S. L. A. Marshall who served on the War Department's general staff during the war, General George Marshall as Chief of Staff was personally responsible for the dramatic change in U. S. government policy toward the Nisei which resulted in the restoration of full civil rights to members of a group who had been evacuated and interned on the basis of race.

Mr. Marshall's disclosure of Gen. Marshall's relationship to the Nisei has been prompted by the comment of a contemporary historian, H. A. DeWeerd, that Gen. Marshall had "badly judged" persons of Japanese ancestry and the real danger to the West Coast after the outbreak of war and had supported Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt's decision for mass evacuation. Mr. Marshall's interest in revealing what he knows of the background of inner War Department activity on the Nisei question is inspired by his realization that because of Gen. Marshall's appointment as the chief foreign policy officer of the United States government "the question of his military contribution to our history is of less consequence than his character in regard to institutions of democratic freedom."

It is not that any evidence is necessary to establish Gen. Marshall's democratic integrity. There has been more than ample evidence of Gen. Marshall's deep regard for democratic functions in his record as Chief of Staff and, more recently, in his efforts to avert a ruinous civil war in China. It is notable that Gen. Marshall, in his recent report on his China mission, deplored the dominance of the military clique in the Kuomintang government and showed a concern for the extension of democratic principles which is uncommon in the professional soldier. The facts on Gen. Marshall and the Nisei round out the record and prove Gen. Marshall to be an individual with deep democratic convictions.

Mr. S. L. A. Marshall, however, is somewhat harsh on civilians in the administration in his claim that General Marshall and the Army were solely responsible for the restoration of civil rights to the Nisei, a policy which included the decision to reopen selective service to Japanese Americans and to organize a special combat unit which could and did prove, in dramatic fashion, the loyalty of members of the group. It will not diminish Gen. Marshall's record as a democrat to note that there were a considerable number of civilians, in and out of the government, who also worked against strenuous opposition to change the government's policy toward the Nisei. John J. McCloy, then Assistant Secretary of war, Dillon S. Myer, Harold L. Ickes and Eleanor Roosevelt were among many who helped influence the shaping of a policy on the Nisei which was consistent with American declarations of democracy. These persons, together with various private citizens and organizations, including the JACL, worked for the elimination of government restrictions against Japanese Americans.

The final decision on the reopening of military service for Japanese Americans, which was the crux of the government's Nisei problem, was made by Gen. Marshall as Chief of Staff but it would be rewriting history to declare that the Army alone was responsible for that change in policy.

Mr. Marshall notes that "a small group of Army general staff officers" were deeply concerned over the implications of the Army's mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942 "and its ultimate effect on our traditions and constitutional liberties." Thsi group, Mr. Marshall notes, drew courage from Gen. Marshall's backing of the rights of Japanese Americans. The Army, which had evacuated the Nisei, later took forthright action to combat racist antagonism against the evacuees on the Pacific coast and its efforts played an integral part in the successful return of the evacuees.

Gen. Marshall played an important role in the formation of Japanese American combat units "as the most dramatic way to prove the loyalty of the Japanese American population" and his pride in the combat records of the 442nd Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion is shown by the fact that these two Nisei outfits are the only two military units smaller than a division which are given specific mention in his official review of World War II.

Gen. Marshall and the Army made an initial mistake in their appraisal of the loyalty potential of the Japanese American population but the later record of the Chief of Staff and of the War Department in its relationship with Japanese Americans is one of which all Americans may be proud.

Action for Legislators

Action to repeal certain wartime measures which were passed in the heat of anti-Japanese activity was begun this week in the state legislatures of Colorado and Utah.

In Utah a bill to outlaw the state's alien land act was proposed by a group of senators acting on behalf of war veterans of the state. The law, which was never so vicious in intent nor so vindictively enforced as in California, was described as a "wartime" measure which was inherently unjust to the innocent parents of loyal Japanese American soldiers.

In Colorado State Senator Arthur Brooks, Jr., has asked the legislators to correct a patently unjust situation concerning aliens of Japanese ancestry. Japanese nationals, if they are residents of Colorado, cannot fish within the state, in accordance with a decision which was handed down in 1946: Colorado fishing licenses are issued jointly with hunting licenses. Japanese aliens are not allowed to possess guns or hunt. Therefore they cannot obtain licenses to hunt or to fish. Residents from out-of-state, however, though they be Japanese aliens, can obtain licenses for fishing purposes. Under Arthur Brooks' proposal, a new provision in the state's hunting and fishing code would make provision for an alien fishing license.

The reasoning whereby Japanese aliens in Colorado cannot fish is one of those absurdities into which the courts fall when faced with interpretation of a law that is based upon a false assumption of race.

Predicament in Canada

The present predicament of Canadians of Japanese ancestry is of particular concern and interest to Japanese Americans because the Canadian situation has resuted from the same racist pressures exerted against the Nisei on the Pacific coast. In British Coumbia the white supremacists, whose scapegoat long have been the residents of Japanese ancestry, have succeeded to a far greater degree than their racist brethren in the United States. Japanese Canadians still are totally excluded from the coastal area of British Columbia where more than 90 per cent resided before the evacuation in 1942. Under a program advocated by British Columbia politicians the Canadian government now is committed to a policy of dispersal of the Japanese Canadian group. Under varying degrees of compulsion, the Japanese Canadians have been forced to choose between relocation in eastern Canada and deportation to Japan.

The Canadian government's policy on its residents of Japanese ancestry has been heavily influenced by British Columbia's racist politicians, one of whom, Ian Mackenzie who campaigned on the platform of "No Japs from the Rockies to the sea" is the Minister of Veterans Affaris in Prime Minister King's cabinet. In recent months, however, more and more Canadians have become alarmed regarding the treatment accorded the Japanese Canadians and this concern is reflected in the Canadian press. Typical of recent editorial comment is an editorial in the Toronto Star titled "White Supremacy in Canada" which declared: "The honor and value of Canadian citizenship will remain marred unless the government rectifies its policies governing Japanese Canadi ans."

It is believed that the government's treatment of Japanese Canadians will be a major issue in the forthcoming session of Parliament.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Labor and the Minorities

The present-day attitude of most trade unions toward Japanese Americans and other minority group workers, particularly in the western United States, is in sharp contrast to the attitude which prevailed among organized workers in past generations.

Organized labor, which has affirmed the right of Nisei to membership and a job in the CIO Stockton incident and the AFL Miyama affair in San Francisco in 1945, once played racist, anti-Oriental politics on the West Coast. This, of course, was long before the emergence of the CIO with its forthright non-distrimination policy in the middle 30s.

Some of the earliest instances of violence against workers of Jaapanese ancestry on the Pacific coast, which occurred in 1890 and 1892, were instigated by organized shoemakers and cooks and waiters against immigrant Japanese entering those fields. Today the AFL culinary workers accord full participation to Japanese and other Oriental Americans and some local leadership of the union, particularly in Hawaii, is made up of men of Japanese descent.

Labor's new leadership, symbolized by the men of the CIO and the AFL federal unions, place especial stress on the consolidation of minority group workers among the rank and file and this policy has been rewarded by the fact that it has strengthened the labor movement as a whole. On the other hand, some of labor's Old Guard, characterized by C. J. Haggerty, past president of the California State Federation of Labor, and by the goon squads of Dave Beck, boss of western teamsters, maintain an attitude of prejudice which may be considered a defiance of the stated policy of the AFL as a whole. Because of the large degree of autonomy maintained by local AFL unions, there is little possibility or opportunity for disciplinary action against locals on grounds of race discrimination.

Prejudice still exists in most AFL building trades unions on the West Coast, many of which have provisions in their charters excluding non-white workers, and in the Railway Brotherhoods, which have maintained a lily-white policy on membership. On the other hand, it may be noted that the Minneapolis council of AFL construction unions is considering the authorization of stop-work activity on housing projects which limit occupancy on grounds of race or religion.

The most vicious instance of discrimination affecting Japanese Americans is the policy of Dave Beck and his AFL Teamsters in Seattle to prohibit the reopening of Japanese American businesses in the produce, floral, dry cleaning and other fields in which teamsters are involved. A similar policy was attempted by AFL Teamsters in Los Angeles to exclude Japanese Americans from returning to the wholesale produce markets, but was withdrawn by the action of the rank and file membership of the Los Angeles local. The International Teamster, national publication of the union, showed the influence of Dave Beck's anti-Orientalism and carried on a long and sustained campaign during the war years against the return of Japanese Americans to the coast and the resettlement of evacuees in other areas.

In the years before the war Dave Beck attempted to organize Japanese and other Oriental Americans into segregated locals in which the members were permitted to pay dues, but enjoyed none of the privileges of union membership.

Beck's attitude and policy toward Japanese Americans are the exception rather than the rule in the labor movement on the West Coaast. With the exception of Old Guard diehards like C. J. Haggerty, the AFL in California, once a member of the Joint Immigration Committee and a participant in anti-Japanese activity, reflects little of its former anti-Orientalism. The Miyama incident in 1945, which involved the right of a returned evacuee worker to membership and a job in San Francisco's municipal railway system, was a clean break with the past. At this time, Jack Shelley, then a state senator and San Francisco's foremost AFL leader, took the lead in affirming Takeo Miyama's right to work. Today Jack Shelley's stand is far more typical of the AFL attitude in California than Dave Beck's racism.

Even in Dave Beck's Seattle most AFL unions long since have buried their animus against workers of Jaapanese ancestry. The change was noted shortly after World War I, when independent Japanese unions in the city supported the AFL's general strike and the statement of the president of the Seattle Labor Council in 1923 that "Federated Labor had no quarrel with the Jaapanese" marked one of the first instances in which West Coast labor noted its disapproval of the exclusionist campaign then in progress.

The changed concept of organized labor in its relationship to minority group workers may be seen by the fact that labor today is an outstanding advocate of legislation prohibiting discrimination in employment. The CIO has carried on a campaign of education outside as well as within its membership which has sought to improve race relationships. The CIO United Auto Workers, the world's biggest union, has been notable for its work in this field and maintains an active anti-discrimination committee. It may be recalled that the UAW, shortly after the beginning of the WRA's resettlement program, noted the loyalty record of Japanese Americans and supported the right of evacuees to obtain jobs in the automotive industry. The UAW's action in 1943 proved effective in neutralizing the efforts of a representative of West Coast race-baiters who went into the Detroit area to bestir racist animosity toward Japanese Americans.

One of the outstanding examples of the success of the CIO's no-discrimination policy has been demonstrated in Hawaii in the complete organization of the 28,000 workers in the sugar industry by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousmen's Union for the first time in history. Previous attempts of sugar industry workers to improve their working and living conditions were frustrated by the fact that they were carried out along racial lines and were able to pit race against race to defeat these efforts. The interracial solidarity of the sugar industry workers in the ILWU, including some 13,000 of Japanese ancestry, is credited with the success of the recent industry-wide strike in which the contract obtained marks the emancipation of the sugar workers from the tight paternalism which has existed on the plantations and in the mills.

There is a pattern for minority group progress in Hawaii's labor history in which a non-segregated union succeeded where racially segregated unions failed.

Skilled trades which once were barred to workers of Oriental ancestry in western states because of the refusal of unions to induct workers of minority race groups are now being opened as discriminatory attitudes lessen. Race myths which once were utilized against workers of Oriental ancestry in "yellow peril' campaigns are being exploded by the consolidation of these workers in the labor movement.

The changed concept of organized labor in its attitude toward minorities is consistent with the role of trade unions today as instruments for social progress.

Wisconsin's Wiley Will Head Senate Judiciary Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Alexander Wiley, Republican, of Wisconsin, was named chairman of the influential Senate Judiciary Committee which will handle most legislative subjects relating to persons of Japanese ancestry in the 80th Congress, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced today.

Under the reorganization bill, as in the House of Representatives, the revised Judiciary Committee of the Senate will consider all immigration and naturalization claims and civil libertries matters introduced in the Upper Chambers.

Tomorrow's Heirs

By Sachi L. Wada

Minneapolis, Minn.

GEORGE GRIM . . .

George Grim spoke to us, as he has been speaking for us via columns in the Minneapolis Morning Tribune. He spoke at the installation service for the officers of the newly organized United Citizens League at St. Mark's Cathedral. It was a wonderful day to begin with, for the sun had melted the January snow on the pavement, and had turned the cold faces of lakes into smiling ripples.

It was even a warmer day inside, for the simple talk of one man wrought that warmth inside of us. He spoke mostly of a Nisei officer from Hawaii named Jito Chinen, who was a sort of an ambassador to the people of Minnesota. Chinen was an extraordinary soldier who was able to lead not only during the wars of war-strewn battle lines, but also the conflicts in men's minds. He was that man, who tired and ill, reenlisted after seeing action with the 442nd so that he could carry a message to Japan to the parents of one of his men. He was the man with the chest full of ribbons, who penned sincere moving letters from Europe and Asia, to the people of Minnesota, who took him into their hearts.

And then Grim spoke of an incident in Italy, where a little Italian lad, who was waving cheer to the victorious American GIs was accidentally killed. He spoke of the sorrow in the hearts of even death-hardened heroes over the loss of one boy whom they had never seen before. They hadn't meant to hurt and they were sorry. Grim compared this incident to the sorrow now felt . . . felt a little too late for the laughing olive-complexioned lads who never came back because of choice and determination to prove that they were with the rest of the Americans. Grim said, "We hadn't meant to hurt; but that does not bring them back. We are sorry now." He said that all of us must never think of Brotherhood Week or installation day, but to integrate into every day the simple, everlasting effort for understanding . . . or else the days themselves become meaningless. There is nothing complicated or complex about simple daily fellowship. Yes, George Grim, a busy man, who seldom accepts speaking engagements, spoke to us because he understood us . . . and believed in us.

IN A NEWS ROOM . . .

There's nothing more messy and comfortable than a newspaper office, or any place being used for publications. The other night, after climbing four flights of stairs at the St. Paul International Institute, I finally reached the door with the impromptu sign reading, "Northwest Nisei Staff Meeting here." Typists were columnizing stories rapidly, having their frivolous heels abandoned on the floor. Pete Ohtaki and Dick Kleeman, the bosses, had their hands full of stuff which resembled copy. Jim Ginguji, the fella who was recently elected secretary of the National Chemical Association at Hamline university, was searching for the green ink pad. I was fascinated at the ease with which Kuwa Yoshida, recording secretary of the United Citizens League, hopped around with only one shoe on. Paul Iide, a photographer, who someday aspires to compile a pictorial study on Nisei, was not too successfully trying to get artistic poses. George Sasaki, ex-S/Sgt. with the Special Services division at Fort Snelling, was immediately put to work retyping news paragraphs, when he was there only on a social visit. George should now be en route to Chicago, where he intends to tackle the unenvied task of earning a civilian living. He's the guy who went around organizing socials for the GIs while they were stationed here.

The Northwest Nisei is now the official organ for the United Citizens League, chapter of the Nat'l JACL. The publication staff itself is significant of the broader realms which this organization covers. Instead of having Caucasian members listed as impersonal sponsors, it puts them to work . . . among us. In this way, we not only know who they are, but we work with them, gripe with them. The language we talk is the same, the topics discussed are common.

This wasn't an extraordinary night, but there was something about it, intangible, that made you feel as if it was an importaant night. It was good to talk of trivia again, to listen to corny jokes. But then, of course, it was held in a facsimile of a publication office.

Washington News-Letter

Los Angeles Relocation Report Notes Marked Changes in Economics of Returnee Group

Few Japanese Americans Have Been Able to Regain Foothold in Wholesale, Retail Produce Fields; Gardening, Textile Work Draw Many Evacuees

By JOHN KITASAKO

We present herewith the first in a series of two articles on the resettlement of evacuees in the Los Angeles area. This piece deals with its economics while next week we shall discuss its progress toward social adjustment. We are deeply indebted to Tom Sasaki who is a member of Bob Cullum's Resettlement Study staff of the Department of the Interior. Tom conducted studies on resettlement in the Los Angeles area from the latter part of July to the end of December last year.

The Japanese population of Los Angeles County has already hit the 25,000 mark, says Tom, and is steadily climbing toward the pre-war figure of 36,000, which was 39 per cent of all persons of Japanese ancestry in California and 29 per cent of the total in America. Approximately 15,000 reside in Los Angeles city, where the pre-Pearl Harbor population was around 23,000.

The outstanding impression one gains from these thousands who have flocked to Los Angeles, observes Tom, is that nearly everybody is terribly busy making money, so busy in fact that he seems to have little time for anything else.

This situation stems from two factors: first, money is plentiful if one is willing to work for it, and second, the high cost of living does not allow for any leisurely living. This mad scramble to earn a living has had a detrimental effect: the pattern of community life is still pretty much a jumble. Organizational development has lagged far behind the growth in population. The young Buddhists were probably the first big group to get established, with around 250 to 300 attending Sunday services.

Marked changes in the economics of Little Tokyo are apparent, says Tom. In big business, which in pre-war days meant the wholesale produce firms, the retail fruit markets, and the flower markets, the Japanese have regained very little of their former holdings.

Only in the flower markets have the Japanese obtained what can be called a foothold, but they are finding competition very stiff, as Caucasians who moved in during the absence of the Japanese have built up a substantial business.

The number who have gone back into the wholesale produce business and the retail markets is insignificant, declares Tom. In 1941, Japanese did a $26,000,000 business, handling 75 per cent of the green vegetables in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. In pre-war years, there were about 1000 fruit markets operated by Japanese, employing 5000 people and doing a $25,000,000 busineess.

The Japanese are trying to get back into these fields, but they are finding it rough, due to the lack of adequate capital and changed methods of marketing and the well-entrenched position of the supermarkets.

The bulk of the Japanese income is now derived from quite different sources. With Los Angeles cursed with one of the tightest housing situations in the country, the hotel and rooming house business ranks No. 1 from the standpoint of yielding high financial returns. Tom figures there are between 150 and 200 Japanese-operated hotels and rooming houses, although other estimates run from 80 to 300. So great is the demand for housing that it is a very common practice for homeowners to convert their homes into rooming houses.

There are instances where as many as 15 persons sleep in one room. Many hotels have four to six persons living in a single room. The number who sleep in barns and garages is high.

Single rooms rent from $30 to $40 without private facilities, and apartments bring in as much as $90 a month. It is not unusual, says Tom, for some families whose members live apart to play $100 a month in rent. For example, those in hostels pay $30, those in hotels $45, and those living in a trailer camp $24.

The unfortunate aspect is that there is little hope that this abnormal situation will ease up until at least two more years.

Contract gardening ranks second in lucrative pay. Japanese gardeners who returned to Los Angeles early got the cream of garden contracts, which brought them incomes ranging from $600 to $900 a month. But even the latecomers were able to get contracts which yielded $300 to $500. Laborers hired by contract gardeners earn about $1.25 per hour, which runs up to a good sum for those who work 12 to 13 hours a day.

Approximately 3000 Issei and Nisei are engaged in gardening. Around the middle of last year, however, cut-throat practices became evident, says Tom, which in time will cut down appreciably the earnings of gardeners.

One of the outstanding aspects of the post-war economics of Little Tokyo has been the entry of Issei and Nisei women into the booming garment industry. During the war, with California-style sportswear gaining in popularity everywhere, Los Angeles became the sports clothes manufacturing center of the United States.

The women crashed the textile field through the domestic work route, according to Tom. Several domestics employed in the homes of textile makers were given jobs in factories, and that opened the way.

It is estimated that between 2000 and 3000 are engaged in this industry, which is centered on textile row on Los Angeles Street. However, many are employed in the exclusive clothes shops in Beverley Hills, where some establishments have an all-Japanese staff. This type of work proved a natural for Japanese women, for the percentage of them who were adept in sewing from pre-war days is extremely high.

In this connection, it is interesting to note, says Tom, that in the over-all employment picture in Little Tokyo, women have fared better than men in getting the type of job they seek. He thinks this is attributable in part to the fact that women are less inclined to have a chip on their shoulders. Their attitude, generally speaking, seems to have been less affected by the evacuation than that of the men. Secondly, a greater number of the women have the training and background to fit them into specific jobs, whereas the number among men is much lower.

Numerous women have found jobs in civil service and in private firms. There is practically no discrimination in the secretarial field; in fact, the demand for Nisei women is great.

In contrast, the men are finding the situation difficult. Not many have secured good white collar jobs, nor have they landed better-paying factory jobs. Because they are performing hard physical work, many Issei must be content to work as bus boys and dishwashers in restaurants and cafeterias.

Nisei men, about 250, work as record pressers for Columbia, Decca, Capital, Modern and other firms. The single factory employing the most Issei and Nisei is the Moody Mattress Company, which has about 75 on its payroll. This is one of the most liberal outfits in Southern Californiaa, employing rehabilitated parolees, blind persons and members of nine cultural groups.

The college-educated have been unable for the most part to get employment because of limited experience and training. The majority of college graduates have established their own professional and business offices.

Great changes have come over the wartime Bronzeville. This area, which has as its core the intersection of San Pedro and First Streets, says Tom, has almost completely reverted back to the Japanese. Nearly all shops have been taken over by the Japanese; only a few remain which are operated by other groups.

Since January, 1946, 328 business and professional offices have emerged in Little Tokyo, but this is only a small fraction of the pre-war figure of 3200.

During the first half of 1946, according to Tom, restaurants were cropping up at the rate of one a week. Business was exceptionally good during the early days of relocation, but there has been a noticeable drop as the returnees found housing with cooking facilities.

Another factor in the decline was the loss of trade from Negroes who were squeezed out from Little Tokyo as the evacuees returned. The Negro business ranged from 50 to 75 per cent in some instances.

Tom says the outlook among business people in Little Tokyo is that their future lies in building up business in the wider community and they look forward to the time when Little Tokyo would collapse. Already many Japanese who have opened stores in Caucasian-populated areas are doing a thriving business.

From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

Denver, Colo.

After living in Des Moines almost three years, the closest we got to the famous Iowa state fair was with Dick Haymes and Jeanne Craine in a second run movie house. Thus we hastened in our first year in Denver to the National Western stock show which is to Colorado what the state fair is to Iowa.

We left the stock show properly impressed by feats of horsemanship, fat stock and the prowess of honest-to-goodness cowboys. But more than anything else we were struck by the specialization that has come over the animal kingdom.

Take cattle. Your steaks don't come from the bony-hipped milk cows of childhood memory. They're developed breeds of Herefords, Angus and Shorthorn cattle that are built along the lines of an office desk—short, blocky and stubby legs that barely reach the ground.

They'll yield pounds and pounds of succulent steaks, but they could no more forage off the desert than jump over the moon. The champions were fed so full of corn they could barely waddle into and out of the arena.

If human beings tried similar selective breeding, perhaps some day they could get a strain which would produce men capable of running four-minute miles and nine-second hundred-yard dashes, and girls with the contour of the Petty models.

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Abacus Enterprise

The Frying Pan's award for enterprise goes this week to Martha Kaihatsu and associates of the newly-established American Abacus Institute of Chicago, who seized upon a news item and now are in the process of converting it into a business venture.

The abacus, if you remember, is that wooden frame business in which were strung a lot of beads and on which your dad used to figure his accounts. The news item had to do with a mathematics contest in Japan, where a second-rate male abacus expert beat the stuffing out of a G. I. accountant armed with a modern calculating machine. We call him second-rate because in a later contest against some Japaanese girl experts this mere male didn't even place.

American Abacus Institute is marketing the aabacus, together with an instruction book, in hopes of popularizing its use inasmuch as Mr. Average American has trouble with figures anyway and can scarcely hope to own his personal adding machine.

Perhaps the Burroughs people never may have to worry about competition from A. A. I., but there seems to be a good possibility of foisting the abacus on the public as something of a fad, like mah jong and happi coats. The time may come when every up-to-date hostess will include an abacus addition and subtraction contest in her repertoire of parlor games.

Martha, who reached Chicago by way of Heart Mountain, Santa Anita and Los Angeles, believes in keeping in the background because she thinks there is a prejudice against women in business. But we'd prefer to take our abacus lessons from her than any male associate of hers.

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And then there's the little Sansei tot who said: "Mommy gave me two J. C. Penneys and I put them in my piggie bank."

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Incidentally, with a child in the house one never knows when he skids on the linoleum whether it's a new wax job or something that dropped off the table during lunch.

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Shortcake

To celebrate nothing much in particular other than that we're alive, we had strawberry (frozen) shortcake for dessert last Sunday. Having once earned $1.47 in a single day, long ,long ago, for picking strawberries, we still marvel that they are available in the dead of winter.

We wish to report the berries were well worth the cost, even though it means mixing more bread into the ground beef for the rest of the week to balance the budget.

We recall dimly the fairy tale of some poor waif whose wicked stepmother demanded that she go into the woods in January and bring home a mess of strawberries. A fairy godfather or some such leprechaun produced them for the waif and thus she escaped a whipping for the day.

We are vaguely troubled by not being able to recall the yarn any more clearly, but if they're still reading the story to the present crop of toddlers the teacher is laying herself wide open to some remark about the frozen food cabinet at the chain store.

Vagaries

59th Mission . . .

Ben Kuroki may extend his "59th mission" to a three-month tour of the Deep South under the auspices of the East and West association. Ex-Sgt. Kuroki is now booked for lectures almost every day through February. He hopes to wind up his lecture engagements and may enroll at the University of Nebraska in the fall . . . Robert T. Stripling, who was responsible for much of the anti-Nisei activities of the old Dies Committee as its chief investigator, has been reappointed to the House Un-American Activities committee by its new chairman, J. Parnell Thomas. It may be recalled that Rep. Thomas and Stripling issued fantastic statements regarding the alleged "comforts" enjoyed by Japanese Americans in war relocation centers in 1943 and these statements were widely publicized in a campaign to incite sentiment on the West Coast against the evacuees. The Dies committee's inquisition on Japanese Americans fizzled out, however, and there is no indication of any revival of the investigation by the Thomas committee.

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Movie Notes . . .

Hollywood notes: Eddie Imadzu has finished work as art director on a new Van Johnson picture at MGM, "The Romance of Rosie Ritz," and has been loaned by Leo the Lion to an independent studio, where he will work on a new mystery film to be released through 20th Century Fox. Imadzu has been on the MGM rolls for more than 20 years . . . Al Nozaki was recently promoted to the rank of art director at Paramount studio and is now in charge of art direction on a new Paramount musical.

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Battle Star . . .

There's one Nisei veteran who did not have an opportunity to serve overseas who still believes he is still entitled to one battle star. He was a member of the military police detachment at the Tule Lake segregation center and saw action in the "battle of Tule Lake" which if you read the new book, "The Spoilage," was no battle at all.

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Cowboy Artist Writes Book on Nisei Evacuees

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — William S. (Billy) Warren, noted cowboy artist and writer, has written a 40,000 word novel about Japanese American evacuees.

Warren, once one of the nation's top cartoonists, is now the operator of an Elberta peach ranch on East Orchard mesa near here.

The author of numerous books, which he has illustrated himself, with western backgrounds, Warren was asked by his publishers to do a novel on the problems of Japanese American readjustment after relocation.

Warren, who has employed relocated Nisei on his peach ranch, wrote a novel which he has called "The Lost Medal" and which will be published soon.

Basketball Tourney Set For March

Tentative plans have been made in Salt Lake City to hold a national Nisei basketball tournament under the sponsorship of the local Nisei Athletic Union on March 26, 27 and 28, in conjunction with the national Nisei bowling tourney being held on March 29 and 30.

Invitations to participate will be sent to teams in northern California, southern California, the Pacific Northwest, Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, the midwest, and any other region where there is an organized Nisei athletic program to participate in this unprecedented Nisei cage carnival.

Those serving on the committee for this venture include Kay Terashima, Bill Honda, Maki Kaizumi, Tom Hoshiyama, Tom Matsumori, Fred Toyota, Mits Kojimoto, and Yosh Kojimoto.

All information may be secured by writing to Yosh Kojimoto, 71 West First South street, Salt Lake City 1, Utah.

Marriage

The marriage of Miss Mitzie Nishikawa to Mr. Jerry Tsuyuki, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Tsuyuki, 143 South Ninth West, Salt Lake City, will be held Sunday, January 26.

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To the Editor
THE LETTERBOX

Would Like to Hear From 442nd Men

Gentlemen:

Have just received about 20 copies of your splendid publication, The Pacific Citizen. They have followed me half-way around the world, first to Italy, some back to the Islands and now back to Oklahoma, where I am now stationed.

I read practically everything in your paper, even to the ads, as that is how I find out where some of my former men are located.

Am finding more time to write now that I am stationed permanently. I am at present the National Guard Instructor for the 279th Infantry Regiment with headquarters at Tulsa, Okla. This unit is a regiment of the Thunderbird or 45th Division. The 442nd RCT was attached to this Division for a while overseas, and several times we fought along side of their units.

I was indeed proud and glad to receive the 442nd in New York and to stay with them until their inactivation in Hawaii. It was a fulfillment of a statement I made after we came out of the Vosge Mountains after the rescue of the Lost Battalion. At that time in a discussion with some of the men, I stated that I was going to stay with the unit until its end if at all possible. Well, it was made possible by the Army and was a task that was gladly fulfilled.

The Regiment was wonderfully received upon its arrival in New York, as all the men who were fortunate to be with it at that time will testify. Our reception and treatment in Washington, D. C., was also splendid. The greatest reception I suppose, at least to the Island boys, was the one in Honolulu. It sure was some affair.

It was also my good fortune while in the Islands to accomplish a task which is generally left undone. This was the meeting of the families of the boys who were left overseas. A group of officers, Lt. Kobayashi, Lt. Vogt, Capt. Kurlan and myself visited approximately 75 per cent of the families on all the Islands. We extended the sympathies of the men of the Regiment and checked to see if they had received the personal property of their loved ones. We also made inquiries about insurance payments, the six months' gratuity pay and other forms of assistance. As a whole we found very few things we could help correct. The Territorial Veterans Service and the Veterans Administration were doing a good job and had the situation well in hand.

I would appreciate hearing from any of the men of the 442nd, and if they are in Tulsa, Okla., or in the vicinity, to be sure and stop by and pay me a visit. Am at present looking for a house, but am sure to have a Hawaiian Room in it if at all possible. At present I may be contacted at the National Guard Armory, 3900 East 15th St., Tulsa, Okla.

Hope to continue receiving your fine news publication and to be of aid and assistance in any way I possibly can to your cause.

Yours Respectfully,
ALFRED A. PURSALL
Lt. Col. Inf.

Need Foster Homes For Children

Dear Editor:

We come to you to appeal for foster homes for Japanese American children in the Chicago metropolitan area. There is constant need for good homes for six to ten different children. Their ages range from new-born babies to 13-year-olds.

You will be concerned, as we are, in the predicament in which three children now find themselves. They are in a distant, eastern city, under the care of a child welfare agency. There are two boys, 13 and 12 years, and a girl, 8 years of age. The mother has deserted the family periodically. Thus, the children have missed their birthright of the influence of mother's love and day-by-day care. The father has worked in Chicago for several years, so has established his residence here. He is eager to have the children near him so he and they may be together occasionally.

Very recently word came to one of the local child-placing agencies that these three children should be brought here and placed together in one home, or, if that is impossible to find, in two or three different foster homes. Only because the Chicago social agency did not have a proper home for these children, has it been necessary for them to remain so far apart from their father. If and when one or several Japanese American homes are found to care for foster children, can the question of these children again be considered. In the meantime, if you have enough love in your family to share it with these—or other—children who must live away from their own parents, and if you have an extra bed (or two or three), will you consider the plan seriously?

Will you write or telephone the Chicago Resettlers Committee office, 734 North La Salle Street, Chicago 10, Ill—SUPerior 6787, or to the United Home Finding Service, 1951 West Madison Street, Chicago 12, Ill.—MONroe 6311, telling of your interest? You will be given the opportunity to talk over the whole idea and decide if you can and should take a child into your home. If you are not fortunate enough to be able to do this yourself, will you help these children by talking with your neighbors and friends about this critical need for foster homes among Japanese American families? We are depending upon you!

GRACE POWERS,
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Pacific Northwest YPCC Group Plans Meeting in February

SPOKANE, Wash. — The first postwar Young People's Christian Conference of the Pacific northwest will be held February 22 and 23 at the Grant Street Community church in Spokane, Wash., under the leadership of Mas Akiyama and Sumi Haji, co-chairmen.

The conference will be the first to have an interracial delegation.

Speakers will include Dr. Kennedy, Washington State college, Pullman, Wash.; Dr. H. Bashor, district superintendent of Methodist churches; Dr. Schlaugh, Whitworth college, Spokane; Rabbi Fink, Temple Emanuel; the Rev. J. Morton, Bethel African Methodist church, Spokane; and Kenneth Lawson, Liberty Park, Committee of 1000.

Consultants will include the Rev. Don Baldwin, Hayes Park, young adult leader; Jean Taylor, central, Councvil of Churches, and Spady Koyama, member of the JACL and the veterans committee.

Registration will begin at p.m., Saturday.

The following officers and committee chairmen will aid in arrangements: Hiro Haji, secretary; Cho Yamamoto, treasurer; Ann Hayashi and Chiyo Takami, registrars; Mrs. T. Nobuku, devotions; Mrs. M. Akiyama, publicity; Mrs. T. Nakamura and Michi Hirata, banquet; Everett Matsui and Hideki Sekijima, recreation; Masaki Funakoshi and Rose Yonago, publications; Shingo Hirata, picture; Taka Nozaki and Floyd Yamamoto, general arrangements; and Tom Iwata, transportation and housing.

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Bradford Smith Tells Story Of Nisei in Magazine Article

"What's Happened to the Nisei?" an article discussing the present-day situation of Japanese Americans evacuated from the west coast in 1942, appears in the February issue of "This Month" magazine.

The writer is Bradford Smith, author of three novels on Japan and innumerable magazine articles on Japanese and the Nisei. During the war Smith was head of the Japanese section of OWI.

In "What's Happened to the Nisei?" Smith discusses a typical Nisei, John Tanida, and his readjustment after the evacuation program deprived him of his home and business. Tanida, who once owned a vegetable market in Los Angeles, is today in Philadelphia, where he has set up another market.

"Multiply John Tanida by 50,000, and you have the outlines of a development which has not only gone far to redeem a wartime injustice, but promises to enrich permanently the pattern of American life," writes Bradford Smith.

In his discussion of the evacuation the author says:

"Today many, including Naval Intelligence officers, declare that this evacuation of 110,000 men, women and children was an unnecessary, tragic waste.

"Yet paradoxically, this thoroughly unjustified move may prove a blessing in disguise to many Nisei, or Japanese Americans, because it is bringing them into the main stream of American life. Half of them have found new homes, new jobs, and a greater hope for the future than they ever had in their West Coast settlements."

Fresno Fellowship Installs Officers

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno Christian Fellowship at a beautiful and inspirational candlelight service installed its first-of-the year officers Sunday, January 19, at the Congregational church. The Rev. George Aki of the Congregational church and the Rev. Hideo Hashimoto of the Methodist church pledged the new cabinet.

The officers are Chiaki Renge, president; Julia Goto, vice-president; Etsu Mikami, rec. sec.; Velma Yemoto, cor. sec.; Min Okubo, treas.; Ernie Shirakawa, social chm.; Koko Yemoto, publicity chm.; Alice Osaki, membership chm.; Roy Sato, usher chm.; and June Ohara, music chm.

The fellowship acknowledged the efforts of Velma Yemoto, retiring president, for her able leadership.

Yellowstone JACL Elects Cabinet

CHICAGO—Thomas H. Hanami was elected president of the Yellowstone JACL for the 1947 term.

Other officers will be Haruo Yamasaki, vice-president; George Kusaka, treasurer; Yaeko Miyasaki, secretary; Paul Hosoda, social chairman; Yukie Yamasaki, welfare chairman; and Takeshi Hanami, athletic manager.

Salt Lake JACL Gives Copies of Kuroki Story to Library

Copies of 'The Boy From Nebraska," the story of Nisei airman Ben Kuroki by Ralph G. Martin, were presented to libraries and schools in Salt Lake City by the Salt Lake City JACL Thursday, Jan. 23.

Presentation was made by Mrs. Henry Kasai, past president, and Tom Hoshiyama, president.

The books were given to Ralph D. Thompson, assistant librarian, University of Utah; President Robert E. Steele, Westminster college; Frank S. Allen, principal, East high school; Dan L. Baker, principal, West high school; De Voe Woolf, principal, South high school; Mrs. Ethel Holmes, Main library, 15 South State street; Chapman branch library, 577 South 8th West; Sprague branch library, 2131 Eleventh East; John D. Spencer branch, 771 West First North; and the Waterloo Deposit Station, 316 Downing avenue.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Masuda on Jan. 9 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mizokami a girl on Jan. 14 in Lon Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rinji Tsubamoto, 138 North Second West St., Salt Lake City a boy on Jan 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Katayama a girl, Carol Lynn, on Jan. 16 in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katsutaro Higashi a girl on Dec. 31 in Gardena Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Karl Yamane a boy on Jan. 14 in Gardena, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sakurai on Jan. 12 in Chicago.

WEDDINGS

Esther Nakamura to T/5 John Doi on Jan. 5 in Portland, Ore.

Aster Takao to Minoru Sano on Dec. 29 in Portland.

Toshiko Senda to Lieut. Kay Takeoka on Dec. 28 in Portland.

Agnes Kinuko Miyoshi to Shuichi Yamamoto on Jan. 12 in Denver.

Mary Aoto to Yas Chono on Jan. 17 in Pasadena.

Hatsue Sugita to Tadao Nishimura on Jan. 12 at Clearwater, Calif.

Sumi Iwata to Manabu Hirashiki on Jan. 19 at San Jose, Calif.

Kaoru Suabe to Masao Inouye on Jan. 12 in Sacramento.

Kiyoko Kimura to Hideo Ochi on Jan. 7 in Yuma, Ariz.

Margaret Minato to George Gojio on Jan. 19 in Seattle.

Rosie Sawada to Henry Ohka on Jan. 12 in Chicago.

Yasumi Shikuma to Haruki Nitta on Jan. 18 in Los Angeles.

Hisako Alice Hiji to William Teruo Yokoyama on Jan. 18 in Los Angeles.

DEATHS

Sueko Uyeda (Mrs. Mototaro Uyeda) on Jan. 15 in Long Beach, Calif.

Otoichi Ninomiya on Jan. 2 in Bowles, Calif.

Junichi Uyeda on Jan. 15 in Lodi, Calif.

Mrs. Fuki Tanabe, 72, on Jan. 11 in Chicago.

Shizue Evelyn Endo, 11, on Dec. 30 in Pocatello, Idaho. Funeral services were held on Jan. 6 in Pocatello.

Shoichi Kagawa, 66, on Jan. 18 in Palo Alto, Calif. Deceased was the husband of Natsuyo Kagawa and the father of Mrs. Masako Imura, Mrs. Yoneko Noda, Fumiko, Isamu, Tadashi and Bunichi Kagawa.

Kitaro Sagawa, 77, on Jan. 22 in Salt Lake City.

Northern California YPCC Makes Plans For Tahoe Meeting

BERKELEY, Calif.—The 1947 Northern California Young People's Christian Conference will be held at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, from July 17 to July 20, it was announced this week as the official reactivation of the group was completed under its chairman, Kiyosuke Nomura.

NCYPCC funds, including deposits made by sectional conferences at the time of the evacuation, have been transferred to the new cabinet.

Plans for the annual conference were made at sectional meetings on Jan. 11 and 12 at the Pine Methodist church in San Francisco under the chairmanship of Rhoda Nishimura of Berkeley. Representatives from Fresno, Livingston, Oakland, San Francisco and Berkeley attended.

"My Christian Faith and the New Day" will be the conference theme.

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CRDU Meeting Votes to Back JACL Campaign

Five Nisei Elected As Directors of Civil Rights Group

FRESNO — Full support was voted by the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union on Jan. 19 to the fund-raising campaign of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc., to finance an office in Washington.

Four incumbent Nisei directors of the CRDU were reelected, together with the election of a fifth Nisei, Eichi Sakauye of San Jose. Those retained for another year are Toichi Domoto, Hayward; Sam Sakai, Richmond; William Enomoto, Redwood City and Kay Hamatani, Walnut Grove.

The resolution to support the JACL-ADC was presented by Keisaburo Koda of South Dos Palos and was carried unanimously.

More than 150 persons attended the meeting.

Sam Sakai presided in the absence of Mr. Domoto.

It was reported that contributions to the CRDU totaled $49,864.88, with more than $10,000 still in the hands of local treasurers. Expenditures totaled $32,391.23, including $10,000 to the National JACL and $8,750 for legal services.

The CRDU has offered its legal services to all persons of Japanese ancestry involved in Alien Land law cases in Northern California.

Misaka Cited for Fine Play in Game

Wat Misaka, starting forward on the University of Utah's varsity basketball team, was cited by Salt Lake papers as the "sparkplug" of the Ute team, which lost a 50 to 49 heart-breaker to Utah State in a regular Big Seven conference game on Jan. 17.

Misaka scored nine points and was the pacemaker of the Utah squad.

Nisei Wins Field Promotion



WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN YOKOHAMA, Japan—Lt. Katsumi Kawaguchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kawaguchi, 110 Orchestra Place, Detroit, recently received a direct field commission in the U. S. Army. The date of rank is January 1, 1947.

Before entering the Army at Fort Dix, N. J., on May 26, 1944, Lt. Kawaguchi attended the San Francisco junior college. He took infantry basic at Camp Blanding, Fla., and sailed for Europe on December 5, 1944. While overseas he served in Italy, France and Germany.

In addition to the Combat Infantry badge and the Presidential Unit Citation, he wears the American Theater ribbon, Japanese occupation ribbon and the EAME ribbon with three battle stars. While in Europe he was a member of the famous 442nd RCT.

The former T/3 spent a furlough at home, then left the United States last March for Japan. He is assigned to the Eighth Army fiscal office and now has 31 months of service.

Puellas Societas To Hold Dance

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — "Cupid's Fling" will be the theme of a Valentine dance to be held by the Sacramento Puella Societas on February 15 at the Odd Fellows hall, 9th and Kay street, from 9 p. m.

Maestro Dick James and his orchestra will furnish the music.

Bids are now on sale at $2 per couple and may be obtained from any member of the club or by contacting Mrs. Mary Takai.

Pearl Masuda, president, has requested all the girls to meet Saturday evening, January 25, at the YWCA clubroom to make further plans for the dance. The rest of the evening will be spent in recreation.

Spokane Nisei Team Wins Third Game

SPOKANE, Wash.—The Grant Street Methodist No. 1 team registered their third straight victory on Jan. 18 at the Lewis and Clark high school gym, when they defeated the previously unbeaten Presbyterian No. 2 team, 39 to 26.

The Nisei cagers led, 19 to 18, at the half as the Soejima brothers, Ben and Bryan, connected with timely shots. Sam Mitsui and Paul Kurose scintillated on defense for the Grant Street five.

Portland Buddhists Hold English Service

PORTLAND, Ore. — Over fifty persons attended the first monthly English service held by the YBA in Portland on January 11.

Swami Devatamananda, who represents the Vedanta society, was the guest speaker. He spoke on "Siddhartha Attaining Buddahood."

Toby Ninomiya was the chairman for the service.

The next service will be held February 8. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Protest Threat To Oust Nisei From House

150 Persons Attend Mass Meeting on Restrictive Covenants

OAKLAND, Calif. — Protesting the threatened filing of a suit to evict a Japanese American family from an Oakland home on the basis of restrictive covenants, a mass meeting of 150 neighbors and interested persons was held at Washington school on Jan. 21.

It was reported that Mr. and Mrs. William T. Utsumi, 641 62nd street, have been informed by representatives of the Alcatraz Improvement club that a suit would be filed against them if they failed to move out of their new home. The Utsumis refused.

C. L. Dellums, Negro labor leader and national official of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Sidney Roger, San Francisco radio commentator; Tom Richardson, attorney, and the Rev. Raymond Cope, pastor of the Berkeley Unitarian church, were among the speakers at the mass meeting which discussed methods of combating restrictive covenants and other restrictive housing practices.

San Jose Zebras Return to League

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose Zebras, one of the nation's best Nisei baseball teams, returned to Winter League play here on Jan. 19 and defeated South Side Market, 7 to 0, behind Johnny Horio's seven-hit pitching.

The Zebras had withdrawn from the league recently after an argument over umpiring.

The victory put the Zebras back into fourth place in league standings.

Frank Horio and Babe Nomura, erstwhile San Jose State football star, were the big guns in the Zebras' attack. Horio batted in four runs with a double and a single, while Nomura hit a triple and two singles.

SALT LAKE, OREGO BOWLERS WIN IN IDAHO TOURNEY

POCATELLO, Idaho—Salt L City and Eastern Oregon bow shared major honors in the t annual Pocatello bowling tou ment on Jan. 18 and 19.

Maki Kaizumi of Salt La Okada Insurance squad won all-events title with 1644 from teammate, Tadao Sako, who the singles title with 583 fro field of 75 bowlers.

The Oriental-Inland team of tario, Ore., put together a hot frame to come from behind to feat the Dawn Noodle team f Salt Lake, 2517 to 2500, w Okada Insurance was third 2491. Fourteen teams from E ern Oregon, Boise Valley, Id Falls, Rexburg, Pocatello and Lake City were entered in the competition.

Oriental - Inland's George and Yulene Takai took the bles title away from the def ing champions, Tadao Sako Jun Kurumada with 1133 to T. Morishita and S. Nakaya of tario, Ore., were third with 1

Following Sako in the singles were George Doi with Tuk Ozima, Pocatello, 537; Morimoto, Pocatello, 533, and Watanabe, Ontario, Ore. 52

Highest team match rec during the tournament was by Dawn Noodle in a match with Idaho Falls.

The women's team title was en by Wally's Flowers of Lake City who nosed out Poca No. 1 by 12 pins.

Mari Tobari of Salt Lake the women's singles, while Ueda of Idaho Falls and Grace of Salt Lake won the mixed bles with 932.

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