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Reveal Attempt to Destroy Utah Mountain Memorial to Ill-Fated Japanese Aviator

Editors of Deseret News Magazine Suggest Move to Restore Monument to Masashi Goto Who Crashed in Uintas on Flight in 1929

An act of "wartime intolerance" involving vandalism in the attempted destruction of a memorial to a Japanese aviator who crashed in the high Uinta Mountains of Utah on July 4, 1929, was called to public attention last week in the Deseret News Sunday magazine published in Salt Lake City.

The Deseret News magazine on Dec. 19 published a story by C. W. McCullough of Park City, Utah, regarding a monument erected to the memory of Masashi Goto, an aviator and auto racing driver, who crashed to his death on the Fourth of July on the second leg of his flight from Los Angeles to Tokyo by land routes over the United States, Europe and Asia.

Mr. McCullough said that the unusual monument, erected by the Japanese Association of Utah, could be seen beside the little-traveled road over Wolf Creek Pass in the Uintas, one of America's last primitive areas.

Masashi Goto, who used to race in dirt track events at the Ascot speedway in Los Angeles and at other western tracks, also was an accomplished aviator. He obtained the backing of Pacific Coast Japanese groups in a projected flight to Japan.

Recognizing the limitations of his light plane, Goto charted a flying course over the land areas of America, Europe and Asia, spanning the Atlantic by boat.

After an uneventful flight from Los Angeles, Goto took off from Salt Lake City on July 4, 1929, despite warnings of storms in the uncharted Uinta fastnesses. There were no eyewitnesses to the crash which occurred far off his projected course. His body and the wrecked plane were not found until two days later. His light plane had crashed into the side of a mountain during the storm. A monument was put up to his memory at a site beside the Wolf Creek Summit road, some 3,000 feet from the place where he had crashed. The welded-pipe fuselage of the little plane had withstood the fire and was hauled to the site of the monument and incorporated in the memorial.

"In the light of modern aviation, radar and charted courses, the attempted flight of Masashi Goto was tragically ill-conceived and planned," Mr. McCullough commented. "Yet how much does the present-day university of flying owe to these intrepid pioneers, like him, who dared and died to first fly the skies."

On Jan. 16 the Deseret News magazine published a footnote to Mr. McCullough's story.

George Hyde of Sandy, Utah wrote in to report:

"The last time I saw the monument was during the recent war. It had been blasted out or dragged to the bottom of the creek adjoining the road to the Wolf Creek Summit. You can still read the inscription on the monument, but there is not a bit of the plane left along the road."

"If the monument has not been raised," Mr. Hyde added, "I think the Aviation Club, if there is one, or the state should have it restored."

The editors of the Deseret News magazine added its voice to that of Mr. Hyde:

"We think so too, Mr. Hyde, and we appreciate your endeavors to call this act of wartime intolerance to the attention of public and aviation officials. Anyone interested in participating in the restoration of this monument to an intrepid aviator is invited to communicate with the (Deseret News) Magazine."

Army Order Bars Marriages Between GIs, Japanese Girls

Many Still Seek Permission to Wed, Says U.S. Official

TOKYO — Marriages between American army personnel, mostly Nisei, and Japanese girls have virtually ceased during the past 18 months as the direct result of an Army order, it was reported here this week.

U. Alexis Johnson, U. S. Consul General at Yokohama where all American weddings in Japan must be registered, said that this, however, did not indicate a sudden lapse of GI matrimonial interest.

Because of the Army order, enforced because the occupation authorities in Japan feel that marriages between GIs and Japanese girls should be blocked as long as present United States immigration laws prevent entry of the brides into the United States, there have been only about a dozen marriages between occupation troops and Japanese in the past 12 months.

Specifically, the Army order banned any marriages between soldiers and women who were aliens ineligible to American citizenship, except under unusual circumstances.

The Army takes a tough attitude on these marriages and pregnancy is not listed in the category of "unusual circumstances."

Consul General Johnson said that during August, 1947, when an amendment was in effect which permitted the entry of aliens ineligible to citizenship under the GI Brides Act, his office was swamped as soldiers and civilian personnel alike rushed to marry their Japanese sweethearts before the amendment expired on Aug. 22, 1947.

He said that since the American consulate in Yokohama was reopened since the war a total of 824 marriages between American men and Japanese girls have been recorded. Most of these marriages were in Aug., 1947 and 80 per cent involved Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Consul General Johnson said that the Army order issued after the expiration of the GI Brides Act amendment abruptly stopped the marriages but did not stop Americans from falling in love with Japanese girls. He said that inquiries about marriage procedure at the consulate have been as numerous as ever before.

Army officials here said they had no record of the number of soldiers and civilian workers who have applied for and have been refused permission to marry Japanese nationals in Japan. As far as Army personnel is concerned, few of the requests got higher than a man's division commander.

Nisei GI Who Died In Burma Buried at Golden Gate Cemetery

SAN FRANCISCO—Tech. Sgt. Takeo Fujino, a Nisei GI who died in action in Burma, was reburied with full military rites on Jan. 12 at the Golden Gate national cemetery.

Nisei Girl Declines Nomination in DAR Contest

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Grace Oshima, senior student at Soldan-Blewett high school, top choice to represent the school in a state-wide contest to choose the "Missouri Pilgrim" for a DAR-sponsored trip to Washington, announced recently she has declined the honor in light of discriminatory practices of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the nation's capital.

Her fellow classmates declined to name an alternate in recognition of the Nisei student's opposition to race discrimination.

Set Trial Date In Davis County Patricide Case

FARMINGTON, Utah — Trial date for Kenichi Imaizumi, 30, who is charged with first degree murder in the death of his father, Eizi Imaizumi, on Oct. 22, 1948, will be set in Second District court of Utah on Jan. 25 by Judge Charles G. Cowley.

Imaizumi pleaded innocent on Jan. 11 when the motion to quash the indictment was denied by Judge A. H. Ellett, Salt Lake City.

The Imaizumi family resides on a farm near Syracuse in Davis county where the defendant is alleged to have choked his father to death during a quarrel. He surrendered to the sheriff's office voluntarily and a complaint, charging first degree murder, was filed on Oct. 25. His arraignment followed in Wendell Barnes' justice of the peace court in Kaysville on Oct. 26.

Imaizumi was given a preliminary hearing in the Kaysville court on Nov. 4 and bound over to the district court. His arraignment in district court was scheduled for Dec. 14 at which time his attorney, Arthur Woolley, Ogden, filed the motion to quash and asked for a bill of particulars.

JACL ADC Backs Free Postage Plan For Food Gifts

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week announced its support of a bill to provide free postage for gift packages for food and clothing to war ravaged countries.

The bill, HR 297, was introduced in the House by Congressman George G . Sadowski, (D., Mich.)

Rep. Sadowski's bill provides that gift packages not exceeding 44 pounds, containing food or clothing for relief purposes only, may be sent by parcel post free of postage for delivery in a foreign country if the package is intended for a needy individual or a non-profit relief organization.

The act would be applicable in any war-ravaged country where "the people are needy and destitute, regardless of whether they were allies or enemy nations."

Nisei Progressives Schedule Founding Conferences in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—More than 100 Nisei and their friends are expected to attend the founding conference of the Nisei Progressives on Jan. 26 at 7:30 p. m. at 2936 West Eighth st. in Los Angeles.

The main address at the conference will be given by Carey McWilliams, author of "Prejudice: The Japanese Americans" and other books.

Sakae Ishihara, a Pacific veteran of World War II, is the chairman of the conference.

"The conference will seek to organize a new progressive organization that will work to further the economic, political and social rights of the Nisei," Ishihara said.

Federal Appeals Court Sets Hearing on Case Affecting 5,000 Tule Lake Renunciants

LOS ANGELES—The test cases sponsored by the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union which may affect over 5000 Tule Lake renunciants have been set for hearing by the Federal Court of Appeals in San Francisco on Jan. 27, the Southern California ACLU office reported this week.

Attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand will represent the renunciants; E. E. Ellison of the United States Department of Justice from Washington, D. C., will appear for the Government.

The cases were appealed by the government from rulings favorable to the renunciants by two Federal Judges of the Los Angeles District Court, both of whom ordered the renunciations set aside and that the renunciants be restored to their United States citizenship.

In a brief filed in behalf of the renunciants and counter-signed by Arthur Garfield Hays, Osmond K. Fraenkel, and Nanette Dembits of New York City, National Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, the Court of Appeals is urged to rule that all renunciations made at the Tule Lake Relocation Center are invalid, largely because of the injustice of the evacuation; that the evacuation constituted a measure of racial discrimination. In addition, the brief recounts many facts of confusion, misunderstanding, fear, and distress at the Tule Lake Relocation Center. Accordinbly, the brief urges that the action of the thousands who renounced their United States citizenship was not the result of free choice.

In addition to the test cases from the Tule Lake Relocation Center is the case of Albert Yuichi Inouye who renounced his citizenship before he was twenty years of age. The federal judges at Los Angeles have ruled that no cancellation of United States citizenship is legal under twenty-one years. Inouye renounced while he was at the Manzanar Relocation Center. He has since volunteered for the United States Army and is serving in the Army now.

Two Plead Guilty In Counterfeiting Case in Chicago

CHICAGO—Isamu Honda, 35, a cook, and Robert Kono, 31, pleaded guilty before Judge William J. Campbell on Jan. 13 to counterfeiting charges and will be sentenced on Feb. 3.

Two others, Kiyoshi Endow, 40, and Frank Uyeda, 45, asked time to get lawyers and will receive another hearing.

Officials said that engraving plates were found in Honda's apartment by Treasury agents.

Chicago ADC Sends Check for $5,000 To Headquarters

CHICAGO, Ill. — A check for $5,000 was forwarded to national JACL-ADC headquarters on January 17 by the Chicago ADC, according to Tahei Matsunaga, chairman. This sum is part of more than $10,000 received in contributions so far. Chairman Matsunaga expressed confidence that the goal of $12,000 would be reached before the end of the month.

Chicago Group Urged to Study Cemetery Bias

Propose Action To Find Solution To Burial Problem

CHICAGO—A proposal that the city's Commission on Human Relations undertake action to find a solution to the practice of racial discrimination in cemeteries, as brought out in the denial of cemetery plots to persons of Japanese ancestry, was placed before the Conference on Civic Unity on Jan. 13 by Dr. Homer T. Jack, former executive director of the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination.

The conference in the city council chambers at the City Hall was sponsored by the Commission on Human Relations.

Asking for a study of this "discrimination after death," Dr. Jack placed the proposal before the section on law and order.

The JACL was one of approximately 100 organizations cooperating with the commission in the series of conferences.

Two members of the Chicago chapter, Mrs. Dorothy Kitow and Tats Kushida, attended the plenary session of the conference.

SEEK REPEAL OF CALIFORNIA MARRIAGE LAW

SACRAMENTO—A bill to repeal California's now unconstitutional miscegenation law, which banned marriages between Caucasians and persons of Oriental origin and between Caucasians and Negroes, was introduced in the assembly last week by Assemblyman Robert L. Condon of Contra Costa.

Three other assemblymen, August F. Hawkins of Los Angeles, William Byron Rumford of Berkeley and George D. Collins, Jr. of San Francisco have joined with Condon in seeking repeal of the law which was ruled invalid last fall in a decision by the California Supreme Court.

Emy Miya Wins Suit-Making Contest

KAYSVILLE, Utah—Emy Miya won first place in the elimination round of the suit division of the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest held at Davis high school on Jan. 20.

Miss Miya will enter the Utah state contest which will be held at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City on Jan. 26.

Army Proposal on New Religious Designation Satisfies Buddhists

BERKELEY, Calif. — Buddhist groups in the United States will be satisfied if the present tentative Army plan to change the designation of religious faiths on identification tags worn by servicemen is carried out, according to Tad Hirota, executive director of the National Young Buddhists coordinating council.

Under the plan set forth by the Army Chief of Chaplains, a new "X" designation will be provided for servicemen of religious faiths other than Catholic, Protestant or Hebrew. Servicemen with the "X" designation will be permitted to wear an additional tag to be provided by their faith and which may be attached to the official "dog tag" chain.

Hirota disclosed that plans for issuing additional tags which may be attached to the official "dog tags" have already been made. Samples of these Buddhist tags, which will be plastic, have been made by the Hawaii YBA Federation.

They will carry the words "I am a Buddhist" or just "Buddhist."

U. S. Supreme Court Considers Validity of Hawaii Wartime Law on Language Schools

WASHINGTON—An appeal by the territorial government of Hawaii to a Federal District court decision invalidating a wartime law against the teaching of foreign languages to young children was taken under advisement by the Supreme Court on Jan. 12.

The high court heard oral arguments on the law's constitutionality and heard A. L. Wirin and W. Y. Char, counsel for Chinese language schools in Hawaii, denounce the law as "racist in purpose and effect."

Thomas W. Flynn, deputy attorney general of Hawaii, defended the statute as a "reasonable" use of the territorial legislature's power.

The law prohibited the teaching of languages other than English to children who had not completed the fourth grade or who had not shown at least normal ability in English.

Although the test case was brought by Chinese language schools in Honolulu, Attorney Wirin noted that the law was being used as "one method of striking against a minority group —the Japanese."

He said that the law would prevent any systematic teaching of children by their parents, would interfere with religious training of children of Chinese and Japanese parentage, and would even strike at the teaching of Latin and Greek in parochial schools.

"It might be appropriate in totalitarian countries but it offends the U. S. Constitution," Wirin declared.

Char said the law imposes "a censorship of the mind."

He added that the teaching of Chinese and Japanese languages is necessary to preserve harmony in the homes of persons of Oriental descent and said the law constitutes an "iron curtain to the child's mind."

The case was initiated in Honolulu by Chinese groups and went before a three-judge Federal District court which held that the law, passed in 1943, was unconstitutional.

Ingram N. Stainbeck, governor of Hawaii, appealed the lower court's decision to the Supreme Court.

Flynn countered that the law was aimed only against formal language schools held after regular school hours.

He declared there was no intention to interfere with religious training or with training in the homes and asserted that no such interference could be considered.

Flynn also pointed out that the law only provides for injunctions and does not provide any criminal penalties against offenders. He denied the contention that the law violates constitutional freedoms.

"There is no deprivation of freedoms of religion, speech or press," Flynn told the court. "We do not deprive the children of any right to learn a foreign language; they can just as well start in the fifth grade."

Yamagishi Elected Reno JAL Prexy

RENO, Nev. — Fred Yamagishi was named president of the Reno JACL for the 1949 term, with the following cabinet to assist him:

T. Yasuda, vice pres.; Mrs. George Oshima, sec.; Ida Nishiguchi, treas.; Mrs. Frank Chikami, correspondent; Ida Fukui, delegate; Roy Nishiguchi, alternate delegate; and Mas Baba, past president.

Cemetery Directors Deny Discrimination In Masuda Case

The directors of Westminster Memorial Park in Westminster, Calif., did not discriminate against Sgt. Kazuo Masuda in the interment of his remains, John H. McWhinney, chairman of the board of the cemetery association, declared this week in a letter to the Pacific Citizen.

"Upon being advised of the facts of the case, our board of directors completely approved all requests made by the family of Sgt. Masuda," Mr. McWhinney declared.

Twin Cities Group Reelects President

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — More than 90 Nisei attended the Jan. 14th meeting of the Twin Cities UCL (United Citizens League) chapter of JACL at which Chairman Tomo Kosobayashi was re-elected president.

The balance of the cabinet include: George Yamagita, 1st vice-pres.; Min Yoshida and Frank Yanari, 2nd vice-pres.; Eunice Torii, rec. sec.; Margaret Matsushita, historian. Yanari and Miss Torii are from St. Paul, while the others are from Minneapolis.

The new cabinet was installed by Tats Kushida, Midwest Regional Representative, who also spoke to the group concerning the assistance and services made available by the JACL in the filing of evacuation claims. The claims form was discussed and attorney Charles Tatsuda led the question and answer period.

President Kosobayashi reported that the UCL's membership committee has already signed up 107 members for 1949 and so far leads all Midwest JACL chapters for 1949 membership.

Memorial Services Held for Nisei GI

STOCKTON, Calif. — Memorial rites were held on Jan. 15 in Stockton's Buddhist church for Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Otsubo who was killed in action in France on Nov. 23, 1944 at Sospel.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Shotaro Otsubo of Stockton, he was 26 years of age at the time of his death.

Following the ceremony, Sgt. Otsubos remains were taken to Golden Gate national cemetery at San Bruno where they were interred on Jan. 17.

Sgt. Otsubo, who served with the 442nd Combat Team, held two Purple Hearts and a Bronze star.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Toshio, George and Terrie.

Nisei Veteran Tops List in Land Drawing

YAKIMA, Wash. — A Nisei veteran of World War II topped the list of 13 former servicemen whose names were selected here on Jan. 18 in a drawing for 13 tracts of land in the Roza division of the Yakima reclamation project.

He is Iver Takaichi Nii, son of Mr. and Mrs. Senta Nii of Nyssa, Ore. Together with Francis A. Cushman, Wapato, and William D. Davis, Ellensburg, the Nisei veteran will have first claim on the 160-acre government tracts.

The Nisei ex-GI is at present attending Oregon State college at Corvallis, Ore.

File Test Cases Over Arrests of Japanese Aliens

Challenge Exercise Of U.S. Powers Under Wartime Law

SAN FRANCISCO — Two test cases challenging the right of the government to exercise its wartime power to arrest and deport two resident aliens of Japanese nationality to Japan were filed in United States District court here on Jan. 13.

The suits were filed on behalf of Frank Y. Miyazawa of Seattle and Makio Kobayashi of Ogden. The director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco was named as defendant.

Judge Michael J. Roche ordered Miyazawa and Kobayashi freed pending a final determination of their cases.

Attorneys for the two men contend that they are not deportable at this time because the Alien Enemy Act, under which their deportation had been ordered, expired at the close of the war. The attorneys also contended that the men were not given a proper hearing before deportation orders were issued.

Interned during the war, they were released 18 months ago in the custody of Wayne M. Collins, San Francisco attorney.

St. Louis JACL Chapter Holds Inaugural Dinner

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The 3rd Annual Inaugural Dinner of the St. Louis JACL was held at the Forest Park Hotel on Saturday, January 15th. Chairman for the evening was Sam Nakano, the chapter's first president. Henry Tani, first national vice president of the National Board, and retiring president of the activities of the St. Louis chapter in 1948.

Joe Tanaka, newly elected president ,and winner of the Ben Masaoka $200 scholarship at the oratorical contest held at the JACL 10th Bienniel National Convention, spoke on prospects for the St. Louis chapter during his coming term.

President Tanaka and his cabinet were installed by Tats Kushida, Midwest Regional Representative, who reported on latest developments in the National JACL and ADC legislative program.

Tanaka's cabinet include the following officers: Dr. Al Morioka, vice president; Fumi Iseri, recording secretary; Mitsuko Kurihara, corresponding secrttary; James Hayashi ,treasurer, Maki Koyama, historian; Henry Tani, public relations; Dan Sakahara, delegate-at-large.

Speaker for the evening was one of the outstanding champions of civil rights in St. Louis, the Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman of Temple Israel.

A $500 check for the ADC, representing funds received mostly from among the Issei of St. Louis, was presented to Kushida by Pat Matsushita who pledged to raise a corresponding amount from among the Nisei. In its previous drive, $1,000 was turned over to the ADC.

Passes

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — M. Yonemoto of French Camp died here Jan. 9. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. T. Yonemoto, and his children, Roy and Yoshiko Yonemoto, Yureko Wada and Tomiko Takahashi, all of French Camp.

Congressman Keeps Promise, Introduces Naturalization Bill

Navy Veteran Has Many Nisei in Chicago District

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sidney R. Yates, (D., Ill.) a 40-year-old attorney serving his first term in Congress, is a man who believes in keeping a promise.

Because of this promise, a fifth sponsor of the bill for equality in naturalization and immigration has asked the nation's highest legislative body to pass this measure.

Representative Yates tossed the ENI bill in the hopper as HR 14444.

As he did so, he said that it "represents a promise I made to some of my constituents.

"I promised that when I got to Washington, the first bill I would introduce would be one calling for equality in our naturalization and immigration laws."

Now that the bill is introduced, Rep. Yates says he intends to work actively for its passage.

The Japanese American population of Rep. Yates' Chicago district is larger than any in the nation outside of Los Angeles.

Following Rep. Yates' introduction of the ENI measure, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, pointed out that the House sponsors of the bill represent all sections of the United States and is bi-partisan in support.

"Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), represents the East; Rep. George P. Miller, (D., Calif.), the West Coast; Delegate Joseph R. Farrington, (R., Hawaii), the Hawaiian Islands, Walter H. Judd, (R., Minn.) and Yates represent the Midwest," Mr. Masaoka said.

A native of Chicago, Rep. Yates was born August 27, 1909. He earned the Degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1931, and the Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the same university in 1933.

Since 1933, he has been a practicing attorney. From 1933 to 1935, he was assistant attorney for the Illinois State Bank Receiver, and in 1936 was named to the Illinois Commerce Commission staff and soon because its specialist in traction affairs. In this position he represented the Commission when it required the Chicago street car and elevated system to institute interchangeable transfers. Subsequently he drafted legislation to permit Chicago to acquire the traction system.



REP. SIDNEY YATES

The new Congressman from Chicago is an outstanding athlete.

He was selected in 1931 for the All Big Ten Conference basketball team was mentioned for All-American honors, and holds several championships in golf.

He has served as an adviser in neighborhood settlement problems in Chicago.

He married Adeline Hölleb, university classmate, in 1935. They have one son, Stephen, now eight.

Congressman Yates is a veteran of 26-months service with the Navy.

Report Problems Affecting Issei Fishermen Resolved; Identity Cards to Be Issued

LOS ANGELES—The tribulations of resident alien fishermen of Japanese ancestry, who have been harassed by discriminatory legislation and by regulatory restrictions since their return from war relocation camps after the war, appeared to have a happy ending this week.

Although the United States Supreme Court in 1938 declared the 1945 California anti-Japanese fishing law unconstitutional, various Federal restrictions imposed by the Immigration Service have hampered efforts of the fishermen to return to their pre-war occupation as tuna fishermen operating out of California ports.

A. L. Wirin, counsel for the Southern California Japanese Fishermen's Association, reported here this week that he had conferred with representatives of the Immigration Service in Washington.

"Remaining problems affecting Japanese fishermen have been solved favorably," Mr. Wirin declared.

Although the Immigration Service agreed last year to issue "certificates of departure" to alien Japanese fishermen to permit them to leave on fishing voyages off the coast of California, until now the fishermen were required to have passports issued by the Japanese government in order to be able to return to the United States if their boats stopped at a port in Mexico or in any of the South American countries.

It was explained that it is common practice for these tuna fishing boats to stop in Mexican or South American ports for repairs and supplies. The California tuna fishing fleet, in which Japanese fishermen played a major role until the war, ranged as far south as the water off the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador in their search for tuna.

To solve the problem, the Immigration Service in Washington has issued orders to district officials that they issue a document to be known as the "seaman's identification card" to Japanese alien fishermen. This document will be available to Japanese alien fishermen at the immigration offices in San Pedro and Monterey and will be used in lieu of a passport. Consequently, the Japanese fishermen will not be required to apply for or secure passports from the Japanese government.

The news was welcomed here this week by Isohei Hatashita, president of the Southern California Japanese Fishermen's Association as a "happy end" to the long struggle of these resident alien fishermen to secure a restoration of their right to work in the fishing industry.

The test of the California fishing code which prohibited the issuance of commercial fishing licenses to "aliens ineligible to citizenship" was carried to the Supreme Court in the Takahashi case in which Dean Acheson, new Secretary of State, appeared before the Supreme Court as one of the attorneys for the fishermen.

Nisei Wins Admittance To Minnesota Bar

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Charles Tatsuda, Nisei attorney, is the first Nisei, and possible the first American of Oriental extraction, to be admitted to the Minnesota Bar, according to the Midwest Regional office.

Tatsuda, an active member of the Twin Cities UCL chapter of JACL, is a native of Ketchikan, Alaska, and was a student at the University of Washington. He received his law degree from the University of Minnesota and is married to the former June Kawakami of Fresno. Tatsuda's new offices will be located at 1422 West Lake Street, Minneapolis 8, Minnesota.

Blind Nisei Girl Operates Candy, Tobacco Enterprise

MARTINEZ, Calif.—An attractive and personable Berkeley girl last month became the first person ever to operate a private business venture in Contra Costa County's Hall of Records in Martinez. She is Aiko (Ikie) Kuroki, whose blindness is offset by sparkling conversation and a ready sales ability. She is already a favorite with county officials and employes in the building.

Ikie, as she prefers to be known, operates the first tobacco and candy business ever established in the county building, and she performs her job alone . . . almost.

Her silent partner and companion is Bonnie, a dog who watches each sale and movement around Miss Kuroki's stand with particular interest.

The Nisei girl was reared in Oakland and attended University high school. She was stricken with blindness by an attack of spinal meningitis when she was seven years of age.

She only recently completed a lengthy course of instruction at the California School for the Blind in Berkeley.

At present she is residing in a Martinez hotel but hopes to move into an apartment of her own in the near future.

She is one of many blind persons establishing vending stands in public buildings, a project sponsored by the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Miss Kuroki operates her stand independently but gives a small percentage of her profits to a revolving fund for building, repairing and maintaining similar stands.

Nisei Girls Appear in Bogart's "Tokyo Joe"





(TOP) As San Tana Productions' "Tokyo Joe" goes into the second week of shooting at Columbia studios in Hollywood, Humphrey Bogart, star of the film who plays the role of a night club operator in Tokyo, steps out of character long enough to offer advice on a script to Julia Fukuzaki, who is one of many Nisei who appear in the film.

(Lower) Sessue Hayakawa, famous star of Hollywood's silent films, gets acquainted with Mrs. Dorothy Furumura (center) and Julia Fukuzaki on the set of "Tokyo Joe." The picture is the first for Hayakawa in Hollywood since 1933. He plays the role of Baron Kimura, one of the major parts in the film. The former romantic star will be seen in the role of a villain in this film.

—Photos by Roy Uno of Crossroads.

Sessue Hayakawa Hopes for Comeback in Hollywood Films

HOLLYWOOD—Sessue Hayakawa, famous star of silent films who is essaying a comeback in San Tana's production of "Tokyo Joe," first heard that Hollywood was looking for him from a New York woman who was visiting his art exhibition in Paris, he told Steven Sakai of Crossroads last week.

Hayakawa, a stage and screen star in France, also is an accomplished painter and has had several exhibitions in Paris in recent years.

"The lady informed me that she had read in the New York Times that a Hollywood studio was anxious to contact me," Hayakawa told Sakai.

"From that incident," he said, "I was able to contact their representative. We negotiated and here I am today."

After completing his role as Baron Kimura in "Tokyo Joe," Hayakawa will return to Paris to fulfill a contract in a forthcoming French production. He also is scheduled to appear in a stage play in Paris this summer but indicated that he would like to return to the United States to resume his acting career.

Hayakawa has appeared in 17 French films and in three stage productions.

He told Sakai of his great admiration for the Nisei and commented on the postwar recovery of the group. He said he was pleased to see that so many Nisei would be employed in the picture and noted the heroic achievements of Nisei GIs during the war. He said that in Paris he met and talked with many men of the 442nd Combat Team.

Stuart Heisler, director of "Tokyo Joe," said that he was a film-cutter on the production, "Typhoon," which was filmed back in 1917 and starred Sessue Hayakawa.

Two of the first Nisei to appear before the cameras as shooting started in "Tokyo Joe" were Mrs. Dorothy Furumura and Julia Fukuzaki. Mrs. Furumura is cast as Humphrey Bogart's servant, while Miss Fukuzaki serves as his maid.

Others signed for roles in the film are Karie Shindo, who will sing two songs, Teru Shimada, Howard Kumagi, Yozan Tsuruta, Kyoko Kamo, Tetsu Komai, Fumicko Kawabata, Otto (Yamaoka) Hahn, Danny Arita, Lane Nakano, Tets Komai, Frank Kumagi, Jim Yanari and Gene Gondo.

Bill Proposes Citizenship for Parents of GIs

Would Permit Alien Group to Become Naturalized Citizens

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A bill to permit parents of persons who have served or are serving in the army, navy or merchant marine "during the present war or some previous war" to become naturalized citizens has been introduced in the House by Congressman Philip J. Philbin (D., Mass.)

The bill, HR 262, is similar to one Rep. Philbin introduced last year except the new measure is also applicable to aliens ineligible for citizenship.

Rep. Philbin's bill provides that "any person not a citizen of the United States may be naturalized without declaration of intention, and without complying with existing education requirements," provided they have a son or daughter who "has served, or is serving, honorably in the land or naval forces, or the merchant marine service . . . during the present war or some previous war, and who, if separated . . . was separated under honorable conditions."

Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti - Discrimination Committee legislative director, said the JACL ADC "will support this measure, although our primary attention still will be given to the ENI bill."

Former Judge Gives Oath of Office To Arizona Cabinet

MESA, Ariz.—With former Judge Alfred C. Lockwood of the Arizona Supreme court reading the formal installation rites, members of the 1949 Arizona chapter JACL cabinet took their oath of office at elaborate ceremonies held during the JACL's annual New Year's eve social at Community hall.

George Shogo Saito, well known valley farmer, is the new president. He succeeds Carl Sato of Mesa.

Other members of the new cabinet are Ken Sakato, first vice pres.; Mrs. Helen Tanita, second vice pres.; Ernest Kohatsu, third vice pres.; Mary Ishikawa, sec'y.; Makoto Sagawa, treas; Jimmie Ozasa, social chm.; and Floyd Yamoto and Ben Hikida, district representatives for Glendale-Phoenix and South Phonenix-Tempe-Mesa respectively.

Outgoing officers who served with Carl Sato are Dave Moore, Mutt Yamamoto, Ben Hikida, Mrs. Kaye Minato, Satoshi Tanita and Mrs. Hatsuye Miyauchi.

Nisei Veteran Nominated as Box Elder's Farmer of Year

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah—Sam I. Kumata, 29, a veteran of World War II, was named the "outstanding young farmer of the year" at a meeting of the Box Elder Young Farmers on Jan. 10.

Kuwata operates a 50-acre farm near Brigham City.

The announcement of the choice of the Nisei was made at a meeting at Box Elder high school.

Kuwata will be entered by the organization in the area competition at Logan on Jan. 27. The winner at Logan will enter the "outstanding young farmer" competition at the state convention of the Young Farmers in Salt Lake City in February.

Kuwata farms his family farm, which he is buying from his brothers. He operates 50 acres of land, 40 of which he owns and 10 on a share basis. Crops grown last year were 15 acres of potatoes, five acres of onions, four and a half acres of seed beans, four and a half acres of alfalfa, six acres of alfalfa and barley and ten acres of tomatoes.

He markets his own produce, shipping to Salt Lake City and Los Angeles and has been successful in this field.

While there is no livestock on his farm, his soil-building program and land and property improvements were cited by the Young Farmers as being outstanding.

He has served as director and is now the historian of the Box Elder Young Farmers and is a member of the Amvets organization, acting as assistant social manager of the group.

Kuwata was named for the distinction from among 80 members of the Box Elder chapter of the Young Farmers.

Weather Forces Postponement of Ogden Claims Clinics

OGDEN, Utah—Hazardous conditions on all roads in the northern part of Utah have resulted in the postponement of the Ogden JACL's evacuee claims clinics, scheduled for the latter part of January.

The clinics will be resumed as soon as weather conditions permit, Ken Uchida, president, reported.

Paul Hiratzka and Roy Nakatani will be in charge of the meetings, with Clyde C. Patterson, attorney and JACL member, assisting.

In the meantime the chapter has made claims forms, instructions and translations available at the following places in Ogden: Roy's Service, 256 25th st.; Dave's Barber Shop, 2428 Grant ave.; and the 24th Street Barber Shop, 267 24th st.

In Brigham City the forms are available at the home of Charles Yamamoto, 612 West 2nd North.

San Mateo JACL Slates Installation Of New Officers

SAN MATEO, Calif.—The San Mateo County JACL will install 1949 officers at a ball to be held in the Garden Room of the Hotel Benjamin Franklin on Feb. 5, starting at 9 p.m.

Elmer Vincent, Jr. and his 6-piece orchestra, well known on the peninsula for their sweet, smooth style, have been secured for this "coat and tie" affair.

Tickets have been distributed to JACL chapters.

Henry Shin will be in charge of decorations and tickets can be secured from Bob Yatabe. Admission will be $2.50 per couple, with admission open to the public. Sally Kawakita will be in charge of general arrangements.

Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL regional representative in San Francisco, will administer the oath of office.

Cleveland Chapter Plans to Boost Membership Roster

CLEVELAND, O. — Setting its goal at 250 members, the Cleveland JACL recently launched a city-wide membership drive under the direction of Kim Yokota, membership chairman.

The chapter's present membership is 150.

The drive will be conducted over a two-month period, terminating Feb. 28.

Two units, consisting of three teams each, will compete against each other in the drive for new members. The units will be led by Hoshi Miyake and Jimmy Akiya.

The winning unit will be feted by the losers at a pot luck dinner. The dinner will be followed by dancing.

ADC Representatives To Discuss Program In Southern Colorado

DENVER — Current legislative developments in Washington and evacuation claims will be discussed with the Nisei and Issei of San Luis valley, Colo., this Sunday by T. Kako, vice chairman of the Kika Kisei Domei, and Ray Takeno, regional JACL ADC representative.

Arrangements for the meeting are being made by Kichigoro Ono, chairman of the La Jara-Alamosa Domei branch, and Roy Inouye, chairman of the La Jara-Alamosa JACL committee.

The Denver officials plan to meet with residents of Blanca. Arrangements are being made by J. M. Sumida and S. Yoritomo.

Renewed organizational support and financial aid for the JACL ADC will be sought by Kako and Takeno.

The Mt. Plains JACL ADC office in Denver has been directing a five-state financial campaign, plus campaigns in Montana and Oklahoma, since Dec. 1.

Puyallup Names 1949 Cabinet at First Meeting

TACOMA, Wash. — The Puyallup Valley JACL opened its 1949 activities with an annual election Friday evening, Jan. 14, at the Tacoma Buddhist church hall.

Kaz Yamane was elected to serve his second term as chapter president.

Other officers elected were Daiichi Yoshioka of Fife, board delegate, succeeding Takeo Yoshihara; Tad Sasaki, reelected first vice pres.; Takeo Yoshihara, second vice pres., succeeding Dr. Kazumi Kasuga; John Sasaki of Fife, third vice. pres., succeeding Daiichi Yoshioka; John Fujita of Fife, treas., reelected; Mrs. Amy E. Hashimoto of Fife, reelected corr. se'y.; Miki Fuki of Tacoma, rec. sec'y., reelected.

A social chairman will be appointed later by the officers.

After the election a successful community basket social and dance were held.

The chapter is now holding a house to house membership campaign headed by Art Yamada and Takeo Yoshihara.

Reedley JACL Names 1949 Officials

REEDLEY, Calif. — Marshal Hirose was elected president of the Reedley chapter of the JACL, succeeeding Masaru Abe, in elections held recently by the chapter.

Hirose will be assisted by the following cabinet: Smackie Hirashima, 1st vice pres.; Masaru Abe, 2nd vice pres.; Terako Shimizu, rec. se'y; Sadako Kai, corr. sec'y.; Hiro Togioka, treas.; Tashi Hori, ass't treas.; Yo Ishida, historian; and Fred Nishida, public relations chmn.

A tentative calendar for the year was drawn up at a meeting of the old and new cabinets. Plans were also made for an installation social to be held soon.

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EDITORIALS:

Race Barriers in Housing

In May of the year just completed the United States Supreme court ruled that restrictive covenants were not enforceable by the courts.

The decision was heralded as the first major break in the power of the restrictive covenant, which had for years been an effective barrier between minority groups and decent housing.

The Washington Post called the ruling "perhaps the most effective step in the emancipation of American Negroes since Abraham Lincoln struck off their chains in 1863."

The restrictive covenant had for years kept Americans of Jewish, Negro and Oriental ancestry from buying the homes they desired in the neighborhoods of their choice. The covenant had been the most powerful agent in the creation of slum areas and ghetto conditions. The covenant had indirectly contributed to lower living standards, juvenile delinquency, crime and low standards of health.

It appeared to many persons in May, last year, that the Supreme court ruling on the covenant was the first step in enabling all Americans, regardless of their race or ancestry, to acquire decent housing conditions.

The decision did not outlaw the restrictive covenant itself. It declared, however, that the courts could not enforce them. Thus it was expected that much of the power of the covenant was nullified. The court, in its ruling, said that enforcement by the courts of the restrictive covenant was denial of equal protection of the laws, as guaranteed by the 14th amendment.

Now, eight months after this decision, a review of the results of the ruling has been made by the United Press. And the survey, conducted throughout major cities of the country, reveals that Jews, Negroes and members of other minority groups are still effectively barred from desirable houses by the restrictive covenant.

The covenant, the survey shows, is upheld not only by "gentlemen's agreements," but also by actions on the part of real estate dealers, banks and other lending agencies.

It would appear now that these real estate groups need not have worried about difficulty of circumventing the decision. For the structure built up around the restrictive covenant is well reinforced. It is reinforced by that segment of public opinion which declared that minority group individuals tend to cause deterioration of property with a resultant depreciation of property values. The covenant is reinforced by lending agencies which will not lend money for the purchase of a covenanted house by a person of minority ancestry.

For the United Press survey brought out one major fact: Most people in order to buy a house or a building lot have to borrow money. And banks and other lending agencies are taking a dim view as to the Supreme court decision. Some banks say they won't make loans on property that is regarded as having "a cloud in the title." And they still hold, in spite of the court decision, that property has a cloudy title if there is evidence that a covenant has been violated.

In short, many banks won't lend money to a purchaser of minority ancestry who wishes to buy a home with a covenant upon it.

Thus the Jew, Negro or Oriental American who wishes to buy a home outside the areas to which he has been previously limited runs across restrictions just as strong as the restrictive covenant which the Supreme court declared could not be enforced by court action.

One San Francisco real estate dealer put the matter quite bluntly when interviewed by a representative of the United Press:

"We just aren't talking about covenants any more because we know they aren't worth the paper they're written on," he said.

"Instead, if a Negro wants to see a house, we steer him out of the subdivisions where restrictions exist. If he insists on seeing something in one of those districts, we will show him, but that doesn't mean anything because the owner may decide he doesn't want to sell the place after all, or the finance company or the bank may not be able to agree on his credit rating.

"There may also be something with the title that would keep him from getting a loan."

This kind of conspiracy, one concludes, should generally be sufficient to persuade any potential buyer that he had better settle down in the district to which he has been delegated.

The Supreme court's decision on restrictive covenants was a first step forward in the equalizing of opportunities for all America's citizens, whatever their racial ancestry or religious beliefs.

But it now appears that we must continue to take those further steps which will enable these citizens, all 150 millions of them, to get decent housing. The second step, perhaps, is outlawing of the restrictive covenant itself. We cannot suggest what the third and fourth steps must be, but it is apparent at this time that we have not yet done all that is necessary to insure decent living standards for all the nation.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

New Slants on Evacuation

The news is that the book which Morton Grodzins wrote from documented data on the unprecedented mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942 will be published this spring by Chicago University Press.

The Grodzins book is expected to lend a new perspective to the events leading to mass evacuation and mass detention as well as to the personalities, army and civilian officials alike, who were involved in it.

The book was reportedly ready for publication back in 1945 when the evacuees were just returning to the Pacific coast and when the author felt that it would do the most good. However, there apparently were some difficulties standing in the way of its publication at that time, including the reluctance of the Evacuation and Resettlement Study group at the University of California with which Grodzins originally was connected and which objected to the release of the material.

The Evacuation and Resettlement Study was carried on in a top secret, hush-hush manner which would do credit to the security measures which were taken to protect wartime atomic bomb research which also was undertaken at the University of California during the same period.

One of the real reasons for the clock-and-dagger secrecy indulged in by the directors of the Evacuation and Resettlement Study undoubtedly arose from a concern for the welfare of the Nisei involved in the project, many of whom were residing in war relocation centers at the time. It would have been too easy for these research workers, if their identities became generally known, to be singled out as FBI informers and such and subjected to personal danger. Thus an iron curtain was hung around the operations of this University of California research on the evacuation and relocation.

Several million words of research material were assembled during this project and its officials were given access to the files of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, which handled the actual evacuation, as well as to the records of the War Relocation Authority. Extensive research also was carried on regarding the resettlement problems of the evacuees and hundreds of actual case histories written up. The Nisei involved in this project, including several practicing sociologists, worked long and diligently. Their findings are now apparently locked up in somebody's files.

Only a small portion of the work of the Evacuation and Resettlement Study has been published to date. This portion concerned the renunciants and the segregees who experienced the bitter end of frustration at the Tule Lake camp in Northern California. It was presented in the book called "The Spoilage" by Dorothy Thomas and Richard Nishimoto which was published by the University of California Press in 1947. A second book, "The Salvage," dealing with those evacuees who withstood the physical trials and emotional rigors of the evacuation experience and maintained their faith in these United States, was promised for 1948 publication but did not appear, although crowded printing schedules and the shortage of paper may have had something to do with its non-appearance.

The findings of this Evacuation and Resettlement Study, had it been published during the resettlement period, probably would have helped considerably in enlightening the public mind on the problems involved. Today, nearly seven years after Gen. DeWitt's evacuation order, the question is almost wholly an academic one, although resettlement is not yet completely successful and many returned evacuees still live in the temporary shelters of trailers or war-built housing projects. The only real problem remaining is that of obtaining compensation under Public Law 886 for those evacuees who lost business and personal property as a direct result of the evacuation. Word from Washington this week is that only a small percentage of the expected flood of forms have reached the Department of Justice to date and thus government officials are experiencing some difficulty in assessing the scope of the indemnification program under the evacuee claims law.

Although the University of California group has been tardy in releasing the results of its extensive research, much of the field has been covered by the War Relocation Authority which published a number of government documents in 1946 which are of invaluable assistance to the student of mass evacuation and wartime relocation. The WRA's work is summarized in its splendid book, "WRA: A Story of Human Conservation," which provides a heartwarming picture of faith and integrity, of evacuee and government official. It is a story of courage, of the evacuees in the relocation camps and of the WRA leadership which fought special interests, bigots and prejudiced politicians and bestirred public disinterest to carry on a program of outside relocation which was nourished by belief in the integrity and good citizenship of the evacuee population. It is a story which as difficult to see from the perspective of those confined in the camps where the irritations and discomfort of barrack life were foremost and contact with the WRA involved personal relationships with the wide ranges of humanity found on the agency's payroll. It is a story which can now be appreciated, as desert dust covers the ghost towns of wartime relocation and the barbed wire rusts on forgotten fences.

The present position of the Nisei may have been considerably altered had men of less courage been in the policy-making level of the WRA and had submitted to the racism of the West Coast hatemongers or the sensation-hunting of the Dies Committee's J. Parnell Thomas, John Costello or Robert Stripling.

The evacuation story, as presented by the historians of the WRA, also is told in such publications as "Wartime Exile," prepared by Rose McKee which tells the story of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and answers the arguments of the racists regarding such charges as that of birth rate, working conditions, dual citizenship and other favorite subjects of the anti-evacuee propagandists; "The Wartime Handling of Evacuee Property," "Impounded People," the story of Japanese Americans in the relocation centers; "Community Government in War Relocation Centers," "Legal and Constitutional Phases of the WRA Program," "The Evacuated People: A Quantitative Description," and "Administrative Highlights of the WRA Program." The final publication of the WRA before it expired with the end of the June 30, 1946 fiscal year was the 270-page "People in Motion" which told the story of the postwar adjustment of the evacuated Japanese Americans in new communities and new occupations. All of these reports were published by the Government Printing Office and a few may still be available. Together they present a comprehensive story of war relocation.

Some of these reports, like "Wartime Exile," presents material which was hitherto unavailable and casts a serious question over Gen. DeWitt's justification of mass evacuation on the basis of evidence which must have been available to him as the commanding general of the Western Defense Command.

The forthcoming book by Morton Grodzins, a by-product of the research program at the University of California, will present additional evidence, particularly on the pressures which preceded the evacuation decision. The book names names and this may have been one reason why its publication has been delayed. Those who have read the manuscript say that it discusses hitherto unpublished phases of the evacuation.

Another facet of the relocation story, and one that is unfettered by controversy, is the chronicle of student relocation which will be told in a book by Robert O'Brien of the University of Washington which will also be published this year. Bob O'Brien, it may be recalled, took leave from his university post to head the student relocation project under non-governmental auspices. There was a time in the evacuation period when most of the major universities, with the exception of the University of Utah and a few others, did not welcome an influx of evacuee students. Within a few semesters, however, the entire picture was changed and student relocation was a success. This is the story which Bob O'Brien tells in his forthcoming book.

A lot of evacuees probably are wondering just what hit them after Pearl Harbor and how they managed to get shoved into tarpaper barracks and out again. Thus any additions to the available fount of knowledge on the evacuation story probably will be welcomed although the whole subject, including its justification, is rapidly becoming an academic one.

Vagaries

Disc Trade . . .

A relatively new West Coast industry is the production of Japanese phonograph records in Hollywood. These records are made from masters from Japan and have found a big market in Hawaii. The records are mostly of popular songs . . . Besides Drew Pearson, another national radio commentator who discussed the Chicago cemetery discrimination situation affecting Japanese Americans was Gabriel Heatter on his Mutual network program. Incidentally, Pearson announced in a later broadcast that he had received a wire from Chicago's Mayor Kennelly that steps are being taken to correct the situation.

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Magazines . . .

The magazines: Reader's Digest editors are now considering an article on Mike M. Masaoka of JACL ADC. It will be at least two months before a decision will be reached . . . The February issue of Today's Woman has an article on Mary Suzuki, West Coast fashion artist who is now in New York.

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The widely printed editorial in the Scripps-Howard press on the West Coast cemetery situation and the burial of Sgt. Kazuo Masuda was written by Oland D. Russell, former U. S. Army major who was public relations officer for the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Shelby. Mr. Russell, author of a book on the Mitsuis of Japan, is now night editor for Scripps Howard in Washington.

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Repentance . . .

There's an interesting note in an article, "Repentence by Mail" by Stewart Robertson in the January issue of Family Circle magazine which is distributed by the Safeway stores. The article discusses the conscience money which the Treasury Department receives from American citizens. Of the thousands of dollars in conscience money received during the war by the U.S. Treasury, a check for $83 was sent by a Japanese American who undertook to put a price on infidelity.

The Nisei sent the $83 to the Treasury with the notice that it should be apportioned as follows:

"Travel grant relocating me from Relocation Center—$29. For unfaithfulness while employed by Relocation Authority — $50. For a confidential wrong against the U.S. Govt.—$4."

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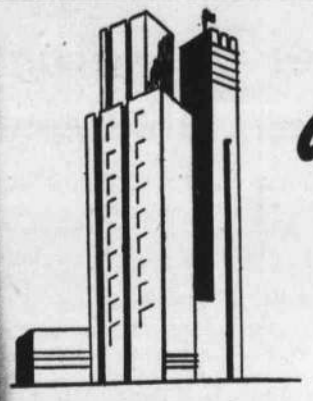
Common Ground . . .

The fiction reviews in the Winter, 1949 issue of Common Ground are by Eddie Shimano . . . This issue of Common Ground also contains two articles of special interest to Nisei, "Japanese Etiquette" by Bradford Smith which is illustrated by a drawing by Mine Okubo . . . Also in this issue is an article on Korea by Dr. Monika Kehoe who was the Director of Adult Education for the War Relocation Authority during the war.

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Illustrator . . .

Keith Oka, commercial artist at the Craftsman Press in Seattle, has done the drawings for a book, "Pickin' Your Parents" which the firm recently published. The text is by Marv Bailey. The humorous book gives advice to children on the kind of parents they should avoid.



a Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

The Subway Set

Most every New Yorker is a member of the underground.

Some time during the day he is bound to walk down the stairs, weave his way through a maze of tunnels, drop a dime in the turnstile, and then buck his way into the jangling, crammed iron-monster that speeds on its way in subterranean darkness.

An average day will find 10,000,000 riders on this vast System which stretches miles in every direction. This means a cool million dollars a day revenue to the city.

As a two-year veteran of the subway set, I have made a few observations. Of course, I do not boast of the SPH (Subway Purple Heart) which is daily awarded to those who sprain an arm or a leg when the door jams on them nor the SSS (Subway Silver Star) given to those who perform some service beyond the call of duty with such feats as riding from Columbus Circle to 12th street with your arms pinned to your sides and not breathing or managing to take home a layer cake from Times Square to Brooklyn without severing said cake from its frosting and box.

No, I am more on the average side. I wear the traditional frozen dead-pan expression as the car lurches its way at a 60-mile-an-hour clip. The way to spot a visitor to the city is by his smile. A hardened subwayite never smiles; being always on the gloomy indifferent side. Only an outsider sees some mirth and joy in riding this rambling sardine-packed boxcar.

I have also become quite adept and skillful at reading a newspaper in any position: seated, standing, prone, curled over, or with somebody's elbow drilling into my ribs. I have learned to flip over a page with my thumb and juggle through the various sections of the paper with only one hand; sometimes with no hands, depending on the other fellow's spinal column to crease down the page for me.

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The only time for comic relief on the subways can be found between midnight and sunrise. Then it is that men in all stages of stupor and glow pounce upon the center aisle of the cars with alcoholic eloquence. These night-time extroverts can be divided into the following five classes: (1) singers of old time songs, (2) gushing extroverts of poetry, (3) enthusiastic experts on world affairs, (4) authorities on Manhattan politics, and (5) walking encyclopedias in the realm of sports.

These refugees from Alcoholics Anonymous think nothing of riding all the way to the end of the line and back several times. They will strike up a conversation at a moment's notice and then paw and jaw you until they topple over to some other seat.

The miracle of it all is how these tipsy gents manage to keep from falling into the path of a speeding express train.

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Then there are those professional dispensers of song and music. This well organized and trained group of the lame, the halt, and the blind ply their wares on all the subways.

Naturally, they divide themselves into special categories; those who work during the rush hours and those who perform during the lull periods of the day.

Those who work the string of subway cars during the crowded hours are generally singers. They start at the rear end of the subway train and then work themselves up by degrees to the front car. I always marvel at the way these blind men shuttle from one moving subway car to the other without loss of limb or life.

Those who are "on" during the slow periods are largely instrumentalists. The most common musical instrument is the accordion. Others prefer the harmonica and a few brave souls will struggle with a violin or a saxophone.

These subway troupers have it down to a science on just how much they can expect per car and can readily determine the size of the contribution merely by the tinkle in the cup. They rely heavily upon the reflexes of conscience-stricken New Yorkers to reach into their pockets as they pass by. Sentimental music and a heavy conscience make an unbeatable combination.

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At the other extreme end of the gamut of human emotions on the subways are those who are suicide-bound. Almost every day someone is throwing himself into the path of an oncoming speeding subway train. Such an accident snarls up the traffic underground for minutes on end and leave many platforms of disgruntled riders.

After just such an accident the other day, tempers of the passengers were at a razor's edge. There was little in the way of remorse, sorrow or pity. The general attitude was one of irritation and displeasure because they were being delayed.

"Why in the heck did he have to pick this particular train on just this day to jump over," one man commented. "I'll never make that poker game by seven."

With all the hubbub, crowding and confusion at every express stop, it is quite remarkable how subway fatalities are kept at their low figures.

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Now that the official subway fare is a dime, the schemers and the chiselers are out in full force. The main question is how to beat the ten-cent tariff.

The acrobatic element think nothing of jumping over the barrier as the train pulls into the stop or else ducking under the turnstile. The quick and the cagey often dash in the "exit" gates if they don't see a guard standing nearby.

I have had a couple of salesmen approach me with "tokens" at a nickel each, guaranteed to fit the subway slot. These slugs frequently clog up the turnstile mechanism and a guard will soon come charging into the picture.

Sanding and filing down pennies into dime proportions is a hobby with a few riders. Everyone wants to get around the ten-cent bite.

I have also found out one other thing: that my clothes wear out much quicker due to traveling by subway. The pressure and friction from the next rider's suit are bound to frazzle even the stoutest cloth.

Though tempers and clothes may wear thin, it is undeniable that the subway system is fast and efficient. That is why it must be tolerated and utilized.

French Camp Chapter Names Committees

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—Chairmen and committees for the French Camp JACL were named at the first executive meeting of the year called by President Bob Takahashi.

Committee chairmen were named as follows: John Fujiki, Issei relations; Setsuki Iwata, publications; Harry Itaya, evacuation claims; Bob Ota, membership; Dr. James Tanaka, public relations; George Itaya, Nisei veterans; Chiyo Fujimoto and Hiroshi Shinmoto, program and activities; and Haruko Yagi, house affairs.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Last Hired, First Fired?

Denver, Colo.

If you've been reading the newspapers, you must be aware that the experts believe the peak of the postwar boom has been reached and perhaps passed. Some of the signs are apparent even to those of us who know next to nothing about economics. For instance, the used car market has done a floperoo and some new cars are obtainable at list price, without accessories and without trade-ins. The stock market is weak. Many of the larger labor unions that were speaking bravely about a third round of pay increases have settled for a few cents.

Hamburger that was selling at 69 cents a pound a few months ago is down to 49 cents at a chain store down the street. Pork chops which were crowding a dollar are down as low as 45 cents a pound. Refrigerators and washing machines can be bought off the floor, textile goods are back at, or below, OPA price levels. Many of these price reductions may be only temporary and seasonal, but at least the changing trend is welcome after the uninterrupted climb of costs following the end of price controls in the summer of 1946.

Comes now the inevitable question: What's the Nisei angle? Well, with a stabilizing, or perhaps even declining economic picture, the high level of employment is likely to start dropping off. There have been a number of significant lay-offs already. At any rate the 61 million Americans now holding jobs may find many of their number making the round of employment offices sometime in the indeterminate future. And you know the saying about American racial and religious minorities—"Last hired and first fired."

How well that saying will apply to the Nisei—provided that unemployment rises—is something which, as the lawyers say, remains to be seen. Prewar conditions certainly don't apply to the Nisei now. They are more widely scattered both geographically and occupationally. That means the force of any blow will be distributed over a wider area.

In the last few years Nisei have distinguished themselves as conscientious, careful and skillful workmen. That kind always is in demand. Many have embraced the gospel of unionism for the first time. That provides them with the security of collective bargaining. Others have established seniority that's indispensible when the cut-backs start.

Thanks to the experience of being kicked around, the Nisei as a group are wiser, better organized and more capable of taking care of themselves than ever before. Even if things get as bad as some of the experts fear, "last hired, first fired" may not necessarily be so.

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On Stretching the Budget

Meanwhile, in the absence of any appreciable drop in the cost of living, our meat ration continues to include a large portion of the lowly ground beef. Our cooking expert correspondent, Mrs. Chiduyo Yaginuma of Naperville, Ill., has some suggestions for varying the hamburger menu.

She suggests, among other things, parboiled peppers and onions stuffed with hamburger and baked in an oven; meat balls and spaghetti; hamburger rolled in cabbage leaves and baked; hamburger in chile beans. As other budget easers she suggests the use of boiling beef for stew instead of the more expensive and leaner stew meat, and having the butcher cut up a pork roast into chops which is cheaper than buying ready-chopped meat from the same cut.

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Mike Learns a New Game

Eight-year-old Mike and many of his classmates are just becoming aware of the fun to be found in pestering girls. This pastime has several variations, but currently it has taken the form of chasing and threatening to kiss the girls. At least that's what Mike came home and told me the other day.

"Did you catch any girls?" I asked.

"No," he said. "I coulda caught them. But I wasn't trying to run very fast."



MIYO KUNITAKE
Cleveland JACL Queen

Miyo Kunitake Wins Queen Title at Cleveland Ball

CLEVELAND, O.—Miyo Kunitake was crowned "queen of the ball" on Dec. 11 at the Hotel Hollenden as the Cleveland chapter of the JACL held its second annual ball.

In a close contest, pretty Miss Kunitake defeated six other girls vying for the honor. Each Nisei organization in Cleveland was represented in the contest.

Miss Kunitake represented the JACL and at present is recording secretary of the chapter.

Diane Sashihara of the Nisei Fellowship and Happy Iwamoto, representing the bowling league, were runners-up. They served as the queen's attendants.

Esther Yuge, last year's queen, performed the coronation rite.

UCL Cabinet Makes Debut at Dinner

SAN JOSE, Calif.—New cabinet members of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara county were introduced at a dinner-meeting held last week at the Mandarin cafe with Eiichi Sakauye as master of ceremonies.

Esau Shimizu will head the organization in 1949. He will have the following cabinet: Akira Shimoguchi, first vice pres.; Phil Matsumura, second vice pres.; Sachi Endo, sec'y.; Dr. Bob Okamoto, treas.; and Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto, historian.

Henry Hamasaki, outgoing president, will become a member of the board of directors and ex-officio member of the cabinet.

Hamasaki was presented with a gift in recognition of his outstanding services to the league. Henry Kiyomura made the presentation. An informal singing period followed.

President Shimizu announced that the cabinet and advisers will meet Thursday evening, Jan. 27, at the UCL building.

Questions on Evacuee Claims Answered by Washington ADC

This is another of a series of questions and answers on the evacuation claims law prepared by Edward J. Ennis, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee special counsel, and released by the Washington Office of the JACL ADC as a public service. This series is based on actual questions asked of this office.

Any reader who has general questions relating to the law itself or to procedural matters is invited to address a letter to the Washington Office, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Evacuation Claims Section, 300 Fifth Street Northeast, Washington 2, D.C. Questions of general interest may be reproduced in this series without personal identification.

1. Q. My father died just before evacuation and left me with an extensive gold fish hatchery. I was nineteen years old and did not have much knowledge of the business. The persons who worked in our hatchery were Japanese who were evacuated. I lost almost everything our family had because of the evacuation. Can I claim for the going value of the business which was thus destroyed?

A. If you are a person of Japanese ancestry you can claim the difference between the going value of the business and any amount you received for it.

2. Q. In 1943 I sold my poultry farm in California for $7,000. If I were to buy back the same place now, or one similar to it, I would have to pay at least $15,000. Would I have the right to file a claim? If it were not for the evacuation, I would never have sold the place to begin with. As far as real estate prices go, I believe I received a reasonable amount for the farm in 1943. But the fact remains that I would like to return to California to start back in the poultry business; but the high prices being asked for real estate now makes it impossible to do so.

A. If you did receive the fair market value for your poultry farm as a going business concern at the time you sold it in 1943, it will be difficult to recover a claim for the additional amount which the poultry farm is worth today beecause of the increased real estate values. The Government would be able to contend that the increased value was a claim for anticipated profits prohibited by the Evacuation Claims Act. If you actually bought back the poultry farm at the increased cost you would have a somewhat better argument that your claim should be paid in order to reimburse you fully and place you in the same position as you were at the time you were evacuated. But, if you did not repurchase the farm, or a similar poultry farm it is more difficult to establish your claim. In these cases the only way a clear decision can be obtained is by filing a claim, and having the Department of Justice pass upon it.

3. Q. In my printing plant it was my business practice to have considerable amounts of printed labels for my customers. At the time of evacuation, Board of Equalization agents came to my shop and demanded that I pay sales tax on these labels bearing the trade marks of my customers. We were all evacuated and my clients never purchased these labels. Can I claim for the amount of the labels which were unsold and also for the amount of the sales tax which I was compelled to pay?

A. You appear to have a clear claim for the cost of the labels to you, but you may not be able to recover the profit you would have made on the sale of the labels to your customers unless you can show that your customers had contracted to buy all the labels and that therefore your actual legal loss at the time of evacuation was the sales price and not the cost of the labels to you. So far as the sales tax on the labels is concerned, you might be able to recover this amount if you can show that the amount was paid because of the evacuation and if you can also show that it is not possible to recover the amount from the State authorities.

4. Q. I bought a 1939 car which we paid by down payment and just got done paying the amount of $900 when two months later we were evacuated. We had to sell the car for $400. Do I have a claim?

A. You have a good claim at least for the difference between the amount you paid on the car and the amount you received. If your car was completely paid for, your loss is the difference between its reasonable value and the amount you received for it, which does not always depend upon the purchase price. It may be that you purchased the car for $900 but may have used it in such a way that it was not worth that much at the time you were forced to sell it because of depreciation, accidents or other factors. On the other hand, if you had made a particularly good purchase, it may have been worth more than the $900.

MINORITY WEEK

Without Honor

Sometimes American GIs, like the prophets, are without honor in their own hometown.

So it seemed last week, at any rate, when Private Felix Longoria, who was killed in action in World War II, was denied reburial rites in his hometown of Three Rivers, Tex.

The reason was the one well known to Americans of Mexican descent—because "other white people might object."

But the incident did not go unnoticed. And if Private Longoria's remains cannot be buried in Three Rivers, they can at least be accorded full honor at the Arlington memorial cemetery.

Many persons of southern Texas, indignant over the treatment accorded him and his family, have promised that they will help Private Longoria's family in according the dead soldier the burial he deserves.

The residents of Corpus Christi, Tex., held a mass meeting and raised $300 to enable the soldier's widow, Mrs. Beatrice Longoria, to fly to Washington for the reburial rites. The Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce offered to finance the trip for the soldier's father, and the American GI Forum promised that his mother, too, would go along. Senator Lyndon D. Johnson of Texas made arrangements for the Arlington burial.

Meanwhile the Rice funeral home in Three Rivers was denying it had "refused" use of its services for the funeral. The director said he had merely "discouraged" use of the home by the Longorias.

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Jury

A Chinese American, M. S. Spencer Owyang, a bank employee, was recently named to serve on the San Francisco county grand jury. He is the first Chinese American to serve in this capacity.

Another First

The Washington state Senate broke with precedent this week and named a Negro, Mrs. Octava Norris of Seattle, to be secretary of three committees.

Only eight years ago Mrs. Norris went to work for the Senate as an attendant in the women's lounge. But when the number of women senators dropped to one, the remaining senator, Lady Willie Forbus, decided that Mrs. Norris was no longer needed—at least not in that capacity. She urged Mrs. Norris to become a Senate stenographer.

This week Mrs. Norris is working with the liquor control, engrossed and enrolled bills and the medicine and dentistry committees.

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Appointment

The state of Ohio also broke precedent this week. It named a Negro, Madison C. Perkins, assistant state attorney general.

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18th Term

B. A. Greene, mayor of the all-Negro town of Mound Bayou, Miss., was recently elected to his 18th consecutive term in office.

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Buck Passing

Who's to blame for discrimination in employment?

Well, according to a recent survey made by the University of Washington, it's always the other guy.

According to the study, some employers declared they would be willing to hire members of racial minorities, but that unions who supply their labor never send such individuals for employment. Other employers declared that they would be willing to hire Negroes or Oriental Americans except for the fact their other employees would object.

Many union officials, however, declared they would be willing to accept Negro and Oriental Americans in membership, but said they did not do so because they could not find employment for them since employers would not hire them anyway or because other employees might be prejudiced.

And finally, many employers in retail trade and service industries declared that they would be willing to employ members of minority groups if it were not for the fact their customers would object.

Dancer

TACOMA, Wash.—Little Linda Akamatsu, 5, danced in the annual Russian Christmas party at the Broadmoor studio in Tacoma Sunday, Dec. 16, with other students of the Ivan Novikoff ballet school.

Although a student for only five months, Linda appeared with far more advanced pupils in a ballet number.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Akamatsu.

PC SPORTS

Ski Star

Amy Toda, the University of Utah coed, has established herself as one of the top girl skiers in the Intermountain area and is representing the state of Utah at the coming western states ski meet at Sun Valley. Miss Toda, incidentally, is a native of the Pacific Northwest who was stranded in Japan while visiting there by the outbreak of war. She learned to ski while in Japan and continued the sport when she returned to the United States in 1946, and entered the University of Utah.

In the past two seasons Miss Toda has competed at Jackson Hole, Snow Basin, Alta, Brighton, Sun Valley and in Colorado.

If Miss Toda is Miss Nisei as far as snow sports go, Mr. Nisei is probably Yasi Teramoto of the Yosemite Ski club of California who is one of the leading skiers in the Sierras. Teramoto competed in the western regional tryouts for the U.S. Olympic ski team in 1947.

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Sad Sam's Sad

Sad Sam Ichinose, Honolulu's fabulous boxing manager, is getting to be a national figure. John Lardner did a column on Ichinose in the Jan. 15 issue of Newsweek. Ichinose hasn't yet completely resolved the snafu which resulted when his flyweight prize, Dado Marino, was signed to meet Manuel Ortiz of California on Feb. 22 in Honolulu for the latter's world's bantamweight crown. While Ichinose was rubbing his hands over the prospects of being the manager of a world champion, a cable came in from Belfast, Ireland that Rinty Monaghan, the generally recognized world's flyweight king, had agreed to a previous offer from Ichinose to come to Honolulu to defend his title against Marino for $25,000. The Marino-Monaghan fight is tentatively set for March 1, a week after the Marino-Ortiz bout.

In addition to these worries, Ichinose wants to get his welterweight belt, Robert Takeshita, a return match with Bernard (Little Duke) Docusen who is undefeated in some 50 bouts. Docusen decisioned Takeshita for the latter's only defeat in 36 outings. Takeshita, incidentally, showed his ability to take it when he came up off the canvas five times and finally knocked out Eric Boon, the former British Empire lightweight king, in the third round of a recent bout in Honolulu.

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ABC Ban

Reports from Honolulu indicate that bowlers in Hawaii are now reconsidering last year's action in quitting the American Bowling Congress over the ABC's exclusion of non-Caucasians from mainland leagues and tournaments. Some of the Hawaiian bowlers now feel that the fight against discrimination can be carried on better if Hawaii is represented in the ABC, while others still hold that Hawaiian keglers, a large percentage of whom are of Japanese ancestry, should have nothing to do with the Aryan ABC. Hawaiian bowlers are now being polled on the ABC issue.

Last June the Honolulu Bowling Association quit the ABC when the national organization declined to change its rules limiting participation in leagues and tournaments in the continental United States to males of the Caucasian race.

Intermountain Nisei Basketball Tournament Set for Salt Lake

Leading basketball teams of the intermountain and Pacific coast areas will meet in Salt Lake City for the 14th annual Nisei invitational basketball tournament March 24, 25 and 26.

The tournament, under sponsorship of the Salt Lake City JACL is considered the longest running Nisei cage meet in the nation and is also the largest of its kind covering five western states, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Colorado. Negotiations are now underway to include California in this year's contest.

Tokuda Drugs of Seattle, defending champions, are expected to return to Salt Lake City in March in an attempt to add a second leg to the coveted JACL perpetual trophy.

Past winners of the tournament beside Seattle, are the Ogden Nippons, Topaz All-Stars, Topaz high school, Salt Lake Nippons, Denver Marusho Miks and the Salt Lake Harlem A.C. Of these teams only the Denver and Harlem quints are now in existence, with the latter needing but one more victory to retire the award.

Chairman of the event is Yoshi Kojimoto of Salt Lake City.

Denver Cabinet Is Installed

DENVER—Tom Yanaga, newly elected president of the Fort Lupton JACL, and members of his cabinet were sworn in Monday night at a general meeting at the Buddhist church.

President Yanaga, who was vice president of the Fort Lupton Chamber of Commerce last year, succeeds Sam Okamoto.

The installation service was conducted by Roy Takeno, regional JACL representative. The service was followed by the showing of two films, "The Nisei Story." and movies of the 10th biennial JACL convention.

George Konishi operated his own film projector for the showing.

President Yanaga reported that the chapter's membership campaign is scheduled to be completed by Jan. 30. A skating party for members of the Denver chapter will be held Feb. 12 under the chairmanship of Harvey Inouye.

Dudley Yatabe to Be Soloist at Exercises

CHICAGO, Ill.—Another musical honor goes to the accomplished young Nisei pianist, Dudley Yatabe, who has been selected from tryouts to be the piano soloist at the graduation exercises of his senior class at Marshall High School in Chicago on January 27. Dudley, who is 18, plans on continuing with his musical studies.

Women Begin Third Round of Play In Bowl League

The Nisei women's league of Salt Lake City entered its third round of play Sunday, Jan. 16, with the Main Appliance team still holding top position in a field of 8 teams.

Yasuko Oike of Dawn Noodle had a spectacular 544 series with games of 183-193-165, but her team split 2-2 with New Sunrise. Marti Nodzu led the Sunrise team with a 161 high game.

Okada Insurance, playing off a game with Glamour Photo on Saturday, took a 4-0 win. Hanna Kaizumi and Aussie Hiraizumi led the Okada team. Mrs. Kaizumi had a 167 high game and high series of 437.

Aoki Produce defeated Pagoda 3-1, with Saki Hirata turning in a 456 high series for Aoki. Hina Tobari was high for Pagoda.

Main Appliance and Temple Noodle will play off their game Sunday, Jan. 23.

Mitsi Iwasaki leads the league in averages with 153.

Dawn Noodle is behind Main Appliance in team standings, with Pagoda in third place.

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Joe Masaoka Plans Evacuee Claims Meetings

SAN FRANCISCO — Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of JACL ADC, will conduct informational meetings on evacuation claims problems throughout Northern California during the remainder of January and throughout February.

Masaoka declared that the program was a service of JACL ADC to assist returned evacuees in filing claims under Public Law 886 for accountable business and property losses sustained as a direct result of mass eevacuation in 1942.

The meetings will be conducted in both English and Japanese.

The following itinerary for Masaoka was released by the JACL ADC office. It was announced that meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

JANUARY

Jan. 24, Placer County; 25, French Camp; 26, Stockton; 27, Sonoma County; 28, Mountain View; 29, Eden Township; 30, Bakersfield; 31, Fresno area.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1, Fresno area; 2, San Benito County; 3, Watsonville; 4, Salinas (JACL chapter installation); 5, San Mateo (JACL chapter installation); 6, San Francisco; 7, Monterey; 8, Lodi; 9, Walnut Grove; 10, Sacramento area, Courtland-Clarksburg, Woodland; 11, Modesto-Turlock; 12, Fresno area; 13, Fresno area; 14, San Jose; 15, Gilroy; 16, Suisun-Napa; 17, Alameda; 18, Oakland; 19, Berkeley; 20, Concord, 2:30 p.m.; 21, Richmond; 22, Marysville; and 23, San Francisco.

Church Council

CHICAGO — Three members were voted into the church council of the Ellis Community Center church at its first annual congregational meeting.

They are Mrs. Ida Endo, Atsuko Shimasaki and Harry Nakano.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Tanabe, 415 South First West st., Salt Lake City, a girl, Linda, on Jan. 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shig Oku, 658 W. Blackhawk st., Chicago, a girl, Donna Jean, on Dec. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Korematsu a girl in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tachiki a boy in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ryohei Fukuda a girl on Dec. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Katayama a boy on Dec. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Hashimoto a girl on Jan. 7 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. John N. Sakai a girl on Dec. 17 in Sanger, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kiyoshi Hasegawa a boy on Dec. 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hideo Nakazawa, Harbor City, Calif., a boy, Martin Edward Koheiji, on Dec. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Jon Matsubara a girl on Dec. 14 in Culver City, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ichiriu, Roscoe, Calif., a boy on Dec. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fukuzaki, San Pedro, Calif., a girl, Amy Emiko, on Jan. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Murakawa, Torrance, Calif., a boy on Dec. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yodomi Okumura, West Covina, Calif., a boy on Dec. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Kohigashira a boy on Dec. 22 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nakata, Denver, Colo., a girl, Nancy Kyoko, on Jan. 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsukasa Uyeno, Acampo, Calif., a girl on Dec. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs Yoshio Majima, Holt, Calif., a boy on Dec. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Nagata, McDonald Island, Calif, a boy on Jan. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Beppu a boy on Jan. 17 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Noguchi a boy on Jan. 11 in Sacramento.

DEATHS

M. Yonemoto on Jan. 9 in French Camp, Calif.

Sakuhei Nakayama, 73, on Jan. 15 in Fowler, Calif.

Katsuji Mizushima, 68, on Jan. 14 in Grand Junction, Colo.

Shinichi Ginoza on Jan. 14 in Azusa, Calif.

Mrs. George Kumemaro Uno, on Jan. 18 in Los Angeles.

Hideo Takashima on Jan. 16 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Mabel Shibao to Goro Sakaguchi on Jan. 11 in Brighton, Colo.

Mary Y. Miyamoto to Tom T. Kashiwabara on Jan. 9 in Penryn, Calif.

Joyce Yamakawa to Pat. M. Itatani on Jan. 9 in San Jose, Calif.

Toshi Furuichi, Los Altos, to David Kawamoto on Jan. 16 in San Jose.

Yoshie Noda to Takami Misaki on Jan. 15 in Fresno.

Sumiko Umeda and George Mitsuo Ikeguchi on Jan. 15 in Los Angeles.

Chiyeko Osaka to Kiyoshi Kawashima on Jan. 16 in Los Angeles.

Flora Yuriko Masuda to Hiroshi Tanaka on Jan. 16 in Los Angeles.

Agnes Misako Minamide to James Nishitsuji on Jan. 16 in Los Angeles.

Lilly Fujikawa to Mas Ogawa on Dec. 16 in Caldwell, Ida.

Kaname Ichiuji to Masaichi Oishi on Dec. 22 in Washington, D.C.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Yoshiko I. Moto and Dean Mizushima in Grand Junction, Colo.

Mitsuko Kira, 21, and Kazuki Iwamura, 28, Selma, in Fresno.

Kikue Yonemoto, 19, and Kingo Tajii, 26, Madrone, San Jose.

Terrie Fukuchi, San Lorenzo, and Nobuji Kurokawa, Fowler, in Oakland, Calif.

Irene Harumi Takayama, 28, and Koji Kay Yoshimoto, 29, both of Parlier, in Fresno.

Helen Masako Fujii, 22, and Kay Nakayama, 25, Delano, in Fresno.

Installation

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Installation of 1949 cabinet officers was held by the Puella Societa at its regular Sunday meeting Jan. 9.

Sadako Hori, president, and the following cabinet members were installed: Mary Morita, vice pres.; Bette Nishi, rec. sec'y.; Janice Muramoto, corr. sec'y.; June Nikaido, treas.; and Jean Morita, publicity-historian.

Joyce Makishima, adviser, officiated at the ceremony.

Discussion of the annual midwinter conference at Asilomar in January followed with Harriet Taylor, guest speaker.

Refreshments were served.

Dr. Kondo Opens Ontario Office

ONTARIO, Ore.—Dr. Roy J. Kondo has opened his offices for the practice of general dentistry in the Guss building in Ontario.

Dr. Kondo recently returned from two year's service as a dentist in the army.

He is a graduate of the University of Kansas City school of dentistry. He interned at the Gougenheim dental clinic in New York City and also had one year residency training at the Children's Memorial hospital in Chicago.

Dr. Kondo, formerly of Gresham, Ore., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Kondo of Jamieson. He has established his home in Ontraio.

Bussei Hold Meet In Satl Lake City

Young Buddhists from the intermountain area met in Salt Lake City Jan. 15 and 16 for the 13th annual meeting of the YBL.

The Rev. K. M. Kumata, Nisei minister from Los Angeles, gave the keynote address.

The two-day meeting featured religious services, reports of 1948 activities, elections, a bowling tournament, preconference ball, luncheon, banquet and talent show.

Jake Koga was reelected president of the league for 1949. Rose Yagi was reelected vice president, and Barbara Okuda was reelected recording secretary.

Other cabinet posts will be held by Fumi Koga, corr. sec'y; Shig Hamada, treas.; Taro Yagi, religious chmn.; Yukio Isaki, social chmn.; Jack Oda, assistant social chmn.; Emi Tsukamoto, public relations officer; Tom Akimoto, men's athletic chairman; and Rose Oda, women's athletic chairman.

Corinne was chosen host chapter for the 1950 conference.

Nisei Student Wins Election as President Of Student Body

SAN LEANDRO, Calif.—Harry Kawahara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyakutaro Kawahara of San Leandro, recently was elected president of the student body at San Leandro high school.

A former head yell leader, Harry won easily over two other opponents, polling 452 votes out of the 717 cast.

Idaho Falls Sets Basketball Tourney

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Idaho Falls JACL annual invitational basketball tournament will be held this year on February 17, 18 and 19.

Eight top teams from Utah, Oregon, Montana and Idaho are expected to participate. The local team will defend its championship title.

Japanese Classes

CHICAGO—A full class of 20 students is meeting every Wednesday evening to learn conversational Japanese under Naoye Suzuki at the Ellis community center.

The ten-week course includes the study of post positions, verb conjugation, adjectives, greeting and common salutations, use of the Japanese dictionary, letter writing and simple reading.

Eighteen More Disclaimer Suits Will Be Filed

Plan Court Action To Secure Title to California Property

SAN FRANCISCO — Eighteen more disclaimer suits to clear the titles to properties owned by Americans of Japanese ancestry will be filed shortly by attorneys of the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union, it was announced at the annual meeting of the association on Jan. 17.

Ichiji Motoki, executive secretary, said that four cases have been successfully completed against the state of California and eight more have been filed by James C. Purcell and William E. Ferriter, CRDU attorneys for Nisei in the Stockton and Placer areas.

Although the state no longer is seeking to escheat properties owned by Japanese Americans, the disclaimer procedure has been recommended as a means to obtain legally secure title to property.

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Utah Wildlife Group Donated Hay to Feed Starving Animals

OGDEN, Utah—The Utah-Nippon Wildlife Federation has donated two tons of hay to the state of Utah to be fed to starving deer, it was announced this week by Boyd Carver, deputy game warden.

The Japanese American group also has undertaken a campaign to feed pheasants and quail throughout the state.

The group is headed by M. Yoshitaka, president.

Ellis Center Has New Parish Worker

CHICAGO — Rhoda Nishimura will be installed as new parish worker at the Ellis community center church Sunday, Jan. 23.

She is a former resident of Berkeley, California, where she was active as a Christian worker.

She graduated from Vassar and did graduate work in zoology at the University of California. She succeeds Marion Yamabe.

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Watasaki Takes Lead in Hawaii Bowling Meet

Five Top Stars Will Win Trips to Nisei Tourney in Salt Lake

HONOLULU—Hawaiian bowlers of Japanese ancestry are now engaged in a 60-game tournament at the Honolulu Bowling Center to determine the five Nisei keglers who will represent Hawaii at the 3rd annual National JACL bowling tournament in Salt Lake City on March 4, 5 and 6.

The Honolulu tourney is now in its 3rd week and the five top bowlers of the 41 entrants in the handicap meet will receive trips to Salt Lake City.

After the first twelve games, Masa Watasaki, a 192 average bowler, held the lead with 2,465, followed by Harold Ogata, a 196 average bowler in league play, who had 2,436.

Watasaki turned in the most sensational bowling of the tourney to date in his second six-game set when he averaged 222 with successive games of 245, 177, 253, 223, 235, and 204.

Robert Nitahara, now in third place with 2,405, has the high game of the tourney with a 265.

Other bowlers in the tourney with scores over 2,300 for twelve games are John Hatori, Richard Sakae, Paul Tajima, Tatsuo Nakagawa, Ted Kawamura, Richard Matsuda, James Kuniyoshi and Sada Masuda.

Eddie Matsueda, who is managing the tourney, will accompany the bowlers to Salt Lake City and will compete in the tournament. Matsueda hit a 700 series in Salt Lake City last year while on tour with the Hawaii Bowling Ambassadors.

Reveal Troth

LOS ANGELES—Bessie Nagahori, past corresponding secretary of the Los Angeles Southwest JACL, revealed her engagement to Shizuo Harada of Ontario, Oregon on January 16.

The betrothal was made known during a Chere Amis meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eas Hongo.

Miss Nagahori, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Genta Nagahori, is an active member of the local YBA. Her fiancee is president of the Northwest Young Buddhist League, and is a member of the Snake River Valley JACL.

Idaho Falls Man Held For Alleged Threatening Notes

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho—R. Kato, 69, was held in Bonneville county jail last week, charged with writing threatening notes to the Paul Saito family.

His bond was set at $250.

Officers said Kato is accused of writing several letters to Saito, asking him to turn over ownership of a cafe to him and threatening harm if Saito failed to comply.

New York JACL Installs Officers

NEW YORK—A complete new slate of officers, elected a week before to direct the New York JACL chapter's 1949 activities, was honored at an installation dinner at the McBurney YMCA last Thursday.

The new cabinet is headed by Akira Hayashi, who succeeds Tom Hayashi, local attorney and a vice-president of the national JACL.

The new president, a native New Yorker, is a graduate of City college of New York and manager of an import-export firm.

Others installed as incoming officers were Suye Takami, vice-president; Fred Miyasato, financial director; Jim Starr, program chairman; Yumi Saito, membership chairman; Tosh Sasaki, treasurer; Tomi Fukuhara, recording secretary; Sachi Yamada, corresponding secretary; Joe Oyama, historian; and Amy Miyagawa, publicity.

The oath of office was read by Yurino Starr, former eastern regional director, while ex-president Tom Hayashi presided over the dinner as toastmaster.

On the dinner's musical program were pianist Florence Takayama and violinist Ernestine Teranishi, accompanied by George Stoianovich. A lively community sing was led by Dick Akagi.

In charge of arrangements for the dinner was outgoing vice-president Mariko Ishiguro.

Azuma Tei Team Wins in Monterey Bowling League

MONTEREY, Calif.—The Azuma Tei bowlers recently won the first half of the Monterey JACL's eight-team bowling league.

The other teams in the league fnished in the following order: Mas' Clippers, Al's Jewelers, Pine Dew, Pacific Motors, Sunrise Grocery, P. G. Cleaners and Vanity Box.

The winners of the second half will meet the Azuma Tei team in a play off for the league championship.

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Hawaiian Team Will Enter 3rd Annual National JACL Bowling Meet in Salt Lake

Major Nisei bowling event of the nation, the annual National JACL bowling tournament, will be held for the third time in Salt Lake City this March with some 40 teams competing for top honors.

The tourney will be held over a period of three days, March 4 to 6, at the Temple bowling alleys, home of the Salt Lake City JACL men's and women's leagues.

A singles classic of seven games over 14 alleys will be a major feature of the 1949 events. This "once across" will be held Friday, opening day of the tournament. Entry fee for this event will be $7.50.

Some forty teams are expected to compete for the top team awards and championship now held by the Okada Insurance team of Salt Lake City. The Okada five hit a 2849 series in the 1948 contest.

An Hawaii all-star team is expected to be the strongest contender for the title. Playoffs are now being held on the islands to determine members of the team.

Prize money, depending upon entries, is expected to top $2500. Trophies will be awarded in all events in addition to cash prizes.

Entries in all men's events, exclusive of the singles classic, will be $5, bowling included. An additional $1 will be charged those bowlers competing for the all-events prizes.

All play will be on a scratch basis, but teams and individuals will be grouped into squads according to their current averages in local leagues. Squad prizes will be awarded in each event.

All Nisei bowlers, participants in established bowling leagues and JACL members are eligible to enter the tournament.

While many of the scores established in last year's tournament are expected to fall this year, bowlers will be hard pressed to overtake the 676 singles mark established by Shorty Tanaka of Chicago last year and the 1191 doubles score by Tak Fujiwara and Mush Matsumoto, also of Chicago.

Tanaka also rolled a 1786 to take the all-events award. Tanaka is now a Los Angeleno and will enter competition from that city.

A women's tournament duplicating most of the events in men's play will be held under direction of the JACL women's league. An entry fee of $2.50 per event, including bowling, will be charged.

The women's league will also direct the mixed doubles tournament.

Because of the large number of entries expected, only entries on official blanks properly filled out and accompanied by entry fees will be honored, according to Bill Honda, executive secretary of the tournament committee. Entries must be filed by midnight Sunday, Feb. 20.

All teams and individuals planning to enter the tournament are urged to write to Honda at 243 West First South st., Salt Lake City.

Choppy Umemoto will be chairman of the tournament.

Oike-Igata Take Mixed Doubles Event

Yasuko Oike and Toshi Igata, rolling a 1005 series, took a mixed doubles match held Sunday, Jan. 16, under direction of the Salt Lake City Nisei women's bowling league at the Temple alleys.

Mrs. Oike rolled games of 142, 170 and 131, while her partner hit 170, 192 and 200.

The second place team, Margaret Takahashi and Mas Horiuchi, rolled a total series of 1004 to come in one point behind the winners. Horiuchi had a 598 series.

Other prizewinners were Saki Hirata and Bob Shiba, 980; Lylienne Kurisaki and Mike Nakamura, 967; Virginia Sakamoto and Ben Chiamori, 956; Mieko Kusaba and George Sakashita, 955; and Mary Umemoto and Koichi Kasai, 936.

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