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Employment Outlook Improves For Japanese Americans in Hawaii as Result of War

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HONOLULU—Exactly a year ago, it was reported in this column that the employment outlook for the Nisei in Hawaii was somber, that the supply of manpower far exceeded the demands of the territorial economy.

The labor market has changed drastically during the past year. Where there were about 28,000 total unemployed a year ago, the number is now down to about 10,700. Shortages have developed for skilled workers and for the first time in several years, there is a growing demand for unskilled labor.

The Korean war is chiefly responsible for the stepped-up tempo in employment. The armed forces are pouring in men and money into Hawaii again. The islands are being given an economic shot in the arm they have not had since World War II.

The rapid withdrawal of troops and the closing down of military installations upset the economy after V-J Day, before the civilian community prepared itself for the cutbacks. As a result, unemployment climbed steeply, aided by serious labor troubles in the basic industries—sugar, longshore and pineapple.

Graduates of high schools and the University of Hawaii last June could find little encouragement in the labor market. The start of the Korean war in late June did not immediately open job opportunities for the young people. But immediately the picture brightened.

The outlook for this year's graduates is considerably more encouraging than it was a year ago. This is not to say, however, that the young folks can be "choosy" about jobs at the moment. Employment specialists do say that the qualified young job seeker can find either the general type of occupation for which he has trained or at least, obtain employment in a related field.

Now, for some statistics. Slightly more than 4,000 boys and girls will be graduated from public and private high schools in Hawaii this June. According to past estimates, about half of these will enter the labor market; the rest will continue their schooling.

The University of Hawaii—the only accredited college-level school in the territory — will turn out about 570 seniors, about 350 of whom are in arts and sciences.

University graduates in certain fields, particularly in engineering, are in great demand. The 43 engineering graduates should not have much difficulty in finding jobs after they leave school. But about a third of them are non-veterans or are in the reserves, making them liable for early military service.

Of the roughly 4,600 high school and university graduates this June, it is estimated that over half are of Japanese ancestry. The racial ancestry of a job seeker, says an employment counsellor who deals with young people looking for jobs, is not an obstacle in applying for most jobs. The exceptions noted are those which involve public contract, where an employer might discriminate against job seekers of all races except the one which he feels would assist his public relations the most. On the other hand, the employer might discriminate in favor of a Japanese, if he believes a Japanese employe would boost his business most.

Nisei are accepted now for jobs with the navy — a happy change from the days before and during World War II. Nisei also are gaining skills through apprenticeship programs sponsored by the territorial and federal agencies.

The pineapple canneries as usual will hire several thousand seasonal workers this summer. But the work is temporary and those who find jobs in the canneries must go job hunting again next fall.

A complete lack of information surrounds the subject of employment by California employment officials during a survey here half a year ago. These men came to investigate how Hawaii's manpower surplus could be utilized in labor-scarce areas on the west coast, in both business and in defense work.

Nothing has come of the idea and employment service officers here have abandoned hope of aid from this direction.

Nisei Named to Jaycee Board

LA JARA, Colo.—Roy Inouye was elected to the Junior Chamber of Commerce board of directors at a recent meeting.

Nisei Soldier Rescued After Six Months as War Prisoner

OGDEN, Ut.—An Ogden soldier, Cpl. Saburo Sam Shimomura, was rescued last week after six months as a prisoner of Chinese Reds, his parents said Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shimomura, 2915 Pingree Ave., said they received a telegram from their son indicating he was "safe and sound" after rescue May 25 when United Nations forces penetrated into Central Korea.

Eighteen other Americans were rescued with Cpl. Shimomura when an artillery observation pilot sighted them near Chunchon. The pilot radioed for three tanks to go to their rescue.

Shimomura, who was an intelligence agent working behind enemy lines for the 10th corps and 7th division, told UP correspondent William Burston he had narrowly escaped execution as a spy by convincing the Chinese he was an officer's orderly and a "labor pusher."

Another agent who admitted his identity was shot, he said.

The rescued men were in need of food and dental work but were in good health otherwise. They had been prisoners since Nov. 30, when they were caught in the Chosin Reservoir attack in northeast Korea.

They said they had spent most of the six months undergoing forced marches in frigid weather. They were subjected to attack by UN planes and fed a diet of sorghum seed, ground rice and fish heads.

First indication that Shimomura was a prisoner was given Jan. 5 when his name was given in a Peking Radio broadcast as one of the prisoners in the Chosin attack. In February the Salt Lake Telegram received a photo of Shimomura taken in a Communist prison camp from a Chinese propaganda agency.

Cpl. Shimomura attended Ogden High School and entered the service in 1946. During the war he served two years in the Army. He was born in San Francisco.

SAKAYE TENMA CROWNED QUEEN OF PLACER FETE



PENRYN, Calif. — Winsome Sakaye Tenma (above), 19-year old Placer Union high school senior, was acclaimed queen of the Placer County JACL's third annual community picnic on Sunday, May 13, at the JACL recreation park.

Satoko Makishima, 1950 picnic queen, placed the crown on Queen Sakaye at a colorful coronation ceremony in the center ring. Janice Makimoto and Kaye Horikawa were the attendants.

More than 2,000 persons, including many visitors from all over Northern California, enjoyed the day's program of varied activities.

Koichi Uyeno, Loomis district vice president, was in charge of general arrangements. — Photo by Roy T. Yoshida.

Two Nisei GIs Killed in Action In Korean War

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Department of Defense this week advised the JACL ADC of the following Nisei casualties in Korea:

KILLED IN ACTION—

Pfc. Kiyomitsu Kutsunai, son of Mrs. Tsune Kutsunai, Lanai City, Lanai, T. H.

Pfc. Henry P. Enoka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sadao Tachibana, 1554 9th Ave., Honolulu.

MISSING IN ACTION—

Pvt. Takeshi Sasaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Sasaki, Lihue, Kauai, T.H.

Corp. Hiroshi H. Miyamura, husband of Mrs. Tsuruko Terry Miyamura, Gallup, N. M.

Corp. Thomas T. Sueki, brother of Miss Mary Sueki, 120 Orchard St., Mountain View, Calif.

Corp. Thomas T. Ono, brother of Masao Ono, 527 Libby St., Honolulu.

WOUNDED—

Corp. James M. Okamura, son of Mrs. Tsuya Okamura, 2801 East Manoa Rd., Honolulu.

INJURED—

Sgt. Masaru D. Yagami, husband of Mrs. Eileen S. Yagami, 1032 Hala Dr., Honolulu.

SENATE GROUP FAVORS BILLS TO ADMIT ALIENS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate Judiciary Committee this week reported out two private bills for the admission of Japanese aliens, the JACL ADC reported. The bills will be acted upon at the next call of the Senate calendar.

They would admit:

Kimi Hatano, Japanese fiancee of Roy B. Erickson, a veteran now studying at Harvard, and Tetsuko Hidaka. Japanese financee of Ernest Collier, an army private wounded in Korea and now undergoing treatment in Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco.

Evacuee Claims Compromise Amendment Scheduled for Action on Consent Calendar

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House this week scheduled action on the evacuation claims amendment for the call of the consent calendar June 4, the JACL ADC said. A bill on the consent calendar is not subject to debate. It passes if there are no objections.

At the same time the House Judiciary Committee issued its formal report on the amendment, recommending passage of the bill.

The amendment would authorize the Attorney General to make compromise settlements of evacuation claims up to three-fourths of the value of compensable losses, or $2,500, whichever is less. Compromise settlements would be handled on the basis of existing documents and affidavits, obviating the need for long, detailed and technical adjudications, according to Mike Masaoka, JACL ADC legislative director.

Larger claims still would be subject to adjudication even if the compromise measure is adopted.

In its formal report, the Judiciary quoted at length from testimony offered in 1947 at hearings preceding passage of the Evacuation Claims Act. It requoted former Interior Secretary J. A. Krug, who said:

"The evacuation orders gave persons affected desperately little time in which to settle their affairs. The government safeguards that were designed to prevent undue loss . . . were somewhat tardily instituted, were not effectively publicized and were never entirely successful. . . . As a matter of fairness and good conscience, I strongly urge that the proposed legislation be adopted."

The report also quoted Peyton Ford, Deputy Attorney General, that passage of the amendment "would prove a far speedier and more economical method of bringing the (claims) program to a close. "The program," Ford's letter said, "is of far greater magnitude than was expected and it seems imperative that some method be sought to provide a more expeditious method for disposing of these claims than has been provided in the Evacuation Claims Act. Otherwise, the most optimistic estimate that can be made is that, at the current rate of appropriations . . . 20 years will have elapsed before the last claim will have been adjudicated . . ."

The Judiciary Committee said it "was impressed with the fact that, despite the hardships visited upon those of Japanese ancestry by evacuation, there was recorded during the recent war not one act of sabotage or espionage attributable to those who were the victims of the forced relocation.

"The valiant exploits of the 442nd . . . are well known. It was further adduced that the Japanese Americans who were relocated proved themselves to be almost without exception loyal to the traditions of this country . . .

"Not to redress these loyal Americans in some measure for the wrongs inflicted upon them would provide ample material for attacks by the followers of foreign ideologies on the American way of life, and to redress them would be simple justice . . ."

Select Date of Twelfth Convention Of National JACL

The twelfth biennial National JACL convention will be held in San Francisco June 26 to June 30, 1952, it was announced this week by Dr. Tokuji Hedani, chairman of the convention steering committee.

The date was chosen after consideration of all factors affecting attendance by convention delegates, Dr. Hedani said, including weather conditions, availability of hotel accommodations and vacation time. It was also chosen as the time most convenient for delegates engaged in farming.

Remains of Nisei War Hero Will Be Buried in Seattle

SEATTLE — Sgt. Isaac Furukawa is coming home to be buried in the land for which he fought in two wars and for which he gave his life, the Post-Intelligencer reported this week.

The young sergeant, first of the fighting Furukawas to die in war and the first Washington State man to fall in the Korean war, was killed in action last July 25.

His body now is in Oakland, Calif., on its long voyage home under a Department of Defense program for returning Korean war dead for reburial.

Funeral plans here have not yet been set, pending efforts of the Nisei Vets, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Congressman Hugh B. Mitchell and the Department of Defense to bring home Isaac's brother, Sgt. Fred Furukawa, from Korea for the funeral.

Isaac, 24, and Fred, 25, and two other Furukawas, John, 30, and Hiroshi, 31, served in Europe during World War II. All except Hiroshi served with the famed 442nd Infantry, and Hiroshi with the 63rd Infantry Division.

A fifth Furukawa, Ben, 23, served 18 months with the Army after World War II, and recently was recalled to active duty in the states.

All are sons of Koshiro Furukawa, 930-26th Ave.

In 1948 Isaac and Fred rejoined the Army and were sent to Japan. They were among the first American troops to be sent to Korea, Isaac with the 1st Cavalry Division and Fred with the 24th Infantry Division.

Both won distinction in Korea, as did the entire Furukawa clan in World War II. Isaac has been awarded the Silver Star posthumously, and Fred the Bronze Star. Fred, wounded in Europe in World War II, also was wounded in Korea a few days after Isaac's death, but returned to duty.

Albert (Lefty) Ichihara, former president of the Nisei Vets, started the movement to bring Fred home. He contacted Joe Martineau of the VFW, who called upon Congressman Mitchell for help.

Congressman Mitchell said Monday that the case had been taken directly to the Adjutant General and that if Fred could be located he would be brought home.

Meanwhile, a Freedom Grove of trees is to be planted at Fort Lawton on Memorial Day to honor the Korean dead. Hiroshi Furukawa, as a kin to the first Washington man to fall in Korea, will be asked to place the first wreath at the new shrine.

Utah Resident Denied Reentry Permit on Ground He Held Membership in Cited Group

Immigration Service Action Based on Federal Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A resident Utah Japanese alien has been denied a reentry permit by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the grounds he once was a member of a defunct totalitarian organization on the Attorney General's so-called subversive list, the JACL ADC was informed this week.

The alien sought the reentry permit before leaving for a visit to Japan. Refusal of the Immigration Service to grant the reentry permit has blocked the alien's efforts to leave this country. He still is in Utah.

The alien's plight was brought to the attention of the JACL ADC by the office of Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, (R., Utah), which said the San Francisco office of the Immigration Service had refused the reentry permit.

This is the second time in recent weeks an alien Japanese has become involved with the Federal government for past membership in a defunct totalitarian organization.

An appeal by the JACL ADC now is pending before the Attorney General in the earlier case where the Immigration Service is seeking to deport an immigrant Japanese and his alien wife on the grounds the husband once belonged to a proscribed but long-defunct organization.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, pointed out that under existing law, aliens about to leave this country for temporary trips may first obtain a reentry permit to show that under immigration laws he is returning from a visit abroad.

However, an alien returning from such a temporary trip may be refused readmission if he comes within any excludable class, despite possession of a reentry permit.

Edward J. Ennis, former general counsel for the Immigration Service, now JACL ADC legal counsel, said in the past the Immigration Service has avoided the problem of excluding resident aliens returning from overseas visits by refusing to issue reentry permits if the aliens appear excludable.

He added that since the passage of the Internal Security Act of 1950, classes of excludable aliens "have been greatly expanded . . . to include all aliens who at any time have been members of or affiliated with any organization that advocates doctrines of any form of totalitarianism."

He said it is "altogether likely" the Immigration Service has adopted en toto the Attorney General's designation of long-defunct Japanese organizations as totalitarian for employment purposes, and now is using this list to determine the admissibility of aliens who at any time ever were members of such organizations.

Mr. Ennis said it is possible if the Utah alien should insist he probably would be issued a reentry permit with a notation he is subject to exclusion when he returns from his visit abroad. If this happens, the Immigration Service also would issue "look out" cards at various ports of entry to bar the readmission of the alien.

"This is a very serious risk for an alien to take," Mr. Masaoka said, adding: "Aliens excluded from the United States have no legal rights in our courts. However, an alien admitted to this country has some protection under the American judicial system."

Discuss Chicago Film Plans



CHICAGO—Nisei clubs, churches and other organizations in Chicago are cooperating on plans to promote attendance at "Go for Broke!" when the MGM film on the Japanese American combat team plays at the State-Lake Theater June 7 to June 20.

Discussing promotion plans at a recent meeting sponsored by the Chicago JACL are (left to right) Fred Nomiya, chairman, Nisei Veterans Committee; Dick Akagi, Midwest regional director, JACL; Kikuko Yamashiro, president, Debonaires; Mits Tamura, member-at-large, Rome-Arno Post, American Legion; Ted Hirai, Rome-Arno post; Harry Kato, commander, Rome-Arno Post; and Yukio Matsumoto.

Tickets will be sold at a reduced rate.

Others participating in the project are the Rev. George Aki, Christ Congregational Church; Candy Kouchi, Islanders; Tom Konno, Zen Buddhists; June Kaita, Dawnelles; Betty Tambara, Phinos; Florence Murakami, Adelphons; Helen Kitahata, Silhouettes; Fumi Watanabe, Sorelles; George Kittaka, Intercollegiate Club; Hiroko Kimura, Colleens; Sam Ogawa, Vandals; Abe Hagiwara, Lakers; Shig Wakamatsu, JACL; Smoky Sakurada and Harry Mizuno, JACL

Placer JACL Plans Special "442nd Nite"

LOOMIS, Calif. — The Placer JACL and the John A. Stacker Post 775 of the American Legion, Loomis, are awaiting a definite date for the showing of "Go for Broke!" at the Tower Theater in Roseville, before going ahead with promotion plans.

The Roseville theater manager, Barney Stewart, has already assured Homer Takahashi, former 442nd veteran, his fullest cooperation in making the opening night "442nd Nite" and has invited the more than sixty 442nd veterans from Placer County to be his guests.

All former 442nd veterans from Placer county are requested to contact Homer Takahashi, chairman for "442nd Nite," as soon as possible.

Veterans of 442nd Introduced at Denver Premiere

DENVER, Colo. — "Go for Broke" had its premiere showing at the Broadway theater in Denver May 24 before a capacity crowd of Nisei city notables, high military brass from the area, and just plain interested Denverites.

Thirteen veterans of the 442nd were introduced on the stage and interviewed prior to the showing. Among speakers was Mayor Quigg Newton who praised the record of Nisei servicemen as well as the role Nisei are playing today as citizens of Denver.

Following the movie, Dale Morgan who conducts a daily radio program, interviewed various veterans and celebrities in the lobby of the Broadway theater. The interviews were tape-recorded and were to be broadcast Saturday, May 26.

Mayor Newton told Morgan he was sure "Go for Broke" would go down in Hollywood history as one of the great films of its type.

Many of the several hundred Nisei veterans living in the Denver area were among the first-nighters.

JACLers Preview "Go for Broke!"

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Representatives of the Philadelphia JACL and the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission's nine constituent organizations saw a special preview of "Go for Broke!" on May 17 at the MGM preview room. Max Franzen, press and radio director for the commission and member of the JACL, arranged the showing.

The film is currently showing in this city and received favorable reviews from the Evening Bulletin and Inquirer movie editors. Esther Williams, MGM star, saluted the members of the armed forces on opening night.

"Go for Broke!" was slated to open on Memorial Day at the King Theater in Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Grayce Uyehara, public relations chairman, arranged a program honoring 442nd veterans in cooperation with the management.

442 Vets March In Cleveland

CLEVELAND, O.—Nisei veterans of the 442nd combat team marched in the Armed Forces Day parade in Cleveland.

Their participation was arranged in part to arouse interest in the local showing of "Go for Broke!" which tells the story of the Nisei fighting unit.

The Cleveland chapter is arranging other events to acquaint the public with the 442nd.

Re-elected President

DAYTON, O.—Mrs. Mas Yamasaki was installed last week as president of the Borden Women's Club for her second successive term.

The club is limited to wives of Borden Milk Company employees and does charitable work in the city of Dayton.

Mrs. Yamasaki is recording secretary of the JACL Midwestern district council.

California Assembly Passes Bill to Lower Issei Licenses

SACRAMENTO—Another major step was taken in the California Legislature toward reduction of alien sport fishing license fees from $25 to $10 when the Assembly on May 29 by a vote of 63 to 2 passed Assembly Bill 1967, Tats Kushida, Southern California JACL-ADC Regional Director now acting legislative representative in Sacramento, stated.

A.B. 1967, authored by Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles, had been reported out unanimously by the Assembly Fish and Game Committee early last week. At the request of the JACL-ADC the bill had been amended to join together the alien and non-resident sport fishing licenses, making the alien license fee the same as now paid by non-residents, $10.

Before the Assembly vote, Assemblyman Hawkins urged an Aye vote, while Assemblymen Thomas Erwin, Puente, Fish and Game Committee chairman; Francis Dunn Jr., Oakland; Frank Luckel, San Diego; and Wallace Henderson, Fresno, all spoke up in support of the measure.

The two "No" votes were cast by Assemblymen Lloyd Lowrey, Rumsey, and John Babbage, Riverside. Lowrey objected to the bill's coverage extending to all aliens, to which Assemblyman Erwin had pointed out that there weren't too many aliens involved. Assemblyman Dunn also pointed out that aliens were entitled to fish and they had a right to do so if they wished.

The measure now goes to the Senate, and is scheduled for hearing before the Senate Fish and Game Committee on June 6, JACL-ADC Director Tats Kushida said.

Two Air Force Veterans Return On Rotation Plan

SAN FRANCISCO—Two Nisei Air Force men were among 415 men who arrived at Fort Mason aboard the transport Gen. Edwin D. Patrick on rotation from the Korean war zone.

Both Staff Sgt. Yoshimi Mametsuka and Staff Sgt. Ray Nishizaki are crewmen on B-29 bombers in the Korean war.

Assembly to Act On Return of Escheat Funds

SACRAMENTO—The Ways and Means Committee of the California State Assembly on May 24 unanimously approved Assembly Bill 2611 introduced by George D. Collins.

A.B. 2611 provides for the return of monies paid to the State of California by Nisei as compromise settlement to "quiet title" on land escheat cases instituted under the section of the Alien Land Law which was ruled unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court.

Only Rep. Collins spoke on behalf of the bill, although Tats Kushida of JACL-ADC and Joe Grant Masaoka were present to testify, if necessary. Motion for "do pass" and seconds before the 27-man committee were made by Reps. Hinckley of Redlands and Moss of Sacramento.

It was expected that A.B. 2611 would go before the full assembly shortly.

Junior Matrons Send Packages to Japan

LOS ANGELES—The West Los Angeles Junior Matrons have prepared seven packages to be sent to St. Mary's Orphanage in Kiyoto, Japan.

The project is a yearly event.

The May meeting of the group was held at the home of Mrs. Yone Itou of Mar Vista. Mrs. Marian Shimazu was chairman.

Plans for a dance to be held Aug. 4 for the benefit of the children's home was discussed.

Ishimaru Takes Over JACL Office in San Francisco

Haruo Ishimaru, church and young people's leader, will assume the post of regional director for the JACL-ADC office in San Francisco, it was announced this week by Masao Satow, national director.

He will take over the post on June 11, filling the position temporarily held by Sam Ishikawa and previously filled by Joe Grant Masaoka.

Ishimaru, 34, is presently assistant minister at the Japanese Union Church and West Adams Christian Church, specializing in young people's work. He is also finishing his studies for a master's degree at the University of California at Los Angeles.

He is a native of Seattle. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles in 1935. He was evacuated to the Turlock Assembly Center, where he worked as director of social recreation, and the Gila Relocation Center, where he was vice president of adult education. He also worked with the camp police force in juvenile problems and public relations.

Ishimaru graduated cum laude from Yankton College, South Dakota, in 1943. He finished his course in the shortest time in college history, completing it in 2½ years. He was a member of Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary forensics society, and won numerous oratorical contests in South Dakota.

In 1945 he was sent to the Gila and Tule Lake camps by the National Council of YWCA and YMCA and the National Student Relocation Council. That same year he entered the University of Chicago Theological Seminary on a $1,000 scholarship, completing three years of work there. He served as research assistant in the department of research and survey.

He has been active in JACL and YMCA work, and is a member of the East Los Angeles JACL.

He is married to the former Yoshiko Yano of Seattle, who was office secretary for the Southern California JACL regional office for two years.

Ishikawa Will Organize Fund Drive in Hawaii

SAN FRANCISCO — Sam Ishikawa, acting director of the JACL office in San Francisco, will leave for Hawaii on June 3 to organize a fund-raising campaign for the JACL-ADC.

Support for the drive has been expressed by a number of Hawaiian organizations, including the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

A similar drive in 1949 resulted in a total contribution of $42,000 by Hawaiian residents. Two years previously the islands supported the JACL with donations amounting to $38,000.

Mike Masaoka, ADC director, will join Ishikawa in Hawaii later in the month.

Gold Star Mother Honored at Special Showing of Picture

VISALIA, Calif. — A Tulare County gold star mother was honored on May 2, at a special showing at the Visalia Theater of the MGM motion picture, "Go for Broke!"

City officials and other civic leaders attended the local premiere of the film story of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Councilman Ira Jack Chrisman, representing the City of Visalia, presented a corsage to Mrs. Kazu Terakawa whose son, John Narimatsu, was killed in action with the 442nd.

Veterans of the 442nd now living in the area also attended the showing.

Among the 442nd veterans are Kazu Maruyama and Nobu Togioka, Dinuba; Tom Watanabe, Yosh Imoto, Akira Imoto and Nobu Iriye, Lindsay; George Horiuchi, Sho Katayama, George Shiba, Kay Kiritani and Ko Watanabe, Orosi, and Allan Anzani, Visalia.

Lieut. Matsuo Wins Army's Bronze Star

SEATTLE — The Bronze Star medal recently was awarded to 1st Lieut. Jon T. Matsuo of Seattle in ceremonies at the Far East Air Force headquarters in Tokyo.

Lieut. Matsuo was decorated for his services as a technical intelligence officer in Korea.

Lieut. Matsuo has been in the Air Force for six years, and has been assigned to the Far East Air Force for seven months. He is a former student at the University of Washington and the University of Minnesota.

His wife and daughter are now living in Seattle.



Kenneth W. Day, national adjutant of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., stands beside a memorial to Nisei war dead as he gives the major address at the Seattle Japanese American Memorial Day ceremony at Lakeview Cemetery.
—Photo by Elmer Ogawa

Ex-POW Salutes Nisei Soldiers At Seattle Memorial Day Rites

SEATTLE, Wash. — Japanese American war dead were honored on Memorial Day at a community service held at Lakeview Cemetery by the Nisei Veterans Committee and Seattle churches.

Kenneth W. Day, national adjutant of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., was the main speaker of the day.

Messages were given by Kaun Onodera, commander, Nisei Veterans; Genji Mihara; Harry Takagi, president, JACL; and Seiichi Hara, representative for Gold Star Parents. The Revs. K. Noji, S. Masunaga and A. Otani presented meditations and the benediction.

Mr. Day, who spent three and a half years as a prisoner of the Japanese, saluted the Nisei Americans who "offered their lives in opposition to the aggressive intentions of Japan, when Japan was wrong."

Japanese Americans who died in service for the United States fought "because the United States of America represented the one hope they had to become free and equal with other men," he said. "They fought against the aggressor because they believed as you and I do that aggression was wrong. And ladies and gentlemen, that fact along—aside from the legal aspect of their birth—made them Americans," he said.

"The war these men fought and won was not that of the United States against Germany, Italy and Japan," Mr. Day said. "It was the war of freedom and equality against one form of tyranny, if you will, of right against wrong. I fought in that war, too, and I found that one man's blood runs the same red color as another's. I saw twenty thousand of my buddies murdered by men who happened to be Japs. You Americans saw your buddies killed by men who happened to be Germans or Italians. We fought in the same fight, against the same enemy, on the side of right against wrong. And unless I am terribly mistaken, we shall continue to fight for the same right against the same wrong, as long as we live. These men, and you men, are my brothers."

Day said he had come recently from a convention of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., and had learned that many of the men who had been prisoners of the Japanese agreed with him that their enemy had been the ideology of the Japanese and the Germans, not the people themselves.

Dayton JACL Hears Rev. Herman Ray

DAYTON, O.—The Rev. Herman S. Ray, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was guest speaker at the May 20 meeting of the Dayton JACL at the home of Yo Sato, vice-president.

Mrs. Mas Yamasaki was in charge of a pot-luck dinner.

Plans were made to publicize "Go for Broke!" which was scheduled to start on Memorial Day in Dayton.

Pres. Mas Yamasaki contacted Carl Rogers, manager of Loew's Theater. Dr. James Taguchi, ADC chairman, was scheduled to help Bill Barton, Dayton Daily News movie columnist, in preparing an article on the 442nd combat team.

Mrs. Yamasaki was scheduled to appear on the "Man on the Street" radio program for an interview publicizing the film.

The chapter has also planned a family picnic for Aug. 19.

Stockton Veterans Will Erect Memorial to Nisei War Dead

STOCKTON, Calif.—As a tribute to their buddies who died in World War II, the Stockton Nisei Veterans Club went on record last week to erect a war memorial as this year's Memorial Day project.

A monument, costing approximately $1,000, has been selected and space has been donated by the Stockton Buddhist church on the Kai Kan grounds.

The annual Memorial Day services conducted by the Stockton Nisei Veterans will be postponed to allow for dedication ceremonies at a later date. The date will be selected to coincide with the local showing of MGM's "Go for Broke!" at which time all gold star mothers of the San Joaquin Valley will be the guests of the Nisei Veterans, according to Club President Sam Itaya.

George Baba represented the Nisei Veterans at the outdoor Memorial Day ceremonies held at Stockton Civic Square.

With 96 veterans of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team now residing in San Joaquin County, the Nisei Veterans Club in conjunction with the French Camp JACL and the Stockton JACL will participate actively in the local showing of "Go for Broke!"

A replica of the regimental flag, with the names of members of the combat team from San Joaquin County, will be given a prominent place in the lobby of the Fox Theater at the time of the showing.

Tickets will be presented to city, county, state and military personnel.

The presentations will be made by Lou Tsunekawa and Ralph Tsutsui of the veterans and representatives of the two JACL chapters.

Salt Lake Baby Gets Rare Operation

A child born to Nisei parents was reported doing well this week after undergoing a rare and difficult operation at Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City May 28.

The premature baby, born three weeks ago, was suffering from congenital diaphragmatic hernia. A rupture of the diaphragm, the partition between the chest and abdominal cavities, had permitted most of the intestines to move upward into the chest, causing the left lung to collapse.

In the operation the intestines were moved down to their proper position, the hernia closed and the lung inflated.

The infant is in an incubator and will remain in the hospital for some time.

NISEI AGENT GIVES TESTIMONY AT SPY TRIAL

TOKYO—A second Nisei counter-intelligence corpsman testified last week in the spy trial of 16 Koreans and two Japanese who are charged with collecting information for Korean Communists.

Makoto Kimura, a CIC agent, testified regarding a search made of the home of one of the defendants in Sapporo.

Receives Degree

DAYTON, O.—The Rev. Fumio Koike, pastor of the Konan Church and chaplain at Kwansei Gakuin University in Kobe, Japan, received his bachelor of divinity degree at Bonebrake Theological Seminary on May 22.

In June he goes to Otterbein College in Columbus, O., to receive a doctor of divinity degree.

The Rev. Koike entered Bonebrake Seminary ten years ago, but his studies were interrupted by the war. He returned here in 1949 to finish his course.

His father-in-law, the Rev. Y. Ono, studied at Bonebrake 35 years ago and his eldest son plans to enter the seminary upon completion of his college course in Japan.

Sacramento JACL To Honor Grads

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Local graduates will be honored by the Sacramento JACL when the chapter holds its first graduation dance on June 16 at the New American Legion Hall, 2317 Riverside Blvd., from 9 p.m.

Emi Kamikawa heads the many committees making plans for this sports dance. General admission will be $1.50 per couple or single admission, with graduates to be admitted free.

Bud Gower and his Rhythmnaires will play.

California House Passes Bill To Reinstate Liquor Licenses

SACRAMENTO—The California Assembly on May 28 by a vote of 70 to 0 passed Assembly Bill 1582, which will reinstate general on-sale and off-sale liquor licenses to Japanese Americans who had them revoked after December 7, 1941, it was reported by Tats Kushida, Southern California JACL-ADC regional director now temporarily in Sacramento as the registered representative for the JACL-ADC.

Before final vote on A.B. 1582, authored by Assemblyman Thomas J. Maloney, San Francisco, there was some questioning by various Assemblymen. Assemblyman L. Stewart Hinckley, Redlands, suggested that passage of this bill would be a free gift to the Japanese Americans who could profit from selling such reinstated licenses. Assemblyman Gordon Fleury, Sacramento, countered this suggestion by saying that Japanese Americans are entitled to any inflationary value of such licenses, because it's their property. Assemblyman Charles Conrad, Los Angeles, questioned whether the present regulation of 1 to 1,000 ratio of licenses would be affected or not. Assemblyman Thomas J. Doyle, Los Angeles, said most of the licenses to be restored were off-sale licenses, and only 9 were for on-sale licenses. Assemblyman Robert Condon, Walnut Creek, said that this bill was for restoration of licenses to former license-holders, which he felt should be proper. Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel, Inglewood, stood up to indicate his support of the measure as being meritorious of passage. Assemblyman Edward Gaffney, San Francisco, said the bill should be passed without any crippling amendments.

Nisei present during the Assembly discussions and favorable voting were Tats Kushida, for the JACL-ADC, and Joe G. Masaoka and June Fugita for the Committee for Justice to Japanese Americans.

First Nisei Will Graduate At West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y. — The first Japanese American to graduate from the United States Military Academy will receive his lieutenant's bars together with 477 other cadets during annual commencement exercises on June 5.

He is George Shibata, son of Mrs. A. Shibata of Garland, Utah. A veteran of the European zone, World War II, Shibata was appointed to the academy by Elbert D. Thomas, then senator from Utah, in 1947. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne in Europe.

Cadet Shibata attended Bear River high school in Utah, the University of Idaho, Amherst College and the University of Utah. A member of the West Point football squad, he will receive a bachelor of science degree and a commission in the Air Force.

Army Turns Down Bid for Buddhist "B"

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Army Department has turned down a request that Buddhist soldiers be issued special identification tags indicating their religion.

The request was made by the Hawaii YBA, Delegate from Hawaii Joseph R. Farrington and the JACL.

They asked the Army stamp the letter "B" on dogtags. The Army said, however, the additional letter would be "more confusing than helpful." The great number of religions represented in the Army makes an extension of the symbol system impossible, the Army said.

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religions are indicated on dogtags at the present time. Other religions are classified "O."

Madera Nisei Wins Engineers Award

MADERA, Calif. — Thomas T. Inami of Madera was given the Corps of Engineers Award May 22 for outstanding achievement in the second year advanced course in the engineering unit of the Army ROTC on the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

The award was made by the National Society of American Military Engineers, Washington, D.C.

It was presented by University President Robert G. Sproul during the school's annual President's Review, at which more than 2500 cadets and midshipmen paraded. Inami holds the rank of cadet colonel with the cadet group on the Berkeley campus.

Two Utah Nisei Qualify as Chutists

LAYTON, Utah—Pvt. Jun Fujita, son of Chohachi Fujita, and Pvt. Yoshio Miya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miya, recently were graduated from the basic airborne course of the Army's infantry school as qualified parachutists.

Students are required to make five jumps from an airplane, including one jump with full equipment.

Gold Star Mothers Will Be Feted at Sacramento Dinner

SACRAMENTO — Three Nisei groups will join on June 6 to honor gold star mothers in the Sacramento area.

The organizations are the Florin and Sacramento chapters of the JACL and Nisei Post No. 8985 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A dinner will be held in the Wakano Ura restaurant.

Among the guests will be Major General Curtis D. O'Sullivan, adjutant general of the California Guard; State Senator Earl D. Desmond, Assemblymen Gordon A. Fleur and John E. Moss, County Supervisor Walter C. Kelley and Mayor Bert E. Geisreiter.

Inscribe Buddhist Symbol on Stones Over Graves of GIs

HONOLULU — The "Dhamma-Cakka" or "Wheel of Righteousness" is being inscribed on gravestones of GI war dead of the Buddhist faith at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Several hundred World War II dead of Japanese ancestry, many of the Buddhist faith, are buried in the cemetery at the Punchbowl.

The Buddhist symbol recently was officially recognized as one of three symbols, the others are the Cross and the Star of David, which can be placed on government gravestones.

Assembly Acts to Repeal Ban Against Chinese, Mongolians

SACRAMENTO—The California Assembly on May 25 voted 60 to 0 to repeal Article XIX containing a discriminatory Chinese and Mongolian section which has been in the California Constitution since 1879, Tats Kushida, JACL-ADC representative at Sacramento stated.

This Assembly Constitutional Amendment 59 is sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas J. Maloney, San Francisco, and co-authored by Assemblyman Edward Elliott, Los Angeles. The measure now goes to the Senate.

Though many parts of Article XIX have been declared unconstitutional, remaining sections prohibit employment of Chinese by state, county, or city, or by California corporations; also discouraging immigration of "foreigners" ineligible to citizenship and giving local authorities the right to form racial ghettos.

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EDITORIALS:

Temporary Setback

Only one vote more, and San Francisco would have adopted FEP to insure equal rights for all residents of the city. As it was, the Board of Supervisors, voting 6 to 5, turned down a fair employment practices proposal on May 28.

The city's employer groups have, for the past 15 months carried out a "voluntary" FEP program. Though various civic and minority representatives testified that this program was inadequate, the employers pressed for its continuation.

The plan, said Almon Roth, president of the San Francisco Employers Council, was working well. San Francisco, he said, now has fewer job discrimination problems than New York City, where FEPC has been the law for more than five years.

It was in the heat of argument that this proponent of "voluntary FEP" and employers representative indicated most clearly the feeling against fair employment for minority groups.

Roth charged that FEPC would make San Francisco a "mecca for minority peoples." Perhaps he hoped to evoke the old, irrational fear against "invasion" by Negro and Oriental groups. Certainly he indicated that if an actual FEPC would attract minority group individuals, then the 'voluntary FEP" program would be something quite different, despite the glowing promises made by employers.

Roth also brought forth the old bogey of Communism. FEPC, he said, was Communist-supported. Supervisor Marvin Lewis, who introduced the proposal, arose to point out that he was a Republican, he was for FEPC and the Republican party had FEPC in its platform.

Roth replied that he was also a Republican and knew why the party supported FEPC.

"That is purely political bait," he said. Perhaps Roth revealed too much. However, we are inclined to believe that other Republicans are sincere in their espousal of FEPC.

San Franciscans will continue their fight for fair employment practices, undeterred by the temporary setback suffered this week. Their fight will be bolstered by the fact that "voluntary FEP" was clearly exposed for the makeshift thing it is. Perhaps FEPC is "political bait" in the eyes of Almon Roth and certain other persons. For many people it still represents a fair chance to make a decent living.

"For Us, the Living"

An especially moving speech by Kenneth W. Day, national adjutant of American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., marked Memorial Day services of the Japanese American community in Seattle.

It was symbolic of the American way that the man chosen to make the primary address honoring Nisei war dead was a man who spent three and a half years as prisoner of the Japanese.

His speech must have proved both a comfort to the Gold Star parents present as well as inspiration to the men and women who heard it.

He said, in part:

"What can I say to you about these boys themselves? Only that I knew some of them well—as a child, in school, working alongside them as adults, before they went to war. Only that I know death well, and do not fear it. Most people who haven't seen death think that it is hard to die. It isn't. It is easy to die. The hard thing is to live, and to carry on the battle, when death would be so easy. The hard thing is to resist the temptation when death is near, to slip into its arms and find everlasting peace.

"I am not a minister, nor even a good Christian, but I do know that death is a friend. Man has enemies in the world, but death is not one of them. I have seen my friends slip away, one at a time, and then by dozens and hundreds, and I have learned not to sorrow for them.

"If we must grieve, let us grieve rather for those who live in a man-made hell on earth, and not for those who have left us. Is it not true that they have given all they had, while you and I have given very little? Can we dispute the fact that we who have lived have failed the trust they left us? Is there any doubt that we Americans and you Americans have fallen short, when we have failed to come together, as one people, to carry on the fight they started? I think not. I think that you and I have a job to finish. These fallen heroes started the job, when they stood up to be counted on the side of freedom and equality.

"I think we have a tremendous responsibility before us, one which we must shoulder right here, right now, and that is to join hands as individuals and work together toward the kind of freedom and equality which will in fact make us the one people we claim to be."

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Nisei GIs in the Pacific

The other day there was a news item from Tokyo reporting that a Nisei counter-intelligence agent had testified at the trial of 18 men accused as spies for the enemy in the Korean war.

Nisei GIs, especially trained in intelligence work, are still playing an important role in the U.S. Army's operations in Japan and the Orient. The contributions of these Nisei, the first of whom went overseas in 1942, toward victory in the Pacific in World War II and toward the success of the Japanese occupation cannot be overestimated.

The story of the Nisei GIs in the Pacific is unknown to most Americans. Even the Nisei themselves do not know the full extent of the role played by these GIs, trained at the Army's Military Intelligence Language School, in the war against Japan and in the continuing battle for freedom and security in Asia. Today there are probably hundreds of these trained Nisei linguists with U.S. Army and United Nations units in Korea, while others are on duty with the occupation in Japan where they are engaging in criminal investigation, counter-intelligence and in other specialized fields of activity where their bilingual training is a military asset.

The story of the Nisei combat interpreters starts in an abandoned airplane hanger at the Presidio in San Francisco in 1941 when the Army's Japanese language school was organized with a budget of only $2,000. The hanger was divided, half for classrooms and the other half for barracks and the first class of 60 students and eight instructors went to work in November, just a month before the bombs fell on Pearl Harbor. Later the school was moved, as a consequence of the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942, to Camp Savage in Minnesota and later to Fort Snelling. It is now located at the Presidio in Monterey, Calif. Since its humble inception in 1941 the school has trained more than 5,000 Army students in the Japanese language, the great majority of whom were Nisei. A few like Sgt. Frank Hachiya went forth to die in combat. Others like Master Sgt. Kenny Yasui, a handy man with a rifle or with a pair of dice, became individual heroes. But most of them, contributing mightily to the victory of Allied arms in the Pacific, have not received their need of praise or recognition. For the most part their work was done behind the blanket of security and that curtain of secrecy has not been lifted to this day.

Without the Nisei linguists the war in the Pacific probably would have been longer and bloodier. Without the Nisei specialists the occupation undoubtedly would have been much more difficult.

Joe Rosenthal, the San Francisco Chronicle photographer whose camera immortalized the scene of the five Marines raising the flag on Iwojima's Suribachi, had this comment to make about the Nisei GIs in the Pacific:

"They work so close to the enemy on these missions that with the danger of being killed by Japs, they run the risk of being shot, unintentionally by our own Marines. Many have paid with their lives. They have done an outstanding job, and their heroism should be recognized. It has been recognized by the Marine commanders where I saw them in action at Guam, Peleliu and Iwo."

The Nisei GIs were the eyes and ears of U.S. forces in the Pacific. They were lend-leased by the Army to the Navy and the Marines and to British, Australian and Canadian units. They first went into action in Alaska and in the South Pacific at Guadalcanal in May of 1942. Nisei interpreters, many of them veterans of World War II, are still in action in Korea.

John F. Aiso, now a Los Angeles attorney and director of academic training at MISLS before he joined Gen. MacArthur's command as a colonel in the Japanese occupation, was one of the eight instructors who started the first Japanese language class at the Presidio in 1941. He recalls that the first mention of Nisei linguists in the press was an article about former Master Sgt. (then Corporal) Yoshio Hotta who wrote from Kiska where the Nisei GIs first came in contact with Japanese prisoners of war and captured the first Japanese combat orders.

Nisei GI linguists hit the beachheads with Army and Marine landing parties from New Guinea to Okinawa. Some of their achievements in interrogation and interpretation contributed to the acceleration of the American plan of battle in the Pacific war. For example, Nisei linguists were instrumental in translating within 48 hours of the time of capture the entire Japanese fleet plans for the "Battle of the Philippines Sea" which were taken from Admiral Koga when he crash-landed while en route to join his fleet.

Mr. Aiso notes that the work of the Nisei linguists was not confined to the Pacific theater but even extended to language work in Gen. Eisenhowewer's headquarters at SHAEF in Paris where the Nisei were sent to translate wireless messages from General Oshima, the Japanese representative at Hitler's headquarters in Berlin, to Tokyo. These messages gave American intelligence clues on the German plan of battle on the western front. These Nisei GIs also processed documents found in various Japanese embassies and legations in Europe. Former Sergeant Patrick Nagano, now back on his big farm near Morro Bay, Calif., was one of these Nisei linguists whose work in the Japanese language took them to Europe.

The presence of Nisei GIs as members of U.S. units also proved to be an important psychological factor, particularly in the battle for Okinawa where these Nisei helped reassure the frightened civilian population that, contrary to the propaganda then emanating from Tokyo, the Americans were not fighting a race war.

Some of the most important of the tasks performed by these GI linguists after V-J day were in the trials of Japanese war criminals. Nisei GIs helped to process evidence on war crimes in the Philippines, the South Pacific and on the Asian mainland. One MISLS graduate, Sho Onodera, played a vital role in the trial of Gen. Yamashita and in the trials of other Class A Japanese war criminals in Tokyo.

Special Nisei agents also went behind enemy lines in China to establish liaison with guerrilla groups, while others were poised for similar work inside Japan at the time the A-bomb made rubble of the city that was Hiroshima. On the Burma-India front Nisei trained in psychological warfare were effective in obtaining Japanese prisoners.

The few articles which have appeared about Army intelligence in the Pacific have mentioned the Nisei but these articles have only scratched the surface of information about the role that the Japanese Americans played in shortening the war against Japan. Their contribution, in the saving of men and materiel, is a considerable one.

The necessity for security which cloaked their activities in World War II no longer exists and it is to be hoped that the full story of these Nisei GIs will be disclosed. It is a story as stirring as that of the Nisei of the 442nd Combat Team whose exploits are now written indelibly into the military annals of these United States.

Nisei Hero Honored At School Rites

REEDLEY, Calif. — John Narimatsu, who died in action with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe, was one of the graduates of Reedley high school whose memory was honored at memorial services on May 28 during which a plaque bearing the names of the school's war dead was dedicated.

MINORITY WEEK

To the Point

"The Army has been outnumbered since it has been in Korea, and the way the Chinese have been knocking them over—when they do get a replacement, they don't care what color he is. All they want is a man."—Sgt. Emanual L. Weekly, home on leave after 10 months in the Korean war theater.

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By-Products

It's interesting to note that one of the by-products of the armed services' recent ban on segregation and discrimination is the formation of non-segregated USO camp shows.

It wasn't widely known that during World War II no racially mixed team was ever sent into foreign theaters of war. Now the first interracial team is preparing to go to Korea.

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The Lost Law

A "lost law" passed in 1872 is the basis for an historic ruling set by the Municipal Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., on May 24.

The decision will, unless overruled by higher courts, open all restaurants to Negroes, who suffer marked discrimination in this city.

The law under dispute banned discrimination by restaurants, soda fountains, etc., against "any well-behaved and respectable person or persons."

It disappeared from all statute books shortly after the turn of the century. It was revived when two Negroes brought suit against Thompson's Restaurant for refusing to serve them.

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Quick Quote

"Negroes have prejudices against patronizing each other. With, we will grant sometimes very good cause, they despise Negro products, Negro services as inferior; they want to 'get away from Negroes'; or they don't want 'Negroes in on their business.'

"This is a stupid, crab-like attitude which condemns Negro business and Negro professionals to the hand-to-mouth existence which characterizes our economic life." — The Los Angeles Tribune.

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Two Strikes

The U.S. Supreme Court called two strikes on racial segregation early this week.

It refused to review (thereby agreeing with) a lower court decision that knocked out a Birmingham, Ala., zoning ordinance that tried to separate Negro and white residential areas.

It dittoed another lower court order which outlawed efforts of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to keep Negroes in "Jim Crow" cars.

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Bowling Note

It was an historic day for the American Bowling Congress May 25 when the first Negro team rolled in the ABC tournament in St. Paul.

The team got off to a poor start with an 886, but once over its tenseness, came up with 989 and 1035 games, a 2910 total that was good enough to finish high in the money.

Receives Scholarship

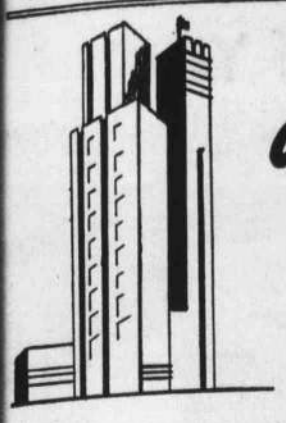
ALAMOSA, Colo.—Nancy Oba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Oba of this city, has been awarded a scholarship to Denver University where she will study nursing.

Miss Oba graduated from high school here last week. She was in the honor society and earlier this year was chosen a Daughter of the American Revolution.

Other high school graduates were Margaret Nishikawa, Alyce Kameda and Herb Kameda of Alamosa and Roy Takahashi of La Jara.

Wins Office

SAN FRANCISCO — Florence Ohmura was elected corresponding secretary of the Federated Young Democrats of San Francisco at the annual elections held last week.



a Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

New York Goes For Broke

Without exception the Manhattan movies critics put their seal of approval on "Go for Broke!"

Though no Academy Award winner or picture of the year caliber, the story of the 442nd hit the "three-star" level. This means it is good entertainment and is sure to make money for MGM.

On opening night I dropped in at the Capitol Theater which is on Broadway, a few short blocks from Times Square. It was not a packed house, running about 80 per cent capacity for the 4,000 seats. The stage show was just average, without big-name attractions, but this audience was running much larger than other first-run movie palaces along the great white way.

I liked "Go for Broke!"

I think all Nisei will enjoy this picture. For the first time the story of the great Nisei fighting unit is told on the screen. It presents the Nisei in a favorable light.

I was pleasantly surprised for it was a much better movie than I had expected. I think that the young actors who had the leading roles did exceptionally well. They presented a typical cross-section of the young men who composed this regiment of fighting men. Henry Nakamura as Tommy, the orphan lad with the little pig, seemed to have the most personality and looked most natural on the screen.

I am sure that this picture will win many friends for the Nisei. It is the sort of picture that the community might have produced for cementing better relations with others. We can thank Dore Schary for presenting this type of a daring venture on the screen.

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Behind the Scenes

Mike Masaoka is listed as a Special Technical Adviser on the credit list. Many times I could see Mike's influence in the script, trying to fairly present the various problems and difficulties that the Nisei faced during the war years and mirroring the average Nisei's reaction to the situation. It was a very ticklish job. Too much emphasis on the hard luck of the Nisei would choke off the entertainment value and would be disagreeable to the movie audience.

There had to be just the right amount of pathos, tragedy, humor and reality mixed in and I think that Mike held up the Nisei's welfare in commendable fashion.

The story of evacuation and relocation was lost to the eastern seaboard audiences, but I am sure that west coast movie-goers understood.

There were several cliches and forced situations, but these were inserted to follow the "successful" movie format that calls for "sure-fire" incidents.

I am sure that this movie brought back many memories for the many Nisei men who served in the war, reviving old scenes and familiar situations of army life. The picture accurately grasps and mirrors the tempo and spirit of the men in uniform, even down to the wise cracks and the slang.

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Where Do We Go From Here?

"Go for Broke!" reflects the favorable facets of the Japanese American. It shows that we want to be more than second-class American citizens and that we are willing to sacrifice and toil as much as any American citizen.

The story and accomplishment of the 442nd did much for our morale and our reputations.

The one factor that all Nisei and Japanese communities in this country must remember is that we can't live on the past exploits and achievements of the 442nd forever.

We have to move on. We move on to new fields, new wars, new situations, and new difficulties.

Where are the heroes of today to replace the Sams, Chicks, Franks, Kazuos, Oharas, Masamis and Tommies of "Go for Broke!"

One impression of the Nisei is soon forgotten and other visual scenes of the Japanese-American are brought into focus.

Today this Nisei story is not limited to the men of a single regiment as the 442nd. It is spread throughout the entire country to the activity and record of every one of the 100,000 or more Nisei and Sansei in America. I am sure they will prove to be just as valiant, courageous, enterprising, and admirable as the fighting men of this honor unit. There may be no movie to summarize the efforts of each individual, but there will be deep-seated impressions in the minds and thoughts of Americans everywhere.

Back of all this, however, is the dynamic impetus of the 442nd men who started the ball rolling and pushing the Nisei into the proper light and perspective.

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Other Scripts for Other Movies?

The relocation story as a movie?

No. I do not think it will sell. A documentary, yes, but that has been done by several outfits. It is not a happy situation and the relocation program affected only a small percentage of the population. People go to movies for entertainment and not to have unpleasant situations presented to them.

The story of a GI in Japan who falls in love with a Japanese girl is now being done. It might sell but I don't look for huge audiences.

Race problems simply do not make money on the current movie market. For this reason I cannot see many story possibilities involving the Nisei on the American screen. With the entire movie industry now retrenching and curtailing their production, I see little hope for other Nisei stories.

In the meantime, we will have to be satisfied with seeing Nisei as butlers, soldiers and background material only.

The movie business is in the doldrums. They have to stick by the old reliables: musicals, mysteries and comedies.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Metro's "Go for Broke!"

Denver, Colo.

I have just seen "Go for Broke." It's a great movie, one that all Nisei and Issei ought to see, and one that I hope millions on millions of Americans will see.

If that's advertising, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer deserves to get rich for having the courage, professional foresight and ability to put such a picture on the screen.

The story of "Go for Broke" is too familiar to need retelling here. But it is a picture that made me laugh, chuckle, squirm, sweat, yes even weep a little, so well has it caught and portrayed the Nisei of the 442nd.

I talked to a couple of veterans of the 442nd immediately after the showing. "It brought tears to my eyes," said one. "That's just the way it was," said another. Its realism, and its studied understatement are the film's strongest points.

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Of course the film is far from perfect, and one of "Go for Broke's" shortcomings from this Nisei's viewpoint is the lack of emphasis on the relocation camps. You get the captain talking about evacuation, and letters from home telling about camp life. But you never see a camp.

It would seem that the millions of Americans to whom the evacuation is still nothing but a vague rumor would miss the point. A quick shot, perhaps of some volunteers leaving the wire-ribbed gates of a WRA camp on their way to Shelby, would have clarified that part.

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Nisei and Issei should see the picture because this is the first time the sacrifices made by their sons, brothers and friends have been presented in the motion picture's graphic form. The army's shorts on the 442nd's training did not tell the whole story, simply because they were not designed for that job.

We've all seen war movies. And we've heard vets talk about some war incident. But mostly they don't talk about the more grim experiences, and words can never be quite so graphic as a movie. Now we're seeing our own kind right smack in the middle of situations which, until now, may have been something vaguely terrible. You may have found yourself in a rough situation yourself, but sometimes you don't realize the real horror of it until afterward. And that's where "Go for Broke" has its greatest impact on the Nisei.

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"Go for Broke" should help to win for the 442nd a firmer niche in the history of American military valour. But more important, it is a record of how Nisei soldiers secured the future of their parents, their kin, their friends, their children and themselves. It is a record of how they "won a big chunk of America with their blood."

Perhaps the message of "Go for Broke" hit this observer closer than it did others. Let it be said that the preaching is usually unobtrusive, that the picture is excellent entertainment. And that's the best way to get an idea over.

"Go for Broke" is a worthy tribute to all Nisei servicemen, and a memorial as well to a good many Joe Nisei who didn't come back.

It made a fellow proud of the Nisei, proud to be one.

Vagaries

Go for Broke!

Box-offices: Long lines greeted the opening of "Go for Broke!" at Denver's Broadway theater and the picture is in for a three-week stay . . . Variety estimates that the first four days of "GFB" plus a stage show at the Capitol in New York City brought in a gross of $32,000 . . . The picture is in for three weeks at Loew's in Washington . . . At the Utah theater in Salt Lake City business is reported to be "better than good." . . . The MGM feature recently finished three weeks at the Egyption and Loew's State in Los Angeles . . . Among the brass attending the Washington, D. C. premiere of "Go for Broke!" were Senators Knowland of California and Byrd of Virginia and Gen. Anthony ("Nuts") McAuliffe of Bastogne fame.

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Nisei Actor . . .

Lane Nakano, praised by the New York Times' Bosley Crowther for his portrayal of a sergeant in "Go for Broke!", has been signed for a role in 20th Century Fox's "East Is East" in which Yoshiko Yamaguchi will have the leading femme role opposite Don Taylor. Miss Yamaguchi arrived in Hollywood last week from Tokyo to prepare for the start of production on the feature on June 4 . . . Since making "Go for Broke!" Nakano also has appeared in Metro's "No Questions Asked" and "I Was an American Spy" for Allied Artists.

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Army-Bound . . .

Uncle Sam is knocking on the door of Jimmy Shigeta who sings under the name of Guy Brion in the sensational new cafe act of "Duranr and Brion." Shigeta recently received a two-month deferment from his draft board and will finish some recordings before donning khaki . . . Except for costars Martha Hyer and Todd Karns, the new Breakston-Stahl film, "Geisha Girl," will have an all-Japanese cast. Production is expected to start next month in Tokyo. It will be about GIs in Tokyo on leave from the Korean war.

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TV Honeymoon . . .

A letter about their relocation camp romance won Mr. and Mrs. Sat Mitsui of Los Angeles a second honeymoon on the "Hope Chest" program over KTSL-TV in Los Angeles last week. The Mitsuis will be accompanied on their "honeymoon" by their two children, Johnny, 18 months, and Janet, 4 . . . Los Angeles' annual Nisei Week festival will be held this year from Aug. 18 to 26 . . . The story of Manjiro Nagahama, the first person of Japanese ancestry to visit the United States, is told by Emily V. Warriner in the June issue of Reader's Digest. The article originally appeared in the United Nations World.

Box-Score on Race Relations: "A RACIAL CRAZY-QUILT"

By ELMER R. SMITH

The United States is a mixture of people from many parts of the world. It is literally a "racial crazy-quilt." Terms for identifying one's ancestry or ethnic relations have been a problem for a number of generations.

It should be recognized that our ethnic and racial groups in the United States are fast becoming predominantly native-born groups. There are in the United States at the present time only about 25 per cent of so-called "Germans" who are not native born Americans, and all other groups designated by hyphenated "Americans" are likewise becoming less and less foreign born.

In 1920 the persons classified as "Japanese" in the U.S. included only 26.7 per cent Nisei; in 1930, 49.2; and in 1940, 62.7. The 1950 census will show even a greater per cent of Nisei as well as Sansei. The number of persons born in the US of Chinese ancestry constituted 30.1 per cent in 1920, 41.2 in 1930, and 51.9 in 1940 with the 1950 census showing a relative increase. The terms invented to designate ancestral relations of these and other ethnic groups have often brought confusion to all concerned. A few examples will make this clear to the general reader.

A person of Italian ancestry (even though six out of every ten are American born) has been called an Italian American or Italian-American, the basic differences here being the hyphen inserted between the two basic names. However, Italian is a name of a given nationality and does not specify a racial group. Thus, to be consistent a person who is born in the United States of parents who claim Italy as their national home or birth place should be called not Italian Americans or Italian-Americans but Americans.

Furthermore, a hyphen inserted between Italian and American is more misleading, for after all the person or group so designated cannot be part Italian and part American in the nationality sense, and that is exactly what the hyphen means. One is either American or Italian; he cannot be both.

What we have said for the "Italian American" applies equally well for all other groups with like name designations. The term Japanese American is an example of the same basic misuse of words. Japanese refers to a person who is a member of the Japanese nation. A person cannot be both a Japanese and an American, either with or without the hyphen.

The term Mongoloid American would be closer to the proper name for such individuals or groups, and that would include "Chinese Americans," American Indians and many others. The Hawaiian Nisei term of "Amican of Japanese Ancestry (AJA)" is more adequate, but if this system were carried out in relation to all persons in America, the words or names so used would become just as confusing as the terms now in common use.

The term Mexican American has a number of confused meanings; especially is this true in certain parts of the United States such as the southwest. "Mexican American" can mean either that the person is an American citizen or that he is not. The substitute term, Spanish speaking American, is no better for large numbers of U.S. citizens speak Spanish as do the Mexican nationals. To complicate this term even more, many Spanish speaking people in the United States are not of immediate Mexican ancestry, but are descendants of old Spanish settlers of the American southwest of centuries ago. The confusion is more pointed when it is recognized that "American" also can and often does refer to Mexico.

If we are to be consistent in the United States in the use of ethnic names we should also use "British American," "Scotch American," etc. in the designation of other groups of U. S. citizens. This of course is not the common method, since the status of persons and groups becomes defined by the majority, and the majority does not feel it is fit to be designated as "modified Americans."

The dilemma created by the use of such terms to designate ethnic groups within the United States could be solved if the culture of the United States were so constituted that a person's ancestry became insignificant. The need for such designations is purely cultural, and seems to rest upon the habits of group segregation and discrimination associated with such terms.

The groups so designated contribute to the use of such terms through their processes of group identification discussed in two previous columns. The use of such terms will undoubtedly still continue to be confusing in many instances for a long time to come since terms incorporated into a language change very slowly. This be as it may, we should at least be conscious of the many misuses to which such names can be and are put in defining groups and their relationships to the over-all culture in the United States.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Several Nisei Make Olympic Team

With the Olympic Games in Helsinki only a year away a number of Nisei, all but one from Hawaii, are given a good chance of making the United States squad. The top prospects are two swimmers, **Ford Konno** and **Evelyn Kawamoto.** Several weightlifters from Honolulu's Nuuanu YMCA, led by **George Yoshioka** in the 132-pound class, may make the American squad, together with **Tommy Kono** of Sacramento in the 147-pound division if he tries out for the team. Only three Nisei, all weightlifters from Hawaii, made the U.S. squad for the 1948 Games in London. They were **Hal Sakata, Emerick Ishikawa** and **Richard Tomita... Henry Aihara,** USC's great broad jumper would have made the squad had the Olympic Games been held in either 1948 or 1950... Honolulu buzzed with a rumor recently that Evelyn Kawamoto would quit Coach **Soichi Sakamoto's** Hawaii Swim Club and would enter national swimming meets unattached. Whatever difficulties may have existed have been ironed out, however, and Miss Kawamoto will be wearing HSC colors at the coming National AAU women's senior swimming championships.

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Shibuya Will Become Pro Wrestler

Notes off the cuff: **Bob Shibuya,** the mainlander who went to Hawaii to become a star center for the University of Hawaii, will become a professional wrestler and probably will invade mainland rings after a few matches in Hawaii . . . **Oki Shikina,** probably the first Nisei in bigtime grappling, is making a comeback in Honolulu. ...The first AAU-sanctioned national judo championships will be held at the Berkeley YMCA on June 3 and more than 100 entries, mostly Nisei, are expected... The Salt Lake City Bees and the Salem Senators of the Western International League broke just about even in their pre-season deal which sent **Wally Yonamine** to the Oregon capital in exchange for Salem's top star, **Bob Cherry.** Yonamine refused to report to Salem while the Bees now have lost Cherry who left for the coast last week for a Marine physical.

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Bill Nishita Makes All-Star Team

The University of California's fireball righthander, **Bill Nishita** of Honolulu, was honored this week when he was named to the all-star California Intercollegiate Baseball Association team selected by the San Francisco Examiner. Nishita, a sophomore, was one of three pitchers selected on the all-star squad. The others are **Roger Osenbaugh** of Stanford and **Tom Lovrich** of USC's southern PCC champions. The Examiner made its selections from all-opponent teams named by the five CIBA coaches with the help of their players. Both Nishita and Osenbaugh made every all-opponent team with the exception of Santa Clara's and neither pitched an inning against the Broncos. According to Bob Brachman of the Examiner: "Nishita and Osenbaugh... drew virtually every tough pitching assignment and the coaches felt this circumstance, combined with performance against the top clubs, entitled the Bear and Card hurlers to the call."

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Buldogs Finish Successful Season

Fresno State's amazing Bulldogs finished their regular season last week by taking a doubleheader from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo. The twin victory gave the Bulldogs an amazing record of 36 wins in 40 games, probably the best ever compiled by a college team. The Bulldogs missed out on a chance for the NCAA berth when they were unable to accept an offer of a playoff from USC because of the scheduled Cal Poly games. **Howie Zenimura** went into the Cal Poly series with a .436 average for the season... Both Zenimura and **Fibber Hirayama** are expected to bolster the Fresno Nisei All-Stars again this year, giving the Raisin City nine additional basis for their claim to the national Nisei championship.

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Tomita Places in State Jaycee Sprint

Sports roundup: **Aki Tomita,** the little Los Angeles City College speedster, placed third in the 100 yard dash in the California junior college championships last week in East Los Angeles. Tomita won his preliminary heat in 10s... The Denver Nisei batted out a 13 to 10 win over the Santa Fe Merchants in a Metropolitan League tussle Sunday... **Doug Matsuoka,** the high school pitcher of the year in Hawaii, hurled Iolani's Red Raiders to the interscholastic championship in Honolulu recently. **Noboru Yonamine,** hard-hitting third baseman and younger brother of Wally Yonamine, has been hitting in the cleanup spot for Iolani... Placer College's Golden Valley Conference baseball champions awarded letters and special championship awards to a squad of 15, including Shortstop **Jim Yokota,** Pitcher **Aki Hokama** and Outfielders **Ed Miyamoto** and **Tom Yego... Allen Nagata** recently was reappointed head football coach at St. Louis College in Honolulu... Two Nisei teams, the Nitto Club Veterans of the Veterans league and Mike and Roy's of the Nisei league, are entered in the annual Champion of Champions bowling tournament this weekend in San Jose, Calif.... **Jim Sato,** rated the top Nisei netman on the west coast, lost in the second round of the South Gate, Calif., grass court championships last week... The **Tazoi** sisters, **Faye** and **Mickey,** are playing again this season for the Utah Shamrocks, top girls baseball team in the area.

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Nisei Do Well in Lightweight Trackfest

Most Nisei track and field athletes compete in the lightweight divisions and Japanese Americans dominated the annual Santa Clara Valley track and field meet last week at Sunnyvale, Calif., taking nine first places in the C and D divisions. **Oshiba** of Santa Clara won the 50 and 100 yard Class D dashes, while Mountain View's **Maruyama** took the C 100 yard dash in the good time of 10.6s, while **Fujimoto** of **Santa Clara** won the 50-yard sprint in 5.7s. **Kumagai** of Lincoln tied the league record in the C pole vault at 10 feet 4, while **Kawashima** of Santa Clara won both the discus and shotput events... **Babe Karasawa's** hitting and play around third base has been a feature of Cal tech's baseball games this season. Karasawa, ball-carrying star of the Engineer football team last fall, was honored last week when he was named as co-winner with the team captain, **Walt Pfeffier,** of the Caltech Alumni Baseball Trophy... **Ki Ogawa** rolled a 665 series plus a 38 pin handicap for a handy 693 to win the Orange County Nisei handicap bowling tournament last week in Buena Park, Calif. **Mush Matsumoto,** winner of a $500 award in the recent Los Angeles Examiner tournament, teamed with Yoi Nomura to win the doubles with a 1260 total. Ogawa and **Stanley Wong** of Los Angeles tied for first place in the all-events with 1804.

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Around the sports world: Art Tsutsui of San Fernando, Calif. high school tied for first place in the Class C all-city high jump finals in Los Angeles last week with a leap of 5 feet 8⅝ inches and then tied for fourth in the pole vault at 10 feet 9. Eddie Shimooka of Verdugo Hills, Calif., tied for first in the Class B pole vault finals at 11 feet 3... **Yorio Aoki** of Woodland, Calif., took third place in the Class B utility class in the speedboat races held recently on the Feather River near Yuba City . . . Marigold Arcade won the championship of the Chicago Northside Nisei men's bowling league and **Tak Nabeta** was the league's top bowler with a 180 average for 87 games... The Marysville JACL team which dropped out of the Sacramento Nisei Rural league to join the Yuba County Foothill league will be strengthened with the addition soon of two players, **Ray Fukui,** pitching star at Wheatland High, and **Jim Yoshimura,** hard-hitting third baseman at Yuba City High... **Jiro Nakamura,** fastballing Nisei lefthander who pitched for the Modesto Reds of the California League in 1949, is now pitching for the Mountain View, Calif., Kyowas in the Coast Counties Nisei Baseball League. Nakamura, who struck out 21 in a single game last year for the San Jose Zebras, nearly duplicated the feat last Sunday when he pitched the Kyowas to a 6 to 1 win over the strong San Francisco Clippers. Nakamura struck out 19 and gave up only five hits.

Hirayama Stars As Fresno Wins CCAA Crown

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—The big bat of little Fibber Hirayama, star centerfielder, escorted Fresno State to the California Collegiate Athletic Association championship as the Bulldogs swept a doubleheader from Cal Poly, 6 to 5 and 14 to 2, on May 26.

The victories gave Fresno State a 14 to 1 record in league play and a seasonal mark of 36 wins in 40 games.

Hirayama rapped a homer, triple and a single in the nightcap and two singles in the opener.

Nisei Girl, Partner Bowl High Score In National Meet

SEATTLE—Two Hawaiian bowlers, competing for the first time in the Women's International Bowling Congress, forged into the money on May 27 with a 1,091 doubles tally, highest for the day.

L. Sato and K. Lum of Honolulu were just outside the tournament's "top ten" with their score.

Fresno State Nisei Receive Honors at Annual Assembly

FRESNO, Calif.—Five outstanding Nisei Club members were honored for their scholastic and service records at Fresno State College's annual Tokalon Awards assembly May 29.

Kiyo Asaki of Hanford was chosen as college representative in "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges," an annual publication listing outstanding students from 600 schools in the country.

Her selection was based upon character, scholarship, leadership, participation in extra-curricular activities and possibility of future success in business and society.

The Chi Pi Sigma honorary award for the outstanding freshman chemistry student went to Henry Yamada of Sanger.

Eiji Maruko, Fresno, received a sweater emblem for four consecutive semesters as a member of the school's neon-lighted marching band.

Fibber Hirayama, as captain of the FSC championship baseball team, accepted the CCAA 1951 championship trophy for the student body.

As 1951 "Campus King," Hirayama assisted in making athletic awards. He received two three-year letter awards in varsity football and baseball.

Kenso Zenimura took a four-year sweater award in varsity baseball and received the FSC and CCAA baseball batting championship award for his .435 batting average.

Slate Class in Chinese Cooking

PORTLAND, Ore.—A class in Chinese cooking has been scheduled for June 6 at the Chinese Presbyterian Church by the Veleda Club under chairmanship of Mrs. Jerry Inouye.

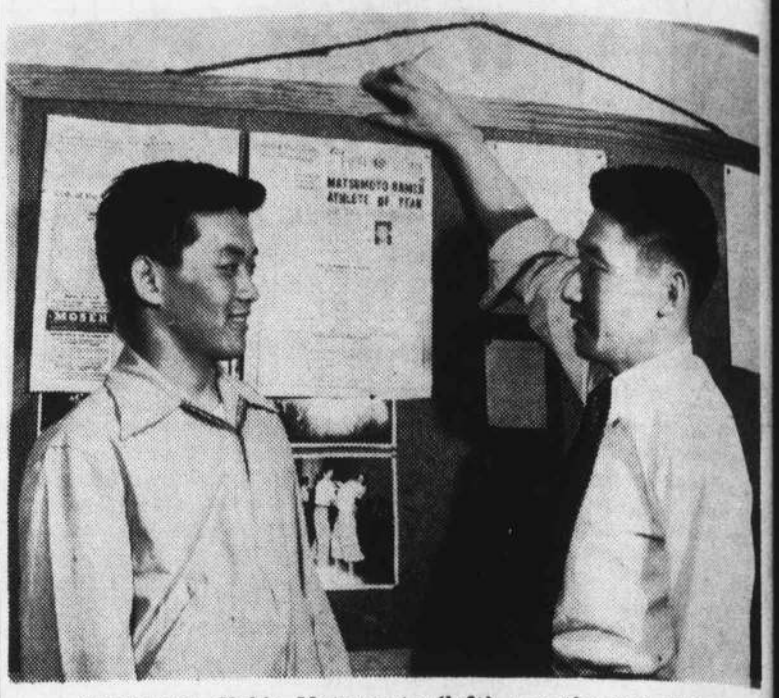
Lee Hing, chef at the China Clipper, will be the instructor.

Participants will learn how to make pea pod chop suey, barbequed spareribs, roast pork, steamed fish, chicken with pineapple, shumai and otofu and bean soup.

A nominal fee will be charged to cover expenses.

All persons interested are urged to attend.

Named "Athlete of Year"



CHICAGO—Yukio Matsumoto (left) won the 1951 "athlete of the year" award of the University of Illinois in Chicago last week.

The Nisei wrestler and gymnast was announced as the recipient of UIC's highest award of athletic prowess on May 21.

In the above photo he and Shig Wakamatsu, chairman of the Community Activities Committee of the Chicago JACL chapter, examine the announcement of the coveted honor which was awarded the Nisei athlete by vote of the student body.

The students voted for five top athletes from an initial slate of 20 men. It was disclosed that he led in the student balloting. A selection committee picked the "athlete of the year" from among the five athletes nominated.

Matsumoto was undefeated in dual wrestling and was chosen the most valuable grappler for the past season. He also was a standout on the victorious Chi-Illini gymnast squad and won the Central AAU horizontal bar championship to wind up his successful season.—Photo by Vincent Tajiri.

Placer JACL Raps Colfax With 19 Runs, 22 Hits

By HOMER Y. TAKAHASHI

LOOMIS, Calif. — Spraying 22 hits against their opponents' eight, the high-flying Placer JACL horsehiders handed the hapless Colfax Fireballs their worst defeat of the season last Sunday on the latter's hilltop Memorial park diamond. The final score after the smoke had subsided was Placer: 19, Colfax: 4.

George Goto started on the hill for the Nisei and worked for 5 innings and allowed no one to cross the plate and gave up 5 scattered hits and only one walk before retiring to the outfield. Hokama and Hada finished out the game and toyed with the Colfax batters the remainder of the slugfest.

Doubles were plentiful, Jim Yokota and Norm Matsuoka hitting them for the JACL and Sinnock, Hill, and Ulsheimer, connecting for them but to no avail for the losers.

Jim Yokota, Placer College sensation, Norm Matsuoka, former Ely, Nev., baseball and football star, and George Goto, erstwhile Stanford athlete, each fattened their averages by racking up 4 hits apiece. Bobo Hayashida who the week before snapped out of his batting lethargy and hit 4 times against Roseville, is back to his college form as he got 3 more this week. Bob Kozaiku, bespectacled shortstop who also has begun to find his range, and rookie Wes Nomura playing rightfield tagged the ball for two apiece. Kozaiku stretched one of his into a triple.

The box-score:

Placer JACL	AB	R	H
Yokota, 3b	6	3	4
Matsuoka, 1b	5	0	4
M. Hada, 1b	1	0	0
J. Hayashida, 2b	5	2	0
Enkoji, 2b	0	0	0
B. Hayashida, c	4	4	3
Miyamoto, cf	4	1	1
Hokama, p	1	1	1
A. Hada, p	1	0	0
Kozaiku, ss	4	3	2
Nomura, rf-cf	5	2	2
Oseto, lf	3	2	1
Goto, p-rf	6	1	4
	45	19	22

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The largest crowd of the season for Colfax witnessed the Placer JACL-Colfax game. A large delegation of loyal Nisei boosters from Loomis, Penryn, Newcastle and waypoints continue to follow the club.

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What would have been the game's only homerun over the centerfield fence off the bat of Norm Matsuoka was turned into a circus catch by centerfield Hill who had to snag it running back and performed a somersault in doing so. It was the longest hit ball of the game.

Wins Championship

SALINAS, Calif. — Members of the Nick Cominos bowling team were presented with trophies for winning the Salinas Veterans League championship at a barbecue held by members of the league and their families.

Members of the championship team are Lefty Miyanaga, Kay Tsujihara, Bob Yamamoto, Kiyo Hirano and Charles Tanda.

Address Sought

The present adress of Mr. Kono Kimoto is sought by Sgt. H. Kiyomura, Headquarters VI Corps Artillery, Camp McCoy, Wisc.

Mr. Kimoto is about 60 years of age. He worked as a cook at one time for Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Lewis, commanding general, VI Corps Artillery.

Information should be sent directly to Sgt. Kiyomura.

Slate Picnic

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Idaho Falls JACL will hold its annual summer picnic Sunday, June 10, at the Shelley High School grounds.

A tri-city graduation dance will be held at the Idaho Falls Armory Friday, June 8. It will be a semi-formal event.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. George Mochizuki a boy, Thomas Hideo II, on May 30 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Uno, Ault, Colo., a boy on May 25 in Greeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hawley H. Kato, Gresham, Ore., a girl, Patricia, on May 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tats Hori a boy on May 8 in San Francisco.

To Dr. and Mrs. Shunji Forrest Nishi (Los Angeles) a girl on May 19 in Tokyo, Japan.

To Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hifumi Tsukamoto a girl, Marie Matsuko, on May 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fukushima a girl, Sherry April, on April 28 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seiichi Honda a girl, Amy Emi, on May 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jiobu a girl, Laurie Sho, on May 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hitoshi Michael Kawamoto a girl, Cheryl Hitomi, on May 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Tadashi Nakaji a girl, Caren Harumi, on April 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Deiichi Tom Sawa a girl, Deborah Chiyeko, on May 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Hamasaki a boy, Ted Hiroshi, on May 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kokawa, Venice, Calif., a girl, Ann Harue, on May 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shihashi Maruyama a boy, Dick Dan, on May 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masuo Tanaka a boy, Bob Kenji, on May 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mikio Ichiyama, East Los Angeles, a girl, Harriet Jean, on May 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Setsuo Torigoe a boy, Eric Stephen on May 3 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shozo Kiyomizu a girl on May 24 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Tada a girl on May 23 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shiraki a boy, Steven James, on May 9 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sadaichi Soda, San Martin, Calif., a boy, Steven, on May 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tamotsu Akagi, Draper, Utah, a girl in Salt Lake City.

To Dr. and Mrs. Pearce Moriyuki Hiura a boy on May 16 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Toshimasa Tagami a boy on April 30 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeki Kuwahara, Berkeley, Calif., a boy on May 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Yagi, Santa Clara, Calif., a boy, Earl Haruo, on May 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Masunaga a boy, Arthur Makoto, on May 6 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shiyoji Abe a girl, Doreen Yaoi, on May 8 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayato Kebo, Sanger, Calif., a boy on May 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Inouye, Madera, Calif., a girl on May 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kiyoshi Fukagawa a girl on May 13 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ryoichi Fujii a girl on May 19 in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuto Furuta a boy, Gayle, on May 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mikio Fukunaga a girl, Debra Seiko, on May 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eichi Obita a girl, Janice Kazue, on May 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Tokunaga a boy, Tom, on May 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Daisuke Nagano a boy, Steven Kiro, on May 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Kamoto, Montebello, Calif., a boy, David Tsugio, on May 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Kita, Venice, Calif., a boy, Nozumu Jimmy, on May 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sunao Yamashita a girl, Nancy Emi, on May 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisashi Mochizuki a boy, Hisashi Alan, on May 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Nagaishi, West Los Angeles, a boy, Norman Satoru, on May 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Hamada, San Diego, Calif., a girl on April 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Kishaba a boy, Henry Shinichi, on May 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Matsuo a boy, Ryan Kiyomi, on May 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Y. Tomita, Richmond, Calif., a boy, Peter Toyoji, on May 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Kawabata a girl on May 22 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Rioji Kanagaki a boy in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeki Kuwahara a boy in Oakland.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Akira Nakadachi a boy on April 6 in Sanger, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Amaki Takeshita a girl on May 6 in Selma, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. George M. Fukayama a girl in Oakland, Calif.

DEATHS

Kumaichi Nakamura on May 21 in Fowler, Calif.

Hideshi Sugimoto, 61, on May 22 in Los Angeles.

Katsukichi Munekiyo, 75, on May 23 in Los Angeles.

Tokusaburo Yamahata on May 23 in Los Angeles.

Katsuichi Munekiyo, 75, on May 23 in Los Angeles.

Bud Aoyama, 37, formerly of San Francisco, on May 28 in Ogden, Utah.

Chomosuke Ito, 61, on May 23 near Sacramento.

Kikuko Fukumoto, (Mrs. Junichi Fukumoto) 27, on May 27 in Torrance, Calif.

Asako Fukumoto, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Junichi Fukumoto, on May 27 in Torrance, Calif.

Mrs. Yuki Ashizawa, 53, on May 26 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Miyo Fujikawa to Joe Shimashita on May 20 in Chicago.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marjorie Michiko Sakon, 21, and Ike A. Fujishin, 21, in Cupertino, Calif., in San Jose.

Setsuko Emilie Takeshita, 23, San Mateo, Calif., and Shigeo Hioki, 27, in San Jose.

Mary Saito, 21, and Tadashi Harada, 25, in Seattle.

Toshiko Torii, 34, and Masao Tsujimoto, 34, in San Francisco.

Nancy Kimura, 23, San Jose, and Edward Newell Chan, 34, San Mateo, in San Francisco.

June Matsui, 29, and Koichi Endo, 29, Long Beach, Calif., in San Francisco.

Hisako Wada, 25, and Harold Shipes, 30, U.S. Army, in San Francisco.

Ayako Kaneshige, 20, and Thomas Hidekazu Tsuji, 21, in Oakland.

Meriko Nakamoto and Ben T. Furukawa in Seattle.

San Francisco JACL Incorporates as Non-Profit Body

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco JACL has been formally incorporated as a non-profit community organization under the laws of the State of California, chapter officials announced recently following approval of the chapter's application.

Although the chapter was organized 21 years ago, it had not been incorporated previously.

Articles of incorporation were filed in April by President Yasuo Abiko and Chieko Hashiguchi, recording secretary.

Under its new status the chapter may acquire and hold property, including real estate.

Second Child Born To George Mochizukis

A son, Thomas Hideo Mochizuki II, was born to George Mochizuki, president of the Salt Lake JACL, and his wife Kimiko on Memorial Day at Holy Cross Hospital.

The Mochizukis have another son, George Jr., 16 months.

Passes State Bar

LOS ANGELES--Kei Uchima of Los Angeles was one of 260 men and women who successfully passed the State Bar examinations held in San Francisco in April.

Uchima, 26, will be sworn in at State Supreme Court on June 6.

Hold Beauty (?) Contest



IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—"Miss America" beauty contest winners were featured in a fashion show held at the Idaho Falls JACL Hall on Mother's Day.

Models were, left to right, kneeling: Kay Tokita, Mas Kuwana, Kenny Ogawa, Katsuki Yamasaki and Masayuki Honda, Shig Nii, Speed Nukaya, Fred Ochi, Todd Kuwana, Emi Yamasaki, George Tokita, Todd Ogawa, Sam Sakaguchi, Gilbert Ogata, Eli Kobayashi and Tak Haga.

Tad Watanabe welcomed the guests.

Presenting entertainment numbers were Karen Yamasaki, pianist; Chi Shiratori and Kimi Kubosumi, vocalists; Mabel Nagashima, speaker. Mrs. Kay Tokita introduced the numbers.

EVACUEE TOWN CLOSED DOWN IN CANADA ROCKIES

LILLOOET, B.C. — The wartime community of East Lillooet, which mushroomed nine years ago to house Japanese Canadian evacuees from the Pacific coast, was closed recently when the water supply was turned off.

East Lillooet was one of the many interior housing communities in British Columbia which were classified as self-supporting centers. It was sponsored by the Naturalized Japanese Canadian Association and consisted at its peak of 62 homes with a population of 300.

Since the lifting of the wartime restrictions on Japanese Canadians most of the residents of the little community have relocated in the east while others have returned to their former home areas on the coast. Ten families are now established permanently in Lillooet.

Charmettes Plan Chicago Dance

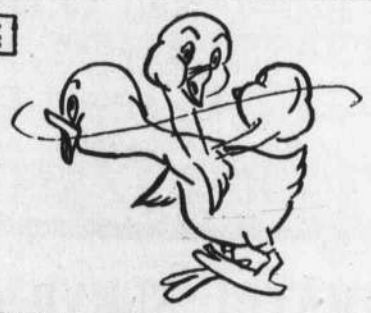
CHICAGO — The Charmettes, Chicago Nisei girls' club, will sponsor a dance, "Dedicated to You," on June 9 at the Lawson YMCA gym, 30 West Chicago Ave., starting at 8 p.m.

The public is invited, according to Terry Yamagiwa, social chairman, and attendance may be "stag, staggette or in couples." A mission will be $1 for men.

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Survivor of A-Bomb Attack Tells of War Experiences

PATTERSON, Calif.—A former Lodi, Calif., girl who survived the Hiroshima A-bomb attack described her war experiences at a Lions Club "Ladies' Night" dinner on May 23.

May Tamura, civilian employee at Treasure Island and a WAVE reservist, went to Japan in 1938 at the age of nine with her family. She was drafted for factory work when she was 16.

The blast, which killed her sister, came at 8:15 a.m., Aug. 5, 1945. The focal point of the explosion was a mile from the factory in which Miss Tamura worked.

She and her co-workers hit the floor when they saw the blinding flash. She escaped with minor cuts while some companions were killed by falling machinery.

Miss Tamura said she and her father discovered her sister among the dead in another section of the city. Corpses were left where they had dropped for three days and then cremated by government order. Some persons who appeared all right after the bomb hit, she said, died in their homes several days later.

The Nisei said the bomb actually hit after an all-clear was sounded. The air-raid warning sounded, she said, and a lone bomb struck a bank building, after which the all-clear was given. It was then the A-bomb dropped.

Miss Tamura worked for the occupation forces, then returned to the United States with her family.

She recommended two civilian defense films shown at the meeting "Pattern for Survival" and "Atomic Alert."

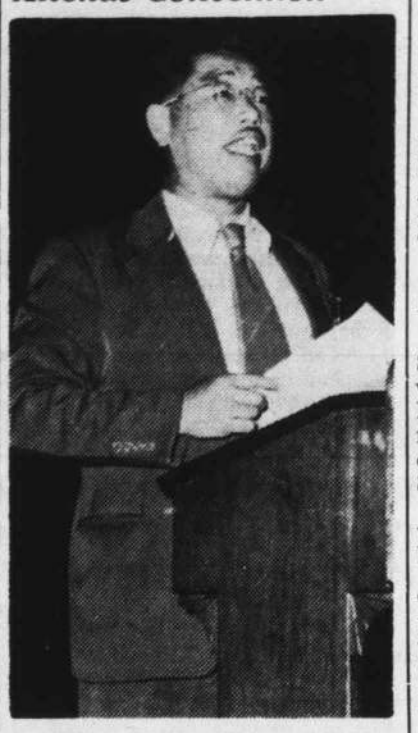
"Too much cannot be done to make persons here realize the horrors and dangers of the atomic bomb," she told club members.

Churches Plan Pre-Confab Rally

CHICAGO — A pre-conference rally will be held June 3 by the Christian Fellowship Church and the Ellis Community Center Church as a prelude to the joint spring institute to be held June 15-17 at Forest Beach, Mich.

The pre-conference meeting will start at 3:30 p.m. at the Christian Fellowship Church, 834 West Armitage.

Attends Convention



HILO, T. H.—Horace M. Kawamura (above) of Hilo recently was elected president of the Hawaii Congress of Parent and Teachers.

Mr. Kawamura left recently to attend the 55th annual national P-TA congress convention at Miami, Fla.

Fellowship Winner:

MIYOKO ITO, ARTIST

By BETTY WALKER

California-born Miyoko Ito was released by the United States from a Japanese relocation camp during the war to attend the School of the Art Institute here.

And now Miyoko—or "Mio," as she is affectionately called by her many friends—is one of the Chicagoans singled out by the John Hay Whitney Foundation of New York to receive its coveted "opportunity fellowship" during 1951-52.

The awards — financial grants ranging from $1,000 to $3,000—are made each year to "American citizens of exceptional promise who, because of arbitrary barriers such as race, cultural background or region of residence, have not had the fullest opportunity to develop their abilities." And, as in the case of the talented Chicago Nisei, the majority of those who have received them since the foundation's inception in 1946, are young people between the ages of 20 and 27.

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Most of this year's 53 Whitney "fellows" will use their awards for further study or travel. But not "Mio." She will use hers to "hire a housekeeper and some baby-sitters."

In private life, she is the wife of Harry T. Ichiyasu, a Chicago manufacturers' agent, and the mother of 14-month-old Tomio Ichiyasu. The Ichiyasus, who met in their native Los Angeles during pre-Pearl Harbor days and eloped while she was a sophomore at the University of California, now reside in the home they recently bought on Lake Park Av.

"Running a house, taking care of a baby and trying to paint have been strenuous," says "Mio," who is currently finishing an oil painting and a lithograph she will enter in the institute's forthcoming Chicago Artists Show. "Instead of doing any more studying—I'm beyond that stage anyway — or traveling, I intend to use my fellowship for hiring some experienced household help."

In addition to taking much of her time, Tomio also has taken over her former studio. She and her husband have turned it into the boy's nursery. Says she: "I'm back painting in my bedroom."

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A petite, gracious-mannered young matron with soft, dark brown eyes and black hair, Mrs. Ichiyasu looks like a doll imported from Japan. Her mind is as keen as her quiet sense of humor. And if you are a regular reader of newspaper art columns, you don't need to be told that the critics invariably hail her as one of Chicago's most promising artists.

A versatile and talented woman, she spent the summer vacations of her art school days "cooking for a bunch of hungry farmers (one of whom was her husband) in a Utah relocation camp." And after finishing her studies at the Art Institute, she paid for oil paints and canvasses by doing commercial art for various State St. department stores and designing gift wrappings for a Chicago firm.

But since the birth of her first child, she has confined her manual activities to "painting housework."
—From the Chicago Sun-Times.

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Issei Reported Missing by Son Found at Beach

TORRANCE, Calif.—An elderly Issei, reported missing by his son, was found on May 25 in Long Beach and was returned to his family.

Jack Aoki reported to police that his father, Toyoaki, 74, had not returned home after leaving on May 21 with a bag containing $400 tied around his neck. The bag was marked "my burial money."

Authorities reported the elder Aoki was picked up by a patrol car after an unidentified woman phoned police she had seen a man fitting the description printed in local newspapers.

After Aoki was located by police on the beach he was taken to his home in Torrance. No explanation was given how he spent the four nights after leaving home. The money was still intact.

Hold Bridal Shower

LOS ANGELES — Miss Betty Suenaga and Sange Yamauchi, who will be married June 3 at the Higashi Hongwanji Temple, were feted at a surprise wedding shower held by Fern Shinmachi, Tess Shinmachi and Marianne Ikoma.

An antique carriage decorated with a lace parasol was filled with kitchen gifts for the people.

Attending the shower were Mary Tanaka, Eileen Uchida, Emiko Kobo, Mrs. Etsu Andow, Mrs. Sakae Mido, Mrs. Fuji Burns, Mrs. Sanami Yukawa, Mrs. Tokiye Sera, Mrs. Mae Tominaga, Mrs. Michiko Yamamura and Mrs. Kaye Ichihara.

Believe Blowout Led to Car Crash

STOCKTON, Calif.—Chonosuke Ito, 61, was killed when a tire blowout forced his car to roll over several times on May 23 on the Borden highway.

Ito was thrown from the car and died almost instantly.

Salutatorian

SEATTLE — Marianne Otoshi was named salutatorian last week at Garfield high school.

To Attend Boys State

LOS ANGELES—Frank H. Kawasaki, 16-year old student at Dorsey High School, will be sponsored by the Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion at the California Boys State in Sacramento in June.

Named Alternate

Doris Seito of Sandy, Utah, a student at Jordan high school, was named last week as first alternate for one of two $300 journalism scholarships to the University of Utah which are awarded annually by the Salt Lake Tribune and the Salt Lake Telegram.

Name Two Students For Scholarship

FRESNO — Alma Ninomiya and Dorothy Shinagawa were named last week as the recipients of the Florence Akiyama memorial scholarship for the fall semester.

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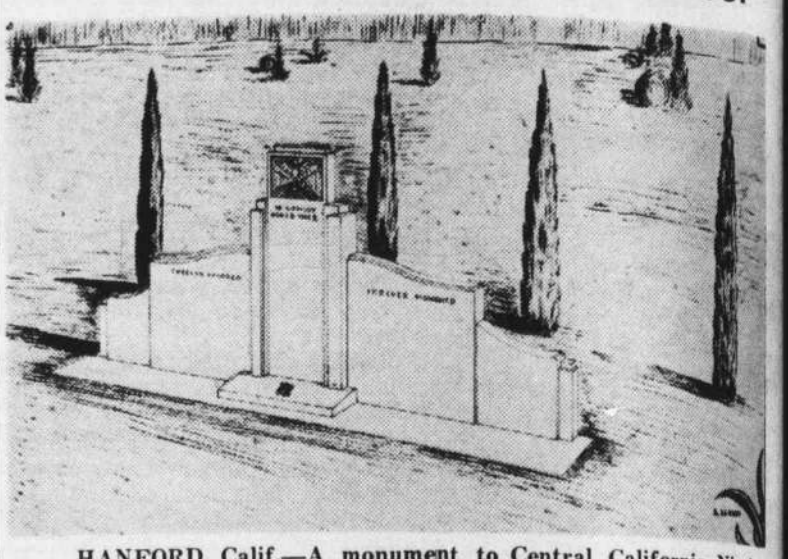
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Dedicate Monument to Nisei



HANFORD, Calif.—A monument to Central California Nisei war dead, sponsored by Nisei Liberty Post 5869 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Hanford was dedicated on Memorial Day at Roeding Park in Fresno.

State VFW Commander Don L. Warner was guest speaker at the ceremony.

The above photo shows a drawing of the now-completed memorial which was designed by H. Benson and constructed by Casaccia Art Memorial of Fresno. The memorial will be inscribed with the names of Nisei war dead, according to Gakuji Mizuki of the Hanford post.

Unusual Stowaway Arrives Aboard Ship from Japan

SAN FRANCISCO — The story of George Shikaze, a stowaway, is remarkable in several ways, the Chronicle reported on May 29.

For one thing, his parents were at the pier to meet him when the President Wilson came in from the Orient the other day. And his parents had to come down from Canada for the reunion.

It's practically unheard of that friends or relatives should be at the dock waiting to greet a stowaway. How it came about in this instance, the immigration people say, was something like this:

Shikaze, who went to Japan at the age of 8 (he's now 24) to live with his grandmother, boarded the Wilson at Yokohama two weeks ago and took over a third-class bunk that was relinquished at the last minute.

Also aboard was a cousin, who presumably went ashore at Honolulu and posted an airmail message to George's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kayemon Shikaze, of Mission City, British Columbia.

George's status as a stowaway was discovered two days after the Wilson left Honolulu. And so, waiting for him at the pier along with the parents, were immigration authorities, who placed him in detention.

If George's claim of Canadian citizenship is verified, he will be permitted to go home with his parents. Word from Canada on that score is now awaited.

If that citizenship claim falls through, the American President Lines will have to carry him back for the Orient again tomorrow.

That in itself isn't remarkable in the annals of stowing away.

But this is: George is blind. He's been blind since he was 4.

Renunciant Asks Restoration of U. S. Citizenship

LOS ANGELES—A Tule Lake renunciant, Harry Masao Hamachi, will return to this country shortly to seek return of his American citizenship in U.S. courts.

He is the first to return here since the United States Court of Appeals last January ruled that each renunciant must prove his loyalty individually.

His case has been filed in the Los Angeles Federal Court by his attorneys, A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand. It will probably be heard in October, Wirin said.

Wins Scholarship

CHICAGO — Nancy Nishi of Hyde Park high school is one of twelve scholarship winners in the junior school of the Chicago Art Institute.

The scholarships are awarded by the National Association of College Women, Chicago chapter.

Fete Enlistee

SALINAS, Calif.—Shiro Kubota, who has enlisted in the Air Force, was feted recently by friends at a weinie bake at Sea Cliff.

Wins Ad Prize

STOCKTON, Calif. — Ray Oshima of the College of Pacific was a member of the student team which won the 3rd annual Stockton Record advertising contest last week. The three-man team received a $50 award.

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