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U.S. TREASURY STARTS MAILING CHECKS THIS WEEK TO EVACUATION CLAIMANTS

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

The First Session of the 83rd Congress has adjourned. Its members have long since departed for their respective homes, on investigative inspection tours, and on old-fashioned junkets.

The President and his GOP leaders have examined the record and found it encouraging. The Democrats, looking at the identical record, came up with contrary conclusions.



MASAOKA

No effort will be made to evaluate their respective claims at this time.

But, it may be interesting to Pacific Citizen readers if a summary of JACL's legislative achievements, if any, is listed. After all, when this first Republican Congress backed by a White House manned by its own party in 20 years convened last January, there were many questions as to just how the GOP would treat the special problems and requests of this minor minority.

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Washington

As the President signed the supplemental appropriations bill that includes a total of $8,164,462.92 for the payment of evacuation claims awards, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced that Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, had conferred with Justice and Treasury Departments officials in order to assure the early mailing of government checks to the claimants.

Masaoka reported that Justice Department officials had already prepared some vouchers in the accounting office that would be sent to the Treasury Department immediately. The remaining vouchers will be prepared as quickly as possible. These vouchers for the payment of awards are being prepared according to the dates on which the awards were made, with the earliest ones being the first to be processed, he revealed.

This means that those claimants who compromised and settled their claims in the fiscal year 1952 in the sum of $4,172,696 will be paid first and then those who accepted awards in fiscal year 1953, which ended last June 30, totaling $3,900,000.

The 12 claimants whose individual awards were more than the $2,500 maximum that the Justice Department could pay out of Departmental funds will also receive their checks in the immediate future, Masaoka said.

The Washington JACL representative declared that Treasury Department officials assured him that the first checks might be in the mails by the end of the week or ten days unless unforeseen difficulties arise. All of the checks should be sent out by October, he said.

At the same time, Masaoka disclosed that President Eisenhower had also signed into law the regular administrative appropriations for the 1954 fiscal year for the Japanese Claims Section, the Office of Alien Property, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, all of the Department of Justice.

10 Issei in Alaska naturalized citizens

Ketchikan

First group of Japanese petitioners for naturalization in the Territory of Alaska were presented to U.S. District Judge George W. Folta Aug. 3 and made citizens. There were eight from Ketchikan and two from Petersburg.

The new Alaska citizens are: Heiichi Tanino, Heida Tanino, Kichirobei Tatsuda, Sen Tatsuda, Wakaichi Ohashi, Komatsu Ohashi, Kattsuichi Shimizu, Yayo Shimizu, Ketchikan, Saburo Kito and Tsuyo Kuwata, Petersburg.

New L.A. phone book

Los Angeles

The new 1953 telephone book of Japanese residents in So. California is being sold in Li'l Tokio bookstores. It was published by Empire Printing Co., and edited by S. Y. Kushiyama and John Kushiyama. It is the largest compilation to date, composed of 181 pages of Los Angeles city telephone numbers, 60 pages of classified advertising and 113 pages of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego and Imperial counties numbers.

Japan flood victims qualify as non-quota immigrant refugees

'Natural Calamity' provision aiding Dutch flood victims in assist

Washington

President Eisenhower has been urged to make immediately available to flood victims in Japan the 3,000 special non-quota immigrant visas authorized for the Far East in the Refugee Relief Act which was approved by Congress just before adjournment, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported

The JACL office revealed that Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, had sent a letter to the White House urging such action after a study of the controversial bill convinced him that the flood victims in Kyushu and Wakayama are eligible under the definition of "refugee" written into the legislation which provides for the admission of 214,000 refugees and escapees in the next three years as permanent residents.

"We belive that making these quotas available immediately to these unfortunate victims of 'natural calamity' will not only be a generous and humanitarian act entirely worthy of this nation and its traditions but also another gesture of our goodwill and friendship towards our allies of Japanese ancestry," Masaoka wrote the President. He added that the JACL was prepared to cooperate with the Chief Executive in facilitating the issuance of these visas.

According to Masaoka, "refugee" is defined in Section 2 of the legislation that the President signed last Friday as "any person in a country or area which is neither Communist nor Communist dominated, who because of persecution, fear of persecution, natural calamity, or military operations is out of his usual place of abode and unable to return thereto, who has not been firmly resettled, and who is in urgent need of assistance for the essentials of life or for transportation." Under that definition, certainly the flood victims in Japan qualify, he said.

Though Congress had in mind the victims of the great flood in the Netherlands last year when it included "natural calamity" in the definition of "refugee", the Nisei lobbyist declared that since Congress had amended the Act to include persons indigenous to the Far East the 3,000 special non-quota immigrant visas allocated to this area in the measure certainly should be made available to flood victims of Japan.

Generally credited by congressmen as the one private person most responsible for the inclusion of Asian provisions in the measure that the President originally requested only for Europeans, Masaoka checked his impressions informally and unofficially with staff members of the Senate and House Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization and with officials in the Visa Office of the State Department.

Though he could not comment on their reactions, the Washington JACL Office announced that Masaoka was satisfied that his interpretations were correct insofar as the inclusion of Japanese flood victims are concerned.

At the same time, Masaoka emphasized that this legislation did not authorize the automatic entry of 3,000 flood victims into the United States outside the reguar annual quotas.

He pointed out that these refugees would have to quailfy under other provisions of the measure, including assurances by American citizens that the non-quota immigrants, and their families, would have employment and housing, before they are eligible for these visas.

Two Nisei serve on Denver city planning group

Denver

In drafting new zoning ordinances for the metropolitan Denver area, Mrs. Mitsu Matsuda and Min Yasui represented the JACL at the first Citizen's Committee on City Planning which will collaborate with the city planning commission.

A 38 percent increase of population has expanded the metropolitan area to such an extent that zoning ordinances must be revised to accomodate a predicted million people here by 1970.

The Colorado Times noted that the citizen's committee is composed of 250 members with two Nisei representing some 2,500 Japanese American residents here. In contrast, the newspaper reports there are two Negroes on the committee for 9,000 Negroes and one Spanish-American for the 20,000 Spanish-speaking residents of Denver.

Canadian Nisei strandees advanced fares to work

Toronto

Thirty Nisei strandees are expected to arrive in Canada in the next two months to work at Ontario mushroom farms, the Mio-Mura Renraku Kyokai here disclosed last week. The association's work has been praised by Ambassador Sadao Iguchi, Japanese emissary at Otttawa, as helpful in relieving the immigration problem in Japan and establishing goodwill between the two countries.

The employers advance transportation costs to prospective workers, who are expected to work until it is paid back.

'Operation Big Switch' gladdens hearts of three Hawaiian Japanese families

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Hawaii is sharing in the happy homecoming of GIs released from Communist prisoner of war camps in Korea.

Five of the American servicemen repatriated so far are from Hawaii; three of them are Nisei.

The trio are Pfc. Yoshio Tamaki, Pfc. Henry Koyei Higa and Cpl. Tadao Naito.

Honolulu newspapers have been banner-lining the news of the release of hometown GIs, just as the rest of the nation's press have been doing since "Operation Big Switch" started last week.

As the name of each repatriate was announced, the papers carried pictures of his family happily gathered around a memento of the soldier, usually a studio photograph of the young man in uniform.

The first Nisei to be released, Pfc. Tamaki, is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeichi Tamaki of 2111 Nene St., Honolulu. The 22-year-old soldier had been a Communist prisoner for two years, seven months and four days until his release on Aug. 5.

He was captured on New Year's Day, 1951, about four months after he was sent to Korea with the 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division.

His letters home said he was not ill. The Communists used him in a propaganda broadcast over Peiping radio in December, 1951.

Cpl Naito, 30, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Naito of 1067 Lunalilo St., Honolulu. He had not been listed previously as an official prisoner of war. He was reported as missing in action for nearly a year until his parents received a letter from their prisoner son in October, 1951.

His father, a 50-year-old stone mason, started repainting the family home two weeks ago after he learned about the expected exchange of prisoners. He wanted the house to look "extra nice."

Cpl. Naito served two years with the 442nd Combat Team during World War II. He reenlisted in 1948 and was one of the first soldiers to get into the fighting in Korea.

He was wounded shortly after he was sent to the front lines and was then flown to a hospital in Japan to recuperate. About two months after he was released from the hospital, he was capture dby the Reds on Nov. 6, 1950.

The third Nisei, Pfc. Henry Koyei Higa, 22, is the son of

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U.S.-JAPAN TRADE PACT RATIFIED BY JAPANESE

Tokyo

The House of Councillors approved the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Commerce and Navigation by a 71-31 vote Aug. 6. The treaty was signed Apr. 2.

It has alreay passed the lower house of the Japanese Diet and ratified by the United States Senate. The treaty goes into effect one month after ratification procedures by both countries are completed.

Proscribed group list used for other purposes

San Francisco

The Attorney General's list of proscribed organizations, which includes 21 now-defunct Japanese groups, is being used for purposes for which it was never intended, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, told community leaders here in a special Monday meeting at the National JACL office.

Masaoka pointed out the list of so-called subversive organizations has become a weapon for opponents in both national and state legislative employment and for certain federal jobs, federal housing, naturalization and securing re-entry permits.

The Attorney General's list is to be revised and no organization will be dropped unless definite efforts are made by interested persons to have it removed from the list or have it described as defunct.

Masaoka also discussed legislation affecting Japanese Americans, such as immigration and naturalization, yen deposits, and new developments in the evacuation claims program.

Colorado Nisei cited for bravery in Korea

Ft. Lupton, Colo.

Cpl. Charles Mitamura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miyomatsu Mitamura, Rt. 1, Ft. Lupton, Colo., was recently decorated with Bronze Star Medal for valor near Schui Ryong, Korea.

He raced across a bullet-ridden battlefield and brought back a wounded Communist who later gave U.N. forces valuable information about the enemy. Mitamura is with the 223rd Regt., 40th Division.

The 23-year-old soldier, who has been in Korea since November, was cited for his "calm demeanor and courage".

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MIKE MASAOKA

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Well, here's the answer, at least as it was spelled out by by the First Session. This is not intended as a guarantee or forecast of what the Second Session that convenes next Jan. 6 will do.

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Bills that Became Law . . .

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS totaling $8,164,462,94 to pay evacuation claims compromised and settled during fiscal years 1952 and 1953 and 12 claims adjudicated during 1953. Government checks should be in the mails by the time this is read.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROPRIATIONS for fiscal year 1954 for the Japanenese (Evacuation) Claims Section ($225,000), Immigration and Naturalization Service ($42,250,000), and Office of Alien Property ($3,500,000), all in the Department of Justice.

REFUGEE RELIEF ACT OF 1953 which includes JACL-inspired provisions under which conceivably to 3,000 Japanese "refugees" of "natural calamity" and "military operations" and up to 4,0000 Japanese orphans adopted or to be adopted by American citizens may be admitted into this country for permanent residence outside the annual quotas of 185. This is equivalent to almost 40 years of immigration within the regular quotas.

ADMISSION OF 500 ADOPTED CHILDREN or children to be adopted by United States citizens, also outside or in addition to the regular annual quotas. This could add up to another three extra quota years.

EXPEDITIOUS NATURALIZATION for aliens serving in the armed forces.

SUSPENSION OF DEPORTATION resolutions adjusting the status of more than 100 alien Japanese to that of lawfully admitted permanent residents.

PAY DIFFERENTIALS for government employees in the Territory of Hawaii. This was requested by the 442nd Veterans Club of Honolulu. Congress approved the retention of the 20 percent pay differential for all civilian civil service employees in Hawaii, regardless of their claimed legal residences in or outside of the Territory. But, Hawaii members of the Armed Services will not be entitled to the overseas pay differential authorized for mainland personnel serving in the Islands.

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Bill that Passed Only One House . . .

STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII passed the House of Representatives but was not reported out for Senate action by its Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. An abortive effort was made during the last days of the First Session to have the Interior Committee report out the bill in order that it might be on the Senate Calendar before adjournment.

EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE to permit the filing of claims for the return of vested property against the Office of Alien Property passed the Senate during the final hours of the last session. It has been referred to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

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Bills Not Receiving Action . . .

RESTORATION OF CITIZENSHIP to Nisei who voted in the post-war Japanese elections under American occupation. Reports were received by the Senate and House Judiciary Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization from the State and Justice Departments during the last month of the First Session.

REPEAL OF PROHIBITION against the use of Mongolian labor on federal reclamation projects. No action by House Judiciary Committee.

PREVENTION OF DEPORTATION of Peruvian Japanese and to exclude such adjustments of status from chargeability against Japan's future immigration quota. Introduced in the final week of the First Session and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

GENERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION remained bottled up in various House and Senate Committees.

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Bill Stopped from Passage . . .

VOIDING YEN CLAIMS from consideration and adjudication by the Office of Alien Property. Reported out by Senate Judiciary Committee and placed on Calendar. Three times, on Call of the Calendar, it was objected to at JACL's request, thereby preserving for some 20,000 Issei and Nisei their right to prosecute yen claims against the government.

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Private Bills . . .

Relatively few private bills for the relief of persons of Japanese ancestry approved by this Congress. Reason is that enactment of Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 eliminated need for most types of private relief bills previously requested. Those approved were mostly for the Japanese fiancees of American citizens and for adopted children of veterans who served in Japan. Passage of Adopted Children's Bill and orphans' provision in Refugee Act make these bills unnecessary in the next session.

This is the record of Congress on legislation in which the JACL had a special interest and concern. In some later Newsletter, we may explain these bills and how this Congress operated in greater detail. Space limitations prevent such explanations at this time.



It was "Japanese American" Night at the Sacramento City Council chambers Aug. 6 when 175 persons, most of whom were Issei naturalization applicants, witnessed a typical council session. It was part of the educational and public relations program of the Sacramento JACL chapter. On the JACL arrangement committee were Ginji Mizutani, George Tambara and Henry Taketa. —James Matsufuji Photo

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Sacramento City Council chambers filled to capacity by Nisei and Issei studying for U.S. citizenship

Sacramento

A comparatively routine meeting of the Sacramento City Council last week had two unusual twists—a full house and the first known bi-lingual session of its history.

Many of the 175 Japanese Americans present were aliens, about to be naturalized U.S. citizens, who attended the council session to see its operation as part of its citizenship program.

Each item on the agenda was interpreted for the Issei by Noboru Shirai, instructor.

The City Council had invited those present to attend, filling every seat in the chamber. George Tambara, Sacramento JACL chapter president, expressed his appreciation for the invitation.

"We are proud to live in a country where liberty and opportunity are encouraged instead of restricted," he told the chamber.

Ginji Mizutani, naturalization program chairman for the chapter, observed that the opportunity to watch the council in action was of special importance. Among other guests present was Tommy Kono, Sacramento's Olympic weightlifting champion, and his father, both of whom were introduced at the session.

Mayor Leslie E. Woods, in addressing the visitors, said:

"I think the Japanese people in this country already have demonstrated in two wars that they are as good Americans as any of us."

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Matsuichi Higa of 2810 Date St. and Mrs. Usa Tokuda of 3252-B Monsarrat Ave., Honolulu.

Mrs. Tokuda expressed a sentiment repeated by mothers of other freed POWs: "His coming back to us is good news but it's too bad that many others will not be returning. I only wish all other mothers could share our joy."

Pfc. Higa was first listed as missing in action, later as a prisoner of war. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for reroism during ground combat near Chinju, Korea.

The release of these GIs have raised hopes for more than 100 other families in Hawaii who have sons listed as prisoners or as among the missing.

In an earlier exchange of prisoners last April, called "Operation Little Switch," Pfc Susumu Shinagawa of Port Allen, Kauai, was freed and returned to Hawaii for medical treatment.

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Stockton family reunited with dad after 20 years by new M'Carren law

Stockton

George Nagata returned to Stockton and his family last week after spending 20 years in Japan. He was one of the first Japanese aliens to enter the United States under the Walter-McCarran act.

Nagata was subject of a special bill introduced by Rep. Leroy Johnson (R., Calif.) who sought to allow the former Stocktonian to "return home", but the bill was tabled with the passage of the new immigration measure.

Nagata married the former Alta Kaneda, a native of Stockton.

Nagata first came to the United States on a student's visa issued in 1928. He received a degree in music at Oberlin College in Ohio, later did graduate work in sacred music in Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Mrs. Nagata, meanwhile, was graduated as a music major from College of the Pacific. The couple was married here in 1934 and both accepted teaching positions at a girls' secondary school operated by the American Presbyterian Missionary Society in Tokyo. Mrs. Nagata taught piano, while her husband taught voice and choir.

The couple's two sons, George Jr., now 18, and Allan, 14, were both born in Japan, but qualified as U.S. citizens on the basis of the citizenship of their mother.

The boys came with Mrs. Nagata in 1948 aboard troopship Gen. Gordon, "just hoping" their father would be able to follow.

It took five years of rather-wishful hoping for the rest of the family. But the passage of the new immigration bill answered their prayers.

George Jr., 12th grade student at Stockton College and a talented violinist, was soloist recently with the Pacific Music Camp orchestra and acted as concertmaster.

Allan, an Edison High student, attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree last week. Mrs. Nagata is librarian for the Stockton schools. Her father, Frank Kaneda, came in 1898 enroute to Amherst College after being graduated from Stockton High School, when it was located at Lindsay and San Joaquin.

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Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Communist Party . . .

The Public Security Investigation Agency has revealed that the Communist Party of Japan gained tremendous memberships following a campaign among the youth. There are over 100,000 registered members. Many of the cells are organized in senior high schools; some are even in junior high schools where school teachers carefully map out cell programs.

In 1950, there were registered about 98,000. Various restrictions came along with the Korean war and top Communist leaders were purged by Occupation authorities.

But success of the party in establishing cells in every village, town and city is attributed to the school teacher who carefully maneuvers the Communist line in PTAs and other mild-sounding groups, such as the Kodomo wo Mamoru Kai (Society for the Protection of Children), teachers' clubs and Sakubun no Kai (Club for Literary Composition).

The anti-American campaign has been waged by the teachers; in fact, the Japan Teachers Union has assumed leadership in this field. In every remote corner of Japan, teachers lead farmers, workers and other innocent elements to communistic doctrines and anti-American attitudes. This following stems from the coddling the Reds administered during the Occupation days. The Reds made every effort to please the farmer, worker and other innocent elements.

It seems very strange but practically all those persons who were permitted to visit America during the Occupation days are in the forefront of anti-Americanism today.

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To appreciate the situation, look at the picture of Japan when Gen. MacArthur liberated Communist leaders and permitted organization of the Communist party several years ago. There were only 200 or 300 members.

The youth then responded heartily to Communist appeals and heroic agitation as MacArthur praised Communist courage opposing any war effort. MacArthur, during those days, was literally worshiped and commanded even greater respect than was given to the Emperor. MacArthur had abolished the family system, and terminated the traditional landlords' system with his agricultural land reforms.

Sons of the wealthy, who lost much by the war and occupation, turned to the Communists to become its leaders of their former tenant-peasants.

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Citizenship Tragedy . . .

Howard Imazeki, former San Francisco newspaperman who has served the U.S. occupation faithfully for six years, returned to Tokyo without gaining citizenship under the new McCarran-Walter Act. His application was rejected because his six-year's stay in Japan discontinued his pre-war residency in the United States. The new law requires a three-year's residency before making a petition. In other words, he must wait three years to be allowed to file.

Howard is back, however, with a visa in hand. He has resumed his work of translating for the Security Forces.

Fate played an ironic card with Howard. If he did not work for Occupation, he could have been among the first Japanese to be naturalized a U.S. citizen.

Today, no Japanese in Japan considers him a Japanese subject. His American education, training and work with the Occupation gives him a super-American background. He is as good as any Yankee in Japan.

During the war years, he served capably as language instructor in the U.S. and then came here to serve as section chief of translator. He is married to a San Francisco Nisei, Yuri Akiya, and lives in Washington Heights, Tokyo.

America's fair play is sure to help Howard, a great fellow who asks no special favors.

Three emcees ot work Nisei Week coronation rites at Palladium

Los Angeles

An array of three emcee handles Nisei Week coronation ball festivities this Sunday night at the Hollywood Palladium, it was announced by L.A. Coordinating Council, sponsors of the top Nisei social event here.

George Furuta, former propriator of Seven Seas in Denver and amiably known as the "mayor of Larimer St.", will handle the pre-intermission portion of the ball.

Paul Bannai, the Southland's best-known emcee who has been associated with previous Coronation Balls, will conduct the coronation ceremonies from the bandstand microphone. The ritual starts at 10 p.m. with the ballroom floor roped off 15 minutes prior to the entrance of the Nisei Week queen and her court.

Lane Nakano, popular Nisei vocalist who starred in MGM's "Go For Broke!", takes over final chores after the coronation, introducing Kinuko Ito, Miss Japan of 1953, and other guests.

"This will be the best Coronation of any Nisei Week Festival," the committeemen predicted in expressing gratification at the coronation being extended by the Palladium management.

An Illinois tinsmith was uninjured when he fell three stories while fixing a roof gutter. Lucky eavesdropper!

Clarifying amendments to original evacuation claims law being studied; compromise for claims over $2,500 proposed

Washington

Following adjournment of Congress and prior to departing for a series of conferences on the west coast, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League conferred with Dept. of Justice officials regarding the evacuation claims program.

He discussed the various problems relating to the larger claims still awaiting adjudication by the government. He revealed that there were approximately 4,000 claims remaining to be processed. Practically all of these were for $2,500 or more, since the so-called smaller claims have been compromised and settled during the past two years.

In this connection, Masaoka declared that the more than $8,000,000 appropriated by the last Congress was the last such sum to be approved by the government. Hereafter, he said the awards would have to be considered as are judgments of the Court of Claims as provided in the basic 1948 law for awards of over $2,500.

Whether the officials charged with the responsibility for this remedial program would be receptive to the idea of extending the compromise settlement procedure that was so successful with the smaller claims to all of the remaining larger claims was canvassed by the Nisei lobbyist.

The question of seeking the inclusion of corporations and non-profit organizations within the meaning of the statute through a clarifying amendment was also discussed. Business corporations were considered separately from such eleemosynary associations as churches and language schools.

Special attention was paid to the problem of internees who suffered losses as a consequence of evacuation but are not eligible under the present law.

The matter of the timely filing of claims postmarked prior to the deadline but not received by the Attorney General before the bar date was also discussed. Masaoka revealed that the Justice Department is presently studying this subject.

He added that the JACL urged a liberal interpretation of the law in spite of contrary decisions of the Department of claims against the Office of Alien Property because of the different nature of the programs involved.

The Washington JACL representative reported that he would report on his conversations to his superiors on the west coast and that perhaps the National Board might develop a legislative program for the next Congress based upon needed clarifying amendments to the 1948 law.

GI paying way for Tokyo scholar

Greenville, S.C.

Toshio Suda, who finished his freshman year with high marks at Bob Jones University here, is a Japanese foreign student who was befriended by a American soldier six years ago.

At present, Suda is working during the summer to relieve Sgt. Bill McCourt, who is financing the youth through college. McCourt is attached to the Tokyo Hospital mesage center.

Six years ago, Suda was forced to quit school to support his family. He got a job as driver for the message center and there befriended McCourt, who found out Suda's zeal for an education.

The sergeant taught Suda the essentials of English and kept building up his kitty to finance the pupil's study abroad. Last year, his goal was attained.

New Jersey congressmen seeks ban of Peru-Japanese deportation to Japan

Washington

Rep. T. Millet Hand (R., N.J.) introduced a House Joint Resolution prior to adjournment to prevent the deportation of all Peruvian Japanese stranded in the United States.

He introduced this legislation at the request of Mike Masaoka and the Seabrook Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Various Peruvian Japanese in Los Angeles, Chicago, and Seabrook had approached the Nisei lobbyist to seek his aid in preventing their deportation. Some who had been recommended for suspension of deportation by the Attorney General were rejected by Congress because no one had made representations in their respective cases. Others had never been given hearings and were fearful that they might be deported at any time.

The Joint Resolution drafted by Masaoka authorizes the Attorney General to suspend the deportation proceedings against all Peruvian Japanese stranded in the United States and to adjust their status to that of lawfully admitted permanent residents without charging them to Japan's future immigration quotas.

Because of this Resolution, no Peruvian Japanese will be deported at this time, Masaoka said.

During the war, almost 2,000 Peruvian Japanese were shipped to the United States and interned in Dept. of Justice camps as dangerous alien enemies. During the war, too, alien enemy hearing boards, after individual hearings, paroled most of them to work at Seabrook Farms, New Jersey. After the war, these Peruvian Japanese scattered to all parts of the country.

Some of these Peruvian Japanese were allowed to return to Peru. Others were deported to Japan, a country which many of them had not seen for 30 or 40 years. Still others have gained sanctuary in this nation. The remaining 250 to 300 are subject to deportation to Japan because Peru will not accept them.

"These Peruvian Japanese are probably the most unfortunate victims of war's tragedy in the Western Hemisphere. Not only were they uprooted from their homes without reason or explanation but they were shipped to a strange land to be imprisoned. Then, after the war, no uniform remedial procedure has been worked out for them. Certainly they are refugees in every sense of the word and are entitled to sanctuary in this country," Masaoka said.

He explained that the Hand Resolution specifically excluded Peruvian Japanese whose status would be adjusted to that of permanent residents under the proposed legislation from being charged to Japan's future immigration quota as provided in general law.

"These Peruvian Japanese did not come to this country willingly; they were brought against their will. To charge them to Japan's future quota of 185 per year would be not only unfair to Japan and her annual quota but would deprive many deserving Japanese from immigrating to this country for many years.

"Such a procedure would also place these unfortunate people in the same category as those who entered this country illegally when such is not the case," Masaoka declared.

Masaoka said that he hoped that Congress would approve this Resolution next year because these Peruvian Japanese need to know their permanent status after living in fear for the past 11 years.

He added that he would ask the National JACL to endorse this legislation as "worthy and meritorious".

IN HONOR OF

Richard Ito, Los Angeles photographer, submitted a portrait to win the grand prize at the Western Professional Photographer's convention at Long Beach. A character study of aged Issei, it was titled "Wise Are the Aged". He was judged winner from among 1,000 entries from 11 Western states. Ito has had five portraits exhibited at national conventions in the past three years.



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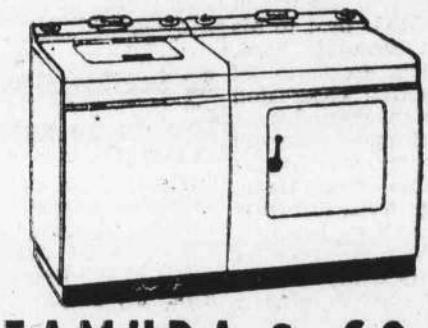
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Potawatomi Indians . . .

In case some quiz-showmaster asks, the Potawatomi Indians were the most powerful tribe around the head of Lake Michigan during the 1700s. The Illinois tribe were the first Indians to occupy the Chicago region, but were driven out by the Iroquis, who in turn were crowded out by the Miami. The Potawatomis moved southward from Green Bay in 1680 and then crossed the Mississippi in 1835, never to return in numbers. With the coming of White Men, they retreated westward to Kansas and Iowa.

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Around Chicago . . .

The Post Office Dept. is being urged to consider extension of the Chicago tunnel system for underground handling of mail to and from railroad stations and the main Post Office . . . Chicago has been enjoying cooler weather since the middle of last week . . . The transit board adopted straight dime carfare for school kids commencing Labor Day . . . The City Council vote da penny-a-pack cigarette tax effective Oct. 1 . . . The Illinois State Fair opens Aug. 14 and closes Aug. 23 at the State fairgrounds north of Springfield . . . Various types of grasses and weeds producing irritating pollen to which 1 out of 20 persons is allergic are now on exhibit at the Jackson Park Science and Industry Museum.

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Personals . . .

Cosmos had to treat to watermelons for losing a 14-5 softball game to the **Co-operative Investors**. It was played at Wicker Park in Highland, Ind., Aug. 2 . . . **Mrs. Bob Mizumoto** of Los Angeles is visiting her uncle, Mr. Uyehara, 2306 N. Seminary . . . **Clinton Shiraishi**, 4349 S. Lake Park, returned to Honolulu after studying here seven years and graduating from John Marshall Law School . . . **Frank Takahashi**, 5627 S. Drexel Blvd., formerly of West Los Angeles, a certified public accountant, married **Hannah Okamoto**, formerly of Los Angeles, and for many years an auditor for the First Baptist Church. Both honeymooned in Miami, Fla., recently. The groom is also a member of the Cosmos, and an ardent golf and fishing fan . . . **Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon**, 5550 S. Dorchester, lawyer, National chairman of the 1000 Club, deserves compliments galore from all of us for his services. He is one of the staunchest non-Nisei JACLers, and served as Chicago JACL legislative chairman for many years. Our best to his wife Feej . . . **Hannah Tani**, 6224 S. Kimbark, formerly of Los Angeles, active CLer and City-Wider, is a teacher of cerebral palsy children at Michael Reese Hospital on the Southside . . . **Priscilla Taka Haga**, 4220 S. Berkeley Ave., formerly of Seattle, active CLer, is secretary for the ass't manager of materials and equipment of Bakery Management Service, a research and promotional agency for bakeries . . . **Paula Haga**, secretary for the Southside Nisei Bowling League, a golf fan, is regular secretary for La Salle University Extension School. **Aiko Haga**, adviser to Collettes, girl's group, golfer, and beautician at Kay-Sada Beauty Shop in the Near-Northside, recently vacationed at Nippersink Manor, Genoa City, Wis. . . . On receipt is a cleverly-written notice from the former National JACL queen of 1950, **Mrs. Fuku Yokoyama Tsukiyama**, now in Honolulu.

NOTICE

CHANGE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the heretofore existing family co-partnership known under the name and style of TED T. and FUKU TSUKIYAMA of 2452-A Tusitala St., Honolulu, T.H., was changed to include and admit a new partner named SANDRA ANN TSUKIYAMA, weight 6 pounds 5 ounces, at the Kapiolani Hospital, on the 15th day of June, 1953, at 3:21 o'clock a.m.

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Discussing plans for the Midwest District Council convention plans are members of the Twin Cities chapter convention board. Seated (left to right) are Harry Takagi, pub.; Jake Takato, transp., golf; Kay Kushino, reg.; Alice Nishida, dance; Dr. Sumao T. Nakano, convention chmn.; Dr. Isaac Iijima, chapter pres.; Becky Hasegawa, souvenir program. Standing (left to right) are Hank Makino, theme; Mas Teramoto, reservations; Sam Shijo, spec. events; Fred Ohno, outing; George Yoshino, conv. treas.; Min Yoshida, art, and Charles Tatsuda, invitations. Unable to attend for the photograph were Hiroko Ogata, sec.; Frank Yanari, banq. and Paul Iida, conv. photographer. The convention is to be held in Minneapolis, Sept. 4-6. —James Sugimura Photo

CHAPTER MEMO

Detroit JACL: Feted at a farewell dinner July 29 at the Golden Pheasant was Alice Satow, chapter delegate, and her family who are leaving to make Los Angeles their home. Jane Togasaki was in charge. Going-away present was an electric alarm clock.

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Sequoia JACL: It was "Card and Game" night last Tuesday for the chapter. And plans for the Aug. 23 outing were also discussed. Reports of the NCWN quarterly session at San Francisco were presented by Shozo Mayeda, chapter president.

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Mt. Olympus JACL: The chapter summer evening outing at Saratoga was held last Saturday.

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Chicago JACL: "Operation X" has started and will wind up Oct. 25, when a '53 Ford sedan and other valuable awards will be made. Harry Mizuno and Tom Kanno are co-chairman.

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Eden Township JACL: A perch derby for children, as well as adults, is a big attraction for the chapter beach party Aug. 22 at Montara Beach in San Mateo county. Miss Kimi Fujii is chairman. The party gets underway at 4 p.m. with a weiner roast at 6:30. A slight fee will be assessed.

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East Los Angeles JACL: Kay Kazuo Endow, chapter vice-president, was honored at a farewell dinner last night at the home of Lucille Okada. Endow is departing for Hawaii Monday on missionary work for the Mormon church.

Berkeley CL prepares for 'Talent Vision'

Berkeley

The up and coming Berkeley JACL will present "Talent-Vision," a benefit entertainment program on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Berkeley High School Little Theater.

A galaxy of topnotch Nisei artists are being signed up for the gayest entertainment festivity of the Bay Area.

30 Southwestern Idaho Issei to be naturalized

Boise, Idaho

Thirty Issei of Southwestern Idaho are expected to be granted their citizenship papers by U.S. District Judge Chase A. Clark at the Boise district court Aug. 25, it was learned this week.

It will be the largest Issei group to be processed by the local Naturalization Service office.

PORTLAND NISEI HONORED ON NEW RED CROSS ASSIGNMENT IN TOKYO

Portland

An otherwise surprise farewell dinner nearly fell through July 31 when the honored guest of the Portland JACL chapter, Mary Minamoto, suffered from her first immunization shot taken an hour earlier. John Hada, chapter president, resorted to some fast talking to have her present.

Miss Minamoto recently resigned as second vice-president of the Portland chapter upon her forthcoming two-year assignment to the Far East Red Cross headquarters in Tokyo. She has been employed by the local Red Cross since her return here from Salt Lake City eight years ago.

During the war years, she was active in the Nisei Victory Committee in Salt Lake City, serving as corresponding secretary and publicity director. Her interests and activities helped recruits at Fort Douglas Induction Center, G-2 replacements stationed at Camp Kearns and particularly the disabled combat veterans at Bushnell General Hospital where she was "discovered" by a Red Cross field director.

She is scheduled to report for a week's orientation at the Pacific Area Red Cross headquarters, San Francisco, on Sept. 14, after which she will fly to Tokyo for assignment in military installations. She is the first Nisei Red Cross employee to be sent overseas.

Her interest in the JACL was aroused in Salt Lake City. She served on committees for the 1944 Emergency JACL National Board meeting and became acquainted with its national officers and organization objectives. She was among those who reactivated the Portland chapter in 1946 and was affectionately called Miss Portland JACL. She has held every chapter post with the exception of treasurer. She also served as secretary and publicity director for the Pacific Northwest JACL District Council from 1946 to 1949 under Chairman George Minamoto and Charles Shiomura, both of Portland.

Speechless John Hada presented Miss Minamoto with a Travalarm clock briefly stating, "You know how we all feel." Mrs. Mae Hada concluded with "we have lost our left arm, haven't we daddy?"

Miss Minamoto was also showered with other individual gifts. Those present were:

Dr. Matthew Masuoka, Dr. Mitsuo Nakata, Arthur Iwasaki, Frank Hirahara, Hanji Akiyama, George Azumano, John Hada, Albert Naito, Agnes Inouye, Mieko Fujita, Kimie Tambara, Ise Azumano, Martha Osaki, Mae Hada, Hana Yamada, Amy Naito.

The chapter also extended thanks to Walter E. Holman, Jr., manager of the Broiler and Jake's Crawfish for his generous donation he made to Japanese victims of the May 30, 1948, Vanport flood through the then-joint JACL Disaster-Red Cross office located in the J. K. Kida annex and manned by George Azumano and Bill Oda.

CENTRAL CAL DISTRICT COUNCIL PARLEY NOV. 15

Fresno

Jin Ishikawa, Fresno attorney, is general chairman of the Nov. 15 Central California District Council convention to be held at the Hotel Californian.

Chapters responsible for convention arrangements were announced as follows:

Delano, reg.; Parlier banquet; Fowler, pub., entertainment; Reedley, dance; Fresno, gen. arr.; Kingsburg, reception; Tulare County, inv.; Sanger, prog.; and Selma, bowling.

• Dr. Kenji Kushino, pediatrician, announced the opening of his office at 3810 Broadway, Chicago. Formerly of San Diego, he finished his tarining at the Univ. of Illinois Medical School in 1950, and spent the past two years at the Children's Memorial Hospital where he received his specialty training in pediatrics. He is now affiliated with the Children's Memorial hospital staff.

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HARUO ISHIMARU

Among the things that we'll remember for some time will be the National JACL Homecoming Banquet held last weekend. Orchids to the San Francisco Chapter which carried the load, supported by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California and the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council of the JACL.

Our special thanks to chapter officers who headed the working committees: Kei Hori, Jack Hirose, Tom Hoshiyama, Fred Hoshiyama, Art Shiono, Kaye Uyeda, Jerry Enomoto, Victor Abe, Taxy Hironaka, Hatsuro Aizawa and Hisashi Tani.

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Confab . . .

The Banquet was held in conjunction with the third quarterly meeting of the District Council which convened at 1 p.m. We wish we had space to list the loyal JACLers who come to participate in these deliberations of the District Council. One hundred and nine were registered as delegates who shared in the programming of not only our area but of the program nationally.

We were honored by the presence of a number of VIPs: George "Callahan" Inagaki, National President; Masao Satow, National Director; Mike Masaoka, our Washington brain, Pat Okura and Bob Takahashi, National veeps; Ken Dyo and Ken Tashiro, chairmen from the Pacific Southwest and Central California District Councils, respectively; Dr. Kelly Yamada and Tom Nagamatsu, prexies from the Seattle and Sanger chapters; Harry Honda, PC editor; and Tats Kushida, regional director of the Southern California JACL office.

Highlights of the business session were the national reports from George, Mas and Mike. The District Council heard the "inside dope" on national legislation, programs, and problems.

A new District Council Constitution was adopted. The main feature is the new ten-man Executive Board, five being elected annually to serve two years. The purpose of this is to continually have a carryover of experienced Board members.

The District Council finally went on record to continue the regional office. According to last year's National Convention, the regional offices become the responsibility of their district councils as of Sept. 30, 1953. Our District Council voted to continue the office until October, 1954.

We were glad to see a number of Issei sitting in on the Council session. Now that the Issei are receiving their citizenship we are happy to see some of them becoming active members of our chapters and we hope they will become integral factors in our meetings.

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Banquet . . .

Two hundred fifty JACLers and friends gathered to welcome JACL National Headquarters back to San Francisco. Guest-of-honor Masao Satow, National Director, symbolized our National JACL. Genial Sim Togasaki was toastmaster.

Giving speeches of welcome were Kei Hori, S.F. Chapter president; Keisaburo Koda, KKD chairman;; Giichi Yoshioka, chairman of the host District Council; Masakazu Nonaka, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California. Consul General Y. Katsuno also extended greetings.

Responding in behalf of the National JACL were Mas Satow and George Inagaki, "Callahan" surprised everyone by making a speech in fluent Japanese. Mike, our legislative sparkplug, gave the main address of the evening.

Special recognition was given the approximately 40 Issei present who had recently become American citizens through the help of the JACL naturalization program.

Other guests were Frank Dobashi and George Suzuki, commanders of the Golden Gate Post of the VFW and the Townsend Harris Post of the American Legion respectively; Kenji Kasai, vice president of the California Japanese Benevolent Society; Sasato Yamate, president of the Nichi Bei Kai; S. Asano and Yasuo Abiko, president and English editor respectively of the Nichi Bei Times, and Iwao Shimizu and Michi Onuma, Japanese and English editors respectively of the Hokubei Mainichi, San Francisco's two vernacular papers.

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Light Fantastic . . .

Following the banquet, delegates completed the day by attending a dance. It was interesting to see some of the Issei on the floor. We wouldn't be surprised if some of them, rejuvenated by American citizenship, took to jitterbugging. The special prize for the "Vacation in Japan and Hawaii" was awarded to Kay Miyasako of Homedale, Idaho.

P.S.—All Northern California-Western Nevada chapters: Keep Nov. 7 and 8 open for the District Council convention in Stockton to be hosted by the Stockton and French Camp chapters.

Warbride inadaptability: Nonsense

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Vancouver, B.C.

The first Canadian soldier to bring home a Japanese warbride and baby, in commenting on the talk of Japanese brides being unable to adapt themselves to life in Canada, brushed it off as "nonsense."

Pvt. Allan D. Brooks of West St. Johns, N.B., regards his petite and pretty wife, Yaeko, 26, as thoroughly westernized. The couple were first married in a Buddhist ceremony in May, 1951, but were married again at a Baptist church in Kure a few months later because the army wasn't sure it would recognize the first ceremony, Brooks said.

"Ever since, we have spoken English at home. I would not allow anyone to speak Japanese unless they could not speak English at all. It worked fine because Yaeko can speak good English now," the soldier explained.

Mrs. Brooks will not likely have much chance to use Japanese when she gets to her new home in New Brunswick as the 1951 census shows only seven persons of Japanese ancestry living in that province. Some of them were probably stationed with the naval forces at that time.

Pvt. Brooks claims he served in Japan longer than any other Canadian, having been stationed since early 1951.

He hopes to get a homestead upon his return home for his wife and 16-month-old Susan. Mrs. Brooks is the seventh Japanese war bride coming to Canada.

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CAPSULES

The **Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa,** pastor of Chicago's First Baptist Church, leaves Chicago for a tour of Japan on Aug. 27.

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The **Fujiwara Opera Co.,** which is presenting Madame Butterfly at the Los Angeles Greek Theater, is tentatively scheduled to present the beautiful Puccini opera at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium on Sept. 3.

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A pickup truck driven by a 64-year-old gardener **Paul Suzuki,** 1160 Glenn, collided with a coupe driven by another Pasadena woman who suffered a possible fractured leg. A 2½-year-old baby in the same car also suffered bruises and was in hospital for treatment last week.

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Producer Maurice Evans is facing casting problems in staging **"The House of the August Moon,"** scheduled to open in New York in October. Script calls for walk-on parts for three children under 7. The story concerns occupation in Okinawa.

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The entire building housing Eagle Laundry boiler room at 222 W. 1st South in Salt Lake City is to be reconstructed following a recent blast which shattered a large section of one wall. The firebox exploded. No one was injured. **Henry S. Masuda** is manager.

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Dr. Milton H. Hayano, Denver dentist now serving in the Navy at San Diego NTS, passed the California state board examinations.

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The first Bay area Nisei physician to be called into service this year, **Dr. John Teshima** of Oakland, is now stationed at an air force base near Las Vegas, Nev. He was called early this spring.

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Home from Osaka was **Kenny Murase,** who has completed his Fulbright scholarship to study juvenile delinquency problems. He is reported considering a position with a San Francisco child welfare agency. Of his trip, Murase says the Elizabeth Sanders Home is the best equipped.

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New York Japanese American Committee sent the second $1,000 check to the Japan Red Cross on July 28 for flood disaster relief. The drive which ended last week had gone over the $3,200 mark with contributions coming from cities along the Atlantic seaboard—from Massachusetts to Florida.

46 Issei honored by Berkeley principal at graduation exercises

Berkeley

Diplomas to 46 Issei graduates of citizenship classes last week was highlighted by 40 having filed for naturalization, it was reported by the Berkeley JACL chapter. C. E. Pedersen, principal of Berkeley Evening School, presented the certificates.

An audience of 150 heard A. K. Sackett, president of the Board of Education, compare the Issei spirit to that of the Founding Fathers. He pointed out the chief provisions and underlying concepts of the McCarran-Walter Act, and recalled how 30 years earlier a Japanese ship captain with whom he had been closely associated, had spoken of the desires of many Japanese to become American citizens.

Graduates were also asked to recognize that each right entailed a corresponding responsibility.

Pederson praised the faithful attendance of the Issei in face of the current local transit strike and tie-up. Shotaro Nakamura responded for the class. George Yasukochi, chapter president, welcomed the audience.

Ruth Kosakura rendered a musical selection. June Ikeda was pianist. Bilingual chairman was Albert S. Kosakura. Instructors Tsukasa Matsueda, Murayo Ishikawa and Yukio Kawamoto assisted in presenting the diplomas.

EAST LOS ANGELES COUPLE FIGHT ANTI-JAPANESE HOUSING SENTIMENTS

Los Angeles

Two East Los Angeles JACL chapter members are now "at home" in their new home in Cypress Plaza, Covina—an all-veteran housing development 20 miles east of Los Angeles—after battling for months with anti-Japanese sentiment.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miyata (nee Marvel Maeda) were bluntly told earlier by the Southern Federal Savings and Loan Association of Los Angeles they were not desirable as tenants because of their ancestry and that their credit statement was insufficient.

The Miyatas informed Tats Kushida, local regional office director, who referred the matter to Frank F. Chuman, JACL legal counsel.

Chuman lodged strong protests with Sens. William Knowland and Thomas Kuchel, the California Real Estate Commission, the Veterans Administration, the California Veteran Affairs Department, and the County Committee on Human Relations, which all carried on intensive investigations of the matter.

The Nisei couple also learned that the house of their choice had been sold soon after they made their protest. Attorney Chuman immediately advised them to purchase another home in the same tract and refile a a new application complete in all details to satisfy the loan association. This was done and after a series of conferences between Southern Federal Savings and Loan and Chuman, the Miyatas were informed their second application was "satisfactory" and they were permitted to move in.

Henry Miyata is a World War II veteran, local businessman operating M & Y Service and Henry's Radiator Service in East Los Angeles. He lived in El Centro before the war. Mrs. Miyata was employed in the U.S. Employment Service and the War Manpower Commission in Chicago during the war.

In expressing his happiness of the outcome, Attorney Chuman said:

"Whenever any person feels that he has been discriminated against as a Japanese American in the purchase of a home in a private-housing development, whether for veterans, or non-veterans, he should immediately inform the JACL of the circumstances.

"So far as the legal aspects are concerned, if a person has a written sales contract with the housing development, a lawsuit for specific performance under the contract is possible.

"In cases where there are no written contracts, concerted public support of responsible civic and service organizations and government agencies may result in the housing development company changing its attitude of race discrimination," Chuman concluded.

7,500 Issei in Hawaii applying for citizenship

Honolulu

To further facilitate the greater number being processed, hearings before the Federal judge will be increased to two a month beginning in September.

This was announced last week by Elmer E. Poston, district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service here.

Applications for naturalization are being processed at the rate of 100 per week, but it will soon be hastened for many hundreds more now applying under the Walter-McCarran act of 1952.

Poston said he estimated at the beginning of the year there would be 9,000 applications this year but at the present rate, the number will not be more than 7,500.

He believes the accelerated rate will continue for three years. At best, an application takes three months here to process before the applicant appears before the judge, but on the average it takes from four to six months.

There were scheduled 75 applicants at the July 30 hearing. More were ready but the court room cannot hold more than that number comfortably.

Of the approximately 5,000 applications received so far, about 2,800 remain to be processed.

● Kankuro Matsumoto, 65, pioneer Issei resident of Chicago since 1920 and a well-known repairman, died of cancer July 29.

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FIVE TEAMS SIGN FOR CALIFORNIA DIAMOND HONORS

Lodi

Five teams are competing for the first championship of the California Nisei baseball tournament, Sept. 5-7, at Lawrence Park here, it was announced by Mas Okuhara, sponsoring Lodi A.C. manager.

The winner will be considered state Nisei champions for 1953.

Teams entered are Los Angeles Nisei Trading, Long Beach Harbor Skippers, San Jose Zebras, Sacramento Valley Nisei All-Stars and Lodi A.C.

Two top-class Nisei teams declined the invitation to compete, Okubara revealed.

Ken Zenimura of the Fresno All-Stars informed him that his team disbanded after the club's top players had left to play professional ball in Japan.

The Placer JACL team of the semi-pro Placer-Nevada league, has also disbanded.

The sponsors hope this Labor Day tournament can be held annually to sustain and develop interest in Nisei baseball throughout the state. While many communities were unable to field baseball teams. But in the past few years many of them are being returned to civilian status and signs of more clubs in operation next season have appeared.

The Nisei Trading club of Los Angeles is foregoing its Labor Day series with the visiting San Jose Zebras, also invited to the same tournament.

Toronto netters in 13-6 win over host New Yorkers

New York

Toronto netters went home with a 13-6 victory over host New York Nisei Tennis Club on Monday, Aug. 3, at the Fleet Tennis and Swim Club in the Bronx. The matches were postponed from Sunday because of rain.

The feature duel pitted the second-seeded players, John Tanaka of Toronto and Ken Shimizu, Springfield College star. The Canadian won 4-6, 10-8, 8-6. Wally Kau defeated the visitor's top ace, Tom Nobuoka, 6-3, 6-1, and teamed up with Shimizu to take the doubles from Nobuoka-Tanaka, 6-3, 6-4.

The Toronto girls took five of the six matches. Kuni Sumi and Chizu Ikeda saved the day in their doubles victory, 6-4, over T. Fujioka-K. Horiuchi. Other results:

Men's Singles: Tom Iwasaki (T) d. Dave Hirano, 6-4, 7-5 Yukio Yoshida (NY) d. Roy Shin, 6-2, 6-3; Hideo Nakano (NY) d. Frank Matsui, 6-2, 3-6, 6-0; Ernie Arikado (T) d. Floyd Nakamura, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Fuzzy Fujiwara (T) d. George Tamaki, 6-1, 6-1; Oscar Hatashita (T) d. Jack Morita, 6-3, 6-2; Oscar Hatashita (T) d. Toshi Ikeda, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's Singles: Mary Ebata (T) d. Betty Morita, 6-2; Chick Yanagisawa (T) d. Mary Morita, 6-0; Sue Iwasaki (T) d. Kuni Sumi, 6-4; Kay Okazaki (T) d. Chizu Ikeda, 6-1.

Men's Doubles: Hirano-Yoshida (NY) d. Iwasaki-Shin, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Matsui-Shin (T) d. Tamaki-Nakano, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Hatashita-Fujiwara (T) d. Morita-Tick Matsusaki, 6-1, 6-1.

Women's Doubles: E. Fujiwara-Amy Iwasaki (T) d. B. & M. Morita, 6-3; Sumi-Ikeda (NY) d. Fujioka-Horiuchi, 6-4.

Two Midwest golfers survive second round of Chicago city tourney

Chicago

Harry Sakamoto and John Doi, both of Midwest Golf Club, survived the second round of play in the 49th annual City Amateur Golf tournament at Jackson Park Tuesday afternoon. Sakamoto is in the upper bracket and Doi in the lower bracket.

Sakamoto had to beat veteran campaigner Eddie Kletcke 4 and 3 in the first round Monday in the top upset of the day.

Roy Morimoto, unattached, was beaten in the second round 3 and 1 after winning 1 up in the opener. George Koyama of Midwest also won in the first round.

SPORTSCOPE

Harvey Zenimura of Fresno scored the lone Hiroshima Carps tally in a 11-1 game with the league-leading Tokyo Giants in the Aug. 6 game at Hokodate. **Howard Zenimura** and **Ben Mitsuyoshi**, two other Nisei baseball players with the Carps, were hitless in pinch-hitting roles. **Dick Kashiwaeda**, Giant third-sacker from Honolulu, starred with three hits and **Jyun Hirota**, Giant catcher from Hawaii, chalked two safeties and scored both times.

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Wat Misaka, president of the Salt Lake City JACL Bowling League, called the first winter season meeting of team representatives last Tuesday at Pal-D-Mar. The league is expected to begin the first week in September.

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Nancy Ito, shortstop for the Bloomer Girls and only Nisei in the National Girls' Baseball League of Chicago, was batting a .233 as of Aug. 8. It includes eight homeruns, 31 RBIs and 27 runs. She ranks second in the homerun department, 26th in league batting.

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Denver Nisei Bowling Association is accepting team entries in both the men's and women's winter leagues, starting the first week of September at Bowl-Mor Lanes. The women will bowl from 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, the men following from 9. Entries are being accepted by Iwao Nishikawa, Jim Hanamura, for the men, Mary Urano, Kinp Hiraoka and Sally Furushiro for the women.

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Winifred Numazu of Nuuanu Y (Honolulu) finished sixth in the women's National AAU outdoor mile swim last week with a time of 24m. 14.6s. The winner, Carolyn Green of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., set a new world's record at 23m. 3.4s.

New York Giants goodwill tour to Japan praised

Chicago

The Chicago American took occasion editorially to laud the goodwill trip of the New York Giants to Japan in October.

"More goodwill can be generated between two nations through an interest shared by the peoples of those nations than by frock-coated characters sounding off at cocktail parties.

"A common interest of America and Japan is baseball. And what better way of selling American democracy and puncturing Communist calumnies than by sending over a big league team that will have three Negro stars —Ray Noble, Henry Thompson and Monte Irvin?"

Both young and old win in Detroit fish derby

Detroit

Both young and old fishermen enthusiastically participated in the second annual Detroit chapter fishing derby July 26 at the Walt's Livery on Pontiac Lake. Many of the children proved better fishermen than their daddies.

Trout contest leader

Denver

Leading last week in Denver Post's Dave Cook trout contest was a 10 lb. 14 oz. German Brown caught near Walden in the North Platte river by Henry Hara, 5675 Pecos St. He used a night crawler and a spinning outfit. Hara said the trout gave him a 45 minute battle.

WEIGHTLIFTER KONO HEADS FOR STOCKHOLM MEET

Sacramento

Tommy Kono of Olympic weightlifting fame is leaving from New York Aug. 19 to compete in the 1953 world's weightlifting championships in Stockholm, Aug. 26-30.

The trip is being financed by Bob Hoffman York (Pa.) manufacturer of surgical instruments, and weight-lifting enthusiast.

Kono, who won his Olympic gold-medal as a lightweight in Helsinki last year, is entered as a light-heavyweight. He has been competing in recent tournaments as a middleweight.

The Nisei, who weighed 148 lbs. during the Helsinki Games, gained 15 pounds to compete as a middleweight after his return from Finland. He has of late passed the 165-lb. middleweight limit, tipping the scales at 170, which is considerably less than the 181-lb. limit for light-heavyweights.

On the basis of his 915-lb. lift made in the Olympics, Kono was regarded a cinch to win the title in the middleweights. But he agreed to compete in the light-heavy class since the U.S. team lacks strength in that division.

The world's record is the light-heavy division is 936 lbs., held by Novak of Russia.

L.A. SOFTBALL TEAMS OUSTED IN 1ST ROUND

Los Angeles

Two Nisei softball teams saw action in the first round of play in the Minor Division City softball championships to be eliminated last Monday night. The LABCC and La Glen Nursery squads were beaten in a round of 32 teams.

Tosh Okamura chucked steadily for the Buddhists against Peerless Pumps until a disastrous sixth inning at Griffith Park. The final score was 4-3.

Costly errors in the last two frames knocked La Glen Nursery from contention. They lost 12-9 to Dr. Ross Mongrels. Tok Chida was wild in the first two innings, issuing five walks and giving the Mongrels a 3-1 lead, but settled down after that.

Record turnout of 160 in Nisei Week golf

Los Angeles

A record number of Nisei golfers—160 of them, including some out-of-towners—are vying for honors in the Nisei Week golf tournament Aug. 23 at the Baldwin-Fox Hills courses.

The registratjon was closed several days ahead of the Aug. 15 deadlines because of a full-house line-up. The committee is tentatively lining up a third course to handle the added flight of competitors.

Out-of-towners signed up include:

George Seki, Art Takeshita, B. Fukushima, Eddie Urata, San Diego; Tom and George Hiura, Chicago; N. Furumoto, Tacoma; H. Sasaki, Fresno; James Kobayashi, Orange County; J. Nagatani, Jim Monji, J. Ono, M. Torii and J. Nagatani, Bakersfield.

Baseball

At Los Angeles, Aug. 9: L.A. Coasters 9-7, **Nisei Trading, 4-5** (double header).

At Long Beach, Aug. 9: Peterson Scoremasters, 8, **Harbor Skippers** 1.

At Denver, Aug. 4: **Denver Nisei** 6, Wheatridge 6 (tie, called at 11th inning).

'Picture bride' marriages in Hawaii stir remarrage problem due to U.S. statutes

Honolulu

Two federal laws—the Social Security Act and the McCarran-Walter Act—are joining forces to play the role of cupid.

Reports from Kauai reveal that a number of Issei couples have "remarried" and others have applied for marriage licenses. They explain that some Issei have "found out" the old country custom weddings are not legal here and in order to be eligible for benefits under the two federal laws, their marriage must be legal.

Authorities, however, say that is not altogether so. Many need not remarry because their first marriages are legal.

A circuit judge on Sept. 26, 1940, had ruled that "picture bride" marriages are valid in Hawaii if performed in Japan according to Japanese laws, even though the bridegroom was in Hawaii and represented by proxy.

Another opinion was handed down in 1944 by the then Attorney General C. Nils Tavares, who held that "picture bride" marriages are legal if they were consumated in Japan and held legal there.

H. S. Kawakami, Kauai business and community leader, said the question was raised when discussing moral background as one requirement for naturalization under the McCarran-Walter Act.

Some citizenship class instructors had informed Issei they were not married if their marriage were performed here in the Japanese custom without a territorial marriage license.

Some must have interpreted it to mean that all marriages performed in the Japanese custom were invalid and the word must have spread, Kawakami added.

An Immigration and Naturalization Service official here said most of the older Japanese entered into marriage with good faith and even if not valid, there would be no reflection on their moral background. Each case will be heard on its own merits, he said. Marriage now will be of no help if their moral background has been poor.

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Other couples contemplating remarriage say they heard of a widow who was not receiving social security benefits because it was found she and her "husband" were never married legally.

The Social Security office here said some of the contemplated remarriages are not necessary. If marriages performed in another country are legal in that country, it would be considered legal in Hawaii, the office said. And marriages performed in Hawaii must conform to territorial laws.

Another thing to watch are divorces. If a divorce is not legal, the subsequent marriage would be invalid.



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Los Angeles Newsletter

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HENRY MORI

★ Ten years have gone by since Kimigayo, the Japanese national anthem, has been heard here publicly. The Hollywood Bowl orchestra is planning on playing this number when a party of 41 Nipponese mayors and civic dignitaries make a tour of Los Angeles after attending the Aug. 19-21 mayor's conference in Seattle.

Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles is planning a welcome reception Sept. 1 for the Japanese visitors at the Hollywood Bowl—the night Otto Klemperer, former L.A. conductor, wields the baton for the final week of "Symphonies Under the Stars".

★ Still in the cultural vein, the Los Angeles City Council lauded the performances of "Madame Butterfly" at the Greek Theater last week as a "notable gesture in helping promote international goodwill between our respective governments."

In a resolution read before a capacity crowd at the Greek Theater, the council praised the two theatrical directors, Yoshie Fujiwara, Scotch-Japanese director of the Fujiwara Opera Co. of Tokyo, and James A. Doolittle of Greek Theater Association for their commendable exchange of cultural activities.

Parchment scrolls were presented to the two men by Robert M. Wilkinson, city councilman, after the text was read by Councilwoman Rosalind Wiener.

★ Impact here of the first Nisei PW to be released by the North Korean Communists in the current exchange of prisoners, "Operations Big Switch", affected Shigeko Mizoguchi, who was happily informed by the Dept. of Defense of the pending return of her brother, Pvt. Hayanari Mizoguchi, 24, from Munsán.

A wartime strandee, Hayanari came back with his sister to the United States in 1948. He soon was in service and then made captive Nov. 2, 1950, in Korea. As in many other cases, the Army listed him "missing in action".

★ Kinuko Ito, Japan's Miss Universe candidate now making pictures in Hollywood, doesn't believe in short skirts. Nor do the seven other beauty pageant winners.

Miss Ito, slated to appear at the Hollywood Palladium this Sunday at the Nisei Week Coronation Ball, has this to say about shorter skirts as proposed by French designer Christian Dior.

"I like the longer skirts much better. It's possible that women of Japan might go for a slightly shorter skirt because they have short legs."

(I think Miss Nippon would look nice in short skirts.)

★ As far as the public is concerned, enthusiasm for the Nisei Week queen contest ended yesterday as Festival headquarters said its fourth tabulation Thursday would be the last until the Coronation Ball Sunday night. Ballot boxes will be collected tomorrow night.

The final pre-Coronation count finds Yaye Marumoto in the lead with 5,467, followed by Judy Sugita, 3,171; Jeanne Yokota, 2,422; Jeanne Inouye, 1,827; and Ruth Fujimoto, 1,293. That's a total of some 14,000 votes.

Of course, an avalanche of green stubs is expected by the morrow. In the 1951 contest, the last time the public was polled to select the top five, there were 15 semi-finalists in the race with a total of 92,000 votes tallied at this point.

Los Angeles YBA: George Nomi was named general chairman of the eighth Los Angeles Buddhist Association Anniversary Ball to be held Nov. 14 at the Hollywood Women's Club. The name of the orchestra is to be made.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ASAKAWA—July 25, a boy Wesley Jiro to the Hiro Asakawas, Fowler.

DOBASHI—July 3, a girl to the Shoichi Dobashis, Madera.

HATASAKI—July 25, a girl Marlene Sachi to the James Hatasakis, San Jose.

HISATOMI—July 26, a girl Elaine to the Toyo Hisatomis, Campbell.

ISA—July 14, a boy Ronald to the Takashi Isas (Frances Miya Nakata), Los Angeles.

KANZAKI—July 25, a boy to the Tomoyuki Kanzakis, Mt. View.

KONO—July 7, a girl to the Harold Konos, Angwin (Napa County).

NAGATA—July 22, a girl to the Toshio Nagatas, Irvington.

NISHIMURA—July 6, a girl to the Kenneth M. Nishimuras, Sacramento.

NOGUCHI—Aug. 2, a boy to the Nike N. Noguchis, San Francisco.

ONO—July 10, a boy to the Takashi Onos, Richmond.

OTANI—July 24, a girl Linda Tokiko to the Ted Otanis, Sanger.

SADAHIRO—July 19, a girl to the Yoshi Sadahiros, Orosi.

SUTO—July 1, a girl Roberta Mitsuko to the K. Sutos (Mary K. Yokota), Los Angeles.

TAGAWA—July 16, a boy to the Takashi Tagawas, San Francisco.

TAKAHASHI—July 6, a girl to the Tetsuo Takahashis, Stockton.

TAKEUCHI—July 11, a girl Marcia Kiyoe to the Joseph Takeuchis (Mary Sadako Ishikawa), Los Angeles.

TAKEUCHI—July 9, a girl to the George Takeuchis, Seattle.

TANGE—July 7, a girl Carolyn Hana to the Fumitoshi Roy Tanges (Alice Nobuko Taira), Los Angeles.

TANIMURA—July 28, a girl to the John Tanimuras (Sadako Iwamura), Aromas.

TERASAWA—July 14, a girl Debra Jean to the Fred Susumu Terasawas (Kinuye Itano), Los Angeles.

TOKUNAGA—July 9, a girl Karen Miyeko to the Katsuko Tokunagas (Sumiko Watanabe), Los Angeles.

TOMEI—June 6, a boy to the Frederick Paul Tomeis, Fresno.

UNO—July 28, a boy Victor Kei to the Robert A. Unos (Kiku Fukuyama), Los Angeles.

WADA—July 1, a girl Michi Michelle to the Michael Wadas, New York.

WATANABE—July 3, a girl to the Shigeo Watanabes, Seattle.

WATANABE—July 17, a boy Steven Kiyoshi to the James Watanabes (Sachiko Miyamoto), Los Angeles.

WATANABE—July 20, a boy to the Mas Watanabes, Seattle.

YAGI—July 12, a boy to the Koichi Yagis, Seattle.

YANASE—A boy to the Edwin F. Yanases, Englewood, Colo.

YONEKURA—June 11, a girl to the Tom M. Yonekuras, San Diego.

YOSHIDA—June 19, a boy to the Jack Yoshidas, Seattle.

YUJIRI—July 8, a girl Ayako Gayle to the Toshio Yujiris (Emiko Saisho), Los Angeles.

Engagements

KAJI-IWASAKI—Yaeko C., Los Angeles, to Mamoru, Weiser, Idaho, July 31.

NAKAMURA-MATSUNO — Barbara to Raymond, both of Los Angeles, Aug. 2.

NAKAYAMA-SAKIOKA—Grace Miye, Palo Alto, to Johnny Katsumi, Los Angeles, July 30.

SATAKE-NAKAGAWA — Kiriye, Concord, to Issei, San Francisco, July 26.

TSUJI-OTSUMI—Mitsuko to Kengo, both of Parlier, Aug. 1.

YAMAMOTO-SAKAMOTO — Mary Kiyoko to Don, both of San Jose, July 19.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KASAI-SHIBATA—Hideo Kasai, 22, San Francisco, and Yayoi Ailene Shibata, 22, Mt. Eden.

WAKABAYASHI-YAMAGISHI — Joseph Wakabayashi, 25, and Kimi Yamagishi, 25, both of Berkeley.

Weddings

IMAI-MOCHIZUKI—Aug. 2, James Kiyoto Imai, Fresno, and Mariko Mochizuki, San Francisco.

IWAMOTO-KATO—Aug. 2, Takao Iwamoto and Terumi Kato, both of Los Angeles.

KATO-ICHIHO—Aug. 2, Keo Kato and Reiko Ichiho, both of Los Angeles.

KAWASHIMA-YAMAMOTO — Aug. 1, Takeshi Kawashima, Los Angeles, and Hannah Hanako Yamamoto, Pasadena.

KUWATA-MORI—Aug. 2, Dr. Hiroshi Kuwata and Sumiye Mori, both of Los Angeles.

MAEDA-OKANISHI — Aug. 2, Arnold Tadao Maeda and Kimiko Okanishi, both of West Los Angeles.

SATO-HIRAKATA—July 25, Paul H. Sato, Mitchell, Neb., and Tatsuko Hirakata, La Junta, Colo.

TAKASAKI-KATO—July 31, Noboru Takasaki, Reedley, and Fusako Kato, Sunnyvale.

USHIJIMA-MURAKAMI — July 26, Paul K. Ushijima and June K. Murakami, both of Los Angeles.

YAMADA-SHIOHAMA — Aug. 2, Easter Yoshio Yamada and Michiyo Rose Shiohama, both of Los Angeles.

Deaths

AZUMA, Zennosuke, 69: Washington, D.C., July 6, survived by wife Kyoko, son Hideo and daughter Mrs. Helen Merritt.

FUKUDA, Daishiki, 78: San Jose, July 22, survived by daughter-in-law Mrs. Masue Fukuda, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

HASHIMOTO, Hizoji, 73: San Francisco, July 23, survived by daughter Yuriko.

IKENO, Danichi, 82: San Jose, July 26.

KAKENAKA, Heizo (formerly of Salinas): Salt Lake City, July 15, survived by son Masayoshi.

KOBAYASHI, Cho, 75: Sacramento, July 8, survived by daughter Mrs. Masako Kobayashi.

KOZAI, Mrs. Yoshiko, 35: Sanger, July 30, survived by husband Masaru, sons Marvin, Mark, daughters Margaret, Elaine, parents Mr. and Mrs. Yojiro Hayashi, brothers Shigeo and Masao, sisters Mrs. Tomiyo Kazai and Mrs. Yoneko Shimoida.

KUBOTA, Shigeichi, 68: Berkeley, July 12, survived by sons Kazuo, Tsugio, Shigeru, Hideo and daughter Mrs. Fumiko Morimitsu.

KURAMOTO, Nobu: St. Paul, Minn., June 29, survived by sons Yeimi, Setsuo, daughters Mrs. Matsuye Tao, Mrs. Kikuye Okamoto, Mrs. Haruko Hashimoto.

KUROKAWA, Usaburo, 74: Lindsay, Aug. 1, survived by wife Ito, son Fred and daughters Mrs. Shizuyo Koga, Mrs. Yoshiye Matsumoto and Mrs. Alice Kurihara.

MATSUMOTO, Kankuro, 65: Chicago, July 29.

MITSUYA, Haruko: Salt Lake City, June 24, survived by husband Gonsaku, son Harry.

MUROYA, Setsuko, 2 mos.: Henderson, Colo., July 22, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Hajime.

OKADA, Sosuke, 77: Fresno, Aug. 3, survived by sons Joe, Ben and Sam.

SHIMONO, Toranosuke, 73: Reedley, July 8, survived by son Jack and two daughters.

TAKEMOTO, Kaiichiro: Stockton, July 6, survived by sons Takeo, Noburu, George four daughters Mrs. Shizuko Higashikubo, Mrs. Mariko Higashikubo, Mrs. Suzuye Ono and Mrs. Sumiko Kuwata.

TAKESHITA, Manzo: San Mateo, July 26, survived by wife Hatsumi, five sons Tetsu, Yuzuru, Tsutomu, Kazuaki, Yoshio, and three daughters Kyoko, Michiko and Mrs. Setsuko Hioki.

TAOKA, Takazo: San Mateo, July 12, survived by son Satoru.

YAMAGUCHI, Yuji, 72: Ogden, Aug. 1, survived by wife, Mii, sons Isao, Akira, daughters Satsuki, Sugako, Mrs. Rizi Oyama, Mrs. Sue Miyasato and four grandchildren.

U.S. pop tunes, Japan-style

Tokyo

Teenage thrushes, singing broad copies of currently popular U.S. tunes, are boosting sales of popular records in Japan.

In some cases, the local gals' versions are competing strongly with imported platters. In all cases, the only bow to originality is a chorus sung in a Japanese translation. Otherwise, singers ape every possible vocal mannerism of such Americans as Teresa Brewer, Kay Starr, Rosemary Clooney, Patti Page and others.

Top juvenile is Hibari Misora, 15, whose recordings of Again," "El Choclo" and "Shanghai" are going big at present. Her coach is Hawaiian Nisei George Shimabukuro.

Chiemi Eri, 17, who has just returned from a three-month visit in Hollywood where she met Rosemary Clooney, Kay Starr, Ella Fitzgerald, and sang with Harry James' band, shows how well she spent her time with her recording of "Side by Side" in which she imitated Kay Starr, complete with echo chamber and multi-tape gimmicks.

In recent theater and night-club appearances, Chiemi amazed fans with her imitations of Doris Day, Patti Page and Rosemary Clooney.

Another juvenile queen is 16-year-old Izumi Yukimura who began her rise to stardom with a Teresa Brewer delivery of "Till I Waltz Again with You." Since then, she has shown a bit more originality in "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes" and "Keep It a Secret."

Consensus of foreign critics here give Izumi the best chance of standing on her own in the future.

Tokyo-born girl gets leading role in 'Teahouse'

New York

A slim, dark, good-looking and graceful Japanese girl in candy-striped kimono recently walked from her W. 46th St. home to the Plymouth Theater, not at all disturbed by the stares of New Yorkers, and presented herself to Maurice Evans, producer of "Teahouse of the August Moon."

She is so new to Broadway, the 24-year-old Mariko Niki didn't even get frightened when she applied for the part of Lotus Blossom in John Patrick's play, which opens here Oct. 15.

She read several lines, sang and danced. Evans and his associates were pleased—vastly so that they went into conference. Then she was told the part was hers if she could get clearance from immigration authorities.

In private life, she is Kazue Ouchi, Tokyo-born, and daughter of a prominent Tokyo physician. She worked as a model back home, did some film work at Toho Studios and appeared in Little Theater productions. When she arrived in New York six months ago, she spoke very little English. She enrolled immediately in the Columbia University foreign language center. Her primary purpose here was to study fashion design.

"I love the play (Teahouse)," she told Ward Morehouse of the World-Telegram last week. "The locale is Okinawa and there are about 20 characters, not including the villagers. I'll be wearing three Japanese kimonos and am now being fitted by Helene Pons."

● While the film studios are making 3-D, pictures, the Greek Theater (Los Angeles) steps up to bat with 3-L opera, "Madame Butterfly" in three separate and distinct languages.

—George E. Phair, Variety

Chicagoan waits half day for right shadows of Denver's Red Rocks

Denver

Many photographs of the magnificent Red Rocks west of Denver have been taken but seldom from the angle shown last Sunday on the front cover of Denver Post's color-gravure Empire magazine edited by Bill Hosokawa.

The color photo was the work of Pat Nakata on the staff of the famed Shigeta-Wright Studio in Chicago. On a vacation trip to Denver, Nakata waited for nearly a half day until both light and clouds were right to take his shot.

Nakata has had prints selected for the Seattle International show, the Seattle Art Museum, the Chicago International and the Museum of Science and Industry.

MINORITY

The 83rd Congress closed its first session without having enacted a single civil rights measure.

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Attack on the FBI for investigating civil rights violations in state institutions was initiated by Gov. Fine of Pennsylvania who charged the Federal government was invading the rights of the states. There were complaints that civil rights of inmates of state prisons and mental institutions were being violated.

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EDITORIALS

Place of Our Choice

Progress that minority groups make in every field is gained through sacrifices and efforts of unsung heroes in most instances. This is particularly true in meeting the problem of housing.

There is still much pressure exerted on the non-white newcomer who wants to live in a so-called all-white area. Threats and physical violence have been attempted from time to time to underscore pressure. And this happens despite the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court making racial restrictive covenants non-enforcible in the courts and the fact that damages cannot be collected for abrogation of such covenants.

If the prospective newcomer is timid, the easiest course would be to abandon the deal under the slightest pressure. The way out frequently offered has been to buy up the contract at a little profit to the newcomer. The aggrieved can swallow the insult and infringment of his rights rather forgivingly. Other newcomers assume the attitude of false pride: why go into a district where they don't appreciate us. And they move into a more friendy neighborhood.

It is no easy task to move into a hostile area. And yet, if minority groups as a whole buckled each time to such pressures, it would only mean further diminishing of residential areas for a non-white family. In time, minority groups would be back in ghettos, confined to the unwholesome sections of a town.

Many persons of Japanese ancestry can readily recall pre-evacuation housing conditions. They remember living in the worst part of town. And rents were high. Today, their situation has improved. There is a greater choice of houses over a wider area.

The heroes who made this possible deserve special recognition. Every family who fought pressures to maintain ghettos, immortalized this victorious battle.

During the dark days when racism was in its glory on the West Coast, it appeared as if many of the cities would find the struggle of minority groups to live in a better home squashed. Their perseverance to secure the right to live wherever we desire has been justified. And at the same we hail the many unsung heroes who were willing to stand on principle in face of threats of violence.

DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, Aug. 14, 1943

Myer reports 90 percent of evacuees spurn Japanese request for repatriation; greater majority of individuals approved for exchange by Tokyo government refuse to go to Japan.

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California state bar to assist evacuees in obtaining legal aid.

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Weight, height qualifications modified for Nisei women as WACs begin recruiting Japanese Americans.

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Nisei girl (Mrs. Kiyoko Chinn) arrested on return to Seattle where her Chinese American husband resides; had no military permission to return to evacuated area.

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Wisconsin State Dental Society executive board frowns on employment of Nisei evacuees; Milwaukee Journal raps attitude in editorial.

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"Luminous figure" hunted down by Granada WRA camp police; ghost of Indian princess reported visiting Amache evacuees.

From the Frying Pan . . . **by Bill Hosokawa**

Great American Tourist

Cody, Wyo.

The Great American Tourist is a patient and determined creature. All day long he gives himself a beating on rutted, scorching and crowded highways. As nightfall approaches, he scurries to find shelter and pays outlandish fees for the use of a place to lay his head. Unless he is fortunate enough to find a good restaurant, he endures indifferent service and pays staggering prices for food of a quality that he wouldn't put up with at home.

He is charged as much as 36 cents a gallon (39 for premium) for gasoline, which was the prevailing price at DuBois, a village in the Wind River mountains of Wyoming. He litters the countryside with cleansing tissue, beer cans and photographic film containers. He stares briefly at the best-publicized sights and races on to the next one.

I know, because last week I was a Great American Tourist.

We packed the kids and the baggage into the car and for a week we joined the herd. We went up to Thermopolis, Wyo., then up to Lovell where we visited with Doc and Masako Ota, Thence to Cody and home via Yellowstone.

Doc Ota is a veterinarian and in his neighborhood he's known as the champion trout-catcher of the Big Horn basin. To maintain his reputation he creeled a mess of speckled beauties and had Masako fry them up for our benefit. The trout were so big Masako had to cut them into pieces to get them into the pan. Since they'd been fresh-caught in high-icy streams, the flavor was nothing short of sensational.

Over in Cody we ran into Leroy Takaichi, his wife Fuji and their two youngsters. The last time we saw him, Leroy was working in the backshop of the Cody Enterprise, setting up ads, making up the newspaper and running the big flatbed press.

But that was a good decade ago. As soon as the west coast was reopened to the evacuees, Leroy headed back for San Jose and put the family print shop back in business. The Takaichis had been visiting in Minneapolis this summer and just happened to be looking up old friends in Cody when we came by. I knocked on Jack Richard's door and who should open it but Leroy.

One of the things the Takaichis did in Cody was to take their daughter Mari to visit the little house atop the garage where she spent the first few months of her life. Mari could not believe she had lived there. Jack Richard, who used to run the Cody Enterprise before he went into the Marines, celebrated the visit by grilling a monstrous rib steak for his two ex-employees and their families.

Mildred Rachford, who owns the Green Gables Inn, has the distinction of employing the last evacuee left in Cody. His name is Hideo Kano and over the years he has become a town character.

Kano went to work for the Rachfords soon after he was evacuated to Heart Mountain. When the west coast was reopened, he refused to leave. An unattached old bachelor, he had found a place he liked. He had nothing to go back to. So he stayed. He's the last of the 10,000 who spent a wartime interlude at the Heart Mountain war relocation camp.

Kano, according to Mrs. Rachford, seems to have a costume for every occasion. He has special clothing for trimming the lawn and another outfit for raking leaves. Sometimes he wears cowboy regalia. Once, when Mrs. Rachford bought him a ticket for the Cody rodeo, Kano showed up in a cutaway. Since, she's made it a custom to buy him a rodeo ticket every year.

Of a morning, or in the evening's cool, Kano can be seen discussing the weather with tourists or instructing them on the best way to reach scenic attractions. Of course it matters little that Kano's English is more than somewhat quaint. The Japanese immigrant boy, cast on Wyoming's red-rock buttes by war's fortunes, is enjoying his twilight years in Buffalo Bill's old town.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Honda

Nisei Week

The thirteenth Nisei Week Festival stout-heartedly makes its debut this week-end with a coronation ball . . . I say "stout-heartedly" because, having witnessed all previous twelve Festivals, this year's edition was subjected to the traditional fears and gloom associated with the number 13 . . . The queen contest didn't stir any early enthusiasm as in the past years . . . East 1st Street was being torn up . . . The "ondo" parade has been shortened . . . Chairman Bob Uno buzzed his forefinger in a rotary saw . . . The suspense of eliminating candidates as in previous years was whittled to a mere two weeks—a free-for-all among five finalists for the honors of reigning as Miss Nisei of 1953 . . . Despite these disparaging circumstances, on closing night the sense that another Festival returned to the community scene will gratify everyone concerned . . . From a community public relations project standpoint, it has the most exotic appeal. To do it justice, it certainly deserves more attention and preparation than a mere three months.

When the Festival engaged the Palladium for its coronation ball this Sunday night, a more appropriate and accommodating spot couldn't have been selected . . . There are no other ballrooms in the U.S. to match its decor and atmosphere. It is Hollywood with all of its elegance and glamor . . . Previous Festival coronations have been jam-packed when 500 couples witnessed the event. This year, there should be no complaints by couples who like to dance with elbow room to spare.

Among the celebreties appearing at the coronation will be Miss Kinuko Ito, now under contract with Universal-International studios after placing third in the Miss Universe beauty pageant . . . A stately and well-poised young miss is rated as one of the top models in Tokyo who walks like an American girl. You'd never suspect she came from Japan . . . The Nisei girls (who might take me to task on this observation) could well emulate her poise and carriage when walking . . . As one fellow says: our girls here dress to kill, wear the more expensive garbs, but walk as if they're ready to fall flat on their face . . . Miss Japan may have been third place in the Universe pageant, but with a little care in the manner of walking by our own fairer sex and they needn't worry that Miss Japan is stealing the show at the coronation ball or in any other place.

Literary Experimental: Our next literary experimental page (due Aug. 28 and on every fourth Friday of the month) will introduce a new writer from Honolulu . . . The intention of the Pacific Citizen was to provide an outlet, though meager, for a new generation of literary-minded scribes . . . It would gratify the authors more than the P.C. to know what readers think of them . . . Such comments will be forwarded without insertion into the "Mailbox".

Trivia: There's a dashboard gadget which squeals when the safe speed is being exceeded. Is it taking the place of a backseat driver? . . . With the jet spanning the Atlantic in less than five hours, it's barely enough time to get seasick . . . **Definition:** Beauty is only skin dope . . . Chances are 5-1 a man over 30 doesn't marry. This is one game where there's no law against catching poor fish when they're young.

Vagaries . . . **by Larry Tajiri**

All-White Housing Pattern

A few weeks ago one of the national weeklies gave quite a spread to the phenomenon of Lakewood, Calif., a community of 2,000 in the year before Pearl Harbor which now boasts a population of upwards of 1,000,000.

Lakewood, south and east of Los Angeles, is situated on land on which Issei farmers once grew truck crops a little more than a decade ago. It is the real estate man's dream—a planned community of some 20,000 homes, each complete with its own waste disposer units to do away with the need for garbage cans and refuse trucks.

Lakewood is the biggest example on the west coast of the subdivider's middle class paradise. It is a bedroom city whose inhabitants go elsewhere to earn their living—in Lakewood's case, to the great manufacturing plants which have concentrated in Los Angeles county since the war.

There is only one great flaw in this frame and brick projection of the American dream.

Its builders have made it clear, though not in so many words, that non-Caucasian Americans are not wanted. From Lakewood in the west to the great Levittown now arising in the Delaware valley outside of Philadelphia, an invisible "whites only" sign hangs outside the sales offices. The Sing Sheng case, in which efforts were made to prevent a Chinese American family from buying a home in South San Francisco, is still of recent memory.

Nisei families have bought homes in large private housing projects east of the Rockies, such as in Pennsylvania's Levittown, but members of numerically larger minority groups must resort to court tests or subterfuge (having a "white" person make the original purchase).

Only Minneapolis, of the nation's larger cities, has an ordinance, adopted as a direct consequence of the Jon Matsuo case, which bars race restrictions in homes projects because of a racially restrictive covenant. Mayor Hubert Humphrey, now U.S. senator, urged the Matsuo case in obtaining passages of the anti-discrimination law.

Action on the municipal level, however, to outlaw this type of race discrimination is not effective because most of the large-scale home projects are outside the city limits. Perhaps the first attempt on the west coast to obtain passage of legislation barring race bias in home sales was made in the last California legislature in a bill sponsored by Assemblymen Collins of San Francisco and Elliott of Los Angeles. The bill was pigeonholed in committee but an effort will be made again in the next session.

Creation of virtually all-white communities poses a problem in race relations for the future. It sets a pattern of segregation for a whole generation of American living in these communities, at a time when race barriers are breaking down elsewhere—particularly in employment, education and recreation.

It is a type of retrogression which was represented by Senator Tenney's attempt to obtain passage of a "Freedom of Choice" law in California. The Tenney proposal would have wiped out the state's civil rights legislation and proffered on the bigot the right to discriminate.

Real estate lobbies have been active on the federal, state and municipal level in opposing civil rights measures, as they have been in fighting federally-sponsored housing. Whatever, the political aspects of the government housing, it cannot be denied that—outside the Deep South, at least—it offered the only opportunity for non-Caucasian Americans in the lower economic brackets to obtain decent housing. Government housing also provided an example of non-discrimination in housing which was at variance with established practices in most communities.

The federal housing issue was a major reason for the defeat of long-time Mayor Fletcher Bowron in the recent Los Angeles municipal elections. Much of the federal housing which was planned in Los Angeles and which now will not be built was planned in areas with a large population of residents of Mexican and Negro ancestry. Mayor Bowron upheld the sanctity of the city's contract with the Federal Housing Administration to build the projects despite the city council's repudiation of the contract.

(Parenthetically, we were sorry to learn of Fletcher Bowron's defeat. It was refreshing to have a man in politics who was willing to admit a mistake. He made a "beaut" when he called hysterically for the mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942. When he learned of the Nisei loyalty record, he was the first public official to admit publicly that he was mistaken and he did much to ease the return of the evacuees to Los Angeles . . . Incidentally, Mayor Bowron's change of mind about the Nisei had nothing to do with his defeat, although it might have a decade earlier when anti-Japanese prejudice was a major political factor in California. His successful opponent, Congressman Norris Poulson, also was vocal in support of the 1942 evacuation and also indicated later that he had changed his mind about the Japanese Americans.)

Because of the fact that one-third of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the continental United States live in Southern California, the all-white pattern of the great housing developments in the area poses a distinct threat to their future well-being.

Housing remains the one last bastion of bigotry which the Nisei must surmount in their quest for a full and equal life in their native land.