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Victory for 5-F Issei naturalization cases

NEW CITIZENS:

Grotto-builder naturalized

Los Angeles

Abraham Lincoln and Ryozo F. Kado have a few things in common, not the least of which is love of God and country.

The Great Emancipator was born an American an American; Kado had to wait 63 years—43 after his arrival in this country—for the privilege. Until the McCarran Act was passed, natives of Japan were barred from U.S. citizenship.

On Lincoln's Birthday, 1954, Kado entered Federal District Court a Japanese alien and left a full-fledged citizen of the United States.

"It is a real privilege. I am happy to become an American citizen and aim to be a good American," Kado said.

Venice-Culver CLers

Taking the oath of allegiance with him at the same time was his wife, Hama. Standing by them were their two native-born citizens, their children Louis and Ida, both Venice-Culver JACLers.

Now the supervisor of landscaping for the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese, Kado is best known for the 51 grottoes and shrines he has built during the past 25 years—the expressions in stone and flowers of the Faith he found in 1929.

He built his first grotto, a small St. Anthony's shrine, for Mrs. Charles Von der Ahe, in that year and his first Lourdes grotto a year later at the cloistered Carmelite convent in Alhambra.

Thousands each year visit his Lourdes of the West in Altadena, the Lourdes grotto at Immaculate Conception Church and the still unfinished replica of Lourdes at Holy Cross Cemetery.

In recent years his landscaping work in the cemeteries has left little time for grotto building.

During the war years, the Kado family was evacuated to Manzanar, after losing their new home in Santa Monica and a nursery business that had been built up over the years. In 1943, he left to go to work for the Maryknoll Fathers in New York.

To Tour Europe in May

In May, the builder of Lourdes grottoes and his daughter to fulfill another lifetime dream. They will make a pilgrimage to the original Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France and the new citizen Kado will be carrying an American passport.

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Stockton

Thirteen Japanese aliens topped the list of 49 new citizens here last week sworn in by Superior Judge M. G. Woodward. The group included:

Nobuaki Wakabayashi, Ben Isao Iwata, Saki Shimakawa, Kazu Shibata, Sozo Omura, Sadao Morotomi, Frank Masao Okuna, Goichi Doi, Misao Shimozaki, Chiyoko Ueda, Tosiko Shimasaki, Yosiko Motoike and Haya Matsuo.

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Eight-year-old Utah lad sworn in as U.S. citizen

Salt Lake City

Looking scrubbed and starched in faultless attire, Bert Daijiro Kaneko, 8, fairly beamed last week when the judge shook hands with Bert's mother and congratluated her on sponsoring the citizenship application for her son.

Bert, a third grade pupil at Longfellow School, who lives with his aprents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Y. Kaneko, at 202 I St., was born in China.

He was among the largest group of foreign-born children to appear at one time for naturalibation in Utah courts on Feb. 18. In the case of children under 10, the government waived the customary oath of allegiance.

His mother, Mrs. Susie Kaneko, is Salt Lake City chapter secretary. Both of his grandparents were among the first Issei to receive citizenship here since the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act.

Also naturalized Feb. 18 before Judge Ray Van Cott Jr. were:

Sachi V. Kurisaki, Kisao Kumagi, Toshi Inoway, Yoshiko Nakai, Teruko Matsukawa, Chiyo Ogino Matsumiya, Shigeru Terakawa, Joe M. Chotaro Miyagashima and Naoki Kobayashi.

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San Francisco

Another group of 28 Issei and one repatriated Nisei was granted U.S. citizenship Feb. 15 in the courtroom of Federal Judge Oliver Carter.

Man who helped youth in Americanism naturalized

Seattle

A man who for the past six years has helped train Seattle youngsters to be good American citizens became an American citizen himself Feb. 15 at a Federal Court naturalization ceremony.

Harry Kurimoto, 54, took his oath of allegiance along with 98 other new Americans before Federal Judge William J. Lindberg.

Kurimoto, 718-27th Ave. S., is a South Seattle neighborhood commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America. He became interested in Scout work when his son Robert, now 17, joined a troop.

Robert, a Garfield High School junior, was on hand for the naturalization ceremony and just as proud as his father. Young Kurimoto is now an Eagle Scout and junior assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 252.

There were 33 Issei being naturalized at the same ceremony.

Nisei jewelers robbed of $5,300

Chicago

Three armed youths tied store owner Frank Noda, 35, and his wife, Irene, 28, in the back room of their jewelry store, 1162½ N. Clark St., last Tuesday and fled with $5,300, mostly in jewelry.

The bandits looted the cases, show window and cash drawers.

Noda is a former Watsonville resident.

JAPANESE TERM MAKES HEPCATS' LANGUAGE

Seattle

Eight hundred cats, all real gone and not one a grease, crushed into Univ. of Washington last week to talk it up for two days about journalism. They all agreed it's a job for the hairless monkey—not the quiet man. But chotto matte, Joe. Nobody digs all that.

Thus, teenage high school student language eccentricities have introduced a Japanese term, "chotto matte," (meaning *slow down*) into their vocabulary. Zorch, eh wot? (Translation can be supplied by return mail.—Editor.)

MAS SATOW IN FIRST REVISIT OF SALT LAKE

Salt Lake City

National JACL Director Mas Satow pays his first visit here Mar. 2 since National Headquarters, situated here the past decade, was moved back to San Francisco last June.

He will address a public meeting sponsored by the Mt. tian Church, 268 W. 1st South, Olympus and Salt Lake City chapters at the Japanese Christ- next Tuesday, 8 p.m. He will speak on the 10-point National JACL legislative program for 1954.

Medic awarded Bronze Star for heroism in Korea

Salt Lake City

A Salt Lake serviceman, Sgt. Alfred H. Namba, has been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy in Korea, it was announced Monday.

Sgt. Namba is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Masuo Namba, 660 Iverson St. A member of a medical detachment, he administered first aid and evacuated a wounded man from an outpost bunker with the help of two first aid men. While his party was descending the hill to safety, a heavy enemy mortar barrage wounded three of the men left at the outpost. The action occurred July 11, 1953.

It was then that Sga. Namba, disregarding his personal safety, quickly returned to the bunker to check the wounded men. He found a wounded officer outside the bunker, and exposed himself to heavy mortar fire to take him to safety. He then administered first aid and provided shelter for the wounded man until they could be evacuated to safety.

Pharmacy Graduate

Sgt. Namba was born Oct. 19, 1928, in Portland, Ore., and came to Salt Lake City at the age of 14. He was graduated from Univ. of Utah College of Pharmacy in June, 1952, and entered the service July 16, 1952. He went overseas Dec. 22, 1952.

Sgt. Namba is expected to return to Salt Lake City in March.

'Grapes of Wrath' movie stirs Japanese Commies

Hollywood

Tentative plans for release of "The Grapes of Wrath" in Japan is likely to be junked following some agitation to have the film shown was Communist-inspired.

The proposition to show the film in Japan came from a Tokyo distribution circuit as an example of democratic self-criticism. A foreword was to be attached explaining that it represented a special situation and that the film was instrumental in effecting a solution. However, ever since the picture was made in the 30s, the Reds have used it for their purposes.

Doctor dies in Japan

Tokyo

Dr. Yoshimichi Kitsuda, 68, Univ. of California graduate, died of heart attack Feb. 15 here. He practiced for many years with Dr. K. Kiyasu in San Francisco and also practiced in Sacramento for 10 years before returning. At the time of death, he was on the St. Luke Hospital staff.

Rep. Walter cited in expediting of order to push citizenship petitions

Washington

The Attorney General has instructed the Immigration and Naturalization Service to proceed with the naturalization of Issei male applicants whose citizenship have been held up pending clarification of their World War I draft status, Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

In hailing this victory over technicality and legalisms, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, paid tribute to Congressman Walter, co-author of the legislation that extended for the first time naturalibation privileges to resident alien Japa anese, for their leadership in this matter.

Masaoka recalled that following the decision of Federal District Judge Louis E. Goodman of San Francisco in the naturalization case of Kazuichi Tsuji, he called on Congressman Walter and explained that thousands of Issei male applicants for citizenship were being held up pending final clarification of their World War I draft status.

Intervenes for JACL

On behalf of the JACL, Masaoka asked Congressman Walter to intervene with the Attorney General to request that no appeal be taken in this decision and that general application of Judge Goodman's sweeping opinion be ordered by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Early in January, Congressman Walter persuaded Chairman Reed of the Judiciary Committee to address a letter to the Attorney General stating that the Goodman decision correctly interpreted congressional intent regarding both Section 315 of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act and the 1940 and 1948 Selective Service Acts.

"The reasoning set forth by Judge Goodman on pages seven through ten, inclusive, of his decision seem to us irrefutable and very convincing," Chairman Reed wrote the Attorney General.

Attorney General Replies

In the letter just received by Chairman Reed, Attorney General Brownell wrote: "I have reviewed this case and have come to the conclusion that an appeal should not be taken from Judge Goodman's decision. I agree with the conclusions reached by Judge Goodman, especially in view of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in *McGrath v. Kristensen*, 340 U.S. 162 and *Moser v. United States*, 341 U.S. 41. I have notified the Immigration and Naturalization Service to discontinue the opposition to petitions for naturalization of non-declarant aliens who were exempted from service under the 1917 and 1918 Acts if the only grounds for opposition is an alleged application for exemption from military service during World War I."

Mas Yonemura of Oakland, Victor Abe of San Francisco, and Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose were the Nisei attorneys who as a public service represented Tsuji in this historic matter. Edward J. Ennis of New York City, counsel for the Washington JACL Office, also participated in the arguments as a friend of the court.

No Technical Barriers Left

Masaoka declared that JACL's insistence that Congress intended to extend naturalization privileges to all resident Japanese aliens without technical barriers being imposed, has been vindicated. He expressed the hope that the Naturalization Service would now expedite the final processing of the thousands of cases that have been held up on this technicality.

Negro chanteuse to adopt Japanese

Tokyo

Twenty-months old Akio Yamamoto is going to become an adopted son of singer-dancer Josephine Baker, the Asahi Shimbun reported last week. The Japanese orphan will leave with his guardian next month for France.

Found in Yokohama harbor, the boy was brought to the Elizabeth Saunders Home for care.

The home is run by Mrs. Miki Sawada, wife of the Japanese ambassador to the United Nations, Renzo Sawada. She and Miss Baker date their friendship to the early 1930s when Mrs. Sawada's husband was stationed at the Japanese embassy in Paris.

Last autumn, when they had a reunion in Paris, while Mrs. Sawada was on a fund-raising campaign, Miss Baker expressed her desire to adopt a Japanese orphan.

Coast Guard convicts Nisei drug addict to six months

Honolulu

Frank T. Hirai, 20, stewardsman assigned to the 14th Coast Guard District here, was convicted by a general courts martial and sentenced to six months at hard labor after pleading guilty to a narcotics violation charge.

The Honolulu youth was arrested Nov. 24 and charged with wrongful use of heroin. The Coast Guard said he, with three other men, will forfeit $210 in pay during the period of confinement.

● Japanese businessmen have suggested a $3-billion purchase of New Guinea from the Australians and Dutch to ease the Japanese population problem.

New Japan envoy to U.S. in Canada

Ottawa

Sadao Iguchi, newly-appointed Japanese ambassador to Washington, arrived here this week by air from Tokyo enoute to his new post. He is expected to stay here until early March, hopeful of signing the Japan-Canada trade pact in negotiation since last fall.

Iguchi succeeds Eikichi Araki, who returned to Japan on Feb. 5 before resigning.

Koto Matsudaira, Foreign Office adviser, was named to succeed Iguchi.

Idaho accident victim

Paia, Maui

Yoko Nakamura of Paia was killed inan auto accident in Idaho during the first week of February, while on her way to Canada, according to word received by her parents here. She had successfully passed the American Pharmacist's Examination after graduation from the Univ. of Colorado School of Pharmacy and was touring the northwest at the time.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

THE NEW TAX BILL . . .

Except for possibly military security, no legislative matter in the current Congress more personally concerns every citizen and alien in the country than the new tax bill.

For the first time since the 1870s, Congress is reviewing the entire tax structure. A thousand page draft is now before the House Ways and Means Committee, which expects the job of wading through it, item by item, to take all of February. Technicians on the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation and Treasury Department experts hammered out this draft in months of concentrated effort last summer and autumn. Though they reached general agreement, the real battles lie ahead in the Ways and Means Committee, in the Congress, and in the White House.

Since this is an election year, before the new bill becomes law it will probably be subjected to that barnyard maxim by which politicians have long tinkered with the taxing process: "Get the most feathers for the least squawk." But more than any other tax bill in our time, this one, as it goes to Congress, reflects a consistent theory of taxation.

THE WHITE HOUSE VIEW . . .

The Republican Administration came into office with two convictions about taxes. Both have recently been underlined by President Eisenhower.

1. *Taxes should be lower.*

In his Budget Message to Congress, the President declared: "The objective will be to return to the people, to spend for themselves in their own way, the largest possible share of the money that the Government has been spending for them."

2. *Tax relief for business does the economy more good than other kinds of tax relief.*

In the same Budget Message, the President described his objectives as "reducing the tax barriers to continued economic growth. The proposals will encourage the initiative and investment which stimulate production and productivity and create bigger payrolls and better jobs."

In presenting his 25 tax proposals, the President included a number of items for individual relief. "Revision of the tax system is needed to make tax burdens fairer for millions of individual taxpayers," he said. But where incentive, rather than equity, has been the purpose of the revision, the change has been made to "restore conditions which will permit traditional American initiative and production genius to push on to ever higher standards of living and employment." Among proposals for individual tax relief, the largest is that which affords progressive reduction over a three year period. On taxation of dividends received—in dollar terms—the measure would provide relief amounting to some $240 million in the first year.

The biggest of the suggestions for tax relief for corporations would permit faster tax write-offs of the cost of new plant and equipment, estimated to reduce corporate income taxes by "more than $100 million."

THE ARGUMENTS . . .

The Administration's two-point theory of taxation is not going through Congress without being questioned. Doubts are being raised, both in Congress and without, about the size and the kinds of tax cuts that it is wise to make in 1954.

Against the Eisenhower proposals, an opposite argument and an opposing theory of taxation are being pressed. Should taxes be lowered much, as long as a big defense program is necessary? And if taxes are to be lowered, wouldn't tax relief to the consumers stimulate a sigging economy faster than tax relief to producers?

Here's how the opposition puts it:

1. *With 68 cents of every dollar spent by the Government earmarked for national security, large tax cuts made now risk the country's safety.*

House Minority Leader Sam Rayburn of Texas sums up the Democratic case in these words: "I'd rather be alive with an empty pocketbook than dead with a full one." Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri charges that the Defense Department is further postponing the development of our Air Force until 1957. "How dare we," he asks, "postpone for two more years the Air Force everybody now considers the minimum requirement for our security?"

For the Administration, Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson replies that his new defense budget gives "more effective defense for less money." This is the remark that has been freely translated as "a bigger bang for a buck." Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey backs up his colleague with: "Big reductions in security spending can only come from perfecting a new and more effective defense program which costs less money . . ."

2. *Tax relief for consumers is more stimulating to the economy than tax relief for investors.*

For the affirmative, President George Meany of the American Federation of Labor says: "Present low personal exemptions with high living costs continue to stress the need for substantial tax relief" for those with taxable net incomes of less than $2,000 yearly. Congress of Industrial Organizations Vice President Emi Reeves emphasized: "There is no promise to do anything about the greatest inequity of all—the thoroughly inadequate $600 personal income tax exemption. Increasing this exemption should have first priority in any program to strengthen the economy." Sen. J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas remarks: "As of the moment it seems to me that we are producing more than we can consume, and I would be looking for means immediately to increase our purchasing power."

For the negative, Treasury Secretary Humphrey replies: "The goose that lays the golden egg is production; payrolls make consumption; stop payrolls and you stop consumption automatically." Sen. Ralph E. Flanders of Vermont reminds his fellow Republicans that "we had experience with endeavoring to solve the problem of unemployment by consumer expenditures alon" between 1933 and 1940. President of General Electric Ralph J. Cordiner concludes: "A major issue at stake is whether or not tax changes will be made which will give greater stimulus to the investment of private funds in the development of plants, factories, and machines that are summed up in the economist's term 'capital goods.' "

Issei citizens cited for increase of naturalization

San Francisco

A big increase in naturalization of aliens in Northern California is anticipated this year by the San Francisco Immigration and Naturalization Service district office.

Bruce B. Barber, district director here, addressed a luncheon meeting of the Propellor Club of the marine industry at the Hotel St. Francis last week, and pointed out there were only about 5,000 new citizens in past years. With the passage of the Walter-McCarran act, more persons have been made eligible and Barber estimated some 18,000 Northern California aliens will become naturalibed this year.

Several thousand alien Issei are scheduled in the figure, surmised the Nichibei Times.

Local Area Examinations

Local area naturalization offices of the district are making their own arrangements to give tests in Japanese to the alien Issei, it was learned from H. J. Hart, chief of the nationality section.

The San Francisco district office had planned to send groups to various cities to aid local area offices. But with funds currently lacking to carry out this program, local arrangements are being made.

The Sacramento office has already launched its own mass examination program.

TOKYO SISTER ACT TO JOIN RINGLING CIRCUS

Tokyo

Fujiko and Haruko Shiba, who work a switch on the traditional unicycle and high-wire acts as top Japanese circus stars, are U.S.-bound to join the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey circus.

Unicyclist Fujiko maneuvers her vehicle through an obstacle course of liquid-filled bottles while blindfolded. Her act climaxes when she clears the stage of the bottles without spilling a drop.

High-wire artist Haruko walks and bounces on the cable, even lies down, balances in precarious positions and even does a handstand on the suspended wire.

Nisei aboard ship finding albacore north of Hawaii

Honolulu

Several Nisei are members of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife research vessel John R. Manning, which is now in waters north of the territory uncovering a vast new fishing ground where albacore tuna may be taken. Albacore has never been found in these northern waters before.

I. Ikehara, marine biologist, has tagged 24 of the tuna to aid in migration pattern research. Other Nisei serve aboard the ship as crew members.

PRESS FILE:

PERSONAL PIFFLES — When we advised Hiroshi Miyamura, the MH and TOYM winner from Gallup, N.M., that we intended to continue our moral support of the JACL, he urged us, "Keep it up," and his encouragement gave us a mighty lift.—Budd Fukei, Northwest Times.

NOTICES

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ABOARD JAPAN AIRLINER TO TOKYO:

New era in transpacifica

By GEORGE INAGAKI

Venice

Home again and despite the mess of work that has piled up on me, I can look back on the JAL's trip to Japan only with the greatest pleasure. It was a lot of fun, everything proved most interesting and the whole time spent was of the most pleasant nature.

The above feeling is not just my reaction but that of everyone who participated. You've probably read the reams of stuff that Saburo Kido has written in the Shin Nichibei.

In Southern California, many of you have been reading Art Ryon's report in the Times and I noticed that Pinky Vaughn has started to write in the L.A. Examiner's travel section. I hear that other writers in other areas are reporting the trip in the same glowing vein.

Successful Press Flight

All this adds up to the fact that Japan Air Lines really did a bang-up job on this press flight program. After all, press people are a pretty calloused lot and you can't put anything over on them. They can see through artificiality mighty quick.

To get the wonderful reaction that JAL did from these people is a credit to JAL's sincerity and to the tremendous effort it put into the planning of the itinerary.

I couldn't help but feel very proud of JAL for doing such a first class job of this public relations program.

In fact, it has given me new faith in the efforts that Japan as a whole is exerting to reestablish herself because I think that JAL is but one example of her over-all efforts.

Complexities of Problem

For the same reason, I think that I can see some of the complex problems that Japan is facing. Take JAL, for instance. She is jumping into a very competitive field of already established airlines.

No less than fourteen airlines come into Japan from the East. On the transpacific route to the west, she must compete with Pan Am, Northwest, Philippine AL and the Canadian Airlines.

On top of this, she has to combat the natural reluctance of passengers to ride a so-called "unproven" carrier. This is peculiar human psychology which seems to exist in spite of the fact that we know that the planes used are DC-6Bs flown by American crews of more than a million miles of transpacific experience. We know that the maintenance personnel is the same as that which takes care of United Airline planes.

And, we know that extra attention and care are being exerted because to have an accident happen at this stage would prove disastrous to JAL's new venture.

Tough Row to Hoe

There is no denying that JAL, like the Japanese nation itself, is having a tough row to hoe. And, as the Japanese nation has our government's blessings, so has Japan Air Lines, I think.

Every forward step that Japan makes in reestablishing her economy and herself, so much of Russia's aspirations in that key country of Asia are retarded.

JAL's new overseas passenger carrying venture is an important experiment in that country's efforts to enter into the economic field of free nations. Its success or failure will have a tremendous influence upon her morale.

As an American, vitally interested in the strengthening of this democratic nation which stands as a bulwark against the spread of communistic influence over the Pacific area, I cannot help but feel that it behooves us to wish this new effort of Japan every success in its new expansion program.

JAL—Pacific Symbol

For my part, I am hoping that these "Wings of New Japan" will continue indefinitely to fly the Pacific as a symbol of friendship and cooperation between these two countries.

Pardon me for deviating a bit out of character but I warned you that this trip to Japan had a profound influence on me.

Anyway, what I would like to see is a lot of Nisei go over to take a gander for themselves. Take it from me (and I would never for a moment think of steering you wrong), you'll really find it well worth the time and money.

And if, by some strange reason, you don't find it worthwhile, I'll do my best to have JAL refund your dough.

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(Next week, Saburo Kido will write of his "Observations" specifically for the Pacific Citizen—The Editor.)

VERY TRULY YOURS:

GI baby orphans in Japan

By HARRY K. HONDA

Three writers of three different climes are simultaneously pegging at the same issue: GI baby orphans . . . Keyes Beech, who has been telling the human-side of Tokyo for the Chicago Daily News syndicate, recently reported U.S. consular authorities had disclosed there were 13,000 Japanese brides of American servicemen since 1945. And of these, 10,000 had gone to America taking about 20,000 GI babies with them . . . These statistics come with other interesting data concerning mixed marriages, made in connection with a recent meeting of the American Joint Committee for Assisting Japanese-American Orphans, a subject currently treated by Saburo Kido in the New Japanese American News . . . On the same problem, James Michener (long famous for his *Tales of the South Pacific* and recently *Sayonara*) stirs the conscience of Americans at home with his article in the March Reader's Digest.

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All three happily report army regulations have been relaxed to make GI-Japanese marriages more respectable in the eyes of American military by removing some of the red tape . . . There are several stories in the past week relating cases of soldiers returning to Japan to make their Shinto wedding "legal" with American trimmings of a U.S. civil ceremony . . . But the heart of the story lies in the outcome of GI baby orphans —3,289 of mixed ancestry living in Japan who have been abandoned by their fathers. This figure comes from the Japanese Welfare Ministry . . . Of these children, 482 are in institutions, the remainder in care of mothers, relatives, etc. . . . Some 300 have been adopted already by American couples in Japan. But public-spirited Americans in Tokyo (including Sam Ishikawa, Tamotsu Murayama, Miss Esther Rhoads, Father Leopold Tibesar—to name a few known to PC readers) have organized their committee to find homes for the orphans in America.

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Under the 1953 Refugee Act, 4,000 orphans under the age of 10 may be admitted in the next few years. The committee hopes to find homes for at least 500 Japanese-American children . . . The committee clearly recognizes, and so do others, that these GI babies have American citizenship by reason of their fatherhood. It has always been an American trait to help the "underdog" — and these youngsters certainly qualify for such attention.

CAPSULES

The Rev. Roy Ishihara of Gardena leaves eight years of ministry at the Gardena Valley Baptist Church to assume pastoral duties in Sacramento this month.

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Miss Gloria Kanemura, now dancing in New York, represented the Hawaiian Islands as Miss Honolulu during the recent week-long Winter Carnival festival in St. Paul-Minneapolis.

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Shoki Furuya, Japanese orphan youth, will enter Father Flanagan's Boystown High School in June and remain for four years, Msgr. Nicholas Wegner, director, said last week. He is touring orphanages and children institutions in Japan.

Washington legislators informed of L.A. bottleneck in Issei naturalization process

Los Angeles

The serious bottleneck at the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Los Angeles was recently called to the attention of key members of Congress, pointing out a great delay in the processing of naturalization petitions filed by local Issei.

In letters addressed to six senators and seven congressmen, Tats Kushida, PSW regional director, and Ken Dyo, PSWDC chairman, described the diligent efforts being made by hundreds of Issei who conscientiously prepare for their naturalization, of the many Americanization classes organized by the JACL and other groups, of the advanced age of the Issei, of the eight-months backlog at the I&NS office due to being short-staffed and of the time lag between the date of examination and date of swearing in. They urged that appropriations be passed to increase the government's staff of examiners, investigators and interpreters.

12 Months Backlog

An official of the I&NS office last week informed Kushida that its staff of examiners, through resignations and other reasons, had been reduced to four, with not more than two of them assigned regularly for naturalization examinations on any particular day, and that already the accumulated backlog of petitions to be processed is nearly twelve months.

Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), ranking Democratic member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, replied that he is taking up the matter with Commissioner of Immigration, Argyle Mackey, as did Sen. William Langer (R., N. Dak.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization. Rep. John J. Rooney (D., N.Y.), member of the House Appropriations Committee expressed his belief that the work given the I&NS should be promptly carried out but noted that next year's budget for this agency now being considered is very much below the current fiscal year appropriations.

Inquiries Being Made

Walter M. Besterman, legislative assistant to the House Judiciary Committee, advised that inquiries are being made right now regarding steps to take in order to alleviate the situation. He referred to letters that Dyo and Kushida had sent to members of this committee, Reps. Chauncey W. Reed (R., Ill.), chairman, and Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.).

Similar letters expressing dissatisfaction with the performance of the Los Angeles I&NS office were sent by JACL chapters to congressmen from their districts and to the senators from California.



Harvey Mott, assistant to Gov. Pyle of Arizona, receives a tea set from Mrs. Maurey Carlton (nee Mae Chieko Kumashiro), blind Nisei "ambassador of goodwill," with the good wishes from her uncle Dr. Takata Kobayashi of Okayama and the Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter. She is currently under the care of Dr. A. E. Cruthirds of Phoenix, who hopes to restore a great percentage of her vision through the new hydrosulphosol treatments. While in Arizona last week, she and her husband, of the California Rehabilitation for the Blind program were honored by John Tadano and Tom Kadomoto of the Arizona JACL.—cut courtesy Shin Nichibei.

IN HONOR OF

Mrs. Ben Nagai was presented an honorary life membership PTA pin by the Merced County council. She was past junior president. Mrs. C. G. Williams, Turlock, state PTA treasurer, made the presentation.

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Sumiye Nerio, education major at Los Angeles State College, and Southwest Los Angeles JACLer, was awarded a $150 grant recently to pursue further graduate studies in teaching.

● Under a new bill recently introduced, Japanese school teachers can be imprisoned for three years and fined $280 for political campaigning or membership solicitation in political organizations.

Nisei girl pleads guilty to shoplifting charge

Toronto

"If memory serves correctly, this is the first time a Japanese girl has been convicted of theft in Toronto," a local magistrate commented in sentencing a 20-year-old Nisei girl of petty theft last week.

She pleaded guilty to a series of snatches from a department store, shoplifting books, face lotions and panties.

West L.A. medico

West Los Angeles

Dr. Tom Abe, physician and surgeon, who has practiced the past eight years in Chicago, this week opens for general practice here at 2019 Sawtelle Blvd. Since his arrival here, he has become a member of the staff of Santa Monica Hospital and the Los Angeles Japanese Hospital.

Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Business of race relations . . .

Every now and then a writer or a student of race relations comes to town and, in a friendly yet somewhat skeptical tone, asks the question:

"Is it really true that the different races get along so well here? Isn't there some friction?"

It is not surprising, of course, that such a question is asked. The skepticism apparently arises from the fact that Hawaii has been boosted internationally as a "melting pot of races" and this reputation is so unique, it deserves more than a surface study.

As an interested observer can learn for himself, there are some features about the racial picture in Hawaii that don't fit.

For example, unwritten agreements are said to restrict certain racial groups from settling on some choice parcels of land in Honolulu. On the other hand, how much of a demand is there among the excluded groups for such lots, which are usually under lease and selling for fancy sums?

In employment, why do some businesses specify, in newspaper ads, preference for applicants of certain races? And is this is not a practice indulged in by employers of all races?

If there is racial discrimination in jobs, why won't public opinion in Hawaii support a fair employment practices act? (Since an attempt to pass such a law failed several years ago because of lack of public support, no one has introduced such a bill in the territorial legislature.)

Why was there such a public furore when ex-Swimming Champ Keo Nakama, a Nisei, was barred by a Waikiki club from having lunch with his host and fellow swimmer Bill Smith?

Yet social and business groups organized along racial lines continue to flourish in the islands, without public criticism.

Why do some people oppose statehood for Hawaii on account of their fear of "Oriental domination," yet continue to do business with Orientals.

The seeming incongruity and inconsistency indicated by such questions can baffle even the long-time residents.

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But, having explored these queries, the observer, whether a newcomer or an oldtimer in Hawaii, would be less than honest and fair-minded if he came up with any conclusion other than that Hawaii is doing right well in its race relations, despite some handicaps.

The observer is likely to agree, I think, with ex-Maj. MITSUYOSHI FUKUDA, 442nd Combat Team veteran, who is quoted in a recent Newsweek magazine article on Hawaiian statehood, as follows:

"There's no place in the world where so many racial groups intermingle with a minimum of friction and segregation. It's not perfect, of course, but it's getting better all the time."

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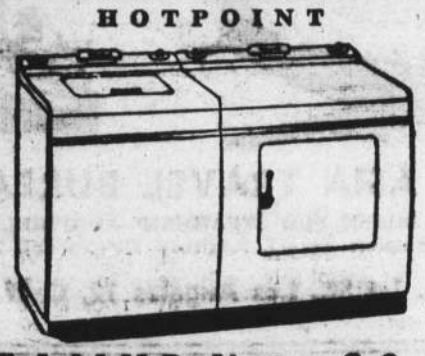
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Brotherhood Awards . . .

For their work in advancing "better human relations on a neighborhood level," 24 men and women received special awards from the National Conference of Christian and Jews in a city hall ceremony . . . Two were of Japanese ancestry: REV. JITSUO MORIKAWA, 1516 E. 61st St., for putting into practice in his congregation, the First Baptist Church, the Biblical injunction, "Love thy neighbor"; and to MRS. RICHARD MIYAKI, 1541 N. Wells St., for her brotherhood program in her neighborhood . . . Also honored were Mrs. Dolores Pelc Haring, for her job of integrating members of the Negro, Chinese, Japanese and Puerto Rican people; and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shirrell for their part in Japanese resettlement work.

Around Windy City . . .

Sunday lectures (3 p.m.) at Art Institute Fullerton Hall for the coming month schedule Dr. Watson on Brazilian adventures, Mar. 7-14, and "Golden Light of Darkest Africa," Mar. 21-28.

● "Career on State St." is the topic of Mary Louise Freeburger, member of the Mandel Bros. management committee, at the next Chicago JACL monthly meeting, Mar. 19, 8:15 p.m. at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 13th floor, 116 S. Michigan Ave. It will be of special interest to college and high school graduates interested in a career on merchandising.

● The Chicago Buddhist Church Cub Scouts this week celebrated with a dinner the 24th anniversary of Cub Scouting in America . . . The Chicago branch NAACP accepted the $5,000 quota in the "Fight for Freedom" fund, a national million-dollar campaign to wipe out all racial discrimination and segregation in the United States by 1963—the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation . . . The Mexican American Council under the leadership of Martin Ortiz has become a Community Fund Agency.

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With the transfer of Marcus T. Neely to El Paso, Tex., alien smuggling hot spot, WALTER A. SAHLI, 48, deputy district director for four yars in Miami, will be new district director of the Chicago Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

Of People . . .

HARRY K. SHIGETA, Hon. FPSA, discussed contemporary pictorial photography before the Ft. Dearborn-Chicago Camera Club recently . . . SAT TAKEMOTO, 4356 S. Lake Park Ave., hosted the last monthly meeting of the Co-Operative Investors.

● The first Nisei to graduate from Northwest Technological Institute as electrical engineer was JIM YAMASAKI, formerly of Tracy, Calif., in March, 1949. He had attended Univ. of California before the war, relocated to Gila River WRA camp, then went to Univ. of Utah in 1943-44 on a Presbyterian church scholarship . . . He and CARL TOMAKI (now in Los Angeles) were the first Nisei to be commissioned second lieutenants in the Corps of Engineers at Ft. Belvoir, Va. After serving with the CIC in Japan, Jim came to Chicago in January, 1947. At NTI, he made two national engineering honor societies, Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu . . . He married BETTY SUYAMA, formerly of Helena, Mont., a year later. They have one boy, CRAIG 3½ . . . In October, 1951, the Yamasakis moved to La Salle, 100 miles southwest of Chicago by the Illinois River. He is a member of the Congregational Church and Rotary Club there. Always asked to speak of the Nisei, he once read Mike Masaoka's *Japanese American Creed* at a Rotary meeting and received a fine ovation . . . As electrical engineer for a firm making electrical rotary equipment, the Yamasakis are the only Nisei in town . . . Last weekend, they were visiting his wife's brother and sister, FRANK and MARY ANN SUYAMA, on E. 62nd St. . . . Jim's two sisters are MAUDE (now Mrs. KAY YAMATO) and JEAN (now Mrs. TACH UCHIDA), whose husbands are partners in "Orchids of Hawaii" in New York City. KAY hails from Hawaii; TACH from Brawley, Calif. They each have one child in their families.

CHAPTER MEMO

Cleveland JACL: Making its sixth annual visit to Karamu Theater Feb. 14, an appreciative audience enjoyed William Saroyan's play, "Time of Your Life." Arrangements were made by John Matsushima, v.p., assisted by:

Helen Nakagawa, Frank Ikuta, George Ono, Jim and Sue Dote, Helen Akiya, Grace Andow, Lillian Hashiba, Mitch Hashiguchi, Fred Ikeda, June Taketa, Sachie Tanaka and George Uchimiya.

Mile-Hi JACL: Judge Philip B. Gilliam of the juvenile and family court is the main speaker at the chapter meeting tomorrow at the Tabernacle, 20th and Lawrence Sts. The judge is national president of the Juvenile Judges Association of America and is an outstanding authority of domestic relations problems.

West Los Angeles JACL: The 1954 chapter membership drive started this week with a door-to-door campaign under co-chairmanship of Dave Akashi and Aki Ohno, it was announced by Elmer Uchida, chapter president.

Milwaukee JACL: Dr. Randy Sakada, past national JACL president, of Chicago was installing officer of the new chapter cabinet headed this year by Takio Kataoka.

Placer County JACL: The community-wide picnic has been set for Apr. 4 (Sunday) at the JACL Recreation Park, Penryn. A picnic ball will precede the all-day festivities the preceding night, at which time the picnic queen candidates will be introduced.

San Francisco JACL: An urgent appeal to replenish the chapter blood bank reserve was made this week. The reserve is being maintained for use by the Japanese community at large. Since some of the calls have been cut for out-of-town patients, the appeal is being extended to non-San Franciscans.

Arkansas Valley JACL: Ugi Harada, chapter president, said a community meeting in Rocky Ford, Colo., is being planned Mar. 3 to hear National JACL Director Masao Satow and Min Yasui.

Newsletters Received: Chicago JACLer (Feb.); Richmond-El Cerrito (Feb.); San Diego (Feb.); Detroit JACL (Jan.).

GEORGE BABA ELECTED AS STOCKTON CL PRESIDENT

Stockton

Elections were held through the mail and George Baba was recently chosen to direct the activities of the Stockton JACL for 1954. He succeeds Sam Itaya, who is credited for leading the organization to receive second place award in the "Chapter of the Year" contest conducted by the NCWN district council.

Assisting Baba are:

Fred Dobana, 1st v.p.; Sam Itaya, 2nd v.p.; John Yamaguchi, treas.; Louise Baba, rec. sec.; Hiro Morita, cor. sec.; Mrs. Marie diCarli, Frank Inamasu, soc.; Art Hisaka, Issei rel.; Jack Sugimoto, Sid Yamada, sgts.-at-arms; Jack Matsumoto, Joe Omachi, Yuki Shinoda, Yo Terasita, exec. bd.

Fowler CL membership committeemen on move

Fowler

Attorney Howard Renge, Fowler JACL chapter president, announced Shig Uchiyama (treas.) will be chairman of the membership drive for the local chapter. Board of governors will assist in the campaign.

Assisting are:

Fowler—Fred Honda, George Shimoda, Roy Kato; Iowa District—Tom T. Nakamura, Kiyoshi Taniguchi, James Morishige; Southwest—Mas Tsuboi, Ichi Takeno; Northeast—George Nakayama, Tak Masumoto, Kaz Hiyama; Southeast—Joe Yoshimura, Frank Sakohira, Chuck Ideta; Northwest—Tom Mukai, Joe Yokomi, and Frank Teraoka.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR 1954 JACL MEMBERSHIP



Former students of the Detroit JACL-sponsored naturalization class recently passing their examination include (left to right) front row: Mmes. Osame Shimoda, Shikaye Shibuta, Misao Oshika, Masa Kosai, Machiko Ikeda, Ichiko Horiuchi; back row: Eitaro Nanjo, Tamesuke Shimokochi, Rihachi Ikeda, Taizo Kokubo, Mmes. Shizu Mamo and Taru Inouye. Not pictured but having passed were Shiezo Miyamoto, Suehiro Kosai, Mr. and Mrs. Yasuichi Teshima and Mrs. Shizuho Nakamura.

Chapter clinic main event at EDC meeting Mar. 13 in Philadelphia

Philadelphia

The Eastern District JACL council will hold a one-day meeting which will feature a chapter clinic moderated by Tad Masaoka, a banquet with Mike Masaoka as main speaker, and dance at the Hotel Penn-Sherwood, 39th and Chestnut Sts.

K. William Sasagawa, general chairman, is being assisted by:

Alice Endo, reg.; Betty Watanabe, housing; Nobi Kobayashi, dance; Dr. Tom Tamaki, program; Sim Endo, Issei recognition; Mrs. Susan Sasagawa, banquet; and Mrs. Grayce Uyehara, pub.

The registration of delegates and boosters from the four chapters of the district New York, Philadelphia, Seabrook and D.C.) will begin at 12 noon. Mas Satow and Mike Masaoka and chapter representatives will participate in the chapter clinic, to be followed by a business meeting chaired by Ira Shimasaki, EDC chairman.

A noted Philadelphian will be guest speaker at the banquet, followed by an orchestra dance at the hotel.

Berkeley CL installation dinner-dance plans set

Berkeley

Dane Kato's six-piece orchestra has been engaged for the informal dance, Mar. 5, at the Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito by the Berkeley JACL, which installs its new cabinet at a 7 p.m. dinner preceding the dance.

Ducats for the dinner-dance is $4 per person. Reservations for the annual affair are being accepted by committee, 1447 Ada St., Berkeley. Committee is headed by Bob Takefulji, Tad Hirota, co-chairmen, assisted by:

Dr. Eiichi Tsuchida, Allan Asakawa, Ben Fukutome, Mary Kambara, and Tad Nakamura.

Over 75 reservations have been made, according to Tad Hirota. Entertainment specialties include acts by Cliff Sugimoto, Shoei Ikemi, Bill Victor and Primrose Kealaku (hula dancer). Tickets are available from chapter members and from:

Bob's TV, Dane's Barber Shop, Jack's Radio Service, Nakamura Realty, and Nomura Bros. Auto Service.

URGE SPECIAL NIGHT TO REGISTER ISSEI VOTERS

Sacramento

Special registration nights for naturalized Issei citizens as qualified voters were recommended to chapters at the recent NCWN District Council meeting here by Evelyn Merson, executive secretary of California Federation of Civic Unity.

Those who are granted citizenship 90 days before the election date are eligible to vote in that election, she advised. Those who did not vote in the 1952 general elections, or those who have moved or have changed their names, must re-register to vote in the forthcoming June state primaries.

APPOINTMENTS

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For GEORGE INAGAKI
National JACL President

Feb. 28—PSWDC Chapter Clinic, Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, 10 a.m.

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For MASAO SATOW,
National JACL Director

Feb. 28—PSWDC Chapter Clinic, Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, 10 a.m.
Mar. 2—Mt. Olympus-Salt Lake City joint public meeting, Japanese Christian Church, 268 W. 1st South, 8 p.m.
Mar. 3—Arkansas Valley JACL, Community Hall, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Mar. 4-7—Chicago Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament, Hyde Park Bowl.

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For DR. ROY NISHIKAWA
National Treasurer

Mar. 7—Ventura County JACL installation dinner, Oxnard.

Chicago CL credit union declares 4% dividend

Chicago

Four incumbents and one new member were elected to the Chicago JACL Credit Union board recently. For the fifth straight year, a 4% dividend was declared for shareholders.

Over 300 signed for early Chicago CL boost

Chicago

Over 300 members have been signed up for 1954, reports Dr. Joe Nakayama, Chicago chapter membership chairman. The chapter bulletin, JACLer, cited Joe Kozuma for the early start by signing members at South Side Bowling.

The chapter is currently engaged in direct mail and telephone call campaigns. A house-to-house canvass on Sundays was scheduled to start this week.

Recognition fete

Chicago

Chicago JACL chapters officers of the past three years will be honored at a recognitions dinner tomorrow at North Park Hotel. Retiring presidents will receive JACL pins and gavels. Past national president Dr. Randolph Sakada will be toastmaster. Dr. George Hiura is in charge.

MILE-HI JACL TEAMS TO CANVASS DISTRICT FOR NAT'L RED CROSS

Denver

Florence Uyeda and Willie Hasegawa of the Mile-Hi JACL were appointed district-majors by the Denver chapter of the American Red Cross, which this week started its annual fund drive.

The two Nisei will work in an eight-block square from 19th to 24th Sts., from Blake to Arapahoe Sts. Swinging into action to bring recognition of the Japanese American community in Denver is the JACL team composed of:

Tak Terasaki, Dick Yanase, Clara Okimoto, Ter Aoyagi, Mrs. M. Mizoue, Marie Mizoue, Mike Kitano, Don Miyake, Iwao Nishikawa, Kim Hiraoka, and Harry Ida.

Co-majors Uyeda and Hasegawa urged the Japanese businessmen in the Nihonjinmachi section of Denver to co-operate fully in order to gain community recognition in aiding the American National Red Cross Drive.

Enviable Past Records

In years past, Harry Osumi and the Denver JACL have attained an enviable record in their co-operation and support of the Red Cross Drive. President Sam Matsumoto commended co-majors Uyeda and Hasegawa for undertaking the 1954 drive, and urged full support of the American Red Cross Campaign.

Mtn.-Plains 1000 Club membership near 50 mark

Denver

Seven 1000 Club memberships have been signed up in the San Luis Valley area of Colorado, according to James Imatani, chairman of the Mountain-Plains 1000 Club, now 49 strong.

Roy Inouye, past chapter president of San Luis Valley, La Jara, renewed his membership for the sixth consecutive year to be the oldest 1000er in the area. New 1000ers are:

Mike Mizokami, Harry Sumida and Roy Tanaka.

Other members in the chapter are:

Sojiro Yoritomo (5th yr.), Charles Hayashida (3rd yr.), and Clarence Yoshida (2nd yr.).

Mile-Hi JACL to push citizenship day program

Denver

Hope that a large group of newly-naturalized Issei will be honored at Denver's next observances of National Citizenship Day, Sept. 17, was expressed this week by Mrs. Fumi Yabe, JACL representative on the citywide Citizenship Day committee.

She and Sam Matsumoto, Mile-Hi JACL chapter president, attended a luncheon meeting of civic organizations recently to prepare for the event to be held at Civic auditorium this year.

Over 20 Issei were honored at the 1953 event.

● The Japanese American Center (Minneapolis) board of management named Henry Makino as 1954 chairman, succeeding Henry Omachi.

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Reintroducing Roy T. Yoshida . . .

ROY T. YOSHIDA, *veteran from the Placer County JACL Chapter, is a soft-spoken old timer who can write bitingly and to the point in his columns. Roy is a former contributor to this column and is one of the active Old Guards of the JACL. Recently he was honored, among others in Placer County, for being a twenty-five year member of the JACL. He is one of our very good friends and it is a privilege to hear from him because he always has something worthwhile.*

'Speaking Freely' . . .

REGISTER: One of the pointed discussions given thorough airing at the first quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council at Sacramento on Sunday, Feb. 14, was the matter of registering all eligible Nisei and Issei voters.

Importance of this program was strongly voiced from all sides. Not only as a matter of being good Americans—but more realistically because politicians have ears only for voters who are registered.

NO CHAPTER can talk turkey to any public official on the strength of chapter membership or the number of potential voters within its sphere of influence. Any politician worth his political salt is smart enough to keep a tab on voting strength of its constituents. He knows how many voters there are in various minority groups in his district. And he treats their requirements accordingly.

Although no chapter approves of or stresses bloc voting by their members, no politician—even if informed of this rigid policy—will turn a deaf ear if it holds influence over a sizeable number of registered voters. He is well aware that elections can be won or lost by a small margin of votes.

THEREFORE, in one sense, it becomes more important to the chapters to see that Nisei and naturalized Issei become registered voters—whether they become JACL members or not notwithstanding.

This is because it has always been JACL's policy to make all Nisei (which now includes Issei) good Americans first; good JACLers second. As long as a Nisei is a good American, he is serving to a certain extent JACL's cause—even if he is not a JACL member. Of course, if a Nisei considers his unique position with any degree of realism, he can readily see the incompatibility of being a good American but not a good JACLer. And this incompatibility would seriously hamper JACL's efforts in safeguarding the rights of persons of Japanese ancestry.

TOM YEGO, chairman of the NCWN district council, urged all chapters to make a special effort—even to the extent of getting a member deputized as a registrar—to register all eligible Nisei and Issei voters. This important program should be applied with equal diligence to JACL members as well as non-members, he added.

It was also suggested that Issei who will be voting for the first time be given helpful hints in exercising their newly gained franchise. For instance, Issei clinic on voting procedure prior to the June primary would enable them to cast their ballots more intelligently—and with greater confidence when they enter the polls.

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Note to Chapters—Let's get on the ball and push registration of both Issei and Nisei NOW. Registration ends April 15.

MONTEREY CL TROOP 47 WINS PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR JUDO DEMONSTRATION

Monterey

Boy Scout Troop 47, sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula JACL, has added more laurels since their activation three years ago. At a recent Scout-o-Rama held at the local fairgrounds, the troop received the President's Award for their presentation of judo.

Class instructor Tom Tanimoto was assisted by Bill Yokota and Sgt. Kitamura. Participating were:

Yo Tanimoto, John Sanda, Fred Nishiguchi, Douglas Tilly, Steve Polanski, Melvin Yoshida, Donald Satow, Robert Suzuki, Jim Matsuyama, Tom Hatano, Hideo Sumida and Warren Nobusada.

Despite bad weather, Scoutmaster Mike Sanda reported over 5,000 guests attended the two-day affair.

The scouts also enjoyed a three-day ski trip at Yosemite recently.

1000 Japanese Canadians return to prewar fishing community near Vancouver

Steveston, B.C.

Twenty-odd miles south of Vancouver on the banks of the Fraser River is a community of 1,000 Japanese Canadians, chiefly engaged in fishing. The rebirth of this Japanese community was possible after the ban of Japanese Canadians to the Pacific coast was lifted and fishing privileges were granted them.

All but a few of the prewar day fishermen have returned with their families, writes Genichi Ohashi in the New Canadian. In the heart of the fishing town's business center are various Japanese-owned business enterprises. All reside in comfortable homes in various neighborhoods.

As for the people, Ohashi adds:

"After many miles of travel, (I) have never seen so many pretty JC girls concentrated in one small center as Steveston. Perhaps foreseeing this, Mother Nature has also provided a large crop of eligible bachelors in the vicinity of 30 years of age."

There are no signs of a prewar Japanese community in Vancouver in the making in recent years with current Japanese population estimated at 2,000—or one-tenth of the prewar figure.

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Vancouver, B.C.

A pretty receptionist for the Vancouver Japanese consulate, Julie Sasaki, 18, was in competition with six other Caucasian beauties in the "Queen of Hearts" contest sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization recently. She was runner-up to the Queen, but it was a memorable day for her and her club members of Maria Stella for it marked the first time a Japanese Canadian competed in this community-wide pageant.



Mary Minamoto of Portland, Ore., is now in Tokyo with the American Red Cross. She has been an active JACL worker for the last decade. She thinks she can enjoy this strange country of bowing and squatting. She is one of a few Nisei girls working actively with the Red Cross outfit in Tokyo.—Nippon Times photo.

So. Calif. Appliance Co. opens larger new store

Los Angeles

The Southern California Appliance Co., in its seventh year of business, this week held open house at its new store at 348 E. 1st St., welcoming hundreds of visitors.

Frank Ninokawa, 42, and Kiyomi Takata, 40, both JACLers, are the Nisei co-proprietors of this expanding enterprise which they began in July, 1947, on South San Pedro St., then operating for six years at its former location at 309 E. 1st St.

The new quarters extend over 23,000 sq. ft. of floor space, allowing spacious display of its large stock, service department, office, loading and warehousing in one building adjacent to a railroad spur.

Wider Selections Afforded

A staff of 16 is prepared to serve its customers. The expanded furniture department affords a wider selection of eastern and west coast goods. Well-known national merchandise of home furnishing is being offered in addition to complete baby and juvenile furniture. Some of the brands include:

Radio-TV: Magnavox, RCA, DuMont, Zenith, General Electric, Mitchell; furniture: Kroehler, Johnson-Carver, Knob-Hall, Englander, Valentine Seaver; appliances: G.E., Kelvinator, Maytag, Chambers, O'Keefe and Merritt; rugs: Alexander Smith and Philadelphia.

Ninokawa and his wife, Kane, live with their three children in Boyle Heights as do Takata, his wife Michi, and two children.

Presbyterians meet

Stockton

The Rev. Donald Toriumi of Pasadena was named head of the Presbyterian Japanese Work Conference, composed of 50 ministers and delegates from throughout the United States.

REMEMBER THE JACL ENDOWMENT FUND

PSW regional office personnel deputize to register voters

Los Angeles

Tats Kushida and Blanche Shiosaki of the PSW JACL regional office, 258 E. 1st St., have been deputized this week by the county registrar of voters to register Nisei and naturalized Issei voters.

There is an Apr. 15 deadline for registration of voters for the June 8 California primaries.

Naturalized Issei were cautioned of the 90-day residence requirement prior to the day of election and must show naturalization papers when registering the first time. California election codes further require a reading knowledge of English.

Registration Rules

The six classes of persons who should register or re-register in time for the next election are:

1. Those who have changed their addresses since they last registered.
2. Those who have changed their names since they last registered.
3. Those who desire to change their political affiliation.
4. Those who registration were cancelled because they did not vote at either the Direct Primary or General Election in 1952, and who have not re-registered since the cancellation.
5. Those who have became of age and have not registered.
6. New residents of Los Angeles County, who will have the required qualifications by the date of the election—one year residence in the State, 90 days' residence in the County and twenty one years of age.

APL liner transports 15,000 pop-eyed goldfish

San Francisco

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FRIDAY, MAR. 5

Official Opening Ceremonies—7:45 p.m.

MEN'S 6-GAME SWEEPER (1st floor)—1st squad 3 p.m.; 2nd squad 6 p.m.; 3rd squad 8 p.m.; 4th squad 10 p.m.

WOMEN'S 4-GAME SWEEPER (2nd floor)—1st and 2nd squads 6 p.m.

RAGTIME DOUBLES (2nd floor)—After 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAR. 6

Ned Day Exhibition—7 to 8 p.m.

MEN'S DOUBLES (1st floor)—1st squad 2:30 p.m.; 3rd squad 3:30 p.m.; 5th squad 4:30 p.m.; 7th squad 5:30 p.m. (2nd floor)—2nd squad 1 p.m.; 4th squad 2 p.m.; 6th squad 3 p.m.; 8th squad 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S TEAM (2nd floor)—5:30 p.m.

MEN'S TEAM (1st floor)—3rd squad 8 p.m.; 4th squad 10:30 p.m. (2nd floor)—1st squad 9 p.m.; 2nd squad 11:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAR. 7

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (both floors)—9 a.m.

WOMEN'S SINGLES (both floors)—10 a.m.

MEN'S SINGLES (1st floor)—1st squad 11 a.m.; 3rd squad 12 noon; 5th squad 1 p.m.; 7th squad 2 p.m.; 24 alley for 49 bowlers. (2nd floor)—2nd squad 11 a.m.; 4th squad 12 noon; 6th squad 1 p.m.

MIXED DOUBLES (both floors)—3:30 p.m.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING (Shoreland Hotel)—9 a.m.

Tournament Awards Dinner-Dance
Shoreland Hotel, 6 p.m.
Admission: $11 cpl, $6 sgl per plate, $2.50 dance only

SPORTSCOPE:

● Frank "Lefty" O'Doul, America's baseball ambassador to Japan, feels Japanese professional baseball will be on par with Pacific Coast League clubs in five years with continued coaching by American experts. He was instrumental in organizing the first Japanese pro team—the Tokyo Giants in 1934 . . . Three Hawaiian Nisei, southpaw pitcher WILLIE YAHIRO, catcher KEIJI TSUKATO and third baseman TOM HIGA (who was a member of the all-star Hawaiian squad touring Japan last summer) will join the Fresno State College baseball varsity this season.

● The Japan Marathon Federation announced a couple of 25-year-old runners, KATSUO NISHIDA and NOBUYOSHI SADANAGA, will be accompanied by manager HIROSHI ITO, 48, (one of the first Japanese participating in international marathon competition) at the 58th Boston Marathon classic this year. They placed 4th and 8th, respectively, last year.

● Among the six men and four women named to represent Japan next month at the Philippine track and field championship meet in Manila was ATSUKO NAMBU of Koka University in the jumps. The slim, attractive girl is the daughter of CHUHEI NAMBU, who won the hop-step-jump Olympic championship in the 1932 Los Angeles games.

● Ohio State's world record holder FORD KONNO continues to smash swimming records. Last week, Konno broke the Michigan State 440-yd. pool record with 4m.30.8s, the 220-yd. meet record with 2m.6.5s.; while YOSHI OYAKAWA won his pet event, the 200-yd. backstroke, in 2m.10.1s. EDWARD KAWACHIKA swam the first lap of the 440-yd. relay won by OSU. The Buckeyes won 55-38 . . . Maj. SAMMY LEE, 33, Fresno-born Korean and two-time Olympic platform diving champion, became the first Oriental to win the coveted James E. Sullivan memorial award for doing the "most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship in 1953." He was furloughed from his Seoul post to New York last week to be honored . . . BILL KAWAMURA of Denver's Manual High won the city prep diving championship this year.

● Japan's leading woman judoist, MISS UMEKO FUKUDA, has been in the United States for several months to stimulate interest and to promote female judo. Although only five feet tall and weighing 110 lbs., she has been instructing and practicing judo at Kodo Kwan Judo University in Tokyo for the past 17 years. She holds the fifth-dan degree.

● Upward of 250 persons are expected to attend the gala climax of the eighth annual National JACL Bowling Tournament Awards dinner-dance at the Shoreland Hotel, Mar. 7, 6 p.m. Attorney TOM MASUDA will be toastmaster. Miss MARJI KIKUCHI, queen of the tournament, and her court, will assist in presenting the bowlers their prizes and trophies at the affair.

TV CAMERA TO COVER NAT'L CL KEG MEET

Chicago

Television coverage of the National JACL bowling tournament is scheduled to highlight activities taking place on Sunday, Mar. 7, including the meeting tentatively scheduled for 9 a.m. of the National Bowling Advisory Board and team captains.

The broadcast will be on a closed circuit between Hyde Park Bowl and tournament headquarters at the Shoreland Hotel, through courtesy of the hotel and the Central TV system.

San Josean rolls 715 scratch game

San Jose

Jimmy Sakamoto hit a spectacular 715 scratch game Thursday night last week to score one of the highest Nisei tournament totals on record and break a 19-year-old city tournament mark.

Rolling with his brother Frank, he hit 230-254-231 and their combined total of 1298 netted them a championship in the 19th annual San Jose Men's City bowling tournament.

Bob Uchiyama who led in the handicap all-events with a 1943 until the final day was ousted by a kegler who was a 115 bowler last year. John Kasano's 1796 led Sunday in the scratch all-events.

12th annual WYBL confab assembles in Fresno

Fresno

The 12th annual Western Young Buddhist League convention will be hosted by the Central California YBA at Fresno, Mar. 26-28. Kenji Osaki is convention chairman.

Among the convention highlights are a choir festival, queen contest, talent show, oratorical contest, mixer in addition to session devoted to "Harmony through Gassho," convention theme.

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THE SOU'WESTER

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TATS KUSHIDA

On the bottom of page two of this issue, there is a five-column notice reminding our gentle (some not so gentle) readers that the 13th Biennial is only 27 weeks away.

The host district is the Pacific Southwest District Council, whose chairman, KEN DYO, is associate convention chairman in charge of finances. The host chapters are the six Los Angeles chapters comprising the L.A. coordinating council composed of Downtown L.A., East L.A., Hollywood, Southwest L.A., Venice-Culver and West L.A.

Convention Souvenir Booklet Committee . . .

One of the committees of the National Convention about which little will be heard but which has a gigantic task to perform is the souvenir program booklet committee.

Theirs is the job to publish an 80 to 96 page program, one which every delegate will be proud to possess.

And judging from the calibre of the art-editorial staff, the booklet will be a skillful and artistic creation.

Co-art editors are MICHI KATAOKA and KAY INOUYE. Assisting them will be such able artists are JIM HIGASHI, GEORGE FUKUDA, JOHN WATANABE and MAS KATAOKA. Editorials will be handled by CHARLES ASAWA, busy East L.A. member who will be assisted by HENRY MORI, SADAKO KAWANAMI and others. The SOU'WESTER will serve as committee chairman and business manager.

Michi is a cartoonist, working in the animation department of a major film studio in Hollywood. Give Michi credit for the drawings which gave such a nice touch to the JACL public relations brochure published at Boys' Town, and for the national JACL membership leaflet, "Going My Way."

Kay is not only a very able commercial artist but operates his own agency, Kay-Christopher Advertising, at Crossroads of the World, Hollywood. Thanks to his "connections," the publication will effect considerable economy of production.

The Convention board has six major divisions, of which Ken Dyo's is one. Since the program booklet is one of the few sources of income to finance the manifold expenses of conducting a convention of this scope, the booklet committee functions under the finance section.

Assist from All Chapters Sought . . .

Chapters and district councils are urged to support the convention through advertising in the booklet and soliciting ads from business houses as they do for the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue. While much of the commercial advertising will come from Southern California, a large part is due to chapter efforts throughout the country.

The editors are planning a terrific booklet, replete with original art work, sketches, cartoons, photographs, maps, editorial features and other attractive items. We don't want to divulge what these features will be because the committee would like to make the booklet one of the many pleasant surprises in store for the delegates to the convention.

The booklet will be printed by letterpress rather than by offset lithography as has been the case for previous convention booklets. This makes for sharper and more economical reproduction. Everything about it will be tops—the art work, layout, editorial content and workmanship.

NB: July 1 Deadline . . .

Chapters and district councils, credit unions too! Don't fail to have your greeting-ad included in the convention program booklet. Remember, deadline is July 1. *Give the staff a break by rushing your ads in a month or two earlier.*

From time to time, this column will keep its readers posted on convention committee personnel to supplement the publicity releases by EDISON UNO.

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Remember, only 27 more weeks! Plan your vacation *now* to be in Ellay on Sept. 2. Smog? That's just "goms" spelled backwards.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

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HENRY MORI

★ Another "first" was recorded under the McCarran Act when an alien Japanese who was naturalized under the clause of the 1953 law was permitted to call his spouse from Japan on a non-quota basis.

Kay Kiyoji Fukuyama of Kay's Hardware and Garden Supplies on Jefferson Blvd. did a quick job of taking his exams in April of 1953, then in June was sworn in as a citizen of the United States.

Fukuyama had married a native Japanese in July of 1952 in Fukuoka during his short visit there but was forced to leave her behind because the act was not in effect that year until Dec. 24.

Eiji Tanabe, postwar's first So. Calif. JACL regional director, who is now head of the Far East Travel Service, assisted Fukuyama process the necessary papers for her passage.

Her visa was cleared by the U.S. Consulate in Tokyo this month and she was to have arrived on the President Wilson in San Francisco last Tuesday.

Before the war, Fukuyama also operated a hardware store in the heart of Li'l Tokio.

★ The problem of relocating minority residents—in a city dotted with housing discrimination—every time the state proposes a freeway through a so-called mixed racial groups area is becoming quite a serious issue with the State Highway Commission.

In December, an Eastside force comprised of community leaders headed by Councilman Edward Roybal put a temporary halt to a proposed highway through the Hollenbeck Park district which would take away many of the residential homes on Cummings St.

That anti-freeway committee said many would have a difficult time in finding new homes.

Apparently the same thing has happened again for the newly-planned freeway along the Washington-Adams district where, if approved by the city, would destroy the homes occupied by Negroes and Japanese, relative newcomers in the neighborhood.

This time, however, the sentiment of the protesting committee has become a little more academic. It has expressed hope that if the freeway must go through the public would then be kind enough to recognize the plight of the estimated 1,800 victims and assist them in opening other better homes for them.

★ The 27th annual Scholastic Art Awards regionals competition, sponsored locally by Bullock's Downtown, listed several Nisei and Sansei winners.

The top recognition, of course, is the Achievement Gold Key, (equivalent to blue ribbon) given to winners. Others are recognized by being handed a Certificate of Merit.

There was a total of 930 art pieces selected from 6,650 entries. The 930 went up for exhibit; 225 of them being tagged with the Achievement Gold Key, the rest with Ceritificate of Merit.

Nisei scored with six AGKs and 16 CMs, providing a pretty high percentage.

One double winner was Yachiyo Nagamine of Roosevelt High School scoring in two transparent water color paintings. Her works will soon be sent to Carnegie Institute in a national competition.

★ We simmered through the hottest Washington's Birthday in Weather Bureau history Monday as the mercury mounted to 87. The heat broke a 73-year old record for Feb. 22—an 86 in 1881—but that was well under the 92-degree all-time high for the month set Feb. 25, 1921. It was 90 degrees Tuesday.

If we get hotter, we'll let you know, dear Chicagoans;

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AKAMATSU—Jan. 5, a girl Carol Anne to the Isamu Edward Akamatsus (Michiko Inouye), Los Angeles.

ANDERSEN—Jan. 19, a girl Vicki Lynn to the Robert E. Andersons (Natsuko Ono), Los Angeles.

ARAKAKI—Jan. 20, a boy Ray to the James Hiroshi Arakaki (Nobuko Arakaki), Los Angeles.

FUNAKOSHI—A girl to the Sam S. Funakoshis, Brighton, Colo.

HAYAKAWA—Feb. 8, a boy to the Dan Hayakawas, Orosi.

HIGASHIDA—Jan. 15, a girl Eileen Kuniko to the Roy S. Higashidas (Helen Tsuneko Yamane), Van Nuys.

HIGASHIYAMA—Feb. 13, a girl to the Takashi Higashiiyamas, Seattle.

INN—Feb. 9, a girl to the Harry Inns, Reedley.

INOUYE—Feb. 5, a girl to the Joe N. Inouyes, San Francisco.

ISOZAKI—Jan. 23, a boy to the Isamu S. Isozakis, Stockton.

IWANAGA—Feb. 1, a boy Douglass Lee to the Roy Iwanagas, San Jose.

KAKIUCHI—Feb. 2, a boy to the Robert Kakiuchis, Kingsburg.

KAWAHARA—Jan. 23, a girl Julia Noriko to the Saburo Kawaharas (Hiroko Oto), Los Angeles.

KIMOTO—Feb. 6, a boy to the Ralph Kimotos, San Francisco.

KIMURA—Feb. 14, a boy to the Sam Kimuras, Seattle.

KITAGAWA—Jan. 19, a girl to the Jick S. Kitagawas, Stockton.

KOBAYASHI—Feb. 9, a boy to the Tetsuya Kobayashis (Fumiko Yamamoto), Watsonville.

KUBOTA—Dec. 23, a girl to the Kiyoshi Kubotas, Torrance.

KUROMIYA—Jan. 27, a girl to the Yoshito Kuromiyas, Pasadena.

KUSUDA—Dec. 28, a girl to the Mitsugi Kusudas, Garden Grove.

KWAN—Jan. 16, a boy John Young to the John Kwans (Mine Yamamoto), Los Angeles.

MATSUO—Jan. 6, a boy Randy Miyoshi to the Hiromu Matsuos (Ruby Miyoko, Wada), Sun Valley, Calif.

MIURA—Jan. 18, a girl to the David Miuras, Long Beach.

MIYAGISHIMA—Jan. 17, a girl Janet Michiko to the Kiyoshi Miyagishimas (Chiyeko Endo), Los Angeles.

MIYASHITA—Jan. 19, a boy Albert Haruhito to the Izuo Miyashitas (Lilly Haruko Yokota), Los Angeles.

MIZUNO—Jan. 9, a girl Flora Jane to the Ernest Mizunos (Esther Harumi Masuda), Los Angeles.

NAKANISHI—Dec. 20, a girl to the George Nakanishis, Anaheim.

NAKANO—Feb. 1, a girl to the Masaharu M. Nakanos, Berkeley.

NAKANO—Feb. 5, a girl Nancy Kiyomi to the Fred H. Nakanos, Mt. View.

NAKASHIMA—Jan. 20, a boy to the Tomoyoshi Nakashimas, San Diego.

NAGATA—Jan. 21, a boy to the Harry H. Nagatas, San Diego.

OKURA—Jan. 7, a girl Amy Gail to the Tsuyoshi Okuras (Chiyoko Shiba), Wilmington.

OSHIMA—Jan. 7, a girl Cathleen Misao to the Shigeru Oshimas (Mary Toshie Nishioka), Escondido.

RYONO—Jan. 13, a boy Steven Marc to the Katsumi Ryonos (Margaret Toshiko Shibuya), Venice.

SHIOKARI—Jan. 18, a boy Stanley to the Tom Shiokaris (Nobuko Sakioka), Los Angeles.

SHIMIZU—Feb. 5, a boy to the Carl Shimizus, San Jose.

SHISHDO—Jan. 24, a boy to the Chuzo Shishidos, Stockton.

TAKEUCHI—Jan. 25, a boy to the Jim H. Takeuchis, San Francisco.

TANAKA—Feb. 11, a girl to the Itsuko Tanakas, Seattle.

TSUJII—Feb. 5, a boy to the Frank T. Tsujiis, Seattle.

UOMOTO—Feb. 2, a girl to the Robert K. Uomotos, San Francisco.

WAKANO—Jan. 13, a girl Elsie Sachiko to the George Wakanos (Fumie Okamoto), Los Angeles.

YAMAKOSHI—Jan. 22, a boy Warren Shoji to the Noby Yamakoshis, Chicago.

YAMAMOTO—Jan. 30, a girl to the Seichi Yamamotos, Sanger.

YOSHIDA—Jan. 17, a boy Michael Dean to the George Shoji Yoshidas (Aiko Maruoka), Los Angeles.

Engagements

ASANUMA-SUYEHIRO — Yuriye, Fresno, to Yoneo, San Francisco, Feb. 13.

HAYASHI-ARAI—Ruby, North Platte, Neb., to Rupert (formerly of Seattle), Denver, Feb. 13.

KAWAGUCHI-ASAWA—Sally, San Pedro, to Victor, Whittier.

NINOMIYA-TANABE — Sachi to George, both of Seattle, Feb. 14.

YUGE-SAITO—Masako, Los Angeles, to George (Oregon), Feb. 14.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KAYA-TSURUMOTO — Tom, 27, Berkeley, and Mary, 27, Sebastopol.

MARUYAMA-HORIO—Yoshimi, 27, and Rose, 23, both of San Jose.

MIZOTE-SASAKI — Harumi, 21, Oakland, and Sally, 21, San Francisco.

NOGUCHI-TSUGAWA — Teru, 26, and Fujiye, 25, both of San Francisco.

NONAKA-TAKANO—Masahide, 26, and Yoshiye, 25, both of San Francisco.

OCHIDA-NAKASAKI—Yoshito, 26, San Jose, and Aiko, 23, Irvington.

SAWAMURA-ASAHARA — George, 33, Mt. View, and Katherine, 27, San Francisco.

TACHIYAMA-HAYASHIDA — Takami, 37, and Toshiko, 33, both of Seattle.

Weddings

IKEDA-YOKOYAMA—Feb. 14, Mas Ikeda and Dorothy Yokoyama, both of Fresno.

KAWATO-FUJIMOTO—Feb. 14, Fusao Kawato and Tayoko Fujimoto, both of Los Angeles.

MATSUI-MITSUOKA — Feb. 21, Tommy Matsui and Violet Matsuoka, both of Watsonville.

NAKABAYASHI - NAKAMURA — Feb. 14, Herbert Nakabayashi and Ginger Nakamura (formerly of Wapato, Wash.), both of New York.

NAKAO-SHIGEMASA—Feb. 14, James N. Nakao, Torrance, and Harumi Shigemasa, Santa Ana, at Los Angeles.

NAKASHIMA-SHINTAKU—Feb. 14, Yoneo Nakashima and Ayako Shintaku, both of Los Angeles.

TAKEMOTO-TODO—Feb. 14, Victor Takemoto, Bainbridge, and Lilly Y. Todo, Seattle.

YAMAMOTO-OHASHI—Feb. 14, Lloyd Takashi Yamamoto and Molly Moriko Ohashi, both of Los Angeles.

YONEHIRO-KIDO—Feb. 14, George Yonehiro, Chicago, and Miyeko Kido, Los Angeles.

Deaths

FUJITO, Asakichi: Chula Vista, Feb. 10, survived by wife Yone, sons George, Frank, James, Julius and daughter Mrs. May Alfort.

FUKUHARA, Henry, 68: Seattle, Feb. 7, survived by wife Rui, sons Tadashi, George, daughters Mrs. Fumiko Shimamoto, Mrs. Jane Seiko Akiyoshi.

HASHIGUCHI, Shinrichi Harry, 57: Seattle, Feb. 11.

KURIMURA, George Yoshiro, 67: Seattle, Feb. 15, survived by daughters Mrs. Barbara Matsudaira, Mrs. Taiko Moriguchi (Mpls.), sons Terry, Roy, Robert (Spokane), and Eddie K. (Los Angeles).

MATSUNAMI, Hanzo, 69: Fresno, Feb. 13.

MORITA, Mrs. Sumiko: Berkeley, Feb. 15, survived by two sons in service.

NANTO, Misaku, 84: Fresno, Feb. 12, survived by wife Tomi, son Kazumasa and three grandchildren.

OBA, Masaharu, 79: Los Angeles, Feb. 13, survived by wife Kura, daughter Iwao.

SEKIMOTO, Katsutaro, 65: Los Angeles, Feb. 13, survived by wife Kisoye, son Masaru, daughters Yasuko, Mrs. Chieko Furushima, Mrs. Kiyomi Harada.

SHIMIZU, Tokuitsu, 70: Los Angeles, Feb. 17, survived by wife Minoru, daughters Mari and Mrs. Toshi Ashikaga.

SHIRAHAMA, Magosaku, 73: Los Angeles, Feb. 12, survived by wife Hana, sons Masami and Tsutomu.

TAKAHASHI, Fukuzo, 72: Seattle, Feb. 6, survived by wife Matsuye, sons Frank, Dick, daughters Mrs. Makiko Fujiwara and Mrs. M. T. Kamma (Japan), five granchildren and one great-grandchild.

YONEZU, Mrs. Nao, 79: Salt Lake City, Feb. 13, survived by son Charles (San Francisco), daughter Mrs. Yaye Hiraga (Los Angeles), seven grandchildren, and sister Mrs. Hatsuno Ogino (Tokyo).

Fashion show

New York

A new twist in conducting fashion shows is planned tomorrow when young ladies over 50 will participate in an amateur presentation at the Grace Methodist auditorium; it was announced by Mrs. Chosuke Miyahira.

Secrets of success are what everybody is always telling everybody else.

Japanese youth bewildered politically, economically

Lihue, Kauai

Howard Haag, International YMCA fraternal secretary, speaking on changes in Japan, told the Kauai County YMCA that Japan is now only recognizing the severity of her war experiences.

The youth of Japan is bewildered both politically and economically, Haag said. He also reported that in 1951, the National Students Association of Japanese universities was practically under Communist domination. As soon as Japan rebuilds herself physically, Haag was confident that her youth would swing toward the ideals of democracy.

CALENDAR

Feb. 26 (Friday)

SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY: Talent show, Warm Springs grammar school, 7:30 p.m.

ORANGE COUNTY: Installation dinner, French Imperial Restaurant, Garden Grove.

Feb. 27 (Saturday)

MILE-HI: Mtg, Tabernacle, 20th and Lawrence Sts., 8 p.m. Judge Gilliam, spkr.

DETROIT: Installation dinner-dance, Belcrest Hotel, 7 p.m.

Feb. 28 (Sunday)

PSWDC: Cabinet clinic, WLA and Venice, host chapters; Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, 10 a.m.

Mar. 1 (Monday)

SEQUOIA: Mtg, Redwood Bowl, 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 2 (Tuesday)

MT. OLYMPUS-SALT LAKE: Joint mtg, Japanese Christian Church, 268 W. 1st South, 8 p.m. Mas Satow, spkr.

Mar 5 (Friday)

BERKELEY: Installation dinner-dance, Mira Vista C.C., 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 5-7

CHICAGO: Eighth annual Nat'l JACL bowling tournament, Hyde Park Bowl.

Mar. 13 (Saturday)

EDC: District meeting, Philadelphia host chapter.

DETROIT: Japanese movies.

Mar. 19 (Friday)

CHICAGO: "Career on State St.," M. L. Freeburgh, spkr., Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan, 8:15 p.m.

Mar. 20 (Saturday)

CHICAGO: Social.

MILE-HI: Family carnival, D-X Club, 1800 W. 38th Ave.

Apr. 3 (Saturday)

PLACER COUNTY: Community picnic dance.

Coffee from market stolen

Fresno

Fifteen cases of coffee, valued at $345, were stolen last week from the Farmer Boy Market, 1660 B St., operated by Masao Kimura, police records showed.

(Last Saturday in Watsonville, burglars broke into Wada's Grocery Store, 159 Bridge St., but they didn't take any coffee—just packages of tortillas, sticks of salami, canned milk, bread and a dozen cigarette lighters.)

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EDITORIALS

5-F Case Victory

Many naturalization petitions made by male Issei applicants were temporarily set aside pending the clarification of their World War I draft status. This situation has been prevalent for the past three or four months. This week, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has given the "all clear" signal to proceed with naturalization of these so-called "5-F cases."

While all recognize the invaluable leadership rendered by Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania in clearing the final obstacle and having the Attorney General abide by the favorable opinion of Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman, the initial impetus of three Nisei attorneys representing Kazuichi Tsuji of San Francisco deserves special acknowledgment.

Mas Yonemura of Oakland, Victor Abe of San Francisco and Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose, all of whom are active in their respective JACL chapters, performed a type of public service which will benefit thousands of male Issei.

That communities have Nisei of such vision and sharing in responsibility only portrays that Nisei have come of age, meriting a rare virtue—respect from their elders.

In these moments of joy in victory, we further cannot forget the participation of Edward J. Ennis of New York City, counsel for the Washington JACL office, who appeared at the San Francisco arguments at his own expense practically.

Where a majority of the Japanese names was feminine in the naturalization lists heretofore, they will now be enhanced by a generous portion of masculine names.

Brotherhood Week

Be you rich or poor, black or white, Christian or Jew, as citizens of this great Nation, there is a tacit obligation for everyone to make their community a better place to live. It was National Brotherhood Week (Feb. 21-28), seven days set aside to emphasize the meaning of good citizenship everyday of the year.

In a similar vein, the JACL motto—For Better Americans in a Greater America—upholds the same rich principle. A person of Japanese ancestry—one of the many American minorities—can show his neighbor he is of good heart, working to make his community a better place to live. There is a rewarding experience in getting to know your neighbor, be he rich or poor, black or white, Christian or Jew.

From the Frying Pan . . . by Bill Hosokawa

Miseries Before, Mischief After

Denver

FOR NEARLY A week, our 5-year-old Pete was completely irascible. He picked fights with his friends and his kin. He wouldn't mind. His nose dripped and he took out his misery on those around him. His mother was just ready about ready to disown him, thrust him out on the cold, cold world. Then, one morning he woke up with his jowls swollen until his face was the general shape of a Jonathan apple.

Our Pete had the mumps.

There's something about mumps that seems to strike people as awfully funny. Matter of fact, mumps seem to be an amusing subject to everyone but the victim who, of course, can see no humor in this unpleasantly painful affliction. We forgave Pete his ill humor and promptly set about to pamper him.

At this writing, the swelling has gone down and Pete can eat lemon pie with usual gusto. He is back to his mischief which is sure proof that he has recovered.

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DURING PETE'S ILLNESS we were gifted with a British-made toy helicopter. The 'copter is on one end of a counterbalanced rod, and the rotor is run by an electric motor powered by a battery. By pushing a button and working a little lever, the 'copter can be made to fly up, down, around in a circle, or made to hover. As toys go, this gadget is both expensive and complicated.

Of course Pete got a terrific bang out of the 'copter and wore out a pair of batteries as he flew over imaginary battlefields, rescuing imaginary casualties. But eventually he tired of the toy, and for the last few days it has lain untouched in its box.

Pete also received a set of blocks—the old fashioned wooden kind with letter embossed on some of the sides and animal pictures stenciled on the others. They were made in Japan and cost 98 cents (you could have bought the same thing for 39 cents before the war). It didn't occur to me until some time after Pete had begun to play with them that this was his first set of blocks. Time was when kids got blocks as a matter of course, almost the same way that they got shoes or a cap.

Well, to make a short story shorter, Pete's helicopter toy is neglected but his blocks are still getting frequent workouts. He builds piles, walls and houses, and he even makes a feeble effort at learning his letters. Seems there's some kind of moral here about how the simple things of life are the enduring things.

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IT USED TO be in our house that 90 per cent of telephone calls were for me. There were business matters and one thing or another, like Carl wanting to organize a discussion session as to the merits of paying five blue chips for the privilege of drawing to an inside straight.

Now, I'd say that perhaps 25 per cent of the calls are for me. The great majority of calls into our house are made by young men with quavering type just-changing voices who want to talk to Mike, or by young ladies with piping type voices wanting Susan.

So far we aren't bothered much by an excess of outgoing calls, the telephone being available almost anytime I want it. But all my colleagues warn that this is only a temporary situation which should be enjoyed to the fullest while it lasts. I know a fellow who persuaded the telephone company to install a pay phone in his daughter's bedroom. It not only discouraged too frequent calls, but also kept his own line from being tied up for hours at a time. It was worth the expense, he says.

Vagaries . . . by Larry Tajiri

'King and I' Misses Yuriko

FOR THE PAST three years on the stage of the St. James theater in New York's Times Square a Nisei dancer has made a role in the main ballet sequence of Rogers and Hammerstein's *The King and I* particularly her own. It would be difficult to imagine anyone but Yuriko Kikuchi dancing as Eliza in the stylized Siamese dance version of Uncle Tom's Cabin which was called *The Small House of Uncle Thomas* in the fabulously successful musical. Yuriko's duet with the Angel (Michiko Iseri) was an interlude limned in the gossamer of theatrical magic.

This week Yuriko sailed with the Martha Graham company on the Queen Elizabeth for England and a three-month European tour which will start with a three-week engagement at the Savile theater in London.

At native of San Jose, Calif., Yuriko Amemiya was trained in the discipline and formalized rituals of the Japanese theater. She was in California at the time of the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 and was sent to the Gila River relocation center in Arizona. From there, she went on to New York where she got a job sewing in the ladies garment industry (Dave Dubinsky's International Ladies Garment Workers being one of the first union groups to help place Nisei evacuees).

Yuriko toured the country with the Gradance training at night. She performed for Martha Graham, the high priestess of the modern dance, and was accepted almost immediately as a member of the company, a considerable distinction in itself.

Yuriiko toured the country with the Graham company and taught at the Graham school. In recent years she has been accepted by critics as one of the outstanding interpreters of the Martha Graham dance technique. Even in the past three years while busy in *The King and I* in which she was also captain of dancers, Yuriko has managed to appear in the Graham productions, appearing in the first half of the Graham program and then hurrying over to the St. James in time for her main dance number in *The King and I.*

Yuriko is married to Charley Kikuchi, who used to live in Vallejo, Calif., and who was one of the researchers on Univ. of California's evacuation and resettlement study of Japanese American evacuees during the war years. He is now a psychiatric social worker at an army mental hospital in the New York area. The Kikuchis live in Brooklyn with their daughter, Susan, 5.

Charley and Susan hope to get over to Europe for a family reunion toward the end of the Graham company's tour of Europe, probably in Paris.

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HOLLYWOOD'S LEADING portrayer of Japanese roles these days is a Chinese American actor named Richard Loo. The other night one of the Denver TV stations put on a "late show" film, rife with Oriental evildoers, called *Secrets of Chinatown.*

The only item of interest in this potboiler about a brave newspaperman who exposes crime in Chinatown, presumably San Francisco's, was the love interests between a young Chinese American, trapped by his obligation to his tong, and a Chinese girl. Loo played the boy while the girl was Toshia Mori who was Columbia Pictures' candidate for stardom back in 1932.

Miss Mori had one of the leads in Frank Capra's first big film, *The Bitter Tea of General Yen*, a melodrama about Manchuria which starred Barbara Stanwyck and Nils Asther. Toshia Mori also had the femme lead in *Law of the Jungle.* Incidentally, the head of the Chinese crime syndicate in *Secrets of Chinatown* was portrayed by Tetsu Komai who was one of Hollywood's favorite Oriental villains for many years. He was the "Manchu butcher" in a derring-do called *War Correspondent*, a Chinese in *Oil for the Lamps of China*, the Philippine native chief in Gary Cooper's *The Real Glory* and a succession of other villainous roles in more than two score films. One of Komai's few Japanese parts was that of a detective in Paramount's *Hands Across the Table* which was probably his only role, incidentally, creating any degree of censure. Some officious Japanese claimed the comedy portrayal was undignified.

Shortly before Pearl Harbor when Hollywood started producing some anti-Japanese films, Richard Loo became "typed" as a Japanese when the film colony's players of Japanese ancestry declined to accept roles which they considered racially offensive. Loo also played Nisei parts in some films as *Little Tokyo, U.S.A.*, and *Clay Pigeon*, an RKO quickie which was inspired by the Kawakita case. In the latter he was a Japanese American who was a brutal prison guard in Japan and who got his comeuppance when he returned to the United States. Because of the strong protests from the National JACL, RKO wrote a sequence into this film in which a Filipino actress, Marya Marco, played a Nisei widow of a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, as an effort to introduce the true story of Japanese Americans in World War II.

After playing a succession of villains, Loo mended his cinematic ways and hasn't taken any roles offensive to Nisei since the afternoon he appeared at a mass meeting in Santa Ana, Calif., called to protest discrimination in a nearby community against the family of a Nisei GI who was killed in Italy and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. This was the meeting at which the late General Stilwell also appeared. Loo read Mike Masaoka's Japanese American creed at the mass meeting.

Three years ago Richard Loo played a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team who becomes a Korean war hero in an independent film produced by Sam Fuller. His latests appearance is in the CinemaScope *Hell and High Water* in which he plays Fujimori, one of a group of men of all nationalities who band together to thwart a scheme to start the third world war. In this picture also are Rollin Moriyama, another Hollywood veteran, as Joto and Edo Mita as a taxi-driver. Edo is the son of Sojin Kamiyama who was Hollywood's first Charlie Chan in *The Chinese Parrot.*

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First official Army report of Nisei soldiers in action in Central Pacific theater made by 7th Division commander, who cites soldiers for participation in invasion of Kwajalein.

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T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki makes belated appearance on Ginny Simm's program; originally scheduled to appear a month earlier but interrupted by NBC officials.

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House passes bill permitting native-born citizens to renounce citizenship in time of war.

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Attempt of AFL group to gag Joe G. Masaoka at public meeting in Salt Lake City school auditorium fails; Lechner, AFL leaders leave hall as Nisei answers charges on "Japanese invasion" of Utah; Kilsoo Hahn fails to show up.

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Utah governor to investigate race situation, doesn't believe present situation needs formal state action.

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Utah CIO refuses to join in demand of AFL to bar Japanese Americans in Salt Lake City.

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Prominent citizens of Utah uphold rights of Nisei group; seek fair play for citizens in Salt Lake City dispute. Nisei AFL unionmen protest race tension attempts.

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Sec. of Interior Ickes says Jerome WRA center to be first relocation camp to be closed.

MINORITY

Public libraries in the South have been quietly opening their doors to Negro readers. Since 1941, service at the main library has become available in 67 Southern cities for a total of 82, reports the Southern Regional Council, a private research body financed by the Ford Foundation, churches and labor unions. Only Mississippi and South Carolina maintain 100 per cent library segregation.

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The great Sioux nation councils are protesting a slight against their most famous and controversial leader, Sitting Bull, subject of a movie now being planned for filming in CinemaScope in Mexico. One protest cited the "complete disregard of the beauty and authentic locale of the state of South Dakota" and the plans to portray him as a native of Mexico.

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Negro businessmen were called upon to strive for the three "C's"—competence, cleanliness and courtesy—in their business dealings by Chicago Alderman Carey Jr., who installed officers of the Chicago Negro Chamber of Commerce last week.

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Chicago's Puerto Rican population swelling at rate of 500 a week, now about 25,000. City faces welfare problem to feed jobless migrants.

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President Eisenhower's message on housing to Congress has been criticized by the NAACP as not definite enough concerning the use of federal funds for racially segregated housing units.

In a way, it's somewhat of a relief to know that Russia has the H-bomb—a relief comparable to that experienced by the man who heard the second shoe finally drop on the floor above.