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Four pretty Cherry Blossom queen contestants pose with Acting Governor Farrant L. Turner of Hawaii, shown here receiving an invitation to the coronation ball on Apr. 24. The Honolulu Japanese Jr. Chamber of Commerce is sponsor of the second Cherry Blossom Festival, Apr. 19-May 1. The girls (left to right) are Edith Takeshiro, June Mizota, Betty Tsukiyama and Anna Tokumaru.

—John Uyehara photo.

ANOTHER $1,500,000 APPROVED BY HOUSE FOR EVACUEE CLAIMANTS

Washington

Over $1,500,000 was included in a bill, approved and sent by the House of Representatives to the Senate last week for payment of smaller evacuation claim awards, according to Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

"This Third Supplemental Appropriations bill," he said, "would authorize the Treasury Department to pay $1,560,000 to Japanese recipients of evacuation claims awards under $2,500. These awards were made under compromise procedures as well as by regular adjudicative methods."

For Awards Under $2,500

This sum is expected to be sufficient to pay evacuation claims awarded in amounts not exceeding $2,500 during the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 1954, Justice Department officials informed the Washington JACL Office.

JACL-supported sections of the appropriation measure would make it possible for the payment of evacuation claims awards of $2,500 or less made after June 30, 1953, up to July 1, 1954. Most of these claims have already been adjudicated and are awaiting enactment of this bill for payment.

Evacuation claims awards in excess of $2,500 are considered in separate legislation, such as that signed by President Eisenhower several weeks ago for the payment of $133,211.37 to claimants of 16 larger evacuation awards.

Almost All Paid

Masaoka pointed out that the sum of $1,560,000 is considerably smaller than the over eight million dollars paid out in 1953 to the Japanese community for evacuation claims under the JACL sponsored program.

"This provides dramatic evidence that the smaller evacuation claims have almost all been paid, and that the Hilling's Bill to expedite larger evacuation claims payments must be enacted," he said.

Mass naturalization examinations for 405 N.C. Issei

San Francisco

Four hundred and five Issei petitioners for citizenship will be examined in a series of written group examinations in Japanese Apr. 12-16 in San Francisco, it was announced by the JACL Regional Office.

The Regional Office has assisted the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Office in preparing the list of Issei petitioners who have completed classes jointly sponsored by JACL chapters and the local Adult Education Department of the public schools.

The area from which petitioners will be are:

Berkeley, San Lorenzo, Oakland,

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JUDGE LOUIS E. GOODMAN
Of San Francisco
who ruled on 5-F case

Senate resumes debate of Hawaii-Alaska statehood issue; vote on commonwealth status precedes final decision

Washington

A stormy session looms in the House, where opposition may block enactment of the Hawaii-Alaska statehood bill, passed yesterday by the Senate. The final vote was 57-28.

Earlier, the Senate rejected 60-24 a substitute bill to give both territories the status of commonwealth. It also defeated 59-26 an amendment requiring a referendum on commonwealth or statehood.

If the bill gets through the House, Congress still would have to approve the constitutions of both new states before they could enter the Union.

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Washington

The Senate resumed debate on the Hawaii-Alaska statehood legislation Monday with indications that both sides were in a mood for an early vote.

Leading opponent of statehood, Sen. Smathers (D., Fla.) predicted a vote by Wednesday on the proposal to grant tax-free commonwealth status to the two territories in lieu of statehood.

The House has only passed statehood for Hawaii only.

Commonwealth Undesired

Meantime, Del. Farrington (R., Hawaii) and Del. Bartlett (D., Alaska) have asserted that the people of their territories want no part of commonwealth status.

Sen. Russell (D., Ga.), an opponent of Hawaiian statehood, Monday came out in support of a substitute bill to grant commonwealth status to the territories. He explained his chief opposition for the "Pacific crossroads" at this time because of their "great military importance" and that the federal government should continue to hold reins over the islands.

JACLers candidates in California elections

Livingston

Two Livingston-Merced JACLers are candidates in the forthcoming local elections.

State VFW Commander Don Winton is a candidate for the office of the State Senate from the 12th District.

Bob Morimoto, who was chosen last year to fill a vacancy in the local school board of trustees, is a candidate for the same post in the special Livingston Elementary School District election May 21.

CLers prepare for all-Wyoming fest

Basin, Wyo.

Bill and Bruce Hirasawa were designated as co-chairman and Mrs. Matsuo Nakamura, secretary for correspondence, for the all-Wyoming Japanese picnic tentatively set June 6 near Lander, it was announced at the Northern Wyoming JACL chapter meeting last month at the home of Haruki (Honk) Shimogaki, chapter president.

The affair is to be a gigantic family affair for all Wyoming Nihonjin.

Shimogaki reported on the forthcoming National JACL convention to be held Sept. 2-6 in Los Angeles, urging as many Wyomingers to attend.

Following the Mar. 20 chapter meeting, members enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by Mrs. Eleanor Shimogaki.

Sacramento CL slates potluck to honor 100 new citizens

Sacramento

To honor some 105 new Issei citizens of Sacramento and its surrounding areas, the Sacramento JACL will hold a potluck dinner Apr. 3 at the Oak Park Clubhouse, 34th St. and 5th Ave.

Local officials from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, class instructors and others will be invited.

In anticipation of the 350 or more persons expected to attend, some 100 individuals and families are being called to contribute tasty dishes, both American and Japanese.

The Boy Scout troop sponsored by Nisei VFW Post 8985 will present the colors at the beginning of the program. After dinner, entertainment will follow.

On the food committee are: May Shirai, Toshi Tambara, Yoshiye Takahashi, Sally Takeda, Mary Kakashima, Alice Matsui and Mary Amemiya.

JAPANESE SOOTHSAYER RESHUFFLES CHOPSTICKS, STATEHOOD BY 1955

Honolulu

Professor Kodama, Japan's answer to Nostradamus, reshuffled his crystal chopsticks and predicted Hawaii will attain Statehood sometime between February and October, 1955.

Several days ago before the Senate linked Hawaii and Alaska into one measure, Kodama shook his chopsticks, rolled them against the wall, and it came out Statehood for this session.

He said last week through an interpreter that one of his chopsticks was bent on that first roll, so he had to do all over again.

Cherry Blossom Week in Honolulu starts Apr. 19

Honolulu

The people of Hawaii have been officially called on to participate in the second annual Cherry Blossom Festival, Apr. 19 through May 1.

Acting Governor Farrant L. Turner in a proclamation said that Hawaii is a strategic meeting ground for Eastern and Western cultures and Hawaii is interested in the arts and culture of Japan.

Turner also based his call for participation on the fact that the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce believes that commerce, in the Islands and with the Mainland and foreign countries, will be stimulated.

Physicist Yukawa not returning to Columbia

Tokyo

Nobel prize winner Dr. Hideki Yukawa, whose teaching contract with Columbia University, New York, extends through June this year, will not return, it was learned this week. The noted physicist is head of Kyoto University's theoretical physics research institute.

CASUALTIES

PRESUMED DEAD

Sgt. Samuel S. Miyahira, son of Mrs. Norma Higa, 724 Piikoi St., Honolulu. (Formerly listed as missing in action in Korea.)

To call Issei for Apr. 12 ceremony

Denver

Syril I. Shraiberg, chief examiner of the Naturalization Service in Denver, announced that the next U.S. District Court ceremony for the administering of the oath of naturalization will be on Monday, Apr. 12.

At present, according to the records at the I&NS, there will be 138 persons naturalized at that time, before Hon. W. Lee Knous, U.S. District Judge. Among them will be 21 Issei.

Ray S. Tani, who has volunteered as an interpreter for the Denver I&NS Office, will translate the oath of allegiance, as administered by J. Walter Bowman, Clerk of the U.S. District Court. Successful candidates who have passed their naturalization examinations during January should be receiving their notifications soon.

ARMY CHEMICAL CORPS CONDUCTING STUDIES OF DEADLY 'NERVE GAS', TREE SPRAY POISON KILLS

Edgewater, Md.

Science is conducting studies designed to help save the lives of any future victim like Glenn Kumimoto, 2-year-old boy of Cortez, Calif., who died Mar. 16 after making mud pies with tetraethyl pyrophosphate (TEPP), a spray used in killing fruit tree pests.

The laboratory studies are being conducted at the Army Chemical Corps laboratories here, following a similar incident when a Hood River (Ore.) boy, Michael Ogden, 6, died after he spilled deadly TEPP spray on his skin.

Mild Form of GB

The chemical corps, which directs the manufacture of the Defense Department's new GB "nerve gas," has watched the Ogden case since the day the lad found a gallon jug of the concentrated poison in an orchard adjoining his home Mar. 13 and spilled some on his legs.

The Army's interest in the case arises from the fact that the TEPP is a mild form of the horror gas known to be stockpiled by the Russians and now being manufactured by the chemical corps at the Rocky Mountain arsenal near Denver.

Efforts to keep the boy alive by artificial respiration for nearly a week aroused nationwide interest. While funeral services for the boy were held two Mondays ago, it may be two months before a comprehensive report by the chemical corps may be released.

Everything about the deadly GB gas is classified and the findings of scientists will have to be cleared through Pentagon, it was explained. The Army is interested in studying the effects of the gas on the central nervous system. The TEPP solution used by orchadists is "only a fraction as toxic" as the GB gas is classified and the use against enemy troops.

Yet a single drop of this commercial concentrate—a half pint of which is mixed with 100 gallons of water as a fruit spray—is strong enough to cause death if dropped onto a delicate membrane like the human eye.

Kumimoto Case

In the case of the Nisei boy, his mother said " water poured from his eyes, then Glenn lost the use of his arms and legs."

Calling her husband, Ben, they took him to the Turlock hospital, but the little boy died enroute. His older sister, Ellen, 4, also making mud pies with the same liquid, was in a critical condition last week.

The concentrate penetrates the skin and attacks the respiratory system unless handled with greatest care. Orchadists emphasize, however, that the spray dissipates rapidly and leaves no residue of any kind. It has been used for a number of years without ill effects.

Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

Congress at the Crossroads . . .

This is cherry blossom weekend in Washington, and hundreds of thousands of tourists are visiting the nation's capital for the traditional sightseeing.

This is also the end of the first calendar quarter, the end of the first three months of congressional activity, or inactivity, according to the political convictions of the observer. This is the traditional time for the majority leadership in Congress to take stock of the situation and chart the legislative timetable for the remaining three, four, or five months of the session.

The first quarter, explains the GOP, is the period for committees to receive, digest, study, re-write, and report out bills for floor consideration. The next quarter, they assure all who will listen, will be a different story, an epic of historic proportions when they will reverse the Democratic trend of more than 20 years by a new philosophy in government.

Admittedly, the congressional record at this writing is not a spectacular one. But, the real record for the voters to see will be made in the next few months.

Recognizing the need for stepped-up activity, especially in the Senate, Majority Leader William F. Knowland has announced a speed up on operations and an examination of all bills in the various committees in order to get as many of the major measures on the floor as soon as possible.

The 83rd Congress is at its crossroads—and the road it takes may well determine the fate of the Republicans this November. Which road to take—a drastic speed up of major bills in order to compile a record of having passed most of President Eisenhower's program, or a cutback to include only the essential housekeeping appropriation bills in order to adjourn by July 31—is the great decision that the majority leadership must make in the next few days.

Whether the electorate agrees with the decision will be decided at the polls this fall.

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Alien Land Law Competition . . .

It may come as a surprise to most Nisei but, with the possible exception of those concerning the Negro, the great civil rights questions of this generation relate to persons of Japanese ancestry.

Latest evidence to support this view is the recently completed Third Annual National Inter-Law School Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Committee on Junior Bar Activities of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Sixty-two law schools throughout the nation competed in the initial rounds, with 15 participating in the finals in Washington, D.C.

The alien land law, declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Courts of Oregon and California recently, was the issue before the Moot Supreme Court. As expressed in the competition rules, it was the validity of a state law prohibiting aliens ineligible to become citizens from owning lands within the state.

The fictitious state of New Eldorado was the offending party and John Doemura, a member of the make-believe Manganese race, was the aggrieved individual. The arguments submitted in both the briefs and the oral presentations followed almost identically the briefs and the arguments of the JACL and the State of California in the recent alien land law cases in that state.

The judges in the final round concurred with the Oregon and California Supreme Courts in that they held that the Georgetown Law School team of Washington, D.C., representing John Doemura, defeated the University of Chicago Law School team of Chicago, Illinois, representing the State of New Eldorado.

Final round judges were Mr. Justice Stanley F. Reed of the United States Supreme Court; the Honorable John J. Parker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit; the Honorable Leslie Knox Munro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for New Zealand; the Honorable Stanley H. Fuld, Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals of the State of New York; the Honorable David W. Pack, Presiding Justice, Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, New York; and the Honorable Bethuel M. Webster, president, the Association of the Bar of City of New York.

Arguing for Georgetown University Law School were Richard Alan Gordon, A. Kenneth Pye, and John D. Spellman, while Jean Allard, George B. Beall, and Paul N. Wenger, Jr., argued for the Chicago University School of Law.

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Embassy Turnover . . .

Since the goodwill in which the American people hold the people of Japan to a large degree determines the goodwill which Issei and Nisei enjoy as individuals in the United States, perhaps they will be interested in the almost complete turnover in the personnel of the Embassy of Japan in the past few months.

Eikichi Araki, first postwar Japanese Ambassador to the United States has returned to Japan and resigned his post. Sadao Iguchi, his successor, has been accredited as Japan's Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States.

This week, Ryuji Takeuchi, Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, will leave for Japan to assume supervision over the American desk in the Foreign Office. Mr. Takeuchi led the Japanese delegation to Washington in August, 1951, when the Japanese Overseas Agency was established here.

With one major exception, all the ministers and secretaries that opened the Japanese Embassy after the signing of the Peace Treaty have departed or will depart for Japan soon.

It may be appropriate at this time to call attention to the difficult task that confronted these official diplomatic representatives of Japan and commend them for a tremendously effective job they did under the most extraordinary of circumstances.

A defeated Japan was just begin welcomed back into the society of free nations. Many Americans, especially those whose husbands, sons, and brothers had been killed by the Japanese enemy during World War II, were suspicious of the New Japan. Issei and Nisei Americans, remembering the officiousness of pre-war diplomats, joined in that suspicion.

The initial impressions made by first the Japanese Government Overseas Agency and then by the Japanese Ambassador and his staff would have a lasting and crucial effect on future United States-Japan relations.

It can now be reported with satisfaction that Ambassador Araki, Minister Takeuchi, and their colleagues made a most favorable impression of integrity and sincerity, thereby laying the foundations for an era of goodwill, understanding, and friendly cooperation between the two great Pacific powers.

As Americans, and particularly Americans of Japanese ancestry, we owe a debt of gratitude to them for their exemplary conduct of foreign relations that will pave the way for a partnership of freedom which is the historic destiny of both nations.

VESTED PROPERTY CLAIM FORMS AVAILABLE; FEB. '55 NEW DEADLINE

Washington

Forms for filing claims against the Office of Alien Property for the return of property vested by the United States Government during and after World War II are now available, Dept. of Justice officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Additional time for filing these claims was made possible by the recent enactment of a JACL-supported measure which permits timely filing of title claims for one year after the date of its passage or Feb. 9, 1955, as the final deadline for filing these claims against the Office of Alien Property.

The old statute provided that any claim received by the Office of Alien Property, or its predecessor the Alien Property Custodian, after Apr. 30, 1949, or two years after the vesting of the property, which ever is later, would be barred. Vesting of Japanese property ended with the signing of the Treaty of Peace with Japan in 1952.

File Now

The extension of filing time permits Issei and Nisei in the United States and Hawaii who failed to file their claims before the previous deadline, to now file and have their claims considered.

The JACL sought the enactment of this time extension because many Issei and Nisei were not aware of the 1949 bar date or were never given the opportunity to file their claims.

Eligibility requirements which must be met by claimants are not changed in any way, explained Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

The extension of filing time affords an opportunity for timely filing of title claims by all persons who believe they are eligible under present law for the return of property vested by the United States Government pursuant to the Trading with the Enemy Act. It permits the Government to consider these claims on the same basis as other timely filed title claims under the old statute.

Forms Available

Forms for filing these claims against the Office of Alien Property may be obtained by writing to the Office of Alien Property, Dept. of Justice, Washington 25, D.C. or from any of its field offices at the following addresses: 208 Federal Office Bldg., San Francisco 3, California; U.S. Army Area Engineers Building, Fort Armstrong, Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, T.H.; Mantetsu Building, Tokyo, Japan.

This law only applies to filing for property vested by the Government and does not in any way relate to evacuation claims, the Washington JACL Office cautioned.

Appoint Nisei as I&NS examiner

Honolulu

Gary Yoritoshi, local attorney, has been appointed as an examiner with the United States immigration and naturalization service here Mar. 23, according to Elmer E. Poston, director.

Fujiwara is the first person of Japanese ancestry to be appointed as an USINS examiner here.

The 35-year-old attorney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Masayoshi Fujiwara of Waialua, Oahu. He was graduated from Leilehua high school in 1936, and continued his studies in Japan, first at the junior college of Waseda university in Tokyo.

Fujiwara was graduated from the Yale University law school in 1951, and passed the territorial bar examinations in April, 1952. He served as one of the attorneys for the House of Representatives during the 1953 session of the territorial legislature.

Watsonville VFW Nisei post to be organized

Watsonville

Bill Mine is temporary chairman of the all-Nisei VFW post being formulated here. Its first meeting is scheduled Apr. 7 at the Buddhist Church.

PRESS FILE:

LIFE — "Japan's Young Dreams," a six-page spread of drawings by Japanese school children, is featured in the Mar. 29 issue of Life. The children were asked to draw a picture to represent what they would like to be when they grew up and the experiment showed that sociological effect of the American occupation of Japan reflected an amazing change in aspirations from the militaristic ideals of a decade ago.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Joys of Living

By HARRY K. HONDA

One of the joys of living is to be able to vacation . . . Our job of publishing the Pacific Citizen 52 weeks out of the year, as you can readily see, doesn't afford much relief . . . But I'll settle for the sort enjoyed two weekends ago—three days in Denver . . . Actually, it was no vacation when you consider those moments spent in talking "shop" with our colleagues in the Mile-Hi metropolis. Any similarity to a vacation must be limited in the change of scenery.

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It was my first real occasion to sit down and chat with Bill Hosokawa and Min Yasui. Even these chats were pressed for time and we vowed to do better over a steak dinner the next time . . . And we plan to do likewise with the Larry Tajiris, who have a comfortable asbestos-shingled home in one of the new suburbs of Denver . . . To show how fast Denver is growing, Larry remarked he was able to see the mountains to the west when he first moved in. Today, more homes have come in way of the once wide-open stretches . . . The influx of Japanese into the eastern sections of Denver reminded me of a similar influx made into the southwestern portions of Los Angeles, where homes of modest cost are found . . . Folks who've been there for nigh on 10 years by now are thoroughly acclimated, it seems, taking in their share of Colorado's scenic splendor with winter skiing and summer fishing like a native.

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One subscriber wondered why he had to wait till Tuesday for his copy of the PC. At times, it came on Monday and it made him happy . . . The answer there is simple, so I found out after a chat with a postman. The weekend mail is so heavy that newspapers and packages must wait an extra day for delivery . . . Jim Imatani, 1000 Club chairman for the Mountain-Plains area, is primed with true western hospitality. He looked at my 170-lb. hulk and beamed: "My, you've lost a lot of weight!" And I swear I haven't lost since the last time we saw each other—rather, I could have gained . . . And such were the wonders of the Rockies. Am wondering where the next three-day trip will take me.

Nisei inventor of radical electrical wiring system for Navy named chief production engineer for American Car

Washington

Washington Nisei community leader Harold S. Horiuchi was recently appointed chief production engineer to head a section in the newly established electronics division of the American Car and Foundry Company in the Washington area.

Horiuchi, a past president of the Washington JACL chapter and a former vice-chairman of the Eastern District Council, was named to the new position to continue his contributions in the development of a radical design in electrical wiring that may well render obsolete present wiring systems found in radio and other electronic equipment.

The Washington Nisei was appointed by the company to head the production section in the manufacturing department which is now being organized here. The company, among the first of its kind in the nation in this field of production, will produce modular electronic packages which may soon be found in new radio and television sets.

Section to Expand

In organizing the production section, Horiuchi indicated that additional personnel may be required. Interested and qualified Nisei are invited to send inquiries to him, care of ACF Electronics, 800 N. Pitt St., Alexandria, Va. Background in electrical or electronic, mechanical or industrial engineering, or equivalent work experience, is necessary, he said.

Although the company will engage in research and development of conventional electronics, including instrumentation of military, industrial and medical equipment and data processing, primary efforts of the new ACF division, explained Horiuchi, will be the mechanized production of electronic packages of modular design.

Initial efforts will entail organization of production pro-

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TOKYO TOPICS:

Professional wrestling boosts TV popularity among Japanese millions

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Tokyo

Nothing has hastened TV fever among the Japanese than professional wrestling. Over a million people have enjoyed the hysterical antics of the Sharpe Brothers of San Francisco against sumoist Rikidozan and judo expert Masahiko Kimura.

As a sumo wrestler, Rikidozan was all washed up, but he was picked up by Bobby Bruns when he first visited Japan in 1952 to push the Tokyo Torii Oasis Shrine Club's crippled children benefit. And Kimura as a judo expert had lost his popularity here. But both of them have made spectacular comebacks with the introduction of professional wrestling, catch-as-catch-can style.

One might say, thanks to the Shriners, they have become the most widely-known pair of wrestlers.

Fever High Pitch

After seeing reports in the newspapers how people get injured during a typical night of professional wrestling on TV—some fall from trees, others get shoved into a ditch; some even engage in fisticuffs in their attempt to see the telecast—TV fever in Japan is at a high-pitch.

Everyone is talking about TV. Everyone wants to see it. Everyone wants to have a set of his own. For the 80 million Japanese, there are some 25,000 sets in the country; of which, only 12,000 are registered with Nippon Hoso Kyokai. Another 10,000 sets are believed to be operating unregistered to avoid paying the ¥200 monthly telecast fee.

In contrast, there is Nippon Television Co., of which Augie Narumi is the Nisei member of its board of directors representing interests from Southern California. NTV is paving the way successfully for commercial TV. Treated with sketpticism in the beginning, commercial TV is riding the crest of popularity with TV in general.

'Public' TV Sets

Matsutaro Shoriki, president of NTV, has introduced "public" TV sets at public parks, railway stations, amusement centers and in other places for the general public to enjoy. It was at these places where professional wrestling was viewed by millions.

As far as the sponsors are concerned, the extent of their advertising to the public counts and hence, commercial TV is considered a successful venture.

Meanwhile, NHK, the semi-governmental agency, is experiencing a heavy loss in TV revenue in spite of the ¥200 monthly fee. To make up the deficit, the cabinet has approved a plan to boost the radio broadcast listening fee of ¥50 a month to ¥75 or ¥200 for a three-month period from its 10 million radio set owners.

Three-Year-Old Movies

Japanese TV has started to telecast movies that are three-years-old. Movie producers have also banded together to combat the invasion of TV. For video-set owners at home, it's something novel to watch TV and they enjoy the movies, as old as they are.

A television set in Japan costs in the neighborhood of ¥200,000. Even a Japan-made set is about ¥150,000. For the ordinary salaried man, it's too expensive. On foreign-made sets, there is a 20 percent duty to protect a miserable domestic industry.

Japan is not producing any worthwhile TV sets for the time being. The same can be said with aviation. Japanese bombers and the Zeros were good, but that is past. Today, workers have no pride in what they make. Japanese engineers are anxious to imitate, not create.

Deflated Attitude

There is a lack of pride in the nation, in the race, in the arts, in industry. That is Japan today.

There are 35 TV-set manufacturers in Japan, all on a small scale. None of theirs compare with imported sets. The 35 firms can only assemble 2,000 sets a month; many of them go unsold because of the high cost and poor quality. It is natural that American or British made sets are sold in spite of the prices.

NAVAJOS 'BOILING MAD' AT JAPANESE NOW

Window Rock, Ariz.

The Japanese are being blamed for making "genuine" Navajo handiwork and selling it at one-fifth the Indian's price right here on the Navajo reservation.

This was brought to light last week by Ned Hatathli, manager of the Navajo Arts and Crafts Guild, in a formal protest to Washington.

The local tourist market is being flooded with "made in Japan" Indian beaded belts, Kachina dolls, bows and arrows, Hatathli said.



CHIZ MIYAZAKI
Miss Bussei of 1954

WYBL conference attracts 1,000

Fresno

Over 960 Bussei delegates registered for the 12th annual Western Young Buddhist League convention meeting here this past weekend at the Fresno Betsuin.

The spirit of the convention was saddened Sunday morning by the announcement that Asoka Motoyoshi, daughter of Rinban Motoyoshi of Fresno, and active member of the Central YBL district, had died.

Alan W. Watts, dean of the American Academy of Asian Studies, San Francisco, rendered the keynote address. Allan Asakawa of the Bay District was elected new WYBL president. Miss Chiz Miyazaki of San Francisco was crowned Miss Bussei of 1954.

Janet Shiohara, 16, Clovis High School student, won the oratorical contest for the Central district, which now retires the perpetual trophy permanently having won it three years in a row.

National JACL Endowment Fund Report
Current Total: $74,649.78
In Trust: $70,000
(Corrected)

Santa Maria naturalization class starts with 85 Issei enrolled

Santa Maria

It was "something new to the world happened in Santa Maria" when 85 Issei, most of them 60 years old or more, started their first class in learning how to eventually become citizens of the U.S.

The Santa Maria Times last week front-paged with a three-column headline and picture the first naturalization class under unified efforts of the Santa Maria JACL and Santa Maria Union High School district.

Charles Draper, mayor of Guadalupe, and one of the dignitaries present at the opening ceremonies at the Japanese Community Center, 130 N. Western, perhaps expressed best the feeling of the 85 when he said:

"We who have been born in and grown up in this country—long as we don't infringe on its laws—take it for granted. But you who stand ready to give up your mother country to become citizens here, knowing that you have to work for it, overcome the language barriers, conquer the inequalities, and prove your worthiness of citizenship — I think you will become better citizens than the most of us."

Broader Concept

Glenn Seaman, mayor of Santa Maria, had a newer and a broader concept. "I doubt if we will ever see a sight like this when people past their prime of life deliberately take the first step toward gaining a new life—a new citizenship—by their willingness to start at the very beginning of a ladder leading to the new life."

Arnold Van Wyk, superintendent of the Santa Maria Union High School District, under whose supervision the two city adult education classes falls, complimented the Issei students.

Worked with Nisei

William J. Wilson, assistant superintendent of schools, pointed out that he had worked with the sons and daughters of some of the Issei for 30 years and that it was "our greatest pleasure to welcome" them into the naturalization classes.

George Sahara was chairman of the event. Hugh S. Dohi will instruct the class at Santa Maria at 130 N. Western. Harry Miyake will instruct the class at Guadalupe grammar school.

Retired admiral charges FDR knew Pearl Harbor attack was coming

Washington

A survivor of the attack, Rear Adm. Robert A. Theobald (ret.) charged this week that the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt deliberately sacrificed the 4,575 Americans killed or wounded in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The accusations are contained in a copyrighted serialization of his book, *The Final Secret of Pearl Harbor*, in the magazine U.S. News and World Report.

Adm. Theobald maintained that Roosevelt knew the Pearl Harbor attack was coming, and deliberately invited it because he was convinced that such a disaster was the only way to win solid public support for the war he believed the U.S. should fight against Nazi Germany.

Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey and Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel wrote forwards in support of this contention that Roosevelt withheld advance information of the attack from U.S. commanders in Hawaii.

Salt Lakers to present cherry trees to state fairgrounds on Arbor Day

Salt Lake City

B. Y. Kaneko, recently naturalized Issei citizen, has accepted chairmanship of the committee to present Japanese cherry trees to the State Fairgrounds as a memorial to Salt Lake's First Citizens.

The presentation will be made on Arbor Day, Apr. 5, at the fairgrounds. Also on the committee are:

George Yoshimoto, Tommy Uyeda and Frank Nishimura.

The request to Kaneko was made by Mrs. Walter Hurd, City Garden Club, for the state fair chairman, J. A. Theobald. The committee has been authorized to purchase 20 Japanese cherry trees.



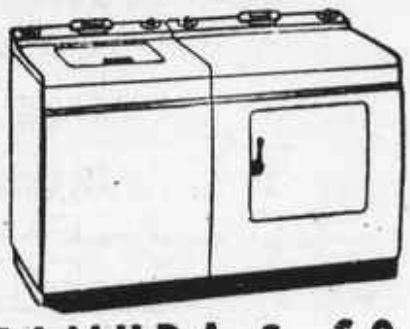
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CHAPTER MEMO

Stockton JACL: The Stockton community picnic, sponsored annually by the chapter, will be held Sunday, May 9, at Micke's Grove, it was announced by Jack Matsumoto, chairman.

French Camp JACL: George Komure and Bob Ota will be co-chairmen of the annual community picnic Apr. 25.

Livingston-Merced JACL: Roy Okahara and Ken Hamaguchi will co-chair the annual community picnic on Sunday, May 2. Other events for May include a political rally in mid-May, and a memorial service at San Bruno on May 27, Thursday.

Salt Lake JACL: Persons interested in musical cultural promotion can participate in the current membership drive of Salt Lake Civic Music at $6 per person (half-price for students) and attend five concerts. Membership tickets are available from Mitzi Sera at her office, 4-7831 or home, 5-5611. Checks, made to Salt Lake Civic Music, may be mailed to her at 1122 Continental Bank Bldg.

Newsletter Received: Downtown L.A., Richmond-El Cerrito (Mar. 16), Chicago (Mar.), East Los Angeles, Southwest Los Angeles, D.C. News Notes (Mar.)

Marysville JACL: The annual community picnic sponsored by the chapter will be held Apr. 4 at a picnic ground some nine miles from Marysville on Grass Valley Rd. In the event of rain, it would be held Apr. 11. George Kurihara and George Kinoshita are co-chairmen . . . The chapter is also planning a benefit movie Apr. 4 with Sam Kurihara in charge.

San Francisco JACL: Since the chapter blood bank is badly depleted, call was issued to all to donate a pint immediately at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, 2180 Washington St. The chapter has scheduled Apr. 3 as JACL Blood Bank day.

Chicago Corner

SMOKY H. SAKURADA

Around the Windy City . . .

● Remember the Chicago Nisei Korean War veteran's testimonial on Apr. 15, 7:45 p.m., at the Hotel Morrison Grand Ballroom.

● The AZUMA Kabuki dancers and musicians will be here for a week from Apr. 19-25 at the Great Northern theater on Jackson Blvd., west of State St. Curtains nightly at 8:30, and 2:30 matinees on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

● The 260th convocation of the Univ. of Chicago recently saw four Nisei receive advance degrees: AKIRA KUTSUNAI, ARTHUR JUNICHI OKINAKA, M.D.s; JUNJI KUMAMOTO, Ph.D. in physical science; CHARLES TAMOTSU KITO, MBA.

● Kenwood-Ellis Community Church, 4608 S. Greenwood Ave., is pushing to finish its $3,500 building improvement fund drive by Apr. 11 . . . Armitage Methodists will sponsor a "Big Top" carnival Apr. 24 at the Olivet Institute. BONNIE NAKAMURA is chairman . . . Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland, holds their annual spring carnival, Apr. 23. It will be a "bake sale" in the afternoon, the carnival follows from 7 p.m.

● The City-Widers honored YUKIO OZIMA at a farewell dinner last Saturday night at Forest Restaurant. He heads for Los Angeles soon. Thirty-eight attended.

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JACL's Lunch Box Social . . .

● The Chicago JACL box lunch social was a success as 60 men bidded for lunches prepared by the fairer sex. The next chapter social is scheduled Apr. 24 at the McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn St., with the membership committee in charge, it was announced by JEAN SHIMASAKI, social chairman . . . During the box lunch social, three students of MAMO FUJIOKA entertained with hula dancing. ANNETTE TONTILLO, 15, hulaed to *Lovely Hula Hands* and *Song of Old Hawaii;* PAMELA FINLEY, 9, to *Little Grass Shack* and *Oui Oui;* and JACKIE SHULZ, 16, to *Holoholo Kaa* and *Kalua.* As a finale, the instructor and three girls performed the Gourd Dance . . . Instructor Fujioka hails from Olaa, Hawaii; came here in 1947 to attend Elmhurst College. He danced professionally at Honolulu Harry's Waikiki Club until 1952. He opened a dance class at Ernie-Jay Studio, 3405 N. Clark St., teaching ancient, modern and comic hula to people between the ages of 6 and 60. He teaches on Monday, Thursday, Friday nights and all day Saturday.

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Wrap-Up on Bowling . . .

It was this correspondent's hope to meet all out-of-town bowlers at the recent National JACL bowling tournament. It is with regret that we could not contact the Sacramento and Salt Lake delegations. However, if they wish to write to me, they may by addressing the information to 6128 S. University Ave., Chicago 37.

● Cleveland sent five men's and two women's teams. Providing the lowdown on the Cleveland men bowlers was SHIM YAMAMOTO, 12098 Chesterfield Ave., who hails from Seattle, did a little bowling before the war in Santa Maria, Calif. A 175-average bowler, he is secretary of the Cleveland Nisei Bowling League, presently of eight squads, although they had 12 last year . . . The league rolls on Sundays. Their big event is the annual Midwest Handicap Tournament, slated at the Chester-30 Lanes this year on May 29-30-31. They invite entries from the Eastern, Midwest and Canadian leagues. LEFTY OSHIRO, 8510 Hough Ave., Cleveland, is tournament chairman . . . Lefty hails from Los Angeles, totes a 180 average, is married to KAZUKA ODA and they have two boys: RICHARD and DONNIE . . . ISA MATSUMURA is league president. Also from Los Angeles, he's married to ALICE OKAMURA and they have two children: DONNA and GLENN . . . WALLY TAKEMOTO, 8015 Euclid Ave., hails from Watsonville, played baseball with the Watsonville Kasei before the war. Employed by Drive-Away Co., he drives new White trucks to all parts of the United States and Canada from Cleveland.

● Our acknowledgment for tidbits on the Cleveland women bowlers (who have no special league of their own) goes to MRS. FUMI SHIMA and BETTY NAKAO . . . Leading the Golden Gate Restaurant squad was MRS. ROY KOYAMA, 2865 Falmouth Rd., Shaker Height. The former EDNA YOSHIDA comes from Florin, Calif.; husband Roy, shipping clerk for Imperial Dinette Co., hails from Medford, Ore. Others include:

✔ MRS. FRANK KOSAI (nee AIKO BABA) from Bellevue, Wash. She is secretary for Buckeye Wood Products manufacturing bowling pins. Her husband, of Auburn, Wash., is a mechanic at City Wheel and Frame, a Nisei firm. They have one daughter FRANCES, 11 . . . Her sister MIYO is married to GEORGE SAIKI of Monterey, Calif., who is also a mechanic. They have a boy JIMMY, 5.

✔ BETTY NAKAO, formerly of Sacramento, beautician at Camellia Beauty Shop.

✔ MARY YOSHIDA, sister of Mrs. Roy Yoshida, who is secretary for Huebner Publications.

✔ MRS. MITCH HASHIGUCHI (nee EVA YOSHIDA). Husband is formerly of Los Angeles, now a mechanic, and they have a 10-month-old daughter BEVERLY.

● The other Nisei women's squad, Albert Cleaners, from Cleveland was headed by MRS. JOHN SHIMA (nee FUMI UYESUGI), 1545 E. 55th St. The 163-average bowler hails from the Uyesugi family of Colusa, Calif., is bookkeeper for Book-Post & Co.; husband from Molokai, Hawaii, is a mechanic for Robert Lee, Inc. She is the sister of:

✔ KEN, currently president of the Orange County JACL, Sun-Life insurance agent; married to RUBY IMOTO of Costa Mesa, Calif., one daughter SHERRY, 6 ✔ MAS, watch repairman in Cleveland; married to MARY SHINGU of Yuba City, one boy ALLAN, 8 ✔ MANCH, silk screen processor in Cleveland; married to NOBY OKUMA, El Centro, one boy DENNIS, 2 ✔ JACK, structural draftsman in Cleveland ✔ YAYOI, now MRS. TAK KUNEMOTO, proprietor of Alert Cleaners, from Forestville, Calif., one girl KATHY, 7 ✔ TERUMI, now MRS. JIM FURUKAWA, in Cleveland. Husband, a chick sexor, hails from Hanford, Calif., two children; LINDA, 2, and CHRIS, 10 month ✔ SETSUKO, steno for Dolton & Dolton Associates, architectural engineers, in Cleveland, and recently engaged to SAM NAKASHIGE.

Other members of the squad are:

✔ MRS. ISAMU MATSUMURA (nee ALICE OKAMURA), Stockton-born. Husband, a body & fender man, is from Los Angeles. Children: DONNA, 3½, and GLENN, 7 months.

✔ KIICH NAKASUGE, of Oakland, now secretary at Electroline Sales.

✔ TSURU HOSAKA, formerly of San Diego, and SETSU UYESUGI.

● From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters or Minneapolis were ten bowlers at the National JACL tournament. The kibitzing from KAY KUSHINO, who has appeared on radio and TV to promote sukiyaki, was the sole aid to the *Corner*. She was voted best cook by Stokely-Van Camp, had pictures in the Minneapolis metropolitan dailies. She hails from Los Gatos, Calif., and is secretary to a wholesale distributor.

● HARRY TAKAGI, Midwest District Council chairman, captained the squad. Originally from Seattle, where he was Pacific Northwest District Council chairman, he is now attached with the legal staff at Ft. Snelling Veterans Administration. A crack bridge player and fishing fan, he marries HELEN KUMASAWA of Boise, Idaho, this coming June. Others on the squad were:

✔ TOMO KOSOBAYASHI, formerly of Portland, a watch repairman; expert fisherman and active in the MDC. His sister MYKE is secretary to MIKE MASAOKA in Washington.

✔ HENRY OMACHI, formerly of Sacramento, a member of the Ralph D. Thomas, consultant engineers; active in JACL and other civic groups. His sister TOMOKO is attending Univ. of Minnesota, and brother AKIRA is on the Loyola University at Chicago faculty.

✔ DICK SASAKI, DAVE KITAGAWA, JIM MURAKAMI, MAKO SASAKI, JAKE TAKATO, STEVE IWAGO, and BOB SHIMIZU. All but Steve are bachelors. Visiting from Minneapolis were MOE MORIGUCHI, RAY OKAMURA, MARTHA KITAOKA and TOM KANNO.

● With these names, the Corner concludes the personality series on bowlers.

Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

(This week in the Congress, some senators have suggested the question of statehood or commonwealth status for the territories of Alaska and Hawaii be decided by popular referendum. Our Honolulu contributor, Lawrence Nakatsuka, who is press secretary to Gov. Samuel Wilder King of Hawaii, and at a vantage point to gauge public opinion, predicts what Hawaii's answer will be—nothing short of statehood.—Editor.)

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Hawaii's Governor Samuel Wilder King plans to call a special session of the Territorial Legislature next Monday, April 5, or shortly thereafter, to devise ways of bringing the statehood campaign to a successful conclusion.

The action will serve notice to the Nation, and particularly to the Congress, that Hawaii is determined to see the fight to the finish, despite the delaying tactics of the opponents.

One method of dramatizing the statehood drive would be to send the entire Hawaii Legislature of 45 members, or as many of them as care to, to Washington to plead the case for admitting Hawaii into the Union as the 49th state.

Another method, used by several territories which have since become states, would be to proceed to elect officials to the Congress from Hawaii without previous authorization of the Congress.

It is highly doubtful that such elected officials would be recognized by the Congress but the maneuver may touch off enough favorable reaction among the Congress members to grant statehood that much sooner, as happened in several cases before this.

These are expensive devices designed to attain a goal which the people of Hawaii feel they have already earned and which they feel has been denied them unjustly. But the temper of many residents is such that they are willing to invest more money into the statehood movement if it looks at all possible to bring it to a successful finish.

In the past eight years, Hawaii has spent a total of $870,078 to finance the statehood drive, and it is not surprising that some resistance has developed to spending additional funds at this time for this purpose.

The money so far spent has brought the Hawaiian statehood bill closer to enactment than at any time before. To give up now would be to lose the momentum of the drive and would necessitate starting all over again in the next Congress.

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Governor King calls 1954 the Year of Decision, when the statehood issue can be won if greater efforts are now brought to bear at the right places.

One thing is certain: the overwhelming majority of Hawaii's people are still behind the statehood campaign. Their elected representatives, with but one exception, are advocates of statehood.

An attempt is being made now to sell the people on accepting a "commonwealth" status, but the move is being exposed for what it is: a not so subtle attempt to defeat statehood by deluding the people into thinking that with commonwealth status will come exemption from Federal income taxes.

The goal that Hawaill is working toward is statehood and anything short of that will be rejected.

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Your National Director Reports

MASAO W. SATOW

We've had an interesting month visiting ten of our chapters and meeting with representatives of 20 others through attendance at three District Council meetings. These grass-roots contacts are essential for the successful operation of our national program, but unfortunately we are necessarily limited by time, distance and personnel.

We find our members generally well established in various lines of endeavor, becoming more and more active in all phases of the larger life of their communities—many of them as responsible officers in other community organizations—and an ever increasing number becoming home owners where they have settled.

Our extended jaunt began with a joint meeting of the Salt Lake City and Mt. Olympus members with able SLC president RUPERT HACHIYA presiding. CHARLIE HIRABAYASHI is doing a conscientious job as Mt. Olympus president. En route back we stopped again in the Mormon capitol to meet with the younger JACLers who have formed separately as a part of the Salt Lake Chapter under the leadership of CARL MATSUDA.

Land of Rocky Ford Melons . . .

In company with durable MIN YASUI we went down to La Junta in southern Colorado where some of our Arkansas Valley Chapter members raise famous Rocky Ford melons. Credit GEORGE USHIYAMA and UGI HARADA for sparking the reactivation of this group. After the banquet, discussion and election of officers, a quick cup of coffee at midnight and Min Yasui delivered us the 180 miles back to Denver over ice slicked roads within three hours.

Our oldtime acquaintance, the Rev. EIZO SAKAMOTO just naturalized himself, reported that the naturalization class he is currently conducting has 83 Issei enrolled, which represents all the Issei in the valley except two, these two having arrived too recently to be included in the class.

Mike Masaoka's observation is that at the rate our Issei parents are applying and studying for citizenship, it will mean that they will have the best record of any foreign born group in the country. We are proud of them.

Do you believe in polygamy? . . .

St. Louis treasurer ICH MORI passed on to us this incident which is too good to keep:

During the course of an Issei's final examination for citizenship in St. Louis, the examiner asked him if he believed in polygamy .The Issei was temporarily at a loss for words since he did not know what polygamy meant. After his interpreter explained to him in Japanese, the Issei's face brightened up, and he answered, "Yes, I like very much, but I too old now."

National Bowling . . .

Our National Bowling Tournament was dominated by Chicago, both in participants as well as prize winning.

Famous last words: "Well, if Ned Day couldn't hit those alleys, I don't feel so bad."

Incidentally, it was Chicago Chapter president KUMEO YOSHINARI who arranged to have NED DAY honor our tourney. Our sincere appreciation to all the Chicago people who helped to make the tournament a success. Under Chairman RANDY SAKADA's leadership, the cooperation between the Chapter and the bowling leagues was outstanding. Usually dignified barrister TOM MASUDA let his hair down right from the start to set a congenial and informal tone to the traditionally good spirited dinner dance which has come to be an important part of National Tournament.

During our visit to Milwaukee we dropped in at the headquarters of the American Bowling Congress and visited with AL MATZELL, ABC's assistant director, discussing tournament rules and regulations. Al introduced us around the staff and showed us through the new building. It was especially interesting to see how ABC measures, weighs and tests sample tenpins from every pin manufacturer in the country, and conducts experiments to improve the pins.

In between events of the tournament, SHIG WAKAMATSU called a meeting of our National Planning Committee, and we also had an opportunity for an informal dinner meeting with the Chicago Chapter cabinet members. Sitting in on both meetings were AKI HAYASHI of New York, immediate past EDC Chairman, in Chicago on business, and Midwest District Chairman HARRY TAKAGI who brought two teams down to the tourna- from Twin Cities.

We Get Acquainted . . .

It was nice to get acquainted with our new Chapter presidents in the Midwest: hospital lab director HENRY HAYASHI of St. Louis; YO SAITO of Dayton; Cleveland Ford plant administration analyst BOB FUJITA; KEN MIYOSHI, Detroit schoolteacher; to renew acquaintances with Federal tax agent JOE SUGAWARA, repeat Cincinnati president, and Milwaukee VP and 442 vet TOK SHIOMICHI.

Prewar it seemed that an engineering degree amounted to enabling Nisei to pile apples straighter in a fruit stand, but today Dayton ex-prexy HIDEO YOSHIHARA is a wind tunnel expert at Wright Field; Detroit ex-prexy MIN TOGASAKI is with the County Road Commission; ex-prexy GEORGE ONO teaches at Cleveland's famed Case Institute; ex-EDC Chairman TETS IWASAKI of Philadelphia with degrees from Caltech and MIT is with Atlantic Oil Refining Co.; and JULIUS FUJIHARA who met us at the airport in Milwaukee is a G.E. engineer.

Jewelry display artist KEN MATSUMOTO, prewar National JACL VP, drove us from Cincy to Dayton. There Borden Milk Co. route supervisor MAS YAMASAKI took us to meet 1000 Clubbers FRANK SAKADA and CALVIN MAYNE, partners in the "rags to riches" Dorothy Lane Supermarket, featured in the PC holiday issue as well as in leading national trade journals.

Three District Council Meetings . . .

All our time in Washington was spent discussing national matters with MIKE and TAD MASAOKA and the next day we drove up over part of the famous Jersey turnpike to Philadelphia for the EDC meeting.

It was a good meeting of the four active Chapters of the Eastern District Council. BILL SASAGAWA took care of the arrangements, and the meeting featured a chapter clinic under the direction of TAD MASAOKA and a banquet honoring the newly naturalized Issei of Philadelphia.

We were happy to present sapphire JACL loyalty pins to long-time JACLers VERNON ICHISAKA of Seabrook and EDC Chairman IRA SHIMASAKI of DC. Philly president DR. TOM TOMAKI doubles as EDC 1000 Club Chairman, and the meeting resulted in more than doubling the number of Thousanders in the area.

On our return from this eastern trip we scooted down to Dinuba where the Central California Chapter representatives gathered during a week night for a combined business session and chapter clinic. We are always impressed with the self-sufficiency and the good turnout at the meeting of this District, built up under the successive chairmanships of JOHNSON KEBO, KENJI TASHIRO and now TOM NAKAMURA.

Seattle was host for the Pacific Northwest District Council meeting with prexy SHANG KASHIWAGI making arrangements and Dr. MATT MASUOKA of Portland presiding. PAUL KASHINO and RAY ECHIGOSHIMA did an especially fine job of revising the DC constitution.

The new Columbia Basin Chapter was welcomed, and FRANK NATSUHARA of Auburn, present as an observer, reported on the possibilities of reactivating the prewar Valley Civic League. Though pressed for time, we had a good discussion on chapter problems under Dr. KELLY YAMADA. Thanks to ED YAMAMOTO, we were able to make Seattle in time, though it meant starting out the 175 miles from Moses Lake after midnight and hitting a blizzard over the Snoqualmie Pass.

New Chapter: Columbia Basin . . .

Due largely to the efforts of ED YAMAMOTO of Moses Lake, we now have the Columbia Basin Chapter made up of members from Moses Lake and nearby Quincy. These two communities have grown tremendously as a result of irrigation resulting from the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam. A few years ago the school population of Moses Lake was less than 300, and is now 2,700.

Although the Chapter just got started in January, it has already sponsored a naturalization class even before the permament officers were elected, and we were proud to join with the community in honoring the seventeen Issei graduates. BILL HATTORI has acted as temporary Chairman during the organizing period. Elected as first President of the new Chapter was BILL UTSUNOMIYA, announcer and farm expert for radio station KSEM.

Impressions in Closing . . .

Space does not allow us to do justice to the places we have been or to th people we have met during the 21 days we spent on the road.

Suffice it to say that we are thankful for the hard core nucleus of loyal JACLers in communities throughout the country and the earnest efforts of the Issei in achieving naturalization as well as their understanding support.

In many places we found that the naturalized Issei are the first to sign up for Chapter membership, regarding this as a privilege along with their citizenship.

We are left with the impression that we spent entirely too much time cooling our heels in planes trying to get from one place to another, but on second thought, how would we pick up our forty winks?

Our members everywhere spoil us by their gracious hospitality and welcome. We have learned anew how vast and varied this country, how friendly and interesting her people.

NEW HORIZONS:

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By EDISON T. UNO
JACL Convention Public Relations Director

Los Angeles

Appropriately, the New Horizons convention will be held at the new ultra-modern Statler Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. As early as December, 1952, even before the finishing touches were completed, the entire convention board was the guest of the management so as to preview the facilities for our 13th Biennial National Convention.

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Over 100 attend WLA JACL installation fete

Los Angeles

More than 100 persons including several recently naturalized Issei citizens and a score of civic leaders including school and municipal officials attended the annual installation dinner and dance of the West Los Angeles JACL chapter on Mar. 27.

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda presided over the festivities which were held at the Carolina Pines restaurant.

The program opened with the singing of the National Anthem by Miss Uta Shimatsuka followed by introduction of the honored guests, responding for whom was Robert Thomas, president of the Rancho Park Chamber of Commerce.

Regional Director Tats Kushida spoke briefly on the background and purposes of the JACL prior to his officially swearing in the 1954 officers of the chapter.

The newly elected officials are:

Elmer Uchida, pres.; Mike Ikuta, 1st v.p.; Midori Nishi, 2nd v.p.; Sho Komai, treas.; Mary Yanokawa, rec. sec.; Mary Ishizuka, cor. sec.; Yoshi Shimazu, ath.; Steve Yagi, pub.; George Takehashi, aud.; Tom Nakashima, sgt.-at-arms; and Mary Yabuta, Dorothy Ikkanda, Seiko Nakanishi, Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda and James Kitsuse, memb.-at-lrg.

The evening's principal speaker was Frank F. Chuman, JACL legal counsel and past national board member, who discussed a decade of legal history of the JACL including court decisions and legislative victories in the elimination of legal restrictions and discriminatory practices against Japanese Americans.

West L.A. CLer deputized as registrar of voters

West Los Angeles

Elmer Uchida, West L.A. JACL chapter president, was recently deputized by the county registrar of voters to register qualified voters. To vote in the forthcoming June primaries, voters must register by Apr. 15.

Uchida will be present at the WLA Buddhist Church this Sunday and at the WLA Community Church on Apr. 11 after services. He is also available by telephone: ARizona 9-0952.

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GEORGE INAGAKI

Terminus for Varied Information

Next to National Headquarters, the National President's office, I've found out, is the information terminal of our organization. Information on practically every phase of JACL finds its way to the president's desk.

Not only that but the president, by his visits to the various chapters and in meeting with many chapter representatives, automatically learns a great deal about their activities as well as their thinking.

In the year and a half that I've been in office, I find that I have gained a lot of information that I feel should prove most helpful to the chapters in programming their activities. From time to time, through this column, I would like to pass these on to you with the hope that you will find some of them worth taking up.

Today, I'd like to discuss chapter bulletins. Because only a handful of our chapters issue monthly bulletins or newsletters, I can't help but feel that others are missing out on one of the best media of public relations available to you.

Chapter Bulletin as Program

I've learned that many chapters have never given this kind of a program much thought. Some feel that it costs too much. Others wonder what there is to write about, and still others think that it entails too much work.

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NEWS: This is a cinch unless you're going to compete with the Pacific Citizen.

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If Sumi Ito gets elected to an honor club at the local Hi School, let's get that in the news.

If Mike Satow makes a 400-mile round trip and comes back with no fish, he deserves to be kidded a bit in the bulletin.

If that Otas get their ninth baby, that's good for a sentence but if the Inagakis get their first, that's worth at least two big paragraphs.

Never Short of News Material

The chapter president can always write something to get a load off his mind. There is no better means of getting the membership drive started than to write it up in the bulletin. You may find yourself short of space but never short of material.

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NUMBER OF PAGES: It could be a one page affair or as many as you find necessary. Start modestly, though.

The important thing is to make it *readable*. Make the layout neat and the news short and concise. If you consult a mailing service, they'll give you some good ideas.

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More Tips in My Files

There is more helpful information on this subject in my file but space is limited here; so, if you're interested in further information, drop me a line. Also, I know that you can improve upon the above ideas to meet your individual needs. If you do, I would appreciate you're letting me know so I can pass them on to other chapters. Good luck!

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When the garden editors from all parts of America came to view the International Flower Show last month at Hollywood Park, Inglewood, they were guests of Monsato at a breakfast and then inspected the Los Angeles flower market in action. George Inagaki, on behalf of the So. Calif. Floral Ass'n., presents a boxful of fresh-cut flowers to the garden editor of Vogue magazine, she personally selected to be sent home. —Roy Hoshizaki photo.

New citizens —

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Alameda, Hayward, Albany, Concord, San Leandro, Richmond, Irvington, Newark, Alvarado, San Francisco, Piedmont, Salinas, Monterey, Seaside, Watsonville, Carmel Valley.

Pacific Grove, Stockton, Palo Alto, San Jose, Saratoga, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Mountain View, Santa Clara, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sebastopol, Windsor, Forestville, San Mateo, El Cerrito, Victor, Sunnyvale, Menlo Park, Atherton, Coyote and Redwood City.

The JACL Regional Office and chapters will furnish interpreters and clerical help. Haruo Iishimaru, regional director, stated that "with this sixth series of group examinations in Northern California, there will be well over a thousand Issei in this area alone who have filed petitions for citizenship. This is a great tribute to the efforts of the local chapters and their Citizenship Committee for making this tremendous job possible."

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Majority of the 194 Issei naturalized in mass ceremonies Friday morning last week here were men whose proceedings were halted by the 5-F question. About a dozen women appeared in the court rooms of Judge Louis E. Goodman and Judge Oliver J. Carter.

Although it was expected Kazuichi Tsuji would be among those to be naturalized, the San Franciscan whose case and favorable decision by Judge Goodman enabled most of the group to gain citizenship, was not called.

Serving as interpreter for this group were Rev. Ben Hoffman of San Jose and Kiyoshi Tomizawa. Assisting the Immigration and Naturalization Office were Wayne Kanemoto, chairman of the Naturalization Committee for United Citizen League of Santa Clara County and Haruo Ishimaru, regional director.

San Francisco CL sets June 26 for dance

San Francisco

The San Francisco JACL chapter urges Bay Area Nisei to circle June 26 on their calendar for their first annual sports formal at the St. Francis Hotel Colonial ballroom.

Noted bandleader Ray Hackett and his orchestra will provide the music. Yone Satoda is chairman, assisted by:

Jack Hirose, Rose Oda, Katherine Reyes and Evelyn Ikeda.

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Salt Lake CLers push membership

Salt Lake City

Current membership of the Salt Lake chapter, including the youth group, now totals 180, it was revealed this past week by Mrs. Alice Kasai, secretary to the National JACL board, assigned to chapter publicity.

The chapter is gunning to surpass Snake River chapter, last year's leader in the Intermountain District Council with over 200 members.

It was stated the membership drive will continue until the honor is achieved.

In the meantime, Mas Horiuchi, IDC Operation Ichiban chairman, explained to board members the operation of special project in connection with the forthcoming National JACL convention in Los Angeles.

Judge A. H. Ellett of the Third District Court of Utah visitor at the last chapter board meeting held Mar. 25 at the Japanese Church of Christ, screened and commented on slide pictures of the "West in Color and Sound," showing scenes of Utah, Arizona, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Tom Seo and Jim Ushio of the Mt. Olympus chapter were also present.

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PC Still Operating in 'Black' . . .

The Pacific Citizen board meeting last Friday was a happy occasion which revealed PC's financial status after almost a year and a half's operation in Ellay. Suffice it to say that PC is well in the black, thanks to chapter support during the year-end holiday season. The committee also discussed and agreed for the Sou'wester to do some research to support a proposal to be offered for consideration at the Statler confab; namely, to place the PC with a JACL membership basis. Please, no quick reactions until you've seen the committee report and recommendation.

Citizenship Books in Japanese . . .

Indefatigable HARRY MIYAKE, perennial head of the Santa Maria Valley JACL, is responsible for setting up two Americanization classes to prepare Issei for their naturalization. He has the blessings of local school officials and has already enrolled nearly a hundred students at Santa Maria and thirty five at Guadalupe. They are using the Federal textbook on citizenship as well as the JACL translation.

Get them while they last—the supply is limited! That's for real, no come-on. We mean the Japanese translations of the citizenship textbook. Just a few hundred copies left. Issei students and kika classes wishing to order same may do so through local chapter, but quick!

Convention Booklet Greetings . . .

Orchids to ALFRED HATATE of the Detroit chapter who chided us for sending him only five order forms for soliciting ads for the convention souvenir program booklet. Look, we're going after ads and not just five, he sez. So posthaste we sent more.

Hope to receive similar notes from other chapters. Thanks and good hunting, Al.

Remittances have been received for "package deal" registrations for official delegates from the following chapters: Richmond-El Cerrito, Salinas Valley, San Benito County, Selma and Sequoia. How about the front end of the alphabet?

'Cabin Fever' for JACL Offialdom . . .

JACL officialdom hereabouts may soon develop "cabin fever" at the rate the officers see each other at variqus board and committee meetings, social functions, dinners and receptions. This includes chapter prexies, their cabinets and members who serve on more than forty committees setting up the 13th Biennial Convention, local members of the national and the Sou'wester.

For three nights in a 'row last week, we sat with the Middle Horse, which is our translation of JACL legal counsel FRANK CHUMAN's name. There was the grand opening Thursday of Li'l Tokio's newest and finest eatery, the Ginza Sukiyaki, to which a handful of CLers were invited. The next night, we shared the head table with officials of the immigration and naturalization service office at a china-meshi sponsored by an informal group of Issei naturalized and soon-to-be citizens. Both of us also were guest-fed by the West L.A. chapter at its annual installation dinner and dance on Saturday.

The Middle Horse, being erudite and articulate, always delivers a good speech off the cuff, as he did in extending congratulations to the Issei. He really waxed eloquent before the large WLA dinner gathering. The Sou'wester also was called upon to address the Issei and conducted the installation ritual for the WLA chapter.

Paul Coates & 'L.A. Confidential' . . .

We got to talking to PAUL COATES the other day about his popular TV show on channel 11 Sunday night called *L.A. Confidential*. It's hard to believe this is the same Paul Coates who matched wits with Zsa Zsa Gabor on the TV program, *Bachelor's Haven*. But with Zsa Zsa, he was out of character. Last year, he received an award from the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations for his contributions in that organization's field of interest. He is a champion of civil rights even if the cause is unpopular.

Paul was with his producer, JIM PECK, who was at the Ginza's opening. They were interested in doing a show about some aspects of the Japanese community generally not too well known by the American public. Perhaps a Buddhist ceremony or classical and cultural activities.

In the process of getting convention ads last Monday, we learned from TARO KAWA, Nisei proprietor of the Enbun stores here, that the Buddhist churches were observing the Hana Matsuri festival, the birth of Buddha, this coming Sunday. So we told Peck to rush down so he could visit the Nishi Hongwan-ji and Koyasan temples to look over filming prospects which he did. Taro is a prominent Bussei leader who will thus be very helpful in bringing some knowledge of Buddhism to teevee viewers. L.A. Confidential, by the way, has a high Hooper rating and may soon go on a national network.



Among guests at opening night of Li'l Tokio's newest Japanese restaurant, Ginza Sukiyaki, were Frank Chuman (second from left), National JACL legal counsel, his wife Ruby, and Dave Yokozeki, Downtown Los Angeles chapter president. Standing is Jimmy Itagaki, proprietor. Toyo Miytake photo.

Coachella Valley Issei honored

Indio

Issei of Coachella Valley were honored a testimonial dinner last month by the Coachella Valley JACL chapter at the CV Women's Club.

Issei over the age of 70 were introduced and each presented with a gift and scroll from the chapter. Elmer Suski was master of ceremonies. Elder Issei honored were:

H. Nagata, H. Sakai, O. Sakamoto, T. Shibata, K. Takano, S. Sakamoto and Mrs. S. Sakamoto.

Speakers introduced during the evening were:

K. Taniguchi, R. Sugimoto, Tek Nishimoto, H. Sakai and George Shibata.

Horiuchi–

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cedures of this design, which reduces complicated electrical wiring to a system of small standardized package units. The units are then attached to each other, similar to the building of a tinkertoy set, to obtain the desired electrical circuit.

Nisei Inventor

The invention and system — reducing lead time in production by 75 percent—is described in an official government publication entitled "Hand Fabrication Techniques and Photographic Processing for Modular Design of Electronics." Principal author of the official publication is Horiuchi. United States Government patents on the design are also in the name of this enterprising Washingtonian.

The Nisei scientist, as a member of a six-man group, developed the basic pattern during three years research in the Bureau of Standards under a special Navy Department request.

Earlier this year, the government determined that further research and development should be undertaken by private industry and, accordingly, agreed to release its employees from the heretofore secret "Project Tinkertoy" to continue their important work on a commercial basis.

The six scientists were acquired as a team by the American Car and Foundry Company, one of the oldest and most respected industrial giants in the country.

Project Tinkertoy

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, in removing secret restrictions from the now world-famous Project Tinkertoy this past February, presented special awards to the contributing scientists. Bureau of Standards Division Chief J. G. Reid, now general manager of the new division, received a gold medal for the work of the group, with individual members of the six-man team receiving separate certificates.

Horiuchi was cited for his "outstanding contribution, as a member of a group, in the field of production technology for electronics with important implications for the electronic industry and for national defense."

"The appointment of Harold Horiuchi to this responsible position is another tribute to the free enterprise system which selects individuals on the basis of their ability and not on irrelevant factors of racial origin. It is also gratifying to see outstanding Nisei, such as Harold Horiuchi, achieve high distinction in industry as well as prominence in community affairs," declared Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL Representative.

Ex-Angeleno

Originally from Los Angeles, Harold Horiuchi arrived in Washington in 1944 from Gila River Relocation Center. He began government service with Foreign Broadcast Intelligence during the war. After the termination of hostilities, he continued in government service in the Treasury Department and later in Central Intelligence Ageney.

Six years ago, he accepted employment with the Bureau of Standards under the Dept. of Commerce, where he began work leading to his contributions in the Project Tinkertoy.

He is married to the former Masaye Taniguchi, also of Los Angeles, and has two children Katherine, 12, and Carol, 10.

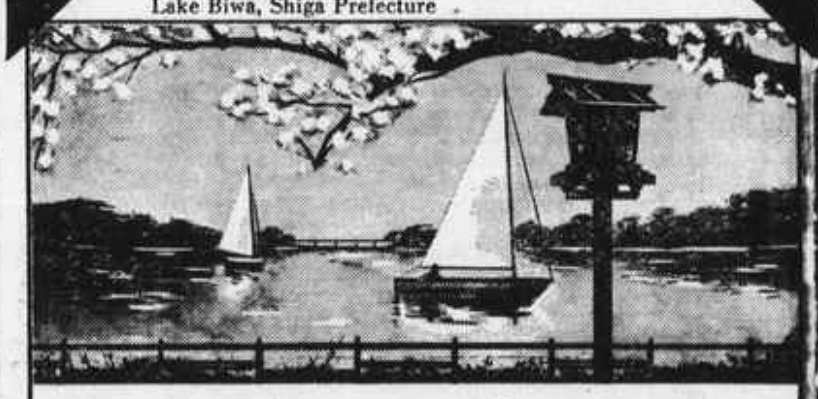


The East Los Angeles JACL chapter is again striving to be the biggest in the Pacific Southwest District. Heading the membership drive is Roy Yamadera (right), v.p. in charge of membership. Photo shows Aiko Ota (left) begin signed by Terrie Akasaka and Yamadera. Other volunteer membership committeemen include Miyo Fujita, Beti Yoshida, Nancy Takamatsu, Fumi Ishihara, Sam Furuta, Miyo Sato, Joe Komuro, Linda Ito, Helen Nakano, Kimi Matsuda, Don Matsuda, Jim Nakata, Jim Higashi, Bessie Yanamoto, Toshiko Nakamura, John Watanabe, Ida Nishibue, Lucille Okada, Edison Uno, Ritzi Kawakami and Wilbur Sato.



Mrs. Marge Nishikawa (left) and Mrs. Tomoko Yano hold a cardboard sketch of the new Salt Lake JACL chapter banner, enlarged and color-schemed by Ted Nagata of Youth Group (not in picture). The American Eagle represents the National, while the globe features Utah's sego lily and the Japanese cherry blossoms. —Terashima photo.

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Dr. William N. Takahashi, one of four biochemists doing research at the Univ. of California on plant diseases, described protein X, a mysterious virus which causes considerable crop damages and similar to the tobacco mosaic virus, at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society last week in Kansas City.

Dr. Harvey Itano of California Institute of Technology reported to the American Chemical Society members meeting in Kansas City of a fourth abnormal form of hemoglobin (type E) in human blood, found in a 6-year-old girl believed suffering from Cooley's anemia, a rare childhood disease. Hitherto unknown hemoglobin was indicated when she never needed transfusion, something usual for this disease.

Sho Tsuboi, owner of Sho Food Market, was appointed member of the Parlier city council due to resignation of one of its members. He is the second Nisei in Central California to be named councilman, the first being Tom Shirakawa of Fowler.

In Defense of Our Issei

MIN YASUI

(Reprinted from the Colorado Times)

Issei naturalization . . .

With the announcement of a favorable decision by Hon. W. Lee Knous, U.S. District judge for Colorado, on Mar. 2, in the Harry G. Matoba case, processing of Issei male naturalization cases throughout the United States should get underway.

Locally, in the Denver offive, John F. Hamker, officer-in-charge, states that there are about 300 cases here in Denver that can now go ahead. Out in the territory, where Officer Sullivan has been processing naturalization cases, we would guess that there are several hundred more cases that can be wound up.

And of great importance to male Issei is the clarification of the problem of re-entry permits. Both the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices of immigration were holding up re-entry of Issei males, who might or might not have had 5-F classifications during World War I.

Every indication at present seems that this problem will be disposed of administratively, and no such similar delays and paroles will be necessary. Mike M. Masaoka, in Washington, D.C., with the JACL, is keeping close watch on the situation.

Technically, however, the decision in the Matoba case is not yet finalized. The government has 60 days in which to appeal, if it desires.

However, with the instructions of the Attorney General to withdraw all opposition to Issei male naturalization, where the only ground of adverse recommendation had been on the basis of 5-F classification during World War I, it is probable that the government will not appeal the Matoba case.

Development of case . . .

Interestingly enough, the Matoba case originated during March, 1953, when the Denver office questioned his eligibility to naturalization on the grounds that he was exempted from military service during World War I.

Prior to that time, even during September, 1952, before the McCarran-Walter Act came into effect on December, 1952, the National JACL and Nisei attorneys were concerned with the problem. After careful study of the law and analysis of the statutes during 1917-18, it was concluded that Sec. 315 of McCarran-Walter Act would not affect Japanese non-declarant aliens.

That viewpoint was eventually sustained by Judge Louis E. Goodman in the Kazuichi Tsuji case in San Francisco, on Dec. 28, 1953. Now, Judge W. Lee Knous of the U.S. District Colorado concurs in that decision.

Although the Harry G. Matoba case arose first, from the standpoint of time, and was argued in Denver on Nov. 25, 1953, because of the over-crowded docket in Colorado, the decision was long delayed.

Actually, it is our opinion that the announcement of the Attorney General's administrative instruction to the Immigration and Naturalization Service to withdraw opposition in 5-F cases was finally the catalyst that prompted Judge Knous' oral opinion.

We know, too, behind the scenes, in Washington, D.C., that Mike M. Masaoka and the JACL staff worked diligently and intelligently, in order to have key Congressmen persuade the Attorney General to take this necessary step.

Moreover, we are now reassured that with the clearing of the Matoba case, we will face no further difficulties in connection with the 5-F matter in naturalization cases.

Need for national organization . . .

In the 5-F issue, we have been impressed by the efficiency of a national organization which has the interests and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry at heart.

In the first place, the 5-F question was studied by the National JACL, both at its headquarters office and by the Washington, D.C. office. Through its legal committee, the best opinions of Nisei attorneys throughout the United States were gathered together and the most persuasive arguments drafted.

At the time of the arguments in both the Matoba and Tsuji cases, amicus curiae briefs were filled on behalf of the National JACL, and moreover Edward J. Ennis, as special counsel for the JACL, and as former general counsel for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and a former assistant Solicitor General, appeared personally to argue the general question on behalf of all Issei in America.

When evidence concerning World War I draft procedures was important, Tad Masaoka of the Washington, D. C. JACL office spent wearisome hours in the National Archives to dig up important documents from the Provost General of World War I, which were persuasive in the Matoba and Tsuji cases.

And finally, the Washington JACL office was able to make contact with the Attorney General's office through influential Congressmen who convinced the Attorney General that the 5-F issue ought not hold up Issei naturalization.

Certainly, no single individual could have accomplished the sweeping victory in the Matoba and Tsuji cases. Only through a nationally coordinated effort was this achieved.

We are certainly thankful that a national organization for the protection of the interests of all persons of Japanese ancestry still exists in America.

We comment in particular, because we happen to be a board member of Colorado branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, which organization certainly has a keen interest in naturalization and immigration matters. But, the ACLU, though it is a good and vigilant organization, could not and would not intervene in the Matoba or Tsuji cases for the direct benefit of the Issei males.

We think that might be an answer for many Nisei, who preach assimilation, and argue that they ought to become a part of the larger community, without regard to specialized Nisei groups. When the chips were down, and the issue went to court, the only national or for that matter local organizations that went to bat on the question was the Japanese American Citizens League, because the question touched their interests directly.

Church groups, labor unions, the ACLU, liberal organizations and others had an interest in the matter, but not of such urgency as to impel them to immediate action.



Twenty-one new American citizens of Brighton, Colo., are shown here with some of the officials and organization representatives who participated in impressive ceremonies Feb. 16. Judge Harold H. Davies, who administered the oath of allegiance, to the 20 Issei and one German-born woman, is at the far right, first row. Del L. Sullivan, naturalization officer, is at the far left. Mrs. Carl Lederer and Mrs. Richard Wright, representing the DAR and American Legion Auxiliary, stand in the back row, left. Others in the photo are (left to right) front: John T. Horie, Yoshi Shibao, Sada Ibata, Aki Mizunaga, Nata Kurachi, Misao Sato, Hisano Sakaguchi, John T. Miura; second row: Yone Kishiyama, Kita Hiyama, Roy M. Kishiyama, Sen Hishinuma, Mata Tashiro, Sachi Sonoda, Maki Miyamoto; back row: Kiku Tanaka, Sada Sato, Toi Morimitsu, Matsue Murata, Kume Furuta and Inge Drennan. Horie was also instructor of the group. Participating in the color guard opening the ceremonies were Henry Morimitsu and Roy Mayeda, captain in the medical corps during World War II, and onetime Denver JACL president. —Brighton Blade photo.

LEST WE FORGET:

Pioneer: Tadaatsu Matsudaira

By DR. P. M. SUSKI

Denver

The following is an account of one of our most worthy pioneers whose deeds and records are liable to be forgotten altogether as years go by. This is especially true of a man like Tadaatsu Matsudaira who came to these mountain regions long before any Japanese was known to have lived here.

This man was our pioneer in every sense of the word, as he was one of the very first Japanese to come to America, one of the very first Japanese to study at and graduate from an American university, and one of the first Japanese to enter public service in America.

Unforunately a tragic and lamentable sequence led to an early death and closed his career in less than ten years after his graduation from Rutgers University.

We felt it to be a duty and a privilege to try to perpetuate an account of the facts so far as we know them of the short but brilliant life of this young Japanese from a distinguished family.

Son of Feudal Lords of Central Japan

Tadaatsu Matsudaira was born in 1855, just two years after Commodore Perry knocked at Japan's door. The name Matsudaira is a popular one among Tokugawa's relatives. It is also known that this name has often been conferred by the Tokugawa shoguns upon some family as a reward for certain work of merit. Forefathers of Tadaatsu had been feudal lords with territory at Matsumoto, and later at Ueda, in the province of Shinshu in central Japan.



TADAATSU MATSUDAIRA
Colorado's Issei Pioneer Being Memoralized

Tadaatsu came up to the United States in 1872, only a few years after Japan opened the country to the world. It was something unusual for him to be in America as early as that, when almost no Japanese had been seen or heard of sojourning on the American continent, except a few perhaps on the Pacific coast.

There is no record of how he, as a youth of 17, managed to cross the Pacific, when there were no steamer lines operating. We are entirely in the dark about the adventures of this young pring going abroad, alone in a world then very little known to Japan.

Came West Working for Union Pacific

When next heard of, Matsudaira was studying civil engineering at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. He was graduated in 1879. He found some work in connection with the Brooklyn Suspension Bridge, then in course of construction. He served as a city engineer for Bradford, Pa.

Later he ventured to serve as a chief engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad, well-known for the transcontinental achievements at the time. But he found this work too strenuous while surveying wild west sections of Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

He served the state of Colorado as an assistant superintendent of mines. He surveyed the eastern and southern boundary lines of Colorado. He is said to have designed the suspension bridge over the Royal Gorge in southern Colorado. For a time he taught at the School of Mines at Golden, Colo., and also did some work for the McNeal Mining Co. of Denver.

When he died in 1888, he was survived by his wife and a son. While in Pennsylvania, he married a daughter of General William Sampson, the founder of the Colorado Industrial School of Golden, Colo.

Lived Remaining Years in Colorado

He lived most of his latter days in Colorado, but as it was during the years when very few Japanese, if any, came to the state, it is doubtful whether Matsudaira ever came across any of his countrymen while he was living there.

The brilliant records and incidents of Matsudaira's life had nearly vanished into oblivion, when one Kakutaro Nakagawa, one-time publisher of a Japanese daily, the Colorado Times, accidentally came across news about the life of Matsudaira, and began earnest inquiries. Later, some research had been made by Kyosuke Abe, one of the editors.

Through ceaseless efforts of these men, some data on the life of Matsudaira, including the date of death and the burial spot had been brought to light. He died Jan. 27, 1888, and was entombed at Riverside Cemetery, Denver.

Interview Personal Acquaintance

About 1930, Abe found that John McNeal, the president of the McNeal Mining Company, was the only living person known to have been well acquainted with Matsudaira. When Abe interviewed him at his office in the Equitable Building in Denver, the aged McNeal praised the high moral character of Matsudaira. He deeply lamented the loss of this man of lofty personality, who had served as a tutor for his sons.

From McNeal, Abe obtained much information covering the origin, age, date of entry to America, his many achievements, marriage, birth of a son and finally death.

The son, Kinnosuke, accompanied by his mother and the Sampson family moved to the east. He is reported later to have served as a mayor of Edmonston, Md.

Public Support for Memorial

When the news and story of this remarkable pioneer in the Rocky Mountain region reached the Japanese public, there arose a movement to erect a monument to commemorate the feat of this great man. The plan, however, did not materialize at once, and it finally became the lot of the Oriental Culture Society of Denver to erect a monument with funds collected from Japanese residents of the mountain states.

The monument was duly consecrated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1952, the site being in district 13, Riverside Cemetery, Denver. A small stone vault built within the monument is for the purpose of sealing in names of contributors together with the description in English of the few known facts about this hidden pioneer, for examination by future generations whenever necessity arises.

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This paper was prepared in 1954 for the above purposes, by the Oriental Culture Society, organized in 1946 in Denver. The rite of sealing in all papers in the monument vault is scheduled to be performed on May 30, 1954.

Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

The Nisei and Service Organizations . . .

I have been asked to make some comment about all Nisei service organizations which are being contemplated in some of our cities.

There is a notion that because of my long association in various forms of group work, I am qualified to speak as an expert. Defining expert as a person who knows more and more about less and less, I present some of the essence of my bull sessions with a few fellows in and around the office.

First of all, with a considerable amount of experience with all types of service organizations including veterans, religious recreational and the so-called service organizations, I am all for them and I certainly would encourage all Nisei, especially JACLers, to join where possible.

In fact, I think it is one of the most useful functions of the JACL to encourage the members to become part of the larger community and to work in organizations that are not primarily concerned with only Japanese American affairs.

In fact, we find that many of our very active JACLers are members of many of the service organizations. For example GEORGE INAGAKI, national president is a Rotarian, Dr. RANDOLPH SAKADA, past national president, is a Mason; TOM TEGO, District Council Chairman is a Lion and GII YOSHIOKA past District Council Chairman is an Optomist and many others could be added to this list. Of course, in most areas, many of the JACL leaders have been very active in the many useful veteran's organizations.

Generally, one could say that the more mature Nisei readily finds a useful place in other organizations and is welcomed as a useful member of these clubs.

Segregated Service Clubs . . .

Although I know that some all-Nisei service clubs are being formed, and, I say all power to them, I do have some question of their usefulness.

First of all, these clubs intend to serve the community. It would seem to me that one of the principal services that they could render the Japanese American community would be to be representatives of this particular minority group to the larger community.

They could do this much more effectively by joining existing clubs rather than by forming segregated organizations.

In brief, 20 Nisei as members of a half a dozen or more heterogenous clubs would be more effective in spreading the gospel of racial equality and understanding than 20 Nisei banded together as one segregated service club.

In fact, I discussed this particular point with one "hakujin" officer (who wishes to be anonymous) of an organization and he agreed with me but added very frankly that a paradox exists in the situation that although the "higher-ups" want Nisei members in their organizations, through a survey of their existing clubs, the members generally said that they did not want any Nisei to become members of their particular unit and consequently the only alternative was to start all-Nisei clubs.

It seems to me like a somewhat left-handed compliment to the Nisei, but unfortunately, we find that this situation does exist. All in all, I think that the Nisei ought to be encouraged to join these service clubs.

If they are not welcomed into these organizations, then by all means, start their own if they so desire because I do believe that every individual needs the security of having the sense of belonging to a group.

Furthermore, these service clubs, by and large, contribute to the welfare of the community.

JACL as a Segregated Organization . . .

One of the questions that arose was that if I thought that it would be better if the Nisei joined existing service clubs rather than forming segregated ones, how about the JACL, which is practically all Japanese Americans.

The answer, of course, is quite simple and ought to be self-evident. The JACL exists primarily for the welfare of the Japanese Americans, and it is obvious that the Japanese Americans themselves are the ones who are concerned with their problems. Consequently they join the JACL to work in this program although many "hakujins" have been and are active in the work of the JACL.

Other service clubs have definite objectives and purposes which are commendable, but quite naturally a specific concern for the welfare of the Japanese Americans usually is not included. At the present, if there is any real issue affecting Japanese Americans, records will reveal that the most articulate organization fighting for Japanese Americans will be the JACL.

Perhaps the time will come when the atmosphere of our society will so improve that no such organization as the JACL will need to exist, but unfortunately we have not reached this stage in our social evolution. Until then, not only the JACL, but Nisei members of the various community organizations can work together for this Utopia, but attainable goal.

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Nisei flower growers appeared at a recent Civil Aeronautics Board hearing concerning a ruling affecting the shipping of flowers by air. The CAB. disallowed the cooperative consolidation of agricultural products by air express. This will make it impossible for flower growers to pool their shipment and charter special planes and because of the highly perishable nature of flowers, it would effect the livelihood of 11,000 flower growers and their employees because two-thirds of California-grown flowers are sold out of state.

Bill Enomoto, National JACL-ADC Treasurer, spoke in behalf of the Research Committee of the State Flower Growers Association. Other Nisei testifying were: Yoshimi Shibata, Harry Kurimatsu, Kiyo Yamane and Yoshio Ozawa.

The CAB is now investigating this and other rules applicable to flower growers.

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The St. Louis JACL chapter officers for 1954 were installed by past president George Hasegawa. President Harry Hayashi was absent for the occasion. In the photograph are (left to right) Joseph Tanaka, pub, rel.; Pauline Sakahara, rec. sec.; Joe Inukai, v.p.; Mae Yamaoka, cor. sec.; Herbert Kadowaki, hist.; Masao Ohmoto, del.; and Ichiro Mori, treas.

CAPSULES

A 14-year-old Campbell High School student, Naomi Nakatsu, was seen at the bottom of the pool at the 10-ft. mark, pulled to surface and failed to respond to artificial respiration last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Itaru Nakatsu, strawberry growers near San Jose.

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Students of Stanford University are collecting American textbooks to fight communism in Japan. Emphasis is being placed on books dealing with humanities.

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One Japanese woman sent Rep. Alvin M. Bentley (R., Ia.) two U.S. dollars "to buy ice cream or milk for himself," disclosed the congressman last week. Recuperating from shots fired by Puerto Ricans in Congress recently, Bentley, who is a multi-millionaire, said "I haven't spent the two dollars, but I am certainly going to reply to her."

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American aid to Okinawans wanting to emigrate to South America will be withdrawn May 1. announced the U.S. Army civil administration at Okinawa, until the entire island is under cultivation. The program of overseas emigration was instituted to relieve overcrowded living conditions on the mid-Pacific bastion. The latest move was made to increase island food production.

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Hawaiian statehood in the current session is hopeless, according to Sen. Joseph R. Itagaki (R., Oahu), visiting Los Angeles last week. He is now in favor of commonwealth status as a step to eventual statehood.

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According to the California Institute of Social Welfare, there are 272,000 persons on state pension rolls, of which 1,632 are of Japanese descent.

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A group of 90 Japanese farm-students will arrive Apr. 10 aboard APL Pres. Wilson for a seven-month stay in California to study American farming methods. It is the third group to come since the farmer assistance program was started in 1952 by the then Gov. Warren. Half of them will be in Southern California. Many Nisei and Issei farmers in California have aided the program.

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Mrs. Miya Soga, wife of the publisher of the Hawaii Times, was among the 34 Japanese naturalized U.S. citizens in Honolulu Mar. 25.

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The Shonan Yokoi Japanese bicycling troupe, which made its TV debut in late December from New York, was last performing in Kansas City. Some of the Yokoi girls are American-born.

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There are 479,697 residing in the Territory of Hawaii, the latest estimates of the Territorial Health Department indicated this week. George Tokuyama, bureau's acting administrator, added 244,296 are in Honolulu, exclusive of service personnel and their dependents.

Missing evacuee claimants

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Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Field Office of the Evacuation Claims Section, Dept. of Justice, announced today that it has been unable to locate the claimants listed below.

John T. Allen, Attorney in Charge of the local office, has stated that some of the claims concerned are of routine nature and could be compromised or adjudicated promptly if the claimants were available for testimony.

Anyone having information concerning the present address of any person listed below is urged to communicate immediately with the Evacuation Claims Section, Dept. of Justice, 808 Federal Bldg., Los Angeles 12, Calif. (telephone: MAdison 7411, ext. 626 or 627). Otherwise settlement of these evacuation claims will have to be postponed indefinitely.

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KONNO, OYAKAWA IN DOUBLE WIN AT NCAA SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Syracuse, N.Y.

Ford Konno missed a triple victory in the NCAA swimming championship by being upset in the 220-yd. freestyle event, but in winning the other two, broke NCAA records in the 1,500-meter and the 440-yd. freestyle events last weekend at the Syracuse University pool.

Thursday night, the Ohio State Olympic champion from Honolulu smashed his own record in the metric mile event with 18m.14.4s., bettering his own 18m.15.5s. record set in the NCAA 1952 event.

The Nisei swimmer has an 18m.11.5s. mark made in 1952 at a Big Ten meet, which betters the world mark of 18m.19s., made by Hironshin Furuhashi of Japan. The marks of Konno, however, cannot be considered official since they were made in a 25-ft. pool and world marks must be made in 50-ft. pools.

(Last year, the 5 ft.-6 in. ace was unable to defend his title having caught the mumps the night before the meet at Univ. of Iowa.)

The flashy Buckeye finished more than two full pool lengths ahead of runner-up Bill Yorsyk of Springfield (Mass.) College.

Upset in 220

Friday night, he was upset in the 220 by Jack Wardrop of Michigan, who won in 2m.5s., a new NCAA record and also bettering the world mark of 2m.5.3s., set by John Marshall of Yale in 1950.

In the 440-yd. event Saturday night, Konno broke the old mark of 4m.30.2s. with his 4m.28.6s. effort. He also got revenge on Michigan's Wardrop who beat him the night before in the 220. The old 440 mark was held by John Marshall of Yale, set in 1951.

Oyakawa's Double Win

Yoshi Oyakawa of Ohio State splashed to his win in the 200-yd. backstroke at 2m.9.8s., edging Larry Heim of Stanford, who led at three occasions in the nip & tuck race.

Oyakawa also won the 100-yd. backstroke championship easily in 57s. He also swam the first leg of the medley relay for Ohio State, which won in 2m.49.3s.

As expected, Ohio State won the team championship for the seventh time, amassing 94 points.

SPORTSCOPE:

● The high scoring Nisei prepster in Los Angeles track circles last week was CHUCK MATSUDA of Westchester High with a double win in the 220 at 23.5s. and the broadjump at 20 ft.-5 in., and second place in the 100 . . . TOM UYEDA of Verdugo Hills High took the century in 10.6s. KINJI KATAOKA bettered 21 ft. in taking second in the broadjumps for Dorsey High . . . In the lightweights, HENRY KAWAMOTO of Garfield was timed 3m.32.1s. in capturing the long 1,320-yd. run. GEORGE SASAKI of Roosevelt won both sprints in 10.8s. and 24.2s.

● FRANK MURAKAMI, who prepped at Washington Union High School in the Santa Clara Valley League, is currently starring as shortstop for the San Jose State Frosh nine. He lettered in baseball and football and was captain two years during his high school years. (Keep us informed, Y.H., and thanks.)

● The Southern California Golf Association held their annual dinner election last week at the San Kow Low. It was announced that all golf organizations will change their present handicap system to the new USGA methods which is currently used throughout the nation. It is referred to as the Basic and Current. Officers for 1954 are FRANK ONISHI, pres.; YAS TATSUMI, sec.; JACK MIYAKE, treas.; BILL MIYAGI, tournament chmn.; FRED HARADA and EIJI OGATA, pub.; BEN KATOW and KEN YAMAKI, rules and regulation.

● SEIJI NAYA and CYRIL OKAMOTO, a pair of Nisei boxers from the Univ. of Hawaii, will compete Apr. 8-10 at the NCAA championships at Penn State. Funds to send the two are being raised by students. Coach Herbert Minn will accompany them.

● Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told Congress Wednesday last week that last year's tour of Japan by the New York Giants baseball team was "particularly effective" in spreading goodwill in the Far East. Dulles cited the Giants' barnstorming trip as an example of how exchange programs with friendly governments can help improve international relations . . . "Perhaps the most significant tribute to the Giants and their performance in Japan," Dulles said, "was the total absence of any Communist propaganda or any unfavorable comment. The presence on the team of some Negro players was noted as an indication of racial equality."

● Apprentice jockey GEORGE TANIGUCHI, 24-year-old Nisei sparkplug of the Bay Meadow's track in Northern California, made his debut last Sunday at Agua Caliente, Mexico. He brought in one winner (Steady Inn paying $27.80), one second and one third in eight rides. In the three weeks at Bay Meadows, he has been riding 50 percent in the money . . . Commented Sid Ziff, sports editor of the Los Angeles *Mirror*, last Monday afternoon: Taniguchi is extremely polite and well spoken. Other riders like him and gave him a big hand when he won his first race. Friends call him Stumpy. His only fear to date—"maybe I'm just a mud rider. I haven't seen a fast track yet." It shouldn't make much difference.

● Three Japanese marathon runners and their team manager will arrive in San Francisco via Japan Air Lines this Sunday, en route to participate in the Boston marathon April 19. The runners are KATSUO NISHIDA, 25, who placed fourth in last year's Boston Marathon; KURAO HIROSHIMA, 26, who placed 8th; and NOBUYOSHI SADANAGA, 25, who is competing in the event for the first time. Their manager is HIROSHI ITO, sports editor of the Osaka Asahi. The Boston Marathon, was won last year by KEIZO YAMADA, a diminutive Japanese weighing only 100 pounds who established a world record for the 26-mile race . . . Favorites of Japanese sports writers to win this year's marathon is Hiroshima.

● JACK IZU of Coachella Valley copped second-place at the recent Washington Birthday singles classic at Riverside with 1733. Over 800 keglers entered.

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Zebras blast Cosmos 92-71 in postseason fracas

San Jose

A visiting Cosmopolitan Realty five from Los Angeles was roughed up 92-71 by the victorious San Jose Zebras last weekend. The Cosmos had finished in a tie for first place in the Southern California NAU, while the Zebras had only finished second in the Northern California NAU.

George Yoshinaga, Shin Nichibei sports editor, in his column this week, reported the Zebras have offered a challenge to the state titlists Nisei Trading off their win over the Cosmos. Its acceptance was hightly improbable.

"For us, it would be a matter of 'everything to lose and nothingto gain'," advised the sports editor.

Nisei wins all-Army doubles bowling match

Ft. Lee, Va.

Don Yagami and James Blanc of the Army in the Pacific won the all-Army doubles bowling championship here last week with a total of 1178. Yagami's personal efforts included a 245 game and 639 series. He also finished in fourth place in the all events with a 494s, 639d—1134 total.

Canadians invite U.S. Nisei cagers to meet

Toronto

The second annual Toronto Nisei Invitational basketball tournament, Apr. 30-May 1, is expected to pit four or five Canadian and American teams for the Yamada challenge trophy.

Teams from New York and Chicago have already informed the tournament committee of their plans to compete. Clubs from Cleveland and Philadelphia have been invited also. The Toronto Mustangs, current league champions, will represent the city.

ABC kegler

Seattle

Joe Sato of Blackfoot, Ida., became the first Nisei to be placed in the top-ten singles at the American Bowling Congress tournament being held currently at the Armory. He framed a 214-212-194 for a 620 series and also piled up 1716 pins for a possible all-events money. (He was out of the top ten three days later.)

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S.F Saints defend Salt Lake cage invitational title for second time

Salt Lake City

Defending champion San Francisco Saints, an all-Chinese American aggregation, returns here to repeat in the 19th annual Nisei Invitational basketball tournament this weekend at Hellenic War Memorial gym.

While favored to cop their third straight title, the champs may find the path to the winner's circle harder to negotiate this year because of more powerful complement of teams in the tournament.

Chief obstacle will probably be the Los Angeles Local 399, which finished in a tie for the top spot of the Southern California NAU "AA" league this year, and the addition of Kaz Shinzato, Ken Yamamoto, and Jerry Chan, top-notch scorers of the NAU.

Berkeley's Bob's TV enters the tournament for the first time, bringing a record of having won the first half of the Northern California NAU season.

Dark Horses

Other dark horses of the tournament (which opened last night) include Main Bowl Savoys from Seattle and the Denver All-Stars. Tom Miyata paces the Pacific Northwest titlists, who completed their season undefeated. The Mile-Hi crew comes with Stanley Nishimura and Rex Yoshimura, a couple of six-footers.

Rounding out the schedule are Yellowstone JACL of Rexburg, Idaho, and the two Utah teams, Davis Comets, local league champions, and Salt Lake All-Stars.

Immediately following the championship game tomorrow night, the Utorient girl's club will stage the traditional Victory Dance with presentation of awards as the intermission feature.

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SLC Invitational cage series queen race on

Salt Lake City

A queen contest in conjunction with the Salt Lake Nisei basketball invitational is in full swing this week. Tabulations of voting for the six candidates were posted for the first time in the contest's history, although the voting counts only 40 percent in the final selection.

The six girls and their votes are:

Jean Nakamura, 408; Joan Tachiki, 365; Betty Miya, 169; May Shimizu, 166; Faye Tazoi, 133; Selma Mori, 48.

The crowning was scheduled last Wednesday night.

Nisei Trading, Shin Nichibei both defeat Protos, NC NAU cage champs

Los Angeles

The first double-barreled victory by the South in the eight annual postwar North-South Nisei Athletic Union basketball series was tallied last weekend at City College gym.

The San Francisco Protos lost a Saturday night warm-up game, 57-53, to Shin Nichibei; 61-58 in the Sunday afternoon championship thriller to Nisei Trading.

The Traders won their first state basketball championship before a scattered crowd of 200 spectators. (The previous year, Nisei Trading represented the South in the 1953 North-South series at Sacramento losing to the JACL Stags.) Mits Takasugi was the Traders' big guns with 29 points.

In the Saturday fracas, Shin Nichibei staved off a late Protos rally in the final minutes of the game despite four of its first-stringers on the bench via the five personal fouls route. Protos forward John Yasumoto starred with 21 points.

Local 399, representing Los Angeles in the Salt Lake JACL Invitational series this weekend, gave Southland fans a glimpse of their power with a 65-61 victory over Kwo Kwong, local Chinese league champions. Kaz Shinzato tanked 25 points; Jerry Chan, 14, for the Locals.

Placer County JACL baseballers ready for try at P-N pennant

Loomis

Last Sunday, fans in these parts got an idea of how the 1954 edition of the Placer JACL ball club will look this season in the semi-pro Placer-Nevada League. They crossed bats with the touted Folsom Globes of the Sacramento County league.

Manager Chuck Hayashida has spent three weeks in grooming what looks like a pretty sharp outfit into a pennant contender in the P-N league opening Apr. 25 against Nevada City.

For pitchers the Placers have Bob Takemoto, last year's rookie who this season should do better with the proper support, and a pair of newcomers in Angel Kageyama and Johnny Nakao. The latter two also play other postions.

Two College Stars

After collegiate play there's veteran George Goto from Sacramento State and Ray Fukui, who last year gave the Lincoln Potters a bad time, who is on the Univ. of California nine.

On the receiving end will be the Hayashida brothers, Bob and Jack. Bob last year copped the batting championship of the P-N league for both halves and his batting eye hasn't shown any signs of dimming this year. His brother Jack who retired from active participation two years, will come out of hibernation and give the club the necessary boost in both catching and patrolling the outer garden.

At first there's reliable Norm Matsuoka, who's been a steady performer both afield and at the plate, and another veteran coming out of retirement is Frank Kageta. Both are southpaws and handle the initial sack with the greatest of ease.

Second base as usual will be taken care of by Jimmie Enkoji, who's been a loyal supporter of the team all the way through. Although not a long ball hitter, you can depend on him to puncture a hole through any tight infield when the chips are down. He will be given competition this year by Rabbits Watanabe.

Bespectacled Bob Kozaiku, another of the same school as Matsuoka and Enkoji, will handle the shortstop patch. Kozaiku has played a lot of ball in the past both with his team and on various All-Star clubs.

Speaking of All-Stars, without the services of Loomis' Kozaiku, Matsuoka, Hayashida, and Penryn's George Goto and Wheatland's Ray Fukui, the Sacramento All-Stars last year couldn't have won the state Nisei title in the final tournament playoff with the Los Angeles Traders.

State Tourney Eyed

The Placer JACL club this year plans to enter the state tourney as a unit this year.

Depending on what Uncle Sam has in store for him when he returns from Japan, Jim Yokota should be in JACL uniform as third baseman around about the time league play starts. Yokota has had several professional offers from clubs in Japan but apparently they weren't lucrative enough for him to stay for a season or two. There's always Billy Nishimoto at third in a pinch. Nishimoto had the jitters last year but should have gotten over that now.

The outfield will see Mas Morita who played several years for Richmond, veteran Charley Oseto, Merv Matsuoka, and one of the Hayashidas when the other is catching.

All in all it looks like a banner for the JACL who this year will be decked out in new uniforms.

Los Angeles Newsletter

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HENRY MORI

★ By now everyone is familiar with the 23 Japanese fishermen who were caught in the Bikini H-bomb explosion and showered with radioactive ashes while fishing some 80 miles away from the center of the blast on Mar. 1.

The news made international headlines. It stirred comments from all parts of the world. And government officials and medical men were concerned with what might happen if one of these deadly creations should hit a thickly populated city.

From the wake of this misfortune, a Santa Barbara chemical company prepared a mercy package to be sent to Tokyo to cure the men of burns. *(Pacific Citizen*, Mar. 26).

But apparently the Aloe Bela, the herb used as a laxative and 10 pounds white salve just didn't do the trick.

Newspaper Yomiuri, circulation of 2.5 million, came out one day last week to say that the package of medicine received from Elleni Cosmetic Laboratory and Chemical Industry of California, Santa Barbara, donated through its president E. L. Blockinger, proved worthless.

Yomiuri, liken to Hearst sensationalism when it comes to reporting, said the salve was tried on one of the worst victims, Sanjiro Masuda, and "it didn't work." It added that Dr. Kentaro Shimizu of Tokyo University was "boiling mad."

While Blockinger and Frank Clarvoe, editor of the Santa Barbara News Press, who made the contact with the Los Angeles Japanese Consul General's office to fly the gift salve, were utterly "shocked" from the report, the Foreign Office was cautious to comment:

"We believe the charitable gesture on the part of the Santa Barbara donor, contributed through the Cancer Fund, was done in good faith and intention and should not be construed as another experimental venture."

The following day, other doctors did a turnabout and were very apologetic and said the Bikini radiation victims were being treated with the gift medicine for which they were grateful.

Dr. Yasui Saito said the earlier news was a result of "irresponsible" reporting.

It is hard to digest such reporting one way or the other but the whole play doesn't help much in international relations. We will, no doubt, soon find out whether Aloe Bela or the salve was at all good for x-ray burns or not. Meantime, no one is feeling good about the whole incident.

★ But what happens when the terrifying H-bomb which wiped out an island in Bikini should hit a place like Los Angeles?

Rep. Chet Holifield, (D., Calif.) said it would totally destroy an area of 28¼ square miles and severely damage everything within the area of 314 square miles.

Rep. Holifield who recently returned from the Pacific proving grounds declared:

"With the center of explosion above the City Hall, light damages would be felt as far east as Montebello, north of Pasadena, west of Beverly Hills, and south to Compton." The area of destruction would be in a 10-mile radius with over 500,000 casualties.

★ It's been more than a decade that we've been in San Francisco—the occasion being the World's Fair on Treasure Island many moons ago.

Aside from streets on hill-and-dale we trekked during our visit, things must have changed—maybe for the worse as the San Francisco Chronicle recently commented editorially, or for the better as Mayor Elmer Robinson believes.

The top city official became rather aggravated last week when five of the state legislators from his territory advocated Los Angeles as a terminus for the Japan Air Lines.

"We don't want to become inferior to the Los Angeles airport or any other airport in the state," roared back Mayor Robinson when he learned second-hand that a State Assembly resolution was presented in Sacramento for an alternate terminal in Inglewood.

Fumio Abe, district traffic manager for the JAL's home branch there, was quick to contradict that it was the idea of the Japanese to press such a proposal and said they have no intention of changing headquarters.

The resolution was signed by 21 Southland state assemblymen and launched by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. How did Mayor Norris Paulson feel about the move? He chuckled with great satisfaction.

★ The Azuma troupe composed of 24 Kabuki dancers and musicians is ready to step onto the stage at the Biltmore Theatre, May 5 to 15, for a 10-day run.

It will play in a city most populated with persons of Japanese ancestry. Madame Tohuko Azuma personally wanted to come to the west coast for that very reason.

Giving 40 performances in five weeks in New York where they just finished their engagement at the Century Theater, Madame Azuma said the number attending the shows numbered 52,000 which grossed $130,000. Her troupe was given a guarantee of $3,000 per week, netting an average of $140 per person per week at their east coast shows.

★ Six *gakuen* branches under the Japanese Language School Cooperative System will start their individual oratorical eliminations early next month to pick 30 semi-finalists who will vie for top awards in the May 1 "ohanashi-kai" slated at Union Church.

There will be five from each *gakuen* in a somewhat long drawn out oratorical affair, attended mostly by proud parents and the pupils' best friends.

Language school activities have come back strong since the war and today there are sprinklings of non-Nisei adults interested in taking up a course in Japanese. Every-day conversational subjects are the most popular with them, says Yaemitsu Sugimachi, principal of the system.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AKIYA—Mar. 25, a girl Janet Jay to the Eddie Akiyas (Grace Obata), Cleveland.
BABA—Feb. 18, a girl Grace Akemi to the Hiroshi Babas (Tomiko Imai), Los Angeles.
BUTSUDA—Mar. 17, a girl Lynette to the Yosh Butsudas (Masako Ito), Cleveland.
FUJIHARA—Mar. 14, a boy to the Herbie Fujihara, Stockton.
FUJITA—Feb. 7, a girl Andrea Ruth to the Fred Fujitas, Chicago.
FUNAHASHI—Mar. 11, a boy to the Edwin Funahashis, Hanford.
FURUSHO—Feb. 20, a boy Daniel to the George Furushos (Isa Haruko Kaneko), Los Angeles.
HARADA—Mar. 9, a girl to the Harold S. Haradas, San Francisco.
HIRAI—Mar. 20, a boy to the George Hirais, Nyssa, Ore.
HIRAKI—Mar. 16, a girl to the Tom Hirakis, Seattle.
IMURA—Mar. 22, a boy Stephen Masaharu to the Haruo Imuras, Alameda.
KADOWAKI—Jan. 31, a boy Barry Ken to the James Tatsuo Kadowakis (Betty Chiyeko Seki), Los Angeles.
KATO—Feb. 22, a girl Marilyn Harumi to the Tadasu T. Katos, Sunnyvale.
KATO—Feb. 27, a boy to the Katsubi Duke Katos, Lodi.
KOYAMA—Mar. 4, a girl to the Ben T. Koyamas, Alameda.
KUSABA—Mar. 18, a boy John Wesley to the George Kusabas (Margaret Koide), San Francisco.
MATSUMOTO—Mar. 22, a girl to the Sumio Matsumotos, Spokane.
MIYAHARA—Mar. 14, a girl to the Don Miyaharas, Palo Alto.
MUSASHI—Mar. 20, a girl Cheryl Lynn to the Masaru Musashis, Thermal.
NAKATA—Feb. 18, a boy to the Seiji Nakatas, San Francisco.
OGATA—Mar. 10, a boy to the Kiyoshi Ogatas, Lodi.
OSUMI—Feb. 14, a boy Ronald Dean to the Kazuo Osumis (Shimaye Ruby Mori), Puente.
OYA—A girl to the Jun J. Oyas, Denver.
SASAKI—Feb. 9, a boy John Kane to the Jack Hiroshi Sasakis (Kimiko Sakamoto), Los Angeles.
SATO—Mar. 23, a girl to the Toshio Satos, Seattle.
SHIZUME—Feb. 12, a boy Shizuo to the Kazuo Shizumes (Naomi Tamaki), Los Angeles.
TAO—Mar. 24, a boy to the Minoru Taos (Mitsue Kaita), Watsonville.
URAKAWA—Mar. 19, a girl to the Shigeo Urakawas, Seattle.
UYEMURA—Mar. 13, a boy to the James Uyemuras, Del Rey.
YAMAMOTO—Feb. 13, a girl Rebecca Lynn to the John C. Yamamotos, Morgan Hill.
YOKOOJI—A boy to the Seizo Yokoojis, Ft. Lupton, Colo.
YOKOTA—Feb. 10, a girl Vickie Ann to the Yoshio Yokotas (Carolyn Aki Kodama), Los Angeles.

Engagements

HIROHATA-YANAGINUMA — Lou, Temple City, to Kiyoshi, Oxnard.
NAGAI-HATANAKA — Tatsuko to George Masato, both of Bowles.
NITAHARA-NAKAWATASE—Lil to James, both of Chicago.
OSATO-FUKUSHIMA—Mary Shizuno, Reedley, to Harry, Dinuba, Mar. 17.
SHINODA-SADAHIRO — Makiko, Cutler, to Harvey, Orosi, Mar. 6.
TANAKA-OZAWA—Miyuki to James, both of Chicago, Mar. 9.
UTSUMI-YAGUCHI—Margaret Eiko to John, both of Los Angeles.

Marriage Licenses Issued

CHINEN-ISHIDA — Satoru, 24, USCG, and Sueko, 22, Seattle.
MATSUOAKA-IYASAKI — Norman N., 24, Looomis, and Agnes, 20, Roseville.
TANI-KURITSUBO—Tom Tamotsu, 27, San Jose, and Kazuko, 20, Irvington.
TYLER-TAKAHASHI — Don, 24, USAF, and Misako, 21, Omaha, at Oakland.

Weddings

FUJITA-NAMBA—Mar. 20, Buddy Fujita and Mary Namba, both of Santa Rosa.
HAMANO-YOSHIDA—Mar. 21, Tadashi Hamano and Midori Yoshida, both of Los Angeles.
HIRATA-KAWANO—Mar. 13, Akito Hirata and Masako Kawano, both of Dinuba.
HORIE-HORI—Mar. 21—George Horie, Los Angeles, and Martha Masako Hori, Redwood City.
IWAI-SAHARA—Mar. 6, Ted Iwai, Chicago, and Mariko Sahara, Los Angeles.
KODAMA-TSUMORI—Mar. 14, James Kodama, Imperial, and Bernie Tsumori, Los Angeles.
KURATA-FURUKAWA — Mar. 21, Jim Shigeyuki Kurata, Fowler, and Elsie Setsuko Furukawa, San Benito, Tex., at Los Angeles.
KURISU-NAKAMURA — Mar. 20, George Kurisu, Madera, and Bessie Nakamura, Kingsburg.
NISHIOKA-SATAKE—Mar. 14, Osamu Nishioka, Fresno, and Miye Satake, Concord.
NOJIMA-TORIMARU — Mar. 20, George Nojima, Lemon Grove, and Sachiko Joanne Torimaru, Chula Vista.
SHIMOMAYE-TANAKA — Mar. 21, Gay Matsuo Shimomaye, Los Angeles, and Goldie Natsuye Tanaka, San Fernando.
SHIZU-MIYATA—George Shizu and Sumiko Tsubouchi Miyata, both of Chicago.
TANJI-YAMAGUCHI—Mar. 21, A/2c David Yosuke Tanji and Hiroko Irene Yamaguchi, both of Los Angeles.
YAMAMOTO-MAEGOTO — Mar. 27, James "Corky" Yamamoto and Nancy Maegoto, both of Watsonville.

Deaths

ABE, Iwatsu: Selma, Mar. 24, survived by wife Hisae, four sons George, Ben, Rufo, Yasuhiro, three daughters Mrs. Akiko Matsumura, Mrs. Sadaka Okazaki, and Mrs. Mary Hattori.
AZUMA, Shinkichi: Sacramento, Feb. 14, survived by sons Bill Tsuji, Sam Tsuji, daughter Emiko.
BABA, Nobuyoshi: Turlock, Jan. 31, survived by sons Shinzo, Kumao, daughters Tomiye.
FUJIHARA, Haruko: San Francisco, Mar. 8, survived by brother Teruo Yamane.
HAYAKAWA, Seijuro: Chicago, Mar. 20, survived by sons Tom, Hiroshi, daughter Mrs. Iseko Kobayashi.
HAYASHI, Saki, 71: Walnut Grove, Mar. 18, survived by daughter Mrs. Yoshiko Sugimoto.
HIMEMIYA, Seitaro, 76: Marysville, Jan. 31.
HIRAGA, Kelichi, 67: Sacramento, Mar. 21, survived by wife Kosho, sons Ben, Keiji, Tom, George, William, daughters Sueko, Mrs. Nobuko Nishioka and Mrs. Yoshiko Okura.
HIROSE, Mrs. Matsuye, 34: Redwood City, Mar. 19, survived by husband Victor, son Ronald, parents Mr. and Mrs. Takuzo Nishiyama (Campbell), sisters Takumi, Mrs. Tamroe Hirata, Mrs. Kay Hirai and Mrs. Betty Otomori.
KOJIMA, Hachibei: Lindsay, Mar. 13, survived by wife Sen, four sons Takeshi, George, Fred, Tom, three daughters Mrs. Miyoko Ando, Mrs. Sachiko Yasukawa (Japan), and Mrs. Suma Fukuhara.
KOYAMA Choki: San Francisco, Feb. 8, survived by wife Sachiko, sons Kenneth, Robert, Clifford, daughters Janet, Carol. daughters Janet, Carol. survived by four sons Mitsuru, Kaoru, Mikizo, Toshi, daughters Kazuko, Mrs. Hisako Kajioka.
KUMIMOTO, Glenn, 3: Stockton, Mar. 16, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Kumimoto, sister Ellen.
KUNITA, Torajiro, 80: Sacramento, Mar. 7.
KUSUMOTO, Joseph K.: Spokane, Mar. 18, survived by wife Hama, sons Ted (Los Angeles), Dale, Hiroshi, Minoru (Whitefish, Mont.), daughters Mrs. Toshi Miyamatsu, Mrs. Kuni Kurimura, Keiko.
MAYEDA, Tadaichi, 71: Berkeley, Feb. 20, survived by wife Hatsuye, sons Kazuo, Minoru.
MIYAMOTO, Isaburo, 77: Stockton, Mar. 14.
MURANAKA, Shinichi, 71: Elk Grove, Mar. 5, survived by son Isamu.
NAKATSU, Naomi, 14: Campbell, Mar. 24, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Itaru Nakatsu, brothers Herbert, James, Kenneth and Richard.
OKAMOTO, Reiki: Sacramento, Jan. 31.
OKASAKI, Asaichi: Sacramento, Mar. 10, survived by wife Tono, sons Frank, George, Tsutomu, Emil, daughter Mrs. Kazuko Tanaka.
OKUBO, Tookichi, 78: San Francisco, Jan. 23, survived by wife Nobuko, sons Hideo, daughters Kimiye, Setsuko and Mrs. Toshiko Ikebe.
SUGIHARA, Shigejiro: Richmond, Mar. 16, survived by wife Teru, sons Shigeichi, Jiro, Tomio, daughters Mrs. Yuriko Yokota, Mrs. Fumiko Wada.
TAKAKI, Jokichi, 72: Fresno, Feb. 8.
TSUJITA, Shintaro, 70: Sacramento, Feb. 15.
UYEDA, Saburo: San Francisco, Dec. 24.
UYENO, Shizuko, 43: Berkeley, Feb. 20, survived by husband Shigeichi, son Hiroshi, daughters Reiko, Yuriko, Sumiko, Miyoko.
WATANABE, Daiji, 77: Stockton, Jan. 29.
YAMAGUCHI, Naokuma J., 64: Seattle, Mar. 22, survived by wife Mune, daughter Mrs. Yoko Shigio.
YAMAMOTO, Kiyoshi: Hayward, Jan. 25, survived by wife Toshi, daughter Mrs. Kazuko Hironaka.
YAMASHITA, Ichisaburo: Watsonville, Jan. 21, survived by sons Akira.

CALENDAR

Apr. 3 (Saturday)
PLACER COUNTY: Community picnic dance.
SAN MATEO: Dinner in honor of Issei pioneers and new citizens, San Mateo Buddhist Hall, 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 4 (Sunday)
PLACER COUNTY: Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park, Penryn.
MARYSVILLE: Community picnic. (If rain, postpone to Apr. 11).
Apr. 8 (Thursday)
SOUTHWEST L.A.: Gen'l mtg., Centenary Methodist Church; Henry Mittwer, spkr.
Apr. 10 (Saturday)
DETROIT: Japanese movies.
Apr. 11 (Sunday)
SELMA: Community picnic.
Apr. 18 (Sunday)
SOUTHWEST L.A.: Easter Egg Hunt, Exposition Park picnic grounds.
Apr. 23 (Friday)
PASADENA: Gen'l mtg., Cleveland auditorium, Lincoln and Forest Ave.; "Cancer and Cancer Research," Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita, spkr.
Apr. 24 (Saturday)
SOUTHWEST L.A.: Shonien benefit dance with L.A. YBA, Senshin Buddhist Church.
CHICAGO: Membership social, McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn.
Apr. 29 (Thursday)
SAN MATEO: Gen'l mtg (place to be announced).
May 1 (Saturday)
PASADENA: Dinner-dance, Carpenter's at Santa Anita.

SOCIAL NOTES

Cheyenne Skyline Nisei: Bill Matsuyama, 1920 O'Neil St., Cheyenne, Wyo., is 1954 president of the Skyline Nisei Club of Wyoming. Other officers are: Frank Ohashi, v.p.; Ken Aiba, treas.; Chiyoko Tanaka, sec.; and Ted Miyamoto, soc. chmn.

Seattle veterans

Seattle

Dave Hirahira was elected commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle, succeeding Joe Hamanaka, last week. The women's auxiliary chose Aya Kozu as its president for the coming term. Joint installation is planned for April.

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EDITORIALS

Do Not Despair

It should discourage a hard-working membership committeeman in the urban areas to note the low percentage of Nisei joining a national organization wholly dedicated to their cause.

Are they so blind, a canvasser asks himself. For the few dollars contributed each year to the cause, the long-range benefits gained far outweigh the slight sacrifices entailed by becoming a member of this widely-recognized body known as the Japanese American Citizens League.

In despair, it may be that a hard-bitten canvasser might be driven to think non-members don't deserve the benefits the JACL has been able to obtain. There are minor instances where special benefits to members only are justified, but where benefits are gained for the welfare of a whole group, the thought of monopolizing benefits and extending it on a membership basis is imprudent.

We have churches doing good for all, yet no one is compelled to be its church member. Veteran organizations have done much to provide benefits for all veterans—yet no veteran is required to join.

Rather than being discouraged by the lack of interest, the canvasser should take heart in the new members and the old who show their faith in the cause. The world is full of "free riders" who enjoy benefits obtained for them without paying.

The minority which is willing to sacrifice a little for the good of the whole is in the elite, recognizing the principle that human society is one of law and order in which the common good is better served when people work together.

Evacuation Claims

Another $1,500,000 is likely to be paid by the end of this fiscal year to smaller evacuation claimants. It will mean about $25,000,000 has been paid to them. Much anxiety has been shown over this.

There can be even greater rejoicing when Congress passes the Hillings bill, which will permit expediting of the larger claims—some $68,000,000 worth. What that will mean to the Japanese American community at large across the nation is worthy of everyone's consideration.

Asking a group of women who is the eldest is the same as calling for silence.

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Soft shoulders cause auto accidents with teen-agers in more ways than one.

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

Sukiyaki at Smorgasbord

Denver

FOR A GOOD many years I've wished I had both the know-how and capital to start a first class sukiyaki restaurant in Denver. Not a real svelte place, but one with plenty of class, atmosphere and popular appeal. I felt that with all this postwar interest in things Japanese, such a restaurant could be a mint.

This week, I learned that sukiyaki will be popping up in, of all places, a smorgasbord table. A skillet of sukiyaki will be simmering away merrily along with the Swedish meatball and clam casserole, and that's the strangest (though intriguing) combination I've ever heard tell of.

The sukiyaki is being offered by the Country Kitchen in Littleton, just south of Denver, by the Hudsons who are the foremost purveyors of smorgasbord hereabouts. The Hudsons (Col. King C. and Evelyn) took a vacation trip to the Orient last fall and they've been nuts about Japan ever since. After they got home, they tried out their sukiyaki on friends, got such a universally enthusiastic reaction that they decided to spring it on the public. Although Mrs. Hudson has become something of an expert at cooking sukiyaki, it'll be prepared in the kitchen by a woman whose name indicates that she was much more at home making tortillas and enchilladas until she learned to flavor with soy sauce.

In Tokyo, the Hudsons were entertained by George Togasaki, publisher of the Nippon Times, and Kay Tateishi of the Time-Life office. For Togasaki, it was an opportunity to reciprocate for the evening he was a guest at the Country Kitchen a couple of summers ago.

Incidentally, what kind of sukiyaki man are you? Every recipe I've seen says to put meat in the skillet first, then add vegetables and flavoring. I'm of the school that likes to get the vegetables under way initially, adding the meat last so it won't be overcooked.

Of course, if you cook the meat first, the meat flavor adds to the tastiness of the vegetables. On the other hand, I prefer my meat on the medium rare side and let the vegetables, darn 'em anyway, taste like vegetables.

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LIKE MANY ANOTHER traditional dish, there are a number of versions as to the origins of sukiyaki. The one I've heard most often is that it started back in feudal days when the peasants, for religious or economic reasons, were forbidden to eat meat. Well, you know what happens when you forbid something. Bootleggers spring up all over the place. These peasants got hold of some bootleg beef and cooked it secretly on their spades over an open fire when they were out in the fields.

Another version is that instead of spades, the peasants used plowshares for cooking utensils. I looked up the word *"suki"* in my dogeared Kenkyusha dictionary and find it can mean both spade or plowshare, so I guess either story is correct.

One too-pat theory about sukiyaki has been spawned by a cookbook published in Hawaii. It says "suki" means to slice thin, and "yaki" means to fry. Now "suki" has several meaning as G.I.'s on the prowl for companionship in Japan have found, but "to slice thin" isn't one of them. Let's not be corrupting the language any more than necessary, paisano.

One Japanese book says that historically sukiyaki was doubly good because (1) it was a tasty dish anyway and (2) and it was forbidden fruit which tradition says is better than gourmet powder for raising the octane rating. Far as I'm concerned, sukiyaki after the fourth serving is still forbidden fruit inasmuch as I've been trying to watch the calories recently.

Vagaries . . . **by Larry Tajiri**

Onus of Self-Segregation

DESPITE MAJOR strides made since the war toward the full integration of Nisei into community activities on the West Coast, there is still a tendency toward self-segregation which has been manifested particularly in the fields of community service and veterans organizations.

The formation of all-Nisei posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars following World War II have been followed by organization in some centers of Nisei population of all-Japanese service clubs. This trend, of course, is only a projection of the degree of social and economic segregation which still exists in those areas from which persons of Japanese ancestry were evacuated by military fiat in 1942.

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CONVERSELY, in many other Pacific Coast areas where Nisei have asserted their right to full participation in community affairs, they have won full acceptance and positions of leadership.

Examples can be cited in Coachella Valley, Arizona's Salt River Valley, in towns on the San Francisco peninsula and in the Northwest. It also is significant that in these areas the Nisei usually have overcome existing discrimination in one of the last bastions of prejudice—housing.

It can be argued, with considerable heat as well as merit, that the affiliation of Nisei to national veterans and service organizations, even in self-segregated groups is an affirmative factor in community relations. The national groups involved no longer discriminate, if they ever did, against Nisei members, although some individual chapters may still be loath to disturb their all-Caucasian sanctity.

The argument also has been made that the existence of an all-Nisei unit will give Japanese Americans more power in the affairs of the organization as a whole, than if the Nisei were scattered in various existing locals. There is an answer to that in the fact that Chinese Americans, a generation older than the Nisei and subject to West Coast anti-Orientalism at an earlier date, were similarly diverted into their own racial units a generation before and this has served to isolate them rather than broaden their area of influence.

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THERE ARE, of course, reasons for the formation of all-Nisei units which cannot be gainsaid. Most Nisei veterans have a community of interest, having served in Nisei units during World War II. Most Nisei businessmen have a similar bond of common interest since their operations, in the areas in which all-Nisei businessmen's and professional men's groups already exist, are generally at the Japanese American community.

It also is true that many of the service organizations maintain membership balance on occupational lines and thus a Nisei watchmaker may not be eligible for a seat in a local service group until the base in broadened. His only opportunity for participation would be in the formation of a new chapter of the organization.

It also can be argued that it is far better to participate in an all-Nisei unit than not to take part in these community activities at all. But these all-Nisei groups which already have been organized and others contemplating formation could rid themselves of the onus of self-segregation and provide a lesson for their parent organizations in human relations by opening their membership on an area basis, inviting all those eligible within the particular community to participate.

Although many Japanese American economic communities still exist on the West coast, there is none that is isolated completely. All serve on a fringe area of non-Japanese, in many cases persons of other racial minorities. In at least one California community chapters of service organizations already have been formed on such a basis.

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DECADE AGO

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S/Sgt. Ken Omura, formerly of Seattle, reported first Nisei battle casualty in southwest Pacific, relatives in Des Moines informed.

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U.S. Supreme Court grants review of evacuation order; Korematsu case will test legality of Gen. DeWitt's ban of Japanese Americans.

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Nisei induction getting under way; War Department silent on Fort McClelland Nisei dissenters in stockade awaiting court-martial. (28 soldiers had refused to submit to military discipline.)

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Drafting of 1,000 Gila River WRA Center's evacuees proceeding without incident.

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Deputy marshals jail 11 evacuees on draft evasion at Heart Mountain WRA center. Camp newspaper Sentinel editorially criticizes Fair Play committee, which backed up draft-dodgers.

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Former commander in 100th Infantry, home in Iowa, praises Japanese Americans fighting in Italy: "Just as American as I am."

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Salt Lake Nisei mother (Mrs Mabel Takata), accused of murdering infant son, declared mental case; charges dismissed.

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CIO wins in effort to permit use of Nisei on east coast merchant ships; U.S. Coast Guard to act as control agency.

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Kiyoshi Nakama, Hawaii Nisei swim star for Ohio State, cops double NCAA victory in 1,500-meter and 440-yd. events.

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Wat Misaka of Utah rated as best defensive floor man by sports scribe in NCAA basketball title game; Utah win 42-40 in overtime over Dartmouth.

MINORITY

California Governor Goodwin Knight declared this week in a proclamation read before the NAACP "Fight for Freedom" rally at Oakland: "The most obscure boy or girl shall not be handicapped in this state because of race or religion, or denied opportunity because of poverty," and urging "all Californians to assist in developing the concept that every American is welcome to equality of opportunity without regard to ancestral or religious background."

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A recommendation to ban racial discrimination in all government-aided housing has been placed by the NAACP before the Senate Banking and Currency committee hearings on housing legislation. "The most colossal of FHA discriminatory practices," cited an NAACP spokesman, "may be found at Levittown, Pa., where thousands of new dwellings are built in an entirely new community with FHA assistance. Mr. Leavitt refuses to let any colored person buy or rent one of these houses."

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Racial segregation in USO clubs and other facilities throughout the South was under attack by the NAACP even though the USO adopted a policy of integration in 1951.