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WHITE HOUSE ASKS PAYMENT OF LARGER CLAIMS

Washington

President Eisenhower requested the Senate Appropriations Committee to authorize $35,722.38 to pay seven additional evacuation claims awards, White House officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Budget Director Joseph M. Dodge included the request for payment of these seven evacuation claims awards in Proposed Supplemental Appropriations of $1,553,745 for damage, judgments and evacuation claims awarded by five federal departments and several of their agencies, the Washington JACL Office reported.

Dept. of Justice requests included only amounts for evacuation claims awards.

Adjudicated Awards

All seven claimants received their awards earlier this year, which were made under the adjudicative method of the original JACL-sponsored evacuation claims of 1948. Awards to the seven successful claimants were all in excess of $2,500 each for loss of personal and real property suffered from the wartime evacuation.

The $35,722.38 White House request for these seven evacuation claims awards would provide for payment to the following successful claimants:

Jitsuo Kubo	$14,289.00
Eukashi Nakagawa	5,743.83
Takiyoshi Nakatsu	3,221.85
Fred C. Nitsueda	4,162.10
Kenji Yoshizumi	2,766.00
Kanji Imai	2,550.00
Matsuzo Kurokawa	2,980.00

$1,700,000 in '54

JACL support will be continued to seek passage of this second supplemental appropriation request for the payment of larger evacuation claims, the Washington JACL Office announced.

In March of this year the first supplemental appropriation bill was signed by President Eisenhower which included payment of $133,211.37 for 16 evacuation claims awards over $2,500.

JACL-supported appropriation measures introduced thus far in 1954 would provide for the payment of $1,728,933.75 to the Japanese community under the JACL-sponsored program, the Washington JACL Office disclosed.

Forger sentenced to San Quentin

San Jose

A 40-year-old San Jose salesman who has spent 12 of his adult years in prison for check forging is headed for San Quentin again.

The defendant, Larry Miyakawa, was sentenced this time in Modesto Superior Court.

Probation officers told Judge B. C. Hawkins that Miyakawa always puts his prison time to good use. Although his classroom education stopped at the seventh grade, Miyakawa has used prison instruction and special extension courses to obtain a high school education and two years of college training.

He once published a book in Japanese and taught Oriental history and languages for the Army during World War II.

This time Miyakawa told officers he plans to study for the ministry.

CASUALTIES

PRESUMED DEAD

Sgt. 1/c Toru Takai, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kanejiro Takai, Hawthorne. (Formerly listed missing in action, Korean war.)



When Mrs. Toi Morimitsu of Brighton, Colo., was naturalized an American citizen, her son Henry, commander of the George B. Williams VFW post, was present to congratulate her.

—Brighton Blade photo.

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Utah Issei naturalization examination set Apr. 23

Salt Lake City

Through efforts of Rupert Hachiya, Salt Lake JACL chapter president, special examinations of Issei whose naturalization applications have been approved will be held Apr. 23, 3 p.m., in Rm. 208, Federal Bldg.

Successful petitioners are expected to be administered the oath of allegiance in May.

In the meantime, the JACL here urged Issei interested in taking the examination to enroll in the refresher course being offered on Monday and Thursday nights, 8 p.m., at the Japanese Church of Christ, by Masuo Namba.

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Oakland

Sotaro Yamamoto, 74, 1317 Cornell Ave, Berkeley, was among six newly naturalized citizens at the regular April hearing in the court of Superior

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Cassino marks 10th year of wartime destruction

Cassino, Italy

President Luigi Einaudi dedicated a new city hall and post office Apr. 4 to mark the 10th anniversary of Cassino's wartime destruction.

The city was virtually levelled in the months-long battle of 1944, and site of one of the 442nd RCT's many campaigns.

COFFEE TREE SEEDLINGS STOLEN FROM FARM

Honolulu

A thief or thieves with business acumen took advantage of the Kona coffee boom recently.

Isamu Uemura arrived one morning at his coffee farm in Keei, South Kona, ready to cultivate his 5,000 two-and-a-half-year old Guatemala variety coffee seedlings.

Apparently someone had decided there is a "brown" market for coffee trees because every seedling had been taken.

Voters register

Stockton

A center to register voters has been set up by the Stockton JACL at the office of Fred K. Dobana, 44 W. Washington. It was part of the city-wide campaign to swell local registration for the June 8 primaries. Deadline for registering in California is Apr. 15.

Kurusu dies

Tokyo

Saburo Kurusu, special envoy to Washington at the time Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japan, died Apr. 7 at the age of 68.

VOTING IN JAPANESE ELECTIONS:

Senate committee OKs Watkins bill

Washington

The Senate Judiciary committee last Tuesday approved a bill restoring citizenship to former Americans who lost nationality for voting in Japanese political elections during the U.S. Army occupation of Japan.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), stipulates that citizenship can be restored providing persons affected have not committed any other act which would have resulted in expatriation.

The JACL-endorsed bill is the first major gain yet made in a long congressional fight to restore citizenship to several thousand Nisei who were pressured into voting while resident in Japan.

Legislation restoring citizenship to several thousand Americans of Italian ancestry who lost their nationality by voting in post-war Italian elections has previously been approved by Congress.

NISEI LOYALTY IN STATEHOOD DEBATE LAUDED BY FARRINGTON

Washington

Passage last Thursday of the combined Hawaii-Alaska bill by the Senate was hailed by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League as official recognition of the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry and particularly of their war record.

Delegate Joseph R. Farrington (R., Hawaii), extending his remarks in the Congressional Record on this subject, declared that "Hawaii is grateful that her plea for statehood has emphasized the loyalty and sacrifices of the Japanese American veterans who made such a remarkable record in World War II and the unusually heavy sacrifices made by troops from Hawaii in the Korean conflict."

Island GIs and Texans

Noting both Texas senators were opposed to statehood, Delegate Farrington, who more than any other person is responsible for the Senate approval of the measure, had said:

"We are happy that the bond that exists between the fighting men of the Islands and the soldiers of Texas is being recognized . . .

"Because Japan was our enemy in the war that started with the attack on Pearl Harbor, some bear a resentment that blinds their eyes to the unassailable evidence that Hawaii instilled the principles of freedom and love for America so strongly in the hearts of their citizens of Japanese descent that the Island soldier-patriots set an example of sacrifice and courage that drew the admiration of military men the world around."

Sen. Daniels Remarks

Delegate Farrington then quoted from a recent statement of Sen. Price Daniel (D., Tex.) for the Congressional Record. The Texas Senator, who had voted against the combined statehood measure, had said:

"I have served with the citizens of Hawaii in the Armed Forces, and was stationed for a short time in the islands at Honolulu. I am acquainted with the gallant manner in which men from Hawaii served in all branches of the Armed Forces, and especially with the records of those who served with many men from my own State in the Italian campaigns.

"In World War II the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, composed of 2,600 Americans of Japanese ancestry, helped write into the annals of American history one of the greatest records of heroism. Gen. Mark W. Clark has pointed out that the 442nd was the most decorated unit in the entire military history of the United States."

Honorary Texas Citizens

Continuing in the Congressional Record, Delegate Farrington added:

"His mention of the tie that binds Texas to Hawaii by the service record of the 442nd will rekindle the feeling of brotherhood between the citizen soldiers of this State and Hawaii, and make appropriate a slight review of what happened at Fort Worth on Oct. 18, 1950, and the events that led up to it. It may help to sharpen the memories of those in other parts of this great Nation. For this I am indebted to Mike M. Masaoka, one of those who participated in the ceremonies in which members of the 442nd Combat Team were made honorary citizens of Texas. Under date of March 24 he wrote me . . ."

The Hawaii Delegate quoted Masaoka's letter describing the two separate occasions in which 442nd veterans were conferred with honorary Texas citizenship. The first occurred immediately after the "Lost Texas Battalion" was rescued by the famed Nisei regiment in November 1944.

"The second time," Masaoka had written, "was during the 25th annual reunion of the 36th Division Association in Fort Worth, Texas, on Oct. 28, 1950 . . . On that occasion Brig. Gen. William H. Martin, president of the 36th Division Association and adjutant general of the State of Texas, in the name of Gov. Allen Shivers, confirmed the action of an earlier Governor conferring honorary Texas citizenship on the men of the

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Alaska governor suggests territory be split; one state, other territory

Washington

Gov. B. Frank Heintzleman of Alaska last week proposed that the giant territory be carved in two with one portion to become a state and the rest to continue under federal jurisdiction.

The proposal was advanced in a letter to House Speaker Joe Martin (R., Mass.) in apparent move to improve Alaska statehood chances.

Del. Bartlett (D., Alaska) and Robert B. Atwood, chairman of the Alaska Statehood Commission, both opposed the proposal.

Atwood said the proposal has been considered many times and rejected as neither in the national or Alaskan interest.

"That portion of the territory which is developed, that embraces all the larger population centers, and in which 85 per cent of the population resides" be considered for statehood, the Alaskan governor suggested.

Southern Portion

The area, some 250,000 square miles (little less than half of the territory), would include Southeast Alaska, the remainder of the territory east of a north-south line slightly west of Anchorage, going up about three-quarters of the way to the Arctic coast and then moving directly east to the Canadian border. It would also include Kodiak, but not the other Aleutian

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Potential disloyalty among Orientals in Hawaii charged by Adm. Zacharias if statehood granted; Masaoka in firm reply

Washington

Prior to Senate passage of the combined Hawaii-Alaska statehood bill last week, Mike Masaoka, Washington Representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, refuted charges placed in a Washington newspaper of potential disloyalty among Orientals in Hawaii.

Masaoka, in a letter carried on the editorial page of the *Washington Post*, charged that Rear Admiral Zacharias (ret.) was appealing to racial prejudice by asserting that Orientals in Hawaii would be disloyal under statehood conditions.

The Washington JACL Representative refuted these false charges placed earlier in the *Washington Post* by Zacharias in an attempt to influence the outcome of the Senate debate on statehood for Hawaii.

In Paper Before Vote

The Washington Post, editorially the most influential newspaper in Washington, carried the JACL reply to Zacharias prior to the favorable Senate vote on the combined Hawaii-Alaska statehood bill.

Rep. Thomas M. Pelley (R., Wash.), desiring others outside the Washington area benefit of the Masaoka letter, read the JACL reply into the Congressional Record saying:

False Charges Answered

"Mr. Speaker, in a letter printed in the Washington Post on March 4, 1954, Rear Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias, USN, has offended those of us who sincerely believe that good citizenship and loyalty are not the exclusive attributes of any racial group. Admiral Zacharias, of course, denies his bias, but the following letter from a representative of the Japanese American Citizens League published in this morning's Washington Post speaks for itself in connection with racial prejudice and Hawaii statehood."

Answering the false charges, Masaoka had written:

While Retired Admiral Ellis M. Zacharias, in opposing statehood for Hawaii, in your March 22 issue, denies any attempt to "impugn the loyalty of any citizen of Oriental extraction in Hawaii," whether he intends to or not, the fact is that he does and American citizens of Asian ancestry resent it.

Admiral Zacharias recalls the instrumental part he played in making it possible for Japanese Americans to serve in the Armed Forces in World War II and asknowledges their gallant combat record.

No Political Equality

But, in rejecting the equality of political status that statehood means to Japanese American World War II and Korean War veterans, he directly impugns their loyalty by suggesting that their loyal-

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Arbor Day ceremonies in Salt Lake postponed

Salt Lake City

The Arbor Day presentation of Japanese cherry trees to the City of Salt Lake has been postponed to the first Sunday in May, when a more elaborate ceremony can be planned, it was announced this week. It was scheduled for Apr. 4.

Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

Hawaii-Alaska Statehood Bill . . .

A week ago Thursday, advocates of Statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii scored their most significant victory—Senate approval of Statehood.

For those who consider the triumph tainted because Alaska was teamed with Hawaii in a purely partisan maneuver to force "a single package or nothing deal" on the GOP leadership, it should be pointed out that the real significance of the April 1st action is that it represents the first time in history that both Houses of Congress have approved Hawaii's qualifications for Statehood.

Though on previous occasions, the House has passed enabling legislation, this is the first time that the Senate has even consented to consider Statehood for the Pacific Islands officially as an item of "unfinished business" to be debated and disposed of by vote.

Moreover, though the Senate was nominally considering both Territories for the better part of a month, the real fight centered around Hawaii because it became apparent early in the debate that these Pacific Islands were the "key" to the ultimate vote on the combined bill

The target of the bitterest and most concentrated attacks was Hawaii, not Alaska.

Thus, the unexpectedly decisive 57 to 28 vote may be taken as overwhelming evidence of Hawaii's exceptional qualifications for Statehood.

The Fight Goes On . . .

The April 1st victory, welcome as it is, does not indicate early Statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska, however.

Another and possibly more bitter battle looms in the House, where Speaker Martin and Majority Leader Halleck have already expressed strong opposition to the "package deal."

Normally, since the House has already passed its own Hawaiian Statehood bill, the next move would be for the House to send the Senate bill to a joint conference to act on the Senate amendments, the major one in this case being the so-called Alaska amendment.

This requires unanimous consent and the attitude of the House leaders, including Minority Leader Rayburn who opposes both Territories, makes that difficult to obtain. If one objection is raised, it would take action by the powerful Rules Committee, which is already holding up an Alaska bill for more than a year, to get the Senate version to conference.

If the Rules Committee refuses to act, the only alternative is through a discharge petition signed by 218 members of the House forcing the measure out of Committee on and onto the floor for consideration. This latter expedient is seldom invoked and even less frequently successfully.

Assuming that a House-Senate Conference reported out the combination "deal," the only one the Senate will accept, the House must still approve it before the Senate gets another chance to change its mind.

Assuming further that both Houses agree on the Hawaii-Alaska bill, the President must sign it, which at the present writing is not a certainty because he is represented as being very strongly opposed to Alaska's bid for Statehood at this time.

In other words, the President must be convinced that he prefers the combination to no legislation this session. He must be persuaded to use his good offices in a real effort to secure House leadership to support this joint Statehood bill.

There is still sufficient time this session for considerable maneuvering and bargaining. But the answer to Statehood in 1954 appears to lie clearly with the President and the GOP leadership.

To this observer, there is no alternative for the GOP but to bring every pressure to bear to force the House to concur in the Senate's "Alaska too" proposal

Unless it does, and successfully, the Republican Party will be blamed in both Territories for this failure to gain Statehood this year. Failure may mean the end of GOP dominance in Hawaiian politics and the finish of its resurgence in the Northern Territory.

'The Oriental Population' Question . . .

Though communism and non-contiguity were mentioned most frequently and loudly by anti-Statehood forces during the recent Senate debate, the fundamental thought seldom directly-mentioned objection was still the preponderantly "foreign" character of the Islands' population. The cosmopolitan, largely "Oriental," population was the core of the last-stand opposition of the die-hard Southern bloc.

Though the out-and-out appeals to prejudice that were heard in previous discussions on Statehood were lacking this time, nevertheless there were obvious and definite racial undertones in the arguments against Hawaii's admission on an equal footing into the Union as a State.

The bigotry was subtle and sinister.

Almost every senator who mentioned the Asian ancestry of most of Hawaii's people was careful to preface his remarks with praise for the outstanding combat record of the Nisei in World War II. Then, by some strange reasoning that was never explained, it would be insinuated that these same Nisei who were so loyal in war could not be entrusted with the responsibilities of Statehood.

Over and over again, the cultural background would be stressed. Though the people were in the main loyal to the United States, there must be something in their Asian background, these Dixiecrats argued, that makes it impossible for them to completely assimilate American ideals and traditions.

Others would mention communism. Then the "Oriental" names of those who were convicted under the Smith Act would be emphasized, thereby deliberately suggesting that most of the subversives in Hawaii are of Asian ancestry.

Charges were made that the legislatures of the New State would be controlled by "Qrientals," but no reasons ever advanced to back up their claims or to demonstrate that such situations are "bad" for either Hawaii or the United States.

Similar inferences were made that Hawaii's representatives in the National Congress, who would probably be of Oriental ancestry, would be influenced by the communist-dominated International Longshoremen's Union, or would be unable because of their "cultural differences" to comprehend or cope with the problems of the "land mass" that is the United States.

To those persons of Asian ancestry who so piously allege that there is no "anti-Asian" feeling left in the Congress, or in this country, including Hawaii, this writer suggests a careful reading of the text of the debate on Statehood.

At the same time, it is conceded that this racist philosophy is declining. If nothing more, the more than two to one margin of the Senate's endorsement of Hawaiian Statehood can be taken as a smashing rebuke to those who would raise the "race issue" and an overwhelming vindication of the loyalty and citizenship of persons of Asian ancestry in the Islands.

Statehood Victory . . .

Regardless of the eventual outcome of the present combined Hawaii-Alaska bill, the April 1st vote of the Senate will go down in Statehood history as probably the most crucial victory.

For, by that action, the Senate joined the House in answering all the charges against Statehood in the negative and in affirming Hawaii's qualifications for Statehood now.

Both Houses have placed their stamp of approval on Hawaii's legitimate bid for Statehood. From now on, all the debates and maneuvering will be purely political.

Statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii is now a certainty. It is now only a question of time, and politics.

And the time and the politics could be in 1954.

TOKYO TOPICS:

New Municipalities in Japan

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Tokyo

Many strange things have transpired in Japan. There were the recent political scandals, a boom in suicides, and wide bankrupteies of small businesses. However, the more interesting aspect of Japan today is the wholesale creation of new municipalities.

Beginning Apr. 1 (first day of the Japanese fiscal year), almost 100 new cities were created with the merger of small towns and villages. This centralization of municipal administration, patterned after American ways, has temporarily crippled the management of other civil agencies including the national police system and school systems.

As of Dec. 1 last year, there were 1,959 towns and 7,595 villages registered. In order to strengthen township administration, some small towns and villages were to be merged. However, if the total population of the new civic unit reached 30,000, it would be classified as a municipality. The result today is the large scale births of new cities in this nation, whose area is about the size of California.

383 Cities in Japan

Thanks to the democracy, Japan now has 383 cities. Japanese residents in the United States, as a consequence, may discover their native villages or towns have vanished—having been incorporated into a larger unit.

As an example (and for the benefit of Hiroshima natives in America), four new cities have been incorporated in this manner.

FUCHU (pop.: 34,097)—includes Fuchu-machi; Hiroya, Awao, Iwaya, Kofuku, Shimokawabe-mura.

MIYOSHI (pop.: 28,126)—Miyoshi, Tokaichi-machi; Awaya, Sakagawa, Kawachi, Wada, Kamisugi, Tasachi-mura.

MATSUNAGA (pop.: 34,830)—Matsunaga-machi; Higashi, Hongo, Kami, Yanazu, Kanae, Fujie-mura.

SHOBARA (pop.: 34,113)—Shobara-machi; Taka, Honda, Shikinobu, Yamauchi, Higashi and Yamauchi Kita-mura.

In Fukuoka prefecture, Yamada, Amagi, Yame, Chikugo and Okawa were five new cities created in a similar manner.

It has created a fantastic situation psychologically. With so many new cities in Japan now, the small town and village bosses of yesterday are today's "big shots" in the new cities. The "big face" men of the villages are now "leaders" in city life.

Nagato-shi (city) in Yamaguchi prefecture has the distinction of being the smallest city in Japan with an even population of 30,000. Had one person died before Apr. 1, it would not have been reorganized as a city.

The Japanese find this new municipal system to their liking.

It makes them "bigger shots." And everybody wants to be at least a "big shot."

Cosmopolitan Lions of Oakland includes Nisei

Oakland

Some 60 Chinese and Caucasians, including nine persons of Japanese ancestry, became charter members of the first "international" Lions club at the initial meeting held here last week.

Japanese members of the Cosmopolitan Lions club of Oakland include:

Fred Nomura, Dr. Charles Ishizu, Mas Yonemura, Dr. Leo Saito, Buddy Mamiya, Katsuichi Yamagata, Kinji Utsumi, Nobuta Akahoshi and Arata Akahoshi.

Utah education major crowned tourney queen

Salt Lake City

Joan Tachiki, 20-year-old Univ. of Utah education major senior, was chosen queen of the 19th annual Salt Lake Nisei Invitational Basketball Tournament last week. In her court were the other five:

Selma Mori, Betty Miya, May Shimizu, Faye Tazoi and Jean Nakamura.

The queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Tachiki, Elberta, Utah, secretary of the newly formed youth chapter of the local JACL, and hopes to be teaching in California.

Burglaries decline, suspect arrested

San Francisco

With the arrest of an Uptown area burglary suspect two weeks ago, the number of complaints from Issei and Nisei residents this past week has dropped off to practically nothing, local police revealed.

Until Harvey Ratcliffe, 25, was nabbed Mar. 29, there were as many as three cases of burglary reported each night from the area for a total of over 100 since the first of the year.

The suspect is charged with five counts of burglary and parole violation. He had been on two-year probation from a nine-month sentence at the county jail and had been wanted by police for failure to report the past 10 months, police said.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Signs of Weakness

By HARRY K. HONDA

Our solicitous Smoky Sakurada in Chicago has, in addition to writing his weekly *Chicago Corner* columns, furnished this desk with clippings from the metropolitan press. Most of them are plainly for our own erudition; but, this week, he presented us the Chicago Sun-Times editorial on "The Army's Surrender at the Presidio" we find of interest . . . It concerned the Army's removal of Russian periodicals from the library shelves at its language school at the Presidio of Monterey. The action was taken because they didn't want to get another blast from Sen. Joe McCarthy . . . The editorial says: "We are sure that even among McCarthy's followers there are many who realize that there is every reason, in the name of American security alone, why selected Army officers and enlisted men should not only know the Russian language, but also be familiar with Soviet newspapers and magazines" . . . "In the eyes of many," the editorial continues, "the Army lost much stature in the Presidio fiasco" . . . Apparently, the foolishness of this censorship was noted for it was rescinded after the information became public.

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This disquieting capitaulation reminds us of the days immediately after Pearl Harbor when anything Japanese in the homes was destroyed . . . Jittery folks burned books, magazines and even phonograph records from Japan.

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Book-burning, name-calling and hysteria appear as signs of weakness. It proclaims Americans have so little faith in our system of government . . . Nothing could cheapen our cause more than these goofy goings-on.

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A new 8 cent bi-colored stamp comes out today . . . Aside from making stamp collectors happy, the public should be just as happy as the new process employed in printing the stamps will halve the present cost of making stamps . . . While postal rates might rise, the cost of manufacturing stamps drops. Middle-of-the-road economics isn't it?

New citizens —

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Judge Donald K. Quayle.

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Sebastopol

Twenty-eight Issei petitioners for naturalization have been called for examinations in San Francisco Apr. 14, it was announced by Henry Shimizu, citizenship class instructor.

Being called are:

S. Murakami, K. Wakayama, Shina Murakami, S. J. Taniguchi, H. Yamamoto, K. K. Nakamura, H. Yamasaki, S. Yamasaki, G. Sugioka, M. Masaoka, S. Sugiyama, T. Matsuda, S. Horita, T. Ogata, C. Nakagawa, C. Matsumoto, T. Uyeda, T. Kimura, M. Kunimoto, H. Ito, M. Fujihara, Misao Fujihara, F. T. Matsumoto, T. Itano, T. Ito, S. Sugiyama, T. Matsuda, and Y. Ishizu.

A refresher course has been planned by the chapter. Candidates desiring to attend are expected to see Shimizu.

Mrs. Dorothy Nakamura, field deputy registrar, was present at the April general meeting of the Sonoma County JACL chapter to register voters.

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San Diego

The San Diego JACL chapter bulletin issued last week reported a total of 57 Issei in the county as being naturalized U.S. citizens.

Only 21 Weeks 'til JACL Convention Week

LOS ANGELES
SEPTEMBER 24

Honolulu Newsletter

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LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Whatever the ultimate fate of the Hawaiian statehood bill, one development so far is of extreme significance. It is that the proposal for making Hawaii a "commonwealth" is dead.

The U.S. Senate soundly rejected the commonwealth proposal in two votes on Apr. 1. First it turned down a measure to substitute commonwealth status for statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. The vote was 60 to 24

Next it rejected an amendment calling for a referendum among the people of Hawaii and Alaska on commonwealth or statehood. This vote was 59 to 26.

STATEHOOD BILL FATE UNCERTAIN

Then the Senate passed the combined Hawaii-Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 57 to 28, better than a two to one margin. The bill is now before the House, where its fate is uncertain because Republican leaders there are opposd to granting statehood to Alaska. A separate Hawaii bill was passed in the House in March last year.

The commonwealth proposal never had a chance in the Senate. Most of the Senators could spot it for what it really was—a snare and a bait, an attempt to stall and defeat statehood.

'COUNTERFEIT' NATURE OF COMMONWEALTH

Most of the people of Hawaii also were able to detect what one observer called the "counterfeit" nature of the proposition.

But it is a depressing fact that some persons were misled into believing that the commonwealth idea had some real merit. Perhaps it was the result of the misleading statements made by the proponents of the idea, and there were such persons—few as they were—both in Hawaii and in Congress.

A large newspaper advertisement in Honolulu, sponsored anonymously, held out the promise of exemption from Federal taxes under commonwealth. It made other promises which, if not untruthful, were so vague and ambiguous that they were full of holes like a sieve.

COMMONWEALTH STATUS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

No one, so far as this writer knows, has yet challenged the carefully drawn legal memorandum prepared by the Attorney General's Department in Honolulu which, in effect, argues that the commonwealth proposal is unconstitutional, as far as Hawaii is concerned.

The point made is that Hawaii, an incorporated territory, can not be "demoted" to a commonwealth status. Unless this argument can be answered convincingly by the proponents of commonwealth status, there is no need to get into the "counterfeit" lure of exemption from federal taxes.

Although the commonwealth ideas has been swatted down, the lesson Hawaii's people can learn from this episode is that they must not allow themselves to be side-tracked from their drive for full-fledged statehood.

Anything less than that would be compromising their rightful reward.

VICTIMS OF APRIL FOOL HOAX

The faint-hearted and the misguided will, unfortunately, continue to be the targets of the opponents of statehood, who will attempt to lure them away from statehood with half-a-loaf propositions.

The gullible will be victims of their own foolishness. When a radio comedian in Honolulu played an April fool's day hoax by announcing that the U.S. Senate had voted to refund their 1953 tax money immediately, in a compromise vote on the statehood bill, more than a few listeners believed the story. The Internal Revenue office was swamped by demands for refunds.

To become frustrated by the innumerable delays that have blocked the statehood bill is understandable; to give in to frustration by accepting a compromise is shortsighted.

SPECIAL SESSION POSTPONED

The people of Hawaii are undergoing another of these uncertain periods when statehood looms as a reality so close, yet so elusive.

Because House Republican leaders are balking at making Alaska, which is normally Democratic, a state along with Republican Hawaii, it may take White House intervention to break the deadlock. Up to now, President Eisenhower has been for immediate statehood for Hawaii but statehood later for Alaska.

Meanwhile, Hawaii's Governor Samuel Wilder King has delayed calling a special session of the Territorial Legislature, pending developments in Washington. A number of proposals, including the sending of a legislative delegation to the Capitol, are being considered in a final push to achieve statehood for Hawaii.



Nine newly naturalized American citizens honored as regular members of the Philadelphia JACL chapter at the recent meeting of the Eastern District Council appeared deeply moved by the gesture of a standing ovation after being introduced. They are (left to right) Mrs. Hatsuno Higuchi, Hisaki Higuchi, Mrs. Fuku K. Thurn, Dr. Mitsuo Hirata, Mrs. Teru Nakano, Yosuke W. Nakano, Mrs. Kinuye Horikawa, Shojiro Horikawa and Mrs. Michiyo Inouye. Speaking for the new citizens Yosuke Nakano said: "We are most happy to become citizens and members of the JACL. We are happy our children no longer have the stigma of alien parents. The JACL has given us much, and now we want to work and contribute to the JACL."

Zacharias—

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ty is not quite equal to the responsibilities of statehood.

The Admiral then charges that "in spite of the loyalty of . . . American citizens of Chinese ancestry, the pressure upon them from Formosa and Communist China will be such, under statehood conditions, that it will be a direct menace to the security of the United States."

We cannot understand the reasoning involved in that statement, for we cannot comprehend how a changeover from territorial status to that of a state will create a security menace to our country. Chinese Americans will be no less loyal to the United States when Hawaii becomes a state than they are now.

Hawaiian Legislature

"Under statehood," Admiral Zacharias claims, Hawaii will have legislatures composed entirely of citizens of Oriental extraction."

This allegation is an out and out appeal to the prejudices of some. It smacks of racism and bigotry. It is not based upon facts, for no territorial legislature has even been controlled by Americans of Asian ancestry. Under statehood, as under current territorial status, the electorate will remain substantially the same; so past records indicate the error of this assumption.

Loyalty is a quality of the mind and the heart. Statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii will not lessen that loyalty and devotion to the United States that is Hawaii's proud record but will, if at all possible, inspire even greater loyalty and devotion to those ideals which have made and kept us a great Nation.

Sincerely,
Mike M. Masaoka,
Washington Representative
Japanese American
Citizens League

Opposed Evacuation

Masaoka recalled that Admiral Zacharias, as the wartime Naval intelligence officer for Southern California, recognized the loyalty of the Japanese in the United States and had apposed their military evacuation from the West Coast in 1942.

He was also among the several Navy commanders who urged the Army to open its service in South Pacific combat units to Nisei interpreters. "We are grateful to Admiral Zacharias for his wartime confidence of our loyalty," said the Washington Representative, "but cannot accept his latest evaluations that citizens loyal during wartime in Hawaii would not be loyal voting citizens."

Nisei dentist

Pasadena

A prewar resident of Fresno and Santa Maria, Dr. Earl M. Yusa announced the opening of his office for the general practice of dentistry at 41 Parkwood Ave. A graduate of the U.C. dental school, he is the son of the late Hanboku Yusa, a writer.



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'Let record speak for itself,' Gen. Marshall says in refuting Dec. 7 charges

Pinehurst, N.C.

"Let the record speak for itself," declared Gen. George C. Marshall in refuting the charges that the late Franklin D. Roosevelt invited the Pearl Harbor attack.

The one-time chief of staff commented on the assertions made last week by Rear Adm. Robert A. Theobald, who contended Roosevelt had advance warning of the Dec. 7 onslaught.

"The Pearl Harbor disaster was thoroughly investigated by a competent committee of Congress. I told everything I knew. By a vote of 8-2, the congressional committee absolved Mr. Roosevelt of blame for the attack. Let the record speak for itself. I have nothing to add," Marshall said.

Statehood—

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Washington

House Speaker Martin doesn't see much hope for the Alaska-Hawaii statehood bill in its combined form.

While the House Speaker has heard nothing from the White House concerning statehood for Alaska, he was asked whether the House might approve the combined bill if Eisenhower endorsed it. Martin said he didn't know last week

(National JACL headquarters last week urged its membership to wire President Eisenhower, requesting he use his good offices to secure passage of the Alaska-Hawaii statehood bill in the House.)

IN HONOR OF

Ken Nishikawa, 11th grade student at Stockton College, served as mayor of Stockton during the two-day observance of Youth in City Government this week.

Bills to restore vet benefits to Japanese offered

Washington

Identical bills were introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives to restore eligibility of certain citizens and subjects in Japan to receive United States veterans' benefits earned by service in Spanish-American war and U.S. armed forces during the World War I, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Senate Majority Floor Leader William F. Knowland and Congressman from Long Beach, Calif., Craig Hosmer, both California Republicans, introduced identical bills to enable Japanese and German nationals to file for benefits and pensions from the Veterans' Administration lost during World War II because of their residence in enemy countries, the Washington JACL Office reported.

To Aid Widows

These bills would permit aged and disabled former veterans of United States military forces and many widows of such veterans now in Japan to file within a year after passage of the bills to have their veterans' benefit restored. These benefits were terminated at the outbreak of hostilities.

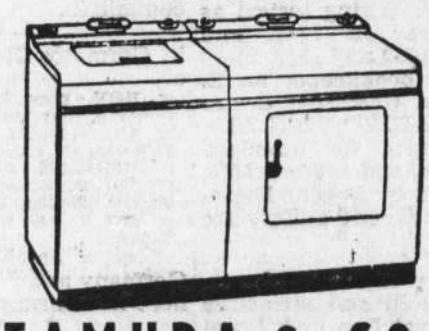
"A great many of the recipients under this legislation in Japan would be widows of men who served in the American Navy during the Spanish-American War or World War I," said Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL Representative. "The JACL is pleased to endorse these identical bills introduced by California Senator Knowland and Congressman Hosmer."

Most of the recipients are aged veterans or their widows and are in urgent need of these benefits, particularly at this time of economic distress in Japan, Masaoka had pointed out.



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SMOKY SAKURADA

Around Windy City . . .

● The major undertaking of the community this month is the Apr. 15 testimonial to the Nisei veterans of the Korean war. Sponsored by the Japanese American Council, it will be held at the Morrison Hotel Grand Ballroom. Ducats at $1.50 are being sold to defray expenses.

● REV. GYOMEI KUBOSE of the Chicago Buddhist Church is enroute to Japan to visit his ailing teacher, the Rev. Akegarasu, foremost Buddhist scholar and leader in Japan. He will also visit his aged mother in Hiroshima, secure many teaching material in Kyoto and return in June . . . The Rev. ZAISHIN MUKUSHIMA, in the meantime, will take over Issei and special services. Church members will assist at English services.



SAKURADA

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The National Congress of Parents and Teachers moved into its $750,000 ultra-modern headquarters, 700 N. Rush St., last week.

● Last Monday's column by IRV KUPCINET (writing from Honolulu) in the Sun-Times said the two most exciting topics of conversation at Waikiki are Bobo Olson and Hawaiian statehood . . . "We are not mystified by Hawaii's claim to be a shining example of democracy in action. So far as practicing the democratic principles on which our country was founded is concerned," writes Kup, "Hawaii is better prepared for statehood than a majority of the 48 states . . . We have the feeling that Hawaii has the Yankee Doodle spirit of which Uncle Sam is proud."

● Composed of 150 Kibei (one-third of them being CLers), the Shin-Yu club sponsored a Japanese movie last weekend for the benefit of aiding newcomers from Japan. Meeting on the last Saturdays of the month at the Chicago Buddhist Church, they are led by GEORGE HAYAKAWA, pres.; HARUO HAMO, ROSE HARUTO, KAZUMA TSUNAGA, v.p.; HARRY HAMADA, rec. sec.; GEORGE OBATA, cor. sec.; and PAUL OTAKE, treas.

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Chicago relief rolls hit 35,206 last month—the highest in 15 months, according to Alvin E. Rose, welfare commissioner.

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The Grant Park Symphony Orchestra announces its 20th summer season, opening at the bandshell June 23 and closing Aug. 15.

Of People . . .

● Four Nisei are employed by the City of Chicago in the public works department: HENRY SUZUKI, filtration designer; GENJI TANAKA (ex-442nd GI), junior sewer designer; JAMES M. NAKAWATASE and DONALD M. TEKAWA (both on leave of absence serving in the Army), civil engineers.

● SUMI KOBAYASHI, 1848 N. Larrabee St., and formerly of Portland, Ore., was extremely helpful with the Chicago JACL Credit Union, having served as ass't treasurer in 1947, and treasurer in 1952 and 1953. She's employed as bookkeeper for Z. FRANK Inc., Chevrolet dealer . . Her sister KIYO VIRGINIA, industrial nurse for Standard Coil Products, and brother MOTO, employed by Eugene Dietzgen and an ardent golfer, are CLers.

● Near the city hall downtown is a small and attractive shop, Universal Pen and Jewel Shop, 72 W Washington St., co-owned by SAM TAKEO HIMOTO and FRED LICHTENSTEIN. Sam is formerly from Walnut Grove, Calif., a CLer who came to Chicago in 1947 after being discharged as a sergeant with ground radar of the Air Force in Germany. He is the brother of:

- ROY, now in Walnut Grove farming, married to BETTY HORI of Los Angeles. Children: LESTER and RAYMOND.
- BERNICE, now Mrs. EDDIE ENDO, Stockton. Husband is a pharmacologist. One child: Edwin.
- MAS, farming in Walnut Grove.

Fred, a Jewish refugee from Germany and Shanghai, arrived here in February, 1948.

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Apologies to Alert Cleaners of Cleveland for misspelling their shop name in the last column as Albert Cleaners.

Newsletters Received: San Francisco (Mar. 20), Southwest Los Angeles (Apr. 3), San Diego (Apr.).



Joint installation ceremonies of the Stockton and French Camp JACL chapters were held in Stockton last month. Municipal Judge Bill L. Dozier (back to camera) administered the oath of officers: (left to right) Stockton—George Baba, pres.; Fred Dobana, 1st v.p.; Sam Itaya, 2nd v.p.; Louise Baba, rec. sec.; John Yamaguchi, treas.; Hiroshi Morita, cor. sec.; Marie De Carli, Frank Inamasu, soc. chmn.; Art Hisaka, Issei rel.; Sidney Yamada, sgt.-at-arms; French Camp—George Matsuoka, pres.; Mits Nagehiro, 1st v.p.; Art Kaku, 2nd v.p.; Alyce Shinmoto (directly in front of Judge Dozier and not visible), rec. sec.; Hiroshi Shinmoto (also not visible), cor. sec.; Teruo Tanaka, treas.; Harry Itaya, del.; George Ogino, alt. del.; and Tamako Yaki, pub.

—Gungi Watanabe photo.

Sonoma County CL slates three-day reunion festival

Sebastopol

A gigantic Homecoming Festival, July 2-4, in the newly erected Memorial Auditorium, will be sponsored by the Sonoma County JACL chapter.

The three-day affair will afford many former residents of the community to enjoy reunions, heretofore limited to a single day—the July 4 community picnic sponsored by the chapter, it was explained by Riiyuo Uyeda, chapter president.

James Miyano was appointed general chairman. Other committees will be announced in the near future. Tickets for the festival are being distributed to chapter members as well as to former residents living throughout the state.

Various games for young and old, Japanese food and refreshments are to be featured at the Festival.

Memorial Auditorium

The new Memorial Auditorium will be formally dedicated May 23. The structure costing $30,000 will be dedicated to three Nisei war dead, Leo Kikuchi, Peter Masuoka of Sebastopol, and Joe Yasuda, Santa Rosa.

The JACL office will also be located in the Memorial Auditorium.

Pasadena CL slates May 1 as dinner-dance date

Pasadena

Prime ribs for dinner and dancing to the music of Tak Shindo's combo is what is in store May 1 at the Pasadena JACL chapter's dinner-dance at Carpenter's-at-Santa Anita. Reservations are being accepted by Mary Ito, SYcamore 4-7189.

The chapter is calling its first general meeting of the year on Friday, Apr. 23, at the Cleveland auditorium, Washington between Lincoln and Forest Aves. Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita, director of research at the City of Hope, will speak on "Cancer and Cancer Research," it was announced by Tom Ito, chapter president.

Fowler scholarship

Fowler

The Fowler JACL will award a scholarship to the most outstanding Nisei graduate from the local high school this June, it was announced by Howard Renge, chapter president, upon appointing Dr. George Miyake in charge of the scholarship committee.

Livingston-Merced holds successful bridge night

Livingston

The Livingston-Merced chapter community event for March was a successful bridge night held last Saturday with Mrs. Spud Masuda as chairman. She was assisted by:

Mrs. Bill Kimoto, Mrs. Hugo Kaji, Mrs. Henry Kashiwase, Sherman Kishi, George Yagi, Frank Shoji, Art Shoji, Taky Tashima.

Climaxing the event attended by 45 persons was the auctioneering by Buichi Kajiwara of refreshments. Men bid for refreshments and had the privilege of dining with the lady who prepared it.

Considerable humor was lent to the occasion when Hugo Kaji found he had bid for a delicacy brought by a gentleman — George Yagi.

Winning prizes in the bridge were:

Fred Kishi, Taky Tashima, Mrs. Joe Hamaguchi and Joyce Kimura.

1000 CLUB

Memberships & Renewals

March 1954

FIRST YEAR

Tosh Adachi, El Cerrito, Calif.; Noburo J. Doi, Parlier, Calif.; Katsumi Fujii, Oakland; Saburo Fukushima, Taro Fukushima, both of San Pablo, Calif.; Jun Honda, Mrs. Jun Honda, both of Richmond, Calif.; William T. Ishida, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Mary K. Ito, Pasadena; Ted Katsura, Ralph Kimoto, both of Parlier, Calif.; Kaz Komoto, Sanger, Calif.; Albert Kosakura, Berkeley; Nishi Kumagai, Seattle; Byrd H. Kumataka, Parlier, Calif.

Tad Masaoka, Hyattsville, Md.; Harry Mayeda, Minoru Mayeda, both of San Pablo, Calif.; Dick Migaki, Tomio Miyakawa, both of Parlier, Calif.; Tosh Nabeta, Mrs. Tosh Nabeta, both of Richmond, Calif.; Mrs. Tosh Nabeta, both of Richmond, Calif.; Kiyomi Nakamura, Elmer, N.J.; Tamaki Ninomiya, Mrs. Tamaki Ninomiya, both of Richmond, Calif.; Ito Okamura, Selma, Calif.; Kengo Osumi, Ronald K. Ota, both of Parlier, Calif.

Roy Sakai, Sam Sakai, both of Parlier, Calif.; Tetsuma Sakai, Hayward, Calif.; C. Sugiura, Tsutomu Sugiura, both of Turlock, Calif.; Dr. Terrance Toda, Seattle; Bill Tsuji, Parlier, Calif.; William E. Wall, Seattle; Eichi Yamamoto, Petaluma, Calif.; Miss Miwako Yanamoto, Los Angeles; Miss Kazie Yokoyama, Seattle.

SECOND YEAR

Aki Hayashi, New York; Nobuhiro Kajioka, Sam Kuwahara, Yeichi Sakaguchi, all of Turlock, Calif.; Ina Sugihara, New York; Isamu Uyehara, Morton, Pa.; Ernest Yoshida, Takeo Yotsuye, George Yuge, all of Turlock, Calif.

THIRD YEAR

William Marutani, Philadelphia; Masaji 'Stogie' Toki, Cincinnati; Toru Sakahara, Seattle.

FOURTH YEAR

Ken Matsumoto, Cincinnati; Kenji Tashiro, Orosi, Calif.

FIFTH YEAR

Yoshio Takahashi, Parma, Idaho.

SIXTH YEAR

Ken Dyo, Pasadena.

Farrington—

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442nd by reading a proclamation once again designating all 442nd veterans as honorary citizens of Texas."

Nisei Not Majority

In his closing remarks, Delegate Farrington said:

"Americans of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii constitute about a third of the whole. They are not in the majority. Yet the evidence shows that whatever their relative numerical position may be, they are, in fact, good American citizens that all of us are proud of. This point needs to be made so that any questions or doubts that are raised in the statehood debate about the character of Hawaii's people, and particularly those of the Japanese race, may be resolved completely and finally in Hawaii's favor."

BOISE VALLEY JACL INSTALLS NEW CABINET

Nampa

Boise Valley JACL held its installation dinner-dance Mar. 18 at the Bicandi's banquet room in nearby Homedale. C. W. Radcliffe, main speaker, talked on "Our Departure from Constitutional Government."

Harry Frye, Homedale mayor, was installing officer. The new cabinet members are:

Henry Suyehira, pres.; Seichi Hayashida, 1st v.p.; Yoshie Ogawa, 2nd v.p.; Harry Kaneshige, chmn.; Mas Yamashita, treas.; Chickie Hayashida, cor. sec.; Mary Arima, rec. sec.; Mary Yamada, hist.; Tom Takatori, del.; Manabu Yamada, alt. del.; Frank Tanikuni, Dyke Itami, George Koyama, Jim Oyama, Tom Arima, Mary Inouye, Paul Takeuchi and Bill Nishioka, bd. of dir.

Special committees working with Suyehira were appointed as follows:

Kay Inouye, building fund; Sam Fujishin, Bob Ishibashi, ath.; George Ishihara, movies; Mas Yamashita, fin.; Harry Hamada, Betty Uda, prog.; Joe Koyama, Mas Yamashita, judo; George Nishitani, leg.; Hank Mano, Pacific Citizen; George Koyama, vet.; George Ishihara, end. fund; Tony Miyasako, bowling; Ken Otani, Joe Itano, trap shoot; Seichi Hayashida, soc.; Yosie Ogawa, Harry Kaneshige, mem.; Sam Kora, 1000 Club; Lois Itano, Mary Inouye, women's act.

Sonoma County bowlers

Sebastopol

Interest in forming a bowling league of Nisei in the county has been mounting. Since the chapter has voted to sponsor such a team, interested members are expected to see Fred Yokoyama

CHAPTER MEMO

Omaha JACL: The chapter acknowledged the following donations last week from:

Mrs. Dick Muto, $10, in memory of her husband; Kazuo Takechi, $10; K. Matsunami, $10; Richard Takechi, $10; Mrs. Edward Ishii, $5, prior to their departure Mar. 1 on a short tour of Japan; Mrs. T. S. Arikawa, $5, recovery from illness.

Sequoia JACL: Two Japanese movies, "Haha to Musume" and "Jirocho Uridasu," are to be shown Apr. 24, 7 p.m., at the Palo Alto Auditorium. Proceeds go toward the chapter quota for the National JACL.

Sonoma County JACL: The 1954 membership drive stands at 123 members this week, equaling the 1953 total, it was announced by Henry Shimizu, membership chairman. The prospects of securing additional members are good as the campaign closes this month. Canvassers have been urged to complete their respective areas.

San Diego JACL: Summer bowling in the JACL League at Academy Bowl began last week. There is still room for a few more bowlers. Tad Imoto (ATwater 1-0714) is in charge of a possible San Diego chapter team to compete in the National JACL Convention bowling tournament in Los Angeles . . The chapter also will charter a boat for a day for those interested in participating in the local yellowtail derby. They should call George Kodama, HUmboldt 8-0044.



Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

Issei Citizenship . . .

These last few weeks have seen the passing of more milestones on the road to citizenship for our Issei parents. On Mar. 26, almost 200 Issei received their citizenship. Most of these were men who had been held up because of the 5-F situation. Presiding judges were Louis E. Goodman and Oliver J. Carter. Serving as interpreter were the Rev. Ben Hoffman of San Jose and KIYOSHI TOMIZAWA of San Francisco. Assisting were WAYNE KANEMOTO and yours truly. Special assistance was given by GEORGE TANAKA (who is practically the official photographer in San Francisco) of Kido Studios who took pictures of the great occasion.

A series of group examinations will be held Apr. 12 through 16 at which time about 400 Isseis will be called in for their examinations. They will come from San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro, San Mateo, Coyote, Salinas, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Windsor, Penngrove, Forestville, Petaluma, Seaside, Monterey, Carmel Valley, Pacific Grove, Castorville, Stockton, Hayward, Victor, Palo Alto, San Jose, San Lorenzo, Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

The Regional Office and the Chapters will cooperate in furnishing clerical help and interpreters. We hope to clean up most of the Northern California Isseis who were ready for examination some time in May when the Naturalization Office will try to set aside two more days for the Japanese.

Richmond-El Cerrito Installation . . .

The Richmond-El Cerrito Chapter had their installation dinner dance at the Italian Village in San Francisco. Newly elected officers were installed by yours truly and were JAMES KIMOTO, pres.; MARVIN URATSU, 1st v.p.; EDDIE HITOMI, 2nd v.p.; SEI KAMI, treas.; Mrs. TEY IMAOKA, sec.

A special feature was the presentation of the Past President's pin to HEIZO OSHIMA who patiently and ably guided the Chapter through its infancy. The presentation was made by SAM SAKAI, an old-time JACL stalwart from Richmond. An interesting side-light was the floor show which featured Eddy Peabody. On seeing our group, he waved at us and shouted he would dedicate a number to us. The number was *China Town, My China Town!*

Gilroy Picnic . . .

The Gilroy JACL undertook as their first major project the sponsoring of a community picnic to which 160 families responded at Uvaso Dam picnic grounds. Gilroy is our newest Chapter and they are forging under the energetic leadership of HIROSHI KUNIMURA. Other members of the newly elected cabinet are TOM OBATA, v.p.; SHIGERU YAMANE, treas.; KIKU OKAWA, rec. sec.; and KIMI OKAWA, cor sec.

San Francisco's Mixer . . .

The San Francisco Chapter had its first get-acquainted meeting Saturday, Mar. 27, under the direction of vice-presidents VI NAKANO, TAXY HIRONAKA, and JACKSON HIROSE with a little assistance from yours truly. JERRY ENOMOTO, president, gave a brief resume of past accomplishments and plans for the coming year. The rest of the evening was given to games, community singing and social dancing. It seems like the Chapter got off to a real hot start this year.

District Council Membership Race . . .

The Pacific Southwest Council has accepted the challenge of the Northern California Western Council to a membership contest on a percentage of increase basis.

The first membership bulletin dated Mar. 30 from the National Headquarters reveals that the Northern California Western District Council has a total of 1,987 members already reported and paid in. The Pacific Southwest District Council has 108 members.

Ho hum, it might have been more of a contest if TOM YEGO, D.C. Chairman, had challenged the newly associated Chapters recently organized along "Geisha Row" in Tokyo by our three recent JACL visitors to Japan.

BIRTHDAY GIFT PROVES BONANZA: $140,000 FROM IRISH SWEEPSTAKE

Port Moody, B.C.

Mrs. Dora Cato (Kato) won $140,000 on an Irish Sweepstake ticket given to her as a birthday present by her Nisei husband, Tony, because he couldn't afford anything better.

The little gift blossomed into a $140,000 bonanza.

Tony Cato, employed by McNair Shingle Mill, who served with Canadian Intelligence attached to the British War Office, met his wife in England during World War II, while on leave before going to the Far East. They were married six years ago when she came over to see how she would like Canada.

Western Pioneer Investment directors pick officers

Oakland

A. D. Ericksen, senior partner of the law firm of Ericksen & Ericksen and bishop of the Berkeley Ward of the Latter Day Saints, was elected president of the Western Pioneer Investment Co., last week by its board of directors.

Dave Nitake of Los Angeles was chosen chairman of the board. On the board are:

Tim Sasabuchi, Kihei Ikeda, Sacramento; Tom Shirakawa, Fowler; Mike Iwatsubo, Fresno; A. Scarcella, Oakland; Kiyo Yamato, Kay Kamiya, Joe Minato, Hughes Tsueishi, Dave Nitake, Los Angeles; A. D. Ericksen, Y. B. Mamiya, Frank Tsukamoto, Tad Hirota, Berkeley; Keisaburo Koda, Dos Palos and San Francisco.

Other officers of the investment company are:

Y. B. Mamiya, Keisaburo Koda, Kihei Ikeda, v.p.; Tad Hirota, treas.; Tom S. Hirano, compt.; Preston N. Ericksen, sec., gen counsel; Dave Nitake, Tom Shirakawa, Frank Tsukamoto, exec. comm.

CAPSULES

Mrs. Tomoye Takahashi of San Francisco, noted authority on Japanese folk art and crafts, is heading a tour of Japan this month for importers of Japanese goods and connoisseurs of Japanese arts.

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Five dancers of the Azuma Kabuki troupe recently attended a hair-dressers' convention at New York's Waldorf-Astoria and leading hair stylists were impressed, some hoping to adapt a "kabuki" cut for American women.

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Singer Guy Brion (James Shigeta) sang last week at Los Angeles's United American for United Nations rally. "I'm proud to have been invited for this rally," the Honolulu-born singer said. "You see, I'm sort of a walking UN myself, being of Hawaiian, Japanese and French descent." He thrilled the Mocambo night club crowd in the past weeks and is now preparing for a Japan tour.

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Bitter wartime memories brought back after seeing "From Here to Eeternity," Oscar-winning movie, apparently drove Gloria Y. Makuuchi, 33-year-old nurse at Peter Pent Brigham Hospital, Boston, to suicide. She was found dead from an overdose of sleeping pills. Born in Seattle, she was nurse at Queen's Hospital, Honolulu, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Friends said he often spoke hysterically of the Pearl Harbor bombing.

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Two more Nisei strandees have recovered their U.S. citizenship recently. Yukiko Sato, Ontario, Ore., had voted in the April, 1946, elections in Japan. Kenso Matsuye, Los Angeles, was drafted into the Japanese Army in 1944, and after his release from service, had voted in the 1949 elections. All acts were viewed as involuntary by the courts.

Alien fined for failure to report address in January; Issei cautioned

Washington

Fining of an Irish-born soldier bride $10 for failure to report her address in January in violation of the Federal law on alien registration prompted the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League to remind all Issei who have not become naturalized American citizens to report any change of address promptly and to carry required alien registration identification.

Mrs. Louis Carpento, Irish-born soldier bride was fined $10 in a Baltimore, Md., court for failing to make an alien address report this January. She stated that she failed to file the required report inadvertently.

The Washington JACL Office reminded all Issei and Japanese soldier-brides who have not become naturalized citizens of the United States that the law requires them to file a report to the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Justice Department each January and for any change of address within ten days after the move.

Carry Cards

Aliens are also reminded that the law requires them to carry their Alien Registration identification cards on their person at all times.

Failure of aliens to comply with these requirements of the law, Justice Department officials said, may result in severe penalties, even deportation if the circumstances warrant such action.

It was pointed out that these requirements for aliens are not unduly harsh inasmuch as many citizens also have similar requirements.

Car operators and draft registrants are required to carry their licenses and registration cards at all times. Car owners and draft registrants must make proper notification of a change of address, just as aliens are required to do, the Washington Office was informed.

Act Without Delay

Forms for aliens to report their address changes or to secure duplicate Alien Registration cards may be obtained from local Immigration and Naturalization field offices. Aliens who need to report address changes or obtain duplicate Registration cards should do so without delay, urged the Washington JACL Office.

Nick Nishi, Ky Miyamoto and Henry Uchida assisted in organizing another all-Nisei VFW post in Monterey, Calif., this week.

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KONNO BREAKS 400-M. WORLD'S RECORD, TRIPLE WINNER AT AAU

New Haven, Conn.

Probably the world's most outstanding middle-distance swimmer, Ford Konno is a leading candidate for the 1955 competition in Mexico—the Pan-American Games, which will be a preview to the 1956 Olympics.

Swimming for 12 years in big league competition, the 21-year-old Ohio State ace became a triple-winner for the second time in National AAU competition last week, racking up championships in the 1500-meter, 220-yd. and 440-yd. freestyle events.

In shooting for the 440-yd. title, Konno bettered the world's record in the 400-meters at 4m.26.7s., formerly held by John Marshall at 4m 26.9s.

His teammate Yoshi Oyakawa, ace backstroker, is another likely prospect for the Mexico games, having won both the 100-yd. and 150-yd. events in the same meet.

Partial summaries of the Apr. 1-3 National AAU indoor swimming championships are as follows:

1500-m. freestyle—Won by Ford Konno, 19m.7.8s.

220-yd. freestyle—Won by Ford Konno, 2m.6.5s.

100-yd. backstroke—Won by Yoshi Oyakawa, 56.8s.

440-yd. freestyle—Won by Ford Konno, 4m.28.3s. (Old record: 4m.31.2s., John Marshall, 1950.)

SPORTSCOPE:

● The 19-year-old perpetual trophy for the Salt Lake Nisei Invitational basketball tournament finally was retired last Saturday by the San Francisco Saints, all -Chinese team, by defeating the Los Angeles Local 399, 79-62, in a jam-packed Hellenic gym. It was the third straight victory for the San Franciscan—the first time the feat ever has been accomplished in the long history of the tournament . . . Some sensational shooting by D. Hom and D. Lew brought victory to the Saints. Hom came through with 27 points, Lew scored 24. In consolation battle, Seattle Savoys defeated Salt Lake All-Stars 52-38 for fourth place. Davis Comets won over Bob's TV of Berkeley, 49-46, for third spot . . . The committee announced the following players on the tournament all-star team: DOUGLAS HOM (f), San Francisco; KAZ SHINZATO (f), Los Angeles; DAVE LEW (c), San Francisco; KENGORO YAMAMOTO (g), Los Angeles; and UTAKA HARADA (g), Davis Comets . . . Shinzato netted a total of 67 points to break the three-game scoring mark of 62 set by TAK TSUTSUI of Denver in 1948. The Angeleno prep star dumped 27 points in the opening game against Seattle, 24 against the Davis Comets and 17 against the Saints in the championship battle . . . TOSH SANO of Bob's TV won the Fred Toyota Memorial Trophy as the most inspirational player. The sportsmanship award went to Bob's TV.

● NORMAN TAMANAHA, 47, still tops the marathon runners in Hawaii. The defending champ won the Hawaiian AAU run two weeks ago in 3h.39m.19s. At the 18-mile mark, he developed leg and stomach cramps and was forced to walk the last eight miles. Funds are being amassed to send the veteran to the Boston Marathon, Apr. 19.

● Northern California prepsters are beginning to cavort around the oval this week. Oakland's WeHara won the broadjump at 19ft. 3in. in a dual meet with Berkeley JVs last week, and a second in the 100 . . . Palo Alto's Okasaki won the 880 in 2m.10s. in a dual meet with San Jose High. PA's Kumagai was third in the broadjumps . . . Outstanding was KOKI SEGARA's 21.6s. win in the 180-yd. lows for San Jose High last Friday against Lincoln High (San Jose) . . .GORDON IWANAGA of Watsonville High leaped 19ft. 10in. to establish a new class B school record last week. SUS MATANO took the 150-yd. hurdles for the same team in a dual meet against Carmel . . . FRED TAKATA of James Lick High (San Jose) won the D 50-yd. dash handily in 5.6s last week against Washington High (Centerville). Performing in the varsity at Santa Clara High are Yamasaki in the lows and hop-step-jump, and Okubo in discus . . . In Southern California, top efforts of the past week were turned in by KINJI KATAOKA of Dorsey High (Los Angeles) leaped 20ft. 1½in. to win in the broadjump; KEI NOMURA of Dorsey tied for first in the high jump at 5ft. 6 in.; TOM UYEDA of Verdugo High (Los Angeles) copped both sprints in 10.3 and 23.1s. . . . JIM SAKODA of Los Angeles Poly High was in a four-way tie for first in the pole vault . . . At Mesa High, Ariz., Ikeda pole-vaulted 11ft. 6 in. to win . . . Elsewhere, BOB TOYOOKA is sprinting for Gresham (Ore.), and a Matsuura for Denver's Manual High.

● The San Francisco JACL will stage the second annual Nisei Olympics at Kezar Stadium again. Negotiations are underway to secure a June 6 date—the week after the state high school chafnpionships. Inquiries from Southern California Nisei competitors have been received. Last year, all entrants were sponsored by JACL chapters.

● The first group of California Nisei league bowlers rolling in the ABC tournament in Seattle failed to make the grade last Saturday. The score to beat in the singles stood at 664, 1230 in the doubles and 1854 in all-events. Best scores were turned in by JIM UCHIYAMA, San Jose, 587, Uchiyama-TAK ABO, San Jose, 1096. Others competing were KAZ NAKAMURA, 581, JIM SAKAMOTO 567, SAKU TAKETA 539, TAK ABO 519, TOSH TSUKAMOTO 518, all of San Jose; GEORGE GEE 570, JOE CHIODO 523 and DON GEE 513, of San Francisco . . . GEORGE TAKETA of Kent fired a 605 singles for the best Nisei effort of the week. (JOE SATO of Blackfoot, Idaho, led the previous week at 620 to be among the leaders.) . . . Last Sunday afternoon, TOM YASUHIRO of Detroit hit 633 in the doubles with Halsey Lawson's 597, missing the top-ten by a single pin. Tom rolled a 594 singles. The same day, a flock of Seattle and Portland Nisei bowled. Best scores included KEN OYAMA 567 for Seattle, TOM SHIIKI 529 for Portland. FRED TAKAGI of Seattle and FLOYD YAMAMOTO paired for 1149.

● WALLY YONAMINE of Honolulu blasted a three-run homer to help Tokyo Giants beat the Kokutetsu Swallows 5-1 as the 1954 season of the Central Professional League opened in Tokyo last Saturday. The Giants are expected to repeat their role as champions.

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Cleveland maps 2nd bowling meet

Cleveland

Isa Matsumura, president of the Cleveland Nisei Bowling League, announced plans are being made for the second annual Midwest Handicap Bowling Tournament to be held here May 29, 30 and 31.

Invited to participate in this event are men and women bowlers from Chicago, Detroit, Seabrook, Philadelphia, and Toronto. According to co-chairmen Lefty Oshiro and Tom Nakaji, entries have already been received from Chicago, Detroit, and Seabrook.

Assisting Oshiro and Nakaji are:

Francis Nihei, George Iwamoto, Bob Iwata, Larry Shimamura, Jim Kishida, Harry Taketa, Frank Kosai, Moose Furukawa, Kaz Nadaoka, John Akiba, Frank Kawahara, Steve Yano, Isa Matsumura, George Nakaji, Mochi Kimura, Shim Yamamoto, and Tets Makimoto.

SPUD TSUJI BOWLS TOP CHICAGO 703 SERIES

Chicago

Spud Tsuji, top Nisei bowler here, recently hit a 703 series with games of 255-224-224. This is the second time a Nisei has hit over 700 in the Hyde Park Bowl. The same evening, Jim Nitahara hit a 278 game.

MAILBOX

Cleveland Homes

Editor: Just as the Nisei figured they had mingled sufficiently with the Caucasians, and the continuance of the JACL and ADC was not necessary, Cleveland members have run across prejudice when attempting to purchase home . . .

Quite a few cases have been called to my attention. I am hot under the collar about the last case. The builder claims the neighbors were prejudiced, when we know this could not be true.

About a year and a half ago, my husband and I underwent some prejudice. One builder remarked that if the houses on both sides were sold, we would be able to purchase the house in the middle; but if all three were not sold, he would probably be stuck with two houses. I am wondering if other chapter members suffer so much irritation of prejudice when purchasing homes.

—H.O.

Cleveland.

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TATS KUSHIDA

Japanese-American Relationships . . .

JACL's relationship with the Japanese Consulate General in Los Angeles is a cordial one. The sincere interest of Consul General SHINSAKU HOGEN and his staff in understanding the problems and aspirations of the Nisei is a gratifying one. No doubt he agrees with many that the Nisei can be of material assistance in enhancing Japan American relations and, too, we are glad to note a number of Nisei employed on the consular staff.

Last Monday, local officials of the JACL were invited to a cocktail reception in their honor at the Pasadena residence of the Consul General. National and district officers and chapter presidents were invited to the informal occasion and 25 JACLers responded.

Leading the array of gracious hosts were Consul General Hogen and his wife. Other consular officials present were Consul and Mrs. TATSUO IWAMA, Vice-Consul TORU ISHII and attache TSUNETOSHI SADA and Mrs. Sada. Joining them in extending hospitality were local Nisei staff members, PEGGY NAKAKI, JAMES JINGU, GEORGE FUJII,ARAO HASEGAWA and YUTAKA MATSUDA.

SAKITO SATO, chief of the second section of the European and American Affairs Bureau dealing with Latin American countries, who was enroute home from a visit to South America, was introduced to the group.

JACL guests included national board and staff members, national president GEORGE INAGAKI, national treasurer Dr. ROY NISHIKAWA and his wife, Alice, legal counsel FRANK P. CHUMAN and spouse Ruby, PSW District Chairman KEN DYO, regional director TATS KUSHIDA and PC editor HARRY HONDA.

District officers present included PSW secretary MIWA YANAMOTO, treasurer RICHARD JENIYE and delegate ELDEN KANEGAE, Dick and Elden with their wives. MACK HAMAGUCHI, chairman of the LA JACL Coordinating Council was on hand, too.

JACL chapter prexies who attended were, with wives, KEN UYESUGI (Orange County), WILBUR SATO (East L.A.), TOM ITO (Pasadena) and ELMER UCHIDA (West L.A.), and without their better halves, DAVID YOKOZEKI (Downtown L.A.), ARTHUR ENDO (Hollywood) and HISASHI HORITA (Southwest L.A.). Excuse, please, Hisashi is unattached. JAMES MITSUMORI Pasadena Nisei attorney, and a good JACLer, also took the reception party.

The Consul General (it's okay to address him as Mr. Hogen) is a pretty regular Joe, no stuffed shirt. Both he and his wife proved adept dancers at the LA JACL's Joint Installation Ball held at the Statler last January. His English, though slightly clipped, is very fluent and accurate, in fact amazing considering this is his first visit to America. Although he abstains from both smoking or drinking, he mixes well in any company. As proof that he can deliver a good speech, he received a terrific response at a meeting of the Foreign Trade Association here last week.

Not long ago, CG Hogen was chief of the first section of the Information Bureau of Japan's Foreign Office. There, he and our cousin, GEORGE KIYOSHI TOGASAKI, became pretty chummy for they had occasion to see much of each other when the Nippon Times, of which Kiyoshi is now president, was then the official mouthpiece of the government. Small world.

The Last Time JACL Met in L.A. . . .

The last time National JACL held a convention in Los Angeles was in 1938. One of the features of the convention souvenir program booklet now being prepared will be a reproduction of the convention photo taken 16 years ago. Faces and figures have undergone a slight horizontal expansion since then but it's amazing how JACLers of that era are so well preserved.

We run into many of them during the course of the year for they are still good JACL supporters, though a little inactive, and they certainly have not epidermically added those years.

That's the year we did a turn at trimming lettuce in Yuki's packing shed No. 2 in Salinas while batching with a couple of UC schoolmates.

Some of the good people we knew in Salinas are now Angelenos, or close by. Dr. MAS TAKESHITA, whose patients all have 20/20 vision, is in Long Beach as is the HARRY HAYASHI family. The SHIMOTSUKA sisters, MITSU, now Mrs. KIYOSHI SONODA, and UTA, one of the best Nisei warblers hereabouts, are in West L.A. So is STEVE YAGI, whom we didn't know then, and his sister YUKIE, now Mrs. George Inagaki, first lady of JACL. CHUCK ONOYE, whose views on insurance favor Occidental, and sister EVELYN are in Elley. And a good many others.

'Confidential File' . . .

Last week, we erroneously reported the name of Paul Coates' Sunday nite TV show as L.A. Confidential. The real title is "Confidential File." Sorry! Paul sez the program about Buddhism for which they took films last Sunday will be shown in two or three weeks. The time, by the way, has been moved to the 9:30 spot instead of 10:30. Still KTTV, Channel 11.

This coming Sunday program will be about civil defense and the Hydrogen Bomb. His producer, Jim Peck, has asked our aid again in locating survivors of the atom bombinb of Hiroshima for a teevee interview. A couple of years ago, Dr. ROY NISHIKAWA, EDISON UNO and the Sou'wester took part in a week-long civil defense program at Exposition Park interviewing Hiroshima survivors before large audiences.

This time, FRANK KAKITA's 16-year old son who attends John Marshall High School and a young Kibei girl who also survived the Hiroshima A-blast will do the trick on TV.

Putting in a Good Word . . .

The full front page-second section of the March 31st issue of the *Christian Science Monitor* is devoted to the Nisei, with two feature stories by TOGO TANAKA and JEANNE RIHA. The appropriate titles are "Into the Ranks of Citizens," and "A Place in the Sun for Japanese Americans."

Togo in his easy-reading style depicts the background of the JA racial minority and the encouraging postwar decade of Nisei experience in rehabilitation, crediting JACL for removing inequities that stigmatized this group. He mentions BILL HOSOKAWA's *Denver Post* story of an elderly Issei woman who became naturalized.

The employment picture of Nisei here in the Southland is well described by Miss Riha in the first of her series of three articles on California Japanese. We recall with pleasure Miss Riha's visits to our L.A. office to discuss the job tsatus of Nisei and the pride with which we could, in contrast to pre-war years, cnumerate scores of success stories.

How Ancient Can You Get? . . .

Our generation referred to our Issei parents as old-fashioned. Now, we're called worse by our Sansei offspring. Our twelve-year old in the nomenclature of teenagers, calls us pre-historic!

Los Angeles Newsletter

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HENRY MORI

★ Affable James Roosevelt, eldest son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, spoke before a small group of Nisei Democrats this week discussing his campaign to run as candidate in the 26th District congressional race.

He hopes to pick up where Rep. Samuel Yorty has left, the latter seeking Sen. Kuchel's seat in the coming election. Roosevelt in setting up one of his first home chats, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kango Kunitsugu.

The dapper Roosevelt, who says he's 46, advocates civil rights aims and was all for the Fair Employment Practices Commission. He said everyone was entitled to full employment and first class citizenship.

"We must preserve the dignity of mankind by giving everyone the opportunity to make a decent living — and this means the average wage-earner who has to have enough money to buy what he wants or what he needs."

In another statement, Roosevelt assured his listeners that he intends to remain a candidate despite pressure from National Democratic Chairman Stephen Mitchell who suggested he house-clean his personal affairs before re-entering politics.

"I shall not campaign for vindication. I shall campaign on the issues and my qualifications," he said.

The 26th District contains many ethnic groups. The ex-New Yorker beamed as he said he lived in California long enough (15 years) to understand their problems.

★ Two Nisei barristers — one a former assistant U.S. attorney —combined legal talents to win a State Supreme Court decision when the high tribunal restored a liquor sales permit to ex-GI Toshikuni Taenaka who has a grocery-liquor store in Watts.

The litigation ended 4 to 3, after two years of lengthy hearings, appeals, and "under advisement" periods.

In 1951, the State Legislature passed Section 7.1 of the Alcohol Beverage Control Act which said that persons who lost their liquor license as a result of Pearl Harbor may re-apply for same.

Taenaka sought to regain his permit which was to be used on the same premise he had before the war. And for two months, November, 1951, to January, 1952, he did have it.

But the Board of Equalization revoked Taenaka's license soon after declaring that sales of hard liquor in that particular neighborhood would be detrimental to the welfare and the morale of the people.

Justice Jesse W. Carter who wrote the favorable ruling indicated the said neighborhood had not "changed substantially" since 1941 and the onetime intelligence officer in Japan is rightfully entitled to the license.

Attorneys were James K. Mitsumori and Lynn N. Takagaki. Mitsumori resigned from his Federal position last November to enter private practice.

★ For a Chicagoan who might want to beat the sultry heat of the Windy City this summer, can set aside the dates, Aug. 14-22, in Los Angeles.

Those were the dates selected by the 14th annual Nisei Week Festival committee. Not confirmed but planned again will be the Coronation Ball at the swank Hollywood Palladium.

★ One of prewar Angelenos who carved a successful career in Japan during the war years revisited Li'l Tokio.

Shigetoki Umeda, graduate of the Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley, who attended Amelia St. School and Lincoln High School, is now with Chiyoda Chemical Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., in Tokyo.

It was his first visit in 15 years for a happy reunion with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jujiro Umeda. His immediate comment on the tremendous growth of Los Angeles, the third largest city in the United States, was: "It is quite a contrast to what we see in Japan."

Umeda had worked in the Mitsubishi Aircraft Co., Nagoya, before it was put to shambles in World War II.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ABE—Feb. 22, a boy Clifford Michael to the Yasuo Abes (Maude Yosi Watanabe), Los Angeles.
AIHARA—Feb. 25, a girl Charlene Mayumi to the Toru Aiharas (Masaye Yokota), Gardena.
AKUTAGAWA—Mar. 1, a girl Miwako Terry to the Tetsuo Akutagawas (Kazue Mochizuki), Los Angeles.
ASAI—Mar. 5, a girl Sanaye Nancy to the Haruo Asais (Itsuyo Iba), Los Angeles.
ASATANI—Mar. 26, a boy Herbert Hiroshi to the Herbert Asatanis, Cupertino.
CHIKUMA—A boy to the Harry Chikumas, Ft. Lupton, Colo.
DETRICK—Feb. 12, a girl Sherry Lynn to the Edward Lee Detricks (Chiyoko Iwasaki), Los Angeles.
FUJII—Mar. 17, a girl Becki L., to the Edward H. Fujiis, Portland.
FUJIWARA—Feb. 7, a girl Nancy Jeanne to the Yukio Fujiwaras (Betty Taka Fujimoto), Los Angeles.
HADA—Mar. 28, a boy to the James Hadas, Denver.
HA'O—Feb. 26, a boy Corwin to the Charles Bernard Ha'os (Theresa Chizuru Morimoto), Pasadena.
HASHIMURA—Feb. 22, a boy Charles Jukichi to the Roy Yoshiharu Hashimuras (Anna Elizabeth Becker), Los Angeles.
HATA—Feb. 2, a girl Joanne Mariko to the Jack Kazuo Hatas (Ikuyo Matsumoto), North Hollywood.
HIMURO—Mar. 20, a boy to the Masayoshi Himuros, San Francisco.
HIGA—Mar. 11, a girl Marianne to the Robert Kiyoshi Higas (Kazuko Kathleen Kawakami), Los Angeles.
HONDA—Mar. 9, a girl Karen Naomi to the Shigeru Hondas (Kazuko Shibahara), North Hollywood.
HONDA—Feb. 8, a girl Diane to the Seiichi Sam Hondas (Mary Wada), Los Angeles.
IIJIMA—Mar. 8, a boy to the Sadayoshi Iijimas (Michiko Sakaki), Los Angeles.
IKEMOTO—Feb. 14, a girl Susan Michiyo to the Eddie Takeshi Ikemotos (Misao Miyakawa), Los Angeles.
ITO—Mar. 4, a girl Susan Gwyn to the Yoshimi Itos (Misae Nakamura), Los Angeles.
ITO—Feb. 21, a boy Robert Don to the George H. Itos (Sumiko Hirai), Pasadena.
IWAMA—Mar. 11, a boy Mitsuo Danny to the Tsuyoshi Joe Iwamas (Emiko Nishi), Los Angeles.
KASAI—Feb. 23, a girl Wendy K., to the James K. Kasais (Mary Komatsuka), Los Angeles.
KASUKABE—Jan. 29, a boy Leo to the Ken Kasukabes (Shizue Nakagawa), Los Angeles.
KAWAHATA—Mar. 10, a boy Glenn Masao to the Tadashi John Kawahatas (Reuw Shirakawa), Los Angeles.
KAWAMURA—Mar. 5, a girl Susan Joy to the George Kawamuras (Lorraine Rumi Matsuuchi), Los Angeles.
KOGAI—Feb. 6, a boy Gerald Tokihiro to the Toshiaki Kogais (Moriyo Hayashi), Los Angeles.
KUSUMOTO—Feb. 25, a boy Alan Yutaka to the Harley Kusumotos (Jeanne Mineko Akiyoshi), Los Angeles.
LEOHNER—Jan. 23, a boy Donn Russell to the Paul E. Leohners (Nobuko Tanaka), Wilmington, Calif.
LEVONCHUCK—Feb. 22, a girl Judy to the Paul Levonohucks (Yukie Ito), Los Angeles.
MATSUURA—Jan. 31, a girl Joani Ellen to the George Tetsuo Matsuuras (Fumi Hattori), Los Angeles.
MIYAMOTO—Feb. 4, a girl Misa to the Frank Arata Miyamotos (June N. Nagasawa), Los Angeles.
MIYASATO—Mar. 16, a boy to the Wilfred K. Miyasatos, San Francisco.
MORIKAWA—Feb. 21, a boy Wesley Mikio to the Kiyoshi Morikawas (Misao Nakagawa), Los Angeles.
MORTON—Feb. 22, a boy Antonio Gabriel to the William George Mortons (Chiyo Nishimura), Los Angeles.
NAKAMICHI—Mar. 17, a boy to the Tom Nakamichis, Kingsburg.
NAKAWATASE—Mar. 5, twin girls Linda Keiko and Lynn Reiko to the Keizo Nakawatase (Emi Arikawa), Los Angeles.
NAKAYAMA—Feb. 16, a girl Arleen Yoneko to the Shoichi Nakayamas (Hideko Tokuda), Los Angeles.
NIMURA—Feb. 21, a girl Lucy Ann to the Richard Takashi Nimuras (Reiko Jeanne Rikimaru), Los Angeles.
NISHIKAWA—Mar. 24, a boy to the Takashi Nishikawas, Seattle.
NISHIYORI—Mar. 4, a girl Pauline Hideko to the Henry Muneo Nishiyoris (Esther Haruko Arita), Los Angeles.
OGATA—Feb. 23, a boy Morimasa Jeffrey to the Morita Ogatas (Chizue Taguchi), Pasadena.
OKA—Jan. 21, a girl to the Amos Kiyoshi Okas (Joan Ikuko Murayama), Los Angeles.
OKA—Feb. 16, a boy Michael Tsuyoshi to the Henry Tsuyoshi Okas (Mary Louise Rodriguez), Burbank.
OKADA—Mar. 9, a boy Peter Hideo to the Peter Kazunori Okadas (Mutuko Mary Ikari), Los Angeles.
OYE—Feb. 23, a boy Thomas Yutaka to the Wataru Oyes (Chizuko Takahashi), North Hollywood.
SAKAMOTO—Feb. 26, a boy Stephen Toshio to the Tomochika T. Sakamotos (Sumiko Sasaki), Los Angeles.
SALAS—Feb. 13, a boy Richard Raymond to the Raimundo Ranjel Salas (Caroline Tsutsumi), Los Angeles.
SANO—Mar. 4, a girl Denise Fumiye to the Kenji Sanos (Tayeko Hirai), Los Angeles.
SATO—Mar. 3, a boy to the Roy Satos, Fresno.
SHIGEYASU—Jan. 30, a girl Jean Fujiko to the George Shigeyasus (Emiko Koga), Los Angeles.
SHINDO—Feb. 19, a girl Kathryn Shie to the George Shindos (May Ono), Los Angeles.
SHINTANI—Feb. 9, a boy John Yukio to the Mutsuo Jack Shintanis (Yukiko Jane Hara), Los Angeles.
SUGIMOTO—Feb. 24, a girl Cheryl Megumi to the Shigeo Sugimotos (Yasuko Nakagawa), Los Angeles.
SUGITA—Feb. 15, a girl Sherrie Keiko to the Choye Sugitas (Yuri Nakamichi), Los Angeles.
TASAKA—Feb. 19, a boy Paul Kazumi to the Kazuo Tasakas (Betty Toshiko Kashiwabara), San Gabriel.
TAKETA—Feb. 17, a boy Brian Atsushi Taketas (Kimiko Kinoshita), Los Angeles.
TAKEYAMA—Feb. 1, a boy Steven Ray to the Raymond Akira Takeyamas (Florence Yoko Kajiwara), Los Angeles.
TANAKA—Mar. 19, a boy to the Isao Ttanakas, Fresno.
TVEDTS—Feb. 23, a girl Elizabeth Anne to the Engebert Tvedts (Miyoko Sasaki), Los Angeles.
UENO—Mar. 7, a girl Mayumi Mona to the Kisan Uenos (Tomie Hasegawa), Los Angeles.
UMEDA—Mar. 9, a boy to the Fred T. Umedas, Palo Alto.
UYESHIMA—Feb. 21, a boy Dale I. to the Ikuo Uyeshimas (Mary Wada), Los Angeles.
WATANABE—Mar. 28, a boy Neil Toshio to the Dr. Tom Watanabes (Edith Enomoto), Los Angeles.
YAMASHITA—Jan. 30, a girl Roberta Lynn to the Masari Mack Yamashitas (Mitsuko Hirata), Los Angeles.
YANO—Feb. 11, a boy to the Robert Yanos, Kingsburg.
YASHIRO—Mar. 3, a girl Jodell Carol to the Yoneo Yashiros (Katsuko Yamasaki), Los Angeles.
YASUI—Feb. 17, a girl Linda Sachiko to the John Kazumi Yasuis (Kimi Nishifue), Los Angeles.
YOSHIDA—Feb. 27, a girl Phyllis Shizu to the Shoichi Yoshidas (Margaret Sachie Shimidzu), Lawndale.
YOSHIDA—Feb. 13, a girl Marian Masako to the Robert Masaru Yoshidas (Yoshiye Kuniyuki), Los Angeles.
YOSHIOKA—Feb. 5, a girl Judy Kimiko to the Kunio Yoshiokas (Miwako Aramaki), Los Angeles.
ZORIKI—Feb. 8, a boy Brian Michael to the Masayuki M. Zorikis (Seiko Ruby Kato), Los Angeles.

Engagements

HIROSE-SHINDO—Clara T., Los Angeles, to Hideo, Denver, Mar. 27.
ITO-HASHIMOTO — Edna Tamiko, Stockton, to Hiroyuki, Los Angeles, Mar. 28.
KAMIKAWA-HIGASHI — Satoko, Fresno, to Dick Isamu, Long Beach, Mar. 27.
SHIMAKAWA-ADACHI — Kimi, Stockton, to Tosh, El Cerrito, Mar. 28.
YAMAMOTO-FUJIWARA — Margaret, Fife, Wash., to Gary, Waialua, T.H., Mar. 20.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KOBATA-IWATA—George H., 19, and Dorothy H., both of Seattle.
TOMITA-HAYASHI—Jun, 27, and Florence, 25, both of Seattle.

Weddings

AKIYAMA-YOKOI—Mar. 21, Hideo Akiyama and Jean Yokoi, both of Watsonville.
KOBARA-TAKEMURA — Mar. 20, Rev. Seiji Kobara and Kazuko Takemura, both of Seattle.
KOIDE-IWASAKI—Mar. 25, Frank Koide and Janet Iwasaki, both of Los Angeles.
MATOBA-NAGAMOTO — Mar. 28, Isao Matoba and Taneko Jean Nagamoto, both of Denver.
MURAMOTO-KUROKI — Apr. 9, James Muramoto and Amy Kuroki, both of Denver.
NAKATSU-FUJIKAWA — Mar. 14, George Nakatsu, Los Angeles, and Mary Fujikawa, Hawthorne.
NII-FUJII—Apr. 3, Ted Nii and Mary Fujii, both of Dinuba.
NINOMIYA-TAKAHASHI — Apr. 3, Joe Ninomiya and Sadako Takahashi, both of Fresno.
SASAKI-YAMAGATA—Mar. 25, Nobuo Sasaki and Katherine Tsuneko Yamagata, both of Glendale, Calif.
TOKUNAGA-SASAKI—Mar. 20, Joe Yoshio Tokunaga, Moses Lake, Wash., and Fujiye Sasaki, Orting, Wash., at Seattle.

Deaths

DAITA, Yoshimichi, 69: Los Angeles, Mar. 28.
HAYAKAWA, Seijiro: Fresno, Jan. 26.
HIRAIKE, Kanzo, 67: Los Angeles, Mar. 31, survived by four sons Isamu, Susumu, Masaru, Kiyoshi and daughter Mrs. Asako Doi.
KAMEI, Sadaichi, 53: Torrance, Mar. 29, survived by wife Tsuru, daughter Emiko.
KITAJIMA, Toyojiro: Huntington Beach, Mar. 29, survived by wife Hagie, four daughters Hatsumi, Midori, Mrs. Sakiko Sunako and Mrs. Toyoko Kawakami.
MATSUOKA, Shigeko, 40: El Monte, Mar. 27, survived by husband Mitsugi, four sons Shigeru, Yoji, Koji, Mitsuo, five daughters Toshiko, Miyoko, Masako, Emi and Mrs. Hideko Matsuoka.
MATSUURA, Mrs. Kame, 71: Fruitland, Ida., Mar. 25, survived by sons Albert, Clifford (Los Angeles), George, five daughters Mrs. Martha Honda (Spokane), Mrs. Genevieve Akiyama (Salt Lake City), Mrs. Margie Yamada (Bingham), Mrs. Ruth Tateishi (Dalles) Ore.), Mrs. Alice Hamada (Parkdale, Ore.), and 16 grandchildren.
MORI, Saiichi, 74: Santa Barbara, Mar. 26, survived by wife Sadame, three sons Frank, Satoru, Itsuki, daughter Yoshiko and five grandchildren.
MOTOYOSHI, Asoka, 22: Fresno, Mar. 28, survived by parents, Rev. and Mrs. Joshin, three brothers Sachimaro, Kazumaro, Mitsumaro, three sisters Merika, Miyuki and Mrs. Tazuko Nakata.
NAKAJI, Kahichi: Long Beach, Mar. 23, survived by wife Fuji, sons Yoshio and Shigeru.

Assimilation of L.A Japanese in community noted

Honolulu

The Japanese in Los Angeles have made the most remarkable progress and speed in becoming a part of the Anglo-Staxon society of any late immigrant group, a noted scholar told the Anthropological Society of Hawaii at Pacific House recently.

Dr. Leonard Bloom, chairman of the department of Anthropology and Sociology at the Univ. of California at Los Angeles, said the Americans of Japanese ancestry had made tremendous speed in assimilation and in being accepted by other Americans.

He compared their progress with the slow assimilation of the large Mexican group in Los Angeles.

Dr. Bloom is making a study on the advancement of education in Hawaii under a grant from the Ford Foundation. The Hawaii research is one phase of a world-wide study he is making.

Shakespearean play costumed by Nisei

Peoria, Ill.

Bradley University's Shakespearean production, *Much Ado About Nothing*, this week featured original costumes created by Mae S. Shiba, daughter of Takataro H. Shiba, 1415 Richard St. Since the action takes place in a Sicily ruled by Aragon, the setting and gowns have an old-world Spanish flavor.

Cheyenne Issei woman naturalized, grateful

Denver

Mrs. Toki Sakata, 2622 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne, Wyo., who was naturalized a U.S. citizen Jan. 11 in the U.S. District Court, Cheyenne, contributed $5 to the National JACL in appreciation for the passage of naturalization laws enabling her to become a citizen, the Mountain-Plains regional office reported this week.

She expressed the hope that the JACL would continue its splendid work in promoting the general welfare of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.



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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.
May 2 (Sunday)
LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Community picnic.
May 8 (Saturday)
DETROIT: Japanese movies.

SOCIAL NOTES

San Diego Jr. Fujinkai: Newly organized, Michiko Tsunada is president of the Jr. Fujinkai of the San Diego Buddhist Church. As their first project, the group will assist the YBA benefit bazaar May 15. Mrs. Fumiko Ohara and Mrs. Shimako Uda chair the needlework and bakery booths, respectively. Other officers are:

Michiki Koba, v.p.; Mary Sugeyana, treas.; Tomiko Kozuma, rec. sec.; Sayoko Tomiyama, cor. sec.; Shimako Uda, welf.; Ruth Honda, pub.; Rev. G. Yamamoto, adv.

Gardena Valley Women's Circle: Baskets donated by Isao Hagio, strawberry grower, were decorated recently in preparation for Easter for distribution to Gardena Valley Baptist Sunday School children. The church celebrates its 40th anniversary Apr. 25.

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EDITORIALS

Momentous Decision

The United States Supreme Court will soon announce the most important decision in race relations of the past century.

In 1857, the court faced a similar issue in the Dred Scott decision, which concerned citizenship of a Negro slave in a U.S. territory. That decision was among the controversies which embroiled the Union in civil war.

No bloodshed or secession is expected to follow the present Court findings of the school segregation case. However, certain patterns of behavior have been indicated by Southern leaders. If segregation is declared unconstitutional, it appears anti-segregation attitudes will harden, even revive such activities as the KKK.

Nine million white children and over two million Negro children in states where "separate but equal" facilities exist will be affected. Even more basic, however, is that the decision will involve the problem of power between the federal and state governments.

So that the innocent may not suffer, leadership on both sides of this issue must exercise patience and understanding if the Court makes segregation illegal. The change can be designated by law, but it still needs to be implemented by human hands in an orderly fashion.

Voters: Register Today

We have always prided ourselves on being good citizens in terms of behaving ourselves, not running afoul of the law, doing our share in worthwhile community projects, but all this is for naught if we fail to exercise our voting franchise.

We recognize that many Americans do not bother about registering and voting. However, after the experiences of the past years, we Nisei simply cannot afford to follow the example of such Americans.

A fundamental obligation of American citizenship is that every citizen register and vote.

A primary responsibility of the local JACL chapter is to see that every eligible Nisei and Issei in its community exercises this obligation and privilege. JACL chapters are falling down on the job if they do nothing about this matter.—MWS.

PRE-REGISTER NOW FOR NAT'L JACL CONVENTION

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

Imports from Japan

Denver

A FEW WEEKS ago we told you of our Mike's self-assigned project of raising $23 to buy a gas-engined model airplane. He had about $3 cash, and we offered to lend him $10 if he hustled up the other $10. Today, we report with growing concern that he has managed to save $9.50 for total cash assets of $12.50. He soon will be ready to demand the $10 loan, and trot off happily to the hobby store to spend it. My biggest problem at the moment is to dig up the ten spot to match his.

Something that Mike told me about the plane that soon is to be his has me somewhat concerned. Mike said the motors are made in Japan.

Now, I am not one to be prejudiced, but I come from a long line of doubters and have bitten in the past by the *Made in Japan* label. Before the late, great unpleasantries, such a label was virtually a guarantee that the merchandise was cheap, shoddy, flimsy and likely to turn green and fall apart the first time it rained.

Since then, I've heard, things have changed. During the war the military forced Japanese manufacturers to toe the mark because they couldn't afford to have jerry-built material fail them in the midst of battle. Japanese industry began to turn out quality products and the habit must have stuck because in the postwar era we have seen some excellent ware. Japanese cameras and optical lenses, for instance, are unsurpassed. Likewise such precision instruments as are used by surgeons and in medical laboratories.

Nonetheless, I plan to go with Mike to the hobby store to inspect the *Made in Japan* airplane motor before he invests his (and my) money. The idea is to make sure that he doesn't get gypped. Say, by the way, how many cylinders does a model airplane have?

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TALKING ABOUT imports from Japan, I understand the Navajos are unhappy because the Japanese are flooding Southwest tourist centers with all manner of cheaply made "Indian curios." Ned Hatathli, manager of the Navajo Arts and Crafts Guild at Window Rock, Ariz., has protested that Japanese-made "Indian" beaded belt, dolls, bows and arrows are selling at one-fifth the price of genuine articles.

Last summer, up in the Yellowstone country, we found mineral collections from Japan on sale. That's really taking coals to Newcastle, for the Rocky Mountain west is naturally a rockhound's paradise.

One of these days I wouldn't be surprised if we heard about Japanese factory-made "genuine arrowheads" showing up .

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STILL ON THE matter of imports, I see one or two each time I drop by Frank Torizawa's Granada Fish store. I'm referring, of course, to Japanese war brides who come in with their husbands to buy fresh fish, Japanese pickles and canned goods.

The husbands, some still in uniform, seem to be most indulgent about satisfying their brides' hunger for old country chow. Maybe they enjoy the dishes, too. At any rate they stand around in attitudes ranging from boredom to active interest, and don't show any hesitation about paying the bill when all the groceries have been toted up. It must be quite an ordeal, though, because the prices of imported foods are not cheap, and even an itty-bitty buying spree can run up well into four figures (with a decimal in the middle).

Granada has a heavy mail order business from war brides in scattered parts of the U.S.A. and I imagine the same is true of Japanese food stores in other cities. Can't help wondering, though when someone named Mrs. Chiyoko Smith or Mrs. Haru Togoletti writes in for sukiyaki-makings from Texas or West Virginia. Something interesting is happening to the race of Yamato.

Vagaries . . . **by Larry Tajiri**

Long-Sought Statehood

SENATE PASSAGE of the Hawaii-Alaska bill has revived hopes in Honolulu that the territory is once again on the threshold of its long-sought goal of statehood. House concurrence must be obtained before Hawaiian statehood, one of President Eisenhower's objectives as it was Harry Truman's, becomes a reality.

Hawaii's 500,000 residents have been ready for statehood for a long time—politically, socially and economically. Until recently, however, such arguments as that of non-contiguity, once expressed by Nebraska's Senator Butler, now a statehood supporter, and the fear of some Southern senators that Hawaiian representatives in Congress would be "liberal" on questions of race, as they undoubtedly will, had been enough to block passage. The age of jet air speed has blasted away the hesitant remnants of those who opposed Hawaiian statehood due to distance, while last week's Senate vote indicated that, although a majority of Southern senators still were afraid of multi-racial Hawaii, there were significant defections from the ranks of the once-solid South by the more enlightened. Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, a long-time backer of Hawiian statehood, typifies new stirrings in the old South.

Whether Hawaii obtains statehood this year in time to elect two senators and one or two representatives at the Nov. 2 elections, or whether the waiting will be continued until the next session of Congress, it is not inconceivable that Congress will have its first legislator of Japanese ancestry in the foreseeable future.

Such a prospect would have been a frightening one for a pre-Pearl Harbor Congress, but would be accepted as a matter of course in the nation's capital which has seen men of the all-Japanese 442nd Combat Team march in glory down Pennsylvania Ave. to be honored by President Truman.

Nisei delegates also have been participating in the councils of both major parties since the days of the late Andy Yamashiro who cast a vote for Franklin D. Roosevelt's nomination in the 1932 Democratic national convention in Chicago. Much of the racist talk opposing Nisei in Congress which was heard at Hawaiian statehood hearings in 1935 and 1937, was window-dressing for the electorate. Mississippi's John Rankin once screamed about the prospect of "two Japs" in the U.S. Senate but Mr. Rankin is now a private citizen by the decision of the voters of his own district.

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HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD already is supported by the vast majority of the American people and by most public officials. It was pledged in the platforms of both major parties in 1952, as it was in 1948, and probably would have been accomplished by now were it not for the precarious teeter-totter of the balance of party power in both the House and Senate. The Democrats actually are in the majority in the upper house (since Senator Wayne Morse's walkout from the GOP and Senator Taft's death) but have permitted the Republicans to organize Senate, while GOP holds only the slimmest of majorities, something like three votes, in the lower chamber. Hawaii has been traditionally Republican since the days of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft, while Alaska, also seeking admittance, has a Democratic political tradition. When the GOP concentrated their efforts this year on Hawaii, Democrats called it a political maneuver to increase the GOP advantage in both houses. Even Democrats who have backed Hawaii for years started dragging their feet on a Hawaii-only bill. Hawaiian statehood appeared doomed until the measure was combined with one for Alaska.

In actual fact, Hawaii is not as solidly Republican as some GOP strategists hope. In the past decade and more the Democrats have been making significant strides and the GOP maintains only a narrow margin at present. Conversely, the influx of new residents appears to have upset the Alaskan political picture and the Republicans have been making gains in territorial voting.

Residents of Japanese ancestry now constitute approximately 40 per cent of Hawaii's half-million population, but the Japanese Americans hold less than 35 per cent of the Territory's elective political offices. Of the 32 elected Nisei public officials in Hawaii, 16 are Republicans and 16 are Democrats. A recent Newsweek magazine report on Hawaii noted that the Democrats "may be strongest" among Hawaii's young voters. "Specifically they (the Democrats) have on their side a number of popular young Nisei lawyers, veterans of the heroic 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion," said Newsweek.

Hawaii's best-known politician of Japanese ancestry is a Republican, Wilfred Tsukiyama, president of the Territorial senate. Tsukiyama, whose alma mater, Coe College in Iowa, presented him with an honorary doctor of laws degree two years ago—making him the first Nisei to be so honored—is a veteran of Hawaiian politics. There's talk he will be a GOP candidate for the short-term season if Hawaii obtains statehood in this session. The leading candidate for the long-term seat will be, of course, Joseph R. Farrington, publisher of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and present delegate to Congress. If Tsukiyama runs, his opposition probably will include Territorial Sen. William H. Heen, a Democrat, who is of Hawaiian-Chinese ancestry; Herbert H. K. Lee, a Chinese American lawyer and also a territorial senator, and a former federal judge, Delbert Metzger. None has declared, naturally, and won't until statehood is a reality.

There are expected to be Nisei candidates for the House. Top prospects include Mitsuyuki Kido, former schoolteacher and a Democratic leader in Honolulu, and Sakae Takahashi, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, and the first Nisei to serve on the Territorial cabinet as treasurer in the Democratic administration of Gov. Oren E. Long. Other possibilities include Territorial Senators Toshio Ansai (R) and Tom Okino (D) and Judge Robert Murakami.

One of the racist myths spread about Hawaii's Japanese American population by statehood opponents was that fear of racial bloc voting. Hawaii's Nisei have proved that they cast their votes for a mand on his record and not his race.

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DECADE AGO

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Attorney General Biddle disclosed the Justice Department had refused to prosecute in 1943 a number of Japanese accused by military authorities of violating restriction and exclusion orders issued soon after Pearl Harbor. No action was taken in certain "excusable minor violations where no conceivable danger to internal security appeared."

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Loyal Japanese Americans should be considered as "war refugees" and relocation centers should not be places of detention but "temporary shelters for their use on a wholly voluntary basis," declares Washington Post editorial in considering Endo and Korematsu cases.

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41 arrested for resisting draft at Heart Mountain.

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Rev. George Aki, Congregational minister, commissioned chaplain for 442nd RCT.

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Salt Lake City mayor denies advocacy of restricted area for Japanese Americans.

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Five-inch rainstorm in 10 hours halts all activities at Rowher.

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Yuriko Amemiya performs for first time with Martha Graham dance company in New York.

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Dillon Myer raps New Jersey (Warren county) protest against evacuees as opposing national interest.

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L.A. city councilman hits leave for Nisei city civil service workers, seeks legal cancellation. "The Japs will never be allowed to return to their old city jobs," C. F. McCloskey says, "and it is a useless gesture for the city Civil Service Commission to keep extending their leaves."

MINORITY

The New York Board of Education has proposed bringing 500 Spanish-speaking teachers into the city school system.

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Woodlawn Hospital, Chicago, lost its tax-exempt status for having violated its charity classification. The hospital has been criticized by a committee of citizens in its neighborhood for refusal to admit patients because of their race, in spite of their having hospitalization insurance, except in cases of severe emergency.

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Archie A. Alexander, recently appointed governor of the Virgin Islands, is a charter member and former president of the Des Moines NAACP.