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Dr. Tom Abe (left), chairman of registering voters in the chapter, and Elmer Uchida (right), West Los Angeles chapter president, recently honored Mrs. Miyo Kishiyama, first Issei of the area to be naturalized, at the chapter installation dinner-dance.
—Steve K. Yagi photo.

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NEW CITIZENS:

DENVER OFFICE TO PUSH '5-F' NATURALIZATIONS

Denver

Official confirmation that the central office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service would not appeal the Harry Matoba so-called 5-F case was received last week by the Denver office, it was announced by Syril I. Shraiberg, chief naturalization examiner.

It was indicated some 300 Issei male petitions held up by the 5-F question are in the Colorado area and being reviewed for early processing.

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5-F decision still holds up Denver naturalizations

Denver

There were 148 new citizens last week in Denver including 32 Issei, the largest single group of Japanese to be naturalized at one time in the court of Federal Judge W. Lee Knous.

There were only four Issei men naturalized. It was indicated by the naturalization office here that the Washington, D.C., office has not yet cleared the Matoba 5-F case and until official confirmation is received, naturalization of Issei men would be delayed.

Since the Matoba ruling was made Mar. 2 and the Immigration and Naturalization Service has 60 days (or May 2) to appeal or drop the issue. The Attorney General has indicated no appeals would be made.

The new citizens of April 12 are:

Jack Shigetoshi Hatakeyama, George Taketo Fukuma, Joe Yuzuro Fujioka and Kazuo Ozawa. Nobu Kato, Shizuko Yamada, Kokiku Hamada, Tsutano Ichikawa, Shikano Iritani, Katsuyo Kanegaye, Ran Kato, Man Kasahara, Mary Ito Ishida, Ito Kishiyama, Chiyono Kusaka, Sato Mikuni, Hisa Matsumura, Jie Miyaki, Shizuko Murakami, Yesa Nishimura, Todome Otsuki, Kanao Omoto, Kazu Nakayama, Isa Sameshima, Sakino Shibata, Ichimi Tsushima, Tetsu Ueba, Kii Yamaguchi, Tama Yasuda, Suyeno Yoshimura and Masumi Uyeno.

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Columbia Basin CL honors 17 citizens-to-be

Moses Lake, Wash.

Seventeen Issei were honored at a banquet recently for having completed an intensive 10-week course in Americanism with certificates presented by the high school and the newly-formed Columbia Basin JACL chapter.

While most of them are over 50 years old and have been living in the United States for more than 20 years, three are Japanese warbrides of U.S. servicemen:

Ruiko Jones, Masako Searcy and Hisako Roland.

The other class members were:

Mrs. Kin Hayashi, Mrs. Kimi Shigeno, Mrs. Shigu Yamagami, Mrs. Yoshie Yamamoto, Mrs. Kazue Yoshino, Mrs. Fusa Miura, Kinzuchi Shigeno, George Miura, Jack Shimura, Taichi Hayashi, Harry Yamagami, Sam Fujita, Isamu Kobata and Frank Yoshino.

Mrs. Mas Norikane, Nisei strandee who returned in 1947, taught the class. She taught English in a girls' high school in Okayama from 1941-1945.

Sam Fujita was scheduled to receive his naturalization papers in the Ephrata superior court, having submitted his petition early. The others are to wait until fall.

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Phoenix

Three Issei were among 28 naturalized U.S. citizens last Monday before U.S. District Judge Dave W. Ling. Naturalization examiner was Edward C. Heyne. They were:

Juichi Takesuye, Toyokichi Tomooka both of Glendale; and Sam Seki Higuchi, Phoenix.

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Hollister

Kumaji Arao of Hollister and Yoneichi Yamaoka of San Juan Bautista were naturalized U.S. citizens last week before Judge Thomas P. O'Donnell. E. C. Bray of San Francisco served as examiner. Edwin Matsuura served as interpreter.

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Billings, Mont.

Six Issei of Hardin, Mont., who were recently naturalized as U.S. citizens, were honored at the Montana JACL installation banquet here. They conveyed their gratitude to the

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Air Force academy cadets sought

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Washington

With Senate and House approval of an Air Force Academy to supplement the Army and Navy schools at West Point and Annapolis, respectively, the Air Force announced that 300 cadets would be enrolled in its first class, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

California will be alloted 15 cadets in the first class which begins in July, 1955. Each California congressman is authorized to nominate ten persons to compete in the examination for the vacancies.

The Washington JACL Office urged all interested Nisei to write congressmen at their local district addresses or care of the House of Representatives, Washington 25, D.C.

Young Men, 17-22

Candidates must be between the ages of 17 and 22, a citizen of the United States, of good moral character, single, between 5 ft.-6 in. and 6 ft.-4 in., in good health, including good eyesight and teeth.

Rep. Harlan Hagen (D., Calif.) informed the Washington JACL Office that interested Nisei in Kern, Kings and Tulare counties should write him for specific details, care of the House of Representatives, Washington 25, D.C. The Congressman explained that he will conduct competitive examinations because of the success of his use of the same merit system in making selections to West Point and Annapolis.

"Every boy in Kern, Kings and Tulare counties who is within the age limits will be eligible to seek nomination," said Congressman Hagen. "I will adhere strictly to the merit system, in that those boys who finish in the top 10 spots in the academic tests will be selected. This gives everyone rich or poor, an equal chance."

Appointed Nisei

Congressman Hagen recently appointed Robert James Matsumoto of Bakersfield to West Point. The Congressman is now inviting inquiries regarding the appointments to the newly authorized Air Force Academy.

Japan teetering toward communism, envoy feels

New York

Here's the way Carlos P. Romulo, special Philippine envoy to the U.S., summarized the Asia situation on a recent television (CBS Chonoscope) interview thus:

"China is under communism—India refuses to take sides—Indonesia does too—Indo-China is in trouble—Korea is in a state or armed truce—Japan is, shall we say, teetering—the one bright spot is the Philippines—along with Thailand and Pakistan."

Cathay Post commander

Denver

Babe Tateoka, mail carrier in the Japanese residential area on the eastside, was elected new commander of the American Legion Cathay Post No. 185 last week.

25,000 Japanese head for Amazon

Rio de Janeiro

Brazil's Amazonian territory is turning into a new "promised land" for Japanese immigrants.

The governments of Japan and Brazil are co-operating in a program to develop agricultural colonies along the world's mightiest river.

It is hoped, ultimately, to settle 5,000 Japanese families, or around 25,000 persons in the region. A total of 2,065 persons already are located there.

The Japanese are growing jute, black pepper, cocoa, rice, corn, tobacco, beans, rubber, manioc and various types of vegetables for their own use. Jute production, non-existent before the war, is of the greatest economic importance. It now is estimated at around 40,000 tons yearly.

2,000 JAPANESE FARMERS MAY EMIGRATE TO U.S.

Tokyo

Some 2,000 Japanese farmers and their dependents may be able to migrate to America this summer, ending long years of suspension of Japan's agricultural emigration to the United States, according to Kyodo News Agency.

A request for 2,000 immigrants to America under the Refugee Relief act, permitting up to 3,000 persons from southeast Asian countries including Japan, was recently received by the International Society of Farmers in Tokyo from a group of Japanese immigration supporters in the United States.

GOV. KNIGHT OF CALIFORNIA TO ADDRESS CL-ERS

Los Angeles

Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California will be main speaker and honored guest at the National Recognitions banquet, Sept. 6, one of the main events of the National JACL convention, in the combined Pacific and Sierra rooms of the Statler Hotel.

Acceptance by Gov. Knight of this invitation is significant, according to Frank Chuman, chairman of convention official events, in that it is the first time that the highest ranking state official is participating in an event of the National JACL convention.

Tom Yego, prominent JACL member of Penryn, and presently chairman of the Northern California District Council, was instrumental in obtaining Gov. Knight as speaker.

Mrs. Sumi Kashiwagi and Mrs. Chiyo Tayama are co-chairmen of the Banquet, final event of the five-day convention preceding the Sayonara Ball that evening.

This will be the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention. National Conventions are held on even numbered years as compared to conventions held by the eight district councils on odd numbered years, it was explained by Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, convention chairman.

U.S.-JAPAN SIGN PACT TO EASE DOUBLE TAX IN BOTH COUNTRIES

Tokyo

The Japanese Foreign Office has announced the signing of an agreement with the United States in Washington eliminating the possibility of double taxation of Japanese or Americans who do business across the Pacific.

Under terms of the agreement, an American living in Japan would pay a Japanese tax, but would subtract from the tax he paid Japan the amount of tax he already had paid the United States.

The highly complex agreement also provides tax relief for Japanese in the United States.

The document was signed by Japanese Ambassador to Washington Sadao Iguchi and United States Acting Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith.

Midwest Regional Office secretary resigns post

Chicago

Jean Kaita, Midwest Regional JACL office secretary, submitted her resignation as of Apr. 15, it was reported in the Chicago JACLer. She joined the office in the fall of 1951 and has been carrying on alone since Dick Akagi's resignation in May, 1952. A local committee is looking for a replacement.

It was also revealed in the monthly bulletin that she and Bill Kimura were secretly married last fall. The Kimuras live at 5222 S. Lake Park.

TWO SISTERS REIGN AS QUEEN, ATTENDANT

Honolulu

Two sisters, both freshman students at the Univ. of Hawaii, will reign as queen and lady-in-waiting at the UH Pan-Pacific Festival May 1. They are Shirley May Iwalani Hokama, 18, who broke out in tears when told she would reign as queen, and her younger sister, Patricia Ann, 17, first lady-in-waiting.

They were selected from a field of 11 finalists. The girls are of Hawaiian-Japanese-Chinese ancestry.

Longtime French Camp couple in happy retrospect at golden wedding jubilee despite earlier misfortunes

French Camp

Longtime French Camp truck gardeners, Mr. and Mrs. Yasutaro Itaya, in celebrating their golden wedding anniversary recently, evolved this definition of wedded life — "the happiness which lies in meeting adversity together as well as sharing good fortune."

They found that each adversity moved them closer to a better fortune. During the years, Itaya advanced from a field hand to a respected farmer.

The Itayas began their life together in Honolulu, where he had migrated from Japan to work in the sugar cane fields. They moved to San Francisco in 1905, he became a cook, but in the following year of the earthquake lost all their possessions.

Hit by Flood Waters

For a new start, they moved inland to Jersey Island in the San Joaquin delta to farm 550 acres of potatoes and celery. That winter, the land was inundated by flood waters. Beginning afresh, they went to the Old River Farms Co., now Union Point, and by 1912, they were successfully farming potatoes on Union Island but a depression came then leaving thousands of sacks of potatoes rotting on the levees.

Again they moved, this time to French Camp to farm under guardianship of an attorney, now Rep. Leroy Johnson. Land that was devoted to hay, grain and pasture was converted to raising of garden crops. The pioneers have lived to see most of the French Camp area cultivated to one of the richest truck garden spots in the valley.

A prominent figure with the San Joaquin Growers Market in Stockton, he was president of the Stockton Japanese Growers Association for 15 years and was instrumental before World War II in organizing the French Camp Growers Co-operative.

Evacuated to Gila

Evacuation placed them in Gila River WRA camp, then the family moved to Cleveland where he worked in a defense plant making piston heads for B-29 bombers.

"Our 40th wedding anniversary was spent at Niagara Falls, something undreamed of on our farm before the war," Itaya said. They also visited Japan in 1935 and 1940.

Itaya still takes active interest in JACL affairs and is chairman of the board of directors of the Stockton Buddhist Church. Now 76, he retired from farming three years ago and devotes his days to growing flowers and goldfish. His wife, Tsune, 69, keeps house and still supervises cooking at family reunions.

Helping to commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary were their 21 grandchildren and nine children:

Sam, Stockton barber (past Stockton JACL chapter president); Tom, Michigan farmer; Harry, grower who has been in charge of French Camp exhibit in the San Joaquin County Fair for many years (NCWNDC official); George, San Jose berry grower; Micki, Cleveland; Mrs. Mildred Hamamoto, San Jose; Mrs. Toyo Maseba, French Camp; Mrs. Pat Ota, San Mateo; and Mrs. Peggy Ohata, Lodi.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

A Bit of Japanese Culture . . .

Last week, following highly successful showings in New York City, Boston, and Philadelphia, the fabulous Azuma Kabuki dancers and musicians presented their colorful exhibition in Washington, D.C. This week, they are playing in Chicago, before moving westward to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Wherever they have appeared, they have won the plaudits of both the most hardened "critics" and the most discriminating theater-goers. Almost without exception, they have played before appreciative packed houses.

In the nation's capital, in addition to laudatory reviews, the two major newspapers both paid editorial tribute to the troupe, a rather unusual procedure for affairs of this character.

The Washington Post and Times-Herald concluded its editorial with this paragraph:

"We welcome Madame Azuma and her distinguished company for their own sake and for the sake of what we can learn from them of their native land. And we wish them good cheer and good speed in the goodwill mission they have undertaken. They will help bring East and West closer together."

The Washington Star editorialized:.

. . . *"To say that the beautiful paintings and drawings (Japan's national art treasures exhibited last year) 'came alive' through the interpretations of the Azuma group is to set forth in a single phrase the essential fact involved. The classical dance art of Japan began with religion and folklore just as the graphic arts did. Watching the Kabuki program, the spectator is afforded an insight into the sources of modern Japanese civilization. The timeless principles of beauty, conflict, aspiration and creative achievement are displayed in tableau and movement, posture and dramatic action . . ."*

Appropriately enough, the opening night was a benefit for Unofficial Ambassadors, Inc., a recently organized non-governmental organization to promote international understanding and goodwill, under the distinguished patronage of Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Ambassador of Japan, Sadao Iguchi. Honorary Committee Chairmen were Mrs. Richard Nixon and pre-war United States Ambassadors to Japan William R. Castle and Joseph C. Grew. Members of the Committee included cabinet officers, congressmen, and military leaders, as well as civic dignitaries.

What the New York Critics Say . . .

Although this is its first appearance in this country, obviously American showmanship has teamed with the traditional theatrics of the Kabuki to present a masterful and diversified program that is, at the same time, unbelievably authentic.

The costuming, of course, is beautiful by any standards. The settings are unique in their simplicity, thoroughly Japanese.

Lest we appear biased, here are excerpts of what some New York critics have said about this program.

John Martin, New York Times:

"Wonderful to see! Wonderful to hear! You need know absolutely nothing about Japanese art to enjoy it; all you need is eyes, ears and a delight in expert theater performance."

Walter Terry, New York Herald-Tribune:

"Delightful by any theatrical standards! S. Hurok has never introduced his countrymen to a more enchanting group. The stage pictures are of striking beauty . . . the costumes unforgetably sumptuous . . . A wonderfully rich evening . . . enchanting."

Robert Coleman, New York Mirror:

"Ingratiating . . . they blend drama, comedy, speech, song, dance and music into a series of fascinating works. They take you into an exotic, fantastic world."

Robert Sylvester, New York News:

"Breathtaking! The most beautiful costumes and the most colorful pageantry ever on the American stage."

Frances Herridge, New York Post:

"So skillful a fusion of all the arts, there is something for every taste . . . an experience not to be missed."

Critics elsewhere have been equally enthusiastic. Rarely has there been such universal approval and admiration for any performance.

Traditional Heritage of Nisei . . .

To Nisei who are ignorant or unaware of the cultural heritage of Japan, we recommend this program as an eye-opener. To Nisei who know Japan and her traditions, we suggest that here is an opportunity to see Kabuki dancing at its best.

To all Nisei, we urge that you take your friends and neighbors to this production in order that they will gain an insight into some of the beauty and grace of old Japan.

This is the kind of show that will make you proud of your Japanese ancestry, and proud to show it off to all Americans. For this matches the ballet and dances of Europe and the Americas.

One Nisei, after witnessing her first Kabuki dance, told me that she used to feel ashamed that she could not boast of Japanese art and theater when she heard her friends discuss the classical dances and drama of Greece, France, England and Germany. Now, she claims proudly, she knows that while Japanese music and dancing is different, it is comparable to the best in western culture.

And she is happy in the knowledge that many Americans, seeing Japanese classics for the first time, will begin to appreciate that the Orient too has and is making its contribution to world civilization and culture.

For Americans generally, the Azuma Kabuki troupe is promoting international goodwill and understanding through the universal language of art and music.

For Nisei particularly, they are revealing the cultural heritage that is theirs and which they ought to give to the United States as their contribution to the American "melting pot."

It is regrettable that this company cannot remain longer in this country and visit many more communities. It would be good for the United States; good for Japan; and good for the Nisei.

Sac'to Nipponmachi doomed by Capitol redevelopment

Sacramento

About 80 per cent of the city's Japanese business houses and surrounding residential areas will be razed to situate a tentative redevelopment plan called Capitol Mall Project.

Opposition to the plan was voiced by Attorney Henry Taketa, who felt the move to relocate residents in the 15-block area would work undue hardship on the people involved.

The Sacramento JACL is calling a public meeting next Tuesday at the YBA auditorium to discuss possibility of organizing an association to safeguard the welfare and interests of Japanese businessmen, property owners and residents within the proposed redevelopment area.

Capitol Mall Project

The project, Area No. 2-A, includes the area bounded by:

From Capitol Ave. and 6th St. north to L, west to 5th, north to J-K alley, west to 3rd, south to L, east to 4th, south to P, east to 7th, north to O, east to 8th, north to N, west to 7th, north to Capitol and back west to 6th St.

Three Japanese churches are within this area, the Buddhist Church with its huge YBA hall at 418 O St.; Baptist Church, 1525-5th St., and Konko Temple, 604 O St.

Many hotels and rooming house owners would be affected. It was estimated some 300 business and professional firms would be moved.

Court Rules OK

The original proposal was made before the war. Concrete plans were drawn up for sometime, but action was withheld pending a court decision on the legality of the state redevelopment law. Last week, the Sacramento Redevelopment Agency held its first public hearing as a result of the recent state supreme court ruling upholding the state statute.

CAPSULES

Believed to be the oldest Nisei sorority, Chi Alpha Delta of UCLA celebrates their silver anniversary at the Charter Day banquet tomorrow . . . The Pasadena Mesdames presented a $200 check to the Shonien Building Fund following their annual sembei sale . . . The Kanegoro Suzukis, 195 S. Pasadena Ave., Pasadena, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last Sunday. Mr. Suzuki is 85, Mrs. Suzuki, 77; parents of five children: Katsunoshin, Manrei (both of Tokyo), George, Grace (Mrs. Carlos Yoshimura of Chicago) and Chiyo (Mrs. Richard Itanaga of New York).

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Officers Anthony T. Muranaka and Goro Tsuchida are now members of the Chicago police . . . Sam Furuta, a JACL member since 1929, will be honored for his long continued active service by the East Los Angeles chapter, of which he has been a member since his return to the West Coast in 1946, this Saturday. Recognition is coming from National Headquarters . . . Jim Kimoto, new Richmond-El Cerrito chapter president, Univ. of California graduate in industrial management, is employed with the State Highway Division, San Francisco.

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Lt. Col. Frank Ikuno of the Army Engineers, now stationed at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver, is a member in good standing of the Mile-Hi JACL. His membership is noteworthy since he is probably one of the highest ranking Nisei military officers in active service . . .

PRESS FILE:

DIRECTOR — Thomas Masuda, attorney-at-law, was elected president of the Chicago Shimpo board of directors at their annual meeting recently.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

Tragic Note from Tamotsu

Tokyo

Varying degrees of sorrow struck this correspondent when it became necessary to file a formal document for renunciation of American citizenship in order to obtain a passport to go to the Philippine Islands.

(Last week, Tamotsu Murayama reported on his mission as chief deputy to the Japanese Boy Scout delegation attending the first national jamboree of the Filipino Scouts in Manila.)

It shall certainly be an unforgettable day in my half-century-old life—Apr. 9, 1954.

Many American friends were very sympathetic with my situation. But I must confess that I was really responsible for many other Nisei losing their U.S. citizenship due to the circumstances of war here. I myself was arrested as a spy suspect when war broke out. I was taken into various wartime activities including the Japanese army, being drafted as a second-class private toward the end of the war.

Dependent on Parents

Since many Nisei were dependent upon parents in America for their sustenance, the war was a direct threat to their daily lives. The situation was most urgent.

In many cases, I had to look after them. Jobs had to be secured where their knowledge of English would be of convenience. Consequently, many Nisei were employed by the Japanese Foreign Office, radio stations, news agencies in lieu of military service. In every instance, the Japanese wartime government ordered them to become Japanese nationals or be imprisoned as "espionage" suspects.

The choice was certainly tough with Nisei in Japan. I was able to assist many of them, but some met an even worse fate. Some boys, drafted by the army, were killed in action. Others expatriated themselves to cut off all ties with their parents, brothers and sisters in America.

Most Tragic Fate

The most tragic fate, it seems to me, is the voluntary refusal to return to their native land as American citizens. Love of native-land is something so close to the human heart, wherever you are born. When I realize that I was one responsible for such tragic consequences for some, I feel utterly down-trodden. No Nisei is to be blamed for what has happened to them here.

However, I am confident that we (expatriated Nisei) can serve the cause of Japanese-American relationship and yet benefit the cause of the Nisei. There is no one more who desires peace between the two nations than the Nisei in Japan.

Punchbowl memorial for WW2 dead requested

Honolulu

Congress has been asked to clear the way for possible establishment of a World War II memorial in the Punchbowl Military Cemetery, Honolulu.

Brig. Gen. Thomas North, secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, made the request before a House appropriations subcommittee recently.

The memorial, Gen. North said, would be a memorial for those who lost their lives in the Pacific region.

100 Japanese families in Richmond housing project

Richmond

Approximately 100 Issei and Nisei families are still occupying units in the Richmond housing project, which may be disposed for construction of new dwellings by private builders.

In Washington, the Senate Banking Committee was asked by California senators to approve legislation to allow disposal of the wartime development and permit the Richmond Redevelopment Agency to build new apartments for persons "facing dispossession."

Premier Yoshida's departure on U.S. tour delayed again

Tokyo

Premier Shigeru Yoshida's departure on the 'round-the-world trip "may be set back to June," according to Kenji Fukunaga, chief cabinet secretary. Yoshida was originally scheduled to leave May 20.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

Attention on Our 'Mailbox'

Of late, the "Mailbox" in the PC has been overworked. That is, letters of unusual lengths have been published . . . This week, the length was such that we had to produce it in the smallest type available . . . Certainly, the "mailbox" or "letters to the editor" section of any publication is among the more well-read. I have read letters in national publications, found it provoking enough to search for the old copy and read the original story . . . The general readership of this publication I always felt, probably have opinions but preferred to keep it to themselves . . . This desk has come to the happy conclusion that these opinions, no matter how wordy (although we prefer the crisp, to-the-point sort), deserve column-space.

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To indicate how provoking letters are, a bottling firm manager didn't blame the glutted market of automobiles menacing car sales, but on the sales force. Blame was not on the manufacturer, nor lack of government subsidies, but lack of salesmanship for the present state of business readjustment . . . One civic personality asks: Is public sympathy with the Communists instead of with those who are exposing them? . . . A housewife believes in her letter that "if we are to continue in our American way of life, we must combat the big lie, the multiple lie, and the innuendo which the *would-be-fighter of Communism* is employing in his committee hearings, as he accuses anyone who dares to disagree with him, of being a Communist . . . A college professor added that "the only possible way to avoid a future Yalta is to elect presidents who are not Yalta minded, who are immune to Yalta temptations" . . . One citizen suggested 100,000 Democrats and Republicans register Independent Progressive to "Americanize" that party . . . One irate writer points out there's no adequate police protection from robbery and holdups or adequate patrolling of streets against moving traffic violations, while a considerable portion of the force patrol meters for overtime parking . . . The comments, pro or con, are endless.

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Since comments, in general, are in the realm of opinion, it is natural that they be varied . . . Facts are facts. There are no "ifs" associated with them. It's either it or isn't . . . About opinions, there are the in element of speculation . . . Our way of life is such that each man, including his opinions, is as good the next man's—no matter what station is his life. . . . Of course, certain men, because of their position, are able to render a more technical or expert interpretation, but among peers of their own, there are variations . . . Feel like sounding off?

'Tempus fugit'-JACL Convention Four Months Off

Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Coffee Farmers in Comeback . . .

Prosperity is returning to the Kona coffee farmers. After many years of setbacks, the coffee growers in this hilly, volcanic district on the island of Hawaii are beginning to cash in on the high price resulting from the worldwide shortage of coffee.

Seven out of 10 coffee farmers in Kona are Japanese; 25 per cent are Filipinos, and the remaining 5 per cent, of other races.

Kona, the only spot in Hawaii which grows coffee commercially, produced a $4½ million crop last year. Lands which were abandoned during the low-price years, and new lands as well, are being cleared for planting. Both government and private agencies are opening up tracts for small farmers, and the "coffee fever" is spreading to the other islands.

The 3,500 acres now in coffee production may be doubled or even trebled within a few years.

Prices Won't Drop for 10 Years . . .

Baron Goto, who prabably knows as much about coffee growing as any one in Hawaii, predicts the price of coffee will not go down for at least 10 to 15 years, and might well go higher in the next two or three years because of the continued shortage.

Goto, who is associate director of the Univ. of Hawaii Agricultural Extension Service, has been touring the islands during the past few weeks to give the facts about coffee growing to interested persons. Edward Fukunaga, also of the Extension Service, is giving valuable assistance.

Expansion of coffee production can mean much to the Hawaiian economy, whose agricultural base at present is limited chiefly to sugar and pineapple. Since these two crops are not expanding much, coffee cultivation is being boosted to strengthen the island economy.

Hawaii Economy Boosted . . .

Last year 600 farms in Kona produced approximately 8,200,000 pounds of coffee. Growers are now receiving 65 to 70 cents a pound for "parchment" coffee as compared with 37 cents a pound only a year ago.

(After the ripened coffee berries are picked, the outer skin and pulp are removed, leaving the coffee bean with a parchment-like covering. These beans are called parchment coffee. After the parchment is removed, the beans are ready for roasting and grinding.)

Hawaii's coffee industry has had its ups and downs since the first coffee plants were introduced into the "Sandwich Islands" 125 years ago by an American missionary.

A century ago, on the island of Kauai, the coffee crop was wiped out by low prices, floods, landslides and, incidentally, the California gold rush. Laborers quit the farms to join the rush to California.

By the turn of the century, however, more than 13,000 acres were in coffee production. Farm hands at first were the native Hawaiians; they were replaced later by the Chinese and the Japanese, and still later, by the Filipinos, who were originally brought in to work on the sugar plantations.

Kona's Production Highest Per-Acre . . .

Coffee plantations operated by white men failed early in the 1900s, and the plantations were divided into small four to six acre farms, tended by individual families.

The Kona coffee industry was at its lowest during the depression years in the 1930s. Growers went heavily into debt, and many abandoned their farms and moved out of Kona. Production which declined in the 1930s and 1940s finally turned up slightly in 1950.

Kona reputedly has the highest per-acre production in the world. Its average of 2,000 pounds of "green" (ready for roasting) coffee per acre far outstrips the 350 to 500 pound average of coffee growing countries from Mexico to Brazil.

Moreover, trees in Kona's equable climate begin to bear berries in three years, a much shorter period than in Latin America.

Because of its distinctive aroma, Kona coffee is especially in demand for blending with other varieties.

Hawaii's 442nd veterans to 'invade' Europe with music and hula skirts

Honolulu

Replacing the bullets and bayonets of a decade ago, Hawaii's 442nd combat team veterans will soon make a new kind of invasion of Europe—this time with the Islands' world-famous music and hula dancers.

Five 442nd veterans, all accomplished Hawaiian musicians, accompanied by two hula dancers, are scheduled to leave here Apr. 25 by plane on a six months' goodwill tour of Europe, including France. Italy, the Scandinavian countries and Germany.

They will visit battlefields in France and Italy, and also entertain both former allies and foes during their tour.

Heading the group which will be known as the 442nd Goodwill Tour Ambassadors will be John Tsukano, who will strum the ukulele. Others will include Robert Umeda and Charles Taketa, guitar players; Jiro Watanabe, steel guitar, Kazuo Tojio, ukulele; Merna M. Tilton, 20, and Emmaline K. Aki, 21, hula dancers.

One World fiesta

Denver

As in past years, various forms of Japanese art and entertainment will be a part of the YWCA "One World"s Fiesta, May 7-8, at the YWCA, 1545 Tremont Pl., it was annbunced by Miss A. F. Whitcomb, program coordinator.

Watsonville VFW

Watsonville

The local Nisei VFW post charter has been approved and No. 9446 has been assigned by the National VFW. Election and installation of officers will be held Apr. 28.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saito, Mr. and Mrs. Yakei Nayematsu, Mrs. Suna Shirasago and Harry Mikami.

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Well-known Fresno Issei among 118 naturalized

Fresno

Many well-known residents of Central California were among the Issei who were admitted to U.S. citizenship the first week of April after they took their oath of allegiance before Judge Arthur C. Shepard of the Fresno County superior court.

Setsugo George Sakamoto, who was named Mr. Fresno of 1953 by the Fresno Post No. 4 of the American Legion and is one of the outstanding Issei leaders of the state, was in the group who appeared Apr. 8.

The list of new citizens below includes names of Fowler residents listed last week:

Kanichi Aoki, Yachiyo Aoki, Chisayo Fujita, Otona Hagihara, Yoshiko Hata, Henry Hiroshige Hirose, Masano Hirose, Masaharu Horii, Taka Ibara, Masataro Ichibana, Mine Ichibana.

George Katsugi Ikawa, Ben Chujiro-Ishida, Ishi Ishida, Hisa Katsuki, Tom Kiyomoto, Konami Kobori, Yoshitsugu Koda, Kane Kodama, Hisano Komoto, Harry Shigeji Konishi.

Fred Iwao Kuda, Chiyo Kuramoto, Henry Teizo Masuda, Chiyoto Matsumoto Ayako Mayebo, Shinobu Mikami, Shizuyo Miyamoto, Tadaichi Morimatsu, Harry Nigoro Nagai, Gen Tsutomu Nakagawa, Yoshimi Nakahira.

Kiyomoto Nakano, Jutaro Nakata, Masa Yoshimoto, George Masahi Hashimoto, Fukitaro Inouye, Naka Ishii, Koharu Kubota, Sei Morita, Misa Ninomiya, Yasuye Nishida.

Hisao Nobuhiro Komitsu Odaka, Rikio Okada, Henry Yoshiyuki Okamoto, Hichigoro Okamura, Kenso Henry Okamura, Misao Okino, Tom Torazo Ouchi, Yashizo Ouchi, Gisuke Sato.

Take Sano, Eiko Sekiya, Tomeye Shimizu, Tokio Shirakawa, Kakuichi Sunamoto, Momoko Taira, Tome Tajiri, Ayano Takanishi, Masuye Takusagawa, George Kiyoshi Tanaka.

Vic Tsukasa Ueki, Rai Wada, Elizabeth Izumi Washiya, Kazue Watari, Shigeo Arthur Yamabe, Toyo Yamamoto, Jim Sakae Yokota, Tatsuzo Tom Yoshimoto, Kyoichi Fujito, Ayako Hirabayashi, Shizuko Mayeda.

Matsujiro Muramatsu, Hiroshi Henry Nakai, Masao Nakamura, Kameno Nakashima, Yoshi Ogawa, Katsu Sanbongi, Asano Teraoka, Hina Tsuboi, Harry Masao Wakida, Hisa Yamigawa.

Hiroshi Abiko, Paul Kahei, Fujiwara, Magoso Ibara, Sugimatsu Ikeda, Shigeto Thomas Ito, Koichi Kamikawa, Masui Kawamura, Takashi Kawana, Jisaku Kazato, Kaoru Kobashi.

Ichitoku Kuda, Toyoso Kuramoto, George Gunzo Miyamoto, Harry Heimatsu Nakashima, Masakazu Nakashima, Joe Nishida, Kakuro Nobuhiro, Tetsuji George Nobusada, Kanbei Nomura, Tamaichi, George Setsugo George Sakamoto, Shigeru Ochaiai.

Sanshiro Ogawa, Kanchi Renge, Sano, Juzo Shiga, Umanosuke Shiine, Kikutaro Shimizu, George Kametaro Taketomo, Seijiro Umemura, Kuichi Uyeda, Frank Shigeo Washiya.

Henry Kyuichi Yamada, Jiro Yamagiwa, Kisaku Yokoyama, Kenichiro Zenimura.

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Chicago

Eighty elderly Japanese were scheduled to become naturalized citizens last Tuesday morning at the U.S. courthouse here before Judge Philip L. Sullivan.

The unusual aspect of the ceremony was the presence of Otoshiro Kuroda, Japanese consul. Oldest being prepared for naturalization was Ushitaro Otake, 77, who came to the U.S. in 1910.



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Elderly Issei finally made to believe Japan war over, files address report

Honolulu

A Japanese farmer, indicted on a charge of violating the immigration law, says Japan won World War II "and you can't make me believe otherwise."

The farmer, Kametoku Tomei, 64, was accused of refusing to file an annual alien address report and the United States attorney's office said he insisted that Hawaii is part of Japan.

"Hawaii is a part of Japan," Tomei told a reporter. "Everything else is a pack of lies."

Children Embarrassed

Tomei's children, all born here and United States citizens, left home several years ago. They were angered and embarrassed said the eldest son, Shigemichi Tomei.

"We tried everything to explain the true situation to him," Shigemichi said. "He wouldn't believe us. I even offered him money to take a trip to Japan to see for himself but he refused, saying the time had not come to visit Japan yet."

Asked why United States law was in effect if Hawaii is part of Japan, Tomei replied: "It takes time to set up a new administration but the Japanese administration will come within this year."

One of Tomei's sons was wounded in the Korean War, but the farmer said: "There was no Korean War. My son probably was injured in some Army maneuvers."

Finally Believes War Over

Tomei said he would believe Japan lost the war "if the emperor sent a representative" but added: "The emperor would not do such a thing."

Last Monday, a representative from the Japanese consulate-general explained to the aged farmer that the war was over and Tomei believed.

SHIRAKAWA DEFEATED IN FOWLER CITY ELECTIONS

Fowler

Fowler citizens in a local election last week failed to return City Councilman Tom Shirakawa, incumbent, to office. William Margill won, polling 219 votes. The Nisei received 117 votes.

It was the first time in Central California that a Nisei name was on a city government election slate.

IN HONOR OF

Isao Fujimoto, active Berkeley Bussei, was selected as group leader of delegates bound for Indonesia this summer. The Ford Foundation has granted funds for the Univ. of California Cal-Indo goodwill project. From Madrone, Calif., he was recently accepted into the Univ. of California medical school while still in his junior year.

Pvt. Kenneth T. Hirano, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hirano of Hilo, was chosen Soldier of the Day at the Army's transportation center, Ft. Eustis, Va. The award was based on the soldier's character, neatness, knowledge and military bearing. He was enlisted aide-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Frank Besson, camp commander. The one-time Iowa State College student's father is well-known to JACLers, having attended the national convention in Chicago, 1950.

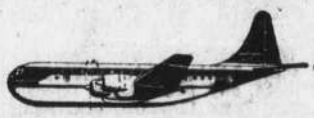
Lodi Buddhist Church building new edifice

Lodi

A $55,000 Lodi Buddhist Church soon will be built at 23 N. Stockton. Initial part of project is the razing of the present church structure.

The new church will have a seating capacity of 200 with extra facilities to bring the maximum to 250 to 275 persons.

The building will be part single-story and the remainder two-story. The latter portion at the rear of the building will house meeting rooms. A basement will be used for recreation and banquets.


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Chicago Corner

SMOKY SAKURADA

Around Windy City . . .

● Over 800 attended a community testimonial last week at the Morrison Hotel to honor over 125 Nisei veterans of Chicago home from the Korean campaign. Certificates of appreciation from the City of Chicago were presented to those present by IRVING J. BREAKSTONE, sr. v.-comm., Dept. of Illinois, American Legion. A tribute and scroll was presented to HERSHEY MIYAMURA of Gallup, N.M., Medal of Honor winner, by SHIG WAKAMATSU . . . A presentation was made to Gold Star Mother, Mrs. HANAYO INOKUCHI by CORKY KAWASAKI. The 5th Army Band rendered several selections;. the Chicago Nisei American Legion Post presented and retired the colors. The Rev. JITSUO MORIKAWA, Rev. GEORGE AKI and Rev. ANDREW Y. OYAMA recited the invocation, memoriam and benediction, respectively. Greetings were extended by NOBORU HONDA, HARRY K. MAYEDA, TAHEI MATSUNAGA, Lt. Col. JOSEPH McCARTHY (Medal of Honor recipient in World War II) representing the Mayor, JOE SAGAMI and Capt. WILLARD E. CHAMBERS, Fifth Army.

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A modern melodrama and a "chambara" movie are to be shown at the Boy Scout Troop 515 benefit May 1-2, 7 p.m., at the Chicago Buddhist Church. Titles are "Shinjumo" and "Abare Kojinyama."

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The Art Institute (Apr. 15-May 15) is exhibiting rare 18th-century Japanese prints of many colors concerning the Kabuki theater of 200 years ago in honor of the Azuma troupe.

Of People . . .

● PETER WALZ, a Chippewa Indian from Minnesota and Bureau of Indian Affairs representative here, spoke at the monthly JACL chapter meeting . . . The Mam'selles installed their 1954 officers at Como Inn recently.

Fumi Matsushita, pres.; Kay Kitahata, v.p.; Lillian Oda, rec. sec.; Janet Hirota, cor. sec.; Sachi Hirota, treas.; Mrs. Jane Gordon, ICC rep.; Judy Tanaka, pub.-hist.

● Last week, *The Corner* sketched the former TAKAYO TSUBOUCHI of Chicago, now Mrs. DEAN DORAN, upon receipt of a birth announcement of daughter TAYA. Both mother and child are now back in Milton, Mass. . . . Husband Dean, born in Hingham, Mass., on May 9, 1930, attended grade school there, then moved to 17 Gordon Rd., Milton, in 1941. He attended Adm. Farragut Academy, New Jersey prep school, in 1946-1948; Tufts College, 1948-1951, transferring to Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., and graduated with a B.S. in mathematics and physics . . . During the summers of 1948-1953, he operated his fishing craft from Mattapaisett, Mass., for sports fishermen seeking catches from mackeral to swordfish. Dean hooked two broadbills in '52, one weighing over 500 lbs. He is licensed to operate passenger-carrying motor boats . . . He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September, 1953, at Bainbridge, Md.; sent to USN Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla., last January. Finishing as honor man of his company, he will next study at the Navy school of meteorology at Lakehurst, N.J. . . . His father, JOHN THOMAS DORAN, is a prominent Boston architect with Cram & Ferguson. Her sister, ROSAMOND, is employed as head librarian at the Frankfort, Germany, Air Force base library. His brother, STEVEN PETE, is a sophomore at Rollins, majoring in business administration and a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

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Midwest District Council prepares for May 29-30 meeting in St. Louis

Chicago

Receiving an invitation from the Eastern District Council for a joint EDC-MDC convention in 1955 with Washington, D.C., chapter as hosts, this subject is expected to be one of the agenda items of the next Midwest District Council meeting May 29-30 at Forest Park Hotel, St. Louis.

The MDC meeting will also afford the eight Midwest chapters an opportunity to meet once prior to the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles, Sept. 2-6. Dr. Alfred Morioka and Joseph K. Tanaka are co-chairmen of the meeting.

The two-day meeting will include all-day business, an outdoor barbecue in the evening and a reception for early-comers on May 28.

Registration fee is $5 to include luncheon, barbecue and registration.

The convention site is near the 1,400-acre Forest Park, nationally known for its zoo, art museum and summer musicals.

Omaha CL installs '54 cabinet group

Omaha

Some 90 persons attended the Omaha JACL installation banquet Mar. 27 at the Boystown Reception Center. Atty. Robert A. Fraser, past president of the local junior chamber of commerce and chairman of the Red Cross and Communist Chest here, was the main speaker on the topic of Citizenship.

Also honored were 11 newly naturalized Issei, presented by Charles A. Rains, naturalization official. The Issei were:

Max Hanamoto, Tom S. Arikawa, Mrs. S. K. Yoden, Mrs. Ai Egusa, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kanamine, Joe Shinyeda, Fred Oniki, Tom Watanabe, Kazuo Takechi and Mr. Waniya.

Jack Tamai, retiring president, extended a welcome and expressed appreciation of the '53 cabinet for a successful year. The Rev. Edmond Walsh of Boystown made a presentation to the old officers:

Jack Tamai, pres.; Lily Okura, 1st v.p.; Sam Tsuji, 2nd v.p.; Manuel Matsunami, treas.; Em Nakadoi, cor sec.; Emiko Watanabe, rec. sec.; Melvin Yamaguchi, mem.-at-lrg.

Nancy Tompkins rendered musical selections, accompanied by Lily Okura. Carol Doi recited the Japanese American Creed before Kiyoshi Patrick Okura, 2nd national JACL vice-president, installed the new officers.

Frank Tamai, pres.; Manuel Matsunami, 1st v.p.; Max Hanamoto, 2nd v.p.; Sam Tsuji, treas.; Emiko Watanabe, cor. sec.; Gladys Hirabayashi, rec. sec.; Chick Matsui, mem.-at-lrg.

Closing remarks were extended by Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, banquet chairman. Robert Nakadoi, toastmaster, introduced the following guests:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDaw, state budget director; State Sen. and Mrs. Charles Turdik; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Krell, chief probation officer of Juvenile Court; Sheriff and Mrs. Richard Collins; City Commissioner John Rosenblatt.

Banquet committeemen were:

Mrs. Kimi Takechi, Gladys Hirabayashi, Kay Hirabayashi, Chiyeko Tamai, Pat Okura, Jack Tamai and the chapter cabinet.

Parlier's 1000ers

Parlier

The Parlier JACL of 123 members announced its roster of 13 1000 Club members this past week. Jim Kozuki and Gerald Ogata were 1000 Club campaigners here. The roster:

Bill Tsuji, Kazuo Komoto, Byrd Kumataka, Ralph Kimoto, Ronald Ota, Noboru Doi, Ito Okamura, Clark Miyakawa, Kengo Osumi, Ted Katsura, Richard Migaki, Jim Kozuki and Gerald Ogata.

Chicago music pageant

Chicago

Miss Shizuko Inbe and her dance pupils and instrumentalists will participate in the Music Pageant of the Illinois Federation of Music Clubs, May 8, at the Medinah Temple, 600 N. Wabash Ave.

The troupe representing Japanese culture is being sponsored by the Resettlers Committee. Performers include:

Mrs. Suzu Okawa, Mrs. Masako Kunamatsu, Noboru Wakayama, Mrs. Margaret Fujimoto and Mrs. Noboru Katayama.

CHAPTER MEMO

Chicago JACL: The 852 Hop sponsored by the membership committee scheduled for Apr. 24 at the McCormick Y has been postponed.

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Stockton JACL: Dr. C. W. Copeland, chief civil defense warden of Stockton, dramatized with movies and a speech the role of civil defense at a JACL-sponsored meeting last week at Buddhist hall.

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Cortez JACL: Kazumi Miyamoto is in charge of the chapter-sponsored annual community picnic this Sunday at the Cortez ball park.

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West Los Angeles JACL: While a quota of 320 members was eyed by the chapter membership solicitors this year, over 300 have been signed and a drive to reach the 400 mark was revealed in the chapter newsletter "Action," which made its first appearance last week. The printed publication edited by Steve Yagi features community news as well as chapter items. In charge of the membership drive are Aki Ohno and Dave Akashi.

The first chapter meeting of the year will be held tonight at the Community Methodist Church Educational Bldg., 7:30 p.m., with Elmer Uchida, chapter president presiding. Mike Ikuta is in charge of the social period with Midori Nishi and committee handling refreshments. Gene Parker will present to demonstrate ballroom dancing and will welcome students of the chapter-sponsored class.

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Arizona JACL: Lessons in square dancing are being offered starting May 5 and continuing on Friday nights the rest of the month, it was announced by Helen Tanita and Miyo Iwakiri, co-chairmen. Assessment will be determined by the number of pupils . . . The chapter is sponsoring a Saturday night summer mixed bowling league at Phoenix Bowling Center starting May 1. In charge are:

Tak Nomura, Jim Kobashi, Lindy Okabayashi and Frances Teraji.

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Parlier JACL: Against the backdrop of picturesque rolling hills on the road to Yosemite, the JACL-sponsored community picnic Apr. 11 attracted 500 residents and friends. Bill Tsuji, field deputy, at the same time, registered voters . . . A pre-harvest outing is tentatively scheduled for May 23 with Ralph Kimoto in charge.

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Washington, D.C., JACL: An estimated 115 attended the annual potluck dinner at Joppa Lodge recently. Dinner was prepared by 35 families. Carol Tsuda and John Katsu led what was described as the loudest songfest in recent years—"the children certainly have grown," the D.C. News Notes remarked. Japanese songs were rendered by Glaydce Takemori and Henry Shima; Hawaiian songs by George Koga and Walter Hee, and solo by Ham Miyamoto. A skit starring Gladyce Takemori, Carol Tsuda, John Katsu and George Furukawa proved hilarious. On the entertainment committee were:

Kathleen Iseri, chmn.; Carol Tsuda, Miyeko Kosobayashi and Ben Nakao.

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St. Louis JACL: The chapter held its Easter Egg hunt at Forest Park last Sunday afternoon . . . The membership drive is currently being conducted. Ichiro Mori, 1391 Hamilton Ave., St. Louis 12, is in charge.

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French Camp-Tracy JACL: The annual community picnic this Sunday will be held at the Bradley Ranch on French Camp Rd., with George Komure and Bob Ota as co-chairmen.

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San Francisco JACL: The new look of the chapter newsletter features masthead designed by Arnold Fujita, artist employed by Foote, Cone & Belding Co., top national advertising agency. As of Apr. 10, Hisashi Tani, membership chairman, reported chapter's roll to include 450 names. Team captains are:

Kei Hori, Tom Hoshiyama, Tosh Kubokawa, Alice Shigezumi, Kaye Uyeda and Yas Abiko.

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Downtown L.A.: Michael Lombardi, member of the advisory staff of the Azuma Kabuki dancers, addressed and showed colored slides of the Kabuki troupe yesterday at the chapter meeting at Ginza Sukiyaki House. Kei Uchima was program chairman.

APPOINTMENTS

FOR MIKE MASAOKA, Washington JACL Representative: May 8 — Issei Banquet, Cincinnati, O.

CHICAGO CHAPTER SIGNS UP 810 MEMBERS TO LEAD NATIONALLY

Chicago

The Chicago JACL chapter was assured last week that it would maintain its membership lead when 810 were signed up—far ahead of any previous year for the time of the year, according to Dr. Joe Nakayama, vice-president in charge.

The membership drive is expected to end by the end of April. Last year, the chapter boasted 862 members.

Parlier CL plans float in annual Roundup parade

Parlier

The local JACL chapter will again participate in the annual Veterans Round-up, scheduled May 16 and sponsored by the Parlier Raisin American Legion commanded this year by Tad Kanemoto.

The gala affair is topped with a civic parade. The chapter is frantically searching for a sweepstakes winner with its limited expenses. Bob Okamura, chairman of the float committee, is assisted by:

Kazuo Komoto, Kengo Osumi and Noboru Doi.

San Diego CL to fete Issei

San Diego

Nearly 60 newly naturalized Issei citizens will be honored at a banquet sponsored by the JACL chapter here to be held on Wednesday, May 5, it was announced by Hiomi Nakamura, chapter president.

A beautifully inscribed commendation certificate will be presented to each naturalized Issei, it was revealed. Many members of the local Japanese American community as well as civic dignitaries will attend the mid-week dinner at the recently opened Miyako Cafe, 566-4th Ave. with the program scheduled to being at 7:30 p.m.

Following is the list of the new citizens:

Florence Asakawa, Hachisaku Asakawa, Osamu Asakawa, Mary Michiko Armold, Ainosuke Esaki, Gunji Fujimoto, George Fujimoto, Hama Fujimoto, Takichi Hirai, Matsuno Hirai, Fukujiro Hamaguchi, Tama Higashi, Yonkichi Ito, Hiroko Kubota, Meishi Kitsunai, Masanori Koba, Shizue Koba, Ben Kato, Kikuzo Katsumata, Koma Katsumata, Chiyo Karamoto, Yoshi Kikuchi, Sanichi Sam Kawano, Sojiro Kawano, Kiyo Muraoko, Sumi Miyashita, Fred Murayama, Koshiro Miura, Ekino Matsumoto, Chiyoko Matsumoto, Saburo Muraoka, Seichi Matsumoto, Mary Haruko Miura, Unjiro Muraoka.

Jintaro Nishibayashi, Yoshie Nishibayashi, Utako Nakamura, Kaji Ono, Shizutaro Ono, Asajiro Okasaki, Michiko Okuma, Toraichi Ozaki, Itsu Ozaki, Itsuye Sugita, Komune Sogo, Aizo Sogo, Tsutaye Sato, Misuye Segawa, Moritaka Tsuneyoshi, Namie Tsuida, Keisosuke Tanaka, Tokuko Tanaka, Haruye Tsuneyoshi, Sode Doi Vetter, Hatsu Yahiro, Frank Yonekura, Motoji Yada and Yukine Yamamoto.

Newsletters Received: West Los Angeles (Apr.), East Los Angeles, Chicago, Richmond-El Cerrito.

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San Benito CLer's packing firm

San Juan Bautista

The expanding choice packaged vegetable industry has forced Packers Inc., of San Juan to move plant facilities from Hollister to the former Regas shed in the mission city.

George Nishita, president of the firm, and staunch San Benito County JACLer, announced that the shift was made last month. The company moved its equipment from a rented warehouse in Hollister to the Regas shed on Fourth street in San Juan.

The firm began operations in Hollister last June after renting the warehouse in March. Increased business has forced the shift to San Juan where more room is available.

Heads Company

Nishita heads the company. Vice president is his brother, Frank, and Fred Rippel is secretary-treasurer.

An agreement has been worked out with the Salinas National Bank whereby Packers Inc., will have an option to buy the Regas shed if business keeps up its steady climb. Right now the company is distributing to chain stores in California with occasional shipments going elsewhere.

Cellophane-wrapped products of the packing firm include salad, soup and chop suey mixes, brussel sprouts, bean sprouts and spinach. Produce used in the pack comes from the San Juan valley and, when not available locally, from Castroville, Salinas, Watsonville and San Jose.

More Shed Workers

The Nishitas have been shipping vegetables by truck from Hollister with 12 or more workers employed in their plant. Eventually they hope to employ as many as 30 packing shed workers.

The Nishitas produce a considerable amount of the vegetables packed on their Breen road ranch. Dennis Nishita, a third brother, is in charge of the farming operation.


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Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

370 Issei Processed . . .

Last week, Monday through Friday, I spent my time at the Immigration and Naturalization Office, 630 Sansome St., to coordinate the assistance from the JACL which was necessary in order to examine and process about 370 Issei for citizenship. Practically the entire staff of the naturalization section of the Service was utilized to file petitions for these Issei. Never before have so many Issei been examined and processed for citizenship in a single week.

The major credit goes to HAROLD J. HART, chief of the nationality and status section, for his willingness to co-operate and to use every legitimate and reasonable method in which to facilitate the processing of citizenship for our Issei. Thanks are due to the JACL chapters and members who furnished the clerical help and interpreters in order to insure the success of this big project. (This one week saw as many petitioners examined as the Naturalization Service usually does in a whole month.)

Among the persons who deserve credit for their voluntary help were: Mrs. MASAKO MINAMI and PAUL TOMITA—Eden Township chapter; Mrs. MARGARET UTSUMI and TAK TACHIKI—Oakland chapter; ALBERT KOSAKURA, SHIGERU JIO and YUKIO KAWAMOTO—Berkeley chapter; GRACE HATA and MARVIN URATSU—Richmond-El Cerrito chapter; HENRY SHIMIZU and FRANK ODA—Sonoma County; JOHN YUMOTO —San Mateo chapter; KATHERINE REYES and SACHI UEDA—San Francisco chapter and I. RIKIMARU—Sequoia chapter.

The only such group examinations in Japanese conducted in the whole country are those in Northern California. A very successful similar project was held in Sacramento recently under the auspices of the Sacramento JACL chapter. Both the Immigration and Naturalization Service and JACL chapters are to be highly commended for the fine spirit of coooperation which is enabling the dreams of so many of our Issei to come true.

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We are especially grateful to Harold J. Hart for his gracious words of appreciation. "The Service is greatly indebted to the JACL office for the excellent cooperation and assistance which made possible this project."

Plans for another series of group examinations are being made for sometime in May to finish up the Issei petitioners who could not be included last week. This will raise a total number of Issei in Northern California who have either received their citizenship or filed their petitions and been examined to about 1,500, which is far more than the rest of the United States combined.

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Registration of Issei Voters . . .

Through contacts made with the local Registrar of Voters office, an evening was set aside by the San Francisco JACL chapter to register new Issei citizens as voters. JUN IWAMOTO, deputy registrar of voters, supervised a crew of four other registrars for a surprisingly large number of Issei who turned out.

A final report showed that 105 persons mostly Issei, registered that evening. Orchids to the San Francisco JACL Chapter and to the crew who assisted who were: SETS ASANO, VI NAKANO, SUMI HONNAMI, TESS HIDESHIMA, JERRY ENOMOTO, HELEN TERAZAWA, SGT. TOM BUTLER, LUCY ADACHI, KAYE UYEDA and HATSURO AIZAWA.

A brief explanation of Social Security, Old-Age Assistance and notification of American citizenship to the Japanese Government was made by yours truly.

Following the registration, refreshments were served to the Issei registrants.

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Hot Wind a-Blowing . . .

Last week's PC carried an article concerning the National JACL membership drive. Looks like the Mile-Hi JACL chapter of Denver and the Chicago chapter are beating their gums about who is the *bestest with the mostest.* As far as chapter membership is concerned, I think that the Denver chapter ought to be highly commended because, considering their population potential, they have a remarkably high number of JACL members.

Chicago is doing very well although they have a membership potential second only to Los Angeles. However, we would take exception to Miss FUMI KATAGIRI, Denver membership chairman's vow "to pass Chicago and to make the California chapters look silly in their mediocre membership drives."

Geographically, this is quite unexpected because from Chicago and Denver, we would expect cold air instead of hot air especially at this time of the year. Maybe Fumi has us confused with the Pacific Southwest.

At any rate, let's look at the chapters and the eight District Councils relative to their total membership.

According to the National JACL membership bulletin, March 30, 1954, the Pacific Northwest had 173 members; Central California, 260 members; Pacific Southwest, 108 members; the Intermountain, 479 members; the Mountain Plains (which includes Denver) 571 members; the Midwest (which includes Chicago) 556 members and the Eastern District Council, 124 members. The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council had a total of 1,987 members *which is almost as much as the other seven District Councils combined.*

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Of course, the final criterion of a Chapter or a District Council's effectiveness is not just the gross membership alone, but rather how well they function in meeting the national goals of the JACL and providing for the welfare of Japanese Americans.

In this area our Chapters are second to none and some of the indications may be found in the preceding paragraphs of this column. The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council has been and still is bulwark of the JACL.

Southwest L.A. appliance store in eighth year of expanding business

Los Angeles

Entering its eighth year of business here is Tamura & Co., well known Seinan district appliance store which had its start in Gardena in 1947.

Since then it has expanded under the energetic leadership of its young proprietor Katsumi Tamura. Its main store is located at 2724 W. Jefferson Blvd., a factory branch at 2200 W. Jefferson and warehouses at 39th-Western and at Jefferson-Halldale as well as two branches doing business among the Caucasian trade, the A and C Furniture store, 6068 Atlantic Blvd., Long Beach, and Vermont Sales Appliance Department, 823 Gardena Blvd., Gardena.

The Seinan district firm now employs a staff of 15 full-time workers on sales service and office and five part-time salesmen.

The company boasts a total floor space of 15,000 square feet and its fleet includes two large furniture trucks, two panel deliveries, a pickup and other service cars. "Our aim is to give the best service possible," Tamura states.

Well known lines are handled by the firm including:

Appliances — Hotpoint, General Electric, Westinghouse, Servel, Maytag, Whirlpool, O'Keefe and Merritt, Wedgewood, Roper, etc.; Eastern furniture—Broyhill, Bernhard, Bassett, United, American and Ball-Knob and also local lines; Radio-TV —RCA, Packard-Bell, Zenith, Philco, Dumont, etc.

Tamura, 34, is married to the former Haruko Suzuki and the couple have one child. Tamura managed the appliance department of Samura Co. in Gardena before the war. He is now also president of the Ravenscroft Electronics Co., wholesale parts and supplies firm which is managed by his brother, Yukio, who is a junior partner of Tamura and Company along with G. Kubota. Tamura has long been a generous contributor and supporter of the JACL.

Canada-Japan tariffs

Ottawa

Canada agreed to lower tariffs on Japanese goods, but reserved the right to impose heavy duties if imports seriously threaten Canadian industry. Japan has agreed to accord equal treatment. The agreement will be effective after ratification by parliaments of both countries.

NEW HORIZONS:

Two schedules released

By EDISON T. UNO
JACL Convention Public Relations Director

Los Angeles

Frank Chuman, chairman of official events, 13th Biennial National JACL convention, announced the following schedule this past week:

National Council Sessions: Daily, Sept. 2-6 (except Sunday, Sept. 5), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Opening Ceremonies:** Sept. 2, 7:30-10:30 p.m. **Banquet:** Sept. 6, 6-10 p.m. **Luncheons:** Sept. 2 and 4, 12 noon. **Sayonara Ball:** Sept. 6, 10:30 p.m. **1000 Club Affair:** Sept. 4, time to be announced. **Issei Banquet:** Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m. **Chapter Clinic:** To be announced.

The schedule of special events, chaired by Harry Fujita, was released as follows:

Convention Mixer: Sept. 2, 10:30 p.m. **Convention Outing:** Sept. 5, noon to midnight at Royal Palms, Palos Verdes Estate. **Fashion Show:** Sept. 4, 1:30-3 p.m. **Fishing Derby:** Sept. 4, all day at Catalina. **Golf Tournament:** Sept. 4-5, Fox Hills C.C. **Bridge Tournament:** Sept. 4, 2-6 p.m. **Tennis, Bowling, Sightseeing Tours:** To be announced.

This tentative schedule of events is assurance that the New Horizons Convention will be an experience no one will want to miss. Every minute of the five-day convention has been planned to offer maximum of enjoyment and relaxation mixed with the interesting business of the National Council.

Pre-registration Reminder

All persons planning to attend the convention are urged to pre-register immediately. You may do so by sending $3 to the registration chairman:

Mrs. Mabel Ota,
3660 Cimarron,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Everyone who pre-registers will be given an opportunity to win an additional bonus prize of $300. Pre-registration is necessary to provide working funds for the convention committees and to eliminate the tremendous paper work that jams the registration desk on opening day. The Pacific Citizen will publish periodically the names of all pre-registrants.

All official chapter delegates are reminded that their $3 pre-registration fees should be sent to Mrs. Ota as soon as possible.

Queen Contest

The Pacific Southwest District queen contest was announced by chairman, Hisashi Horita. The queen will be crowned Miss JACL of 1954 and will be escorted by two attendants.

Although this is a local district council contest, I thought members of our national organization would be interested to know that one of beauty, charm and personality will be their official hostesses. I understand that eight candidates have been considered by various chapters and that it will be only a short time before their pictures will appear in the press.

I was about to make a prediction that some Los Angeles girl would win the title; however, a recent report from the San Diego and Orange County chapters boast of sure winners. I have yet to see the Arizona Chapter to be out done by the Californians, so I'll stick my neck out and predict that they have a candidate within a month of this report.

I heard that one Los Angeles chapter is having a difficult time making a choice because five girls have entered the race for chapter endorsement.

Mountain Plains region meets 1000 Club quota

Denver

With the recent signing of fifth year member Robert Nakadoi and his wife, Em, a third year member, in the 1000 Club, the Mountain Plains JACL regional quota of 50 members has been fulfilled, it was noted by James Imatani, regional 1000 Club chairman.

However, Imatani requested any community-minded Nisei in the area to send in their renewals to the Mountain Plains regional office, 1225-20th St., Denver 2.

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MAILBOX

Clarify Misunderstanding

Editor: In the hope of clearing up an apparent misunderstanding, I am responding to Mas Yonemura's letter (PC, Apr. 16) in regard to the ACLU.

First, I want to make it perfectly clear that I believe that the American Civil Liberties Union is a great American organization which is devoted to the cause of civil liberties.

I so believe in the ACLU that I am now serving a two-year term as one of the directors on the Executive Board of the Colorado branch of the ACLU. In such capacity, I am also co-chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization section of the Colorado ACLU.

Membership Since 30s

As a member (and my membership dates back to my college days in the early 1930's) and as an officer of the Colorado ACLU, the matter of the Matoba case was called to the attention of the Executive Board and Executive Secretary of the Colorado ACLU, during the summer of 1953.

Prior to Feb. 15, 1954, I was advised that the American Civil Liberties Union, under its national policies, would not and could not undertake to intervene in any case at the trial court level, but would interest itself only in cases on appeal.

I am advised by our branch office that such policy of the ACLU has been changed at the biennial meeting held on Feb. 15, 1954 in New York, and that the ACLU will now undertake to assist in cases at the trial court level.

We appreciate and understand that branch organizations may have followed and adopted policies at variance with the national policy in this regard.

Mas Yonemura corrects me in saying that the Northern California ACLU offered to assist in the Tsuji case. I stand corrected, and confess error in generalizing on the Tsuji case on the basis of the national ACLU policy.

But, so far as the Matoba case in Denver is concerned, the record is clear that the Colorado ACLU declined to assist or to intervene, even when requested, in the Matoba case. We do not therefore hold a grudge against the ACLU, but understood that it was a matter of basic, national ACLU policy at that time.

We do not contend, nor did we intend to leave the impression that the ACLU "let the Issei down in the 5-F cases." We were advised the ACLU would not participate in the Matoba case at the trial level.

Where no obligation was assumed in the first instance, we do not imply that anyone was "let down."

The Colorado ACLU advised that it would be extremely concerned if the case went up on appeal, and requested that they be kept advised of developments.

In Disagreement

We disagree fundamentally with Mas Yonemura in his contention that since the 5-F issue arose in connection with a petition for naturalization that no civil liberties were involved. We contend that regardless of how the issue arose, the result, if the I&NS had been sustained, would have been a serious deprivation of basic rights and liberties, to which petitioner should have been entitled as a matter of law.

We are aware of the legalism that calls citizenship a "privilege." But if petitioner is otherwise qualified, to deny that privilege or basic right on the basis of administrative interpretation involves a fundamental question which ought to be the legitimate concern of the ACLU and civil libertarians.

Mas Yonemura mentions some of the curfew cases. We are somewhat familiar with the Yasui case, and the other cases. We know that before the U.S. Supreme Court, both the ACLU and the JACL, and other organizations, submitted amicus curiae briefs, and we are deeply appreciative and grateful.

Human Weaknesses

So far as Mas' enthusiasm in stating that the ACLU is "uncompromising and utterly fearless" in the defense of civil liberties, I am afraid that all organizations are made up of human beings, and all human beings have weaknesses.

In particular, we find that the National ACLU statement in regard to the nature of the Communist threat to be weasel-worded, and especially so when it was rejected by a national referendum and rejected by the biennial national convention in New York.

But, we do not wish to quarrel with Mas Yonemura about the ACLU. He believes that it is a good oorganization. So do we.

Unfortunately, the Pacific Citizen reprint on Mar. 26th of my article on the 5-F cases was only a condensed version, and some of the quotes were so abbreviated as to give the wrong impression.

Re: Assimilation

I note that the quote about answering Nisei who preach becoming a part of the larger community makes me sound as though I oppose assimilation. The fact is that I thoroughly believe that Nisei must assimilate into the American culture. But I don't believe that it is a necessary corollary that therefore Nisei organizations ought to be abandoned.

The remark was made in La Junta o. National Director Mas Satow that Nisei could just as well join community organizations, and forget about the JACL. But such people forget that community organizations are not organized and cannot be mobilized to meet the specialized problems involving persons of Japanese ancestry.

Although I have affiliation with some 52 or more community organizations in Denver, and have served as an officer in more than a dozen of such groups, I can still see the need and importance of a Nisei group who will go to bat immediately for Issei and Nisei interests, simply because the 52 groups with which I am associated can't or won't be concerned about particular Japanese-American problems. I tried to express that thought, without the intention of deprecating the importance or value of other organizations.

Effective JACL Work

We reiterate that the National JACL did amazingly effective work in helping to bring about a successful conclusion to the Issei 5-F cases. The ACLU locally and nationally, did nothing in the Matoba 5-F case, except to express a keen interest. We don't blame the ACLU. But it does point up the importance of the national JACL function in these cases.

We make our point again: we believe that those starry-eyed apostles of complete assimilation who preach abandonment of Nisei organizations cannot ignore the necessity of having a specialized Nisei group who can and will tackle difficult and complex problems affecting our interests, when other community organizations or groups are unable or unwilling to step in effectively, because of limitations as to funds, interests, policy, or for whatever reason.

No Quarrel

We verily believe that the JACL, nationally and locally, can amply justify its existence, under present circumstances of our American society. The 5-F cases, we believe, high-lighted one of its important functions.

We do not quarrel with the ACLU. As first stated, we are a part of the ACLU, and proud of it. We are also a part of the JACL, and in the Matoba, and yes, even in the Tsuji case, we believe that the national JACL contributed significantly to the successful result—and that result does not in any way detract from the accomplishments and aims of any other group, including the ACLU.

We acknowledge too the splendid services contributed by Mas Yonemura, Victor Abe, and Wayne Kanemoto, in the Issei 5-F cases.

I hope this letter will clarify my position, and we will find that Mas Yonemura and I aren't really so very far apart.

—MIN YASUI

Denver

Windy City golfers in pre-tournament rally

Chicago

The Midwest Golf Association launches its 1954 season this week with Bill Hiura, president, at the helm. A general meeting with members of the Fairways Girls Club as guests is scheduled tonight at Olivet Institute.

A pre-tournament rally at Silver Lake golf course this Sunday is being conducted on the Peoria system of handicaps. Prizes will be golf balls, ranging from seven for first place down to one for ninth place, donated by the president and the golf course.

The first tournament is slated May 9 with three flights as follows:

Championship — Bunker Hill, 7 a.m.; A—Oak Hills, 10:30 a.m.; B flight—Silver Lake, 6:30 a.m.

SPORTSCOPE:

Culminating 30 weeks of bowling, the Arizona JACL league holds its sports award banquet tonight at Bud Brown's Barn. General arrangements were made by the outgoing cabinet of: JIM OZASA, pres.; GENE NAKATSU, v.p.; TAK NOMURA, sec.-treas.; LINDY OKABAYASHI, rep. to Phoenix Bowling Ass'n.

New officers for the next season are:

TOM TANITA, pres.; JIM KUHARA, v.p.; TAK NOMURA, sec.-treas.; STO NAKAMURA, rep. to PBA.

● This is how they finished in the 58th running of the Boston A.A. marathon last Monday. Veikko Karvonen of Finland won in 2h.20m.39s. KURAO HIROSHIMA of Japan, fourth, 2h.25m.30s.; KATSUO NISHIDA of Japan, fifth, 2h.27m.35s.; NORMAN TAMANAHA of Hawaii was 13th in the time of 2h.34m.45s.

● For the time in the history of the Denver City Park leagues, a Nisei club, under the banner of Granada Sharks, will compete in the 20-game season opening in late May. GEORGE NAGAI, manager, said workouts are being held on Wednesday from 5:45 p.m. till dark, on Sundays from 3-5:30 p.m., at East High School. In past years, individual Nisei, including NANCY ITO (who is expected to return to Denver after a busy season last summer with the Bloomer Girls in Chicago), NOBBY KAWANO, JOYCE and MICHI IWATA, were all first-stringers on various squads. Granada Fish Market is team sponsor.

● Nisei golf is on the upgrade in Southern California. JOHNNY TOYA, a youngster but a game sportsman of Los Angeles, toured a fog-shrouded Baldwin Hills course last Sunday in a sub-par 71 to win low gross honors of the third annual West Los Angeles JACL golf tournament. Dr. HIDEO UBA posted a 75 in the championship flight and with 11 handicap won, while GEORGE WADA (81-14-67) copped the Aye flight over Fox Hills. Veteran JOE KISHI copped second low gross honors at 76. Last year, Joe and TOM KURUMADA tied at 77 for low gross and HARRY HANKAWA won the first tourney in 1951 with 79 over par-73 Fox Hills . . . The Northern California Nisei Golf Association expects to draw 160 golfers from the 13-member clubs at their June 5-6 tournament at Pasatiempo.

● A one-time Island K.O. king, ROBERT TAKESHITA, made his initial bid after a three-year retirement and had nothing to offer but raw courage in his losing bout against speedy Dickie Wong in Honolulu last week . . . GEORGE KONISHI, one of the top Colorado marksman, won four medals at the Rocky Mountain sectional indoor rifle tournament in Ft. Lupton. He finished fourth place with an aggregate 773 out of a possible 800 . . . KENZO KAWAHIRA held up on the mound for six innings for a good Mayhew A.C. and was relieved by a 15-year-old hurler HENRY YASUI in the 8-7 win over McClelland Field Pacemakers two weeks ago. The McClelland team is a members of the Sac'to Rural League.



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S.F. JACL Olympics set for Kezar stadium June 6

San Francisco

Kezar stadium has been secured for Sunday, June 6, as the locale for the second annual San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics, it was announced by Kei Hori, chairman of the event.

The meet will again be open to entries from JACL chapters and indications reveal participation will surpass last year's.

JACL chapters in the NCWN, Central California, and Pacific Southwest district councils will receive entry blank forms this week.

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TATS KUSHIDA

Prime-Ribs at APL's Banquet . . .

Tuesday night, we attended for the third year the annual dinner given by the American President Lines at the Biltmore Hotel. APL's quite a progressive outfit judging from its increased services and employment of Japanese personnel with a view of making their Japanese passengers happy and satisfied. We were impressed with the presentation by MARVIN URATSU, district passenger agent for Japanese traffic, now in his fifth year with APL in San Francisco. His speech concisely summed up some of APL's major advances and service improvements.

Some 100 business and newspapermen from the local Japanese community were guests to the prime-rib repast. Consul General SHINSAKU HOGEN gave a neat off-the-cuff speech commending APL for contributing to friendly relations between Japan and America and helping to enhance the economy of both countries.

Marvin, by the way, is a cousin of HIROSHI URATSU with whom we attended school 'way back in our hometown of Berkeley. Marvin is also vice-president of the new Richmond-El Cerrito JACL chapter, located in a *northern California suburb* of Los Angeles.

San Fernando Valley Chapter . . .

TOM ENDOW and CALLAHAN INAGAKI have been working hard toward reorganization of a chapter in San Fernando Valley. A group of JACL officers meets with the nucleus at Tom's tonight to iron out organizational details. Results will be reported next week.

Tomorrow night, we drive to Indio to take part in the annual chapter installation of the Coachella Valley JACL, held in connection with the bowling awards dinner as in the past three years. The new prexy is TEK NISHIMOTO of Thermal, who succeeds ELMER SUSKI of Indio.

Also tomorrow night, our good friend SAM FURUTA is being honored at a banquet by the East L.A. JACL for his long and faithful service to the chapter. We desist from doing a piece on this item since HENRY MORI's newsletter covers it. Congratulations, Sam, for a swell job!

Convention Booklet Progress . . .

BUSTER SUZUKI, well-known member of the Nisei Pioneers, is head man at Home Produce, a brokerage house. He has been very helpful in soliciting ads for the souvenir program booklet for the convention. Together, we've made the rounds of a number of produce houses where he provides the entree and we the spiel. His influence and business relationship with the commission houses has resulted in much advertising support for the booklet.

A Nisei police captain in San Clemente, HAPPY SAKURAI, has volunteered his help to the convention. He is general sales manager for Jack Fraim Ford dealer. Happy thinks he can make available some cars for official convention use. In addition to inserting a full-page ad in the program booklet, he will solicit ads from among his business contacts. *He's new to JACL but he's the kind we welcome. A real hustler.* And girls, he's still single!

Thanks, Detroit JACL, especially AL HATATE, for sending in a full page of ads solicited for the souvenir program booklet for the National Convention. How about it, chapters? Won't you send in your ads real quick to avoid the deadline rush?

JOHN TY SAITO, vigorous Nisei realtor, says, do you conventioneers want a tennis tournament or not? Ellay is the tennis capital of the world and an ideal place to hold a tourney in September. He even has the courts reserved and is planning on a mixed tournament—provided he has some response or indication of interest by the chapters. If he doesn't receive any by May 15, he figures to drop the activity so boosters, if you wanna play tennis, say so quick. His address: 2421 W. Jefferson Blvd., L.A.

Immigration Story in Daily News . . .

Understand that next week, the L.A. *Daily News* will do a series on the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. We are happy to have the opportunity of explaining to the writer, Jack Cravens, how Japanese were favorably affected by the provisions which repealed the Oriental Exclusion Law of 1924 and granted for the first time to Japanese the privilege of naturalization.

At the same time, we pointed out how the inadequate staffing of the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Los Angeles has resulted in a bogging-down of more than a year in the processing of naturalization petitions. This has tended to discourage Issei enrollment in Americanization classes because of the long wait between the dates of filing their petitions and the call for examinations as are given by its San Francisco office.

Regional Office Activities . . .

Must be the Midwest twang that identifies the Sou'wester who served as the unidentified voice who interpreted off-camera for Paul Coates' interview with BISHOP TAKAHASHI on last Sunday's *Confidential File* teevee program which was devoted to Buddhism. At least we've been on the receiving end of considerable kidding about our new-found talent (?). A teevee sound stage is almost like a movie set with its many technicians, klieg lights, cameras, etc., the difference being you can't make retakes. Fortunately, no one goofed.

Interested in organizing a channel by which war orphans in Japan can be expeditiously adopted by Americans, in this instance by prospective Nisei adoptive parents, is Miss FLORENCE BOESTER of the International Social Service. She visited the PSW office this week to enlist cooperation, counsel and support for her agency. She has just returned from two years in Greece.

Another organization hoping to strengthen its activity in this area is the national Urban League, which maintains a number of autonomous branches in large cities with sizable Negro populations. The U.L. helps Negroes find jobs and meet other community and social problems. It now seeks to establish a regional office in Pasadena.

As usual, DEACON SATOW, our national director, tied in a lot of JACL business with his alleged vacation last weekend when he and Chiz drove here to attend the wedding of Chiz's sister. So Mas sits in with our meeting with Miss Boester and spends hours of conference with other JACL officers before driving back to the salt mines in Frisco. There's one deacon that's a lead-pipe cinch to make the grade at St. Peter's gate.

Issei Stamp Dealer Japan-Bound . . .

After 50 years in this country, D. UYENO of Washington, D.C. will visit Japan for a month, sailing today with his wife, who is Hawaiian-born. Uyeno-san was the first Issei to become naturalized at the nation's capital a year ago. For an Issei, he has an unusual business. He's a stamp dealer. Since we collect mint plate blocks of U.S. commemoratives, we had a good chat. At his small shop, he has done business with famous Americans including presidents the last 30 years. Nice of him to "pay his respects" to our office. Bon voyage!

Los Angeles Newsletter

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HENRY MORI

This Memorial Day will find the names of at least 24 additional Nisei GIs whose heroic sacrifice during the Korean War will be commemorated on a black diamond granite plaque at the military plot of Evergreen Cemetery.

The names to be engraved on two 16x25-inch stones will be placed on both sides of the Nisei Soldiers' Monument. Southland veterans now preparing the special annual service on May 30 will obtain a military dignitary as speaker to pay homage to the war dead.

The 24 Southlanders who gave their lives while on duty during the recent conflict include:

Pvt. Samuel Akira Fujii, Pfc. Kenichi Hamaguchi, Pvt. Aramari Hiraga, Pvt. Tomio Honda, Shigetoshi Kushida, Pfc. Shozo Kuwahara, Sgt. Jimmy Mayemura, Pfc. Kiyoshi Mine.

Pvt. Tohoru Nishikawa, Pfc. Dick S. Nakashima, Wataru Nakamura, Pfc. Tadashi Obana, Pfc. Edward Oshiro, Lt. Bill Masayuki Otomo, Sgt. Robert Shinde, Pvt. Osamu Tamura.

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The rank of the soldier will not be designated on the plaque.

★ An appreciation pin goes to Sam Furuta, a faithful JACLer since 1929, tomorrow when the East Los Angeles chapter holds its recognition banquet for Sam and 30 other voluntary workers who participated in the recent membership campaign.

Presentation of the special award to Furuta will be made by Wilbur Sato, president of the Boyle Heights group, according to Roy Yamadera, in charge of the affair.

Furuta, no relation to ex-Denverite George Furuta who formerly operated a restaurant on Western Ave., is a body and fender man by profession, loves sports fishing and tamale pies.

Before the war, Furuta was employed by the Asahi Auto Sales Co., and was a member of the Anchovies, a group which So. Calif. regional director Tats Kushida was also a member.

The Furutas have a daughter Peggy Ann, and son Sam, Junior. Furuta's wife who is known by her many friends as Mattie is an active member of the PTA in her school district.

★ The first all-Nisei Optimist Club of the Optimist International became a reality Wednesday last week when Li'l Tokio businessmen, numbering some 35, were given their charter as an official group, with Eiji Tanabe as their first president.

The organization to be known as the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles is not a "segregated" club but will have members mostly of persons of Japanese ancestry. And membership is also not confined to those in Li'l Tokio but anyone interested in the welfare of the young boys. Their motto is: "Friend of the Boy."

★ Has anyone heard of Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers, California's Republican incumbent for the next-to-governor's job?

Election time being what it is, the Nisei votes are being sought from all quarters—Republicans and Democrats alike. It's a healthy sign that we've grown politically.

But fortunately, or unfortunately, we have been one of those who has not been too familiar with the past records of one Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers.

This is what he told the Japanese American Veterans Committee to Retain Powers:

(1) He thought evacuation in 1942 was tragic and labeled relocation centers nothing more than concentration camps; (2) he is all for minority rights but will not favor any one group; (3) was instrumental in bringing about the end of the discriminatory Calif. Alien land law; and (4) praised the Japanese for developing the west coast into a fine agricultural state.

Powers said he was very encouraged to see so many Issei, now naturalized citizens, take their voting rights seriously and exercise their franchise.

His Democratic opponent is Los Angeles Councilman Edward Roybal, a very familiar figure among persons of Japanese ancestry.

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Births

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FUKUDA—Mar. 9, a boy to the Mitsugi Gene Fukudas, Fowler.
HAYASHI—Mar. 26, a girl to the Richard A. Hayashis, San Francisco.
HAYASHIDA—Mar. 5, a girl to the Michihiko Hayashidas, Berkeley.
KAWAKAMI—Apr. 2, a boy to the John Kawakamis, Ault, Colo.
MASUDA—Apr. 5, a girl to the Hideo J. Masudas, San Francisco.
MATSUNO—Apr. 3, a boy to the Michio J. Matsunos, San Francisco.
MAYEDA—A girl to the John Y. Mayedas, Longmont, Colo.
MIYAUCHI—Apr. 11, a boy to the David Miyauchis, Seattle.
NAKANO—Mar. 20, a boy to the Shiro Nakanos, San Leandro.
OCHIKUBO—Mar. 27, a girl to the George Ochikubos, Sacramento.
SAKAE—Mar. 31, a girl Carol Anne to the Harry Sakaes, Mountain View.
SAKATA—Apr. 8, a girl to the Tommy Sakatas (Lily Yamada), Watsonville.
SUGAMURA—Mar. 24, a boy Mark to the Tom Sugamuras (Terry Kawaguchi), Los Angeles.
TAKETA—Apr. 11, a boy Victor Alan to the Harry Taketas (Sally Furukawa). Cleveland, O.
TANAKA—Mar. 18, a boy to the Jimmy Isao Tanakas, Fresno.
TANAKA—Mar. 17, a girl to the William Susumu Tanakas, Fowler.
TANAKA—Mar. 28, a boy David Timothy Hideo to the Chester Tanakas, New York.
YAMAGUCHI—Mar. 25, a boy Michael Mits to the Dr. Mitsuya Yamaguchi (Barbara Takahashi), Los Angeles.
YAMAMOTO—Mar. 25, a girl to the Shigeru Yamamotos, Pomona.
YAMAMOTO—Apr. 6, a boy to the Harry Yamamotos, San Francisco.
YANAGIZAWA—Apr. 5, a girl Jo Anne to the Dr. Kaz Yanagizawas (Dr. Eugenia Fujita), Bergenfield, N.J.
YOSHIKAWA—Apr. 2, a boy to the Kenneth K. Yoshikawas, San Francisco.
YOSHIOKA—Apr. 6, a girl Karen Sue to the Frank Yoshiokas, San Jose.
YOSHIMOTO—Apr. 6, a girl Elizabeth Naomi Roy Yoshimotos, Jamaica, N.Y.

Engagements

ARAKAKI-YAMAUCHI—Toshy, Selma, to Fred, Los Angeles.
FUJIMOTO-MIYAJI—Rose to Masanobu, both of Chicago, Apr. 10.
HIROTA-YORITA — Janet Y., to George, both of Chicago, Apr. 4.
MORIOKA-OKUMURA—Mary Hiroko, San Francisco, to Roy Hisao, Palo Alto, Apr. 3.
SAKAMOTO-SHIMIZU — Aiko to Mits, both of Chicago.
UYETANI-YAMAMOTO — Kathryn to Eugene, both of Chicago.

Marriage Licenses Issued

ASAKAWA-AKABA — Roy T., 26, and Chiyo J., 18, both of Stockton.
FUJII-HATA—Dave I., 33, Stockton, and Lillie Y., 26, Newcastle.
SETO-ITO—Tak, 25, and Jessie K., 24, both of Seattle.
SUMI-TAMURA—Tadashi T., 33, and Margie M., 25, both of Seattle.

Weddings

ARASE-TAKAGI—Apr. 11, Shinazo and Noriko Doris, both of Los Angeles.
HINO-MORIHIRO—Apr. 18, Yoshitaka, Los Angeles, and Alice, Cleveland.
ITO-NOMURA—Apr. 11, Henry, Los Angeles, and Ann, Seattle.
KITAUCHI-TAKEMOTO — Apr. 18, Shig and Mary, both of Orosi.
KOBATA-IWATA—Apr. 4, George and Dorothy, both of Seattle.
SASAKI-EBIHARA—Apr. 10, Hitoshi and Kathy, both of Cleveland.
SASAKI-MORIHIRO—Apr. 10, Susumu and Masae Joan, both of Reedley.
TAMURA-YAMASAKI — Apr. 6, Frank, Denver, and Miyo, Lethbridge, Alta.
YAMAMOTO-MIZUKAMI — Apr. 4, Frank, Los Angeles, and Esther, Fife, Wash.
YOSHIDA-NAKAYAMA — Apr. 11, Masao, Watsonville, and Mae, Cupertino.

Deaths

KAWANO, Mariko Cynthia Ann, 1½: New Hope, Pa., Apr. 1, survived by parents Yoshi and Edith, and brother David Shokei.
KATAYAMA, Charles T., 83: Salt Lake City, Apr. 11.
KODAMA, Setsu: Hayward (formerly of Redondo Beach), Apr. 10, survived by wife Shizuko and daughter Akemi.
MARUSE, Sanjiro, 66: West Los Angeles, Apr. 12, survived by wife Hamako, daughter Eunice Down.
NAKAMURA, Sojuro, 70: Santa Maria, Apr. 10, survived by wife Shizuka, four sons Roy, Eddie, George, James and daughter Mrs. Fumiko Uyeshima.
NISHIMOTO, Tamaichi, 63: Madera, Mar. 29, survived by wife Kameyo, sons Keichi, Isao, daughters Toshive, Takako and Kimiko.
OBAYASHI, Hatsujiro, 73: Los Angeles, Apr. 8, survived by son-in-law Yozo Okumoto and six grandchildren.
OZAWA, Isaku, 71: Buena Park, Apr. 10, survived by wife Tsuma,sons Hitoshi, Osamu, daughter Yoshiko.
SAKAUYE, Tatsujiro, 76: Santa Ana, Apr. 11, survived by sons Jack Namio, Hami, Akiro, Roy, daughter Mrs. Miwa Asari.
SUETAKA, Masataro: Los Angeles, Mar. 30, survived by wife Kane.
TAKANO, Tatsuo, 76: Seattle, Apr. 9, survived by wife Yoshiyo, three sons Dr. Takeo, Dr. Hideo, and Frank.
TAKEUCHI, Masakado, 72: Los Angeles, Apr. 9, survived by wife Ayano, daughter Mrs. Reiko Ota.
TANUMA, Kametaro: Chicago, Mar. 16.
TSUCHIYA, Kakunosuke, 76: Minneapolis, Apr. 5, survived by wife Fude, four sons William (Los Angeles), Paul, Frank, Albert.
TSUDA, Mrs. Tsugi: (formerly of Cheyenne) Denver, Mar. 27, survived by husband, sons Tom, George, daughters Asako, Margaret and Rose.
YOSHIKI, Mrs. Masu: Sanger, Mar. 29, survived by nephew Shoichi Haranaga.

CALENDAR

Apr. 24 (Saturday)
SEQUOIA: Benefit movies, Palo Alto aud., 7 p.m.
EAST LOS ANGELES: Membership appreciation banquet, Swally's, 1331 S. Boyle Ave.
SOUTHWEST L.A.: Shonien benefit dance with L.A. YBA, Senshin Buddhist Church.
CHICAGO: Membership social, McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn.

Apr. 25 (Sunday)
FRENCH CAMP: Community picnic.
CORTEZ: Community picnic.

Apr. 27 (Tuesday)
SACRAMENTO: Special mtg., YBA Hall, 8 p.m. Redevelopment Agency matter.

Apr. 29 (Thursday)
SAN MATEO: Gen'l mtg (place to be announced).

May 1 (Saturday)
SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY: Community picnic, Half Moon Bay.
PASADENA: Dinner-dance, Carpenter's at Santa Anita.

May 2 (Sunday)
LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Community picnic.

May 5 (Wednesday)
SA NDIEGO: Issei Citizen's banquet, Miyako Cafe, 566-4th Ave., 7:30 p.m.

May 8 (Saturday)
DETROIT: Japanese movies.
SAN FRANCISCO: Panel — Nisei Analysis, Buchanan YM-YWCA, 8 p.m.

May 9 (Sunday)
STOCKTON: Community picnic, Micke's Grove.
SACRAMENTO: Community picnic, Elk Grove Park.

May 13 (Thursday)
SOUTHWEST L.A.: Gen'l mtg., Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.: "Modern Way to Invest," Wm. F. Marshall, spkr.

May 16 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC: Quarterly session, Oakland JACL host.

SOCIAL NOTES

Wedding Note: Two Chicago CLers, Rose Fujimoto, formerly of Watsonville, and Masanobu Miyaji, formerly of Venice, are planning to be married June 26 at the First Baptist Church. Their engagement was announced by Mrs. Nami Fujimoto, Apr. 10. Fiance was recently appointed chief chemist of a consulting engineer firm. Fiancee is vice-chairman of the City-Wide Recreation Council.

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Selma JACL Auxiliary: Mrs. Shiro Kawakami of Fresno recently demonstrated preparing of Chinese dishes. Mrs. Betty Okazaki of the North group was chairman in charge.

Cleveland organizations announce '54 programs

Cleveland

Local Nisei and Issei organizations unveiled their 1954 programs at their annual dinner Apr. 10 at the Nanking Restaurant. Representatives from social, athletic and religious groups met to discuss mutual problems and to plan for the Community Picnic.

Originally a joint effort of the Issei Shinwakai and the Cleveland JACL, the dinner was expanded in 1953 to include all groups. In addition to the Shinwakai and the JACL representatives from the Nisei Fellowship, Junior Matrons, the Cleveland Bulletin, Fairway and Tennis Clubs comprised the attendance of 27.

Annual choir concert

Oakland

Modern, popular and classical music are included in the annual spring concert of the Oakland W. 10th Methodist Chapel Choir to be held June 6, 8 p.m. at Meader Hall, 10th and West streets, it was announced by choir director, Frank Ono. Among the vocal soloists are:

Karie Yamashita, Dorothy Oda, Joanne Ono and Callie Morizono.

Accompaniment will be by Michi Kajiwara, organist, and a woodwind quintet.

Friendship Day camp gets support of Nisei leaders

Los Angeles

Prominent Nisei are supporting and participating in this year's Friendship Day camp, an interracial, intercultural activity sponsored by civic leaders here.

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, National JACL treasurer, serves as vice-president of the nonprofit corporation headed by the Rev. Charles S. Cassasa, S.J., president of Loyola University. Other vice-presidents are Wesley Brazier, Urban League; and Edward R. Roybal, city councilman. Merijane Yokoe also serves on the board.

On the advisory committee are:

Boob Kodama, Tats Kushida, Henry Mori, Edison T. Uno.

Staff members include:

Sakae Ishino, Tosh Shimabukuro and Itsuko Hamasaki.

Last year, the camp was held over two four-week sessions at Griffith Park, attracting 70 children between the ages of 7 and 12. Several Sansei attended. Persons interested in enrolling children or desiring added information may consult the JACL regional office.

Hanford VFW leader

Hanford

Sam T. Sakaguchi was installed recently as new commander of the local Nisei Liberty VFW Post No. 5869.

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EDITORIALS

Reward for Loyalty

Communist Romania freed the two young sons of Valeriu Georgescue, a Romanian-born American citizen who had refused to be blackmailed into spying to win their release. Last week, there was a misty-eyed reunion at home.

When Georgescue affirmed his loyalty to the United States by refusing last year to become a Red Spy, he thought his sons were lost to him forever. It was a sterling manifestation of the worth of American citizenship. But silently, that steadfast loyalty was being repaid by the government of his adopted country.

How the State Department did it has not been divulged. But it was an ordeal no father should be made to suffer. Georgescue is a brave man.

Cherry Blossoms

At the start of World War II, there was talk of destroying the Japanese cherry trees in Washington. Sensible people who opposed the move pointed out that the trees were a gift from Japan at a time when the two nations were sincere friends. Fortunately, that point of view prevailed and the beauty of the blossoms remained to delight visitors to our Capitol.

America and Japan are again friends. Japan stands besides us in our effort to preserve security in Asia. The trees in bloom this spring are a symbol of a friendship that managed to survive the killing frost of war, hopefully blooming again in peace.

Who Should Decide

Action of the National Democratic Party chairman to "deny the party's support" in the instances of two California congressional candidates because of moral or patriotic qualifications can be construed as a politician's attempt to interfere with voters of a free choice.

This business of an individual—in this instance, an outsider—telling people who shall or shall not represent them in Congress is contrary to the concept of representative government. A representative in Congress is supposed to be exactly that — a representative of the people of that particular district. Let the voters decide.

If candidate Roosevelt has gotten himself into a scandal, then let the people of that district decide what they want to do. Let the accusations against Rep. Condon be weighed by his own constituency.

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

What are Vacations for, But--

Santa Fe, N.M.

MEN WISER BY far than I have been struck by the odd coincidence of the atomic city of Los Alamos being located a scant dozen miles from the cliff dwellings of Frijole canyon, now preserved as Bandelier National Monument. Viewing them both recently, I couldn't help but wonder if there were a significance, if the course of civilization hadn't made a complete circuit.

Some of North America's earliest men lived in what are now the ruins of Bandelier. The evidences of life are still there—the smoke blackened caves in the sides of sandstone cliffs, the crumbling walls of the communal apartments, the circular wells dug into the earth which served as their meeting places. That existence must have been a mean and crude one, yet it is obvious that these were a civilized people with many accomplishments.

By contrast, some of the most highly developed brains in existence are busy in the laboratories behind triple-guarded walls high on the mesas of Los Alamos, helping to fabricate the patterns for the world of tomorrow. The secrets of transforming the miracle of nuclear fission into the atomic bomb were solved here, and when the terrible new H-bombs were detonated, Los Alamos and Eniwetok were in almost constant communication.

The potential for tremendous good lies in the laboratories of Los Alamos if man is wise enough to utilize them. But the specter of the cliff dwellings hangs over the efforts of the scientists, for if man fails to find peace, the survivors of the next war may be living in caves.

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WHILE DRIVING homeward over New Mexico's excellent highways, we talked about what we had seen, and what we had enjoyed most on our trip. One thing I learned is that the magic of the name Santa Fe has escaped the present generation of youngsters. When I was a boy, we read books about the Santa Fe Trail, saw movies of high adventure on the westward trek to romantic Santa Fe, even played games that involved plainsmen fighting their way through hordes of Indians to reach fabled Santa Fe. (For a long time, too, we pronounced it Santa Fee.)

It's a town rich in romance, but all that seemed to have escaped our children. Mike, for one, was far more interested in the great new planes that he viewed from a distance at the Sandia Special Weapons base. He saw a monstrous B-36 land, watched powerful jets slicing through the cloudless New Mexico sky. And that experience was his most memorable.

Susan and Pete were fascinated by our visit to the Taos Pueblo. We saw real blanketed Indians, talked with them, peered into their homes. And although they spoke excellent English and drove new pickup trucks, they baked their bread in hive-shaped clay ovens. Pete enjoyed just the sight of Indians, but Susan was especially interested in the bread baking.

Christie, poor little tyke, was worried throughout the trip about where we were going to sleep. She was never completely at ease until we had registered at a motel and had unpacked the bags. Then, assured of a bed, she became happy. Her biggest thrill, she said, was the time when the whole family slept together in one big motel room.

And Alice? Trips with the family are hard on her because she must keep a sharp, constant lookout on the smaller youngsters. She didn't say so, but I'm sure she was happiest when we got home again. But then what are vacations for but to create a new appreciation for one's home?

Vagaries . . . **by Larry Tajiri**

The Intelligent Spittoon

OF ALL THE more than 100,000 Japanese who came to the American shore in a near half-century of immigration which ended with the so-called Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924, none has left a more lasting impression than a Japanese-German named Sadakichi Hartmann. Now that Gene Fowler's *Minutes of the Last Meeting* has been published, Hartmann's niche is secure, if only in Fowler's personal gallery of memorable characters which include John Barrymore, James J. Walker and Bonfils and Tammen of *The Denver Post*.

In their day both Sessue Hayakawa, the film actor, and Michio Ito, the dancer, were better known, but unless a Gene Fowler comes along to tell their fabulous stories, it will be Sadakichi who will fascinate a generation yet unborn.

Minutes of the Last Meeting is not a biography in the ordinary sense. It is rather the story of Fowler's efforts to write a biography of Hartmann and of three other men who variously encouraged and impeded the endeavor. The three were also well-known, a dramatic actor named John Barrymore, a comedian known as W. C. Fields and John Decker, the artist.

The five men met often at Decker's studio in Hollywood. They were drawn by good drink and conversation and by the terrible loneliness of men who have teetered on the precipice of death. Of the five only Fowler is alive today. The Man in the Bright Nightgown, as Fields described him, kept his rendezvous with the others.

When Sadakichi Hartmann joined the circle at Decker's studio, he was already in his 60's. He was no longer the slim young man who had come from Japan in his teens to walk with giant strides through the literary and art centers of the United States and Europe. He had known Ibsen, argued music with Debussy, daneed for H. L. Mencken.

In 1888 Walt Whitman had declared that Sadakichi, newly-arrived from Japan, was his personal hope for the future of American poetry. When Sadakichi arrived in Hollywood the city of the dream factories was less the sober community than it is today. There was time for revelry and Sadakichi contributed to it. He became in his way a character who helped make parties livelier with wit, argument and the gratuitous insult which he delivered on the least provocation to the more prominent guests.

Hartmann in his Hollywood phase was not averse to handouts and it was W. C. Fields who snarled that Sadakichi's freeloading was the activity of a "bum." But Sadakichi was no charlatan, although his career was largely behind him by the time he came to know Fowler. In fact, one of the last of his poems to be published, and which appeared about 10 years before his death, were a group of his poems which we printed in a Nisei daily in Los Angeles.

The young Sadakichi cut quite a literary and artistic swath in Europe in the decade before the 20th century and he came back to the United States to reign over Greenwich Village in New York as the "king of Bohemia."

In his half-century in America, Sadakichi achieved distinction and notoriety as a poet, painter, dramatist, critic, a sometimes theologist and a fantastic freeloader. He wrote many books of poetry, painted 400 pictures, wrote numerous pieces of art criticism and several plays, one of which was banned in Boston. He was acclaimed in his time by the leading eggheads of the day. He lived in high style on Russian Hill in San Francisco, but he spent most of his final years posing as an Indian on a reservation near Banning, California.

The aging Sadakichi was a hungry eccentric who often submitted to the ungentle sarcasm of his friends for the poet's loaf of bread and jug of wine (Barrymore referred to him as "a living freak sired by Mephistopheles out of Madame Butterfly", while Douglas Fairbanks Sr., who once hired him, called him an "intelligent spittoon").

Had it not been for Pearl Harbor and for General DeWitt's edict ordering all persons of Japanese descent out of California, Sadakichi might have stayed on in Hollywood. As it was he went to Florida to live with one of his 13 children. There he died in 1944, a man who had outlived his era, who had known the giants of literature and himself was destined to become a legend.

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THE MANY ANECDOTES about Sadakichi Hartmann present him as an acid-tongued wit, a poseur at times and an eccentric always. But Fowler reminds that Hartmann was a perceptive critic of both art and literature. Sadakichi, according to Fowler, was "a weirdly-fashioned person of brilliant mind and knavish impulses—but ever a disciple of beauty and of integrity in his own world of art and of the artist."

This was Sadakichi Hartmann, an Issei who came to the United States more than 60 years ago and who is more celebrated today because of Fowler's book than in many of his years before his death at the age of 74.

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DECADE AGO

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"Issei, Nisei, Kibei" article in April *Fortune* magazine. Longer Army permits coast area to be closed, more time is given Hearst papers for hate campaign against Japanese Americans, says article.

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Majority of Cleveland area Nisei report no discrimination.

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Report California counties urged by Atty. Gen. Kenny to file suits on illegal land ownership.

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Indiana defense plant (making brass ingots for military use) accepts Nisei workers.

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Gov. Bricker of Ohio urges deportation of "disloyal" evacuees, in presidential campaign talk before Californians.

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Kalamazoo employer wins fight to employ evacuee workers for own manufacturing plant engaged in Air Force work.

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Adm. Thomas Hart (ret.) finds no proof of sabotage at Pearl Harbor; denies drunkeness played part in inadequate defense.

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Six Iowa GIs and one Kansan soldier write letter to editor of Des Moines *Register*, "it's about time some folks at home were put straight" regarding record of Nisei soldiers fighting in Italy.

MINORITY

Latest from Chicago's Trumbull Park Homes row: Donald Howard, 26, central figure in the racial disorders at the housing project, was under police protection in South Chicago on charges of shooting at two teenagers. Trial is set for Apr. 27. The Negro denied the charges, said teen-agers threw rocks at him. Ten Negro families reside in the project, once all-white. With warmer weather in view, the Chicago Housing Authority fears a more severe reign of terror at the project, and sought state aid to quell disturbances.

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The Kansas City, Mo., Swope swimming pool will reopen on a non-segregated basis this June. The city-owned pool was closed for two years because of a court decision ordering park officials to admit Negroes. The court found a pool set aside for Negroes was inferior in character.

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Gov. Goodwin J. Knight and gubernatorial candidate Richard Graves addressed a Fight for Freedom rally in Oakland recently; both took out $500 life memberships in the NAACP.

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An all-white jury in Atlanta, Ga., acquitted a Negro charged with slaying a white shoe repairman last November. Evidence was introduced to show the defendant was not at the scene of the crime.

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Eight restaurants in Muskegon, Mich., which formerly refused Negro patrons are now serving them following a campaign conducted by the NAACP, CIO and United Auto Workers.

What you don't know hurts you most when you try to tell it.