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ACCIDENT KILLS SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY LEADER

San Jose

The tragic death of Sumiko Kato, 27, Warms Springs nurse and president of the Southern Alameda County JACL chapter, occurred early Sunday morning while she was on her way to work at San Jose Hospital, where she was nursing instructor.

Police said the accident took place at Bayshore and Oakland highways. Her car struck the side of a heavy diesel truck as it rolled through the intersection. The truck's air brakes were put out of action, and the vehicle traveled a full block before the driver could stop. The driver was Carroll Dingham, 37, Belmont, who was slightly injured.

Miss Kato was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Was to be Married

Her family said she was to have announced her engagement to be married this week. She was a native of San Jose, a graduate of Univ. of Utah and St. Mark's School of Nursing, both in Salt Lake. She had been on the hospital staff for six years and was a member of the

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2nd boy of same family appointed to West Point

Bakersfield

The acceptance of a Bakersfield Nisei, Robert Matsumoto, 18, as a cadet at West Point military academy, the second member of the same family to be accorded this honor attracted wide attention here last week.

Report that Robert had been accepted for entrance with the new class in July was made in Washington by army authorities to Rep. Harlan Hagan (D., Calif.), who had appointed him to the academy.

Rep. Hagan also named Robert's brother Glenn, who will be graduating West Point in June.

Tops in Test

Earlier this month Robert who is now a student at San Francisco State College, took his entrance examinations and physical tests in the Bay city with some 35 others.

It was reported here that he topped them all in the tests.

Robert is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Seikichi Matsumoto. He is a graduate of Bakersfield high where he was a halfback on the varsity football team for three seasons and a member of the track team.

Brothers attending West Point is a rarity, it was pointed out in local newspaper, radio and TV reports last week, especially from a family with no previous service connection.

Salt Lake YWCA building fund appeal made again

Salt Lake City

Another appeal was made this week by the Committee for the Japanese Community of the YWCA Building Fund Campaign. Last year, the drive of $400,000 was initiated with the Japanese community contributing $1,$57.

Some $130,000 is still needed and the Japanese committee, headed by the Rev. Tetsuo Saito, is engaged in soliciting contributions.

National JACL Endowment Fund Report

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Current Total: $75,445.28
In Trust: $70,000



Roy Hoshizaki Photo.

MARY H. ENOMOTO (Southwest Los Angeles)
First candidate for "Miss National JACL"

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Southwest L.A. girl first candidate for Nat'l CL convention queen title

Los Angeles

The first candidate for the title, "Miss National JACL," is Mary Hisako Enomoto, it was announced this week by Hisashi Horita, queen contest chairman.

Miss Enomoto, who stands 5 ft. 2½ in., is a student at Los Angeles State College, majoring in education. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Enomoto, reside in Las Vegas, Nev., where Mary graduated high school.

A member of the Luanans and the Centenary Methodist Adult Fellowship, she is senior representative of the California State Teachers Association and treasurer of the Home Economics Club on the campus.

Attended LACC

Previously she had attended Los Angeles City College where she served as recording secretary of the Associated Women's Students and was a member of the Elithians, an honorary service group. Her hobby is tennis.

Miss Enomoto, sponsored by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter, will be a candidate for the national title. The queen's court will include two attendants, the three finalists being selected sometime in June, from candidates sponsored by the chapters of the Pacific Southwest District Council, according to Horita.

Queen, Two Attendants

The queen and her two attendants will reign over the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention at the Hotel Statler here Sept. 2-6, and will take part in subsequent JACL projects, Horita said. Other candidates will be made known in the near future, he added.

Pasadena JACL in public tribute

Pasadena

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Carr, noted realtor, were the honored guests of the Pasadena JACL recognitions dinner last Saturday at Carpenter's Santa Anita.

Carr's stand for the rights of minorities before the war and of his concern for persons of Japanese ancestry during and after the war were recounted by Nob Kawai, toastmaster. Frank Chuman, on behalf of the National JACL, made a presentation of a beautiful Japanese dish especially selected by Mike and Etsu Masaoka during their visit of Japan.

Also honored were Clyde Hubbell and Donn Forker, members of the Pasadena police who fingerprinted Issei when the chapter helped fill out naturalization petitions. Unable to attend but also cited was Miss June Bach, policewoman, who talked on juvenile delinquency at a previous chapter meeting.

The head table and corsages for women guests were creations of Mary Mikuriya, of Bambico Florists, an active CLer and 1000er.

Denver Memorial Day rites at Methodist church

Denver

In keeping with traditions of the community Memorial Day services held alternately between the California St. Methodist Church and the Tri-State Buddhist Church after the May 30 parade, the Mile-Hi JACL announced the 1954 Memorial Day services would be held at the Methodist Church.

As in past years, community leaders will participate at the JACL-sponsored services. Cathay Legion post will assist in honoring the Nisei war dead.

SENATE OK's $1½ MILLION FOR EVACUATION CLAIMS PAYMENT

Washington

Senate approval of over $1,500,000 was made to pay evacuation claims awards in the passage of the Third Supplemental Appropriations Bill of 1954, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

The measure now goes to the House of Representatives because the Senate made several minor changes over the original House-approved version.

Evacuation claims funds in this Third Supplemental Appropriations Bill of 1954 are reserved for payment to holders of awards made under compromise procedures and other evacuation claims awards under $2,500 made through the regular adjudicative method. However, the Washington JACL Office noted that practically all of these are compromise awards under $2,500.

No Administration Costs

The $1,560,000 is for payment of these awards and does not include any costs of administering the JACL-sponsored evacuation claims program, said

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STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII:

House discharge petition hinted

Washington

Representative Passman (D., Ala.) last week called for elimination of roadblocks preventing the House from acting on legislation to admit Hawaii and Alaska as states.

He told the House that if it weren't possible to get action through normal procedures, he would ask House members to join him in signing a discharge petition to permit the legislation to go to a House-Senate conference committee.

The House has passed a bill which would grant statehood to Hawaii. The Senate amended the measure to add Alaskan statehood. Normally a bill in this position goes to a Senate-House conference to compromise differences. Sending a bill to conference, however, requires unanimous consent and thus far objections have been made to such action in the House.

In addition, the House Rules Committee has failed to act to bring the Senate version before the House.

To be effective, a discharge petition must be signed by 218 members.

HERSHEY MIYAMURA'S DAD NATURALIZED

Gallup, N.M.

Yaichi Miyamura, 62, father of the Nisei Medal of Honor winner, Hiroshi Miyamura, became an American citizen last Monday morning. The elder Miyamura came to this country in 1905 at the age of 17.

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Scottsbluff, Neb.

Five Issei were awarded United States citizenship during naturalization proceedings in the Scottsbluff district court April 27. The new citizens are: Yoshiemon Ito, George Genroku Nagasawa and Sankichi Kishiyama, all of Scottsbluff; Roy Sasuke Hosaka, Mitchell; and Sam Soichiro Hashiba, Bayard.

Farmer crossfiles in $25,000 damage suit with cyclist

Hollister

A national motorcycle racer from San Jose is the defendant in a $25,000 damage suit filed in Superior Court here by a Bolsa Road farmer.

Sadao Sakamoto brought the action as a cross complaint against Kenneth Eggers Jr. and his wife Janet. Eggers' auto and Sakamoto's truck were involved in an accident on Hollister-Gilroy Bolsa Road seven miles north of Hollister last Oct. 18.

Eggers filed a $35,000 damage suit against Sakamoto on Feb. 11. Mrs. Eggers sought $35,000 for her injuries and they also asked $2,000 for damage to their car.

Sakamoto claims that Eggers was at fault and also that he is known as a reckless driver.

Asian Studies academy

San Francisco

The American Academy of Asian Studies, 2030 Broadway, last week became a graduate school of the College of Pacific, Stockton, with state accreditation to give master's and doctor's degrees.

ISSEI-NISEI NURSERYMEN, FLOWER GROWERS ASK SENATE FAIR TREATMENT FOR NON-PROFIT COOPS ON AIR SHIPMENTS

Washington

Because so many Issei and Nisei nurserymen and flower growers on the west coast are involved, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, testified before the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce urging that agriculture cooperatives handling horticultural products in air transportation be exempt from regulation by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

The Nisei lobbyist pointed out that unless air transportation charges could be kept reasonable and low, cut flowers and decorative greens, especially those in California, could not be shipped to distant markets and would, therefore, glut the local markets, thereby causing economic chaos and loss to an industry that expanded tremendously after the war because of air shipments to the midwest, midsouth, southeast, and the east.

He asked that the same exemption now granted in surface transportation be extended to nonprofit cooperatives handling floricultural products.

CAB Bars Practice

The Civil Aeronautics Board has held in an administrative ruling that nonprofit cooperatives in the San Francisco Bay area and in Los Angeles that handle most of the out-of-state shipments of flowers grown by Issei and Nisei must "cease and desist" in their operations of servicing their members on a nonprofit basis.

Only a court order is holding this ruling in abeyance.

If the CAB rule is made applicable, it would increase the cost of pickup, delivery and break-bulk service and would deprive growers and shippers of the special services rendered by their cooperatives and the lower costs of consolidation.

Many Nisei Involved

To prevent the bankruptcy of many small growers and shippers of cut flowers and decorative greens, many of the Nisei and Issei, because of the loss of out-of-state markets, Masaoka joined with the Consolidated Flower Shipments, Inc.-Bay Area and Flower Consolidators of Southern California before the Senate Committee in urging that nonprofit agricultural cooperatives be given the same exemptions in air transportation as they now enjoy in surface transportationss.

The Senate Committee is presently considering an omnibus bill introduced by Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) redrafting and rewriting the present Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 to bring that code up-to-date in the light of the great progress in aviation in the past 15 years.

Masaoka and the California flower industry are seeking specific language in any permanent legislation that will enable growers and shippers of flowers and greens to compete on favorable terms in out-of-state markets by the increased use of air transportation.

Fresno Issei pioneer naturalized, proudly boasts family now has voting power of 14—15 when wife is sworn in soon

Fresno

From banker and merchant to grape picker and fish peddler are highlights of the rich life of Koichi Kamikawa, 68; but to the Japanese born Fresnan, the fact he now is and American citizen stand out above all else.

Life literally has had its ups and downs for Kamikawa, who now lives at 856 Mayor Ave. with his wife, Kaoru, who was a picture bride in January, 1910.

In 1899 Kamikawa heeded the advice of an older brother, Riichi, and came to America from his birthplace in Hiroshima. Riichi had come here seven years earlier, worked on the railroad and made a little money.

Establish Store in '00s

At the turn of the century, Koichi, Riichi and two other brothers, Mitsu and Masuchi, founded the Kamikawa Bros. Store at Kern and G streets and for a time they prospered, despite considerable anti-Japanese sentiment prevalent at the time.

"We made lots of money," Kamikawa said. "We were 'big shots' in those days."

With the money they made, plus Koichi's acumen, the brothers went far afield. They established branch stores in Selma, Del Rey, Japan and San Francisco. They dabbled in the export-import business. In 1902 Koichi founded the Japanese American Bank in San Francisco and six years later opened a Fresno branch.

"That same year the bottom dropped out of everything," Kamikawa recalled. "Banks everywhere closed. So did ours, but we used the profits from our store to repay all our depositors, dollar for dollar plus interest."

Branch Post Office

Also that same year Kamikawa was placed in charge of a branch post office opened in the brothers' stsore by the then Postmaster George W. Turner.

"The post office was put there as an accommodation to people living in West Fresno," Kamikawa said. "It was a good idea and everyone took advantage of it."

The fortunes of the Kamikawa family fluctuated between 1908 and 1918 when Koichi purchased a 640 acre vineyard in the Bowles district. Shortly afterward the market price of raisins dropped out of sight and, in company with scores of other vineyardists, Kamikawa found himself without a ranch.

Alien Land Law Restricts

Throughout this period, and even later, Kamikawas operated like many other Japanese did. Restricted by law from owning, leasing or renting land, they formed corporations with their American born children as officers, or even with other American citizens as directors.

"That was not good for us Japanese," Kamikawa said. "Years ago I started studying the American Constitution and the Bill of Rights and found that people were guaranteed the right of freedom of speech, worship and peaceful assembly. The Japanese people were allowed none of these.

"Now we are very happy because Congress in 1952 made it possible for us to become American citizens and enjoy the same privileges in this glorious country of my adoption as everyone else."

From Pins to Plows

The Kamikawa Brothers Store, which Koichi said sold everything from pins to plowshares, withstood depression and anti-racial feeling until 1926. Reluctantly the brothers closed the general merchandise establishment that year and Koichi started again.

"I peddled fish house to house in Fresno's rural areas," he said. "My family and I went into the vineyards and picked grapes for several years until I had a little money accumulated. Then I again ventured into the merchandising business with a small store.

"This did not last very long because when World War II broke out we, like all the other Japanese, were interned, and sent to camps elsewhere. We went to Arkansas first, then to New Jerssey where I worked in a cannery."

Store in Fowler

Cannery work was not too profitable, but Koichi saved up a little money and in 1945, the war over, he returned to Fresno county and with a son, Tom, opened a store in Fowler.

In 1951, Koichi Kamikawa retired from what he terms a life "too full of materialism."

"Now I'm free," he said. "I have no obligation and am very happy. I have food to eat and that is enough for my wife and me. The world is too full of a desire to accumulate money. Everyone wants to be a 'big shot.' I was once, but this present life is better than the old."

Foresaw War

Kamikawa was a "big shot" indeed. In 1920 he testified before a congressional committee studying charges of large land ventures involving Japanese, and accusations Japanese hand labor was getting jobs to the detriment of American workers.

"The only solution for the racial difficulty is the promotion of a better understanding between the two peoples," he told the investigators on July 22, 1920. "Unless this is done I predict an undesirable conflict may arise in the future."

Since he became a citizen in naturalization proceeding recently, Kamikawa likes to tell everyone: "My family now has a voting power of 14. When my wife becomes a citizen in a year or so, the number will be increased to 15."

Sold Liberty Bonds

He also likes to recall how he, as a foreigner, was appointed to a committee selling Liberty Bonds during World War I. He is satisfied with the American system of government "as the very best in the world" and is only sorry that his advancing years preclude his being active in some phase of governmental work.

He spends his days puttering around a vegetable garden in the yard at home and in being proud of his son, Tom, now 42, and his four daughters.

Among the daughters, Mrs. Akiko Matsui and Mrs. Sumiko Murashima live in Fresno. Mitsui Kamikawa is working for the air force in San Francisco and Satoko Kamikawa is employed by the Univ. of California in Berkeley.

The Fresno Bee recently published a two-column picture of Koichi Kamikawa, white-haired and smiling happily. The prominent beard, he said, must go because his four daughters do not like it.

PRE-REGISTER NOW FOR NAT'L JACL CONVENTION

Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

Congressional Boxscore . . .

If this Congress is to adjourn by the end of July as fixed by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, the present 83rd Congress is already more than half way through its second session.

Since the President has said on numerous occasions that the Administrative's record of legislative accomplishments should be a key factor in the coming November congressional elections, Nisei Americans may be interested in the statistical summary at the midway point as prepared by a leading, private, non-partisan research organization.

It shows that the President in his speeches and statements has asked for 214 specific objectives that can be translated into legislative requests.

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At the half-way mark, the boxscore shows:

5—Have become law.
1—Has been rejected.
60—Have passed one House only.
36—Have been favorably reported by committee.
54—Have had committee hearing.
19—Awaiting for hearings.

This adds up to a total of 175 Administration bills that have been drafted, introduced and acted upon to some extent, however minor that may be. Presumably 39 additional bills are to be dropped into the House and Senate hoppers soon.

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Though the record doesn't look very promising at this time, since most bills that do become law are jammed through in the last two or three weeks of every Congress, it is still possible that the President may secure enactment of a substantial part of his legislative program. But the odds are increasingly against it.

Senate Majority Leader William Knowland of California insists that when the final record is in, the Eisenhower program will be "pretty substantially" on the books. He claims that the present McCarthy-Stevens hearings have not slowed up the Senate's work schedule.

In the House, Majority Leader Charles Halleck of Indiana is gaining increased stature as the President's chief lieutenant on Capitol Hill.

Because of differences in the rules of procedure, particularly on those relating to limitations on debate, he has been able to "jam through" more of the Eisenhower program than his Senate counterpart.

He also predicts that by adjournment time the GOP record in this Congress will be an impressive one.

Observers will watch the Congress with particular care from now on, for it will have to switch into high gear soon if a substantial part of the President's program is to be enacted into law before election time.

At the Embassy Party . . .

Ambassador Sadao Iguchi met official Washington publicly for the first time when he held a reception last week in honor of the birthday of the Emperor of Japan. Since he reported for his responsible assignment several weeks ago, he has been busy making personal calls and in reorganizing the staff.

According to the society editors who have a penchant for comparisons, it was a "glittering success" with most of official Washington that counted in attendance.

Ambassador Iguchi is no stranger to the United States, having served two tours of duty in New York City and one in Chicago in the Japanese Consulates in the 1930s. He was the Counsel of the Embassy he now heads at the time of the outbreak of war.

A seasoned diplomat thoroughly at home with the English language he mastered at Oxford University, he was at one time considered in the speculation that ended when banker Eikichi Araki was named Japan's first post-war Ambassador to this country. He was named Ambassador to Canada in 1952, a post he held until his recent promotion to Japan's key diplomatic spot, which is Washington.

Because the era of initial goodwill towards the Japanese nation which resulted from the Peace Treaty is beginning to wear off, the Ambassador may have to use all his diplomatic experience in dealing with such explosive subjects as United States-Japan tariff policies and mutual defense and security problems.

With his great understanding of America and its ways, he is expected to further international good relations between Japan and the United States.

And in his efforts to promote greater amity and cooperation between two major Pacific powers, Japanese Americans join with their fellow Americans and their relatives and friends in Japan to wish him continued success in his important mission.

Nisei who can recall the pre-World War II days and immediately thereafter know that the state of goodwill between Japan and the United States often measures community goodwill towards them.

For this reason, Nisei Americans have a particular stake in the Ambassador's success in Washington.

Chat with Vice-Pres. Nixon . . .

Top ranking American at the reception was Vice-President Richard Nixon. We managed to have a few words with him.

He mentioned the spectacular response of the Issei Americans to avail themselves of the naturalization privileges of the McCarran-Walter Act and expressed his personal interest in the forthcoming National JACL Convention in Los Angeles over the Labor Day weekend.

He promised to try to "drop in" if his official duties permit him.

And Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay asked to be remembered to his Nisei friends in Oregon, especially in the Ontario area. He mentioned DON SUGAI and MUN ISERI by name as he proudly proclaimed them to be exemplary of the fine citizenry of the Nisei in his State.

During the reception, Ambassador Iguchi asked about JOHN AISO. It seems that Chief Justice Earl Warren, former Governor of California, had told him how he had come to appoint this outstanding barrister as the first mainland Nisei to be named to a municipal judgeship, the one in Los Angeles.

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About the only criticism, and it was only a friendly one, of the reception came from the "old Japan hands" and former occupation personnel. They thought that instead of the fancy French buffet there should have been the more appropriate Japanese delicacies. Perhaps the fact that there is no legitimate sukiyaki or "Japanese style" restaurant in the nation's capital accounted for their desire to taste again some Japanese foods.

Incidentally, when the newly arrived Ambassador invited me to his office several weeks ago, he expressed great admiration for the way the Issei and the Nisei conducted themselves during the war days.

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As Ambassador Araki before him, and even the Prime Minister too, Japan's top diplomatic envoy declared that this wartime record was responsible in part for the present goodwill which exists between the two nations.

He expressed the hope that the Issei and Nisei will continue to try to help keep Japan and the United States as friendly allies in a free world.

He seemed to have a good understanding of the JACL and its contributions both to the American scene and to persons of Japanese ancestry, especially those in this country.

Among Washington's working press along Embassy Row, he's already known as "a good Joe," which is high praise in newspaper parlance.

Very Truly Yours . . . . by Harry Honda

About Two Mrs. Youngers

One of the prerogatives of an editor backfired last week . . . It concerned the changing in tense of the verb "to be" in Larry Tajiri's column last week concerning State Senator Tenney of Los Angeles and the forces behind the "confuse the voters" over two women candidates named Mrs. Younger — Hazel and Mildred . . . The change was made in *brackets* after noting an item in the dailies that the last-minute petition for Hazel Younger was soundly questioned because she had been declared insane by court and committed, thus ineligible for public office . . . The morning after our PC was off the press, the California Supreme Court reluctantly ruled Hazel Younger stays on the ballot because she was not duly called to show cause. The ruling pointed out Hazel Younger was an indispensable party to the hearing and must be served with notice personally . . . As it happened, attorneys for Mildred Younger said they were unable to fin dthe other woman, adding that she had been hiding herself or is being hidden. Copies of the order had been left at her last known address . . . So it appears, Tajiri's original wording that Hazel Younger's name *will* appear on the California primary ballot ahead of Mildred Younger—who seconded the nomination of Earl Warren at the last national GOP convention—is correct.

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The court suggested the legislature may see fit to consider the enactment of legislation lengthening the period given the registrar of voters more time to get out sample and official ballots . . . Right now, he only has 50 days . . . The trickeries of politics are many—but this one appears as the most astute . . . It's unfortunate a man with such cunning (or the people behind such a man) can confound the situation . . . Such talents deserve a more wholesome atmosphere.

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Nisei voters in Los Angeles county (undoubtedly, the largest concentration of its kind in the United States) need not be reminded of the schemes of Tenney in the past . . . . He didn't trust Japanese American on face value. He was even against paying evacuation claims after the war was over . . . How the Mildred Younger forces will promote their campaign in the remaining days can be interesting . . . We shall see.

'Tempus fugit'-JACL Convention Four Months Off

Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

By the time this column appears in print, a planeload of Hawaiian statehood boosters will be winging its way to Washington in an all-out bid for statehood.

It is the largest Hawaiian delegation yet dispatched to the Capital in the long and arduous drive by the Territory to become the 49th state.

About 54 persons will be aboard the special flight, approximately 33 of them being legislators. The rest will be representatives of veterans' organizations, University of Hawaii students, members of the Hawaii Statehood Commission, and several community leaders.

They will call upon Congressmen and national administration officials to appeal for passage of the Hawaiian Statehood bill which is now stymied in the House Rules Committee.

Action has been lagging since the Senate passed the bill, after tying Alaska to it, by a 57 to 28 vote on April 1. The bill was sent back to the House which had already passed the Hawaii bill last year. But House leaders are opposed to Alaska.

The problem now is to persuade House leaders to permit the bill to become law, giving statehood to Hawaii with or without Alaska.

The Hawaiian delegation appreciates the difficulties ahead but is convinced that the potential rewards are worth the costs and efforts involved.

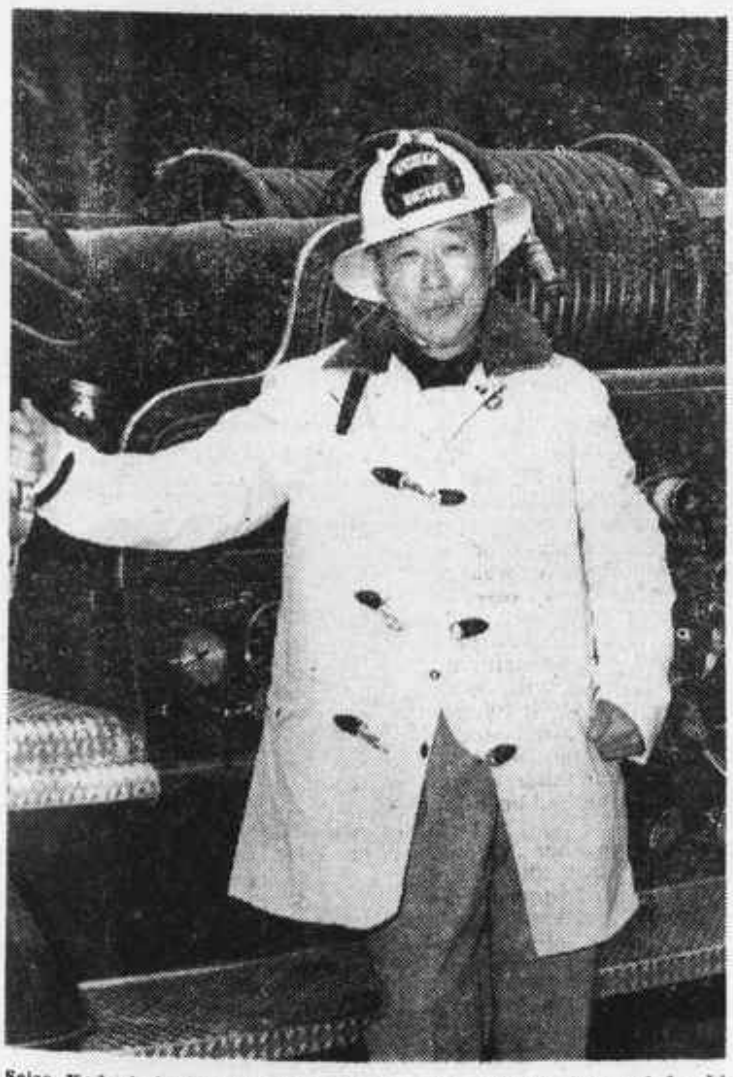
The delegates from Hawaii will coincide their arrival in Washington with a 50-member delegation from Alaska also determined to obtain statehood.

Governor Samuel Wilder King will head the Hawaiian group, which will work closely with Joseph P. Farrington, Hawaii's Delegate to Congress who has ably led the statehood fight in Washington.

Senator Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, president of the Territorial Senate, may be the top Nisei among the delegates, who will include two other Nisei Senators, all the Nisei in the House of Representatives, and several Nisei among the veterans and other non-legislative groups.

Senator Tsukiyama, who only recently returned from a statehood mission during the U.S. Senate debate on the bill, was uncertain whether he could make the current trip.

The Hawaiian delegation is constituted as an official group of Territorial Legislature, which was called into special session by Governor King to devise ways of advancing the statehood movement. The Legislature convened on April 20, enacted bills to finance the delegation of legislators and non-legislators to Washington, then recessed on April 28 for the delegation to go to the Capital.



Seizo Kodani, in his fire chief regalia, was recently honored for his ability and meritorious service with the Carmel Highlands force for the past 20 years. Believed to be the only Nisei fire chief in the United States, he has been active with Monterey Peninsula JACL for many years. —Esaki Photo Service.

GENE FOWLER BOOK ON SADAKICHI MAY BE FILM

Hollywood

"Minutes of the Last Meeting," (a book of Gene Fowler previously commented at length by Larry Tajiri, PC columnist) in which one of the characters is Sadakichi Hartmann, a Japanese-German poet and art critic, may be groomed for the movies.

If so, author Fowler wants John Carradine as Sadakichi, Red Skelton as W. C. Fields, Frederic March as John Barrymore, Ian Keith as artist John Decker and Thomas Mitchell as Fowler.

PRESS FILE:

FOGGY, FOGGY DEW — Jobo Nakamura, who recently contributed to the Holiday magazine of his impressions visiting Japan, is Japan-bound this week to accept a civil service position. A biochemist by profession, he was employed at the Univ. of California.

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A BLESSING — In our happy, but noisy household, we seem to be growing a flower garden, with Iris, Laurel and Holly. If our next "son" is another daughter, we're gonna name her "Cherry." Our consolation will have to be that 15 years from now, our house will surely be popular with the boys.

But children give meaning to life, and we're happy to have our li'l flower garden at home. Iris is at the age where her wild imagination leads her tell about the tigers and bears hiding in the bushes in back of the house, while two year old Laurie insists on clomping around the house with cowboy boots and a battered hat insisting that she's "Hop-Along Cassidy." Our infant, thank goodness, just sleeps and eats, and wakes up at ungodly hours in the morning. But, if she's going to be like her sistsers, she'll grow up to be a character, too.—Min Yasui, Colorado Times.

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PULITZER PRIZE — The 1954 Pulitzer list announced Monday includes *Teahouse of the August Moon* by John Patrick for the drama award. The successful Broadway comedy was adapted from the novel of the same name by Vern Sneider, already judged as the best American play of 1953 by the N.Y. Drama Critics' Circle.

Denver's Larimer St. housing regarded worst

Denver

Larimer Street, once heavily occupied by persons of Japanese ancestry during the World War II days, has been surveyed by Bob Cameron, city sanitation chief, who reports the housing conditions along a 20-block strip are the worst in the Mile High District.

The Denver Board of Health recently heard a preliminary report from Cameron, who will soon propose changes in the city housing code to tighten up on the elimination of substandard housing.



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SPEED-UP IN NATURALIZATION OF ISSEI TO BE URGED BY JACL

Washington

When President Eisenhower appointed Gen. Joseph M. Swing Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced that it would seek an early appointment with him in order to urge a speed-up in the naturalization of Issei applicants.

Mike Masasoka, Washington JACL representative, said that he would recommend that the system of group examinations that have proved so successful in the San Francisco-Northern California region be authorized and directed for the other areas, particularly for Los Angeles and Southern California.

He declared that it should be brought to the attention of the new Commissioner that most of the Issei applicants are old in age and that if they are to enjoy the benefits of their citizenship that has been denied them so long it is imperative that the present slow and cumbersome procedures be speeded up considerably.

Ike's Classmate

The new commissioner is Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, a West Point classmate of the President, and a native of New Jersey. He will succeed Argyle R. Mackey, who has been Commissioner since 1951.

The Justice Department, of which the Immigration and Naturalization Service is a unit, announced that at the special request of the Attorney General, Mackey has agreed to stay on as deputy commissioner, replacing Benjamin C. Habberton who resigned his post to enter the private practice of law.

General Swing graduated from the Military Academy at West Point in 1915 with the President. He retired from service last Feb. 28. His last command was as Commanding General of the Sixth Army, with headquarters at the Presidio in San Francisco. He is 58 years old.

Commanded Paratroopers

He commanded the 11th Airborne Division during World War II, the first to occupy Japan after the surrender. He led the first detachment to an airfield outside Tokyo on Aug. 30, 1945.

After his return to this country in 1949, the General was commandant of the Army War College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., and in 1951, he left that post to assume command of the Sixth Army.

Because immigration and naturalization matters will be new to him and because the present Commissioner will serve as his deputy, it is expected that the general administration and policies of the Service will remain about the same.

Japanese azaleas

San Francisco

A well-known strain of Japanese azaleas with a 400-year history grown in Nagasaki may soon appear in the United States. Importation is being arranged by Kiyoshi Hirasaki of Gilroy.

Hurt in water bottle explosion

Stockton

A $7,500 damage suit, growing from an explosion of a bottle of sparkling water in an East Main Street market, was filed last week in Superior Court by a Stockton housewife.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Evelyn Gray of 2151 E. Church, initiated the action against William, George and James Nakashina, owners of the Save-Mart Market at 3310 E. Main, and J. Leroy Swenson, distributor of the soft drink.

Mrs. Gray claims she was shopping in the market's liquor department March 21 when the soft drink bottle exploded on a shelf and fragments of glass cut her left leg.



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Chicago Corner

SMOKY SAKURADA

Around Windy City . . .

● As the Chicago JACL has received many reports of Nisei who were frustrated in their attempts to buy homes, the next chapter meeting, May 21, will present a panel discussion: "How to Avoid the Pitfalls in Buying a House," at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 13th floor, 116 S. Michigan Ave., starting at 8 p.m. Attorney THOMAS MASUDA is moderator. Panel members: NOBORU HONDA, CLer, insurance consultant and community leader; and THOMAS COLGAN, former executive director of the Council against Discrimination, and assistant to the president of the D-Frostomatic Corp. The meeting will concern house-hunting, house purchase, community attitudes to purchasers of a minority group, and of ways & means to cope with the situation.

● The "852 Hop" (Chicago JACL membership social) will be held Saturday, May 22, 8 to 12 midnight, at the McCormick YWCA. In charge will be Dr. JOE NAKAYAMA, membership v.p., assisted by:

Dr. FRANK SAKAMOTO, m.c.; RUTH NAKAYA, CHIYE TOMIHIRO, BILL FUJII, Dr. GEORGE OKITA, FRANCES ABE, KAY FUJII, HARRY MIZUNO and PRISCILLA HAGA.

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The Museum of Science and Industry has announced its new schedule for the summer as follows: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays; until 7 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. Admission is free at all times.

Of People . . .

● JOHNNY FUJIWARA is assistant editor-in-chief of the Hyde Park High School yearbook. ALLAN YAMAKAWA is staff photographer.

● HERSHEY MIYAMURA, PO Box 45 , Gallup, N.M., Medal of Honor Winner who was guest of honor at the Chicago Nisei Korean War veterans testimonial, we found to be a shy guy, a good sport and one of the nicest fellows . . . A good CLer (of the Albuqurque chapter), he is now salesman for White Auto Accessory Parts, a new motor-parts firm in the Southwest. He was born and raised in Gallup, was boxing champ at Gallup High, in the ROTC and played softball. After graduation in 1943, he worked a year as an auto mechanic at Central Motor. On Jan. 13, 1944, he was drafted into the army, took basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., then at Camp Shelby with the 100th Infantry . . . He went overseas in May, 1945, and the war in Europe was ended. Coming back with the 442nd Infantry in July, 1946, he was among the many Nisei parading in review of President Truman. After his discharge, he joined the reserves, attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Milwaukee, until 1948 . . . He married the former TERRY TSUCHIMORI of Winslow, Ariz., on June 20, 1948, in Gallup . . . He re-enlisted in the reserves in August, 1949, was called into active service Sept. 19, 1950, and was in Korea with the Third Division in Nov. 17, 1950 . . . It was Apr. 24, 1951, that he performed his heroic act and subsequently captured. He spent 28 months in a PW camp. On Oct. 27, 1953, with six others, he received the Medal of Honor from President Eisenhower . . . Hershey's father, YAICHI MIYAMURA (who was naturalized an American citizen last Monday), operates the Lucky Lunch cafe. Other members of the noted family are:

- CHIYOKO, married to JOHN HERRERA, Santa Fe railroad employee; children: NANCY 13, MICHAEL 10, JOHNNY 8.
- MOKO, married to BEN SARUWATARI, Delta, Colo., farmer; children: JUDY 11, JACKIE 9, LINDA JOY 3.
- MICHIKO, married to PAUL YOSHIDA, Los Angeles service station operator; children: PATSY 12 and ALLEN 5.
- SHIZUKO, married to HIDE TANIKAWA, Paramount, Calif., fruit stand operator; children: RONNIE 3 and a baby girl.
- KEI, air force sergeant, radar technician in Japan, and now in Japan; married to former KIMI TAGUCHI, Los Angeles.
- SHIGEKO, married to NARI SASAKI, Long Beach, Calif.; one child.

Terry's mother, sisters and brothers in Los Angeles. They are JIM TSUCHIMORI, commercial art student; JIRO, auto mechanic; Mrs. KAZ NAKAISHI, husband JOE is a TV technician; and MISAKO, student.

● Miss MIEKO NAKAMURA of Kirby, Wyo., pharmacy student at the Univ. of Wyoming, was among UW students recently touring Abbott Laboratories in North Chicago.

● WILEY HIGUCHI's mother, mentioned in this *Corner* last week, is now residing in Los Angeles with her daughter, Mrs. YURIKO NAKAYAMA.



The members of the San Francisco JACL cabinet, in this photo taken at its installation banquet, are (left to ight) sitting: Kaye Uyeda, del.; Rose Oda, bd mem.; Catherine Reyes, alt. del.; Helen Terazawa, bd. mem.; Evelyn Ikeda, bd. mem.; Sumi Honnami, cor. sec.; Setsuko Asano, rec. sec.; Alice Shigezumi, pub.; standing: Kei Hori, past pres.; Yone Satoda, Peter Ohtaki, bd mems.; Hatsuro Aizawa, treas. Hisashi Tani, Viola Nakano, v.p.; Jerry Enomoto, pres.; Taxy Hironaka, Jack Hirose, v.p.; Fred Obayashi, bd. mem.; Frank Dobashi, Fred Hoshiyama.—George Tanaka of Kido Studios.

Nisei indifference of interracial, civic activities rapped by Portland Urban League official; active CL work necessary

Portland

Stressing the need for all civic groups to work toward the betterment of interracial welfare, Edwin C. Berry, executive secretary of the Urban League, here cited strides made by the cooperation of many groups toward the "business of folks getting along together in the community and in America as a whole," at the April meeting of the local JACL chapter.

Berry declared that democracy is not a goal but rather a process and that there is a need by all minority groups for basic self-respect. "We should make it our business not to be kicked around, because self-hate is a destructive force and the disguising of one's racial or religious background does not accomplish anything."

He deplored the lack of interest affected by persons of Japanese ancestry in various interracial and civic activities. He cited several instances when fair-minded persons in the community were working toward the betterment of racial understanding and it was noted at these gatherings that "persons of Japanese ancestry were notorious by their absence."

Missing at Hearings

Specific instances included hearings concerning discrimination in housing, fair employment practices, interracial marriage and a special discriminatory law against persons of Japanese and Chinese ancestry concerning their sanitation habits.

Berry noted that this attitude probably stemmed from the evacuation and consequent results but he declared serious minded people who are giving their time, energy and money into these projects are beginning to wonder if the Nisei are getting into the habit of forever letting other people do their battles for them without reciprocating in situations involving other people who are being discriminated against.

He also voiced the opinion that most Nisei are halfway to democracy and though this is a far cry from total democracy the Nisei feel it is better than nothing and have become complacent in their present way of life. In time, Berry declared, "that if you act like a dead dog, people will treat you likewise. They will step over you but they will not pick you up."

All Work Together

All people should work alike to make gains in making democracy work," Berry declared in conclusion.

"We should all have enough gumption to make things work out for the sake of democracy and as Americans. And in order to do this we must take part through organizations like the JACL, Urban League and other like organizations, for our own sake and the sake of our children and as Americans."

Berry made several recommendations wherein Nisei and the JACL could assist the community in furthering better relations between the races:

1. Join forces with other groups working for democracy since nothing can be done alone, and

2. Wipe out self-segregation. Move out into the general community and especially encourage the Issei to move out into the general community. Self segregation leads the general community to justify segregation and "knowledge brings understanding."

Two naturalized Issei, D. Takeoka and Frank Kyono, attended the meeting.

Donate books to Fowler Memory Book library shelf

Fowler

Four books have been donated by the Fowler JACL to the Fowler Library for the Memory Book shelf. The shelf is dedicated to Fowler youth who were killed during World War II, and sponsored by the American Legion post.

Each book being donated bears a name-plate of Todd Sakohira, Yeiichi Hiyama, John Hashimoto and Takao Ninomiya. The books are:

"Americans: The Story of the 442nd Combat Team," Maj. Orville C. Shirey; "Beauty Behind Barbed Wires," Allen H. Eaton; "Americans from Japan," Bradford Smith; and "I Was an American Spy," Col. Sidney F. Mashbir.

Pocatello CL plans fete for Issei civic students

Pocatello, Idaho

Tentative plans for a banquet and ceremonies honoring all Issei completing their studies toward citizenship are being made by the Pocatello JACL chapter. Date is to be announced.

It was reported 41 Issei in the Pocatello and Blackfoot area have completed Americanization classes last month. Sumi Kanomata, Novo Kato and Harry Watanabe, volunteer instructors, were commended.

Milton F. Hartvigsen, city school superintendent, made available textbooks and other class material. Classes were held at Alameda Jr. High School.

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Pocatello JACL: The chapter's annual summer picnic is being planned for June 20, Fathers' Day . . . The chapter bowling league finished its season last week and members were signed up 100 percent in the city championship tournament being held this week.

NC-WNDC 2ND SESSION IN OAKLAND MAY 16

Oakland

The second quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council session will be convened May 16 at Angelo's, 4307 San Pablo Ave., it was announced by "Ziggy" Akahoshi, Oakland JACL chapter president.

One of the highlights of the one-day meeting will be the banquet honoring 98 Issei citizens of the host city. Tom Yego, district council chairman, will preside at the business session.

Mike Masaoka, will be the main speaker.

A special highlight will be a color slide lecture on Kabuki by Michael Lombardi, adviser to the Azuma Kabuki troupe and consultant to S. Hurok.

One of the main items of discussion at this district council meeting will be the integration of new Issei citizens and JACL members into the total program of the JACL. Possibly 1,300 Issei will have received their citizenship by the end of the month, it was reported.

Accident—

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California State Nurses Association.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taijyu Kato, and was the sister of Yasuto and Henry Y. Kato, all of Warm Springs, and Chiyemi Sakuda and Kiyome Kitayama, both of Alvarado.

(In the San Francisco *This World* section, May 9, 1948, appeared a two-page article, "What Made Kato Fight?", a story of the first of Nisei war dead brought home for reburial. Miss Kato was the younger sister of Pfc. Joseph Hisato Kato, killed in action October, 1944, in France, subject of a human interest story written by J. P. Cahn, who was urging naturalization for Issei.)

CHAPTER MEMO

Portland JACL: A voter's rally May 17 at the YWCA will be co-sponsored by the chapter and Veledas. Mrs. Nobi Sumida and George Azumano are co-chairmen. Speakers from both political parties and a brief report on the various measures in the Oregon primaries are on the agenda . . . Dr. Matthew Masuoka and his committee are in charge of plans to sponsor a benefit Japanese movie May 23. Proceeds will be used to send delegates to the National JACL convention.

Montana JACL: Rose Kawamoto was appointed chairman of the Memorial Day activities and Yasuo Nayematsu in charge of a picnic the same day, it was announced by Joe Nagashima, pres., at the last chapter meeting. June Mikami will be chairman to coordinate plans for a joint July 4 picnic of the Montana-Northern Wyoming chapters.

Selma JACL: Capt. Melvin Manley, USAF (res.), introduced by nurseryman George Abe, screened colored slides which he took during his tour of duty in Japan and Korea at the last meeting. Tentative plans were also made for the barbecue outing June 12 to honor new members and graduates. Takami Misaki was appointed as chairman of the event by George Okazaki, chapter president, and will be assisted by:

Mitsugi Yamamoto, Shigeo Nagao, Dale Okazaki, Mas Morishima, Keny Yamamoto and Tom Umade.

Ethel Otomo will arrange the May meeting program. Mrs. Dale Okazaki and members of the auxiliary served refreshments.

Monterey Peninsula JACL: Troop 47's committeemen for the year agreeing to serve were announced as follows

Jimmy Tabata (re-elected chmn.), Fred Matsuyama, Bill Sumida, Harry Hatano, Y. Yamahara and George Esaki.

The Boy Scouts are led by Mike Sanda, scoutmaster; Kei Nakamura, ass't scoutmaster; and Kay Nobusada, Explorer Scout advisers.

San Luis Obispo JACL: Harry Fukuhara is editing the chapter monthly publication being distributed to Japanese residents in the county.

SOCIAL NOTES

French Camp JACL Auxiliary: Mrs. Florence Itaya, general chairman of the annual Mother's Day party to be held May 8, 8 p.m., at the French Camp hall, announced the following committeemen:

Kimiye Watanabe, m.c.; Irene Nakano, Lydia Ota, Aya Tsugawa, Alyce Shinmoto, Pat Ogino, Michi Egusa and Tamako Yagi.

Twin Cities UCL: This year's community picnic will be held June 20 at Theodore Wirth Park No. 2. Howard Nomura and Tak Tsuchiya are co-chairmen.

Fresno JACL Auxiliary: Dr. John A. Buehler, assistant professor of psychology at Fresno State College, spoke on "Child Emotions" at the last meeting of the Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Robert Yabuno.

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REPORTS

MASAO W. SATOW

San Francisco

During the past eight years through the JACL Anti Discrimination Committee, Inc., which has been JACL's legislative arm, we have been able to wipe off from our national statutes laws discriminatory to persons of Japanese ancestry. We have also passed legislation establishing justice and equality. From now on the bulk of our work in Washington will be to refine the legislation and to continue our liaison with various departments of our government as "our collective voice in a democracy."

Accordingly, we are in process of dissolving the JACL Anti Discrimination Committee as a Utah corporation. Official announcement of this will be made this month. Concurrent with this announcement will be a public report of JACL-ADC's accomplishments as well as a financial report covering the period from August 1946 when the ADC was organized through the end of last year. The income of approximately $650,000 will be broken down by areas and years, while the expenditures will be classified according to years, offices and items.

Hawaii Continues Support . . .

We were pleasantly surprised this past month to receive a check from Hawaii for $1,181.30. TETS OI, the hard-working executive of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, explains this donation from Honolulu "as a token of our appreciation for all the JACL is continuing to do for our cause." During the past seven years in three separate campaigns the people of Hawaii have given some $90,000 in support of our program, and we have developed a fine working relationship with them.

Issei Naturalization . . .

Significant as well as praiseworthy is the fine relationship that has been developed between the Northern California Immigration and Naturalization Service Office and our own JACL organization. HAROLD HART of the I and N Office and Regional Director HARUO ISHIMARU have worked together to pioneer the group examinations to the mutual benefit of both the government and JACL, and the hundreds of Issei who have achieved their American citizenship in Northern California are the direct beneficiaries of this splendid cooperative effort.

Larger Evacuation Claims . . .

Within the next week we will send out another mailing to the 3,500 claimants of larger evacuation claims, including a letter both in English and Japanese explaining the amendment introduced by Congressman Patrick Hillings of California and JACL's proposed services under the amendment, plus a copy of the remarks made by the Congressman at the time he introduced the measure. Once again, were it not for the loyal JACL volunteers, it would be physically impossible to get out this material.

Acknowledgements . . .

And speaking of volunteers, our special thanks to Staff Sgt. TOM BUTLER whose flaming red top and mustache show up at the office every Friday, many times Thursdays also, to give us a helping hand. Tom returned from his tour of duty in Japan with a Japanese war bride, joined the San Francisco Chapter, is stationed at the Presidio.

Special recognition and thanks to WILLIE HOSHIYAMA of San Francisco who prints most of our stationery. As a personal project he took on the printing of the Japanese American Creed with our new Headquarters address, so now the Creed is available to our Chapter and members in more artistic format. Not only did he do this for us gratis, but also got the Johnson Mat and Electrotype Company of San Francisco to contribute the electroplate for the job.

We also want to acknowledge the generosity of GI YOSHIOKA, past NC-WN District Council Chairman for periodically beautifying National Headquarters and the Regional Office with flowers.

Our appreciation to San Francisco's Taiyo Trading Company, whose manager FRANK KAWAKAMI and office gal TEIKO KITAGAWA have been nice enough to allow us to "kojiki" their scrap pile for carton boxes for cardboard to be used as backing to mail 1000 Club certificates. Since coming to San Francisco ten months ago we have sent out over 400 such membership certificates, which are quite a few carton boxes.

One Thousand Club . . .

We trust everyone has noticed the increasing number of One Thousanders. According to our efficient Secretary DAISY UYEDA (who is more our Administrative Assistant rather than just a secretary), we have 481 members in good standing as of date, distributed as follows:

Northern California-Western Nevada 116, Pacific Southwest 95, Midwest 58, Intermountain 53, Mountain Plains 49, Pacific Northwest 47, Central California 35, and East 28.

The Denver Chapter with 35 boasts the largest number in a single Chapter, but to Arizona goes the credit of having the most in proportion to their membership with 21. Other Chapters with an excellent percentage record are Philadelphia—13, St. Louis—9, San Luis Valley—7, Idaho Falls—15, Venice-Culver City—12, Richmond-El Cerrito—15, Cortez—8, Parlier—13, Portland—13, Mid Columbia—10, and Gresham-Troutdale—7.

National Convention Souvenir Program Chairman CHARLES ASAWA informs us that the complete listing of 1000 Club supporters of JACL will be included in the booklet.

Selma Chapter Gets a 'First' . . .

The Selma Chapter in Central California has been invited to list their Chapter with the JACL emblem on the official highway service club signboard to be erected at the southern approach to the city. So far as we know, this is the first Chapter in JACL's history to be accorded this honor, and it bespeaks well for the fine public relations program of the Chapter.

District Council Meeting . . .

Coming up in May are the Northern California-Western Nevada quarterly meeting on the 16th hosted by Oakland, and the Midwest District Council meeting in St. Louis over the Memorial Day weekend with Dr. AL MORIOKA and JOE TANAKA in charge.

We understand that the Pacific Northwest will meet in June, and also in June the Yellowstone Chapter will bid the Intermountain JACLers and trout fishermen to the IDC meeting at Mack's Inn near the west gate of Yellowstone Park.

Noted cancer research director addresses Pasadena chapter; suggests smoking cigarettes down to 2 inches, if you must

Pasadena

The man who discovered the relationship of smoking and cancer in the laboratory, Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita, director of cancer research at the City of Hope, Duarte, addressed the first general meeting of the Pasadena JACL.

The reknown doctor spoke to the Issei in their native tongue —the first time he has spoken in Japanese since he left Japan five years ago. He spoke of his past experiences, his appointment with the City of Hope and of his simple philosophy on research—that of a patient fisherman who, with the information and experiences gained from others, would know what kind of bait to use or where to fish to catch the most or the largest fish. So in research, Dr. Kinoshita explained, with the knowledge gained through the experiences of others, utilizing this information may possibly produce results.

The Issei audience found Dr. Kinoshita to be possessed with a definite sense of humor as he related important factors of his life with humor, keeping the crowd chuckling.

Questions and Answers

The meeting was then opened for questions and answers by presiding chairman, Tom Ito, chapter president.

Smog/cancer question: When Dr. Kinoshita first arrived in this part of the country, judging from the smell of the air, he though perhaps that there might be cancer-producing factors in smog. As he is now carrying on researeh he asked that we give him another 200 days before he could give a statement.

Cigarette/cancer question: This was one of Dr. Kinoshita's discoveries. He found while carrying on research in Japan with old pipe cleaners he received from the local village pipe cleaner that there were cancer producing factors in Tobacco Tars. After disposing of the nicotine in the cigarette, from the tars he found this to be true and his application on rats confirmed this 100 per cent.

Chain Smoker Himself

Dr. Kinoshita stated that he himself was a chain smoker and felt that smoking was more or less a necessity for those who smoked.

He approached the tobacco industry years ago to the possibilities of carrying on research on proper habits of smoking for fullest enjoyment and safety against cancer but was refused. This he felt was due to the publicity then received from the press on the cancer/tobacco question.

It was indeed unfortunate, for when the industry finally got around to agreeing to the research the doctor was not able to be of any service to them as he was already committed. He advised for safest enjoyment in smoking, smoke the cigarette up to about two inches.

Rice-Low Protein Diet

Cancer/Diet: This is another one of his discoveries. Diet does play an important factor in cancer, according to Dr. Kinoshita. In the countries of the Orient, Japan, China, and Java, where the diet consisted of large content of rice and low on protein, he found cancer of the stomach and liver to be high, but also found that a change in diet helped the condition.

"We here in the states have not much to worry as our American diet of a well-balanced meal was adequately safe, but with the addition of B2 vitamin we would enjoy more health," he added.

Cancer being heredity: Definitely not, according to Dr. Kinoshita, whenever in the past a disease was unknown it was immediately labelled heredity, but with research they have come to know that cancer is not inherited except for one type which is a cancer of the eye retina, which he reassured us was as rare as Siamese twins.

A short business meeting preceded the guest speaker. Grace Sato read the minutes of 1954, followed by a membership report from Florence Wada and a treasurer's report from Harris Ozawa. Ken Dyo versed the group on the forthcoming National JACL convention.



KIKUYE KATAYAMA
Selma Union High Graduate of the 1952 Class

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Selma JACL names queen candidate for Fair Days

Selma

Kikuye Katayama, Fresno State College sophomore majoring in secretarial, was chosen as the Selma JACL chapter queen candidate for the annual Fair Days here June 17-19.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Itsuji Katayama was selected by a committee headed by Mrs. Kaoru Kobashi, president of the Women's Auxiliary, assisted by:

Mrs. George Okazaki, Mrs. Takami Misaki, Misses Ethel Otomo and Betty Takao.

Tom Umade was appointed as chairman of ticket sales, and will be assisted by:

Keny Yamamoto, George Baba, George Tanaka, Min Okubo, Dale Okazaki, Takami Misaki and Shig Nagao.

Mile-Hi CL plans dinner to honor 50 Issei

Denver

Recognizing the achievement of 32 Issei naturalized here Apr. 12 and 21 Issei naturalized in Brighton Feb. 15, the Mile-Hi JACL is planning a community dinner in their honor in June.

Sam Matsumoto, chapter president, appointed John Sakayama as general chairman, assisted by Fumi Yabe, public relations chairman of the chapter.

Gold-filled lapel pins of the U.S. flag will be presented to the recently naturalized Issei, the chapter cabinet has decided.

Endowment—

San Francisco

Individual contributions totaling $795.50 have been received this month for the National JACL Endowment Fund. This now boosts the total of this perpetual fund to $75,445.28.

National JACL publicly acknowledges contributions from the persons listed below:

CALIFORNIA

Richmond—Kyo Yamamoto $15; Sacramento—Mr. and Mrs. Hideichi Wakabayashi $100; Winton—Mrs. Tatsuzo Hoshino $5, Hatsuo Miyake $15; Merced—Mrs. Nihei Hatashita $5; Livingston—Mrs. Atsushi G. Nakashima $25, Iwakichi Tanaka $3; Reedley—Betty S. Taguchi $15, Kazue Kunishige $25; Visalia—Mrs. Masuji Katano $20, Rev. Zesei Kawasaki $15, F. Nakataro Koyama $5, Hayashi Kurihara $10, Tom Mori $25, Mrs. Chiyono Shimoji $20, Tom Shimoji $2.50; Ivanhoe—Mitsuyoki Uota $50; Kingsburg—Ted Nomura $20; Pasadena—Kamejiro Nishiyama $25.

COLORADO

Brighton—Kiyoshi Kiyano $10, Denver—Tosh Kawaji $25; Henderson—Sam Y. Matsumoto $100.

MICHIGAN

Detroit—Mrs. Rose K. Leong $25.

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St. Paul—Miss Eimi Kuramoto $55.

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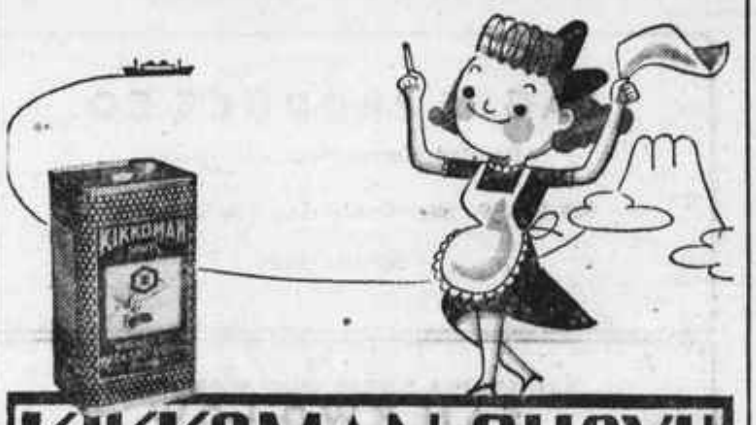
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The National President receives many invitations to attend and to speak at chapter dinners. He accepts most of them but occasionally he has had to reluctantly turn some down because of previous commitments, press of his own business or for other reasons of a like nature.

I feel that I have received my share of such invitations and I can honestly say that I have learned a great deal from each of these occasions. In fact, I think that I have gained more than I have been able to give in return.

Here again, I feel that I ought to pass on to you the various impressions I have gained because some of them, I know, will prove of value to you in programming your own chapter activities.

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Installation dinner as public relations

One of the most worthwhile programs that a chapter can develop is the good-will dinner. You might rightfully consider it a public relations dinner. Some of the most successful dinners of this nature are held in conjunction with the annual installation of new officers.

One of the rural chapters in Central California each year holds a most impressive one. Both the Issei and the Nisei turn out for the occasion but their combined attendance is almost outnumbered by the *hakujin* guests.

They sit alternately with these guests; thus providing an opportunity for the chapter members and their parents to become acquainted with such dignitaries as the County Supervisors, the local judge, members of the Board of Education, and other public officials and leaders.

In turn, the function gives these public figures an opportunity to become better acquainted with their Japanese American neighbors. It is an opportunity welcomed by both groups and is one that JACL chapters are best equipped to provide.

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Dinner strictly for goodwill

There is another chapter, somewhat larger than the one mentioned above, located in Northern California, which holds an outright "good will" dinner each year.

By outright, I mean that the dinner is not in conjunction with the installation or some such event but simply a good will dinner as such. They have developed it into one of THE EVENTS of the community and for a *hakujin* to be left off the guest list means that his social status is being jeopardized . . . just about.

When a chapter-sponsored dinner reaches this stature, the problem of guests not showing up is practically eliminated. On the occasion of my visit to this dinner, I noted that their representative in Congress made a special flying trip just to be present.

Naturally a lot of planning and a lot of work goes into preparations but you can't help but realize that every bit of it is worthwhile. The membership is aware of this and there seems to be no stalling around. Everyone pitches in and carries his share of the load.

It's a project that serves many purposes and is one that receives the appreciation of all who participate.

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For honoring newly naturalized Issei

I have had the pleasure of attending many other dinners of similar impressiveness as the two described above but space does not permit me to dwell upon them.

The point is, however, that every chapter ought to look into the possibilities of a program like this.

The fact that through our naturalization endeavors, so many Issei are becoming new American citizens, I feel, provides a unique and wonderful opportunity for such dinners.

Of course, many chapters are holding dinners honoring these new citizens but I think that every chapter ought to do it. And the most should be made of the occasion.

Whether yours is a large chapter or a small one, whether you conduct such a dinner on a big scale or on a small scale, the benefits that you gain from it will be tremendous.

By introducing the Japanese American people and the community at large to each other, you are performing not merely a service that will be appreciated by both but you are contributing to the life of your community. Your chapter will rise in respect and stature and so will the support from your membership and the community.

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Dedicating Japanese cherry trees at the Utah State Fairground last weekend were Rupert Hachiya (left), president of the Salt Lake chapter; Mrs. J. Bracken Lee, on behalf of the state and her husband, Gov. Lee, who is out of Utah; and Mamo Namba, recently naturalized Issei, who represented the Issei. Girls in kimono performed ondo numbers. —Terashima Studio.

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Japanese cherry trees, symbolic of happiness of Issei being naturalized, dedicated at Utah State Fairgrounds

Salt Lake City

Balmy weather and a good crowd Sunday made a fitting background for dedication ceremonies conducted at Utah State Fairgrounds by members of Salt Lake Chapter, Japanese-American Citizens League.

League members, in recognition of 22 members of their race who recently were admitted to U.S. citizenship, had planted 20 flowering cherry trees on the southeast corner of the grounds.

The services Sunday saw Mrs. J. Bracken Lee accept the trees on behalf of the state and her husband, Gov. Lee, who is out of Utah.

Issei Praised

"You Japanese who have worked so long and so hard to understand the American way of life while aiming at citizenship now know more about our wonderful government than most native Americans," Mrs. Lee told the new citizens.

The trees were formally presented by Rupert Hachiya, president of the Salt Lake chapter.

"We felt that planting these trees would provide an ever-growing symbol of the happiness our people have felt at becoming Americans," he said.

Mrs. Walter C. Hurd, representing the Utah Associated Garden Clubs, told the group, "These trees will someday be as beautiful and awe-inspiring as those planted by the Japanese in Washington, D.C."

Dedicatory Prayer

The Rev. Tetsuo Saito offered the dedicatory prayer. Because it contained the thoughts of all that was expressed in the program, its complete text is being reprinted.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Author of our liberties and all that we hold dear—as we dedicate these trees here today, we do so in spirit of gratitude and appreciation.

Gratitude for the labors of our parents who contributed so materially to the development of this country, especially the West.

Appreciation for a country that can recognize true human values—that says that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart, not of race or ancestry.

For Citizenship

Appreciation for a country that welcomes to its citizenship peoples of all races and nationalities, even though that citizenship be long delayed.

A country that takes the finest of every culture, such as is symbolized by these cherry trees, and seeks to appreciate the qualities represented therein.

For these understanding qualities that is the heart of America, we give Thee thanks, our Father in Heaven.

Looking Forward

Not only would we look backward, O God our Father, on this day of Dedication, but we would also look forward. May these cherry trees symbolize the beauty in each culture, especially of Japan, that contributes to the enrichment of our country. May they symbolize the hard-won coveted citizenship of all, but especially of the Japanese Immigrants. May they symbolize the contribution of these Japanese Immigrants to the life of America. And especially may they symbolize to all the world in this day of the struggle for men's minds, the hope that it is in a democracy of free men.

Grant, oh God, that as these cherry trees grow, so may these qualities become recognized as becoming more and more a part of America. We offer this prayer of dedication in the name of Him Who came that all men might have life abundant.

GI who studied art by home-study course now book illustrator in N.Y.

New York

Isami Kashiwagi now draws pictures for big publishers in New York City. But not long ago he was a youngster working in sugar fields in Hawaii.

"Cutting cane was hard work," he says, "but this new work is no soft job."

After inquiring for work at numerous book publishing houses, Isami first found his real break when he saw the editor of Viking Press.

"These drawings sell me," the editor said after looking over his portfolio of drawings. "Would you like to do sample drawings for a manuscript?" she added.

Elated with the thought of possibly getting a job, Isami was a little excited as he left New York City for Philadelphia. He read through the manuscript, drew some sample illustrations and took them to New York City. He not only got that job, but since then has illustrated several other books.

Isami Kashiwagi of Hawaii, spent his younger days in Pepeekeo Grammar School and Hilo High.

His schooling at the Univ. of Hawaii was interrupted when he was drafted in the spring, 1945.

"I was not really interested in art until I got into the Army, at least not as a career," says Isami.

His company commander and fellow soldiers thought that he was crazy spending more than a month's pay on a home study art course while he was in training at the Army Language School in Fort Snelling.

After serving Uncle Sam in Japan, he enrolled at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. The instructors guided the students to advance as fast as they could and Isami found more to do besides his regular classes.

To further his training the school awarded him a Cresson Memorial Traveling scholarship. He traveled through England, France, Spain, and Italy. Italy excited him more than the other countries because of its vast art collections.

He says this scholarship has helped him greatly to learn about people and thereby aided him in his illustration work.

He now is illustrating The Hidden Village, by Keora Kono and Dorothy Mulgrave for Longmans Green and Company. He has already illustrated Dream Gold by David Severn, Outlaws of the Sourland by Keith Robertson, and Engineers' Dream by Willey Ley. The three were done for Viking Press. In 1952 he illustrated Desert Harvest by Vanya Oakes for John Winston Company of Philadelphia.

Isami still finds time to do some serious painting and spends his summers on the rocky coast of Maine.

Scene from the Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

San Francisco

Recently in the Pacific Citizen there was an exchange of letters by MIN YASUI and MAS YONEMURA, both very good JACLers and persons who have long demonstrated an active concern for the problems of the Japanese Americans.

I believe there was some misunderstanding because of an abbreviated excerpt in the Pacific Citizen of an article written by Min Yasui in the Colorado Times.

The main point that he was trying to point out was not in a lack of interest of other civil rights organizations for the problems of the Japanese Americans but rather that *when it came to a show-down on these peculiar problems the JACL has been and still is the most vigilant and articulate.* This is true not only in the recent case of the Issei and the 5-F situation but in the whole area of civil rights and other legislative problems affecting the Japanese Americans.

I suspect that Min Yasui wrote his article aimed at the many Nisei who were apathetic to the necessary work of the JACL and to those who, although they may not do any work themselves, belittle the JACL and criticize the work that we attempt to do. (Interestingly enough, we find that often the chief critics of the JACL are usually persons who have done very little to assist or to improve the JACL).

Min Yasui is our Mountain Plains JACL representative. The only difference in the scope of his work and activity from that of other JACL staff persons is that he gets paid half-time for doing more than a full-time job.

I would like to reiterate some of the arguments I have made before against the critics of the JACL who are harping that the JACL is not on the *right track.*

After a couple of the most brilliant years, in the history not only of the JACL but of the Japanese in America, we ought to take inventory and consider not only the contributions but the weaknesses of what is the only nationally organized group of Japanese Americans. The question is a valid one which should be asked of any organization that professes work for the common good. Every organization should periodically re-examine and re-evaluate its program and objectives. The JACL is no exception!

What is the 'right track'?

In attempting to analyze this question, the definition of "right track" is the first problem. A simple and practical interpretation of "the right track" might be:

"Are the officers, chapters, members and staff of the JACL carrying out the instructions and decisions made at official JACL meetings, whether on the national, regional, or chapter level?"

If this is the principal implication in the question, then obviously an understanding of such official JACL decisions would be necessary before anyone could judge this possible facet of the question. Perhaps a more general and interesting question would be:

"Is the JACL doing what people think it ought to do regardless of official JACL opinions and decisions?"

Ultimately, in either case it would seem that the logical persons to decide should be those who have throughout the years demonstrated an interest in the welfare of the Japanese in America, and who have constructively assisted and criticized the goals of the JACL or have evidenced their concern by parallel attempts such as in various local Issei and Nisei groups.

Are they necessary?

In the analysis of this whole question, perhaps one should start with the basic problem of whether the JACL or any other similar minority group organizations as are found among the Negroes, Jews and others are valid organizations.

This is a question which could be debated *ad infinitum* and which we feel may be academically interesting but beyond the scope of this particular discussion.

Regardless of personal opinion upon the usefulness of such organizations, the very fact that such organizations exist demonstrates that enough people think they are necessary and useful and, therefore, support them.

JACL: good or bad?

Consequently, assuming for this discussion, at least, that such representative organizations of minority groups are useful and necessary, we are confronted with the fact that the JACL—good, bad or indifferent—is the only Japanese American body nationally organized to represent persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

By their continued membership in the JACL, more than 10,000 Nisei indicate that the JACL is a necessary organization.

The JACL also has enjoyed the support and confidence of perhaps an equal number of Issei who look upon the JACL as their representative organization.

This evidence of loyalty, of course, is not enough to insure perfection or even to assure intelligent programming. We are sure that most staff members and officers of the JACL would not presume that the JACL is an infallible and perfect organization.

Actually, there is a continual struggle to better its program of service not only to its members but to the total Japanese American community. One has only to attend national conventions and district council sessions as well as local chapter meetings to witness the heated arguments pro and con about programs of activities for the JACL.

Alternatives: kill it or improve it

Occasionally from outsiders there is not only disagreement with the JACL and its decisions but sometimes even outright antagonism. Agreeing that such a nationally organized and representative association is useful, we would point out that when there is dissatisfaction with the JACL or when anyone believes that "the JACL is not on the right track," there are only two alternatives: (1) destroy it completely, or (2) improve it!

It would seem that the first attack is not only difficult because of the loyalty of existing JACLers and Issei supporters but wasteful in that it would sacrifice an organization that has not only won the loyalty of members and friends among the Issei and Nisei but the respect of national and local leaders of all races and recognition and admiration of officials in our governing bodies.

Any attempt to build a similar representative group will still have to rely on the same leaders now supporting the JACL.

If then, we agree that the JACL should be improved, and we are certain that even the most fanatically loyal JACLer would agree that there is always room for improvement, the exploration of methods for improving the JACL should be considered.

'Security through Unity'

The purpose of this article is not to develop a blueprint pointing toward perfection; that is the function of meetings on the national, regional and chapter levels.

Rather, we would point out that the established ideals of the JACL should be a beacon toward fulfillment and perfection. The JACL has two slogans.

One is: "Security through Unity." It is evident and agreed that the Nisei have come of age. We point out that slogan should now be interpreted in its fuller meaning as *security through unity,* not for Japanese Americans alone, but for our total American community.

One of the major JACL functions is to encourage its members to participate with other organizations in the problems of the total community whether or not they are necessarily civil rights problems.

In a greater America

We, Americans of Japanese ancestry, are tremendously proud of our pioneer parents who have so patiently built homes for us in America, creating veritable gardens of Eden in the western wilderness.

We are proud of our Nisei heroes who have so ably demonstrated their loyalty not only on foreign battlefields but in small everyday devotions to their duties as American citizens.

Great have been our efforts in such a short time—and by such a few, yet our contributions are only beginning.

We invite not only loyal JACLers and supporters but also our critics to aid and join us in the fulfillment of our dreams.

Only through mature understanding and determined dedication to our responsibilities as American citizens can we truly maintain the ideal embodied in our second national slogan:

"For better Americans in a greater America."

Non-discriminating clause in government contracts revised

Washington

Deputy Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers advised the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League that the text of the non-discrimination clause in government contracts has been revised to give greater protection to members of every race, color, creed or national origin.

Rogers made the announcement as chairman of the Subcommittee on Contract Clause Revision of the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

JACL was notified because of its long interest in fair employment practices for persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

Vice-Pres. Nixon Head

Rogers represents the Dept. of Justice on the committee established by Executive Order in August, 1953. Vice-Pres. Richard M. Nixon is chairman of the 15-member committee consisting of nine public members and six government representatives.

The members of the Subcommittee on Contract Clause revision, in addition to Rogers, are:

Assistant Secretary of Labor J. Ernest Wilkins; John Minor Wisdom, New Orleans; George B. McKibbin, Chicago, representing the administrator of the General Services Administration; and Secretary of Navy-designate Charles Thomas.

Posting of Notice

Rogers stated that revisions in the new clause define the prohibited discriminatory employment practices based on race, color, religion or national origin as well as provide for the posting of a notice in conspicuous places of employment by the contractor in order to acquaint employees and applicants for employment with the provisions of the non-discrimination clause.

The purpose in revising the clause was to clarify the non-discrimination clause to guarantee equal job opportunities for all persons in companies doing business with the Government.

Rogers stated that one of the responsibilities of the President's Committee is to make certain that the contracting agencies of the Government see to it that contractors who do business with the Federal Government do not discriminate because of race, religion, color or national origin.

Standard Practice

He emphasized that the contracting agencies have been most cooperative in assisting the Subcommittee in revising this clause, which will hereafter be a part of the standard Government contract.

The text of the revised non-discrimination clause is as follows:

"In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color or national origin. The aforesaid provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay, or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post hereafter in conspicuous places, available for employees or applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting for the provisions of the non-discrimination clause.

"The contractor further agrees to insert the foregoing provision in all subcontracts hereunder, except subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials."

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SEVENTH YEAR

MASAO W. SATOW, San Francisco.

Warbrides' club

Chicago

A second Japanese warbrides' club was organized among wives of Navy personnel at the Great Lakes NTS. Kenji Nakane of the Resettlers Committee is assisting with instructions in English, citizenship and general orientation.

Claims payment –

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Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

"If we are successful in retaining the full $1.5 million in this appropriation measure, it is expected to be sufficient to pay all compromises awards made and those which will be made before June 30, 1954," he concluded.

Appropriations to pay $1,560,000 in evacuation claims awards were not changed in either congressional body, but the new changes on other matters made in the Senate now require House approval of the Senate bill.

President's Desk Next

If the House of Representatives accepts the Senate changes in this appropriation measure, the bill would go directly to the President for signature.

On the other hand, explained the Washington JACL Office, if the House passes a bill different from the Senate version, a conference committee between the two legislative bodies would be necessary. Then the conference committee version must be passed in both houses before it could go to the President for his signature.

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Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

Entertainment in Tokyo

Tokyo

Entertainment — indoor and outdoor, day and night varieties—is a booming industry in this metropolis of eight million people.

The golf courses in suburban Tokyo are packed seven days of the week by "shayozoku"—folks who entertain government officials on company money and company time. Cabarets, teahouses, and other expensive entertainment spots are enjoying a hey-day in spite of the "austerity" program.

The daily papers are selling their papers with headlines of scandals: leading politicians and industrialists being arrested in the night clubs and held for possible bribe investigation.

Old Politicians Approve

Typical comment of politicians of the old school was made by Premier Shigeru Yoshida (whose wife was a geisha), "there's nothing wrong with geisha parties and night clubs for politicians."

But to the younger generation of politicians—majority of them being but minor government officials with unprecedented power and influence on national economic policies—the extreme flattery and good times from industrialists and business-men at parties have gone to their heads. Never before in Japan have young officials been so spoiled.

Every business firm has their corps of young fellows who may be expert in golf, mah-jong, drinking, dancing or nightclubbing to please the young, inexperienced officials for special considerations and speedy results.

Big Business Secret

The big secret of Japanese business today has deteriorated to how well you can entertain government officials.

Young section chiefs, in the practice of postwar government today, are rendering final decisions on important matters without consultation of their immediate superiors. Vital industrial commodities are being allocated by small-time officials. Economic regulations are being changed .Government directors and bureau chiefs in between have been afraid of their subordinates since their own superiors are getting big slices from big business.

Of course, it is a crime to bribe officials. But it is circumvented by company entertainers who intentionally lose in mah-jong, golf, poker, etc.

Pre-War Practice

Before Japan's defeat, no government official was permitted to be invited by an individual. If such were revealed, the official was immediately fired. The occupation changed the picture completely. The occupationists had demanded to be invited for parties—the geisha girl types in particular.

Another aspect of how young officials are being influenced by favor-seekers is the private use of company cars of company entertainers. Tokyo streets are being jammed with expensive cars carrying officials to some golf course or to a home provided by the company.

Night life is booming with its 39 expensive cabarets in Tokyo. There are 13 burlesque theaters working 150 girls. And 500 more girls strip-tease on a free-lance basis at night clubs and teahouses. There are some 5,100 geisha girls fully employed each night in Tokyo.

The Other 99%

But it must be remembered that a very negligible portion of Tokyo citizens have the money to spend for night life. Over 99 percent of the people in the Japanese capital are barely maintaining their hand-to-mouth livelihood.

The 7,500 war orphans in various Tokyo orphanages are terribly undernourished — their supply of daily bread severely cut down by Premier Yoshida's austerity program. The unfortunate lot was being aided by gift clothing from LARA, which was terminated last year.

Indifference of the well-to-do for any welfare program to help the needy of Tokyo has been due to their pursuit of so-called business at night spots.

When U.S. Secretary of State Dulles urged Japan to adopt a severe austerity program, Yoshida obeyed. But it has affected the poor and needy the worst.

Show for U.S. Visitors

When influential visitors from America come to Japan, they are sumptuously dined and wined. "We cannot eat so much. Japan has a lot of food," are typical comments. But is it true?

This correspondent must warn them and future visitors that the other side of the picture is even more grim in impact than the glitter of cabarets and exotic food. There are thousands of needy in Japan.

The Japanese have been deeply irked by General MacArthur's statement that the Japanese have the political mentality of a 12-year-old. Probably he is right. Until this statement was made, he had been revered more than their Emperor.

Kabuki Charms L.A. Audience

By KATSUMI KUNITSUGU

Los Angeles

We are enchanted.

Ask us what *nagauta* is, and we couldn't explain for sure. Ask us how many strings a *samisen* has, and we'll still venture to guess, "Three?" But ask us if we enjoyed the opening night program of the Azuma Kabuki Dancers and Musicians at the Biltmore Theater Wednesday night, and our answer will be a resounding and definite "YES!"

We were enchanted.

Misgivings Vanish

Any small misgiving that we may have had about the program prior to Wednesday night (this despite the rave New York notices accorded the troupe) vanished as soon as the muted tri-color curtain went up on the *Kojo*, the introduction of and greetings from the principals of the group.

The entire troupe sat in rigid, formal bow as Kabuki players and musicians have always sat to address the audience with grave respect before beginning their performances. No hint did the performers give that they were playing to a special audience, an American audience which had only caught up with some 300 years of Kabuki history by a hurried leafing of the program notes minutes before the curtain went up. The only condescension to the audience's language was in the English narration, briefly, clearly and charmingly enunciated by Chizuko Itashiki.

No Arty Audience

This note of sterling authenticity was maintained without fail throughout the next two and a half hours. By so doing, the Azuma Kabuki dancers and musicians demonstrated again that art is universal. One, after all, does not have to understand the words of Wankyu's dance music to understand his grief over a lost love.

In fact the first night audience composed equally of Japanese and Caucasians was no consciously arty audience come to study the Art of the Dance as practiced in the Japanese Theater. Rather, it was a more receptive and sympathetic audience with whom the performers made warm contact, an audience that thoroughly enjoyed the evening's program.

This we felt was a tribute to the highly trained skill of Mme. Tokuho Azuma, Masaya Fujima and Kikujo Onoe, the principal dancers; and Katsutoji Kineya, Rosen Tosha and Shozaburo Matsushima, the principal musicians. Each of them has grown up in the world of Kabuki, trained rigorously since early childhood in their roles, and each now a recognized authority in his field. The illustrious names they bear have not been inherited lightly.

The professional stamp they put on the current Biltmore program manifests itself in the clocklike precision with which their program unfolds (no Japanese time here.) Some critics have said the pace was too slow, but for us it almost went too fast for us to savor the beautiful, stylized dancing, the simple but highly artistic stage settings, the gorgeous costumes and the intriguing musical accompaniment.

Certainly Recommended

It will be a long time before we in Los Angeles will see Japanese dancing of this high caliber again. We certainly recommend that you catch the first program which includes the famous "Dojoji." And we don't think you have to be a Japanese dancing *aficionado* to want to catch the second program from May 11 through May 15, which includes "Hashibenkei" and "Ocho," which was inspired by the oldest Japanese novel, "The Tale of Genji."

Irony has twist in Japan's postwar constitution, now seven years old

Tokyo

Japan celebrated May 3 as Constitution Day—the seventh anniversary of the adoption of the U.S.-inspired fundamental law which completely eliminated the nation's armed forces and pledging the country to "renounce war forever."

As a national holiday, most business establishments were closed and the newspapers stopped publishing — the only holiday besides New Year's day on which the press takes a day off.

Today, Japan finds herself in the midst of constitutional debate over her defense establishments, slated to grow under the impetus of the U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Agreement which became effective May 1.

Either the defense forces are legal or the constitution must be amended to make her "self-defense" forces legal—that is the crux of today's question.

Ironically, the "MacArthur" constitution is staunchly defended by many anti-American leftist elements. Pro-American conservatives are clamoring for a revision of the constitution.

Japanese-style house being built in New York museum for June exhibition

New York

The New .York Herald Tribune suggested facetiously that the Japanese house being assembled here by a Tokyo professor might possibly become popular with the American citizen—particularly if there was space for his beloved automobile, too.

The newspaper was commenting on the historic house that Architect Junzo Yoshimura is putting together for exhibition at New York's Museum of Modern Art in June.

Written in a light vein, the newspaper's editorial said:

"Possibly to avoid any mistaken notions about the acuteness of New York's housing problem, the Museum of Modern Art has announced that it has acquired a Japanese house solely for display purposes. Japanese architecture is rare in this country, and the museum's house, complete even to garden rocks, should afford an opportunity for some intesting comparisons."

Want Two-Car Garage

The newspaper noted the American's preoccupation with his automobile and the many unusual types of architecture current in the United States and said, "There is aways the possibility that Japanese houses may become a new vogue, especially if they can be built with a two-car garage attached."

Referring to the American's never ending battle to keep rocks out of his garden, the editorial concluded: "But even if it doesn't catch on permanently, the Japanese house should make for an interesting comparison with American houses, which also have walls, ceilings and rocks in the garden."

Two weeks ago, a picturesque ceremony (mune-age) of ridgepole raising was observed in an unfinished Japanese house still without floors and walls.

Old Japanese Custom

The celebration was given by the owner of the house to honor his workmen for the work well done and to give thanks to household dieties for successful completion of the heavy, most difficult part of the construction work. It also asked for protection against fire and storm and for good luck for the house and its occupants.

Outside the house bows and arrows of painted wood symbolizing the destruction of evil spirits were posted over doorways for this occasion. A symbolic tree with festive multicolored silk streamers, like the American maypole, was placed at the top of the roof.

Drinking liquor offered as antidote to effects of atomic radiation ills

Tokyo

Further proof has been offered by a Tokyo scientist who claims ordinary drinking alcohol in any form is a good cure for atomic-age radiation sickness.

Michio Yamamoto released a letter received from Mitsuma Yoshikawa, prominent Hiroshima businessman, who was hit by the first A-bomb.

"My hair began coming off," his letter recalled. "My voice was gone and odd spots covered my body. White blood corpuscles dropped to a fatal one-third of normal.

"In despair I decided to drink as much *sake* as possible. The more I drank the better I felt." Now, testifier Yoshikawa says, "I am very healthy."

West Fresno banker ready to retire after 33 years

Fresno

Hiroshi Abiko, employee for Bank of America's West Fresno branch, and recently naturalized, will retire from his banking career at the end of July.

He has been employed for the last 33 years, but names of the bank have been changed four times during that period.

When he was first employed on March 1920, name was Kangyro Ginko manned by Japanese. Then names were changed from Valley Bank, Bank of Italy and finally Bank of America.

He will live in Los Angeles where he bought a residence recently. His wife has joined her daughter, Yoko. Abiko will leave here around the end of July.

Manzanar S'44 graduates plan 10th ann'v reunion

Los Angeles

A dinner-dance and picnic the following day are planned as part of the 10th anniversary reunion June 19-20 of the Manzanar High graduates of S'44. A preliminary meeting is slated May 12, 8 p.m. at International Institute, it was announced by Ralph Lazo, (AN 1-4171) who is handling reservations.

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On to L.A.! . . . . . by Roy Nishikawa

Primed for Rugged Weeks

We had a really rugged JACL week recently. It started off Monday, Apr. 19, by meeting at National Prexy GEORGE INAGAKI's home in Venice with National Director MAS SATOW. The topic: National Finances.

Then with CALLAHAN again and Regional Director TATS KUSHIDA, we helped to reactivate the San Fernando chapter Friday, the 23rd. The above named did most of the preliminary work on this along with Valley leader TOM ENDOW, who was chosen temporary chairman. As usual we put in a big word for the Convention and as the chapter seems loaded with leadership, it has the potential of becoming one of the strongest units in the entire Pacific Southwest.

On Saturday, the 24th, we were happy to plug SAM FURUTA, who was honored at the ELA recognitions banquet. More about this later.

Then on the following Monday, we had our Convention Board meeting which, despite the concurrent taking of photos of various committees by ARCHIE MIYATAKE, went along rather smoothly, we thought.

The convention as a whole is not taking shape, most committee chairmen have been selected, arrangements with speakers completed, and the program of events are fairly definite as to time and dates. Interest and enthusiasm seem to be gaining in geometric progression.

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Another potential queen reluctant

At the East Los Angeles JACL banquet we met charming LUCILLE OKADA, who is the chapter's Convention Chairman in charge of ichi-doru, pre-registration, booklet ads, etc. This chapter has so much energy and ambition it can't stay in its own territory and has already invaded the Downtown L.A. area.

During the meal, we were lucky and got to sit next to lovely but reluctant MIYO FUJITA, a potential queen, on whom we spent much propaganda. We hope that our "pitch (strictly in behalf of the Queen Contest committee) was not in vain.

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Barber Shop Quartet contest possible

At the same banquet when Sansei prexy WILBUR SATO asked for volunteers to work on the Convention Outing, everybody present with the exception of a few visiting firemen from other chapters got into the act. The fact that pictures were being taken for the Souvenir Booklet was only incidental.

In charge of program and concesssions for the Convention Outing are the capable co-chairmen, reliable SAM FURUTA and ROY (banana-splitter) YAMADERA. These fellows are planning a regional BARBER SHOP QUARTET Contest at the Outing which should draw entries from Chicago (HAROLD GORDON, please note) New York, Denver, San Francisco, Fresno, Seattle, etc. Hard working LILY OTERA, who is associate chairman (Special Events) and HARRY FUJITA's Gal Friday, is the general chairman of the outing and is responsible for making all general arrangements.

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Thanks, Eddie

The Convention Board announces with regret the resignation of EDISON UNO, associate chairman in charge of Public Relations. It will be recalled that Eddie thought up the Convention theme, "New Horizons," and until recently conducted a column in the Pacific Citizen under that heading. School work, and family obligations did not allow Eddie the time that he felt would be necessary to do a good job. Edison, however, will continue to work with the Board in other capacities. Thanks Eddie, for your continued local support.

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Convention budget figures

KEN DYO, PSWDC chairman and convention treasurer, is out to break all records in the National Board and Staff stork derby. Ken and wife MIKKO are the parents now of three children, the latest arrival being a girl.

Incidentally, Ken estimates that the budget of the 13th Biennial Convention will be around $25,000. No small undertaking this. The National Treasurer in us wistfully wishes that this sum could be put in the National JACL coffers. But our other Convention half realistically faces the fact that it takes money to run a National Convention of this size and scope. We are rapidly becoming split personalities.

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Why have national conventions?

Why have a National Biennial Convention anyway? Primary purposes of the National Convention are:

(1) *Delegates are provided the opportunity of receiving reports from their National Board and Staff members, and from their National Committee.*

(2) *The National Council is given the opportunity to map out the National Program for the next two years.*

(3) *An opportunity to democratically elect National Officers is provided.*

(4) *Delegates have the chance to meet with others from all over the country to discuss mutual problems and to exchange ideas.*

(5) *It also furnishes an excellent Public Relations media not only for the organization but for all persons of Japanese ancestry.*

(6) *It provides the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones.*

On the last item above, there are no statistics, but a surprising number of marriages have taken place between conventioneers meeting for the first time.

For instance, the former EDITH ENOMOTO of San Francisco, who chaired one of the luncheons at the S.F. Convention in 1952, recently presented her husband, DR. TOM WATANABE, radiologist, with a baby boy. Dr. Tom, who heads the local Convention Transportation Committee and who was formerly considered by Angelenos as a more wily and evasive bachelor than his sidekick TUT YATA (General Arrangements associate chairman) succumbed with hardly a struggle to the San Francisco charmer in 1952.

Cupid is so active around National Conventions that some guys have even suggested that JACL get into the "baishalunin" business.

The Sou'Wester

TATS KUSHIDA

Hefty Interest in Kabuki . . .

Never before have we seen such a vigorous interest by Nisei in an aspect of Japanese culture as in the Kabuki theater. The 13 performance-ten-day run of the Azuma Kabuki Dancers and Musicians at the Biltmore Theater in Ellay has brought an amazing response from Nisei as contrasted with their usual lethargy on other forms of Japanese entertainment or cultural activity.

We can only guess why Kabuki has it over others. Some Nisei are genuinely interested in authentic drama, some are purely curious, some have been enticed by the excellent promotional job of impresario S. Hurok and some, and we suspect the largest group, are treating their old folks to something they hadn't seen in their entire lives—even in Japan.

On this latter score, we commend the Nisei children who, in obeisance to the Japanese virtue of filial piety, are giving their Issei parents in their twilight years a really big treat.

We, too, are looking forward to attending the Kabuki as is practically everyone else we know in these parts. The opening day is a sellout and good seats going fast for the other performances including the three matinees on Saturdays and Wednesdays, the 12th. The run started on May 5.

Gout vs. Slipped Disc . . .

We used to believe that gout was JACL's major occupational disease afflicting SAM ISHIKAWA, SAB KIDO, MIKE MASAOKA and unpublicized others. Gout is something like ulcers, both stemming from nervous pressures, except the locale is a little south of the torso.

But now, judging from excruciating expressions of PSWDC chairman KEN DYO and former Orange County prexy HITOSHI NITTA as well as numerous others including this writer, a sore back has our Hooper rating over gout.

Ken is wearing something that looks like a maternity girdle with whalebone ribs. Hitoshi just returned from a hospital session. Both the result of heavy lifting. We got ours back in Chicago in '49, swinging a golf stick in a bad, hilly lie while doing 18 holes with TOKUZO GORDON, HARRY MIZUNO and ROY IWATA.

In the past few years, we've become intimately and painfully acquainted with such terms as sacro-iliac, pinched nerves, lumbar vertebrae, slipped disc, sciatica and some choice morsels of vulgarity that seems to help ease the discomfort.

Crown City's Chapter . . .

One of our district's most active chapters is the rejuvenated Pasadena JACL. Under able helmsman TOM ITO, the chapter has surged forward in a vigorous program, membership, fund raising and other activities. FLO WADA, comely first veep, is a Gibraltar of support. No prexy could ask for or find a more energetic and efficient right arm. And the balance of the cabinet is a competent team, too.

Recent chapter doings included a general membership meeting in April when nearly 120 persons including many Issei turned out to hear Dr. RYOJUN KINOSHITA, head of cancer research at the City of Hope.

Last Saturday, the chapter honored WILLIAM CARR, Pasadena realtor, at a testimonial dinner-dance at Carpenter's in Santa Anita.

The '53-'54 double fund drive is nearly complete under the direction of MAS FUJIMOTO.

Membership has already doubled that of last year. We might add that the chapter is receiving a terrific boost from its past prexy and present PSWDC chairman, KEN DYO, and a few other old-timers.

Now, the Pasadena chapter will play host on July 18 to the PSWDC's pre-convention rally. An outdoor steak-bake affair with lots of fun, we're promised. We recall fondly the pre-convention rally preceding the national convention in 1950 held in Chicago. That, too, was hosted by the Pasadena chapter and as we reminisce over the juicy, blood-rare steaks, we can't help holding a blotter under our chin for the drooling.

Tribute to William Carr . . .

WILLIAM CARR is a guy like Dr. GALEN FISHER of Berkeley—lots of guts.

When the chips were down, Carr was willing to stand up and be counted among the oh so few who had the courage to speak out against the evacuation as an unfair, unconstitutional act against citizen Nisei.

Only men of high principle and courage can face a mob intent on lynching to prevent a miscarriage of justice.

Then, when the evacuees were permitted to return to the West Coast, and the earlier guinea pigs were facing sporadic outbursts of violence and intimidations, Carr again fired the guns at prejudice by helping organize a Fair Play Committee comprised of eminent community leaders.

Long aware of the legal discrimination against Japanese subtly phrased in the California Alien Land Law, Carr provided a parcel of land in Pasadena which could be used in a legal test case to upset the law.

Superior Court Judge THURMOND CLARKE ruled in favor of the Masaokas in 1951, and subsequently upheld by the State's highest tribunal in 1952. Judge Clarke is another Pasadenan.

Carr staked his business and reputation in incurring the wrath of other realtors when he bravely undertook to sell real estate to other non-whites. Thank God America (and the Nisei) have men like Carr to buttress the oft-sagging walls of democracy. No man is more deserving of recognition and tribute than William Carr.

Don't wait till deadline . . .

How about it, chapters and solicitors? The convention's booklet committee is wondering why more chapters aren't sending in their own and solicited ads so that they can do a good job of laying-out and paste-up now instead of rushing it through around deadline. Please give them a hand by sending your ads in NOW. Don't wait. First come, first serve on choice locations.

'Friend of the Boys' . . .

The newly formed Japanese American Optimists Club of Los Angeles will set a new record in Optimist International with its 91 charter members.

The first action by the club's boards of directors was to give the JACL-sponsored third annual Nisei Relays a hand by contributing the trophies and medallions for the junior division.

The club is quickly living up to its creed of "Friend of the Boy." The Relays will be held on Sunday, July 11 at Rancho Cienega, morning heats and peeyem finals.

CAPSULES

Claude Lapham presented Japanese Musicorama at New York's Carnegie Hall last Monday. Among artists appearing was Hinae Kotto, Maui-born opera singer, who made her N.Y. debut; Kyonosuke Hanayagi, professional name of Mrs. Tai Cordova . . . More than 1,400 special edition copies have been reserved for Dr. Thomas D. Murphy's history of the 100th Infantry Bn., *Ambassador in Arms*, twice what Club 100 in Honolulu guaranteed the Univ. of Hawaii Press for the special edition expected to be out by July 1. The special edition contains names and awards of all 100th members . . . Joe Haratani, Florin-born 442nd RCT veteran sanitation engineer for the California division of water resources at Sacramento, will join the U.S. Operations Mission in La Paz, Bolivia, as one of 24 American technicians being assigned overseas by the Foreign Operations Administration . . . Natalie Kalmus, "Mrs. Technicolor," is in Tokyo to supervise filming of a motion picture in color of GI babies for the United Nations' International Children's Emergency Fund. She is on a world-wide tour.

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Mile-Hi golfers prepare for season's first club tournament at City Park

Denver

The Mile-Hi Golf Club held its first major event Apr. 25 at the Willis Case links with the qualifying rounds for that match play. The top sixteen qualified for the championship bracket set for play at City Park.

Qualifying net scores:

69—Jim Yura (14), Sam Namba (23).
71—Sam Kumagai (19).
73—Ed Matsuda (12), George Komaru (15), Bob Miyamoto (15).
74—Henry Imada (15).
75—Shig Teraji (13), Jim Imatani (20).
76—Starr Wright (10), Jim Okada (15), Dr. G. Nakamura (16), J. Owens (17), T. Saito (25).
77—Dr. Yosh Ito (18), Roy Shibata (19).
78—George Fujimoto (15), Rupert Arai (19), Tak Komaru (20).
79—S. Saito (16), George Masunaga (23).
80—Dr. Chili Fujisaki (8).
81—Irvin Matsuda (17).
82—Jim Hanamura (11), D. Tanabe (19).
84—Ben Furuta (22).
87—George Nagai (11).
91—Tom Matsumoto (19).

The tournament was scheduled for Sunday, but the state's heaviest rain and snow storm of the season put a stop to all athletic events last weekend.

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Iwatsubo claims second leg on Fresno golf trophy

Fresno

Mike Iwatsubo of Fresno has two legs on perpetual trophy donated by West Fresno Drug Co., after winning the annual spring tournament sponsored by the Fresno Nisei Golf Club at the municipal links Apr. 25.

It was the first time a person claimed two victories in as many years. The tournament results:

65—Mike Iwatsubo (21).
67—Irving Morishita (20).
69—Dr. Fusaji Inada (13), Gary Kadani (16), Lefty Nishijima (20).
70—Shig Tokumoto (12), Henry Sasaki (15), Jimmy Takana (25).
72—Mako Satoda (21).
73—Dr. Hiromu Suda (18).

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Midwest Golf Ass'n guns for first '54 tourney

Chicago

The Midwest Golf Association holds its first tournament of the 1954 season with three flights on three courses May 9, it was announced by Fred Fujita, MGA publicity director.

With the handicaps of members being revised to the new seven-score system from the five-score system, handicap chairman Jake Higashiuchi is compiling the list in time for the tourney. Flight schedules:

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

At the Apr. 25 rally tournament at Silver Lake, Ed Yamamoto won seven golf balls donated by the course and Bill Hiura, MGA president. Yamamoto scored a net 65 from a gross 98. Other winners were:

68—Bebe Nomura (21).
72—Roy Morimoto (9).
73—George Koyama (6).
74—Harry Sakamoto (6), Norman Kitahara (26), Richard Suyama (16).
75—Howard Tanaka (18), John Takahashi (6).

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San Francisco

An informal tournament of the N.C. Nisei Golf Association board of governors meeting last Saturday was won by Harry Morofuji of Fresno, who shot an 82-13-69, followed by Frank Shimada of the Garden City Club, 82-11-71. The 26 board members played at Sharp Park.

Fowler CL sponsors team for Little League play

Fowler

The Fowler JACL has voted to sponsor and outfit with new baseball uniforms a team in the local Little League. A sum of $200 has been allotted.

Placer CL drop 10-7 extra inning encounter

Roseville

Placer JACL dropped a 10-7 extra inning game to Roseville Merchants here last Sunday in a Placer-Nevada League game. Bob Takemoto started on the mound and was replaced by Angel Kageyama at the seventh. Placer's record stands at 1 and 1.

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Lodi

Lodi A.C. was held to five hits by Rio Vista and went down to defeat, 10-6, in a Sacramento Rural League game Sunday. It was Lodi's second defeat in two starts of season play.

TINY JAPANESE CHUCKS IN SO. ATLANTIC LOOP

Columbus, S.C.

Jose Nakamura, the 135-lb., 5 ft.-5 in. southpaw who tossed a five hitter in winning his first game for Charlotte of the Class A South Atlantic league, came up from the Shelby team of the Tar Heel loop.

In the latter league, he won 19 games last year.

Track-field events for S.F. Nisei Olympics scheduled

San Francisco

The second annual Nisei Olympics at Kezar stadium June 6 will feature at least 26 events in three classes, according to Kei Hori, chairman for the host San Francisco JACL track committee.

The committee is also considering another event, discus. The length of the low hurdle races in both Open (A) and 120-lb. (B) divisions is still under discussion. Entries for the following events are being accepted.

CLASS AYE—100, 220, 440, 880, mile, low hurdles, 70-yd. high hurdles, broadjump, high jump, pole vault, 12-lb. shot put, hop-step-jump, 880-yd. relay.

CLASS BEE (120-lb.)—50, 100, 220, low hurdles, broadjump, high jump, 8-lb. shot put, 440-yd. relay.

GIRLS—25, 50, broadjump, high jump and 220-yd. relay.

San Francisco Nisei kegler SFBA executive

San Francisco

Hi Akagi, president of the San Francisco Nisei Bowling League this past winter, was elected as one of the 18 members of the Executive Board of the San Francisco Bowling Association this past weekend.

San Jose Nisei keglers rolloff for league title

San Jose

The Nisei Men's 830 Handicap league championship was settled with a post-season rolloff last week. Bourdet Laundry, second round winners, won the title by posting a 3705 total over 3751 by Raines Chevrolet and 3318 for Valley Bowl.

Rolling four games per person, the championship team is composed of:

Frank Shimada 704, Hank Tsukamoto 610, Roy Santo 709, Sagu Taketa 675, Tak Abo 747.

Billiard tournament

San Francisco

Masako Katsura of Sacramento is planning to enter the world three-cushion billiard tournament starting Oct. 5 at Buenos Aires. Two other Californians, Ray Kilgore, '53 world champion, and Welker Cochran, seven-time champion, are expected to accompany her.

SPORTSCOPE:

● Four flights are to be scheduled for the Northern Cal golf championships June 6-7 at the Pasatiempo links, where caddies are not available. Play is limited to members in good standing of one of 14 clubs affiliated with the N.C. Nisei Golf Association and maximum handicap will be 24. Entry forms were distributed last week to representatives meeting in San Francisco and should be returned by May 15, deadline, accompanied by a $15 fee, to the NCNGA, 2016 Fillmore St., San Francisco. This year a sterling silver perpetual trophy is being added to replace the one retired by FRED YOSHIKAWA of Fresno for winning the NCNGA tournament twice since the war. No provisions were announced to retire the new perpetual . . . Sacramento and Monterey entered bids for the 1955 tournament, the final choice to be made following the first day of play at the Santa Cruz course.

● A Canadian Nisei angler, Dr. PAUL ASADA of Toronto, was the lucky man to boat the first sailfish of the '54 season at Daytona Beach, Fla. The catch, measuring 6 ft.-10 in., was made Apr. 9.

● The Nisei apprentice sensation at Bay Meadows was in third place in jockey standings as the final week of racing started this week. GEORGE TANIGUCHI rode two big payoffs last Friday in the first two races: My Jez paying $34.10, Lindenwood $22.80. He had three seconds the rest of the day. He rode in his first $100,000 race, the Kyne handicap, on a 142-1 horse which finished deadlast. His record then was 170 mounts—26 firsts, 21 seconds and 27 thirds . . . He started the week with one winner Monday, and four on Tuesday including Toubo Pal $60.30 and Favorite Date $30.30. By Wednesday, he was in second place among jockeys at the San Mateo track.

● HARVEY KONDO, Sanger High varsity highjumper, tied for first in the Northern Sequoia division finals at 5 ft.-10⅛ in,. a new meet record, and a second in broadjump . . . Little Tanada of Pt. Loma High won the San Diego city league "C" broadjump championship with a mighty 19 ft.-9⅞ in. record-breaker. The old mark was 18 ft.-11¼ in. . . . FRANKLIN CHONG, the versatile athlete who walked off with five first-places in the Nisei Relays last year, finished fourth in the Muir decathlon in Los Angeles. Chong represented UCLA . . . San Jose State's Kumagai hopped 21 ft.-10 in. to win the broadjump in a dual meet recently with COP. His mark is among the best of the current track & field season among the Nisei . . . CLARK YAMASAKI of Santa Clara won the 180-yd. lows in 21.6s. in a dual meet with Fremont High of San Jose. In the Southern Peninsula league prelims at San Jose last week was Palo Alto's Kumagai broadjumping 20 ft.

● Eleven regulars on the Denver Nisei nine will be back in action when the Metropolitan Baseball League gets under way May 23. The pitching staff will be composed of HIDEO HIROSE, HARRY IWAKIRI and KENT YORITOMO. Others on the roster are HARRY ARIKI c; MAS YOSHIMURA, 1st; STANLEY NISHIMOTO, ss; FRANK KAMIBAYASHI, 3rd; and JOE KIMURA, GEORGE NAGAI, BOB INAI and NOBBY KAWANO, outfielders. Newcomers on the lineup so far are SHUN NAKAYAMA, 1st; and OWEN OTA, 2nd.

Smoglites . . . . . by Mary Oyama

Pre-Vacation Hassle

Method in our madness

Or, FOR LADIES ONLY: We know not how YOU prepare for a trip but we confess to a mad system all our own. At any rate, shortly after Thanksgiving and with a smug smile we began packing six pieces of luggage for two people—self and daughter. Also we started mailing off Christmas cards, ditto gifts to various relatives' kids but somehow about the second week of December, shortly past the K's and M's the card-mailing petered out. About this time too, we suddenly remembered some almost forgotten relatives' kids.

This had to be attended to as well as one last thorough (or as thorough as could be under the circumstances) house-cleaning before our departure to Honblulu. When the third week imminently threatened, we realized that all our shopping for two would have to be confined to two stores, one shoe shop and a minimum amount of expeditions into the asphalt jungles. The smug smile was replaced by panic-stricken, frantic or harrassed expression.

With no deliberation of choice open, we simply grabbed the first wearables at hand. No exchanges, no regrets. Take what you get, lady, and scram—.

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Just like a woman

"We don't need many clothes except for the boat," we decided, packing in the L.A. type cottons and sheers and buying San Francisco type coat, hat, and two winter dresses (one dressy, one fancy). "And the two woolen suits I've had all along will have to do—"Now, no one wears hats in L.A. except old ladies, but formality and conventions dictated that this Fooling Herself Character needed a chapeau for ship-boarding.

Well, finding a headpiece to accommodate a pony-tail was not so easy. We appraised all in the hat bar muttering to the saleslady that it must also be wind-proof and not likely to be blown into the ocean. Head-hugging, simple, and practical. Finally she drew out from her hiding-place her pet exclusive announcing here was just the thing: chic, smart, simple. We agreed, very simple indeed, just our type. Smart too.

A French import, she informed, and which fact we confirmed by peeking at the label. The most expensive she'd displayed so far—no wonder it looked so "nice"!

Then we hield up to another department, after shelling out, and what do you know, another cute hat on Special Sale. This number looked better, cost less, and was more our color. More practical too. Darn it, we said, now what? We want this one, although we knew exactly what remarks the husband and boys would make upon beholding this curious clamp-on made of two double wire strands with red and black woolen yarn looped around it. "THAT is a hat?" What's this THING?", etc.

With the pat rationalization that red matched a grey coat better than black (the color of the first number); we bought the yarn thing and hastened home wondering what we would do with two hats.

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More mad business

At home, our spouse duly approved of the conservative black French number but everybody joked about the wire-on-wool. We ignored the comments. "Nuts to you. We LIKE this so, ha-ha." Ha-ha, they echoed.

Meanwhile Old Tempus fidgeted. On Dec. 21, sailing day, six pieces of half-filled new luggage, prudently ready for any and all souvenirs, was loaded on the family car, tickets in order, and we were set for the filming of *Ye Grande Departure*. Dad loaded his color films, Ma in her new grey coat, red Thing hat, and 9-year-old "Bambi" in her all yellow ensemble swept dramatically out the door, pausing jauntily on the steps to wave and smile. If any one cares to see this movie, do drop by for a laugh—.

Then we rushed to Uyeda's Five-and-Ten to purchase green and yellow rubber bands. Why wouldn't any dime store, the family groaned. But we sternly directed them to Uyeda's no less, adding that any rubber bands would NOT do. "Only Uyeda's have colored rubber bands for my pony-tail to match my green dress, and also my gold and black suit," we pronounced cryptically.

After that we fortified ourselves with a hearty Chinese meal for the daughter's maiden sailing on the APL President Cleveland. Though a faint spectre of *mal-de-mer* on a Seattle to San Francisco voyage attempted to haunt us, we shoved it firmly out of mind. We ate, enjoyed the meal, arose to board the car for the last lap to Wilmington, when we discovered our suit-belt missing. Eeek, we exclaimed, no belt!

No one will notice, Dad consoled while the boys suggested we purchase another.

No and no, we argued back, the self-material belt is absolutely indispensable to this suit. We'll go home. "I remember fastening it on as I came out the door"; so back we rushed, and sure enough Dad found the missing item dropped on the front steps. Lucky for us, Man, sighed the boys as we sped the car toward Wilmington.

"This suit will be worn the most so the belt's a must," we murmured not giving up without a fight, but little did we know!

Yes, little did we know. How soon *mal-de-mer* would lay us low.

The Spanish musicians at the pier harmonized and plunked, the trailing serpentines fluttered and broke one by one, faces blurred into the dusk and our poor little Vicki wept for her Daddy. We were on our way.

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HENRY MORI

Two Nipponese exchange students who took a graduate course at USC need not return to their homeland. Under the McCarran Act of 1952, they'll be permitted to stay here as permanent residents.

How did such good fortune come about?

Early in March, the U.S. Army asked for two Japanese language instructors to be stationed at the Presidio of Monterey.

The exchange students, Hikaru Someya, 32, and Taku Kanaya, 25, applied for the jobs, and successfully passed the examinations. There was a little matter of straightening out their immigrants' status.

With the aid of the McCarran Act the two men were approved by the Los Angeles Immigration Office under the "technicians" clause, and granted permanent residence. The two will be charged to the annual Japan quota for Japan. It's the first and also first such case here.

One recalls the Kasuya's older brother, Haraki, also an exchange student, married a Nisei woman last August to win the right to live in the United States on permanent basis. His was also first case here.

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The Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles — the first of its kind where the majority of the members are Issei or Nisei — established a new charter record of 91 Optimists.

Most of them to date are Li'l Tokio businessmen.

There'll be a big shindig at the Alexandria Hotel on May 14 to celebrate the big occasion. At the weekly fest Wednesday last, the group heard Charles Irvin, special representative of the Pacific Telephone Co., speak on "TV Microwave Radio Relay," with a film demonstration.

An ambitious 16-year old boy from West Los Angeles becomes the youngest Japanese American to file for his State Barbers License. He said he'll use the earnings he gets toward his college education after he is graduated from University High School.

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Larry Fukumoto, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Fukumoto, took his 1000-hour course in 10 months last year, which ordinarily for a fulltime student is completed in about five months.

But the young tonsorial artist is a busy body. Between his daily prep school studies and the 4½-hour class training at barber college he is an active member of the Hurons Hi-Y.

His present plans are to get a parttime job, and make his preparations for UCLA where he will major in medicine.

His first shearing stint was on John Nakahama, his classmate at University High School, with slight supervision from his instructor, C. Vance Finks, who also taught Larry's mother to cut hair at the American Barber College.

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News from Tokyo has it that a Los Angeles Nisei resident, Rev. Masami Toyotome, has been appointed student minister of the new International Christian University.

Dr. Toyotome, UCLA graduate with a master's degree in chemistry before the war, after a brief stay in a relocation center, resettled in New York to attend Union Theological Seminary.

While studying there, he concurrently served for nine years as assistant pastor of the Japanese American Church of Christ (Reformed). In June of last year, he received a combined Ph.D. degree in Christian from the Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University.

More recently he was sent to Japan as a missionary by the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society which was organized here by a group of Nisei ministers.

Married to former May Kokubun of Imperial Valley, he is father of two children. His father-in-law is a pastor of the Japanese Congregational Church in Pasadena.

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The figures just released by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce on the economic survey of persons of Japanese descent here, to our estimation, is very conservative.

We are inclined to believe that this study is a mere scratch on the surface since it was done with a limited staff of four, within a short space of 30 days.

But taken at its face value, the census indicates that prewar occupational fields such as in hotel, apartment business, nurseries, gardening, florists, produce markets, restaurants, and grocery stores are quite predominant.

It may be that the census takers were unable to delve into professions which were few and apart. Nevertheless the findings may serve as a good reference guide to job opportunities for the growing generation.

We repeat that these are conservative figures.

In the nurseries, the staff counted 110 in the Los Angeles county; 16 in Orange County; and two in San Diego.

Wholesalers numbered 118 with the rundown showing 14 florists, 12 food dealers; 27 export and import firms; and 62 handling farm products.

There were 148 grocery stores, and 66 fruit stands; firms representing products from Japan came to nine.

In the professional field, there were 45 doctors; and 41 dentists; 23 Japanese language schools, with 66 instructors. Lawyers numbered 14. There were 19 in accounting business, and 72 insurance agencies.

A rough estimate showed some 3,500 were working daily as gardeners with Pasadena, West Los Angeles, and Boyle Heights sharing the bulk of landscapers with 600 apiece.

The Christian Churches outnumbered the Buddhist Churches, almost three to one, with 26 and 10. But if our past knowledge is correct, the members are divided just about equal. We've failed to get figures on them.

And what about the number of Japanese Americans in the county? The Chamber bigwigs pulled out the 1950 census and said there are 38,000 with about 20,000 males and 18,000 females.

CALENDAR

May 8 (Saturday)

SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY: Mother's Day tea, Hansen Hall, Centerville, 8 p.m.

CINCINNATI: Testimonial banquet, Masonic Temple, Mike Masaoka, spkr.

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.

May 21 (Friday)

CHICAGO: Gen'l mtg., Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan, 8 p.m. Panel—"How to Avoid Pitfalls in Home-Buying."

May 22 (Saturday)

NEW YORK: Weekend outing.

CHICAGO: 852 Hop (membership social), McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn, 8 p.m.

May 23 (Sunday)

SOUTHWEST L.A.: Clam-digging at Pismo Beach.

May 27 (Thursday)

LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Memorial service, San Bruno.

May 28 (Friday)

ST. LOUIS: Pre-MDC meeting social.

May 29 (Saturday)

MDC: Pre-Nat'l JACL Convention rally and meeting, Forest Park Hotel.

SAN MATEO: Memorial service.

May 30 (Sunday)

MILE-HI: Community memorial service, Calif. St. Methodist Church.

MONTANA: Memorial Day service and picnic.

June 6 (Sunday)

SAN FRANCISCO: Nisei Olympics, Kezar stadium.

Larry Tajiri--

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in the picture which was essentially the retelling of a love triangle involving a Japanese admiral, his wife and a British naval officer.

Hollywood has made many films with some anti-Japanese bias, some obviously designed to stir prejudice, but this is no excuse, of course, for retaliation from Japanese filmmakers.

Most inexcusable were Hollywood's pictures in 1942 and 1943 which spread the fiction of Nisei treachery at the time of Pearl Harbor and which helped create the public climate in which the forced evacuation and detention of American of Japanese ancestry was accepted by most Americans without any considerable degree of protest.

It is notable that Hollywood, particularly Dore Schary's MGM and Darryl Zanuck's 20th Century-Fox, also made an effort to present the Nisei in a favorable cinematic framework once the true facts were known. And it should be noted that the anti-Nisei pictures, with such exceptions as Warner Brothers' *Air Force* and *Across the Pacific*, were made in the main by the small studios and the Poverty Row producers whose main interest was to cash in on prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry. Similarly, most of the recent anti-American films in Japan are the efforts of shoestring producers who hope to make yen by their anti-GI and anti-Yankee plots.

Meanwhile, Japan's responsible moviemen are represented internationally by *Hell's Gate*, winner of the grand prize at the recent Cannes film festival, which will be shown soon in the United States. *Hell's Gate*, like the earlier *Rashomon*, stars Machiko Kyo and is set in the same historical period of Japan of nearly 800 years ago. *Rashomon* distributed in the United States by RKO, was the biggest moneymaker in the history of the Japanese film industry and grossed more than $500,000 in the U.S. alone.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ADACHI—Mar. 4, a boy Richard Hideo to the Sho Adachis (Satoko Mori), Los Angeles.

AKIYAMA—A boy to the A. S. Akiyamas, Denver.

AZUMA—Mar. 24, a boy to the George Y. Azumas, San Diego.

BOYD—Mar. 13, a boy Steve Mako to the Robert Lee Boyds (Mildred Mieko Takashima), Los Angeles.

FUJINAKA—Apr. 5, a girl to the Isamu Fujinakas, Lodi.

FUKAYE—A girl to the James Fukayes, Henderson, Colo.

HAMAMOTO—Mar. 16, a boy to the Riuji Hanamotos, Morgan Hill.

HANADA—Apr. 21, a girl to the Pete Hanadas, Seattle.

HARA—Apr. 11, a boy to the Kay Haras, San Francisco.

HATANAKA—Mar. 21, a girl Joy Misao to the Joe M. Hatanakas (Amy Maruko Ishigoshi), North Hollywood.

HAYANO—Mar. 16, a boy to the Thomas M. Hayanos, Sunnyvale.

HERRERA—Mar. 29, a boy Gary Louis to the Tobias Herreras (Fumiko Shibata), Denver.

HIGASHI—Apr. 2, a boy Curtis Yoshiyuki to the Mike Higashis, Monterey.

HIGASHI—Mar. 22, a boy Edward Paul to the Paul Higashis (Gay Midori Nodzu), Los Angeles.

IGE—Mar. 11, a girl Deborah to the Tokujiro Henry Iges (Kimiko Kanemaki), West Los Angeles.

IKEMOTO—Mar. 12, a boy to the Shigemi F. Ikemotos, Sacramento.

ITO—Mar. 17, a boy Gregory Curtis to the Masaru Itos (Toyoko Terry Okura), Altadena.

KAJIHARA—Apr. 21, a boy to the Howard Kajiharas (Grace So), Watsonville.

KAWACHI—Mar. 21, a boy Mark Hideki to the Shunpaku T. Kawachis (Tomiko Clara Kuramoto), Los Angeles.

KAWADA—Apr. 26, a girl to the Noboru Kawadas, Seattle.

KAWAHARA—Mar. 16, a boy Paul Mitchell to the Takashi Kawaharas (Viola Yoshiko Ishino), Los Angeles.

KIKUCHI—Mar. 21, a girl Nadine Ann to the Joseph Kikuchis, San Jose.

KIMURA—Apr. 22, a boy to the Dell Kimuras, Seattle.

KIRIU—Mar. 15, a boy to the Makoto Thomas Kiriu, Lodi.

KIYAMA—Mar. 7, a boy to the Jimmie K. Kiyamas, Sacramento.

KOBATA—Apr. 26, a boy to the George Kobatas, Seattle.

KOBATA—Mar. 14, a boy Robert Steven to the Haruo Kobatas (Sumi Masuda), Los Angeles.

KOKKA—Mar. 4, a boy to the Tommy Tamaki Kokkas, Fresno.

KONISHI—Mar. 3, a girl to the Koji Konishis, San Diego.

KUGIZAKI—Mar. 28, a boy Rodney James to the Haruo Kugizakis (Thelma Tsukino Towata), Los Angeles.

KURIHATA—Apr. 23, a girl Cynthia Emiko to the Ray Kurihatas (Toshiko Kuromi), Los Angeles.

KUROSAWA—Apr. 21, a boy Kento to the Tomio Kurosawas, Howard Beach, L.I.

KUSAKAI—Apr. 5, a girl to the Hiroshi Kusakais, Fresno.

MACHIDA—Apr. 7, a girl to the Hideo Machidas, Sacramento.

MACHIDA—Apr. 1, a boy to the Thomas T. Machidas, San Francisco.

MAGOTA—Feb. 22, a boy Robert Osamu to the Shuji Magotas (Mary Kimiko Shimamoto), Montebello.

MATSUDA—Apr. 4, a girl Leslie Hope to the Joe Dairoku Matsudas (Dolly Kikuye Hamai), Los Angeles.

MATSUGUMA—Mar. 14, a boy Mark Shig to the Shigeo Matsugumas (Esther Sonoe Yahiro), Los Angeles.

MATSUMOTO—Mar. 14, a girl Sharon Shiori to the Minoru Corky Matsumotos (Michiko Mary Takesako), Los Angeles.

MINAMOTO—Mar. 5, a girl to the Minoru Frank Minamotos, Kingsburg.

MIYAKUSU—Mar. 22, a boy Jerry Kevin to the Harry Miyakusus, San Jose.

MURAKAMI—Apr. 19 a boy to the Masao Murakamis, Seattle.

MYOSE—Mar. 22, a boy Dennis Shinichi to the Susumu Myoses (Tamaki Imai), Culver City.

NAGANO—Apr. 2, a girl Janeane April to the Joe Naganos (Mitsuko Oumi), Los Angeles.

NAKAMURA—Mar. 19 a boy Jeffrey Yutaka to the Yutaka Nakamuras (Garnet Yasuko Horino), Los Angeles.

NAKAO—Mar. 21, a boy Glen Masami to the Edward Masao Nakaos (Rose Hideko Sasajima), Los Angeles.

NAKASHIMA—Mar. 23, a boy Scott to the Kazuo Uakashimas (Tomiyo Ryono), Los Angeles.

NAKATA—Mar. 19, a girl Kathleen Keiko to the Chiaki Nakatas (Shisuko Konishi), Long Beach.

NODA—Mar. 21, a boy David Kiyoshi to the Seiichi George Nodas (Tokuyo June Sasaki), Los Angeles.

ODA—Mar. 18, a girl to the Toshio Odas, San Diego.

OGATA—Mar. 10, a boy to the Kiyoshi Ogatas, Lodi.

OHAMA—Mar. 3, a girl to the George Taro Ohamas, Fresno.

OKAMOTO—Apr. 2, a boy to the A. H. Okamotos, Long Beach.

ONO—Apr. 21, a boy to the Kiyo Onos, Seattle.

OZEKI—Apr. 22, a boy to the S. Ozekis, Seattle.

SASAKI—Apr. 6, a boy to the Frank Y. Sasakis, Kingsburg.

SHIBA—Mar. 16, a boy David Masami to the Kiyoji Shibas (Misako Kimoto), Los Angeles.

SHIOSHITA—Apr. 23, a boy to the Den Shioshitas, Blanca, Colo.

SUZUKI—Mar. 7, a girl to the George Warren Suzukis, Fresno.

TABATA—Mar. 22, a girl Patricia Lynn to the Isao Tabats (Toshsiko Hara), Los Angeles.

TANAKA—Apr. 3, a girl to the Frank Y. Tanakas, San Francisco.

TANAKA—Mar. 17, a girl to the Jesse F. Tanakas, San Diego.

UNG—Mar. 22, a girl Janet to the Ralph Ungs (Misuko Shimada), Los Angeles.

UNO—Mar. 17, a girl Kathleen Hiroko to the Roy Hiroshi Unos (Dorothy Kikuchi), Los Angeles.

UYEMURA—Mar. 13, a boy to the James Uyemuras, Del Rey.

VALENZUELA—Mar. 13, a boy Frank to the Ramon Valenzuelas (Takika Aoyama), Los Angeles.

YAMAGAMI—A girl to the Daniel Yamagamis, Denver.

YANO—Mar. 14, a girl Susan Leigh to the Samuel Itsuo Yanos (Kei Takemoto), Los Angeless.

YONEMOTO—Apr. 16, a boy to the Kazuo Yonemotos, San Francisco.

YONEMOTO—Apr. 15, a boy to the Gooch Yonemotos, Sunnyvale.

YUZAWA—Apr. 25, a girl Patricia Kay to the George Yuzawas, New York.

Engagements

EBIHARA-MAYEDA — Sadako to Henry, both of Los Angeles, Apr. 24.

HIGUCHI-KAWATA—Mary Yuriko, Denver, to Byron Hiroshi, Ft. Lupton, Mar. 28.

HOSOGI-YAMADA—Elsie and Kenji, both of Seattle.

KAWAHIRA-YAMANE — Tatsuye, Sacramento, to Kenichi, Fowler, Apr. 25.

YAMADA-HIGASHI—Kay, Redwood City, to Morio, Oakland, Apr. 17.

YOSHIDA-KINOSHITA — Florence S., San Francisco, to George, Sacramento.

Marriage Licenses Issued

CHIKAMURA-NAKAHARA — Take-27, and Midori, 23, both of Seattle.

HAYAKAWA-MATOBA—Harlen, 22, San Francisco, and Tomiko, 22, Healdsburg.

KATO-MATSUBARA — Michio, 30, and Hisako, 25, both of Seattle.

KUNIMURA-STEGMANN — Casey H., 29, and Dorothy J., 22, both of Gilroy.

SHIMA-HARTA—George T., 63, and Emma M., 65, both of Solon, Iowa.

Weddings

BABAMOTO-OKABAYASHI — Apr. 25, Shigeru and Ruth, both of West Los Angeles.

GOTANDA-TERASAWA — Apr. 25, James K. and Yukie, both of Los Angeles.

HATA-YAMANAKA—Apr. 25, Mack and Haruye, both of Fresno.

HATANAKA-NAGAI — Apr. 15, George and Tatsuko, both of Bowles.

HONDA-YEE—Apr. 17, Bill K., and Lucille K., both of Salt Lake City.

IGARASHI-OSHIRO—Apr. 24, Yosh and Helen, both of Pasadena.

INOUYE-DOBASHI—Apr. 24, William, Fresno, and Mary, Madera.

ISHIBASHI-KONATSU — Apr. 24, Tomio, Campbell, and Kazu, Orosi, at San Jose.

KAMINO-KANNO—Apr. 24, Hideo, North Platte, Neb., and Helen, Morrill, Neb.

KAWASOE-YEAGER—Mar. 16, Melvin "Dutch" and Ocie, both of Ontario, Ore., at Walla Walla.

MASUDA-HATAKEDA—Apr. 24, Toshio, Parlier, and Ruriko, Visalia.

MORI-TSUTSUMOTO—Apr. 25, Jun, Los Angeles, and May, Seattle.

SAITO-YUGE—Apr. 18, George, Nyssa, Ore., and Masako, Los Angeles.

SHIGEOKA-OYADOMORI—Apr. 18, Masao, Honolulu, and Nancy Nasuko, Los Angeles.

TAKESHITA-NISHIKATA—Apr. 24, Shigeo, Chicago, and Aiko, West Los Angeles.

WATANABE-FUKUSHIMA—Apr. 25, Joe, Los Angeles, and Setsuko Sue, Riverside.

YAMASHITA-HATAE—Apr. 25, Isamu, Long Beach, and Junko, Long Beach.

Deaths

FURUKAWA, Giichi, 64: Los Angeles (formerly of Texas), Apr. 23, survived by wife Yoshiko, son Akiyoshi, three daughters Natsumi, Kazumi and Mrs. Setsuko Kurata.

IDEHARA, Keiichi, 57: San Jose, Apr. 21, survived by wife Matsuyo, son Roy, six daughters Masuye, Fumiko, Keiko and Mrs. Hiroko Miyahara, Yoshiko and Mrs. Sakae Shimoe.

KAWAGOE, Susan, 6: Pasadena, Apr. 22, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Tak.

KAWANA, Otoichi, 58: Los Angeles, Apr. 22, survived by wife Kume, sons Yasunori, Sadao, three daughters Emiko, Sumiko and Mrs. Sachi Nakadate.

KUSANAGI, Seiji, 75: Los Angeles, Apr. 21, survived by wife Yoshie, daughters Mrs. Shizue Miyamura and Mrs. Haruye Hayashi.

MISAKA, Tatsuyo, 53: Ogden, Apr. 25, survived by three sons Wataru, Tatsumi and Osamu.

MIYAWAKI, Itoyo, 54: Torrance, Apr. 26, survived by husband Yasoichi, son Tom, three daughters Mrs. Shizuko Amano, Mrs. Margaret Misao Nakano, and Mrs. Marie M. Uyemura.

SHIMAZU, Shimato, 73: Los Angeles, Apr. 26, survived by wife Misao, son Yonekuni, Yoneto, daughters Mrs. Harue Otani and Mrs. Julia Toifuji.

TORIO, Yoichiro: Chula Vista, Apr. 24, survived by wife Suna, sons Charles, George, Frank and daughter Mrs. Kimiye Fukamizu.

YAMADE, Keitaro, 70: Seattle, Apr. 19, survived by daughters Mrs. Emi Mukai and Mrs. Yasuko Okamoto.

YOSHIMURA, Susan, 5: Los Angeles, Apr. 25, survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry, sisters Nancy, Kathy.

YAMASHITA, Fuki, 70: Seabrook, N.J., Apr. 23, survived by husband Shouemon, daughter Mrs. Chiyoko Nagao.

YATSUI, Muneo Y., 71: Seattle, Apr. 4.

Nobuo Hiraoka, Long Beach hobbyist, won a Sweepstakes trophy for an aquarium entry at the 23rd annual Long Beach Hobby Show, Apr. 24-26.

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EDITORIALS

'Different Treatment'

The Supreme Court this week has issued a unanimous ruling that may foreshadow its action on the vital issue of segregation in public schools.

The opinion denounced the exclusion of Mexican Americans from juries. It was the first case ever to reach the high court involving the civil rights of more than 3,000,000 Americans of Mexican descent who live in the South and West of the United States.

The decision invalidated a murder conviction against a Texan who was charged with killing in Jackson County, Texas, where Mexican Americans have been excluded from juries for 25 years.

Chief Justice Warren, who wrote the opinion, said that whenever the law "as written or applied" singles out a class for "different treatment not based on some reasonable classification," the guarantees of the Constitution have been violated.

Further in the opinion, the Chief Justice made clear that distinction based on race or color could not constitute a "reasonable classification." He added "the exclusion of otherwise eligible persons from jury service solely because of their ancestry or national origin is discrimination prohibited by the 14th Amendment."

It appears evident that Chief Justice Warren's presence on the tribunal adds wider understanding to the problem of civil rights and minorities distintively of the Great Southwest — where the majority of Japanese Americans also reside.

Asia for the Asians

After U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles delivered at Geneva last week what amounted to a warning against an Asiatic Munich, Red China's premier replied that U.S. quit helping Indochina and Red China's foreign minister declared peace and security in Asia is a matter for Asians to work out. The same theme was repeated by the Soviet Russian foreign minister.

"Asia for the Asians" seems to be the theme—a very good one for propaganda purposes.

Of course, the motive seems to point out that the Western nations have been and still are exploiting Asia and that the time has come for Asians to take over themselves. The Communists, however, fail to add that the Communists, as well as Westerners, could enslave Asia.

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

Luau and a Snowstorm

Boulder, Colo.

WHEN GAIL Kubota, correspondence secretary of Hui O'Hawaii at the University of Colorado, sent along an invitation to the club's annual spring luau, I promptly marked the date on the calendar. Hui O'Hawaii is a club of Hawaiian islanders at C.U., and a luau, of course, is a feast.

Having attended a previous luau, I knew the students from Hawaii recognize no peers when it comes to tossing a party. They can have more darn fun and I wanted to share in a little of it, even if from the sidelines.

Unfortunately the luaus are jinxed by the weather. Scheduling one is a sure way of getting rain on the day. This year was no exception—a three-day snowstorm moved in, after almost daily sunshine since the first of the year, and broke the back of a drouth that had settled on this area.

But the luau was being held safely indoors in the beautiful new Glenn Miller Ballroom (he went to C.U. as any steady moviegoer knows). Yet even then the weather affected the party indirectly. The cold and the snow prevented the pig from being roasted on time. The committee on roasting the beastie had built a fire in a pit and buried the whole pig in an earthen oven in plenty of time to get it cooked. But they hadn't counted on the frigid temperature of both air and soil. Finally, as time sped on, tradition gave way to expediency. The pig was exhumed and popped into a restaurant oven to complete the cooking.

In addition to the roast pig, the menu carried cold barbecue beef, chicken long rice, poi, salted dry tuna, lomi-lomi salmon salad, fresh pineapple and coconut pudding. Equally attractive were the ti leaves used as a tablecloth and the great abundance of exotic tropical flowers and leaves which decorated the hall. After the feast, the students entertained with hula dances and songs nostalgic of the islands.

The party was swell except for one thing, the banquet is served on ground level, of course, and since the hardwood of a ballroom isn't as comfortable as sand, ones' sitetiquette begins to suffer about the middle of the second course.

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THE LUAU IN the Rockies was first held some four years ago when Hawaiian students at C.U. suddenly became hungry for good old island food. They chipped in to buy a pig, roasted it whole, and had themselves an evening of fun at a makeshift Hawaiian party at the home of Prof. Joe Park. The next year they had a much better party thanks to some bulky packages of food flown to them by the folks at home. The students invited some friends and the luau tradition got itself a good start.

Park, a brilliant young organic chemist of Korean ancestry, grew up in Hawaii but has spent most of his adult life on the mainland. He worked some 15 years for top chemical corporations, including ten years with duPont, before quitting the ulcers and pressures of industry seven years ago for a place on the C.U. campus. In addition to being a full professor, no doubt one of the few of Oriental ancestry with such rank in an American university, Park is adviser to Hui O'Hawaii.

"Being adviser," Park says, "is a fine, easy job because Hawaiian students always behave — like Hawaiians" His primary responsibilities are to say a few words of welcome at the annual luau. This year he came up with the evening's prize crack. When someone asked when the pig would be ready to eat, he replied: "We pigs are ready to eat right now."

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SOME VISITORS TO the luau were surprised to see that blue-eyed Caucasians, some with Irish names, were members of Hui O'Hawaii, and many of them were doing the hula with more than passable grace. Which brings up the point that all of the many peoples settling in Hawaii have accepted native Hawaiian culture as their own, rather than clinging tightly and exclusively to their own national cultures. Which would indicate it was a wonderfully attractive one to begin with.

Vagaries . . . **by Larry Tajiri**

Back Alley of Japan's Cinema

THE JAPANESE motion picture industry, which has distinguished itself with two major international awards in recent years, has a sleazy side which apparently is bent on exploiting latent anti-Americanism in Nippon. Quickies, dosed heavily with political propaganda, have been ground out in the back alleys of the Japanese cinema world and have been a factor in heightening antagonisms, particularly in the rural areas where most of these films are shown.

These anti-American films are proving something of a diplomatic embarrassment in U.S.-Japanese relations in Japan, although American officials have taken no official cognizance as yet.

In fact, the only control exercised by United States officials during the recent Occupation period was to prevent the showing of American pictures about World War II, such as *Sands of Iwo Jima*, which U. S. officials feared would provoke an unfavorable reaction from Japanese audiences. Meanwhile, the Japanese government which has the power to censor motion pictures through its Education Ministry has indicated it will crack down on further films which may present a distorted view of Americans or of any other foreign group.

The latest of the anti-Yankee films to open is called *Kyoen (The Mad Banquet)*, directed by Hideo Sekigawa, and pictures the demorilization of a Japanese village in which the U.S. Army establishes a rest and recreation center for GI veterans of the Korean war. The picture reportedly presents an unpleasant story, liberally laced with propaganda, which defeats its objective because of its obvious bias. Sekigawa also directed *Hiroshima* and *Mixed Blood Children*, two pictures which also were considered anti-American. *Hiroshima* has also been shown in southeast Asia and in Europe.

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ANOTHER PICTURE concerning the problems arising from the establishment of an American military base in a small Japanese community was *Akasen Kichi*, a picture which was criticized severely by one of Tokyo's English-language dailies, the *Evening News*, edited by Kimpei Sheba, former San Francisco newspaperman. The editorial called the picture "anti-Americanism at its worst" and provoked a reexamination of the government's position in relation to film product from Japanese studios. A news dispatch described *Akasen Kichi* as the soap opera story of a Japanese prisoner of war who returns from China some years after the surrender to find his fiancee has mothered the child of an American GI, his brother a consort of dope peddlers, and a prostitute entertaining a GI in his room in the presence of a younger brother and sister.

Those who have seen this spate of anti-American films report that only one, *Tower of Lilies*, the story of young girls killed in the American bombings of Okinawa, had any artistic merit. The others qualified as blatant propaganda which, obviously, played into the hands of the Communists, the major force for anti-Americanism in Japan. In fact, a number of these pictures, including *Kyoen*, the most recent, are being distributed by the same film agency which handles the showings of Soviet pictures in Nippon.

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THERE IS AN obvious parallel to the present problem confronting the Japanese film world in the long history of anti-Japanese pictures made in Hollywood, beginning with the Hearst-sponsored, *Patria*, which starred Mrs. Vernon Castle and which President Woodrow Wilson asked to be withdrawn, a request with which its producers did not comply.

A number of similar anti-Japanese films followed in the years prior to the passage of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 and Sessue Hayakawa, one of Hollywood's leading actors at the time, was the object of an international wrangle which resulted from a picture which showed him branding Fanny Ward with a hot iron on the shoulder, a scene which Japanese officials contended was designed to create prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry.

More than a decade later Hayakawa again was the major figure in a Japanese protest when Japan's embassy in Paris objected to the showing of a French film, *Yoshiwara*, in which the actor played the role of a Japanese coolie.

Another French production, *Le Battle(* released in the U.S. as *Thunder in the East* and the first to be seen in America starring Charles Boyer and Merle Oberon in the 1930s), also was the object of Japanese representations, although it was difficult for the casual moviegoer to denote any anti-Japanese bias

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CIO auto workers (world's biggest union) urges fair play for Japanese Americans.

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Liberal leaders, organizations blast Mayor La Guardia for opposing evacuee relocation in New York city area. Plans for hostel in Brooklyn to continue.

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Police arrest three racketeers exploiting sentiment against Japanese Americans in San Francisco; trio circulated petitions for deportation of Japanese in U.S., and asking for funds for further work.

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ILWU launch drive to organize 35,000 workers in Hawaiian milling industry; majority of Japanese ancestry.

MINORITY

The Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision this week, denounced the exclusion of Mexican Americans from juries, invalidating a murder conviction against a Texan, Pete Hernandez, who was charged with killing in Jackson County, Texas, where Mexican Americans have been excluded from juries for 25 years. The opinion, written by Chief Justice Earl Warren, declared that whenever the law as written or applied singles out a class for different treatment not based on some reasonable classification the guarantees of the Constitution have been violated. It was the first case to reach the tribunal involving the civil rights of more than 3,000,000 Mexican Americans in the South and West. (The High Court recessed until May 17 with no inkling of when it will rule on the school cases brought by Negroes from four states and the District of Columbia.)

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The Mississippi state legislature set up a committee of "who's who" in the State government to find ways to dodge any decision outlawing segregation. It also reluctantly passed its program to equalize Negro and white schools by appropriating $34,000,000 next year for its school program. The normal school budget is $25,000,000. If segregation is upheld under the "separate but equal" doctrine, the program will be extended to a $43,000,000 a year program. If the court outlaws segregation, a special session will seek ways to sidestep the decision. The new budget calls for equalized teachers' salaries between the races and make a start on equalizing transportation. Gov. Hugh White heads the "who's who" committee.

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The National League of Women Voters convention decided to subject trade policies and individual liberties to searching study during the next two years. The convention urged President Eisenhower and Congressional leaders to extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreement, due to expire June 12. The league will also open a New York office to gather material on the rights and duties of American citizens