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Rep. Walter accepts invitation to attend commemorative banquet

Washington

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) has accepted the invitation to attend the commemorative banquet to be held on June 27 by the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, announced Harold Horiuchi, banquet chairman.

Congressman Walter is the co-author of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 under which thousands of Issei have become American citizens. This law also reestablished immigration from Japan for the first time since 1924. June 27 marks the second anniversary passage date of the Act.

Replying to the JACL invitation, Rep. Walter said, "I shall be very happy to participate in the celebration of the Second Anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act."

With the acceptance by Congressman Walter, Horiuchi announced other acceptances by staff members.

Staff Members Accept

Walter Besterman, staff director of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, and Miss Ruth Miskell, administrative assistant to Congressman Walter, both key personages in the passage of the Act, have accepted invitations.

Upon receiving these announcements, John Katsu, Washington JACL Chapter president declared: "The attendance of Senator Pat McCarran and Congressman Francis E. Walter is a great honor to us and our Issei citizen guests on this occasion of the second anniversary of the law which these two distinguished gentlemen have co-authored."

(Acceptance of the JACL banquet invitation by Senator McCarran was reported last week.)

Aided in 5-F Case

Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization for years, Rep. Walter has long strived to assist Japanese receive equal consideration under the law. As a member of Congress since 1933, except for military service during World War II as a Navy Lieutenant Commander, Congressman Walter is the second ranking minority member of the House Judiciary Committee.

Recently the congressman from Pennsylvania interceded at JACL request and successfully urged the Attorney General not to appeal two lower court decisions and to direct the Immigration and Naturalization Service to cease denying citizenship to male Issei applicants because of certain World War I draft classifications. These so-called 5-F situations have now been favorably clarified.

LOOMIS NISEI WINS ELECTION AS WRITE-IN

Penryn

Shig Matsumoto, popular member of the Placer JACL and former star baseball player of Loomis, won a school trustee post at the Ophir Grammar School. Matsumoto won over incumbent Robert A. Lymath as a write-in candidate, showing strength and popularity.

Movie title changed

New York

Joseph von Sternberg's "Anata-han" movie being screened at the Plaza Theater has changed its title to "The Devil's Pitchfork." It dramatizes the adventures of a dozen shipwrecked sailors and one woman marooned on a tiny island for seven years.

CHICAGO GUIDED MISSILE SITE OUT OF GARDEN AREA

Chicago

Park and army officials last week signed a lease authorizing the Army to use 10 acres east of Wooded Island, Jackson Park, as the site for a Nike guided missile installation.

Originally, the Army planned to use Wooded Island, site of the Japanese gardens of the Columbian exposition. The change of sites resulted from public protests.

Canada evacuee losses dead issue

Montreal

The National JCCA evacuation losses compensation committee was advised the Canadian government has no intention was reviewing any claims in the matter of further compensation. The committee was further advised that it would be a waste of time to make further representations as nothing would be gained by holding out hope for any re-examination.

A member of Parliament, familiar with Japanese problems, also stated that as far as the government was concerned, it does not intend to reopen any Japanese property claims.

SUTTER COUNTY ELECTS FIRST NISEI OFFICIAL

Yuba City

For the first time in the history of Sutter County, a Nisei has been elected to a school board. Mas Oji, a rancher, polled 65 votes recently, to be elected to the Central Gaither Union school board. He topped the other four candidates for the two openings on the board. The two incumbents were defeated.

School teacher

Ft. Lupton, Colo.

Mayrene Iwata, daughter of Mrs. Aiko Iwata, La Salle, Colo., will be the first Nisei teacher at the Ft. Lupton elementary school this fall.



Robert Matsumoto, 18, (left) of Bakersfield is being congratulated by Rep. Harlan Hagen (D., Calif.) upon his successful appointment to West Point. It is the first time in the history of the 152-year-old institution that a new cadet is replacing his brother, Glenn, who graduates June 8. This photograph was arranged through efforts of Joe Katano, Delano JACL president, and the Central California JACL District Council.—Rountree Photo.

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West Point tradition set by Nisei replacing brother to be graduated

Bakersfield

When Robert Matsumoto enters the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on July 6, it will be the first time in the history of the 152-year-old institution that a new cadet is replacing his brother, according to Rep. Harlen Hagen (D., Calif.).

The Hanford congressman appointed both Robert and his brother Glenn who receives his second lieutenant's bars at the June commencement exercise.

Records at the historic military training ground on the Hudson river show such a succession has not occurred since it was established in 1802.

Former Delano Family

Hagen said the older Matsumoto will be the second Nisei to be graduated from the academy, and his brother will be the fourth Nisei to enter.

The Matsumoto boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matsumoto, 500 R St., Bakersfield. They formerly lived in Delano.

Glenn Matsumoto is 26. He was appointed to the academy in 1950 from the army in which he held the rating of sergeant.

His brother, 18, is a 1953 graduate of Bakersfield high and is attending the Drew Preparatory School in San Francisco.

Star 'B' Athlete

In high school he gained recognition as a trackman in class B competition and as a member of the lightweight football team.

He finished first in a field of 35 in a competitive examination for the academy appointment.

"It should be a source of great pride and satisfaction to Matsumoto," said Hagen, "to have won his appointment in competition with so many other outstanding applicants. It was a pleasure for me to make the appointment."

Federal judge rules loss of citizenship status unconstitutional

Honolulu

For the second time, Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin, of Honolulu, has held unconstitutional the law which takes away citizenship from native-born United States citizens who voted in the elections held in occupied Japan.

The case involved that of Robert Terada, born in Honolulu in 1919. Terada was represented by attorneys, A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles and Katsuro Miho of Honolulu. After completing high school in Hawaii Terada went to Japan for further study.

Although he had not completed his schooling, but because of the uneasy international situation, he left aboard a ship to return to the United States on Dec. 2, 1941. He was on the high seas en route to the United States at the time of Pearl Harbor. As a consequence of this event, the ship returned to Japan leaving Terada stranded there.

Drafted into Army

By reason of the fact that, in addition to his American nationality, Terada also had Japanese nationality and was in Japan, he was drafted during the war into the Japanese army. Judge McLaughlin held that Terada did not lose his United States citizenship because of his army service, holding that his service was involuntary because of the penalties which would ensue had he not obeyed the draft call.

After the war, on Apr. 10, 1946, while Terada was working for the American Occupation Forces, he voted in the election. This was the first election after the war and the occupation forces were interested in securing as large a vote as possible.

As to the voting, however, Judge McLaughlin held that Terada had asked voluntarily.

Unconstitutional

Nevertheless he gave judgment for Terada on the ground that the statute which said that a native-born American lost his United States citizenship under these circumstances was unconstitutional because, without the citizens knowledge or consent to expatriate himself, such a law was beyond the power

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Seattle-born Nisei regains citizenship

Los Angeles

Shinsaku Wakamoto, 28, born in Seattle, was restored to his United States citizenship as a result of a judgment in Los Angeles by U.S. District Court Judge William M. Byrne. The American Consular officials in Japan and the State Department in Washington had ruled that Wakamoto had lost his United States citizenship when he voted in occupation-sponsored elections in Japan in April, 1947.

The Nisei, represented by attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, of Los Angeles, claimed that his voting was not his voluntary act because of his fear that failure to vote might mean loss of rations as well as jeopardizing his chances to return to the United States. Wakamoto had gone to Japan, accompanying his father, in 1933 when he was 7 years old.

The court in ruling for Wakamoto pointed out the great pressures which had been exerted to encourage voting in Japan.

Federation leader

Asilomar

Dr. Ryo Munekata, Los Angeles dentist, was elected president of the Federation of Western Buddhist Sunday School Teachers, which held its annual conference here recently.

800 Issei being examined in week by L.A. I&NS

Los Angeles

More than 800 naturalization petitioners are now being examined every week at the Los Angeles office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, according to JACL Regional Director Tats Kushida.

The speedup process began May 1.

With 10 examiners temporarily assigned from other offices of this agency and operating six full days a week, the program is averaging 140 examinations per day and will make a substantial dent into the accumulated one year backlog of petitions, he stated.

Ray E. Griffin, Chief of the Nationality and Status Section of the I&NS office here, said that the temporary examiners are assigned to the Los Angeles Office only until July 1.

However, he expects to have the full quota of nine permanent examiners on his staff from that date. Many Issei petitioners who filed a year ago are now being called for their examinations in considerable numbers, Griffin revealed, practically all of them being able to take their examinations in English without the use of interpreters.

A recent check made by the Downtown LA Chapter revealed that less than 300 Issei in Los Angeles had received their citizenship as of May 1.

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Expect 300 more Issei to be sworn in June 21

San Francisco

The 330 Issei examined and processed in a week-long naturalization hearings last April will be sworn in as citizens on June 21, it was reported by the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL regional office here.

Almost all of the Issei were students of citizenship classes sponsored jointly by local JACL chapters and city adult education departments.

A majority of the Issei took their naturalization examinations in Japan with interpreters furnished by the JACL office.

In Northern California, close to 1,700 Issei have been naturalized since the passage of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, it was stated by Haruo Ishimaru, director of the NCWN regional office.

"This is the only place in the United States where group examinations numbering as high as 400 in one week has been arranged," Ishimaru pointed out.

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Worland, Wyo.

Harry Y. Ujifusa, prominent farmer and resident of Worland for 38 years, has the distinction of being the first Issei to be naturalized a U.S. citizen in Northern Wyoming. He was also honored at the Washakie County courthouse at a program sponsored by the Floyd Minch Post 44, American Legion, and its auxiliary.

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Ontario, Ore.

Recently naturalized Issei — 44 of them — and the new 1954 Snake River JACL chapter cabinet were jointly honored at a recent banquet here. Aki Nishimura was toastmaster.

Arthur Kiesz, superintendent of schools, was the main speaker on "Home Life and Its Effects on True Citizenship." The new citizens honored were:

T. Fujiwara, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ogami, Mr. and Mrs. K. Nakamura, S. Arima, M. Terashima, J. Muramoto, Y. Kawakami, Mr. and Mrs. S. Takahara, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kawasoe, Mr. and Mrs. K. Uriu, Mrs. K. Wakasugi, Mrs. S. Yamada, M. Yano, K. Wada, Rev. N. Yasaki, T. Harada, T. Amano, Mrs. A. Hashikuni, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kanetomi, H. Hashimoto,

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Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

Summary Trip Report . . .

Almost a month ago, when I left Washington for a hurried trip out west, the McCarthy-Army hearings were already well under way and the Geneva Conference appeared to be getting nowhere. On my return, the McCarthy-Army hearings are still in the headlines and the Geneva Conference threatens to drag out into another Panmunjom.

Congress has accomplished little, legislatively speaking, during the past few weeks and the White House, except for its pronouncements on the inviolability of executive orders, has remained in the headline background.

Only the Supreme Court, with its historic decision outlawing segregation in public schools, has challenged the newspaper space commanded by the McCarthy-Army hearings.

First Stop, Cincinnati . . .

My first stop was in Cincinnati, where the local chapter was sponsoring a testimonial banquet to honor their newly naturalized Issei and their neighbors who welcomed them to honor their newly naturalized Issei and their neighbors who welcomed them to the community ten years ago from the relocation centers of World War II. They also commemorated the eighth anniversary of the establishment of their local JACL chapter.

Ken Matsumoto, wartime national JACL vice president, served as toastmaster, with Joe Sugawara, chapter president, extending greetings.

Members of the nearby Dayton chapter joined with the Cincinnati chapter in this outstanding community event.

This Ohio chapter is typical of those in the Midwest which have continued their JACL affiliation even though their individual members are completely accepted by their respective communities and they face no discrimination whatsoever.

Next Stop, Chicago . . .

The next several days were spent in Chicago.

The Chicago chapter is not only the bellwether chapter in the Midwest but also the largest in the national organization. Its leadership includes some of the most articulate and able Nisei in the country, with Dr. T. T. Yatabe, who assumed the national presidency of the JACL as its first constitutional chief executive 20 years ago, as their elder statesman.

The Windy City is also the home of Harold Tokuzo Gordon, only non-Nisei ever to win election to the National JACL Board. Now the chairman of the 1000 Club, he is also the first non-Nisei to attend a national JACL convention as an official delegate and the first non-Nisei to ever head up a standing committee. Many Nisei say that he is more Nisei than they themselves are, and they mean this in the most complimentary terms.

This single chapter has more National Board members than any other chapter. In addition to Dr. Yatabe and Tokuzo, it has Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, immediate past national president, who now heads up the National Recognitions Committee.

Harry Takagi, Midwest District Council chairman, flew down from Minneapolis to join us and other Chicago JACL leaders, in a discussion of MDC problems, particularly relating to the Midwest Regional Office. Later, Shig Wakamatsu, former MDC chairman and now National Planning Committee chairman, outlined some of the ideas of his Committee for the long-range program of the JACL.

San Francisco Next . . .

The National Headquarters City, San Francisco, was the next stop.

We conferred with Mas Satow on several current pressing JACL problems and decided on the need for further conferences with George Inagaki, national president, the following weekend in Los Angeles.

One cannot meet with Mas Satow without being impressed with the tremendously effective job he is doing under the most difficult of circumstances. With only the able Daisy Uyeda to help him on a full-time basis, he is the operating head of an organization with 88 chapters, working on a "poorhouse" budget that belies the effectiveness and prestige of the National JACL.

Because he works without fanfare in the background, he has received none of the acclaim that has been extended others in the JACL but it can be truly said that without Mas Satow the National JACL could not continue its present outstanding program of service to the community and the nation.

On a Friday evening, we met with the Board members of the San Francisco chapter, their Issei Division, and the Northern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce. San Francisco's experiment with an Issei Division will be closely watched by the entire national organization, for it may be the answer to continued cooperation between the Issei who are now citizens and the Nisei in the ongoing JACL program of "Security Through Unity" and "For Better Americans In A Greater America".

That Sunday, we attended a Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting. One is always inspired at these meetings, for the attendance is always phenomenal and enthusiastic. The NCWNDC is today, as it was in the pre-evacuation days, the backbone of the national JACL.

Tom Yego, one of the founders of JACL movement in the early 1920's, wields the gavel over this district council. Haruo Ishimaru, regional director, is entitled to much credit for the effectiveness of this area organization.

Los Angeles Stopover . . .

The following weekend, Mas Satow joined National President George Inagaki, Saburo Kido, beloved wartime president, and me in discussing several JACL problems demanding immediate attention. We also met with Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national treasurer and hard-working chairman of the forthcoming National Convention this fall; Ken Dyo, Pacific Southwest District Council chairman; Frank Chuman, legal counsel; Harry Honda, Pacific Citizen editor; and other JACL leaders. Tats Kushida, regional director who has probably more specific responsibilities assigned him than any other staff worker, was also much in evidence.

If only other JACL members and Nisei generally could sit in on some of these discussions, we are confident that they would not only gain a greater appreciation of what the JACL is but also of the personal hardships and sacrifices endured by its leadership. The spirit of JACL is evident in these informal meetings, a spirit that speaks well for the future of the JACL and all persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

St. Louis Last Stop . . .

After several days in Los Angeles, we flew back to San Francisco to confer again with Mas Satow before flying on to Chicago, where we met their delegation and rode the "Wabash Cannonball" to St. Louis for the Midwest District Council meeting this last weekend.

Harry Takagi, articulate attorney veteran of the 442nd, decisively and effectively chaired the meetings. Harry Hayashi, president of the host chapter, and Joe Tanaka, chairman of the meeting, ably handled the arrangements and hospitality which included a barbeque that was better than most even out west.

Next to the Eastern District Council, the MDC is the smallest in the national. But, in terms of leadership, it certainly doesn't take a back seat to any. Expect to see and hear from them at the National Convention in Los Angeles this Labor Day weekend.

In order to develop a more attractive local program for its membership, the MDC accepted the invitation of the EDC to hold a joint convention next spring in Washington, D.C. This is another healthy example of JACL's desire to render greater community service.

Back in Washington . . .

A Memorial Day return to Washington served to emphasize JACL's homage to the Nisei soldier dead of World War II, for members of the Washington, D.C., chapter participated in the national observance of the day at Arlington National Cemetery at both the Amphitheater and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In addition, individual graves of every Nisei hero interred there was decorated with floral tributes. Ira Shimasaki, who also serves as EDC chairman, directed these activities as chairman of the Arlington Cemetery Committee.

One always returns from a trip west, visiting JACLers along the way, with a deep sense of gratitude that there are so many Nisei throughout the land who are willing to devote their time and energy for the common good. As long as there are such Nisei, we never need fear for our future.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

Filipina widow is 'Mammy'

(The current series of "Tokyo Topics" were prepared by Tamotsu Murayama, while in Manila, as deputy chief of the Japan Boy Scout delegation to the Filipino jamboree.—Editor.)

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Manila

This is a story of a Filipina widow, whose husband was killed by the Japanese during the last war. However, she is living up to the true spirit of brotherhood and taking care of the Japanese scouts since their arrival. She is "mammy" to all.

This wonderful lady is Mrs. Juliana V. Araos, mother of three children, and working as an executive of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Her husband was deputy chief scout executive when the war came along. He was killed while engaged in guerilla fighting.

'Love Thy Neighbors'

"I should be the one to hate the Japanese in view of my past experiences, but God taught us to love our enemy," she said to the Japanese visiting scouts surrounding her. "The Japanese are no longer our enemy."

During the three-weeks' stay of the visiting Japanese delegation in Manila, "Mammy" attended to all the details necessary to the well-being of the visitors.

A well-educated woman, always with a smile, Mrs. Araos has certainly taught the scouts something very philosophical. Here is a widow, one of the many suffering widows, who is trying to forgive the Japanese in spite of her suffering and toiling in the glorious name of God.

It should be pointed out here that the Philippine Islands is a religious country, where churches and cathedrals abound on practically every street corner in the cities.

Filipino-Japanese

It is also interesting to note the presence of Japanese-Filipino children here. Many Japanese immigrated to the Philippines before the war. Having intermarried, one is aware of a close blood-relationship between the two nations, once at war with each other.

Another person who deserves mention in this story is Michael Goldenberg, a prominent businessman who silently paved the way for the release of Japanese war criminals. He also helped many Filipinos unselfishly during their days of great need of food and clothing.

There are many wonderful people here. It is unfortunate very little has been said of them to the people of Japan.

Loose-Talk Hurts

Because so much loose-talk emanating from both countries has hurt the delicate sentiment of peoples in both countries, this stay in Manila has opened the door of goodwill and friendship to the visitors from Japan. There is much to learn.

One case of loose-talk concerned the widely publicized animosity of the Filipino for the Japanese because of the wartime atrocities. If it were true, how does one reconcile the manner of the host nation wholeheartedly greeting the Japanese scouts? The Filipinos came, confiding their determination to join hands for the sake of future peace in spite of personal losses.

The offer of the Japanese Boy Scouts to plan Japanese cherry trees in Baguio met roaring approval from the Philippine scouts. Baguio is the home, incidentally, of many Japanese engaged in farming.

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PC columnist Tamotsu Murayama was scheduled to arrive in Seattle this week from Tokyo by Northwest Airlines and visit San Francisco and Los Angeles before attending a Boy Scout of America conference in New York City June 15.—Editor.

Wyoming prep graduates

Worland, Wyo.

Nisei prep school graduates in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming this year includes:

Haruye Nakamura, Thermopolis; Kazuko Ujifusa, Kenneth Okura, Worland; Ken Hirazawa, Lander; Pearl Ito, Riverton; Sue Kawano and Mitsu Nakagawa, Powell.

Very Truly Yours . . . . by Harry Honda

Nakamura vs. Yamamoto

The Nakamuras head the parade of Japanese names to be found in the latest Los Angeles telephone directory. There are 71 listings of Nakamura in the thick book left at our front door last week. . . . It includes six George Nakamuras, one better than the five Jim Yamamotos in the same book. The Yamamotos are 66 strong, two ahead of the Itos and four ahead of the Tanakas . . . In a way, these four surnames are the most numerous in cosmopolitan centers where Japanese reside . . . Geneology is not in my line, but if someone should publish a history of Japanese names and its heraldry, I'd be interested.

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Maybe the popular advice of "let George do it" is depopularizing the grand name of George among Nisei parents of the up and coming generation . . . Our vital statistics editor considers it a rare occasion to see the name of George upon the boys of today . . . Whereas the Nisei of yesterday adopted popular Christian names when their given names proved too difficult to pronounce, the Nisei of tomorrow might revert to the very common names (like George, John, Bill) their parents sought to avoid by "fancier" monickers . . . And speaking of names, the coincidence of feminine names of a particular era might be a tribute to some glamorous movie queen of the same period. To me, nothing fits better than a Japanese name to a girl of Japanese blood. It would be poetic justice to the *nth* degree.

Back to the phone book: in the 60s by count are the Yamamotos (66), Itos (64) and Tanakas (60) . . . The next four in line, in the 50s, are the Yamadas (57), Matsumotos (54), Satos (52) and Watanabes (52) . . . Among the 40s are the Katos (47), Inouyes (44) and Takahashis (41). In the 30s are such familiar names as Okamoto, Murakami, Kimura, Mori, Fujimoto, Saito and Suzuki . . . This final group consists of names we found with 25 or more: Abe, Endo, Hashimoto, Hayashi, Miyamoto, Nakano, Nishimura, Ogawa and others down the alphabet. We'll acknowledge anyone else wishing to complete this listing.

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Some added observations: The Zorikis are the rearguards among the thousands of Japanese phone subscribers . . . The Oharas are with their Irish "name's the same", the O'Haras . . . You'd think there would be more than seven shops in expansive Los Angeles with the name Nisei in its title . . . Some mathematician could post me on the odds of having a name on the upper corner of the pages. The Hondas were up there several years ago. Quite a few Japanese names are similarly paged this year . . . Such musings are the product of an extra day at home — the double weekend holidays for Memorial Day . . . No use becoming a holiday casualty when such an engaging project as thumbing a new phone book appears . . . However, be assured that the next double-holiday will find us less sedantary.

'Tempus fugit'-JACL Convention Three Months Off

Honolulu Newsletter

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LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Hawaii's harmonious relations

What makes Hawaii's race relation unique? The characteristic that stands out, of course, is the harmony with which so many races live together in a compact island community.

This is a subject that has been fully explored by students of race relations. One facet of the subject, however, has not been commented on so extensively. It relates to the alertness of Hawaii's people in striving to improve their human relations.

There is an understandable tendency among some residents to rest on their laurels and to view condescendingly the problems of other communities not as fortunately blessed as is Hawaii.

Still, there are enough key persons in Hawaii watching the local scene and reminding islanders not to become complacent and regressive in their racial attitudes.

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Strictly racial groups

Several signs of this watchfulness were apparent last week.

1—The Hawaii Chapter of World Brotherhood announced it will continue its educational program to discourage organizations which bar membership along racial lines.

For a community renowned the world over for its interracial amity, Hawaii surprises some visitors with its large number of organizations which continue functioning along strictly racial lines.

That such exclusiveness should have existed at one time, in social, business and civic circles, is understandable. But why, these visitors ask, are these groups being perpetuated when no useful purposes appears to be served by their remaining exclusive?

The World Brotherhood leaders hope to "create a climate of public opinion which would make attitudes of racial prejudice intolerable," says the chapter director, Dr. William A. Shimer.

Dr. Shimer, who has just returned from a lecture tour in the Orient and a round-the-world trip, says the chapter will not use political or pressure group methods to attain its goal.

Its program of educating against racial prejudice may seem unnecessary or even obnoxious to those who feel World Brotherhood can find more profitable places than Hawaii to operate.

For this discussion, however, the example of World Brotherhood confirms the point that Hawaii is not satisfied with its record of race relations, enviable as it is.

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'Where Hawaii Lags'

2—A similar approach is seen in an editorial in the Honolulu Advertiser of May 30, under the caption "Where Hawaii Lags."

The editorial states that ". . . in the field of politics, Hawaii has not kept pace with its progress in other directions. There is too much realism, not enough idealism . . .

"Let's have more campaigning on the real issues instead of on personalities and appeals to special groups and interests . . .

"Certainly this is idealism. Certainly it cannot be achieved overnight—this year—next year or the year after. But it can become a goal the working toward which over the years would put an unmistakable stamp of high quality upon the face of our public life. Perhaps then other areas would look on our politicking with as high regard as they now look upon our human relationships."

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Preserving Hawaiian culture

3—A somewhat different approach is taken in an editorial in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin of May 29, on the subject of "The Hawaiian Civic Club and 'Associates'".

As noted in this column two weeks ago, the Civic Club, which is now composed exclusively of Hawaiians and part-Hawaiians, stirred a tempest among its members by taking up the question of whether to allow non-Hawaiians to join as non-voting associate members.

The latest development is that, although the board of directors favored letting the racial bars down, the general membership has refused to go along with this proposal.

Commenting on this situation, the Star-Bulletin editorial expressed the opinion that there "very definitely" is a need for an organization such as the Hawaiian Civic Club.

Then it went on to say that the Civic Club should clarify its aims and purposes, and place greater emphasis upon a constructive program to preserve the culture of Hawaii, and to revive the lore of the past by staging pageants and festivals.

From these points of view, it is plain that the idealistic approach to racial group thinking does not usually fit smoothly into the practical problem of bringing about the desired end.

But so long as opinion formers in Hawaii keep reminding the residents of their perennial responsibility for continuing to improve on the past and the present, we can look to a better future for posterity.

Increasingly mixed-up racial breakdown of Hawaii births solved—Territory Health Dept. decides to stop such statistics

Honolulu

Quietly and with little notice the Territorial Health Department recently "solved" the problem of figuring the increasingly mixed-up racial breakdown of Hawaii's population.

The solution, at least temporarily, was to stop issuing a racial breakdown of the Territory's 479,697 residents.

The reason behind it: Past figures and the method that produced them have proven to be inaccurate.

They have proven inaccurate largely for two reasons.

One is the method of classifying a person according to race. The other is the problem of gathering information on people entering or leaving the Territory.

Classifying a person according to his race is obviously no problem if he is, for example, pure Caucasian, pure Japanese or pure Hawaiian. To classify a person of mixed racial extraction the Health Department in the past has used the following rules:

1—If either one of the parents is Hawaiian or part Hawaiian, the child is classified as part Hawaiian.

2—If one parent is Caucasian and the other parent non-Haole, the child is listed with the non-Haole group.

3—If one parent is Negro, or a mixture of Negro with any other race but Hawaiian or part Hawaiian, the child is listed as a Negro.

4—If both parents are members of non-Haole races (other than Hawaiian, part Hawaiian or Negro), the child is listed under the race of his father. The father's race is determined by looking at his last name.

5—If the race of one of the parents is not given, the child is classified under the race of the known parent.

"Almost any way you look at it," one statistical expert pointed out, "you overlook half of a person's racial background."

Only Half Correct

Projected up a generation or two, the mixup increases.

If, for example, a Haole man and his Korean wife have a daughter, she is classified with the mother among the pure Koreans.

If the daughter marries a part Hawaiian, their children will be termed part Hawaiian. If she marries a Haole, their children will be called Korean.

And, if she marries a Japanese, even if he is half or more Haole like herself, their children will be classified Japanese.

Many Combinations

Marry off their children and you could have a thousand combinations which are classified into the eight or nine racial groups used in the past.

Along with the classification mixup is the fact that hundreds of local residents leave and return to the Islands every year.

It is possible (but not always easy) to get plane and ship manifests showing the number and names of Hawaii residents leaving and coming back, but a racial breakdown is something else.

In Checking Names

Checking names for races has been done in the past. But the well-known example points out that Lee can be Chinese, Korean, Caucasian, part-Hawaiian or almost anything. So could Smith or Murphy, if you use the classification system.

Nobody realizes the shortcomings of the present racial statistics system any more than George Tokuyama, chief of the Territorial Bureau of Health Statistics.

"Rather than put out figures that seem to be inaccurate," he says, "we have decided not to publish anything and try to work out some kind of new system."

Problem Growing

Just what kind of new system will be worked out is hard to foresee," Tokuyama says. Intermarriages are said to be increasing and with them the problem grows bigger.

Even if the problem of gathering information in migration in and out of the Territory can be met, there is still the classification system to be considered.

The 1950 census met the problem part way by listing, for example, the number of pure Japanese and those who are only part.

This still leaves the problem of what to do with a person's other part. What if he is also half Haole besides half Japanese? Do you list him with the part Japanese or both?

Suspect held for many forged check charges

Portland

Edward Matsuchi Sugioka, 36, taken into custody early Monday by detectives, faces numerous check charges, the officers reported.

He was lodged in the city jail on a charge of uttering and publishing a forged blank check here and ordered held as a fugitive from Pendleton, where he is wanted for forgery; for The Dalles on spurious checks; for Yakima for forgery, and for the Oregon parole board.

HONOR STUDENT STABS GIRL WHO 'PESTERED'

Dinuba

A 14-year-old honor student was questioned last Sunday about the stabbing of Patsy Inn, 17, at the Takamoto labor camp near Dinuba.

The girl, in critical condition, was stabbed with a hunting knife. The 6½-inch blade entered her back to the hilt. She was in Alta District Hospital.

Sheriff's Capt. Winford Marin said Dicky Murokita, honor student at Dinuba High School, acknowledged stabbing the girl because she pestered me."

Convalescing

New York

Joe Oyama, PC contributor and proprietor of Oriental Food Shop here, is convalescing from a recent operation with his brother-in-law and sister, Dr. Yasuo and Lily Sasaki, in Covington, Ky.

Mrs. Lilian (Kadoika) Taniguchi is engaged in cancer research in the field of cytology for Dr. Cyrus E. Rubin, Univ. of Washington.

Nisei-owned property sought for public school

Lodi

Purchase of a school site in the southwestern district of Lodi was announced last week by trustees of the Lodi Elementary School District. The 12-acre site, subject to clearance by the San Joaquin county counsel, will be purchased from James Otani.

First figures quoted for the sale was $37,500. The site borders State Highway 12.

Laud educational level of Nisei

St. Louis, Mo.

Entitled "East is West," the unpleasant story of the Japanese Americans who faced prejudice, written by the Rev. John E. Blewett, S.J., appears in the May issue of Social Order, a magazine printed by the Institute of Social Order, 3655 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis.

It traces the immigration of Japanese into the United States since 1854, the picture brides of the 1910-20 decade, the anti-Japanese prejudice since 1900, segregation of Oriental students in 1906, the Alien Land Law in 1913, the denial of citizenship, evacuation, volunteers in the Army and losses suffered by the Japanese landowners.

The author states ". . . the most striking attainment of the Nisei—their high level of education," reflects credit on both Issei parent and Nisei child.

"If any group of Americans is self-made, it is that of Japanese descent," the writer concludes.

Cathay Legionnaires give lifetime memberships to 8

Denver

Honorary lifetime memberships were granted to eight Issei and Nisei by the Cathay American Legion Post 185 last week at a recognitions award banquet.

Honored were:

Z. Kanegaye, H. G. Matoba, Min Yasui, Bill Hosokawa, Albert Noda, Sam Kumagai and Frank Tamura.

Meritorious service to the organization awards were presented to:

Sugar Suehiro, Jack Ishida, Sam Momii, Jim Okida and John Sakamoto.



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Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada

St. Louis hosts MDC

Our sincerest thanks to the St. Louis JACL for being such splendid hosts to the Midwest District Council at its May 29 pre-convention meeting at the Forest Park Hotel. HARRY TAKAGI, MDC chairman, ran the one-day session efficiently. At the luncheon, he was presented with a wedding gift from the council by past MDC chairman SHIG WAKAMATSU. MIKE MASAOKA of Washington was the guest luncheon speaker; HARRY HAYASHI, host chapter president, was toastmaster. The evening barbecued ribs at Springdale Park were prepared by Dr. AL MORIOKA and DAN SAKAHARA of St. Louis . . . Much credit also goes to the fairer sex for making the outing so enjoyable in the cool evening. It was in the high 80s during the day . . . According to the registration committee, ROSE OGINO, ICHIRO MORI and MAY YAMAOKA, there were 55 registered delegates and boosters. From Chicago were 20, St. Louis 13, Twin Cities 8, Cleveland 5, Cincinnati 5, Detroit 3, Dayton 1. The Milwaukee chapter was missed by all.

Around St. Louis . . .

● Forest Park is the second largest public park in the United States (Griffith Park, Los Angeles, is the largest). Its scenic and floral splendor is famous throughout the Nation. Its 1,400-acres include rolling park grounds, lavish lagoons, lily ponds, flower beds, a 77-acre zoo, paths, roadways, municipal outdoor theater, electric fountain, art museum, the Jewel Box (a modernistic botanical greenhouse), etc. . . . Other parks in town are Tower Grove, Carondelet, Lafayette, Chain-of-Rocks, Fairground, Tilles, Benton and O'Fallon.

● More than 7,000 students will be graduated this month from the city and county of St. Louis public and parochial high schools.

● Members of the Korean Children's Choir, 26 strong, now touring the United States to raise $10,000,000 for the American-Korean Foundation, were in St. Louis last week. They received brand new outfits from the Famous-Barr Co.

About People . . .

● The man, whose picture is enclosed in the advertisement below this column, is CORKY T. KAWASAKI, 1302 E. 47th St., born in Shimane prefecture, Japan, but now a naturalized American citizen since August, 1953 . . . When 15 years old, he rejoined his family in Seattle, attended Univ. of Washington for a short time after being graduated from Broadway High School in 1930 . . . For three years, he was employed by Fujita & Co., exporters of lumber and logs to Japan. In the four years up to evacuation he was proprietor of Corky's Cash Grocery . . . While at Tule Lake WRA Center, he served as executive secretary of the consumer's co-op and later became executive secretary for all camp co-ops . . . He relocated to Chicago in August, 1945; was made executive director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee, serving for three years, before joining the American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, in the foreign section, where he was able to examine and re-evaluate the need of LARA relief in Japan . . . He returned to private business as an importer-exporter in Chicago and more recently entered the insurance business . . . He is married to YURI TOMOTA of Seattle. Children: NOREEN 16, DOUGLAS 12, and GLADYS 10. He's the brother of ED, proprietor of Albee Cleaners here; Mrs. MARJORIE ABE, Mrs. VERNICE NARKIS, Chicago; and Mrs. SALLY MATSUURA, Urbana, Ill. . . . Corky is active in the Chicago JACL Credit Union, vice-president of the local Mutual Aid Society, president of the Resettlers Committee, Chicago Shimpo board member, and member of the Chicago Regional executive board of AFSC.

VOLUNTEER INTERPRETERS AID DENVER I&NS OFFICE PROCESS 60 PETITIONERS

Denver

Ten public-spirited Nisei volunteered their services to the local Immigration and Naturalization Service office in expediting naturalization processing of Issei applicants May 18-20, it was disclosed by the Mountain-Plains JACL regional office.

Aiding the examiners were:
Mrs. N. Tsunoda, John Sakayama, Sam Matsumoto, Henry Imada, Kana Yorimoto, Peggy Mikuni, Mitsu Matsuda, Henry Suzuki, Rev. George Uyemura and Ray S. Tani.

Some 60 applicants, mostly Issei men whose petitions were held up because of the 5-F decision, were processed.

The local JACL office cooperated in arranging for interpreters for the I&NS office, and emphasized again that the Nisei assisting are volunteers. The Denver office of I&NS has no paid interpreters, and all of the Nisei are generously contributing their time and efforts to assist the Issei.

Bay Area duplicate bridge players to meet

San Francisco

Interested Bay Area bridge players are being invited to participate in the San Francisco JACL duplicate bridge tournament, June 12, 8 p.m., at the Buchanan St. YMCA.

Jack Hirose, bridge chairman, announced prizes will be given to the first three places. Entries, accompanied with a $1 fee, should be sent to him care of JACL Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St.

It is the first duplicate bridge match since the 1952 convention and considerable interest has been shown by local enthusiasts. The chapter hopes to make it a quarterly affair. Drs. Wilfred Hiura and Tokuji Hedani are tournament directors.

Chicago Resettlers open $9,000 membership drive

Chicago

The Chicago Resettlers Committee, a Red Feather agency, opened its 1954 membership campaign through the mails recently under membership chairman Ichikuro Kondo. Total goal for memberships this year was set at approximately $9,000.

Door-to-door canvassing will be instituted sometime in June. Persons are asked to mail in their donations in 1110 North La Salle, Chicago 10. Membership fees are scaled at $25, $10, $5 and $3.

PRE-REGISTER NOW FOR NAT'L JACL CONVENTION

MIDWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSES OWN PLAN TO INCORPORATE ISSEI DIVISION IN NATIONAL JACL

St. Louis

With the St. Louis JACL chapter acting as host, the Midwest District Council met May 28-29 for its pre-convention MDC meeting at the Forest Park Hotel.

A number of resolutions were approved for consideration at the 13th biennial National JACL convention in Los Angeles. Most important concerned the formation of an Issei Division under sponsorship of the National JACL.

Under the MDC proposal, each chapter would have the option of forming an Issei Division if it so desired and a unified educational program would be set up to further good citizenship among the Issei.

Not Mandatory

The resolution further proposed these recently naturalized Issei citizens be incorporated effectively into the JACL movement. Emphasis was also placed, under this proposal, that the formation of an Issei Division would not be mandatory, but would be at the discretion of each chapter; but at the same time, it was pointed out that the JACL can benefit greatly from the cooperation, advice and experience of the Issei.

This large body of naturalized Issei should be integrated within the framework of the JACL with representation on the National Board, the MDC resolution concluded.

By unanimous vote, the MDC accepted the invitation from the Eastern District Council for a joint EDC-MDC convention to be held during February or March, 1955. The joint meeting will be hosted by the Washington, D.C., chapter, and according to tentative plans, it will be a three or four day affair to afford delegates a maximum opportunity for sightseeing in the Nation's capital.

Midwest Regional Office

Continued maintenance of the Midwest Regional Office in Chicago was approved with the understanding that final action would be taken at or subsequent to the National Convention.

On the social side, delegates enjoyed an informal reception, a luncheon where Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, spoke on the latest legislative developments, and a barbecue at Springdale Park.

Joseph Tanaka and Dr. Al Morioka were co-chairmen of the arrangements committee. Harry Hayashi, St. Louis chapter president, was luncheon toastmaster.

MDC Chairman Harry Takagi, who is to be married on June 19, was presented a silver platter as a wedding gift from Midwest chapters, from past MDC chairman Shig Wakamatsu.

CHAPTER MEMO

Stockton JACL: In spite of threatening weather, over 1,500 attended the annual community picnic at Micke's Grove recently. Jack Matsumoto and committee were in charge of the chapter-sponsored event.

D.C. JACL: The membership committee reports 141 members with hopes of surpassing its goal of 160 by the end of May.

Sequoia JACL: A five-page mimeographed Sequoia Shimbun made its debut in May to help sustain chapter interest and to coordinate Redwood City Issei-Nisei activities. Correspondence should be addressed to 1201 Redwood Ave., Redwood City.

Fowler JACL: Japanese movies were shown free of charge to some 200 residents in honor of some 40 Issei recently naturalized. Tom Nakamura, CCDC chairman; Gary Kadani addressed the group. Bill Hashimoto responded. Tom Shirakawa was general chairman; Tom Kamikawa, program chairman.

Pasadena JACL: Hosting the PSWDC pre-convention rally Sunday, July 18, at Section E, Brookside Park, the delegates will be in business session from 10 a.m., but for other members of the family-type outing there will be tennis, baseball, swimming and dancing. On the menu will be spaghetti lunch and charcoal broiled steak dinner for $2.50, adult; $1.50, junior (over 13), $1, children under 12. There'll be no extra charge for a family of three under-12 children after paying for the first two.

French Camp JACL: In appreciation of the generous and loyal community support, "Sands of Iwojima" and two short color films were shown free at the French Camp Hall recently.

Snake River JACL: Judge M. A. Biggs of Malheur County circuit court will be main speaker at the annual JACL banquet in honor of '54 graduates tomorrow at Ontario, Ore.

No. Wyoming JACL: The chapter-sponsored bowling team wound up in third place in the Worland city tournament recently. On the team were:
Tosh Nakamura, Warren Ujifusa, Kay Nakamura, Tsugio Nakamura, Haruki Shimogaki, Sas Nakamura and Kaz Uriu.

New York JACL: The public is invited to the chapter picnic this Sunday at Croton Point Park near Harmon by the Hudson River, it was announced by Sam Kai, president.

San Francisco JACL: The board of directors of the chapter Issei division met last week at the JACL office to discuss Issei participation in national and state legislative activities affecting Japanese Americans. S. Hideshima, pro-tem chairman, is assisted by:
H. K. Suwada, Mr. and Mrs. Nozawa, T. Osada, K. Koda, K. Kasai, T. Kako, K. Shigezumi, U. Miyamoto, S. Ashizawa, K. Sugaya, I. Motoki, J. Hikido, Dr. M. Itatani and the Rev. N. Ishida, board of directors.

Fort Lupton JACL: The 1954 membership now has a total of 114 in contrast to the 92 of last year, reports Mary Fujii, chapter secretary. Included are 19 naturalized Issei. The chapter is the oldest JACL chapter of the Mountain-Plains district.

Mile-Hi JACL: Mary Nakamura and Dr. Mike Uba teamed to win the May 14 duplicate bridge tournament at the Min Yasui residence.

Richmond-El Cerrito JACL: A chest X-ray survey in this area is being sponsored by the chapter, June 9, with Contra Costa Health Department's mobile units visiting the Gordon and Victor St. area. Arrangements have been made by Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, assistant county health officer. County health officials were quite concerned over the fact that three new cases of tuberculosis were found for every 1,000 Japanese living in the Richmond area in a 1951 survey, recently made public. The general average of other races was one per 1,000. It was also shown in the survey that most of the cases among the Japanese were in advance stages when first detected, making treatment more difficult. An annual chest X-ray would have caught the new cases early when the disease can usually be cured.

Newsletters Received: D.C. News Notes (May), Sequoia Shimbun, Twin Cities J.A. Journal, Stockton.

Walter Fuchigami, 390 S. 14th St., Salem, Ore., is attending Willamette Univ. Law School, taking a refresher course prior to taking the Oregon bar examination in July.

Watsonville CL plans barbecue feed for grads

Watsonville

Nisei graduates of Pajaro valley will be guests of honor at the annual Watsonville JACL steak barbecue, June 19, 6 p.m., at Sunset Beach, it was announced by Bill Mine, chairman. Assisting him are:
Tom Nakase, Sunao Murakami, food; James Yoshida, chef; Sam Segidono, prep.; Tom Tao, tickets.

Reservations must be made by June 14. Tickets are available at $2, members; $2.50, nonmembers; $1, high school and grammar school graduates.



A decorative hostess at the Twin Cities UCL sukiyaki dinner recently at the St. Paul International Institute was Lucy Torii (right), chapter corresponding secretary. The dinner was under the chairmanship of Sumi Teramoto and her assistants.—KTSP-TV News Photo.



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YOUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

REPORTS

MASAO W. SATOW

This past month we were asked to do the impossible; namely, pinch hit for Mike Masaoka at the Marysville Chapter banquet honoring 48 new American citizens. However, we felt it important to express our appreciation to the Issei and welcome them in behalf of our national organization. It was a nice affair under the able toastmastering of One Thousander AKI (G-2 with Merrill's Marauders in Burma) YOSHIMURA. FRANK OKIMOTO, who was active in this Chapter prewar when it was known as the YSBC (Yuba-Sutter-Butte-Colusa) Chapter, is the able prexy. This is the former home of Midwest 1000 Club Chairman NOBIE HONDA and also of current Orange County Chapter President KEN ("The Colusa Flash" as he was known in his athletic days) UYESUGI.

The Issei becoming naturalized in such large number brings to mind that our 13th Biennial marks the first time in JACL history where the Issei will be joining with us at a National Convention as fellow Americans and as fellow JACLers. Thus, the Convention banquet honoring the Issei will not only be in appreciation to them as our pioneering parents, but also officially welcoming them into our membership ranks.

JACL Issei Division . . .

The San Francisco Chapter under the leadership of president JERRY ENOMOTO and the advisorship of regional director HARUO ISHIMARU is currently working on a plan for an Issei Division of the chapter which will integrate the Issei as active participants. SHICHISABURO HIDESHIMA, whose support for JACL is as long as his name, is chairman of this new group. He is one of the first Issei to join the 1000 Club, and we are pleased to see quite a few of the Issei on the 1000 Club roster. We know that they will have just as hilarious a time at our Convention 1000 Club shindig as the rest of us.

The newly naturalized Issei joining up as active Chapter members to account for the fact that our total National membership is ahead of previous years at this time.

Seriously being considered for action at the National Council meeting is the suggestion that a new National Board office be created to represent the naturalized citizens.

Our hearty commendations to the Northern California-Western Nevada District for already surpassing its 1953 total membership figure.

JACL National Endowment to Insure Future . . .

Contributions continue to dribble in for our National JACL Endowment Fund, but our hopes for the total to reach $100,000 by Convention time seems entirely too optimistic. Either we have misjudged the 21,000 people who have already received $25 million in evacuation claims and will receive $1,700,000 more within the next few weeks, or it could be that the claimants are waiting for us to pay them a visit. At least we are thankful that ten percent of them have seen fit to invest approximately $77,000 in our Endowment as their concern for the future welfare and security of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

We commend our friends of our chapters in Central California, Philadelphia, Seattle, Mid-Columbia, Stockton and Berkeley for pushing for National JACL Endowment support. The other day 1000 Clubber TAK KOGA came all the way from Petaluma to present JACL with a generous check from his evacuation claims. Tak, whom we got to know as the Chief of Police at Amache Relocation, was one of those in attendance at the JACL organizational meeting in San Francisco in 1929 which set up the 1930 national meeting in Seattle.

Also in that group who are just as active today were Dr. GEORGE HIURA, now of Chicago who last week renewed his 1000 Club for the sixth year; TOM YEGO, NCWNDC Chairman; Dr. HENRY TAKAHASHI who emceed the recent NCWNDC meeting banquet in Oakland, and of course SAB KIDO. Dr. GEORGE TOGASAKI, our 12th Biennial banquet speaker and TAMOTSU MURAYAMA, PC columnist, were also in on that meeting.

We weekend in Los Angeles . . .

We spent a weekend in Los Angeles conferring with JACL elder statesman SAB KIDO, president GEORGE INAGAKI, and MIKE MASAOKA, on some matters having to do with JACL prewar. It was nice of Sab and Mine to invite us to a quiet family celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary. On the Sunday afternoon we had an informal discussion with other members of our Board and Staff in the area at Dr. ROY NISHIKAWA's. Special thanks to ALICE NISHIKAWA who went out of her way to serve us all a deluxe dinner. Our appreciation to all the wives of our Board, Staff, District Council and Chapter officers, whose interest and concern and sacrifices make it possible to keep JACL going.

National Convention . . .

Hats off to all the members of our 13th Biennial National Convention Committee. They have all been working overtime these many months to insure a successful and enjoyable Convention. These fine people deserve all the cooperation all of us can give. Despite the hard work involved and accompanying headaches, they give us the impression that they are getting a great kick out of helping.

We recall our own initiation into JACL through the 1932 Biennial in Los Angeles. We had just returned from schooling in the east and had taken over the Japanese Branch of the Los Angeles YMCA. Because our office was centrally located, the National Convention Committee (those sly guys!) requested the use of our office for convention registration. Of course we wanted to be of service to the community, but found that we were considered a part of the office fixtures, so there we were as convention registrar. We were in, but good, and have been in ever since.

Cal-Aggie alumni

San Francisco

Nisei graduates of Univ. of California at Davis (Cal Aggies) are being requested to drop a postcard to Prof. F. L. Griffin, in care of the university, with the name, address and years of attendance for compilation of an up-dated alumni directory.

CVFA officials

Indio

Jack Izu and Henry Sakemi will serve as officers of the Coachella Valley Farmers Association this year. Sakemi was among those cited for guiding the association through a crisis this past year.

SONOMA COUNTY SETS JULY 3-4 FOR FESTIVAL

Sebastopol

Committee heads for the Sonoma County JACL Homecoming Festival, July 3-4, at the recently dedicated Memorial Hall here were announced by James Miyano, general chairman.

Assisting him are:

Mike Yoshimura, finance; Edwin Ohki, purchasing; Hiro Taniguchi, construction; Kanemi Ono, concessions; Buddhist Fujin-kai, food; YBA, games.

The committee is preparing for a large turnout of out-of-towners who were once residents in this area.

Shironaka to head Arkansas Valley CL

La Junta, Colo.

With hopes of hitting the 100 mark in chapter membership this year, the Arkansas Valley JACL elected Harry Shironaka of Ordway, Colo., as chapter president, succeeding Ugi Harada. Recently reactivated when Mas Satow, National JACL Director, and Min Yasui, regional representative, made a special field trip to assist in the reorganization, the chapter now has 65 members.

Other officers elected were:

George Nakayama, Mrs. Marie Nakayama, Mrs. Haruye Saiki, v.p.; Tom Onoda, treas.; Mrs. Taeko Udo, cor. sec.; Mrs. Alyce Shiba, rec. sec.; Elmo Sakai, aud.; Rev. Eizo Sakamoto, Ugi Harada, Frank Shiba, adv.

The five districts in Arkansas Valley are represented by:

Rocky Ford — George Fujimoto, Tom Nakayama (alt.); La Junta — John N. Maruyama, Jim Hiraki (alt.); Crowley — Sam Maruyama, Kat Akagi (alt.); Granada — Henry Hirose, Charles Taniai (alt.); Las Animas — Frank Shiba, Joe Fukunaga (alt.).

New citizens —

FROM PAGE 1

Mrs. H. Taniguchi, Mr. and Mrs. K. Okamoto, Mrs. F. Sakata, H. Morikawa, S. Kobayashi, Mrs. M. Okuda, S. Matsubu, Mr. and Mrs. K. Sasaki, T. Sadamori, T. Yoneyama, K. Atagi, F. Satio, Mr. and Mrs. K. Takatori, and Mr. and Mrs. Y. Otani.

New officers, installed by George Sugai, vice-chairman of the Intermountain District Council, are:

Paul Saito, pres.; Heizi Yasuda, v.p.; George Nishimura, treas.; Toshiko Ogura, rec. sec.; Jean Uriu, cor sec.; Mrs. Sugai, hist.-rep.; George Mita, soc.; and Tommy Ogura, del.

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Fresno

According to the local U.S. naturalization office, there are 155 persons of Japanese ancestry in Fresno county that have been naturalized American citizens, and 2 from Madera county. Fifty-three reside in Fresno city and vicinity.

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Bakersfield

Kaneo Kinoshita was among 23 new citizens naturalized here last week in the Superior Court of Judge William Bradshaw.

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San Francisco

Another group of 16 Issei were naturalized May 19 before Federal Judge George B. Harris.

Taxi operator dies

San Francisco

Ben O. Nishimura, 80, well-known Issei figure in uptown San Francisco, died May 26 at Fuji Hotel. Coming to the United States as a youth of 18 in 1892, he was well-known in the early '20s as operator of the Panama Taxi Co. with a fleet of limousines.

Mrs. Harry Taketa, and her twin sister, Mrs. Frank Shiraki, both of San Jose, are home after five weeks in Kumamoto, Japan, visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hohichi Iseri, who used to live in Concord. Both hadn't seen their parents since 1936.

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Mile-Hi CL plans June 25 supper to honor recently naturalized Issei

Denver

Plans to honor Issei recently naturalized were completed by the Mile-Hi JACL, chapter president Sam Matsumoto announced this week. A recognitions pot-luck supper and ceremony will be held at the YWCA Auditorium, 1545 Tremont Pl., on June 25.

John Sakayama, program chairman, will be in charge of the evening with Ethel Yanase and Kana Yorimoto of Denver and Rose Tanabe of Brighton making supper arrangements.

Dick Yanase will be master of ceremonies for the program following the supper. Babe Takeoka of the Cathay American Legion Post will be in charge of the Color Guard. Following the pledge of allegiance, Miss Nancy Sogi will lead the audience in the National Anthem.

Official greetings will be extended by state and local officials, followed by the Brighton JAA president Harry Sakata, Mile-Hi JACL president Sam Y. Matsumoto, and regional JACL representative Min Yasui.

After responses from the newly-naturalized citizens, Fumi Katagiri and Florence Uyeda, local chapter officers, will present American flag, lapel pins to the Issei.

After the program, there will be movies for the Issei, and an informal dance for June graduates in the main auditorium of the YWCA.

Seattle relief worker in Korea to push housing

Seattle

Floyd Schmoe of Seattle, well-known for his relief work among Japanese, is now in Pusan, Korea, to spend four months with the Houses for Korea relief and reconstruction team, according to the Northwest Times.

Houses for Korea is supported by voluntary contributions, as were his previous Houses for Hiroshima project.

NEW YORK POLICE PICKS NISEI HONORARY SURGEON

New York

Dr. Kazuo Yanagisawa, orthopedic surgeon, was appointed honorary police surgeon recently by the City Police Commissioner. The position is held presently by only two other surgeons.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and member of the American Academy of Surgeons, he is chief of orthopedics at St. Clare's Hospital, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jusaku Yanagisawa, 1621 Carlton St., Berkeley, Calif.

He resides in Bergenfield, N.J., with his wife, the former Dr. Eugenia Y. Fujita, San Francisco, and four children.

Sac'to Japanese town organizes study group, $6,000 defense fund set

Sacramento

Organized as the Japanese American Redevelopment Study Association (in Japanese: Shigai Kaizen Taisaku Kyokai), downtown Issei and Nisei businessmen and property owners here are to subscribe to a $6,000 fund to operate the committee.

The group last week established the following assessments to meet the fund obligations:

$200—real property owners conducting business; $150—large business; $100—medium-size business; $50—small business; Open donation—other categories.

The committee was recently formed to protect their interest in the area included in the proposed Capitol Mall Redevelopment Project, which is expected to adversely affect some 80 percent of Japanese-owned and operated businesses as well as residences.

Dr. Akio Hayashi, association chairman, is expected to name 15 to an advisory group. Dean Itano was appointed executive secretary.

New York pioneer dies

New York

Mrs. Tomiko Shimizu, 68, widow of the Rev. Sojiro Shimizu, died of cerebral hemorrhage May 20 at the Lutheran Hospital. Born in Tokyo, she came to this country as a student in 1915, and was married the same year. They established the Japanese Christian Institute here.





Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

● It's been a long time since one of these effusions has appeared in these columns . . . through no fault of your reporter however . . . just didn't want to make this column a Mid-west 1000er doings . . . and I haven't been able to beg, coax or scare any material out of the rest of the country . . . Soooo . . . now we try something new and different. ● We've asked each District Chairman to compile news . . .gossip . . . weddings . . .golf scores . . .and other slap-happy comments about the doings of 1000ers in their districts and turn it in to hard-working Harry Honda, who has promised to put the stuff in shape for a monthly column . . . So once again we send out a call . . . calling all 1000ers!!! calling all 1000ers!!! Drop a note to your district chairman and pass on a choice bit about yourself or one of your partners in crime . . . so that we 1000ers can keep in touch with each other through the medium of this column.

Here is the listing . . . and it's time you all got acquainted with our loyal and hardworking district chairmen who have broken all past records for paid-up membership in the 1000 Club (the figure is over 500 as of now) . . . And who knows . . . by convention time we may hit our long time goal of 1600 members . . . and make the name of the organization really mean something . . . *(1000 loyal JACLers kicking in 25 bucks a year . . . and National can relax about finances)* . . . Here they are:

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JAMES IMATANI, Henderson, Colo.
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NOBORU HONDA, 1455 W. Balmoral, Chicago, Ill.
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DR. TOM TAMAKI, R.D. No. 2, Collegeville, Pa.

. . . and my black kelly (which I inherited from Callahan) is off to every one of them for a bang-up job in carrying the gospel of the 1000 Club to the uninitiated.

NOTE TO CHAPTER CHAIRMEN: If your chapter hasn't appointed a 1000 Club representative . . . please . . . PLEASE . . . designate one . . . and have him contact his district chairman for further instructions . . . His principal duties will be to line up members and help along the high spirits of the Club by passing along info for the monthly column. ● CONVENTION TIME is fast approaching . . . and bigger and better doings are in the works . . . 1000ers can look forward to the usual big times . . . If you haven't joined yet . . . send your 25 bucks to MAS SATOW, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco 15 .

Your dough will be credited to your chapter quota . . and you get a free subscription to this rag . . . the CONVENTION program will carry an HONOR ROLL of loyal 1000ers . . . But due to printer's deadline . . . the cut-off date is June 15 . . . So sit down and write out that check . . . I can promise you it will be painless. ● Good ole DAVE YOKOZEKI is driving for 100 members in the Downtown L.A. Chapter . . . and has thrown down the gauntlet and challenged ANY TWO chapters in the country to meet that figure . . . Of such stuff are 1000ers made . . . HOW about it men? . . . Have we got any red blood??? ● NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR JACL.—TOKUZO GORDON.

● 1000 Club memberships and renewals acknowledged by National Headquarters during the month of May, 1954, are as follows:

FIRST YEAR

Danar Abe, Los Angeles; Hatsuro Aizawa, San Francisco; Arata Akahoshi, Oakland; Charles Asawa, Downey; Jerry Enomoto, San Francisco; Toko Fujii, Sacramento; Heitaro Hikida, Seattle; James Hirabayashi, Pleasant Grove, Utah; Taxy Hironaka, San Francisco; Jack Hirose, San Francisco.

Joe S. Hirota, Seattle; Miss Sumi Honnami, Kei Hori, Mrs. Chisano Itatani, Dr. Motoo Itatani, all of San Francisco; George S. Kashiwagi, Seattle; John Mits Kashiwagi, Seattle; Robert K. Kato, Los Angeles; George Y. Kawachi, Seattle; David McKibbin, Los Angeles.

James T. Migaki, Spokane; Katsuro Murakami, Sacramento; Dr. T. T. Nakamura, Seattle; F. M. Nonaka, San Francisco; Paul T. Nomura, Oakland; John Okamoto, Pasadena; Takeo Okamoto, Oakland; Mrs. Katherine Reyes, San Francisco; Ted A. Sakahara, Seattle; Miss Alice Shigezumi, San Francisco.

Hisashi Tani, San Francisco; Tom Teraji, Chicago; Frank Y. Toribara, Spokane; James Tsurumoto, Oakland; Kinji Utsumi, Oakland; Miss Daisy Uyeda, San Francisco; Miss Kaye Uyeda, San Francisco; Minoru Yamaguchi, Seattle; Marie T. Yamamoto, Seattle.

SECOND YEAR

Z. Simpson Cox, Phoenix; John Fukuyama, Seattle; Noboru Ishitani, Los Angeles; George Okada, C. T. Takahashi, Seattle; Miss Mary Wakamatsu, Venice; David T. Yokozeki, Los Angeles; Cheryl Yoshihara, Seattle; Dr. Kelly K. Yamada, Seattle.

THIRD YEAR

Fred Aoyama, Reno; William Y. Mimbu, Seattle; Fred S. Nomura, Oakland; Kay Yamaguchi, Seattle.

FOURTH YEAR

Masuji Fujii, Oakland; Tetsuo Iwasaki, Ridley Park, Pa.; Tom Kida, Lemon Grove, Calif.; Dr. Joseph D. Sasaki, Ann Arbor, Mich.

FIFTH YEAR

Tak Kusano, San Francisco; Kazuo Minami, Gardena; Hirao S. Sakurada, Chicago; Paul Shinoda, Torrance; Sus Yokomizo, San Fernando.

SIXTH YEAR

George Aratani, Los Angeles; Frank Chuman, Los Angeles; Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, Salt Lake City; Dr. George Y. Hiura, Chicago; Yoshio Kobata, Gardena.

LIFE MEMBERS

Frank Kinomoto, Seattle; Henry T. Kubota, Seattle.

Denverites remember war dead at May 31 rites

Denver

Annual services in memory of the Nisei war dead of World War II and of the Korea conflict as well as other Japanese residents now deceased were held Monday at the California St. Methodist Church under auspices of the Mile-Hi JACL.

Mrs. Haruko Kobayashi was chairman. The Rev. George Uyeyama delivered the principal address in both English and Japanese and Sam Matsumoto, chapter president, spoke briefly in behalf of the JACL. Other participants were:

Babe Takeoka, Jack Ishida, Cathay American Legion Post, color guard; John Noguchi, bugler; Grace Kawakami, organist; Don Furuta, trombone solo.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Tsuda of Washington, D.C., celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary Apr. 21. Daughter Carol gave a surprise dinner at China Inn.



Representing the Seattle JACL, Paul Kashino places floral wreath at the foot of the Nisei Soldiers monument at Lakeview Cemetery. In th background saluting is Clay Nixon, past national commandant of the Marine Corps League, principal speaker at the community Memorial Day services.—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

L.A. County Conference of Community Relations in bid for Nisei memberships

Los Angeles

Nisei support for the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations was urged this week by the JACL Regional Office which is assisting the LACCCR in its current drive.

Nearly 60 civic, veterans, religious, labor, human relations and minority organizations including the JACL make up the conference which was originally created in 1946 to assist the resettlement of evacuated Japanese returning to their homes here.

The LACCCR has earned acclaim throughout the country for its constructive work in the field of human relations and its efforts to remove from the community every vestige of segregation and discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, or nationality.

Fight for Housing

Executive Director George L. Thomas declared that while the recent supreme court decision forcing de-segregation of public schools throughout the country has lifted the spirits of all concerned, "Some of the nation's most active race baiters are right here in our own back yard. Organized groups of white home owners are working diligently to bar minority people from choosing the homes they want. The most effective answer to these kinds of people is a strong, united force of citizens who firmly believe in equality and justice. We are asking the total community to join with our member agencies."

The County Conference invites the readers of the Pacific Citizen to support its program with individual memberships of $3, $5, $10 or $25. Offices of the LACCCR are located at 3125 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 18, phone REpublic 3-9101.

Heading the membership drive is Attorney David Ziskind, vice-chairman of the County Conference, assisted by:

Dr. Vada Somerville and Mrs. Jack Hardy, County Conference vice-chairmen; Miss Helen Boughton; Mrs. Emily Portwig; Miss Blanche Horan; Robert and June Raisbeck; Murray Lewis; Thomas Rees; Phil Rabin and Tats Kushida.

Indio mothers active in Coachella Valley PTA

Indio

Nisei women of Coachella Valley JACL are actively engaged in local Parent-Teacher Association work. Mrs. Elmer Suski, first vice-president of the Indio PTA, was installed auditor of the Coachella Valley PTA Council. She recently attended and gave a report on the state convention held at San Francisco

Mrs. Tek Nishimoto was installed president of the Oasis PTA. She has appointed Mrs. Mas Seto, magazine chairman, and Mrs. John Musashi, hospitality chairman.

SOCIAL NOTES

Cleveland Jr. Matrons: Mrs. Emma Planck, assistant professor of child development, Western Reserve University Nursery School, spoke on the emotional health in children at a recent meeting. She stressed that the feeling of being loved and being wanted was very important in the emotional health of the child. Julia Ikeda was in charge, assisted by:

Peggy Tanji, Marie Suzuki and Helen Furuki, refreshments.

IN HONOR OF

Seiji Horiuchi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bungo Horiuchi, longtime residents of Brighton, Colo., was elected president of the Brighton Jr. Chamber of Commerce. Installation will be held this month.

Paul Okada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Okada, Brighton, Colo., was judged grand champion of the Brighton High School Future Farmers of America chapter farm mechanic contest. He took top spot in arc welding, woodwork and electricity.

Nancy Ishizaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yazo Ishizaki of Rockford, Ill. (formerly of Sacramento), member of the California Club at UCLA, was named to the Mortar Board, national senior women student leadership sorority.

Willie Suzuki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kisaburo Suzuki, Gardena, was chosen Associated Students president of Long Beach State College for the coming year. Previously, in a runoff election, he was student-body president at El Camino Jr. College. His older brother, Tom, was onetime student-body president of Los Angeles City College.

A1/c George A. Yoshitake, son of Yoichi Yoshitake, Los Angeles, was cited as outstanding airman for the month of April at Albrook AFB, Canal Zone. In service for 34 months, he has been photographer the past 17 months in the Caribbean Command.

Kurato Shimada was elected student-body president for Santa Clara High School, Santa Clara, for the coming fall semester.

Jun Oniki, art-science teacher at Jackson Elementary School, is the new president of the Salt Lake City Branch, Ass'n for Childhood Education.

Seiji Yamashita, 16, deaf since birth, was presented a drafting table by the Tulare County Grange, which became interested in the youth through Miss Louise P. Tantau, coordinator of speech and hearing for the Visalia County school system. He attends morning sessions as Visalia High School, afternoon sessions in the special class for the deaf in Visalia, and works an hour a day for a drafting firm. He is the son of Frank Yamashita, an Ivanhoe farmer.

Bill Shinmori of Douglas, Wyo., was installed president of the Univ. of Wyoming's newest honorary organization, Omicron Delta Kappa, at its charter installation May 16. The organization recognizes meritorious attainments in all-around college leadership among men.

Mieco Nakamura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Nakamura, Kirby, Wyo., was chosen to serve in the Iron Skull and the Associated Women's Student Board of the Univ. of Wyoming. She also was awarded the Panhellenic scholarship, given to the five girls in each class with the highest grade average. She was also one of 20 sophomore women recognized by the Mortar & Board. She is president of Knight Hall.

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Nine Nisei awarded Whitney Foundation fellowships

Washington

Nine Nisei have won fellowship grants under the John Hay Whitney Foundation program for 1954, Foundation officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Individual "Opportunity Fellowships" are given each year by the Foundation to American citizens of exceptional promise for further training and study, but who "because of arbitrary barriers such as race, cultural background, or region of residence, have not had the fullest opportunity to develop their abilities," Foundation officials explained.

The nine Nisei were among the 48 successful persons to receive individual fellowship grants up to $3,000 each. This year the John Hay Whitney Foundation has awarded a total of $100,000 in these fellowships to Nisei, a Hawaiian native, Chinese Americans, Negroes, American Indians, Spanish Americans, Displaced Persons and Appalachian Whites, the Washington JACL office reported.

Nine Winners

Successful Nisei fellowship winners are:

Warren Michio Tsuneishi, Monrovia, Calif., curator of Far Eastern Collection and head of the Oriental Language Section, Yale University Library; to complete residence requirements for a Ph.D- in Political Science from Yale University. He attended UCLA and the Univ. of California, Berkeley; received his B.A. degree from Syracuse University and his M.A. and M.S. degrees from Columbia University. Tsuneishi has worked as translator for the United States Army and a copyboy for Time, Inc.

Ryozo Glenn Kumekawa, Providence, R. I., graduate student at Brown University; to complete residence requirements for a Ph.D. in Sociology at Brown University. He received his B.A. degree from Bates College, Lewiston, Me., and has been doing graduate work at Brown. He has served the Urban League of Greater Providence as volunteer and as paid worker in its housing and population studies.

Donald Yamaguchi of Wailuku, Maui, student at Univ. of North Dakota, School of Medicine; to continue study of medicine. He received his B.A. degree from the Univ. of Hawaii with honors and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity, an honorary scholastic organization. Yamaguchi served as president of the Pre-Med Club during his senior year at Hawaii.

Shinto, Buddhism Adviser

Francis T. Motofuji of Honolulu, graduate student at the Univ. of California; to complete work for Master of Arts degree in Literature at that University. He attended the Univ. of California and received his B.A degree from the Univ. of Hawaii. He has also worked as field liaison officer for the Army; religion and cultural resources specialist and as adviser in Shinto and Buddhism for the Army.

Tadashi Sato of Lahaina, Maui, painter, to devote a year to creative work in New York City. He received a certificate from the Honolulu School of Art, attended Pratt Institute, Brooklyn Museum Art School and the New School for Social Research. He was given a one-man show by the Honolulu Academy of Arts; and the Cincinnati Museum of Art, the Univ. of Nebraska and Alabama State College have invited him to show at their exhibitions.

Joseph Noboru Goto of Honolulu, Hawaii, an artist in Chicago; to continue Creative Sculpture using welded metal technique. He has had his work exhibited at the Denver Art Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, the "Momentum" exhibition in Chicago, the Universities of Wisconsin and Illinois. He has had one-man shows at the Chicago Art Gallery and Ken Studio, Chicago. One of his works was purchased by the Museum of Modern Art, New York, where it is part of the permanent collection.

Guidance Counselor

Miss Mary Otome Hirakawa of Kaneohe, Oahu, currently employed as junior counselor at the Bureau of Testing and Guidance, Univ. of Hawaii; to pursue graduate study in Guidance at the Univ. of Chicago. She received her B.A. degree with honors from the Univ. of Hawaii and a certificate from the School of Social Work at the same school.

Nozomi Horiuchi of Lahaina, Maui, graduate student of the Univ. of California; to complete Master's degree in History. He received his B.A. honors from Brigham Young University and attended the Univ. of California at Berkeley and the Military Intelligence Service Language School. He has participated and presided over International Conferences of several institutions. At BYU he was selected as valedictorian.

James Kensuke Irikura of Honolulu, graduate student at Yale University; to complete dissertation for a Ph.D. in History. He received his A.B. from the Univ. of Hawaii and his M.S. from Yale University. He has worked as a mathematics teacher in the Adult Education Department, Hawaii; as a research assistant of University Operations Office and as a reader for International Relations, Yale University.

Chinese American

Chinese American Wever Gim of Salt Lake City received a Foundation grant to continue his graduate studies for a Master of Arts degree in history at Harvard University. Gim is the brother-in-law of Dr. Jun Kurumada, past president of the Salt Lake City JACL Chapter.

Fr. Minamiki first Nisei priest to be ordained in Jesuit order

Los Angeles

Father George H. Minamiki will be the first Nisei to be ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus, commonly known as the Jesuit fathers.

A native of Los Angeles, he will be raised to the Catholic priesthood by Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco June 12 at the St. Mary's Cathedral. He celebrates his First Solemn Mass June 20 at the Loyola University campus chapel.

A former student of Maryknoll School here, he went to Loyola High School and was graduated "summa cum laude" from Loyola University in 1941.

Evacuated to Manzanar

He and his family, three sisters and his mother, Mrs. Tsuru Minamiki, were evacuated to Manzanar, where Father Minamiki taught in the high school. At the same time, he served as director of the Catholic Boys' Club in the center.

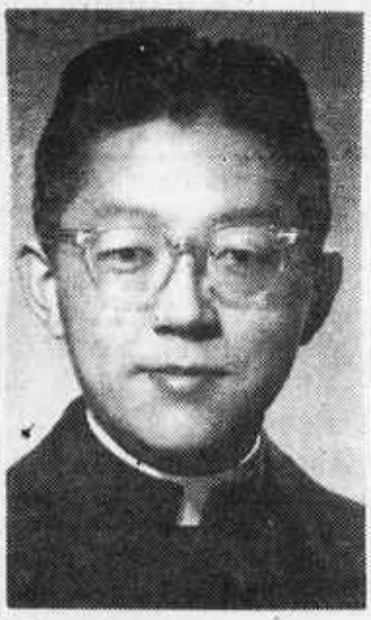
He entered the Jesuit order at the Novitiate of St. Stanislaus, Shadowbrook, Mass., and took his first vows at the Sacred Heart Novitiate, Los Gatos, Calif. He then completed his philosophical studies at Mt. St. Michael's in Spokane. While his classmates were sent out to teach in various Jesuit schools throughout California, he made his first trans-Pacific trip to Japan, where he taught English and religion at Rokko High School, Kobe.

Position of Nisei

As a Nisei, he was readily accepted by the Japanese students and parents at Rokko and it has always been his contention that the Nisei as a body can be an invaluable asset to the Japanese, especially in the field of education and social service rendering assistance no other group is in a position to give the Japanese. Such aid, he knows, will go a long way in creating better goodwill among the Japanese toward the Nisei.

He returned to California in August, 1951, to begin his theological studies at Alma College, Los Gatos. During the past years he has acted as adviser to an organization composed of Catholic college students from Japan.

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Father George H. Minamiki will be the first Nisei to be ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus June 12 at ordination ceremonies in San Francisco. His first Solemn Mass will be celebrated June 20 at the Loyola University (Los Angeles) campus chapel followed by a reception at Maryknoll School auditorium.—Don Bosco Photo.

Nine Nisei initiated as Phi Beta Kappa at U.C.

Berkeley

Among the 176 Phi Beta Kappa initiates for the 1954 spring term at the Univ. of California were the following nine Nisei:

Nobuaki Muto, pre-medical, San Francisco; Kenzo Nakagawa, pre-medical, San Francisco; Hideko Nishi, zoology, Pasadena; Violet Nozaki, business administration, Los Angeles; Joy Ohno, business administration, Los Angeles; Chizuko Omori, English, San Luis Rey; Mariko Sekiguchi, statistics, Lindsay; Tak Shinomoto, public health, Oakland; and Naoko Takahashi, chemistry, Berkeley.

LP recording of Oakland Church Nisei choir cut, can be ordered

Oakland

Orders for long-playing records featuring the Oakland West Tenth Methodist Chapel Choir will be taken during the night of the choir's concert, June 6, 8 p.m., 10th and West streets.

Bill Iino, in charge of sales, reports that the records will be issued under the RCA Victor label.

A test platter has been obtained and will be played in the lobby of the Church's Educational building on the night of the concert. The recording was engineered by Harvey Smith, affiliated with radio station KNBC.

Iino announces that jackets for the records are being designed by Arnold Fujita, well-known San Francisco artist.

Choral and solo selections on the record are as follows:

"Adoramus Te Christe," "Prophecy of Peace," "Hospodi Pomilui," "Seek Ye the Lord," "Twenty-Third Psalm," "Balm in Gilead," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "Praise Ye the Lord, All Nations," "Beatitudes," "Heavenly Light," and "Beautiful Savior."

Soloists featured are:

Dorothy Oda, Karie Yamashita, Joanne Ono, Callie Morizono, Mary Nishimoto, Bill Utsumi, Neil Goya, and David Iino.

Frank Ono is choirmaster of the group which has appeared at JACL functions including the last National convention held in San Francisco in 1952.

Form friendship society to aid Okinawans

New York

The Okinawan-American Friendship Society was formed here to render material and spiritual aid to the civilian population of Okinawa. William T. Davis is executive director. David Wayne, star of *Teahouse of the August Moon*, is president. Davis was personally instrumental in returning the national treasures of Okinawa which were removed by American servicemen.

Mt. Hermon summer confab expected to draw 300, June 28-July 4 dates set

Berkeley

Some 300 Nisei Protestants, ranging from junior high school age to adult level, are expected to attend the fifth annual Nisei Camp at Mt. Hermon, June 28-July 4, it was reported by Rev. Dan Shinoda, camp director.

Gaining in national prominence, the Northern California summer conference is attracting a larger group of young adults each year. Interest groups are geared to meet their needs and speakers will deal with subjects of particular interest to them, it was added. Conferees have come from distant points such as Chicago, Seattle, Portland, Hawaii and Canada.

Challenger speaker will be Dr. Robert Cox, president of Los Angeles Pacific College, and who was on the Univ. of Washington faculty for five years. He also served as a pilot in the South Pacific theater with the Marine air force.

Dr. Bob Munger, pastor of Berkeley's famed First Presbyterian Church, is featured as the morning chapel speaker. He recently returned from a missionary tour of Asia and Europe.

Rates for the one-week conference including lodging, 18 meals, insurance and registration are as follows:

Students $16.75; Young Adults $18.75; Adults in hotel $23.75; Children $12.50; Infants under 3, $2.75.

Registrations are being received at the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS), P.O. Box 2067, South Station, Berkeley 3, Calif.

Strandee voters–

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of Congress.

The jurist posed the question in this way: "Whether Congress has the unilateral power to take away citizenship granted native-born by the Constitution itself."

Answering this question in the negative, he said: "The power of naturalization which Congress had under the Constitution is a power to confer citizenship, not a power to take it away. The simple power of the National Legislature is to prescribe a uniform rule of naturalization, and the exercise of this power exhausts it so far as respects the individual. Nor has the Fourteenth Amendment conferred authority on Congress to restrict the effect of birth, which, under the Constitution, is a complete basis for citizenship."

Element of Consent

He also said: "Without this essential element of consent by the citizen, the statutory attempt to expatriate the citizen unilaterally is beyond the power of Congress, and therefore invalid."

It is not yet known whether the Government will appeal this ruling although, Louis B. Blissard, the Assistant United States Attorney in Honolulu who tried the case, has indicated he will recommend that an appeal be taken.

Air-conditioning of APL liners finished

San Francisco

Shipboard travel aboard the APL President Cleveland and President Wilson has become increasingly more comfortable in third-class with completion of its air-conditioned project.

Both luxury liners have installed equipment this past month prior to their May sailings to the Orient. The lounge, dining room and additional dormitory-type berthing space have been air-conditioned with temperatures ranging from a minimum 68 to a maximum 85, controlled by automatic thermostat and humidistat.

"We want to provide the most comfortable trip that we can for our passengers at economical prices," John M. Diggs, passenger traffic vice-president, said, "and we will work constantly to improve our accomodations and facilities."

The Presidents Wilson or Cleveland sail every three weeks from San Francisco or Los Angeles to the Orient via Honolulu, calling at Yokohama, Kobe, Hongkong and Manila.

PRESS FILE:

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ASIA SCENE — The editorial board of "Asia Scene," whose use of the word scene is objected to by Scene magazine in the United States, is made up of names of journalists familiar to the older West Coast Nisei. They are Goro Murata, Welly Shibata, Roy Otake, Tamotsu Murayama, and John Fujii.

Funds, supplies for KEEP sought

Los Angeles

Dr. Paul Rusch, longtime professor at St. Paul's University in Tokyo, and with U.S. Army Intelligence in the Pacific, is winding up a cross-country tour here this week for the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP).

Dr. Rusch will meet with former MISLS students at the San Kwo Low, 6:30 p.m., tomorrow.

The project is situated on the slopes of Yatsu mountains, 70 miles west of Tokyo, in the village of Kiyosato. Participation in the movement for rural betterment in Japan by American residents can be effected in two ways, it was pointed out, through funds or supplies.

Monetary gifts (tax deductible) should be sent to Stuart E. Ullmann, treasurer, "KEEP", 2720 N. Greenvie Ave., Chicago 14. Partjcipating memberships are:

Associate, $3 per year; Sustaining, $12; Founder, $60 or $5 per month; Contributing: special gifts of cash or supplies.

Supplies, particularly woolen clothing, low-heeled shoes for men, women and children, foodstuff, agricultural and school supplies, church furnishings, etc., should be sent to Tom Kobuchi, "KEEP", 653 Indiana Ave., San Francisco 7.

Clevelanders to fete civic workers June 13

Cleveland

The local community plans a sha-on (Thanksgiving) dinner on June 13 at the Cleveland Hotel to recognize persons who were instrumental in establishing people of Japanese ancestry. Members of the committee working with co-chairmen Thomas Sashihara and Frank Shiba are:

Don Nakajima, S. Nako, A. Higashi, Mrs. Midge Fujimoto, Mrs. Kono, Mrs. Sashihara, Howard Tashima, Lillian Hashiba, Min Iwasaki, Mrs. Sachie Tanaka, Dorothy Fujihara, Sakae Yoshimura, Jane Sugiuchi, Grace Andow, Bob Fujita and Helen Nakagawa.

● Dr. Mas Tsukasaki is the new president of the East Bay Golf Club, Oakland.

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

L.A. Coordinating Council

We met recently with the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council at DAVE YOKOZEKI's modernistic new home. This group is an organization within the Pacific Southwest District Council which functions as a coordinator on joint ventures, such as hosting the 13th Biennial National Convention. MACK HAMAGUCHI, fireball clam-digger, hot-rodder, and real estate salesman, is the chairman of this group which includes: KEN AMAMOTO, Venice; ELMER UCHIDA, West L.A.; DAVID YOKOZEKI, Downtown L.A., WILBUR SATO, East L.A., HISASHI HORITA, Southwest L.A., and ARTHUR ENDO, Hollywood. Almost all of these chapters have completed their Convention Committees. Since these prexies and their chapters are the principal hosts, backers, underwriters, and promoters of the Convention, they will really be hustling here on.

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Final push for convention greetings

Regional Director TATS KUSHIDA whose avoirdupois is the delight of furniture repairmen (and the despair of housewives), is really a jack of all trades. And a glutton—for punishment that is. He not only serves the regional office but is also the chairman of the Souvenir Booklet Committee. He reports that so far about $3,000 worth of ads have been collected.

Since the total expenses on the booklet far exceed this figure, we hope that all of the local chapters will really start their big push on this just as they have always done for the *Pacific Citizen*'s Christmas issue.

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Pre-convention enthusiasm

Several lovely ladies graced our home recently. The occasion was a meting of personable RITSUKO KAWAKAMI's Hospitality and Reception Committee, a sub-committee under Public Relations Chairman HARRY HONDA who has really stepped up Convention publicity. The main job of Ritsy's committee is to make every delegate feel at home during the convention. She has gathered around her LUCILLE OKADA, FUMI ISHIHARA, ALICE NISHIKAWA, TOSHI NAKAMURA, BLANCHT SHIOSAKI, HANA UNO, MIWAKO YANAMOTO and LILY OTERA as a nucleus group.

Dr. TORU IURA, another rambling wreck from Caltech is, so far, the lone male on the committee. We don't know what they taught Toru at Caltech but he seems to have the facility of being surrounded by chaming ladies.

His opening day MIXER Committee, we understand, is also a bevy of beauties. Toru's main job here, however, is to supplement the Hospitality Committee from among his many bachelor cronies.

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Mary Enomoto: staunch CLer for years

Lovely MARY ENOMOTO of the Southwest L.A. Chapter and the first official entrant in the Miss National JACL contest is no Janie-come-lately to JACL. She has been a staunch member for several years. In most cases, chapter representatives look for a likely face and figure, do some fast talking and then sign up the girl for both membership and the contest at the same time. There is nothing in the ground rules preventing this, and we are not complaining.

But it is refreshing to see one chapter, our own incidentally, come up with a candidate from within its own ranks.

According to contest chairman HISASHI HORITA, contestants are hard to find. If chapters would only look within their own ranks. Almost all chapters in our district should be able to come up with capable and personable girls. Most of these girls may be a little older but why the fetish for 18 year olds?

E. V. Durling says that to men of discernment a woman is not really beautiful until she passes her twenties and not really charming until she reaches her thirties. Could be.

Incidentally one reader asks, "Are *all* of your female committeemen charming, lovely, personable?" Silly question. Of course.

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Central Cal's chorines

According to our good friend Mrs. CHICO TAIRA, wife of one of America's outstanding Buddhist leaders, Dr. KIKUO TAIRA of Fresno, the Raisin City will be sending a large delegation down here in September. The Central California group under TOM NAKAMURA displays a lot of initiative and originality and is one of the strongest JACL areas in the country. Mrs. Taira says that the Fresno group is planning to throw a musical skit complete with chorines, a chorale group and an original choreography.

The Convention Board is enthusiastic about this project and a place has been reserved for them at the Outing, Sept. 5. ROY YAMADERA or BOB OKAZAKI (3036 Malabar, L.A.) will be pleased to have other entries from other areas.

We understand the prizes for the National Barbershop Quartet Contest will be real sharp.

Hardworking LILY OTERA heads the Outing Committee and the East Ellay chapter will handle the program and concessions. Caterer PETER KOELSCH has promised plenty of good food.

And in the evening, dancing by the shores of the Blue Pacific will follow (in the moonlight yet!) Chorines from Fresno too!

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For chapter attention

What impresses us most in meeting with various committees is the tremendous amount of interest and enthusiasm that is generated by the convention personnel. This is especially true of those who are relatively new to the JACL.

This should presage a greater National JACL than ever provided a specific yet solid national program can be outlined which will broaden the base of support for the organization.

This, after all, will be the main purpose of the convention.

Most local chapter presidents are understandably reluctant to bring up the matter of their own way being paid to the National Convention. Hence, this columnist suggests that this important matter be placed on the agenda of the next business meeting of all local chapters.

Sufficient funds should be allowed delegates to cover transportation, hotel bills, registration fee and incidentals. If a local chapter does not have sufficient funds, some sort of fund raising gimmick should be launched to raise same.

Too often, we have seen the overworked local prexy not only doing most of the work but paying his own way to the convention too!

What Makes Kato Fight?

By J. P. CAHN

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In Memoriam . . .

One of my functions is to pay tribute to our leaders upon their passing and it is always sad to see how our Issei leaders are departing so rapidly, yet, even more tragic is a loss of one of our bright Nisei leaders.

The sudden death of Sumi Kato brought grief into her family which was shared by many friends, not only of the JACL but of all those who had the opportunity to know her. Sumi was one of the four daughters of the heroic Kato family and it is quite a coincidence that almost exactly six years earlier in the May 9 edition of the San Francisco Chronicle, J. P. Cahn, wrote a tribute to the Kato family and especially to Pvt. JOSEPH HISATO KATO, who was killed in combat on Oct. 16, 1944, in France.

Cahn has captured the monumental spirit of a great family of Japanese pioneers and I am requesting our editor of the Pacific Citizen to reproduce the saga of this Japanese American family, as a tribute to Sumi, who I am sure was not only tremendously proud of her brother but with firm resolve carried his fight for equality.

Sumi, too, will number among our contemporary Japanese American patriots.—Haruo Ishimaru.

What Makes Kato Fight? . . .

AT 2:30, THE RAIN that had been falling on the open graves at Golden Gate National Cemetery for nearly two days, stopped.

At 2:45, the three grave diggers who had been working the wet, unwilling earth discreetly hid their tools behind the low military headstones and retired to a nearby knoll.

At three o'clock, on precise military schedule, a hearse with some 15 cars full of mourners trailing it, drew up beside the open grave, and the funeral of Private First Class Joseph Hisato Kato, killed in action Oct. 16, 1944, just northwest of Bruyeres, France, began.

In form it was identical with the thousands of other U.S. military funerals that have sown thick, neat rows of headstones across the Nation's military cemeteries: The six white-gloved pallbearers holding the American flag over the dull metal casket, the honor guard, the abrupt crack of the rifle salute, the melancholy notes of Taps sounding over the calm acres of graves.

But as the first of the 650 Japanese American war dead to be brought back from the European theater, Pfc. Joe Kato symbolized one of the great non-sequiturs of World War II.

Logically, there was little apparent reason for Joe Kato, or any other Nisei, to have fought. Yet almost all of the 33,000 who marched off to war had begged to be taken.

Morally, Joe Kato seemed to have had little obligation to defend the cause of the United States. Yet Joe and the others tolerated the bitterest racial discrimination to fight for their country.

Technically, the Nisei had every opportunity to sidestep service. But one-fifth of the entire Japanese American population of the 48 States and Hawaii wound up in the armed forces.

In front of the grave, on the family bench provided by the U.S. Government, Joe Kato's father and mother denied the legend of Oriental stoicism and wept openly for their youngest son. In the three years since his death they had had ample time to ponder why he should have died fighting for a country that by law forbade them citizenship.

For Joe Kato, like some 33,000 other Japanese American soldiers indulged in the remarkable inconsistency of defending a country that had, among other indignities, clapped his friends and family behind barbed wire in flagrant disregard of the very Constitution he was fighting to uphold.

The inconsistency is compounded by the battle records of the two all-Japanese combat units, the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 34th Division (made up of Hawaiian-born Japanese) and the 442nd Combat Team.

THE RECORD OF Joe Kato's outfit, the 442nd, demonstrates that the Nisei fought far above and beyond the call of duty. As a unit, the 442nd as cited for outstanding accomplishment by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. It received seven Distinguished Unit citations, two Meritorious Service Plaques, and a plaque from the grateful survivors of the 36th (Texas) Division's "Lost Battalion" whose members were rescued by the 442nd.

Individually the men of Joe Kato's outfit accumulated more than 5,000 awards, including one Medal of Honor, 47 Distinguished Service Crosses, 354 Silver Stars, 848 Bronze Stars, and some 3,500 Purple Heart Medals.

They took particular pride in the peculiar symbolic quirk that resulted when their outfit's number was translated into Japanese. The number 442, when translated into Japanese, becomes "shi-shi-ni," and picks up an additional meaning: "To be killed." The Nisei, knowing very well what lay ahead of them without the additional reminder, took their chances like any other group of GIs.

These bewildering inconsistencies are even further compounded by the fact that Joe Kato died for a country that openly singled out his people for discrimination yet greedily accepted the economic benefits of their skill, thrift and industry.

The social status of the Japanese in America up to the time of Pearl Harbor does not seem to have been the ideal one for producing first class patriots and fighting men. The story of Joe's family, the Katos of Warm Springs, Calif., is typical.

Taijyu Kato arrived in this country in 1903. Eventually, with his young wife Katsu, he settled in Warm Springs. U.S. naturalization laws do not permit Japanese to acquire citizenship. So, with a good number of fields closed to him as an alien, Joe Kato's father, like many other Japanese, turned to the soil and became a farmer.

(The traditional green thumb of the Japanese gardener was occasionally a university-acquired characteristic; more than one man grubbing beneath the rose bushes held a degree in botany, but was forbidden to teach in public schools because he was not a citizen.)

In 1912 the first of the Kato's seven children, (four girls and three boys), was born. It was a boy, and Taijyu and Katsu Kato gave him a Japanese name, Yasuto. By the time their second son was born, however, the U.S. had got in its licks and they named him Henry. Their third son was Joseph. As American informality permeated the Kato family, Henry and Joseph became Hank and Joe and Yasuto was whittled down to Yas.

In 1917 Taijyu Kato returned to Japan to visit his parents. He stayed three months. Then Taijyu Kato came back to America, for the roots of his little family, like the roots of the crisp-stalked celery he had planted, lay in the rich dark soil of the upper Santa Clara Valley.

ONE BY ONE, as the children grew up, they were sent off to school to sit in the same class rooms with the children of Italian farmers and Portuguese dairymen, first at the Warm Springs Elementary School and then at the Washington Union High School at Centerville.

If they ever wondered why their parents could not become citizens like the foreign-born parents of other children, such problems faded before the excitement of the playground and the mathematics agonies of how many pints of jelly Mrs. Jones could make from a peck of loganberries.

When Taijyu Kato bought his first parcel of land, he had to buy it in the name of his son Yasuto, for Yas, having been born in America, had automatically become a citizen and was permitted to hold title to a portion of its soil. Such was the value of being a Nisei. His foreign-born father and mother, as Issei lacking citizenship were forbidden to own the farm they worked and, according to a land law passed in 1913 which made them "aliens ineligible for citizenship," had little prospect of altering their status.

In 1920, the year Joe was born, a new law aimed at this mild subterfuge was passed. Taijyu Kato could no longer legally help his children buy land or even give land to them. But the Katos plugged away and by the time Joe was ready for Warm Springs Elementary, Taijyu Kato, by virtue of his labor and the fertility of the soil he leased or bought for Yas, was becoming a man of affairs.

Joe Kato did well in elementary school. His principal, Leslie Massey, recalls Joe out of the thousands of grimy little faces he lectured to in the 20 years he taught at Warm Springs. And well he might, for Joe Kato, with his Puckish grin, was an outstanding student.

He won his block WS (an award given for excellence in scholarship, leadership, sportsmanship and sports leadership and usually reserved for members of the eighth grade) while he was still in the seventh. He was captain of both the football and the basketball teams and once simultaneously held office as student body president and president of the school Boys' Club.

In high school Joe Kato learned that in 1924 the country which he firmly regarded as his own, had flatly announced that no more Orientals were welcome by passing the Exclusion Act.

Nevertheless, Joe Kato continued to do good work and Albert Rathbone, who was principal while Joe was in Washington Union High school at Centerville, remembers him out of the 100-odd Nisei students as a well-liked youngster who played football and basketball and made the Honor Society.

It was about this time that the Katos built their home, a neat stucco bungalow on the edge of the 38 acres that Yas held. With their headquarters established, the family prospered.

There were occasional snide remarks from strangers who saw them not as people, but as the shadowy forerunners of the Yellow Peril, and angry Caucasian farmers who complained of unfair competition. But the Katos, like other Japanese families, prudently stayed out of harm's way and tended their crops. They felt that they were little worse off than any other minority.

POSSIBLY because they were socially ostracized, the Issei set up Japanese schools for their children. Despite the worst fears of Jap-haters these schools (which were attended after public school let out) taught little else but the Japanese language and the cultural

history of the mother country.

The Nisei, particularly the boys, found the schools a bore since they ate up valuable time that might more profitably have been invested in football practice. Attendance was spotty at best. When Yas and Hank were in school there were always too many things to be done around the farm to allow much time for the intricacies of Japanese, and by the time Joe came home along a Future Farmers Unit had been established at Washington High and his project, raising Poland China pigs, engulfed his spare time.

For a while the Poland Chinas were a sore point around the Kato household, for Joe, the blue ribbon fever hard upon him, insisted on rubbing his charges down with salad oil. His older sisters thought that lard was plenty good enough. But in time, Joe's industry and the salad oil paid off, and some 30 ribbons, neatly framed by Joe himself, hung on his bedroom wall above his two block W's, with stars for extra letters, and a celluloid button he had picked up somewhere that read "I'm Not Married."

In all, despite the presence of the legal and social barricades, life was pleasant enough for the Katos until, on Dec. 7, 1941, the word flashed out that the U.S. fleet lay shattered in Pearl Harbor. Beginning then, the things Joe Kato learned in school were subjected to the acid test.

The first blow came to Hank, who had enlisted in the Army, like any other American, "to get my year over with." Immediately after Pearl Harbor, Hank and the other Nisei in his outfit near Los Angeles, were shoved onto a special train guarded by MPs and whisked off to the interior U.S., supposedly to keep scheming hands from vital coastal installations.

As a U.S. citizen wearing the uniform of his country, Henry Kato was a mad and much disillusioned GI. Actually, although he did not know it at the time, he was luckier than a good many Nisei soldiers who were rudely discharged from the service on almost any ground by frightened commanders.

Despite this, Joe Kato talked his draft board into inducting him. On Feb. 6, 1942, he was sent off to the Presidio of Monterey.

The next blow came just 16 days later. There was talk aplenty of ridding the coast of the crafty Japs and some Caucasian farmers were already cruising the countryside and noting the choicer plots of Japanese-operated land, although no mass evacuation had taken place.

But on Washington's birthday the FBI took Joe's father and packed him off to a stockade in Bismarck, N.D. The charge against him was that he had been head of the Japanese Association of Alvarado, a kind of Oriental agricultural-and-pinochle society that had been meeting openly for years when there was nothing to remember about Pearl Harbor except the view.

Joe Kato was in Camp Robinson, Ark., when his family, now headed up by Yas, posed for a last family picture in their living room and then, lugging the two suitcases they were each permitted, headed for the assembly center at Tanforan race track. The great enforced evacuation, of citizens and non-citizens alike, had begun.

In the last desperate days before they left, Yas managed to find a tenant to take over the farm. Yas considered himself fortunate in finding the man he did, a Caucasian, who agreed to pay the Katos 30 per cent of whatever he made less taxes and upkeep.

There was one lesson for Joe Kato to learn while he was training to fight for democracy. In 1943, California's land law was tightened so that no Issei (meaning Joe's parents) could "enjoy, use, cultivate or occupy land."

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THIS THEN, WAS the American heritage that Pvt. Joseph Hisato Kato carried with him in August of 1944 when he embarked as a replacement for the 442nd.

On the morning of Oct. 15, Joe Kato, with his time running short, doggedly advanced with Co. E toward Hill 555 outside Bruyeres in the rolling hills of Eastern France. At 0915 Joe Kato heard his first burst of German gunfire. The next day, coming down the slope of Hill 555 to attack an enemy position on Hill B, Joe Kato was killed.

From this point on, any conclusions regarding the motives that spurred Joe Kato into battle must necessarily be conjecture but there are a few aspects of the record that seem to hold up well enough.

Leslie Massey of the Warm Springs Elementary school has a reasonable suggestion which he puts this way. "You know what I think? Joe was always given a square deal. He got a square deal from the teachers and he got a square deal from the children. When they elected him student body president it was because they wanted him more than anyone else in the school. They didn't care what color he was or where his folks came from, Joe knew that."

Brother Hank has a suggestion. "Joe was always patriotic. It was kind of a hobby with him." Apparently it was also the hobby of the 33,000 other Nisei, an expensive hobby for the one who came back as Joe did.

Albert Rathbone, who watched Joe at Washington High, thinks he knows why Joe was willing to pay such a price. "He felt the same way about the country that I feel. The kids he went to school with did that. They took a look at Joe and they said, 'Joe's a good guy.' In the cafeteria he ate with his friends and he had just as many white friends as he did Orientals. If the parents had left them alone—if they didn't teach their children all this racial business, it wouldn't exist."

Mike Masaoka, who with four of his five brothers wangled his way into the service, had some ideas on the general subject. Long before the war, Mike wrote "The Japanese American Creed" which says, in part: *"Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people."*

Technical Sergeant Ben Kuroki, a Nisei, who graduated from KP artist to aerial gunner by sheer doggedness, agrees with Mike and his creed. Ben has some ideas of his own which have to do with another American approach to the racial problem.

Ben says: "To celebrate my assignment as top turret gunner, our radio operator painted in big red letters across the glass dome: "Top Turret Gunner Most Honorable Son, Sgt. Ben Kuroki.' 'Most Honorable Son' was what they usually called me—that or 'Hara-kiri.' They were a great bunch of buys over there.

"We had some boys of Italian parentage flying with us, and whenever we took off to bomb Naples or Rome, I'd kid them about bombing their honorable ancestors. 'We're really going to make spaghetti fly tonight,' I'd say and they'd retort that they couldn't wait to knock the rice out of my honorable ancestors."

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THERE ARE OTHER possibilities. One of them is to be found in the motto of the 442nd, "Go For Broke," a standard crapshooting phrase that for the uninitiated is interchangeable with "shoot the works."

Many Nisei saw in World War II the great opportunity for a frontal attack on the prejudices that plagued their families. Some felt that it was a chance to prove their loyalty in the eyes of the world.

Joe Kato and the men in his outfit unquestionably shot the works. How well they achieved either of their main objectives is best determined by examining the status of the Japanese Americans today.

Again the Kato family is a good example. Taijyu and Katsu Kato, the Issei, still do not have the right to become American citizens, but they have hopes. A bill drawn up by Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.) would grant that right to the 90,521 Issei in the United States and Hawaii. The Judd bill would also override the Exclusion Act and provide for the legal immigration of 185 Japanese each year.

But the Judd bill, even if it gets through Congress, will be of little practical benefit for the Issei's average age is in the 60s. At least, though, they would be able to become citizens of the country for which their sons fought.

(The passage of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 has seen the unprecedented filing of petitions for naturalization by Japanese in America. Estimates place the number of Issei citizens in the neighborhood of 3,000. The Judd bill, referred to in Cahn's article, is regarded as the grandfather of naturalization privileges for the Issei.—Editor.)

The racial prejudice is still active, although Yas thinks things are a little better. When the Katos (Taijyu had joined them in mid-1942) were released from their camp in Topaz, Utah, they stayed in the state for a while. A third of the evacuated Japanese Americans did not return to the coast, but instead scattered all through the inland states. They did not know what the feeling was on the coast and they did not want any trouble. When the Katos did come back, some things weren't so good.

Their land was run down and the equipment was in bad repair, and their tenant insisted that he had spent every cent of the Kato's profits in taxes and upkeep.

By artful trickery in the contract he had taken title to the Kato's two tractors and they had to buy them back from him.

Still, Yas thinks it is getting better. New friends have turned up where they were least expected and taken the place of the friends who failed so badly. It is easier now to sell their produce, not as easy as it was before Pearl Harbor. Some of the little niceties of life are reappearing, like the telephone that was installed on the anniversary of Joe's death and coincidentally bore the ominously significant number, 442.

The Katos, being reasonable people, are inclined to ignore such a happenstance and shoulder the yellow man's burden of inequality as they shouldered it before. But the memories linger, refreshed from time to time by too familiar sight or phrases.

One such reminder turned up at Joe's funeral as the first notes of Taps sounded over Golden Gate National Cemetery a week ago. The gusts that blew down from the hills lifted up the clouds that hung close to the damp earth.

Mrs. Kato, weeping beside the new home America had provided for her son, looked out across the rows of graves to see another home the same country had once provided for her family. There, just beyond a bank of trees, the great hulk of the grandstand at Tanforan loomed up, lingered and faded out of sight as they sky closed in.

Then, as the hearse rolled off, the rain began again. It fell heavily on Katsu Kato, who clutched the neatly folded flag they had held above her son and ran quickly to the shelter of her car lest some drop of water spot and spoil the bundle in her arms.

Smoglites . . . . . by Mary Oyama

Dat ole debbil sea

Once aboard the President Cleveland, we were prepared to enjoy life with that *soignee* sophistication as depicted in Holiday mag. This was the beautifully appointed ship on which our sis some three years before had sailed to Japan, and which she found so charmingly interesting. Ah yes, "interesting" was the word—.

After admiring the ultra-modern appointments, puffing up and down the steeply-slantly stairways, and vaguely wondering if we should not have worn something cooler than a woolen suit, we found the deck steward and reserved two deck chairs.

Later we'll loll around on them in comfort and ease, we thought, we'll enjoy this romantic South (or was it Central?) Pacific cruise.

Meanwhile, daughter "Bambi" accompanied by her enthusiastic Mom wandered all over getting delightfully lost or accidentally discovering whatever we weren't seeking at the moment. We bumped into the children's playroom in which there was the replica of the Captain's deck complete with helmsman's wheel, with genuine porthole through which could be seen a genuine ocean whizzing by with too genuine speed.

Bambi turned her eyes away. "That ocean goes by too fast—it makes me dizzy!" We agreed. The waves seemed to be rushing past swifter than telephone-poles past a train window. Perhaps we should not start looking out at the ocean so soon, perhaps it would be wiser to hie ourselves to the lounge and relax by writing letters to the home-folks. So we did.

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'I feel kinda queer'

As soon as Vicki "Bambi" finished her letter, she looked up with a strange expression on her face, "I feel dizzy, Mommie, I don't feel like walking—." Oh no, we exclaimed, not yet—not so soon: "You CAN'T be seasike ALREADY?" We had hardly been out to sea much more than 40 minutes; so we attempted to laugh her out of her alleged queasiness.

As we described the prospects of a fine supper in the dining-room, admonishing her not to even think about feeling queer, we strolled (or wobbled) hither and thither attempting to point out items of interest: the shops, murals in the foyer, beauty salon, etc. The top band of our new pettislip seemed to tighten, pushing up our stomach—or was it squeezing our, er "innerds"—?

Vaguely again, we wondered if we would feel more comfortable if we took off the new glamour slip and changed to more relaxing attire than a woolen suit. Meanwhile, our daughter grew paler, refused to be coaxed out to the deck chair, and her eyelids thickened: "Mommie, I feel awful!!" Soon thereafter, we felt an incipient headache possibly induced by the indoor warmth of the ship; or so we thought.

Soon it was not long before we both stumbled groggily to our cabin. Scarcely had we undressed the child and tucked her into the lower berth, than things began to happen, too gruesome to relate. Millie, the brisk middle-aged stewardess, brought us dramamine pills, clucking sympathetically at our misery, but insisted that at least "the Mother should try to eat to set a good example and to keep her strength." She brought us a lavish tray of exquisite salad, baked potatoes and tender capon; the mere sight of which dizzied us.

Bambi turned her face to the wall. Like the Noble Six Hundred we plunged into the melted-cheese decorated potato. ("It's all in the mind. I won't be seasick. I WON'T be—.") But after a few bites we admitted defeat and Millie returned a practically untouched tray to the cooks' galley.

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Two sad sacks

Thus it was that we had the dubious distinction of being the two most seasick land-lubbers aboard the ship. Never once were we able to go to the dining-room.

We missed everything: the dances, the cocktail parties, the Christmas Eve party, Captain's dinner, and distinguished guest Rabbi Magnin whom we would like to have met had we been in less groggy circumstances.

The deck chair reservations were forfeited because we were too miserable to even think about having them cancelled, and we lay in a stupor of drugged sleepiness.

Millie, the stewardess, confided that fortunately she had never been seasick a day in her life but that she certainly felt sorry for those who could not stomach "the old sickness." "I know you are really ill by the way you don't eat. Now, there are some lazy folks who feign sickness just so they can have their meals brought down to 'em. They don't fool me one bit because they eat like horses and finish a complete meal. Please do try to eat a cracker or two to keep your strength, you mustn't waste away."

About the third day, Dec. 25, we decided this would never do, exerted our will power, and forced ourselves up and out. We even put on the slinky black jersey dress which we had specially purchased to show off the rare jade which our spouse had brought back from his Hong Kong trip earlier in the year. And though Vicki was still confined, we even minced warily out looking for Christmas cheer and in search of our friends Phoebe, some doors over in a corner suite.

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SPORTSCOPE:

● Nearly 125 Nisei athletes, including two eight-women squads from San Francisco and Sequoia, representing 11 JACL chapters are set to make history at the second Nisei Olympics this Sunday at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. Kei Hori, co-chairman of the San Francisco JACL track committee, had his fingers crossed against wet weather throughout the week as his leg ached, — some sign of his of possible extreme dampness in the air . . . The consensus in the Bay Area figures the West Los Angeles sextet with the best chances of taking team honors, although BOB WATANABE, member of the squad and chairman of the Los Angeles Coordinating Council's Nisei Relays on July 11, thinks otherwise, since the S.F. scoring system is on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis. The WLA squad includes such stellar performers as: DICK ISERI of Long Beach, who's done 9.9s. in the 100 and broadjumped 23ft. 6in. while in the Army; ex-UCLA varsity sprinter BOB WATANABE and UCLA frosh YOSH SETOGUCHI; Dick Iseri's younger brother JOE and DICK YAMATO in the hurdles and BOB MATSUMOTO, Bakersfield lad due to report at West Point Military Academy, in the shot and discus.

San Francisco leads the parade with 25 entries in all three division: open, lightweight and girls. Other chapters entered include Placer, Fowler with its highly-touted halfmiler JOHNNY NAKAMURA, Stockton, Berkeley, Sequoia, Sacramento, Richmond-El Cerrito, Oakland and Downtown Los Angeles.

● Placer County JACL nine won a pair of games the past week: 14-7 over Colfax Fireballs in the Placer-Nevada League game Sunday and 11-10 over Sierra College the previous Wednesday . . . Lefty JOHNNY NAKAO, newcomer to the Placer Club, started in the Sunday game, holding well till the fifth when the Fireballs found the range to tally four runs in quick order. GEORGE GOTO, fresh out of Sacramento State, finished the game for JACL. JIMMY YOKOTA also returned to the Placer lineup after two years in the Army . . . In the midweek fracas, JACL blasted three runs in the final canto to gain the one-run margin victory. Manager CHUCK HAYASHIDA alternated four chuckers: BOB TAKEMOTO, Nakao, ANGEL KAGEYAMA and Goto. Shortpatcher BOB KOIZAKU was the big guns for JACL, four out of five including a double in the last-minute victory squeeze . . . KOJI WATANABE, his brother NOB and BILLY NISHIMOTO were Nisei members of the Sierra College nine, members of the Golden Valley conference.

● GEORGE GOTO of Sacramento State who starred in basketball and baseball, was chosen as the outstanding athlete of the year at the Block S Society's all-sports banquet recently. His name will be engraved on a large trophy. He is also a member of the Placer County JACL baseball team.

● Another Nisei has broken in professional baseball ranks. This time, BOB AOKI of Spokane, Wash., served as relief hurler for the Calgary Stampeders in their Western International League opener recently against the Edmonton Eskimos. One Calgary sports writer commented the Nisei rookie "could turn out okay . . . he's got a fast ball and showed enough control to get by without too much trouble."

● SACHIKO KAMO, Japan's women tennis champion, will compete in the Wimbledon tennis tournament opening June 21. She is the first Japanese woman to participate in the famed English classic.

● The International Olympic Committee meeting at Athens recently rejected repeated efforts to enlarge Olympic programs and began seeking a formula to relieve political pressure on various national committees. The I.O.C. refused an 800-meter foot race for women, a pet British request, women's speed skating races and volley-ball urged by Russian and satellite nations. The decision on a suggestion to add three other sports to the voluntary list also was postponed to a meeting in Paris in May, 1955. The sports were archery, urged by Sweden, and Northern countries; judo, a Japanese project, and roller-skating, a proposal of Portuguese delegates.

● His crown slightly tilted, but nevertheless still intact, wiry YOSHIO SHIRAI is angling for a shot in South America to defend his flyweight championship next fall. Shirai, who was knocked out in a non-title bout by Leo Espinosa of the Philippines last fall, came back to successfully defend the title May 23 on a split decision against the same man. Now he wants to defend the crown in South America. His American manager, Dr. Alvin Cahn, said he was negotiating for such a bout, but did not name the place, the time or the opponent.

Canadian Nisei jockey rides on Toronto track

Toronto

Spud Uyeyama, Nisei jockey for A. J. Halliwell Stables, is again a familiar personality at the Dufferin Park which opened its season of horse racing recently.

Threesome mixed bowling league in Sonoma started

Santa Rosa

Fred Yokoyama is chairman of the Sonoma County JACL summer bowling league just inaugurated here at Santa Rosa Bowl. The three-man mixed league (two men and one woman) is ABC-sanctioned and it is hoped the chapter would be represented at future JACL bowling tournaments.

Top scorers on the opening night were Yokoyama, 564, and Ailene Hamamoto, 446.

Hole-in-One

Berkeley

Henry Hirakawa of East Bay Golf Club scored a hole-in-one recently at Alameda's Tilden course, sinking his tee shot on the fifth hole. He used a No. 5 iron.

MAILBOX

Ministerial

Editor: My attention has been called to the news item captioned *San Diego Honors 60 Issei Citizens* on page one, Vol. 38 No. 20, dated May 14, 1954, of the Pacific Citizen in which Rev. Yahiro has been listed as Buddhist. He is the pastor of the San Diego Holiness church and from what I hear is quite perturbed about the error . . .

—H.I.

San Diego.

The Pacific Citizen stands corrected and extends its sincerest apologies to the Rev. and Mrs. Yahiro.

Mrs. Mike Masaoka's brother, Lt. Norman Mineta of San Jose, Calif., is now stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va.

THE SOU'WESTER

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TATS KUSHIDA

A half-century dream . . .

All within a few minutes, you can get the thrill of seeing expressions on the faces of Issei that tell a lifetime story of hope and attainment. The place is the enlarged waiting room of the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Los Angeles. Here, the Issei with aliens of other nationalities who filed their naturalization petitions a year ago are waiting to hear their names called for what fateful oral examination which can make them truly belong to America.

The Issei faces, notwithstanding the racist stereotype of an inscrutable Oriental, are full of character, deeply etched. Small wonder, for many of them have waited a half-century for this climactic day, and many more have waited 40 years.

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The courageous Issei woman with an Americanization class diploma clutched in one hand is mumbling a hopeful prayer to herself, apprehension written on her tense face. Her two witnesses, one of them her son, are reassuring her that she will pass the test without difficulty for they know how diligently she has been studying the past few months.

An Issei businessman is chatting amiably with his two witnesses, both prominent civic leaders who are enjoying making their contribution to America by helping launch a new citizen among their midst. He is beaming confidence with the knowledge that he has even memorized the preamble to our Constitution and can even name the Presidents in the order of their inauguration.

An elderly Issei couple sits nearby, silently expectant. They have an interpreter with them in case the wife should falter if the examination in English becomes too difficult for her. They, too, like the rest of the Issei, know the subject matter cold.

Other Issei including a young *yobi-yose* are scattered throughout the room, their faces reflecting the anticipated fulfillment of their dream of citizenship.

As each is called in for his interview and examination, the apprehension, anxiety and misgivings are dissipated by the cordial and informal manner of the examiner. The information on the petition form filed by the Issei is orally verified, mainly as to dates and places. What he felt might be a dreadful ordeal becomes a pleasant opportunity to exercise his knowledge of English, broken as it may be, and to be tested on what he has assiduously applied himself to learn at *kika-gakko*. By gentle prodding, the experienced examiners are amazed that they can can extract a formidable wealth of knowledge on civics and government. Actually only a few questions are put to the Issei who has completed a course in an Americanization class.

After the examination, he waits a short while before being called again to verify the oral interview, and the witnesses' signatures added to the documents.

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Even a casual observer can't help noticing the proud look of achievement on the Issei's face when he is told that he has successfully passed his examination and that he will be called after a month to take the oath of allegiance before a federal judge.

No longer an "ineligible" alien, no longer a second class resident, but now a member of the greatest fraternity on earth—the fraternity of American citizens. He tries hard to stifle the jubilance and elation springing from within; he manages well but can't help holding his head a little higher.

Hundred of family-parties have been held to celebrate the attainment of American citizenship by the Issei. To some families, where a son who was in Korea or who was with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team or some other unit and was killed in action, there is a special significance to the parents' newly acquired status. Their sons fought for America but they also fought to gain recognition as full-fldged Americans for their Issei parents. Events prove that they did not give their lives in vain. Memorial day services to their parents have an added meaning.

Plug for USLIC . . .

A fast growing insurance agency here is the one operated by KENNETH T. SATO. Ken, who is a good JACLer and 1000 Club member of the Hollywood chapter, began his general agency with U.S. Life Insurance Co. just two years ago. He now has a dozen agents including Hakujin, Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Nisei. We joined with him last week at the Kawafuku cafe in celebrating the successful conclusion of a production contest among his agents. Incidentally, both the Kawafuku and Sato Agency are giving wonderful support to the 13th Biennial convention's program booklet. Tied for first in Ken's contest were FUSAO KAWATO and HENRY HACHIYA. Place prize went to TOM TOGUCHI.

Ken's secretary is ROSIE NINOMIYA, former officer of the Downtown L.A. chapter. His casualty business is handled pretty much by NIX NAGATA and his secretary from the Islands, INEZ MURAKAMI.

About twenty persons took in the dinner including Rafu Shimpo editor TEIHO HASHIDA who had some interesting yarns to spin about his recent free JAL trip to Japan when he saw former JACL staffer SAM ISHIKAWA who is vigorously studying things Japanese over there and probably staying for another year. Now here is a pair that we can truly call *tsuyoi*, or else they have asbestos-lined stomachs.

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HENRY MORI

California State Primaries

State candidates seeking various nominations at the June 8 primaries are today in the stage of jitters as they pitch their final campaign sales talks to a somewhat not-too-interested public.

Primaries don't attract voters to the polls, unfortunately. Despite the general apathy, however, Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan predicted 65 per cent of the state's registered citizens will cast their ballots for their choice.

While party chairmen and backers of candidates acclaim certain victory for their nominees, the 5,664,688 voters will bring about the final decision next Tuesday.

Certain amount of predictions have been made and unless there are upsets to the contrary, the public's choice for governor appears very much like Incumbent Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, whose chief opponent Richard Graves is still an unknown and a question mark on what he can do as a top state official.

Graves, to our way of thinking, lacks the dignity and polish of Gov. Knight as a public servant, although time and experience usually develop officials to that stature.

The entire campaign has been wholly lacking in issues, and the fight for governorship has been no exception. Graves apparently is content in labeling Knight as that "ribbon-cutting and baby-kissing" official rather than dig deep into something more serious.

Knight, on the other hand, has developed a certain amount of added prestige by circulating up and down the coast and mingling directly with people, treating Democrats and Republicans alike. The Republican successor to Chief Justice Earl Warren appears as the best bet.

Los Angeles county will have much to do with the Knight-Graves contest since 40 odd per cent of the state's voters reside there.

Political managers know too well that where goes the L.A. county, so goes the state, and Southern California is good picking for party votes, either way.

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Incumbent Lt.-Gov. Harold J. Powers will no doubt have little trouble in getting support, and may carry a bulk of Democrats with him from City Councilman Edward R. Roybal, a real dark horse. Chances of Roybal carrying the Democratic ticket are much brighter than that for Graves, unless we miss our guess entirely.

The race between U.S. Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, Republican, and Rep. Samuel W. Yorty, Democrat, is expected to be a tight one as both camps are claiming party victory.

The battle will no doubt be dragged into the November election. Yorty hasn't to date made any special overtures for Nisei votes, though his attitude toward persons of Japanese ancestry has changed for the good since the war days.

Kuchel, on the other hand, has met several key Nisei Republican leaders, realizing that every vote in his favor will mean the keeping of his job in Washington.

The Anaheim-born Kuchel claims his friendship with Nisei stems way back when he was attending schools in Santa Ana. The advantage of incumbency will play a great part in the election here.

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Public determination to oust State Senator Jack B. Tenney, once and for all, from his racist perch is rather apparent this time with the pushing of attractive Mildred Younger, a Republican, by the metropolitan press—such as the Los Angeles Times and Examiner.

Should Mrs. Younger win the GOP nomination, she'll have much to battle with up and coming Richard Richards, Democratic aspirant who is chairman of the Los Angeles County Democratic Committee.

Where other candidates lack zip in their speeches, Richards' rapid-fire brand of oratory is gaining a lot of votes for his party slate.

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Like Tenney, the end of William G. Bonelli, So. Calif. liquor boss, is just about due. He has more opposing candidates than any other constitutional officer in the state.

The present chairman of the Board of Equalization has steadfastly opposed re-granting of liquor license permits to persons of Japanese descent (who lost them at outbreak of war) despite the fact a section of the state liquor law was amended in 1951 to reissue licenses to them.

Bonelli even fought stubbornly after a State Supreme Court decision had ruled 4 to 3 earlier this year to restore a permit to a Nisei ex-serviceman who had regained a license in 1951 but "lost it two months later" because of Bonelli's far-reaching order.

For years a Republican, the Fourth District SBE incumbent switched to the Democratic Party after some heavy attack against him for the way liquor matters were handled in his area—which includes all of Southern California counties.

One of the most publicized propositions on the local level will be the Civic Auditorium Center project which is expected to turn Los Angeles into a convention mecca, if passed.

Requiring a two-thirds majority, it was defeated the last time it went on the ballot, despite the fact more people voted for it than against it.

Frightful tax payers are told that such an auditorium on a 26-acre tract, having three separate buildings, is a revenue-producer, and not a tax-eater.

Los Angeles is indeed long overdue for something like a center for civic and business meetings, an arena for sports shows, and a 3,000-seat auditorium for musical and theatrical events.

All People's starts bazaar season

Los Angeles

Fun for the whole family will be stressed at the annual Benefit Bazaar of the All Peoples Community Center on Saturday, June 5, from 12 noon to 10:30 p.m. This year's bazaar, which takes the place of the usual carnival, will again be held at the well-known interracial center located at 822 E. 20th St.

Family groups are urged to come early for dinner and stay for the White Elephant Auction to begin at 7:30 p.m. Food booths selling tacos, corn on the cob, hamburgers and hot dogs will open at 12 noon. A Spanish patio with tables and chairs will be set up on the grounds for the diners' convenience. Mothers with infants will find the All Nations' Room open for warming bottles and changing diapers.

Some 15 game booths will open at 2 p.m.

Aiding in making arrangements for a successful bazaar are:

Sam Furuta, tickets; Joe Ide, Bob Kodama and Eddie Ray, procurement; Jacob Harmon and Charles Land, booths; Sara Hernandez and Frances Mickel, decorations; and Tosh Shimabukuro, adviser.

Larry Tajiri--

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segregation has been enforced or condoned. (Hugo Black long has been one of the court's and political slavery in the 17 states in which staunchest liberals and his stand, despite his southern background, is no surprise.)

Power and responsibility has changed many men. Earl Warren has grown in stature. His recent decisions are blotting out the memory of the younger state attorney general who used race as a yardstick for loyalty in helping to bring about a mass displacement of citizens unprecedented in our national history. On the basis of his performance as Chief Justice, Earl Warren's earlier performance already has been overshadowed by the history-making impact of the Supreme Court's decision which strikes a death blow against legalized discrimination in the United States.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AINSWORTH—May 6, a boy Michael Francis to the Carl E. Ainsworths (Setsuko Takada), Los Angeles.

BRIDDLE—Apr. 30, a boy Everett Alonzo to the Allen M. Briddles (Tatsuko Iwasaki), Los Angeles.

CHIKASUYE—Apr. 28, a girl Jody Reiko to the Edward I. Chikasuyes, Mountain View.

FUJIKAWA—May 4, a girl Susan Michiko to the Hiroshi Fujikawas (Irene Sachiko Takata), Los Angeles.

FUKUYAMA—May 5, a boy Leslie Y. to the Shigeo Fukuyamas (Asako Alyce Hirata), Los Angeles.

HARA—A boy to the Henry Haras (Alice Enomoto), Denver.

HIGAKI—May 8, a girl Sharon Midori to the Harry Higakis, Redwood City.

HIRAISHI—Apr. 28, a girl Rainee Gaye to the Etsuo S. Hiraishis, San Jose.

HIRATA—May 3, a girl Carol May to the Yuichi Hiratas (Fumiko Shimizu), Los Angeles.

HONDA—May 11, a boy to the Takamoto Hondas, Sacramento.

HONDA—Apr. 25, a girl Elaine to the Tom Hondas, San Jose.

HONDA—May 15, a girl Debra Leilani to the Harold Hiroyuki Hondas (Miyako Okura), Los Angeles.

HOSHIZAKI—Apr. 30, a girl Deborah Keiko to the Hiroshi Hoshizakis (Nobuko Yoshida), Los Angeles.

ICHIYAMA—May 6, a boy Michael Alan to the Richard Mikio Ichiyamas (Thelma Teruma Sakamoto), Los Angeles.

IKUDA—Apr. 26, a boy Alan Tadao to the Shigemi Jim Ikutas (Mariko Tatami), Los Angeles.

INOKUCHI—Apr. 29, a girl Ayako Nancy to the Tetsuo Ted Inokuchis (Itsue Matsunomi), Los Angeles.

ISHIBASHI—May 5, a boy Thomas Masato to the Tom T. Ishibashis (Mayako Nakakihara), Los Angeles.

JONES—Apr. 30, a boy Douglas Kenji to the Clement D. Jones (Mitsuko Uemura), El Monte.

JUE—May 6, a boy to the Jim H. H. Jues (Terry Mayemura), Los Angeles.

KOHATSU—Mar. 27, a boy Gary Duane Tadashi to the Goki Larry Kohatsus (Hisako Betty Tamaki), Niland.

KUBO—May 11, a boy Larry Atsushi to the Yone Kubos, San Jose.

KUMAMOTO—May 1, a boy Thomas Lane to the Mitsuru Kumamotos, San Jose.

LEE—Apr. 26, a boy Terrence Albert to the Powell A. Lees (Annabelle Mitsuye Uyeda), Los Angeles.

MIYAKE—A girl to the Ben Miyakes (Mary Funakoshi), Derby, Colo.

MIZOTA—May 23, a boy to the William T. Mizotas, Seattle.

MIZUTANI—May 10, a boy to the Saburo Mizutais, North Sacramento.

MORIOKA—Apr. 25, a boy Arthur Toshiaki to the Hideo Joe Moriokas (Aiko Alma Mimura), Los Angeles.

MORITA—May 12, a girl Terry to the George Moritas, Gilroy.

MURAKAMI—May 20, a girl to the Chester Murakamis, Seattle.

NAKAMURA—Apr. 18, a boy Robert Richi to the Isami Nakamuras (Natsuye Fujimoto), Los Angeles.

NAKASAKI—Apr. 29, a girl Donna Kazuko to the Harry Susumu Nakasakis (Florence Toshiko Tomita), Los Angeles.

NISHIGUCHI—May 22, a boy to the George Nishiguchis, Ontario, Ore.

NISHINO—Apr. 30, a girl Jo Anne Chizuko to the Toshiharu Nishinos (Michiko Taniguchi), Los Angeles.

NODA—May 5, a girl Janet Mihato to the Go Nodas (Kazuko Amano), Los Angeles.

NOGAKI—May 20, a girl to the Chester Murakamis, Seattle.

OGAMI—May 15, a girl Diane Lynda to the Richard Ogamis, San Jose.

OGASAWARA—May 10, a girl to the Frank X. Ogasawaras, Sacramento.

OKAGAKI—May 4, a girl Lynn Reiko to the Warren J. Okagakis, San Jose.

ONO—May 15, a girl to the Masami S. Onos, San Francisco.

OTA—May 8, a boy to the Ichiro Otas, San Francisco.

OTA—Apr. 28, a girl Nancy Yoko to the Tsuyoshi Otas (Itsuko Omokawa), Los Angeles.

OYADOMORI—Apr. 11, a girl Merel Masae to the Michael Masayuki Oyadomoris (Lillian Fusako Nakata), Los Angeles.

SAKAMOTO—May 5, a girl Elaine Yoko to the Teruo Sakamotos, Santa Clara.

SENDA—Apr. 17, a girl Marie to the Osamu Sendas (Kazuko Nakagawa), Los Angeles.

SHIMOGUCHI—Apr. 27, a boy Tom Raymond to the Yasuo Shimoguchis, Sunnyvale.

SHINTAKU—May 1, a boy Randall Glenn to the Minoru Shintakus (Seiko Furuya), Los Angeles.

TAENAKA—Apr. 22, a girl Patricia Haruye to the Toshikuni Taenakas (Anna Sayo Tanaka), Los Angeles.

TAKASUGI—Apr. 25, a boy Daniel Hiroshi to the Shigeo Takasugis (Yoshimi Ido), Long Beach.

TAKEMOTO—Apr. 25, a girl to the Shiro George Takemotos (Margaret M. Kataoka), Baldwin Park.

TAKEMURA—Apr. 27, a boy Steven Garry to the George Takemuras Chisato Okayama), Pasadena.

TANAKA—May 3, a boy Jonathan Takeo to the Yasuo Clifford Tanakas (Yuri Lilly Takenaka), South Pasadena.

TOGUCHI—Apr. 29, a girl Gail to the Gary George Toguchis (Merry Aiboshi), Los Angeles.

YAGI—May 11, a boy to the Harry Yagis (Chiyoko Matsumoto), Watsonville.

YAMAJI—May 1, a boy Kenneth Yasuo to the Tom T. Yamajis, Mountain View.

YAMAMOTO—May 11, a boy to the Robert Yamamotos (Rei Sugawara), Watsonville.

YAMANE—May 5, a girl to the Toshio T. Suzukis, San Francisco.

YAMASHITA—Apr. 23, a boy George Shinichi to the Sam Sakau Yamashitas (Etsuko Arikawa), Los Angeles.

YAMASHITA—May 14, a girl Patricia Lynn to the Kaname Yamashitas, San Jose.

YONEKURA—May 3, a girl Darlene Fumi to the George S. Yonekuras, Newark, Calif.

Engagements

INAI-NAGAI—Suzanne Suzuko to Roy, both of Denver.

ISHIMOTO-ASATO — Toshi to George, both of Los Angeles.

KOIKE-YAMAGUCHI—Grace Suzuko, Sacramento, to John Ichiro, Los Angeles.

MOTOWAKI-SHIGEMASA — Judy Nobuko, Los Angeles, to Fred Tsutomu (USN), Santa Ana.

MURAOKA-YASAKI—Ayako to Masao, both of Los Angeles.

NAGANUMA-HONDA — Mary to Tsuneo, both of Chicago, May 14.

NAKAGAWA-deHAAS — Dorothy, Denver, to Clement, of Holland.

OKA-LATHAM — Grayce to Malcolm D., both of Denver, May 19.

UYENO-SUZUKI — Ryo to Henry, both of Pasadena.

YAMADA-YAGI—Doris to Don, both of Denver.

YAMAMOTO-SUZUKI — Elsie Sachiko, Hollywood, to Richard Kiyoshi, Torrance, May 22.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KINOSHITA-YOSHIDA — George, 31, Sacramento, and Florence, 29, San Francisco.

MARSHALL-KATAYAMA — William George, 26, Guerneville, and Tamiko Doreen, 26, Oakland.

MINK-MAEDA — Elwood E., 29, and June, 25, both of Seattle.

NODA-TOYOFUKU — George T., 34, and Mutsuye, 28, both of San Jose

OSUMI-UYEGAKI — Thomas T., 34, Honolulu, and Yukie S., 27, Seattle.

WATANABE-TANIMOTO — Sam S., Portland, and Alice K., Spokane.

Weddings

HARA-ABE—May 15, Sam and Helen, both of Reedley.

INOUYE-TACHIBANA—May 23, Teruo, Fresno, and Miyoko, Los Angeles.

KOMOTO-FUKUSHIMA — May 15, Kaori, Fresno, and Nancy Shigeko, Dinuba.

KUBOTA-OZONE — May 22, James and Tomoye, both of Chicago.

MOTOOKA-INOGUCHI — May 8, Sado and Emiko, both of Chicago.

NAKAOKA-MORIMOTO — May 16, Tom, Torrance, and Mary Mari, Los Angeles.

TABUCHI-NAKAO—May 16, George Shoji and Alce Eiko, both of Stockton.

TAKESHITA-YAMAMOTO — May 16, Saburo and Emi, both of Chicago.

UYEDA-YASUOKA — May 16, Edward and Tokiye, both of Chicago.

YOKOGAWA-OHTA—May 22, Nobuyuki and Suyeno, both of Los Angeles.

Deaths

FURUTA, Kuhachiro, 70: Seattle, May 24, survived by wife Kiwa, son Charles M., and daughter Mrs. Rosie Sakaguchi.

GOTO, Chimpei: Los Angeles, May 23.

IGARASHI, Yoshimasa, 50: Garden Grove, May 26.

INOUYE, Ryusuke, 72: Long Beach, May 26, survived by wife Toku and sons Joe, Masao.

KADOKURA, Hirotaka: Chicago, May 8.

NAKANISHI, Sueo, 38: Long Beach, May 23, survived by father Shuntaro, brothers Masaharu, Goromatsu, three sisters Mrs. Kofusa Hamaguchi, Mrs. Tomeno Kono and Mrs. Kokane Okumura.

NAKAO, Mrs. Mitsuko, 67: Nemah, Wash., May 21, survived by husband Teitaro, daughters Mrs. Ami Kinoshita (Gresham, Ore.), Mrs. Yoshiko Kawashima (Bay Center, Wash.), sons Yoshimi, Masayoshi and Mitsunori (Japan), sister Mrs. Haruyo Nakao and 11 grandchildren.

SHIMIZU, Mrs. Tomiko, 68: New York, May 20, survived by daughters Mrs. Toyoko Nakamura (Honolulu), Mrs. Mariko Ikeda (New Haven, Conn.), Mrs. Emiko Akiyama.

WAKAYAMA, Seiichi, 78: Salt Lake City, May 19, survived by wife Tsune, sons Gary, Milton (Berkeley), daughters Mrs. Mary Hironaka (Kent, Wash.), Helen (Seattle), Mrs. Margaret Yonekura (Berkeley), five grandchildren, two sisters.

YAMATE, Ichiro, 46: Lodi, May 25.

CALENDAR

June 5 (Saturday)

SALT LAKE: Graduation Prom, Memorial Hall (semi-formal).

June 6 (Sunday)

WEST L.A.: Community picnic, Ladera Park.

SAN FRANCISCO: Nisei Olympics, Kezar stadium.

June 7 (Monday)

SACRAMENTO: General meeting, Issei Division formation included in agenda.

June 10 (Thursday)

SOUTHWEST L.A.: "Seeing Japan via JAL" (color films), Centenary Methodist Church.

June 12 (Saturday)

SAN FRANCISCO: Bridge tournament.

DETROIT: Japanese movies, International Institute.

SAN MATEO: Community picnic.

SELMA: Barbecue outing.

June 13 (Sunday)

IDAHO FALLS: JACL picnic.

June 18 (Friday)

CHICAGO: General meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan St., 8 p.m. Stud Terkel speaks on jazz.

June 19 (Saturday)

WATSONVILLE: Graduates' barbecue, Sunset Beach, 6 p.m.

June 20 (Sunday)

TWIN CITIES: Community picnic, Theodore Wirth Park No. 2.

POCATELLO: Community picnic.

SAN FRANCISCO: Community picnic.

June 24 (Thursday)

STOCKTON: General meeting. H-Bomb movies.

June 25 (Friday)

MILE-HI: Issei Citizen recognitions supper, YWCA, 1545 Tremont Pl., Denver.

June 26 (Saturday

SAN FRANCISCO: Sports Formal, St. Francis Hotel, Ray Hackett's orch.

STOCKTON: Benefit movie.

June 27 (Sunday)

D.C.: Second anniversary banquet in honor of McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act, Sheraton Park Hotel.

July 3 (Saturday)

SONOMA COUNTY: Two-day Homecoming Festival, Memorial Hall.

July 4 (Sunday)

SAN DIEGO: Fishing derby and picnic.

NO. WYO. & MONTANA: Joint picnic.

CLEVELAND: Community picnic, Wiegand's Lake.

CHICAGO: Weekend outing, George Williams College Camp, Lake Green, Wis.

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EDITORIALS

Primary Voting

Primary elections thus far across the country indicate a lack of concern. With California's primary less than a week away, it is evident that a respectable turnout of voters June 8 will require extraordinary efforts on the part of civic and party organizations.

While voting naturally fluctuates with the degree of interest in the issues and candidates, California's cross-filing system often produces final outcomes in contests for offices in Sacramento as well as seats in the Congress. Hence, the voter who fails to register his choice in the primary may find he has no choice at all next November. June 8 should be a red-letter day on every household's calendar.

Voting Age As Is

Interest on the proposed constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 18 was so mild that there were only 34 votes for it in the Senate. This lack of interest, of course, reflected the public's mind on the matter.

People simply did not get excited over the issue. While the President favored it on grounds that if young men are old enough to fight for their country, they are old enough to vote. Opposition argued states' rights would be weakened as each state has the right to determine the qualifications of its own voters.

Thus it appears that if 18-year-olds are to win the franchise, they must seek it through legislative action on the state level as Georgia has done.

Three More Months

Count them on your fingers — July, August and September! Only three months remain till the National Convention in Los Angeles, Sept. 2-6. In a few weeks, chapter delegates will be informed of the major problems — both organizational and legislative activities—that need to be resolved for execution in the subsequent biennium.

Chapters, by this time, should have had their official delegates selected and registered. The Midwest District Council has held its pre-convention meeting; other district councils will follow in the next two months. Momentum is certainly crashing with its pressure and weight of the convention upon the host city of Los Angeles and its effect will permeate the national organization within three months, we predict.

JACL CONVENTION EVENTS REQUIRE REGISTRATION

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

Grandpa Would've Enjoyed It

LIFE'S SWIFT pace these days makes commemorative occasions like Memorial Day all the more important and poignant. I find the weeks and months passing rapidly without even a thought sometimes of those who have been summoned before me. And I suppose others who once grieved deeply find that time has sheathed their hurts too.

This past Memorial Day I paused a moment to recall the names, faces and even anecdotes about friends and colleagues who have gone on. Especially I remembered the friends who gave their lives in a World War and more lately a "police action" that we might continue to enjoy freedom.

Less than four years ago, in that dusty, tortured land known as Korea, I saw death close at hand and smelled of its fetid breath. I felt deeply then for the men whose spirits had departed their mangled flesh. I thought I would never forget. And yet Korea now is long gone from the headlines and Indo-China is the land of terror and crisis. It is good to have a Memorial Day so that we can be reminded once again.

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THIS IS THE second spring since my own father died. I remember him especially in the spring because of his love for fishing. He counted the weeks and hours until the season opened. I see him still, lovingly tieing leaders, shellacking his rod, oiling his reels, checking his line for weak spots that might have developed during a winter of disuse.

He (we called him Grandpa after the grandchildren came) was not a particularly patient man. But when he fished, his patience was as that of Job. He forgot all alse—business, personal anxieties, even his family—in the pleasure and concentration of fishing.

It was fitting then that two of his grandsons and I should spend Memorial Day on a fishing trip. Our companions, guides and mentors were Frank and Lil Fujita whose own love of the sport would have won Grandpa's approval. We didn't set out as early as Grandpa would have recommended, but at least the dew was still on the grass and the sun was casting long shadows when we set out for the hills.

Grandpa would have liked Frank and Lil. They're patient with greenhorns and children on an angling trip, and that's the way he was. They're fond of the great outdoors, and curious to see what's around the corner, and he was like that too.

It didn't make too much difference that we were skunked. We tried everything—wet flies, single salmon egg clusters, spinners, even lowly worms—but it wasn't our day. We darned near froze to death before we gave up, so it wasn't a lack of persistence. Grandpa would have chuckled about that. He was a good fisherman, but he'd been skunked too, lots of times. He'd smile wryly when the fishing was bad, but he'd take the poor luck with the good and give it a whirl again the next week.

The night before we set out, Alice stayed up late to make us a fine lunch. She packed more than we could eat, not realizing perhaps that when fellows are trying to catch fish and they aren't biting, they don't get quite so hungry. We brought home the left-over sandwiches and the girls promptly opened the wax paper wrappers and ate them with as much gusto as if they'd been out in the mountain air all day.

We kids used to do that with Grandpa's left-over lunches, too. He'd have a pork sandwich, or perhaps a piece of apple pie all smashed flat, but they tasted mighty fine for having been out on the river.

Grandpa wasn't here with us on Memorial Day, but I'm sure he enjoyed it with us if he happened to be looking our way.

Vagaries . . . **by Larry Tajiri**

Warren: Growth in Stature

THE EDUCATION of Earl Warren — from a bigoted state attorney general in 1942 to the Chief Justice of the United States whose forthright decision in the school segregation cases will become a landmark in the history of civil liberties — has encompassed a dozen years and undoubtedly has been influenced by his contact with the problems of a racial minority, the Japanese Americans.

In 1942, Earl Warren, then the chief legal officer of the state of California, appeared before the Tolan congressional committee and pleaded for the mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry, regardless of citizenship. Attorney General Warren, who spent his political adolescence in an atmosphere of Native Sons' racism, repeated the race myths and half-truths which the white supremacists in California had used against those of Japanese descent in California for many decades. The following May, in 1943, Earl Warren appeared before a convention of U.S. governors in Columbus, O., and warned them against accepting Japanese American evacuees for resettlement. But two years later Warren accepted without protest the army's rescinding the evacuation order and urged all state agencies to assist the relocation of the returning evacuees.

Since V-J day Earl Warren has supported legislative action, urged by the JACL, to repeal laws discriminatory to Japanese Americans, such as the state's Alien Land law of 1921, and has backed the move to grant naturalization rights to resident Japanese aliens. Earl Warren is the first state governor to appoint a Japanese American (John Aiso) to a judgeship.

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THE EXTENT TO which his contact with Japanese Americans—as a political entity, of course—influenced Earl Warren's metamorphosis, makes for interesting speculation. Warren's record since the mass evacuation also indicates that his actions in the months immediately following Pearl Harbor, in which he was a driving force for Japanese American evacuation, were racist in effect, but may not have been necessarily racist in concept.

Warren was a prisoner of his political education in California for, in the two decades which preceded his election as state attorney general, the "Japanese issue" had been successfully exploited by many of his colleagues.

The wartime heroism of the very Americans whose expulsion he had urged and helped to effect undoubtedly influenced Warren, who by then was governor of California. His hostility toward the Japanese American group diminished as the record of Nisei loyalty was implemented. It would not be presumptious to note that the governor learned that Americanism cannot be determined arbitrarily on the basis of race or national origin. Although he had not publicly admitted that he was in error in his demand for mass evacuation — as Fletcher Bowron, then mayor of Los Angeles, did—he has not taken any similar stand.

A person close to the Warren household once indicated that the charming, photogenic Warren girls, who had attended high school with many Nisei in Sacramento, may have been a factor in turning the governor away from the anti-Nisei attitude he had taken publicly in 1942. Also, shortly after V-J day, Warren's stepson established a partnership with a Nisei in a diving business.

It is possible, too, that the Nisei situation played no special part in Earl Warren's transformation. First elected as a political partisan in 1942 with the support of the major reactionary political interests in the state, Earl Warren became the most popular governor in the state's history and was reelected twice. In 1948 he won the primaries of both political parties and several key issues, on which he acted in the interests of the whole people, alienated the reactionary wing of the GOP. One stand, which required singular courage, was his opposition to a special loyalty oath for the faculty of the University of California. Warren's refusal to go along with a regional manifestation of McCarthyism did not endear him to the radical right.

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IN LESS THAN a year since his appointment as Chief Justice, Earl Warren has stabilized an often dissident court which has been wracked by personality conflicts. It was significant that one of Warren's first decisions was in the case in which a convicted murderer was freed because the state of Texas has barred persons of Mexican origin from the jury lists. The court tally, almost unprecedented in recent years, was 9 to 0. This was one of the first indications that Warren was what one newspaperman called "the take-charge guy" who was able to inspire teamwork from a highly individualistic court.

The unanimous 9 to 0 decision in the school segregation cases is important in that it gives no comfort to the Deep South's racial reactionaries in the form of a minority opinion. Three of the court's members, Black, Reed and Clark, are southerners but they joined in the decision which will emancipate the Negro from social

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Dillon Myer urges return of evacuees to west coast, reveals 500 permitted by Army to re-enter evacuated area.

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Japanese government doesn't want "most" of the segregees at Tule Lake requesting repatriation, WRA director Myer tells Congress. Japan prefers Japanese with money and young persons with college education.

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Bishop Scher of Monterey-Fresno Roman Catholic diocese deplores racial hatred in California, cites overdone propaganda berating Japanese in Manzanar before Knights of Columbus annual meeting.

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Coroner's jury says Tule Lake sentry not to blame on shooting of Nisei segregee; jury had 16 different stories.

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Federal judge upholds indictment of three Nisei women for treason because of alleged aid to Nazi PWs.

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Anti-alien unit seeks new law in Colorado to bar property ownership by aliens of Japanese ancestry.

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WRA assistant director Conzens challenges disloyalty charge of Native Sons leader, Seth Millington, against Japanese Americans.

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Nisei GIs qualify for paratroop unit.

MINORITY

A constructive result of the hiring of Mexican farm workers *(braceros)* for U.S. farms is their trend to save enough to settle on Mexican farms of their own. In the furor over wetbacks, it is often forgotten that last year, 197,000 braceros worked legally in the U.S., it was pointed out by the Wells Newsletter of New York.

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Complete desegregation of Mesa (Ariz.) schools will be a reality with the opening of the new term in September. Specifically, a school formerly serving Negro children will accomodate children within its district regardless of color.

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The Chung Mei Home for Chinese boys in El Cerrito, the only institution of its kind in the world, will close its doors for good this summer after more than 30 years of service. "Today, the Chinese living in our midst have become so much an integral part of our society that their children are welcomed in most child care institutions," one home official said. "... more foster homes are now available to Chinese children while the aid to the needy children program enables mothers to remain at home and care for their children in normal home surroundings." Chung Mei Home was established in order to provide for young Chinese boys who were in need of care and guidance and for whom there was no other provision.