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JACL to press efforts for Hawaii statehood

Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

CHO-CHO-SAN MOVIE VERSION

Denver

Madame Butterfly, the story of the ill-starred romance of a Japanese girl and an American navy lieutenant, is one of the most durable of dramatic properties. It all started with a letter written by an American woman, visiting Japan, to a writer in the United States, John Luther Long. The letter told of the suicide of a Japanese woman who had loved an American naval officer. Long wrote a short story about it, using dramatic license to season the plot. Later he and David Belasco made the story into a play and Belasco produced it on Broadway.



The Long-Belasco play came to the attention of Giacomo Puccini and the latter adapted into operatic form in 1904. Since then it has become one of opera's standards. The role of Cho-Cho-San has been sung by the great sopranos of the past half-century.

Madame Butterfly has had an impact beyond the realm of music. It depicted a picture postcard Japan, pretty and quaint, and many Americans continued to view Japan in the terms of *Madame Butterfly* despite all the sabre-rattling in Tokyo in the 1930s. It took the bombs at Pearl Harbor to jar the consciousness of these many Americans.

Long's play and Puccini's opera have a special pertinence because of the fact that *Madame Butterfly* has been transcribed to the picture screen once again, this time in a special Italo-Japanese production filmed recently in Rome. A new MGM feature, *Interrupted Melody*, also presents a scene from the opera.

Long's drama, without Puccini's music, was made into a feature by Paramount in Hollywood back in 1932 with Sylvia Sidney as Cho-Cho-San and Cary Grant as Pinkerton. Later, an operatic version was filmed in Italy with an all-Italian cast. The new picture, a co-production of Tokyo's Toho and Rome's Rizzoli Film and Gallone Productions, stars a young Japanese girl, Kaoru Yachigusa as Madame Butterfly, and uses Japanese performers in all Japanese roles. Some 24 Takarazuka dancers were brought to Rome from Japan to enact the roles of geishas.

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WELL RECEIVED IN TOKYO

Premiered in Tokyo recently, this latest cinematic rendition of the opera was well-received and has been described as the "first definitive filmed version" of the famous opera. Miss Yachigusa, a young actress with little previous experience except in supporting roles with the Takarazuka company, is receiving high praise for her performance. Incidentally, her voice, as well as the singing voices of all members of the cast save one, is dubbed in. Orietta Moscucci sings the Butterfly role, while Nicola Filacuridi is Pinkerton while Giuseppe Camporo vocalizes the part. Michiko Tanaka, one of Japan's best-known actresses, plays Suzuki while Anna Maria Canali sings the part. The setup in this version of Butterfly is similar to the American *Carmen Jones*, in which operatic voices were dubbed in for the two principals, Dorothy Dandridge and Harry Belafonte, as well as for most of the supporting cast.

In this Italo-Japanese film, Satoshi Nakamura appears as Yamadori, Kiyoshi Takagi is Goro and Ferdinando Lidonni is Sharpless, the American consul.

The presence of *Madame Butterfly* in operatic repertory has been a boon to singers of Japanese ancestry. For many years Tamaki Miura toured the United States with the San Carlo company as Cho-Cho-San. After her retirement Hizi Koyke made a reputation in her own right in the role. Of late Tomi Kanazawa has appeared with local opera companies in San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans, Cincinnati and other cities in the Puccini opera. Miss Kanazawa, incidentally, probably has been heard by more people in the role than any other singer. She was Butterfly in the NBC Opera Theater's production three years ago and was heard by an audience of several millions.

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'ANGELS IN BOBBY SOCKS'

The other day we got a letter from Herbert Ogawa who used to edit the North American Times in Seattle in those pre-World War II days when we were on the Japanese American News in San Francisco. Herb is now in Dallas, Tex., and doing fine. He and his wife, Mary Louise, have two children, Richard, 11, and Carole, 9. Herb is circulation director for the Curtis publications for the Dallas area.

One of the Curtis magazines is the *Saturday Evening Post* and Herb wanted to call attention to the fact that the May 14 issue of the *Post* carries an article by Bill Hosokawa called *Angels in Bobby Socks*. The article, the second Bill has sold to the SatEvePost, is about the teen-age girls who have pitched in to keep the local hospital going in small town Akron, Colo., by serving as nurses aides, office personnel and laboratory help. It's a heart-warming article, written in Bill's easy style with which Pacific Citizen's readers are familiar.

(Washington) Despite the House recommital of the combined Hawaii - Alaska statehood bill Tuesday, the Japanese American Citizens League will continue to press for favorable action during this session.

Effort is to be made by statehood advocates to urge the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to divorce the statehood "package" deal and resubmit separate bills for Hawaiian and Alaskan statehood this year.

Such a bill could be considered on individual merits under special House rules granting statehood matters a privileged status, it was pointed out by the Washington JACL office.

Efforts will also be redoubled urging the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to report out separate bills for Hawaii and Alaska.

According to Capitol Hill observers, present prospects are dim for any favorable action this year in either the House or Senate, but the fight will go on, the JACL added.

Rep. John R. Pillion (R., N.Y.) led the debate to recommit the combined statehood measure on grounds that statehood would give disproportionate power to Hawaii and Alaska in the Senate as compared with present states and would "deliver the Hawaiian state to the Communist Party on a silver platter."

Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, Republican Delegate from Hawaii, who led the fight for the bill, denied the charges of communism.

Tribute should be paid to Mrs. Farrington for her gallant and courageous stand favoring statehood despite opposition from House Speaker Sam Rayburn and Minority Leader Joe Martin, the Washington JACL Office commented.

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House votes to recommit Statehood bill, 218-170

(Washington) Almost solid opposition of Southern Democrats, a majority of Republicans brought about the House rejection of a bill to admit Alaska and Hawaii into the Union last Tuesday. The vote was 218-170 to return the measure to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, which has been described as tabling the issue for this session.

The vote came after two days of heated debate. On three occasions, the House voted to admit Hawaii to the Union, and Alaska once. But it has never approved a combined admission, although the Senate did so last year.

Tokyo cancer specialist treating Chicagoan

(Chicago) Dr. Hidetaro Tokuyama, chief of the cancer clinic at the Tokyo National Hospital, arrived here last week to treat a Chicagoan who has been obtaining relief from a new drug—nitromin, widely used in South America and little known in the U.S.

The drug is derivative of nitrogen mustard, deevloped in Tokyo five years ago and used on many Japanese cancer patients "successfully". Dr. Tokuyama emphasized it was no cure but "it has prolonged the lives of many Japanese."

Commercial artists

(San Franicsco) Works of two local Nisei free-lance commercial artists, Hisashi Tani and Tom Kamifuji were among those selected for the seventh annual exhibition of advertising art sponsored by the San Francisco Society of Artists and Art Directors, May 10-27. Some 1,100 entries were submitted; 187 were accepted.

PUBLISHING COMPANY REPORTS BOOK MALIGNING ISSEI, NISEI OUT OF PRINT

(Washington) The Thomas Y. Crowell Co., publishers of *Modern World Politics*, has advised the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League that this college textbook, which included chapters repeating discredited information about the wartime loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and Hawaii, is no longer in print.

Alden W. Graves, manager of the College Department of the New York publishing firm, wrote Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, to that effect in response to a letter from the JACL protesting the continued use of the textbook in the colleges and universities of the country.

According to Graves, the book in question was written in 1944 and published in 1945. "It has long been out of print," he reassured Masaoka.

JACL's Washington representative sent a letter to the Crowell Company protesting the sale and distribution of the college-level textbook on international relations, *Modern World Politics*, after columnist Larry Tajiri wrote in the *Pacific Citizen* that he had chanced across a copy of the book and found that it contained discredited information about espionage and sabotage against the United States on the part of the Issei and Nisei in Hawaii and on the west coast.

Representations and protests of this kind are important in that they constantly remind publishers that should they publish textbooks, books, novels, or even articles that misrepresent the loyalty and attitudes of persons of Japanese ancestry, they will have to answer to the JACL, Masaoka explained.

He then repeated an earlier invitation that should any individual chance across any derogatory publication containing lies, misinformation, or half - truths that adversely affect the public acceptance of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country that the Washington JACL Office would be pleased to have the information in order that appropriate steps may be taken regarding such matters of group concern.

"Like liberty, eternal vigilance is the price of public acceptance," Masaoka declared.

SELMA JACLERS SIGN UP AS GROUND OBSERVERS

(Selma) Need of ground observers was pointed out by Sgt. Ralph Robinson, in charge of the USAF Ground Observer Corps here, at a recent Selma JACL executive meeting. With the program being activated here May 21, Mrs. Shizuko Kobashi was appointed day chairman and the chapter will provide observers for one 24-hour period.

The chapter also announced Ben Ono and Mrs. Helen Yamamoto in charge of a food booth to be set up at the Selma Fair Days, June 16-18.

Eisenhower trade program approved

(Washington) The Senate approved a modified version of President Eisenhower's foreign trade program after beating back all crippling amendments Wednesday night last week. The vote was 75-13.

The bill is now in conference with the House, but the President is assured of success on these major provisions as they have been jointly approved:

1. Extension of the 21-year-old reciprocal trade agreements program to June 30, 1958. The present Act expires June 12, 1955.

2. Power to cut tariffs 15 per cent in three successive 5 per cent steps over the extension period. The President may use these to win trade concessions from other nations.

The Senate Finance Committee changed from next July 1 to last Jan. 1 the base date for figuring the 15 per cent cut in tariffs in one of the changes made in the measure to prevent possibility of double cuts on items now under negotiation in the Japanese trade agreement.

To kiss after all

(Hollywood) Japanese star Mitsuko Kimura arrived here early this week from Tokyo to wind a kissing scene she reportedly refused to do in Japan for Columbia's "Sergeant O'Reilly", previously titled "Gentle Wolfhound".

TOGASAKI WINDS UP TOWN HALL TOUR OF AMERICA

(Washington) Dr. George K. Togasaki, probably the outstanding Nisei of Japan, is returning to Tokyo after participating in the Town Hall Asia Mission which toured the United States the past six weeks, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed last week.

(Dr. Togasaki left last Monday night from San Francisco by Japan Air Lines for his home in Tokyo.)

President of the English language daily Nippon Times, chairman of the Board of the Japan International Christian univ., president of the Rotary International club of Tokyo, grand master of a Masonic lodge, director of the American Japan Society, and an official in many other civic and community organizations, he explained the situation in Japan as nine other leaders from the Far and Near East joined in participating on what were described as "grass roots" discussions of the problems of Asia.

The nation-wide tour, sponsored by Town Hall, covered 22 cities and lasted some six weeks.

While in Washington, he conferred with United States Government and Embassy of Japan officials regarding Japanese American problems and relations. He also made several speeches on behalf of the Japan International Christian University.

He visited Philadelphia, too, where he had a family reunion with his sons Gordon and Robert, and his sister, Yaye. Gordon is a student in the Graduate School of Business Administration at Harvard, while Robert is a senior at Haverford college. Yaye is the acting chief of the nursing service at the 2400 bed Veterans Administration hospital at Northport, Long Island, one of the largest neuro-psychiatric hospitals in the world. She was en route to the annual conference of the National League of Nursing which was to be held in St. Louis, Mo.

He also stopped over in New York City and Boston before emplaning for San Francisco and Tokyo.

One of the founders of the JACL movement in the years following

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From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

REVISITING SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake City, Utah

It seemed a little strange to come into Salt Lake City without dropping by to see Larry Tajiri at the *Pacific Citizen* office, and the rest of the fellows at JACL headquarters. But the PC is in Los Angeles now, Larry is in Denver, headquarters are in San Francisco, and a tremendous lot of water has flowed into Great Salt Lake since the valiant fight for Nisei rights was being carried on by the JACL from this Mormon capital.



Nonetheless we went by the Beason building for old time's sake and found at least one office looking almost as it did in JACL days. Hito Okada was at his desk in a second floor office, and with him was Mas Horiuchi. Hito for many years served as national JACL treasurer, then president, and Mas had just happened to drop by to shoot the breeze when I walked through the doorway.

Among his several sidelines, Hito looks after the affairs of the National JACL credit union. As its members can testify, this credit union year after year continues to pay good dividends. Business is still good, Hito reported, with Nisei borrowing money to buy new cars.

Many SLC Nisei are speculating in uranium stocks which have been getting an astonishing amount of attention in this otherwise conservative city. But the stock market isn't the only facet of the uranium boom to attract the Nisei. Hito says he met a couple of Nisei uranium prospectors one evening in a Japanese restaurant. They had a jeep and a rifle, which are as important to U-ore seekers as a Geiger counter, but they didn't say whether they'd had any hot prospects.

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'POOR BUTTERFLY'

Among the individuals I met in Salt Lake City was a New York press agent and advertising executive named Bill Sherwood who told an anecdote about Hizi Koike, the prewar Cho-Cho-san of the San Carlo Opera Company's *Madame Butterfly*. It seems Miss Koike telephoned Sherwood one day in considerable agitation and voiced words to this effect: "Bill, I have a favor to ask of you. I am divorcing my husband. Of course the newspapers will get wind of this, and they will publish my picture. And over the picture, they will be sure to use a caption reading: 'Poor Butterfly.' I would like to see what you can do about persuading the newspapers not to use my picture."

So, says Sherwood, he went to work, called on old friends, pulled a few strings, and got all the New York papers except two to agree they would not use Hizi Koike's picture. Sure, they used the divorce story, but no pictures. And the other two papers, know what they did? They ran a picture of Miss Koike with identical "Poor Butterfly" captions, just as she had feared.

Poor Butterfly.

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URANIUM STOCKS FROM A COFFEE SHOP

Getting back to uranium stocks, Hito tells about reading a broker's advertisement for a certain issue he was interested in. Intending to find out more about the stock, Hito went to the address listed in the ad. The address turned out to be that of a downtown coffee shop.

"Yee gods," Hito said to himself, "what kind of a deal is that that they're selling uranium stocks in a coffee shop?" So he left his money in his pocket and went back to his office.

That was a year or so ago. Today, the same people who were selling uranium stock in their coffee shop have a sizable brokerage office in Salt Lake City, a branch in Albuquerque, and are getting ready to open another branch in Denver.

Minority Week

Parents of the man who discovered the polio vaccine, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Salk, both 65, were named "Jewish parents of the year" last week. The mother of Dr. Jonas E. Salk of Pittsburgh accepted the scroll presented by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies in New York.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has assured the NAACP there will be no racial discrimination in the selection of the American trapshooting team. Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, had expressed "dismay that the U.S. Olympic team will include a trapshooting team limited to members of the Amateur Trapshooting Association," an organization which restricts Negro membership.

Gov. Stratton of Illinois "will support" equal job opportunities bill now before general assembly, identical to 1953 bill then supported by the Governor. Illinois NAACP seeks support to SB 106, which would deny tax exemption to any private hospital that refuses admission, treatment or use of facilities because of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry.

TOKYO TOPICS

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Tourists Miss Cherry Blossom

Tokyo

Hundreds of Issei and Nisei from America have been viewing cherry blossoms in the past weeks, but the weather has been miserable. The blooms came a bit earlier this year, then cold rain hit them. It even snowed in some areas. The life of fragrant and fragile cherry blossoms is too short as it is, but the change in the weather was particularly cruel this year to foreign visitors who missed the gay display.

Haruo Ishimaru headed a tour group from San Francisco last month. Jimmy Itano and Mrs. Shizue Fujimoto came to Tokyo with a tour party from the Intermountain district. Kay Nishida, one of the pioneer Nisei journalists, came over with his wife. Mary Minamoto, who is with the American Red Cross assisting Japanese war brides, invited her mother from Portland to see the blossoms.



Mrs. Alice Kasai's father, Eiichi Iwamoto, who is related to the Marquis Okuma, statesman-founder of Waseda University, also arrived by air.

Eikichi Kagetsu, one-time billionaire in Canadian lumber, visited here with other pioneers. His property was confiscated by the Canadian government. There's a man with a colorful life.

Other Issei pioneers from Brazil also came. Many were from the Hawaiian Islands, too.

It is wonderful to see so many Issei pioneers and Nisei leaders visiting Japan. But it is difficult to check the many arrivals coming by air. Thus far, the airlines have not been publicizing their passenger lists. It could provide us with a better means of welcoming these distinguished visitors.

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Emigrants held as 'kimin' by government

At one time, Japanese emigrants to America were regarded as "kimin" or "abandoned people" because the Tokyo government felt they were contributing to anti-Japanese sentiments in America. Whenever trouble involved Japanese residents in America, they were blamed as "uneducated, foolish *kimin*".

Today, Japan should be grateful for what these "kimin" have done for their homeland; particularly after the war, when Japanese in Hawaii and the Mainland actually boosted the morale of war-torn Japan by responding with their tremendous supply of relief goods.

Even Japan Air Lines was restored its reputation and finances by the Japanese in Hawaii and America because so many of them patronized the service as tourists. the Japanese tourist industry has also been served by the Issei and Nisei who have been as unofficial public-relation media among other Americans. And more Nisei should visit Japan to appreciate their heritage and cultural background.

For the tourist, the seasons of fall and winter may be better than spring. The weather then is wonderful. Things appear to be more settled. In the spring, Japan is rather noisy; the weather isn't comfortable because of the wind and rain.

Lisle fellowship in Japan offered

(Ann Arbor, Mich.) As its first venture into Asia, Lisle Fellowship is offering students and young adults a summer adventure in international group living in Japan combined with a tour of the Pacific area July 9-Aug. 31. DeWitt C. Baldwin, director-founder of the Fellowship, will accompany.

Six units are being scheduled for this summer—three in the United States (San Francisco: June 19-July 31; D.C.: June-July 31; Colorado Rockies: July 25-Sept. 2) and two in Europe, which are already filled.

The summer programs provide opportunity in group living, teamwork in communities and intensive evaluation of experience. Diversity in cultural, racial, religious and economic backgrounds is essential to this program. Academic credit may be obtained.

Applications for the Japan unit should be submitted immediately with a $150 deposit to the Lisle Fellowship, Inc., 204 S. State St., Ann Arbor, Mich., fees are $1,475 covering round-trip air tourist travel from the West Coast, living costs, transportation and in the unit in Japan.

(Mary Suzuki Sabusawa, active Chicago JACLer, is chairman of the Lisle Fellowship alumni in the Chicago area, and particularly anxious to push the Japan Unit.)

Conduct speed-up course in Japanese conversation

(San Francisco) A speaking knowledge of Japanese in 30 hours is being taught at the Kinmon Gakuen, it was announced by Koshi Suzuki, school principal. Special teaching methods used to teach airline stewardesses to converse with passengers from Japan are being followed. The course consists of two hour-meetings a week for 15 weeks.

San Diego annual picnic scheduled for July 3

(San Diego) Plans are already underway for the county-wide San Diego JACL picnic on Sunday, July 3, at Silver Strand State Park. Social chairman Hedi Takeshita promised to go "all-out to this annual Independence Day attraction the event of the year for Border City Japanese Americans.

Portland Japanese form community blood bank

(Portland) A Japanese community blood bank with American Red Cross was launched last week under promotion of the Oregon Nisei Veterans Club in cooperation with various Issei and Nisei organizations here.

The blood bank will be supplied by volunteer donors. Should the occasion arise, persons of Japanese ancestry may be able to draw free of charge, it was explained by Paul Stuebe, Red Cross field representative. Persons between the ages of 18-60, not under 110 lbs., should be able to donate a pint of blood every 60 days not to exceed five times a year, it was added.

The local Red Cross Blood Center, 1506 SW Alder, is open from 1-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

'CERF BOARD' RIDER IN HAWAII

Honolulu

Are too many Americans so short-sighted and biased on racial matters that they would, intentionally or otherwise, rather see our national and international prestige handicapped than recognize the realities of the problem?



A couple of recent incidents illustrate the point of this question.

When Bennett Cerf, the author, humorist and commentator, was in Honolulu for his first vacation here recently, he was delighted with the reception he received, plus the carefree atmosphere and balmy weather of the islands.

But beneath the placid surface, Cerf noted that tension is mounting over the battle for statehood. He said that some opponents of statehood inquired how he'd like it if a Senator from Hawaii was of Japanese or Chinese ancestry.

"I think it would be wonderful," he said he replied. "How could we possibly give the millions of doubters in the Far East a more graphic illustration of exactly what we mean by American democracy?"

This story is told in Cerf's column, "Trade Winds," in the April 9 issue of the *Saturday Review of Literature* magazine.

His reaction to the question about having an Oriental-American elected to the United States is most welcome and heartening to the statehood backers. But it is not novel.

How many others visiting here have pointed up the same argument for statehood. Such comments usually come from those who can appreciate the international implications of making Hawaii the 49th State. These people can be said to possess a "broad-gauged mentality," unstifled by narrow, racial prejudices.

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SAME VIEW ELABORATED BY EDITOR

What Bennett Cerf said so effectively, in his own pithy way, was elaborated at some length by another visitor to Hawaii last year, Hodding Carter, a Mississippi editor who won a Pulitzer Prize for his editorials, including one on the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, hammered hard on the same theme in a statehood article in the *Saturday Evening Post.*

He had experienced first-hand, the embarrassment of being asked during a previous trip to Southeast Asia as to why Hawaii was being denied statehood. Was it because of the preponderance of Orientals in the population, his questioners (both pro-U.S. and Communist Asians) wanted to know. Carter couldn't reply as he wanted to. But after his Hawaii trip, he knew the only answer was to be found in admitting Hawaii into the Union as a state.

Just recently, another newsman visiting the islands for the first time, marvelled at the cosmopolitan makeup of Hawaii's population and commented on this wonderful selling point for Americans in dealing with the people of Asia. He had just returned from a long assignment in the Communist Balkan countries and was fully alert to the racial implications of propaganda in that part of the world.

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NEW YORK CONGRESSMAN STOPS OVER

More recently, Hawaii had the brief pleasure of having Rep. Powell of New York stopover en route to the Bandung conference of Afro-Asian nations in Indonesia.

He, too, could readily grasp the value of Hawaiian statehood in the ideological war against the Communists in the Far East. As an American Negro, he could feel the importance of the issue probably more than most others could.

He went to Bandung, not as an American Congressman or in any official capacity but strictly as a correspondent for several newspapers in the East. But even then, some Washington officials were unhappy about his going; they were worried that the Communist propagandists might "put him on the spot" with clever questions aimed to "trap" him.

Last week, another American newsman passed through Honolulu. He too had been at the conference. He said Rep. Powell "performed magnificently."

"He handled the Communist newsman without difficulty," the admirer related. "First, they tried to make him say that he wasn't really a Negro. Powell told the Communists he was a Negro and proud of his race and his ancestors. One ancestor, I believe it was his grandfather, was a slave, but that did not prevent his descendants from working themselves up. And he himself was the best axample of the successful working of American democracy.

"I wish we had more like him at the conference."

IN HONOR OF

Dr. Tom Hoshiko, 27, of Toronto was awarded a $4,000 fellowship to continue research studies in Denmark from the American Heart Foundation. The Univ. of Utah instructor in medicine received his doctorate in physiology from the Univ. of Minnesota in 1953 and is a graduate of Kent State University in Ohio.

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Stephen Akira Kobayashi of Gardena High School took over duties of city mayor in annual Boys Week observances at Gerdena last week. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Kobayashi.

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Shizuo Yoshikawa of Stockton was elected president of the San Joaquin Valley Photographers Society.

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Pete Domoto of Berkeley High Schol assumed the post of city manager in the Berkeley observance of Youth in Government last week.

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Sachiko Tokunaga, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo J. Tokunaga, 850 Second East, Salt Lake Ctiy, was elected vice-president of the Lincoln Junior High School.

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Michiko Sonoda, Salt Lake prep student, was among nine winning cash prizes in the "Spotlight on Automobiles" essay contest. Over a 100 student wrote on "Why It's Smart to Be a Safe Driver".

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Teenager Kay Ueoka of Paia, Maui, was Hawaii's representative at the national cherry pie baking contest in Chicago recently. It was the first time Hawaii was being represented. The different twist in her pie was the addition of Libby's pineapple juice.

Viola Nakano of S.F. visits Washington

(Washington) Viola Nakano, active San Francisco JACLer, visited here en route home after attending the centennial National YWCA in New York. She was one of two San Francisco chapter representatives at the historic session of some 3,500 delegates from throughout the United States.

Opinion rendered on Utah marriage law for white & part-Japanese couple

(Salt Lake City) Utah state law does not bar marriage between white and Hawaiians or Polynesians or whites and persons of part Mongolian or Malayan blood.

Atty. Gen. E. R. Callister released this ruling Apr. 28 in response to a request from Frank E. Moss, Salt Like County attorney.

Pending the ruling, Salt Lake County Clerk Alvin Keddington had refused to issue marriage licenses for couples, one of whom was white and the other part Japanese or part Hawaiian.

Donn E. Cassity, assistant attorney general, who wrote the opinion pointed out that statutes continue to bar marriages between Negroes and whites. "The law also bars any marriage between a white and a mulatto, quadroon or octaroon," Cassity said. The latter are defined as persons having half, quarter and eighth part Negro blood.

"Since the legislature has not made any fractional breakdown regarding the Mongolian or Malayan race in marrying white persons, but have done so with regard to the Negro race," the opinion says, "the conclusion is that only marriages between pure blood Mongolians and Malayans are prohibited."

Cassity pointed out that Webster's New International Dictionary identifies the physical characteristics of Malayans as being entirely different from those of Polynesians both as to stature, facial and other physical characteristics.

"There is apparently some similarity between the Malayan and Polynesian languages," he added.

"This office is familiar with the fact that certain states in court decisions have declared laws prohibiting marriage between races to be unconstitutional," the opinion says. "Since no such question, however, is involved at this time the attorney general therefore does not presume to offer his opinion as to the constitutionality of the statute herein referred to," the opinion concluded.

PVT. BEN FRANK MASAOKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS OPEN

(San Francisco) Nominations are now being received from JACL chapters for the 1955 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, it was announced this week by JACL National Headquarters. National JACL administers this Scholarship at the request of Mrs. Haruye Ma-Masaoka, mother of the World War II hero in whose memory this Scholarship is given.

This year's graduates of high schools who intend to continue their education in the fall are eligible for the award which consists of a monetary grant of $200. All candidates must be recommended by one of the regular JACL chapters. Deadline for the nominations has been set for June 30.

The Scholarship last year was to David Yamakawa of San Francisco.

NVC newsletter

(Seattle) The Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee, 2112 King St., published its monthly newsletter (Vol. 4, No. 4) in a new format: a four-column letter-press four-pager. Ute Hirano and Hideo Hoshide are co-editors.



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NISEI AND HIS JOB

(The Chicago JACL set up an employment committee, headed by John Yoshino as chairman, to seek factual information regarding the job status of its members. In addition, it seeks data regarding the Nisei job situation as it appears from the standpoint of the community and potential employer to help guide young graduates from college, high school and trade school. We believe the subject is timely and applicable to Nisei everywhere . . . The writer Hal Noel is Hal Noguchi, formerly of California, is a graduate of Syracuse and Chicago universities and personnel counsellor for Cadillac Employment Agency, pioneer in this field of employment.—Editor.)

By HAL NOEL

Chicago

The question of minority group employment and its accompanying problems is one that has almost stymied the individual and collective efforts of those interested ever since each group has migrated into this country. More specifically, the integration of the Nisei into the industrial ranks has thus far been a slow, tough and frustrating process.

First, let us consider the levels of approach. Men at executive management levels are relatively easy to approach. Their probable intelligence and educational levels indicate understanding of our general problem.

However, very few will employ a person if that person will cause dissension and unhappiness among his *workers*. Too, if the pioneer Nisei employed, individually or collectively, does not measure up to *all* specifications of the job, the executive responsible for his employment is then often under pressure, not only because of the dollar investment in the employee, but also because his poor selective judgment is magnified in the case of a member of a minority group. So the reluctance of some executive to employ us may stem simply from fear of jeopardizing their own jobs.

The approach at the unskilled, and semi-skilled, level is quite another story. How many of us today would hesitate to leave our low-level job if an opportunity were made available doing what we ourselves consider the "proper" job for a person of "my intelligence and education"?

Exploitation of minority groups by industry is an economically sound practice if it can be done without heavy overtones of outright discrimination or slavery. Many of us put the shoe on the other foot and "use" the job to keep us going until we find the "right" position.

We have been told many times by employers that occasionally, their reluctance to employ a Nisei is due to the feeling that the Nisei would leave them as soon as he found something else. Experience proves this correct in innumerable instances. But, of course, we have to make a living somehow. Does that mean that the problem is insoluble?

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'EDUCATION' AT MANAGEMENT LEVEL

It is the writer's belief that the so-called "education" of industry should be concentrated at the supervisory and semi-executive level. This level is in close contact with both top management and with labor. Reporting to management on men under their supervision is part of their job. Recommendations to management carry much weight. Training and advice by the supervisors is very effective because of their close association with men working directly under them.

Assuming then, that this intermediate level is the most vulnerable to an approach, what is the best way to get the most in equal jobs and equal opportunities from such an approach?

"Force feeding" introduced during the war is sometimes effective if we figure that grudging acceptance is better than none. Fortunately, this leads to sincere acceptance in most cases, even though the point-of-contact may not be quite ideal.

A more natural process is, of course, effected by first gaining social equality.

Civic and neighborhood functions might be one of the basic avenues accessible to us. For instance, we might happen to be Baptists. We should not, as in fact we often do, by pass two Baptist churches in order to attend a Japanese Baptist meeting. It may be the easy way, but aren't we postponing "integration" for the sake of convenience?

Succeeding generations may not find it much easier to land the job for which their parents strove unsuccessfully. It is not necessary that we meet "eye-to-eye" with top executives. It is hardly possible because of the financial factor. But we have proven ourselves academically and it is just as desirable, if not more so, that we prove ourselves "average Americans" in other ways.

It is perhaps more important that the precinct captains are aware of our support than for President Eisenhower to receive among thousands of others, a telegram from an individual or group representing a small fraction of one percent of eligible voters.

(To be continued next week)

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Eden Township JACL chapter honored 100 new citizens and pioneers of the area Mar. 30. Pictured are: (left to right) back row—Shigenobu Kuramoto, dinner chmn.; Paul Tomita, Joseph Santos, citizenship class instructors; Kenji Fujii, chapter pres.; Dr. Keiichi Shimizu, emcee, seated —Mrs. Francis Dunn, wife of County Supervisor and evening speaker; Mrs. Carlos Bee, wife of assemblyman; and M. Shinoda, who responded for the Issei. —San Leandro Morning News

Reedley JACL to honor newly naturalized Issei citizens at May 22 fete

(Reedley) Some 100 recently-naturalized citizens who attended citizenship class at Reedley Night Schol will be honored at a Reedley JACL banquet, May 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Reedley College cafeteria.

Naturalization and school officials, city dignitaries and special guests have been invited. The Reedley American Legion and their post commander Walter Grawan will participate.

Dr. A. Tajiri, Mas Abe and Toru Ikeda are co-chairmen, assisted by:

Tom Sasaki, entertainment; Mrs. A. Tajiri, Cahrles Iwasaki, Tak Naito, inv.; Charles Iwasaki, food; Hideko Sakamoto, dec.; Dr. Tajiri toast master; T. Naito, pub.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Southwest Los Angeles JACL: Author James Edmiston will be guest speaker at the general meeting, May 25, 8 p.m., at the Centenary Methodist Church. The second in the series of chapter-sponsored cooking classes will be held May 28, 1:30 p.m., at the same church with Hayao Shishino demonstrating hors d'oeuvres. He is chef at Dale's of Chapman Park Hotel.

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Idaho Falls JACL: A combined Mothers' and Fathers' Day program was held May 8 at the JACL hall. A varied program was presented by the guys under direction of Tat Shiratori. The gals assisted Mrs. Sally Yamasaki serve refreshments.

ELA dinner-dance to fete membership committeemen

(Los Angeles) East Los Angeles JACL's annual membership dinner-dance, May 21, at Swalley's Restaurant, Olympic and Boyle Ave., promises to be a success judging from reservations already made. The affair honors the membership committee. Dinner will be served from 7 p.m.

Entertainment specialties include dancers Amy Iwanabe, Mickey Gotanda; the HiFiettes, singing combo accompanied by Ritsuko Kawakami and some last-minutes surprises, according to Mio Fujita and John Watanabe. George Nomi will be emcee. Also on the committee are:

Martha Tsuji, Jim Higashi, gen. arr.; Nancy Takamatsu, fin.; Dorothy Takata, Mas Kakiba, transp.; Tats Minami, George Matsuura, Fred Takata, hi-fi, records; Martha Tsuji (AN 2-4315), Roy Yamadera (MI 4565), reservations by May 18.

Unusual filmfare announced for San Francisco CLers

(San Francisco) Seven experimental films will be presented at the next San Francisco JACL chapter meeting, May 21, 8 p.m., at American Friends Service Center, 1830 Sutter St. The program will include such titles as:

"Begone Dull Care", visual interpretation of jazz music drawn by Norman McLaren, sometimes called the Canadian Disney; "Images Medievales", pageant of 14th and 15th Century life from illuminated manuscripts; "Muscle Beach", amusing short made at Santa Monica; and "Between Two Worlds", pure ballet-cinema.

San Francisco-born Nisei designer runs Detroit art gallery with UN theme

(Detroit) Four years ago young designer Robert Hanamura, 23, born in San Francisco, opened his Chikurin Gallery and because of lack of space has moved it to Birmingham in suburban Detroit. It is a "United Nations for design," comments Joy Hakanson of the Detroit News.

"Outside, a Japanese lantern says welcome. Inside, furniture and decorative objects from Sweden, Finland, Italy, Denmark, Mexico, China, and Siam are displayed with American products for visitors who seek international accents for their homes.

"Nobody shops in a hurry at the gallery. There are too many invitations to browse. A teak monkey hangs from the mantle by one arm. To its right, glass pitchers and vases from Scandinavia gleam on several shelves.

"A rush planter made in China and a Japanese fish kite hang from the ceiling. And around the room are chairs in leather and various contemporary fabrics. They are sculptured to fit all but the most out-sized human forms," she continues.

Jazz throbs insistenly from a hi-fidelity outfit in one corner. "I've been collecting progressive jazz for years," Hanamura said.

Chiku-Rin is a base for several operations. Hanamura works from here on custom interior design. He also books monthly art exhibits and opens them with Sunday parties. Gallery friends come from all over Michigan to sip sherry, eat cheese dip and look at art.

Hanamura's mother, Midori Hanamura, born in Tokyo, is an accomplished artist in her own right. She has won prizes for water color paintings exhibited around Detroit. Her son has built some of his interiors around her delicate flower pictures.

Hanamura studied at the Univ. of California, Miami University and earned his bachelor's degree at Wayne University. First practical experience in his field came working with Alexander Girard, noted designer.

To find material for his gallery, Hanamura scouts design workshops and importers and keeps close contact with artists across the country.

One question new visitors usually ask is: "What does Chiku-Rin mean?"

"It's Japanese for bamboo forest," Hanamura said. "My mother and I picked it for sound. In Japan, there are many bamboo groves, and it is common for friends to say I'll meet you at chiku-rin."

Nisei-designed primary school wins top national administrator's award

(St. Louis) A midwestern primary school designed by Gyo Obata, second son of Prof. and Mrs. Chiura Obata of the Univ. of California at Berkeley, was selected for a top award in national competition sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators.

The educational institution designed by Obata is the Bristol Primary school located in Westgrove near St. Louis. The architects included Yamasaki, Hellmuth, and Leinweber of St. Louis.

In awarding this honor the jury commented: "Meritorious efforts in developing the site for educational purposes. Relationship of interior to the outside adds educational opportunity. Unanimous jury agreement on architectural excellence."

In designing this award-winning school, Obata put in special features.

The kindergarten wing has bilateral lighting with a wide portico to the south for covered play. It overlooks its own separate play court enclosed by a cedar fence.

The kindergarten rooms have coils embedded in the floor to provide a warm surface. In the other classrooms special aluminum skylights give an overall uniform lighting.

The ceiling finish throughout is white acoustical plaster for sound control. The floors are grey asphalt tile except in the cloak and toilet rooms, which are of ceramic tile. All classrooms have individual fresh air and heat control.

CAPSULES

Lloyd Shinsato, Univ. of Denver graduate, has opened his new law office at 1221-19th St., Denver. He hails from Hawaii.

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Two frogs from Japan will participate in the famous Calaveras Fair and Jumping Frogs jubilee May 20-22 at Angel Camp. The jubilee commemorates Mark Twain and his story of the "Jumping Frog of Calaveras".

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Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR (Part 2)

San Francisco

The constant change in time, as we flew westward, threw all of us off but around noon on Sunday, April 3, we learned that there were only two or three hours before arriving in Tokyo. Despite the comfort of and consideration shown on the Pan American "Strato" Clipper, we all eagerly looked forward to landing. It was not until shortly after 2 p.m. that one of our tour members sighted land, and it seemed like we were still pressing our noses to the windows that the light flashed on to fasten our seat belts. Our descent toward Haneda Airport, international air center of Japan, was starting.



From then on, all of us were seized in a delirium of confusion and anticipation. I believe our arrival in Tokyo would have been utter bedlam if it hadn't been for Albert K. Kosakura of Pan American World Airways, who on two days' notice had been assigned to escort our huge tour group, and the Japan Travel Bureau staff which greeted us at the airport.

In no time at all we passed through the Japanese customs and received our foreign exchange books. These are necessary because American currency cannot be used in Japan; it must all be converted into yen. Even American GIs use special military script in their canteens and PXs.

On special charter buses we were whisked away to Yamanouye, a western-style hotel rather than a Japanese inn. The entire hotel staff came to greet us, bowing politely at the entrance. We were treated not as customers but as guests. Since we had arrived so late in the afternoon, we were happy to do nothing more than to take a relaxing bath and rest before going down to our first dinner in Japan.

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Toshi Kataoka of San Francisco's Aki Hotel Travel Bureau had ordered an elaborate dinner for us in the banquet hall, and the almost 60-odd members of our tour party got acquainted and re-acquainted at dinner time. Some of the members of the group had departed from San Francisco about two weeks prior via American President Lines and had reached Tokyo only that morning.

Nine courses were served of both American and Japanese dishes. As a "dancho," I made my first brief speech in Japanese which was greeted, I am sure, with internal hilarity by our new Japanese friends.

Highlight of the dinner was an address by Masahiro Nishibori of the Japanese Foreign Office and an old friend from San Francisco where he served in the Japanese Overseas Agency before the signing of the peace treaty and the establishment of a Japanese Consulate General there. Being an expert not only in government but in foreign relations, from him we learned a great deal about Japan's recent developments both internally and in terms of foreign affairs.

After dinner we all retired, happy to get to bed in spite of the advances in the air age, as any bed is preferable to the best foam rubber airplane seat for sleeping comfort.

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VISITING PALACE, MEIJI SHRINE

Monday, April 4, started out with a bang. Again, in special charter buses, which were used frequently in our tour, we set off in the morning to visit the Imperial Palace. (It is the custom in Japan for a young woman guide to accompany these tours and explain the highlights of each locality. Frequently when we traveled in the country and there were stretches in which explanations were unnecessary, our guide for the day would sing or tell stories about the peculiar history of the area.) The Imperial Palace is a fabulous structure in the heart of Tokyo, and we wandered on the grounds within the moat and the castle walls in the freezing cold. We enjoyed a Chinese lunch at the New Tokyo Hall, the only Chinese meal we ate during the tour.

In the afternoon, we rode out to the Meiji Jingu Shrine which contained 80 huge paintings roughly 8 by 10 feet depicting the important events during the life and reign of the Emperor Meiji who was one of the great rulers of Japan. He occupied a strategic era in Japan's history when she began her trade and relationship with the countries of the West, giving great impetus to the modernization of Japan. It was during his rule that Japan passed from a feudal nation toward her role as a great world power.

Later we were guests of the Bank of Tokyo at the Kabuki-za. The presentation began at 4:30 with an intermission when dinner was served us inside the theater building, again through the courtesy of the Bank of Tokyo. We noticed that many of the other theater-goers had brought lunches with them which they consumed with great gusto during the performance.

Last year when the Azuma Kabuki troupe visited San Francisco, we were enchanted with their presentation, but the Kabuki in San Francisco was dwarfed by the breath-taking spectacle at the Kabuki-za in Tokyo. Here on the stage—which ran across the entire front of the hall (more than twice as wide as our American stages), with its supplemental *hanamichi* which again ran half the length of the hall—was relived moments from the history and myths of Japan. In America we would be appalled at the idea of viewing a six-hour play but this majestic display of dance, plays and music combined fantasy, comedy and tragedy so beautifully that we were sorry to have to leave for our hotel almost at midnight.

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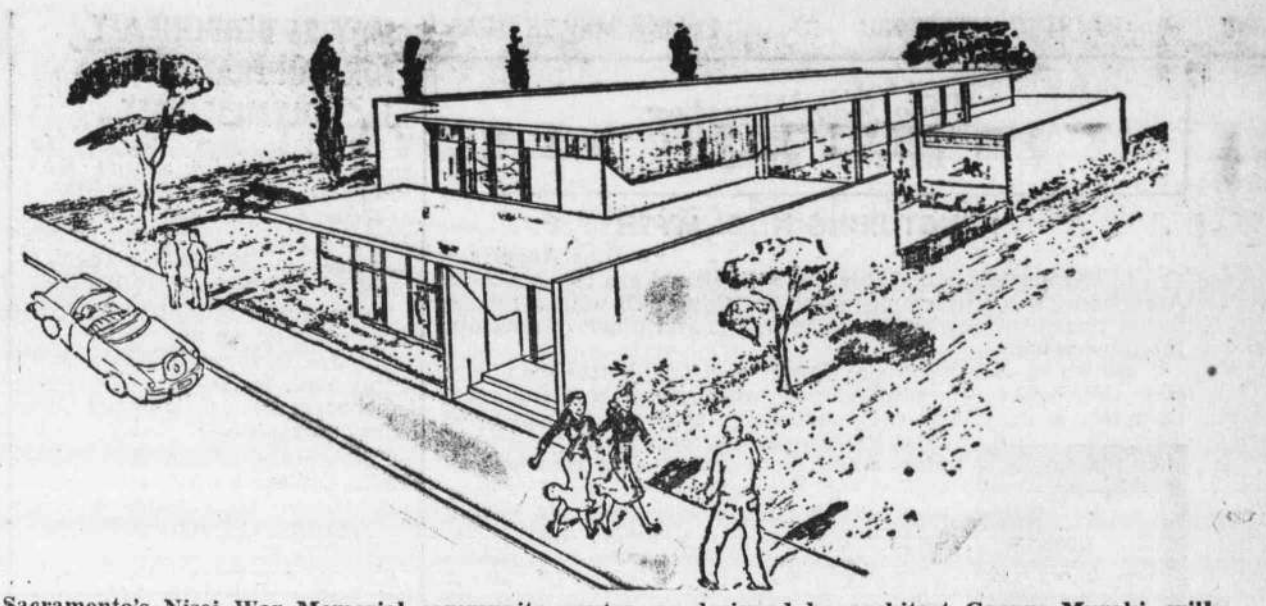
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Sacramento's Nisei War Memorial community center, as designed by architect George Muraki, will be located on T Street next to the Parkview Presbyterian Church. All-out fund drive by JACL and VFW groups will start in June. About $25,000 is being sought. The ground was originally purchased by the late Masao Taketa, leading Issei pioneer of Sacramento Valley, who long felt a living memorial for Nisei servicemen was needed in the community.

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Sacramento JACL, VFW to launch fund drive for new center

(Sacramento) A long - sought dream approached reality this past week as the Sacramento JACL and VFW Nisei Memorial Post pledged to raise $7,500 within its own ranks for a Nisei War Memorial community center. Construction of a $25,000 building is expected to start this year.

The late Masao Taketa, a leading Sacramento Valley pioneer, early in 1952 felt so strongly about a living memorial to Japanese Americans who distinguished themselves in service that he and members of his family purchased a parcel of T Street property, adjacent to the Japanese Parkview Presbyterian Church, for the JACL and VFW post on which to build a community center.

Unfortunately the elder Taketa died before he could see his dream come true and his son, Henry, prominent JACL leader, has passed title of the lot to the JACL and VFW groups.

In December, 1952, the two organizations appointed a 14-man building committee of:

JACL—George Tambara, Ginji Mizutani, Percy Masaki, Jun Miyagawa, Dr. George Takahashi, Henry Taketa, Bill Matsumoto, Toko Fujii; VFW—Harry Tanaka, Frank Oshita, Dave Noguchi, Coffee Oshima, Mamoru Sakuma, William Sakai, Frank Yoshimura and Dr. Yoshizo Harada.

The Sacramento Redevelopment Project temporarily disrupted the program during 1953, a year which was to have been used for soliciting pledges and contributions from Japanese merchants, situated in the heart of the redevelopment area.

Late last year, the building committee decided to go ahead with construction plans in spite of redevelopment. A building plan designed by architect George Muraki was accepted and a new committee was chosen when some of its original members could no longer serve. Presently serving are:

JACL—Henry Taketa, Peter Osuga, Harry Fujii, Percy Masaki, Toko Fujii, Dr. George Takahashi, Dr. James Kubo; VFW—Dr. Yoshizo Harada, Terry Kohaya, Kay Matsueda, William Sakai, Frank Yoshimura, Coffee Oshima and Dave Noguchi.

Dr. Y. Harada is chairman of the Nisei War Memorial Community Center board of directors. Frank Yoshimura is secretary with Eugene Okada as publicity director.

An all-out fund drive will be started in June.

JAPAN INTEREST IN REFUGEE RELIEF, ORPHAN ADOPTION HIGH, ISHIMARU REPORTS TO SAN FRANCISCO COMMITTEE

(San Francisco) There is active interest in Japan relative to the provisions of the U.S. Refugee Relief Act and considerable hope that adoption of Japanese orphans by Americans would be facilitated, Haruo Ishimaru reported last week to the Committee on the Adoption of Japanese Children.

Ishimaru, who recently returned from a brief visit of Japan, gave his report on his conferences with both U.S. and Japanese officials concerning refugees and orphan adoptions.

While in Japan, Ishimaru met with representatives of the American Joint Committee for Assisting Japanese American Orphans and the Committee on the Welfare of Japanese War Orphans. Others he met with were Consul General Taylor of the American government and members of both the Japan Foreign Office and the American Chamber of Commerce of Japan.

According to Ishimaru, there is a great deal of interest in Japan relative to the provisions of the Refugee Relief Act and considerable hope that the adoption of Japanese orphans can be facilitated and extended.

hTe American Joint Committee for Assisting Japanese American Orphans has concerned itself with the welfare of approximately 3000 mixed-blood war orphans in Tokyo, assisting in arrangements for adoptions as well as in the education and medical care of nona doptable children. Besides these mixed-blood orphans there are approximately 30,000 Japanese orphans in Tokyo alone in various institutions who receive governmental aid amounting to only 7 yen a day, approxiamtely 2 cents in American currency.

The San Francicso committee was advised that the International Social Service and the above-named groups are eager to work cooperatively in dispensing information concerning both the availability and procedures for the adoption of children from Japan. Miss Watson stated that the committee would continue to work with both governmental and private organizations in preparing information on the adoption of children both in America and from overseas.

Miss Annie Clo Watson chaired the meeting. Representatives from the state social welfare department and city public welfare department were also present.

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Togasaki—

[From Front Page]

World War I, in which he served overseas in France, he expressed his satisfaction that the League had developed into the effective national organization that it is today.

When questioned as to what was asked most by his audience during his lengthy tour across the northern section of the United States, down the Pacific Coast, and back to the East through the southwest and south, Dr. Togasaki replied that it related to possible Japan trade with Red China. Next most asked question had to do with communism in Japan, followed by those regarding "anti-Americanism" and "rearmament".

He was received most courteously everywhere, he reported, and found interest in and "friendship for" Japan in every part of the country. He expressed the hope that this friendly interest and concern for Japan would continue into the future too.

Summer informal dance

(San Francisco) The second annual San Francisco JACL Summer Informal Dance will be held Saturday, June 11, 9 p.m., at the Surf Club. Tickets are available now at $4 per couple from chapter and auxiliary members. On the dance committee are:

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BY TATS KUSHIDA

PUNCTURING NISEI MYTH

Los Angeles

If anyone has called this the enlightened era for Japanese Americans, leave us calmly puncture this myth with a needle we've honed on our ten years of JACL and other community relations work.

On a comparative basis, Nansei now fare better than they ever did before. In employment, housing, social acceptance, economic position and even politically, they are far ahead of their pre-war status. This remarkable contrast serves as a tribute to themselves as well as the American way of life. The evacuation and barbed wire camp days of a short decade ago was probably their nadir.



But all is not peaches and cream, not by a long shot. To a vocal minority of the so-called majority, this is still a white man's country. Nothing became more sharply evident than the testimony given at a city council hearing by some of the opponents to a fair employment practices ordinance last Tuesday.

The dignified and logical arguments of the score of proponents made the frenetic bombasity of some of the opposish seem disgusticulous and more than faintly reminiscent of the mouthings of the homefront commandos and barroom patriots that tried to crucify Japanese Americans during World War II.

By poorly contrived innuendo, convenient statistics and blatant allegations, the antis painted a fantastic picture of the mongrelized fate to which whitemankind is doomed if the ordinance is adopted. The UN and UNESCO (teaching of which they succeeded in barring from L.A. city schools a couple years back) were dragged in, one speaker labelling former governor Tom Dewey of New York as a Communist sympathizer and threw in actor Eddie Cantor and others for good measure.

It was quite a circus. For column material, wish we could obtain the transcript. On second thought, we hope it will be buried at Bikini because a commie getting a hold of this comic-opera testimony could use it for anti-American propaganda.

The hearing was conducted by the three-man Committee on Public Health and Welfare of the Ellay city council, chairman of which is Councilman Ed Roybal, the almost-successful candidate for the state's lt. governorship last fall. He is introducing the ordinance. Councilwoman Rosalind Weiner is also in favor of the proposed law while the third, Charles Navarro of the southwest area's 10th District, is known to oppose it.

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ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT ALIVE

We added our testimony to that of the proponents, explaining that the JACL has biennially resolved to support such legislation at the national conventions and that the PSW district council last year had reaffirmed that position.

What we started out to say was that our contacts with public officials, politicians and others in places of high influence convince us that anti-Japanese sentiment is still very much alive. Particularly was this manifested when we did a six-weeks stint at lobbying in Sacramento in 1951. We were unpleasantly shocked to run into smouldering vestiges of a "hate the Jap" attitude harbored by our state legislators, especially in the Senate side which has proportionately more hold overs from pre-war haiseki administrations.

In the face of present day favorable public opinion towards AJAs, these latent feelings and stereotype obsessions are not openly avowed. But it's there, brother. Leave us not get complascent.

Why we don't panic easy, like we did in the spring of '42, is our faith that democratic processes and the principles of fair play to all will ultimately scuttle this dying, we hope, remnant of unAmericanism. The huge majority of the majority are okay joes.

We kinda go for the testimony of a city psychiatrist at the Tuesday hearing. He professionally described racial prejudice as a kind of disease which affects the mental health of the community, a communicable disease at that.

Come to think of it, it must be, since it isn't congenital. He further described prejudiced persons as being incapable of love, with usually having an authoritarian personality, a strong inferiority complex and other disturbances in their personality makeup.

Some of those witnesses, we now recall, did look and sound like fugitives from the snake pit.

MAY 26 DEADLINE SET FOR SAN FRANCISCO JACL OLYMPIC MEET

(San Francisco) Deadline for entry in the third annual San Francisco JACL Olympics June 5 at Kezar Stadium has been set for May 26. Entry blanks will be distributed to NCWNDC chapters meeting this Sunday at Berkeley.

Competition is limited to amateur athletes, sponsored by their local JACL chapter. While there is no team fee, each entrant will be charged $1. JACL membership is not necessary.

Nisei athletes interested in the JACL Olympics are urged to contact their local chapter officials to organize a team. Events will include:

Class A—100, 220, 440, 880, mile, 120 low hurdles, 70 high hurdles, 880 relay broad jump high jump, hop-step-jump, pole vault, 12 lb. shot put, discus.

Class B—50, 100, 220, 120 low hurdles, 440 relay, broad jump, high jump 8 lb. shot put.

Girls—25, 50, 220 relay, broad jump, high jump.

SPORTSCOPE

Sadako Hayashida's 205 was the high game for the special tournament marking the close of the San Luis Valley JACL-sponsored bowling league at La Jara, Colo. Champions were Blanca Equipment, team; Anne Escheman, singles; Charley Aigaki-Pete Uyemura, doubles.

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Ted Shoda banged out a 672 series including a 258 game in Ontario (Ore.) Gay-way Classic League recently for one of the best series in the locality.

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Katsuichi Mori, national diving champ from Japan cavorting for Stanford University, was upset by Dick Conner of Univ. of Southern California in a dual meet last week at Palo Alto. The Tribe won 57-27.

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Shortstop Eddie Takei is grabbig big sports headlines in the *Oakland Tribune* with his heavy hitting for Oakland Tech High nine, which came through two wins last week to stay on the top of the Oakland Athletic League. He unloaded a two-run homer in a 4-1 game earlier in the week and came through again in the clutch batting in the winning run in a 7-6 triumph over San Leandro.

Industrial cagers

(San Francisco) Kik's formidable team won the first annual Nisei Industrial basketball league co-sponsored by the San Francisco JACL and Buchanan St. YM-YWCA last week, winning with 5-0 win record.

Chiyo Tashima, June Jue to compete in Midwest tourneys, WIBC meet in Omaha

(Los Angeles) Mrs. Chiyo Tashima, the nation's most outstanding Nisei keglerette, leaves for Chicago today to take part in the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament and other events.

The Nisei star will go with the Hyatt House team of the Crenshaw 935 Men's Classics.

She came through as the singles champ in the 29th annual California Women's Bowling Tournament ending May 1 at San Diego with a 623 series.

June Jue, who teamed with Chiyo to win the women's doubles in this year's National JACL tournament held at Long Beach, will also make the trip.

The schedule calls for the group to leave today for Chicago to compete in the Samuelson's tourney the following day.

They will also enter the Elgin tournament in Illinois on May 15, the Ted Tryba singles tournament on May 16 and the Hank Marino tournament in Milwaukee on May 17.

On May 18 and 19 the group will head for Omaha, to bowl in the WIBC tournament.

Japan Davis netters named for zone finals

(Tokyo) Two veterans, Atsushi Miyagi and Kosei Kamo, will be joined by two newcomers, Yuji Hakayama, 22, and Yoshiro Yoshimura, 22, in the Eastern zone final round of Japan's Davis Cup tennis play May 28-30 here against the Philippines. Interest is high here because it is the first Davis Cup tie to be played in Japan.

Takayama doubled with Miyagi last year to win the Philippine doubles championship. Yoshimura captains the Keio University tennis team.

Nat'l AAU judo meet in Los Angeles May 28-29

(Los Angeles) The Southern California Judo Yudanshakai will sponsor the third annual National AAU judo championships, May 28-29, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Gene LeBell, 22, former Coast Guardsman from Hollywood, will defend his grand championship, which he won last May at San Francisco. Seattle Judo Club won the team title.

NEW CITIZENS

(Fresno) Fifty-one Japanese were part of the largest mass naturalization proceedings ever held in Fresno County, where 167 were made citizens Apr. 5 before Superior Court Judge Philip Conley. They include:

Selma—Choemon Araki, Sada Inouye, Natsuye Iwamura, Tohei Iwamura, Itsuji Katayama, Nobuko Matsui, Takayuki Misaki and Toshio Ogata.

Parlier—Suyemitsu Arifuku, Hisata Tachiya, Yoshi Masuda, Tsuyoshi Nakashima, Maruye Tanouye, Hikoso Tatami, Torazo Tsuji and Kazuo Yotori.

Reedley—Hannah Mary Asami, Yoneichi Asami, Fuji Hashimoto, Toshi Hashimoto, Natsuko Iwo, Yasumatsu Iwo, Shigeo Naito, Saye Sakata, Denroku Sasaki, Tamayo Teranishi and Robert Minoru Yamada.

Kingsburg—Ben Shoichi Doi, Kiyoko Doi, Tneichiro Takao and Tomoyo Mary Wakasa.

Fowler—Tsuneyo Fujimoto, Itsuyo Iwamoto and Hana Yoshimoto.

Del Rey—Yasutaro Toyama.

Fresno—Hama Fujimura, Katsuji Goto, Tsuneyo Jinkawa, Kazumi and James Morishita, Kinu Kato, Sueno Nagahama, Kaoru Nakagawa, Mildred Tomiko Okamoto, Umekichi Tanaka, Masao Tange, Akiyo Tsubota and Tokichi Yoshioka.

Regaining her citizenship at Tuesday's proceeding was Chiyoko Ide of Fresno.

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LOS ANGELES: Daijiro Sasaki, Rinosuke Hiroshige, Hanako Hiroshige, Moto Wada, Seichi Miyake, Tadashi Imai, Shigeko Takemoto, Teizo Hatashita, Yu Yamashita, Ai Nagano, Takeo Matsunaga, Kimie Hamanaka, Masaichi Nakagawa, Koei Yonemoto, Roku Hiraga, Shizuko Yamada, Chiyo Inouye, Kamejiro Nishiyama, Shinichi Kishima, Sawae Kishima, Yone Nagasawa. (Federal Judge H. C. Westover, April 25).

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WATSONVILLE: Heigoro Yoshimi, Tom T. Yamasaki, Tomio Matsuoka, Henry Jinmatsu Tsutsui (Apr. 18, Judge James L. Atteridge.)

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DENVER: George Hideo Fujii, Masukatsu Morikawa (Apr. 11, U.S. Dist. Judge Jean S. Breitenstein).

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

AMAZING LI'L TOKIO JAPANESE

Los Angeles

We spent an evening this week to digest Demaree Bess' "California's Amazing Japanese,' (April 30 SatEvePost), to see what the free lance writer had to say about persons of Japanese ancestry on the coast. While we do appreciate the significance of the article on a public relations plane, we were rather disappointed for its lack of reportorial depth.



The article began with force. Its coverage on Municipal Court Judge John F. Aiso was as complete as it would ever be. There is no doubt that any story on the Nisei would be incomplete without the mention of the former lieutenant colonel.

But the rest of the article appeared to be more of a personality sketch, padded here and there with few facts to lengthen the article to meet the space provided.

Even the title seems "expanded" because of the limited scope the reporter covered. Much of his information concerned persons who live in Li'l Tokio or who are engaged in business there. We think Bess might have appreciated his subject matter more had he thumbed through the files of the *Pacific Citizen* or the English sections of Japanese vernaculars in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

While it was important for Bess to mention the resumption of businesses in Li'l Tokio by returning evacuees, we feel there is more than just First & San Pedro Streets in the lives of the Issei and Nisei. The Bess essay leaves a frustrating vacuum in our mind.

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Since the *Saturday Evening Post* has one of the largest magazine circulations in the country, Bess had an opportunity to tell the millions of its readers the major role of Japanese Americans in the flower markets and wholesale produce industries.

It might have included the accent of Oriental culture witnessed at colorful ceremonies held by the Buddhist churches on festive occasions, the revival of Japanese language schools which are no longer taboo in California.

We would had liked to learn that Nisei teachers are much in demand by school boards and that job opportunities for a minority group just 10 years out of relocation centers are "better than ever".

There is yet a wealth of material to continue this amazing story of Issei and Nisei returnees to the coast. No other ethnic group has survived the "ups-and-downs" of wartime hardships of the evacuation and the resettlement.

We hope Demaree Bess can come up with another feature on the Japanese in America, this time on a nation-wide basis. It should be most interesting.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKEI

ORPHANED GIRLS FIND HOME

(Our columnist Budd Fukei had submitted his column early last week, commenting on headlines in the Nisei press to the effect that Seattle might be the site of the next National JACL Convention. Then, one of the human attributes took its toll—the copy was misplaced. In the meantime, a touching story in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer by Charles Regal of two Japanese orphan girls finding happiness in their new home came across our desk. We hope Budd approves this story in the column.—Editor.)

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Seattle

Two round-faced little girls with merry dark eyes frolicked happily about the large living room of a big house at 932-18th Ave. N. last week.

It was hard to believe that they had arrived in their new home in a strange land only a few hours before, after a tiring plane ride from Japan.

Christine Marie and Julie Ann frisked about like small, brown puppies. Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Lynch, their foster parents, smiled at their antics.

"It's good for them to let go like this," Mrs. Lynch said. "They've been used to living in an orphanage. They're just using some of that stored-up energy."

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, who already had five daughters, negotiated eight months to arrange adoption of the girls. Both girls are six years old and both are of Japanese-American parents.

They look like twins, but came from different Catholic orphanages in Yokohama.

"We selected them from photographs and descriptions," Mrs. Lynch explained. "One glance at those appealing little faces was all we needed."

The other Lynch daughters are Kathryn, 17; Maureen and Toni, both 14; Linda, 13, and Jo, 11. The girls, all students at Holy Names Academy, are thrilled over their new little sisters.

"We'll have them talking English in no time," Kathryn said. "Right now they speak mostly Japanese, with a little English and French mixed in."

Mrs. Lynch managed to bridge the conversational chasm with a Japanese-American dictionary the first day. She has learned most of the "key" words necessary in dealing with six-year-olds.

The children arrived early Wednesday last week aboard a Northwest-Orient Airlines plane. They entered the United States under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 on a non-quota basis. Adoption proceedings were handled by officials of Our Lady of Lourdes Baby Home at Yokohama.

Lynch, a tall, friendly fellow, is training director for Olympic National Life Insurance Co. He says he doesn't mind at all being the only male in such a large family of females. Even the family's two cocker spaniels are females.

"We wanted to adopt girls because the older girls can do so much more to help them." Mrs. Lynch said.

Christine Marie and Julie Ann will start in the first grade at Holy Names next September. The rest of the family predicts they will be good students. Both did excellent coloring with crayons in color books Wednesday.

Mrs. Lynch, a pleasant, soft-spoken woman, said she is glad to provide information to anyone interested in adopting or caring for orphans in Japan.

"There are hundreds ready to extend their arms to a new 'mother' and 'dad'," Mrs. Lynch said. "We must remember that 'Children are Love made visible.' And each child brings to the home more than he receives."

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

AMBO—Apr. 17, boy Doren Itsuno to Toshiro Ambos (May Abe).
CHERRY—Apr. 11, girl Leonora D. to Daniel Cherrys (Shirley Shimamoto).
HARDING—Apr. 11, girl Katherine M. to Ronald Hardings (Kazuko Nakagawa), Huntington Park.
HASEGAWA—Apr. 8, boy William P. to Takashi Hasegawas (Leona Jeo).
HIDA—Apr. 7 ,boy to Wataru Hidas (Mary Tsuneta), Puente.
HIGASHI—Feb. 13, boy Michael B. to Shiyoji Higashis (Betsy Ikeda), Gardena.
HOSOKAWA—Apr. 11, girl Myra Michiko to Atsuyoshi Hosokawas (Nobuko Okabayashi).
INOUYE—Apr. 4, boy to Kaoru Inouyes, Monrovia.
IWANAGA—Mar. 13, girl Barbara Miyuki to George Iwanagas (Mitsu Nomoto).
IWANAGA—Apr. 10, boy Jimmy Yasuo to Susumu Iwanagas (Sumiko Tosaki), North Hollywood.
KAICHI—Apr. 13, girl Jeannette Michiko to Hiromu Kaichis (Noriko Morimoto), Santa Monica.
KAWA—Apr. 25, girl Ellen Tomi to Kenji Kawas (Natsuye Oka).
KAWAOKA—Apr. 13, boy Alan Masao to Paul Kawaokas (Amy Hashiguchi).
KUNIHIRO—Apr. 3, boy Allen Toshio to Yoshio Kunihiros (Shizuko Sakaguchi).
KURIMOTO—Apr. 9, boy Douglas Jun to Takumi Kurimotos (Setsuko Okamoto).
MAEDA—Mar. 5, girl Karin L. to Kunio Maedas (Fumi Hamai), Long Beach.
MASUNAKA—Apr. 14, girl Maria Kim to Mareo Masunakas (Mitsuko Shirao), Pasadena.
MATSUSHIMA—Apr. 11, girl Marjorie Sumiko to Manabu Matsushimas (Hideko Kitamura).
MAYEDA—Apr. 14, girl to Isamu Mayedas, San Gabriel.
MICHIHIRA—Apr. 9, girl Leslie L. to Ray Michihiras (Grace Ozawa).
NAGANO—Apr. 10, boy David Akira to Jack Naganos (Louise Mizumoto).
NAKAJI—Mar. 21, girl Patricia A. to Ben Nakajis (Setsuko Nakamura).
NAKAMURA—Apr. 13, girl Katherine Kiyomi to Yutaka Nakamuras (Mary Uyehara).
NAKAYAMA—Mar. 13, boy Steven to Toshio Nakayamas (Rose Matsuoka).
NARAHARA—Mar. 2, boy Steven B. to Ted Naraharas (Suzanne Hattori).
NISHIDA—Apr. 12, girl Debra Kimiko to John Nishidas (Kikuko Yamaguchi).
SHIMAMURA—Apr. 7, girl Wendy L. to Nobu Shimaharas (Yoshiko Taira).
SHIZUMURA—Apr. 10, girl Donna M. to Norman Shizumuras (Kimi Nishifue).
SUGIMOTO—Apr. 12, girl Jayne Chieko Tanaka).
TSUJI—Mar. 29, boy Ronald Tadashi to Hirotsugu Tsujis (Haruko Tachibana).
UJIMORI—Apr. 12, boy Harvey Takeshi to Hisanobu Ujimoris (Chieko Morioka).
WADA—Mar. 23, boy Scott J. to Jack Wadas (Lucy Nakano).
WAGAMATUMA—Apr. 10, girl Esther Yoko to Takeo Wagatsumas (Teruko Nikaido).
WHALEY—Apr. 12, boy Michael S. to Robinson Whaleys (Hisako Shinjo), Bellflower.
WHITEHEAD—Apr. 15, girl Janet S. to Frank Whiteheads (Seu Tabata). San Pedro.
WONG—Apr. 9, girl Susan to Gene Wongs (Shizue Masubuchi).
YOSHIDA—Apr. 12, girl Blanche to Kei Yoshidas (Lucy Hirokawa).

ARIZONA

KAWAMURA—Apr. 30, girl to James Kawamuras, Glendale.

FRESNO

KAWAMOTO—Apr. 23, boy to Kiyoshi Kawamotos, Reedley.
KIMURA—Apr. 26, girl Yoshiko to Rev. Gibun Kimuras, Reedley.
NAGATA—May 2, boy to Tom Nagatas.

STOCKTON

FUJII—May 3, boy to Kazuo Fujiis.
FURUKAWA—Apr. 5, boy to Dave T. Furukawas.
HORI—Apr. 10, girl to Moto Horis, Linden.
NAKASHIMA—Apr. 3, boy to Roy Nakashimas.

WATSONVILLE

HIRANO—Apr. 28, boy to Shig Hiranos (Kikuye Sukekane).
MORISHIMA—Apr. 24, girl to Kiyoshi Morishimas (Matsue Yasaki).
NAKAMOTO—Apr. 25, boy to Masaru Nakamotos (Marie Meisu).
TANOUYE—Apr. 26, girl to Hiroshi Tanouyes (Michi Fushimi).

SAN JOSE

INOKUCHI—Apr. 27, boy Michael K. to Minoru J. Inokuchis.
MATSUMOTO—Apr. 13, boy Michael F. to Sueo Matsumotos, San Martin.
MORIMOTO—Mar. 24, girl Vickie Hatsumi to Satoru Morimotos, Irvington.
TAKEDA—Mar. 26, boy to William Takedas.

REDWOOD CITY

SHOYAMA—Apr. 22, girl to Shuji Shoyamas, San Mateo.

SAN FRANCISCO

KATO—Apr. 8, girl to Ben T. Katos.
NAKAMURA—Apr. 20, girl to Masakatsu Nakamuras.
TERAO—Apr. 15, girl to Francis E. Teraos.

BERKELEY

NAKAMURA—Apr. 18, boy to Noboru Nakamuras.

SACRAMENTO

KAWAHARA—Apr. 11, boy to Tom T. Kawaharas, Walnut Grove.
MATSUHIRO—Apr. 10, girl to Keiji Matsuhiros.
YAMAGIWA—Apr. 15, girl to Ben T. Yamagiwas.

AUBURN

MIYAKAWA—Apr. 25, boy to Hiroshi Miyakawas.

PORTLAND

FURUKAWA—Apr. 16, girl Candice Y. to Tamotsu Furukawas.
HARA—Apr. 11, girl Nancy E. to Dr. George Haras.
KIYOMURA—Mar. 20, girl Teri to Shoji Kiyomuras.
KOMORI—Apr. 13, girl Etsuko to Shinro Komoris.
MAEDA—Apr. 8, boy David R. to Roy Maedas.

SEATTLE

AKADA—Apr. 20, boy to Bill Akadas.
HIKIDA—Apr. 20, girl to Ray Hikidas.
HOSHI—Mar. 29, boy to Sherman Hoshis, Vashon.
ITO—May 3, girl to Toshio Itos, Bellevue.
KAWAHARA—Apr. 28, boy to Hitoshi Kawaharas.
MATSUMOTO—Apr. 23, boy to Ben Matsumotos.
MURAKAMI—Apr. 20, girl to Ken K. Murakamis, Renton.
MURAKAMI—Apr. 30, girl to Washin Murakamis.
SAKO—Apr. 23, girl to Saburo Sakos.

DENVER

INOUYE—Girl to Herbert H. Inouyes.

DETROIT

NAKAMURA—Apr. 2, girl Joyce M. to Richard I. Nakamuras (Janet Arai).

CLEVELAND

YAMADA—Mar. 29, by Gregg E. to Tosh Yamadas (Kazuko Kono).

NEW JERSEY

KAMITSUKA—Boy to Rev. Arthur Kamitsukas, Princeton.

Engagements

HONDA-TAKEMORI — Madge, Honolulu, to Hitoshi, Berkeley.
IWAMOTO-MURAKAMI — Pat, New York, to Jack, Seattle, Apr. 17.
KUSATSU-ITO—Elsie Akiko, Lihue, to James A., Chicago.
NAGAKI-WATANABE — Chiyoko, Oregon Slope, to George Mitsuo, Hood River.
TOMA-KATO—Doris Chizuko to Glen Takeo of Los Angeles. (Last reported in "Licenses Issued.")

Marriage Licenses Issued

HIROMOTO-NISHIKAWA — Haruo, Clarksburg; Masae, Sacramento.
HIRONAKA-FUJITA — Sam S., Sacramento; Martha, Hana, Napa.
HONDA-KOIKE — Miles Y., 33, Yakima; Elsie T., 21, Honolulu.
KOSUGI-MIYAZAKI — Shozo and Sara S. of Seattle.
MATSUMOTO-HIGUCHI — Jesse, Henderson; Toshiko, Denver.
NISHIMOTO-UDA — Henry W. and Mary E. of Sacramento.
POHAN-KOTO—Rene and Shiyomi of San Francisco.
TAKEMOTO-YOKOTA — Robert, Lincoln; Amy, Newcastle.
TOKUNAGA-TANAMACHI — Atsushi and Emiko of Stockton.
TSUDA-KUSABA — Yoshijiro, 65; Namie, 60, of Berkeley.
YOSHIMURA-WASHIZU — Sadao, Marysville; Nancy Nobuko, Sacramento.

Weddings

HAMADA-HAYASHIDA — May 1, Isamu, Whittier; Yoshiko, Florin.
IMAI-KURATOMI — May 1, Osamu and June Michiko of Los Angeles.
IRITANI-KIMURA — Apr. 30, Dr. Roy Isao, Denver; Ramona Kiku, Honolulu.
ITO-TAKEDA — May 1, WO Paul Hirokazu, Seattle; Kazuko, Los Angeles.
MANTA-MORIKAWA — Apr. 29, Masayuki Edward and Doris Sachiko of Los Angeles.
OKA-YOSHIMURA — Apr. 2, Arthur, Berkeley; Sakae, Cleveland.
TAKEDA-INOUYE — Apr. 30, Roy Takeshi and Frances Sauyri of Los Angeles.

Deaths

FUKUMOTO, Kinsaemon, 77: Long Beach, Apr. 28, survived by sons John Teruo, Frank Shigeru, Kaname, Jimmy Susumu, daughters Helen Tomiko and Mrs. Grace Teruko Uriu.
FURUKAWA, Koshiro, 67: Seattle, Apr. 26, survived by sons Fred, Ben, Hiroshi, John, daughter Mrs. Kashiro Nakata, six grandchildren.
HARADA, Dr. Kazuto, 50: Seattle, Apr. 23, survived by wife Marji M. and daughter Dorothy Y.
IMAMOTO, Suyeko, 78: Seattle, Apr. 21, survived by sons Shuichi (Chicago), Toshio (Los Angeles), daughters Mrs. Mate Fukui, Mrs. Alic eFujinami (Los Angeles), Mika (Chicago), Mrs. Betty Shimomura (Toronto), and 10 grandchildren.
ISHIMARU, Shingo, 71: San Jose, Apr. 28, survived by wife Masano, son Kenzo, daughters Shizuko (San Francisco), Mrs. Keiko Shimizu, three grandchildren and brother Shiro (San Mateo).
ITO, Kiyo: New York, Apr. 19, survived by father Umekichi, brothers Ichiro, Masaji and Yo.
KUBO, Kaizo, 27: Pomona, May 2.
MASUGUCHI, Rikizo, 74: Los Angeles, Apr. 27, survived by wife Suye, sons Harry Satow, daughtger Mrs. Matsuko Kawasaki.
NAKAGAWA, Kuni, 81: Long Beach, Apr. 29, survived by five grandchildren.
NAKASHIMA, Miye, 69: Seattle, Mar. 31, survived by husband Kamezo, five sons and five daughters.
OSAWA, Ei 54: Compton, Apr. 27, survived by son Hiroshi, daughter Mrs. Emiko Imaizumi.
SAKUMA, Yasuji, 72: Seatle, Apr. 15, survived by wife Ko, sons George, Kazuo and Masamitsu (Japan).
SAKAMOTO, Mitsutaro: Portland, Apr. 19.
YAGI Kazutoshi, 73: Los Angeles, Apr. 28, survived by wife Kameko, son Bush Nobutoshi, daughters Cassie Mae Haruye, Mrs. Kimiko Tazoi, Mrs. Takako Minamide and brother Ghei.
YAMAMOTO, Umeno: San Jose, Apr. 5, survived by husband Jay, son Horace, four grandchildren sister Mrs. H. Fudenna (Irvington).
YAMASAKI, Manhichi, 76: Dayton, O., Apr. 28, survived by wife Chiyono, Don Masaru, daughters Mrs. Kimiye Sakada, Mrs. Mei Teranishi and Mrs. Lily Sato.
YASUNAGA, Nobutaro: Fresno, May 3 (funeral).
YOSHIDA, Sadahei 75: Salt Lake City, Apr. 14.

Japanese movies

(San Francisco) First-run Japanese movies will be available for showing henceforth aboard APL liners President Cleveland and President Wilson, according to John M. Diggs, APL passenger traffic official.

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Sgt. Ben Kuroki participates in B-29 raids against Tokyo.

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Seek to repeal California code permitting segregated schools, Rosenthal bill aimed at 1943 law authorizing separate schools for children of Japanese, Chinese, Indian ancestries.

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Night-riders attack S. G. Sakamoto home near Fresno; police investigate latest shooting incident.

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Neighbors express regret over vandalism which defaced S. Nagaishi home in Seattle.

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Aloha USO (Hattiesburg, Miss.) closes doors.

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Validity of sections of new Oregon land law doubted by WRA solicitor in opinion; would close farm labor to ineligible aliens as means of livelihood.

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Protest "Green Hornet" radio program describing Nisei as saboteurs.

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Ex-State Sen. Inman of Sacramento asks for law to deny citizenship rights for Nisei.

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California Preservation League asks confiscation of California Nisei property.

SOCIAL NOTES

(Minneapolis) Emi Takato and Fer Ohno are co-chairmen of the Japanese American Community Center bazaar to be held here June 12. The community picnic, co-sponsored by the JACC and Twin Cities UCL, will be held the following Sunday at Webber Parkway (42nd St.).

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(Chicago) City-Widers will sponsor their "May Frolic" dance May 21, 8:30 p.m., at the North Avenue YMCA, 1508 N. Larrabee with Walter Tamura as chairman. Assisting are:

Rose Makino, Miye Ito, Mary Tsuji, Frank Emoto and Shig Okamoto.

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(West Los Angeles) The WLA Buddhist Church Ladies Guild installation and family potluck dinner will be held May 22, 4 p.m., at the church, 2003 Corinth Ave.

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(La Jara, Colo.) Betty June Ito, daughter of Mrs. Marie Ito of La Jara, was honored May 10 with a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. George Katsumoto. Mrs. Y. Fujimoto was assistant hostess. She will be married to Joe Sugiura of Denver later this month.

Placer queen

(Penryn) Sumiye Hirota, 20, was crowned queen of the Placer JACL community picnic outing last Sunday under sunny skies. Over 4,000 picnickers attended.

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Editorials

STATEHOOD ACTION

Judging the action taken this week in the House returning the combined Alaska-Hawaii statehood measure to committee suggests renewed efforts by proponents, although every conceivable avenue to admit Hawaii as the 49th State must have been investigated by this time.

The long struggle by proponents has been marked by similar disappointments in the past only to give rise to even greater efforts. The people in Hawaii are like that—"Go For Broke".

On the other hand, it is regrettable this action came at a time when the admission of Hawaii would have strengthened the faith of millions in the Far East in American democracy.

MAIDENS FROM HIROSHIMA

The American press, radio & TV this week reported the arrival of 25 girls, scarred by the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima, for free plastic surgery at New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital. We may have vague impressions as to the extent of their disfigurement. In the next few weeks, the newsreels will tell the story, thus giving us a deeper insight and a grimmer picture.

Most of the girls who have been dubbed the "Hiroshima Maidens" have scars from burns on their faces and necks. They will undergo operations which usually would cost more than $250,000. After a week in the United States, the girls said they found Americans "nice and friendly".

As awesome as this might appear, the gesture made by understanding and sympathetic Americans should win many a heart in Japan. We must never sell short the contribution of an individual citizen renders toward international goodwill.

LETTERS FROM AMERICA WEEK

"Letters from America Week," May 16-22, observes its fifth anniversary this year. It's a 52-week-a-year campaign to encourage Americans to use their letters to relatives and friends aboard to spread the truth of America and thus help to strengthen the free world. It can be a mighty force in creating good will for America and correct misconceptions from Communist propaganda.

Sponsored by the Common Council for American Unity, it is a good time to remind ourselves of what is at once a duty and an opportunity. It is "the type of contribution to good international relations that the individual citizen can make repeatedly throughout the year," to quote from President Eisenhower.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

SECURITY VS. INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

One of the complexities of the present generation deals with the government loyalty-security program. Before you say "right" or "wrong" to the matter, here are two statements recently reported in the press that bear careful reading-over . . .



Robert E. Sherwood, FDR biographer, told the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at Waldorf forum: "If the national security is to be rated above the security, the civil liberties, the dignity of every American, then our national security is not worth defending. If our constitutional system is to be superseded by an acceptance of the heartless, soulless, callous tyranny against which our ancestors have fought for centuries, then we had better yield to the Russian and Chinese Communists." . . . J. Edgar Hoover's assistant, Louis B. Nichols, attempted the tough task of setting Sherwood straight: "One of the tragedies of our era is that it has become necessary to have a security program. An even greater tragedy is found in the tactics employed by those who do not wish to face the facts."

Indeed, it is tragic when a Nation, such as ours, which has attained a greatness that is incomparable in modern history, has had to fight for its own existence from within . . . Now comes a case before the Supreme Court (the Dr. Peters case) which is expected to rule on the whole loyalty program. The Yale professor served as consultant to the U.S. Public Health Service until 1953 when the government decided there was reasonable doubt as to his loyalty . . . His arguments heard before the Court several weeks ago charged he was denied his right to trial by due process because—as in all federal loyalty proceedings—he could not see the secret reports or cross-examine informants . . . The reply in the Government brief insisted "disclosure of these confidential sources would not only imperil the employee loyalty and security program but would also endanger the effective functioning of investigative agencies in the espionage and sabotage fields" . . . Perhaps the outcome was forecast in the contention of Dr. Peter's counsel: "It would have been better to have no hearings at all than unfair hearings".

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: BY MIKE MASAOKA

Congressional Scoreboard

Washington

The First Session of the 84th Congress is now in its fifth month.

The resume of activity, as summarized in the "Congressional Record" for the period Jan. 5 to Apr. 30 isn't too impressive but the number of bills reported by committees and ready to be considered shows that this Congress is finally under way.

During this period, the Senate was in session 49 days, spending 220 hours and 46 minutes in deliberations; while the House in 56 calendar days spent 172 hours and nine minutes.

The Senate used up 2,570 pages of the "Congressional Record" to record its proceedings, while the House used 1,898 pages.

Only 28 public bills were enacted into law in this period, of which ten originated in the Senate and 18 in the House. Only two private bills, both originating in the Senate, became law.

On the other hand, the Senate has approved 245 bills and the House 448 so it should not be too long before the respective chambers may consider those measures approved and sent over for concurrence by the other.

Senate committees have outstanding 298 bills reported for floor consideration, while the House has before it 441 bills reported by their committees.

Up to April 30, a total of 8,619 measures have been introduced into the congressional hoppers, 2,047 in the Senate and 6,572 in the House.

As of this writing, no bills sent over to the White House have been vetoed by the President, although there is considerable speculation that he may do so with the so-called postal pay raise legislation.

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Congressional speed-up

The various subcommittees and committees have now organized and in operation for some time. Reports on various items of legislation have been requested of the interested government departments and agencies. Many of these reports are now in the hands of the committee chairmen, enabling them to hold hearings and to give proper consideration to the executive's views on every bill before them.

The time to take up controversial legislation has come, and both the Congress itself and its various committees and subcommittees are grappling with such explosive, political issues as pay raises for government workers, reciprocal trade agreements and membership in international organizations to promote trade, highway expansion, federal aid to education, fixed farm price supports, statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, foreign economic aid, military assistance to overseas areas, selective service and an active reserve program, national defense and reliance on aircraft, atomic research and peacetime production, etc.

Congress will have to act on some of these subjects this year, but others may be allowed to be approved by one House and left over until next year in the other for political or other reasons. From now on, every issue will be voted up or down, or postponed, on the guess of its net effect in November, 1956, when the next presidential and congressional elections will be held.

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Presidential pressures

In the first two years of his Administration, President Eisenhower appeared to be trying to lean over backward to avoid giving the impression that he was trying to "dictate" or directly influence legislation. For this attitude, many criticized him for lack of leadership.

Now, however, the President has evidently changed his tactics and often expresses himself directly or indirectly on legislation of particular concern to him and his Administration.

In addition to meetings with congressional leaders which have become more and more bipartisan of late and luncheons and dinners with opinion and committee leaders on specific matters, he has spoken out quite strongly in his press conferences or through his press secretary on such vital-to-his-Administration policies as international trade, agricultural price supports, and military spending.



In addition, of course, the President is becoming more adept at using the so-called behind-the-scenes pressures to bring recalcitrant congressmen into line — promises of patronage, support for certain legislation or projects, etc. — which practically every chief executive from Washington down to the preesnt day has used more or less discreetly.

President Eisenhower commands tremendous personal popularity both among the electorate and the members of Congress, so his influence is also exerted indirectly in terms of the next campaign when many congressmen want to be identified with having helped the President with his legislative program.

Finally, the mathematics of the slender margin of control of the Democrats is all in his favor, for his threat of a veto requiring two-thirds majority in both the House and Senate to override such displeasure forces many compromises in his favor.

Since he became President, he has scrupulously refrained from "indulging in personalities", as he describes his repeated refusal to be drawn into controversies involving individual members of the Congress. This is in direct contrast to both his immediate predecessors, Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman, who often quarrelled publicly with the members of the legislative branch.

On the other hand, neither President Roosevelt nor Truman commented publicly on pending legislation when it was before either a committee or a chamber. They took the position that they could not discuss specific legislation when they were under consideration but must wait submission to the White House for approval or disapproval.

The President also refrains from participating in intra-party contests, again in contrast to the efforts of both Presidents Roosevelt and Truman to "purge" certain congressmen who they disliked.

It is, of course, much too early to evaluate President Eisenhower as a politician or as a leader of the legislative forces. But there is none to challenge that he is learning fast.

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Names in Congress

One of the annual games on Capitol Hill is to check to determine what is the most popular name among the congressmen.

As might be expected, this session as last, the Smiths lead numerically with six.

Miller, Rogers, Thompson, and Williams are in a dead heat for second, with four each.

Davis, Jones, Bennett, Curtis, Green, Johnson, and Murray are each represented in triplicate, while there are two each of the following: Allen, Bass, Bolton, Brooks, Brown, Case, Martin, Dawson, Dorn, Harrison, Hays, Hoffman, King, Mack, O'Brien, O'Hara, Reed, Rhodes, Simpson, Teague, and Wilson.

The Boltons are mother and son, both from Ohio.

New Jersey is the only state in the Union which has a "double-duplicate" name problem, though all involved happen to be Republicans. Jersey's H. Alexander Smith has a last namesake in Maine's Margaret Chase Smith and its Clifford P. Case has a last name counterpart in South Dakota's Francis Case.

Of the 531 members of the Congress (435 in the House and 96 in the Senate), 85 have at least one colleague with a similar last name. None, however, are from the same state.

Selected as the most uncommon names in the Senate are Hickenlooper and Hruska, while in the House they are Mumma, Pfost, Pillion, Staggers, and Utt.

Essense of Understatement

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(Los Angeles) It's getting so that the metro papers carry as much in the way of news about Southland Issei and Nisei as the three local vernaculars.

Typical of human-interest items with a Japanese angle that are reported almost daily by metropolitan columnists who write of the lighter side of the day is the top story by Gene Sherman of the Los Angeles Times last week:

"Cecil Luskin, chief of the Criminal Division of the County Clerk's office, hired a Japanese girl last Monday as a typist-clerk, name of Miss Sally Y. Kobayashi. As a matter of routine, Mr. Luskin handed her an official questionnaire which all new employees are required to fill out. Miss Kobayashi did so. She listed her previous employment from December, 1944, to August, 1945, as a teacher of sewing and cooking in Hiroshima.

"The next question was: *Reason for leaving employment?* With what may stand unchallenged as the essence of understatement in such questionnaires, Miss Kobayashi answered answered: *Dropping of the atomic bomb.*"

ETSU MASAOKA GUEST OF OKLAHOMAN AT BRUNCH IN HONOR OF 'MAMIE'

(Washington) Etsu Masaoka was guest of Mrs. Carl B. Albert, wife of the Oklahoma Democrat who is majority whip in the House of Representatives at the Congressional Club brunch May 5 in honor of Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower. Due to her illness, President Eisenhower substituted and spoke a few words of greetings.

The Congressional Club is restricted in membership to wives of legisaltors, cabinet officers and Supreme Court justices. (Rep. Albert, a Rhodes scholar, served overseas in Japan with Judge John Aiso.)

Ladies of the club had taken the Eisenhower Gettyburg farm as the party theme.

CALENDAR

May 13 (Friday)

Sonoma County—Auxiliary meeting, Sebastopol Memorial Hall.

San Francisco—Meeting, Buchanan "Y", 8:30 p.m.; Dr. Nello Pace, spkr. "Mountain Climbing at Its Best".

Chicago—Meeting, Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan; Allen Bradley, Chicago Daily News editor, spkr.

May 14-15

PSWDC — District convention, Mar Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara.

May 14 (Saturday)

Salt Lake City—Stag-stagette dance, "Spring Frolic", 850 East South Temple, 8 p.m.

Richmond-El Cerrito—Benefit movies, Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, 7 p.m.

Mt. Olympus—Surprise Social.

May 15 (Sunday)

NC-WNDC — Quarterly session, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley.

Richmond-El Cerrito — Mothers' Day potluck dinner.

Detroit—Issei Testimonial Dinner, International Institute; Mike Masaoka, spkr.

May 17 (Tuesday)

Parlier—Auxiliary meeting. Topic — Health.

May 18 (Wednesday)

Marysville—General meeting, JACL Office, 8 p.m.

May 20 (Friday)

So. Alameda County—Meeting, Warm Springs School. Editor Stuart Nixon, spkr.

May 21 (Saturday)

East Los Angeles—Dinner-dance, Swally's Restaurant, 7 p.m.

San Francisco—Meeting. Experimental films, American Friends Service Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m.

May 22 (Sunday)

Reedley—Issei Citizen banquet, Reedley College cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

Long Beach-Harbor Dist.—Issei-Nisei Recognition banquet, L.B. Community Hall, 1760 Seabright, 7 p.m.

San Francisco—Peninsula Home tour (Auxiliary benefit).

East Los Angeles—Festival of Friendship, Fresno Playground.

May 25 (Wednesday)

Southwest Los Angeles—Meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.; Author James Edmiston, spkr.

San Diego—Issei Testimonial banquet, Miyako Cafe, 7:30 p.m.

East Los Angeles—Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m. Convention reports.

May 28 (Saturday)

Southwest Los Angeles—Cooking class, Centenary Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.; Hayao Shishino, instr.

June 3 (Friday)

Philadelphia — Meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.; Dr. James Dannenberg, spkr., "What Do You Know About Dentistry?"

June 5 (Sunday)

San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.

June 9 (Thursday)

Gardena Valley—Issei Testimonial dinner, Western Club, 15516 S. Western Ave.;; Judge John Aiso, spkr.

East Los Angeles—"Marriage Clinic", Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m.

June 11 (Saturday)

San Francisco—Summer Informal dance, Surf Club, 9 p.m. Jim Blas' orch.