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Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

NEW YORK TIMES AND NISEI

Denver

Americans of Japanese and Chinese lineage — once the targets "of the most systematic discrimination" in the west coast states—have moved into a status close to first class citizenship. This is one of the conclusions of a recent *New York Times* survey of interracial relations in the Far West.

The *Times*, a New York newspaper with a national orientation, has a sense of responsibility which encompasses the whole of the United States. In the years since Pearl Harbor it has bent its editorial weight on behalf of fair play for the Nisei—particularly in that troubled time of mass evacuation, mass detention and mass relocation. The *Times'* awareness of problems affecting Japanese Americans has benefitted from definitive coverage by its two California correspondents, Lawrence E. Davies in San Francisco and Gladwin Hill in Los Angeles.



The editorial position of the *Times* in regard to the Nisei also has been indicative of its influence and interest in the American problem of racial relations as a whole.

The *Times'* report of May 29, under Gladwin Hill's byline, saw "unspectacular but marked progress toward elimination of racial discrimination in the West."

"In few sections of the West," the report summarized, "can it be said that all the prinicpal minority groups—Negroes, Indians, people of Oriental and Spanish lineage—enjoy full equality with other people in public activities. But in a few of the states and many localities the situation comes remarkably close to full equality. And there are widespread indications of steady improvement."

The *Times* cited the actions of eight of thirteen western state legislatures which in the past year, enacted measures aimed at reducing discrimination.

Washington strengthened its FEPC and eliminated racial questions on drivers' license examinations.

California outlawed racially discriminatory auto insurance terms and an FEPC bill was approved by the State Assembly for the first time, though its passage in the State Senate was considered unlikely.

Arizona passed an FEPC for public works.

Wyoming repealed an old, unusual law permitting Negro segregation in some public schools.

New Mexico and Montana passed measures ordering racial equality in places of public accommodation, but the laws carred no enforcement machinery.

Colorado strengthened its FEPC, and North Dakota repealed a law against interracial marriage.

There was a negative side, too. Bills for equality in public accommodation failed to pass in Nevada and Arizona and a move to repeal the ban on interracial marriage failed in Idaho.

The survey learned that it is possible to legislate racial equality to an exent. Discrimination has lessened in areas where efforts have been made to enforce statutory guarantees of equality under the law.

The study was conducted among the Times' correspondents in each of the western states, and among spokesmen for anti-discrimination organizations. The consensus was that Negroes are the most regular victims of discrimination, particularly in the denial of public accommodations. Here the situation ranges from general acceptance of all non-whites in Washington, to a degree of Deep South-Jim Crowism in southern Arizona where "no Negroes allowed" signs are displayed in restaurants. And then there is Nevada which, according to Franklyn Williams, regional director of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, is "a misplaced Mississippi—a Negro can't even lose his money at the gambling spots." Needless to say, there are few food or housing accommodations available to Negroes in Nevada. The policy of Jim Crowism in the gamblers' paradise does not extend to the state's 5,000 Indians or persons of Oriental descent.

A major factor in anti-discrimination progress in the West has been the intensified legal and legislative pressure and public relations activities in the past few years by organizations fostering equal treatment for all under the law. Although the JACL was not specifically mentioned, it has been one of the foremost, particularly in the field of legislative activity.

The survey noted that an additional factor in the lessening of discrimination against persons of Japanese and Chinese ancestry "was that the pre-war legal sanctions and prejudice against them had been so extreme that they collapsed in the face of organizational campaigning."

One conclusion, despite the relative optimism of the *Times* report, is that much of the progress has been superficial, something which did not escape the race relations experts who were interviewed. They were much happier about growing equality of acceptance of minority group Americans in public places, than in respect to "deeper questions" such as that of discrimination in housing and in employment.

The consensus was that full equality—which means housing and jobs, too—was still a long way off. But as one of the participants summarized the situation: "Things are moving, and the obstacles seem a bit lower than they used to."

Calif. pension for Issei bill awaits governor's signature

(Sacramento) Gov. Goodwin Knight was urged by seven JACL leaders to sign AB 2255, which provides old age assistance to Issei. The Governor promised to give the bill every consideration, adding that he has had no opportunity to study it since the legislature had passed so many bills on the last day of session.

Calling on the Governor were: Tom Yego, 1st national v.p.; Jack Noda, NCWNDC chmn.; Bill Matsumoto, NCWNDC v.-chmn.; Toko Fujii, Sacramento JACL pres.; Ginji Mizutani, past pres., Sacramento; Dean Itano, Sacramento attorney; and Haruo Ishimaru, JACL regional director.

Although the Issei are now eligible for citizenship and subsequently for old age assistance, few of the elderly and infirm Issei who need assistance the most are unable to obtain their citizenship, the Governor was told.

Ishimaru, who lobbied for the JACL bill, said the Governor has until July 15 to sign the bills that were passed on the final day of session. "In discussing the bill with Gov. Knight's office, there seems to be no serious objection to the bill," he said and urged JACL chapters and members to write to Gov. Knight requesting his early signature on AB 2255.

Administrative funds for claims program await Congress OK

(Washington) Appropriations to continue administration of the evacuation claims program for the coming fiscal year still await congressional approval, the Washington Office of the Japanese Americacn Citizens League reported this week.

Current operating funds for the Justice Department's section administering the evacuation claims program expires June 30.

Congressional consent of appropriations for government salaries and other Departmental expenses in the claims program are required for fiscal 1956, the Federal ac-

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Ogden Issei citizens to be feted June 30

(Ogden) Gov. J. Bracken Lee of Utah has been invited to be main speaker at the final Ben Lomond JACL banquet honoring 140 recently naturalized Issei citizens, it was announced by Toyse Kato, chapter president. The special event is being held Thursday, June 30, 7:30 p.m., at the Canton Cafe here.

Expected to be present for the occasion are civic dignitaries including the mayor, judges, and school officials. Assisting Kato on the banquet are Sukito Matsushima, Issei board member ,and Roy Nakatani.

Abalone hunter drowns in San Luis Obispo waters

(San Luis Obispo) Wataru Tanimoto, 31, was drowned Monday morning while hunting for abalone, two miles north of Cayucos on the rocks along the coast.

A resident of 4321 W. 38th St., Los Angeles, Tanimoto apparently was overcome by a wave.

He and his family had just started their vacation here.

EQUALITY IN LIBERALIZATION OF REFUGEE RELIEF ACT FOR JAPAN URGED IN JACL NOTE TO CONGRESS

(Washington) Liberalization of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 must be equally beneficial for refugees in Japan and in Europe, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, declared in a statement before the special Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees.

The special subcommittee, headed by Sen William Langer (R., N.D.), concluded its public hearings recently on the President's ten proposals to liberalize the refugee relief program, but the record was held "open" until last Tuesday to receive a statement from Masaoka, who returned from a visit to the west coast to welcome the first contingent of Japanese refugees admitted to this country under the 1953 law.

Masaoka made clear that "as an organization interested in promoting legitimate immigration into this country under proper safeguards, the JACL endorses any liberalizations that will authorize more expeditious and humanistic processing of refugee applicants abroad and their early entry into the United States.

"At the same time, as the only national organization of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country; indeed, as the only national organization of Asians in the United States, the JACL is concerned over the obvious failure of both the basic statute and the proposed amendments to extend the same consideration to the Far East as is proposed for Europe."

He then urged equality within the law for Japanese refugees, noting that present regulations give consideration primarily to European refugees. However, the situation in Japan is different, he said, and "the very qualities of most Japanese which would make them welcome immigrants to the United States—industry, integrity, their unwillingness to remain idle, their desire to hold each other—were causing them to be disqualified as refugees . . .

"It also became quite clear that because of misunderstandings about the nature of the program and the confusion resulting therefrom, many Japanese who had applied for admission to this country were disqualified and disgruntled. And, as usual, the Communists and the anti - American elements in the population were making propaganda out of this tragic situation."

Recalling congressional enactment of the law two years ago, the JACL statement pointed out that "only a last minute effort on the floor of the House and the Senate and in Conference resulted in token allocations for the Orient, even though in Japan, Korea, Hongkong, Formosa, and the countries of Southeast Asia there are probably more victims of military operations, Communist aggression, and natural calamities than in all of western Europe.

"And, even then though relatives of American families residing in Italy, Greece, and the Netherlands were given generous and special consideration in the 1953 law, the only Asians who might be beneficiaries of this remedial measure had to qualify as bonafide refugees under the technical definitions written into the basic legislation."

Noting the differences between

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Grateful Issei citizens give school cherry trees

(Reedley) Local Issei who became American citizens after attending citizenship classes at Reedley College Adult Evening School have decided to present the college with 150 cherry trees to express their appreciation to the community and also to beautify the college campus.

A local paper carrying this news item commented:

"It is hoped that the trees will more than beauty the college; that the bank of cherry blossoms will become a San Joaquin Valley tourist sight when they bloom each spring."

State assembly honors S'ta Barbara Nisei prep leader

(Santa Barbara) Recognition of his outstanding leadership qualities continued to be paid on David Yamada, 17, who was graduated last week at Santa Barbara High School where he served as student-body president.

The California State Assembly extended its commendation for Yamada's accomplishments made in the span of nine years since his return from relocation camp and congratulated his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Yamada, in the resolution initiated by Assemblyman James L. Holmes and unanimously adopted June 8.

The House Resolution was inscribed on a beautiful scroll and presented at the senior class assembly. It was the first time in the history of the California Assembly that such a resolution had been adopted, according to Assemblyman Holmes.

A faculty committee selected Yamada as the "outstanding senior boy" and will be listed on the Santa Barbara Exchange Club Honor Plaque.

At the recent PSWDC convention here, the Santa Barbara JACL chapter surprised the young leader with a scroll in recognition of his achievements and talent as a gifted speaker.

Ask Burger, Clarke to federal bench

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

(Washington) Among judicial nominations sent by President Eisenhower to the Senate for confirmation this week were two friends of the Nisei, Asst. Attorney General Warren E. Burger and Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke.

Burger has been nominated for the federal court of appeals, District of Columbia. Clarke was nominated to be federal judge for the Southern District of California.

Burger, as head of the civil division, Dept. of Justice, was responsible for the Japanese claims section. In that capacity, he demonstrated sympathy for evacuation claims since assuming the office when the Republican administration assumed control in 1953.

The nominee was well known to Twin Cities Nisei as chairman of the St. Paul Human Relations Council and as member of the

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From the Frying Pan

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FASCINATION OF A RAINY DAY

Denver

Never thought I'd see the day I'd stand and watch rain, fascinated by the sight of moisture dripping from the heavens. But I've been doing just that lately, welcoming every raindrop to this parched land. Water is the lifeblood of the high plains country and Denver lies in that area where the plains meet the mountains.



Back in Seattle, where it seems to rain about 300 days a year, we were profligate with water. The chief concern of conservationists was to get the water run off into the sea quickly before it damaged the land. Here, where the sun shines 300 days, the need is for conserving every drop.

A little while ago this lazy Saturday afternoon we got a pretty fair shower. We all stood around and watched the rain come down. It made a happy pattering sound and the air was sweet and the grass seemed to turn greener before our eyes. Soon Pete darted out into the rain and let it soak his hair and his shirt, and then Christie followed him. I know it felt cool and good and so I didn't reprimand them. I know what I would have done if I were Pete's age. I would have taken off shoes and socks and gone wading in the stream that raced down our paved back alley.

But if Pete did that, Christie would want to do it too, and so would Mike and Susan. And when the rain stopped I would have had to get some towels and supervise a general foot-drying and there would have been a lot of fuss and bother. So I didn't suggest it. Right now, I sort of wish I had. That would have given me an excuse to go wading, too.

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HAWAIIAN COMES PROSPECTING

Probably the most unusual uranium prospector on the entire Colorado Plateau is a Hawaiian Nisei named Keiji Fujii. Fascinated by the prospect of quick riches, Fujii came to the Plateau about a year ago from Honolulu where he owned a service station. He bought a jeep, a Geiger counter, picked up a partner, and headed for the hills. But before that, profoundly aware that he was a tenderfoot, he studied books and asked a lot of questions about prospecting. He learned quite a bit. He learned even more when his partner took off with most of his equipment.

Fujii rustled up a new grubstake and headed alone into the desert for a second try. He camped out for as long as a month at a time in the vast, barren, desolate Plateau so unlike his native islands. But the pot of gold at rainbow's end was hard to locate. Last fall he almost gave up. Then he worked a while on a tungsten deal, which failed to develop, and now he's planning to spend another six months in the search for uranium before he goes home.

"I can't tell you exactly what keeps me here," Fujii says. "Sometimes I think I'm like a kid on a treasure hunt. Whatever it is, it's got me."

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MARK IN URANIUM MINING

Generally speaking, Issei and Nisei have not been active in western mining. A few worked in the coal mines, a few others in Utah's copper pits. A handful of early Issei pioneers got the gold fever and sought that elusive metal in Alaska, and in camps in the high Rockies. The Chinese, on the other hand, have left their mark in places like Central City, Silver City, Idaho, and in the ruins of a dozen other timberline ghost towns.

Once I wandered through an abandoned Chinese cemetery, now overrun with brush, in Silver City high above the Owyhee desert. In Central City, a 300-pound Chinese named Wong (his first name escapes me), was well thought of enough to be urged to run for sheriff. His name is perpetuated in the Central City opera house and his grandchildren are prominent today in Denver.

Now the search is for uranium, and perhaps some American of Oriental origins will make his mark in the hunt of ore for the A-age.

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Japanese stamp collectors hit by war; over half composed of school children, dealers limited by foreign exchange control

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(Tokyo) Recently Henry Mori of Los Angeles wrote in the *Pacific Citizen* about stamp collectors. There is an estimated 300,000 of them in Japan—about half composed of primary and junior high school pupils. This is rather small in number by comparison with pre-war days when Japan had many world famous philatelists. Today, only a few of them remain since some of the renown collections were destroyed by fire during the last war.

Tokyo's Central Post Office has opened a philatelic agency to facilitate the ever-increasing demands of philatelists all over the world. Sales amounting to 3-million yen a month are being registered.

You'll note junior philatelists crowding the CPO philatelic window. However, their purchases are limited to the smaller denominations. Japanese stamp collectors in general cannot afford expensive purchases since many live on the so-called "hand-to-mouth" standards.

Stamp dealers in Japan are almost controlled by foreigners who are able to get any stamp freely. The exchange control limits the amount of foreign stamps a Japanese dealer can purchase. And U.S. stamps are very expensive sere—and difficult to obtain.

Topical groups are developing among the more experienced and learned collectors. (Topicals, we ought to explain, are collections based upon subject matter rather than countries; such as, religious, animals, transportation, medical, etc.—Editor.)

American stamp collectors are really going in a "big way" for Japanese stamps by the sheets. And some have purchased complete Japanese collections from well-known philatelists here, forced to give up their priceless lots for the sake of "bread and butter".

In terms of yen, some Japanese stamps are truly expensive. A special sheet containing four airmail stamps issued on April 20, 1934, is now priced over ¥6,000. One is considered lucky if he is able to get one.

Of late, Japanese stamps are getting very colorful, but the designs have much to be desired.

Very popular among Japanese stamp collectors are the *mihon* (proof) varieties. The postal ministry in the past has circulated many of them, but recently the supply has become very limited. The difficulty here is that *mihon* issues cannot be purchased. Since there is no set price for them, the Japanese specialist must be prepared to pay a pretty penny for them if he wants to boast a "complete" collection.

Japanese postal history started in the Yedo Era when express messengers (*hikyaku*) carried letters between Yedo (Tokyo) and Osaka-Kyoto by foot or horseback. The western method or modern postal system was started on Mar. 1, 1871, when Japan issued its first set of hand-engraved stamps. Prior to the actual introduction of Japanese postage stamps, the American, British and Dutch merchants here employed their own system of carrying mail.

IN HONOR OF

- Two Denver University graduates, Jayne T. Fujita and Paul H. Kasai, were accepted into Phi Beta Kappa recently. Sacramento-born Miss Fujita has accepted a position as chemist at DuPont, while Osaka-born Kasai will continue graduate studies in physical chemistry at the Univ. of California at Berkeley.
- Marjorie Nagaoka has been appointed as part-time teacher of commercial classes at Lodi Union High School this fall.
- Inez Nagai, girls physical education instructor at Carlmont High School, San Carlos, will be one of two teachers accompanying a group touring Europe this summer. The former Fresno Nisei leaves June 28.
- Yoshio Nakashima of Parlier was awarded a renewal of his $200 McMahan Furniture scholarship to Fresno State College, where he is a pre-dental student.
- Patricia F. Kita of Salinas Union High School, awarded several other scholastic honors, earned a honorary scholarship to the Univ. of California.
- Ken Fujimoto and Gail Shinagawa of El Cerrito High School were presented $100 scholarships from the Richmond PTA and Delta Sigma Theta, respectively.
- Richard I. Tanaka of Pleasant Hills, Calif., now studying digital computers at California Institute of Technology, was among four winners of Howard Hughes fellowships in science and engineering.
- Harry Kawagoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junijiro Kawagoe, Reedley, was awarded the $300 May J. McLean scholarship at the Univ. of California Medical Center in San Francisco.
- Karlyn Sugai of Ontario received the Univ. of Oregon Dad's scholarship for payment of one-year tuition.
- Jeanne Tanase, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tanase, Detroit, is editor of the Thomas Cooley High School newspaper circulated among 3,600 students. She plans to enter Univ. of Michigan on a Michigan Regents-Alumni scholarship she won.
- Ben Takeshita won the first award to be made from the Faulkner Memorial fund at the College of San Mateo.
- Allen Yamakawa was voted by the Hyde Park (Chicago) High School faculty as one of 11 outstanding graduating seniors. He is a member of the honor society, swimming team, golf club, math honor club, yearbook staff, student council and the Quill & Scroll.
- George Nagata, Stockton Nisei violinist, will play the Tschaikowsky Violin Concerto at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium, July 13, with the San Francisco Symphony. The program is one of the nine Pops Concerts being presented by the S.F. Art Commission with Arthur Fiedler of Boston as conductor.

House mother retires

(Berkeley) Mrs. Kiku Taniguchi, retiring as housemother of North Gate dormitory at the Univ. of Califorina, was honored by students and alumnae at a farewell dinner last week. Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki was toastmaster. North Gate was formerly called the U.C. Japanese Women's Student Club.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

ASIAN STUDENT ORIENTATION

Honolulu

Hawaii will be host again this summer to about 30 or 40 Asian students. They will spend six weeks at the Univ. of Hawaii and move about in the local community when they are not occupied on the campus. The American government wants them to be "oriented" here before they move on to various mainland colleges.



The program, started last summer, turned out well enough so it is being repeated in late July and August this year. The aim is to get the Asian students accustomed to their new surroundings—to new people, new schools, new way of living.

One method of orientation that will be tried again will be to invite local citizens to talk to the visitors about the American scene. Specialists in various fields—politics, sociology, art, economics, etc.—will introduce the students to those aspects of American life in which they would be expected to have some interest.

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TALKS ABOUT U.S. PRESS

When I was invited to talk about journalism last summer, I readily accepted. I was as anxious to learn what my audience thought about American newspapers as I was in imparting some information to the visitors.

Because there was very limited time for questions, after my prepared talk, I was unable to sample the opinions they held, if any, about the U.S. press. I wanted to know, for instance, whether they read American newspapers or magazines regularly, what their impressions about American publications were, and more important, how accurate a picture of America they had gotten from the American press.

I was curious in attempting to confirm my worst suspicions —that most foreigners have a rather distorted attitude towards America and Americans.

Evangelist Billy Graham was recently quoted as saying America ought to do something about the bad and false impression many foreigners have of her.

The general picture of America abroad, he contends, as fostered by the press, tourists and moving pictures, is that of a land of murder, crime, violence, sexual excesses, and general immorality.

Commenting on Graham's remarks, the Greensboro (N.C.) *Daily News* thought that the criticism, by and large, is correct.

"The press by its nature is concerned with the spectacular; the worse part keeps it in proper proportions," said the newspaper's editorial.

I will have another opportunity to test the impressions of young Asians when I speak to them this summer. This time, I hope to make a thorough sampling and do what I can, if necessary, to set straight any gross misimpressions my audience may have accumulated from reading American publications.

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IDEAS ON AMERICAN ECONOMY

If the occasion permits, I hope also to probe into my audience's ideas about the American economy. One can take for granted that a group of Asian students, like those who are coming here from seven or eight countries, will have a fairly accurate knowledge of American productivity, inventiveness and ingenuity; that the American record is astounding when measured by per capita income, abundant hours of leisure, and an ever higher quality and quantity of articles produced and consumed.

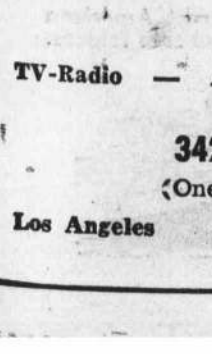
The interesting question is not how much they are aware of American material prosperity but why the economy is as robust as it is.

The answer to this point has been set down in a most authoritative and convincing fashion in a monumental study just published by the Twentieth Century Fund. A score of experts worked on a 1,148 page tome called "America's Needs and Resources; a New Survey."

"America's unique industrial achievements," the book states, "are the result not only of favorable climate, soil and sources, but to an indeterminate extent of these more subjective factors. A skilled, vigorous population—an individualistic, aggressive people with an extroverted approach towards themselves and their environment—has probably been more crucial to our technical development than the objective factors of climate and resources.

"It is the attributes and ideals of the American people which account for the dynamic character of the American economic system."

The most significant commentary in the book is this: "Of all the great industrial nations, the one that clings most tenaciously to private capitalism has come closest to the socialist goal of providing abundance for all in a classless society."



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Claims—

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counting year beginning July 1.

The Department of Justice, with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, requests $200,000 for salaries and other administrative expenses to continue the evacuation claims program for the next 12 months.

Earlier this year the House approved the appropriation bill for the Departments of State and Justice, including the $200,000 for evacuation claims administrative expenses and several related agencies.

The Senate then amended the House-approved measure, leaving intact, however, the funds for the evacuation claims program.

The differences between the House-approved and the Senate-amended versions of the appropriation legislation must be reconciled and the compromised measure must be approved by both congressional chambers again.

Should Congress fail to approve the appropriation bill until after the close of the current fiscal year, the Washington JACL office explained that the Justice Department would continue administration of the evacuation claims program on a provisional basis during the interim period.

Judgeship—

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Minnesota Governor's Interracial Commission. He was also helpful in relocation of Japanese Americans during and after the war.

Clarke was the first California judge to declare the state alien land law unconstitutional when he did so in the Masaoka case in 1950. Since then, the California Supreme Court has upheld his decision.

He is also one of the first judges in the country to rule racial restrictive covenants unconstitutional, though his particular decision was not appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League has sent a letter to the White House commending the selection of these outstanding Americans to the federal bench.

Virginia Supreme Court upholds ban on interracial marriage, Chinese seaman to seek final ruling of U.S. high court

(Washington) The Virginia Supreme Court upheld the state law barring interracial marriages last week in a unanimous decision, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The court ruling denied the petition of Ham Say Naim, a Chinese seaman who sought to reverse a lower court order annulling his marriage to Ruby Elaine Naim, a white woman from Portsmouth, Virginia. The marriage was solemnized in 1950.

Naim said that he would appeal the decision to the United States Supreme Court on the grounds that it raises a constitutional question.

According to the Washington JACL office, the United States Supreme Court has never ruled directly on the constitutionality of state laws banning interracial marriages.

David Carliner, attorney for Naim, conferred with the Washington JACL office of the case and on another separate but similar case in Mississippi. The Mississippi miscegenation ban case involves that State's decision voiding a mixed marriage between an oriental and a white person. Three minor children of the Mississippi couple would be made illegitimate unless an appeal is made and the court's decision is reversed by a higher judicial tribunal.

On the Naim case in Virginia, the Portsmouth Circuit Court upheld the constitutionality of the State's miscegenation statute. The court's decision annulled the Naim marriage holding that it was void under the Virginia law.

Justice A. C. Buchanan, in the 18-page Circuit Court decision, said:

"We are unable to read in the 14th Amendment (of the United States Constitution) or in any other provision of that great document, any words or any intendment which prohibits the State from enacting legislation to preserve the racial integrity of its citizens or which denies the power of the State to regulate the marriage relation so it shall not have a mongrel breed of citizens.

"We find there no requirement that the State shall not legislate to prevent obliteration of racial pride, but must permit the corruption of blood even though it weaken or destroy the quality of its citizenship. Both sacred and secular history teach that nations and races have better advanced in human progress when they cultivate their own distinctive characteristics and culture and developed their own peculiar genius."

Refugee program—

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the refugees in Japan and Europe, the Washington JACL representative said, "We urge that the Congress direct the administrative officers of this program to take into cognizance the special situations relating to the victims of natural calamities and military operations in Japan and to issue them visas

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PROSPECT OF ANOTHER EVACUATION

Chicago

Residents of the Woodlawn area, where many Japanese reside in Southside Chicago, are proud of the fact that people of many racial and ethnic groups live together in harmony. When "City Halls of Wheels" visited the neighborhood, the city mayor was so informed.



Mrs. Chizu Iiyama, who chaired the Woodlawn YWCA Public Affairs Committee and is chairman of the United Woodlawn Conference Real Estate Committee, pointed out high rents and the system of dual rents were the biggest obstacles in the community. As a result, there is overcrowding as minority groups in the area, especially Negroes and Puerto Ricans, have been forced to pay exorbitant rents for inadequate apartments getting a minimum of maintenance, she reported. It was hoped the city would legislate for fair rents, stimulate public and private housing for low and middle-income groups and open occupancy throughout the city and suburbs.

Concern for satisfactory relocation of Japanese Americans in the Hyde Park Redevelopment areas was also made to city officials. Prospect of evacuation from redevelopment sites—somewhat continuous since World War II—hastened six organizations including the JACL chapter to meet and seek adequate relocation of displaced families.

Many have settled permanently in Chicago, the city officials were told, and are trying to rent decent apartments at prevailing rents or buy homes in good neighborhoods or establish businesses in new communities but face racial discrimination.

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REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP URGED

● Members of the Christ Congregational Church, with the Rev. George Aki as minister, unanimously approved of the resolution on refugees by encouraging individual members of the congregation to sponsor refugees or refugee families. On the Refugee Responsibility Committee are the minister, Frances Moriwaki, Jean Matsumoto and Harvey Aki . . . The resolution cited the Refugee Relief Act to admit 214,000 displaced persons and only 14,000 coming "because we have not filed the necessary assurances which, by law, must be signed by individual American citizens showing that the head of the family will be suitably employed without displacing some other person, that the family will have housing which does not displace other persons, and that the members of the family will not become public charges during the period of sponsorship" . . . As far as is known, no other minority church has gone on record urging sponsorship of refugees.

● City-Widers will have their Calumet Beach outing this Saturday afternoon . . . Kenwood-Ellis Community Center is engaged in its second annual membership drive . . . Chicago Buddhist Church holds its 11th annual carnival July 1-4. Festivities start at 7 p.m. on Friday-Saturday, at noon on Sunday-Monday.

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YOUNGEST K.C. GRAND-KNIGHT

● Attorney Franklin Chino, 8615 S. Drexel Ave., became the youngest grand knight in the 53-year-old history of the Knights of Columbus recently by being elected to the top post of Englewood KC Council at the age of 45. The CLer was also selected as member of the advisory committee to the Chief Justice of the Chicago Municipal Court, and is chairman of the Chicago Bar Association municipal courts committee this year.

● Noreen Kawasaki, daughter of the Corky Kawasakis, 1302 E. 47th St., received the "Girl of the Year" trophy at Hyde Park High School graduation ceremonies.

● John Y. Yoshino, 415 S. Trumbull Ave., director of job opportunities with the American Friends Service Committee, will be resource leader at the fifth statewide conference on human relations of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations at Normal University this weekend. (The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, 1st Baptist Church pastor, is one of the directors on this commission) . . . Yoshino will attend the Fiske University Institute of Race Relations next week.

● This Corner takes this opportunity to extend its sympathies to the family of the late Dr. Randy Sakada, whose memory can be well served by those of us in JACL through service to the community, an indelible trait of Randy's.

CHICAGO ISSEI FINISH AMERICANIZATION CLASS, HONORED BY I&NS OFFICIAL

(Chicago) Two classes of 68 more Issei completed a 30-week course in Americanization and received their diplomas at exercises held last week at the Olivet Presbyterian Church.

William D. Biggs, the new Chief of the Nationality Section for the Chicago I&NS District, was the principal speaker, congratulating the Issei Americans for being good citizens in the past and felt confident that the Issei will continue to be exemplary Americans. Paul Otake and Kenji Nakane, class instructors, presented the class for graduation.

More than 600 alien residents have now completed the Americanization program sponsored jointly by the Japanese American Citizens League and the Japanese American Service Committee. Of this number close to 500 are now American citizens.

Greetings were extended by Tahei Matsunaga representing JASC and Kumeo Yoshinari, JACL. Response and acknowledgement were presented by M. Shimizu and H. Endo. Participating on the program were Rev. Kohei Takeda of the Church of Christ Presbyterian; Harold Gordon, chairman; Arthur Hayano, violinist, accompanied by his sister, Elaine; Mrs. Hilda Pfendler, pianist; and members of the Cosmo (Warbrides' club) who prepared and served refreshments.

(Salt Lake City) Graduation exercises were held for 28 Issei finishing Americanization courses this week at the local Buddhist Church. The Salt Lake JACL sponsored the class. Isamu Watanuki was chairman.

(Los Angeles) Another class of 116 Issei has completed a 16-week evening course in Americanization at Dorsey High School on June 15. Eiji Tanabe, former regional JACL director, was instructor.

Principal George Homrighausen revealed over 1,200 Issei have attended the classes conducted by Tanabe. More than half are naturalized.



The Southwest Los Angeles JACL signed up its 500th member, Minoru Fujita (third from left) who recently returned from Chicago. He is being handed his membership card from Janet Yamada, who was selected Pacific Southwest District Convention queen at Santa Barbara last month. Others are Richard Toyama (second from left), who signed Fujita, and Dr. Tom Iura (right), chapter president. The chapter is still pushing its campaign to sign up Issei members and may well pass the 600 mark, to be the largest in the Southland area. —Shin Nichi Bei Photo.

Expect 500 at Neki Hokey Hop July 9

(Los Angeles) Pleasant memories of the Convention Sayonara Ball here last year will be revived for many JACLers when the Elliott Brothers again provide their danceable music at the Southwest Los Angeles JACL-sponsored "Neki Hokey Hop" July 9 at Park Manor.

The 500-plus-member Southwest JACL chapter is sponsoring the informal stag-stagette dance on the heels of its successful "Guys and Dolls" dance attended by more than 400 persons. The larger ballroom at the Park Manor has been procured this time to accommodate the anticipated crowd, according to "Neki Hokey Hop" chairman, Roy Iketani.

Aiding Iketani in making arrangements for the dance are: Terumi Yamaguchi, transp.; Harold Toma, Pomeroy Ajima and Ritsuko Kawakami, enter. and music; Hiroko Kawanami and Mas Kataoka, posters; and Miss Kawanami and Kenny Miura, tickets.

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Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

BEST NISEI Y-WORKER IN THE BUSINESS

San Francisco

Upon presumption that a columnist (and I use the word freely) has a certain amount of latitude in his subject matter, I am devoting this column to push an admirable project. Below is a letter which went out to many people in the Bay Area. The idea is to help Fred Hoshiyama, co-director of the Buchanan Street YM-YWCA, attend the International YMCA Centennial in Paris this summer. This project has been started by a number of his friends and as of the writing of this column, Fred is completely in the dark.

I first heard about Fred when I was briefed about Northern California personalities. Sam Ishikawa, my former colleague, described Fred as being "the best Nisei YMCA man that has ever been in the business." Since meeting Fred my respect has grown.



For some of you who don't know him, here is a thumbnail sketch. He is one of the large Hoshiyama clan originally hailing from Livingston, but at present in the Bay Area. He received his bachelor's and master's degree from the Univ. of California and did further graduate work at Yale Divinity School and the YMCA Institution in Springfield, Mass. He first started working for the YMCA fourteen years ago although his tenure was interrupted by the war relocation.

In his work he has served from New York to Honolulu ending back in San Francisco, to our good fortune, where he has served as head man at the Buchanan Street YM-YWCA for the last seven years. He is an active JACL Thousand Club member serving as past president of the hustling San Francisco JACL chapter and member of our district council executive board. He is married to the former Irene Matsumoto of Placer County and they have one daughter just turned three.

This is a swell idea for a swell fellow and I hope that many of Fred's friends outside of San Francisco will join in this particular project which will have, in its way, an international scope and significance.

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THE LETTER

● We want you—and Fred Hoshiyama's many other friends to have a part in honoring him for his many years of service to the people of the Buchanan neighborhod and the City of San Francisco.

● A great many of Fred's friends have suggested that we do something special for him. And this is the plan: We want to send Fred to Paris, for the World Centennial of the YMCA—Aug. 12, 1955. Fred has made the YMCA his life work; his friends agree that this trip would be a once-in-a-life-time experience that would mean a very great deal to a very great guy, Fred.

● This idea takes money (over $1,200) and this is how we hope to get it: If *we* and *you* and 240 other friends will give $5 each, we can pay his expenses. We need to do this quickly so reservations, boat or plane tickets can be secured. *Will you send in your contribution before June 30?* Many of Fred's friends in the "Y", in the JACL, his church and in the neighborhood have said "count me in!"

● We're sending our checks to Koji Murata, 1921 Bush St., San Francisco 15, who is acting as Treasurer for us. We'll send you a receipt. All cash will go toward buying Fred a round trip ticket to the big Centennial meeting.

● If you want more information about this, call any one of us. Sincerely,

GEORGE OYAMA, Chairman
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CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Delano JACL: Local graduates were honored at a picnic at the Memorial Park June 12. Dr. James Nagatani, chapter president, was chairman. M. Honbo, Doshikai president, spoke. Graduates were each presented a gift.

■ East Los Angeles JACL: George Nomi, chapter member, explained Hi-Fi at its general meeting this week at Soto-Michigan Center.

■ Omaha JACL: Forty guests were present at a graduation tea June 12 at the YWCA to honor five graduates:

Mike Watanabe, Omaha University; Richard Takechi, Technical High; Joyce Mihara, Central High; Akiye Watanabe, Natchi Matsunami, grade schools.

Mrs. Gladys Hirabayashi and Bob Nakadoi were co-chairmen. James Egusa extended congratulations for the chapter; Richard Takechi responded. Entertaining were Maureen and Bonnie Hirabayashi, Sumi Misaki, piano solos, and a group of youngsters singing the Crockett ballad accompanied by Mrs. Lily Okura at the piano.

■ Mt. Olympus JACL: The annual fish derby is underway again with George Okubo and Tak Kojima as co-chairmen. Prizes are awarded for the largest catch from stream and lake divisions with the grand prize going to the largest fish of both divisions.

Earl Warren, Jr., talks to Eden Township JACLers

(San Lorenzo) The Eden Township JACL members were entertained by an interesting talk given by Earl Warren Jr. last week at the Colonial Acres School here. Chairman of the evening was Harry Kurotori.

The speaker, son of the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, is presently one of the farm advisers in Alameda County for the University of California agricultural extension. His topic was California coastal islands.

Warren Jr., who has made an extensive study of the California coastal island, revealed many herefore unknown facts about these islands. His kodachrome slides, capturing enchanting beauty and a mysterious civilization, added much to his presentation.

Mile-Hi JACL to join in city's Citizenship Day rites

(Denver) Mrs. John Masunaga will represent the Mile-Hi JACL at city observances of Citizenship Day to be held on Oct. 6 at the East High School auditorium.

The chapter has been cooperating the past ten years in this patriotic exercise honoring new citizens in the city and county of Denver.

Eden Township CL picnic July 17 at Walnut Creek

(Hayward) A community-wide picnic is being sponsored by the Eden Township JACL July 17 at Castle Rock Park on Ignacio Road in Walnut Creek. Kenji Fujii, chapter president, announced the following committeemen:

Jerry Shibata, Min Shinoda, Tets Sakai ,ways & means; Haruka Nomura, Sam Kuramoto, games; Tets Sakai, Toichi Domoto, refr.; Tom Kitayama, prizes; Machi Tomotoshi, P.A.; Masako Minami, pub.

Chick sexors to attend St. Louis convention

(Lansdale, Pa.) Attending the annual convention of the American Poultry and Hatchery Federation at the Henry W. Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo., July 19-22 will be:

S. John Nitta, gen'l mgr., American Chick Sexing Ass'n; Joseph Igarashi, Lincoln, Ill., br. mgr.; Paul Hatasaki, Ames, Iowa; Edward Boyer, Tampa, Fla.; John Roth, Tulsa, field reps.

Nitta, who will visit Mexico after the meeting, is also sponsoring the trip to the convention from Japan for:

Tokuzo Yamaguchi, Japan Chick Sexing Ass'n; Ryoji Takahashi, Japan Poultry Journal; and Hiroji Takahashi, Nippon-Kakin Experimental Station, Aichi.

Hanford VFW commander

(Hanford) Harry Miya was installed as new commander of Nisei Liberty Post 5869, VFW.

OK, Loo Yee, Drop the Iron

(Our reader in San Diego, who is by profession an electronics engineer, favors us with another of his pungent observations.—Ed.)

BY NAOMI KASHIWABARA

San Diego

Westbrook Pegler came to San Diego a month ago.

Mr. Pegler, as everyone knows, is an American newspaperman of renown. In 1941 he won a Pulitzer Prize for putting labor racketeers Willie Bioff and George Scalise into prison; he lost a libel suit recently to Quentin Reynolds; he hates L. L. Fauntleroy and L. B. Grande; he likes a Texan chili con carne; after visiting Los Angeles in 1932 he opined that it should be pushed into the sea.

In discussing American cotton and Japanese frozen tuna in his April 27 column, he honored the Japanese element in the U.S. with a mention.

Wrote Mr. Pegler: ". . .like the pig-tailed Chinaman of the gold rush, who worked till the small hours at his laundry and then caught a few winks under the counter, the Japanese is a horse for work and lives on little.

"It is hard to restrain them from working. Even in the concentration camp at Sacaton, Ariz., the home of the Indian kid, Ira Hayes, who helped raise the flag at Iwo Jima, the Japanese found ways to work when we thought we had made it impossible for them to do anything but rot."

'Work horses' yes; but fiends at play, too

Folks, Westbrook Pegler has got us uncovered. Demaree Bess of the SatEvePost may have been moved to favorable comment anent Nisei (April 30 issue) but King Features columnist Pegler, like Jack London before him in "Valley of the Moon" and Peter B. Kyne in "Pride of Palomar" (two of the very few books I have read), is too astute.

But I have spent over one and a half score of my God-given years in Li'l Tokios throughout the USA, and I have met many people who by no means were only "work-horses". I have known golf fiends, bridge fiends, bowling fiends, dancing school enthusiasts, and sportsmen who think nothing of traveling three hundred miles on weekends to ski or fish. I have known also sycophants who trade self-respect for sustenance in lieu of productivity and a cynical fop whose credo regards work was that "work was for mules and machines".

In 1942 another syndicated columnist wrote that he "never did and never would like the dirty brown b-------s" because "they put the little strawberries in the bottom of the box and the big ones on top"!

An early contribution of the pig-tailed Chinese, as any school boy knows, to the American scene was the first transcontinental railroad. Gangs of Chinese hammered from the west and met gangs of Irish who worked from the east at Promontory, Utah, where on May 10, 1869, Leland Stanford drove in the golden spike.

The Chinese no longer wear pig-tails but the Cantonese name for San Francisco is still "Kimsan" or "Mountain of Gold" and America is "Meikuo" or "Beautiful Land". The Japanese, as you know, call America "Beikoku"—"Land of Rice".

Undoubtedly some of America's wealth and moral fiber can be traced to her petite bourgeoisie and proletariat (both majority and minority citizens) who, in their efforts to increase stature or stay alive, did and do the dirty work of the nation.

13 Denver prep grads receive scholarship awards

(Denver) Forty-two Nisei seniors are graduating from the various city high schools here this month. Scholarship winners include:

MANUAL—Howard Tagawa, Harold Fukuhara, Janet Hatakeyama, (Colorado State Institution of Higher Learning); Toshiko Kumagai, Carold K. Yano, Carl Mizoue (Colorado Women's College); Joan Nishimoto (Denver University), Jean Nakagawa (Methodist Church).

WEST—Sally Morikawa (Colorado Women's College); Bruce Tashiro Warren Memorial Award).

NORTH—Hiroshi Yamasaki (four year scholarship to any state-supported institution); Roy Matsuo (Colorado University, two-year engineering); and Carol Fujita (four year grant, Colorado State College of Education).

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(Seattle) The eight public high schools this month graduated 60 Nisei among 2,700 students. Majority of the Nisei attended Garfield.

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(San Francisco) Some 40 Nisei were among those graduated from city high schools here in mid-June.

Pasadena returns antique Buddhist bell to Japan

(Pasadena) A 700-lb. bronze bell that hung in a Buddhist temple is being returned to Japan after it was presented to the City of Pasadena by crew members of the USS Pasadena in 1946. Suggestions that the souvenir be returned were made to city hall as early as 1951 as a gesture to improve U.S.-Japan relationships.

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The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

FUSSED GUST

Los Angeles

Whenever Monsieur M. Masaoka blows into town, the sou'westers become nor'easters, the air stirs up kinda quicklike. F'rinstance, a board-staff meeting is held the nite he pulls in. Then in less than two days, the Downtown L.A. chapter calls a luncheon meeting which brings out the biggest attendance yet—65 Chinameshi fiends. On Mike's departure, some 50 Seinan-ku chapter members see him off at the airport after conferring upon him the degree of D.C.—nothing to do with Washington—and the award of a Davy Crockett coonskin hat with upright tail, SWLA symbol of achievement. As you were now.

PRE-DELUVIUM

Last Sunday, when we saw our niece, Nancy Ishizaki of Rockford, Ill., get diplomaed at UCLA's commencement, our rapid approach to the age of sclerosis became painfully evident. Already, a whole sixth of a century has elapsed since our sheepskin handout at UCB. Oh, to be hanatare again. Bob Watanabe, famed Bruin sprinter who's chairing the JACL Nisei Relays here day after tomorrow, received his MD as a member of UCLA's first med class. Now, we'll know who to see about that hard artery deal.



Let's face it — everyone'll be gone to seed some day. Which reminds us of the Issei expression anent barren parents: tane ga warui no ka hatake ga warui no ka. Meaning: who goofed the heir-conditioning, the seed or the soil. This prompts us to pass on a pregnant idea, namely, 1000 Club membership among the Issei.

The Li'l Tokio chapter has hit 165 Thousanders to date and a third of them are Issei, including ballyhooed member No. 150, who is Katsusuke Shishima, prominent Issei hotelman and active Boy Scout leader. That's a tipoff gimmick to other chapters—sign up Issei 1000ers, many are glad to join at 25 bucks per annum.

Curtis Publishing Co. has gone to town in recent months with much stuff about subjects Nipponese. The SatEvePost, Holiday mag and now the Ladies Home Journal. This oku-san mag for July has a 5-page spread on war brides including a Jwb. In which connection the CPCo asked our aid in locating a local wb for a radio stint on the 23rd for KNX's Housewive's Protective League. Why not, we figured, since we've supplied A-bomb-survivor interviewees.

Speaking of publications, the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL has just issued Vol. I, No. 1 of its *Tide-ings*, a newsy six-page mimeo job in blue ink, legal size paper. The ed is Sue Joe whose danna-san, "Blow", is a chapter veep who as trouble shooter takes care of loose ends, middles and starts. Examples of Blow's jobs: generalissimo of the JACL community carnival slated for Sept. 3 & 4; running the chapter's weekly dance classes; handling public relations; heading the 1000 Club drive and fund-raising; putting on a family bingo nite; chairing the nat'l CL keg tourney banquet and printed program; and serving on a mess of committees.

Sue, who activated JACL Club Service Bureau when still a Takimoto, now teaches music, being well backgrounded in voice and piano and she helps Blow a lot. You gotta look far and wide to find another couple that gives so much time to chapter activities. Their baby lungster, a 1954 income tax exemption, is destined to become a good CLer.

Apologies for the proofreader's slip-up last week in misspelling the name of our good friends, the Quakers.

JACL Nisei Relays attract 90 athletes, expect four meet records to be broken

By KANGO KUNITSUGU

(Los Angeles) With over 90 entrants ready to toe their marks, the fourth annual JACL Nisei Relays track and field meet gets underway this Sunday at Rancho Cienega Stadium.

Six teams have entered in both the Open and Junior divisions. With scoring spread over four places, the defending champion Nisei Trading team will be hard pressed to retain their title. The Nisei Olympians, Orange County JAYs, Valley, Hobos and Venice JACL are the other teams entered in the Open division.

Winners of the recent San Francisco JACL Olympics, the Lords are running under the banner of Nisei Olympians. The Olympians are expected to give Nisei Trading their stiffest competition.

Seeking to dethrone the Hobos, last year's Junior division titleholders, will be Nisei Trading, Constituents, Orange County JAYs, Valley and Nisei Olympians.

Interest in the meet is heightened by the fact that two meet records are rated as a cinch to be smashed and standards in two other events are classified in the "good chance to be broken" category.

Winning sixth place in the local City meet with a toss of 50 ft. 1 in. in the varsity shot put, Tom Yasuda of University High is rated as a sure bet to erase the Relays' meet record of 47 ft. 6½ in. set by Nob Kato in 1940.

Victor Matsuno, Marshall High's city champion in the class "C" 660-yd. run, should easily fracture the current meet record in the Junior division. The old mark is 1m.42s. and Matsuno has raced the 660 in 1m.27s.

Meet records of the Open division 880-yd. run and 70 yd. high hurdles will be threatened by Henry Kawamoto, ace distance runner for East LAJC, and Jimi Abe, former Belmont High star, respectively. Both, incidentally, hold the Relays record in their specialties, set during the 1954 meet.

Again lending a helping hand, the Japanese American Optimist Club will be out in full force at the trackfest. Members of the Optimist Club will work as track and field officials. The group will also donate all the medals and trophies in the Junior division. The Optimists will be under the leadership of Tets Asato while Duke Ogata will be in charge of the medals.

Also volunteering their efforts as officials are members of the Town Hub club.

Joining the two volunteer groups will be three members from each of the seven sponsoring JACL chapters:

Southwest Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Venice-Culver and Pasadena.

Nisei Relays committeemen are:

Dr. Bob Watanabe, Relays chmn.; Arnold Hagiwara, meet director; Joe Yamashita and Aki Nishizawa, reg.; Steve Okuma, finance and records; Ken Miura and Kayko Matsumoto, program; Hito Suyehiro, field directors; George Akimoto, Relays queen chmn.

JUNE ISHITANI QUEEN OF L.A. NISEI RELAYS

(Los Angeles) Pretty June Shintani was selected queen of the fourth annual JACL Nisei Relays to be held this Sunday at Rancho Cienega Stadium. She is a student at Los Angeles City College, majoring in education, and will be attended by:

Betty Ige, Santa Monica; Barbara Ono, Hiroko Nakagawa, both of West Los Angeles; Kiku Matsunaga and Viola Nakamura, Los Angeles.

George Akimoto was chairman of the selection committee.

Nisei to coach varsity cagers

(San Jose) Danny Fukushima has been named head basketball coach at James Lick High School here, it was learned last week.

The Nisei coach who has been in charge of the school's B and C teams was placed in charge of the varsity for next year after Leo Murphy gave up the post to become vice-principal at James Lick.

Danny has been a star basketball player for many Nisei teams.

Refugee act—

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in accordance with the intent of the Congress which by action of their full membership added an amendment on the floor and in conference to include the Far East within the benefits provided by the Refugee Relief Act.

"To attempt to administer the program in the Far East, and particularly in Japan, under the directives and regulations promulgated to take care of the European situation is unrealistic, unreasonable, and unworkable. The problems relating to refugee in these two separate continents are so different that a single standard set of instructions is impractical and impossible.

"For example, while security checks may be an important part of the program in Europe, it is not a real problem in Japan because the refugees there are not escapees from communism but rather victims of recent natural calamities and of military operations which, except for possible discharges by the Allied Occupation Forces or by the present American and British security forces, took place almost a decade ago."

In closing, the request was made that the "subcommittee and the Congress of the United State keep in mind that the best interests of our country require a more liberal refugee relief program that can be expeditiously implemented, but that more harm than good for our international relations will result unless all of the free world is treated equally and without discrimination.

"Asia too is part of the grand alliance of free nations and any effort to favor Europe over the Far East will be prejudicial to our national self-interest in this refugee relief as in other programs designed to aid the common cause of freedom and peace in this era of historic decisions."

OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES OVERCROWDED: NO JUDO

(Paris) The International Olympic Committee has voted down a request to add judo to the list of optional sports for the summer games, explaining that most committee members felt that summer games' programs already are too large.

Requests to add volleyball, archery and roller skating were also voted down. Also rejected were Russian requests for feminine competition in speed skating, volleyball, basketball and rowing.

SPORTSCOPE

■ Nisei Kelp Tanglers were 14 ounces away from third place last week in the Southern California elimination tournament at Cabrillo Beach to qualify for the Pacific Coast skin diving championships at Laguna Beach July 17. A three-man team of Bill Yamachika, Hank Nunokawa and Sam Ichikawa hauled in 46 pounds of fish inside of four hours.

■ Tommy Kono of Sacramento bettered his own world record in the press when he raised 292½ lbs. in an international weightlifting match at Leningrad last Saturday. It betters his old mark by three pounds. At the world meet in Moscow earlier in the week, he won the middleweight division with a 902-lb total.

■ Kosei Kamo and Atsushi Miyagi were named to the Japan Davis Cup team meeting the North American Zone winners Aug. 5-7 in the United States. They leave Japan via Japan Air Lines July 16 with non-playing captain Takeichi Harada, a former Davis Cupper. Japan defeated the Philippines 3-2 in the Far Eastern zone finals last month.

■ Kaz Shinzato, 17, of Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles, received a four-year athletic scholarship to Univ. of Southern California at the recent senior awards assembly. He was voted the "most valuable" basketball player in the Southern League. The grant is worth about $4,000 and he will use it toward an engineering or business degree.

■ The third annual East Bay Nisei Bowling Association invitational tournament will be held July 2-4 at Albany Bowl, Berkeley. Its annual picnic will be held July 31 at Castle Rock Park, Concord.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

TIME FOR FEPC LAW STILL DUE

Los Angeles

A Fair Employment Practices Commission in Los Angeles is not to be—which was nothing we didn't expect right along. The City Council, after three hours of bitter fighting, voted 8 to 7 against the establishment of an FEPC to "police" discriminatory actions in employment opportunities based on race, color, religion, or creed. The Council had brought the issue to the floor following recommendations made by the Public Health and Welfare Committee of which Councilman Edward R. Roybal is chairman.



Councilman Charles Navarro fought off the FEPC move by declaring, "You can't legislate good relationship between minority and majority groups." Navarro was re-elected over George L. Thomas in the recent municipal primaries by a plurality vote of less than 20. Roybal, on the other hand, sensing defeat had tried to delay the vote for 90 days.

There may be some truth in Navarro's philosophy, if one can call it that. Law alone will not eliminate prejudice.

Some of the more conservative press in the city showed keen interest in the formation of FEPC, although it continued to saddle the line of least resistance.

Local legislation would appear quite ineffective even if it did pass as long as the state maintains a strong bloc against an FEPC measure. The Assembly, however, did show a "token gesture" when it approved unanimously a bill to prevent racial discrimination for jobs.

ELECTED TO REPUBLICAN POST

The 40th Assembly District of the Los Angeles County Republican Committee has named Soichi Fukui, new commander of the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion, on its seven-man board. He is the first person of Japanese descent to receive the GOP overture from the policy-making committee. His nomination was a shoo-in when Rollins MacFadyen, a wheel in the Republican county executive committee, presented his name before the meeting.

STUDENT-BODY PRESIDENTS

To pick out all of the outstanding Nisei seniors graduated last week would be a task; but commencement week without a name or two would be an omission of those who deserve a mention. We're picking the student body presidents who faithfully served in their senior year. The list is not meant to be complete and additional names (if left out) would be a welcome to this column.

Willie Suzuki, Long Beach State College; Art Kato, Fremont; Bob Takeuchi, Dorsey; Kanji Mochidome, Banning; Stephen Kobayashi, Gardena; Ted Yamamoto, Centennial; Rei Maeno, Eagle Rock; and Bobby Iwashita, Coronado High School (San Diego).

Summer graduate Tommy Uyeda of Verdugo Hills served as president when he was only A-11. That's some kind of a record, too.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKEI

FURUKAWA IN NAT'L PUBLINX

Seattle

Well, he "dood" it again.

Erv Furukawa, Nisei golf champion, will be one of four men compromising this area's contingent which will compete next month in the national public links championships in Indianapolis, famed for its blistering auto races.



Last Sunday, our cool-stroking boy landed a berth on the four-man team by shooting a 141 mark on 70 and 71 scores. He finished in a tie for second spot in a qualifying test which drew about forty of Seattle's fairway elite.

You know, it's the second straight year that Erv will be a representative in the national meet. In 1954, he and three others were scorched by the sun in Dallas, Texas. The Nisei, Hawaii-born but Seattle-adopted, withered in the second round, umbrellas and all.

We knew it would be utterly useless to pry any sensible data from Erv so we chatted with his wife. Besides, she's prettier and has a lovelier voice than Erv. The Missus said he seemed pleased but he was a tired boy when he returned from the green campaign. Other than that she herself was quite happy, she wasn't talking much. She, however, did maneuver us into a conversation about our star—the wife. Here's where we shine, we thought, and before we knew it we were chanting the wife's two As and two Bs in university studies.

Egotistic, perhaps, but we both felt better after our chat.

SPORTS TRAIL . . . one of the most talked about young tennis players hereabouts is Art Kono, Garfield High School's number one star who last year, while in California, was ranked 20th in the nation in the boys' division . . . the local metropolitan papers aren't stingy about praising the Japanese American net comer . . . Bongo Oyama, stockily built like the scintillating Fuzzy Shimada of San Francisco, was the best Nisei bowler during the 1954-55 season in the Pacific Northwest with a 186 average . . . visitor from Monrovia, Calif., the other week was Harold Hoshino, the ex-pugilist whose string of knockouts still ranks first among the welterweights in ring history . . . the streams and lakes in our God's country once again are putting the big bite on Japanese Americans who love their fishing . . . the baseball Savoys, floundering in the Puget Sound league this year, have only one victory and that was salvaged on the strength of former Garfield All-City man Richard Tsuji's home run . . . Phil Taylor, the *Post Intelligencer* golf scribe with a yen for occasional poetry, says Erv Furukawa, the national Nisei links king, is one of the best amateur golfers in Seattle . . . Japanese Americans who relocated to Chicago during World War II are pulling for the White Sox, but, doggone it, Casey Stengel's New York Yankees are mighty tough in the clutch.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

ARAO—May 8, girl Beverly to Masachiko Araos (Kiyoko Kawaguchi).
HIRABAYASHI—May 18, boy Norman H. to Tom Hirabayashis (Lillian Iwanaga).
KUSUNOKI—May 12, girl Barbara J. to Ichiro Kusunokis (Hanako Yamada).
MORIMIZU—May 8, boy Fred B. to Hiroshi Morimizus (Florence Abe), Gardena.
SHIMASAKI—May 15, boy Mark Tadashi to Masao Shimasakis (Sadako Obata), Monterey Park.
SHINODA—May 16, girl Deborah Tami to James Shinodas (Shigeko Yoshino), Monrovia.
TOTSUBO—May 9, girl Jamie Megumi to Jack Totsubos (Kazue Masui).
UEDA—May 11, girl Megumi Gloria to Sadao Uedas (Katsu Sugita).
YAMAGUCHI—May 25, boy Robert Kenji to Dr. Mitsuya Yamaguchis (Barbara Takahashi).
YAMAKIDO—May 9, girl Aileen Atsuko to Joe Yamakidos (Aki Osawa).

SAN JOSE

FUJIMOTO—May 24, girl to Futokazu Fujimotos, Madrone.
MATSUMOTO—May 25, girl to Kiyoshi Matsumotos, Santa Clara.
NOMI—May 27, boy to Mike Nomis.
WATANABE—May 30, boy to Walter Watanabes.

WATSONVILLE

OGURA—Mar. 31, boy to Takuya Oguras (Yoshie Jinde).
SASANO—June 2, boy to Akira Sasanos (Michiyo Takeda).
SUGIMOTO—June 4, girl to Mas Sugimotos (Dorothy Nakamura).
TOYOSAKI—June 6, girl to Aatsumi Toyosakis (Toshi Toyosaki).
UMEDA—May 7, boy to Ben Umedas (Yoko Kawasaki).

REDWOOD CITY

KUNITANI—June 8, boy to Kazuo Kunitanis, San Mateo.

SAN FRANCISCO

KOJIMOTO—May 31, boy to Robert Y. Kojimotos.
MATSUO—June 9, boy to Bob Matsuos.
NAGANUMA—May 30, girl to George J. Naganumas.
NAKAMOTO—May 28, girl to Tokuji Nakamotos.
OBAYASHI—May 15, girl to Fumio S. Obayashis.
SUENAGA—May 12, girl to Frank T. Suenagas.

BERKELEY

ITO—May 30, boy to Yoshikazu Itos.

STOCKTON

OKAMOTO—May 26, girl to Jin J. Okamotos, Lodi.

SACRAMENTO

OGATA—May 23, boy to Stephen T. Ogatas.
SAITO—May 20, boy to Tatsuo Saitos.
YOSHIDA—May 27, girl to George J. Yoshidas.

WOODLAND

KATO—May 31, girl to Bud Katos, Winters.

AUBURN

HAMASAKI—May 27, boy to Kiyoto Hamasakis.
MAKIMOTO—May 20, boy to George Makimotos, Loomis.
NODOHARA—May 28, boy to Keizo Nodoharas, Lincoln.
YAMADA—May 28, boy to Rikio Yamadas, Penryn.

PORTLAND

HONGO—Apr. 27, boy Gary S. to Shigeru Hongos.
NAKAMURA—Mar. 19, boy Robin T. to Arlan Nakamuras.
NINOMIYA—Apr. 21, boy Randall S. to Nug N. Ninomiyas.

SEATTLE

KITASATO—May 7, boy to John Kitasakos.
NOMURA—May 7, boy to Noboru Nomuras.
OSUMI—June 2, boy to Tsuruo Osumis.
SUTO—Jun 8, girl to Fred Sutos.
YOSHINAKA—June 1, girl to Masato Yoshinakas.

ONTARIO, ORE.

FUCHIGAMI—June 11, girl to Walter Fuchigamis.
KITAMURA—June 11, girl to George Kitamuras.

SALT LAKE CITY

FURUBAYASHI—June 3, boy to Jack M. Furubayashis.
KASAI—June 1, boy to Henry Y. Kasais.
OKAMOTO—June 5, girl to Akio Okamotos.

IDAHO FALLS

OGAWA—June 6, girl to Todd Ogawas.
YAMASAKI—June 5, boy to Sam Yamasakis.

DENVER

HORA—Girl to Toshio Horas.
MATOBA—Boy Koby Katsumi to Isao Matobas.

CHICAGO

HAGIO—June 3, girl Marsha Shigeyo to Allan Hagios.
ONISHI—May 31, boy Gregory P. to Pat Onishis.

CLEVELAND

AKITA—May 2, boy Gregg B. to William Akitas.
ANDOW—May 17, boy David A. to Roy Andows.
FUJII—Apr. 23, girl Judy Hanae to Toshio Fujiis.
ITO—Apr. 19, girl Cecilia R. to Susumu Itos.
KAWASAKI—Mar. 24, girl Beth Ann to George Kawasakis.
KITAOKA—Apr. 14, boy Harold Bruce to Hirao Kitaokas.
MATSUMOTO—Apr. 13, boy John to Paul Matsumotos.
MORIKAWA—Apr. 24, boy Curtis Katsumi to James Morikawas.

PHILADELPHIA

MARUTANI—June 5, boy Wesley to William Marutanis.
NAGAHASHI—Apr. 30, girl Catherine to Dr. Stanley Nagahashis.

Engagements

HIROMOTO-MORI — Fred T., 27, Richmond; Mary Mineko, 23, Berkeley.
ISHIZAKI-KIRIYAMA — Betty Ann, Los Angeles, to George, Pasadena, June 5.
KITO-HORIKAWA — Emi to N. Richard of Philadelphia.
KOSHI-KUROSAWA — Samuel H. and Florence of Denver.
SHIOTA-MASUNARI — Yoshio, 25; Betty A., 25, of Seattle.
USHIYAMA-NAKANO — Amy to Calvin of Los Angeles.
WATANABE-ENDO — Betty to Susumu "Sim" of Philadelphia.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KUMASAKA-SUTO — Yukio, 27; Julianne K., 24, of Seattle.
MATSUOKA-YASUTAKE — Hero, 26; Fran C., 26, of Seattle.
MOON-TAKEMOTO — Yung N. and Nellie K. of Denver.
OTOSHI-TANAKA — Satoru and Mary of San Francisco.
SASAKI-OHARA — Thomas T. and Peggy T. of Walnut Grove.
UYENO-KIKUMURA — Fred T., Sacramento; Gayle Akiko, Lodi.
YAMAMOTO-KOGANE — Ben T., 26; Betty Y., 26, of Seattle.
YAMASHIRO-TAGAWA — Harry, Berkeley; Amy, San Francisco.
YOKOMIZO-SUGIYAMA — James T. and Alice M. of Oakland.

Weddings

DeQUEIROZ-KAWAGUCHI — June 11, Richard and Kristine Toshiye of Los Angeels.
FUJIMURA-HOSAKA — May 8, Cliff and Tsuru of Cleveland.
FUKUTAKI-TANAKA — June 5, Kobo and Alice of Los Angeles.
HINKLE-KUWANO — June 11, Rexford A., Hymera, Ind.; Maureen, Denver.
HONDA-NOGUCHI — May 28, Henry Hisashi, Carlsbad; Kiyome, Fallbrook.
IKEDA-NISHIMURA — June 7, 2nd Lt. Kenneth K. and Jane M., of Honolulu at West Point, N.Y.
ITO-NAKAMURA—June 5, Victor Nobuyuki, Stockton; Michiko, Los Angeles.
JONOKUCHI-MINAMI — June 5, James Noriyuki and Aiko of West Los Angeles.
KADOWAKI-SHIMOKUSU — May 28, Tom and Sachie of Chicago.
KAJIKAWA-YAMANE — May 15, Roy Masao, Hawthorne; Florence Misako, Gardena.
KARIYA-TAKECHI — June 11, Mush, Buena Park; Kayoko, Stockton.
KISHI-SHINTANI — June 12, Kaz and Kathy of Los Angeles.
KOMINE-MIYAMOTO — May 28, Dick, New York; Ellen, Hilo.
KANNOW-TOGUCHI — June 12, Dick and Toshi of Los Angeles.

NEW CITIZENS

(Stockton) Washiro Sudow, 82, 129½ E. Clay St., was one of oldest Issei to gain U.S. citizenship in recent hearings here. While most Issei took tests in Japanese, Sudow who is a philosophy scholar, passed it in English.

STOCKTON: Setsu Sudow, Washiro Sudow, Hide Nakamura. (June 10, Sup. Ct. Judge Thomas B. Quinn).

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PHOENIX: Mrs. Chieko White. (June 20, Federal Judge Dave W. Ling).

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HANFORD: Kikuno Fukuda, Shogo Fukuda, Ura Hase, Toku Inouye, Enjiro Inouye, Michi Noda, Tomiki Noda, Sakutaro Tagawa, Toshie Chono, Sei Sakaguchi. (June 10, Sup. Judge Clark Clement).

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MADERA: Tomo Naito, Eisaku Naito. (June 13, Judge Stanley Murray.)

Prays at All-Faith meet

(San Francisco) The Rev. Kenryo Kumata, Nisei minister at the Los Angeles Nishi Hongwanji, was among speakers addressing the week-long Assembly of Prayer for All Faiths during United Nations Week here.

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Editorials

RUSSIAN DEMANDS INSTEAD OF LURES

Frankly, we were worried last week that Soviet Russia would lure Japan away from its mutual security agreement with the United States. Instead, London sources say harsh demands were made that Japan break its ties first. Japan countered with release of some 12,000 Japanese prisoners still detained by Russia as evidence of Soviet peace sincerity. Thus the talks are somewhat stalemated.

Russia still stalks in the Pacific. Tokyo's first official contact with Moscow should make the Japanese realize the worth of its alliance with the free world.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION

In the field of social legislation, such as fair employment, the status quo view might be summed up in the words of a Los Angeles councilman (see Henry Mori's "Los Angeles Newsletter" this week): "You can't legislate good relationship between minority and majority groups."

No, you can't; but we can certainly point out what is good for the people. Good laws, based upon equality and justice, may not be popular. But if the common good is to be served, then it deserves to be enacted.

JACL's stand for equality of employment opportunities has been well-known through the past years. The dignity of human labor is not one to be arbitrarily desecrated by the color of skin or the slant of the eyes. All men are equal in the sight of God (if not mankind yet) and government—whatever level it might be: city, county, state or federal—is obligated to comply. Governments are not instituted to be unfair but formed to work for the common good. Discrimination solely based on ancestry is grossly unjust.

VACATION TIME AGAIN

Pioneer Issei weren't ones for vacations—for that matter, neither were their Caucasian contemporaries in their times. But with so many Nisei employed in both public and private establishments, they can look forward to their summer vacation. Someone has advised us vacations should have a purpose: look for a new job, do some Christmas shopping or earn some extra money in the free time.

Believe you me, if we had a vacation we'd make it as pointless as possible. The real purpose is to retreat from the humdrum of daily life, away from home if possible.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

SUKIYAKI IN SAN FRANCISCO

Staff columnists Haruo Ishimaru and Tats Kushida are often mentioned in the same breath with food—if not mentioned, at least mental phantasms of gourmets at work appear . . . Even old-timer Bill Hosokawa (old-timer from the standpoint of continuous writing in the PC, I ought to clarify) alludes to eating places now and then . . . My potential excludes marine dishes, which makes sticking to fish on Fridays a problem that has been partially licked of late. Believe it or not, my stomach shrinks on those days . . . All of this is to serve as a prelude for a fancy-trimmed article in the current issue of *Holiday* on "Sukiyaki in San Francisco" by Sidney Herschel Small who had dined with the Sim Togasakis.

A majority of the Nisei, it would be safe to assume, would learn much from the article . . . We may have had sukiyaki prepared at home "mom's style" and found it adequate. But the decor and embellishment that makes "dining out" a discriminating experience, as nourished in the article, comes only by dining out . . . A simple incident as a hot dog prepared at a weenie bake by the sea compared with hot dogs made at home advances the philosophy of dining-out . . . (To the people concerned: that was no slight to the double portion of hot dogs made Coney Island style of chili sauce I thoroughly enjoyed the other night) . . . Many Nisei go-dining-out once a month, I suppose, and visiting a Japanese restaurant should not be excluded . . . Significant about *Holiday's* reporting of several Japanese restaurants is that Yamato Sukiyaki, Tokyo Sukiyaki, Minakin, Otafuku-Tei, Tempura House, Miyako and Minato were named—the first time Japanese houses were appointed as among the nation's better restaurants.

Proprietor of Yamato is Ken Ishizaki, one of the staunch JACLers and 1000er in the Bay Area. His dad was among JACL champions at Topaz Relocation Center, when JACL wasn't so popular . . . Some publicity material reaching my desk last week says the Ishizaki family have expanded and redecorated their restaurant perched on the "downtown" side of Nob Hill on California Street . . . San Francisco-born designing engineer, Walter Harada, is credited with the impressive remodelling. S. Sakurai, famous Japanese landscape artist, created the miniature gardens in the corridor . . . For all this and the fine cuisine, they were awarded the Holiday Magazine 1955 Restaurant Award for Dining Distinction.

Folks being what they are like to breathe the same air others of repute breathe. Nobody minds sharing the glory if it concerns us individually or by group . . . The next time I visit National Headquarters I'd like to share some of this glory through the delightful pastime of "sukiyaki in San Francisco."

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: **BY MIKE MASAOKA**

Walter-McCarran Act 3rd Anniversary

Washington

Next Monday, June 27, marks the third anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Watler-McCarran) Act of 1952.

Actually, since the Act did not become effective until six months later, December 24, 1952, this law has been in operation only two and a half years. Moreover, in terms of federal fiscal year records, official operational statistics are available only for fiscal year 1954, from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954. Fiscal year 1955 statistics should be available soon.

In the intervening years, the public controversy over this legislation has not subsided, particularly as to those provisions relating to immigration matters which, by their very nature, are highly emotional, personal, and even political.

The national press, generally, has been hostile to this measure, although it is interesting to observe that, almost without exception, the most serious charges against this measure have failed to materialize. Certainly, none of the more ridiculous allegations, such as deportation for spitting on the streets or violating a traffic ordinance, have become actualities.

Indeed, as far as this writer has been able to ascertain, practically all of the more publicized cases which have been cited as examples of the "unfairness" of the 1952 law were also authorized by earlier statutes or could have been reversed by administrative action on the part of the Secretary of State and the Attorney General.

On the occasion of the third anniversary of the enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act, it might prove useful to examine the statistical evidence regarding this much maligned statute which, though far from perfect, demonstrates with every passing month that it is considerably "better" than the hodge-podge of immigration and naturalization laws it codified and revised.

Immigration increases

In an address by Frank L. Auerbach, special assistant to the director of the Visa Office of the State Department, before the meeting of the American Immigration Conference, held at the annual forum of the National Conference of Social Work in San Francisco, May 31, statistical evidence of increasing immigration under the Walter-McCarran Act was presented.

For some reason, neither the public press nor the Japanese American newspapers gave publicity to these revealing figures.

The State Department executive pointed out that immigration for permanent residence purposes during the last decade increased from a low of 38,000 in 1945 to more than 208,000 in 1954. Only twice during this ten years period did the number of permanent resident immigrants exceed that of the year 1954. This was in 1950 and 1952 when special displaced persons legislation authorized the issuance of visas chargeable to future quota years.

The flow of nonimmigrants to the United States also increased substantially during the last decade and in 1954 reached the high point of 59,000,000 legal entries counted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This latter number included agricultural laborers, seamen, and Canadian and Mexican border crossers. Every entry was not necessarily by a different person, however, for a single individual might make several entries within a year's time.

The fact that some 59,208,000 aliens were legally admitted into the United States in 1954 alone certainly refutes the "closed door" charges hurled by opponents of the Walter-McCarran Act during the congressional debate on its merits.

Auerbach declared that during the last ten year period the volume of quota immigration climbed from a post-war low of 11,623 in 1945 to 94,098 in 1954. While the 1954 number does not compare with the four years period from 1949 to 1952 when the Displaced Persons Program was in full operation, it was pointed out that because of the requirement that all visas, except those for orphans, be charged against future quotas up to fifty per cent of their annual volume, quota immigration from some 25 countries, most of which are in Southern and Eastern Europe, will remain at a low level, about one-half of their annual quota numbers.



This is also true in the case of Japan, because her quotas have been preempted up to half of her annual numbers for many years to come to take care of over 2,000 Japanese aliens in this country whose status have been adjusted to that of permanent residents at the cost of mortgages against Japan's future quotas.

"The fact that the new law has removed any numerical restrictions on the immigration of Asian peoples who are the husbands, wives, and children of American citizens is frequently overlooked by those who are critical of the fact that in the case of quota immigrants the laws follow different rules depending on whether an immigrant is of Asian or non-Asian ancestry," Auerbach said.

"The effect of this significant change brought about by the Immigration and Nationality Act in the case of Asian nonquota immigrants is most dramatically illustrated by the fact that during the five year period from 1950 to 1954 the total number of Chinese, Japanese, and Philippine immigrants increased from 1,965 in 1950 to 8,312 in 1954, although the annual quotas of these countries add up to only 390," he added.

The State Department visa expert declared,

"Summarizing the trend in the volume of immigrants we see that the number of nonquota immigrants is on a steady increase. Since the visas issued to aliens under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 are nonquota immigrants, it can be expected that for the duration of that Act, the increase in nonquota immigration will be even more pronounced. On the other hand, in the absence of legislation eliminating charges on future quotas prescribed by the Displaced Persons Act of 1948 (and by the adjustment of status procedures), it may be expected that quota immigration, particularly from Southern and Eastern Europe (and Japan), will remain on a low level".

GI marriages in Japan

Prior to the Walter-McCarran Act, alien Japanese immigrants were barred from the United States. With the exception of a few thousand who were the special beneficiaries of laws passed in 1947 and 1950, even the Japanese wives of United States servicemen and veterans were excluded from this country.

On May 31, Supervising American Consul General Laurence W. Taylor announced in Tokyo that since 1950 a total of 21,500 couples have been given marriage licenses in Japan involving a United States citizen. Under the 1952 law, all of these Japanese spouses, and their children, will be eligible to enter the United States as nonquota immigrants.

Consul General Taylor also said that a total of 485 orphans have already departed for the United States as nonquota immigrants after being adopted by American parents. He estimated that an additional 500 more orphans are waiting permission to join their foster parents in the United States.

He added that 48 more nonquota immigrants, victims of floods in Central Japan, have just been admitted into the United States under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. He declined to guess as to how many hundreds or thousands more would qualify under this 1953 law.

When one considers that Japan's annual quota is only 185, the liberality of at least these particular provisions of the 1952 law providing nonquota status to the spouses and children of American citizens can hardly be disputed.

Citizenship increases

According to the Annual Report of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Dept. of Justice, for the fiscal year 1954, "stimulated by the World War II, naturalization reached a peak of 441,919 in fiscal year 1944, declined to 54,716 in 1951, and rose again to reach 117,831 in fiscal year 1954."

The Annual Report attributes the large increase in the number of applicants for naturalization to the Walter-McCarran Act. "The principal changes made by the Immigration and Nationality Act regarding qualifications for naturalization relate to the elimination of racial bars and the declaration of intention as a prerequisite to naturalization. These two factors alone have brought about a large increase in the number of aliens applying for naturalization."

An increase of 33 per cent in the number of petitions for naturalization was noted for 1954 as over 1953. During fiscal 1954, 130,722 petitions were filed, and 37,881 petitions were still pending on June 30, 1954.

Commenting on the effect of the 1952 law on the naturalization of Japanese aliens, the Report declared, "The largest group to be benefitted by the removal of racial restrictions are persons of the Japanese race. The Immigration and Natinality Act excepted aliens who had been living in the United States for 20 years and who had reached the age of 50 years on the effective date of the Act, from the general requirement that they demonstrate ability to read, write, and speak English. The use of interpreters for the purpose of conducting the examination of applicants has been utilized. Of the total number of persons naturalized during the fiscal year (1954), 6,750 were persons of Japanese nationality as compared with 674 and 40 in the fiscal years 1953 and 1952, respectively. Prior to the Immigration and Nationality Act Japanese were ineligible for naturalization." (The 40 naturalized in 1952 were Japanese aliens who served in the armed forces of the United States and were privileged to become citizens under special legislation. The 674 naturalized in 1943 were after the effective date of Walter-McCarran Act).

DECADE AGO

June 23, 1945

- WRA Director Myers believes 24,000 evacuees will return to coast as eight relocation camps prepare for shutdown . . . Domestic work seen as answer to housing lack on West Coast.
- Canada moves to segregate evacuee groups; centers set up for those asking repatriation.
- Teamster's Dave Beck declares opposition to evacuee return, except for Nisei ex-servicemen, reiterates suspicion regarding civilians of Japanese ancestry.

CALENDAR

June 25-26
West Los Angeles—Community Carnival, Japanese Institute.

June 25 (Saturday)
Long Beach-Harbor Dist.—Graduates' dance, Harbor Community Center.
Gilroy—Graduates' outing-dance, Gilroy Hot Springs.
Cincinnati—Community picnic.

June 26 (Sunday)
Los Angeles—Nisei Relays, Rancho Cienega Stadium.
San Francisco — Community picnic, Golden Gate Park Speedway Meadows

July 3 (Sunday)
Sonoma County—Community picnic, Doran's State Park, Bodega Bay.
San Diego—Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park.
Cleveland—Community picnic, Weigand's Lake.

July 6 (Wednesday)
Marysville—Executive board meeting, JACL Office, 8:30 p.m.

July 8 (Friday)
New York—Weekend outing, Pawling, L.I.