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Vagaries

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'TEARS ON THE TATAMI'

Denver

The long years we've known Johnnie Fujii, he always insisted he was going to write a book. Last week, for the first time in 15 years, we got a letter from Johnnie. It came with a paper-bound volume titled *Tears on the Tatami* (Phoenix Books, Tokyo, 1955, 35 cents).

So Johnnie's written his book. *Tears on the Tatami* is no magnum opus, and wasn't intended to be. Rather, it's something of a guidebook for foreigners, a pertinent, and often impertinent, guide to living and loving in post-Occupation Japan.



Tears is a collection of dissertations on various aspects of Japanese ilfe. With the air of one who has met and survived such problems, Johnnie discusses official red tape, the difficulties in renting or buying a house, the trouble with maids, the role of mother-in-law in the Japanese family. He also has his say on matters of more immediate interest to the foreigner in Japan, such as the kamikaze taxi-drivers and the lowdown on drinking and eating in and out of the metropolitan jungle that is the Ginza. There also are chapters on facts, fashions and foibles that are peculiarly Japanese.

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NEWSPAPERMEN FOR EARLY NISEI PRESS

On the jacket of *Tears on the Tatami* are these words: "John Fujii is not neither crazy no how. It's just that working on Japanese newspapers in the States and English language newspapers in Japan has sorta, well let's say it's sorta something . . ."

The first time we met Johnnie was back in Los Angeles in the depression years. The Little Tokyo Players, a Nisei dramatic group then functioning, needed someone for a walk-on role, the part of a doorman. The director, Joe Hirakawa (now a celebrated English teacher on Japanese radio, then an actor playing bit parts in Hollywood movies) found Johnnie for the part. Johnnie had just quit Pomona College where he had been sports editor of the student paper. He was looking for a newspaper job.

Johnnie got on the English section of a Japanese newspaper in Los Angeles. For the better part of the next eight years, he worked on the English sections—with occasional forays into education, attending Southern Methodist in Dallas and Drew University in New Jersey. Johnnie worked for the Rafu Shimpo and for the new Japanese Aemrican News, the tabloid daily which Bob Okazaki and Kay Nishimura launched in 1932, and later for the old Hokubei Asahi and the Japanese American News in San Francisco.

Johnnie Fujii was as American as they come. He thought and wrote in the American idiom. Brought up in Sebastopol, Walnut Grove and in other hot valley towns of Northern California, he had come to the United States while an infant in the arms of his parents. This matter of place of birth was to shape his future destiny. In a world of Americans, he was technically a Japanese national.

As an alien ineligible to citizenship and to all the privileges that citizenship offers, Johnny Fujii felt discriminated in what he considered his native land. He left the United States in 1940 to take a job with a newspaper in Singapore. He could not foresee 12 years later Congress would amend the naturalization law to open American citizenship to all those previously ineligible by reason of race.

Pearl Harbor and the start of war in the Pacific caught Johnnie Fujii in Singapore. He was interned, along with other Japanese nationals. He was sent to a camp in India where he became the liaison official between the Japanese internees and the British officials. Later, he was "repatriated" to Japan, the country of his nationality but a land he did not know.

After the Japanese occupied Singapore, John Fujii returned there, this time as liaison between the Japanese civilian officials and the general population. After V-J day, when Australian troops reoccupied Singapore, Johnnie bobbed up as liaison between the Australians and the surrendered Japanese. Johnnie, who has a capacity of landing on his feet, had bounced back again.

Returning to Japan, Johnny went to work for International News Service, and later joined the Tokyo bureau of Associated Press. He is now editor of Orient Digest, a monthly English-language magazine published in Tokyo.

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FINALLY ORIENTATED WITH ORIENT

Johnnie Fujii is an American by temperament who finally has made his peace with the Orient. "Living in Japan can have its finer moments," he says in the final chapter of *Tears on the Tatami*. He speaks of the leisurely pace of the Japanese.

"You never do anything today that you can put off until tomorrow or next week. You don't worry too much about money because you don't have too much, but there's enough to pay the bills . . . You never grow rich but you grow old gracefully . . . You never grumble at the hazards. You smile at the delay and go your own happy way."

FOWLER GROWER DISPLAYS NEW PEACH DISCOVERY, 'HAS EVERYTHING' CLAIM

(Fowler) Harry Hiraoka, successful peach and nectarine grower here, has displayed his new peach discovery, the "Royal Elberta", claimed to meet all the requirements in color, size, taste and early ripening.

The new variety—a freestone peach — has yellow meat, small pit, sweeter and not as stringy as other early Elbertas. It is a good size, packing between 60 and 70 per lug. The fruit ripens in mid-June with skin coloring of scarlet shading from yellow.

Developing new strains is nothing new to Hiraoka as he and his brother Ross have introduced other early-ripening varieties: the Hiraoka Flame, Roberta and Golden Flame peaches.

Gov. Knight signs bill granting Issei old age assistance

(Sacramento) Gov. Knight last Saturday signed Assembly Bill 2255 to grant old age assistance to those Issei, who because of advanced age or infirmity, are unable to qualify for citizenship.

For the first time in California state history, a group of aliens become eligible for old age assistance by passage of a JACL-sponsored bill authored by Assemblyman S. C. Masterson of Richmond.

Provisions of the new law permitting old age assistance to Issei residents are expected to go into effect 90 days after the signing of the measure. The Pacific Citizen will, in the meantime, publish necessary details to prepare applicants.

(Citizenship is still required of other aliens applying for old age security benefits who were not denied opportunity to become naturalized before Dec. 24, 1952.)

Jack Noda, NC-WNDC, hailed the momentous event: "This has been the most successful year, legislatively speaking, for Japanese Americans in the state of

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Jury sustains Western Pioneer firing ex-president

(Oakland) An Alameda county jury last Friday unanimously sustained the position of Western Pioneer Insurance Co. and Western Pioneer Investment Co. in firing its former president Ralph L. Jensen. The cases had been on trial for five weeks.

The suit arose when Jensen was discharged by the board of directors for good and sufficient cause. Jensen claimed the companies had breached their contract by firing him and sued for salaries of the unexpired term.

Western Pioneer Insurance was organized in October, 1949 and its Investment company in November, 1953, through support of persons of Japanese ancestry in California. Buddy Mamiya is current chairman of the board.

Boys Town psychologist is state welfare president

(Omaha) K. Patrick Okura, staff psychologist at Boys Town, was installed as president of the Nebraska Welfare Association recently. He had served as state treasurer the past year and was Omaha chapter president in 1953.

JACL urges return of all wartime vested property confiscated from Japanese owners as House considers four resolutions

(Washington) The Japanese American Citizens League has endorsed the principle of full payment for all wartime sequestrated Japanese property before an ad hoc subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee last Monday morning.

However, some ambiguous language in the identical House Joint Resolutions, under consideration by a subcommittee headed by Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), was questioned by Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka.

The four identical Resolutions proposed that, "in order to promote the foreign policy of the United States by reaffirming our friendship and desire for mutual cooperation with the free countries of Germany and Japan, furthering the economic rehabilitation of these free countries, and reaffirming the position of the Congress of the United States in regard to the sanctity of private property in all international relations with the free countries of the world," the Secretary of State is authorized, "as a matter of grace" to pay "amounts equal in value to all property and interest taken by the United States since Dec. 19, 1941, from Germany or Japan, or any citizen or subject thereof, or any corporation or association organized under the laws thereof."

The Secretary of State is directed to follow insofar as feasible the precedents of the return of property under the Italian Treaty of Peace.

The necessary appropriations are authorized and "some of such appropriations may be utilized in part from any funds derived from payments or prepayments that may be made under international agreements relating to the post-war economic aid obligations owing by Germany or Japan."

The Nisei lobbyist requested the

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HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLAIMS URGED TO CONSIDER REVISED HILLINGS BILL

(Washington) Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, was urged to consider the new, revised Hillings Evacuation Claims bill this year before adjournment by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative for both the Japanese American Citizens League and Committee of Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

The Nisei lobbyist also conferred with the staff director and the counsel of the Claims Subcommittee.

Pointing out that the revised bill just introduced by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Whittier, Calif.), is a modified version of his original bill introduced last March, incorporating almost all of the recommendations made by a House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims following extensive public hearings in California last fall to expedite and liberalize the determination of remaining evacuation claims, Masaoka said that every effort should be made before adjournment, now slated for Aug. 1, to have the House at least approve the measure in order that the Senate may have the opportunity to concur early in the second session that convenes next January.

When it was pointed out to him that the strong objections of the Dept. of Justice to most of the original Hillings Bill would prevent any unanimous-consent possibility in the House, should the revised bill be cleared by the Subcommittee and full Committee, Masaoka declared that in his opinion the revised bill could be passed on the Consent Calendar.

Besides, he pointed out, the anxious claimants should not be penalized because the Dept. of Justice and the other executive agencies of government took so long to report their objections to the Claims Subcommittee.

"If any blame is to be assessed for the inability to secure favorable Subcommittee and Committee action this session before adjournment, there is no question where it belongs—with the Dept. of Justice and the executive agencies which held up a report on the bill for almost four months," Masaoka charged.

He also expressed fear that failure of some favorable action by the Subcommittee and the full Committee prior to adjournment would result in increased pressure by the Dept. of Justice on remaining claimants to adjudicate their claims on the present, restrictive basis, instead of allowing them to wait another year for a more fav-

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Statistics indicate refugee relief act speed-up underway

(Washington) Latest statistical information released by the Refugee Relief Administration indicates that, at long last, this humanitarian program is now underway, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League commented this week.

Data as to the number of refugees admitted to this country under the nonquota orovisions of the 1953 Act reveals that up to June 1, 1955, only 2,191 adult refugees had been admitted.

For the Far East, the breakdown shows 68 admitted up to June 1 and a total of 123 up to June 17.

As of the beginning of the 1956 fiscal year (July 1), the latest figures show that 1,053 were signed by United States citizens for prospective refugees from Japan. Up to July 1, only 914 of the assurances have been verified and sent to the field, however.

Broken down for U.S. consular areas in Japan, the assurance figures received by the Refugee Relief Program Administration and for those sent to the field, respectively, are as follows: Fukuoka 325 and 280; Kobe 343 and 307; Sapporo 7 and 2; Tokyo 161 and 127; Yokohama 172 and 155; and Nagoya 45 and 43.

Though Okinawa is within the supervisory jurisdiction of the Supervising United States Consul

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From the Frying Pan

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JOY OF RUNNING CEMENT-MIXER

Denver

One of the dubious pleasures of suburban living is the do-it-yourself project. Personally, I take an extremely dim view of such activity and avoid such projects like the plague. However, once in a while a neighbor gets a job under way and, where it involves the need for considerable manpower, one feels obligated to pitch in and help.

Such an occasion arose this morning. A neighbor two doors down was starting a concrete patio and the person who makes the decisions in our family felt I should go down and offer to help. I did, and got the job of running the concrete mixer. Fortunately it was powered by an electric motor and all I had to do was mix the ingredients. I'd throw in a five shovels of gravel, five shovels of sand, two coffee cans of cement and three cans of water. After the batter had slopped around a reasonable time I'd flip the mixer over and dump the concrete into the wheelbarrow another good neighbor was operating.



Before I had mixed too many batches, I found I was enjoying the work, and in the periods of waiting for the concrete to be stirred up properly, I tried to analyze my satisfaction. Finally, I came to the conclusion that I liked running the cement mixer because it took a minimum of mental effort. I had to count only up to five and that was something I'd learned to accomplish without exertion back about the first grade. In running the concrete mixer there were no decisions to make, no planning for the future, no necessity for thinking of any kind. I didn't even have to worry about subordinates because there was no one more subordinate than I.

I'm not sure, but perhaps I was discovering for the first time the pleasant therapy that a hobby can provide. Not that I intend to run a cement mixer for a hobby, but I suppose even that has its points.

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ABOUT NON-ROUTINE WORK

These days, every person employed in anything but the most routine jobs is faced by the necessity of making one decision after another. Maybe a single decision in itself doesn't amount to much. But pile them up one after another, and keep them coming on and on and on, and pretty soon they'll wear you down. Let me tell you a story that illustrates this point.

It's about a strong-armed farmhand named Misozuke who went to work for a farmer that we'll call Mr. Daikon. The first day Daikon had Misozuke hoeing onions. The hired man started work early in the morning and hoed onions like a machine, rarely stopping even for a cigarette. By nightfall he'd done two average men's work. The next day Farmer Daikon had Misozuke pitching hay. (Not being a practicing farmer, I can't be responsible for the accuracy of this sequence of chores.) Misozuke pitched hay like he'd been doing it all his life.

Farmer Daikon was highly elated by his new hired man's performance and knew he wanted to keep Misozuke on as a permanent employee. But Daikon was also aware that if he worked the man too hard, he might quit and go look for an easier berth. So the third day Daikon told Misozuke: "Son, you've been going at it pretty hard. Today I want to give you a chance to let up a bit. You go down into the storage celler and you'll find about a hundred sacks of potatoes. I want you to open up these sacks one by one, dump out the contents and throw the good potatoes in one corner, the spoiled potatoes in another."

So Misozuke went down into the cellar, and shortly before noon Daikon dropped by to see how his hired man was getting along. Much to Daikon's astonishment, he found Misozuke sound asleep on the floor and less than two sacks of potatoes sorted. Daikon promptly kicked Misozuke awake and demanded to know what the hell was going on.

"Well," said Misozuke rubbing the sleep out of his eyes, "I don't mind hoeing onions, and I like pitching hay. But when it comes to sorting the good potatoes from the bad ones well, what gets me down is all those damned decisions."

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TOKYO TOPICS: by TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Hawaiian Nisei establish proud history of achievement in Japan as journalists, educators, sportsmen, entertainers

Tokyo

Geographic origins form a popular basis for dividing the Nisei in Japan as Hawaiian, American (continental U.S.) and Canadian. And the American and Hawaiian Nisei is further divided into prewar and postwar groups.

Because of the various hardships suffered by prewar Nisei stranded in Japan during the war years, they stand separately from the postwar Nisei who came in with the occupation forces and practically lived like kings by dealing in black market goods. Thank the Lord, those days are gone. A pinch of salt, spoonful of sugar or the cigarette no longer command the attention it once favored. In a way, they provided precious items, which the Japanese could not obtain whatsoever.



Peculiarly, each group is identified with problems peculiar to its own group. The Canadian Nisei has problems which greatly differ from that of the Hawaiian Nisei, while the American Nisei have some common to both but at the same time confronted with issues strictly their own.

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First Nisei group from Hawaii arrived in 1918

Generally speaking, the Nisei from Hawaii are the most prominent because of their early arrival. While they are very active in sports, stage and entertainment today, their history goes back to 1918, when a group led by Tamie Ouchi arrived here for an education. It was the first recorded incident of Nisei coming here as a group.

In the realm of business, Shoichi Hirase, now approaching the 60s, is regarded as the most successful businessman from Hawaii. He is a top executive with Fuji Iron Works. The most noted businesswoman would be Chiye Edith Kubota who heads the Nippon Diamond Pit Co. as president.

Other prominent Hawaiian Nisei include Jiro Motokawa, assistant manager of the Tokyo branch, National City Bank of New York; Hisashi Koshimoto and Fukuichi Fukumoto, Mainichi Shimbun newspapermen. Koshimoto headed the sports department, Fukumoto was in foreign news.

Toyoyuki Imamura, Mainichi bureau chief in New York, and Roy Saiki, Yomiuri sports writer, are widely known in Japan. Tetsuo Shinjo of Tokyo Shimbun won attention when his translation work became a best-seller. These three are all from Hawaii, who naturally know their English, but won their fame as Japanese writing journalists. It seems the Nisei from Hawaii are very good in Japanese.

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Pioneer journalist: Kimpei Sheba of Asahi

Whenever journalists are mentioned, no one can overlook the pioneer Nisei newsman, Kimpei Sheba, whose father founded various Japanese vernaculars in Hawaii and won glory with the Japan Times (now the Nippon Times). Kimpei founded the English section of the San Franicsco Nichibei many years ago, then came to Japan to manage the Nippon Times. Today he heads the Asahi Evening News.

Kimpei's younger brother Togo publishes the monthly Japanese magazine "Maru" as well as a number of other English language journals from time to time.

Other Hawaiian Nisei for this roster are Leslie Nakashima and Mrs. Shizue Miyauchi of United Press here and Tom Nakata, Radio Press manager. Ryoichiro Kurokawa is a noted Asahi Shimbun cameraman. Giichi Muronaka and Kinishi Asami work for Dempo Tsushin and Kyodo, respectively.

Women club president

(Indio) Mrs. Henry Sakemi was elected president of the Indio Women's Club.

Hiroshi Nii and Mike Noboru Mike work at Japan Broadcasting Corp. and Nippon Times, respectively.

Dr. Kakuichi Oshimo of Doshisha University is probably the best known educator hailing from Hawaii. A graduate of McKinley High, he was ordained a minister, married the daughter of the late Dr. Danjo Ebina, Japan's most outstanding evangelist in the Meiji-Taisho era, and ministered in Tokyo's Bancho church before teaching at Doshisha.

Tom Takagi, who has lectured at Waseda and other colleges, should be added. A great supporter of the JACL in the early days, he met tough luck by losing his leg in Germany many years ago. But he has not lost his smile and good spirit. We used to call him "Hobo", but today he ranks as a professor in English.

In politics, Kenbo Kai is one of the few government officials from the Islands. He is with the Ministry of Postal Services.

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Haida brothers lead in entertainment circles

In the stage and screen circles, brothers Katsuhiko and Haruhiko Haida stand out with their fine singing and acting. Other names are Fumiko Kawabata and Mrs. Shizu Saito among the feminine artists. Postwar, George Shimabukuro and James Shigeta have made their imprint here.

In sports, Chiky Honda starred in baseball at Keio before turning to sports writing with the prewar Domei News Agency. He's an Osaka public relations consultant today. Shigeo Kameta played at Meiji, joined the Japanese Navy and is with Japan Air Lines today.

There are many ball players from Hawaii today. Unfortunately I do not know them. There are other Nisei from Hawaii meeting success in other fields.

But this is part of the story that should be told to offset the effects of good-for-nothing Nisei here from Hawaii causing a bad name for the Nisei in general.

IN HONOR OF

■ Richard Kono of Farmington, Mo., who represented his community at the Missouri Boys State recently, was elected as one of the two Missouri youth representing the state and Boys Nation, to be held July 22-29 at Washington, D.C. (Many Nisei have been sponsored to attend Boys State at various state capitals, but Kono is the first Nisei this year to be honored for Boys Nation.)

■ Edwin F. Sasaki, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Sasaki, Ann Arbor, was appointed secretary to the governor for Wolverine Boys' State at East Lansing. He also received the Dwight Rich honor award plaque for outstanding services during Boys State. At Ann Arbor high school, he is active with the a capella choir and has competed in vocal competitions.

■ Roy Tateishi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Tateishi, Miami, Fla., was chosen secretary of state during recent Boys State activities at Tallahassee. The Jackson High student was named outstanding swimmer in Miami after winning three first places in the city meet. He is state high school champion in the individual medley and 100-yd. freestyle events.

■ Joy Oshiki, daughter of the Mas Oshikis, Thermal, was salutatorian of the largest class to graduate from Coachella Valley Union High School. She and Richard Matsuishi, student-body president, were the only Nisei handed their diplomas last month.

■ The Rev. Yoshio Fukuyama, associate in the Dept. of Research of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, has been called to occupy one of the significant positions in Protestantism as head of the Dept. of Research of the Congregational Church, New York.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

ROMULO ON DISCRIMINATION

Honolulu

Nisei in Hawaii who fuss and fume about racial discrimination, real or imagined, should take note of some significant remarks on this score made by Carlos Romulo of the Philippines at the recent Bandung conference.

Speaking to Asiatic and African peoples, the dynamic Filipino leader said: "Let us not fall ourselves into the racist trap. We will do this if we respond to the white prejudice against us as non-whites with prejudice against the whites simply because they are white.



"There is no more dangerous or immoral or absurd idea than the idea of any kind of policy grouping based on color as such. This would, in the deepest sense, mean giving up all human freedom in our time.

"In almost all Western lands, and especially in the United States, an internal struggle against racism and all its manifestations has been going on steadily and victoriously."

The moral of Romulo's observation should be plain for the Nisei, too. It is: Don't fight prejudice with prejudice; rise above it and keep going ahead.

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WORST WAY TO WASTE TIME

Of the innumerable ways one can waste time, probably the worst is to dwell on the wrongs of the past in an attempt to justify the goings-on of the present. This is an extravagant luxury that none can afford in a short lifetime. The time and energy needed to build the future are just too limited to fritter away by an obsession of re-living that past and harboring long-dead grievances.

To yearn for what soem like to call the "good old days" is both wasteful of time and unrealistic of the facts. But it is many times more wasteful and unrealistic to think that one can contribute to a better society by agitating for revenge for the wrongs of the past.

There appears to be much pre-occupation among some Nisei in Hawaii to belabor the discrimination they or their parents have suffered in the past. This line of thinking has developed an "eye for an eye" attitude that could be as harmful to the Nisei as to the intended targets.

It was interesting to note two Nisei speakers emphasize this point on a recent occasion when a Nisei was being honored for having received a high government appointment. The speakers expressed the pride of the nearly all-Nisei assembly in the fact that one of their race had attained the post. More than that, the appointee was obviously the right choice by virtue of his outstanding qualifications for the position.

But, in the course of the profuse congratulatory remarks, the speakers cautioned the Nisei against demanding recognition from the community too hastily. The important thing, they said, was for the Nisei to be prepared and capable of assuming heavier responsibilities than the Nisei have been accustomed to carrying.

In short, their advice was: Don't be impatient and overreach for the honors ahead; time will give the breaks to those who deserve them.

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ADVICE OF PRESENT DAY

Advice of this sort is somewhat surprising. Until a short time ago, most Nisei seemed to be in such an aggressive mood to get ahead as a racial group that any advice to "let time tell the story" would have been rejected. The Nisei were so anxious to "put themselves on the map" that they brushed aside suggestions to go slow as a group.

What this apparent change in mood indicates is that the Nisei in Hawaii may have, at last, "arrived." They no longer feel as they once did that they must identify themselves as a racial group in pursuing certain objectives, such as community acceptance of their loyalty, their useful role in the community, and their future place in the islands.

More and more, henceforth, it will be up to the Nisei as individuals, and not so much as a racial group, to work themselves to whatever level they are capable of, in the wider community. That has been the way with older ethnic groups in American society; that's the way it is for the Nisei.

VAST INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC TO U.S. TO BE FACILITATED BY STREAMLINING PROCEDURE FOR NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS

(Washington) Changes in regulations concerning issuance of non-immigrant visas by American consulates overseas were disclosed in a State Department announcement received by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League this week.

The latest move is expected to facilitate international travel, including that from Japan, in accord with emphasis the President has given the subject in a message to Congress.

The changes were issued after consultation with other agencies of Government and Members of the Congress. In making these changes, the State Department has adhered to the principles established by Congress that a distinction must be made between an immigrant and a non-immigrant and that the "double check" system provided by law be maintained.

This system provides that an immigration officer checks the alien on his arrival to make certain there has been no change in his status between the issue date of his visa and the time of his arrival in the United States.

All United States embassies have been instructed to negotiate with the Governments to which they are accredited to negotiate broad agreements which will facilitate travel on a reciprocal basis and thereby assure Americans similar rights and privileges which the United States offers to foreigners.

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Among the changes are the following:

1. A non-immigrant visa may be valid for any number of visits within a period of four years and with no fee. Two years was the previous maximum validity. (A United States passport has a maximum validity of four years.)

2. A non-immigrant visa may be revalidated up to four years without a formal application. The previous period was two years.

3. A non-immigrant visa may be revalidated within a year, rather than three months as previously required. This is to facilitate the travel of those who reside long distances from the United States and could hardly be expected to pay another visit to the United States within a short period of time.

4. Consular officers have been instructed that they may issue a non-immigrant visa valid for two entries in cases where this may be required when an alien wishes to visit the United States, proceed to a third country, and then return to the United States on his way home.

Heretofore, in some instances an alien has been required to wait some time in the third country before he could get the visa to return to his home through the United States. The new provision for a round-trip visa will facilitate the travel of these people.

5. Where foreign countries require single entry visas on a reciprocal basis, the Department proposes a joint agreement to allow citizens of both countries to buy at any one time as many such visa, or entries as he may desire.

Now he must go to the issuing office every time he wants to make a trip.

6. Heretofore, one type of visa has been required for a businessman and another type for a tourist for pleasure. The Department, after consultation with the consuls are to issue visas valid both for business and pleasure where no fees are required, or where the fees for the two different types of visas are the same.

If any other country charges different fees for these two types of visas, American consular officers may now issue a visa valid both for business or for pleasure, if the alien desires to pay the higher fee.

7. The Department has also provided that aliens may have their names registered and maintained on quota waiting lists and still be isued non-immigrant visas for bona fide visits, with the provision that any violation of non-immigrant status will result in the removal of the name from the quota waiting list. Further, the name may not be reinstated as of the date of original priority.

8. In cooperation with other governmental agencies, the Department is adopting a new and simplified application form for a non-immigrant visa. Questionnaire and preliminary application forms which have been used in the past and which have slowed up the issuance of non-immigrant visas will now be used only when it is necessary to mail them to persons living some distance from a consulate.

9. A bill endorsed by the Department is pending in Congress which would eliminate the issuance of fee stamps and the Department has under consideration a simplified system for recording fees in an effort to speed up the process of issuing a visa.

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During fiscal year 1954, American consulates issued 400,000 non-immigrant visas, many of them valid for more than one entry, and 60 million visits were paid to the United States. This vast traffic has created many serious problems which the new regulations are designed to eliminate.

The Department pointed out that any country handling this number of visitors must maintain orderly controls. In addition to the non-immigrant visas issued, roughly a quarter of a million immigrants enter the United States each year. It is not only required by law but it is necessary, in order to maintain economic equilibrium, to make a distinction between an immigrant and a non-immigrant.

These new regulations take this fully into account but provide that upon the establishment of non-immigrant status a visa shall consist of nothing more than a rubber-stamp in a passport to identify the traveller and to establish his non-immigrant status, and it may remain in effect for a long period of time unless there is a change in the status.

The effort is directed toward making the issuance of a visa an extremely simple process and once it is in the passport, no further visits to an American Consulate need to be made during the life of the visa unless the visitor changes his status.

The changes in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 are immediately effective in all countries where visas are not required, according to the State Department.

New handbook of U.S. info for newcomers published

(New York) "Life in America," 96-page handbook of information for newcomers to the United States, has been published by the Common Council for American Unity, 20 W. 40th St., New York 18.

Written in clear, concise English, the newcomer is told about laws applying especially to aliens, how to become a citizen, and many other aspects of American life essential in getting settled in a community.

Price of the handbook, 50 cents, has been kept at a minimum to insure widest distribution. Prices are reduced if ordered in lots of 25 or more.

New claims bill—

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orable, liberal consideration as proposed by the revised Hillings Bill.

"If some congressional action can be taken to avoid this possibility, while at the same time providing the Dept. of Justice some opportunity to continue operations, then, perhaps immediate action before adjournment will not be so essential," Masaoka said.

The Washington JACL-COJAEC representative was informed that the Subcommittee on Claims is currently tied up with consideration of a bill to pay claims arising out of the 1947 Texas City explosion. It was emphasized that this Texas City measure is of an emergency nature because many of the victims of the explosions are still hospitalized and without needed funds.

If time permits after the disposition of this bill, Masaoka was promised that the Subcommittee would attempt to consider the Hillings Bill.



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BY SMOKY SAKURADA

TRUMBULL PARK RIOT ON JULY 4

Chicago

● Sporadic acts of violence and vandalism against Negro families moving into the Trumbull Park homes in mid-August, 1953, has led to the largest, continuous police concentration in one community in recent Chicago history. This background of race tension was cited as one reason for the sudden outburst July 4, according to a *Sun-Times* news reporter who interviewed city, police and community officials.



A police detail averaging 300 men have been maintained the past two years. Many white residents in Trumbull Park, predominantly home-owning steel workers, who have long regarded the police concentration as an army of occupation sent down by City Hall to enforce community acceptance of non-white families in the housing project. And on special occasions, the detail was enlarged by four times. Such was the July 4 celebration, when uniformed officers paced the sidewalks surrounding the picnic area . . . Some men, seen drinking, were asked to leave (lest some trouble be stirred) by an attorney, who serves as spokesman for the white neighborhood. Later the same men were reported arguing violently in front of a residence. As one officer went in to break it up, other residents got words "fight" and "the police are hitting our boys" and became electrified with hostility . . . In the ensuing tussle, five officers were attacked by a crowd and one resident was wounded by gunshot when he moved in to attack one officer.

Such is an incident of race tension over homes at its worst. The Mayor's Commission on Community Welfare is striving to end this as quickly as possible.

● Methodist minister of Hiroshima, the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, whose life was reviewed on Ralph Edward's national TV program recently, will address a public meeting July 31, 8 p.m., at the Church of Christ, 3516 N. Sheffield. It is being co-sponsored by the Armitags, Christ Congregational Church, Kenwood-Ellis Community Church and the Church of Christ.

● The eighth annual Japanese American Service Committee picnic will be held July 31 at Northwestern Woods in Des Plaines, on Highway 14 near the Highway 12 (Foster Ave.) junction. Signs will be posted.

● Youngsters between 8 and 10 may camp for two weeks at $17 per person at Camp Reinberg, where a trained staff will work between July 25 and Sept. 3. Interested parents can call the Japanese American Service Committee, DElaware 7-1076.

● A Chicago Korean War veteran, Michael Y. Takemoto (ER 39093333, of 856 Sheridan Rd.), or his survivors have until Aug. 21 to apply to the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Washington 25, D.C., for allowances due U.S. prisoners of war.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

CIVIL DEFENSE MEASURES

Serving one 24-hour watch a month as volunteer members of the Air Force ground observer corps, the Selma JACL has been awarded its observer wings recently. While there is constant need for such aides in every American community, non-watchers should be made aware of local civil defense operations . . . The recent Operation Alert rightfully assumed 51 U.S. cities were smashed by atomic weapons with 8.2 million persons killed, 6.5 million injured and 10 million left homeless. No enemy attacking the continental United States would hazard a second chance. It would have to be a one-time knockout blow . . . Operation Alert raised the problem of evacuating cities in face of a threatening enemy attack . . . Efficient preparation for speedy evacuation of vast numbers of city residents cannot be done overnight. Operation Alert should, therefore, key JACL chapters in urban areas to render more interest in this phase of civil defense organization . . . As soon as plans are outlined for evacuating a particular city, the plan should be thoroughly known by the citizens of each area and be drilled . . . Since it may involve dispensing of information, the chapters would be in an excellent position to render them in Japanese for the Issei . . . If Operation Alert brings home the conviction to the people at large that we should take serious and practical steps, then it has served a good purpose.



LEARN A WORD A DAY

"What's a six-letter word meaning *diaskeuast*?" . . . Of course, questions like this crop often when you have a pencil or pen in hand and peppering a crossword puzzle with block letters . . . There was a time when I took the streetcar to work and managed to work out the small layout each day. Then I took to driving, which immediately lopped off that daily deliberation . . . So, now it's once a week with the larger Sunday puzzler. Which led to this opening question . . . As it worked out, it proved to be *editor*. Learn a word a day, they tell us. This word is worth seven days—so that next week when I grip another impregnable clue, I might chunk another word worth a week of wisdom.

CROCKETT, DAVY AND ANTI

Millions of gun-toting small fry, coonskin caps and all, are meting justice single-handedly on imaginary rogues of the wide open spaces since Walt Disney launched his Davy Crockett TV series last November . . . The man "who kilt a b'ar when he was only three' has transformed every American community into the wild west. But elders take a dim view, reckoning this in term of D.C. or A.C. (not direct current or alternating current, but Davy Crockett or Anti-Crockett) . . . Some Democrats fear Davy (who bolted the Jacksonian Democrats in favor of the Whigs) of today is conditioning the country against them in 1956 . . . I mention Disney this week because we've been invited to Disneyland opening this Sunday.

CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Selma JACL: The chapter is actively participating in the local Ground Observer Corps, with the responsibility of one 24-hour watch every month.

Mrs. Kaoru Kobashi was presented with the Ground Observer wings recently. She is the day captain from the JACL. Members who served for the previous month were as follows:

Elmer Kobashi, George Okazaki, Tom Umeda, George Baba, Akira Iwamura, Takami Misaki, Nancy Matsunaga, and Mesdames K. Yamamoto, K. Kobashi, Takami Misaki, and Paul Ota.

■ Sequoia JACL: A swimming outing is slated July 16 at Menlo Park's Burgess Gym, 7 p.m., where basketball, handball and other indoor sports are planned for the evening. Chapter president Hiroji Kariya also promised "gobs of food".

■ Detroit JACL: Paul Joichi is chairman of the fourth annual chapter fishing derby this Sunday at Pontiac Lake. Separate prizes are being offered to adults and children for the largest bass, pike and pan fish. Also on the committee are:

David Izumi, Dr. James T. Mimura, Kenneth Miyoshi, Tom Shibuyama, Tom Tagami and Kay Takata.

Mrs. Teruko Millican and Mrs. Tame Montgomery are conducting chapter-sponsored classes in flower arrangement Wednesday nights at International Institute.

■ Hollywood JACL: Members and friends are being asked to reserve Sunday, July 24, for the chapter beach party at Playa del Rey.

■ Southwest Los Angeles JACL: A "Get Salty" beach party will be held at Paradise Cove, a mile north of Malibu Estates, by the chapter July 31, 1:30 p.m. An "all you can eat and drink" feature—50c for adults, 25c for children—is being planned. The menu offers hot dogs, potato salad, corn, watermelon, beer and softdrinks. Entry fee into the private beach area is $1 for three in a car and 50c for each additional person in the car.

■ Omaha JACL: A successful family picnic was held July 3 at the Omaha Home for Boys Farm, where 135 members frolicked in traditional Fourth of July fashion. Cold drinks and watermelon were provided by the chapter. K. Patrick Okura and Sam Tsuji, co-chairmen, were assisted by:

Robert Nakadoi, Manuel Matsunami, Frank Tamai, Chick Matsui, James Egusa, Galdys Hirabayashi, Emiko Watanabe and Mary Misaki.

Donations of merchandise and funds for the picnic were acknowledge from:

Harry Watanabe, the Jack Kayas, Takechi Jewelers, Mrs. T. Ikebasu, the Tom Arikawas, the R. Nakadois, the Matsunami Family, the K. Patrick Okuras, the James Ishiis, the Joe Tsujis, Mrs. A. Egusa and James, the Browns, the Days and the Pierces.

■ Gilroy JACL The chapter hosted at a joint meeting with San Benito County JACL last Monday when author James Edmiston of "Home Again" spoke at the Community Hall.

■ San Luis Valley JACL: The annual chapter-sponsored picnic will be held this Sunday at Mountain Home Reservoir near Ft. Garland, Colo. Naturalized Issei will be guests of honor. Shirow Enomoto, chapter president, announced the following committeemen:

Ruth Kameda (chmn.), Kiyoko Yoshida, Mary Tanaka, Alice Wakasugi, Sadako Hayashida, Mrs. S. Yoritomo, food; Roy Tanaka (chmn.), Kanji Sumida, Anne Escheman, Mae Hishinuma, Shizuye Fujimoto, Roy Fujii, prog. & prizes.

■ Long Beach-Harbor District JACL: Japanese movies will be shown Saturday, July 23, at the Harbor Japanese Community Center, it was announced by chapter president Easy Fujimoto, who is chairing the benefit. Assisting are:

Takako Uragami, Harry Iwasaki, Tomizo and Sue Joe, Tetsuo Takeuchi.

The chapter also held a preliminary meeting last night to discuss the forthcoming Sept. 3-4 community carnival. Tomizo Joe is chairman, assisted by:

Easy Fujimoto, George Iseri, Haj Fukumoto, Smokey Iwasaki, Fred Ikeguchi, Bob Komai, Sue Joe, Harry Iwasaki, Kazuko Matsumoto, George Mio, Frances Ishii and Marlene Hada.

■ Coachella Valley JACL: Grammar and high school graduates were honored at the annual chapter outing June 25 at Idyllwild . . . Robert Pepper, teacher at the local high school, was given a token of appreciation for instructing 27 Issei in the chapter-sponsored naturalization class recently. Thirteen Issei have been examined at Riverside.



Gov. Goodwin Knight presents signed copy of AB 2255 to Haruo Ishimaru. "I'm happy to sign this remedial bill. The Japanese Americans have long contributed to the development of the great state of California, and the lot of some of our elderly residents in their declining years should be alleviated," the Governor stated. Witnessing the presentation are (left to right) Toko Fujii, Sacramento JACL president; Bill Matsumoto, NC-WNDC executive board member; Jack Noda, NC-WNDC chairman; Ginji Mizutani, past president, Sacramento JACL; and Attorney Dean Itano. —Toyo Studio, Sac'to.

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California.

"Not only has our important goal of securing Old Age Assistance for the Issei been won, but with the passage of Assembly Bill 842, the original anti-alien land law of 1913 has been removed and Assembly Bill 841 will place on the ballot in 1956 the removal of the Alien Property Initiative Act of 1920.

"These laws were the most vicious and discriminatory laws aimed at the Issei, depriving them of the right to purchase and own land in California. The JACL has batted 1.000 (%) in their California legislative program this year."

Lobbying for the JACL in Sacramento was Haruo Ishimaru of the Northern California JACL Office.

The Governor's action was taken on the final day he said he would act on measures passed by the state legislature this year. The state constitution provided four more days for the governor to sign or veto a bill. Other bills not gaining any action would then be killed by pocket-veto.

Detroit CL concludes third naturalization class

(Detroit) The third naturalization class sponsored by the Detroit JACL chapter held its closing ceremonies June 26 at International Institute.

Kenneth Miyoshi and Mrs. Miyo O'Neill addressed the class while congratulatory messages were given by Masao Konishi and Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi, instructors. The meeting adjourned with dinner at Wong's Garden for the nine students.

BUSINOTES

(Due recognition must be given to JACLers who are making gains in business and professional spheres. The Pacific Citizen invites items for this column with a note of the person's past or present JACL or 1000 Club affiliation.)

■ Tom Sakai, prominent Indio rancher and veteran Coachella Valley JACLer, was elected president of the Coachella Valley Farmers Association board of directors for the coming year. Herb Hirohata is secretary of the C. V. Farm Bureau.

■ Harry M. Fujita, assistant manager of the Pasadena agency, California-Western States Life Insurance Co., is attending a special three-week management course from July 18 at the Sacramento home office. Fujita is a two-term past president, Downtown Los Angeles chapter.

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Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

'DATELINE FREEDOM' BROADCASTER

San Francisco

For a decade I have been associated with civil rights and minority group organizations and problems. Beginning with a position as research assistant at the Univ. of Chicago where I helped to direct a study on the highly mobile southside of Chicago while engaged in graduate work there, then moving to Los Angeles where I served on the board of the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations and on the Southern California Congregational Social Action Committee, and now I am in San Francisco with a number of new associations.



I have had the pleasure of working with a number of highly qualified experts and I know of no person more capable and hard working than Edward Howden, executive director of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity. Among his many tasks is the highly specialized one of radio commentator on civil rights and minority-group developments, which is broadcast as *Dateline Freedom* every Saturday at 10:15 p.m. over station KCBS. With his permission I am using part of his July 2 program, which is of interest to the Japanese American community.

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PLIGHT OF SAN LEANDRO DENTIST

Announcer: Dateline Freedom. In cooperation with the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco, the KCBS Department of Public Affairs presents Dateline Freedom. Each week at this time Dateline Freedom brings you a transcribed summary and analysis of the week's news in intergroup relations with special reference to the rights and opportunities of racial and religious minorities. Your reporter on Dateline Freedom is Edward Howden, Director of the Council for Civic Unity. Mr. Howden.

Howden . . . A disturbing new chapter was written in the past eight days in the story of Dr. Satoru Larry Aikawa and his wife to find a home in San Leandro which they may buy without racial discrimination.

You may recall that the plight of the young Nisei dentist —who is also a veteran of World War II—came to public attention several months ago when a home he was about to buy was withdrawn after the seller received an anonymous telephone threat of his life. Dr. and Mrs. Aikawa said that this was merely the latest among a number of turndowns they had experienced in their search for a home. But it seemed last March that the incident was to have a happy ending: another home had been found, subject only to financing arrangements.

Suddenly last weekend, the Aikawa case was revealed not to have been solved at all. After many weeks of waiting, the Aikawas learned that the home they thought they had was over-priced for available financing. More searching followed, yielding finally a house on Leonard Drive—San Leandro—on which the price did seem about right. Negotiations proceeded in normal fashion, and it appeared that at last the Aikawas would have a home adequate to their growing family.

But among their prospective new neighbors were several who became agitated on the old familiar grounds. They were not prejudiced, but—was the neighborhod going to become all-minority? (One Chinese American family was already in residence.) What would happen to property values? And so on . . .

Inquiries were made of bank and other lending institution officials in San Leandro, and reassurance was given that entrance of a family such as the Aikawas would be an asset to the neighborhood. But the doubts persisted, and when three real estate firms sent their salesmen down the block urging people to sell promptly to Oriental families, the scare and panic were under way.

There followed one of the most remarkable letters I have ever seen on a question of this kind. Twenty-eight Leonard Drive residents wrote to Dr. Aikawa, saying, in part:

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LEONARD DRIVE RESIDENTS WRITE

"As Christians we believe that man is a personality composed of body and soul, equal in the eyes of God, regardless of race or color.

"As citizens"—the letter continued—"of this great democracy of the United States of America, we stand by the principles which our forefathers laid out for us in the Declaration of Independence, namely: 'We hold these truth to be self-evident, that all men are created equal . . .'

"We have applauded the Supreme Court in its decisions of recent years which have tended to place the application of

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INTERMOUNTAIN ITEMS: by ALICE KASAI

Ken Fukunaga of Salt Lake City wooed Japanese movie star for four years, recalls CL beach party at off-limit area

(Salt Lake City) Japanese movie star, Miss Mitsuko Kimura, who was flowen 5,000 miles across the Pacific for her first and last kiss with Aldo Ray, was welcomed to Salt Lake with much excitement and interest. The newspapers greeted her at the airport on her arrival last month, hounded her and husband Ken Fukunaga to their father's residence and took all sorts of pictures and deluged them with questions.

People out of sheer curiosity wanted to meet the shy, quiet star, whose unassuming sweetness added to her tranquil beauty. Other war brides wanted to exchange notes with her personal experiences. Salt Lake was so proud to know she had chosen a local Nisei for her husband.

The husband, Toshio Ken Fukunaga, happens to be a childhood friend of mine from the days of Carbon High Schol. It was like seeing one's long lost brother. You can imagine how thrilling it was to meet again after so many years. We had much to recall in our reminiscence of the past as old friends will do.

Ken attended Univ. of Utah back in 1938-39. He then went on to Univ. of Idaho, Southern Branch, at Pocatello, for three years, graduating as pharmacist in 1942. Couple of years later, he was sent to Japan with the Army and had established himself at the Tokyo Army Hospital, the former St. Luke's, founded by the Rockefeller Foundation. He returned to the States in '50 and went again on Civil Service duty to aid the Occupational program.

At that time Mitsuko was discovered by LIFE photographer and was popularized as Life's Cover Girl. Ken discovered her at that time too and had to court her for four years, due to her shyness, before he finally married her last October at the Army chapel. Ken and Mitsi are now awaiting parenthood within the next three months.

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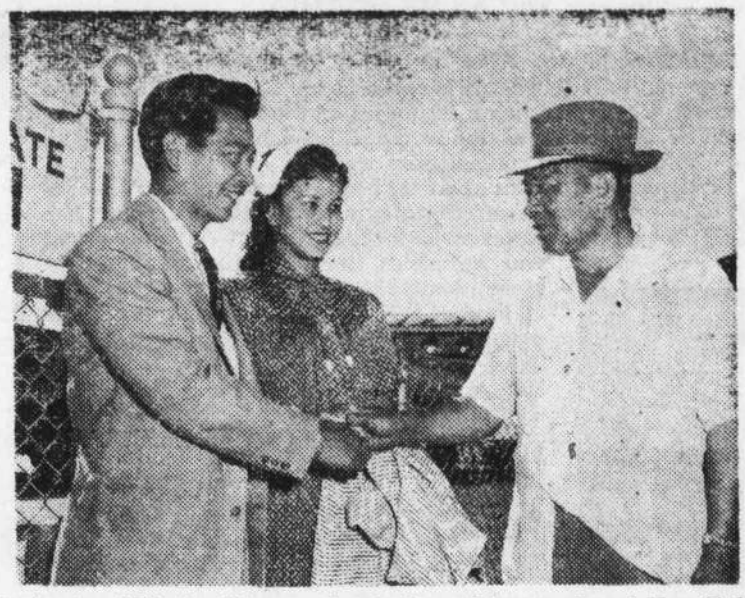
During their month's visit here, Ken tried to get American citizenship for his wife in order to establish citizenship for their first-born, who would be born in Japan.

Ken sought a waiver of residence rights under section 319B of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act. He petitioned for her citizenship here, but processing was too slow. Ken's leave of absence had expired, and they could wait no longer. Mitsi did not want to remain alone for final processing, so they left Salt Lake City very disappointed.

They would now have to go through the whole procedure all over again after another two years if they return at that time. Ken was relieved to learn that his child would be able to apply for citizensihp after two year's residence according to revised law instead of former 16 years which stipulated that a child must be 16 years old to apply for naturalization.

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Ken recalled a JACL Beach Outing just after the outbreak of war. He said the curfew hours and certain off limit areas had to be disregarded in order to go to the Great Salt Lake Beach. But some of the chapter officers, which included Mike Masaoka, thought it was all approved by proper authorities so some 40 members found themselves herded to city jail where they had to spend the night and experience their first Fourth of July celebration behind bars. It seems that Elmer (moto) Smith came to their rescue and the JACLers were released to their homes.



Movie star Mitsuko Kimura (center), and her husband Ken Fukunaga (left) bid farewell to Ken's dad, Harry R. Fukunaga of Salt Lake City, at the airport. —Terashima Photo.

Ken and Mitsi were flown to Los Angeles by Columbia Studios and shown a sneak preview late last month. The title has yet to be determined. They have changed it so many times; one of the last titles was "The Gentle Sergeant", but now it might be just "Yuko". Critics were encouraging following the sneak preview shown at Pasadena's Crown Theatre, and the studio expects its success to be assured. World premier would most likely be held in Tokyo and released to the public within two months .

Hollywood pace was just too much for the Fukunagas. They said they were glad to be able to relax in Utah among old friends in a quiet atmosphere and would probably return to make their home here when released from his civil service duties in Japan.

They spent a few days in San Francisco before leaving July 5 via Japan Air Lines for Tokyo. Mitsi was scheduled to get a permanent while there from beautician Kayo Hayakawa, another of Ken's childhood friends.

Dance instructor

(Pocatello) Mary Kasai, local dance instructor, will be teaching jazz, modern jazz and ballet to delegates attending National Association of Dance and Affiliated Artist conventions and advance student seminars this summer. Her tour will include conventions in Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Boston and New York.

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EAST L.A. TO SPONSOR AUG. 13 SUMMER DANCE AT NOTED ELK'S CLUB

(Los Angeles) As a prelude to Nisei Week festivities, the East Los Angeles JACL presents a summer classic attraction, the annual Emerald Ball, Aug. 13, 8:30 p.m., at the Elks Club opposite MacArthur Park.

The sports-formal affair will feature the music of Jose Pablos, who makes his initial appearance at a Nisei function. Tickets, $3.50 per couple, are available from chapter members and the JACL Office here.

Vocalist Masto Karasawa and modern dance interpreter Miss Ding Dong were announced as added entertainment guest artists.

Eden Township picnic combined with annual fund-raising campaign

(Hayward) The annual community picnic sponsored by the Eden Township JACL will be held this Sunday at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek. The event is combined with the chapter's only public fund-raising campaign of the year.

Kenji Fujii, president, said final arrangements have been made by the following committeemen:

Jerry Shibata, Min Shinoda, Tets Sakai, ways & means: Haruko Nomura, Sam Kuramoto, games; Tets Sakai, Toichi Domoto, refr.; Tom Kitayama, prize; Machi Tomotoshi, p.a.; Masako Minami, pub.

House—

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subcommittee to make clear that the Resolutions would not require Japan, as a condition precedent to the payments for confiscated property, to acknowledge or pay any postwar economic obligations or to authorize payment in Japanese yen.

In an 18-page single-spaced legal-size prepared statement, Masaoka declared that the question of debt settlement is an entirely different subject from that of the confiscation of private property and each should be settled separately and not tied together.

He also argued that since the United States Government seized American dollars or received such dollars when the Japanese properties were liquidated by the Office of Alien Property, return should be made in dollars, not Japanese yen.

Noting that Germany's case was well represented, Masaoka concentrated his presentation on Japan's case.

He said that Japanese claims could be divided into five categories:

(1) Beneficiaries of insurance policies, bequests, trusts, etc., made by United States, including Hawaii, citizens and resident aliens in this country to their parents or family members or relatives residing in Japan.

(2) American citizens, both native-born and naturalized, whose properties were vested on grounds that they were not actual owners but were "cloaking" it for the real owners in Japan.

(3) United States citizens who were stranded in Japan during the war and are still there.

(4) Alien permanent residents of the United States who were stranded in Japan during the war and others who are former residents of this country.

(5) Properties of Japanese nationals and businesses, including corporations and other juridical entities.

Masaoka pointed out that these people whose properties have been vested are America's best friends in Japan and that to fail to return or pay for their property would cause injury to those most interested in promoting better relations.

JACL's Washington spokesman declared that it was un-American to take private property for the satisfaction of a public obligation, that to do so would only force former property owners in Japan but also would jeopardize more than 17 billion dollars in United States foreign investments.

ELA chapter picnic

(Los Angeles) The annual East Los Angeles chapter picnic will be held July 24 at Belvedere Park, 4914 Brooklyn, it was announced by Tomi Uyetake, chairman. While picnickers are expected to bring their own lunches, the chapter will provide free pop and ice cream. On the committee are: Martha Tsuji, Fred Takata, Yukio Ozima and George Watanabe.

The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

BUCKS VS. BEAUTY

Los Angeles

● Attorney Saburo Kido, publisher of the *Shin Nichi Bei* and past nat'l JAGL prexy, because of his ties with the *Sangyo Keizai* newspaper in Japan, sponsors of the annual Miss Japan contest, is the local host for Keiko Takahashi, here to compete in the Miss Universe contest next week.

Squiring Miss Japan about Li'l Tokio is one of Sab's pleasures. We were tipped off Tuesday that he was bringing her around to pay her respects to the JACL. But duty beckoned and we missed her visit. Our self-imposed assignment to sign up a few more 1000 Club members and a ripe prospect somehow seemed more inviting than ripe pulchritude. This is probably a symptom of an atrophied libido. Oh well, loyalty to JACL has its reward in heaven, at least for those otherwise qualified to get in, which leaves us with a nebulous future.



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● Whittier College, located in a Quaker-town made famous for rearing Vice-President Richard Nixon, held its first Institute on Human Relations last week. Of sixty who attended, most were teachers including a Nisei schoolmarm, Gladys Nohara. A Whittier student from Japan, Yoshiko Moriyama, was also enrolled. As one of 15 consultants, we served on a panel with attorney Loren Miller in the section on civil rights and liberties. Loren, NAACP counsel, is best known for nullifying the enforcement of restrictive covenants. The publisher of the Negro weekly, California *Eagle*, also argued the Masaoka alien land law case before the Calif. Supreme Court in 1951.

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● There is no federal FEPC but there is an agency which effectively removes job discrimination where G.I. work is involved. It's called the President's Committee on Government Contracts. All gov't contracts have a non-discriminatory clause, we were reminded Monday by Jacob Seidenbert, exec dir. of the PCGC of which v.p. Nixon is chairman. The agency sees to it that this clause is complied with, a reassuring guarantee by Uncle Sam.

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EX-I&NS CHIEF QUITS

● Ray E. Griffin, former chief of the naturalization section here resigned this month to hang his own shingle as an immigration counselor. While with the I & NS, Griffin extended us much cooperation in expediting natur'n for Issei petitioners, arranging mass exams through JACL volunteer interpreters.

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● VISITORS THIS WEEK: Dr. Otto Raum, prof of the grad school of education at Univ. College at Fort Hare, Cape Province, Union of So. Africa, who's here on a Carnegie travel grant to study race relations, and remember, U of SA is the world's worst spot in race relations . . . Albert Kushihashi of North Platte, Neb., our latest 1000 Clubber, who is mission commander for the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the Air Force, for the entire state of Nebraska, and who won the first Henry Ohye Air Race in 1950, Ellay to the JACL convention in Chicago.

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● GOOD DEED OF THE WEEK: Getting a spot on a tv seminar and on a popular local tv show for a visiting Japanese student who wants to observe US telecasting techniques.

PR of the week: thanks to Nisei Trading's Herb Murayama, a SWLA 1000 Clubber, June Shintani, Miss JACL Nisei Relays for 1955, got mugged with yellow kiku in a publicity pic for the Examiner's fall garden issue.

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● *No Japanese lesson this week but we'll pass on a new word we picked up from a warbride waitress at the Ginza who called us "gesu", an uncomplimentary adjective. We have reached our nadir of social achievement.*

SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE

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these principles on a firmer basis."

But—after this fine statement of principle—there was a serious "but" to the letter written by the Leonard Drive residents. It went on to express the fear that the neighborhood would tend to become all minority in occupancy and to suggest that the Aikawa family should endeavor to find a home in another area. Among other things, the signers of the letter said that they felt that if the Aikawas should go ahead with the purchase of the Leonard Drive home this would "hinder, rather than help solve, the problem of racial misunderstanding."

The letter did conclude with an assurance to Dr. Aikawa that if he should decide to buy the home he would be made welcome—in spite of the expressed preference that he live elsewhere.

This, then, was the substance of the letter submitted by 28 residents of Leonard Drive, San Leandro, to Dr. Aikawa at the end of last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Aikawa thought about the whole matter over the weekend. Their decision was that even though there was no tangible obstacle to their purchasing the home, they would rather not attempt to live among Christian neighbors who held these views. The letter had been successful in its purpose.

Early this week, a San Leandro builder, reading of this incident in the newspaper, telephoned Dr. Aikawa, offering to build him a home on a certain lot for a price of $18,500. After a day or two of discussions, Dr. and Mrs. Aikawa decided to go ahead with this offer. But on calling the builder back, Dr. Aikawa found that the price had suddenly gone up $1,000. He said, No thank you.

As war veteran Larry Aikawa said to me yesterday, "Down the elevator shaft again!"

As of this date, it appears that the young Nisei dentist will continue to commute from his cramped temporary housing project apartment in Alameda to his dental office in San Leandro and to his teaching position at UC Dental School. No home in sight.

PACIFIC CITIZEN sports

Erv Furukawa, Seattle team miss city championship in Publinx by one stroke

■ Ervin Furukawa and his Seattle Publinx teammates missed winning the Harding Cup by one stroke last Saturday at Indianapolis in city team competition preliminary to the USGA Public Links tournament this week.

Miami's aggregate of 224 topped a field of 32 teams in 93-degree humid heat that slowed play to a crawl over hilly Coffin Municipal Golf Course. Seattle carded 225. Furukawa shot a 75. The heavily-wooded course is 7,400 yards long, up and down the White River bluffs for a 36-34 par.

A field of 199 golfers qaulified for the 30th national tournament in 39 sectional meets.

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Judo teaches boy, police in 'gentle way' of manner

■ Judo continues to make the sports pages in various parts of the country.

Hiro Fujimoto, who is a bespectacled chemist by day, teaches judo to young police students of Lincoln Park, Allen Park, Ecorse and River Rouge—towns near Detroit. Fujimoto has been teaching judo for 20 years, is chairman of the Michigan AAU judo committee and national committeemen of the American Judo Association.

The first lesson Fujimoto teaches is to bow to the teacher before and after each encounter. It is more than a mark of respect for a wiser man. "Orientals are practical about such things," commented one policeman. "They know they can be strangled or stabbed when one hand is locked in a handshake."

Ken Yoshioka, director of the Phoenix Judo Institute, has been teaching judo at the Boys Club of Phoenix, a Red Feather agency catering to boys from 8 to 17 years of age. Judo is a special program designed to teach the lads confidence and discipline.

"If a boy knows he can handle himself, he doesn't have to go around proving it," Charles Hall, Boys Club executive director, declared. "When the boys leave the discipline of these classes, they are gentleman."

And "judo" in Japanese means "the gentle way". Be they young boys or policemen, the "gentle" aspects are emphasized.

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Toronto-Cleveland Nisei netters mix in humid heat

■ Over the hot, humid holiday weekend in Toronto, Ont., (July 2-3), the visiting Cleveland netters paced by Frank Watanabe and Mich Hashiguchi won 15-10 the first day and were tied 27-27 the second day over the Toronto Nisei.

Watanabe, a former Seattleite who won the British Columbia Japanese Open title before the war, is with the Minneapolis YMCA, where he can limber his legs with winter tennis in a gym. On the scene fans reported he didn't have to extend himself subduing some of the top Nisei Canadians, including George Ide, Toronto Nisei Open titlist, who lost 6-1.

It was quite a triumph for highly touted Gus Hirano of Toronto beating Hashiguchi, onetime California state titlist of San Francisco, 6-4, but his pride was tempered when he learned the Clevelander had driven to Toronto without sleep before the match.

The dual meet featured 11 games of men's singles, 7 women's singles, 5 men's doubles, 4 women's doubles the first day; 22 sets of men's singles, 12 women's singles, 14 men's doubles and 6 women's singles on the second day.

Which is a lot of tennis for a humid weekend.

In Los Angeles, play is underway in the sixth annual Southern California Nisei Open, attracting close to 200 participants in both men's and women's divisions. The championship tilts are scheduled for Nisei Week. More on this affair soon.

Eastern sportfans consider a match between Wally Kau, Chinese member of the New York Nisei club and 1954 singles champion for Greater NY, and Frank Watanabe of Minneapolis a natural. West Coast netters would hereby advise their eastern friends of one Jim Sato of Los Angeles, who has been concentrating his play outside of Japanese circles heretofore, and returning to Nisei play in the current SC Open.

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Skin-diving competition tight as nat'l meet nears

■ The 1955 Pacific Coast Underwater Spearfishing championships will be held this Sunday at Laguna Beach. Eighteen teams, including the Nisei Kelp Tanglers of Los Angeles, are vieing in the west coast finals for the national skin-diving meet at Catalina Island July 31.

The Nisei trio of Bill Yamachika, Hank Nunokawa and Sam Ichikawa survived the Southern California eliminations at Cabrillo Beach recently and last week trained off Mexican waters in La Paz, B.C. Winners are adjudged on the basis of the most poundage of edible fish between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

Last year, the Lynwood (Calif.) Dolphins won the West Coast meet and was second in the national meet at Key West. A few months ago, the Kelp Tanglers engaged in dual competition with the Dolphins, losing 27½-24¾ lbs. of edible fish caught.

It was a welcome relief to find something as cool and refreshing as ocean breezes and surfs after the report from Toronto and Indianapolis where the weather has been unseasonably hot and humid.

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Sac'to rural league slates benefit game for player

■ The Sacramento Rural Baseball League is planning a benefit game July 22 at Lodi's Lawrence Field for George Toyama, Lodi AC shortstop, who was hospitalized following a game mishap. He was injured four weeks ago when a player slid into him at second for an attempt to break up a double-play.

The game will pit the North against the South All-Stars of the league. Mas Okuhara of Lodi will manage the South with Don Croy of Stockton Waterloo A.C.. Tom Daijogo, pitcher, and Hiro Ishida, first baseman, represent Lodi A.C. in the South All-Stars.

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Bowling tournaments over Fourth holidays in Bay Area

■ Art Nishiguchi of Reno rolled a 1619 to place 20th in the final standings of the Fourth of July classics at San Francisco's Downtown Bowl and earned $90. Six other Nisei bowlers failed to place in the first-24. Chicago's Buddy Bomar set a new 8-game total of 1754 for the $1,000 prize.

■ Mas Nakashima of Los Angeles won the East Bay NBA July 4 invitational bowling tournament at Berkeley's Albany Bowl. He rolled 678 with his handicap; Fuzzy Shimada, without handicap, made a mighty bid with his 651 to take a fifth. Fuzzy won the all-events.

Nisei member of Sweikert's pit crew designs for Ford

(Los Angeles) Larry Shinoda, 25, who designs cars at Lincoln-Mercury Studio in Detroit, will be home for a brief vacation next week. His buddies of the hot-rod coterie will undoubtedly relive the last Indianapolis 500-mile classic which Bob Sweikert won. Shinoda happened to be the No. 6 man in Sweikert's pit.

While the 1955 race was darkened by the death of Bill Vukovich, who was expected to repeat his 1954 victory, Sweikert was never mentioned in pre-race speculation as a potential winner. He had never finished in three previous tries and he was driving a new car, usually susceptible to breakdown.

Sweikert first went into the front after 89 laps and had held the lead until he made a pit stop after 132 laps. Earlier he had a pit stop which lasted a bit more than a minute, the second one took 42s., and that gave him the race, because the handsome 29-year-old daredevil was refueled and retired so quickly that he had to make up little time. He got the lead again in the 157th lap and with 43 laps to go, he was never passed.

So the men who put the Zink Special in perfect running condition and kept it that way gave Sweikert some $76,000 in cash and much more glory. The pit crew received $500 each from the owner of the winning car, John Zink of Tulsa.

The gang has been appearing on other eastern tracks since the Indianapolis classic.

Shinoda, who has been building hot-rods as a hobby since his teens, won numerous trophies of his own. He is a member of the Southern California Timing Association, California Racing Association and Russetta Timing Association.

The Hi Inouye-Rich Namba duo of Redwood City won the doubles crown. Yuki Shimada of Oakland won by a pin over Jean Nakatani of Sacramento in the women's singles, 623-622. Jen Hayakawa and Norma Sugiyama of San Francisco took the women's double; the latter also taking all-events.

Terry Asami of Berkeley and Toe Yoshioka of Oakland annexed the mixed doubles. Terry Sentachi of San Francisco and Yuki Shimada of Oakland took the men's and women's sweepers, respectively, with 681 and 602. In the team competition, Mary and Joe's of Berkeley won the men's title with 2740-352-3092; O'Hara Trophies of San Francisco the women's with 2526-268-2794.

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U.S. weightlifting victory over Russ in Olympics seen

■ The U.S. weightlifting team, including Sacramento's Tommy Kono, arrived last week from a tour of Russia and Middle East nations. While the Americans lost two matches to a pair of picked Soviet teams, team manager Clarence Johnson predicted U.S. victory over them in the 1956 Olympics. The tourists were also shut out 6-0 at Teheran by an Iranian team.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI



An enviable assignment to interview Miss Japan (Keiko Takahashi) fell upon our Los Angeles Newsletter columnist, Henry Mori, who writes his impressions today and was good enough to introduce the "Pacific Citizen" to the lovely representative in the Miss Universe contest. —Bob Kishita Photo.

MISS UNIVERSE CONTEST STARTS

Los Angeles

We sorta like our "Miss Tokyo" candidate in the Long Beach Miss Universe contest which starts today in earnest.

The young lady is Keiko Takahashi, who stands a pretty nifty 5ft.-4in. in beach sandals. Of course, when we met her at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Kido at a press conference Sunday she was attired in a lovely black kimono.

The Kidos were terrific hosts, too, having scores of Li'l Tokio newsmen and leaders on hand for a late afternoon buffet dinner. We were actually more "interested" in Mrs. Kido's delicious potato salad and wonderful roast turkey—but our work must also go on, Editor Harry Honda (who wasn't there) told us.



With a bottle of orange ade in one hand and a plate of "out of this world" food we edged to where Miss Takahashi was sitting.

Editor Honda tells us that our Japanese lingo is quite adequate to do the job—a la interview—but you can't talk to a young lady, postwar model, like you would to an Issei who is old enough to be your loving aunt.

Mas Kojima of Scene Magazine (plug) came forth with Grace Morinaga of Japan Air Lines (another plug) as his exclusive interpreter. At one point we raised our voice, feeling neglected and frustrated between the whispers but Kojima merely nodded and said: "for future reference."

As for routine questioning like "do you cook, sew, dance and enjoy sports," her answers were affirmative. Would she like a newspaperman for a husband, the reply was "No." (P.S. Dear wife, we didn't ask this question.)

She likes movie actors Robert Taylor, Gary Cooper and actresses Ava Gardner and Ann Blyth—and who doesn't! But when she met with a query, "How about Nipponese stars," she evaded cleverly by saying, "*sa-a, ne,*" which means let's see—." We were almost prompted to suggest Keiji Sada, the man who always lets several strands of his hair dangle in front of his face, but someone behind us shushed us with a piercing nudge.

Keiko comes from a family of eight and has three brothers and two sisters. She doesn't need to work but models occasionally for studios.

One of her most delightful features, we thought, was her unassuming poise. There was nothing artificial about her. She never appeared over-sophisticated or gave the impression of any snobbishness. That's one of the important assets for a queen aspirant.

More questions followed, and one interviewer, hedging the "life begins at 40" mark asked if Miss Takahashi felt any remorse when American troops landed in Tokyo.

"I was too young then," she casually remarked, adding she never has felt differently in any way since then. Meantime, she is studying English in earnest at a mission school in Tokyo.

One of her life's ambitions, it seems, is to see New York. She said she observed a sudden change in surroundings when she flew into Honolulu—absorbing its Hawaiian atmosphere. But San Francisco and Los Angeles gave her no feeling of change.

Miss Takahashi was a house guest of Kidos till yesterday. Today she is at the Wilton Hotel in Long Beach, preparing for the big event. Her departing words were "I never get stage fright." She's got a lotta spunk, we thought.

By way of postscript, we might add that Miss Takahashi was greeted at the Inglewood Airport on her arrival here Sunday by last year's Nisei Week Festival queen Mrs. June Aochi Yamashiro.

Among the Miss Japan chaperons during her competition this weekend will be Sue Takimoto Joe, an active member of the Long Beach JACL chapter.

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Births

LOS ANGELES

AOCHI—May 2, boy Robert K. to Yasuji Aochis (Joyce Chiba).
BROOKS—June 2, girl Deanna L. to Robert Brooks (Michiko Koga).
HATA—May 21, girl Jill Ai to Jack Hatas (Alma Fukuda), Santa Monica.
HATAGO—June 6, boy George Hatagos (Alice Nakasaki).
HATAI—June 6, girl Eiko Irene to Shuso Hatais (Fumiye Okada).
HIRANO—June 24, boy to Robert S. Hiranos (Tazuko Sasaki), Tujunga.
HIROKAWA—May 29, girl Cynthia A. to Ken Hirokawas (Tsuneko Marui).
INOUYE—June 2, boy to T. Inouyes, Inglewood.
KAWASHIMA—June 17, girl to Herbert H. Kawashimas (Lilliam K. Nishi), Pasadena..
KOMATSU—May 28, boy Douglas H. to Harry Komatsus (Lilliam Yamashita), Gardena.
KUSUNOKI—June 6, girl Sharon Michi to Shinobu Kusunokis (Hagi Teramoto).
LOUIE—June 6, girl Karen J. to Choy Louies (Alyce Nakanishi).
MARUBAYASHI—June 10, boy Roy Fumio to Morishiro Marubayashis (Setsuko Kajiyama).
MATSUNO—June 2, girl Jean to John Matsunos (Ruth Kawamura).
MATSUO—June 5, boy Roger Mitsugi to Hiro Matsuos (Ruby Wada), Sun Valley.
MATSUYAMA—June 2, boy Paul Yutaka to Henry Matsuyamas (Florence Tsuyuki).
MIYAMOTO—June 3, girl Charlotte Fumi to Jiro Miyamotos (Mineko Ono).
MIYAZAKI—May 30, boy Randall L. to Jacob Miyazakis (Tomoye Maeda).
NAITO—June 4, boy Donald Keishi to Keita Naitos (Toyomi Hirami).
NISHIDA—June 8, boy Toby Kiyoshi to Masashiro Nishidas (Akiko Matsuda).
OHASHI—June 7, girl Genie G. to Joe Ohashis (Yukie Yamaguchi).
OMATSU—July 1, girl Elizabeth Misa to Frank Omatsu (Violet Takeda).
UCHIDA—May 14, girl to Chiaki Uchidas, Long Beach.
WADA—June 3, girl Nancy K. to George Wadas (Michiko Mikami).
YAMADA—June 9, boy Duane Manabe to Tamaki Yamadas (Mary Anzai).
YASAKI—June 9, boy Jon M. to Masao Yasakis (Ayako Muraoka).
YONEDA—June 11, boy Terry Masuo to Kazuo Yonedas (Kiyoko Nakamura).
YUGE—May 29, girl Anne Yoko to Henry Yuges (Tokiko Fujii), Puente.

RIVERSIDE

KONO—June 25, boy Ronald Eugene to Edward Konos, Thermal.
SHIMIZU—July 2, boy Jerry Wayne to Mas Shmizus, Thermal.

SAN DIEGO

SAITO—May 25, boy to Albert I. Saitos.
UCHIMURA—May 24, boy to Masao Uchimuras.

FRESNO

ANDO—June 23, girl to Wasco Andos. Kingsburg.
MATSUMURA—June 3, boy to James Matsumuras, Dinuba.
MIZUNO—June 19, boy to Wallace T. Mizunos, Reedley.
MURAYAMA—June 12, boy to Hiroshi Murayamas.
OTANI—May 19, girl to Ted Otanis, Sanger.
SAKATA—June 13, boy to T. Minoru Sakatas, Reedley.
TAKEMOTO—June 15, boy to Sus Takemotos, Sanger.

MANZANAR CLASS '45 PLANS JULY 23 REUNION

(Los Angeles) Members of the Mazanar High School graduating class of 1945 will hold their second reunion July 23, 7 p.m. at Mona Lisa Restaurant, it was announced by Roy Muto, class president. Reservations may be made with Tak Shinto, RE 3-2285, but places for 100 are planned so that last-minute comers will be accommodated.

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Refugee act—

General in Japan, it is treated separately for the purposes of the Refugee Act and related purposes. The figures for the Ryukyu Islands are 25 and 14.

Overall statistics for the fiscal year 1955, ending last June 30, show that for the Far East, 2,818 applicants have been notified of documents required, 965 have received visas (mostly orphans), 641 have been refused visas, 77 had their visas canceled, and 1,135 have applications in process.

As for the status of assurances up to this same period, the figures show, again only for the Far East 3,241 assurances have been received by the Administrator of the program, of which 464 were canceled or returned and 2,670 were verified and sent to the field (consulates having jurisdiction). No breakdowns as to countries are given.

In commenting on these statistics, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, declared that "although these figures may not seem impressive in terms of the 3,000 visas allocated to the Far East, considered against past records they indicate that at long last the program seems to be moving."

At the same time, he said that there may be some confusion regarding refugees in Okinawa. He explained that Americans who may desire to sign assurances for refugees in the Ryukyus should send these assurances directly to the Refugee Relief Program Administration, State Department, Washington, D.C.

Though Okinawa is within the Japan consular area for supervisory purposes and though the Ryukyus are considered a part of Japan for regular immigration purposes, as far as the Refugee Relief Program is concerned, however, it is considered as a separate and distinct area, Masaoka said, after discussing this matter with Refugee Relief Program Administration officials.

The Washington JACL representative, who played such an important part in securing the inclusion of Asians in the program and for some of the liberalizing interpretations involving Japan, expressed his satisfaction with the news that nearly a hundred more refugee immigrants will soon be arriving in this country from Kagoshima and Hiroshima prefectures.

Art show scheduled during Nisei Week

(Los Angeles) An appeal to Southland Issei and Nisei artists was made this week to enter their creative piece in the annual Nisei Art Show, Aug. 20-28, at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 358 E. 1st St.

Jack Yamasaki, chairman, announced entry blanks will be available at the chamber office or by phoning AN 8-6388. The requirements limit an applicant to submit one piece only with a $1 entry fee by Aug. 16. Oils will be limited to 40 sq. in., framed and ready for hanging. Watercolors should be covered with glass. Sculpture and ceramics should have stand or base, the rules committee advised.

While the committee will not be responsible for loss or damage to entries, an attendant will be present to watch the display.

Li'l Tokio scout troop given 20-year charter

(Los Angeles) Bobby Kawaoka and Henry Akira Eejima had their Eagle Scout badges pinned by their mothers at the 47th semi-annual Koyasan Troop 379 court of honor last week.

In addition to other individual scouting awards, the troop was presented its 20-year charter and also praised by Andy Sais of BSA headquarters for continuing its scouting activities in Heart Mountain WRA Center.

The troop's drum & bugle corps, recent winner in the American Legion state competition, opened the program with a concert of pieces taught by Jim Bell, who will move to Kansas soon. Shigemi Aratani, troop committee chairman, gave the instructor a token gift.

Heads PTA

(Oasis) Prominent businessman Tek Nishimoto is president-elect of the Oasis PTA.

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'Closing gap between court and community' theme of Fisk Institute

By JOHN Y. YOSHINO

Chicago

After spending one week on the campus of Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., as a participant at the 12th Annual Institute of Race Relations. I returned to Chicago and my job. I have jotted down some of my observations of the Institute which started on June 27 and lasting another week to July 9. To Nisei who are interested in human relations as it affects all of the people of this country, some of these observations may be of more than just passing interest.

I was initiated into race relations in the South a few minutes after I landed at the airport. I hailed a taxi and asked to be taken to Fisk University. The cabbie looked at me with a surprise and said: "You must be mistaken. There are no white folk there, for that is a colored school." I thanked him for his interest and advised that I was going to attend a conference at Fisk with people of all races, religions, and national origins.

During the half hour drive to the campus the driver discussed two of the burning issues of this city. One was the current rave of the youngsters— the Davy Crockett story. That was dispatched in short order. The second being the school desegregation issue.

For my money this was as good a way as any to get into the theme of this year's Institute. With the United States Supreme Court having spoken the final word on issues of school segregation, there is no doubt left that at long last this is a clear pronouncement of national policy against state proscriptions of racial segregation. Such laws and state constitutional provisions which require segregated schools—and by implication other state-supported institutions and services—now are declared invalid.

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With the above as a backdrop for the work at hand, Institute participants were informed that the highest court of the land by this action had given new vitality to American heritage. In this there is new hope and promise.

We were advised that, according to the Courts' action, it left the job that needed to be done at the doorstep of local communities and their leaders. The task of "closing the gap between the Court and the Community" thus became the theme of this year's Institute.

Many speakers and consultants presented messages which covered two broad categories of interest: (1) evaluation of the current body of knowledge and experience pertinent to developing and understanding of human relations problems and the special case of school desegregation; and (2) evaluation of crucial issues and problems—housing, employment, school desegregation, church and race—with a view toward approaches and techniques useful for their relief.

The list of speakers included Dr. Frank Graham, member of U.N. delegation from U.S. and former president of Univ. of North Carolina; Arnold Aronson, director of civil rights program, National Community Relations Advisory Committee, New York; James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor; Dr. Frank Horne, assistant to the Administrator, U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency; Dr. Robert Weaver, Dr. George Snowden, and Charles Abrams, housing experts; and Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, professor of psychology, City College of New York. Clarence Mitchell and Thurgood Marshall, NAACP; Dr. George Mitchell, executive director of Southern Regional Council were other leaders in attendance.

People that made up the rank and file of those in attendance, numbering 150 people, in a sense were specialists. They came to share and learn from the best experience of leaders. There were leaders of eight American Indian tribes, as well as a like number of leaders from Spanish-speaking groups in the Southwest and Puerto Rican leaders from New York. State professional staffs. Southern Regional Council affiliates, and many from religious groups. Daily schedules included lectures and seminars, afternoon clinics and evening lectures.

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Like our National JACL biennial conventions, the Institute programs were on the very heavy side. The name speakers are people who carry heavy responsibilities in their daily work. As Clarence Mitchell, Washington legislative representative of the NAACP, vigorously pounded home to his audience the rights and aims of Negroes, and I thought of our own Mike Masaoka. Later when Mitchell mentioned how many groups worked for the common good I asked him about the role of the JACL in the battle for the common good, and what about our spokesman—Mike Masaoka. I was pleased no end when he told the audience of the effective and eloquent capacities of the Washington JACL representative.

Secretary of Labor Mitchell was tendered a faculty reception at President Charles Johnson's mansion. I enjoyed with him the privilege of a lengthy discussion of minority problems especially in the area of my special interests—employment. He was very enthusiastic of my work with the Chicago banks and offered some good advice on careful selection of pioneer applicants to open a new area of employment for minorities. Mr. Mitchell, as vice-president of Macy's in New York, first broke the ice in employing qualified Negro women as sales clerks in the department stores. He is an old and expert hand on integration.

To Be Coninued Next Week

Minority Week

■ Under impact of the U.S. Supreme Court rulings in the public school cases, the once solid wall of segregation which separated colored and white school children throughout the South is beginning to crack in local communities from Viriginia to Texas, an NAACP check revealed this week. In many instances schools in Delaware, West Virginia, Missouri, and District of Columbia were completely integrated by the end of the school year of 1954-55.

In at least 11 of 17 states with segregated schools, there is indication that the barrier has been or will be cracked in some measure by the time school opens this fall. Only in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina does the segregation wall in public elementary and secondary schools appear to be uncracked as of the first week in July.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by MIKE MASAOKA

Prospects for Congress passing special bills of concern to JACLers not considered good in pre-adjournment scramble

Washington

With only two more steaming hot, humid weeks to go before the First Session of the 84th Congress is scheduled to adjourn until next January, it might be well to take a look at the present status of several bills in which the JACL has a special concern.

Usually, during the last two weeks of any session, there is a mad scramble to try to secure passage of bills in the confusion of the final days. This is especially true of the Second Session, since bills not passed then must be reintroduced in the subsequent Congress and the legislative process begun all over again.

For the past ten years, some of JACL's most important laws have been rushed through in the final days of a session.

In the 80th Congress, it was not until the last day and the final hours of the session that the Evacuation Claims Act, and the statute to authorize Attorney General to suspend deportation of certain deserving alien Japanese and to adjust their status to that of lawfully admitted permanent residents were approved by the Congress.

In the 82nd Congress, only two weeks remained after the Congress overrode the President's veto and enacted the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952.

In every case, however, these bills were passed in the second or final session of each Congress, and not the first as is the case this year.

As of this writing, the prospects for enactment of any of the special bills of concern to the JACL are not considered good, although they appear generally to be in good position for early consideration next (Second) session. This season, too, is the time for all lobbyists to begin to lay the groundwork for alibis for their failures, so this is about as good a time as any to explain the current status of JACL's legislative program.

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1. Statehood for Hawaii

Last May 10, by a record vote of 218 to 170 in the House, the bill to provide statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska was recommitted to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Since that time no further action has been taken by the House Committee or by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. And none is anticipated before adjournment.

Next session, especially if the President either (1) accepts the combination package of Hawaii and Alaska, or (2) really makes Hawaiian statehood major legislation to be backed by patronage and White House pressure, there still is a chance for these Pacific Islands to become the 49th State.

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2. Hillings Claims Bill

On March 7, Rep. Patrick J. Hillings of Whittier, Calif., introduced his bill to expedite and liberalize the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims. His bill incorporated 15 of the 17 recommendations made by a special House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims last December, following extensive public hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles last fall.

The next day, the bill was referred to the Dept. of Justice for its reactions. For almost four months, the Justice Department and other government agencies "studied" the bill. Finally, on June 24, the administrative reactions to the Hillings Bill were received by the Subcommittee on Claims.



With the exception of the compromise-settlement amendment, the Department objected to the liberalized bill. To punctuate their objections, they submitted a 16-page, single-spaced memorandum explaining their positions on every item.

The JACL fired back, with some 50 pages of documentation, refutation, and arguments, including a substitute bill which clarifies some of the ambiguous language of the Hillings Bill and also accepts some Departmental suggestions regarding procedures and phrases.

Congressman Hillings immediately introduced the substitute bill on June 29.

Though it is very late in the session, every effort is being made to secure some favorable action this year, if even only by the Subcommittee on Claims and its parent Judiciary Committee.

If there is no action, the blame can be placed squarely on the Deparment of Justice and other government agencies for taking so long to make known their reactions to the March 7-introduced Hillings Bill.

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3. Appropriation bills

A supplementary appropriations bill providing $1,327,583.68 for payment of evacuation claims awards was enacted, as were administrative appropriations for fiscal year 1956 for the Evacuation Claims Section, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Office of Alien Property, all in the Dept. of Justice.

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4. Immigration-naturalization

Many bills were introduced in both the House and Senate to either revise or repeal the Walter-McCarran Act. No action has been taken on any of them by either Senate or House Judiciary Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization. And none is expected before adjournment.

Since 1956 is a national election year, it may be expected that there will be public hearings and perhaps some action on some of these bills next spring and summer in order to create a campaign issue. This writer predicts that even then no major amendments to the basic act will be enacted.

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5. Refugee Relief Act

Many bills were introduced in both Houses to amend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, including several incorporating the President's ten recommendations for liberalization of the statute.

The special Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees held hearings on these amendments in June. JACL proposed that Japan and the Far East areas be given equal consideration and treatment with European countries insofar as the benefits of the Act are concerned.

No action is expected this year on these amendments in either chamber, though the politics of election year may force some consideration next session.

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6. Vested property return

Several bills were introduced in the House and the Senate providing either full or partial return of wartime vested property which were referred to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee. This included the Administration bill to return only up to $10,000 and only to natural persons.

Several House joint resolutions were also introduced, proposing full payment for all wartime sequestrated property as a means to promote the forign policy of our country. Hearings were held on these resolutions earlier this month, with JACL appearing in behalf of the principle of complete return but questioning some of the ambiguous language of the resolutions.

Possible House Foreign Affairs Committee action is possible this year, with House floor action a remote possibility.

On the Senate side, there is some talk that the Judiciary Committee may hold hearings on their bills before adjournment, or possibly during the summer or autumn interim period between sessions.

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7. Air transportation

Republican Congressman J. Arthur Younger of San Mateo re-introduced early this January his bill to exempt regulation in air transportation of agricultural and horticultural products, which would equalize the exemptions in both air and surface transportation. Last year, his bill passed the House unanimously, but too late for Senate consideration before adjournment.

Democratic Congressman George P. Miller of Alameda introduced a similar bill, also in January.

On the Senate side, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, (D., Wash.), chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, introduced a companion bill, in which he was joined by Senators Thomas H. Kuchel, (R., Calif.), and Richard L. Neuberger, (D., Ore.). Hearings were held before the Aviation Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee last March.

At the request of the Civil Aeronautics Board, which is supposed to submit soon its own administrative recommendations on this subject of agricultural exemptions after a four-year investigation this summer, legislative action by the full Committee has been postponed.

DECADE AGO

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■ 442nd RCT scheduled for redeployment to U.S. from Italy in February, 1946; to be placed on "tactical reserve".

■ Stockton judge hits rights of Japanese aliens; cannot lease, occupy commercial property.

■ WRA offers proof State Sen. Tenney spread lies about evacuees; charges against Nisei rescinded in closed-door session.

■ Nisei in Army number 20,000, WRA reports.

■ Attorney General Kenny says $1,000 reward offered for conviction of terror raiders; ACLU posts sum for arrest, felony conviction of anyone attacking evacuees; notes frequency of attack subsiding.

■ Nisei GIs training at Ft. Benning handed naturalization petition forms, believe some Army officials doubt citizenship status of Nisei.

Volunteer firemen

(Oasis) A volunteer fire-fighting crew was recently organized by the State Forestry Division here with Toru Kitahara as assistant fire-chief; Mas Oshiki, treasurer, and Herb Hirohata, secretary.

CALENDAR

July 16 (Saturday)
Berkeley—Benefit movie, Washington School, 7:30 p.m.

July 17 (Sunday)
San Luis Valley—Community picnic, Mountain Home Reservoir, Ft. Garland, Colo., 10 a.m.
Detroit—Fishing derby, Pontiac Lake, 12 noon.
Marysville — Annual barbecue, Van Giesen, Auburn; 12 noon.
Eden Township—Picnic, Castle Rock Park, 11 a.m.

July 22 (Friday)
Stockton—Benefit movies.

July 24 (Sunday)
Hollywood—Chapter beach party, Playa del Rey.
East Los Angeles—Chapter picnic, Belvedere Park, 4914 Brooklyn.

July 26 (Tuesday)
Southwest L.A.—Meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m. Movies.

July 23 (Saturday)
Long Beach—Movie night, Harbor Community Center, 8 p.m.

July 20 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—Gen'l meeting.

July 31 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Beach party, Paradise Cove, 1:30 p.m.

Aug. 5 (Friday)
Richmond-El Cerrito: Board meeting, Kimoto residence, 6124 Rosalind, 8 p.m. New constitution.

Aug. 7 (Sunday)
Seattle—Chapter picnic, Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Resort.
NC-WNDC—3rd Quarterly session; Hotel Cominos, Salinas; dance, Knights of Pythias Hall; golf tournament, Salinas Municipal course.

Aug. 13 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Benefit dance, Elks Club.

Aug. 14 (Sunday)
Diego.
PSWDC—3rd quarterly session, San
Long Beach—Community picnic, Peck's Park, San Pedro.