



Hawaiians' Clamor for Share In 442nd Film Subsides After Letter from Writer-Director

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—The clamor for a share in the forthcoming Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer movie, "Go for Broke," has subsided somewhat here.

Nisei war veterans and their friends who wanted to see Hawaii represented in the film were assuaged somewhat last week when MGM Writer Robert Pirosh promised acting roles to "a representative group of men from Hawaii."

They do not feel too badly now about the whole matter.

They raised their voices, figuratively speaking, when they were led to believe only mainland Nisei would be cast for roles. The 442nd Veterans Club here was told a few days ago that this is not so.

This is what Writer Pirosh wrote to Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga, 442nd executive secretary.

"At this preliminary stage, I can not tell you exactly how the picture would open and which locale would be chosen for our opening scenes.

"However, I can assure you that we will make every effort to capture the authentic 'go for broke' spirit which originated in Hawaii. In casting the picture, we will be careful to include a representative group of men from Hawaii."

Pirosh, answering for MGM Producer Dore Schary, noted that "apparently the UP (United Press) description of our projected picture . . . was a bit misleading as newspaper items very often are. We have no intention to ignore Hawaii in this picture.

"In fact no honest picture of the 442nd could possibly be made without presenting some of the factors and statistics mentioned in your letter. I have been doing as thorough a research job as possible and I am fully aware of the importance of Hawaii men in the outfit.

"I have just received a letter from Earl M. Finch extending an invitation to me to visit Hawaii. Believe me, nothing would give me more pleasure but such a trip is out of the question at the present time.

"If it becomes possible later on, I should be very happy to visit you in the interest of making 'Go for Broke' as true to life as possible."

FARM WORKER LEAPS IN FRONT OF S.P. TRAIN

LODI, Calif.—A farm worker of Japanese ancestry, believed to be about 55 years of age, leaped in front of a Southern Pacific train near Armstrong crossing on Feb. 15 and was killed instantly.

The train engineer said he saw the man walking along his tracks and blew his whistle as a warning but when the train drew near the man jumped in front of the engine before the engineer could stop the train.

The man carried no identification in his pocket and had only a pocketknife and a 50-cent piece.

NEW CHAPTER OF JACL SET FOR OREGON

TROUTDALE, Ore.—The 77th chapter of the JACL will be organized March 4 with formation of the Gresham-Troutdale JACL.

Fourteen local Nisei met here Feb. 15 at the Gresham-Troutdale community hall to discuss organization of the chapter.

Shio Uyetake was named temporary chairman, assisted by the following officers, also named on a temporary basis: Fumi Kato, sec., Kazuo Fujii, treas.; Henry Kato, publicity chmn.; and Yoshio Kinoshita, social chmn.

Regular officers will be elected at the March 4 meeting. A constitution will be drawn up at the same time.

Sentence So To 14 Years For Fraud

Report Ringleader Of Alleged Swindle Arrested in Chicago

POCATELLO, Idaho—A state prison term of "not more than 14 years" was given Edwin T. So of Denver, Colo., convicted recently of obtaining money under false pretenses.

So was one of three men who are charged with swindling \$5,000 from a fellow Nisei in a bunco game.

Sentence on So was handed down by Judge Isaac McDugall in Fifth District court.

Simultaneously with the sentencing of So, Guy Nelson, chief of detectives for the Pocatello police department, revealed that Joe Ito, alias "Montana Joe," the alleged ringleader in the swindle, had been apprehended in Chicago by the FBI.

Nelson reported that Ito faces arraignment in U. S. district court in Chicago on a charge of violating the stolen property act. If Ito enters a plea of not guilty, he will be returned to Pocatello for trial, Nelson said.

Nelson also believes the third suspect, also of Oriental ancestry, may be apprehended soon.

Wins Scholarship

LINCOLN, Neb.—Hatsuko Tani of Lincoln, student at Nebraska Wesleyan university, was recently named winner of the \$300 Middlebrook scholarship, given annually to a sophomore student.

Miss Tani enrolled at Wesleyan in September, 1948.

She plans to go into religious education and youth work.

Survey of Nisei Employment Now Being Made in Chicago

Resettled Evacuees Make Impact on Midwest Industry

CHICAGO — The employment picture as it relates to Japanese Americans in Chicago is now being recorded by Alan Jacobson and Lee Rainwater, graduate students of the University of Chicago.

It is an extension of a larger study begun three years ago by Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi and William Caudill under a grant from the Rosenwald fund.

"In the few years during which Japanese Americans have made their homes in Chicago, they have come to take an important part in the industrial and commercial life of the community," Jacobson and Rainwater said.

"They are active in a variety of enterprises and hold many different kinds of positions in Chicago's business and professional life. These outstanding achievements, we expect, will be of interest to many."

Learning of the study, Harry Mayeda, personnel expert and former president of the Chicago Resettlers' Committee, said the

Justice Department Reports 24 Thousand Claims Filed By Japanese American Evacuees

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Justice Department this week announced that 24,081 evacuation claims have been filed by persons of Japanese ancestry seeking restitution for real and personal property damage suffered in their evacuation from the West Coast several months after the outbreak of war.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, and Edward J. Ennis, JACL ADC legal counsel, in a conference with Justice Department officials, said they were advised that of the total claims filed, 80 arrived after the final deadline, Jan. 3.

The total value of the claims will not be ascertained until after the Justice Department completes the rather lengthy and technical job of processing indexing and filing the forms received.

The Justice Department advised Mr. Ennis and Mr. Masaoka that in order to expedite the adjudication of claims, a second field office will be opened shortly in San Francisco. The office will be opened by William Jacobs, Justice Department representative who opened the first such office several months ago in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, the department reported it is waiting congressional action on the federal budget for fiscal 1951 to determine its appropriation for processing claims during the forthcoming year.

The speed with which the department can act will be in large part determined by the size of the appropriation. How much money

Congress will grant is still not known, Mr. Masaoka said.

Last year the Justice Department was granted \$200,000 for processing claims, another \$1,000,000 for paying claims finally adjudicated.

Today, with all claims in, Mr. Masaoka said it was hoped the Department could materially speed action on the program which, at best, has been moving at a noticeably slow pace.

In addition to funds needed to carry out the adjudication program, the Justice Department also must obtain additional appropriations to pay claims adjudicated in 1951. To date, only a handful of claims actually have been paid.

It has been estimated that the total value of all evacuation claims may exceed \$50,000,000.

Claims under \$2500 will be paid directly by the Department of Justice. Claims in excess of that figure must be submitted to Congress for payment.

Steady Transfer of Leadership From Issei to Nisei Taking Place in Honolulu Organization

HONOLULU—A steady transfer of leadership from the Issei to Nisei is taking place in the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

The annual election held on Feb. 12 placed Hawaiian-born Japanese in most of the top offices of the conservative business group that has been dominated almost completely by Issei throughout its long history.

Six of the nine officers for 1950 are Nisei. The two top jobs—president and first vice president—continue to be filled by Issei, however.

Nisei officers are: Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, second vice president; Katsuro Miho, secretary; Tasuke (Gus) Yamagata, treasurer; Ralph C. Honda, Robert K. Murakami and Shigeru Horita, auditors. Tsukiyama, Miho and Murakami are attorneys; Yamagata is a banker; Honda a small merchant, and Horita, general contractor.

It has taken a long time—exact-

ly half a century—for the Japanese Americans to come to the forefront of this chamber, which is observing its golden jubilee this year.

Many Nisei are directors also, and the chamber's membership shows more and more young men signed up. The total membership is about 475, both Issei and Nisei.

Since its revival after World War 2, the Japanese chamber has grown steadily in number and influence in the local Japanese community. The organization suspended operations during the war, when many of its leaders were interned by military authorities.

Although the changeover to Nisei control is inevitable, with the passing of the Issei, the Japanese chamber has been proceeding slowly and cautiously towards what may be considered a forward-looking, progressive organization, from a strictly American point of view.

The breakaway from traditional, conservative policies and practices is not too obvious yet. For instance, the counsellors, who are the past presidents, are Issei. They serve as advisers to the chamber and can assert themselves with the prestige gained from their long standing in the organization.

It is to the credit of the immediate past president, Peter H. Fukunaga, and his administration that a junior division was formed in 1939. The Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce has the makings of a useful, effective outfit in developing younger Nisei to step up eventually to places of leadership in the senior chamber. The Junior chamber can be the training ground for future spokesmen of the Japanese community.

It is likely that within the next decade an entirely new type of leadership will appear on the scene and give the Nisei an impetus that

L.A. Bar Group Drops Ban on Non-Caucasians

Nisei Attorney Wins Admittance To County Body

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Bar Association has disowned a half-century policy of membership for whites only.

Relaxation of the restriction led this week to admission to membership of John F. Aiso, Nisei attorney in Los Angeles, and Loren Miller, Negro attorney whose application for membership was a test of the association's former ruling.

The new ruling was adopted as an amendment to the association's bylaws by a two to one vote.

Fight to open the bar association to all lawyers, regardless of race or creed, was carried on by Miller and Daniel G. Marshall.

Pasadena Chapter Sets Goal for ADC Fund Drive

PASADENA, Calif.—A goal of \$1,900 for the 1950 ADC drive was unanimously agreed upon by the Pasadena JACL Chapter at a special meeting held at the Union Presbyterian Church on Feb. 16.

Co-chairmen for the fund drive are Tad Hamane and George Kobayashi. They will also lead the membership drive with its goal of 200 members.

Present at the meeting were the following cabinet officers: President, Dr. Tom Omori; 2nd vice president, Kiyoko Hamane; 3rd vice president, Shig Nishio; recording secretary, Grace Sato; corresponding secretary, Rei Osaki; historian, Alice Uchiyama; treasurer, George Kobayashi; auditor, Tom T. Ito; members at large, Kei Mikuriya and Dr. Joe Abe. They and the first vice president, Tetsu Mayeda, who was absent, were installed by retiring president, Kei Mikuriya, on February 9.

Other committee chairmen and active members present were Mary Mikuriya, Phyllis MacDougall, Kay Monma, Shiku Omori, James Mitsumori, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dyo, Akiko Abe, Eiko Matsui, Rev. Don Toriumi, Tad Hamane, Harris Ozawa and Jiro Oishi. Regional director Tats Kushida was guest.

Watermelons in Winter Repay Kindness Shown to Evacuee

SEATTLE—Two big ripe watermelons delivered by plane from Cuba provided an unusual Valentine for a Seattle housewife last week.

The recipient was Mrs. Harry Kataoka and the donor was a Nisei the Kataokas had befriended back in 1945.

When Dick Yoshimura returned to Seattle early in 1945 from the Minidoka relocation center in Idaho, the war with Japan was nearing its bitter climax.

Housing was difficult to find in Seattle and "rooms for rent" signs were few. When he applied for those few, the Nisei was turned down.

The prospect of getting a place to live and solving other resettlement problems looked discourag-

ing to Yoshimura. He was on the verge of giving up when Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kataoka, also returned evacuees, took him into their already-crowded home.

Yoshimura doesn't live with the Kataokas any more but he has not forgotten their kindness.

The Nisei now runs a vegetable market in Seattle and he heard recently that Mrs. Kataoka was ill and needed watermelons for treatment. Since melons are not available in Seattle in February, Yoshimura asked a produce company to find out where some could be found.

Last week the two big melons arrived via United Air Lines from Cuba.

Few words were needed. "So kind, so kind," said Mrs. Kataoka.

New York Newspaper Cancels Annual Bowling Tournament Because of ABC's Race Bans

Two Hearst newspapers, the New York Journal-American and the Chicago Herald-American, this week attacked race discrimination in bowling as exemplified by the "whites only" regulations of the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress.

With the ABC already under fire in suits filed by the states of New York, Wisconsin and Illinois, the Journal-American on Feb. 20, in a front-page editorial by Sports Editor Bill

Corum, announced that it was cancelling its annual men's bowling tournament, one of the biggest in the east.

Entries already had been received from 1,600 teams when the Journal American decided to cancel its tourney in protest against the "white males only" rule of the ABC. The New York paper also announced that it would take similar action at the end of its women's tournament, now in progress, unless the WIBC revises its membership rules.

Meanwhile, the ABC faces court action on Feb. 27, the date set for a hearing on a suit filed by New York State Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein which charges that the activities of the bowling group are contrary to the policies of the state.

On Feb. 21 the Herald-American followed the action of the New York paper by announcing the withdrawal of its annual women's tournament from the WIBC.

Davis J. Walsh, sports editor of the Chicago paper, said the Herald-American has been one of bowling's greatest supporters for the past 22 years.

"Competition for all who desire to compete is a basic assumption and keystone on which the institution of sports is founded," Walsh said. "It is with regret, therefore, that the Herald-American feels that it must discontinue sponsorship of women's bowling as long as the WIBC follows the American Bowling Congress in rigidly adhering to its present by-laws."

In his column announcing the Journal-American's action, Bill Corum said:

"Here is a strange commentary and an unhappy one, on one of America's most popular and widespread sports."

Corum said that such great athletes as James Francis Thorpe, Joe Louis and Duke Kahanamoku would not be eligible to compete in ABC bowling under present regulations.

"Any championship not designed to produce a true champion is not and cannot be a true championship. For that is the basic assumption, the keystone, on which all sports are founded. So that when any potential contestant is barred by reason of creed, race, color or bias they are not true sports events either. And most certainly, they are not truly American."

Movie Night

WORLAND, Wyo.—The Northern Wyoming JACL sponsored a Japanese movie Feb. 4 at Masonic hall.

Issei donated a total of \$185 for the purchase of a loudspeaker for the chapter.

Masaoka Speaks Before Washington Church Seminar

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, spoke on the United Nation's Declaration of Human Rights and American immigration and naturalization laws at the Washington Seminar for Christian Citizens, sponsored by the Baptist Churches of America on Feb. 20.

He said only with the passage of the Walter Resolution and the Judd bill — the former deals only with naturalization, the latter with immigration and naturalization — could the United States come within the U.N. declaration of freedom of movement and right to naturalization.

He spoke at the invitation of John W. Thomas, a national sponsor of the JACL.

The seminar is being attended by Baptist College students from throughout the United States.

Boise Valley Elects 1950 Cabinet Members

NAMPA, Ida.—Dyke Itami will hold the presidential gavel of the Boise Valley JACL this year, succeeding George Ishihara.

Other newly elected officers are Tony Miyasaka, 1st vice pres. and social chmn.; Harry Watanabe, 2nd vice pres. and membership chmn.; Manabu Yamada, treas.; Mary Tanikuni, corr. sec.; Lois Itano, rec. sec.; Alice Abe, historian and reporter; George Ishihara, official delegate; and Tom Takatori, alternate delegate.

Pres. Itami announced that general meetings of the chapter will be held the second Monday of each month.

District Officers

District officers for Nampa and Caldwell have been elected, while Parma and Homedale will hold elections in the near future.

Kiyoshi Okumoto will lead the Nampa district, assisted by Masako Ujiye, secretary-treasurer.

The Caldwell group will have Yosh Takahashi as president, with Martha Nishitani as secretary and Harry Hamada as treasurer.

Tomato Growers

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Henry Kanegai was elected chairman of the new Arange County Tomato Growers association at the group's first meeting last week.

Two Nisei, John Madakoro and George Osumi, also were elected to the board of directors.

Convention Personalities:

Meet Dr. Bill Hiura

By HANNAH TANI

As head of the special events committee, Dr. Bill Hiura will be in charge of a number of National JACL convention doings, including the coronation ball, veterans' memorial service, talent show and queen contest.

But his capacity for leadership was evident even back in prewar days when he headed the large Northern California chapter, the Sonoma JACL.

The Chicago chapter's 1949 raffle drive was a huge success, due to his guidance and, incidentally, to the committee members who were spurred on by wife Toshi's delicious refreshments.

Dr. Hiura claims Sebastopol, California, as his birthplace, where his parents were in the food processing business. He remembers that tennis was his favorite high school activity and he served as captain of the championship team.

An ardent amateur radio fan, he had his own licensed station.

"The most interesting thing about this was that I made so many contacts from all parts of the United States. It was quite a broadening experience," he says.

Most of his college days were spent on the Berkeley campus.

In September, 1942, Bill was the first to leave the Poston relocation center to settle in Chicago. Here he attended the College of Optometry and subsequently held a teaching position there until he opened his own quarters on the Southside.

He finds time to participate in the Midwest Golf Association, the Twenty-fivers, the 53rd St. Businessmen's Association and the Chicago Contract Bridge Association. Bill was the first Nisei to join this last group. He is a national master. To non-bridge fans, this means he's quite an "ace."

He is the father of two youngsters, Betty, 7 and Lillian, 9.

Seattle Chapter Holds Installation



SEATTLE, Wash.—Dr. Robert W. O'Brien addressed the Seattle JACL Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, at the chapter's installation dinner dance at the Chinese Gardens.

In the photo above, left to right, are Toru Sakahara, past president and toastmaster, Dr. O'Brien, Mrs. Sakahara, Mrs. O'Brien, newly-

elected president Harry Takagi, and James Matsuoka (back to camera), one of the chapter's three vice presidents.

Installed in office during the evening were Pres. Takagi, Matsuoka, Jaxon Sonoda and Mac Kaneko, vice presidents; Takako Yoda, corr. sec.; Yoshiko Shitamæ, rec. sec.; and Ted Sakahara, treas.—Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

KARIE SHINDO WINS APPLAUSE IN HONOLULU

HONOLULU—Karie Shindo is a Nisei movie starlet who's drawing big applause in the International Carnival which opened a six-day run here this week.

The petite California-born singer is sharing billing with the Mills Brothers and six other mainland acts in the carnival sponsored by the Puerto Rican Athletic association.

Miss Shindo, who started singing in high school when she was 16 years old, appears in Humphrey Bogart's new movie, "Tokyo Joe".

She is meeting Nisei war veterans in Hawaii who were buddies of her brother, Tak Shindo, leader of an orchestra she has sung with since 1947.

Nisei Will Take Part in Pasadena Folk Festival

PASADENA, Calif.—An intercultural folk festival depicting songs, dances and musical instruments native to various cultural groups in America will be presented by the Pasadena Jewish community on March 12.

Performing Japanese dances will be four students of Fujima Kansuma, well-known instructor of classic Japanese dancing. They are Midori Yoshida, Harumi Shibata, Miki Gotanda and Chikaye Azeka.

Other cultural groups participating in the program are the Negro, the Mexican, the Jewish, Indian and the native West.

Lent Services Set By Ellis Center

CHICAGO — The Ellis community center church began its Wednesday night Lenten services on Feb. 22 with a showing of 'Simon Peter,' a sound movie.

On March 1 the church will show the celebrated "King of Kings."

On subsequent Wednesdays the Rev. George Aki of the Nisei Congregational church and the Rev. Yoshio Fukuyama of the Chicago theological seminary will speak. The 30-voice church choir will also present an evening of music.

The Lenten services will be brought to a climax Easter week, which will be ushered in with a special Palm Sunday service and reception for new members.

The Wednesday night Lenten services will start at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

Non-Segregation Policy Set For Proposed San Francisco Low Cost Housing Project

SAN FRANCISCO—At least a partial victory was won for the policy of nonsegregation in public housing when the San Francisco housing commission and board of supervisors announced this week that the city's projected 3,000-unit low cost housing project would be administered without regard to race, creed or color.

A joint committee from the two groups announced, however, that the "neighborhood pattern" policy would be continued in 3,000 other units completed or planned for early construction.

The "neighborhood pattern" has been condemned by many groups as discriminatory.

The decision broke a three-month deadlock between the housing authority, which had insisted upon retention of the "neighborhood pattern," and the supervisors, who had voted for a policy of non-discrimination and nonsegregation.

The deadlock held up the city's application for federal funds for the 3,000 unit project for three months.

The multi-million-dollar development will be under construction within two years, the housing authority announced. It will not be fully completed for six years.

Under the new agreement between the supervisors and the housing authority, Negroes, Orientals and whites will be housed in the order of application, it was announced.

The supervisors had demanded that the policy of nonsegregation be carried out at all projects, both existing and planned. The stalemate ended when it was made clear that they had no power to change the segregation at completed and

deferred projects and that they could amend only the contract for the projected 3,000 unit development.

Housing authority commissioners, however, agreed that if the policy of nonsegregation is proved successful, it will be extended to all projects, including those existing developments. The supervisors likewise agreed that their nonsegregation stipulation would be dropped if it is not proved successful in operation.

Edward Howden, Council for Civic Unity representative, and Dr. William McKinley Thomas, Negro member of the commission, called the agreement a "compromise."

ELLE Club

FRESNO, Calif.—Members of the ELLE club enjoyed a day of skiing and tobogganing at Shaver lake on Feb. 12. Clara Honda and Kimi Kotsubo were in charge.

Next meeting of the group will be at the YWCA on Feb. 24, beginning at 8 p.m.

Special Pleading by Minority Groups Hit by Togo Tanaka

CHICAGO—Citing as example of an obstacle to a genuine realization of "brotherhood," Togo Tanaka, senior editor of the American Technical Society, said on Feb. 19: "Minority groups themselves are frequently guilty of special pleading and self-seeking."

Mr. Tanaka spoke as a member of a panel discussing the theme of brotherhood before an intercultural audience of 700 Buddhists, Jews, Christians and Catholics meeting in the auditorium of Anshe Emet Congregation.

Other participants in the panel were Robert Tesdell of the United Christian Youth Movement, Essa Barnett who worked with a gov-

ernmental agency handling displaced persons camps in Western Germany and Rabbi Jacob M. Ott of Anshe Emet Congregation.

Mr. Tesdell, who recently returned from a world circling visit to all the major countries, commented, "Our shortcomings in the practice of a democratic philosophy here at home are much more conspicuous abroad than we realize."

Miss Barnett remarked on how far we fell short of our democratic protestations in our administration of the DP camps.

Rabbi Ott urged that men and women here make their voices heard at specific points such as for FEPC.

Chicago Officials Plan Convention



CHICAGO—The men responsible for the dollars-and-cents end of the JACL national convention in Chicago Sept. 28 to Oct. 2 study the various activities of the mammoth meeting as outlined to date.

Mike Hagiwara, chairman of the finance com-

mittee, points out an item on the convention calendar to (left to right) Ken Yoshihara, business manager for the souvenir booklet; Tom Masuda, treasurer to the convention board; Mas Sakata, chairman of the convention board; and (kneeling) Noboru Honda, vice chairman of the convention board.—Photo courtesy of Edgar F. Zobel, Chicago.

Palmer to Talk On Adjudication On Claims Cases

LOS ANGELES — Adjudication practices of the Evacuation Claims Field Office here will be disclosed for the first time publicly here by its acting head, William W. Palmer, it was announced this week by Dr. George Kambara, Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter president.

Palmer will explain the program now being conducted by the Department of Justice in processing evacuation claims, especially those filed from the southland area, at the regular chapter luncheon meeting Wednesday, March 1, at the Kow Nan Low at 12 noon.

The public is invited to attend. Questions will be answered.

Dr. Kambara emphasized that luncheon will be served promptly from 12:15 and that the meeting will be concluded by 1 p.m.

Cleveland JACL Meets With Shinwakai Club

CLEVELAND, O.—The Cleveland JACL cabinet and the Shinwakai Club held a dinner meeting Friday, Feb. 10, at the Flame Room to set up plans for various community projects on tap for this year.

Alice Morihira, president of the Cleveland chapter, opened the meeting.

The Shinwakai Club assured the Nisei group its full support in such projects as the ADC membership drive, the annual Fourth of July picnic, the Japanese festival and the children's Christmas party.

Plans are now under way to organize a class in beginning English with the assistance of the local YMCA, it was revealed at the meeting.

Thomas Sashihara is president of the Shinwakai Club.

Corky Kawasaki Will Speak at Ellis Center Church

CHICAGO — Corky Kawasaki, goodwill emissary recently returned from Japan, will speak to the Ellis community center church and Sunday school on Feb. 26.

The 142 members of the Sunday school will fill "self-sacrifice banks" during the Lenten period. The offering will be used to buy a goat to be sent from the Sunday school to a Sunday school in Japan.

Knowledge of Nisei Problems Will Aid Contestants in JACL National Queen Competition

CHICAGO—Knowledge of Nisei problems and JACL affairs will be a significant factor in the choice of Miss National JACL, it was announced this week by Dr. William Hiura, chairman of the special activities committee which this week released rules governing the national competition.

The contest will be one of the highlights of the JACL convention in Chicago Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.

The national queen will be selected for charm and intelligence as well as beauty, according to Dr. Hiura. Fifty points will be given for beauty, of which 30 points will be awarded for natural beauty, 10 for poise and 10 for ability to wear clothes and general appearance.

Complete rules were announced as follows:

GENERAL REGULATIONS:

1. Each chapter may select a queen candidate and two alternates known as first and second attendants.

2. The queen candidates representing the chapters will meet at any district council meeting preceding the national convention, where one candidate and two attendants shall be chosen, such attendants to be regarded as first and second alternates.

3. Each district will be represented by a single queen candidate, known as the district finalists.

4. The district finalists will meet at the national convention where one shall be selected queen of the convention, then to be known as Miss National JACL, and the other candidates will then become the queen's attendants.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. All candidates must be JACL members and at least 18 years of age at the time of the local chapter elimination contest.

2. Candidates for the National JACL queen contest shall be single (widows and divorcees are ineligible).

3. Candidates must agree, in writing, to abide by all the rules and regulations affecting the contest as laid down by the National JACL queen contest committee.

4. Candidates shall be selected on the basis of beauty, charm and intelligence. Special talents not required but helpful.

5. The following shall be used as the official rating system in all

queen contests, local, district and national:

Maximum Points—100

A. Beauty—50 points, rated as follows: 1) Poise (posture and carriage), 10 points; 2) ability to wear clothes and general appearance 10; 3) natural beauty 30.

B. Charm—20 points, rated as follows: 1) voice and diction, 10; 2) friendliness and cordiality, 10.

C. Intelligence—30 points, rated as follows: 1) Knowledge of Nisei problems and JACL affairs, 15; 2) knowledge of non-Japanese affairs, 5; 3) extra-curricular activities (school or job), 5; and 4) leadership activities, 5.

Note: Judges will award the maximum points to their first choice in each category.

6. In local and district contests, the girl with the highest total number of points awarded by the judges, shall be named queen; the girl with the second highest total, first alternate, or first attendant; the girl with the third highest total as second alternate; or second attendant.

7. In the national contest, the girl with the highest total number of points shall be named JACL queen. All other candidates shall be her attendants.

NOMINATIONS:

1. Nominations of queen candidates may be made by any paid up member of the chapter in good standing.

2. Nominations shall be submitted, with the prior consent of the proposed contestant, in writing, and shall include: name, address, age, parents' names, educational background, scholastic or other honors, extra-curricular activities, participation in community projects, membership in organizations, offices held in organizations, occupation (or grade level), general interests, hobbies and talents.

Downtown Meetings

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Inasmuch as regular meetings of the Downtown Los Angeles Business and Professional Men's JACL chapter will be devoted to hearing the main speaker, Dr. George Kambara, chapter president, said that the membership at large is expected to introduce new business matters at regular cabinet meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Sen. Lucas Will Urge Policy Committee to Place Walter Measure on Senate Schedule

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate Democratic Policy Committee will be asked to schedule the Walter Resolution for debate and vote in the Senate, according to the Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

Sen. Scott D. Lucas (D., Ill.), Senate majority leader, told Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, on Feb. 20, he would urge the Policy Committee to place the Walter Resolution on the legislative calendar. It is now on the Senate calendar.

Takei to Head Committee for L.A. Convention

LOS ANGELES—William Takei, head of the four Los Angeles JACL chapters' coordinating council, was chosen general chairman of the 1950 Pacific Southwest District Council convention late last week at a meeting called by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, PSWDC president.

The four local chapters went on record to serve as hosts for this conclave which is expected to draw some 400 delegates and boosters.

Actual sites and dates are now under investigation by Dr. Tom Watanabe and Elmer Uchida, general arrangements committeemen. Takei hopes to announce these details shortly. In the meantime, other appointments are to be made in the following committees: Registration, finance, banquet and luncheon, queen contest, coronation ball, social, housing and invitation, souvenir program and the convention business agenda.

It was suggested that if bowling, bridge and golf tournaments are scheduled, the respective champions be sanctioned to represent the Pacific Southwest District at the 1950 National JACL convention to be held in late September in Chicago.

As a final convention jamboree, the "1000" Club is expected to conduct its highly-spirited soiree under National "1000" Club chairman, George "Callahan" Inagaki.

Attending the organization convention committee meeting were: Southwest L.A.—Dr. and Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, Dr. Tom Watanabe, Yoshiko Hosoi, Dick Fujioka, Tut Yata, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tayama; East Los Angeles—Lynn Takagaki, George Akasaka, Natalie Mayeda, Ritsuko Kawakami, Edison Uno and Bill Takei; West Los Angeles—Elmer Uchida and Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda; Downtown L.A.—Dr. George Kambara, Harry Honda, Miwako Yanamoto, Sab Kido, Sue Takimoto and Taro Kawa. Also present was Tats Kushida, Southern California regional director.

Pioneer Dies In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Zempachi Onoye, pioneer farmer in the Salinas valley, passed away Feb. 14 at his home, 2342 W. 31st st., in Los Angeles, after a short illness.

He resided in Salinas for more than 45 years, but lived in Los Angeles for the past four years.

He is survived by two sons, Shigeto of Cressey, Calif., and Charles, Los Angeles; four daughters, Sada, Bethesda, Md., Gladys Shimasaki, Bethesda, and Evelyn and Esther of Los Angeles; and four grandchildren.

One of his sons, Lloyd, was killed in action in Italy while serving with the 442nd combat team.

Seabrook Residents to Hold Annual Festival of Dolls

SEABROOK, N.J. — The traditional observance of the Doll day festival by Seabrook village residents is slated for March 2, 3 and 4 this year at Community House.

The Festival of the Dolls is a time-honored Japanese celebration for girls, held on the third day of the third month.

Both the festival and hobby show will be enlivened this year by the participation of new Estonian residents, who will add their folk songs and dances to those of the Japanese Americans.

The principle difference is this: A bill on the Senate calendar passes only if it meets with no objections when the Calendar is called. A measure on the Legislative Calendar is subject to debate and a vote.

Twice the Walter Resolution has come before the Senate on the call of the Calendar. Twice it has been objected to by Sen. Russell, (D., Ga.).

Sen. Lucas told Mr. Masaoka he would ask the Committee to place the Walter Resolution on the Legislative Calendar at its forthcoming meeting, probably next week. At that time it also may schedule a date for Senate action on the bill.

Mr. Masaoka said he was "cheered" by Sen. Lucas' words. "This is the first time the Policy Committee has shown any interest in the Resolution," he said.

Meantime, the JACL ADC still is pressing for another call of the calendar, especially since Sen. Russell said recently he was not opposed to the measure itself, although there are some technicalities in the bill which trouble him.

To clarify exactly what the Walter Resolution does, Rep. Francis E. Walter, (D., Penna.), the measure's author, has written a personal report for Russell.

Sen. Russell said he would not oppose the bill if it did not extend naturalization to persons in this country by special treaty arrangement. He referred chiefly to treaty merchants, students and other temporary visitors.

Rep. Walter said flatly the bill would have no such effect. It is possible Sen. Russell may offer an amendment to the Resolution to specifically deny its benefits to treaty visitors.

San Diego JACL Sets \$1,400 Goal

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—The ADC fund drive and evacuation claims were topics of discussion at a meeting of more than 150 Issei and Nisei called by Dr. George Hara, president of the San Diego JACL chapter, at the local Buddhist auditorium on Feb. 19.

Issei and Nisei leaders had approved the 1950 ADC goal of \$1,400 and the campaign was scheduled to begin within a week under chairman J. U. Obayashi, according to regional director, Tats Kushida, who appealed to the audience for continued support for JACL ADC efforts. The same ADC committeemen as last year will be asked to serve again in this year's campaign in which a number of Nisei are expected to participate.

Saburo Kido explained at length the procedures involved in preparing evacuation claims for hearings. It is recalled that San Diego was one of the first communities to organize a public claims filing service under local JACL sponsorship.

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EDITORIAL:

Non-Segregation in Housing

The agreement reached this week between the San Francisco board of supervisors and the city's housing authority commissioners relating to nondiscrimination in public housing units is at best a compromise, at its worst a strategic victory for the commissioners.

The commissioners had fought to keep the "neighborhood pattern," a euphemism employed to mean retention of the present policy of discrimination. The supervisors had asked for elimination of discrimination and segregation.

Under the agreement reached early this week, the commissioners agreed that nondiscrimination would be practiced in a new 3,000 unit development for which construction will start within two years.

The supervisors agreed that the "neighborhood pattern" would be retained in all existing units and all projects now ready for construction.

The supervisors were forced to back down from their position when they were told they had no legal right to demand that the policy of nondiscrimination be applied to any existing units, or units already projected.

The compromise ended a three-month delay for application for funds for the new 3,000 unit development. During this time the housing authority had employed every delaying tactic to prevent institution of the nonsegregation principle. It had though, through what authority it has not been made clear, "polled" neighborhood civic groups to determine their reaction to the nonsegregation amendment asked by the supervisors. It was later revealed that the authority, in addition, had hired a lobbyist to address the neighborhood improvement clubs. The lobbyist was hired "to encourage them to answer the poll," according to John W. Beard, executive secretary. The poll brought forth the following results: For the neighborhood pattern, 9; against, 11.

The commissioners also attempted to cloud the issue by warning at one time that an application for federal funds, if it contained an anti-segregation amendment, might be delayed in Washington. Shortly afterwards, the FHA announced that it would no longer approve contracts for housing loans if they contained racially restrictive covenants. This policy was apparently ignored by the housing authorities.

But the commissioners did not have to retreat all the way in respect even to the new development. For here the supervisors were forced to agree that should the policy of nonsegregation fail to work out, the neighborhood pattern would be instituted.

It has not been revealed who shall be the judge as to the success or failure of this policy. If it is the federal housing authority, the prospect for continuation of the nonsegregation policy is dim. The chairman of the housing authority, E. N. Ayer, only this week was quoted as saying: "It has failed wherever we have tried it. When the colored families move in, the white families move out." This predetermined attitude bodes ill for continuation of the policy after it is instituted.

The commissioners of housing won their victory in all existing units and all units already projected for construction.

It would appear to us that the housing authority is more victor than loser in this contest.

A Counterfeit FEPC Bill

An FEPC bill so watered down as to be all but useless was passed this week by the House of Representatives.

The bill went to the House as a measure which called for setting up of a fair employment practices commission with such powers as necessary to enforce its rulings, including the right to go to the courts to prosecute persons refusing to abide by its decisions.

When its opponents were through with the bill, it emerged a pale and anemic shadow of its original self. Cut through by weakening amendments, slashed by elimination of controls, the FEPC bill now provides a fair employment practices commission with only investigatory powers and the right to "recommend" action to eliminate abuses.

Many proponents of the original bill refused to vote for this watered-down edition. They decried it as a fraud and so it is, for as it stands, it does the cause of FEPC more harm than good. It is a sop for those willing to compromise on the question of fair employment practices. It has good talking value for those people who profess to support the principle of nondiscrimination but do not want to see it exercised.

Its supporters call it an "educational" measure which will wipe out discrimination. It is an educational measure only to those persons who want to learn how to give verbal support to democracy without running the risk of getting it put into practice.

Vagaries

TV Toast . . .

Ed Sullivan, N.Y. Daily News columnist and video impressario, paid tribute to the magnificent record of the 442nd Combat Team as he introduced the Kanazawa Trio on his CBS-TV show. "Toast of the Town," on Feb. 19. The three Kanazawas, one of the top acrobatic acts in vaudeville, have been playing the theater circuits in the east in recent months. The present troupe, the second generation of the famous Kanazawa act which has been in U. S. vaudeville for more than a quarter-century, was featured at last year's cherry blossom festival on the banks of the Potomac in Washington . . . Speaking of vaude veterans, the well-known act of Tenkai and Okinu is back on the mainland. Tenkai (Ishida) was playing in Hawaii when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The Ishidas were interned by the army as spy suspects, they told Crossroads in Los Angeles last week, but were released when the suspicions proved groundless. During the war Tenkai became "Wen Hai, the Chinese Magician" and played before GI audiences in Hawaii. Now they are back on the mainland, almost nine years after they left for Hawaii to play some dates.

Cho-Cho-San . . .

The next Hollywood production which may send out a call for Nisei and Issei players is MGM's "Madame Butterfly" which will star Katherine Grayson as Cho-Cho-San and Mario Lanza as Lieut. Pinkerton. A number of Metropolitan Opera singers have been signed by the studio for other roles . . . Two other film sopranos who have appeared as "Madame Butterfly" in production numbers in Hollywood films are the late Grace Moore in "One Night of Love" and Deanna Durbin. Betty Hutton also appeared as Cho-Cho-San in a dream sequence last year in Paramount's "Dream Girl." . . . Paramount also produced "Madame Butterfly" back in 1932 with Sylvia Sydney and Cary Grant but the picture was taken from the play by Luther Long rather than the opera by Giacomo Puccini.

East Is East . . .

Film Classics, which last year distributed the successful "Lost Boundaries," is preparing an interracial love story about an Army officer with the U.S. occupation forces and a Japanese girl. Anson Bond, producer of the proposed film, already has registered the title, "East Is East," for the picture which is being written by Catherine Turney . . . At least one other studio has been considering a similar American-Japanese love story, while Ted Pollock's play, "Wedding in Japan," about a love triangle involving a Japanese girl and two GIs, one Caucasian and one Negro, has aroused some interest.

Impressario . . .

Tats Matsuo, the Honolulu theatrical promoter, will present MGM's new singing star, Mario Lanza, in three concerts soon in Hawaii. The Matsuo brothers recently sponsored the U.S. tour of Kinuyo Tanaka and are arranging tours of Japan by U.S. theatrical troupes. . . . The only Nisei to receive featured billing in 20th Century Fox's "Three Came Home," which is being premiered this week in New York, is Howard Chuman who plays the role of Lieut. Nekata.

Ex-POW . . .

Bob Williams, an ex-POW who is active in the Young Peoples Federation of the Japanese Christian church in Salt Lake City, will soon get a check for approximately \$1200, representing a dollar for each day spent as a war prisoner during WW II. Bob was taken prisoner in the fall of the Philippines in 1942 and spent most of his internment in a prison camp on Honshu . . . Plans are reportedly going ahead for the release of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino on \$50,000 bail. A San Francisco bondsman has been raising the cash which will free "Tokyo Rose" pending a hearing on her appeal. . . . The role of Suki played by Reiko Sato in "Mother Didn't Tell Me," the 20th

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

The Loaded Weapon

Eight years ago this week the traditional concepts of the inviolability of American citizenship were breached and the damage, to this day, has gone unrepaired.

Most Americans, even the Nisei who were most affected by it, will have difficulty in recalling this particular and tragic anniversary. It is a day best forgotten, if it were not for the fact that it may one day come to haunt all of the people of our democracy.

On March 2, eight years ago, Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, then commanding officer of the Western Defense Command, issued Proclamation No. 1 in the military program for the mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the coastal area. It was the peculiar nature of this proclamation that all persons of Japanese ancestry residing within the scope of Gen. DeWitt's authority, regardless of nationality, were treated as a single racial unit. The fact of citizenship, with which the Nisei were endowed by right of birth in the United States, was suspended, for all practical purposes, by a stroke of a martinet's pen.

Gen. DeWitt's Proclamation No. 1 avoided direct reference to the Nisei as American citizens. The proclamation refers to "Japanese, German or Italian aliens, or any person of Japanese ancestry." It established restrictions under which Nisei in the area to be evacuated were required to give prior notice of any change of residence. Subsequent proclamations ordered further restrictions, including a curfew under which American citizens, if they happened to be of Japanese ancestry, were required to remain in their residences between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. All this, of course, was a prelude to mass evacuation, mass detention and mass exclusion.

Today, when the world sits nervously in the shadow of mushroom-shaped disaster, it becomes increasingly apparent that the citizenship of all Americans, not alone the Nisei, has been injured by the casual acceptance, by the general public and by the courts, of the precedent set on March 2, 1942 when a military commander suspended the civil rights of a group of Americans because of their ethnic similarity with the people of an enemy nation in time of war.

Perhaps it is symptomatic of the changed attitudes which have developed under the shroud of the atomic bomb that there has been no indication of general alarm over the somewhat off-hand statement by a public official recently that all Americans suspected of subversive tendencies will be arrested forthwith and marched off to concentration camps the moment the cold war becomes hot. The next time, however, the candidates for mass internment probably will be selected on ideological, rather than racial or ancestral, grounds. It is ironical indeed that the Communists, who are the leading candidates at the present time for any such evacuation and detention, accepted the west coast evacuation back in 1942 as part of the all-out war effort.

The pity of it all is that, if and when another evacuation takes place, a lot of ordinary American liberals may find themselves behind the watchtowers looking out because they happened, at one

Century Fox picture, was originally written as that of a housegirl named Yuri in Mary Bard's book, "The Doctor Has Three Faces," from which the picture was adapted. Mary Bard is a sister of Betty McDonald, famous for "The Egg and I." Author McDonald's second book, "The Plague and I," also had a Nisei character, a patient in a TB sanitarium.

Singer . . .

Karie Shindo's trip to Hawaii to appear with the Mills Brothers at the Royal Hawaiian hotel evokes the following comment in the weekly Los Angeles Tribune: "The Mills Bros. have taken a young Japanese thrust to Hawaii, to appear with them at the Royal Hawaiian hotel. Time was when we thought the last homo sapien Negro jive could ever corrupt would be the square-rigged Japanese, but we wager this little girl will return from Hawaii and indoctrination by Harry Mills and Co. just as 'on' as any chorus girl who ever won her spurs in a Cotton Club line."

time or another, to attend a meeting on civil rights or gave money to Russian war relief, at a time when Russia happened to be an ally, and thus got themselves on somebody's list. The precedent was set back on March 2, 1942 with Gen. DeWitt's Proclamation No. 1 which suspended the civil rights of citizens with Japanese faces.

It is a moot point whether it is advisable to take totalitarian measures, and the mass evacuation is an example, in order to fight a totalitarian enemy, or to use the nightstick to combat a police state.

Mr. Justice Jackson, in his dissent in the Korematsu case in which the principle of racial mass evacuation was upheld by the Supreme Court, forecast the danger of judicial validation of the action when he declared that the court's decision remains "like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of urgent need."

"A military commander may overstep the bounds of constitutionality, and it is an incident," Justice Jackson declared, "but if we review and approve, that passing incident becomes the doctrine of the Constitution. There it has a generative power of its own, and all that it creates will be in its own image."

Back in 1945 Prof. Eugene V. Rostow of Yale University assessed the mass evacuation of the Japanese Americans and found that it carried a devastating impact upon the civil liberties of all Americans. In his article, "Our Worst Wartime Mistake," (Harpers, Sept., 1945), Prof. Rostow suggested that the basic issues raised by the evacuation "should be presented to the Supreme Court again, in an effort to obtain a prompt reversal of these wartime cases."

"The case of the Japanese Americans is the worst blow our civil liberties have sustained in many years," he added. "Unless repudiated, it may support devastating and unforeseen social and political conflicts."

It is also symptomatic of the pressures of our time that Morton Grodzins' important book, "Americans Betrayed," has not enjoyed a wide circulation outside of persons interested in the Nisei and evacuation. As Mr. Grodzins points out in his conclusion, the Americans betrayed were not the Nisei alone.

"The Japanese Americans were the immediate victims of evacuation," he declares. "But larger consequences are carried by the American people as a whole. Their legacy is the lasting one of precedent and constitutional sanctity for a policy of mass incarceration under military auspices. This is the most important result of the process by which the evacuation decision was made. That process betrayed all Americans."

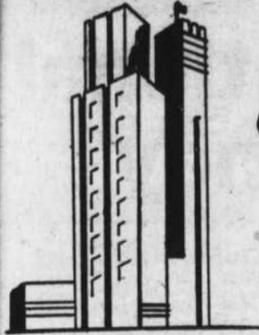
It may be a necessary consequence of the pressures induced by clashing ideologies and the possibility that all of us stand within a bomb's blast of being reduced to atomic dust but it cannot be denied that there has been a continuing infringement upon the freedom of the individual since that day in March, 1942 when a military officer suspended by fiat the rights of an American group on the basis of ethnic affiliation alone. And so long as the original precedent is condoned, there will be other invasions of individual rights in the name of expediency.

Until it is de-fused by judicial and official repudiation, the mass evacuation will remain a "loaded weapon" which threatens the sanctity of the civil rights of every American citizen.

Kawasaki Takes Post

CHICAGO—Corky T. Kawasaki, who was formerly administrative assistant in the foreign section of the American Friends Service Committee, has joined the Chicago Publishing Corporation as its general sales manager.

As a specially-appointed LARA (Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia) representative, Kawasaki went to Japan last year to examine and evaluate the conditions in the defeated nation and to report his findings as a basis for the distribution of LARA goods in Japan.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

At the Mardi Gras

Twelve nights after Xmas the Mardi Gras season gets under way in New Orleans. The climax comes on Mardi Gras Day which is exactly 40 days before Easter.

Here, fast by the muddy swollen waters of the Mississippi river, Mardi Gras Day is a holiday of long standing. Some sort of a parade has been winding through the narrow streets of the Vieux Carre for close to 100 years.

Stores and offices are closed on this day and the 750,000 Orleanians get down to the serious task of having a good time at the carnival.

Bunting, flags, banners and gay festive colors of the Mardi Gras—purple, yellow and green—are draped around every lamp post and doorway in the Crescent City.

The native New Orleanian starts early in the morning, makes a lunch, puts on his costume and mask, and starts heading for the downtown sector about nine in the morning. During the course of the day five parades run a round-robin so that there is something going on all the time.

All sorts of outlandish costumes parade up and down Canal street and St. Charles avenue from sun-up to nearly midnight. Around the care-free environs of the French Quarters a band of slim, sad-eyed eccentrics go for the slinky evening gowns, high heels, falsies, mascara and sequin-covered hairdo. They are in their full glory parading up and down the street, posing, primping, pouting and exchanging small bits of conversation with the passer-by.

Most of the costumes follow the department-store specials. The \$1.95 down outfit and the \$2.98 cowboy ensemble are the most popular selections of the masses. A couple of scant-clad veiled harem beauties strut along the main drag, usually followed by a horde of red-flanneled devils, a brace of characters wearing bunny outfits, and a string of paunchy howling bad wolves. Along the Negro main street which is Rampart street, the natives prefer the colorful costumes of a witch-doctor, a voodoo priest, a head-hunter, or a frayed full-dress outfit.

This solid mass of humanity surges and flows through the main arteries of the city all day long, the mood being quite similar to Times Square on New Year's Eve.

A total of 17 parades snake their way through the streets of New Orleans over a ten-day period. On the last day, Mardi Gras Day, five parades come streaming into view: Zulu, Rex, Orleanian, Crescent City and Comus.

These parades follow a very similar pattern. First there is a band or two, then the king's float, followed by a few of his dukes on horseback, and trailing in the procession will be a string of some 16 or 17 papier mache floats bearing "krewe" members and decorated along some central theme. It takes about 15 minutes, on the average, for a parade to pass a given point and measures only a mile in length. Compared with the Rose Parade at Pasadena or an American Legion parade in Manhattan, the Mardi Gras affairs pale into insignificance.

For the first time this year the tractor replaced the mules drawing each of the floats.

The old tradition of throwing little trinkets to the crowd from the floats was observed. Most of these items I noticed were "made in occupied Japan" and cost on the average of ten cents a dozen. Nevertheless, the children and grown-ups alike go into a frenzy trying to catch some of the loot that is hurled from these tractor-drawn floats.

More than one visitor who has seen some of the gala Mardi Gras parades in Europe has been keenly disappointed with the brevity and the simplicity of the New Orleans interpretation. There is nothing spectacular nor unusual about the parades and the same dull pattern is followed year after year.

All floats are of the same size and cost about \$1000 or so to construct. Much of the decoration work is done by members of the club who spend their free time, over a span of six months or more, getting their entry ready for the Mardi Gras.

The absence of real flowers detract a lot from the color of the parade. The only real colorful feature is the fine silken robes and costumes worn by the exclusive crew members.

Participation in the Mardi Gras is usually a question of money and social standing.

Invitation to the various swanky balls and dances, which number close to 70 is restricted to the socially prominent.

These large dances usually cost \$10,000 or more. A tremendous amount of money is spent decorating the ballroom to follow a chosen theme or idea. Other costs include champagne for the guests, rental of the hall, payment to the musicians, flowers for decoration, and souvenir gifts for the invited guests.

Riding on a float also runs into considerable money. First there is the cost of preparing the float itself then the matter of costumes to purchase. Each crew member is expected to throw out some \$50 or \$100 of trinkets to the crowd as it goes on its five-mile journey. Negro flambeaux carriers, numbering some 300 in all, are another large expense item.

The price of being a king for a parade or a queen of a ball also runs into high finances. It is nothing unusual for them to pay upwards of several thousands of dollars for the honor. The dukes and the princesses can manage to hold their expenses down to a thousand dollars each.

The crew members, numbering about 100 to each club, spend close to \$1000 each during the carnival season. In addition to the money the participants must have social standing in order to be eligible.

For those with not enough money or social stature, they can hire a small band, rent a large truck, gather some home-made decorations and participate in the parade of Orleanians. For the honor of riding in this truck and going to a modest dance, the cost runs around \$100 a couple.

So, the greater portion of the people are back to the \$1.95 Sears-Roebuck costume, home-made lunch, and walking up and down the crowded streets.

People down here think nothing of saving all year to have enough money to spend during the Mardi Gras season. Such savings are second in popularity to the Xmas clubs.

What do I think of it? I think there is a lot of waste of time and money. There is not enough individuality and importance to most of the parades to make them outstanding. I think a couple of nights of celebration is enough and I'd much rather see one or two long parades than 17 skimpy individual affairs that end before you settle down to enjoy the spectacle.

Tradition is hard to overcome in these parts. Regardless of the general appreciation of the public and the effect on their pocket-books, the crew members are already busy planning the 1951 edition of the Mardi Gras.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Little People with Big Ears

Denver, Colo.

Have you seen your flying saucer today? It seems, with the dozens that are supposed to be cluttering the skies, that a fellow like me ought to see one now and then. But I haven't. There was a woman on the phone the other day who saw one, honest, going about 3,000 miles an hour in a south-westerly direction. She watched it about 10 seconds until it gave a saucy little flick and skittered over the mountains.

We get all kinds of tales, fourth and fifth hand usually, about the antics of these animated dinner-plates. The latest of these reports is from a man of considerable repute for authenticity, one Commander Robert B. McLaughlin, who says he has "tracked" the saucers over the New Mexico sky. He thinks some of the saucers are about 105 feet across, others indicated that the creatures in them, if any, were about 20 inches tall.

But what we miss is actually seeing a saucer, we make up in tales that come over our desk. Here are a few, totally and entirely unconfirmed, which we pass on simply for your information, education or amusement as the case may be.

Report No. 1: One of them there saucers cracked up in New Mexico the other day. They found a couple of little people dead in the wreckage. Some fellows took pictures, but the government picked them up and sent the wreckage into Washington for analysis.

Report No. 2: A farmer down in southern New Mexico was awakened one night. He went to the door and there were two little people about three and a half feet tall. They had big ears. They gave

him a box, and he went in and got a couple of flashlights which he gave to the little people. They took the flashlights, walked out to their saucer, got in and flew away into the night sky. The farmer was afraid to open the box so he mailed it to the government in Washington.

The odd thing about these saucers has been that, until Commander McLaughlin came along, they rarely were seen by anyone who would be in a position to distinguish a saucer from a teacup. Of course there were some airline pilots; in fact it must have been a pilot that reported the first one some two and a half or three years ago.

One highway patrolman of our acquaintance says that on a single afternoon in the foothills west of Denver, he stopped a half-dozen motorists who reported they had seen flying saucers. He had contacted these individuals over a two or three hour period, and they brought up the subject voluntarily. Yet this patrolman had been in the area all that time without seeing so much as a saucer's shadow.

Navy spokesmen, guided missile experts and others say that flying saucers are a lot of buncombe. The air force takes the somewhat ungrammatical view that flying saucers "are either hoaxes, a mild form of mass hysteria, or misinterpretations of conventional objects."

Me? I don't know. I'm just going to keep my glasses polished and an eye on the sky. And hope that I don't see a saucer. I'd just as soon not be visited by big-eared creatures, three and a half feet tall, dropping in from Mars. That would seem like the sort of situation that would throw congress completely off its trolley. We've got enough terrestrial problems without going inter-planetary.

"I Remember Papa:"

Land Where My Father Died

By SUE KUNITOMI

Papa was 21 when he left his birthplace in Okayama Prefecture on Honshu Island in Japan. He left with a contract in his possession, a contract which bound him for three years to a sugar plantation in the Hawaiian Islands. He worked long hours in the fields for little pay with hundreds of other Japanese men recruited from Japan. When their contracts expired, many returned to their homes disillusioned. Others stayed on permanently in the land of sun and bright flowers. Papa got

along doing odd jobs, going from one town to another. After six years he packed his bags. This time he headed for the boisterous city of San Francisco. There was a war going on—the Russo-Japanese war—but Papa had been rejected before he left Japan. He wasn't tall enough.

There were very few Japanese men in California at the turn of the century. There was only a handful of Japanese women. "Picture marriages" were popular and Papa sent for a bride from a neighboring village in Okayama. They were married in San Francisco and traveled to Los Angeles to make their home. Employed as domestic help in what was then a muddy, ditch-road suburb, they saw it grow into the fabulous Hollywood of artificial lights and beautiful women. As more and more immigrants arrived from Japan they formed a community of their own and there Papa moved his wife and family. He drove a truck; he worked as a gardener; he learned to read from the daily newspapers, attended night school to study English and to write with a flourishing hand. By the end of the depression his family had grown. By the time he established himself in the moving and transferring business, he had five sons and three daughters. People were saying it was the beginning of many eventful years.

They were eventful years for me for I began to know my father. I feared him as much as I idolized him. He read the Sunday funnies to us before we could spell out the words. He took us to the parks in his Model T Ford. He could not forgive discourtesy in anyone and taught us to say "Thank you" and "Please."

He signed our report cards, looking at us sternly to ask why we had a "B" grade in arithmetic when we could have had an "A." We always handed him our cards the morning we were to return them to the teacher so Papa would not have time to reprimand us. After a long silence Papa would grunt and affix his signature on the back of the report card and we knew that for ten weeks he was satisfied.

I cannot recall seeing Papa turn a stranger away from our door empty-handed. When a stranger called and begged Papa would make a sandwich for him. Most of these people were vagrants and many times a bottle would be sticking out of a back pocket. I never heard him say a harsh

word against the Jew or Negro. We lived in a predominantly Mexican neighborhood and Papa turned to them for help when he was rushed in his business.

Papa hated to throw anything away. When people gave him a box of books or discarded furniture to sell, he brought them home. Our yard and garage were piled with automobile parts, odds and ends he expected to make use of someday. He loved to read. His reluctance to sell the books he had been given for sale sent his children on an adventure in reading from which they have never returned. Papa would erase pencil marks, dust the pages before placing them in the five-shelved bookcase in the front room. Many times Mother would search the neighborhood for hours only to find her children sitting on the floor reading in the dark. "Pilgrim's Progress," "Black Beauty," "Poor Richard's Almanac," Dickens' tales, Longfellow's poems were to become familiar to me long before I studied them in school.

When Papa was 61 years old, he cooked dinner for his family. He bought new dishes for the occasion. He roasted chicken and baked potatoes; he baked a large birthday cake which was sweet and doughy. Later in the evening some friends dropped in to wish him a "happy birthday." They asked us if we had made a bib for my father. According to Japanese custom, a man reaching his 61st year is ready to retire and the bib is the symbol of his entering his second childhood.

The men reminisced of their youth. They spoke of friends who had worked on the "Espee" Railroad, of the nights they slept in the desert with snakes and prairie dogs for bed-fellows.

The visiting ended on a somber note. Papa was eligible to retire. Was he going to return to his native home and visit his mother whom he had not seen for 40 years? Was he going to liquidate his business and take his family to settle in Japan?

Sipping his tea slowly Papa was serious when he spoke. He looked at his friends a long time before saying:

"I'd like to see my mother again. I'd like to visit those who never left Okayama. But I don't want to die in Japan. There they bury their dead in cold, wooden boxes. I've lived a hard life and will probably work until I die.

Actors Group Opens School for Children

CHICAGO — A creative school for children will be sponsored in Chicago by the Actors Company and will be open to all children, regardless of race, color or creed, according to the Chicago Resettlers Committee.

The school, called Actors Company Creative Theater, Inc., will sponsor four courses of nine weeks each in acting techniques, creative workshop, modern dance and speech. The classes will be held each afternoon after school.

The school is located at 218 So. Wabash ave., ninth floor. Children from 5 to 14 are eligible to enroll. Appointments may be made with Minnie Galatzer, director, WEBSTER 9-7265.

Further information may be obtained from the Chicago Resettlers Committee.

Hawaii's "932" Contenders



Here is Hawaii's eight-member entry in the 4th annual National JACL bowling tournament. They are (front) Marion Nihara, Team Captain Edward Matsueda and Inez Kama and (back) Larry Mekata, defending JACL singles champion, Eugene Akamine, Charles Lee, Daniel Kaleikini and Clarence Matsumoto. Mekata, Matsueda and Matsumoto were members of the 1949 team which placed third with 2785. The present team has a 932 team average.—Photo from Pictures Unlimited, Honolulu, T. H.

80 Teams Enter National JACL Bowling Tourney

Hawaii Sends High Average Squad as 58 Will Compete For Men's Team Laurels

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 400 bowlers will compete for team and individual championships in the 4th annual National JACL bowling tournament on March 3, 4 and 5 at Downtown Bowl.

Approximately \$5,000 in cash awards will be distributed in the men's and women's tournaments which will be held simultaneously with 80 teams already entered.

Fifty-eight teams from Hawaii, California, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Colorado and Illinois already are entered in the men's division and will compete for the team championship won last year by Robertson's Nursery of Los Angeles with a 2808 score. The Robertson team is back this year under the colors of Vogue Bowl.

This is the first time the tournament has been held on the Pacific coast. For the last three years it was held in Salt Lake City.

In addition to the team events, competition is scheduled in men's doubles, women's singles and women's doubles. Special all-events awards also will be made.

The Hawaii AJA All-Stars, captained by Eddie Matsueda, will enter with the highest team average with 932. Other teams in the "900" brackets are Okada Insurance of Salt Lake, a former national champion; Johnny Di Luccia of Los Angeles, one of the favorites this year with two 193 average bowlers in Tak Taketomo and Tok Ishizawa; John S. Towata Florists, one of the leading Bay Region teams; Star Cafe of Salt Lake, current kingpins in Utah; Endo Automotive of San Mateo, Sacramento Valley Nisei League No. 1, Mike's Richfield of San Francisco, the San Fernando Stars, Jackel and Rogers of Ontario, Ore., and Vogue Bowl, the defending champions.

Among the favorites in the women's team competition will be the strong Los Angeles Debs who have a 2488 scratch series this year; the W. Fay team of Los Angeles, which includes two 160 bowlers from Hawaii in Marion Mitahara and Inez Kama; the Seattle Stars, the high average team at 756; the Sacramento All-Stars; Kikkoman Shoyu of San Francisco, anchored by Julia Wong, the individual star of last year's tournament; Junction Florists, one of the strong San Francisco Bay area teams; China Village from Utah with Maxie Kato of Ogden and Amy Konishi of Denver, individual star of the 1948 national tournament; and Three Crown of Los Angeles with June Jue who has a 625 series to her credit this year.

The tournament will be conducted by the San Francisco JACL and the Nisei Bowling Association according to regulations set down by the National JACL. All entry fees, except for the cost of the lines, will go into the prize pot. Tournament expenses are being paid out of money from the sale of advertising in the official program.

Dr. Tokuji Hedani, treasurer, reported this week that more than 400 bowlers had sent in their entry blanks before the Feb. 19 deadline.

A men's singles classic eight games across 16 alleys, will start off the tournament on March 3.

The following entries were received by Dr. Hedani before Feb. 20. (Team averages are unofficial):

- HAWAII AJA ALL-STARS, Honolulu (932)—Edward Matsueda 185, Larry Mekata 190, Clarence Matsumoto 186, Eugene Akamine 185, Daniel Kaleikini 186.
- JOHNNY DI LUCCIA, Los Angeles (925)—Taki Taketomo 193, Eddie Tsuruta 179, Johnny Lyou 180, Lloyd Hahn 180, Tok Ishizawa 193, Johnny Di Luccia 165.
- OKADA INSURANCE, Salt Lake City (910)—Bob Shiba 182, Maki Kaizumi 180, Shozo Hiraizumi 180, Jun Kurumada 187, Choppie Umemoto 181.
- JOHN S. TOWATA FLORISTS, San Francisco (907)—Dick Ikeda 181, Tad Sako 184, Chy Kawakami 179, Gish Endo 181, Fuzzy Shimada 182.
- STAR CAFE, Salt Lake City (905)—Mike Nakamura 184, Tom Nakamura 182, Ich Okumura 175, Wat Misaka 179, George Kishida 185.
- ENDO AUTOMOTIVE, San Mateo, Calif. (903)—Mas Nakao 184, Eichi Adachi 174,

- Cap Adachi 180, Harry Ushijima 182, Skeets Inouye 183.
- VOGUE BOWL, Los Angeles (903)—Yoi Nomura 176, George Takeuchi 178, Kaz Katayama 178, George Kobo 185, George Yasukochi 186. (Vogue Bowl is the tournament's defending champion, winning the title last year as the Robertson Nursery team.)
- NAGAMINE'S, Seattle (900)—Bill Tanaka 178, Tak Shibuya 178, Fred Takagi 179, Tommy Namba 182, Pruney Tsuji 183.
- MIKE'S RICHFIELD, San Francisco (900)—Yuki Dote 176, Bill Tabuchi 184, Tats Nagase 180, Mike Inouye 176, Mike Sakuda 184.
- JACKEL & ROGERS, Ontario, Ore. (900).
- SACRAMENTO NISEI LEAGUE NO. 1 (900)—Angel Kagiya 178, Virgil Yee 177, Shig Imura 185, Ben Hom 179, Yulene Takai 181, Frank Kawai 166.
- SAN FERNANDO (900)—Tad Yamada 180, Paul Ishizawa 180, Hide Sechi 180, Harley Kusumoto 180, Shorty Tanaka 180.
- TADY'S SERVICE, Los Angeles (893)—Hump Tak 176, Tady Shimizu 183, Mush Matsumoto 170, Chick Uyemura 181, Hank Aragaki 181.
- PAGODA, Salt Lake City (890)—Bill Honda 174, Ken Takeno 179, Warren Hasegawa 176, Tosh Igata 180, George Sakashita 181.
- PLAYDIUM NISEI, Fresno, Calif. (890)—Kane Umamoto 181, Jim Uyemura 179, Shig Nakao 178, George Umamoto 175, Buzz Noda 177.
- PICO TAILORS, Los Angeles (889)—Loot Hahn 176, Bowman Chung 169, Ich Kaminaka 165, George Wong 185, Dave Park 184.
- FRESNO AMERICAN LOYALTY LEAGUE (888)—Henning Chinn 182, Ken Noda 177, Phil Wong 176, Ben Matsunaga 175, Sherman Louie 178.
- DENARCO BOX, Denver (885)—Frank Sahara 184, Shun Nakayama 180, Hooch Okumura 176, John Sakayama 178, Dr. Takashi Mayeda 172.
- SACRAMENTO ORIENTAL ALL-STARS (878)—Ken Yee 172, Larry Wong 177, Ken Shibata 168, George Fong 172, Gene Gee 177, Walt Yee 180.
- MORINO BROS. GROCERS, San Francisco (873)—Kayo Hayakawa 175, Kiyo Tatehara 170, George Inai 178, Ken Morino 175, Mas Iwahara 175.
- CHICAGO JACL (872)—Jun Oishi 177, Frank Kebo 171, Kiyo Ito 171, Junior Gotori 175, Dyke Miyagawa 175, Jiro Kato 174.
- ALOHIA FOUNTAIN, Salt Lake City (871)—Charles Sonoda 174, Gilbert Oshiro 171, Yoshio Ozawa 172, Milton Oda 172, Harry Imamura 182.
- JOSEPH RISER CO., San Jose (866)—John Kasano 176, George Sakamoto 178, Frank Sakamoto 164, Frank Ichishita 170, Kaz Nakamura 178, Bob Tanaka 164, Mori Shimada 154.
- SALT LAKE ALL-STARS (865)—Yori Kosaiki 171, Jim Ushio 169, Tom Matsumori 170, Jack Aramaki 180, George Sonoda 175.
- MAIN BOWL, Seattle (863)—Jim Kuramishi 169, Ben Nakata 170, Sho Suyama 178, Herb Furuta 175, Shig Takemura 171, Bek Osaka 171.
- UPTOWN BOWL, Richmond, Calif. (861)—Joe Sato 172, Frank Ogawa 174, Frank Tsuboi 179, Yon Takahashi 171, Frank Takahashi 171, Ike Takei 161, Hank Yamada 170.
- SACRAMENTO VALLEY NISEI NO. 2 (859)—Willie Yee 172, Gilchi Ishisaka 170, Dubby Tsugawa 170, Fujio Wada 172, Frank Yone 175, Rocky Leong 160.
- MIKE & ROY'S SERVICE, San Jose (859)—Jim Takeda 173, Jim Sakamoto 171, Mike Murotsune 170, Mich Shimoto 165, Terry Sentachi 175, Blackie Ichishita 170.
- EEN-MAR BOWL, Paramount, Calif. (859)—Kumo Shimamoto 172, Fred Takahashi 169, Ko Aihara 176, Terry Okida 164, Easy Fujimoto 173, Fred Hasegawa 169.
- TAKAHASHI TRADING, San Francisco (854)—Keet Miyoko 170, Mike Miyagishima 160, George Shioya 170, Babe Morino 160, Henri Takahashi 170, Chuck Yonezu 162, George Nomura 182.
- IDAHO FALLS JACL, Idaho Falls, Ida. (848)—Jun Ueda 175, Tek Sato 173, Eke Inouye 165, Mas Kuwana 165, Eke Tanaka 170, Todd Honda 160.
- CATHAY POST, Denver (846)—John Noguchi 160, Ed Chin 160, Tak Yamasaki 172, Sam Kawaniishi 175, Jim Nakagawa 170.
- FLORIN JACL, Florin, Calif. (841)—Ted Kobata 169, Woody Ishikawa 165, George Kawano 167, Paul Yasui 165, Jim Matsui 170, Shig Miya 170.
- J. C. WATSON CO., Caldwell, Idaho (840)—Tony Miyasaka 165, Shig Nishimoto 175, Kay Inouye 165, Jim Abe 165, Sam Koba 170, Tom Takatori 155.
- GROWER'S PRODUCE, Alameda, Calif. (838)—Shig Nomura 170, Tiny Tanizawa 170, George Ushijima 170, Ziggy Akahoshi 163, Digger Sasaki 145, Jimmy Ushijima 160.
- PACIFIC CITIZEN, Salt Lake City (838)—Masuo W. Satow 164, Isamu Tanabe 152, Elmer Smith 170, Seiko Kasai 177, Mas Horiuchi 175.
- YAMADA CO., Gardena, Calif. (837)—Charles Lee 175, George Ohayashi 170,

- Nari Sasaki 160, Rich Nimura 165, Fred Hasegawa 167.
- SAN JOSE (832)—Bob Tanaka 164, George Koshiyama 165, H. Yamaji 164, H. Horio 168, John Yamaji 169, Tom Sako 159.
- MONTEREY NBA (831)—Nick Nihi 170, Mack Kodama 161, Ray Suzuki 161, Karl Ozima 166, John Tamaki 171, Kiyo Harano 161.
- YELLOWSTONE MOTOR, Pocatello, Idaho (831)—George Sato 175, Gene Sato 171, Sam Yokota 165, Guy Yamashita 145, Ace Morimoto 175.
- TAMURA & CO., Los Angeles (827)—Bob Hayamizu 171, Hide Nakaya 161, Shibo Ikuta 161, Frank Kishi 169, Jumbo Mochizuki 165, Mike Ikuta 161.
- TUXEDO CAFE, Salt Lake City (822)—Ben Mayeda 160, Jim Ichijoji 165, Bill Oike 162, Tak Kojima 170, Shig Miyagashima 165.
- N.B. DEPT. STORE, San Francisco (806)—Joe Yamamoto 165, Art Shiono 164, Yosh Amino 164, Hiro Kobata 157, Min Tanaka 156.
- RICHMOND NISEI NO. 1, Richmond, Calif. (803)—Spider Yuto 163, Jake Tsuboi 162, Hiro Egashira 162, Kay Yoshihisa 159, James Hoashi 157.
- SANTA CLARA NISEI, Santa Clara, Calif. (789)—John Hotta 156, George Okazaki 157, Sam Okazaki 162, Zeke Okasaki 158, Bob Yamamoto 156, Ted Yamasaki 147.
- RICHMOND NISEI NO. 2, Richmond, Calif. (775)—Shiz Tanaka 156, Mal Madonado 156, Joe Egashira 154, Eichi Nakazono 154, George Nomura 152, Yuk Yawata 155.
- YAMATO AUTO REPAIR, San Francisco (772)—March Dobashi 145, Mas Kadota 150, Tom Kadota 155, Joe Miyoshi 160, Taro Kinoshita 163.
- MIDVALE STARS, Midvale, Utah (769)—Sadao Sakai 161, Nob Mori 153, Tai Iwamoto 154, Ben Chomori 151, Bob Sato 150.
- EUGENE'S RESTAURANT, San Francisco (765)—Don Takekura 160, Hani Umene 150, Kan Igarashi 155, T. Kaki moto 150, Tak Mikami 150.
- H & F PRODUCE, Los Angeles (760)—Stanley Wong 170, George Woo 14, Tuck Uyemura 158, Frank Tomimatsu 150, Ichiro Fukunaga 145.
- PEREIRA'S MEN'S WEAR, Santa Clara, Calif. (751)—Aki Hirosegi 14, Tom Mitsuoyoshi 152, Sam Mune 149, Harry Yaokawa 144, Mits Koshiyama 152, Ray Murotsune 148.
- SEIKI BROS., San Francisco (750)—Taxy Hironaka 160, George Yano 140, Mas Michida 160, Nob Fujimoto 150, Wu Hiura 140.
- PINE ST. LAUNDRY, San Francisco (732)—Ken Takahashi 161, Mas Sugan 149, Sadao Oki 148, Johnny Shijo 14, Mori Asazawa 135.
- KING INN CAFE, San Francisco (720)—Harry Yoshida 158, Larry Kamada 14, George Naganuma 145, Harry Young 14, Charley Lum 157.
- JOE'S RICHFIELD, San Francisco (713)—Hank Kawakami 148, Hank Ohayashi 148, Joe Tondo 142, Smokey Tak 137, Yosh Yakuma 138.
- PLACER JACL, Penryn, Calif. (709)—Yosh Domes 139, Bill Domes 141, Ed Atani 135, James Makimoto 137, Joe Takuma 128, Frank Kageta 151.
- DRAKES, San Francisco (694)—Ma Kojimoto 145, Wally Takiguchi 135, Mas Ochi 130, Kiku Hiroshima 140, Shig Suzuki 125, Teizo Okuda 144.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Kimura Loses Car, Wins \$500

Jimmy Kimura, a young Stockton, Calif., bowler came within four pins of winning a new Studebaker Champion in the El Dorado Bowl's fourth annual automobile singles classic on Feb. 19. Kimura came into his final game needing only a 169 game to take home the car which was the top tournament prize. He could only hit 165, however, and Paul Engstrom of Richmond, Calif., won the Studebaker. Kimura, however, won \$500, probably the top amount received by any Nisei bowler in a single tournament, topping the \$400 won by Tok Ishizawa recently in the Fontana singles classic in Los Angeles.

Kimura had one of the highest handicaps in the tournament, entering with a 261. Mario Casazza of Stockton, who had a 210 average for his eight games, was in ninth place. Kimura had a 1501 scratch and a total of 1762. K. Kawamura of Stockton was 15th and won \$20.

Goto Leads Placer to League Title

George Goto, the Placer College star, showed his home town fans in Auburn, Calif., why he was named the outstanding player in the California jaycee tournament as the Placer team defeated Sacramento College last week. Goto was expected to remain out of the game because of a stiff arm but the Placer team found themselves on the short end of a 21 to 11 score after the first 10 minutes of play. Coach Harry Aronson then sent Goto into the game and the Nisei star's passing and pass interceptions put fire into the Spartans who piled up a 33 to 29 lead on Sacramento and were never headed. . . . A number of big schools are reportedly interested in the 23-year-old Nisei cager who is a veteran of army occupation duty in Japan.

Goto scored 11 points as the Placer team won the northern division title in the Northern California junior college conference by defeating Yuba college, 59 to 28, on Feb. 21. Placer will play either San Mateo or San Francisco City college for the Northern California title.

Toku Tanaka Coaches Hawaii U. Nine

Toku Tanaka is starting his first year as coach of the University of Hawaii baseball team. The Rainbows, rated by Coach Clint Evans of the University of California as the equal of any collegiate baseball team on the mainland, lose their two Nisei pitching stars, Harry Kitamura and Henry Tominaga, this year but should come up with a strong squad. One of Coach Tanaka's new pitchers is Richard Kitagima. . . . Jyun Hirota, hard-hitting catcher, has graduated and recently signed to play in pro baseball in Japan but Wayne Sakamoto is expected to fit Hirota's mask. Among the regulars who will return are Tsuneo Watanabe, 2b; Larry Matsuo, 3b, and Tom Nakagawa and Saburo Takayasu, of. Takayasu, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, was captain of the Hawaii football team last season. . . . Meanwhile the Rainbows expect to have a strong track and field team with George Uyeda, former national AAU junior broad jump champion, as captain of the team. Uyeda has cleared 24 feet in Hawaiian meets. . . . Incidentally, a Nisei hurdler, Mike Shintani, captained the U. of Hawaii team last season.

The San Francisco Seals still pose a big questionmark regarding their baseball ability but they already can field one-half of the best football backfield in organized baseball. Two outfield prospects working out with Manager Lefty O'Doul's squad at El Centro are Wally Yonamine, formerly of the San Francisco 49ers, and Herman Wedemeyer, presently of the Baltimore Colts. Yonamine and Wedemeyer are two of the best all-around athletes ever developed in Hawaii and

they played together in the same backfield with Johnny Lujack of the Chicago Bears in two exhibition football games in Hawaii recently. The Seals also had a chance to pick up Bob Celeri, quarterback of the UC Bears, who is also looking toward a baseball career and is getting a trial from the Oakland Acons. . . . Yonamine, a southpaw with a good throwing arm and a heavy bat, has a good chance of sticking into the PCL club's first-run outfield what with such veterans as Joe Grace, Neill Sheridan and Don White, all with major league experience, also under contract.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kiichi Sugawara, Venice, Calif., a girl, Marilyn Emiko, on Jan. 31.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John Kaoru Yamaguchi a girl on Feb. 9 in San Francisco.
 To Dr. and Mrs. Takeshi Ito twin girls on Feb. 17 in Denver.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Atsuki Fujita a boy on Feb. 13 in Seattle.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Wright Kawakami a boy, Melvyn Wright, on Feb. 6 in San Jose.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Fukagawa, Cupertino, Calif., a boy, David, on Feb. 6.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Okubo a boy, Tad Wayne, on Feb. 7 in San Jose.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mamoru Nakao, Madrone, Calif., a boy, Gary Yutaka, on Feb. 9.
 To Mr. and Mrs. James T. Watanabe a girl on Feb. 18 in Salt Lake City.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Deto Harada, Firth, Idaho, a son on Feb. 16.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Akita a boy, James, on Feb. 12 in Portland, Ore.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Momohara a boy on Feb. 15 in Seattle.
 To Mr. and Mrs. John Ryoichi Kado, Gilroy, Calif., a girl, Elaine Yukiko, on Jan. 27.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kanagawa a boy, Stephen Craig, on Feb. 14 in Kansas City, Mo.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Morishita a boy on Feb. 19 in Idaho Falls, Ida.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Nishio a girl on Jan. 27 in Fresno.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Handa a boy on Feb. 6 in San Francisco.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Masaoka a boy on Feb. 18 in Lodi, Calif.
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Takeuchi a girl on Feb. 10 in Sacramento.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Akio Yokomizo a girl, Janice Lynn, on Feb. 4 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Terumi Tom Nishizaki a boy, Kenneth, on Jan. 31 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Naoye Kabashima a boy, John Naoye, on Feb. 4 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kiyoshi

Watanabe twins, Suzanne Kiyomi and Craig Toru, on Feb. 4 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuto Hamamoto, Norwalk, Calif., a girl, Joyce Mutsuko, on Feb. 6 in Los Angeles.

DEATHS

Toyosaku Fukuyama on Feb. 16 in Los Angeles.
 Mrs. Haru Suyehiro on Feb. 17 in Los Angeles.
 Mrs. Sawa Okimoto, 61, on Feb. 17 in Salt Lake City.
 Mrs. Tsuyuko Matsuda on Feb. 12 in Chicago.
 Ukichi Saiki on Feb. 12 in Portland, Ore.
 Zempachi Onouye on Feb. 14 in Los Angeles.
 Tokuyoshi Kunisawa on Feb. 18 in Los Angeles.
 Seikichi Hanashiro on Feb. 18 in Fowler, Calif.
 Mrs. Misao Suzuki, 52, Seattle, on Feb. 19.

MARRIAGES

Kiku Watanabe to the Rev. Yuzuru Yamaka on Feb. 19 in Los Angeles.
 Jane Horino to Norman Ikari on Feb. 17 in Los Angeles.
 Sumiko Yagi to John Kato on Feb. 5 in Chicago.
 Sachiko Yagi to Henry Kato on Feb. 5 in Chicago.
 Katsumi Hirooka to Kango Kunitogu on Feb. 19 in Los Angeles.
 Hazel Hitomi Naka to Roy Yukio Kawato on Feb. 19 in Denver.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mitsuye E. Nishimura, 25, and Susumu Nishikawa, 28, in Stockton, Calif.

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Abo Named Coach
Of Baseball
At Fresno School

FRESNO, Calif. — George Takeshi Abo, star outfielder-pitcher for the Fresno State College varsity last season and one of the top hitters in the CCAA, joined the faculty of Memorial high school here last week as baseball coach.

Abo, who also starred on the mound for the Fresno Nisei All-Stars, Japanese American champions of Northern California, turned down several pro baseball offers.

He is believed to be the first Nisei to coach in a California high school.

Honor Yokota
As Top Prep
Court Star

SAN FRANCISCO—Jim Yokota, captain and star guard of the Placer Union high school team of Auburn, Calif., was named as Northern California's "prep of the week" by the San Francisco Examiner.

Placer currently is unbeaten in the Sierra Foothill league with ten victories and has won 21 out of their 23 games, losing two games by a single point.

Yokota, named last year as the outstanding player of the annual Auburn tournament, has averaged 13 points per game and has a 90 per cent average from the free throw line.

His guarding ability has made him the outstanding player in his league, according to reports received by the Examiner.

College Gym Will
Be Used for Nisei
Basketball Meet

The Westminster college gym will be used for the 15th annual Intermountain Nisei invitational basketball tournament in Salt Lake City March 23 to 25, officials for the tourney said this week.

The three-day affair, sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL Basketball Association, is expected to draw top Nisei quintets from Hawaii, Colorado, Idaho, Northern Utah, California and Salt Lake City.

Hawaii, the defending champions, have already announced acceptance of their bid. Denver and Ogden will also compete.

Nisei Vues Gain
Ground in Chicago

CHICAGO — The Nisei Vues gained a game on the league-leading Plaisance Cleaners in the 24th week of the Chicago JACL bowling league at Hyde Park Recreation on Feb. 15.

R. Yamanaka with 569 led the Nisei Vues to a 4 to 0 win over O.T. Men's Wear, while Plaisance Cleaners defeated Jan Jan T, 3 to 1, as G. Kasai was high with 576.

The rising Sakada Optometrists, now in third place, took three from Mark Twain, while fourth-place Hyde Park Restaurant defeated Petite Cleaners by a similar margin. Jun Oishi's 592 for Hyde Park was high for the night, while J. Kato turned in a 571.

Murakami & Sons lost three to Tellone Beauty Salon, while Wah Mee Loo blanked Berns Store and Coed Beauty Salon split with Quality Cleaners.

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Sumida, Hawaiian Cage Star,
Will Enroll at Utah University

HONOLULU — Herbert (Gunner) Suda, one of the outstanding Nisei basketball players in Hawaii, will enroll soon at the University of Utah.

Sumida is believed to be the first Hawaiian Nisei cager to attend a major mainland school on an athletic scholarship.

It is reported that Sumida and John Honda Holi made a strong impression in Salt Lake City last December when they played as members of Stanley Kudo's Hawaii AJA All-Stars and defeated U & I Furniture, one of Utah's strong amateur teams.

Holi also was offered a scholarship but declined.

Sumida was chosen as the "outstanding player" in the 3rd annual national all-Oriental tournament in San Jose, Calif., which was won by the Hawaiian team.

Sumida is 21 and was voted the top player in the 1947 territorial high school tournament in 1947. He weighs 165 pounds and stands 5 feet 10 inches.

Sumida has been playing this season for Nisei AC in the Honolulu amateur basketball league. The Hawaiian Nisei star will play for a school which produced the best-known Nisei basketball player in recent years, Wat Masaka, who was voted one of the most popular players to appear in Madison Square Garden. The University of Utah produced national championship teams in 1947 and 1944.

Yonamine Impresses O'Doul
At Seals Camp in El Centro

Nisei Outfielder
Has Strong Arm,
Hits Long Ball

EL CENTRO, Calif.—Wally Yonamine, the pro football star who is making a bid in pro baseball, is impressing Manager Lefty O'Doul of the San Francisco Seals with a strong throwing arm and a good batting eye.

Yonamine flew down from San Francisco with the Seals spring training contingent on Feb. 19. While many of the other members of the club are working out winter kinks, the Nisei prospect is in good form, having played until last week with the Waiialae club of the Hawaii AJA baseball league.

Yonamine batted .435 to win the

Hawaiian league championship last season and is believed to be one of the best prospects from Hawaii to make a bid for a place in pro baseball.

The Nisei outfielder bats and throws left and has shown already in his first workouts in El Centro that he can hit a long ball.

Charles S. Graham, Jr., vice president and general manager of the Seals, has been interested in Yonamine for more than a year, after hearing reports on the player from Honolulu sports writers, but the Nisei star did not decide to accept an offer to try out with the Seals until recently.

He and Herman Wedemeyer, another Hawaiian star who is better known for his football ability and who is also trying out with the Seals, are two "rookies" who are getting plenty of attention from Manager O'Doul. Wedemeyer also is an outfielder.

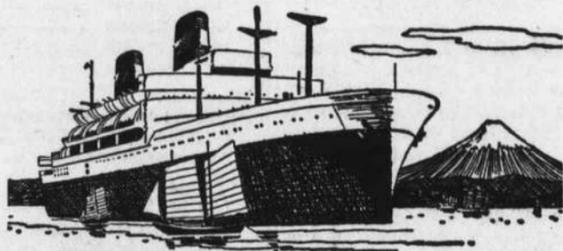
If Yonamine continues to impress O'Doul, club officials indicate that he may make the Seals roster or may be farmed to a high classification minor league club for seasoning.

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Pictured above at the recent meeting of the Intermountain District Council JACL held in Ontario, Ore., are the newly installed officers of the Snake River chapter. Standing (left to right): Bobbie Watanabe, co-chairman, social committee; Masao Satow, national JACL director, who installed the officers; Thomas Itami, retir-

ing president and newly elected official delegate; Julius Numata, historian-reporter; and Shig Hironaka, co-chairman, social committee. (Seated): Boots Hironaka, corresponding secretary; George Sugai, president; Mun Iseri, vice president; Tommy Ogura, treasurer; and Joe Saito, district council chairman. —Photo by Harano Studio.

French Campers Plans Installation Dinner

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — The French Camp JACL will install its 1950 cabinet at a dinner at the Canton Low Saturday, Feb. 25.

The gala affair will also launch the chapter in its third year of activity.

Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL regional director, will be the guest speaker. His subject will be, "You and the JACL."

Special guests of the chapter at the dinner will include the Rev. Andrew Juvinall, president of the Stockton Council for Civic Unity; Dr. Harold Jacoby, member of the department of social science, College of Pacific, and former chief of internal security at the Tule Lake WRA center; John Dockery, president, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Stockton branch; Leonard Krivonos, director, Jewish community center; Miss Elisabeth Humbarger; Miss Catherine Humbarger; Jack Matsumoto, president, Stockton JACL; and S. Tanaka, Y. Itaya, W. Nojiri, K. Ohashi and T. Endow.

John Fujiki is in charge of general arrangements. Committee chairmen are Taya Kwata, invitations; Babe Ota and Hiroshi Shimoto, finances.

NISHIMOTO SETS SWIM RECORDS

EUGENE, Ore. — Versatile Joe Nishimoto, Nisei swimming star from Hawaii, established two new Oregon varsity records when he won the 220 and 440 freestyle events as the Webfoots downed Oregon State, 55 to 29, in a dual meet on Feb. 18 at Eugene.

Nishimoto's furlong mark was 2:16, two seconds under the former mark set by Jack Robinson in 1942. Nishimoto's mark for the quarter-mile was 4:59.2s, twelve seconds under Robinson's record made in 1942.

Veledas

PORTLAND, Ore. — Mrs. Kiyoko Nakayama was elected president of the Veledas' Women's Club for 1950 at recent elections. Also voted into office were Helen Hachiya, vice pres. and social chairman; Sumi Murakami, sec.; and Francis Niimi, treas.

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Chicago Calendar

CHICAGO—Nisei events scheduled in Chicago during the next three weeks include the following highlights, as listed by the Chicago Resettlers Committee:

Feb. 25: jam session. Bambies basketball team, Olivet Institute, 7 p.m.; March 1, monthly meeting of the city-wide recreation council, featuring a film, "Playtown, USA"; March 4, scholarship benefit dance, Mamselle's-Adelphon's. Olivet Institute; Class B basketball benefit dance, Lawson YMCA; March 5, Juji Kasai, lecturer, Chicago Resettlers Committee; March 11, Collegians sport dance, Olivet Institute; hayride, Westside recreation committee; March 18-19: beginning of girls league championship playoffs at Olivet.

Basketball games are scheduled regularly every Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Lawson YMCA and on Sunday at Olivet from 1 p.m.

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Swedish Official Says Some Ex-GIs Hold Dual Nationality

Downtown Chapter In L.A. to Select Queen Candidate

LOS ANGELES — Preparations for selection of a queen candidate to represent the Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter at the forthcoming Pacific Southwest District Council convention were sketched this week by Taro Kawa, committee chairman. Candidates will be chosen from the public attending the chapter benefit dance, the date and locale of which is still pending, by a panel of judges, and then Miss Downtown L.A. will be picked by popular acclaim.

Assisting Kawa are Mrs. Merijane Yokoe, Miss Terri Hokoda, Kiyo Yamato and Mrs. Shig Kawai (former Junko Yoshimoto, the first national JACL queen).

Jamboree

NAMPA, Ida.—The Boise Valley JACL will wind up its membership drive with a gala jamboree Saturday, Feb. 25, at Dairymen's hall in Caldwell.

Chairman Tony Miyasako has urged that all members and their families attend.

An evening of entertainment, dancing, group singing, card games and children's activities has been planned by Chairman Miyasako and his committee.

Members are asked to bring a covered dish and their own table service. The chapter will furnish ice cream and coffee.

Other chapter activities include judo classes, held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday under the leadership of Mas Yamashita. Classes will be conducted until the end of April.

Parkdale Wedding

PARKDALE, Ore. — A lovely afternoon ceremony on Feb. 12 united in marriage Miss Dorothy Suguro, daughter of Mrs. Matsu Suguro of Seattle, and Ray Sato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Sato of Parkdale.

Tom Toyota of Portland, brother-in-law of the groom, was the best man, while Mrs. Esther Yuge of Cleveland, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. Arline Hashizume was bridesmaid.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Kallio Suguro.

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HONOLULU—Many Nisei war veterans learned for the first time last week that their U. S. military service did not divest them of dual citizenship.

The Swedish vice consulate, which is in charge of Japanese interests in Hawaii, announced in the press that Japanese American war veterans who hold dual citizenship must follow the same procedure as others to expatriate themselves from Japanese nationality.

Swedish Consul Gustaf W. Olson said his office had addressed an inquiry concerning the status of the veterans to the Japanese ministry of foreign affairs through the Swedish diplomatic mission at Tokyo.

Olson said there has been general assumption that military duty automatically brought forfeiture of Japanese citizenship.

He said there probably are 5,000 or more Hawaii residents who still hold such dual citizenship either because of birth before Dec. 1, 1924, or because their parents registered the births with the Japanese consulate here before the war.

He said there is no way of determining how many of the total are veterans.

Although retention of their Japanese nationality has no effect upon their rights to veterans' benefits, Olson said, it is important to them in other respects. It could block their re-entry into U. S. military service or could prevent their appointment to civil service jobs.

The Swedish vice consulate here has the prescribed forms and full instructions for those seeking to shed their Japanese citizenship.

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