

Bodies of 33 Nisei Dead Return

Tie for President In Election Tally At E. L. A. JACL

A two-way tie for president between Bill Takei and Akira Hasegawa confronted the election committee of the East Los Angeles chapter of the JACL as final tabulations were made on the mailedin ballots this week. according to Steven Sakai, outgoing vice-president.

The nominating committee will meet with its chairman, Mrs. Mary Mittwer, to select the new president by secret ballot next week, Sakai said.

The post of first vice-president went to Edison Uno; Rose Sakemi is second vice-president; Alice Sakai, third vice-president; Mac Shintaku, treasurer; Kiyo Umeda, recording secretary; and Grace Shibata, corresponding secretary.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - Attorney John Y. Maeno speaks to a crowd of nearly 500 who attended one of the five mass meetings on Evacuation Claims sponsored by the JACL last Friday night. Attorney Maeno spoke at the Koyasan Betsuin.

Four from Los Angeles; Include Corporal Aoyama

WASHINGTON - Bodies of 33 Nisei who lost their lives in combat in Europe, including four from Los Angeles, have been returned to the United States aboard the Army transport Cpl. Eric G. Gibson, according to the JACL-ADC.

The list of bodies returned at the request of next of kin in Los Angeles includes:

Pfc. Frank N. Arikawa, next of .

kin, Takeyoshi Arikawa, 3532 was junior assistant scoutmaster Eighth Ave.; Pfc. Lloyd M. Onoye, of Troop 379 before the war. next of kin, Zempachi Onoye, 2342 W. 31st St.; Pvt. Masao Shige- Sgt. Atsushi Sakamoto, whose next zane, next of kin, Kinzo Shigezane, of kin is Uhachi Sakamoto, 2030 3927 S. LaSalle St.; and Pfc. Dan- E. 20th St. iel Y. Tsukamoto, next of kin, Sukesaburo Tsukamoto, 1620 Pleasant Ave-

From Long Beach

The body of Cpl. Yoshiharu N. Aoyama, whose next of kin, Mrs. Tomi Aoyama, resides at Trailer 50, Los Cerritos Trailer Court, Long Beach, is also being returned. Corporal Aoyama lost his life when he crawled through heavy fire to rescue a wounded artillery observer. A direct hit shot his legs away, but he would not allow doctors to treat him until everyone else had been cared for. He COLOR COLOR

Also from Long Beach is Tech.

Gardena, Pasadena

From Gardena: Pvt. Joe A. Shi omichi, next of kin, Mrs. Miye Shiomichi, 1237 W. Rosecran: Blvd

From Pasadena: Staff Sgt. Joc Hayashi, next of kin, Mrs. Toyc

Oxnard Girl Appointed to School Staff

OXNARD - Frances M. Yanaginuma of Oxnard, was appointed to the teaching staff in the home economics department at Chaffey Union High School in Ontario.

The young Nisei who started in her new position January 31 was born in Oxnard and attended schools there. She was graduated from the Butte River High School in Rivers, Ariz.

After attending Southwestern University in Winfield, Kan., for a year and the Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia, Pa., for another year, Miss Yanaginuma was graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara this year. She will receive her diploma in June.

Music Scholarship Contest, Plays Set For Next Week

With the announcement of the five judges, finishing touches have been put to the Musical Scholarship Contest scheduled for the evening of February 19 at the Koyasan Betsuin, at 7:30 p.m., according to Yaemitsu Sugimachi, general director of the sponsors, the Japanese American Broadcasting Society.

The judges include Mrs. Kathryn Barnard, voice instructor at Pasadena City College; Maestro Guido Casoletti, opera coach; Dr. George be presented on the same evening Hultgren, professor of music, Uni- as the music contest includes Haversity of Southern California; Dr. Richard Lert, conductor, Pasadena Kyoko Kamo, Hirotaka Okubo, Civic Orchestra; and Mrs. Lucia Shigeru Endo, Fukashi Watanuki, Lizeritt, director, Civic Grand Ichiya Tsuchiyama, Jimmy Yabu **Opera** Association,

"Love Cure"

"Love Cure," an adaptation into English of an original Japanese comedy, is now in its final stages

of rehearsal, according to Takeshi Tsukioka, producer-director.

The cast of the play which will rumi Hiroshima, Alice Yonekura, and Kenji Suematsu.

Sunday Attraction

The program for Sunday evening's performance is an all-Japanese adaptation of Puccini's "Ma-(Continued on page 2)

TWO DOWN, ONE TO GO

WASHINGTON - Receiving the blessing of the House Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization last week, H. R. 199 or the "Judd" bill for equality in naturalization and immigration was unanimously approved this week by the House Judiciary Committee, the JACL-ADC reported.

No details were available, however, on when the legislation will reach the floor of the House. annananananananananananananananan Nakawatase, 991 Glen Ave.; and Pvt. Minoru Ishida, next of kin, Eiji Ishida, 695 W. Washington St

DSC Winner

Also in this contingent is the body of Staff Sgt. Kazuo Otani, winner of the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry at the cost of his life.

Leading a platoon of Company G men of the 100th Infantry Battalion, Sergeant Otani exposed himself to enemy fire to save his men in a battle on July 15, 1944. He was mortally wounded by machine gun fire when he left his position of safety to care for one of his wounded men.

Sergeant Otani's next of kin, Mrs. Shizuo Otani, resides at Rt-2, Box 866, Sanger.

Other Californians

Bodies of other Californians include Tech. Sgt. Zentaro G. Akiyama, next of kin. Mrs. Jane (Continued on Page 2)

2-Friday, Feb. 11, 1949 *CROSSROADS

THE SIGNPOST:

Why the **Crying Towel?**

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"Things are getting tough . . . That seems to be the conversational leadoff lately whenever two or more local businessmen pause at their favorite coffee shop for a cup of java or a spot of tea.

Down at the corner pool room or at the midweek prayer meeting, the consensus seems to be the same;

"Things are getting tough . . . " Talk to a restaurant operator, a WAR dry cleaner, or an auto mechanic, and their talk runs along the same lines:

Grace Tokuyama Queen . Candidate At YBL Confab

Pretty Grace Tokuyama, 21-yearold beautician, will represent the Los Angeles YBA as its queen candidate at the Southern District Young Buddhist League Conference on February 26-27 at the Senshin Church here.

Miss Tokuyama, who resides at 2519 Fifth Ave., is 5 feet 11/2 inches tall and weighs 118. A be-bop fan, she also likes to read and knit.



(Continued from page 1) Akiyama, 411 North St., /Sacramento; Pfc. Nobuo Kajiwara, next SCHOLARSHIP

(Contnued from Page 1) sical dancer, Kansuma Fujima, in the title role and Fumiko Kawabata taking the role of Pinkerton.

Supporting players include Harumi Shibata, Hideo Ikuno, Shigeru Endo, Harumi Hiroshima, Chikae Azeka, Mitsuko Gotanda, Fukiko Nakashima, Miyoko Watanabe, Kazue Noda, Ehiko Mori, Mary Haruta, Hirotaka Okubo, Hyakutaro Mori, and Midori Yoshi-

Contestants for the music scholarship include Kazuko Matsumoto, Richard Goto, Aileen Inouye, Yoshiye Yamane, Yukio Ogawa, Sue Takimoto, Marlene Fujita, Ralph Nagai, Karie Shindo, Mitzi Ohye, Sadako Mitamura, and Ayako Matsumoto.

In addition to the regular Sunday broadcast from 3:30 p. m. to 4:15 p. m. over KWKW, the American Japanese Hour will present an additional program from 5 to 5:30 p. m. this Sunday. Appearing at that time will be Sessue Hayakawa, Fumicko Kawahata, Alice Yonekura and Takeshi Tsukioka.

Western Pioneer Auto Head dame Butterfly" with famed clas-sical dancer Kongung Fujime in Honored at Dinner Recently



INSURANCE OFFICIAL Ralph L. Jensen, president of the Western Pioneer Auto Insurance Company, was in town to express satisfaction over the progress shown in the sale of stocks tor the new corporation.

per share, (par value of \$10 per share) is being sold. More than 35 per cent of the offering has already been sold and subscribed for, according to Jensen.

The new enterprise will designate Nisei insurance brokers and agents wherever Japanese are concentrated. The extent of the corporation will not be limited to California, but will take in all western states and possibly Hawaii.

The proposed company is unique in first offering its shares of stock to Issei and Nisei investors and in breaking the long-standing precedent maintained by a majority of auto insurance companies of generally considering persons of Japanese descent a poorer risk, Jensen stated.

The office of David Nitake, Los Angeles district representative for Western Pioneer Auto, is located

"Things are getting tough . . . Perhaps they are right. Perhaps things ARE getting tough. Saturday crowds in Nihonmachi 619 Larkin St., San Francisco. aren't what they used to be. The food markets are not as jampacked as they once were. The mail order houses no longer resemble a Hollywood premiere.

The life insurance salesman, of whom there are legion, are no longer enjoying a perennial field day. They are running out of prospects.

The real estate brokers (may their tribe decrease) are finding it more and more difficult to sell a house now and then.

The gardeners are losing choice accounts here and there and working harder than ever to retain those they still have.

Even at Santa Anita, according to dope straight from the horses' mouths, the business is way down. appearing there in droves, as they From Idaho: First Sgt. Tami are denied adequate hotel accomonce did, to chunk down their Takemoto, next of kin, Minoru hard-earned shekels on the unpre- Takemoto, Twin Falls; from Illidictable bangtails.

tough. But perhans again, we cago. might be vie e situation from the wrong end of the tele- nomiya, next of kin, Milayo Ni-

of kin, Yujiro Kajiwara, 1034 10th St., Oakland; Pvt. John Kyono, next of kin, Mrs. Kuma Kyono, Pvt. Jim Nagata, next of kin, Mrs. Iwajiro Tanouye, 284 Virginia Ave., Redwood City; Sgt. Sadamu R. Sueoka, next of kin, Juichi Sueoka, Washington Corner, Sunol; and Staff Sgt. Bill I. Yamaji, next of kin, Sazo Yamaji, Rt. 1, Box 478, Tyrella Ave., Mountain View. **Colorado Dead** The Colorado list includes Pfc. George U: Kawano, next of kin, Mrfs. Martha M. Kawano, Hender-

son; Pfc. George S. Sameshima, next of kin, Kiye Sameshima, Kersey; Staff Sgt. Kenneth K. Shibata, next of kin, Katsu Shibata, Denver; and Tech. 3 Kiyoshi J. Shiramizu, next of kin, Ruth S. Shiramizu, Denver.

Other States

nois, Pvt. Isamu Kunimatsu, next Yes, perhaps things are getting of kin, Kenzo Kunimatsu, Chi-New York: Pvt. Takao T. Ni-

Protest Discrimination Of U. S. Japanese **Residents in Japan**

WASHINGTON - Treatment of resident Japanese, who usually have lived in the United States a by the JACL Anti-Discrimination sei investors, Jensen said. Committee.

Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, said that resident Japanese of the U.S. who visit Japan on business are denied PX facilities, not permitted to purchase or operate automobiles, do not receive gasoline rations, and

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Ralph L. Jensen, organizer and president of the Western Pioneer Automobile Insurance Company, was honored at a dinner last Friday night at the Kow Nan Low by sales representatives of his company.

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ing back to normal.

During the first two or three years since returning from the relocation centers, we Japanese bene- next of kin, Suyeko Imamoto, Sefited from the backwash of the attle; Pvt. William S. Mizukami, wartime prosperity.

the boom, to be sure, but we got next of kin, Yutaro Takehara, in on it nonetheless.

houses right and left, the insurance keta, Orillia. salesmen found every person a Pfc. Masaru Tamura, next of prospect, the gardeners made more kin, Uichi Tamura, Tacoma; Pfc. money than they had ever made Matsusaburo Tanaka, next of kin, before.

pitched in and helped bring home kichi Tatsumi, Seattle; and Pvt. the bacon.

Those were the lush days for us Yejiuro Yamaura, Spokane. fugitives from the relocation cen- Wisconsin: Tech. 4 Haruo Ishida, ters. Those were our palmy days, next of kin, Mrs. Asano Ishida, our money-in-the-bank days.

Now the picnic is over. The honeymoon is finished. Things are settling back to normal. And we are finding that this return to normalcy is not to our liking.

Things may be getting tough, but they will get tougher. From here on in, we will have to work and work hard for our groceries.

nomiya, New York City. Oregon: Perhaps things are merely gett- Pvt. Stanley T. Oba, next of kin, Yoshisuke Oba, Portland.

Washington Dead

Tech. 4 William I. Imamoto, next of kin, N. Mizukami, Ta-We only got in on the tailend of coma; Pvt. Shioichi J. Takehara, Tacoma; Pfc. William H. Taketa, The real estate agents sold next of kin, Mrs. Yamaguchi Ta-

Mrs. Harue Tanaka, Seattle; Pvt. Even the women (God bless 'em) George Tatsumi, next of kin, Sho-

Gordon G. Yamaura, next of kin,

Milwaukee.









And what are we going to do about it?

Certainly, nothing will be accomplished by any such defeatist attitude as shown heretofore. Nothing will be done by merely grumbling about the "hard times" with your coffee shop pals.

And certainly, nothing can be accomplished if we don't display something more than the utter lack of imagination, progressiveness, or business acumen as shown to date.

Any old fool can make money when everybody else is making money. But it takes a world of ability, courage, patience, determination, and know-how to succeed when others around you are failing.

We should remember that, even during the darkest days of the last depression, there were those who kept their heads, their wits, and their business.

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"Neither War nor Evacuation . . . " Troop 379 Notes Seventeenth Anniversary



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The cremated remains of Pfc. Fred S. Yasuda is scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles tomorrow. Pfc. Yasuda was a member of Company K, 442nd Combat Team. Private funeral services with only immediate relatives present will be held tomorrow night at the Nishi Hongwanji. * * * * * *

Friday, Feb. 11, 1949-3

MILITARY BALL . . .

Tickets are available at the NVA headquarters for the annual Military Ball of the L. A. County of Jewish War Veterans of the United States. The Ball is slated for Satur-

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2011 Annivergener the pride of the	the 379 Drum and Bugle Corps was formed, which participated in ev- ery major band review in Cali- fornia as well as actively repre-	tory of Wyoming.	Chairman Tommy Matsuura has	attendance.
istence The troop, which in 1937 was designated by Chief Scout Execu-	the United States. More laurels were added to the Nisei troop in the Scouting com- petitions, and every prize and award possible were showered on	The war saw many former Scouters serving with their coun- try's armed forces. Assistant Scoutmaster Kei Tanahashi and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Yo-	the agenda will be the burial pro- gram and the forthcoming annual Easter Banquet. The banquet is contemplated for	 Income Tax
war and evacuation and continues	National Jamboree	who made the supreme sacrifice.	One will be selected at the meeting.	Evacuation
Troop 379 was formed in No-	myned by President Praimin D.	in 1949 aims for a continuation	Jack T. Iizuka, member of the	Claims
couragement of Roy E. Uragami of Seinan Church. The troop was	at the Natioal Boy Scout Jam- boree in 1937.	tory.	age to Mitzie Ito of Los Angeles. They were married on January 25. * * * * * *	
Reverend Kitagawa as its initial troop chaplain.	boree. Among the Scouts, August Narumi was cited for achieving	WE'RE TIRED OUT! TRADE US IN QUICK!	FD	MUTUAL
cleus of 12 Scouts and an ambitious five-year program which called for a drum and bugle corps, top Scout-	possible.	A Constant	EMPIRE PRINTING	SERVICENTER
ing achievements and a trip to	The tour of Japan became a re-	BRING IN THE OLD	COMPANY	BUSINESS CONSULTANTS
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program.	the troop on a good will tour	Take home the NEW!	133 N. San Pedro St.	G. Y. Katow Bean Takeda
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Thanksgiving basket drive result ed in the distribution of 140 baskets through the tireless efforts of Mr. Narumi, Mr. Kazahaya, Mr. Umematsu and other Scouters.

With such notable contribution to community service, the troop received the Presidential Citation for three consecutive years.

The membership rose from 12 to 92 with an additional 40 on the waiting list due to lack of accommodations.

Scout Mothers

able troop, and through their ef- Scout patrols. forts, the troop remained intact The drum and bugle corps was group.

Troop 379 has more than its share of Eagle Scouts with 55 members on the roster of the Royal Eagle Society. Dr. Murakami, Mr. Asakura, Mr. Abe, Mr. Kuramoto, Mr. Nakauchi, Dr. Nagamoto, Mr. Fukuyama and Mr. Igasaki were instrumental in its organization.

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During the evacuation, Scouting continued in various relocation centers. Among the outstanding was in Heart Mountain in the Mrs. French, honorary Scout Central Wyoming Council. Remmother of the Metropolitan Coun- ants of Troop 379 together with cil, and Arthur Klein were two other Scouters formed eight troops, staunch advocates of this remark- five cub packs and four senior

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Amy Hoshino Married Jan. 30 To Richard Doi

4—Friday, Feb. 11, 1949

In flower-decorated Nishi Hongwanji, Amy Hoshino, daughter of M1. and Mrs. T. Hoshino of Los Angeles, took her nuptial vows with Richard W. Doi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doi, Japan, January 30 at 4 p.m.

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Tomiko Matsumoto Becomes Bride of Fukashi Hori

Society & Women Nuptials Recited January 29

*CROSSROADS

Tomiko Matsumoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Matsumoto of San Fernance, became the bride of Fukashi Hori, son of Mrs K. Hori of Reedley, in nuptial ceremonies held at the Nishi Hongwanji on Jan. 30.

Officiating was the Rev. Jokai Kow.

by Peggy

WITH VALENTINE AS ITS THEME, a bridal shower was tendered their past president Bessie Nagahori by the Chere Amis last Sunday . . . Miss Nagahori is the bride-elect of Shizuo Harada of Ontario, Ore. . . . the wedding is set for February 13 at the San Jose Buddhist Church.

Those present to fete the active Los Angeles YBA member and to wish her well were hostess June Tokuyama, Miko Kimoto, Sachi Munekata, Michi Mayemura, Misao Nakamura, Kimi Nishimoto, Shiz Takemoto, Mitzie Tanabe, Rose Sasajima and Amy Nomi. Honorary members present included the Mesdames John Arita, Eas Hongo, Mits Morita, John Nishizu, Alvin Sato, Frank Suyenaga and Ben Wada.

WITH PINK AND BLUE SETTING THE MOTIF for the occasion, Mrs. Jean Kawamura was honored at a surprise baby shower last Sunday at the home of hostess Mrs. Fumi Tadakuma . . . those present to congratulate the mother-to-be were:



The Rev. Jokai Kow officiated. The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin with a stiff ruffled edging on the marquisette yoke. The ruffle was repeated as a peplum with the skirt extending into a long train. The fingertip veil with scalloped edges was caught with a beaded headdress.

She carried an orchid-centered bouquet.

The bride was attended by June ta gown. Bridesmaid was Keiko Kanji Omokawa was best man Hoshino, sister of the bride, who Hori, the bridegroom's sister. She for Mr. Sogioka. was attired in a blue moire taffeta wore yellow moire taffeta, as did sumi Onishi.

The bride was strikingly gowned in white satin with a full lace skirt with a slight train. Her neckline wanji was the scene of the orchide and white hyacinths.



tron of honor in a blue moire taffe- red roses.



was fashioned with gathered folds, wedding on January 29th of and a beaded coronet held her Lucy Takeshima, daughter of Mr. fingertip veil. Her bouquet was of and Mrs. S. Takeshima of San Jose, to Mitsu Sogioka, son of Mr.

Takeshima-Sogioka

and Mrs. Sekimatsu Sogioka of Baldwin Park.

The Rev. Jokai Kow officiated at the 4 o'clock ceremony.

The bride wore a simply-designed white satin gown fashioned with a sweetheart neckline embroidered with seed pearls. Her skirt, which flowed from a pointed bodice, extended into a court train. Her illusion veil was held in place with a juliet cap of white satin.

The bride carried a bouquet of gardenias and orchids.

She was attended by Mrs. Henry Inagi as matron of honor. Mrs. Inagi was gowned in pink taffeta with matching mitts. She wore a pink sequin juliet cap with short Mrs. Jimmy Makino was the ma- pink netting. Her bouquet was of

gown. Flower girl was little Nat- the little flower girls Yumi Hirata Mrs. Roy Nakagawa

The Misses Terry Fujiwara, Mary Hori, Amy Kusumoto, Kumi Matsushita, Emi Monji, Fumi Sotomura and Hisaye Uyehara.

The Mesdames Hotti Besu, Lillian Funakoshi, Betty Fujii, Sue Ishizawa, Yo Ishizawa, Bessie Kawamura, Chiyo Nakahara, Fumi Noda, Sandie Okada, Misako Suzuki, Toyoko Shigemura and Nancy Takaya.

HONORING MRS. MAY HAMADA WHO IS VISITING her folks here with her daughter Paula from Philadelphia, the Tartanettes held a reunion luncheon last Sunday at the Biltmore coffee shop . . . the group retired to Mrs. Mary Fujimoto's home for dessert, where baby gifts were presented to Mrs. Fumi Ide, Mrs. Fujimoto and Mrs. Mary Watanabe . . . other Tartanettes enjoying the occasion were the Mesdames Grace Yamanaka, Ruby Takii, Kimi Kato and the Misses Hana Uno and May Takasu.

THIS IS VALENTINE WEEK-END . . . several of the churches are having socials . . . the Pasadena Union Presbyterian Church will have theirs on February 11 from 8 to 12 p.m., sponsored by the Young Adults . . . the Healani "Y" boys will sponsor a Valentine dance on February 12 at the Union Church.



Best man for Mr. Doi was Henry Best man for Mr. Hori was Shi-Iriye. Ushers included Dan Kishii geshi Tashiro. Usher was Meito Contest for January Hori. and Edward Teragawa.

January 30 Nuptials Unite Masaye Nagao, Nobby Nakamura

Church, Masaye Nagao, daughter was maid of honor in blue satin. well as 100 diapers and container, of Mr. and Mrs. Shinpei Nagao of Bridesmaid Mikko Fukui wore according to Anne Kaufman, pro-Compton, became the bride of orange pink satin. Both carried prietor of the shop. Nobby Nakamura of Reedley Jan- old-fashioned Colonial bouquets of uary 30 at 8 p.m.

at the ceremony.

heather, gardenias and roses. The Rev. Sohei Kowta officiated Best man for Mr. Nakamura was Tats Ishida. Ushers were George The bride wore an ivory satin Uchida, Michio and Jiro Nagao. gown with a fingertip veil held in The newlyweds will make their place with pearl orange blossoms. home in Berkeley, where Mr. Naka-She carried a bouquet of lilies of mura is studying architecture at the University of California.

the valley and orchids. REMEMBER MOTHER-TO-BE ON VALENTINE'S

Mrs. Roy Nakagawa, 3736 Hammel St., was named winner last week of a monthly contest sponsored by the Maternity Modes, a specialty shop in Downton Los Angeles.

Mrs. Nakagawa will receive free In beautifully - decorated Union Sumi Nagao, sister of the bride, diaper service for three months as





Etsuko Kikumoto Married to Nick





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* ARE WE READY?

Latest reports from Washington indicate that H. R. 199, the so-called "Judd" Bill which would give equality in immigration and naturalization regardless of race, will have pretty smooth sailing.

A rapid and favorable report on the bill was the first act of the recently-named House Sub-Committee on Immigration and Naturalization last week. And this week, the House Judiciary Committee passed the bill by unanimous vote.

A LETTER × TO THE EDITOR

Your editorial page of January 28 carried an editor's note asking for criticism, ideas, and comment on articles appearing in CROSSROADS. Let this start the "lively verbal controversy" ye editors ask for.

First of all, Kats Hirooka's coverage of Carey McWilliam's talk before the Nisei Progressives was complete. The criticism is this: no mention of the broad program of action adopted at the founding conference of the Nisei Progressives; not a single word about the resolutions adopted and sent to President Truman and other leaders of the U.S.; no quotation from Judge Stanley Moffatt's keynote speech.

Liberals in the Japanese American community adopted a platform to fight for civil, economic and social rights of the Japanese Americans, and the editors of CROSSROADS and my good friend, Kats Hirooka, chose to ignore the history-making conference. Which brings us to a letter written by one I. Y.: I take the liberty of quoting: "For God's sake, be more forceful in your editorials . . . " Yes, be more forceful, I repeat. Not only on the editorial page but also where your news items are concerned! Secondly, the audacity of this I. Y. to call his fellow Nisei "spineless" amazes me. He calls us names and with a "holierthan-thou" attitude, hides his identity behind the comparatively secure wall of his initials. Let I. Y. take stock of his own spine. Does he take sides on issues concerning the Negro, Jew and Mexican or does he dismiss the whole situation with the same "God-damned" and "God's sake" outlook on life? I resent his calling the Nisei "spineless." I resent it because I have seen many Nisei do precinct work for their candidates

Joe Oyama * MANHATTA . . . **An Enchantment Named Tsuyuko**

The "enchantment" named Tsuyuko of whom Masamori Kojima recently wrote in his Chicago Shimpo column, "A Grain of Salt," was a visitor at our house on New Year's Day.

Read Kojima's description of her:

"A lot of nice things have happened in the course of the year but by far the most intriguing was Tsuyuko from Japan.

Willard Townsend of the CIO, always concerned about the welfare of our romance, called us up on the phone one day and asked if we would like to go down to the rail station and meet a beautiful enchantment (he didn't describe her in that way exactly, but that's what she was.)

Townsend had met her in Japan while on a labor mission for the CIO. Tsuyuko was interpreter for the visiting trade union delegations. She can speak with equal pellucid clarity, Japanese, English and French.

Her father is Dr. I. W. Ayusawa, executive director of the Central Labor Relations Board.

At the rail station, we were introduced to Tsuyuko, and she curtsied. Not a Japanese bow, but a curtsey. Continental, we guess. We were wowed from that first instant.

Tsuyuko is in the States for special advanced studies in English at Earlham College.

Now it remains for the House of Representatives and the Senate to consider it.

The liberal welcome given to the bill which would enable attainment of a goal that means so much to us Americans of Japanese ancestry, is indeed heartening news.

The wheels of democracy do grind slowly, for equality in immigration and naturalization without racial bias is a step which should have been taken long before Pearl Harbor. However, it takes time for ideas to turn into actualities, and we are happy that in the 81st Congress, the outlook is bright for the Judd Bill to become an act.

The Issei have waited a long time —since the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924-for their right to become full-fledged citizens of the country in which most of them have lived the greater part of their lives.

Perhaps it is not quite fitting and proper to ask at this point whether the Issei are ready for the Judd Act-to-be. There is little question that they deserve the right, but are they ready for it?

Does equality in naturalization only mean to them the right to own businesses and houses in their own name? Does the right to become citizens only mean to them they are eligible for liquor licenses?

With the rights go responsibilities. We think it is fitting and proper for Nisei as well as Issei to ask the question, "Are we ready?" gowthis noint

and Yoko Shimizu.

American colloquialism still throws her off. She learned that people can visit each other by 'dropping in.' Some people asked her ot come over, and she promised that yes, she would be sure to 'fall in' and see them.

Her diplomacy would entitle her to a topflight job in the foreign office of any country. We asked her for an opinion on MacArthur. She not only successfully evaded giving us a direct answer, but in a flash, we were giving her our opinion on Mac-Arthur.

... Tsuyuko wants to meet a Chicago gangster. We felt sorry for not being able to oblige. On our walk down Michigan Blvd., she stopped a Chicago policeman and asked if he had a gangster 'in his pocket.' The policeman looked, but he could find none. She was disappointed.

Tsuyuko is returning to Japan soon. She is the best we have met in a long, long time."

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Lessening Bias on Coast Commended by Columnist

WASHINGTON - "It hasn't been overly advertised, but a racial revolution has came to the Far West."

Drew Pearson, author of the newspaper column "Washington Merry-Go-Round" and radio commentator, pointed out in his that the "hit-

worse shoving-around from their neighbors than the Japanese Amercians of California," Pearson said, in retelling the history of prejudice against the Japanese culminating in the evacuation.

Pearson did not forget to point out the record of the 442nd Com-Team. I PUB I

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Best man for Mr. Doi was Henry . Best man for Mr. Hori was Shi-Iriye. Ushers included Dan Kishii geshi Tashiro Usher woo Moito

CITES SUS IGAUYE

sumi Onishi.

"You get out of something exactly as much as you put into it" is an old adage which has worked out for Sus Igauye, as far as Scouting is concerned.

Scoutmaster of famed Troop 379 since 1935 except for the war years, Mr. Igauye is an outstanding example of a community-conscious Nisei.

He himself has been a Boy Scout since he was 12 years old. Member of Troop 1 of the Pasadena Council in the Monterey Park area, he was the first Nisei Eagle Scout in that district. al.

> Troop 379 with is drum and bugle eorps has won every major award and citation in Scouting and much of the excellence of the group can



A graduate of the University of Southern California with degrees both in engineering and in business administration, Mr. Igauye is a registered professional engineer for the Oakford Gas and Appliance Corporation and owner of the Su Plumbing and Heating Company. He is one among a few Nisei

who have contractor's license who are also qualified as plumbing and be credited to Mr. Igauye's conheating engineers in Los Angeles. scientious guidance.

aemited to the chain gangs and lynching mobs of the South, walk the picket line in the hot sun and stand up before a convention and with impressive simplicity urge the passage of a bill giving citizenship to Issei . . .

Let me ask I. Y. if he has taken an hour of his busy time to read a book on Russia which would give him an objective view into a country few people know enough about? Let me ask I. Y. if he has ever spoken up in a group and taken his stand on a discrimination issue? ... There are many (Nisei) who are afraid to stick their necks out. Sure, but there are countless, nameless others who, without publicity, are sticking their necks out because their strong convictions commit them to do so.

If other Nisei are afraid their necks may get caught, they'd better be on their toes. Someday, they'll wake up and find something more than their necks to worry about!

> Sue Kunitomi 540 Crocker St. Los Angeles 13, Calif.

at election time, pass peution uary o con ancestry in th West Coast is changing 'almost overnight."

> Citing such actions as the formal support of the bill for equality in naturalization and immigration by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the repeal of the alien property law by the state of Utah, the passage of the Evacuation Claims Law by the 80th Congress, Pearson saw a brighter future on the West Coast for the Nisei.

"Shoving Around" "Few groups have taken a

Nisei Girl Elected Queen of Senior Class in Redwood

REDWOOD CITY - Elected queen of the senior class of 1949 at Sequioa Union High School recently was a Nisei girl, Idzumi Ishida of Atherton.

Miss Ishida reigned with her court of four attendants at the Senior Ball, Her escort and king

to the rescue of the lost Texas Battalion, the 442nd lost more men than it rescued. But it pushed through, and Texas made every member of the regiment an honorary citizen of the Lone Star State," he wrote.

The columnist who blasted "after death race discramination" on the part of cemeteries who refuse burials to persons on the ground of their racial extraction on a recent radio program, ended his article by again referring to such "scattered incidents of discrimination . . . which still crop up."

JACL-ADC Asks For Equality in **GI Fiancee Act**

WASHINGTON- Permission for soldiers' fiancees to be admitted to the United States without respect to race was asked of Congress by the JACL-ADC last week.

Bills to extend the so-called GI Fiance Act, which expired December 31, have been introduced in both the House and the Senate, but neither makes provisions for fiancees inadmissable because of

was Jim Takeuchi, race.

By Tom Okamoto



SCAps, Saints Trek To San Jose

basketball teams. Northern Cal loop. The Scaps second team, the

contest. The two local fives will role. yama, Yuk Shiozaki, George Funoon.

So. Calif. Appliance and the Saints enough for any league but the a tossup.

doubleaye league-leaders to tan- overtime win over the fast Ze- both contests. gle with the famed Zebras on Sat- bras in the Buddhist tournament Expected to make the trip are urday night with the Saints meet- in 'Frisco is the basis for the local George Mizuno, Hideo Uba, Tets ing Madrone in the preliminary champs being put in the favorites' Fukuto, Icy Hasama, Joe Maru-

in the Coast-Peninsula circuit, Appliance team, and Hiro Kaya-The SCAPs are favored to top- have won six straight loop con- suga, Ken Hirata, Ed Kato, Tak ple over the San Jose squad in tests and are expected to give the Suzuki, John Toya, Jim Kusuthe Saturday nite tilt. The Zebras, Scaps a run for their money. moto, and Kei Bessho of the famed for their fast break offense, Word from the north indicates Saints. Officials of the Saints and have been having a rough time this that the Madrone five is the rooters will accompany the teams season as some of their stellar strongest cage team in the Sanjo on their San Jose trek.

performers are unable to play for region and besides having a fast Leaving Friday evening for San, esoteric reasons. However, despite offensive team, their defensive Jose where they will engage in their one won-three lost record in play has been their outstanding weekend intersectional games with the tough Northern Cal league, feature to date as they have limthe San Jose Zebras and the Ma- they have averaged a mighty 51 ited their foes to only 32.6 points drone A. C. quintets will be the points per game, which is good per game. This contest rates as

Schedule calls for the local West Ellay YBA's recent 46 to 43 Saints, are decided underdogs in

switch opponents on Sunday after- Madrone A. C., league leaders kuda, and Kats Komatsu of the

Players

C. Kubo (Gar.)

S. Hashimoto (PPF)

Sugano (Cent.)

. Maruyama (SCAPs)

Kaneda (Mobil)

B. Nomura (Mobil)

T. Okura (PPF)

. Okura (PPF)

E. Kato (Saint)

K. Hirata (Saint) ...

H. Tashima (WLA)

Z. Yamamoto (N. T.)

Y. Murakami (Cent.)

T. Fukuto (SCAP)

Individual Title

H. Kayasuga (Saint) _____ 5

George Kobo Nabs

T. Morinishi (N. T.)

J. Chan (Wah Kue)

T. Shimizu (PPF)

K. Komatsu (SCAPs)

M. Nitta (WLA) _____ 4

The double aye cage campaign tion along with their Brother reaches the half-way mark this Saints to participate in the San coming Sunday with five games Jose Intersectional up North. The on tap, highlighted by the 2:40 Wah Kues and WLA YBA put game at champman where the their records on the block for their oncebeaten contenders. Mobil and fifth loop encounters following a Pan Pacaffc clash to keep within week's hibernation.

Friday, Feb. 11, 1949-7

Mobil Meets

range of the three underfeated The curtain raiser at Chapman gym features the L. A. YBA quin-Southern Calif. Appliance's un- tet against the tall Nisei Trading blemished slate will remain in- outfit. The N. T. lads, led by tact next week as they excuse "T. N. T." Morinishi, will take the themselves from local competi- floor a slight favorite. Morinishi's 16 points against Centaurs last week elevated hi mbeyond idle

PPFs Sunday

SCAps Top Loop With Five Wins

The Southern Cal Appliance team Saints put up a spirited first half advanced another notch closer to assault before giving up to a favoan encore season in the NAU senior red band of Mobilites, 44 to 29. basetball league by overcoming a stubborn L. A. YBA bunch while the Wah Kues and WLA YBA were idle from loop participation Sunday. Still dangerous title contenders despite their single reversals, Mobil and PPFs came through in fine fashion in their fifth engagements.

Ellay Buddhist quint put up a stiff argument for better than half of their game with the SCAps before succumbing, 51 to 39, in the curtain raiser at Riis. Led by Kunito Sato's red hot pace, the underdogs performed nobly in the initial half which ended three points in their favor.

Joe Maruyama's dozen markers (44) Mobil paced the scoring for the game 9 B. Nomura while Sato's 11 for the YBA lads 7 J. Funo nabbed runner-up honor.

(51) SCAPs 7 K. Komatsu

The Avenue of Street, or other

Teams	W	L	Pct.	PF	OP
SC Appliance	5	0	1.000	235	155
Wah Kues	4	0	1.000	149	107
WLA YBA	4	0	1.000	161	112
Pan Pacific	4	1	.800	206	159
Mobil	4	1	.800	210	161
Nisei Trading	2	3	.400	161	157
Toyo Miyatake		3	.400	107	151
Yahata Huskies		4	.200	142	209
Gardena	1	4	.200	115	151
LA YBA	1	4	.200	161	177
Saints	1	4	.200	174	194
WSS	0	5	,000	145	206
The low scoring	fir	at	half	for	Inc

The low scoring first half found the two teams battling neck and neck with the eventual winners sporting a 15 to 10 recess bulge. Ken Hirata of the Saints scored 10 points for top honors. Kaneda S. Inouye (L. A.) and Nomura each produced nine markers for Mobil.

Saints (29) Toya 0 H. Kayasuga E. Kato K. Hirata 10 6 D. Miyakawa

L. A. YBA (39) Subs: Mobil-K. Ikeda 5, G. Kodama ors in the india T. Kawagoye 6 4; H. Endow 4; Saints-M. Fukuto



teams.

Morinishi With 62 Tops Scorers WLA Edged Games TP in YBL Finals

*CROSSROADS

The West Los Angeles YL cagers returned home from the Soko Western YBL AA basketball tourney with the runner-up trophy after dropping the finals to the Sacramento Maroons. The Southern representatives won their way into the championship fray by disposing of Reedley and the touted San Jose Zebras.

The local five dealt a 35 to 25 31 shellacking to Reedley YBA in rates a whisker's nod on paper but the first round with recently-ac- look for a nip and tuck chiller with quired Bob Tomita hitting for the breaks deciding the outcome. eight points. San Jose Zebras gained semi-finals by disposing of the listing undefeated WLA and the

A T DRIGSEAN W TO STORES

Jerry Chan and Mats Nitta in the total score column with 62.

The Chinese Wah Kues should make it five in a row Sunday after meeting Toyo Miyatake in the third contest at Chapman. Although Toyo's have shown improvement as of late, the presence of Jerry Chan should prove a little too much for them.

A humdinger of a game should develop in the opener when the Gardena YBA opposes the cellardwelling Centaurs. The valley contingent with Kubo at the helm

The Mobil Flying Horse vs. Pan Pacific Fisheries titantic, originally scheduled for 4:20 at Riis, has been shifted to the Chapman gym., it was revealed by the NAU this week. The contest will be played at 2:40-game time left vacated by the SCAps-Saints scrap which will probably be played off sometime next week.



Ronte Cintantis while Sacra- Yahata Huskies may develop into LASA. HUSKIES (18) 1. 1 Duning mento (18) 231320H ASA

8 G. Mizuno 8 S. Inouye k. Sato 11 4 H. Uba Subs: SCAPs-G Fukuda 2, J. Maruyama 12, I. Hasama 6; L. A. YBA - S. Matsumoto 4, R. Matsuno, F. Sugiyama, H. Meifu 3.

The altitudious Nisei Traders posted their second win of the campaign at the expense of the winless WSS Centaurs, 48 to 29, in the Riis middle game.

'kami's 15 points sufficed for second best of the contest.

Centaurs (29) (48) Nisei Trading 12 Z. Yamamoto ____ f ____ S. Sugano 8 T. Kawashima f K. Kumamoto 16 T. Morinishi C Y. Murakami 15 T. Mori 6 H. Fukuda g -----G. Sasaki 0 H. Eddow g Subs: Nisei Trading-M. Nobuto 2, H. league will not see action this



The Saints' fifth consecutive ca-Teruo Morinishi potted 16 points saba triumph at the expense of the in the game to boost himself be- Wee Mam' selles brought down the yond the three idle leaders in the curtains on first round competition total score column. Yuk Mura- in the senior WAA loop. The Aye

WAA Aye Standings	W	L	Pct.	PF	0
Saints	5	0	1.000	162	
Les Marchez	3	2	:600	106	10
No Names	2	3	.400	97	11
Pasadena	2	3	.400	81	10
Mam'selles	2	3	.400	94	11
YBA	1	4	.200	101	11
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mignship despite George Ya-

George Kobo garnered top hon-

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sen roll-oll last moment 'ED. Yasukochi missed overtaking Kobo by the skin of his teeth after outrolling the champ by better than 200 pins, 1080 to 870, to finish half a point arrear, 225.70 to 225.14.

Shorty Tanaka, Tady Shimizu and Yo Nomura were among the first five survivors who will represent the NBA in a match game against Hawaii later this year and will comprise the local All-Star team to compete in Salt Lake next month.

a 14 to 12 game over the No Names. Halftime score was 8 to 8. PASADENA (14)-S. Hatashita 2, T. Yamamoto 2, M. Oshiro 6, G. Sato, M. Taceda, M. Goto, M. Hozaki 4, T. Goto, M, r usa,

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Dr. Kiyoto Kawabe

the Westsiders eked out a close 46 guards-Fred Harada, Walt Isoto 43 win over the San Jose Ze- no and Bob Tomita came through bras thanks to Fred Harada's with more than their share of tally beautiful 40 footer in the extra in the three games. From here in, session. The score was knotted at the Sawtelle quint will be hard to 42-all when a San Jose player stop. missed a charity toss with 15 seconds remaining in the regulation

The fresh Sacramento lads, who drew a bye in the semi-finals, proved too tall and fast for the bil was rudely dumped by Garexhausted WLA bunch. The final tally for the main event was 46 to 35.

game.

Senshin Drubs San

In a thrilling over-time tussle, Soko series when a trio of WLA

The pre-season co-favorite Mobil Flying Horse will encounter its stiffest competition since Gardena when they tackle the oncebeaten Pan Pacific Fisheries. Modena earlier while PPF's quest for four straight was spoiled by Wah Kues. A defeat for either team will virtually eliminate them from championship contention.





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