



## Truman Urges Action on Evacuee Claims Bill

### President Seeks Immediate Congressional Passage of Legislation for Indemnification

Chief Executive Hails Record of Nisei GIs, Asks Passage of Proposal as Matter of Justice to Parents, Relatives of Soldiers

Washington — Following President Truman's request this week for early action on legislation providing indemnification for accountable property losses sustained by persons of Japanese ancestry in the West Coast evacuation of 1942, the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 24 unanimously approved the Ellender bill (S 2127) without amendment.

President Truman wrote Senator Pat McCarran, D., Nev., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, urging action on

the indemnification bill which will set up an Evacuation Claims Commission within the Interior Department in order to pay property losses of the evacuees at the time of the evacuation and during the period when persons of Japanese ancestry were excluded from their homes on the West Coast.

The President also sent an identical note to Rep. Hatton W. Sumners, D., Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. In the House of Representatives the indemnification bill, sponsored by Rep. Sumners, is still under consideration of a subcommittee headed by Rep. Francis E. Walter, D., Pennsylvania.

Hope for Congressional action on the bills before the pending summer adjournment was held by Mike Masaoka, representative of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc., who was in Washington this week.

Masaoka, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, expressed the belief that the parade and the honors bestowed on the Japanese American regiment by President Truman had been a factor in developing Congressional interest in the evacuee claims bill.

Because of the log-jam of proposed legislation now faced by both the Senate and the House, unanimous consent will be required to bring the bill up for discussion now that it has been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senator McCarran announced that the measure will be put on the consent calendar and an attempt will be made to pass the bill before adjournment.

The action of the Judiciary Committee in reporting out the indemnification bill was the group's final action before adjournment.

The administration-sponsored bill appeared doomed in this session until President Truman's letter was sent to Senator McCarran.

One Senator, a member of the Judiciary Committee, described the President's message as "magnificent" and said that Mr. Truman had urged strongly that the bill be given immediate consideration.

It was reported that President Truman's message referred to the great combat record of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry, particularly to the 442nd Combat Team which had paraded in Washington last week.

President Truman is said to

have asked for justice for the Nisei GIs and for their parents and families in urging congressional passage of the Ellender and Sumners bills which will set up a claims commission for the indemnification of the evacuees.

Although early Senate action was assured in response to President Truman's request, House action appeared more difficult. The Sumners bill, identical with the Ellender proposal, is now buried in the Judiciary subcommittee. Chairman Walter of the subcommittee indicated last week that his group would act on no more bills before adjournment.

Administration leaders, however, are confident that the House committee will act if the Senate takes definite action.

### Canadian War Veterans Ask Citizen Rights

Charge Properties "Wilfully Sold" by Government Board

SLOCAN CITY, B. C.—Japanese veterans of the Canadian Army in World War I have sent a petition to the Federal government seeking the restoration of their citizenship rights and the rectification of injustices suffered by them as a result of their forced evacuation from the West Coast, it was reported here this week.

The petition claimed that the properties and chattels left with the Custodian and Soldiers' Settlement Board had been "wilfully sold at half their actual prices" with neither consultation nor consent of the rightful owners.

The war veterans who fought for Canada in the first World War declared that they had suffered financial losses as a result of their evacuation from homes which they had occupied for 25 years.

The petition pointed out that despite their record of war service to Canada they have been treated as enemy aliens in World War II and that all grants applicable to them as veterans have been cancelled.

The petition mentioned that there are now 34 men left of the 250 Japanese Canadians who served in World War I.

### Issei Naturalization Bill Introduced in Congress

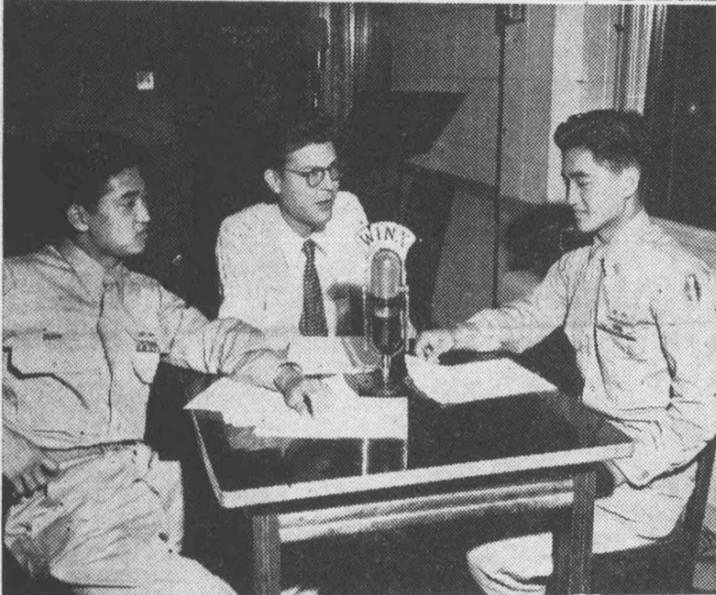
WASHINGTON—A bill which will remove racial restrictions from the right of naturalization and which will permit loyal aliens of Japanese ancestry and other aliens still barred by law to become American citizens, was introduced in the House of Representatives on July 24 by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington of Hawaii.

Designated as HR 7128, the bill has been referred to the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization. The bill

will open the right to naturalization for all regardless of race or national origin and places all who are now barred on an immigration quota basis.

Mike M. Masaoka, who is now in Washington as a representative of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc., expressed the opinion that the bill was introduced too late for action in this session but pointed out that there would be an opportunity for public education on the merits of the proposal.

### 442nd Men Attend Ball Game



(Top) Men of the 442nd Combat Team are shown at Griffiths Stadium, Washington, D. C., as the guests of the Washington Senators and saw the Chicago White Sox defeat the Senators, 4 to 2. In the foreground are Lieut. Col. Alfred A. Pursall and Mrs. Pursall. The officer in front is Lieut. Robert Wakuya, regimental athletic officer of the 442nd.

(Lower) The Kurahara twins who fought with the 442nd Combat Team are shown being interviewed over WINX, Washington. They are Laverne Kurahara (left), Mr. McDonald of WINX and Conrad Kurahara. The Kuraharas volunteered for the 442nd Combat Team from Tule Lake relocation center.

—Photos by Pvt. K. Ozaki, Fort Belvoir.

### Federal Court Rules Alien Japanese Girl May Enter U. S. As Wife of American Soldier

Judge McCormick's Decision May Set Precedent, Attorneys Believe; Court Rules Ineligibility To Citizenship Is No Bar to Entry

SEATTLE—In a precedent-shattering decision Federal Judge Paul McCormick of Los Angeles ruled on July 25 that an alien woman, otherwise inadmissible to the United States because of her Japanese ancestry, may enter this country as a non-quota immigrant after marriage to a United States citizen in the army.

As a result of the Federal court decision a Japan-born bride of an American soldier won her freedom this week to join him in

the United States after nearly three months in the immigration bureau's detention quarters in Seattle.

Judge McCormick granted the writ of habeas corpus sought by John A. Bouiss of Portland, Ore., who married a girl of Japanese and German ancestry aboard ship while en route home from Japan.

Mrs. Helen Emilie Bouiss was born in Japan but claimed the Swedish nationality of her previous husband. Immigration authorities had held her since the ship's arrival on the ground that, being half Japanese, she is ineligible to become an American citizen and is ineligible for admission into the United States. She was scheduled for deportation.

The successful contention of

Bouiss' attorneys was that regardless of whether or not she can become a citizen, she was entitled to enter the country as a non-quota immigrant after marriage to a United States soldier. The couple met while she was employed as an interpreter for the U. S. army in Japan.

Judge McCormick said that the Act of 1945 "clearly expressed" the intention of Congress "to keep intact all conjugal and family relationships of honorably discharged servicemen."

Attorneys said the decision probably will be a precedent, unless appealed and reversed, for the admission of any women married by servicemen in Japan.

### Hawaii Nisei Center Isle Political Races

Many Who Withdrew in 1942 Will File in Coming Elections

HONOLULU — Americans of Japanese ancestry who withdrew in the 1942 elections under pressure are returning to territorial politics in the 1946 elections.

Nisei candidates already have filed for offices on both the Republican and Democratic tickets. Michi Doi, former supervisor on the Island of Hawaii, is the Republican standard-bearer in the race for a seat on the board.

Several Japanese Americans are entered in political contests on Oahu. Chris Watase, Democrat, held office as a supervisor for several terms before the war and the procession of withdrawals of Americans of Japanese ancestry after he had been nominated in the 1942 primary, has announced that he will run for his old

office. Taka Hamamoto, former Republican supervisor who also withdrew after the 1942 primary, also announced his candidacy.

Shoburo Miyake, dean of Japanese Americans in Kauai politics, has held public office almost annually from 1932 until his withdrawal after the 1942 primary, expected to be a candidate for territorial assembly. Mr. Miyake is expected to make the announcement of his candidacy after he concludes his term in August as commander of the Kauai post of the American Legion.

### Veterans Week Honor GIs Honolulu

HONOLULU — Return of the Hawaiian men in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team will be celebrated in Honolulu by the observance of Veterans Week, a retrograde welcome to all of Hawaii's veterans who have served in World War II.

Plans for Veterans Week were discussed at a meeting called by veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion on June 28.

James O'Brien, public relations officer for the Territorial Veterans Council, was named chairman of the executive committee of the veterans reception committee. Other members of the committee include Mitoshi Fukuda, president of Club and Bert N. Nishimura of the local Veterans club.

### Berkeley Meeting Discusses Evacuee Business Problems

BERKELEY, Calif. — A discussion of discriminatory restrictions which bar many returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry from reestablishing themselves in the dry business in California was the subject of a meeting of the resettlement committee of the International Institute of Alameda County on July 25 in the Community Chest board room in Berkeley.

Unemployment and recreational problems faced by the evacuees were also discussed by Davis of the International Institute.

Davis reported that she interviewed more than 200 returned evacuees in the past ten months on resettlement problems.

She announced that she had interviewed Delbert Sarber, executive secretary of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, who stated that the chamber welcomed the returned evacuees and would be glad to assist any of the evacuees in working out their business problems.

## Hawaiian Veterans of 442nd Leave on Woodbury Victory; Mainland GIs Demobilized

**West Coast Veterans Of Combat Team Now Being Discharged**

NEW YORK — More than 200 members of the 442nd Combat Team, all residents of Hawaii, arrived in New York City July 23 from Fort Belvoir, Va., and were transferred immediately aboard the Waterbury Victory which will take them to their homes by way of the Panama Canal.

The 239 servicemen who are Honolulu-bound returned to the city which had given them an all-out welcome when they had arrived on July 2 on the Wilson Victory from Italy.

Meanwhile, 250 other members

of the Japanese American Combat Team whose homes are in the United States, mainly on the West Coast, already were on their way home as individuals.

Many of the mainland GIs of the 442nd were separated at Fort Meade, Md. on July 18. At Meade they were greeted by the post's commanding officer, Brig. Gen. C. G. Helmick who congratulated the Nisei for their battle record.

The men en route to Hawaii on the Waterbury Victory are carrying with them the regimental colors of the 442nd Combat Team and the battalion colors of the 100th Infantry. The 442nd will be formally deactivated in Hawaii at ceremonies which are now being planned.

## Washington News-Letter No One Will Forget Parade Of Nisei GIs In Washington

By JOHN KITASAKO

The shouting is all over now. The parade and review of the 442nd is history, the mainland boys of the combat team have separated, and the Hawaiian members are aboard the Woodbury Victory homeward bound via the Panama Canal.

But it will be a long, long time before those of us who witnessed the parade on July 15 will forget the thrill of viewing such an unprecedented spectacle. And none of us will ever want to forget it. It has become a priceless memory.

As the Nisei soldiers swept in perfect cadence on to the broad greensward of the Ellipse before President Truman, there was not a single Nisei or Issei onlooker whose throat did not get lumpy and whose eyes were not bedimmed by tears of joy and pride.

It was the crowning point of the entire war effort by the rugged expendable Nisei men in khaki. They were getting the highest honor any fighting unit could receive. And no one begrudged them of the acclaim. Every one knew they had earned it, and people were eager to pay them due homage. Caucasians who stood in the steady downpour, getting wetter and wetter by the minute, said: "We can stand a little rain. Look at what those boys went through."

Never in the history of the Nation's capital had busy Constitution Avenue been cleared for a parade by 500 men. Never had a President reviewed such a small military unit. The significance was plain. It was more than a tribute to the fighting record of a regiment which showed such outstanding faith in American democracy. It was the Government's way of making up in some measure for the horrible deal the Nisei got in the evacuation and of placing its stamp of recognition on the loyalty of the Nisei so that all the world would know.

It was also used as a means of emphasizing to Americans everywhere that Americanism is fundamentally a matter of mind and heart and not of race or creed. It was, in effect, an object lesson in patriotism to all America.

As we stood on the rim of the Ellipse on that memorable Monday, our thoughts went back to the early days of the war when Nisei were the object of insults, suspicion, and hatred. Four years ago the Nisei were marching off to relocation centers in the western wastelands. On July 15, 1946, soldiers of Japanese ancestry marched before the President of the United States—the object of national acclaim and gratitude.

In four years' time the Nisei had won one of the greatest battles in the war—the battle for recognition as loyal Americans. It was no bed of roses. The going was tough all the way, and the cost was painfully high. But the mission was accomplished.

Today, thanks to the prowess of the 442nd, the stock of the Nisei is high. A grateful nation realizes that the boys who as a regiment made the greatest sacrifices in the European war had to do it the hard way. It knows that these boys had suffered all manner of persecution and that many of them came out from barbed wire enclosures to fight the bigotry and prejudice which were responsible for putting them in there. That's what puts the badge of greatness on these brown-skinned boys.

When given a chance, they proved themselves in combat. They

made good soldiers because they applied themselves faithfully to the accepted techniques and procedures of warfare. Give these fellows a fair break in civilian life, and it will not be expected too much for them to make good as citizens. They can prove a great asset to their communities if they will apply with equal dispatch and determination the high standards of soldiering to the fight against the enemies of democracy in the post-war world.

**POSTSCRIPTS:** Saburo Kido was in town last week on business following his participation in the Fisk University Institute of Race Relations in Nashville, Tenn. Kido will visit New York before returning to Salt Lake City.

Mike Masaoka, national secretary of the JACL, flew in from Salt Lake City on July 22 to confer with congressmen and government officials. Congress is scheduled to adjourn on July 29. Mike is here officially as the representative of the JACL's new Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Henry Tani, pre-war insurance agent and Bay Region church leader, who is now assistant treasurer of the Board of National Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, St. Louis, was also a visitor last week. Tani is on his annual summer tour for the board conducting classes at various schools, conferences, and youth camps. He recently concluded a session on race relations at the denominational school at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland.

### 25 Scholarships Offered Nisei Girls By Nursing School

PHILADELPHIA — Twenty-five scholarships are being offered to American girls of Japanese ancestry by the School of Nursing of the St. Luke's and Children's Medical Center, according to Barbara Janata, director of nurses at the institution.

"These scholarships include all expenses for the entire three years and since we have been so fortunate with four Japanese American students who are now in the school and seem to be far above average, we are anxious to secure a number of such students for our class which commences Sept. 25," Miss Janata declared.

"Our students are well adjusted to these Japanese American students and one of the Nisei has been a fine leader in both religious aspects and student council activities," Miss Janata stated.

It was stated that the applicants should be high school graduates.

Application forms and information may be obtained from Barbara Janata, director of nurses, School of Nursing, St. Luke's and Children's Medical Center, Franklin and Thompson Sts., Philadelphia 22, Pa.



**TOP: WASHINGTON, D. C.**—The YWCA USO and members of the Japanese American community in Washington, D. C. honored the 442nd Regimental Combat Team at a reception at the YW on July 7. Among those who enjoyed the buffet dinner were (counter-clockwise): Dillon Myer, former director of the War Relocation Authority; Tech-5 Juichi Inafuku, Honolulu; Mrs. Fumi Iki, Washington; Lt. Col. Alfred A. Pursall, Crystal City, Mo., commanding officer of the 442nd; Miss Helene Johnson, USO staff assistant, Pal-

mira, New Jersey; Earl Finch, Hattiesburg, Miss "godfather of the 442nd;" Miss Fukiko Sakuma, Takoma Park Md., and T/Sgt. George Miki, Honolulu.—Photo by Pvt. K. Ozaki.

**LOWER:** Members of the Japanese American Combat Team who have just returned from Hawaii are seen here enjoying themselves in the company of girls from the Nisei YWCA USO in Washington. Dance was held at the YW on I and K streets. In extreme right foreground winsome Joy Takeshita of Washington.

—Photo by Pvt. K. Ozaki

## Minnesota Veterans Abandon Plan to Build Home on Race Restricted Property

**Decide to Accept Lots in New Section Of Minneapolis**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—In the latest development in the Jon Matsuo case, in which an American war veteran of Japanese ancestry was refused the right to build a home in the Oak Hill veterans housing project because of a restrictive covenant limiting occupancy to persons of the Caucasian race, some of the 50 veterans at the University of Minnesota who had banded together last spring to acquire a homesite decided at a meeting on July 18 to abandon tentative negotiations for the Oak Hill project which has not yet been approved by the city council.

Opposition to approval by the city council of the Oak Hill project has been registered by American Veterans Committee units in Minneapolis, St. Paul and at the University of Minnesota, and by the YWCA and other organizations because of the restrictive covenant which limits use of the property to persons of the white race.

The University of Minnesota veterans decided to accept lots on an approved plat from 4900 to 5130 Fremont Avenue N. instead of the Oak Hill plat.

Meanwhile, the AVC and other groups were promising a continuing fight against restrictive covenants in the Minneapolis area.

### Mid-Columbia JACL Honors Graduates

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Mid-Columbia JACL sponsored a dinner and social at Dell hall in honor of local Nisei graduates. The graduates were Itsu Osai, Shuko Kiyokawa, Ruth Sato, Molly Imai and Mary Fukui from Hood River High school; Clifford Nakamura and Fred Takasumi, Odell High school; and Charles Akiyama, Parkdale High school. Assisting the general chairman, Yuki Okimoto, were Kazue Kiyokawa, entertainment; Ayako Noji, food; Taro Asai, toastmaster; Shige Imai, arrangements; and George Akiyama, cleanup.

### Monterey JACL, USO Hold First Social For Nisei Soldiers

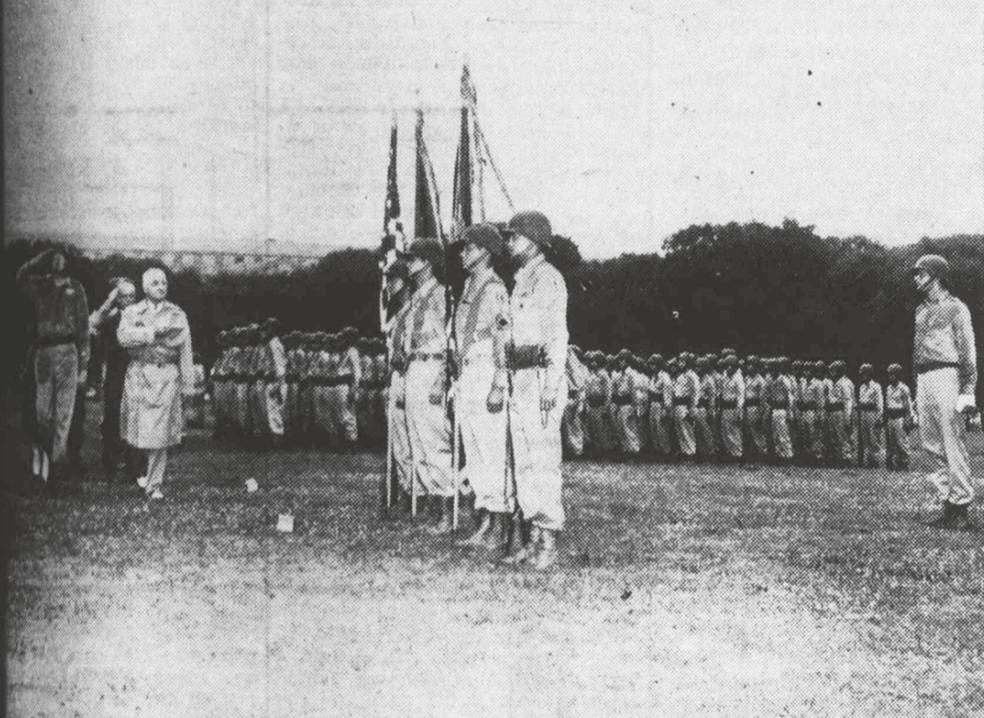
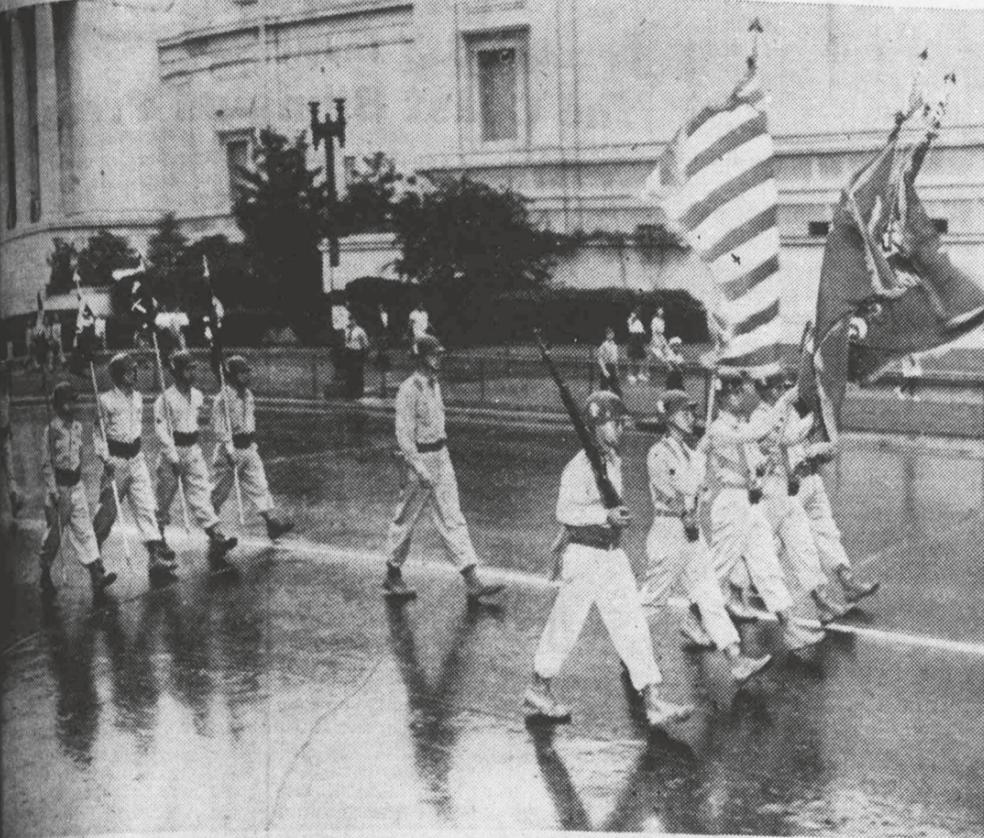
MONTEREY, Calif.—The first of a series of social events designed for the entertainment of Nisei GIs stationed at the language school, Presidio of Monterey, was held July 18 at the USO in cooperation with the Monterey Peninsula chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The problem of providing competent dancing partners was partially alleviated through the assistance of James "Chick" Abe, president of the Salinas Valley JACL chapter, Mrs. James Abe, and John Urabe (both of Salinas), student pastor Arthur Kamitani, Mrs. Koda and Mrs. Iwanaga of Watsonville.

The local chapter's committee on these activities consists of Ken Sato, Mrs. James Tabata, Shigeru Hara, Mrs. Shigeru Hara, Mrs. Mike Sanda, Mrs. Kay Kaniwa, and Mrs. Harry Masuda, assisted by James Tabata and Seizo Kandani.

The Monterey peninsula chapter is working hand in hand with Ruth Bangs of the USO in sponsoring the events. A formal dance was given Saturday evening and plans are in the making for weekly dance socials.

# As the 442nd Marched in Washington



Here are two more photos of the parade and review of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team before President Truman in Washington, D. C., on July 15. In the top photo the colors of the Japanese American Combat Team are borne down Constitution Avenue in Washington. The Color bearers and color bearers are (left to right) Pfc. Conrad Kurahara, Sacramento, Calif.; Master Sgt. Masumi Tanaka, Honakaa, Hawaii, T. H.; First Sgt. Tom Harimoto, Honolulu; Tech. Sgt. Hiroshi Harimoto, Brigham City, Utah, and Pfc. Lavern

Kurahara (twin brother of Conrad.) Marching behind the color bearers is Lieut. Kyne Catten, 2172 Pacific Ave., San Francisco. In the lower photo President Truman and Lieut. Col. Alfred A. Pursall, Crystal City, Mo., commanding officer of the 442nd, are shown inspecting the Nisei troops in the Ellipse near the White House. With President Truman are Secretary of War Robert Patterson and Rep. Andrew May, chairman of the House Military Affairs committee.—Photos by Pvt. K. Ozaki, Fort Belvoir Hospital Reconditioning.

## Study of Social, Economic Adjustments of Evacuees to Be Continued by Federal Agency

### Former Nisei WAC Will Wed Officer In Tokyo Ceremony

MAGNA, Utah—Mrs. Y. Mori of Magna, Utah this week announced the engagement of her daughter, Atsuko, now serving as a U. S. government worker in Tokyo, to Lieut. Gunji Moriuchi of San Francisco.

Lieut. Moriuchi also is on duty with U. S. occupation forces in Japan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hidegoro Moriuchi of San Francisco.

Miss Mori, one of the first Utah Nisei to volunteer for the WACs, served in the U. S. Army at Dugway, Utah and Fort Snelling.

She went overseas as a member of a Fort Snelling WAC contingent.

The marriage will take place at the 42nd General Hospital Chapel in Tokyo on Sept. 7.

### Project Will Carry on Work Undertaken by War Relocation Authority

WASHINGTON—Study of the social and economic adjustment of Japanese Americans, begun under War Relocation Authority, will be continued for an additional year in the Department of the Interior's War Agency Liquidation Unit, it has been announced by Boyd Larsen, Unit chief, Director of the study will be Robert M. Cullum, until recently WRA area supervisor at Cleveland. Study headquarters will be in room 2012, Interior Building, Washington.

The staff will include Dr. Asael Hansen, former WRA community analyst at Heart Mountain, John De Young, formerly WRA community analyst at Minidoka, Tom Sasaki and Toshio Yatsushiro former members of the Poston Research Unit, who have just completed a tour of duty with the U. S. Strategic Bombing Survey in Tokyo.

## Churchmen Ask For Defeat of Anti-Alien Law

### Northern California Group Condemns Racial Legislation

SAN FRANCISCO—Defeat of Amendment No. 15 on the California ballot in November was urged this week by the board of directors of the Northern California and Western Nevada Council of Churches on the ground that the proposition which seeks ratification of amendments passed by the California Legislature to the Alien Land Law is race legislation which is discriminatory to persons of Japanese ancestry.

The church leaders, in urging that Amendment No. 15 be "vigorously opposed and defeated at the polls," also condemned other forms of legislative and statutory discrimination against Americans and law-abiding aliens of Japanese ancestry. The statement was released from the office of Dr. Abbott Book, secretary of the religious organization.

The board of directors singled out the Nationality Act of 1940 and the California Alien Land Law for special condemnation.

They urged special support for legislation now pending in Congress which would extend naturalization rights to all alien parents of servicemen, halt the disruption of families through deportation proceedings and indemnify persons of Japanese ancestry for property losses sustained in the evacuation.

The statement of the religious body stressed the belief of the clergymen that discrimination against law-abiding persons solely because of their race or color is inconsistent with Christianity, science and democracy.

In expressing their opposition to Amendment 15, a legislative referendum measure sponsored by Senator Jack B. Tenney of Los Angeles, the statement said that the proposition was designed "to perpetuate the racial legislation of the Alien Land Law."

The statement asked for the eventual repeal of the Alien Land

An advisory committee named to assist in the interpretation of findings includes Dr. John Provine, former head of the WRA Community Management Division and at present Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Dr. Alexander H. Leighton, author of "Governing of Men;" Edward Markes of National Housing Administration, formerly in the Washington WRA Relocation Division in charge of community relations, and Asael Hansen who rejoins the staff of Miami University this fall.

The principal areas selected for study are Los Angeles, Chicago and Denver with greatest emphasis on Los Angeles and Chicago where field men will be assigned for six months. Briefer surveys will be made later in the northwest, and in the midwest and east. Dr. Hansen is at present working in the Santa Clara Valley, stationed at San Jose. Mr. Sasaki is in Los Angeles and Mr. De Young and Mr. Yatsushiro at Chicago.

Primary findings of the study will be released in the late spring of 1947. Interim special reports on matters of interest to public and private agencies concerned with evacuee resettlement may be made if called for.

A secondary purpose of the study will be to bring together the results of the many independent research projects now under way. The cooperation of students and other interested individuals or agencies is cordially invited, Mr. Cullum states.

Act because it has been made "an instrument of racial persecution."

"The conditions which led to passage of the original Alien Land Law in 1913 have been radically altered by time and the recent war," Dr. Book's statement added.

One of the resolutions passed at the recent meeting of the board of directors of the Northern California and Western Nevada Council of Churches asked for the amendment of section 303 of the Nationality Act of 1940 so as to include the clause that the right to become a naturalized citizen shall not be limited by race or national origin.

Support was also voiced for HR 511, a bill in the House of Representatives which will give the right of citizenship to all alien parents of American servicemen.

### Return of Evacuees from Hood River

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The vast majority of evacuees from Hood River, Ore., have now returned to the city, where the American Legion at one time precipitated a racial controversy by deleting names from an honor roll, leading to a special report to Christian Science Monitor.

When so, there are merchants and veterans of Hood River who should not have revised its placards warning that Japanese will not be served.

Before the war Japanese Americans owned about 3,000 acres of land in the valley. Early in the American Legion announced the sale of this land as of its objectives.

### Hawaiian Swimmers Prepare for National Championships

SAN ANGELES — Coach Soichi Harimoto's Hawaiian swimming favorites to win the National AAU championship in San Francisco from Aug. 2 to 4, arrived in the city by plane from Honolulu on July 23.

The Hawaiian team includes veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, Charlie Oda, Johnny Oda and Robert Iwamoto.

## Navy Intelligence Opposed Evacuation from West Coast, Says Former OWI Official

### Forced Movement of Persons of Japanese Ancestry in 1942 Described as Unnecessary, Indefensible by Bradford Smith in Article

NEW YORK—The evacuation of Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast states in 1942 was "unnecessary and indefensible," the current issue of Far Eastern Survey, publication of the Institute of Pacific Relations, declares this week in an article by Bradford Smith, wartime head of the Japanese section of the Office of War Information.

Mr. Smith, author of a forthcoming book on Japanese Americans, declares that Navy Intelligence did not want the evacuation

of Japanese Americans from the coastal area because they felt that it would dry up sources of information among loyal Japanese Americans.

The evacuation, however, was put through anyway in response to racial bias and "large farm operators," Mr. Smith adds.

He stresses in the article that no sabotage was committed by persons of Japanese ancestry, despite widespread rumors of anti-American activity.

Reviewing the disruptions caused by the evacuation, Mr. Smith proposes four courses of action:

1. Encourage the Supreme Court to review the basic issue

raised by the evacuation to protect civil liberties for all Americans.

2. Enact legislation to enable aliens of Japanese ancestry to become citizens.

3. Enact legislation to compensate for some of the losses suffered by the evacuees.

4. Continue the Citizens committees which have helped the Nisei in many communities and which "proved how the forces for good in a community can gain popular support and overcome the always organized special interests."

## Nisei Ask Reinstatement for California Civil Service Jobs

### Hearing Scheduled Next Month on Blanket Charges

SACRAMENTO — Spurning an offer by the State to dismiss disloyalty charges against them if they would drop their present claims for back pay, eighty-seven California State employees of Japanese ancestry, all of whom were summarily suspended in 1942 on the basis of their race, this week called for reinstatement at a hearing on the charges to be held on August 28, 29 and 30.

The Nisei are represented by the firm of William E. Ferriter and James C. Pursell of San Francisco. The 87 defendants are among 400 Japanese Americans who were dismissed from State civil service

following the outbreak of war.

The Nisei branded false the blanket charge of "disloyalty" which had been cited by the State as the reason for their suspension in 1942. They are requesting reinstatement with back pay to the time of the evacuation in 1942.

Shortly after the start of the war, some 300 Japanese American employees of the State of California were persuaded to resign from their posts under pressure. The 87 persons involved in the present suit refused to accede to the pressure. They requested that specific indictments be presented. The State carried out the suspension order by issuing disloyalty charges drawn up by E. Wayne Miller, secretary of the State Personnel Board.

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## EDITORIALS:

### Naturalization Bill

Now that the Filipino and Hindu immigration bills have been passed by Congress and signed by the President, aliens of Japanese and Korean ancestry in the United States and Hawaii are now the only sizable groups of American residents who are not eligible for American citizenship. The Chinese, Filipinos and Hindus, formerly considered ineligible, are now admissible, on a limited quota basis of course, and are eligible to become American citizens.

This week Hawaii's Delegate Farrington introduced a bill in the House of Representatives which will remove racial restrictions from our naturalization laws and will insure that race and ancestry no longer will be a condition of American citizenship.

Because Congress is now restlessly awaiting adjournment so that many of its members may return home to campaign for reelection, there is little chance of any action on the bill introduced by Delegate Farrington at this session. The bill, however, will be reintroduced at the next session of Congress in January.

This proposed amendment to our naturalization and immigration statutes will strike out the racially discriminatory features of these laws and will provide for equal treatment and equal opportunity for resident aliens in the United States. It will give the parents of the 700 Japanese Americans who died in World War II a chance to become citizens of the country for which their sons gave their lives.

### Deactivation

Although there has been considerable pressure from Regular Army officials for the retention of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team as a permanent part of the United States Army, the deactivation ceremonies to be held soon in Hawaii will mark the formal end of the War Department's wartime policy which involved the activation and maintenance of a military unit of Japanese Americans.

It is interesting to note that the reasons given by those who now advocate the retention of a Japanese American unit in the army differ greatly from those advanced at the time of the activation of the 442nd Infantry in 1943. At that time there was considerable opposition to the presence of Japanese Americans in the army and those who advocated a policy of giving the Nisei a chance to share equally with other Americans in the obligations of citizenship had to be satisfied with the formation of a segregated combat unit. However, as a result of the magnificent combat record of that segregated unit, as well as the discipline and exemplary conduct of the Nisei GIs, there are many who advocate that the 442nd be made a permanent fixture of the United States Army. Such a suggestion was broached recently by Lieut. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commanding officer in the Mediterranean theater.

The suggestion is a tribute to the high regard in which the 442nd Combat Team is held by Army officers. It should be remembered, however, that the 442nd was organiz-

ed by the War Department to give Americans of Japanese ancestry an opportunity to prove their loyalty by volunteering for the army. In carrying out its mission, the men of the 442nd have left behind them a record of heroism which will not be forgotten. One of the objectives for which the 442nd fought was the right of Japanese Americans to be treated on an equal basis with all other Americans. As a result of the record of the 442nd, as well as that of Nisei GIs in other branches of the army, the War Department has abolished all restrictions on Japanese Americans. This abandonment of a policy of segregation is the finest tribute which can be paid the men of the 442nd Combat Team.

### Amendment 15

In the spring of 1945 when race-baiters and terrorists were still outspoken in their opposition to the return of the evacuees of Japanese ancestry to their homes in California, State Senator Jack Tenney of Los Angeles proposed that the people of California be given the opportunity to ratify the amendments which the State Legislature had made to the Alien Land Act since the time that racist and frankly discriminatory law had been submitted as an initiative measure and approved by the electors in 1920.

The proposal was approved by the necessary two-thirds majority in both houses of the 1945 Legislature and the measure now appears on the 1946 ballot as Amendment No. 15. Senator Tenney's hate-mongering against persons of Japanese ancestry in California is well known. He has indulged in the fomenting of prejudice as a member of the State Senate and also as a private citizen through his sponsorship of the Americanism Educational League and through his own Council on Alien Relations. It must be interpreted that his proposal to submit the amendments to the Alien Land law to the people was based on a desire to inject a controversial issue involving persons of Japanese ancestry into the 1946 elections.

Since the Alien Land Law provides that the legislature may amend its provision without recourse to a general vote by the citizens of the State, there seems to be no justification for Senator's maneuver other than a desire to provide the racists with an election issue.

Public attitudes in California have changed, however, during the past year. But Amendment No. 15 will be on the ballot and it is to be hoped that the people of California will reject it as they would repudiate any other form of race legislation.

### The New York Post: The Continuing Battle

Pinning the Presidential Unit Citation to the colors of the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team which fought through Italy, France and Germany, the president said: "You not only fought the enemy, but you fought prejudice and won."

Nowhere is the fascist political organization and exploitation of race hate more nakedly exposed than in the case of the Japanese Americans. Terrorist groups on the Pacific coast exploit race hate to gain economic profit, just as Hitler's followers in Germany organized race hate to gain political power.

Their aim has been boldly broadcast in newspaper advertisements listing the names and acreages of Japanese American farmers and warning them to sell out—cheap.

The Pacific coast story debunks false racial theories. For the split, which goes to the roots of our society and our world, is not racial. It is the division between democrats and those who hate, not Japanese Americans, but democracy, and would destroy it.

On one side are the hate groups, who have been acting like Nazi storm troopers for economic and political reasons, not because they are racial brothers to Hitler.

On the other side are the American democrats, men like Gen. Joseph Stilwell and Harold Ickes, like the twenty-eight veterans of the Pacific war who went to work to restore the cemetery desecrated by race haters in California. They are fighting the same battle for democracy and the American way of life that the Japanese American of the 442nd fought in Italy. It is the great and continuing battle of our time.—An editorial in the New York Post of July 19, 1946.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## The Coast Bilingual Press

The story of the Japanese American bilingual press in the mainland United States is one which is marked by considerable conflict, turmoil and bitter competition. Editors have been beaten, newspaper plants fired by arsonists and heads cracked in industrial and political strife.

A government intelligence officer once observed that America's residents of Japanese ancestry were probably the best informed of any single racial group in the nation on the problems confronting their own ethnic minority. Serving the 130,000 people of Japanese ancestry in the mainland United States in 1941 were nine daily papers, all on the West Coast, and more than a dozen weeklies and semi-weeklies.

All of the nine West Coast dailies were forced to suspend publication as a result of the evacuation in 1942. Since the reopening of the Pacific Coast only one of these nine prewar dailies, the Rafu Shimpo of Los Angeles, has resumed operations. However, a new paper, the Nichi-Bei Times, has been started in San Francisco and another new daily, the Progressive News and Press, will print its first edition later this month.

Three Rocky Mountain newspapers, the Colorado Times and Rocky Shimpo of Denver and the Utah Nippo of Salt Lake City, which benefited mightily as a result of the evacuation, are still flourishing, while two new Japanese language papers, the Chicago Shimpo and the Hokubei Shimpo of New York, have been started. In addition, there are two new English language publications for the Nisei, the Nisei Weekender in New York and the Chicago Nisei News.

In the pre-war period the Japanese language press was notable for its sweatshop conditions, which were shared by editorial workers and compositors alike. There were several attempts on the part of the newspaper workers to organize to improve their working and wage conditions and these were met, in at least two instances, by open resistance on the part of publishers. A strike on a San Francisco paper in 1931 resulted in violence when the management sought to bring in non-strikers to maintain operations. The strike was eventually broken—this was in the midst of the Great Depression before the Wagner Act and the New Deal—and the strikers later organized their own newspaper which continued publication until the evacuation in 1942.

An extraordinary situation, probably unique in the annals of American labor, developed on the Japanese American News of San Francisco in 1939 when several executives of the paper, but not the management itself, walked out in an effort to provoke a lockout. Most of the paper's 100 employees had not been consulted in the action which had been precipitated by an effort of the executives to wrest the control of the paper from the publisher. The rank and file workers, in an effort to protect their jobs, organized a union and continued publication of the paper, although the executives remained on strike.

A major reason for the low wage standards on these bilingual papers was the competition among the publishers which resulted in the publication of the papers seven days a week. Another reason was the complexity of bilingual publication, particularly the fact that the Japanese language, with its thousands of characters in daily use, has defied mechanization and has necessitated the use of human labor in the composition and distribution of type. Thus the Japanese American News, to cite an example, needed 100 workers while a small town American daily with the same circulation, approximately 10,000, would have required less than half that number in its editorial, printing, circulation and business departments.

The differences of opinion which resulted in the publication of competitive newspapers were largely based on community issues and on personality conflicts rather than on ideological questions. The West Coast Japanese dailies were, without exception, conservative in nature. The English sections of these papers were generally more progressive than the Japanese language side. Since the Nisei who edited the English portion of the

paper generally could not read Japanese section, interesting traditions developed. In at one instance the English section of one of the dailies supported an opposing candidate to that advocated by the Japanese editors in a local election.

For one short period in there were five Japanese American daily papers published in Los Angeles, the Rafu Shimpo, California Daily News, Japanese American News, the New Japanese American and the Hoshi. The caretaker of the California Daily News (Kai Mainichi) was one of the storm of the bilingual dailies. The paper had been projected in November 1931 at a mass meeting in downtown hall in Los Angeles. Issues which impelled the publication of the paper are obscure but involved the interests of small Japanese farmers in Southern California as opposed to larger agriculturists. There had been strikes during that period Mexican farm workers who were receiving 20 to 25 cents an hour (this was in 1931 and the rates were general throughout the state.) The smaller farmers lived from crop to crop, farming the strike in order to settle their crops, while the larger farmers, who could afford to risk the chance of losing a crop, were to refuse the demands of the workers in the hope of breaking the union.

Also interested in initiating California Daily News were former employees of another Los Angeles Japanese paper who had gone on strike and had lost their jobs. The meeting which was held to launch the paper was interrupted by hecklers from the audience and women with scuffling on the street side the hall which the Los Angeles Times, the next morning, described as a "riot."

Shortly after the paper started publication, two gunmen hired ostensibly by an opposition faction, ambushed the publisher on the street outside the plant and left him for dead. The publisher recovered and the money donated by his friends and by persons aroused by the shooting helped insure the financial future of the project. Later that year an effort was made to burn down the plant and evidences of arson, including packets of matches and rags soaked in gasoline, were turned over to the police. For years after the attempt, the locks on the doors of the plan were continually changed and the premises were guarded at night and the windows were cased with steel bands.

As with almost all other papers in the country, the Japanese American News of San Francisco on the West Coast had their "sacred cows." One of these was the powerful Tokyo Club interstate gambling combine which wielded considerable influence in the Japanese communities, particularly through their virtual monopoly of the motion picture entertainment and in various legitimate businesses which its members controlled. When some of the members of the Tokyo Club were convicted and jailed by the federal government for murder, kidnapping and other crimes, only the English section of the Japanese American News dared to publish the happy event. The Tokyo Club which had flourished in the years of graft and corruption, now came into disrepute as a result of political reform.

The west Coast Japanese dailies survived fire and famine until the evacuation in 1942. The two San Francisco dailies, the Japanese American News and the World Sun, had published continuously for more than forty years but neither outlived the evacuation. The two Seattle dailies, the North American Times and the Great Northern Daily, and the American News and the Japanese American News of Sacramento, are three other victims of the evacuation, as are the Oregan News and the Coast Times of Oregon, the Ofu Nippo of Sacramento and the Japanese Industrial News and the California Daily News of Los Angeles. Also stillled by the evacuation was the anti-militarist left-wing Doho of Los Angeles.

With the return of the evacuees to the Coast new papers are now planned to replace those lost in the evacuation. One factor which is holding up the publication (Continued on page 5)

## Vagaries

### Movies . . .

Newsreel shots of the arrival of the 442nd Combat Team in New York were rushed by plane to Hawaii and were shown in two Honolulu theaters a week later. . . San Francisco, Los Angeles and other West Coast communities were planning elaborate receptions for the men of the 442nd until they were advised that mainland Nisei in the unit were being demobilized while Hawaiian members were sailing home by way of the Panama Canal aboard the reconditioned troopship Woodbury Victory. . . The War Department's reasons for sending the Hawaiian members of the 442nd home by ship from New York were based on the inavailability of space on ships leaving West Coast ports for Hawaii in the immediate future.

### New Book . . .

Louis Adamic's forthcoming book, "Dinner at the White House," will have a chapter which should prove of great interest to Nisei readers. . . Nisei GI baseball teams are now performing in the U. S. Army league on Tokyo's Meiji grounds. Before the war several Nisei baseball stars performed in the Japan Professional Baseball League. One was George Matsuura, veteran pitcher for the L. A. Nippons, who hurled for the Nagoya Dolphins. Matsuura, incidentally, volunteered for the army from the Granada relocation center and was one of the first U. S. soldiers to arrive in Japan by plane after V-J Day. Another player for the Dolphins was Sambo Takahashi who once played for Tacoma in the Western International league. Takahashi is one of a handful of Nisei with U. S. pro baseball experience.

### Canadian Bar . . .

First Japanese Canadian to be admitted to the bar is George Tamaki, an attorney now employed by the Saskatchewan government, who was recently admitted to practice in Nova Scotia. . . The Nisei GI who beat up Harold Bickow, INS correspondent, in an argument over a jeep ride is in custody in Tokyo. . . Hawaii's No. 1 jockey is Tommy Kaneshiro, veteran of isle horse racing, who has ridden more than 150 winners since he became a professional jockey in 1928.

### Sun's Salute . . .

Corky Kawasaki, executive director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee, was saluted by Marshall Field's Chicago Sun the other day. The Sun paid tribute to Kawasaki's work in aiding evacuee resettlers in the Chicago area. . . Ted Murata, Hawaiian veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, who competed this week in the National Public Links tournament in Denver as a member of the Hawaiian team, will take a post as a golf pro in the near future. . . Joe T. Hirakawa, one-time director of the Little Tokyo Players of Los Angeles, and a Hollywood bit player, is now one of the most popular fixtures of Radio Tokyo, according to the New York Times. The Times on July 21 published a two-column feature on Hirakawa which noted that the Japan-born actor was now conducting a daily English conversation program over JOAK which has become one of the three most popular Japanese broadcasts. While in Hollywood Hirakawa played a succession of Japanese butler roles. His best stage part was in "These Few Ashes" at the Pasadena Playhouse.

### Statehood Boost . . .

Washington observers consider the 442nd's parade through Washington and the honors accorded the unit by President Truman as one of the best boosts to date for Hawaiian statehood. . . Mary Kitano of Los Angeles went back to the Manzanar relocation center last week. This time, however, Mary went of her own choice as a reporter for the Metropolitan News Service of Los Angeles to cover war surplus sales. . . There's talk in San Francisco that the Townsend Harris post of the American Legion, the former all-Japanese American post of World War I veterans, may be reactivated. . . Isolationist Senator Burton Wheeler, who lost his race for nomination last week, tried to keep evacuees from relocating in Montana back in 1942.

# RESTRICTED HOUSING, RESTRICTED DEMOCRACY

By ELMER R. SMITH

The present trend in racial restrictive covenants relative to housing is following the main tendency of such activity at the end of World War I. Prior to 1918 there was little enforced segregation in housing in the North and West. Then as now saw a period of radical economic and social adjustments to population movements and congested housing conditions. The record of the past proves, however, that restrictive covenants do not solve the housing conditions nor the tensions developing out of the congested conditions of poor housing. Instead there develops a more potent pattern of overcrowding, tension and finally race riots. The cities of America—especially cities in the Intermountain Areas—cannot afford to allow this type of situation to develop within their limits. The record of the past is clear and distinctive in its implications; restrictive housing covenants do not solve the basic housing problems nor the social and economic problems of the various groups, instead it increases these problems!

The arguments used by the supporters of restrictive covenants are unsound both in fact and in theory. Recent studies made by a number of zoning and housing experts give no facts to support the thesis that "where non-whites move in there is a definitely correlated blight and decline in property values." The basic factors involved in slum developments are social and economic, and not racial. Selfish economic interests take advantage of the demand for housing on the part of non-white groups, and sell properties that are falling in basic value to these groups. However, on paper it appears as if these values are really high. When these "transitional periods" are over, it is inevitable that the value will revert to an even further decline in accordance with the trends in the property values in the given area. The racial composition of the population is not a factor in the decline, the basic factors are ones of economic trends and the location of the area or neighborhood.

The further argument that "non-whites do not maintain accepted standards if allowed to live in a non-segregated area" does not stand present-day analysis. The Federal Housing Authority in a number of studies has shown that non-whites with steady incomes, when given an equal chance live in decent and respectable homes do not display a "natural" tendency to destroy property or let it "run down." Non-white tenants also display positive rent-paying habits when housed in structures fitted to meet their rent-paying abilities.

In the areas where there is a movement to establish restricted covenants or where such covenants already exist, some very definite things can be done—and should be done—NOW! In summary these things are:

1. Make a direct attack upon restrictive covenants through the courts, the press, the radio and public meetings. Get the real facts before the public and counteract the vicious racist propaganda of self-appointed selfish interests.
2. Work with ALL groups in the community in demanding more space and facilities for housing designed to meet the needs and rent-paying abilities of ALL segments of the population.
3. Establish through a cooperative approach definite restrictions as to the standards for various types of areas and housing units, but do this upon the basis of efficiency, material equipment, etc., and not upon the basis of race, creed or color of the occupants.
4. Slum areas should be either forced to be radically rehabilitated or the given area turned over to the functioning of business interests for business purposes.
5. Since the economic status of non-whites fluctuates very much from period to period due to economic crisis, as well as to discriminatory practices for hiring and firing, steps should be increased to have some sort of efficient Fair Employment Practice put into law as well as to enforce fair labor laws and wage contracts.

The cities of the Intermountain Areas have a chance to pioneer a new approach to the solving of the housing problem not only for non-whites but for all groups concerned. The responsibility for a positive and constructive action rests firmly upon the shoulders of various "Fair Play" groups, churches, and public spirited individuals and service clubs to put such constructive programs into action. Restricted housing of whatever type lays the foundation for the development of a restricted democracy for the total citizenry of the state and the city in which such evil exists!

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## Chicago Notebook: It's Not Only Windy, It's Hot in the City in Summer

By JOBO NAKAMURA

Chicago, Ill. There are many ways in which Chicagoans escape the terrific heat that has brought the metropolis to a virtual standstill. Many drive as far as Geneva, Wisconsin, and to the woods and lakes of Michigan's interior on weekends. Others ride crammed street cars filled with hot steaming human beings to get to the lake shore beaches only to find very little space on the sand.

But give me Grant Park. Let me lie on the cool grass and listen to the moaning of the waves as they pound the wharf. There are men and boys sitting there silently and patiently with fishing poles in their hands, and lanterns to attract perches and blue gills. There are sailors and their girls who walk along, like they do in the movies, and gaze at the distant horizon, and wonder what lies beyond the rolling white clouds.

In the evening, I spread a sheet from the Chicago Sun on the grass. The Sun fairly shrieks of the harsh reality of the world: battle of tenants and landlords has begun. . . new clues found in Degnan murder case. . . A-bomb blasts Bikini. . . 227 dead during nation's holiday period. . . infla-

tion threatens as congress fights on new OPA rules. Oblivious, I lie with my face to the sky. There are thousands of pinpoints of yellow stars in the ink-black sky. Just beyond the treetops, tall buildings stand placidly in the cooling air after a hot turbulent day. I feel the soft breeze on my face, and the air is full of the soft music of the park concert which extolls the charm of Mozart and Debussy.

On the Fourth of July, we were at the Sand Dune beach near Gary, Indiana, where a tremendous throng of people from the city flock on the beach to bake and bathe. Right in the midst of the crowd of people lying on the sand, we passed by a very heavy congregation of Nihonjin people. At least, we presumed correctly that they were Nisei when we spied without much trouble two huge signs to denote the boundaries of that group. The signs read: "The Nisei Picnic," and they glared like two sore thumbs sticking out of the sand.

I have just finished a wonderful book, wonderful not so much in literary terms as it's an introduction to fine arts and the love of

## From the Frying Pan

By BILL HOSOKAWA

### The Battle Is Not Yet Over for Nisei

Denver, Colo.

All Nisei would do well to heed the words President Truman had to say to members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Washington last week.

"You fought not only the enemy," the president told the Nisei, "but you fought prejudice—and you have won. Keep up that fight, and we will continue to win—to make this great republic stand for just what the Constitution says it stands for: the welfare of all people all the time."

## EDITORIAL DIGEST

### Salute to the 442nd HERALD TRIBUNE

The New York Herald Tribune on July 17 added its editorial tribute to those paid by newspaperers in every section of the nation to the 442nd Combat Team.

"Wars, of course, are not over when the last shot is fired," the Herald Tribune said. "In World War II intolerance and injustice to minority groups were being beaten down by the defeat of two of their great exponents, Germany and Japan. Today the battle goes on by education, cultural exchanges and, best of all, daily examples of harmonious patterns of living. On Monday President Truman struck another blow in that cultural battle when he affixed the royal-blue Presidential Unit Citation banner to the battle standard of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team."

"Campaigns in behalf of tolerance, some under the influence of the War Relocation Authority, some inspired by the 442nd and some by common sense, have done much to iron out unnecessary feelings of difference," the Herald Tribune noted. "If it had not happened this way there would not have been much point in the 442nd going overseas, or in any of the democratic theories that count men before race. We, too, salute the 442nd for its record overseas and the good work that record has accomplished here."

### NISEI U S A: Bilingual Press

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new papers is the unavailability of Japanese printing type. Most of the type from which these West Coast dailies were printed was purchased by the Allied governments and were used in the extensive propaganda war in the Pacific.

life. The book comes in one of those two-bit pocket editions that one picks up in drug stores on his way out from the soda fountain.

"Lust for Life" unfolds a story of Vincent Van Gogh, an artist who led a life of tortured sensitivities, and how he threw everything on his canvases, his life and his passions that gnawed his inner soul.

I set out expressly to see a few of Van Gogh's works at the Art Institute where I had visited only once previously in my three years in this city.

Yes, I stood there in front of Van Gogh's "Sunny Midi," my body fairly trembled with excitement; it was all I could do to restrain myself. I could imagine, without much difficulty, the hot sun that beat down on Van Gogh's neck as he painted that field scene at Arles; that hot sun that filled him with such wild passion to paint his sky in bright yellow.

Then there were paintings of Degas. . . Cezanne. . . Gauguin. . . Manet. . . Lautrec and other artists who were principals in "Lust for Life." Their paintings were gorgeous compositions of bright colors that danced before my eyes and filled me with sheer ecstasy. I went home to my cubicle still shaking with excitement.

Next day, I purchased a modest set of paints and went off to Ken Nishi's art club held every Friday night at the Olivet.

Incidentally, Ken is a Nisei artist in his own right, leaving a long trail of one-man shows, honors, and exhibitions following his formal training at Los Anglet's Chouinard.

And I wonder about Nisei who were talented in this field and had abandoned economic security to face an extremely limited field.

I know now how it must have been.

These Nisei fighting men who heard the president, and those who preceded them as well as those who will follow, have spearheaded the offensive of Japanese Americans for complete acceptance in their own country.

As soldiers they have dramatized the plight, the courage and the aspirations of all Nisei. But though the shooting is ended the battle is not over for the Nisei.

There still are instances of injustice founded on race alone. Freedom of economic opportunity regardless of race and color is still an ideal in many communities.

These Nisei soldiers can continue their service to their people and their country by leading the postwar fight against all that is un-American. They are in the best position to take a militant role in this battle.

But perhaps they can best render a service through passive roles—by setting examples as citizens who have returned to their native land ready to claim, foster and enjoy the rights they defended so well from foreign enemies.

### Rocky Serenade

The hot Colorado sun had slipped behind the mountains to the west and only the tallest peaks in the east were bathed in the long rays of early evening.

At one edge of a small forest clearing a tall lean figure was perched on a boulder. He strummed a ukelele, so foreign to these hills, and about him were a score or more black-haired youngsters with the faces of their Japanese forefathers.

As he strummed the man sang, and he was like an unmoving, modern-day Pied Piper for the children followed his every move completely oblivious to their surroundings.

Sometimes he sang the popular songs of a decade ago, and then he would swing into the folk tunes that are sung around campfires of American youth.

When the tunes were familiar the youngsters would join in with the high-pitched voices of children. The mischief would fade away then from the faces of the urchins and the faces of the little girls in pigtailed would be a study in concentration.

Around this little circle hovered a group of Nisei mothers. Some of them carried children too young to take part in the singing, and others found themselves kept busy watching that their tots would not trip and go rolling down the hillside.

And when there were familiar songs, like "Clementine" and "Working on the Railroad," these mothers too remembered their childhood and they joined in the singing.

Presently the singer went into "Springtime in the Rockies" and when he had finished there was a moment of silence.

"Springtime in the Rockies," one mother said softly. "Who would have thought five years ago we'd all be right here in the Rockies." And everyone laughed, some a little nervously, for now the spell of song had been broken.

The circle soon broke up, but Charles Kamayatsu, the man with the uke, had carried that little gathering with him far into the dreamy world of song when every individual's thoughts are his own.

Even the inveterate gin rummy players at this picnic—the Denver JACL chapter's outing—paused in their scheming when Charlie drifted into some long-familiar chorus.

After eight days of house-hunting as a member of the unhappy have-nots, we suggest the words "NO VACANCY" as the most depressing two-word combination in the American language.

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I knew many of you, liked and admired you as men and loyal soldiers and citizens of America, and disliked none that I met; after training many of you at Camp Blanding, Florida, I had no choice but to predict that you men would set a fine example and make a wonderful record for yourselves and for the Army.  
I had the pleasure of activating the first Japanese American company at Camp Blanding, Florida, and to you and to all the other Nisei boys and girls in the service may I offer a belated apology for the few ignorant Americans who were disloyal to you.  
I'm proud to have known some of you and would enjoy hearing from you.  
P. S. I'm out of the service. Went to the Philippines for a few months—got out July 7, 1946.  
Sincerely,  
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**Summer Retreat Scheduled by Church Group**

SELMA, Calif.—Camp Gaines at Lake Sequoia on the road to King canyon and General Grant national park has been chosen as the site for the first young people's retreat to be sponsored by the Japanese Christian churches of Central California on August 1, 2, 3, and 4.  
Revolving around the theme, "Teach Us to Build," a varied and interesting program for the four-day event is now in the making, according to Ethel Otomo, publicity chairman.  
Many prominent leaders are now being contacted to participate in the program, it was announced.  
Details of the retreat are being completed by the following cabinet elected recently at a meeting held in Fresno: Lloyd Wake, Reedley, chairman; Seichi Mikami, Fresno, vice-chairman; Aiko Konatsu, Dinuba, secretary; Lillian Goto, Fresno, treasurer; Haruye Nakamura, Reedley, program chairman; Bob Ohki, Livingston, registrar; and Ethel Otomo, Selma, publicity chairman.

**Sakahara Admitted To Law Practice**

SEATTLE—Toru Sakahara was one of 33 young lawyers who were admitted to the practice of law this week in a ceremony before the King County superior bench.  
Sakahara was admitted to the Utah State bar in 1945.

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**JACL Representative Speaks in Chicago**

CHICAGO—Special JACL Representative Eiji Tanabe spoke at two meetings to Chicago Issei on June 30 and July 1, telling of national legislation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry. More than 100 persons heard Tanabe's report of these matters and the part played by the JACL in the situation.

Tanabe's appearances were sponsored by the Chicago JACL Supporters' group. Some 50 new members were added to the group as a result of the meeting, it was reported.

The Supporters' group is headed by T. Mukoyama, longtime Chicago resident and businessman; R. Nakagawa, secretary; H. Mukoyama, treasurer; and F. Fukuda, auditor.

Members of the board of directors are F. Yasunori, T. Yamamoto, J. Toguri, R. Fujii, K. Joichi, K. Matsumoto, C. Kawasaki, K. Shigeta, the Rev. G. Kubose, M. Kawamura, T. Matsunaga, C. Torii, K. Nozawa and S. Maeyama.

**Minneapolis Group Condemns Bias in Minority Housing**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The Minneapolis Japanese American Service committee voted at a special meeting recently to send a letter to the city planning commission, condemning discrimination in general and restrictive covenants in particular.

In asking for a resolution to draft the letter, Gerald J. Patsey, chairman of the Japanese American Service committee, said that the letter should express their opposition to any discrimination on the basis of national origin, religion or race, and not only to discriminatory practices against Nisei or to restrictive covenants.

**Idaho Nisei Attend Sawtooth Institute**

POCATELLO, Ida.—Eight Nisei from southeastern Idaho attended the recent sessions at Sawtooth Institute at Camp Sawtooth, near Ketchum, in Idaho recently.  
They were Ted Kuwana and Emmy Yamasaki of Idaho Falls and Miye Morimoto, Clara Yamashita, Hanaye Yamamoto, Yaeko Murakami, Ayako Tsukamoto and Nacho Yamada of Pocatello.

**Candidate**

SELMA, Calif.—Yoshiye Noda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Noda, will be Selma's representative in the Central California District Buddhist queen contest to be held in Fresno on Aug. 10.

**Margaret Saito Cited in Glamour Magazine Article**

Glamour magazine for July has a picture of Margaret Saito, scientist at NYU, in its section on women who "work for world understanding." Glamour's caption on Miss Saito declares: "She's chosen science as her route to world betterment, works at New York University searching out cases and cures of the epidemic diseases that menace public health. As a member of the Japanese American Citizens League, she helps fight discrimination against all minorities."

**Monterey**

MONTEREY, Calif.—Joe Grant Masaoka, regional representative of the JACL, was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Tabata during the weekend of June 22-23. Masaoka was in Monterey as one of the special guests at the Monterey peninsula chapter appreciation banquet. . . . Ken Sato, treasurer of the JACL, recently left for Seattle, where he is expected to assume command of a sardine fishing purse seiner. He will return in approximately two months. . . . Ky Miyamoto will be on the line-up of the Carmel Pine Cone ten in the 1946 Pacific Grove softball league in the A division. A dangerous batter, Miyamoto is also expected to bolster the Carmel ten's pitching staff.

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# Seattle Alien, Resident of U. S. 39 Years, Faces Deportation

SEATTLE—The case of a Seattle resident of Japanese ancestry who allegedly entered the United States illegally 39 years ago and last month was ordered deported was taken under advisement by U. S. District Judge Paul J. McCormick of Los Angeles.

Judge McCormick is sitting in Seattle this summer. The Japanese is Yukio Chai, who deserted a ship at San Francisco in May, 1907, according to John P. Boyd, immigration law officer, and lived in Seattle and Alaska where he has been a cannery worker for 20 years.

Because of the three-year statute of limitations, Chai was not deported after he had resided here three years without being arrested. The law was changed later, making any person who entered without a visa after July 1, 1923 subject to deportation.

In 1934 on one of his many trips to Alaska from Seattle, the ship on which Chai was riding docked at Victoria, B. C. for two hours. This, according to the government, constituted a new entry and made him subject to deportation.

In 1941 Chai volunteered this information at the time of the alien registration.

After Chai's return to Seattle

from a relocation center, immigration officials ordered him deported, an order he is fighting through his attorney, George Flood.

"We contend that Chai is not an immigrant, in that he was lawfully in this country although he entered unlawfully," Flood said, "and that when the ship, on which he had a round-trip ticket, touched at Victoria, B. C., it did not constitute a new entry."

## San Jose Zebras Will Meet GIs From G-2 School

SAN JOSE, Calif.—One of the biggest Nisei baseball games in recent months will be played on July 28 in San Jose Municipal Stadium when the local Zebras meet the Presidio All-Stars, formerly the Fort Snelling All-Stars.

The Nisei GIs won 13 out of 15 games in Minnesota and Wisconsin before being transferred to Monterey. The only teams to beat the Japanese Americans were the University of Minnesota nine which finished near the top of the Big Ten and St. Thomas college which won the Minnesota State college championship.

The San Jose Zebras have a five-game winning streak, having beaten the Marin County Giants, Latin American Cardenales in two games, the Fresno All-Stars and the Madrone All-Stars.

Harry Kitamura, Hawaiian star, is expected to pitch for the GIs.

## Mid-Summer Hop

TACOMA, Wash.—The Co-ed Interracial Activity club will sponsor a "mid-summer hop" on Aug. 11 at Spanish Castle ballroom.

Music will be provided by Gordon Greene and his Spanish Castle orchestra.

## Address Sought

CHICAGO—The Midwest office of the JAFL reported this week that the Red Cross is seeking the address of Roy Matsushita, formerly of Stockton, Calif., whose last Chicago address was 815 No. Clark St.

The Red Cross has a message for Matsushita from a relative overseas.

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### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Nishikawa a girl on July 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Sakamoto of West Los Angeles, Calif., a boy on July 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Furuka a boy on June 29 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Tamura a boy on June 29 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tad Hitomi, 1038 Ninth St., Berkeley, Calif., a girl, Suzanne, on June 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuma Sasaki a girl on July 10 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsumi Suehiro a girl on July 28 in Sanger, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ozawa a boy in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kakuchi Araki a boy, Dwight Ken, on July 20 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kanji Ishida, 579 Hamilton Court, Salt Lake City, a boy on July 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taniguchi boy and girl twins on July 12 in Sacramento.

### DEATHS

Tokutaro Ohye, 72, on July 17 in Los Angeles.

Yasumi Iriye in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Fumino Honda on July 13 in San Diego.

Mrs. Hori, formerly of Salinas, on July 10 in Gilroy, Calif.

Jinichiro Nakatani on July 10 in San Francisco.

Sadame Inouye (Mrs. Sho Inouye), 56, on July 21 in Los Angeles.

### MARRIAGES

Shizue Otani to Masao Yamada of Penryn on July 14 in Sacramento.

Junko Hedani to Captain Tomoyuki Hedani on June 1 in Detroit, Mich.

Tamako Katako to Junji Kasai on July 7 in Chicago.

Hisako Tanaka to Tadashi Kamachi on June 30 in Chicago.

Mitsuko Yabumoto to Toshio Otsubo on June 30 in Stockton, Calif.

Masako Yamaguchi to Kaichi Nakayama on June 30 in Denver.

Mitsuye Kuwamoto to Mitsuo Oji on June 29 in Denver.

## Midwest Buddhists Will Hold Picnic

CHICAGO—With Bill Adachi as general chairman, the Midwest Buddhist Church will sponsor a picnic at the Caldwell Woods, Milwaukee at Devon, on Sunday, July 28.

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## Nuptials

NEW YORK — Miss May Ota, formerly of Seattle, and Walter Higa will be married at Riverside chapel on Aug. 3. The Rev. Alfred Akamatsu will officiate and a reception will follow at the Japanese Methodist church.

Miss Ota has been teaching in a nursery school after her graduation from Columbia University. Mr. Higa, formerly of Maui, Hawaii, is doing graduate work at the University of Cincinnati.

## Ogden Doctor Will Take Honolulu Post

OGDEN, Utah—Dr. S. Richard Horio has accepted an appointment as house physician at Kua-kini hospital in Honolulu, T. H. and will leave Ogden shortly for California to await passage to Hawaii.

Dr. Horio will be accompanied by Mrs. Horio and their son, David.

Dr. Horio, a graduate of the University of Utah Medical school, interned at the City Receiving hospital in Detroit and has served as a resident physician in Chicago and at the Thomas D. Dee Memorial hospital in Ogden.

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### JACL Chapter To Be Formed In Washington

WASHINGTON — Washington Nisei will meet on Aug. 9 to initiate steps to organize a Citizens League chapter. This decision was made at a general meeting on July 19 at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church parish hall.

At the meeting of the temporary committee which followed the general gathering, the following committees were named by Jack Hirose, chairman: Jun Okazaki and Tosh Hoshide, constitution; Harold Horiuchi, budget; Kenko Nogaki, chairman; Mary Ogawa, Gladys Shimasaki and Susie Tsuda, membership; John Kitasako, sponsor.

Jun Okazaki reported on the preparatory meetings of the temporary committee, while Mr. T. K. Takeshita, representing the Issei group, urged the formation of a chapter and pledged the complete support of the Issei in such an undertaking. The discussion was led by Jack Hirose. Joy Takeshita led the group in singing before the meeting, with Gladys Shimasaki assisting at the piano. Robert Cullum, former Great Lakes area WRA chief, and now head of the resettlement study project, was a visitor.

### Seven Candidates Will Vie for Bussei Queen Title

FRESNO, Calif. — Seven girls already have been entered by their respective Young Buddhist Association groups and will compete for the title of "Miss Bussei of Central California" on Aug. 10.

The girls are Jean Kato, Fowler YBA; Elaine Uyemura, ELLE; Ayako Hosaka, Reedley YBA; Michiko Ego, Fresno YBA; Kazue Yamasaki, Bowles YBA; Yoshi Noda, Selma YBA; and, Masako Kubo, North Fresno YBA.

### Monterey Wedding

MONTEREY, Calif. — Miss Yoshi Kodani and Haruo Esaki exchange marital vows on Sunday, July 21, at the Monterey Presbyterian church.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Logan. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Seizo Kodani, and was attended by Miss Chisato Ohara of Fresno. James Tabata was best man.

The groom received his honorable discharge eight months ago after nearly five years of army service. He saw overseas service in Italy, France and Germany.

### New York JACL Group Plans Picnic At Jones Beach

NEW YORK — The New York JACL chapter will hold a picnic Aug. 4 at Jones Beach.

Bill Greiner will be the chairman for the affair and is being assisted by a committee which includes Mitsuo Matsuo, Jayne Sato, Yaye Tokasaki and Betty Morita.

Chizuko Ikeda was recently elected recording secretary to succeed Toshiko Kako.

The JACL will sponsor a summer dance frolic on Saturday evening, August 17, at American Common. Tickets are 50 cents per person. The dance is being held under the chairmanship of James Yamanaka.



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## Supreme Court of California Will Rule on Refusal of State To Permit Fishing by Issei

### Agreement to Take Case to Highest State Tribunal Reached Following Conferences Between Kenny and Attorneys for Takahashi

LOS ANGELES — Cutting through judicial red tape, an agreement has been reached between the office of Attorney General Robert W. Kenny and counsel for Torao Takahashi, Japanese alien fisherman, which will insure an early California Supreme Court decision on the appeal of the Fish and Game Commission from the ruling of Superior Court Judge Henry M. Willis which recently held that the 1945 law barring "aliens ineligible to citizenship" from commercial fishing in the state was unconstitutional.

In his decision Judge Willis had directed the Fish and Game Commission to issue a license to Takahashi. However, the state agency has refused to issue the licenses to Takahashi and other Issei fishermen pending the outcome of its appeal on Judge Willis' decision.

The case affects approximately 500 Japanese aliens who were engaged in commercial fishing in California until the outbreak of war. During wartime the California legislature passed a law in 1943 specifically barring Japanese aliens. This law was amended in 1945 to embrace all "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

Decision to take the case to the State Supreme Court was reached following conferences between Attorney General Kenny and representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Federated Churches of Los Angeles, the

Council for Civic Unity and A. L. Wirin, counsel for Takahashi.

The usual procedure would be for the appeal to be decided by the appellate court before it is taken to the State Supreme Court and this would mean a delay of from one to two years. The necessity for early action was stressed on the ground that the livelihood of the Issei fishermen who have returned to California but are unable to work because of the new restrictions is the issue at stake.

Attending the conference with Mr. Wirin were Scotty Tsuchiya and Eiji Tanabe, representing the National JACL, Yasushi Sakamoto of the Fishermen's Association, A. A. Heist of the ACLU, Mel Harder of the church federation and Raymond Booth of the Council for Civic Unity.

Following a conference in San Francisco between Deputy Attorney General Ralph W. Scott and Mr. Wirin, a formal request that the appeal be taken over by the State Supreme Court was filed with Chief Justice Phil S. Gibson.

If the Supreme Court decides to take over the appeal, it is expected that the case will be presented to the Supreme Court when it reconvenes in Los Angeles in September and that the court will hand down a final decision in the fall.

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