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46 Japanese Americans Enter Election Campaign in Hawaii For Constitutional Convention

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU, T. H. — Forty-six Japanese Americans are among the 243 candidates in the territorywide elections to choose delegates to the coming constitutional convention.

The convention will assemble in Honolulu starting April 4 to draft a constitution for the future state of Hawaii.

The territorial legislature passed a law last spring providing for the calling of the convention in the hope that the action would speed congressional approval of statehood for Hawaii.

The 46 Nisei make up about 19 per cent of the total number of candidates who represent nearly every racial group in the islands.

The campaign for election will be highly competitive since only 63 delegates out of the 243 running are to be elected.

Like the other candidates, the Nisei seeking election come from all walks of life—territorial legislators, county government officials, business and professional men and labor leaders.

All the Nisei candidates are men. There is only one part-Nisei woman in the race. She is Jean Sadako King.

Many newcomers to politics joined the oldtimers in filing nomination papers before the deadline midnight January 22.

Six of the Nisei candidates are territorial legislators. Having gone before the voters previously, they are given an excellent chance of election in this new kind of politics—probably the most important political step Hawaii has yet taken in its half century history as an American territory.

The candidates, to get into the finals, must first succeed in the primary election scheduled for February 11. The general election will follow March 21.

The 63 candidates elected will meet in Honolulu starting April 4 for as long as necessary to draft a proposed constitution. The territorial legislature will review the draft constitution before it is submitted to the electorate for ratification.

Ultimately the document must go to congress for approval. The statehood bill now before congress provides for the same type of constitutional convention to be held, so by holding a constitution now, the territorial government is hastening the mechanics of becoming a state.

Neither of the two Nisei senators of the territorial legislature are convention candidates. Senate President Wilfred C. Tsukiyama debated the question of running but decided to stay out. The other senator, Toshio Ansai, also will remain on the sidelines.

The six Nisei legislators — all members of the house of representatives — who have filed are Mitsuyuki Kido, Steere G. Noda, Takao (Joe) Yamauchi, Thomas T. Sakaihara, Tom Tagawa and Noboru Miyake.

Candidates will run "at large" or from combinations of precincts from each island. Nisei candidates are listed by islands only, for the purpose of this article, as follows:

Hawaii—Tom T. Okino, Nelson B. Doi, Yasuki Arakaki, Takao (Joe) Yamauchi, Kiyoji (James) Yamamoto, Albert K. Kimura, Thomas T. Sakakihara, Toraichi Morikawa, Termo Ihara, Sakuichi Sakai, Jimmie Ushiroda, Peter Kawahara.

Maui — Tom Takawa, Kameo Ichimura, Harold T. Kido, Kazuo Kage, Robert K. Murasaki, Robert Ueoka.

Oahu—Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga, Dr. C. M. Mirikitani, Calvin K. Ueki, James J. Morinaka, Clarence T. Sawai, Richard M. Kageyama, Dr. Katsumi Kometani, Dr. Ernest I. Murai, Lawrence M. Shigeura, Clarence Y. Shimamura, Mitsuyuki Kido, Sakae Takahashi, Masao Kanemaru, Yasutaka Fukushima, Francis Moriyama, Kenneth Nakano, Hideo Okata, Taro H. Uyehara, Francis M. Okita, Ralph C. Honda, George Akita, Steere G. Noda, James K. Murakami, Hideo Higa.

Kauai—Jack H. Mizuha, H. S. Kawakami, Noboru Miyake, Toshio Serizawa.

The candidates will not be identified by political party affiliation (Republican, Democrat, etc.) on the election ballot.

Ask National Groups Protest Appointment of Bendetsen

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Some 250 national organizations this week were asked by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee to join with it in opposing Senate confirmation of Karl R. Bendetsen as Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Among those which promptly indicated they would was Americans for Democratic Action, liberal wing of the Democratic party.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, urged the member organizations of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, including veteran, civic, fraternal, religious, farm, union, agricultural, educational and other organizations, to protest Bendetsen's appointment before the Armed Services Committee.

In a letter to the organizations, he wrote in part:

... Bendetsen's past record raises a serious question as to his fitness for this significant position, especially at a period when the President has been making a determined effort to end segregation and other discrimination based on race in the National Defense Establishment.

"During the evacuation ... Mr. Bendetsen was chief of the Civil Control Administration of the Western Defense Command. On him rested the responsibility for carrying out the evacuation ...

"Time and again he far exceeded his authority in an effort to disparage the loyalty of an entire ethnic group subject to his command. In a public statement, the colonel seriously charged that the very absence of disloyalty on the part of Japanese Americans and their parents was significant, and arrived at the astounding conclusion that the very lack of disloyal acts was obviously an indication of disloyalty to come . . .

"A person of Bendetsen's prejudiced and undemocratic concepts, if placed in a position of authority in the army, could mean a serious setback to recent efforts to promote racial harmony in the armed forces ..."

Nisei Family Loses Home in Marin Fire

BELVEDERE, Calif. — A Nisei family was driven from their Marin County home on Corinth island when a $90,000 fire leveled an apartment house on Jan. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. James Yokota and their 12-year old son lost all of their belongings, except for $75 recovered from a coffee can found in the ashes.

Mike Masaoka Will Advise MGM on 442nd Picture

Saga of Famed Nisei Regiment Will Be Told in Film Proposed For 1951 Release By Studio

HOLLYWOOD—Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the Japanese American Citizens League Anti-Discrimination Committee, accepted this week an invitation to serve as technical advisor on the forthcoming MGM filming of "Go For Broke," a motion picture of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

He announced his acceptance of his post after flying here from Washington, D. C., for conferences with top studio officials.

Masaoka said that it has been JACL's hope for the past several years that a major studio would film the history of the 442nd.

"Just as the history of the Nisei in combat has done more than any other thing to win the good will and friendship of our fellow Americans, so a movie based upon the gallant exploits of this combat team will go far to erase the last remaining discrimination and prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country," Masaoka declared.

"For this reason, JACL is pleased to offer its cooperation in the filming of this outstanding motion picture."

In making this decision, Masaoka emphasized that he would not permit his new duty to interfere with the Walter Resolution and other JACL ADC projects in Washington.

"Although the showing of such a picture before millions throughout the nation and the world will probably have a greater public relations effect for good than any other conceivable project," Masaoka emphasized that his major efforts and time will be concentrated on the Washington program.

MGM officials declared that Masaoka was selected to serve as technical advisor after the Army and others had been consulted and suggested him as probably the most qualified person in the country for this position. Masaoka was the first mainland Nisei to volunteer for the 442nd after its activation in January, 1943 and served during training and combat as its public relations officer.

Dore Schary who produced "Crossfire," "Battleground" and other top hits of the past few years is taking personal charge of the production and Robert Pirosh, who wrote "Battleground," and himself is a combat veteran of the European theater, will write and direct "Go For Broke," the name tentatively slated for the picture.

The film title was the 442nd Regimental Combat Team motto, meaning "to shoot the works," which represented the spirit of the Nisei volunteers in their efforts to gain recognition for themselves and all persons of Japanese ancestry as exemplary Americans.

Although the leading stars have not yet been selected, MGM officials announced that they hoped to use as many veterans of the 442nd as possible, "perhaps several hundred."

Production of the film is expected to begin in the fall, with the estimated budget running well over a million dollars.

"Go For Broke" is expected to be a leading candidate for the 1951 Academy Award. It will tell the story of the activation, training and combat experiences of the Nisei organization, with the climax being the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion in the mountains of Northeastern France in October, 1944.

Appoint Nisei Deputy Sheriff In Placer County

PENRYN, Calif. — Hike M. Yego, former president of the Placer County JACL, recently was appointed a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Kenison of Placer county.

It is believed that Yego is the first Nisei to serve as a deputy sheriff in California. He is the owner and poerator of the Penryn Pastime.

S. F. Officials Reject Anti-Bias Law for County

SAN FRANCISCO—FEPC was rejected by the San Francisco board of supervisors Monday by a vote of 7 to 4.

Pickets paraded outside the city hall during the vote, which came during one of the noisiest and most crowded board sessions in history.

Sup. Mead Lewis blocked final action by asking for reconsideration of the vote. The supervisors will vote on Lewis' motion next Monday.

On that same day the supervisors are expected to vote on alternate proposals offered by a committee of the board. They call for voluntary action by San Francisco employers to abolish discrimination in job opportunities and creation of a state FEPC by the state legislature.

The FEPC ordinance which the supervisors turned down this week was offered by Mayor Robinson's Committee on Human Relations. It called for the creation of a fair employment practices commission to enforce discrimination by the exercise of police power.

Supervisors' Vote Seen as Temporary Setback to FEPC

SAN FRANCISCO—This week's anti-FEPC vote by the San Francisco board of supervisors is only a temporary setback for fair employment legislation, according to Harry L. Kingman, wartime director of the federal FEPC for five western states.

Employment discrimination has mounted so noticeably since the federal FEPC was terminated in 1945 that a rapidly increasing number of states and municipalities are establishing local fair employment commissions, Kingman said.

He prophecised that San Francisco would not remain content to "drag its feet" in attempting to "solve an evil which weakens our nation at home and abroad."

Kingman said that San Francisco's "relatively enlightened attitude" toward minority groups makes that city a leader in establishing equal citizenship rights for all.

THREE NISEI DROWN IN MAUI SHORE TRAGEDY

WAILUKU, Maui, T.H. — Three prominent Maui Nisei were drowned in a fishing tragedy near here on Jan. 16.

The three men were Gilbert Hotta, Wailuku merchant, Harold Fujimoto, Waiehu florist, and Dr. Hideo Tamura, Wailuku dentist.

The men were fishing from rocks at an isolated point on the shore when a huge swell swept over them, carrying them into the pounding surf.

Dr. Tamura recently attended the national convention of the American Dental association in San Francisco.

Deadline Nears for Filing Claims on Contraband Losses

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Filing deadline for persons of Japanese ancestry seeking compensation for loss or damage to contraband property deposited during the war with the Justice Department or local police agencies is March 15, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reminded claimants this week.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said claims "must be in the hands of the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. by March 15 or they will not be allowed."

Claims are payable under Public Law 17, 81st Congress, introduced by Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), at the request of the JACL ADC.

The claims may be made only for loss or damage to such items as radios, cameras, binoculars and weapons owned by persons of Japanese ancestry and ordered placed in the custody of the government at the outbreak of the war on the orders of the Attorney General.

Claimants must request appropriate forms themselves from the Justice Department. They may be secured from: United States Department of Justice, attention: S. A. Andretta, Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General, Washington 25, D.C.

The Justice Department said recently it has sent out several thousand claims on request, but has received back a comparative few. Since passage of the law, the Department has paid approximately 140 claims. It gave no indication of the value of the claims involved.

The Attorney General has advised the JACL ADC that, in determining the value of claims, "the value of the property at the time of the deposit shall be used as the basis of valuation." If a claimant is entitled to more than $1000, the claim will be referred to Congress for payment.

Mr. Masaoka pointed out that Public Law 17 was passed as "a supplement to the Evacuation Claims Act. It treats an entirely different type of claim, and should not be confused with the law to compensate evacuees for personal or property damage suffered when the army ordered removal of persons of Japanese ancestry several months after the outbreak of war," he said. Deadline under the Evacuation Claims Act was January 3.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department said that a number of contraband articles still are in custody of U.S. Marshals around the nation. It urged persons of Japanese ancestry who are legal owners of such property to claim the property immediately or the department will dispose of the articles it still has on hand.

Claims Recipient Makes Donation

LOS ANGELES — The JACL was the recent recipient of a $20 contribution from Tokuji Tokimasa, who was given the first check in payment of his evacuation claims in December, reported the Southern California JACL regional office this week.

Tokimasa, who was awarded $303.36 on his original claim for $322.89, expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the JACL and its leaders in making possible the passage of legislation permitting the filing of evacuation claims.

See Little Likelihood of Early Senate Action on Proposal For Equality in Naturalization

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—There is little likelihood the Senate will undertake consideration of the Walter Resolution before the next ten days to two weeks, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said this week.

Sen. Majority Leader Scott D. Lucas (D., Ill.), outlined on Jan. 26 the business scheduled to come before the Senate during that period.

He indicated the Senate would not call the calendar, where the Walter Resolution, which would grant naturalization to some 90,000 aliens of Asiatic ancestry, now is waiting action.

While Sen. Lucas was reviewing the next orders of business in the Upper House, Sen. Taft (R., Ohio), rose to "inquire of the Senator from Illinois when he contemplates a call of the calendar."

Sen. Lucas replied: "I may say in answer that, as I understand, only a relatively small number of new bills have been reported by the committees. In view of that fact, I feel that it is not proper as yet to call the calendar. Most of the bills on the calendar at the present time will be objected to, as they have been objected to in the past, on previous calls of the calendar."

Sen. Taft: "There are some bills on the calendar to which I think there will be no objection . . . I think there are several bills on the calendar which might very easily pass."

Sen. Lucas: "I am very happy to have that reassurance from the Senator from Ohio. One of the ways by which we can expedite matters in the Senate is to have Senators present on days when the calendar is called. Then perhaps after a brief explanation, bills may be passed without making them special orders of business."

Mr. Masaoka pointed out that when the Walter Resolution came up the first time for consideration by the whole Senate late last year it met only one objection—from Sen. Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.). However, there are indications Sen. Russell may have changed his mind about the measure and now would approve it.

Until the calendar is called in the Senate, no action can be taken on the resolution. If it should fail of passage as a calendar bill a second time, Mr. Masaoka said every effort will be made to bring it up for debate and a roll call vote. He said he is convinced it would pass almost unanimously if voted upon. The measure did pass the House last year without a dissenting vote.

Meantime, Mr. Masoaka pointed out that he has talked to several Senators who are interested in having the calendar called. Among those are: Thomas, (D. Utah); Kilgore, (D,. W.Va.); Kefauver, (D., Tenn.); Langer, (R., N.D.); Graham (D., N.C.); Ferguson, (R., Mich.) and Downey, (D., Calif.).

Despite increasing pressure by some Senators for a call of the calendar, there is pressure by others to postpone action as long as possible, primarily to bottle up measures which they wish to oppose without going on record against them.

The Walter Resolution, because it is on the calendar, is thus caught in one of the numerous tugs-of-war that so frequently crop up in any legislative body.

Mr. Masaoka said he is hopeful that the next time the Senate schedules an order of business, a call of the calendar will be ordered.



Mitsuko (Mitzi) Miura, wife of Capt. George Goda, Nisei officer with the U. S. occupation army in Japan, is shown having her hair cut short according to prevailing American fashion at the Nozaki beauty salon in Los Angeles. Miss Miura, a star of Japanese films, married Capt. Goda in 1947 and came to the United States in 1948 under the GI Brides act. She is now awaiting the return of her husband from military duty and is considering tentative offers for roles in Hollywood fims.

Actress Bride of Nisei Officer Impresses Hollywood Studio

By BERYL KENT

Hollywood, Calif.

The recent personal appearance of Mitsuko (Mitzi) Muira at a famous Hollywood moving picture studio may lead to a rosy future in American films for the talented young Japanese actress.

At Twentieth Century Fox, one of the biggest studios in Hollywood, the talent scout, Ivan Kahn, was very much impressed with the personable actress.

"Mitzi" was tastefully dressed in a carefully chosen western style ensemble which combined discretion with high-style. She wore a black velvet suit with pencil slim skirt and carried a silver-fox scarf over her arm. Her red straw bonnet trimmed with black velvet streamers exactly matched her red lizard and black suede combination, ankle strap, high-heeled shoes. From chic hat to smart shoes, she reflected the good grooming which is so essential to a smart appearance.

Admiring glances followed the pert actress as she toured the widely-spread out studio under the guidance of Claude Lapham, former Japan resident and now an orchestra leader in Los Angeles. As Miss Miura inspected the studio props used in filming "The Snake Pit," she recalled that she starred in a role similar to the one which won an Oscar for Olivia de Havilland. In 1946, the versatile Oriental star, enacted the role of an old woman who became insane in "Hosei No Shori."

The challenging role was radically different from the schoolgirl parts which "Mitzi" usually played since her discovery as a film prospect when she danced in the ballet at Nichigeki. Her first part in pictures was that of an adolescent girl in "Hotaru No Hikari" for Shojiku Films. After her success in the role she was typed in teenage girl parts.

Since then she has made more than 60 pictures in Japan. Although she was actually too young at 25, for her spectacular albeit difficult part in "Hotaru No Hikari," she accepted this after almost every leading actress in Japan had refused!

During her visit to Twentieth Century Fox, she watched the shooting of "My Blue Heaven" with Betty Grable and Dan Dailey. She was amazed at the battery of cameramen, the complicated equipment and large numbers of people actually working on the picture. The heavy make-up, minute attention to detail and numerous retakes of simple scenes were eye-openers to the actress, trained in Japanese methods of film production.

She watched with wonderment the musical scoring of "Cheaper by the Dozen" as the silent film starring Myrna Loy was flashed back for the orchestral accompaniement. So highly specialized is American movie making that every phase in production is handled by experts in the respective field.

Among the big shots, Miss Miura who knows very little English, said "Ohio-gozaimus" to were, Harold Arlen, who wrote "Stormy Weather," George Jessel, Cornel Wilde, Dana Andrews and June Haver.

Miss Miura who has been in the States nearly a year is the "war bride" wife of Capt. George Goda, translator with SCAP. She left Japan before her husband in order to comply with the Army regulations regarding bringing Japanese wives to the States. She now lives in San Francisco, awaiting her husband's return.

Curiously enough, "Mitzi" misses neither the servants nor the public adoration to which she was accustomed as a leading actress in Japan. She likes using the modern American gadgets to streamline housekeeping, which she does herself and welcomes the freedom from supervising servants.

Looking back at her previous pre-war existence in Japan she claims that she now realizes that her native land was truly a paradise for men. But she hopes that the emancipated Japanese women will make full use of their newly won democratic privileges. It is up to the women themselves, says Miss Miura, to obtain the social, economic and political equality granted them in the new Japanese constitution.

Miss Miura feels that if American women could see the lot of Japanese women, they would be more appreciative of the convenient daily life here which they accept for granted. However, although it will take a long time, the Japanese actress has great faith that the Japanese woman will win her battle for equality.

When that day comes, Miss Miura, confesses, she would like to return to live in Japan but now she added with a sigh, it's so wonderful to be a woman in America.

Nisei Contribute to Success Of U.S. Occupation of Japan, Roger Baldwin Tells Chapter

By MITSU YASUDA

NEW YORK CITY—The Nisei are in large part responsible for the fact that the Japanese response to the occupation has been more gratifying than that of the Germans, according to Roger N. Baldwin, former chief of the American Civil Liberties, who spoke Jan. 18 at the New York JACL's annual installation dinner.

As the major speaker of the evening, Baldwin, now with the United Nations organization, keynoted his speech with the part the Nisei are playing in the Japanese occupation.

In the program preceding the introduction of the guest speaker, an award for "faithful and inspiring leadership" was made to Aki Hayashi, second-term president of the New York chapter, by Tets Iwasaki, chairman of the Eastern district council.

In his message, Hayashi pointed out that the original stand of most Nisei was a "lukewarm and apathethic attitude toward any appeal for help and for joint participation in any national setup organized to fight discrimination."

"Hindsight gives us some measure of wisdom," Hayashi said. "Today we are determined to work shoulder to shoulder with countless others in a common task . . . The discovery that gives us the warmest satisfaction is that an active JACL membership serves to mean an active American citizenship."

Installed in office with Hayashi were Frank Okazaki, vice pres.; Masato Doi, treas.; Chizu Ikeda, corr. sec.; Alice Yoshida, rec. sec.; Joe Oyama, financial director; Mitsu Yasuda, publicity director; Shunya Nishizaka, membership director; Gerald Kubo, historian; Toshio Hirata, social chairman; and Midori Watanabe, education chairman.

In the main address, Baldwin said the Nisei are responsible for the "unique interplay of action between the occupation officials and the (Japanese) people."

Baldwin, who has visited all the occupied areas, including Korea, Austria and Germany, said the Japanese have accepted the occupation to an extent not found in other countries.

The Japanese have an "amazing capacity to absorb democracy," he said. "They seem to have an inherent aptitude for integrating new things for the growth of their country.

"People have called it the 'imitating factor' of the Japanese," Baldwin continued. "But when I tried to form an ACLU in Tokyo, I had to go through a microscopic grilling for days, while interested persons asked me about every phase of the union in the most minute details. After that I completely rejected the idea of the 'imitating factor.'"

The complete acceptance of their responsibilities by the Japanese was cited by Mr. Baldwin as the agent which has given the people a solid basis for democracy. "You as Nisei," he said, "should be proud of the genius of the people of your ancestry. Some of you don't seem to realize the tremendous contribution you can make to American culture as the bearers of a tradition that comes from such an ordered existence . . . of such an ancient civilization."

The success of the Pacific occupation was largely attributed to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's belief in and respect for the Japanese people, the clear directives, and the continuity of a single government as compared to Germany's divided rule, according to Mr. Baldwin.

"However," he said, "if we are to really succeed in exporting democracy, if we are to convince the occupied countries that if they copy our way of life, they will have a better way of life. We must do away with the play of forces between what we do abroad and what we do at home. They are so closely inter-twined that we cannot work separately.

"Occupied countries think democracy is voting. In Korea 90 per cent of eligible voters turned out; in Japan it was 85 per cent. Germany was close to 90 or 95 per cent. In the United States, it has always been about 65 per cent.

"Occupation officials do not talk about race relations. We can tak all we want about all of us being citizens together. We can laud the profound change of the Japanese people against caste, as when Mr. G. Matsumoto, a member of the 'etta' or 'untouchable' class, was elected to the presidency of the House of Councillors, but it does not carry much weight when the people could see for instance the artificial barrier in our segregation of Negro troops.

"Civil rights cannot be right for the rest of the world and not for us. Circumstances have made the struggle of civil rights international in scope.

"When you are through with your work of the JACL, raise the sights of your group to other organizations fighting for civil rights. Expand, and put your energies into progressive movements of democracy. Work for a universal democracy of the world (two-thirds of which are not white), These movements are the hopes of the future now. Help in the creation of a tolerable free world."

Tom Hayashi, third national vice president of the JACL, was master of ceremonies for the dinner. Sachi Tasaka was dinner chairman.

Okinawa Visits Now Permitted By U. S. Army

LOS ANGELES — Sixty-day visits to relatives on Okinawa are now permitted by the Army, according to Eiji Tanabe, manager of the Miyako hotel travel agency.

It was emphasized that visits would be restricted to relatives only.

No provision has been made for the purchase of food in Okinawa, and all visitors must bring with them sufficient food for the duration of their visit. A minimum of 300 pounds of food has been stipulated by Army authorities.

Tanabe said the first APL ship to call at Okinawa will be the General Gordon leaving San Francisco Feb. 24, and arriving in Okinawa on March 12.

Appoint Nisei Special Agent for Fruit Exchange

PENRYN, Calif. — Shig Nishimoto of Penryn, local orchardist and merchant, has been appointed as a special agent by the Pacific Fruit Evchange and will work out of the company's Loomis office.

Nishimoto, an active member of the Placer County JACL, is believed to be the first Nisei in the county to be appointed as a special agent for a major shipping concern. The Pacific Fruit Exchange, one of the nation's largest fruit shipping companies, has its main offices in San Francisco and branches and sheds in all of the principal growing and shipping centers in California.

A spokesman for the Placer JACL this week commented on Nishimoto's appointment and erpressed the hope that other major fruit shipping concerns will follow Pacific and employ Nisei in a higher capacity than that of plain laborers.

Private Bill Asks Permanent Residence For Canadian Nisei

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A bill to allow a Canadian Nisei to enter the United States as a permanent resident to join her American citizen husband was introduced in the Senate on Jan. 17 by Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah.

The Canadian is Yukie Nishimura Okubo, wife of Floyd Okubo of Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Okubo met her husband on a previous visit to the United States, and they were married in Raymond, Alta., on July 30, 1949.

Mrs. Okubo, a registered nurse, is now employed in Lethbridge, near Raymond.

Sen. Thomas' bill would permit her to enter this country as a non-quota immigrant. The bill was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Federal Agency Seeks Nisei Stenographer

LOS ANGELES—The Southern California JACL regional office announced this week that it has been informed by a government agency of its desire to employ a competent Nisei stenographer with Federal civil service status.

Interested and qualified persons are asked to contact the JACL office at 258 East First street, Los Angeles, telephone MAdison 6-4471.

Japanese Diet Members Feted In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Visiting Diet members from Japan's Parliament were guests of the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce at a banquet held at the Kow Nan Low restaurant and attended by approximately 100 persons on Jan. 19.

President of the Chamber of Commerce is Mitsuhiko Shimizu, who served as toastmaster. Takeshi Yamasaki, who served as spokesman, spoke on the purpose of his delegation in visiting America to become more closely acquainted with the democratic processes of government.

Tatsuro Sakurauchi and Takizo Matsumoto also spoke for the delegation.

Eiji Tanabe, former regional director of the Southern California JACL, and John Aiso, attorney and former commanding officer of the Fort Snelling Intelligence language school, spoke on behalf of the Japanese community of Los Angeles and the Nisei in particular. Members of the delegation were told of the achievements and legislative objectives of the JACL.

Takahashi Named President of French Camp JACL

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — Bob Takahashi, who was recently named chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council of the JACL, was reelected president of the French Camp chapter at its election meeting.

Assisting the president will be Harry Itaya, 1st vice pres.; Yoshiye Taniguchi, 2nd vice pres.; Helen Tomita, rec. sec.; Taye Iwata, corr. sec.; Bob Ota, treas.; Hiroshi Shinmoto, official delegate; George Ono and Yoshiko Takahashi, alternates; Mitsume Taniguchi, historian; Satsuki Iwata, correspondent.

Committee chairmen will be Aki Hirota, athletics; Harry Itaya, 1000 Club; George Komure, membership; John Fujiki, Issei relations and ADC; Kazuko Nojiri, public relations; George Ogino, Nisei vets; Yoshiko Yonemoto, program and activities; Tamako Yagi, publications; Dr. James Tanaka, legislative matters; Mrs. Kathryn Komure, women's auxiliary; and Yo Tanaka, house committee.

Research Work Undertaken In JACL History Project

Research into thirty-year old files began this week as Prof. Elmer R. Smith of the University of Utah and Seiko Kasai, anthropology graduate, began work upon the history of the JACL.

Prof. Smith is on leave from the university to work on the JACL project, which will depict the history of this organization since its earliest beginnings more than 30 years ago. The two researchers are presently going through voluminous files gathered at JACL national headquarters in Salt Lake City as the first step in preparation for the JACL history, which will be published as a book.



ELMER R. SMITH
Launches JACL Project

Prof. Smith said that the study will provide much information never before printed about the Nisei and their activities. It will also show the various forces which led to the formation of the JACL into a national organization, the important role played by Nisei leaders and the shortcomings as well as the successes of the JACL.

While the book will deal solely with the JACL, it will also serve as a study for persons working in all minority group relations, Prof. Smith said.

Research will include interviews with Nisei who have been connected with the development of the JACL, including Clarence Arai and James Sakamoto of Seattle, George Ishihara of Boise, Dr. Thomas Yatabe of Chicago, Saburo Kido of Los Angeles and Susumu Togasaki of San Francisco.

Work on the JACL history was heralded by Pres. Hito Okada of JACL, who said that it was particularly significant that the organization's history should be written during 1950, the twentieth year of the JACL.

The JACL, as organized today, was formed in 1930. The present project, however, will go into the story of earlier groups, formed in the 1920s, which led to the present JACL. The earliest of these was the Fresno American Loyalty League.

Meanwhile, Pres. Okada named a National JACL editorial board to advise on the publication of the JACL story as well as other proposed JACL publications. Robert Cullum of Washington, D.C. will serve as chairman.

Other members are Yasuo Abiko of San Francisco; William Hosokawa, Denver; Mrs. Teiko Ishida, San Francisco; Saburo Kido, Los Angeles; Elmer Smith and Larry Tajiri, Salt Lake City; and Togo Tanaka and Dr. Thomas Yatabe of Chicago.

Publisher Speaks At Orange County Installation Dinner

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — J. Frank Knebel, former public relations officer with the 5th Army in Italy, to which the 442nd was attached, and who is now the publisher of the Garden Grove News, was the main speaker at the installation of the Orange County JACL chapter's 1950 cabinet. More than 100 JACL members and prominent citizens of Garden Grove, Santa Ana and neighboring communities attended the installation banquet which was held on Jan. 21 at the Imperial restaurant in Garden Grove.

Elden Kanegae, 1950 president of the Orange County JACL will be assisted by the following cabinet: Mits Nitta, first vice pres.; Ken Uyesugi, 2nd vice pres.; George Wada, 3rd vice pres.; Martha Kaida, secretary; George Osumi, treasurer; Tad Ochiai, auditor; Mamoru Sadakane, Min Nitta, Kaz Saito and George Kanno, members at large.

The installation was conducted by Tats Kushida, regional director of the Southern California JACL office, who spoke on "What Makes JACL Click." Toastmaster Stephen "Cap" Tamura introduced the many honored guests, including a number of public officials. Vocal soloists were Karie Shindo and John La Monica.

Among the guests of honor were the Hon. Kenneth E. Morrison, Judge of the Superior court; Sheriff and Mrs. A. Musick; Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Knebel; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams, president of the First National bank in Santa Ana; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kidder; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hayden; H. W. Johnson and Miss Hariet Wooderts, president and secretary, respectively, of the NAACP in Santa Ana; Rabbi and Mrs. M. T. Galpert; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hoiles, editor of the Santa Ana Register; M. Esqueda and T. Luna representing LULAC (Latin American group), Miss Edna Ingham and Miss Vance Plumb.

Los Angeles Opens ADC Fund Campaign

LOS ANGELES — Armed with receipt books and brochures, committee chairmen and members of local ADC areas began their 1950 ADC fund drive in Los Angeles, following a meeting held at the conference room of the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 23.

Campaign plans were discussed by the Los Angeles ADC chairman, Katsuma Mukaeda, with Issei and Nisei leaders including Mitsuhiko Shimizu, president of the chamber, Masami Sasaki, Meijiro Sato, Matsunosuke Oi, N. Otera, Matao Uwate, Dr. Tom Watanabe, Enji Tanabe, Lynn Takagaki, George Akasaka, Tut Yata, Elmer Uchida, Tosh Nitta and Tats Kushida.

Sacramento Chapter Conducts Inquiry Into Police Force's Refusal of Nisei Applicant

SAN FRANCISCO—A Nisei applicant who successfully passed all competitive tests and physical examinations for a position on the Sacramento police force recently was told he will not be accepted because he is of Japanese ancestry, the Nichi-Bei Times reported last week in a dispatch from Sacramento.

The paper reported James Aki Watanabe, now a postoffice employe, was 15th on the police recruit eligibility lsit of 34, following competitive examinations taken by more than 200 applicants.

Shortly after the list was posted, Watanabe is reported to have been called for a private interview and told he would not be appointed.

Watanabe reportedly was informed examining officers were completely satisfied with his tests, that he had done well and that if he were not of Japanese ancestry he would be given a job on the police force.

The Sacramento JACL has been investigating the reported discriminatory action of the police board, the paper added.

Mits Nishio, president of the Sacramento JACL, met with a police official who told him the department does not feel justified in "experimenting" by placing a Nisei offcer on the force.

Nshio was told that policemen must maintain peace and the force cannot risk the possibility of a disturbance if a Nisei officer tried to make an arrest.

There are four Negroes and one officer of Mexican ancestry on the Sacramento police force. These officers are generally assigned to areas where the population is mostly of Negro or Mexican ancestry.

Nishio was informed that since Japanese Americans have a record for being a law-abiding group there should be no need for a Nisei patrolman.

Nishio is reported to be contacting JACL officials in other areas to determine sentiment in other cities regarding appointment of Nisei to the police department.

Nisei Welcome On L. A. Force, Says Official

LOS ANGELES—"I would welcome Nisei on the Los Angeles police force," Chief of Police A. W. Worton told a JACL representative, during an interview at the city hall this week.

Occasion for the visit to the L.A. police department was the request for increased police protection in the Little Tokyo area. Representing the Japanese community were Mitsuhiko Shimizu, president, and Matao Uwate, executive manager of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and Tats Kushida, JACL regional director.

Chief Worton recalled the gallantry and invaluable service of Nisei GI's who were attached to his Marine intelligence unit in the Pacific theater in the last war.

"I'd like to have some of these Nisei veterans apply for an examination to qualify as policemen," he stated.

Open competitive examinations for both policemen and policewomen were recently announced. Applications must be filed by 5 p.m., March 2. The written tests will be given on Saturday, March 18, at 8:30 a.m. at Hollywood high school.

Male applicants must be at least five feet nine inches and weigh 150 pounds while female applicants must be at least five feet four inches and weigh at least 115 pounds. Other requirements include education, experience and age.

Minority Group Member Quits San Francisco Housing Group

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco's interracial housing program was further complicated this week by the resignation of Dr. H. B. Henderson, only Negro member of the urban redevelopment agency, upon request of Mayor Elmer Robinson.

James E. Stratten, executive director of the Booker T. Washington center, was named as Dr. Henderson's successor.

Dr. Henderson, a physician, said the mayor's request was based upon other reasons than that of absenses from agency meetings, which he said the mayor cited as the reason for the request for resignation.

In a letter sent Jan. 19 to the mayor, Dr. Henderson referred to a "sharp split between myself and other members concerning the principle of nonsegregation and nondiscrimination in urban redevelopment."

Since his appointment in September, 1948, Dr. Henderson has backed a policy of nondiscrimination for the agency's contemplated Western Addition housing project.

Dr. Henderson said the majority of the members of the agency were "handpicked" by the mayor and "stubbornly opposed the application of democratic principles in the redevelopment program."

"It is my conviction that you desire my resignation because I have had the courage to speak for and abide by my principles," Dr. Henderson added.

Morgan Gunst, agency chairman, backed Mayor Robinson's contention that Dr. Henderson had not attended enough meetings.

"We've tried everything—lunch meeting, afternoon meetings, night meetings," he said, "but every time we have a meeting there's a baby coming along or an emergency."

Spokesmen for the Council for Civic Unity and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People made known their regret upon Mayor Robinson's request for Dr. Henderson's resignation.

The urban redevelopment agency was created under provisions of the state community redevelopment act and charged with responsibility for acquiring land and initiating housing projects in the Western Addition.

Last year Dr. Henderson was outvoted four to one on a policy recommendation to the board of supervisors to outlaw racial segregation and discrimination for the project. Later, however, the supervisors voted for such a policy.

The San Francisco housing authority, however, has refused to okay the city's application for the housing project with the added anti-discrimination stipulation.

Instead the authority has announced it was polling local civic organizations to determine their position on the nondiscrimination policy.

Four of the five authority members have expressed their opposition to a policy of nonsegregation in the housing project.

Edward Howden, executive director of the Council for Civic Unity, charged meanwhile that the authority's poll was "distorted and dishonest."

He charged that minority groups, religious and labor organizations and social agencies with knowledge of the problem are not being polled.

He added that the council has "specific evidence of distortion, withholding of facts and high-pressure tactics by housing authority representatives in conducting their so-called poll."

Nisei Pacifist Will Continue Refusal to Pay Military Taxes

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — It apparently will take more than a prison sentence to make Katsuki James Otsuka give up his nonviolent war on war, Allan G. Barth reported to the Springfield Sun on Jan. 20 in a dispatch from Yellow Springs.

With intensive, Ghandi-like tenacity, Barth said, the 27-year old Nisei pacifist clings to a credo which does not permit him to offer any support to the cause of war.

Otsuka, only five days out of a federal correctional institution at Ashland, Ky., was the central figure on the night of Jan. 20 in a testimonial gathering in Yellow Springs. His imprisonment had been for refusing to pay "war taxes."

Among his admirers at the testimonial meeting, comprising a segment of the "Peacemakers," a national Pacific group, were at least a half dozen conscientious objectors of World War II.

Many had offered Otsuka moral support by demonstrating outside the prison walls which held the Nisei for more than five months.

Some indicated they may add weight to the "Jim Otsuka" cause, the Sun reported, by refusing to pay the portion of their 1949 income tax they deem will be used by the federal government for "war activities."

Otsuka himself said he wanted to enter the professional field or sheep farming in order that his stand on refusing to pay war costs will be repeated next year.

Whether his supporters continue their efforts in his behalf seems of little interest to Otsuka, the Sun reported.

"I cannot be truthful with myself and support war at the same time," he said. "I do not urge anyone to participate in tax refusal if he does not possess the courage to carry on the fight."

The Rev. Ernest Bromley of Wilmington, O., cautioned Otsuka's followers "not to consider tonight's meeting as a victory celebration for Jim's release from prison is not our goal.

"We must remember that our principal attack is against war as a means of settling disputes," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Bromley led the demonstrators at Ashland.

"It is a good thing," he said, "that we did not get sidetracked in legal technicalities to the exclusion of our main tenet."

Another key personality present at the Otsuka testimonial meeting was the Rev. Ralph Templin, of the Methodist missionary in India.

The Rev. Templin also participated in the prison demonstration.

Otsuka said one reason for his release from the correctional institution was the appearance of pickets although, he added, the Department of Justice still hasn't told him why his freedom was returned.

Coincident with his release from prison was government action which released a $450 bank deposit which Otsuka maintained in a Richmond, Ind., bank.

"An officer told me I could use the money to suit my needs," Otsuka said. "As far as I know the money has not been seized by the authorities."

Previously it was reported a lien was obtained against the account for payment of delinquent taxes.

Otsuka was recommitted to the prison after serving a three-months sentence because he refused to pay a $100 fine "which also would end up in the war pot." (Because of the bank account he could not be released under a statute involving indigent prisoners.)

Otsuka's case is due to be aired at an Ohio area "Peacemakers" meeting on Feb. 5.

With a semester or two remaining for a bachelor of science degree, Otsuka may return to Earlham College in Richmond as a student.

"I do not know yet but I may go to school or I may work at sheep farming," he said.

Previously he had attended Pasadena City College and Whittier College in California where he studied philosophy and religion. A native of San Diego, Calif., he was evacuated from California with other persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942.

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EDITORIAL:

Legislation for Fair Employment

San Francisco's board of supervisors has rejected an FEP ordinance for the city.

This coming Monday it will vote on an alternate proposal suggested by the board committee on county, state and national affairs, which studied the fair employment practices ordinance.

The new proposal recommends:

1. That the supervisors pass a resolution asking for creation of a state commission to determine the extent of racial and religious discrimination in employment in California.

2. That employer organiations and trade associations adopt a voluntary program to wipe out discrimination in employment.

Now no one could challenge the rightness of these recommendations, for there is unquestionably a need to determine exactly to what degree the minority citizen of California suffers because of discrimination, and there is no doubt but that a program among employer groups to wipe out discriminatory practices would be a direct way to cut out these abuses.

There is nothing wrong with the recommendations, except that they are sidestepping maneuvers to evade the issue of FEPC.

The FEPC ordinance was offered by the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, a group representing the racial, religious and ethnic groups of San Francisco, after months of study of discrimination in San Francisco and of means to combat it. There can be no disputing the fact that discrimination exists and to a large degree in the city. Appointment of a commission to study the degree of discrimination in the whole state is obviously by a delaying tactic.

As for the second suggestion, the minority report of Supervisor Marvin E. Lewis says:

"...what is proposed here in fact is that responsibility for eliminating employment discrimination in San Francisco is to be lodged in the very organizations whose spokesmen have publicly denied that we have any substantial discrimination."

"I think everyone concerned would agree that unanimous, voluntary observances of a general ethical principle would always be more desirable than achievement of such conduct through compliance with law. But, of course, as this board of supervisors and every other law-making body knows, this is a hopelessly utopian approach to most urgent problems requiring a measure of community control.

"To be consistent, my colleagues who signed the majority report should recommend that society rescind all its laws and permit each person accused of breaking the moral code to be his own investigator, prosecutor, judge and jury."

Nisei Police Officers

Sacramento poice officials have indulged in a lot of double talk lately in an attempt to rationalize their refusal to accept a Nisei candidate for the city police force.

The Nisei, James Aki Watanabe. was 15th on the police recruit eligibility list of 34. He was one of 200 candidates. After the eligibility list was posted, Watanabe was called in for an interview and told he would not be appointed because of his Japanese ancestry.

In investigating the incident, Mits Nishio, Sacramento JACL president, met with an assistant chief of police. Nishio reported that he was told that poice officers cannot "experiment" by placing a Nisei on the force and that there would be possibility of a disturbance should a Nisei officer try to make an arrest. The payoff, however, was the statement that in any case the Japanese Americans have so good a record for being law-abiding that there is no need for a Nisei patrolman.

There are five members of minority groups already on Sacramento's police force, four of Negro and one of Mexican ancestry, so that the appointment of a person of a minority group should not be considered within the realm of experimentation, even in Sacramento. A Nisei is a member of the Los Angeles police force, a Nisei was this week named a deputy sheriff in Placer county. As for members of other minority groups, Negroes have been placed on the police force in many southern cities. Their original appointment was preceded by much the same talk dispensed by the Sacramento police officials in regard to the Nisei appointment.

To our knowledge there have been no special outbursts occasioned by the fact these members of minority groups are serving inp olice uniform. If the police cannot protect the dignity and person of men of the force, law enforcement has come to a sad state of affairs.

The time has come for police departments everywhere to appoint men on the basis of ability and fitness, rather than race.

If a man has passed the right physical, mental and moral requirements of the police force, he has a right to be considered for such work without any reference to his racial ancestry. A "little FEPC" for our law enforcement agencies might not be amiss.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

MGM's "Go for Broke"

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the world's biggest motion picture studio, this week announced it will make a film about the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The picture, which studio officials hope will be one of the MGM's biggest in 1951, will be made by the producer-writer team which made the currently successful "Battleground," Dore Schary and Robert Pirosh.

Writer Pirosh who will also direct the picture already has a "natural" for the film's title, "Go for Broke."

Main characters in the picture will be that of an officer from the 36th (Texas) division who is assigned to the Japanese American Combat Team and a Nisei hero and heroine. As the picture shapes up at present in its planning stage, it will be more than just a war story. It will also be a story of what happened to Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States and Hawaii after Pearl Harbor and it will be a story of the evacuation and of the relocation centers.

It is expected that one of MGM's leading male stars will be assigned to the role of the officer from the Texas division who joins the 442nd.

There have been rumors for some time that a major studio was interested in making a film about the Nisei. One studio, 20th Century-Fox, registered the title "I Am a Nisei" as a possible personal production of Darryl F. Zanuck who made "Pinky" and "Gentleman's Agreement" but more recently 20th-Fox withdrew its rights to the title.

The genesis of "Go for Broke" probably goes back to the RKO lot and to that period in 1947 when the return of Japanese American evacuees to the Pacific coast was still something of an issue. At that time Dore Schary, a former screen writer who became one of the most forward-looking of Hollywood's producers, was in charge of production at RKO. He had just produced "Crossfire," the first of Hollywood's cycle of films on race and religious discrimination and a picture which served to widen the scope of the screen's interest and was embarked on another project titled "Honored Glory," a story about several American GIs whose bodies are returned to Arlington for reburial from overseas cemeteries. Among the bodies were to be those of a Nisei and a Negro and a writer was assigned to develop a story about the Nisei GI with the cooperation of the War Department.

"Honored Glory" was planned at a time when thousands of remains of American GIs were being returned for reburial. Somewhere along the way the project was changed to the story of a single platoon of men of the 101st Airborne in the Battle of Bastogne and the picture was retitled "Battleground." Meanwhile, Howard Hughes had purchased the RKO studio and immediately frowned on several Schary film productions, all pictures with some relation to the world in which we live. Schary quit RKO and accepted the offer to become vice president in charge of production at MGM. He took the script of "Battleground" to MGM and writer Robert Pirosh who had been working on the film went along to Culver City.

Although the prevalent attitude at the time was that war films were not popular, Schary put "Battleground" into production with Pirosh as associate producer. The picture cost in excess of $1,500,000 and took six months to make. All of the scenes including the large-scale outdoor scenes of the battle in the snow at Bastogne were made on the Culver City lot. "Battleground" opened on Armistice Day at the Astor in New York's Times Square and is still playing there. It is a picture about the ordinary doughfoot, cold, tired, hungry, dirty and afraid. It is a picture without flag-waving or false heroics and it has dignity and integrity.

Coincidentally with Hollywood's current cycle of race problem films which have proved that the American public wants movies with something to say ("Pinky" will gross about $4,500,000), Dore Schary was considering an interracial love story involving a Nisei girl — perhaps something of a modern-day version of the "Madame Butterfly" theme — and Writer Pirosh did research on the proposed production. In his research the writer kept coming across the 442nd story and he and Schary agreed that a story about the Nisei combat team had strong dramatic possibilities.

It may be recalled that in 1945 the story of the Nisei and the 442nd Combat Team was told in an issue of the monthly publication of the Screen Writers Guild as part of a campaign to prepare the Pacific coast for the return of the evacuees and several writers commented at the time that the story had definite potentialities as a film subject.

This week MGM assigned a production number to "Go for Broke" and a decision was made to start work on the picture. Mike Masaoka, first mainland volunteer for the Combat Team, was asked to fly in from Washington to confer with MGM officials on the picture. Mr. Masaoka arrived on Wednesday and has been out at Culver City discussing the film. The project was considered hush-hush until MGM suddenly broke the story this week.

The production has not reached the casting stage as yet and there is no hint as to the identity of the players who will portray the Nisei leads, although Sono Osato who was under contract to MGM for "The Kissing Bandit" will undoubtedly be considered for the feminine role. MGM used veterans of the famous 101st Airborne for "Battleground" and undoubtedly will use hundreds of Nisei GIs from the equally famous 442nd for roles in the picture. As for featured players there are a number of talented actors of Japanese ancestry in Hollywood, including such a performer as Teru Shimada who won high praise for "Tokyo Joe."

There are few stories which have come out of World War II which illustrate American democracy better than that of the Nisei GIs from the relocation centers of the mainland and the plantations of Hawaii who became part of a unique and famous infantry unit. The picture, "Go for Broke," like the story of the 442nd itself, will have a real-life climax in the dramatic rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in the Battle of Bruyeres.

Credit Wada for Civil Rights Victory of Young Democrats

FRESNO, Calif.—A San Francisco Nisei is credited with winning approval of Pres. Truman's civil rights program by the Young Democrats national convention last month in Chattanooga, Tenn.

He is Yori Wada, delegate to the convention from San Francisco.

The story was told by Dr. Earl Lyons of Fresno State college, also a delegate to the convention, who spoke Jan. 21 at the Fresno American Loyalty League installation dinner.

With the Young Democrats meeting being held in a southern city, opposition to the civil rights platform was strong and at one point the anti-civil rights element was in control, Dr. Lyons said.

"Wada, who two years ago didn't know a thing about politics, rallied delegates favorable to the platform and after continual all-day and all-night sessions and horse-trading for votes, finally threw the issue on the convention floor," Dr. Lyons said.

"Politicians and others consider those of us fighting for minorities as idealists and wild-eyed dreamers," the speaker said, "but members of minorities can be most effective in demanding rights for themselves."

He advised the Nisei to be more aggressive in their approach to politics.

Joe Masaoka of San Francisco, regional JACL director, conducted the installation rites. Mike Iwatsubo is the chapter's new president.

Fred Hirasuna was chairman for the evening.

Vagaries

GI Dividends . . .

Nisei veterans of World War II are expected to receive nearly $5,000,000 in GI insurance dividends this year . . . A GOP bigwig in California is handling one of the biggest evacuation loss claims submitted under Public Law 886 . . . Ralph Carr, the only governor of a western state who did not oppose the influx of west coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry in 1942, may be a gubernatorial candidate at the next Colorado election. Carr has been out of politics since his defeat by Sen. Ed Johnson in the senatorial campaign in 1944.

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Report on Bias . . .

A report on racial and religious discrimination in hotels and resorts in Colorado will be released soon by the Anti-Defamation League in Denver . . . Katie Kawamura of the Grand Junction, Colo., News-Sentinel recently turned down an airline offer for a public relations job . . . A group of New York artists is protesting the showing of the paintings of Tsuguharu Foujita in a Manhattan gallery to finance Foujita's stay in the United States. Foujita, once a leading figure on the Left Bank of Paris, enjoyed a vogue in the United States in the 1920s when his paintings, particularly of cats and nudes, were published by Vanity Fair. Foujita was last in the United States in the early 1930s when he stayed for several months while en route to Japan. During the war he was an official artist for the Japanese War Ministry. Protesting artists in New York recently issued a statement describing Foujita as an artist who lent his talents to further the ends of Japanese militarism. Among Japanese Americans signing the protest were Steve Wada, George Harada and Louis Suzuki.

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Yuriko . . .

Yuriko (Amemiya) received critical applause for her performance as Regan with the Martha Graham company in the New York premiere on Jan. 22 of "The Eye of Anguish." . . . Critic John Martin of the New York Times also commented on Isamu Noguchi's "strikingly beautiful" setting for "Errand Into the Maze." . . . Yo Tajiri Roberts is editor-in-chief of a new magazine, Carousel, the first issue of which appeared in Tokyo on Dec. 24. Carousel is the first American magazine to appear in Japan since the occupation. Mrs. Roberts formerly was on the staff of Star & Stripes in Tokyo. Publisher of Carousel is Philip Beaufoy.

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Go for Broke . . .

Early in World War II Hedda Hopper, one of filmdom's top gossip columnists, had some nasty things to say about California residents of Japanese ancestry but in her column of Jan. 25 Hedda led off with the news that MGM was making a picture on the 442nd. Here's Hedda Hopper's comment: "Robert Pirosh, who wrote 'Battleground,' is working on another picture for Dore Schary. Titled 'Go for Broke' (slang for 'shoot the works'), it's the story of the 442nd combat regimental team which was made up—except for officers—exclusively of American Japanese. The team did its fighting in Italy and 3660 of the boys won Purple Hearts. The picture will be backed to the hilt by our War Department and many of the veterans living here will work in the film. Pirosh will direct."

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Poston, Japan . . .

The Rafu Shimpo passed on this story last week:

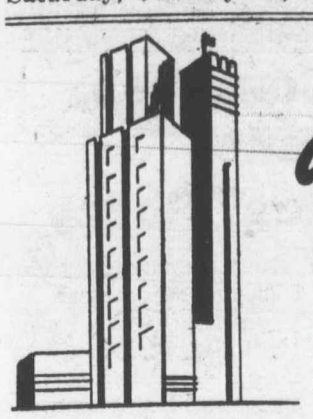
"On Art Linkletter's Pillsbury House Party radio program a Japanese American lad was interviewed. His name was Kenny Okubo of Long Beach.

"Where were you born, Kenny?" asked Linkletter.

"In Poston . . ."

"Where is that, fellow . . . ?"

"Somewhere in Japan. I haven't decided yet."



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Visitors from Japan

Almost every week a plane-load of Japanese businessmen, statesme, educators, and leaders arrive in this country to look at the lay of the land. It's part of the program sponsored by the U. S. Army and State Department to acquaint Japan with "democracy in action."

The average visitor need but take a few blinking glimpses at the skyline of Manhattan to realize that his native country was never in the same league as the United States.

More than one bewildered Japanese delegate, making his first tour of the United States, has told me that the Japanese people were grossly misled about America and the American people. They further state that if they knew of the wealth, the resources, and the size of this country and were properly enlightened as to the ability, intelligence, and resourcefulness of the average American, there would never have been a war between Japan and this country.

"Its like a child trying to fight a grown man," is the way one of the visitors aptly put it.

Each group is usually accompanied by a Nisei interpreter and by several members of the Army and State Department. A complete and comprehensive schedule is outlined for the various delegations, the main idea being to enlighten the Japanese to see for themselves how America and democracy operate.

Several Tokyo newspapermen have scornfully called these visiting firemen "Ameri-shos" and ridicule the idea that one can learn enough about America in a quickie one-capsule tour.

I think this program is a step in the right directon. The key men should know more about the country and the people who are feeding and maintaining their homeland.

The Japanese visitors, as a rule, are a very courteous, a little shy, and a rather humble lot.

Most are dressed on the shabby side, their suits are a little worn, their shoes show numerous repairs, and their wardrobe very limited. Their funds are necessarily limited and for that reason can make only few purchases.

This is quite a contrast with the pre-war Japanese emissaries. A decade ago, Japanese bigwigs trooped in and out of the swankiest hotels, dressed in the finest and latest styles, handed out sizable tips, ate and drank only the best. They had a very superior and confident air. Most of them looked down on the Nisei as being crude-mannered children of coarse, uncultured Japanese immigrants.

I remembered the late 1930s in Los Angeles when perspiring, uncomfortable Issei, in ill-fitting, formal clothes, would struggle through a reception for V.I.P.s from Japan. The Nisei were left out of the picture because our parents didn't want us to embarrass them with our inadequacies as to language and manners.

The picture has completely changed in 1950. It is the leaders from Japan who are on the uncomfortable side, with their tacky clothes, their meager pocketbook, and their almost apologetic manner. Most of them seek out the Nisei and try to learn a little about this country from the second generation. They have heard such fine reports about the 442nd that they feel that the Nisei must have something on the ball.

My personal opinion is that the coming years will see the Nisei play a major role in diplomatic and business relations between this country and Japan.

There is one strong impression that remains after talking to any visitor from Japan. This concerns the rather deplorable internal condition of present-day Japan. A large portion of the population depends entirely upon American aid for their food and clothing. The nation is far from being self-sufficient and must rely on outside assistance for their very existence.

They point out that present-day Japan has a land area about the size of California and a population of about 90,000,000.

Conditions have been aggravated due to the influx of 10,000,000 Japanese from the former territories of Japan to the homeland. Population gains accompanied by a sharp decrease in their economic output can lead only to dire consequences. Therefore, without American aid, the country cannot exist. One expert estimated that 2,000,000 Japanese would starve to death each year if American assistance were to be cut off.

Even after making allowances for so much propaganda, it is easy to realize how difficult conditions are for the masses of the people over in the old country. Employment is very limited due to their restricted industrial and commercial activity. The lack of opportunity arouses a spirit of discontent among the people and a lack of ambition on the part of the students.

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What about the atomic bomb?

I found that most of the visitors were anxious to talk about the bomb. They agree that the Hiroshima explosion had a paralyzing effect on the morale of the people. Demoralization was complete when the results of the atomic bomb were known.

One hundred thousand people were killed by the Hiroshima bomb when it exploded over the city, another 150,000 or so died in the last four years from the after-effects of the explosion.

It was a good thing, they say, that the A-bomb was not dropped on Tokyo for the losses there would have been almost unsurmountable.

At the same time the atom bomb did more to instill the idea of peace in the Japanese mind than any other one factor. After their tragic experiences of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the general populace do not wish to have anything more to do with war. World Was II has been too bitter and too costly a pill for them to swallow and retarded the progress of the nation by several generations.

A last ditch fight for the homeland, even in the streets of Tokyo and Yokohama, was anticipated in the closing months of the war. Organized groups of old people,children, the walking sick, and wards from institutions were steeling themselves to fight off the invader with their bamboo sticks, wooden clubs, stones, or anything they could get their hands on.

The atom bomb proved to the people the hoplessness of their situation and speeded up the surrender.

Most of the Japanese visitors agree that the Issei and Nisei in this country fared much better than people of American descent stranded in the Japanese-occupied territory. The relocation centers were a paradise contrasted to the meager quarters and stringent diet of the camps in Japan. The treatment of aliens in this country during the war years is one factor that is winning the admiration and respect of the visitors for this country.

What about Japan's future?

They all agree it will be a long pull ahead. War and all thoughts of aggression are out of the minds of everyone. They want to build for the era of peace. They still have faith in the people and their ability to erect a fine structure from the shambles of the present ruins. It may take another 20 years before Japan is on her feet. In the meantime, she will be depending upon American aid and assistance.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Going Out on the Road

Denver, Colo.

When a fellow is out on the road, as every traveling man will aver, a place to eat and a place to sleep are primary concerns. The most provident wire or write ahead for hotel reservations. Others make inquiries as soon as they hit town. That's what we did in Scottsbluff, Neb., one frigid day last week.

The room problem was easily solved by a motel, which happened to be A-1, and right reasonable. Eating was a somewhat more complicated matter.

"Well," said our informant, "if you want steaks there's the -----," and he named a restaurant. "I had a steak in New York not long ago, and I paid twice as much as I would have in Scottsbluff and it wasn't half as good. And if you want a quiet, homey place that serves good meat pies, there's the -----." And he named another restaurant.

"For Oriental food," he continued, "there's the King Fong run by some Chinese. They've also got the best roast beef in town. And then there's the Eagle, run by some Japanese."

Then he leaned over and said: "You know, just between us girls, the Eagle is the cleanest restaurant in Scottsbluff although their food isn't as fancy as some other places. You can go into the kitchen and it's spotless. And their portions seem to be just a bit more generous than the others."

And so we ate at the Eagle, which turned out to be operated by a couple of Issei, and found that our informant was indeed well-informed.

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In Alliance, Neb., on the fringe of the famed Sandhills cattle country, the Drake hotel dining room was pointed out as the city's best. It was in the basement, with rustic trim and brands on the walls and filet mignon for $2.

Ordinarily we would have settled for the blue-plate special for 85 cents, which is about all that we can afford, but a filet mignon is an attraction not to be ignored when one is traveling on an expense account. So we had the filet mignon, and it turned out to be a wonderfully thick piece of meat, tender, juicy and toothsome.

The cashier was a comely Nisei lass, an unexpected sight in these parts. She asked politely, although somewhat demurely, as to whether the steak had been up to expectations. And we replied gallantly and truthfully that it had indeed.

That, we must reluctantly report, is where the conversation ended. We would have much preferred to go further into the matter of steaks than keep a 7 p. m. appointment with a farmer some distance out of town.

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The farmer in this case was one Ernest Koester who in 1936 sank the area's first irrigation well on his property. Alliance up to then had been dry farming country, which meant that some years you got a crop and at other times all you harvested was dust. After Koester showed the way, others followed. Now there are some 100 irrigation wells in the country. The water they yield assures the farmer that he will have a crop.

This year the four Koester brothers operating as a partnership grew enough sugar beets to produce one million pounds of sugar. For the tenth straight year they had grown more sugar beets in the area than anybody else, which was the reason for their newsworthiness.

"You're Japanese, aren't you?" Koester asked during the interview. "Well, I got a couple of Japanese families tenanting some of my land now, and they grew just as many tons of sugar beets as the Koesters did."

And so he told of the working arrangement he has with the Hagihara and Nagaki families. Koester explained he had difficulties with his tenants, as tenants and landowners usually do, but he praised them highly for being ambitious, hard-working, fast-working people with a good command of farm know-how.

Almost everywhere one goes in the great span of states along the Rockies, one bumps into Japanese Americans. And most of the things one hears about them are praiseworthy.

Progress in Race Relations Told by California Authority

SAN FRANCISCO — The year 1949 has been one of greatest achievement for the race relations movement in California, according to a report issued recently by Richard W. Dettering, Executive Director of the California Federation for Civic Unity.

"The civic unity idea," Dettering said, "has taken hold throughout the state to stimulate the local organizational efforts which have made possible real advances in fighting racial and religious discrimination."

New full-fledged civic unity groups have appeared in ten communities during the past twelve months. Localities listed were San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento, Stockton, Tracy, Hayward, Benicia, Marysville, Oroville, and Marin County. In addition minority group organizations in Los Angeles, Watsonville, Placer County, Santa Cruz and French Camp have affiliated with the Federation.

Emphasizing the spread of the movement to the outlying areas, Dettering said that the "hometown approach" has been especially successful, as people living in small or isolated cities "like to work out their human relations problems in their own way." The civic unity group simply provides them "an autonomous framework whereby all the diverse peoples of a given locality can get to know common solution to any problems caused by prejudice."

California is the only state in the union, according to the report, where such a movement is in the active, organizing stage. "The Federation never tells the local community what to do. It simply calls their attention to certain opportunities and renders information services which enable local citizens to make brotherhood more of a reality."

Additional communities where individual contacts have been made to organize groups in 1950 include Bakersfield, Santa Rosa, Pittsburg, Modesto, Colusa, Chico and Redding.

Success was also reported in broadening the racial and cultural representation of the affiliated members. "In a number of areas, including Los Angeles, Richmond, San Diego, Stockton, Sacramento and San Jose, we have secured Latin-American participation for the first time."

Dettering cited the development in Oroville, where a group of four people first met last spring, as an interesting example. At the last meeting 115 people, well mixed racially, met to launch a full-scale community program, which includes building a recreation center in the south-side of town.

"One of the aims of the program is to break down the symbolism of the railroad track as the great divider between people, with all its implications of superior and inferior. Between communities the railroad has welded America into one unified nation, but inside our cities it has stood for class and race hostility. Many of the local groups," he said, "alternate their meetings on each side of the tracks, thus making all their members cross the tracks."

A final purpose of these local groups is to open the way for our racial minorities to become "part of the mainstream of community life." When civic projects are undertaken, Negroes, Mexican and Japanese - Americans are often needlessly left out.

As a result of the strengthened organization, notable results are beginning to be achieved in the program of civil rights, the report concluded. Exclusion in public places is being effectively broken down in San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, San Diego and Redwood City. Equal employment ordinances are receiving strong support in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. Great community pressure has been aroused for adequate inter-racial housing in Marin County, Fresno and San Francisco.

In all such efforts strong civic unity groups have proved necessary. In such groups the minorities do not take the attitude something is being handed to them, but find themselves working hard, in conjunction with other fair-minded citizens, to achieve equal rights for all.

Today the Federation numbers 34 members and 15 subscribing organizations, thus doubling the amount of support within the last year. The recent state convention at Asilomar was three times the size of any previous convention, with more than 53 organizations represented and about 200 individuals in attendance.

Dettering also praised the churches for the support they are giving the civil rights movement. "In many localities clergymen have taken the lead. They are often far ahead of their own congregations, but they have seen it as their divine duty to lead the way."

Song For the Dejected

When apples grow in the soil of Jersey
(Good apples, that is),
Flooding the land with Jersey's (and God's) show of mercy
To Jersey man and his

Jersey wife; when the township of Grasse
In the south of France casts shadows,
Fragrant with vintage jasmine, across the moonless face
Of Pulaski's meadows.

And rain falls on grass, and grass grows on the nose of noon,
And Jersey girls
(Born Jersey, bred Jersey) in their summer dresses (soon
To be shed like pearls

In the waters of the sad Hackensack) respond
With joy to laughter;
And the well-fed savage no longer howls with fond
Indifference to the slaughter

Overseas; and the shock and the blood of wheat turned air,
Battle the invading daisies
For the light of an eyeless sun; and fair
Winds kill crises—

What unfettered enemy will knock with the gift of love
upon the pulsing crest of the bowl.
Of whose heart;
What millionth foe will send his regards (personal, much-
awaited) to the stranger's shelter of the total soul
(The familiar part)?

GEORGE FURIYA
From Bandwagon, Dec., 1949

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Nishimoto Swims for Oregon Team

Joe Nishimoto, swimming in the breaststroke and freestyle events, is expected to be one of the outstanding natators in the Pacific Coast conference this year. Nishimoto swam under famous Coach Soichi Sakamoto while a freshman at the University of Hawaii two years ago... Another of Sakamoto's proteges, Shunso Kotoshirodo, recently enrolled at Vanport College in Oregon... Coach Sakamoto, who is responsible for the development of Evelyn Kawamoto and Thelma Kalama as two of America's outstanding young women swimmers, has a new star in Yoshinobu Terada, a freshman at the University of Hawaii. Terada is one of the leading medley swimmers in Hawaii and will probably be seen in mainland meets if he continues to develop. Terada defeated Robert Kumagai, who placed in the National AAU 1500-meter freestyle in 1948, in a recent medley event in Honolulu.

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Takayesu Named Most Valuable Gridder

Saburo Takayesu, the 442nd Combat Team veteran who was co-captain of the University of Hawaii Rainbows during the past football season, recently was voted the most valuable player on the 1949 team in a poll by a campus publication. The 26-year old Takayesu was a 60-minute player, calling defensive signals. Kiyoshi Matsuo, a new backfield ace, was rated the most promising player on the Hawaii squad, while Jimmy Asato, breakaway back, rated the accolade of "most inspiring."... Bob Takeshita, Nisei welterweight from Honolulu who has been out of training since he lost to Rafael Gutierrez in Los Angeles last October, is back at work in the ring and is booked for a fight soon in Honolulu... Bill Kajikawa's Arizona State Sun Devils are now in second place in the Border Conference basketball race... Bob Shibuya of Salt Lake and Honolulu who played pro football with the Honolulu Warriors got into the recent two-game series between the All-Hawaiis and Ernie Case's College All-Stars in Honolulu. Shibuya played a standout game at center for the All-Hawaiis and passed the ball back to a backfield made up of Johnny Lujack, Herman Wedemeyer, Wally Yonamine and Wally Lam Ho. Toshio Tenno and Saburo Takeyesu of the University of Hawaii were on the All-Star squad which was quarterbacked by Cal's Bob Celeri.

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Goto Now a Marked Man on the Court

George Goto, named the "outstanding player" in California jaycee basketball, is a marked man on the court these days. Goto was held to only five points last week as Placer College defeated Napa College, 61 to 52, but his superative ball handling was a major factor in the Spartan victory... Ben Ichikawa, 128 pounds, and Don Suzukawa, 136, are on the San Jose State college wrestling team this year, while James Yagi, 136, and Robert Mukai, 165, are wrestling for the University of Utah... Hideo Hikida and Tom Sakurai are two of the starting varsity for Kersey, Colo., high school... Hal Tome and Reggie Aisaka who were the stars of the Hawaii Nisei All-Stars who won the 1949 Intermountain Nisei basketball tournament sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL league are among the members of the Hawaiian team which will leave on March 1 to play eight games in Japan. Other members of the team, first Nisei cage squad to play in Japan, are Wally Tome, Mike Sugai, Tom Okamoto, Earl Hirotsu, Henry Yamashita and Seitoku Arakawa. Frances Aisaka is the coach of the team... T. Minamoto is the starting guard for Merced Calif., high school while Yasumoto at forward and Kubo at guard are starters for Sanger, Calif., high.

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Spokane Leagues Drop ABC Affiliation

According to Royal Brougham, sports editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer who helped make a national issue out of the American Bowling Congress' race discrimination against Nisei bowlers in the Boeing Aircraft league, several Spokane, Washington leagues have withdrawn from the ABC as a direct result of the group's white supremacist policy... Shig Ando of Walnut Grove, Calif., averaging 207 for an eight-game series of 1657, is in ninth place in the fourth annual Automobile Singles Classic at El Dorado Bowl in Placerville, Calif., Walter Yee of Sacramento is leading with 1721... Unless the ABC changes its race policy this year, a number of ABC-sanctioned leagues, sponsored by veterans organizations and trade unions, will withdraw from the organization... The San Jose Zebras split a two-game series in Los Angeles over the last weekend, losing to the West Los Angeles Lucky Doks, 56 to 57, and then defeating the Southern California Appliance team, 69 to 45... Four Nisei girls, Amy Toda, Kay Toda, Notch Onishi and Peggy Igo are members of the University of Utah's women's ski team this season. Amy Toda was the team's star last season and is expected to carry the Utah colors over the victory line again this year in ski competition at Logan, Utah, and Winter Park, Colo., as well as on the home slopes at Alta.

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Star Coffee Keglers Hit 2992 Scratch Series in Salt Lake

The league-leading Star Coffee team, jet-propelled by three 600 scratch series of 2992 as they defeated New Sunrise, 4 to 0, in the 17th round of the Salt Lake JACL bowling league on Jan. 23.

George Kishida was high with a 652 (202-212-238), while Mike Nakamura registered the season's high game with a 266, in addition to games of 228 and 153 for a 647. Ich Okumura fired a 606, while Tom Nakamura had a 585. Star's second game was a scratch 1031.

Two other 600 series were scored during the evening. Tak Kojima of Tuxedo Cafe had a 625 as his team defeated Okada Insurance, 3 to 1.

Harry Imamura totaled 604 as Aloha Fountain defeated Pagoda, 3 to 1.

Eleven Teams Enter Nebraska Tournament

MORRILL, Neb. — Eleven Nisei teams from Colorado, Nebraska, Montana and Wyoming will take part in a two-day cage tournament which will be held on Feb. 4 and 5 by the Western Nebraska YMA at the Lyman high school gym.

In addition to the Western Nebraska squad, teams from Denver, Crowley, Brighton, Platteville, Rocky Ford, Fort Morgan and Sedgwick, Colorado; North Platte, Neb.; Cheyenne, Wyo., and the Montana JACL team from Billings are entered.

Idaho Falls JACL Plaans Cage Tourney

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The annual Idaho Falls JACL invitational basketball tournament will be held on Feb. 23, 24 and 25 at the Ammon high school gym.

Speed Nukaya has been named as tournament chairman.

A tournament dance will be held on Feb. 25 at which time the awards will be presented.

American Bowling Congress, Beset By Legal Actions, Defends "White Males" Policy

The American Bowling Congress, faced with legal actions instituted by the states of New York and Illinois which seek to bar the organization because of its racially discriminatory membership provisions, indicated this week it will defend its "white males only" policy.

E. F. Baumgarten, secretary of the ABC which has offices in Cincinnati, defended the right of its members "to set their own membership requirements."

"The very foundation of the American way of life will be jeopardized," Baumgarten said, if the ABC is not permitted to continue its discriminatory policy.

"If that happens, no membership organization will be free to operate without fear of having outsiders force their way into the organization."

Baumgarten's statement was timed to coincide with an answer filed by the ABC in answer to the court action brought by John S. Boyle, state's attorney for Cook County, Ill., in Superior court to show by what right the ABC's membership was confined to "white males."

Boyle's action, filed Nov. 22, 1949, asked the ABC's Illinois charter be revoked or that the court levy a fine on the organization and order it to amend its by-laws to allow enrollment of persons of all races.

The ABC's answer, filed by Attorney Floyd E. Thompson, declared that the power of membership limitation was granted in the ABC's Illinois charter and denied Boyle's charge that the ABC had a monopoly on bowling competition.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein moved on Jan. 19 to bar the American Bowling Congress from sponsoring tournaments and carrying out other activities in New York state.

Goldstein said the ABC's policy restricting merbership to "white males only" is contrary to the public policy of the state.

Goldstein cited one case in which of the ABC was opened by his office as the result of "an increasingly disturbing series of incidents which have taken place in this state during the last few years from New York City to Buffalo."

Gollstein cited one case in which a bowling team composed of Negro members of an American Legion post was refused entry into a tournament.

Goldstein filed a complaint against the ABC which alleged that unless the organization was restrained from operating in the state it would continue its activities "to the imminent and irreparable injury of the people of New York."

The American Bowling Congress was given 20 days in which to answer the charges. When it makes a reply, a hearing date will be set by the court.

In Milwaukee, Frank Baker, assistant secretary of the ABC, commented on Goldstain's charges by saying "we are a membership organization and as such have a right to set our own rules for competition."

It was noted that bowlers of Negro, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian and Puerto Rican ancestry are among those who have been prohibited from ABC membership and participation because of the discriminatory clause.

It was noted in New York that the ABC has been under attack for its policy of prejudice from the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, the CIO United Auto Workers, the Japanese American Citizens League, the National Labor Service, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Veterans Committee and the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling..

Priest Hails N.Y. Action on ABC Prejudice

NEW YORK—The Rev. Father Charles Carow, a devotee of bowling who has been waging a six-year fight to free the sport of racial discrimination, conferred on Jan. 20 with Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein on the latter's move to bar the American Bowling Congress in New York state.

Father Carow said he was "very happy" that the action was taken "in so far as it may help the American Bowling Congress understand the fair-minded attitude of the people of New York state in their desire to make it possible for all men to engage in the great sport of bowling, regardless of race, color and creed."

Father Carow, chairman of the Catholic Youth Organization of Brooklyn and a member of the faculty of Cathedral College, bowls as a member of the American Bowling Congress and holds the post of executive director of the New York Bowling Association. He has criticized the "white males only" rule as "illegal, unreasonable and against moral teaching."

Father Carow participated in an interracial bowling exhibition on Jan. 21 which was held under the auspices of the Committee on Fair Play in Bowling. Among the bowlers were several representatives from the New York Nisei bowling league.

George Goto Rated One of Top Cagers in Placer's History

SACRAMENTO—George Goto, ball-handling wizard of Placer College's state championship Spartans, is rated today as one of the greatest payers to come out of the Sierra foothill country.

That's the opinion of Murray Olderman, McClatchy newspapers writer, whose feature on the Nisei star who sparked Placer to an upset victory in the recent California state junior college tournament at Modesto was published in the Sacramento Bee of Jan. 17, accompanied by a three-column drawing of the 6 foot 1 inch Japanese American player.

Goto, who played most of his high school basketball while at the Tule Lake relocation center, is 23 and a veteran of the U S. Army of occupation of Japan.

"In scientific circles, the sixth sense always has been an elusive bird, but here in the Sierra foothills rabid partisans of the Placer College Spartans claim they finally have it pinned down and all wrapped up in the person of one George Goto," Olderman writes in a story from Auburn.

Coach Harry Aronson of th Spartans described Goto to Olderman:

"I tell you he's absolutely uncanny. He's got an intuition or something—a sixth sense—it must be—that's out of this world."

"Down in Modesto, the basketball filberts will concede Goto is out of this world all right," Olderman notes. "At the state junior college tourney there he turned in a job of instinctive ball hawking and floor brilliance which still has them gasping.

"All he did was establish himself as the outstanding junior college cager in the State of California while the Spartans hustled themselves into the state championship.

"That is a tall achievement for a country boy from Penryn, nestled on the Roseville-Auburn highway, who never knew what top notch competition was until this season."

Because of the wartime evacuation of Japanese Americans from the Pacific coast, Placer basketball fans never glimpsed him as a high school star although he did play Class B ball at Placer Union high in Auburn.

"Even at that time," say Howard Woodside, Placer college athletic director but then the high school B team coach, "he had some of the best coordination I've ever seen in an athlete, and the same fine reflexes and quick reaction which make him so terrific now."

George Goto was in the Tule Lake camp from 1942 to 1946 and made the camp's all-star basketball team and also blossomed out as a fine baseball pitcher.

Goto enlisted in the army in 1946 for three years. Although nominally he was an interpreter and spent 15 months on occupation duty in Japan, to hear George tell it all he did was play basketball and baseball in army circles.

"Yep," nods George, a man of few words, "except for eight weeks of basic training."

He finished his army hitch in June, 1946 and enrolled at Placer College lats fall. He turned up at the school, unsought and unlured, but Coach Aronson had an inkling George could play some basketball. His older brothers, Jiro and James, both had played for the Spartans. Jiro had been a star on the 1939 team.

One look at George Goto and the coach had him tabbed for a varsity spot.

"He may turn out to be the best basketball player in the history of the Spartans," says Olderman. "Teammates Jim Sugrue, Billy Kolak and Dick Alvari are pretty fair ball players in their own right, but Goto has class written all over him. A crowd pleaser because of his sensational ball stealing antics and ball handling finesse, George is also a steadying influence on the quintet. At 23, he is the oldest man on the club.

"He will not set any scoring marks because he is too valuable at deft handoffs to his cohorts, but George manages to get his nine of 10 points a game flipping the sphere with either hand."

"Remarkably fast reflexes and an intuitive knack of always being in the right spot are the qualities which really set him up as a fine natural athlete."

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. George Mochizuki a boy, George S. Jr., on Jan. 22 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haruo H. Masada a girl on Jan. 8 in Fresno, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Matsuura a girl, Jane Rayko, on Jan. 4 in New York City.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Mizamari a boy on Jan. 19 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fujino a girl on Jan. 19 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Watanabe a girl on Jan. 19 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Nakano a boy on Jan. 17 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shichiro Goto, Live Oak, Calif., a boy on Jan. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Doi a boy on Jan. 21 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ishida a girl, Lynn Ann, on Jan. 10 in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Matsuoka, Parlier, Calif. a girl on Dec. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jin Ishikawa a girl on Dec. 30 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Asada a girl on Dec. 31 in Sanger, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyomi K. Kaita a girl on Dec. 31 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. George S. Takahashi a girl in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kenji Ando a boy on Jan. 6 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Abe a girl on Jan. 14 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shinichi P. Kariya, Orosi, Calif., a girl on Jan. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yomogida, Clovis, Calif., a girl on Jan. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shoichi Matsuo a girl on Jan. 9 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Ito, Manteca, Calif., a boy on Jan. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hirosh Suzuki a boy, Paul Masaru, on Jan. 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noboru Izumigawa a boy, Dennis Noboru, on Jan. 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shigeru Kozaki a girl, Karen, on Jan. 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Masaki Nakatsuka a boy, Michael Masaki, on Jan. 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hidehara Taise a girl, Sandra Kazumi, on Jan. 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murata a boy, Kenneth Allyn, on Jan. 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seiichi Akiyama a boy, William Martin, on Jan. 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiyuki Goto, Montebello, Calif., a girl, Colleen Mitsu, on Jan. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tokuji Imori a boy, David Seiji, on Jan. 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Noboru Kamada a boy, Mark Wayne, on Jan. 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Steven Hayashi a boy on Jan. 17 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Zenkuro R. Sumi a boy on Jan. 10 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Umezu a boy on Jan. 1 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leke Nakashimada a girl, Diane K., on Jan. 14 in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobu Miyamoto, Biola, Calif., a girl on Jan. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Furuta a boy on Jan. 19 in Marysville, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Koji Otani a boy in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Sanada, Parlier, Calif., a boy on Dec. 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiromi Nakamura, San Diego, Calif., a girl on Dec. 21.

DEATHS

Mrs. Eaku Shimazu on Jan. 15 in Los Angeles.

Nobuhei Kurita on Jan. 16 in Los Angeles.

Kamejiro Yamaguchi on Jan. 16 in Seattle.

Harumi Nakamura, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jainichi Nakamura, on Jan. 21 in Fresno.

MARRIAGES

Rose Suda to George Sekiya on Jan. 14 in Chicago.

Eva Sawayo Sugano to Bill Taisuke Kitayama on Jan. 22 in Los Angeles.

June Morishita to Kaz Morinaga in Ontario, Ore.

Sumi Ogura to Henry Oshiro in Ontario, Ore.

June Kitamura to Hiro Yamamoto in Ontario, Ore.

Tomiko Nancy Endo to Hisami Miyagishima on Jan. 21 in Los Angeles.

Yuriko Ota to Tomomi Kusunoki on Jan. 22 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Irene Shimada, 21, and Kazuo Tsujimoto, 27, in San Francisco.

Geraldine Makiko Sakae, 24, and Masao Tachibana, 26, both of Mountain View, Calif., in San Jose.

May Harada, Cupertino, Calif., and Tom Sato, 28, in San Francisco.

Miyeko Yoshimoto, 29, Renton, Wash., and Joe Kamikawa, 29, in Sacramento.

Haruye Lillian Sasaki, 30, and Henry Masao Iseri, 37, in Marysville, Calif.

Dayton Chapter Holds Installation Of '50 Cabinet

DAYTON, Ohio — The Dayton JACL held its annual installation dinner at the Red Gable restaurant on Jan. 14.

Dr. James Taguchi, 1950 president, and his cabinet were installed by the Rev. Reuben Coleman of the church federation.

Other officers are Lily Mihara 1st vice pres.; Bill Yukawa, 2nd vice pres.; Mrs. Kim Sakada, rec. sec.; Mrs. Lois Toyama, corr. sec.; Hide Okubo, treas.; and Mas Yamasaki, official delegate.

Carl Rotter entertained the audience with several numbers on the steel guitar after the dinner.

Dancing followed for the rest of the evening.

Bill Yukawa was in charge of general arrangements. Other committee heads were Yo Sato, locale; George Yoshida, entertainment; and Ted Tsukiji, dancing.

Among the guests were the following members of the Cincinnati JACL: Fred Morioka, president, and Mrs. Morioka; Kay Watanabe, past president; and Keiji Muraoka, Mary Okura and Stogie Toki.

Queen Contest Planned for Tourney

A queen contest will be held in conjunction with the 15th annual Intermountain Nisei invitational basketball tournament which will be sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL basketball league in March.

Final judging will be held on March 22 at the welcome social which will precede the basketball tournament.

San Benito JACL Installs Officers

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif.—New officers of the San Benito County JACL were installed in office Saturday evening, Jan. 21, at a dinner held at the Citizens League hall.

Kay Kamimoto, local rancher, heads the new cabinet.

Other officers are Sho Nakamoto, 1st vice pres.; Sam Shingai, 2nd vice pres.; Sunie Matsumoto, rec. sec.; George Yamanaka, treas.; Florence Kadani, corr. sec.; Ed Matsuura, Issei relations chm.; Tak Kadani, publicity chm.; Joe Shingai, custodian; Isaac Shingai, official delegate; George Nishita, alternate delegate; James Iwata, historian; Dick Nishimoto, Thomas Shimonishi, Tsutae Kamimoto, Tony Yamaoka and Glenn Kowaki, board of governors.

New Englanders Hold New Year's Eve Fete

BOSTON, Mass.—The New England chapter of the JACL welcomed the New Year with its annual New Year's eve party at the Boston International Institute.

A Japanese dinner prepared by the Nisei girls and Issei women of this area was enjoyed by a group of more than 75 persons.

Ex-col. Paul Rusch, former staff member of General MacArthur's command, gave a short talk on present conditions in Japan.

Jin Kinoshita was in charge of the supper. Ki Kunekawa directed the program which followed.

Next meeting of the group will be a barn dance to be held jointly with the Hawaiian Club of Boston at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology gymnasium. The date will be announced later.

Sumio Doi Named To Tree Fruit Advisory Board

NEWCASTLE, Calif. — Sumio Doi, Nisei orchardist, was named to the advisory board of the tree fruit agreement of California at a recent meeting in Sacramento.

His appointment marks the first time a Nisei has been named to this board.

The board controls the standardization of fruit shipped intra state. Markets primarily affected are those in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Size and quality regulations will be set up by the board, as well as standards for containers.

Doi is an active member of the Placer JACL and operates a large orchard in the Mt. Pleasant district. He was one of the first returnees after rescinding of evacuation orders. He is a veteran of the recent war.

San Mateo Sets Dates for 1950 Membership Drive

SAN MATEO, Calif.—The San Mateo County JACL will begin its membership drive on Jan. 23, the new cabinet decided at a meeting last Thursday.

The drive will end Feb. 15.

Bob Sugishita and Hiroshi Ito are co-chairmen for the campaign. Dick Arimoto and Harry Higaki are co-chairmen for the Redwood City area while Hiroji Hariya will direct the drive in the East Palo Auto section.

The chapter will sponsor a bowling tournament in March at a time and place to be announced later. It will be open only to members of the county league. Sugishita is handling arrangements for this event.

Ventura JACL Opens Campaign

OXNARD, Calif.—The membership drive of the Ventura County JACL will be launched at a kick-off meeting on Jan. 20 with a motion picture program for the Japanese community, announced Nao Takesugi, 1950 chairman.

Toby Otani, chapter president, reports that a general membership business meeting is scheduled for Jan. 27, which will be followed by a dance review by Miss Carroll's dance studio students.

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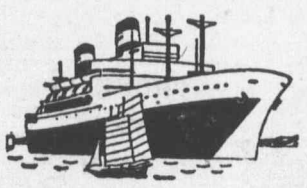
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Ontario Hosts IDC's Initial Meet of Year

ONTARIO, Ore.—Joe Saito, newly elected chairman of the JACL Intermountain district council, presided Jan. 22 over the first meeting of the year, held in Ontario with the Snake River Valley JACL as host chapter.

The council pledged to work vigorously on the current national membership campaign and to send in ADC committments promptly.

George Koyama gave a progress report on the movement to repeal the Idaho alien land law.

The group voted to waive the annual district council convention this year to avoid conflict with the national convention in Chicago. The next IDC meeting will be held a month before the national convention for final instructions for delegates from the Intermountain area. The meeting will be held in Salt Lake City.

Chairman Saito announced that Sud Morishita of Idaho Falls would act as Idaho area chairman for the 1000 Club, while Shigeki Ushio of Murray will be the Utah chairman.

Delegates were joined by members of the Snake River Valley JACL for dinner, at which time Mas Satow, national director, installed officers for the Snake River chapter.

Installed in office were George Sugai, pres.; Mun Iseri, vice pres.; Mary Mio, rec. sec.; Mrs. Boots Hironaka, corr. sec.; Tom Agura, treas.; Shig Hironaka and Mrs. Bobbie Watanabe, social chairmen; Tom Itami, official delegate; and Julius Numata, historian-reporter.

Delegates to the meeting were George Mochizuki, Ken Uchida, George Koyama, George Ishihara, Manabu Yamada, Charlie Hirai, Joe Nishioka, Eke Inouye, George Nukaya, Sud Morishita, Helen Shimizu, Fred Seo, Frank Takata, Joe Saito, Mun Iseri, Ted Nakamura, George Sugai, Tom Itami, Mary Mio, Harry Shikuma, Frank Harano, Jim Watanabe, Hit Miyasaki, and Kiyoshi Sakota.

Buddhist Service

MONTEREY,Calif.—The Young Adults' Buddhist League will hold a joint Saint Shinran service at tht local JACL hall on Jan. 28.

The Rev. F. Fujimura will be in charge. The Rev. K. Imamura of Berkeley, formerly of Hawaii, will be guest speaker.

French Camp Outlines Tentative Program

By KAY NOJIRI

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—With Pres. Bob Takahashi at the helm, the French Camp JACL has planned an interesting and active program for 1950.

A tentative agenda was drafted at the chapter's executive board meeting of the year.

On the calendar of events are the following:

January, membership drive; February, continuation of membership drive and annual installation banquet; March, campaign for registration of voters; April, free community movie, "On to Chicago" benefit, annual community picnic; May, queen contest; June, "On to Chicago" benefit; July, graduation outing and voters registration campaign; August, participation in San Joaquin county fair; October, Nisei memorial observation; and November, harvest dance.

The chapter is currently making plans for the membership drive under George Komure, chairman.

The chapter's first 1950 general meeting was scheduled for Friday evening, Jan. 27.

Planned for the evening was a showing of "Toru's People," a documentary film on present-day Japan.

Announce Passengers On Pres. Cleveland

SAN FRANCISCO — Thirty-seven persons of Japanese ancestry are scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on Jan. 30 on the Pres. Cleveland.

They are Tooru Akiyama, George Masaji Masura, Ippu Fukuda, Hiroshi Ikebata, Iwao Iwasaki, Hiromichi Kasahara, Yutaka Kojima, Aiko Mayemura, Hideo Miyashita, Keiichi Nishimura, Toru Senda, Mitsuo Yamara, Sagoro Asai, Shuichi Horikoshi, J. Heisaburo Amasaki, Kiyoji Fukimoto Rose Ishii, Hisao Jinbo.

Kiyoto Kawakami, Kenichi Masuhara, Noboru Miyasaki, Kiyono Mukai, Isamu Nitta, Shizuye Shibata, Yoshiko Yasui, Nobuo Matsumura, Willy Ando, Hiroaki Hideyosri, Suyetoshi Iwasaka, Masao Kasahara, Tokiyo Koga, Katsumi Mayemura, Shuji Miyasaki, Yoshijiro Nakamura, Kiyo Sameshima, Chizuko Takamine and Kinuye Yokota.

NAME NISEI AS MANAGER OF DRUG STORE

SAN FRANCISCO — The first Nisei manager of a chain store in San Francisco took over operations this week as Benny Matsuda was placed in charge ot the Owl Rexall drug store on Fillmore street, the Nichibei Times reported.

Matsuda operated his own pharmacy in Watsonville, Calif., prior to the evacuation and has been with the Owl Drug company since his return from Denver in 1946.

Satsuki Iwata Named To Council Post

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—Satsuki Iwata, member of the French Camp JACL, was named corresponding secretary of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council by Bob Takashi, council chairman.

Miss Iwata is a laboratory technician at the San Joaquin County General hospital.

She has been second vice president and publication chairman for the local chapter. She was recently elected correponding secretary of the 1950 French Camp JACL board.

Nisei Churches Prepare For Kagawa Visit

CHICAGO — Nisei churches in Chicago have formed the Nisei Christian Laymen's Council of Churches to prepare for the anticipated arrival here of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, noted Japanese Christian leader.

The council is composed of two laymen delegates and a minister from each of the churches.

Saburo Takeshita of the Armitage church was named chairman of the committee. Other officers are Tsugi Ieri, sec.; Ronald Kumataka, treas.; Teruo Kawata, worship chm.; Sho Shimizu, general arrangements chm.; an Chester Shibata and Chuji Sowa, publicity chm.

Snake River Names 1950 Officials

ONTARIO, Ore.—George Sugai will head the 1950 cabinet of the Snake River JACL.

Other officers are Mun Iseri, vice pres.; Tom Ogawa, treas.; Mary Mio, rec. sec.; Boots Hironaka, corr. sec.; Shig Hironaka and Bobbie Watanabe, social chm.; Tom Itami, official delegate; and Julius Numata, historian.

Earl Finch, "One Man USO," Still Aiding Nisei Veterans

HONOLULU, Jan. 23 — Earl Finch, the "One Man USO" of wartime popularity, is still hustling around drumming up business for the Nisei he befriended in his old hometown, Hattiesburg, Miss.

The one time rancher and store operator has just flown in from the mainland after a visit to the big cities to promote the 1953 convention of the 442nd Veterans club.

And on Feb. 8 he will take off for Japan to look into commercial opportunities for his Nisei veteran friends.

The amiable Mississippian now calls Honolulu his home. He says he has pulled up stakes at Hattiesburg and will operate from Hawaii henceforth.

He reports that he met between 300 and 400 Nisei ex-GIs during his recent swing around the mainland. Cities he visited included Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago.

He is doing the early groundwork for the 10th anniversary celebration of the formation of the 442nd combat team coming up in 1953. The 442nd Veterans club in Honolulu will play host to men of the outfit who come from the coast and from the neighbor islands in the territory.

Earl, who has a reputation for doing things on a big scale, envisions scores of mainland Nisei converging on Honolulu in specially chartered planes for the 1953 event. He even suggests reserving an entire deck of the luxury liner Lurline for "the boys."

One idea, if it can be worked out, would be to invite the visitors to come here during the annual Aloha Week festivities. That would give the visitors lots of entertainment on a scale impossible for one veterans' group alone.

About his coming Japan trip, Earl wants to see about business opportunities there for Nisei in Hawaii and the mainland. He hopes to renew acquaintance with his friends in uniform or in government civil service.

He expects to spend about 30 days in company with Harold Watanabe, who was a member of the wartime 522nd field artillery battalion of the 442nd regiment.

Watanabe is now in business in Honolulu.

Hyde Park Catches Plaisance in Chicago Bowling League Race

CHICAGO — Hyde Park Restaurant finally caught up with Plaisance Cleaners at the end of the 20th week of play in the Chicago Nisei bowling league on Jan. 18.

Hyde Park defeated Plaisance, 3 to 1, in the match for the league leadership as Jun Oishi fired a 668 series, with games of 244, 222 and 202. Hyde Park had games of 994, 990 and 921 for a 2905 total.

Hyde Park and Plaisance are now tied with 52 wins and 28 losses but the former team has the edge in total pins. Aiding Oishi in the pin-blasting department were J. Kato with 589, Jim Kozuma, 568, and Spud Tsuji, 544. Dyke Miyagawa with 548 and D. Mizuno and H. Yamane with 542 topped the Plaisance squad.

The Nisei Vues tightened their third place hold by walloping Coed Beauty Shop, 3 to 1, behind R. Yamanaka's 573.

Murakami & Sons took over fourth place by blanking Mark Twain despite S. Masunaka's 588 for the losers, while the Sakada Optometrists whitewashed Quality Cleaners and Petite Cleaners was taking four from O.T. Men's Wear.

Tellone Beauty Salon dropped Wah Mee Lo, 3 to 1, while Berns Store tripped Jan Jan T by a similar margin.

Dance Program Set

LOS ANGELES—Fujima Kansuma, well-known instructor of classical Japanese dances, will present four of her students before a matrons' missionary group and other leaders of the Huntington Park Christian church on Tuesday, Jan. 31.



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