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EDITORIAL:

Supreme Court rule for strandees due

Over the past decade, the Nisei press has reported intermittently on strandees who have been successful in court, which upheld their plea that their acts of expatriation (as prescribed by Congress in the Nationality Act of 1940) were involuntary, hence their American citizenship was not lost.

But one case involving a Nisei did reach the U.S. Supreme Court last November and this week, the high tribunal ordered new arguments for the next term in October. Apparently, the justices regarded the issue of citizenship as too important and wanted further time to review the question of whether a native-born citizen may lose his birthright for various acts prescribed by Congress.

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(Among attorneys, this case is popularly known as the Perez-Nishikawa case.)

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In this instance, JACL was not able to file a brief as "friend of the court," although it has in the past on matters concerning clarification of citizenship status. However, JACL is on record showing interest in this case.

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The Supreme Court, by ordering new arguments, may delve into the constitutionality of various acts of expatriation as prescribed in the 1940 law now a part of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The significance of this question is of vital concern to many Nisei stranded in Japan and who lost their American citizenship for having voted in foreign elections, served in a foreign armed forces, accepted a job only available to foreign nationals or remained abroad to avoid military service — the acts of expatriation prescribed by Congress. Wartime desertion is also included.

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We are also reminded of a previous Supreme Court decision in matters involving citizenship. "The facts and law should be construed as far as reasonably possible in favor of the citizen." — H.H.

ADMINISTRATION CIVIL RIGHTS BILL ON SENATE CALENDAR; FIGHT LOOMS

WASHINGTON.—The Senate voted 45-39 on June 20 to bypass the Judiciary Committee and placed the so-called Administration civil rights bill directly on the Senate calendar when it may be called up at any time. Two days earlier, the House passed the same bill 286-126.

The debate in the House took place over a period of more than a week, a near record, with the issue of jury trials for those accused of contempt of court for not obeying court orders to prevent or stop violations of voting and other civil rights being the major contention of the opposition, mostly from the South.

In the House debate, the Japanese American Citizens League took the position that this was a diversionary matter and that the reason the opposition desired it was because it could not be expected that many juries in the South would convict a white person for preventing a Negro from voting.

In the Senate, there was a parliamentary question as to whether the Senate rules required that all bills passed by the House and sent to the Senate has to be referred to a committee before the Senate could consider such legislation.

JACL Urges By-Pass

Prior to the showdown vote in the Senate last Thursday, the Washington JACL office sent identical telegrams to Vice President Richard M. Nixon, presiding officer of the Senate, William F. Knowland of California, Republican floor leader, and Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, leader of the "liberal" Democrat bloc, urging that the Senate Judiciary committee be bypassed and that the House passed civil rights bill be placed directly on the calendar.

Senator Knowland led the move to bypass the Judiciary committee which has a similar civil rights bill pending before it, on the grounds that referring the House approved measure to the Judiciary committee would be to "pigeonhole" it for this session, since its chairman, Democrat James Eastland of Mississippi is one of the champions of "white supremacy" in the Congress and has bottled up comparable legislation since January.

Senator Douglas, leader of 11 Democratic "liberals," supported the GOP floor leader in the unprecedented parliamentary maneuver which beat back the attack led by veteran Sen. Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.), who contended that the effort to place the bill directly on the calendar would result in legislative chaos.

Vice President Nixon, while expressing his view that the Russell

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Two active CLers die on same day; Elmer Yamamoto and Harry Itaya June 20

Death came to two active JACLers on the same day last week. Attorney Elmer Yamamoto, 54, of Los Angeles who served on the Pacific Citizens board, and Harry Itaya, 51, of French Camp both died on June 20.

Yamamoto, born in Kauai, was the first Nisei to graduate from Loyola Law School and began his practice in 1931. It was this period that he was most active with JACL organizing chapters in Southern California.

Since his return to the west coast after evacuation, he was active with Maryknoll, taking part in church, school and scouting activities. He joined the PC board in 1952 when the publication was moved here from Salt Lake City.

Elmer Yamamoto

"Although he has not been publicized for his many activities, his influence was felt in many directions," PC general manager Saburo Kido commented. "Whenever we held meetings on the Pacific Citizen, Elmer was there . . ."

"Elmer's loss to the Pacific Citizen will be long felt," editor Harry Honda added. "His enthusiasm for the life of the publication was not the flamboyant type but very much like the person that he was—studied and quiet, yet meaningful."

Yamamoto is survived by his wife Frances and five sons Steven, Gregory, Lawrence, Michael, Timothy and daughter Monica, his mother and three sisters in Hawaii.

Final rites were held for Yamamoto Wednesday at a requiem mass celebrated at Maryknoll Church.

Harry Itaya

Itaya, one of the Nisei elders of the community, was serving on the Issei relations committee as its chairman for the French Camp JACL chapter.

California-born, Itaya served as vice-chairman of the NCWNDC after helping to reorganize the French Camp chapter after World War 2. In the late '20s, he played an important role organizing the Stockton chapter.

The San Joaquin County fairground employee was also active with the Stockton Buddhist Church, French Camp Chamber of Commerce (serving as vice-president one year), served two terms as member of the French Camp School District board of trustee (1955-57), and organized agricul-

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George Togasaki returns to Japan, ends ICU tour

SAN FRANCISCO.—George Togasaki of Tokyo, traveling throughout the United States for the past six months on a fund-raising tour for International Christian University, returned to Japan last week.

The former president of the Japan Times has been chairman of the ICU board since plans were drawn up for the school shortly after the end of World War 2.

Togasaki said he was ending his part of the fund-raising campaign and returning as he was elected earlier this year as chairman of one of the five Japan Rotary club districts. His term starts July 1.

First Nisei hired as deputy district attorney

Morio Leo Fukuto, of 2912 W. 43rd Pl., was sworn in as a deputy district attorney this week by District Attorney William B. McKesson. He is the first Nisei to be appointed a county prosecutor.

The Los Angeles-born Nisei is a graduate of UCLA, and finished his law at Berkeley and admitted to the bar in 1955. He was counsel for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture here and served two years as an G-2 analyst at the San Francisco Presidio.

Parlier scholar

PARLIER. — Ted Kozuki, who graduated with many awards from Parlier High School, received $450 worth of scholarships from various organizations, including $50 from the local JACL.

PC COLUMNIST REVEALS PLANS STILL ALIVE FOR EVACUATION MOVIE

Larry Tajiri, Denver Post drama editor, this week reveals in his Pacific Citizen column (see page 3) that Hollywood is still considering filming the story of mass evacuation of Japanese Americans from the west coast in 1942.

In his interview last week with producer Sam Engel, Tajiri was told the story is one of "basic Americanism" and "it must be concerned first with human beings".

"As soon as I get back to Hollywood," Engel said, "I'm going back to take another look at the script of 'Home Again'."

(Tajiri was in Hollywood this week, his first movie junket here, and left for Denver yesterday.)

Supreme Court asks for new arguments in expatriation case

WASHINGTON. — The United States Supreme Court Monday ordered new arguments next term on the question whether a native-born citizen may lose citizenship for various acts prescribed by Congress, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was advised.

These cases include one involving a Nisei who allegdely lost citizenship by service in the Japanese army.

(The Pacific Citizen was advised the Nisei is Mitsugi Nishikawa of Los Angeles, who served in the Japanese army before and during World War II, having been drafted because of his having Japanese nationality under Japanese law.)

The next term of the high tribunal will begin next October, though it decided to sit July 8 to listen to arguments in the so-called Girard case to determine whether the U.S. Army may turn over the soldier to Japanese courts for trial on the accidental death by shooting of a Japanese woman last January, instead of adjourning for the usual summer recess.

Under the Nationality Act of 1940, native-born citizens may lose their U.S. citizenship by voting in foreign elections, serving in armed forces of a foreign country, accepting employment available only to foreign nationals, remaining abroad to avoid military service, and deserting in time of war.

JACL Interested in Case

Accordingly, many Nisei stranded in Japan and who lost U.S. citizenship for one or more of these prescribed acts are concerned with the Supreme Court decision in these cases.

JACL has participated as friend of the court in cases seeking to clarify citizenship status.

Several years ago, JACL was instrumental in securing enactment of legislation restoring citizenship through expeditious naturalization to Nisei stranded in Japan who voted during the period of American occupation. However, citizenship loss for voting before or after this period of U.S. occupation was not covered by this legislation.

(With reference to the Nishikawa case, his attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand have urged the court should overturn the decision on at least one of two grounds, the Pacific Citizen was informed.

(Nishikawa's military service was not voluntary, but was compelled by law of Japan where he was residing at the time, his counsels pointed out. They further held the law decreeing expatriation is unconstitutional.)

CONGRESS SENDS CLAIMS PAY BILL TO WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON.—Last week Congress completed action on the supplemental appropriations bill that includes $2,424,119.77 for payment of evacuation claims awards and sent the measure to the White House for the President's signature, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims announced.

The President is expected to sign the bill either this week or next, which means that 1,648 evacuees should be receiving their award checks from the Treasury Department by the end of summer.

The first checks should begin being sent out by the government within a few days after the President signs the bill into law.

The House approved appropriations totalling $1,654,158.93, for the payment of awards made from August 1956 to February 1957. The Senate approved an amendment adding $769,960.84 to the total. In conference, House and Senate conferees agreed upon the amended amount which included awards made in March and April 1957.

All awards were authorized by legislation sponsored by the JACL and COJAEC. The basic legislation was passed in 1948 and since then two major amendments have been added.

The last, approved only last year provides the Attorney General may compromise and settle all claims up to $100,000; that larger claims and those in which the compromise offer of the government is not satisfactory to the claimant may be appealed to the Court of Claims for judicial determination;

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Gakuen dissolved, set up scholarship

SACRAMENTO. — Funds derived from the sale of the old Elk Grove language school property ($5,150) will be used for two $200 annual scholarships to a graduating boy and girl from Elk Grove Union High School, it was decided by the gakuen board of trustees.

It is anticipated the awards would last for about 15 years, pointed out local attorney Henry Taketa who assisted in establishment of the trust upon dissolving the school corporation.

Selection, the first which was to have been made this month, will be made by school district officials and faculty.

Nisei voted commander of Oregon Purple Hearts

SALEM, Ore.—Sagie Nishioka, employee of the State Tax Commission, was elected state commander of the Oregon Military Order of the Purple Heart at their annual convention here June 16.

He had been serving as acting commander for the past month following the death of commander Ray Fordyce of Portland. He is the son of Mrs. Shima Nishioka, Salem.

BCA SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND PASSES $8,000

SAN FRANCISCO.—Representing 17.8 per cent of a $50,000 goal, Noboru Hanyu, treasurer of the Buddhist Churches of America, reported $8,877 has been contributed as of June 9 for their special projects fund, much of it going toward operation of the BCA ministerial training center in Japan.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

HOMEWARD BOUND — If you have civilian friends working for Uncle Sugar in Japan, it might not be a bad idea to be scouting around for a stateside job for them. They'll be coming home one of these days, probably a lot sooner than they expected.

This is the result of Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi's visit to Washington during which he persuaded the United States government to pull its infantrymen out of Nippon almost immediately. Although indications are that air force and naval personnel will remain in Japan for the time being, the handwriting is on the wall. After the military leaves, the sundry missions will be next and government jobs are bound to become progressively more scarce.

The occupation of Japan was an enormously difficult task; but it would have been a far more hazardous and complicated operation without the help of Nisei personnel. They were among the first to land after the surrender. In a hundred and one capacities, they helped to smooth the way of the well-meaning but often inept invaders. Many Nisei GIs took their discharges in Japan and went to work for the occupation as civilians. In time they were joined by other Nisei men and women, too, from the states, and by Nisei who had been caught in Japan by the war. Most of them were sincere, sober and hard-working individuals. Theirs was a yeoman service.

Now, an era is coming to an end. And things won't be quite the same again, ever.

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NISEI NEWSHAWK — The Associated Press is probably the world's leading news-gathering agency and one of its key men during Prime Minister Kishi's visit was a Nisei. His name is Shinobu Higashi. For his work, he received laudatory mention in the current AP Log, a weekly newsletter published by the agency for its member newspapers.

Noting the enormous interest Kishi's visit held for Japanese newspaper, AP told of a team of specialists who covered the event and filed as many as 7,000 words in one day for transmission to Tokyo. "Higashi," AP Log reports, "was a key man in the operation. He covers news conferences in both English and Japanese, and he can function expertly as a photographer."

Higashi is a Canadian Nisei who was caught in Manchuria during the war. Captured by the Russians, he spent a number of years in a Red prison camp somewhere in interior Asia before he was finally repatriated to Japan. About the time the war in Korea started, Higashi joined the Associated Press and has moved up rapidly with that organization. The Kishi visit gave him the opportunity to demonstrate his versatility in no small way."

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HUNGRY HOMECOMING — Our Mike came home for a visit last weekend after working two weeks as the motive force behind a long-handled shovel. He turned up with a load of dirty clothes, an appalling tan and an enormous appetite. After only two weeks he was lean, hard and muscular, and feeling like a million. If the hard physical labor continues to build him up, he'll be in great shape for football come fall.

In addition to sinew-building work, he's doing and the money he's earning, Mike is getting that priceless intangible known as experience. Laboring with the strength of his back, he's realizing as never before how important an education can be. He's learning what it's like to work under a foreman, and how necessary it is to get along with others. He's having a grand and profitable time and somehow I wish I were his age again.

PROTEST USE OF VESTED FUNDS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

WASHINGTON.—In a statement filed with a House Veterans Affairs subcommittee on Education and Training, the Japanese American Citizens League opposed legislation, which would authorize diversion of liquidated proceeds of wartime vested property of German and Japanese owners to provide educational assistance to children of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled from wartime service-connected disability.

While lauding the motives behind the bill to help educate the children of disabled veterans, the JACL insisted that the use of funds belonging to others should not be used for this purpose.

From the veterans point of view, the JACL statement noted that, while the bulk of this property belonged to German and Japanese companies operating in this country prior to World War II, a substantial portion represents insurance benefits of American soldiers killed in action but whose beneficiaries, usually their fathers, mothers, or brothers and sisters, happen to be residing in Germany and Japan.

Other properties, according to JACL "are claimed by United States citizens, including some who are honorably discharged veterans," but are held by the Office of Alien Property on the grounds that these particular properties are "enemy tainted."

Full Return Urged

The JACL raised a jurisdictional question regarding the bills, stating that under normal procedures bills relating to this subject are considered by the Senate Judiciary committee and the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee.

JACL, following mandates of the last several national conventions on the subject, urged full and complete return of this wartime sequestrated property.

The JACL statement gave the following five reasons for returning this government-held property:

1. The traditional American concept of the sanctity of private property will be reaffirmed.
2. The historic American principle that private property should not be used for public obligation will be violated, unless a return is made.
3. The 40 billions of dollars in American investments abroad will be placed in jeopardy, unless a return is made.
4. Failure to return this private property constitutes obvious discrimination against Germany and Japan, two of our foremost allies, since four former enemy countries are authorized the return of their property under certain conditions. These four ex-enemy countries are Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Hungary.
5. American foreign policy must be consistent both as to nations and as to individuals, for while extending economic aid to the nations of West Germany and post-war Japan the United States expects that of all the German and Japanese people only those who happened to have vested property in this country should bear the entire "war guilt" of their respective nations because these properties are supposed to be in lieu of reparations.

Senate Views Quoted

The JACL statement concluded with a quotation from the Report of the Senate Judiciary Committee

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Kikkoman sales group files corporation papers

SACRAMENTO. — Incorporation papers were filed with the Secretary of State here this month for Kikkoman International, a joint venture of Pacific Trading Co., of San Francisco and Noda Shoyu Co. of Japan, manufacturers of Kikkoman soy sauce, by attorney Saburo Kido.

Capitalization is to be at $100,000. Primary purpose, according to the papers, is the marketing and distribution of the "all purpose" sauce.

TOKYO TOPICS
By Tamotsu Murayama

Nisei Dentists Visit Japan

TOKYO.—Dr. and Mrs. George Hiura called on this reporter before their return to America after attending an international conference of dentists and enjoying an extended trip of Japan. They were here with Dr. James Tanaka of Stockton.

Heretofore, Nisei delegates have attended conferences of a religious nature, but this was the first time so many Nisei professional representatives came to Japan for an international convention.

While many Nisei are visiting Japan as tourists, it is good to see them take in these international meetings. If more and more Nisei professionals come to Japan for such functions, the Nisei story can be given wider attention by their presence here.

Lately, Japan has become one of the more important centers for world conferences of various kinds. By far, Japan ranks as the leader in the Orient.

We hope more Nisei professionals and businessmen will take every advantage to attend international meetings and voice their opinions. It would gain Nisei recognition throughout the world.

Furthermore, this writer would appreciate hearing before hand from any Nisei who is coming to an international or national meeting here so that proper public relations can be arranged for him while in Japan.

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FILIPINO SENTIMENT TOWARD JAPAN IMPROVES

Filipino sentiment toward the Japanese has improved considerably in comparison with previous years.

Four years ago, I visited Manila as deputy chief of the Japanese Boy Scout contingent when the Boy Scouts of the Philippines held its national jamboree. At that time, we needed police escort, although the Japanese boy scouts had been invited by the Filipino government to improve Filipino-Japanese relationship.

Since that time, a treaty of peace has been signed by the two countries and a reparations agreement has been amicably reached.

Late last month, I stood on the street corners of Manila (our third visit there) and felt hopeful.

The sunken ships in Manila Bay have been salvaged and removed by Japanese workers, who walk about freely today. There is no sign of war now to mar the exquisite landscape that surrounds the bay. And the sunsets are unforgetable.

Churches are being rebuilt from funds being raised by the Japanese. Even cement and building materials come from Japan. And there is a new Yellow Feather movement out here to promote the East Asia oGod Neighbor policy. Filipino leaders well realize the need of friendly feelings between the two nations.

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As early as the 16th century, there have been Japanese living in Manila. The first community consisted of about 300. The population increased year after year, but the Japanese assimilated with the Filipinos after Japan's doors

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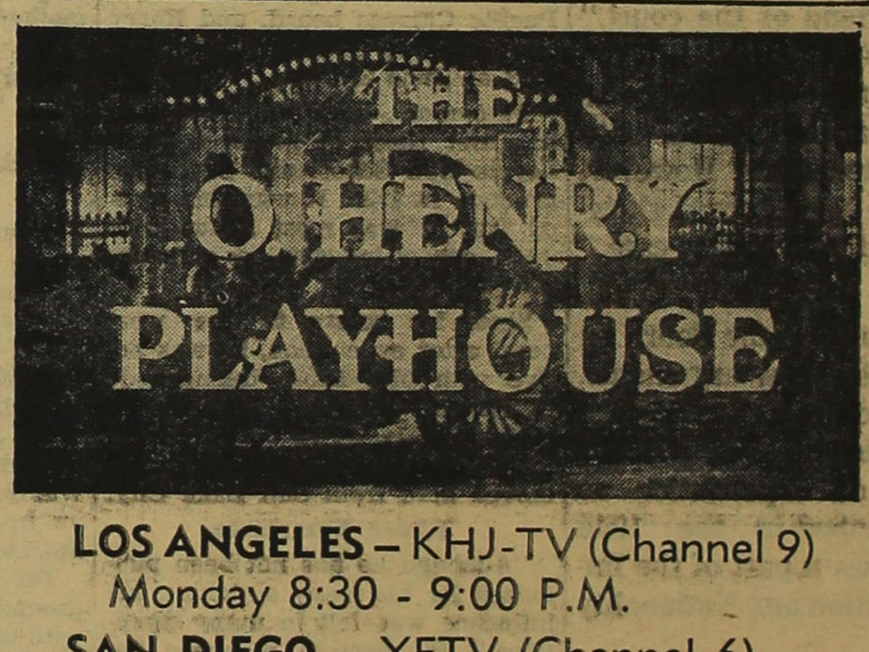

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VAGARIES
By Larry S. Tajiri

Producer Sam Engel

Denver

Producer Samuel G. Engel believes Hollywood should tell the human story of the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans from the Pacific coast in 1942.

Sam Engel, one of Hollywood's foremost producers ("Boy on a Dolphin", "Sitting Pretty", "A Man Called Peter") was in Denver last week for the world premiere of his latest film, "Bernardine", a 20th Century Fox production.

"As soon as I get back to Hollywood I'm going to take another look at the script of 'Home Again'," Engel said.

"Home Again" is Michael Blankfort's script, from the novel of the same name by James Edmiston, which tells of the compulsory evacuation of a family from Santa Clara valley to a relocation center in Wyoming.

Producer Engel has had personal contact with mass evacuation. At the time of Pearl Harbor a Nisei maid and her husband, a landscape gardener, were residents in the Engel home near Hollywood. The Engels saw them off to Manzanar, sent them food and clothing.

After the evacuation orders were rescinded the Engels welcomed back the Nisei family. It was a time when the anti-Japanese groups were still active and were trying to discourage the return of the evacuees to their former homes. In the news were stories of arson and violence against Japanese Americans.

The Nisei wife in Manzanar was apprehensive. "We won't come home unless both Mr. and Mrs. Engel are at the station to meet us." The Engels were there.

The Engels took in the family until the latter had become economically and psychologically readjusted.

Sam Engel has great admiration for the Nisei and Issei. "They have the capacity to take adversity in stride and come back for more," he says.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor Sam Engel was called up for duty in the naval reserve. As a director and writer, before he began to produce movies, he was asked by the Navy to film and edit a documentary record of the Pearl Harbor attack. He studied records and did countless hours of research into the occurrences on Dec. 7, 1941, in Hawaii and on the mainland. One of facts he learned was this: There was no act of sabotage committed by Americans or resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

Sam Engel served throughout the war and was a commander at the time he returned to Hollywood.

In filming the evacuation story, Engel believes the timing must be right so that the film will have its audience.

He doesn't want just a message film or one burning with indignation. "This is a story of basic Americanism," he says. "It must be concerned first with human beings."

"Home Again" was considered for production last year by Blankfort and Agent Sam Jaffe. After some preliminary work—with an Allied Artists release in prospect—the project was shelved.

ENGEL GOING INDEPENDENT

After more than a decade as a 20th Century Fox producer, Sam Engel is organizing an independent unit which will release under the Fox banner. His last film under the Fox contract was "Bernardine". His first independent venture may be a story he calls "Glorieta Pass", which will tell the story of Sister Blandina who lived in Trinidad, Colo., in the 1880s and once kept Billy the Kid from gunning down some Trinidad doctors. The latter had refused to treat one of Billy's henchmen.

Samuel G. Engel has worked closely with Darryl Zanuck, once head of 20th Fox who is now producing films on his own. Zanuck was the first Hollywood producer to mention the Nisei GIs in a film, "Daisy Kenyon", and had writers working on a project called "I Am a Nisei" at the time Dore Schary, over at MGM, produced "Go For Broke".

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NBC SPECTACULAR ON JAPAN ENTERTAINMENT

Jimmy Shigeta, the Nisei singer from Hawaii who was making a night club reputation under the name of "Guy Brion" before he went into the Marines some years back, will get another chance at the big time shortly if NBC does its projected spectacular on Japanese entertainment.

The 90-minute TV show, planned for the NBC network sometime this fall, is being filmed in Japan by Producer Steve Parker who is in Nippon on several motion picture assignments.

According to Parker, the program will stress the modern mood in Japanese entertainment, although samples of Kabuki and the puppet theater will be shown. Mostly, though, the program will consist of Japanese jazz vocalists and instrumentalists and will feature one character who is alleged to outdo Elvis with an electric samisen.

Shigeta, who has been singing in Tokyo, is one of the personalities booked for the show. The Hawaiian Nisei, it might be recalled, was the national winner of a Ted Mack Amateur Contest in Madison Square Garden.

If the show goes through, Parker expects to package it for an international tour, including Las Vegas and Monte Carlo.

Parker, incidentally, has grandiose plans for his movies. He's got a script called "Manjiro", about the first person of Japanese ancestry to come to the United States. Another, which may be the first before the cameras, is "Fourth Bureau", presumably about the Richard Sorge case about a pre-war spy ring inside Japan. Parker wants Jack Palance for the lead, but has sent scripts to Henry Fonda, James Stewart and Alan Ladd. He is also working on a picture called "Imperial Hotel", about Tokyo's famous hostelry and is mentioning the names of Burt Lancaster and Fernandel.

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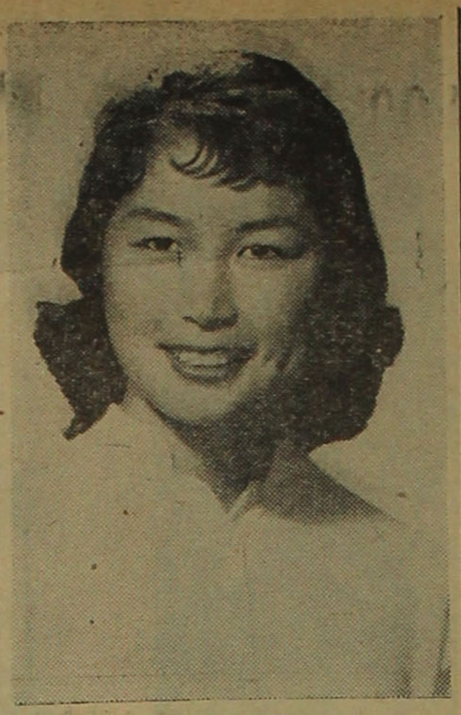

Candidate No. 1 . . .
MARY HATSUKO YOSHIDA

Nisei Week interest sparked by girls seeking queen title

Nisei Week, the 1957 edition, is rolling off the planning boards to the public limelight with this week's announcement of three pretty queen candidates vieing for the coveted privilege of reigning over Li'l Tokio's annual attraction on Aug. 17-25.

Venice-Culver's dancing beauty, Nancy Nishi, 20, has been named a candidate in the '57 Nisei Week queen race, it was reported yesterday by Steve Nakaji, Venice-Culver JACL president.

She will be publicly introduced this weekend at the Venice-Culver community carnival, being held at the Braddock Ave. school near Centinela. Fred Moriguchi, carnival chairman, said there will be "ondo" dancing.

East Los Angeles JACL named its candidate, Sumi Takemura, 20, working as secretary at city hall.

The East Los Angeles queen committee was composed of Roy Yamadera, Mio Fujita, Nancy Takamatsu, and George Nomi.

The Gardena valley community, including JACL, has picked Mary Hatsuko Yoshioka, 18, Torrance High graduate this month and planning to enter UCLA in the fall as an English major.

Phyllis Ono, who reigned last year, was a Gardena Valley nominee.

According to Yo Minami and Ed Nakamura, Gardena Valley queen committeemen, Miss Yoshioka was active in school, her most recent being girls league president; and has earned scholarships from the DAR, PTA, Elks, UCLA and Torrance Education Ass'n.

The community will introduce her at a sports formal dance July 6, 8 p.m., at the Gardena Japanese Community Center.

A children's art exhibit is also being planned at Tenrikyo Hall during Nisei Week. Taro Yashima (AN 1-9257) and Harriet Okada (AN 8-6383) hope Nisei parents would submit pieces for a non-jury show. Details can be had by calling them.

FOR CITY OF HOPE BENEFIT

Nisei-Sansei students of Dance Arts Studio of Santa Monica last week performed at a City of Hope benefit. School is co-owned by Nancy Shaw and Donna Jean Okubo, who have teamed for the night club circuit in Mexico recently.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING SET FOR LONG BEACH AREA RENUNCIANTS

LONG BEACH.—A public information meeting is being planned here sometime in July for renunciants desiring to have the government review the validity of their wartime renunciation by the filing of Form N-576.

Under co-chairmanship of Tomizo Joe, Long Beach JACL chapter president, and Joe Seko, with Sam Kobata, Kentaro Takata and Mitsuomi Hama as committeemen, the chapter here has been designated to "pilot" this service project.

Frank Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, and Fred Okrand, Los Angeles attorney, will be present at the Harbor Area meeting.

At the recent PSWDC convention, the chapters unanimously approved a resolution to offer assistance to renunciants secure information on the filing of Form N-576.

Last February when Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub of the civil division of the Justice Department visited the west coast, he stated the government was prepared to review renunciant cases on an administrative basis.

In the meantime, inquiries have been received by the Washington JACL Office as to the availability of forms and apparent lack of some local immigration officials with the latest procedures.

As reported in the May 31 issue of the Pacific Citizen, the Washington office was informed that renunciants should go to their nearest Immigration Service office and request Form N-576, which may be filled out personally or with help of an attorney, and forwarded to the Attorney General, attention Civil Division, Dept. of Justice, Washington 25, D.C.

While national JACL takes no position as to the individual renunciant, it has urged, as did the PSWDC resolution, that all renunciants take advantage of this simple administrative procedure.

Architect earns year trip in Europe

DETROIT.—Don Hisaka, 30-year-old architect associated with Min Yamasaki, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship in architecture and a Wheelwright travel scholarship for a year in Europe.

A graduate of the Univ. of California school of architecture in 1952, he was one of 16 selected the following year throughout the nation to spend a year of graduate study under direction of Walter Gropius at Harvard University. The following year, the Stockton-born Nisei was selected by Gropius to serve with him as a master architect.

Hisaka, his wife (nee Michiko Oga of Lodi) and their two daughters will leave for Europe soon.

BUDDHIST SEMINAR FOR JUNIOR GROUP PLANNED

Three local Jr. YBA groups combine forces this Sunday at Senshin Church for a seminar on the "Twelve Principles of Buddhism" with the Rev. Art Takemoto as guest speaker.

Nisei judge warns against over-stress of racial groupings

HONOLULU.—The first Territorial Supreme Court Justice of Japanese ancestry has warned against over-emphasizing racial groupings in Hawaii.

Speaking before the Club 100 anniversary luau recently, Associate Justice Masaji Marumoto praised the young Japanese American veterans for speeding racial integration here by a generation.

He said racial organizations could help preserve valuable cultural heritages. But he also warned that there seems to be "an overemphasis on ethnic groupings which serve no purpose other than to suggest a division which need not exist."

NISEI GRADUATE FROM SOPHIA UNIVERSITY

TOKYO.—Capt. Toshiyuki G. Sakai of Tacoma, Wash., and Seiki Tamae of Honolulu were among June graduates of Sophia University, International Division.

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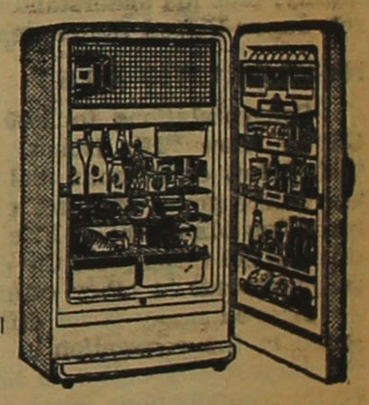

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT
By Masao Satow

Fifth Anniversary

San Francisco

We were indeed fortunate in being able to mark the 5th anniversary of the passage of the bill granting naturalization privileges to the Issei with an informal sukiyaki diner with Congressman Francis E. Walter. The Congressman was in town for hearings by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Who can forget the dramatic announcement of the realization of our efforts during our National Council session of the '52 National Convention? Congressman Walter expressed his deep appreciation for this opportunity to be with "my friends". In fact, he made arrangements for a later flight to return to Washington so he could be with us.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Two bills of specific concern to Japanese Americans were passed by the California State Legislature in the session just concluded and now await the Governor's signature.

The "Japanese Relocation Center" bill was introduced by Assemblyman Thomas J. MacBride of Sacramento at the request of the California State Employees Association. This bill would give Nisei State employees who worked prior to Pearl Harbor civil service tenure for the several years spent in relocation camps. According to Assemblyman MacBride, the bill "slid through" both Houses without question.

A.B. 1728 was introduced by Assemblyman S. G. Masterson of Richmond, originally to amend the language of the JACL sponsored Masterson bill passed in 1955. That measure granted State old age benefits to non-citizens who had been ineligible for citizenship prior to December, 1952, and who had been living continuously in the United States for 25 years. However, the State, in administering the provisions, ruled that "living continuously" did not allow for any absence, however brief, out of the country, and the amended bill substituted the word "residing" for "living" to take care of this technicality. The Legislature combined with A.B. 1728 a bill by Assemblyman Don Allen of Los Angeles giving State old age benefits to all non-citizens who have resided in the United States since 1932.

Assemblyman August Hawkins of Los Angeles made a final try to get some kind of fair employment legislation by proposing an amendment to the child labor bill which would make it a misdemeanor to discriminate on account of race. The amended bill passed the Assembly, but was turned down by the Senate, so another effort is in order two years hence. The State campaign this year definitely shows that progress is being made and that FEPC is becoming better understood and getting wider support.

On the local level, representatives of both proponents and groups which have been opposing an FEPC for the City and County of San Francisco, have come together in a series of conferences, and are now ready to submit a compromise ordinance which will be heard by the Board of Supervisors later this week.

HENRY SHIMANOUCHI, A CREDIT TO THE NISEI

At the local reception for Japan's Premier Kishi, it was nice again to renew acquaintance with Henry Shimanouchi who is now with the Japanese Embassy in Washington. During his formative years in Los Angeles we remember him as an outstanding orator and a fine athlete. He cavorted on the basketball court with the Pasadena team composed of himself and four Kawai brothers, including Nobu, who is now Chairman of the Shonien Board. In our YMCA track meets, forerunner to the prewar JAU meets, Hank was quite a high jumper, and we would say he certainly has jumped high in diplomatic circles. He is what we term a "hansei", but we have always considered him one of our group. His brilliant mind and his speaking ability, plus his understanding of America, is proving invaluable for Japan-United States relationships.

NISEI IN CIVIC LIFE

Congratulations to 1000 Clubber James Kanno of Orange County, now "His Honor, Mayor of Fountain Valley", along with fellow councilman and Thousander Charles Ishii. They join the select group of Nisei city officials which includes Councilman Bob Mizukami of Fife, Washington. There are quite a few other Nisei throughout the country serving on various city commissions and in other official civic capacities.

A good many Nisei officers will be among the 40,000 delegates to the convention of Lions International here this week, the largest convention to hit San Francisco; another indication of the contributions Nisei are making in their respective communities.

GREETINGS FROM ABC VP

We have a nice letter from Richard Gano of Salt Lake City, who was recently elected first vice-president of the American Bowling Congress. This means he will be the ABC National President next year. Dick was most helpful to us as our group entered into ABC competition for the first time in 1951. He has followed our JACL National Tournament with keen interest, and names our Tournament as "one of the finest in the country".

OUR GROWING SUPPORT

The Philadelphia and Gardena Valley Chapters have helped to boost our current membership total to 15,500 by coming up with more members than last year, and San Francisco has pushed beyond the 1,000 mark with 1,054. Best wishes to new bridegroom Dick Nishi who guided the SF membership campaign this year. He is now under the tutelage of school marm and also active JACLer Alice Shigezumi Nishi, former NCWNDC secretary who also served on the San Francisco Executive Board.

Looks as though we will again hit the 1,100 mark this month on active 1000 Clubbers. National 1000 Club boss Kenji Tashiro noted the record 200 memberships and renewals during May. On the last day of May we had 199. Our Administrative Assistant Daisy Uyeda, who does such a marvelous job keeping track of all the 1000 Club memberships, was so frustrated with this one short of 200 that she promptly threw in her own renewal though it was not due for several months.

Jointly installed at a recent Pacific Northwest District Council banquet were Portland and Gresham-Troutdale chapter officers. They are (left to right): George Azumano (P) 1st v.p., Kimi Tambara (P) alt. del., Mary Sasaki (P) hist-pub., Nobi Sumida (P) pres., Joe Onchi (GT) pres., Florence Anazawa (P) cor. sec., Martha Osaki (P) 2nd v.p., Nogi Asakawa (GT) treas.; back—Kiyoshi Nishikawa (GT) ass't treas., Kaz Kinoshita (GT) alt. del., Henry Kato (GT) del., Shio Uyetake (GT) rec. sec., Michio Sakauye (GT) soc. chmn., Tosh Kuge (P) del., and Roy Maeda (P) treas. Unable to be present were three Portland officers: Alice Kida, rec sec.; T. Tamiyasu, T. Yamada, adv.; and six Gresham-Troutdale officers: Frank Andow, 1st v.p.; George Onchi, 2nd v.p.; George Nishimura, cor. sec.; Helen Tamura, sco.; Newton Takashima and B. Fujii, adv. — Jack Ouchida Photo.

Marysville JACLers proud of manner two of its members spread good name of Japanese Americans to community-at-large

BY DAN NISHITA

MARYSVILLE.—Local pride in two Marysville JACLers—Akiji Yoshimura and Isao Tokunaga—has been swelling these past few months for the manner in which these two men have been selling the story of Japanese Americans to the community-at-large.

Yoshimura, Northern California-Western Nevada JACL district council chairman and past chapter president, has been fulfilling many guest speaker engagements before farm bureaus, Rotary and Lion clubs, and other service club meetings throughout this part of upper Sacramento valley.

In doing his bit for JACL, he has been strengthening ties of friendship with non-Nisei friends, having them better understand the contributions Japanese Americans have made to the American scene.

Declared a Marysville chapter spokesman: "We are indeed proud of Aki for his outstanding service in this all-important area of community public relations."

Tokunaga (see sports page 6), regarded by his friends as the "best" auto mechanic here, is gaining public recognition for Marysville JACL for his fielding and managing the chapter baseball team.

He has been engaged in a long-term recruiting and training program for a squad that one day hopes to be the envy of Nisei sports fans in California.

Tokunaga has been hustling with his 20-strong since spring. The lads range between the ages of 16 and 30.

To rally wide community support in the baseball team, Tokunaga contacted local area businessmen and farmers who chipped into the equipment-uniform fund.

For his encouragement of teenage sports and his conscientious zeal, Tokunaga has been cited by the chapter. "Isao Tokunaga has earned the sincere thanks of all Marysville JACLers for his work among the youth of the community," a chapter spokesman added.

(Names of uniform contributors are found in the caption of the picture printed in this week's issue.—Editor.)

Civil rights—

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opinion that the Reorganization Act of 1946 superceded the previous Senate rule and requires every bill to be referred to its appropriate committee was wrong, declined to rule himself on the subject and left it up to the Senate to decide for itself.

Senate Action

After almost ten continuous hours of bitter debate, the Knowland-Douglas forces won by a three vote margin, 45 to 39, since a change in three votes would have resulted in a tie.

The 11 Democrats who joined the Republicans to place the bill directly on the calendar were Senators John A. Carroll of Colorado, Frank Church of Idaho, Joseph S. Clark of Pennsylvania, Douglas, Thomas C. Hennings of Missouri, Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, Henry M. Jackson of Washington, Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon, John O. Pastore of Rhode Island, and Stuart Symington of Missouri.

The five Republicans who joined the Southern Democrats in opposition were Barry Goldwater of Arizona, Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, John J. Williams of Delaware, Milton R. Young of North Dakota, and George W. Malone of Nevada.

Among so-called "liberal" Democrats who voted against placing the civil rights bill directly on the calendar were Senators John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Carl Hayden of Arizona, Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, Mike Mansfield and James E. Murray of Montana, and Wayne Morse of Oregon. Many of these argued that the proper procedure was to refer the bill to the Judiciary committee and then pass a motion to discharge that committee from further consideration of the bill if it failed to report the bill within a reasonable period.

According to the Washington JACL office, it is not expected that an effort will be made to call the civil rights bill up for consideration until July. Then, it is expected that the opposition will filibuster both the motion to take the bill from the calendar and also to approve it.

The JACL hopes that in the final showdown vote on civil rights, those "liberal Democrats" who voted in effect with the opposition last week will join in the effort to finally pass some meaningful civil rights now that the procedural and parliamentary issue has been settled.

The administration bill establishes a bipartisan civil rights commission, provides for an additional assistant attorney general in a new Civil Rights Division in the Department of Justice, and authorizes the Attorney General to seek injunctions in the federal courts to prevent or stop violations of civil rights.

Ever since the first post-war National JACL convention, the organization has been on record for civil rights for all Americans in all places at all times.

Burger bake for grads

DELANO. — A hamburger bake held by Delano JACL on June 16 at the local Memorial Park honored local Nisei graduates as follows:

Univ. of Calif. — Kengo Kawano, Grace Ichinaga.

Delano High — Pat Tanihara (received "best dressed" distinction), Elmer Takemoto, Lester Ichinaga.

Grammar Schools — Ronnie Takemoto, Danny Katano, Joanne Nagatani (Rotary Club and American Legion Award recipient), Cecil Ave.; Joyce Ichinaga, Pixley; Tom S. Nakashima, Olive Norwood.

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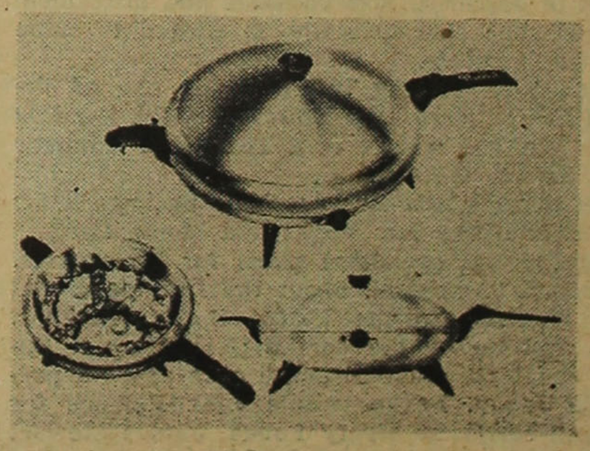

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Lesson minority groups should have on July 4

Fourth of July is a day Americans celebrate the birthday of our independence. We had asked our Dayton cartoonist Pete Hironaka to present an appropriate piece for this week's issue. As our readers can judge by referring to our back page, he cleverly adapted Archibald Willard's famous "Spirit of '76" with figures representing three generations of Japanese Americans walking side by side over the road — "Life in America."

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The backdrop of words spell the core of American ideals that Thomas Jefferson expressed — that all men (not just some men) are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It also says to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just power from the consent of the governed (not the consent of the majority).

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The basic ideas of the Declaration show that our philosophy of government holds man as a creature of God, that every human soul was therefore infinitely precious and every person should have equal opportunities to realize his individual talents to the fullest.

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These ideals of freedom have frequently come under attack — as every Japanese American knows from personal experience — but despite these attacks the ideal has survived and remains as the most durable of human values.

The conviction of 1776 was readily shown by the Nisei in battle in 1944-45. It is this faith in America that we celebrate the Fourth of July.

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Parentheical phrases we've added above are lessons we Nisei and all minority-group members should well remember. The consent of the majority may not always be right although much of our political life is governed by majority rule. The majority can be contrary to principles enunciated in the Declaration of Independence.

— Harry K. Honda.

Eden CL outing readied for July 14

HAYWARD.—The annual community picnic sponsored by the Eden Township JACL will be held on Sunday, July 14, from noon at Castle Rock Park on Ignacio Rd. in Walnut Creek.

Sho Yoshida, chairman, pointed out the picnic is the sole source for funds to meet chapter expenses and national JACL quotas for the year.

On the committee are Kenji Fujii, Musky Saito, Jerry Shibata, fin.; Harry Kurotori, Robert Lateer, George Minami, Fred Shimozaki, adult games; Ann Sakai, Helen Tamura, children games; Ben Tanisawa, golf; Tom Kitayama, Min Shinoda, Eiichi Yoshida, prizes; Machi Tomotoshi, p.a.; Toichi Domoto, refr.; Masako Minami, pub.

French Camp picnic

FRENCH CAMP. — This year's graduates were honored at the French Camp JACL - sponsored community picnic held June 16 at Micke Grove.

The well-attended affair was chaired by Lydia Ota, assisted by Bob Takahashi, Irene Nakano, inv.; Kenso Higashiyama and Florence Shiramizu, refr.

Reno picnic held

RENO. — The annual Japanese community picnic, sponsored by Reno JACL, was held June 23 at the California Building, Idlewild Park.

Fred Aoyama headed the picnic committee. Assisting were Mrs. George Oshima, Mrs. Bill Ishida, Ida Fukui, Henry Hattori, Tuffy Yasuda and Gene Thompson.

Ventura County CLers plan picnic, fish derby

OXNARD.—The annual Ventura County JACL community picnic begins early this year with a fishing derby starting at dawn till 11 a.m. at the 5th St. Beach here on July 4.

The picnic starts at noon with games, treasure hunt and drawing planned by the committee. A weiner bake will conclude the day.

Sequoia JACL to sponsor community picnic July 21

REDWOOD CITY. — Community picnic for residents in the Sequoia JACL district covering Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Redwood City has been set for July 21. Several sites are being considered at the present time, it was announced by Dave Nakamura, chairman.

Picnic highlight will be the grand prize of an all-expense paid trip to Las Vegas for two.

BOISE VALLEY GRADUATES FETED AT DINNER-DANCE

CALDWELL, Idaho.—Boise Valley JACLers honored their graduates at a dinner-dance June 14 at the IOOF Hall here with Mas Yamashita as emcee, Elaine Matsumoto and Francis Kimura, co-chairmen, reported.

Harry Hamada, chapter president, extended greetings followed by a solo number sung by his wife and accompanied by Phyllis Yamashita. Dr. Westfall, College of Idaho vice-president, was the main speaker. The Rev. Nye gave the blessings.

Graduates honored were:

College of Idaho — George Nakano, George Makini, Grace Shikuma, Robert Sloan; Gonzaga Univ. — Pat Henry; Boise JC — Yasu Shimamura, Makado Harada; Eastern Oregon College — Grace Furuyama.

Caldwell High — Joyce Abe, Jane Kimura, Mike Mafuni, Mike Nishitani; Homedale — Richard Kaneshige; Marsing — Miyoko Nakano.

Serving as committeemen were Mrs. Kay Inouye, Mrs. Mas Yamashita, diner; Mrs. Bill Nishioka, dance refreshments; Mary Arima, program; Mmes. T. Matsumoto, T. Nishioka, flower arr.

West L.A. steak bake this Sunday at Rancho

West Los Angeles JACL has invited the community-at-large to its annual steak barbecue this Sunday, June 30, 1:30 p.m., at Rancho Park playground where games, swimming, volleyball, baseball and food are the orders of the day.

JACL cabinet officers have available a little over 200 tickets for the barbecue, which will be served at $1.25 per plate. It was suggested tickets be bought before they're sold out.

Aki Ohno, general chairman, is being assisted by Steve Yagi, James Kitsuse, George Sakamoto, Joe Sase, Mits Nishizawa, Mabel Kitsuse, Kay Shishido and Tad Tokuda.

Death –

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tural fair exhibits for more than 25 years at Stockton and for 20 years at the Sacramento State Fair.

More recently, he devoted much of his time and effort in the campaign to eliminate the alien land law as well as assist Issei in their naturalization.

Itaya is survived by his wife Florence, three sons Raymond, Yoshio, Richard, three daughters Gladys, Joan, Mrs. Mariko Oto of Sacramento, parents Mr. & Mrs. Yasutaro Itaya, four brothers George, Mikio, Tom, Sam and four sisters Mmes. Toyoko Maseba, Mildrer Hamamoto, Shizuko Ohata, Yoshiko Ota and one grandson.

Final rites were held for Itaya Tuesday at the Stockton Buddhist Church.

Southland's bonsai (drawfed tree) expert John Naka, demonstrated his technique before a well-attended audience at the Pasadena Union Presbyterian Church during the April general meeting of the Pasadena JACL. To his left are Harris Ozawa, chapter persident, and Ken Dyo, PSWDC 1000 Club chairman. —Sat Yoshizato Photo.

Chicagoan among top 7 'finest fathers in Illinois,' active with Boy Scouts

CHICAGO.—Fred Odanaka, who has three children of his own, Susan, 13; Eric, 10; and Michael, 7, is not only a wonderful father to them but shares his paternal affection with all the children.

(Fred is married to the former Fukiko Uba, both formerly of Los Angeles. The Chicago Daily News recently held a contest seeking the "finest father of Illinois". Among thousands of candidates named, Fred Odanaka was chosen among the top seven.—Editor.)

His work as a furniture designer is demanding as to time and attention, but when he comes home in the evening he is never too tired to welcome the children of the neighborhood. They congregate at the Odanakas because they find Fred always willing to help start a ball game, plan something that's fun to do if the weather is bad, and give sympathetic assistance with their problems.

Since two of his children are boys, work with the Boy Scouts is a major hobby with Fred. He is a companion to his teen - age daughter. Now that he has been selected to be one of the chaperons at her graduation prom, he is willing to learn the latest dance steps to please her.

He is also a staunch supporter of the PTA. Every year they count on Fred to help build the booths for the fund-raising party, get prizes, and be on hand to help wherever needed. He does it all with such warmth and enthusiasm that he makes the whole project fun.

An incident that happened recently is typical of the way Fred puts the interest of all children before his own. On the day he had to attend the funeral of a close friend, he had promised to drive a group of Boy Scouts a 110 miles to their camp.

Rather than disappoint them Fred got up early, gave them all a pleasant trip to camp, drove in to Chicago for the funeral, drove the 110 miles back to camp to pick up the boys and drive them home; it never occurred to him to call the trip off or tell the boys to find someone else to take them.

This unselfish giving of a father's consideration to many children as well as to his own is my reason for nominating Fred Odanaka as Illinois' Best Father of the Year. — Mrs. Lincoln Shimidzu.

SAN LUIS OBISPO C.L. HONORS TWELVE GRADS

SAN LUIS OBISPO.—Twelve graduates from local schools were recently honored by the San Luis Obispo JACL at a weiner bake outing near Pismo Beach pier. Following the bake, guests and chapter members enjoyed skating at the nearby rollerdrome.

Graduates honored were:

Cal Poly — Bobby Sakamoto.

Arroyo Grande HS — Miyoko Kawaoka, Bill Nishi; San Luis Obispo HS—Reiko Iwao.

Arroyo Grande School — Joan Nishi, Gary Sakamoto; San Luis Obispo School — Ronny Saeda, Alan Eto, Mike Kishiyama; Arroyo Grande JHS —Yoshi Kawaoka; San Luis Obispo JHS —Lois Eto, Meriko Iwao.

Those assisting Mits Sanbonmatsu, chapter president, preparing for the outing were Sab Ikeda, Harry Fukuhara, Shiz Yamaguchi, Seirin Ikeda, Bob Shigenaka and Ruth Nagano.

Younger sister repeats nurse scholarship honors

REDWOOD CITY.—Sequoia JACL honors its area graduates tonight at the Palo Alto Buddhist Hall. Chapter vice-president Dave Nakamura, assisted by Jr. JACL leaders, is in charge.

Among those to be honored will be Susie Kuwada, Sequoia High graduate, of 118 Franklin St., who received the Clara Barton nursing scholarship from the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary. Her sister Terry was given the same honors three years ago.

On the committee are Nancy Taniguchi, inv.; June Sugimoto, games; Tommy Uyeda, Dick Nakamura, dec.; Floyd Kumagai, music; Jr. Tri-Villes, refr.; and Redwood A.C., clean-up.

East L.A. candidate for Masaoka scholarship named

Richard Kuruma has been nominated by East Los Angeles JACL for the 1957 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship, it was announced recently by the chapter scholarship chairman Ida Onishi.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuruma, he was graduated this past week as an Ephebian from Garfield High School where he served as senior class president, attended Boys State last year and active on campus. He has pre-registered at Los Angeles City College as an education major.

SANSEI BALLET ARTIST APPEARS AS GUEST

PATTERSON. — Cathy Okamura, 10-year-old daughter of the George Okamuras of Cortez JACL, appeared for the first time as a guest artist at a recent dance recital here.

Change site of party for graduates

BERKELEY.—Berkeley JACL will honor local junior high and high school graduates at the Burbank Jr. High School auditorium tomorrow night, instead of Jefferson School community hall as previously announced. Mrs. Kenneth Konno is in charge, assisted by:

Katherine Takefuji, Barbara Matsui, inv.; David Fujita, David, Tom, George Furuichi, gate; Herbert Uyeno, Eugene Tsujimoto, recep.; Emiko Umawatari, Adrienne Kimura, Lorraine Makishima, Gary Tsujimoto, refr.; Morris Kosakura; Norman Haraguchi, Rio Iwanaga, music-entertainment; Dickie Adachi, clean-up; Gordon Konno, p.a.

Over 150 Berkeley JACLers attended the May 25 potluck supper at Washington School cafeteria. Jack Kent, recently elected city councilman, spoke on community problems.

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100 athletes signed for L.A. Nisei Relays at Rancho this Sunday

Early this week, the track committee slaving over entries (a little over 100 athletes) in the sixth annual JACL Nisei Relays found folly with the maner two teams are vying for points to win the open division trophy and with three teams in the junior division.

The process of determining entries for heats that start in the morning at Rancho Cienega come Sunday appears to be in the hands of officials as of this writing, as the program will not list all the entrants. Be that as it may, the afternoon finals in both track and field events should prove interesting and worthwhile watching.

This year's Nisei Relays has been stymied by the extension of entry deadlines and the late date—last Sunday of June, about four weeks past the peak performances of most of the individuals who have turned in record-breaking marks during regular season.

Movement is afoot to have the Southern California meet follow the San Francisco JACL Olympics next year.

FANS CHEATED, SAYS COLUMNIST

George Yoshinaga, Nisei Relays publicity chairman, this week expressed the thinking of the committee in his Shin Nichibei column on junking team awards when it was noted fans would be cheated of seeing Vic Mitsuno and Bob Kameoka, quarter-mile teammates at Los Angeles City College, have a try at the 52.4s. record set last year. Kameoka, who has a sensational 48.8s. clocking, is foregoing the quarter-mile for the 100 and 220, which he is expected to win for the Hobos, as he did for East L.A. JACL last month at the San Francisco JACL meet.

"If there were no awards for team titles," writes Yoshinaga, "I'm sure Kameoka would shoot for individual records in his best events. But, because the Hobos are going to battle it out with West Los Angeles for the open division title, he has to sacrifice a chance for a new mark in the 440 and try for spots where he can get the points for his club."

West L.A., in its struggle for a team title this year (they lost by 18 points to the Hobos last year), has gone far & wide for men by signing up some out-of-WLA stalwarts in broadjumper Ron Fujino (of Fullerton) and dashman Tom Uyeda (of San Fernando and student at San Jose State).

With team competition at this peak, cheated or not, fans are due for some hectic races. The 100, 220, 440 and hurdles all shape as ding-dong affairs.

Bob Watanabe (now an MD at UCLA Hospital), record holder of the Nisei Relays 100 mark at 10 flat, is reported limbering his muscles for another try.

NISEI RELAYS RECORDS

Open Division: 100—Bob Watanabe, 10s.; 220—Y. Hirata and S. Munemura, 22.3s.; 440—Victor Mitsuno, 52.4s.; 880—Henry Kawamoto, 2m.11.5s.; Mile—Kikuo Moriya, 4m.37.5s.; 70 highs—Dave Yamada, 9.2s.; 120 lows—J. Karahara, 13.3s.; 440 relays—Lucky Doks, 44.7s.; 880 relays—Bakersfield, 1m.33.-7s.; Broadjump—Will Tawa, 22-7 ⅛; Shot Put—Tom Yasuda, 48 ft.; High Jump—John Kanaya, 6-¼.

Junior Division: 50—Bebe Kataoka, 5.6s.; 100—George Sasaki, 10.5; 660—Vic Mitsuno, 1m.31s.; 120 lows—Dave Sato, 14s.; 440 relay—Hobos, 46.6s.; 660 relay—West L.A., 1m.13s.; Broad Jump—Jimmy Takahashi, 20-3½; Shot Put—Jerry Osumi, 53-10¾; High Jump—Art Tsutsui, 5-8¾.

RELAYS PERSONNEL

Arnold Hagiwara, chmn.; Carl Hanaoka, fin.; George Yoshinaga, pub.; Blanche Shiosaki, sec.; Dr. Bob Watanabe, meet director; Kango Kunitsugu, coordinator.

Art Goto, starter; Edwin Hiroto, clerk of course; Yas Abe, head timer; Joe Iwanaga, head field judge; Joe Yamashita, registrar; Ruth Watanabe, scorer; Roy Iketani, anouncer; Mack Hamaguchi, track & field crew; Dr. S. Sakaguchi, meet physician; Steve Okuma, trophies & awards; Fred Takata, awards presentation; Miyo Fujita, Sumi Takemura, program; Roy Sugimoto, queen committee; Women's Athletic Ass'n, usherettes.

Joe Uchimiya, George Uchimiya, Willy Obata, Ted Niiya, George Maruya, George Matsubara, Kay Noda, Chibo Sakaguchi, Paul Otera, Utaka Tonai, Utaka Shiraishi, Leroy Stegmuller, George Ikemiya, Roy Kodama, Jim Yamamoto, George Iseri and Sadao Itano, track officials.

Awards are acknowledged from the Town Hubs, Perry Post, VFW Post 9938, Nisei Veterans Association, Town & Country Sporting Goods; Japan Air Lines, Northwest Airlines and Pan-American World Airways.

COMMUNITY PRIDE BACKS UP MARYSVILLE BASEBALL SQUAD

Marysville JACL's baseball team, managed by Isao Tokunaga (top row, left), is being groomed as the best Nisei club in Sacramento valley. Community pride in the young men, whose ages range from 16 to 30, has been manifested by the support they have received from the businessmen and farmers of the Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Colusa counties in getting uniforms and equipment for the team. Tokunaga, an auto mechanic by trade, has been encouraging organized athletics for many years and has earned the gratitude of his fellow Marysville JACLers. In the photo are (left to right): top row—Manager Tokunaga, Fred Shimamoto, Bill Matsumoto, Arnold Inouye, Kaz Kakiuchi, Joe Fukumitsu, Kenny Yoshikawa; sitting — Philip Nishikawa, Ed Ichikawa, Sud Itamura, Terry Manji, Shig Shimamoto, Tommy Kawata and Mark Iwanaga. (Missing are Ray Fukui, Bob Ariyama, Tom Kurihara Jr., Thomas Nakagawa, Mino Manji and eorge Hatamiya.) The chapter acknowledged help from Marysville Garage, George Okamoto, George H. Inouye, Bill Tsuji, Harry Fukumitsu. George M. Inouye, Bremer's Hardware, Joe Ota, Sam & Tom Kurihara, A.W. Holtman, William Motors, Randolph Machinery, Akiji Yoshimura, Kitamura Farms, George Matsumura, T. Yokotobi, H.D. Hashimoto, Ben Kawada, Nakagawa Co., C.P.H. Tractor Co., Marysville Tractor Co. and Marysville Bowl.

— Marysville Appeal-Democrat Photo.

Seattle netter beaten for jr. men's title

SEATTLE.—Art Kono was beaten by his Garfield High School teammate Geordie Martin last Sunday in a three-hour battle for the city junior men's championship.

Scores were 0-6, 6-0, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Martin had defeated the Nisei for the city high school championship and two Sundays ago, Kono turned the tables to win the Chamber of Commerce junior title.

Golfer-of-the-year honors being conceded

SEATTLE.—Sab Ogishima is being conceded golfer-of-the-year honors by Puget Sound Club members for his amassing of 57.5 points as of May, and followed by Dick Momoda with 48.5 and Yosh Teshima, 48.

May tournament champions include Jimmy Okimoto (11), who fired a 71 for a net 60 to win the 1st flight; Kay Yoshino (15), net 66 for 2nd flight honors; Yosh Teshima (16), net 61 in the 3rd; and Dick Momoda (20), net 61 in the 4th.

Golf night at Sacramento

SACRAMENTO.—The regular Sacramento JACL monthly meeting for June held last week at the Nisei War Memorial Hall featured a program of golf with Dr. George Takahashi and Kanji Nishijima in charge. Latest films on Sam Snead and Dr. Cary Middlecoff were acquired with Warren Downing, assistant pro at Haggin-Oaks, present to answer questions.

Gain high insurance award within year

SAN FRANCISCO.—Haruo Ishimaru was presented his membership certificate in the Million Dollar Round Table last week at the monthly meeting of the San Francisco branch of the Nat'l Ass'n of Life Underwriters.

"Ishimaru has broken all company records for a first-year man," pointed out William Hardy, vice-president of West Coast Life Insurance Co., of which the former JACL regional director serves as district manager here, "and is the most outstanding underwriter in the 50-year history of West Coast Life. As far as we know, he is the first life insurance underwriter in San Francisco to make the fabulous Million Dollar Round Table in his first year."

Ishimaru is also active with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California and the local Japanese American Optimists, serving as vice-president for both groups, and on the boards of the S.F. Council for Civic Unity, International Institute and social action board of the Congregational Christian Conference of Northern California and Nevada.

BERKELEY PEE WEE SOFTBALLERS FINISH

BERKELEY.—With an impressive 3-2 win-loss record, the local JACL Pee Wee Softball team wound up its first season of play at third place in the San Francisco Japanese American Optimist League. Coach Tosh Sano mentored a squad of 20 youngsters.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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involved; several hundred students and temporary visitors from Japan have also had their status adjusted for one reason or another and have been authorized permanent residence in this country too; etc.

Every passing year adds increasing evidence to the soundness of the judgment of the JACL in this regard: For persons of Japanese ancestry, the Walter-McCarran Act is the greatest bit of legislation in American history.

And, there is also mounting evidence that had not this measure passed five years ago, resident alien Japanese would still be denied the privileges of naturalization, with its attendant legal discriminations, and Japanese nationals would still be barred from all immigration opportunities.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER
By Henry Mori

Attorney Yamamoto

The community lost one of its pioneer Japanese American attorneys when Elmer Shosaku Yamamoto was suddenly taken by death June 20. The Hawaiian-born barrister who started practice in Li'l Tokio in 1931 was 54. After completing his courses at Loyola Law School, Elmer was associated with Katsuma Mukaeda, Issei legal counselor in the same office, for many years.

The loss of Elmer Yamamoto is another blow to the organization like JACL where he had been serving on the editorial board of the Pacific Citizen. He was a faithful 1000 Club member and his dignified and quiet, yet forceful leadership was an asset to the League.

As a matter of fact Elmer was one of the organizers of the Los Angeles chapter JACL in the early 1930s. He was on the deputation team which went about to sell the merits of the JACL and obtain membership for the chapter.

Elmer's death was indeed most unexpected and even one of his closest friends, attorney Mas Igasaki, who began his practice just before Yamamoto started, was shocked and bewildered when news of his passing was relayed to him the following morning at his office.

Yamamoto was a big wheel in the Maryknoll Parent Teachers Association and served as its president in the past. Only four days before his death, Elmer was helping with the annual carnival at the Hewitt St. Catholic Church.

Bothered by an upset stomach, Elmer, not sensing anything serious, had left a sign on his law office door informing his clients they can expect him back in a few days. He never came off the operating table following surgery for intestinal obstruction, hours before his end.

In the short six months, Elmer's departure makes the third one for the JACL. In early 1957, Harry Miyake succumbed of a heart attack in Guadalupe; and last month, Mike Hagiwara in Chicago passed away suddenly.

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The Shonien Fund drive—SOS-Support Our Shonien project —appears to be heading for big success. Hundreds of active JACLers are pitching in to help Mike Suzuki, director of the Japanese American Childrens Home at 1815 Redcliff St., get the program underway.

An optimistic figure would indicate that at least $20,000 of the needed $35,000 would be raised in the current campaign. Mike has promised a "boom" in the offing, aside from the door-to-door canvass now being conducted by the volunteers.

The $35,000 is needed to operate the first 12 months and also for the Shonien to be eligible for Community Chest aid in the future years to come.

Art Ito of the Hollywood JACL chapter is heading his area volunteers of more than 60 persons. Mrs. John N. Fukushima, who takes care of the Pacific Citizen circulation department, is another leader whose group raised nearly $800.

In all, the Hollywood district residents, numbering 800 families, have given $3,300 to date. The Southwest district, under the stewardship of Roy Iketani, has collected $1,000 with more promised.

In the case of the Hollywood JACL chapter, it was Paul Kawakami and his team, responsible for 220 door bells, which brought home $1,068.72.

CHICAGO CORNER
By Smoky H. Sakurada

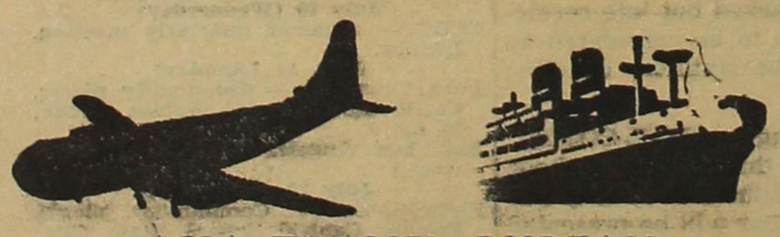
'Holiday for Year'

Chicago

Tickets for "Holiday for Year" are understood to be moving fast by the Chicago JACL members under direction of Johnny Okamoto. As the main fund raiser for the chapter, the popularity of this contest was explained by the fact that the winner receives $100 a week for a year. Seller of winning ticket also gets a $500 bonus. Delivery stations have been set up to facilitate the campaign as follows:

Far Northside—S & I Grocers, 4860 N. Sheridan; Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 4603 N. Sheridan; T & T Food Shop, Sheffield & Addison; Near Northside—JACL Office, 1200 N. Clark St.; Excel Foods, 1153 N. Clark St.; Loop—Disney Color-Ad, 320 S. Franklin St.; Southside—University Food Store, 1129 E. 55th St.; Roy's Foods Shop, 6811 Stony Island Ave.

LOCAL BRIEFS: Dr. Koki Kumamoto, local dentist, discharged from the U.S. Air Force last May with the rank of lieutenant colonel, has resumed private practice at 4554 N. Broadway . . . Chicago Buddhist Church, 1151 W. Leland Ave., will have its 13th annual carnival July 4-7. Since moving here this year, more space is available and new games are being added . . .



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Seven-year struggle in L.A. succeeds, ban race bias on city-aided property

A seven-year fight to ban racial segregation or discrimination in the occupancy of redeveloped property ended in success a fortnight ago when the Los Angeles City Council passed Councilman Ed Roybal's bill prohibiting all such segregation or discrimination.

The ordinance won unanimous approval.

Declared Roybal: "This measure establishes a mandatory anti-discrimination rule to insure equal opportunity for the enjoyment of benefits of residential and business property redeveloped with the assistance of the city.

"Beyond that, however, it also provides a model and a guide to encourage more democratic practices in the rental and sale of wholly private housing which is developed without the assistance of public funds."

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

SUZUKI, Henry E. (Ryo Uyeno) — boy James Ken, Mar. 9.

ORANGE COUNTY

AKIYAMA, Joseph S. — girl, May 22, Westminster.
IKEDA, James — girl, Apr. 29, Costa Mesa.
TAKAHASHI, Ko — girl, Apr. 22, Garden Grove.
TAKAHASHI, Shigeo — girl, May 29, Garden Grove.
TAKEDA, Jame T. — boy, May 20, Westminster.
YADAO, Pete F. — boy, Apr. 24, San Juan Capistrano.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

FUCHIWAKI, Ben — girl, Apr. 27, Arroyo Grande.

TULARE COUNTY

TAKEMOTO, Tatsuichi — boy, Apr. 25, Lindsay.

FRESNO

KAMIGAWACHI, Thomas — girl, May 30, Sanger.
KUBO, Dr. Sumio — boy, May 23.
MIYAMOTO, Mike — boy, May 29.
TAKAHASHI, Kiyoshi — girl, Apr. 23.
TANAKA, Henry — girl, Apr. 20.
TSURUOKA, Jim — boy, Apr. 21.
YUYAMA, Kenji — boy, May. 4.

STOCKTON

HISAYASU, Katsuichi — girl, Apr. 17.
MIYASHITA, Hirofumi — boy, Apr. 19.
MOTOYAMA, Masaru — girl, Apr. 19, Lodi.
OSHITA, Yoichi — girl, Apr. 3.
OTA, Harry — boy, Apr. 15, Lathrop.
SAKATA, George S. — boy, Apr. 23.
SHIOTA, Harry — boy, Apr. 15, Lodi.
SUENAGA, Michael — boy, Apr. 9, Lodi.
TANAKA, Ted Y. — boy, Apr. 13.
UMEDA, Sam H. — girl, Apr. 9
YAMAGUCHI, John K. — girl, Mar. 24, Lathrop

WATSONVILLE

KURAGAMI, Hyakunoshima (Fumiko Henmi) — boy, May 20.
MIYAMOTO, Hisao (Chizu Matsumoto) — boy, May 29.
SAKATA, Tommy (Lily Yamada) — girl, June 7.
TAO, Akira, (Mitsuyo Shibata) — boy, May 16.

SAN JOSE

FUTAGAKI, Fumio J.—girl Shawna M., Apr. 17.
INAMI, Sam S. — boy Jeffrey K., May 25.
ISHIBASHI, Tomio — girl Pa Nett, Apr. 29.
MINATO, Katsuji — boy Alan K., Apr. 28, Santa Clara.
SAKAE, Harry K. — girl Kim Louise, May 27, Mt. View.
TAKIMOTO, Karl — girl Sandra L., Apr. 30, Santa Clara.
YAMAGISHI, Ray M. — girl, Apr. 20, Gilroy.
YAMAICHI, Jim J. — boy Steve Minoru, May 4.

SAN MATEO

MACHIDA, Thomas — boy, Apr. 23. El Cerrito.

SAN FRANCISCO

HAYASHI, Donald T. — girl, Apr. 20.
HIROTA, Yosh — girl Jody, Apr. 26.
IMADA, Stanley — boy, Apr. 24.
KAGAWA, Francis T. — boy, May 5.
KANAYA, Kimio — boy, Apr. 23.
KAWASAKI, Frank K. — girl, Apr. 30
MIYASHIRO, Larry S. — boy, Apr. 18.
MUNEKAWA, Satoru — boy, May 23.
OGAWA, Richard Y. — girl, Mar. 28.
SASANO, Tom T. — boy, Apr. 17.
TANIGUCHI, William S. — boy, May 4.
TORIUMI, Yasuo — girl, Apr. 10.
YAMANAKA, Charles — girl, May 16.
YAMAMOTO, Irving S. — boy, Apr. 18.

SANTA ROSA

HAMAMOTO, George I. (Mary Yokoyama) — boy Wayne R., Apr. 2.
OHKI, Edwin (Anne Yokoyama) — girl Jundy A., Apr. 17.

OAKLAND

TAKAHASHI, James M. — girl, Apr. 9.
UEJO, Teruichi — girl, Apr. 19, Berkeley.
YAMADA, George Y. — boy, Apr. 26.
YOKOMIZO, Edward — boy, June 2.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

OYAMA, George Y. — girl, Apr. 25.
SHINGAWA, John — girl, May 8, Richmond.

SACRAMENTO

HORITA, Wayne — boy, Apr. 30.
IMAI, George — boy, Apr. 22.
IWATA, Paul — boy, Apr. 10.
KASHIWASE, William — boy, Apr. 23.
KODANI, Kiyoshi — boy, May 31.
MIYASHIMA, James — girl, Apr. 26.
NAKAGAWA, Yoshio — girl, May 4.
NISHI, John — boy, Apr. 26.
ODA, John M. — boy, Apr. 15.
OKINO, Fred — boy, Apr. 29.
YASUI, Norman — boy, Apr. 22.

PLACER COUNTY

YAMASHIRO, Tadao — girl, Apr. 18, Penryn.

MARYSVILLE

NAKAGAWA, Fred — girl, Apr. 24.

ONTARIO, ORE.

KAMESHIGE, Isao — girl, Apr. 25.

IDAHO

KAWAI, George — boy Michael K., Apr. 13, Marsing.
TAKASUGI, JJohn — boy David W., June 11, Homedale.
UDA, Ben — girl Tamesa Raecene, May 12, Homedale.
YAMADA, Manabu — boy Wesley, May 4, Nampa.
YAMAMOTO, Junji — girl Marianne, May 30, Homedale.

DENVER

HAGIHARA, Dr. Edwin (Ruby Kitsutaka) — boy, May 31, Greeley.
IWAGOSHI, Harry H. — boy.
IWASAKI, Stanley — boy, Apr. 29, Greeley.
KUROKI, Yoshiro — boy.
MORIKAWA, Eddie — boy, Derby.
OKAGAWA, Tsuru — boy.

SEATTLE

ARIMA, James Y. — girl, May 31.
CHIHARA, Theodore — girl, June 6.
FUJINARI, John — boy, Apr. 29.
FUJIOKA, Theodore — boy, Apr. 21.
FUJITA, Nobuichi — girl, May 6.
HIRAKI, Tom — boy, Apr. 24.
HIROO, Mickey — girl, Apr. 25.
ISHII, Nobi D. — girl, Apr. 30.
KATAYAMA, John Y. — boy, June 8.
KATO, Kosi — boy, Apr. 25.
KOZAI, Kearney — girl, Apr. 21.
MIYAHARA, Takashi — girl, Apr. 25.
MIYAMOTO, Tak — boy, May 18.
MIZUKAMI, Masatoshi — girl, June 5.
NAKAMICHI, Yoshio — boy, Apr. 16.
SAKAHARA, Toru — girl, Apr. 22.
TANIGAWA, Thomas — girl, Apr. 29.
TOMITA, Masao — girl, May 14.
TSUTSUMOTO, Ben — girl, Apr. 14.
UYENISHI, Hiyoshi — boy, May 5.
WATANABE, Shigeo — girl, Apr. 19.
YAMAGUCHI, Kozo — boy, Apr. 23.
YAMAMOTO, Kiyoo — boy, May 10.
YONAKA, Clarence — girl, May 9.
YONEMITSU, Robert T. — girl, May 25
YOSHIDA, Kenji — boy, Apr. 21.

CHICAGO

NAKAO, George — boy Ken Taro, Apr. 21.
TERAJI, To m— boy James T., Apr. 11.

CLEVELAND

HORNAS, Charles (Teruyo Toyama) — girl Myrna L., Mar. 27.
ITO, Wally (June Toguchi) — boy Douglas D., Mar. 28.

DETROIT

FUJIWARA, George — boy Kim, Mar. 7.
HIROZAWA, Stanley — girl Fay, Wyandotte.
KUNIMATSU, Saburo — boy Louis, May 24.
MIMURA, Dr. James — girl Carol Sue, Apr. 6.
SATO, Hideo — boy, Drayton Plains.
TANABE, James — boy Martin S., Apr. 13.
TAKEMOTO, Ken — boy Robert Kenji, Apr. 3.
TESHIMA, Dr. John (Helen Shimoura) —boy Paul, Mar. 18.

Vested property—

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on this same subject: "Confiscation must not be the practice of a nation which encourages morality in others. Confiscation is the practice of people who deny that morality exists. The acceptance of confiscation by the United States finds its only wholehearted justification in the practices of communism, which are repugnant to all American concepts. If perchance we have not been convinced by our past history that the right to property is an essential part of the right to freedom, recent events in Hungary and Egypt should convince us beyond peradventure of doubt that where property is not inviolate, freedom is in danger and that attacks on either must not be sponsored by the United States."

FIRST NISEI JOINS MAR VISTA OPTIMISTS

VENICE.—Dr. Takao Shishino, local optometrist and past Venice-Culver JACL president, was recently inducted as the first Nisei into the Mar Vista Optimist of Dist. 14. He is a 1951 graduate of the Univ. of California School of Optometry and belongs to the California Optometric Assn., the America Optometric Assn., and Omega Epsilon Phi, professional optometric fraternity.

SHONIEN HOME CAMPAIGN PASSES $22,000 MARK

As could be gathered from recent SOS—Support Our Shonien fund campaign reports in the Pacific Citizen office, a little over $22,000 have been gathered in the current drive.

Although figures are still incomplete, the following breakdown was prepared by Shonien Director Mike Suzuki this week as follows:

Area Campaigns—East Los Angeles, $3,000; Hollywood, $3,300; Pasadena, $1,000; Southwest L.A., $3,600; San Fernando, $1,700.

Special Gifts—Kickoff Banquet, $6,000; Li'l Tokio, $3,000; direct donations, $1,000.

The current goal is $50,000, sufficient to operate a full year and enable the new child care center to be eligible for Community Chest assistance the following year.

Shonien benefit bridge party will be held June 28-29 under sponsorship of Margaret Shinno at the Shonien. Both duplicate and rubber bridge games are planned for both evenings.

Nisei surgeon wins high state VFW post

FRESNO.—Dr. Norman Kobayashi of Gardena was chosen as department surgeon at the 37th annual California encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, this past week. Alva H. Fleming of Sacramento was elevated from senior vice-commander to commander.

Murayama—

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were closed by the Tokugawa Shogunate. Today, there are Filipinos who are proud of their Japanese aneestry.

And many Filipinos today are not afraid to speak of their Japanese ancestry. An influential civic leader in Baguio by the name of Hamada, a second-generation Japanese with a Filipino mother, owns a newspaper and he doesn't hide the fact that he is half-Japanese. There are many school teachers like him.

The Filipinos will remain Japan's friends as long as Japan demonstrates its sincerity to remain true. While Filipinos generally disprove of what Japanese Socialists do, including their visits of Red China, the average Filipino firmly believes his country and Japan are the two strong pillars opposing communism in the Far East.

Among the average Japanese, it appears contrary. He is weak-willed and uncertain, let alone being ignorant of the aspirations of the Philippines to keep this side of the Pacific free.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER
By Mike Masaoka

Premier Kishi's Mission

Washington

Since the success or failure of the so-called Kishi mission to the United States is of particular concern to Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country, it may be reassuring to know that the reception accorded him throughout the nation, including Washington, was exceptionally cordial and even enthusiastic in places.

Last Saturday afternoon, after completing what he himself described as the "government to government" phase of his visit. Prime Minister Kishi and his party departed Washington for New York City, where he began his "people to people" aspect of his mission. Yesterday morning (Thursday), he left Los Angeles and today he is in Honolulu, en route back to Tokyo, where his arrival is scheduled for Sunday, June 30.

While it is too early to assess from the American viewpoint the actual results of his two week mission to this country, it can be said that here in Washington the Prime Minister impressed the President and Government and Congressional leaders, as well as newspapermen and other unofficial observers, as one of the best spokesmen for Japan ever to visit the nation's capital. Incidentally, he is the first Japanese Prime Minister to address the Congress. Moreover, he attracted one of the largest crowds in National Press Club history when he spoke at a luncheon there.

In his own words, to summarize his Washington activities, Mr. Kishi estimated that: "I think we succeeded in establishing a new climate for fostering Japanese-American cooperation". Secretary of State Dulles evaluated the results as "four historic days" in United States-Japan relations.

COMMUNIQUE ON TALKS

The official joint statement of the President and the Prime Minister issued on June 21 was couched in the usual diplomatic generalities, except for the announcement of the immediate removal of American ground troops from Japan.

Of special importance to readers of the **Pacific Citizen** is the following reassuring paragraph: "The President and the Prime Minister are convinced that relations between Japan and the United States are entering a new era firmly based on common interests and trust. Their discussions covered the many mutual advantages and benefits of close relations between the United States and Japan."

In addition to securing the removal of American ground troops and consideration of the pull-out of other troops, the communique reported that an intergovernmental commission would be established to study the present Security Treaty of 1951, under which United States troops are based in Japan, and that the United States would take into account Japan's position on nuclear tests in formulating American policy.

Japan's hope for at least administrative control of the Ryukyus (Okinawa) and the Bonin (Ogasawara) Islands were rejected, though the United States conceded that residual sovereignty over these Islands remained with Japan.

Trade and economic assistance were also mentioned.

PRESS CLUB TALK

The Prime Minister was much more specific and emphatic in his talk at the Press Club Luncheon. There, he pledged that Japan "will never go communist, or neutralist. We will always be on the side of the free world. We recognize that our own security as a free nation depends upon the security of the free world. At the same time, we believe that the security of the free world depends upon Japan remaining free and firm in the Far East. And we believe that in order to keep our position strong and to play an effective role close cooperation with the United States is absolutely essential."

He frankly stated that Japan intends to trade with Red China, but only in non-strategic items. As for recognition of Red China, he emphasized that Japan "has no such intentions at the present time".

SUMMARY OF MISSION

A snap judgment of his 16-day mission to the United States is that he very definitely made a "beginning" in negotiations of the major "irritants" and "disturbing factors" in Japan-United States relations. He may not have gained the specific concessions he had hoped for, or that the Japanese people had hoped for, but he most definitely impressed United States officialdom that he is a friend and fighter of the free world in general and of the United States in particular.

We think that the cause of Japanese-American friendship and understanding was greatly enhanced by his mission to this country.

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FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF WALTER-McCARRAN ACT

Yesterday (June 27) marked the fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, for it was on that day five years ago that the Senate followed the House in overriding the presidential veto of the legislation that has meant so much to all persons of Japanese ancestry in the world.

In Honolulu, a civic celebration of this historic event was held in a high school auditorium, with public officials and Americans, native born and naturalized, taking part.

Since the enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act, an estimated more than 30,000 resident aliens of Japanese ancestry have become naturalized citizens of the United States. Prior to this legislation, they were barred from this privilege.

In this same five year period, an estimated almost 40,000 immigrants have been admitted from Japan for permanent residence in this country, or an average of almost 8,000 annually. Prior to the Walter-McCarran Act, no Japanese were eligible for admission into this country for permanent residence because of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924.

In addition to naturalization and immigration privileges, several thousand alien Japanese who prior to this legislation were subject to deportation for one reason or another have had their status adjusted to that of permanent residents, thereby keeping intact many families in which American citizens were

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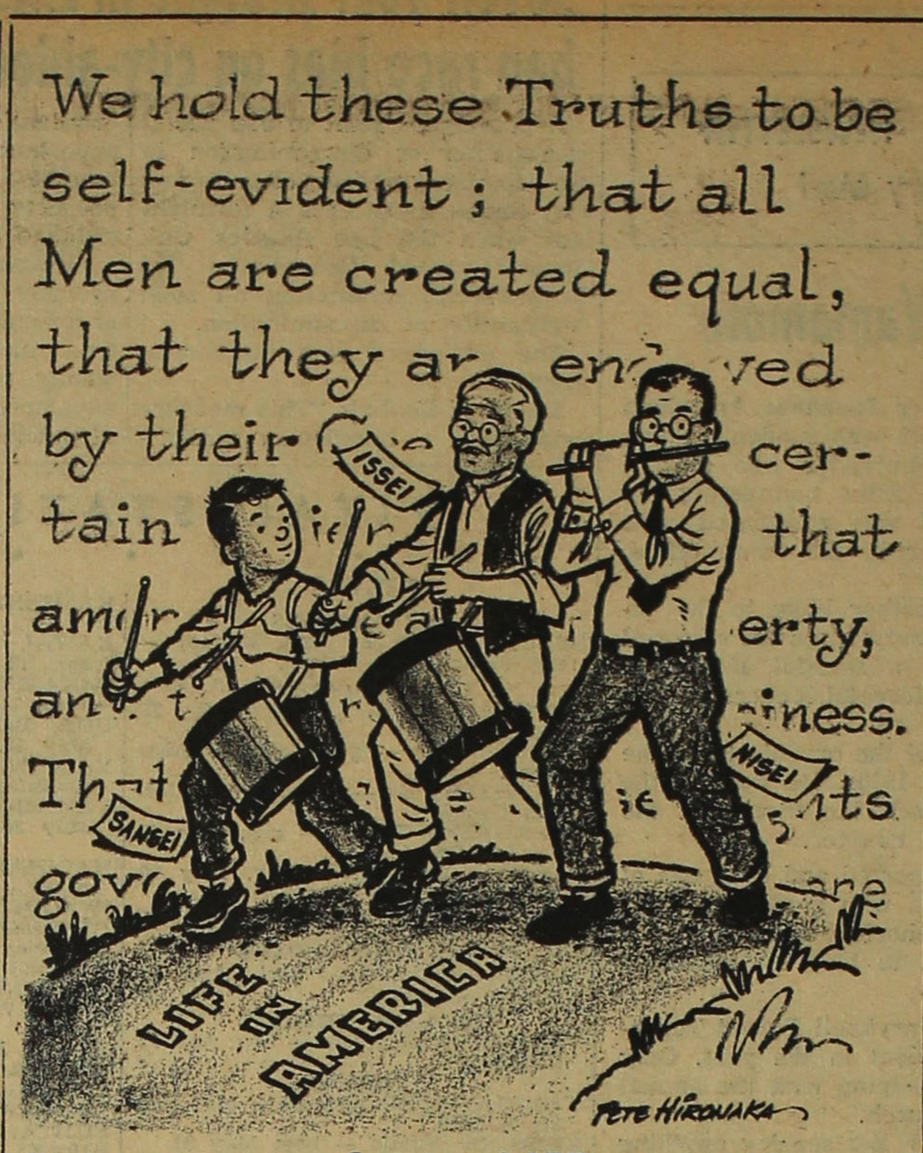

Spirit of '57

JACL SEEKS CLARIFICATION OF NEW CALIF. OLD-AGE PENSION TO ALIENS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Amendments to the California old age pension bill were passed by the state legislature just before adjournment earlier this month, it was learned here.

Efforts now being made to clarify exactly what effect it will have are reportedly being made by the JACL office.

Two years ago the JACL sponsored a bill to extend state old age pension coverage to the Issei. (Details of this Masterson bill are reported in Mas Satow's column today on Page 4.—Editor.)

Meanwhile, the Mexican-American group was active in seeking extension of the state pension benefits to all alien long-time residents of the U.S.

Assemblyman Bruce F. Allen (R., Los Gatos), introduced A.B. 2469 which was also approved by the assembly. This bill made all aliens living in this country since Jan. 1, 1932 eligible for state pension.

It was learned that on June 4 a senate committee combined the two bills amending all of the Allen bill into A.B. 1764 and this bill was passed by the upper house and sent to the governor.

However, it also added two sections in which (1) it barred persons convicted of any overt act against the U.S. from state pensions and (2) specified that all aliens must apply for U.S. citizenships and show annually that they have kept trying.

Both the original Masterson bill and this year's Allen bill were designed to aid many who could not pass their naturalization tests because of old age, infirmities or illiteracy.

Cost of the new Allen proposals have been put at about $6,000,000 a year to the state, a little more in federal grants and a saving of about $1,500,000 to county relief costs.

If Gov. Knight signs this new bill, a number of Issei, barred under the state ruling on the 1955 law plus those arriving in this country between Dec. 24, 1957 and Jan. 1, 1932 will become eligible for state pension, if they otherwise qualify.

Ex-Marine of Mexican descent who grew up with Nisei feted on 'This Is Your Life'

An ex-marine of Mexican descent who grew up with Nisei in East Los Angeles, Guy Gabaldon, 31, was the surprise guest on Ralph Edward's "This Is Your Life" show last week.

The Nisei turned out to be the first surprise guests on the show—twin Lane and Lyle Nakano. Lane is with Magna Industries in San Francisco, while Lyle was flown to Hollywood from Honolulu.

Lane, who worked in a number of postwar Hollywood movies, told the TV audience that Gabaldon was always around Nisei youths, spending summers with them in the fruit and vegetable packing sheds. The ex-Marine said he tried to enlist in the Army after Pearl Harbor with five or six Nisei friends but was turned down since they were underage.

Subsequently he tried the Navy but failed to pass the physical examination, but was finally accepted by the Marines after he told them he could speak Japanese—even uttering some of the phrases (idiomatic Boyle Heights Japanese, as one newspaperman describes it) he used to capture Japanese military and civilian personnel at Saipan.

Gabaldon is also credited with the capture of 800 Japanese prisoners single-handed. He was cited with the Silver Star for capture of over 1,000 enemy, "working ahead of the front lines and inducing many to surrender".

Delano reunion planned

DELANO. — The second Delano young people's reunion is being planned for Sunday, Sept. 1, with Bill Nakagama and Joe Katano acting as co-chairman. Addresses of former Delanoans are being requested so that further information can be sent them by Lily Misono, 1910 Belmont, Delano.

Claims —

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that claims of certain internees and corporations (profit and non-profit) are validated; and that timely postmarked but late received claims are to be considered as filed within the statutory deadline period.

The Washington JACL-COJAEC Office stated that it is their hope that awards authorized in May and June of this year will be presented to Congress in another supplemental appropriations bill in order that payment may be made to these claimants this year. If such an appropriations bill is not approved by Congress prior to adjournment, awards made in May and June 1957 will not be paid until next summer at the earliest.

RACE, RELIGIOUS BIAS BEST TOOLS OF COMMUNISM

GLENWOOD SPRINGS. — Communism's most effective weapon in the cold war is the "simple fact that Americans don't practice what they preach about racial equality."

That was the opinion expressed June 10 by Chief Justice O. Otto Moore of the Colorado supreme annual conference of the Colorado court in an address at the 35th Municipal League.

Justice Moore told the delegates racial and religious hatred are a repudiation of basic American philosophies.

"In theory, there are no second or third class citizens. But, in fact, we would be blind to stark reality if we asserted that we have attained equality," Moore said.

The United States is not out of its "swaddling clothes" in achieving liberty and freedom for minority groups, he said. And those who deny equality to all citizens feed the propaganda machine of the Communists.

He said a continuation of discrimination will immeasurably multiply the chances of success of Communist tyranny.

"We must rededicate ourselves to basic principles of equality and see that they are extended to all citizens."

Moore said Americans must begin to apply the written principles in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence to "everyone."

"We must realize the truth that in America, many great injustices prevail.

"Racial minorities are not always accorded the treatment guaranteed by our philosophy," he said.

—Denver Post

Korean American named to AG post

HONOLULU.—Gov. King of Hawaii appointed Herbert Y. C. Choy to be territorial Attorney General in place of Shiro Kashiwa, whom legislators refused to confirm last June 8.

Choy, at 41, is one of the youngest ever appointed and is the first person of Korean ancestry to hold the Attorney General's post. He is a 1941 Harvard Law School graduate, the first Korean American to be admitted to U.S. practice and served as legal officer at SCAP (Tokyo) after V-J day and with the military government in Seoul.

PIANO-VOCAL RECITAL AT LONG BEACH SET

LONG BEACH.—Students in piano and voice of Sue Takimoto Joe will be presented in recital June 29, 8 p.m., at the YWCA, 6th and Pacific Ave. Mrs. Fumiko Komai is in charge of arrangements.

CALENDAR

June 29 (Saturday)
Berkeley — Graduates Prom, Jefferson School.

June 30 (Sunday)
Los Angeles — Nisei Relays, Rancho Cienega.
Cleveland — Community picnic, Weigand's Lake.
West L.A. — Steak Bake, Rancho Park, 1:30 p.m.

July 4 (Thursday)
Ventura County — Community picnic, 5th St. Beach, Oxnard; fish derby from dawn till 11 a.m.
San Diego — Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park.

July 7 (Sunday)
Pasadena-East L.A. — JJoint steak bake, Oak Grove Park, Sec. J, 1:30 p.m. (Bring own utensils).
Sonoma County — Community picnic, Doran State Park, Bodega Bay.

July 10 (Wednesday)
CCDC — Summer quarterly meeting, Dinuba.

July 14 (Sunday)
Eden Township — Community picnic, Castle Rock Park, Walnut Creek, 12 n.
East Los Angeles — Fishing derby (tent.)

July 20 (Saturday)
Philadelphia — Community picnic, Friends Central School (Rain date: July 27.)

July 21 (Sunday)
Sequoia — Community picnic.

July 24 (Wednesday)
ELA-SWLA — Jazz Concert benefit, Koyasan Hall.

July 28 (Sunday)
Oakland — Fall Fashions, Lake Merritt Sailboat House.
East L.A. — Family picnic, Belvedere Park.
Seattle — Community picnic, Lake Wilderness.