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COMMUNITY PICNIC ON JUNE 16 AT EDEN SEMINARY GROVE

The sweeping lawn covered grove of Eden Seminary in suburban Webster Grove has been selected as the site for the second annual All-St. Louis Japanese American picnic on Sunday, June 16 and plans are complete for a most gala day, Sam Nakano, general chairman, reported at the meeting of the Nisei Coordinating Council at Downtown YMCA on May 17. The picnic hours have been set from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the outing is expected to draw some 300 picnic goers.

An abundance of entertainment is listed in the official program, which coupled with other stellar attractions, is expected to make the event one which will be remembered by those attending. A softball game featuring Will Kagawa's McPherson Gashouse Gang and Washington University's Dental team will officially launch the outing.

Heading the various picnic committees are: Margie Hamamoto, Mitsuko Hattori, Dan Sakahara, Jyutaro Ryugo, Ted Kurahara, Henry Tani, Ted Ohashi and George Teraoka.

Reorganization recommendations made by the Reorganization Committee were presented to the Nisei Council by Chairman Ted Ohashi. The submitted report suggests that the present Council look forward to a dissolution and that it be replaced by either (1) a completely reorganized formal group of St. Louis resettlers, or (2) a local Japanese American Citizen League chapter.

The comprehensive plan based on a thorough survey was taken for favorable consideration by the Council and definite progress is expected during the coming month.

The Reorganization Committee was made up of

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KUROKI'S SPEECH CANCELLED SATOW AND TANABE COMING

Due to difficulties in arranging a suitable speaking schedule, war hero Ben Kuroki's proposed visit to St. Louis this week was cancelled indefinitely according to last minute words from Nisei Council chairman, Henry Tani.

However, Henry Tani stated that on June 26, Masao Satow and Eiji Tanabe of the National Office of the Japanese American Citizen League will be here

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HENRY TANI SAYS:

THE NISEI FRONT

In recent months the Nisei Council has been seriously considering a re-conversion into a more formal organization embracing the total resettler group in St. Louis. Signed memberships, annual dues, a simple constitution and a general localized program were the ingredients of the new set-up. The possibility of re-converting the organization into a JACL chapter was a more recent suggestion.

The Committee on Reorganization submitted its report, presenting an "either or" proposition, leaving the choice to the Nisei Council. Perhaps it is well that we review the position of the Japanese American Citizen League as it might relate to the formation of a local chapter.

At its recent Denver conference, the JACL embarked upon two main projects: the first objective is the securing of naturalization rights for our first generation immigrant parents who are now "ineligible for citizenship", the second is the securing of some just compensation or indemnification for losses sustained

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FRED K. OSHIMA**

NISEI NOTES: Robert Ashizawa of 5200 Maple is the latest of local nisei to launch a cleaning business and is located on St. Louis Avenue.....Lt. Colonel Purcel of the celebrated 442nd Regiment and who was a "May Frolic" guest along with his charming wife and some of his nisei G. I.'s is a staunch Missourian residing in nearby suburban Crystal City."May Frolic" chairman, Florence Okuyama, enthusiastic over the results of the gay dance indicated that another similar affair is in store for Mound City nisei.....In the glittering array of first nighters seen at the Metropolitan Opera performance "Tanhausser" were Chico Sakaguchi, Eru Tanabe and Bessie Kawachi.....Four-Four-Two vet, Ted Kurahara of 3900 McPherson and Newsletter staff artist, was a Minneapolis visitor the first of the month.

DOWNTOWN VAGARIES: Mrs. Harry Hayashi the former Alice Yamaoka and popular one-time WRA gal is now with the Veterans Administration in the Buder Building across Asia.....And incidentally writing about Asia, brings to mind that for you resettlers who have been missing the fresh West Coast tofu (Soybean cake) the Market Street chop suey house can supply you with it. And fresh ga-chos (bean sprouts) too. We bought some Sunday and they were very good, tofu especially.....George Teraoka, the nisei colony's shirt tycoon proudly passing out stogies in behalf of Tommy's arrival.....Restaurateur, Joe Inukai, St. Louis' top nisei kegler is interested in forming a nisei bowling quintet.....Watsonville's George Shima, ex-Missouri U man is now associated with the P.B. Radloff accounting firm on 18th and Olive. Two other nisei, Suzie Yamashita of El Centro and Rose Ogino of Sacramento are on the firm's staff.

BRIDE-TO-BE? St. Loocy spinsters, take note and scrutinize: According to statistics dug up by The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, the more education a girl acquires, the less chance she has to marry. The more marrying females in the United States are those with not more than four years of schooling.....The percentage drops for girls who get eight years of schooling. It drops more drastically for girls who finishes high school. Fewer
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NISEI SERVICES

The way is now open to start Christian services in the Japanese language for the older folks in St. Louis. Church Federation, which authorized a budget for this purpose. Mr. J. Ryugo will head the local program, with a visiting minister from Chicago to conduct services at regular intervals. The first meeting will be held as part of the all-resettler picnic at the Eden Seminary Grounds on June 16.

**FLOWER
ARRANGEMENT**

Mrs. J. H. Eto gave a Japanese flower arrangement program at the Easter luncheon of the Mount Tabor Evangelical Reformed Church on April 23.

The idea of a flower arrangement exhibit was made by Mrs. Carl Kriete, wife of Missionary Dr. Carl Kriete, who was principal of Miyagi-Jo gakuen at Sendai, Japan.

Mrs. J. H. Eto is the mother of Dr. Jackson Eto, formerly of Gardena, California.

COUNCIL MEETING

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Chairman Ted Ohashi, Aya Mori, Chico Sakaguchi, Fusa Doi, Florence Okuyama, Sam Nakano and Dan Sakahara.

**HELP
WANTED**

A school-boy job is offered by Dr. James F. Nolan, at Wydown 0139. Address: 13 Marrison Terrace in Clayton.

THE SUN STILL SHINES IN CALIFORNIA

Editor's note: The following is an informal report on the returned evacuees in the Eastbay region by ex-Newsletter staff member, Art Iwata who is in Berkeley on an architectural job.

The sun still shines in California. I've seen it.....There are more Japanese back in Berkeley now than there were in pre-war days. However the picture is far from bright or encouraging. The majority work as domestics or gardeners and make from a dollar an hour and up. The taking of a domestic job eliminates the housing in many cases, which is really a problem here. Remember that the dollar an hour here is not as much as it is in St. Louis. Recommendation.....Don't head this way unless you have a business and a place for that business, or you are interested in domestic work, of which there seems to be no lack at the moment.

Eighty seven families housed in a government housing project in Richmond. More in other projects throughout the Eastbay. Purchasing of homes expensive and difficult. Non-caucasians are limited by unwritten agreement among the real estate men to an area south and west of Grove and Dwight Way.

The cleaning union hiring halls

will not take nisei. In San Francisco issei are working in cleaners. In order to open a cleaning establishment, an operator must now take a written and practical exam. An issei regardless of his experience, unless he can pass the exam can not go back into business. There is one cleaner and one laundry in the Eastbay run by Japanese.

Semi-skilled nisei mechanics for instance are getting the run-around. Garages say join the union and the union says get a job.....Nisei in the membership of the Berkeley Interracial Council.....Young Buddhist reorganized to take their place in society again.

Professionally speaking.....and the latest Pacific Citizen, notwithstanding doctors and dentists seem to be relying greatly on the Japanese trade....A pharmacist working in a hospital in Alameda.....A student in a penicillin mgf. plant.....Architectural draftsman in offices in Piedmont, Oakland and Berkeley....A girl sociologist remains jobless.

Very roughly this is the situation as WRA's in this area cease operation. How this may change in a few months is hard to say but this is still California, in many respects.

MAY FROLIC

Highlighted by the appearance of Lt. Colonel Purcell and fifteen of his world famous nisei Yanks from the celebrated 442nd Infantry Regiment, the Nisei Coordinating Council's benefit dance "May Frolic" went over in gay style on May 11 at the YWCA.

A capacity crowd of 175 dance lovers from metropolitan St. Louis gathered for the gala affair and to honor the distinguished visitors in traditional St. Louis fashion.

Committees making the dance a success were: co-chairman Sumio Kubo and Jimmie Hayashi, Florence Okuyama, Will Kagawa, Min Iwasaki, Eru Tanabe, Eddie Koyama, Alice Hayashi, Harry Hayashi, Mae Sakaizawa, Flora and Mae Yamaoka and Bill Oshima.

MOTHERS DAYS TEA

Beautiful corsages of carnations flanked by sweetheart roses for each guest, featured the delightful Mothers' Day Tea by the St. Louis Young Buddhist Association on May 12, at the YWCA's Social Hall.

The Tea honored, Japanese American mothers of the St. Louis area and was chairmanned by Miss Chizu Kanda. The guests presented were: Mrs. Iwata, Mrs. Hattori, Mrs. Doi, Mrs. Kawahara, Mrs. Migita, Mrs. Kanda, Mrs. Hara, Mrs. Kawachi, Mrs. Kagawa, Mrs. Kato, Mrs. Oshima and Mrs. Ogino. Miss Mary E. Brooks, former St. Louis WRA official was special guest.

Selections by Miss Joan Hattori, Miss Fumi Iwata and Mrs. Kato highlighted the Sunday afternoon program.

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as a result of the evacuation.

These are easily dramatized goals. But the undercurrent drive of the organization is found in their list of program which includes the following points: to protect and preserve all rights of citizens of Japanese ancestry; to secure equal employment opportunities; to combat un-American discrimination through legislative processes; to carry on research; to conduct educational campaign; to encourage Japanese Americans to integrate into community life.

In the form of society in which we live, the voice of each individual is expected to be heard. Yet in the complexity and specialization of the day, the voice of the people is usually delegated to another and the composite voice is heard through organizational channels. In an emergency, the best qualified "voice" or organization gets first recognition.

It was this situation which gave the JACL such prominence immediately after Pearl Harbor. Standing alone in the mute Japanese community and speaking in behalf of some sixty chapters and 20,000 members of the day, our JACL representatives got into official channels and pleaded the case of the scape-goat of the Pacific Coast. Remarkable contacts were made, suggestion and hints properly placed and considerable attention received in spite of the antipathy of the total Japanese populace in the excitement of the day. Not all has been told of the exploits of Mike Masaoka and Saburo Kido who put aside personal safety and wishes and gave sincerely of their best talents in a true fight for democratic processes.

The war may be over, but the "59th Mission" of Ben Kuroki is still to be accomplished. The home front war is with us and still looms ahead.

The effective way to be heard in the American scene today is through an organization. Racial lines and discrimi-

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JACL SPEAKERS

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to speak to the local resettler group on the JACL program.

Former National YMCA staff-member, Masao Satow, is the new Eastern regional representative of the JACL and will confer with the local nisei on the subject of the much talked about Coordinating Council's re-organization plan with the formation of a St. Louis JACL chapter as a modium.

Eiji Tanabe, one-time president of the Los Angeles JACL is the head of the League's Japanese language section and will speak to the St. Louis issai on the subject of naturalization rights for Issai and the creation of a claim commission, which will be empowered to make indemnification for evacuation losses. Tanabe will also explain to the local issai the discriminatory "oscheat" cases now being tried in California against nisei property owners.

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still get married of those who go to college.....The more education a girl acquires, as a rule the harder she is to please; she may become positively fussy about it. Also, the more theories she accumulates and the more collegiate her tone of voice, the less sex-appeal she may show to men who like glamour and femininity in their woman. There it is folks.

IT'S A SON

Mr. and Mrs. George Teraoka of 202 N. 18th St. became the proud parents of a six-pound boy born at the Missouri Baptist Hospital on May 5. The baby was named Thomas Toshiyuki.

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natory legislation must be removed by the orderly processes of educational and legislative means. This is an expensive proposition. As children of immigrant people, we have everything to gain by banking on the group-front technique.

Hence St. Louis resettlers can hardly watch from the sidelines. In many ventures of the JACL, now and in the future, we will be effected as individuals and as a group. The least we can do is to give moral and financial support.

A local chapter would still function largely in behalf of the St. Louis

resettlers, both issei and nisei. This is our logical move. In this we will not be alone. The Nisei Councils of Milwaukee and Philadelphia have each dissolved and become JACL chapters. Cincinnati has formed a chapter. Detroit and Ann Arbor both have a chapter in the making. And of course, Chicago and New York are well established chapters.

With the "either or" alternative before the Nisei Council, we deem it only fair that our readers be advised more fully of the JACL and its wartime record. We enclose the "JACL Bulletin" of Chicago for your study and reference.

ATTEND THE
ALL ST. LOUIS

*Japanese American
Picnic*

==== EDEN SEMINARY GROUND
WEBSTER GROVE =====

JUNE 16, 1-7 P.M.

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HENRY TANI SAYS

We nisei children of immigrant folks will get our civic lesson the practical way. There won't be book-learning now. This time, we want to know what happens to Senate Bill No. S-2127 which was introduced on April 29 by Senator Allen J. Ellender of La.

For Bill S-2127 proposes an Evacuation Claim Commission which would provide for compensation for losses sustained as a result of the evacuation. Thus it behooves all red-blooded wide-awake nisei and their parents to know what is going on in Washington, because this time, those politicians are going to talk about us here in St. Louis and elsewhere.

The background is simple: we were evacuated by military order because of the increasing uneasiness of the possibility of espionage and sabotage on the Pacific Coast.

A letter accompanying the proposed bill, written by Secretary of the Interior J.A. Krug does a nice piece of explaining and justifying. The abrupt removal and continued exclusion caused most of the losses and damages, the letter states, and so this Commission is recommended as the most feasible ways of providing some compensation.

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ISSEI AND NISEI

SATO AND TANABE TO SPEAK HERE JUNE 27

So that local resettlers and friends may hear the latest developments on the legislative front affecting their status and future well-being, Masao Satow and Eiji Tanabe of the National Japanese American Citizen League will speak at the Third Baptist Church on Thursday evening, June 27, at 8 p.m. under the sponsorship of the St. Louis Nisei Coordinating Council.

For the Japanese speaking Issei folks in town, Eiji Tanabe of Spokane, Washington, a graduate of Aoyama Gakuen in Japan, former president of the Los Angeles chapter of the JACL, more recently instructor of Japanese language at University of Michigan and at present a speaker on the National JACL speaking tour, will present the more knotty problems affecting the Issei, namely deportation, naturalization and indemnification. Tanabe will also trace the workings of the JACL in its wartime years as well as its present and future programs.

Making his second trip to St. Louis for the Nisei Council, Masao Satow, who was the main speaker at the Council's Fellowship dinner last December, was for years a YMCA leader. The Eastern representative of the JACL, heading both the Chicago and New York office, Satow will present to the nisei and their friends, the national program of the JACL, especially as it affects the resettlers, touching upon such things as the indemnification bill, the escheat cases in California, the naturalization for our alien parents and the wartime and peacetime program of the JACL.

16 NISEI GRADUATES

The traditional June graduation exercise saw sixteen Japanese American seniors in metropolitan St. Louis receive their coveted diplomas.

Heading the list were two outstanding nisei scholars, Toshi Iwata and Amy Miyako, both of whom carried off top honors in their graduating classes.

A former stocktonian and a member of the Newsletter staff, Toshi Iwata was awarded the St. Louis College of Pharmacy alumni prize as the outstanding graduate. Amy Miyako, formerly of Portland was graduated cum laude from Maryville College. At the

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ST. LOUIS YANKS: Representing St. Louis as guest of honor at the Chicago JACL's glittering Memorial Day dinner for Nisei GI's, was Harry Oshima, ex-four-four-two Yank. The swank affair was held in the world famous Stevens Hotel and among the 1000 odd in attendance were Marshall Field, publisher of Chicago Sun and New York PM, Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer and Mississippi's outstanding nisei friend Earl Finch.....Ex-Sergeant George Kagawa is the latest GI to return to St. Louis from Europe, and has rejoined his lovely wife, Lily, at their McPherson Street apartment. A bruising all-conference star on the '40 and '41 Northern California prep football champion Lodi Eleven, Kagawa plans to matriculate at some midwestern University.....Placid Ted Kurahara who battled through the Italian campaign with the famed Four Forty Second, departed for a month tour of the Pacific Coast,

last week.....Veteran Kay Ryugo, son of Councilman Jyutaro Ryugo, has joined Robert Ashizawa's cleaning firm.

ST. LOUIS ROUND-UP: Back in town from Drury College for the summer is Joe Arata.....Taking an active part in Sacramento's nisei circle is former St. Louisan Pauline Miyagawa; her sister, Grace, is a student nurse at Deaconess Hospital.....Latest St. Louisan to enter the armed forces is Ray Echigoshima, son of Mr. and Mrs. Echigoshima of Waterman Blvd.....Jean Otani, of Washington U.'s fashion school is currently spending the summer in Florin, California in Sacramento Valley with her parents.

JACL: Cincinnati, Ann Arbor, Milwaukee, Cleveland, and Detroit are the latest eastern cities to activate a JACL Chapter. How about St. Louis? We hope this town isn't asleep on this important aspect of post-war nisei problems.

16 DIPLOMAS

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commencement exercises, Miss Miyako was presented with the \$100.00 scholarshi prize for which she was chosen by her classmates and the faculty for influence and leadership and with the Delta Dpsilon Sigma key, the emblem of the National Catholic honorary society.

Those who were grauated were: Washington U., Molly Kiyomura, Danny Kugiya, Mas Nakauchi, Calvin Ishida, Joe Iwano, Ralph Akamine, Jiro Yamaguchi, and Min Iwasaki.

St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Toshi Iwata.

Maryville Colloge: Amy Miyako

St. Charles High School: Jean Hattori and Ruth Kawahara.

Soldan High School: Grace Hattori

St. Peters High School: Aiko Haga

Longfellow School: Evelyn Inukai

Kirkwood High School: Amy Shiota

MORE ON SATO & TANABE

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Both Tanabe and Satow will speak at the same time in two different rooms at the Third Baptist Church, one in Japanese, the other in English. Mr. J. Ryugo will chair the Issoi meeting; Sam Nakano will take charge of the Nisei session. Questions and discussions will be part of the program. All resettlers and friends are invited.

Immediately preceding the meeting, members and friends of the Nisei Council will honor the guests at a dinner in the Grand Olive section, Thursday evening, June 27th at 6:30 p.m. Interested resettlers and friends may make reservation for this dinner by contacting Fred K. Oshima, at FOrrest 8196 after 6 p.m. up to Wednesday, June 26.

TANI ON TOUR . . . 200 AT PICNIC

For his fourth consecutive summer, Henry Tani will again make a round of conferences and camps representing the Board of National Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Leaving St. Louis June 24th, Tani and his wife will attend the National Conference of Christian Education at Lakeside, Ohio, on Lake Erie, June 25 to June 28, where some 1500 delegates of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will gather. Tani is scheduled to address the Youth Assembly during the week. The Tanis plan to visit Detroit before returning home. From July 9 to 12, at Heidelberg College, in Tiffin, Ohio and then at Hood College, in Frederick, Maryland from July 15 to 18 he will conduct classes on "Christian and Race" at the Women's Guild conferences. Then at Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas he is scheduled to teach "What Kind of World Do You Want?" and "The Christian and Race" at the Sunflower Leadership Training School, July 28 to August 3.

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Aided by perfect weather and the crowd to enjoy the various events, approximately 200 persons made the second annual all St. Louis Japanese American picnic a gala day at the lawn covered grove of Eden Seminary, on June 9.

In the climaxing ceremonies, Midori Arimura, of St. Charles, walked off with the picnic's grand prize, a hard-to-get ten-pound premium Missouri hickory smoked ham. Other major winners were, Marianne Masui with a big jar of Spry shortening and George Shingo with six bars of Fels-Naptha.

Introduced to the picnic throngs were the following special guests: youngest child: seven weeks old; Leslie Sue Mitobe; oldest lady, Mrs. Nishimoto, 70 years old; oldest man, Mr. Nishimoto, 74 years; longest married, Mr. Ono, 48 years and most recent birthday, Mr. Kawata, 67 years old, June 5.

The successful picnic was chairmaned by Sam Nakano and was assisted by the following committee heads: Margie Hamamoto, Mitsuko Hattori, Dan Sakahara, Jyutarô Ryugo, Ted Kurahara, Henry Tani, Ted Ohashi, George Shimamoto and George Teraoka.

Let's all be there!

Masao Satow

Eiji Tanabe

NISEI MEETING

ISSEI MEETING

at the
THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday June 27th

at 8 o'clock

JUNE BRIDE

A Christ Church Cathedral wedding will bring Makiko Kajiwara, formerly of Portland, and Edward Tadashi Koyama formerly of Los Angeles, together in marital bliss at 8 o'clock Monday evening, June 24th. The service will be conducted by Dean Sidney Sweet of the Cathedral. Ed Koyama is a pharmacist at St. Mary's Hospital; Maki has been managing the cleaning shop at the YMCA. (This is another St. Louis romance.) A shower for the bride was held at the home of Janice Shirota in Kirkwood, Sunday afternoon, June 9.

TERAOKA ELECTED EYBL AUDITOR

George Teraoka, active president of the St. Louis YBA, was elected to the auditor's post of Eastern Young Buddhist League at the League's first annual conference in Chicago on May 31, June 1 and 2. Stanley Okada of New York was re-elected president.

St. Louis delegates attending the conference which drew 200 young Busseis were George Teraoka, Fumi Iwata, Grace Kagawa, Will Kagawa, Harry Oshima and Fred K. Oshima.

MORE ON NATURALIZATION

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Now of course, in this short space the full details cannot be covered. It suffices to say here, at least, the government desires to give the legitimate claimant a chance to be heard. It may take a lawyer, probably, but allowances will be made to cover his fees. All facilities to aid the evacuees are part of the plan in consideration. Claims must be filed within 18 months after the law becomes effective and claims up to \$2,500.00 will be dispensed by this Evacuation Claims Commission.

But don't be misled. This is only the bill, introduced into the senate. Brush off your civics books again and follow through the bill. The bill will probably go to the Senate Claims Committee, of which Senator Ellander is chairman. The desired end, of course is that this committee will recommend and bring it to the floor of the Senate by placing it on the Senate calendar and have it passed by the Senate. Then it goes to the House and the same processes are repeated. And at any point in this process, amendments, additions and cancellations to the bill may be made. It may never pass for that matter.

That's where you and I come in. If writing to Washington was somebody's else's game, it isn't any more. If you think you have good cause for a claim,

then write to Ellander and tell him why you want the bill to go through and not just that you want the bill to go through. The Readers Digest for June has a good article about writing to congressmen. Get some tip from that. The address is simple: Senator Allen J. Ellander, Senate Office Building, Washington D.C., and write Dear Senator---, The chances are you'll get an answer from him.

This indemnification bill is only one of many such legislative measures, along with the deportation, the naturalization and other similar steps, which mark our return to "first-class" citizenship. For Ben Kuroki to concentrate his attentions on the veterans to muster their organized strength on our side is strategy. The JACL has a lot to say about this.

That again, is individual "pressure" and lots of "individual" pressure will be needed. But group strategy is potent stuff in things like this. String-pulling, under-the-counter deals, slap-on-the-back and two-bits cigars are some of the factors to be reckoned with.

Let's get in the swim and help back up this fight for legislative progress. Maybe what the JACL representatives, Masao Satow and Eiji Tanabe, will have to tell us on their St. Louis visit, might give us a better picture of our potential powers in St. Louis.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

We have received an inquiry from Mr. H. Toyota of 107 West Ohio St., Chicago 10, Illinois, asking for the address of Mr. and Mrs. Ryozo Ogura, who with two children, are supposed to have come to St. Louis in November, 1945. Anyone having information on this subject, please advise Henry Tani, or Mr. Toyota directly.

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From Pacific Citizen, June 8th: Susie Tamaki, formerly of St. Louis, graduate of Harris Teachers Colloge in June 1945, is said to be the first Nisei to be accepted for training as an air-line hostess in Philadelphia. She is signing up for training with the TWA.

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Gradwohl's School of Laboratory Technique has a Hawaiian lass, Martha Kumabe. Last year, two other Nisei girls have gone through the Gradwohl course, Mary Yamamoto and Fumi Manabe, both now are back in California.

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The Frank Hayashida-George Teraoka partnership has recently stretched its operations at the Model Cleaners to take in not only a laundry business within their shop, but the former House of Pixie, which they renamed the House of Models, where some nine employees are maintained in the made-to-order dress-making shop on the corner of 18th & Olive.

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Rev. George Nishimoto of Chicago and a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary of the Evangelical & Reformed Church, was in St. Louis recently to assist in a Webster Groves wedding.

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Another graduate: Mary Hidekawa, formerly of San Francisco and Topaz, Utah, graduated from Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School. Mary clerked at the J. J. Newberry dime store in Maplewood during the Christmas holidays.

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Housing needed: for Issei widow and children. Please advise Mrs. Hendricks at Social Security Commission, phone Chestnut 6480.

Nisei girl wanted, work evenings in exchange for room & board. Contact Mrs. Edw. Stuart, 704 Sherwood Drive, Webster Groves, phone Webster 2529W.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

We are having a meeting, July 24th 7:30 p.m. at the home of Henry Tani (2837 Bartold Avenue - go on the Manchester streetcar).

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Dr. Henry M. Ema has opened his practice of dentistry at 2017 S. Jefferson Avenue (PR 5404). He is a former Southern California resident and a graduate of the St. Louis University Dental School. Appointments can be made for evenings.

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The first Issai Christian worship services for Japanese-speaking St. Louis resettlers will be held Sunday afternoon, June 23rd, 2:30 p.m. at the Third Baptist Church. Rev. Kiyoshi Ishikawa of Chicago will come to conduct the services. Mr. Ryugo is the local chairman. The meeting is sponsored by the Committee on Resettlement of the St. Louis Church Federation and is open to all interested people.

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Rev. V. Fujimura of Chicago will be in St. Louis to conduct services for the fourth gathering of St. Louis Buddhists at the YWCA, 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 29th. Following the services a short YBA meeting will be held; at that time, a report will be given on the Chicago conference.

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Job offer: For Nisei, male or female with typing ability or experience. The Ralph C. Coxhead Corp., at 706 Fullerton Bldg., 7th and Pine Streets does composition service on a "variety-typer" on factory production scale. A Nisei was specifically requested and recommended because they seemed to show "great attention to details". Contact Mr. Reeves at Garfield 4957 for an interview.

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The survey of St. Louis resettlement recently conducted by four Washington U. Students, is typed up in 30 pages. The Nisei Council has received a copy from student Joe Iwano.

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MAY 22 MEETING

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church will be the scene of a panel discussion in which representatives of various welfare agencies in the district will impart information regarding all resources available to relocatees in need of social and economic assistance.

The panel meeting, to be held on Tuesday May 22 at 8 p.m., is being sponsored by the Family Service Committee of the Nisei Council and the Washington WRA field office.

Those to appear on the panel are Dr. Ernest Griffiths, of the Library of Congress, who will serve as panel chairman; Mr. Donald Gray, superintendent of the Public Assistance Division of the District of Columbia Board of Welfare; Mrs. Eleanor Harper of War Housing; Mrs. Katherine Williams of Mrs. Mildred Kilinski of Family Service Association; Mr. Parker Barrett; Mrs. Goldie Meenes, a case worker of the Board of Welfare; the Rev. Nelsen Schlegel, and Mrs. William Kerr.

The Rev. George Burroughs and Mrs. Lily Takeshita will preside.

As an added attraction, either the motion picture "A Challenge to Democracy" or "The 442nd Combat Team" will be shown. Both feature Nisei in action.

FAMILY SERVICE

By Mrs. Lily Takeshita, Chairman of the Nisei Family Service Committee.

The Family Service Association, a Community Chest agency, is primarily established for the purpose of aiding families and individuals burdened with social and economic difficulties which they are unable to iron out without assistance. (Continued on Page 2)

NEWS IN BRIEF

The War Hospitality Committee, a subsidiary of the Community War Fund, has taken over the deficit financing of the hostel, which means that beginning from May 1 War Hospitality will cover any deficit incurred in the operation of the hostel up to \$2,400 for a one-year period.

This generous appropriation by War Hospitality marks the successful culmination of negotiations over a long period of time between War Hospitality and the Citizens' Committee, Mr. Allen J. White's hostel committee, and other interested friends of the Nisei.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Barrett, hostel directors, Mrs. Quaintance, and Emma Jean are leaving for their home in Walla Walla, Washington, in early June. On May 27, a farewell tea is to be given by the hostel committee at the hostel to which Nisei are invited.

Election of new members for the Nisei Council will be held some time in June for a six-month term.

The USO picnic will be held in Rock Creek Park, Grove 25, 16th and Kennedy, on May 26. There'll be plenty of good eats, music, and games. Girls are to assemble at St. John's at 6 p.m. or go directly to Grove 25. St. John's will be opened all evening just in case it rains, or if people are not able to make the picnic. After the picnic the group will go back to St. John's for dancing.

Dance practice will be held at St. John's every Saturday night before the USO party starts.

Thanks to Susie Chikaraishi, Fumi Sakaguchi, Mary and Ossie Nomura, Cherry Matsui and Shizu Tarumoto, the USO has been able to start a record collection of its own.

FAMILY SERVICE (continued)

The Association, with offices at 1022 11th St. NW, can extend valuable help to relocatees especially by giving direct assistance through its own facilities as well as referring people to the proper agencies equipped to render a particular service.

In the matter of housing, which is the all-important problem confronting newcomers and those who would like to call out their families, the Association can help by referring people to the right agencies and by speeding up referrals in cases of emergency.

In this connection, it would be well for evacuees to know whether they are entitled to housing priority or not. Persons who work in laundries and restaurants, for example, come under the essential headings which give them housing preference.

Family Service assists in obtaining necessary furnishings for a home either in the form of loans, or at times as outright gifts. It secures funds for persons unable to work for an extended period of time due to illness or accident.

It refers persons to special agencies for vocational training and counseling, for legal aid, for advice on marital problems, and behavior problems of children. It arranges for the care and supervision of children if the parents work; it secures housekeeping services when the mother is ill.

The chief point to bear in mind is that Family Service is in a position to help persons with any and all forms of economic and social problems either directly or indirectly.

Consultations may be arranged with Mrs. Katherine Williams or with any Family Service staff member at 1022 11th St. NW any week day and on Monday night. All interviews are carried on in the strictest privacy, and all reports are treated with the utmost confidence.

VETERANS' COMMITTEE

By Bob Iki

As Washington's participation in a proposed nation-wide campaign to aid returning Nisei servicemen, the Council decided to form a committee for this purpose, and initial steps were taken at a meeting of the members on May 4.

This committee will gather all information concerning benefits, compensations, and instructions at present available only through many and divergent agencies, correlate those especially pertinent to Nisei; and make this correlation easily accessible.

It will form a consultation body, eager to furnish data about job possibilities, social outlets, housing, educational and religious facilities, and other necessary facts.

But most important of all, it is hoped that the Veterans' Committee will, by appropriate contacts, be able to combat any instances of racial discrimination should they occur.

A word about the formation of the idea. At a luncheon with Frank Cross of the WRA, Dr. Chitoshi Yanaga, and myself Earl Finch of Mississippi, well-known patron of Nisei soldiers, emphasized the necessity of continuing the work for the Nisei GIs because the average soldier, in his opinion, was rather confused as to what his fate would be after his return.

As a result of this discussion, it was decided that Finch would tour the U. S. to enlist various groups in the larger communities in forming local committees to study the problem. Finch has established national headquarters in Minneapolis.

After the splendid effort on the part of Finch, the Nisei Council feels that it is only right that we in Washington who helped develop the idea, (continued on Page 3)

VETERANS' COMMITTEE (continued)

should do all in our power to prove to friends like him that we too are equally interested in promoting our own general welfare, and that we can be just as unselfish in our devotion to Nisei veterans who by their acts have helped us prove to America that we are loyal citizens.

HOSTESS TRAINING

The USO Junior Hostess training course got under way on May 7 at the Y on 17th St. with 16 girls in attendance. Miss Gretchen Feiker, director of the Y USO Club, was in charge, and on Friday night, the group met again, with Miss Mabel Cook, former district supervisor of the USO and now executive director of the YWCA, directing the course.

A variety of topics were discussed, such as how to dress for parties, the qualities and mannerisms of a good hostess, what to do in various situations that may arise at parties, and how to conduct mixers.

It was a small group of trainees, but a good group made up mostly of the regulars who have supported the USO from the start. Miss Feiker feels it's better to begin with a small, enthusiastic group, and build up from that point. If more girls are interested, another schedule will be arranged for them.

DEPARTURES

Jaine Oiz, one of the original 707 Rock Creek Churchers, left for Chicago, on May 1, where she will work with WRA. the Windy City.

Sally Tsujimoto has gone to work in the Los Angeles WRA district office. Misao Yumibe has returned to Hood River, Oregon.

Thomas Machida and his family left on May 15 for Seattle where he will be director of the new hostel.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

We hope relocatees in need of assistance of any sort which the Family Service Association can extend will not hesitate to go to this splendid organization for aid or counsel. Family Service can help; it wants to help. We would be extremely foolish indeed if we refrained from availing ourselves of this aid through sheer stubbornness or a false sense of pride.

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The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Barret, directors of the hostel, will be keenly felt by the many Nisei who have come to know them during their eight months' stay in Washington. They have done an excellent job not only in operating the hostel with limited funds, but also in making the hostel a haven of genuine hospitality for newcomers. That this great service has been rendered to the Nisei of Washington without a single cent of monetary compensation is something which constantly challenges our concept of brotherly love.

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Our term as editor of the Memo ends with this issue. To those of you who have given us a hand during the past 6 months, thanks a million. You've been swell! And to our as yet unnamed successor, lots of luck--and sympathy.

Betty Murata is leaving for Granada in early June, and from there she will go with her parents to Sacramento, California to help them get re-established. She'll be gone about three months.

Johnny Katsu was voted the most popular boy of the class in a poll taken recently among the 250 seniors at Coolidge High. Also, he won first place as the boy with the best disposition.

Emi Kamachi and Mae Ishihara, of the 5241 5th St. menage, left on Apr. 24 for Minidoka and Spokane, respectively, to discuss relocation plans with their families.

As guests of Tomi Iijima at the above address over a recent weekend were three New Yorkers, Emi Onishi, Tsuruko Takahashi, and Helen Kobayashi.

Haruo Najima, who was transferred a short time ago from Snelling to New York was a weekend visitor at 3970 Tunlaw.

Hal Horiuchi is out in Oregon, putting in a couple months' stretch at the FCC office in Portland.

This news is a bit old because it happened in February, but it's good enough to bear telling even at this late date. When federal agencies decided to put on a contest for Miss Valentine among government girls, the War Labor Board picked 60 girls from its employees one of whom was to be chosen as WLB's representative. Mary Nomura was one of the 60, and she came close to winning. In fact, she was one of the two finalists.

George Mori, who was formerly with the OPA here, is going to be married to Ruth Tokeshi of Chicago in the very near future.

T.K. Takeshita, formerly of FCC, has gone over to WRA to take over Thomas Machida's post as translator.

The "Smith" boys' hangout at 620 Otis St., one of Washington's most famous Nisei institutions, has gone by the boards. The house was sold, and the inmates had to pack up and leave. Tosh Enokida, Leo Rose, Nobie Katsu, and Bob Isori found an apartment out in Trinidad and Ray Hashitani moved out to Columbia Heights. Tosh Yatsushiro is still hanging around at 620, but he went be for long. *Poston*

Fred Nitta has moved out to Shirley Homes in Arlington. His family arrives from Poston in mid-May.

Honey Toda is visiting out in sunny California. She'll be back in a couple of weeks.

ARRIVALS (among the 54 coming to this area during March, April, and part of May)

Marie Takaha, Topaz; Dorothy Horiuchi, St. Louis, now with FCC; Masanobu Taniguchi, Heart Mountain; Dr. Henry Minami, Detroit; Madge, Helen, and Lucy Ono, Heart Mountain.

Howard Imagawa, Detroit, working at Navy as an engineer; Hanako Tamura, employed at the Pentagon; Soichi Kawano, Poston; Masako, Gorla, and Theodore Tomita, Minidoka; Hisako and Chizuko Matsumoto, Chicago.

Harry Hirakawa, Rohwer; Mitsuko Kenneth Aoi; Jane Nitta, Minneapolis; Eiko Hiyake, Heart Mountain; Flora Yasui, Heart Mountain; Tom Miyamoto, Gila; Karl and Lillian Akiya, Ann Harbor.

Aster Fujikawa, Granada; Mr. and Mrs. Takechiyo Katsu, Topaz; May Watanabe, Shelby; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kobayashi and children Ted, Hideo, and Ben, Gila; Yuta Yamasaki, Cleveland.

Miyeko Eya, Heart Mountain; Mr. Mrs. Ben Yoshioka, Chicago, Ben is with the Bureau of Budget; Nobuko Setoguchi; Kenneth, Francis, and Ikuzo Suzuki, Granada; Dorothy Taniguchi, Detroit; Masako Fukuyama, Denver, with the War Labor Board.

*Addendum*

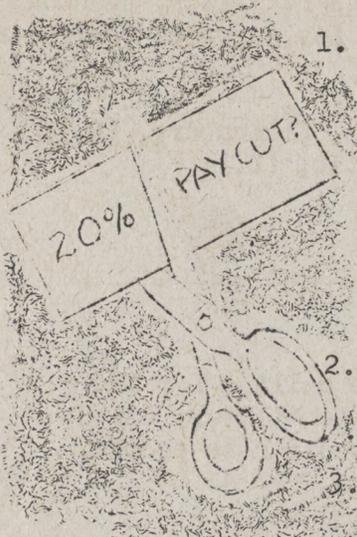
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YOUR BREAD AND BUTTER

Up on the newly illuminated Capitol Hill, they're haranguing over the bread and butter of the underpaid white-collar Federal workers. (In case you don't recognize the description, that's you and I). And as we go to press, the Senate is mulling over the latest recommendation of the Senate Civil Service Committee, the main provisions of which include:



1. A sliding pay increase which will give a 20% increase for the first \$1,200 of your salary, a 10% increase for the portion between \$1,200 and \$4,600, and 5% for \$4,600 and over. This amounts to an average of 15.6% which will actually mean a 6.6% pay cut when overtime is eliminated. Now that VE-Day has come and gone, we may expect non-war agencies to begin cut-backs in overtime work. The present overtime represents 21.6% of your salary, so you can figure the rest.

2. Continuation of the present overtime rate.

Reduction in the waiting period for in-grade raises from 18 months for lower-salaried workers to 12 months, and from 30 months to 18 months for higher-paid workers.

The United Federal Workers of America, CIO, who launched the fight for Federal pay raises over a year ago and who deserves almost sole credit for nursing the bill this far, is still battling for a 25% increase and full time and a half for overtime work. There is a possibility that an amendment to this effect will be appended to the original measure.

Thanks to the stubborn fight put up by the UFW, chances for some kind of a raise are excellent. Committee witnesses representing various wage levels have proved conclusively that the Federal worker has gotten the raw end of the deal. No one doubts that living costs have shot upward from 30% (official War Labor Board figures) to as much as 45% (CIO figures), while wages have remained as stationary as the Rock of Gibraltar.

This means that the average worker, who in 1941 had \$31.32 to spend a week after the 3% Federal Retirement deduction, today has exactly \$24 to spend, not to mention Bonds to buy and collars to keep white.

Opposition to the measure has failed to crystalize, although once it lands on the floor of Congress, the "economy bloc led by Senator Byrd, may attempt to do some whittling. However, Congress is pressed for time as the present overtime provisions expire on June 30. Senator Downey, who fathered the present measure, is expected to deliver his baby to the Senate this week.

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WHAT CAN WE NISEI DO?

The time to kick is right now, to your Congressman, and not at boss-baiting luncheons among ourselves. Do you know how your Representative stands? It's his vote which will decide the size of your paycheck. Write your Senator or Representative immediately, asking him to support a 25% pay raise, addressing him at either the House of Representatives or Senate Office Building, as the case may be.

The following West Coast Congressmen are supporting the measure. Concentrate on those who are still undecided:

CALIFORNIA: Jack Z. Anderson, San Juan Batista, (R.); Helen Gahagen Douglas, Los Angeles, (D.); Frank R. Havenner, San Francisco, (D.); Ned R. Healy, Los Angeles, (D.); Cecil R. King, Los Angeles, (D.); George P. Miller, Alameda, (D.); Harry R. Sheppard, Yucaipa, (D.); Ellis E. Patterson, Los Angeles, (D.); Jerry Voorhies, San Dimas (D.); and Sheridan Downey.

WASHINGTON: John M. Coffee, Tacoma, (D.); Hal Holmes, Ellensburg, (R.); Charles R. Savage, Shelton, (D.); Hugh De Lacy, Seattle, (D.);

THE SHAPE OF POST-WAR JAPAN

Although President Truman, in his V-E Day Message calling for the unconditional surrender of Japan, stressed that the military defeat of Japan does not mean the "extermination" of the Japanese people, the shape of post-war Japan is still very nebulous.

It is the deep concern of thinking nisei that a democratic Asia arise from the ashes and rubble of this war, for the status of all Oriental minorities in this country will be greatly strengthened when the Western world needs no longer fear the explosive forces bred by the cheap labor and lower living standards of the East.

The Educational Committee has invited Lt. Alexander Roth of the U.S. Navy, to discuss his forthcoming book which analyzes the crucial problems which will be encountered in weaning Japan from the breast of fascism. Lt. Roth's new book will be published by John Day Co. and is expected to be on the bookshelves by fall. Washington nisei are fortunate to have an intimate preview of a coming best-seller which is certain to evoke much comment.

L T. A L E X A N D E R R O T H

Sunday, May 20
3:00 p.m.

International House
1708 New Hampshire, N.W.

HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING YOUR NOTICES?

If not, write to Fuki Seki in care of the WRA Filed Office, 10th and U, N.W.

I N T H E

Merry Month of May

CURRENT EVENT LECTURES

- May 16, 8 pm--Will There Be a Free Man's Peace, Rev. a. Powell Davies, Universalist Natl. Mem. Church
May 20, 3 pm--Post-War Japan, Lt. Alexander Roth to nisei group. 1708 New Hamp. NW
May 23, 8:15 pm--Science in the War and After, Watson Davies, Rm 1, Hall of Govt. George Wash. U.
May 25, 8 pm--San Francisco and After, Norman Thomas, Am. Friends Meet. Hse.

SPECIAL ART EXHIBITS AND LECTURES

- May 6-28, Phillips Gallery--Watercolors and drawings by C. Law Watkins
May 8-28, U.S. Natl. Museum--British Crafts Exhibit
May 9-30, Whyte Gallery--New Paintings since 1941 by Prentiss Taylor
May 20, Natl. Gallery--Lecture on Whistler by Lois Bingham, 4 pm
May 20-June 10, Corcoran Gallery--Latin American Watercolors, also works by contemporary American sculptors and printmakers
May 27, 4 pm, Natl. Gallery--Lectures on Bellows by Forbes Watson, who knew him.

DANCE CONCERTS

- May 18, 8:30 pm--Civic Dance Concert, Roosevelt Aud., 13th and Allison St. NW
Tickets, \$1.20 and \$1.50 on sale at 1328 G St. NW. Concert includes Wash. Concert Ballet, Ballet Soiree, Dance Theatre and Dance Playhouse groups.

MUSIC CONCERTS

- May 20, 8 pm--Natl. Gallery Sinfonietta, East Garden Court
May 21, 8:30 pm, Phillips Gallery--Grace Bradley, soprano
May 27, 5 pm, Phillips Gallery--Helen Bader Yost, pianist
May 27, 8 pm, Natl. Gallery--U.S. Marine Band String Quartet
May 28, 8:30 pm, Phillips Gallery--Dorian Singers, ballads, madrigals, etc.

CLASSES FOR USO AND WAR WORKERS

- Drama--Mon, Thurs, Fri., 8 pm, Roosevelt Center, 13th and Upshur NW
Dancing, Beginning Social--Tues., 8 pm, Roosevelt Center; Fri., 9 pm, Walsh Club rear 1523 22nd St. NW
Dancing, Advanced Social--Mon. 8 pm, Roosevelt Center
Photography--Mon, 8 pm, NCCS, 1912 N. Capitol
Ceramics--Tues., 7-10 pm, Friendship House, 619 D, SE
Crafts--Tues., 8 pm, Anacostia USO, 14th and U, SE
Art--Thurs., evenings, Friendship House, 619 D, SE
Theatre Workshop--Fri., 7:30 pm, Roosevelt Center, 13th and Upshur, NW

Dept of Agriculture Graduate School--Summer registration open until June 11
George Washing. U.--Registration for 1st session open until June 4
" " " " " 2nd " " " " July 26, 2-8 pm,
Hall of Govt, 21st and G, NW

On June 14 Educational Committee will present Eleanor Lattimore, wife of Owen Lattimore whose SOLUTION IN ASIA is a current best-seller, and an authority in her own right.

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STRICTLY SHYLOCK

Purely from the investment angle, and ignoring patriotic motives completely, War Bonds rank tops as securities. Investment experts use three criteria in judging a security--profitability, security and liquidity.

Measuring with the first yardstick, profitability, you can't get 2.9% interest at the bank for your savings deposit, and as for security, no bank or corporation is "safer" than Uncle Sam whose taxation powers make it the safest institution in the world. "Liquidity" means the "cashability" of an investment, and War Bonds can be quite easily converted.

The alternatives to investing in War Bonds generally are: (1) savings bank deposits, (2) purchase of other bonds, (3) purchase of stocks, (4) purchase of goods, and (5) savings through life insurance policies, especially endowment policies. War Bonds pay higher interest, are safer and are as liquid as bank deposits. As for stocks, both common and preferred, the N.Y. Stock Exchange has hit a 8-year peak, which means that it's a bad time to go "marketing" now, if one means to invest rather than speculate. Besides, for small investors with less than \$1,000 to play, it is too troublesome and inconvenient a form of investment. Unless one follows the market carefully, which takes much time, one is liable to come out a loser. The average nisei should steer clear of stock exchanges.

Other bonds are not for small investors and this is the worst possible time for investment in goods, that is, buying consumer and other goods for present and future use. Not only are prices too high but quality is low.

Insurance investments through the purchase of endowment policies is unwise. Incidentally, the insurance companies with the money obtained from premiums purchase a great deal of the War Savings Bonds. It is better to separate insurance and savings by buying renewable term insurance and War Savings Bonds. (Insurance will be discussed further in a later issue).

The wisest course for nisei is to invest all excess cash in War Bonds, postponing purchases of goods as long as possible--say no to that extra suit you were going to buy. Prices are apt to go up further during the forthcoming year but after that will start to fall. Then the value of your money will go up and you will be able to buy more with it. This will be the time to splurge. (HO)

PUBLICATIONS BY NISEI

Nisei may point with pride to Jack Maki's new book, JAPAN MILITARISM, ITS RISE AND CAUSE, which is scheduled for release next week. It has already been favorably reviewed by several critics and has been highly praised by far eastern experts who have ready advance copies. The book is being published by Knopf and Co. Mr. Maki, now with OWL, was formerly with Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, and is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Another volume penned by a nisei will make its debut from the Stanford University Press. Dr. Kenneth Kurihara's LABOR IN THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, which will appear this summer, is a study of rural and industrial labor conditions in the Philippines where he taught for a number of years at the University of Philippines.