

Japanese-Americans Asked To Pay Taxes On Wartime Claims

San Francisco (UPI)—There wasn't much left of the nursery founded by his grandfather when Toshi Nabeta returned home from a relocation center for West Coast Japanese-Americans in 1945.

Not only were the greenhouse windows shattered, but most of the inventory and good will were gone. Nabeta put in a claim for \$60,000 in wartime damage to his property. He was awarded less than a third, which he used to build a new nursery in Richmond, Calif.

Now Nabeta is being asked by the Internal Revenue Service to pay several thousand dollars in back taxes plus interest and penalties for not having reported part of the award, which the IRS considers income.

Nabeta is one of several hundred San Francisco area Japanese-Americans who are being dunned by the IRS for taxes on awards granted under the 1957 Japanese Evacuation Claims Act.

Brown Protests
Disclosure of the situation brought a promise from Gov. Edmund G. Brown that he would confer with the White House in an effort to prevent "this unfair action."

"Congress acknowledged after the war that an injustice was done to California's Nisei when it enacted the compensation measures," Brown said. "I refuse to believe Congress intended to add this insult to the injury."

Officials of the Japanese American Citizens League called it a "dirty trick" and threatened to appeal to Congress.

In the face of the uproar, an IRS spokesman emphasized that while some cases were "unfortunate," the taxation part of the awards was based on precedent.

The controversy goes back to early 1942. World War II had just broken out and great numbers of West Coast Japanese-Americans were moved hurriedly to relocation centers. Many were required to sell their property at great loss.

Capital Gain Taxed
In 1957 Congress passed the Evacuation Claims Act, which granted partial compensation to Japanese-Americans who had suffered losses.

The IRS said then that the grant itself was not taxable.

But the difference between the grant and what the Nisei originally paid for the property was to be considered a capital gain. Thus it would be subject to a capital gains tax of up to 25 per cent.

"There was no provision in the claims act for making these awards free from tax," said IRS District Director Joseph Cullen.

Former Rep. Patrick Hillings (R-Calif.) author of the bill, said that even though the bill contained no tax immunity, he had not intended that the awards should be taxed. He suggested that Congressional action would be the most appropriate means of correcting the situation.

Most of the Nisei involved asserted that they never received more than one-third compensation under the Evacuation Claims Act.

Meanwhile, Toshi Nabeta was holding off paying the taxes on the award. But unless Congress calls off the IRS, he said, "I guess there's nothing else to do but pay."

Band School Class In District Ends

The summer band and orchestra school sponsored by the Medford public schools will close tomorrow, according to I. A. Mirick, supervisor of instrumental music.

Classes in string instruments, winds and percussion were offered to students in school district 549C as part of the summer recreation program. They included classes for beginners band and orchestra, intermediate in both strings and wind instruments, junior high band and orchestra, and a weekly night class for high school band students.

Instructors were Ron Rice, woodwinds; John Drysdale, strings; Bonnie Brantlet, baton; and Mirick, brass and percussion.

Mirick said that emphasis this summer was on instruction and technical progress of the individual rather than public performance. The annual beginner's band and orchestra recital is scheduled tomorrow morning. Ninety band and orchestra beginners will take part in the program.

Debbie Reynolds In Good Condition

Burbank, Calif. (UPI)—Actress Debbie Reynolds was reported in good condition today at St. Joseph's hospital where she is recovering from a miscarriage.

The 30-year-old actress Sunday lost the baby she and husband Harry Karl were expecting in September.

Miss Reynolds, who has two children by her previous marriage to Eddie Fisher, was hospitalized Monday night when complications developed in her pregnancy.

It would have been the first child for the actress by Karl, a millionaire shoeman.

Evangelist Detects Encouraging Trend In American Youth

Editor's note: Evangelist Billy Graham concluded an eight-day revival in Fresno, Calif., last week end. Much of his crusade there was directed to young people and the problems they face. Before leaving Fresno, he wrote a dispatch sizing up today's young people and what they — and we — can do to help their generation.

By DR. BILLY GRAHAM
Written for UPI

Fresno, Calif.—I detect an encouraging trend among American youth.

During my tour of various cities this summer, I have preached to the largest crowds

in my career. The amazing thing is that these crowds are made up largely of young people under 25 years of age.

Night after night we have asked those under 25 to stand, and almost invariably it is over 50 per cent of the audience. Some nights it runs as high as 75 per cent.

It is true that from all reports juvenile delinquency has risen, especially in the major cities, this summer. However, I am convinced that much of our delinquency can be attributed to spiritual causes.

The same questing and hunger which drive some to delinquency are driving others to religion. As I look over

these thousands of young people night after night in these meetings, I can see a serious "quest" written on their faces.

Serious Generation

Psychologists and sociologists have various theories about teen-age defection from normal living in this mid-Twentieth Century. Some say it is all a part of growing up and that they will outgrow their seeming abnormalities. Others say that they are a product of these uncertain times and should therefore be excused for their demeanor. Still others point accusing fingers at youth and say they are getting worse than ever.

I have counseled scores of

these teen-agers this summer, and I am convinced that the new generation is more serious and has far greater religious curiosity than any generation in this century.

Young people need a cause to follow. They have an abundance of idealism. They respond to a challenge. I find that the tougher I make the challenge of the gospel, the greater their response is.

They are not looking for easy ways out, and they are not looking for easy solutions. They are seeking for a purpose and meaning in life. That is why the Peace Corps has had such widespread acceptance among our youth.

When their elders by their loose conduct and shaky ideals give them the impression that life is meaningless, they are disillusioned and rebellious. One young girl wrote to me recently: "Yes, I am crazy, mixed-up and miserable. I don't care much what happens to the world, because I think with the mess the world is in it is not worth caring about."

Many of these youngsters I talk to feel that they have inherited a hopeless, leaderless world. They think that the older generation has failed them.

However, the vast majority that I have talked to seem to

be determined to do something about their world. This summer I have seen thousands of the finest young people in America, representing all strata of society, moving forward like a mighty army to pledge their allegiance to Christ. They have said they are going to follow the cross into the battle of life.

Today the world needs youth aflame with love instead of hate in their hearts, following Christ and dedicated to the proposition that they will not stop until the Kingdom of God reigns in the hearts of men throughout the world.

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