



SENATE LOBBYING for the Judd Bill gave Mike Masaoka one whopping ache after another.



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PASSAGE of Evacuation Claims Act brought smiles.

# ACHES or SMILES?

## JACL-ADC Outlines Legislative Plans for 1950

LAST YEAR, the JACL-ADC had more than its share of aches, especially where the Judd Bill and the Walter Resolution were concerned. The former, providing naturalization and limited immigration privileges, disappeared into the recesses of a Senate subcommittee chamber more than a year ago, all efforts by the JACL-ADC to resurrect it proving futile. The Walter Resolution, solely concerned with naturalization, met rebuff from a lone solon, Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, and retired with the first session of the 81st Congress.

Along with its aches, however, the JACL-ADC had its smiles. Most heart-lifting was when Congress passed the Evacuation Claims Act, providing financial relief to 110,000 Japanese Americans for evacuation losses. More than 20,000 claims, amounting to a probable \$100,000,000, were filed before the deadline, January 3.

With an eye on its 1949 record, the JACL-ADC now looks hopefully to this year with issuance of its 1950 legislative plans. According to Mike Masaoka, aggressive legislative director, pushing the Walter Resolution and the Judd Bill top the program. Additional legislation to be pushed include: Measures providing adequate appropriations for administration of the evacuation claims program; the Chelf-McCaran bills for non-quota immigration of Oriental spouses and children of GIs; the Fugato Bill, which establishes the 1941 rate of exchange between foreign and American currencies in paying vested foreign currency accounts; Fair Employment Practices legislation and Anti-Poll, Anti-Lynching, Anti-Segregation and Anti-Discrimination legislation.

The JACL-ADC also seeks amendments to the Evacuation Claims Act, concerning extension of the deadline and the probable payment of individual lump sums to all evacuees.



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FIRST evacuation claims check, amounting to \$303.36, is presented to Tokuji Tokimasa, a Los Angeles real estate man, by Claims Agent William H. Jacobs.