

JAPONICA

'HIGHLY ANNOYING'

This notice appeared on the Tokyo university bulletin board recently:

"Notice to 63 former students of Tokyo university: You are hereby notified of your expulsion from the said seat of learning. You have bad attendance records and your tuitions are in arrears. This is highly annoying."

Explained the registrar's office: The 63 were expelled because they had never shown up for classes nor paid their tuitions since matriculation in 1940. It added: "They might have died at the front or killed in the air raids."



DUCKING THE ISSUE

Discouraged racing fans of Toyama prefecture have forsaken horses to take up duck racing. Reason: Less corruption.

MARRIAGE BRIEFING

Ibaraki prefecture chiefs issued the following five-point primer on marriage: (1) Marriage should not be entered into without the agreement of both parties. (2) New wedding clothes should not be made. (3) Gifts should be limited to a chest of drawers, a mirror stand, a set of bedding and a set of sewing goods. (5) Sake should be limited to one bottle."



EXPENSIVE LESSON

A Japanese housewife, after a quarrel over her milkman husband's "spend-thrift ways," swallowed a handful of sewing needles and a nail. Suffering abdominal pains a month later, she was operated on. Now she, in turn, is on the receiving end of her husband's complaints for having wasted money with "such an expensive operation."



JAMES SHIGETA, golden-voiced baritone of Hawaii receives the cup, which titles him as "America's National Radio Amateur Champion," from Ted Mack of the "Original Amateur Hour" in New York. Shigeta won \$2,000 and a screen test.

NATIONAL CHAMPION

THE NEWEST singing sensation in Hawaii is 21-year-old, 6-foot tall James Shigeta, handsome Hawaiian-born baritone who last month won the title of "the most talented amateur of America" and a \$2,000 prize on Ted Mack's "Original Amateur Hour" talent contest.

The people of Hawaii "went for broke" for their native son. When the Hawaiian Sansei (third generation American of Japanese ancestry) finished his rendition of "Night and Day," rebroadcast over Honolulu's KULA, the latter station was deluged with telephone votes, causing the greatest telephone service jam in Honolulu history, exceeding that of Pearl Harbor day. The Hooper rating, likewise, was the highest in Honolulu radio history. Final tabulation showed more than 70,000 telephone votes and 49,000 mail votes cast for Shigeta.

With \$2,000 tucked away in his pockets, the young singer is now headed for Hollywood where he is

scheduled to make a screen test.

The Hawaii youth earlier won four elimination contests to qualify for the finals in Ted Mack's nation-wide talent hunt carried over the ABC network.

Shigeta is a junior at the U. of Hawaii and, until the latest wind-fall, sang with the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra and the Pops Orchestra.



RADIO STATION KULA of Honolulu was swamped by 120,000 telephone and mail votes for Shigeta.