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BILLS PENDING IN CALIF. LEGISLATURE MAY HURT SECOND GENERATION WELFARE

Land, Fish Bills Would Strike Greatest Blows at Future Position of Second Generation; Young Lawyer Studies Legislation in Sacramento

NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THOSE LEGALLY HERE

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Walter Tsukamoto, second generation lawyer and leader, is performing yeoman service in looking after the interests of the Japanese people of the state of California. Whenever bills are desired and their contents verified, he is called upon.

It has not been an easy task to wade through the 3,600 bills more or less to search for any proposed measures which are anti-Japanese. To date, several have been unearthed.

Land Bill Serious

The most serious and dangerous bill seems to be the alien land law amendment proposed by Assemblyman Clarence R. Walker of Imperial country. The contents of his bill provide that "it shall be unlawful for any alien, not eligible to citizenship under the laws of the United States of America, to acquire possession, enjoy, use, cultivate, occupy or transfer real property or any interest therein, in this state and have in whole or in part the beneficial use thereof, or have possession, custody, care or control of real property, agricultural lands or lands fit for agricultural purposes. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail or state prison not exceeding two years or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or both.

Considers Jones Law

Another bill is an amendment proposed by Assemblyman William Mosley Jones of Los Angeles county. His proposal is to make a contract entered in violation of the alien land law void, and to make it a misdemeanor for "any person who shall wilfully permit any alien mentioned in Section 3 of this act, to acquire, possess, enjoy, use, cultivate or occupy any real property or any interest therein contrary to the provisions of this act."

Assemblyman Jones also has a bill for the registration of aliens ineligible to citizenship. The bill provides among other things for the registration of every alien ineligible over the age of twenty-one years in California; those who enter the state after the bill is enacted or who become twenty-one years of age after the law is put into effect must register within six months; the information required to be filed under oath with the Secretary of State concerns name, place of birth, age, names and ages of children, and so forth.

Charge Would be Made

The charge or filing the statement is to be the same as for filing of miscellaneous documents, which is one dollar. The statements shall always be admissible in evidence in which all actions and proceedings as evidence of the facts therein stated. Those who fail to comply to the law are to be guilty of misdemeanor.

Whenever the state legislature convenes, it has become a tradition to introduce bills against the Japanese fishermen.

Two Fish Bills

This year there are two bills, one by Assemblyman Charles A. Hunt of Los Angeles county, requiring a license for commercial fishing and denying such license to those who are ineligible to citizenship. The other is by Senator Nelson T. Edwards of Orange County, requiring a license for commercial fishing and granting such license only to citizens.

Two bills in skeleton form have been introduced by Assemblyman S. L. Heisinger from Fresno county. One of them seems to be directed at the employment of aliens on farms. Since the provisions have not been revealed as yet, no one knows what the purpose of the bills will be.

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SEATTLE PREPARING FOR NAT'L CONFAB

Will be Real Homecoming Event for League; Nakamura is Directing Work

SEATTLE, Wash.—All roads will lead to the Queen City of the Northwest in 1936, when the fourth biennial Japanese-American Citizens' League convention will be held here.

It will be a real homecoming for it was in 1930 that the first convention ratifying the constitution of the Japanese-American Citizens' league took place in this city. The second convention in 1932, held forth in Los Angeles and the third biennial meet convened in San Francisco last year.

With the fourth national meet returning to Seattle, preparations are already under way to welcome back the convention in the greatest style yet.

Nakamura in Lead

Under the leadership of Tura Nakamura, chairman of the convention committee, preparatory measures for the coming meet will be launched with a two-night presentation of "Chushingura" at Nippon Kan on April 20, 21.

Assisting Nakamura in the plans are Nobuko Yanagimachi and Tom Yoshimura as secretary and treasurer of the convention committee.

While the general outline of the plans has not been disclosed as yet, Nakamura is expected to make an important announcement soon.

With the announcement, the general program to pave the way for the meet is also expected to be revealed. The program, once made known, it is believed, will create greater enthusiasm for the convention.

Big Meet Expected

The 1936 conclave is regarded here as a real homecoming event for the convention and much interest is already being manifested in not only this city but throughout the Northwest.

In 1930, at the first meet here only 109 delegates registered from the eight citizens' organizations scattered throughout the coast. These eight chapters which formed the nucleus of the present national organization were San Francisco, Fresno, Stockton, Newcastle, Los Angeles, Brawley, Seattle and Portland.

Since then chapters in nearly every second generation community on the coast sprang into being with the 1932 Los Angeles and the 1934 San Francisco conventions showing a decided increase in the active membership attending the meet.

The number attending next year's conclave cannot be predicted at this time, but it is believed the official and booster delegates' list will include some 800 to 1000 names.

The fourth biennial meet will prove the biggest convention yet as well as another step forward in the development of the Japanese-American Citizens' league, it is believed.

San Francisco Plans JACL Choral Group

SAN FRANCISCO—Something new in Citizens' league activities will be undertaken soon if interest warrants, it was announced this week. A choral group will be the new project.

Dr. Henry Takahashi is chairman of this project. All second generation youths interested in singing should make application to him.

Further plans will probably be made known at the monthly forum of the JACL to be held at the local Japanese YWCA on March 26 at 8 p.m.

CONGRESS PONDERES IMMIGRATION BILLS; MIGHT BAR ALIENS

May Provide Money to Send Filipinos Back; One Bill Would Suspend All Immigration for Ten Years

DEPORTATION STRICTER

WASHINGTON—The legislative mill is grinding out bills very slowly at this time because of the fight that has been going on in the Senate in connection with the administration's public works-relief bill.

The bonus payment problem has cropped up again in Congress. After this has been settled one way or another, it is expected that President Roosevelt's social security bill will step into the limelight. In the meanwhile, there are numerous bills on immigration and naturalization which are being put into shape for presentation to the House.

Funds for Filipinos

The bill to appropriate funds so that the unemployed Filipinos may be sent back to the islands has been winning the support of both the senators and the representatives. Unless unforeseen obstacles arise, this bill is expected to pass. It is estimated that there are about 20,000 Filipinos who are anxious to return to their native isles but have no means to get back because of their inability to pay or their transportation.

There is the bill introduced by Representative Blanton of Texas which proposes to suspend for a period of ten years the immigration of all aliens to the United States. Another bill provides for the placing of immigration from Mexico under quota.

Representative Hoepfel of California and Representative Taylor of Tennessee have introduced bills which provide for the deportation of aliens eligible to citizenship who have not taken steps to become American citizens within a certain number of years.

Drive Against Aliens

The drive against aliens within this country is evidence by the various proposals for deportation. The present law is to be amended and made more drastic so that any alien who is imprisoned for more than one year at any time after entry will be deported. Under the present, two separate sentences are necessary.

Aliens who disseminate foreign propaganda or engage in unlawful political activities instigated from foreign sources will be deported under another bill.

The law to grant citizenship to alien veterans is once more before the house. The bills provide for the extension of the present law and also for the granting of naturalization rights to aliens who had served in the military forces of the allies prior to the entry of the United States into the war.

Labor Dept. to O.K. Pre-Determination?

SAN FRANCISCO—Admission of members of the second generation into this country when returning from abroad by means of pre-determination of citizenship rather than by the present inadequate method of birth certificate plus identification is being considered by the department of labor at Washington, according to reports received here.

Saburo Kido, executive secretary of the J.A.C.L. wrote to the head of the naturalization bureau concerning this move. He and M.E. Mitchell, immigration expert and counsellor for the Japanese Hotel association, recently conferred with Deputy Commissioner Wixon here. It was reported that Wixon was favorably impressed with the proposal.

Under the pre-determination method the certificate which the immigration official will issue will be self-identifying. It will contain the photograph of the individual, and a system of finger-printing may be established to make positive identification.

FANTASTIC STORY OF CALIF. JAPANESE SECRETLY DRILLING FOR WAR GIVEN LIE

B.W. Harrigan Denies Giving Interview Made Basis of Fantastic Charges Against Japanese in California by Writer in San Francisco Paper

BRAWLEY CITIZENS' LEAGUE INVESTIGATES CHARGES

N. CAL. CONVENTION PLANS ARE OUTLINED

Meeting to Cover Three-day Period at Fresno; Discussions are Billed

FRESNO, Calif.—Preparations for the forthcoming district convention are making rapid progress. Under the leadership of Hiroshi Yamamizaka, president of the local chapter, the following was given as a tentative program.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Registration, 10-12 a.m.—official delegates meeting; luncheon; 2 p.m.—opening ceremony with speakers; picture, general assembly, Parent's Night instead of Pioneer Night.

Sunday, Sept. 1

All day outing at Lake Merced.

Monday, Sept. 2

Farewell dance.
Howard Hatayama, discussion group chairman, gave his tentative plans. Discussion is to be divided into the three following groups—economics, legal-political and social.

Sub-divisions Listed

Under economics will come three other topics, agricultural occupation, employment problems and fraternal insurance. The legal-political discussion will be divided into two phases, legal acts against the problems between the first and second generations, and language.

Financing Considered

Several methods of financing the huge project have been considered, but to date no definite plan has been adopted. One suggestion is to impose on each chapter an assessment of \$10 which would be contributed at the next district council meeting.

A benefit show is also being given serious consideration. A third proposal is to make it voluntary for members to donate a small amount monthly toward the convention fund. The final suggestion is to work out an approximate minimum donated from each locality.

Two Hundred Expected

Delegates numbering well over two hundred are expected to gather here over the Labor Day holidays to discuss the problems confronting the League.

It is estimated that a tentative budget calling for the expenditure of more than \$600 will have to be drawn up.

San Francisco Board Holds Monthly Session

SAN FRANCISCO—Plans for the coming months were made at a board of governors held here early this month. Yoshiaki Moriawaki presided as chairman of the meeting which was held with the English editorial staff members of the local Japanese papers.

Takeo Okamoto was appointed treasurer of the local chapter and Miss Miyako Isonaka was appointed corresponding secretary. Okamoto succeeds Sim Togasaki.

League members present were Dr. Carl Hirota, president; Y. Moriawaki, chairman; Dr. T. Hayashi, T. Domoto, Saburo Kido, Sim Togasaki, Takeo Okamoto, J. Shiohata, Dr. Kahn Uyeama, Tad Fujita, Koji Murata, Tsune Baba, and Miyamoto.

Press representatives were Howard Imazeki, Tosuke Yamasaki, John Fujii, Kay Nishida, Duncan Ikezoe.

Portland Consul Leaves

PORTLAND, Ore.—Toyoichi Nakamura, popular consul from Japan, is to leave soon for Foochow, China, where he is to serve as consul-general. Mr. Nakamura, during his stay here since 1932, has proven highly popular with both Japanese and Americans. He has been a staunch supporter of the Citizens' league program.

SAN FRANCISCO—"There are 25,000 armed Japanese ready to take the field in case of war," declared Representative Dockweiler, California congressman from Los Angeles, before a congressional committee. Within a week that number was boosted to 500,000 by a self-styled expert who was bold enough to cast innuendos about the Filipino mess boy who gave his life in line of duty on the ill-fated Macon as being a spy of the Japanese government.

And the latest fantastic outburst which is so ridiculous and yet might be believed by the American public appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle under the headline, "Japanese in California Train for War."

Story Punctured

The story appeared as a copyrighted feature by a certain Fred Pasley. Mr. Pasley credited Bernard A. Harrigan, county agricultural commissioner of Imperial county and secretary of its Board of Trade, as the source of his information. Fortunately, Harrigan lost no time in making known the fact that he had said nothing of the sort.

The following two denials were issued promptly:

Japanese-American Citizens' League,

1623 Webster Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Regarding any article which was run in the San Francisco Chronicle on March 15th and in several Eastern newspapers previous to that, which quoted me as making certain remarks about the Japanese in California, I wish to say that this reporter called at my office and I refused to give him an interview or discuss the matter with him.

I have two witnesses in my office who will bear out my statement.

Very truly yours,

B. A. Harrigan

The following telegram was sent to the Acme News Pictures service of the Los Angeles Illustrated Daily News as soon as the asserted Harrigan interview was reported in the Eastern papers:

George Watson, Mgr.
Acme News Pictures
Illustrated Daily News
Los Angeles, Calif.

Harrigan denies making any statement regarding Japanese military training and recommended to a syndicate reporter that he see Dr. Clements at Los Angeles Chamber for any information. Please kill any such statement credited to Harrigan if it appears in your service.

Eddie Collins

Board of Trade

The Brawley chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League was given much credit for eliciting the prompt denial from Harrigan. Immediately upon hearing of the story as reported in the Chronicle, the Brawley chapter appointed Lyle Kurisaki, Earnest Fujimoto, Fred Hirasuna and H.H. Kubow as a committee of four to call on Harrigan. The latter immediately said that he had granted no such an interview and kindly consented to write the letter printed above to National headquarters of the Citizens' League.

Charges Ridiculous

The writer of the article, Pasley, declared that Harrigan had told him that the maneuvers, involving some 1,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry were discovered by accident by a prospector during midsummer of "this year". He said that the encampment lasted for some days and that the boys were being trained by men "who had presumably seen service in the Nipponese army."

The members of the Brawley chapter pointed out that there were sizable Japanese communities only at Brawley and at El Centro, and that even at that a gathering as large as 1,000 would be impossible in that district. It would attract attention by its very numbers.

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AN UNAMERICAN ATTACK

When a San Francisco newspaper recently printed a long story to the effect that "this summer" some 1,000 second generation young men and boys had been seen drilling secretly in California, it made an un-American attack on a group of loyal American citizens.

Of course, it was speedily proved that the whole story was a pure fabrication on the part of the writer. The man who, he claimed, had given him all his information denied even having spoken to him. But the denial did not receive the notice that the original story did.

To make the incident even more unfortunate, the "interview" was printed at length in several Eastern newspapers. It is undoubtedly true that many Easterners will be more impressed by the story than those on the Pacific coast who know the facts about the Japanese population on the Coast. Many in the East will believe as near-gospel truth the wild story of the secret army and all the other ridiculous charges contained in the story.

Undeniably, this story did more than its part in disturbing the natural and proper development of the second generation and in sowing the seeds of racial hatred. The second generation though they are as loyal a group of citizens as one might expect to find in the nation, unfortunately have faces of a different hue than those of most of their fellow citizens and so their task in proving themselves loyal citizens is made doubly hard by absurd or malicious stories such as the one published in the San Francisco paper.

The story, no doubt, awoke some fear in the breasts of uninformed American citizens. And in that fear the seeds of racial hatred will find splendid ground to grow. The fostering of such racial hatred is un-American in spirit and in fact for one of the most cherished ideals, expressed both in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, is the guarantee of equality for every American citizen.

It was right and proper that the fantastic tale in the San Francisco paper was promptly shown to be false, but it is even more important that such stories be killed before they ever reach the printed page.

FUTILE MEASURES?

In the California legislature are pending several bills which seemed to be aimed more or less directly at the members of the first generation who are engaged in the farming and fishing industries. Through their effect on the first generation, these bills would to a certain degree have a bad effect on the future welfare of the second generation.

In a way these measures would be futile. By the language of the bills they would prohibit "aliens ineligible to citizenship" from engaging in certain practices. Because of the fact that the majority of aliens ineligible to citizenship in California are first generation Japanese, it is easy to see that they would be the ones to suffer. Because of the fact that they are aimed at the first generation, they would be futile.

In the first place, the members of the first generation can not long continue to engage actively in either farming or fishing. The majority of them cannot expect to engage in hard physical labor for more than ten years. It is certain that no real addition can be made to their ranks for immigration from Japan has been completely eliminated by the exclusion act.

It would thus seem that such restrictive measures, if passed, would soon become dead letters which would only clutter up the pages of the lawbooks of the state. The logical thing to do would be to study the situation and to determine to just what extent the members of the first generation are profiting unduly, if at all, from the present small advantages which are theirs under the restrictions which already burden them.

A clear view of the situation would do much either to aid or to hinder the passage of such laws. If it is shown that the members of the first generation are enjoying advantages which should not be theirs as aliens, then there would be no real reason to hinder the passage of the pending bills. On the other hand, if it was shown that the bills would work a real hardship on them and their children then these bills should be killed by all means.

A HOMECOMING EVENT

To some a year and a half might seem a long time to wait, but to those members of the Seattle chapter making plans for the fourth biennial convention of the Japanese-American Citizens' League it seems not too long a time to perfect all details for that big home-coming event.

A homecoming event it will be for it was in Seattle in 1930 that the first biennial convention of the League was held. It was not a very large group that made its appearance as delegates to the convention that year, but they had faith in themselves and their organization.

That that faith was not misplaced has been amply shown by the two national conventions since then. The number of delegates has grown by leaps and bounds which makes the local chapter all the more eager to make this the best of conventions to date. Certainly, when they think of the fine welcome that San Francisco gave the delegates last year, they realize the magnitude of the task before them.

With the united support of the district conventions, with the high accomplishment of San Francisco as a target to shoot at, and with their own enthusiasm to spur on their work, the Seattle chapter is ready to make the fourth biennial convention a homecoming that will be a homecoming.

Down Main Street

SAN FRANCISCO—Tamotsu Murayama, member of the local Hokubei Asahi editorial staff, spoke at a Rotary club luncheon in San Anselmo this month. He assailed the recent publication of a false anti-Japanese story in a local newspaper. He also told of his experiences on a recent vagabonding trip through Central and South America.

Murayama, always on the go, recently dropped down to Mexico City to witness a bull fight.

ALMEDA—Members of the Japanese community here turned out full force to witness a benefit show sponsored by the local chapter of the J.A.C.L.

Featured on the bill was "Nisei Parade", the first all-second-generation moving picture ever made. The show was held the last Saturday of the month.

STOCKTON—Tom Oshidari will be signally honored by the local symphony orchestra next month when it will play his "Three Sketches from Japan". Manlio Silva, symphony conductor, heard the young composer's three charming musical bits played by the College of the Pacific symphony orchestra and obtained permission to present them in the local symphony's April recital.

Oshidari led the College of the Pacific orchestra when it played his compositions.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Miss Hizi Koike as Madame Butterfly of the San Carlo opera was honored with a banquet by the Aeolian Society, a second generation organization at the Olympic hotel here, on Mar. 19.

The toastmistress of the evening was Miss Hannah Kosaka, head of the Aeolian society and also secretary of the local citizens' league.

YAKIMA, Wash.—Dr. Robert Higashida, a former member of the Seattle JACL, recently opened his dental offices in the Sloan building here. Dr. Higashida is one of the up and coming members of the Yakima valley JACL.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Miss Fumi Marumoto and Miss Mary Nakashima were week-end visitors in Seattle and Tacoma on Mar. 23, 24. On Saturday the two were visitors in Seattle where Miss Nakashima resided until recently, and during the afternoon the two departed for Tacoma to remain until Sunday evening.

LOS ANGELES—Miss Ruby Takita of this city is to become the bride of Joseph T. Hirakawa, formerly of Seattle, is a dramatics major graduate of the University of Washington and is now working on a translation of "Chushingura". He is identified with the Lil' Tokio players here.

LOS ANGELES—Masao Nagata, former high school football star, is now with the Mutual Credit society.

SEATTLE—Frank Saito, active citizens worker here and well known in Los Angeles was painfully injured in an automobile accident near here recently.

BERKELEY, Calif.—The Misses Noriko Ikeda and Yuriko Domoto were highly honored at the University of California recently. Miss Ikeda was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and to Prytanean, women's activities honor society. Miss Domoto was also elected to Prytanean. She was elected to the "Big C" society as a junior. Both girls are active members of the J.W.S.C.

AUBURN, Wash.—Two well known members of the White River valley JACL becoming engaged recently were Miss Taiko Tsujikawa and Mr. George Yasumura. Miss Tsujikawa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elzuchi Tsujikawa while Mr. Yasumura is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ichimatsu Yasumura of Auburn. The engagement was announced at a party held at the Gyokko Ken in Seattle on Mar. 22.

Mr. Yasumura is a former president of the White River JACL while Miss Tsujikawa is the younger sister of Miss Koko Tsujikawa, a league official.

KENT, Wash.—Returning with his bride, Mr. Henry Tsubota, vice-president of the White River JACL, arrived here late last month from Los Angeles. Mrs. Tsubota, who educated in Japan, was born in Los Angeles and was married in the southern metropolis to Mr. Tsubota early in February.

TACOMA, Wash.—With Tsutomu Uyeda as chairman, the oratorical contest to select the local JACL representative for the Northwest contest, will be held here on May 1.

Those assisting Uyeda on the committee are Yoshiko Konzo, Shigeo Tamaki, Nobu Hayashi, John Fukuyama and Kaz Yamane.

CALIFORNIA BILLS

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Others Aimed Indirectly

There are other measures, which indirectly affect the Japanese. But the aforementioned are the most important ones. The Japanese engaged in farming are worried over the Walker bill which would deprive the parents from becoming even foremen or managers of land-owning corporations. In other words, if this bill is passed, it is most likely that Japanese farmers cannot remain on farmlands unless they work as mere laborers.

Such a drastic measure is going to reduce their incomes, drive many to the cities, deprive minor children owning land from having their parents look after their property and thus indirectly jeopardize the welfare of the second generation.

Agitation Rife

California is still a hot-bed for anti-Japanese legislation, but the leaders are agreed that those legally here should not be discriminated against or prosecuted.

Particularly is that true at this time when the international atmosphere is tense and any small offensive act is apt to create undesirable complications and misunderstandings.

"ARMY" CHARGES

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More Wild Statements

Pasley also had Harrigan say that all census figures regarding the number of Japanese in this country were falsified and that there were really many times the 100,000 or so that are listed in California.

Pasley declared that an American Legion man told him that a Japanese fishing fleet off the Mexican coast was really a fleet of war vessels and that the Japanese had their eyes on a vast table land in Lower California that could be used as an air base.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Visitors in this city this month were Miss Michi Oka and her father from San Francisco. Accompanying them on the tour was James Omura of the New World Daily News, and a former resident of this city. After a brief visit here the party departed for Portland and San Francisco.

THE PONTIFF PONDERES HIS SMALL DELIGHTS

It was the small delights in life, thought the Literary Pontiff, that really counted.

These were the things that helped to make life a little more livable, that helped to smooth out the rough edges. They were not the things of which high tragedy were made. They had no significance save to him alone. He knew very well that many might consider the things that he listed in his own private directory of small delights as minor, or even major, insanities.

They are Diversified

And these small delights came from many different fields of his experience. Some, he thought, were comparatively rare in the field of human experience; others he knew might be felt by anyone who had eyes to see, or ears to hear, or hands to feel.

The Literary Pontiff took no particular pride in his small delights. He did not feel that they belonged to him any more than they might belong to anyone else. He knew that they were not unique in the field of human experience.

Exist in Time

These little experiences existed both in space and time, that is, they might be enjoyed at a particular moment, or they might be recollected with an amount of enjoyment almost equal to what they gave in actual experience. Just now, the Literary Pontiff was tired, tired with a physical fatigue that seemed to leave his mental faculties unimpaired, all the more receptive in fact to the impressions that came flooding back to him as he recalled many of the small things that had brought him such quiet pleasure.

Indeed, he was even at the moment enjoying two of his small delights—the first, that feeling of delicious exhaustion which seemed to sharpen his mental perceptions, and the second, the memory of things once enjoyed and now recollected with a feeling of sensu-

ous pleasure or of a gentle, smiling melancholy.

For the Palate

He could remember how he used to exercise violently when he was young. He would play handball or tennis for a couple of hours, take his shower, and then enjoy one of the most physically satisfying experiences he had ever known—that first drink of clear, cold water. It would bathe his mouth and throat with a delicious coolness that quenched his thirst and caressed his throat and mouth.

Then, too, he knew the delight of a cup of amber tea when conversing pleasantly around an afternoon fire when but the room, the people, and the conversation seemed all that mattered. And there was something profoundly satisfying in sipping a delicious liqueur at the end of an excellent meal.

And He Could Walk

Now, much of the Literary Pontiff's exercise was walking. On Saturday afternoons and Sundays and many times during the evenings when he was free of the burdens of the classroom he would don what he called his "easy clothes" and tramp the streets of the university town.

The university was happily situated for by only an hour's walk or so from the campus it seemed that he had withdrawn far from the city, though he could still gaze from almost any hill and see its ungainly bulk sprawled over the hills. One of his favorite retreats was the top of a high bluff.

Trees Against the Sky

There he could see the graceful sway of trees against the sky. There was the delicate tracery of the intricate network of their branches against the clear, delicate colors of the sunset. Then he could see the ever-changing water of the bay. On cloudy days it would be silvery or grey and cold. When the sun was bright, it would almost blind him with a golden reflection. And as the sun sank behind the

mountains in the west and fired the fragile, wind-whipped wisps of cloud, the water would glow with colors to be felt rather than seen—their pastel tints were not a mere visual impression, but a whole world of experience. They were evanescent—even more evanescent than most things which men call, perhaps mistakenly, beautiful.

The Ludicrous

The Literary Pontiff never knew from where it came, nor did he ever attempt to explain it, but somehow his perception of the ludicrous in the affairs of men gave him not a little quiet pleasure. It was hard to attempt to describe just what constituted the ludicrous for the Literary Pontiff. He could do it only by listing many little incidents that had struck him as being just a little too serious, just a little too earnest, or just a little too blind, or just a little too stuffed with man's assumed self-importance.

Perhaps it was for this reason that the Literary Pontiff could not adopt any political, economic or religious faith that had for its end and aim the further advancement of the human race. Humanity had, perhaps, just a trifle too much of the ludicrous in its make-up. The Pontiff never denied that to many he appeared in his capacity as a professor almost the quintessence of the ludicrous.

They are Many

They are many, these small delights thought the Literary Pontiff. There are, for example, a perfectly turned line of poetry; a sonnet or lyric that captures the essence of a mood, fleeting or permanent; a pun (and for this taste many of the Pontiff's friends cherished a good-natured hate toward him); the feel of dew-wet grass beneath the feet; the whispering song of rain upon the water; the charm of quiet conversation; the swirl of snow around a street-light.

But it is futile to list these—their reality comes only from their being experienced.

J. M.

UTAH'S FIRST JACL GROUP FORMED AT SALT LAKE MEET

Joe Masaoka President of New Group; Inauguration Dance Held; Full Slate of Officers Named

HAS UNDIVIDED SUPPORT

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—The first Japanese-American Citizens' League chapter in this district was founded here late this month. A huge mass meeting was held at the local Christian church to put over the event.

The new chapter will have Joe Masaoka as president.

The Reimei Kai, youth organization here, was dissolved in order to give full cooperation to the program to be undertaken by the Citizens.

Installation of newly elected officers will be held at an inaugural ball slated to be held on March 22; it has been announced. Japan's mansion ball room on the corner of 27th and Hyland Drive has been chosen for the occasion.

The affair will be an informal, open house event. Invitations have been mailed to various organizations in the state.

Other officers of the new JACL chapter are Yukus Inouye, vice president; Yukio Kimura, secretary; Miye Asahina, treasurer; Shigeki Ushino, official parliamentarian; Tom Kurumada, social chairman.

Fresno League Forms New Orchestra Group

FRESNO, Calif.—Strains of the sax, the thumping of the drum of the Fresno American Loyalty league orchestra will be heard at the Northern California district council convention this fall if present plans go through.

The orchestra was organized recently and is probably the only one of its kind in JACL circles. It recently gave a performance in Reedley before an audience of more than 800 people.

If successful at the fall confab, it is planned to send the musicians to Seattle in 1936 for the national JACL convention.

Members of the orchestra are: Chic Yamaguchi, saxophone; Lewis Toshiyuki, guitar; Louise Iwamura, piano; P. Stride, trombone; H. Roberts, tuba; Kay Ibara, baritone; Bob Morishige, violin and steel guitar; Min Saito, saxophone; Oscar Fujii, drum; Doi, coronet; Yukio Kawakami, harmonica; S. Yamaguchi, clarinet; Koko Yemoto, piano; Kiyo Nagai, piano; Sakuhira, coronet; Hero Yamamisaka, clarinet.

Setsu Tawa, Leader in L.A. J.-A.C.L., Dead

LOS ANGELES.—Final services were held here late this month for Miss Setsu Tawa, who died from injuries received in a fall. She tripped down a flight of stairs while helping with the house work.

Miss Tawa was an active Citizens' League worker and was a delegate at the national convention held in San Francisco last fall. She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Inota Tawa of this city.

Concord Starts New JACL Chapter With Over 40 Members

CONCORD, Calif.—More than forty members of the second generation were to have gathered here on the last day of the month to hold the inauguration ceremonies for a Japanese-American Citizens' League.

Organization plans were complete earlier in the month. The officers will be officially inducted at the inauguration ceremonies. The event was to have taken place in the Concord Japanese Gakuen hall.

Preparations for forming the organization have been going on for some time. The movement has had the support of the first generation.

S.F. J.-A.C.L. FORUM HOLDS MARCH MEET

Dr. Kahn Ueyeyama Presides at Meeting; Murayama Tells of South America Trip

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—With the new blood in leadership at the helm, the local chapter is promoting many programs to interest the members and the public.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Kahn Ueyeyama, the JACL Forum was to hold its first meeting on March 26. Miss Cora Hartdegen, secretary of the Institute of Pacific Relations San Francisco office, has consented to act as advisor. The first meeting will bring "Floyd Gibbons" Tamotsu Murayama before the group to relate his experiences and impressions of his recent trip to South America. After his talk, discussions will be held to outline the future plans and policies of this group.

Dr. Henry Takahashi is going to lead the new choral group. If sufficient numbers respond to the call, a male glee club and a women's chorus will be organized. Negotiations have been opened with the S.F. office to have a director assigned to this project.

San Francisco Group Bills Bridge Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO.—Second generation bridge enthusiasts are looking forward to the big tournament to be sponsored by the local Japanese-American Citizens' League. The tourney is to be held on April 6 at the Japanese YWCA hall on Sutter street.

Entries were to be in to either T. Domoto, chairman of the tournament, or to Dr. Kahn Ueyeyama by March 23. A small entry fee would be charged. Prizes are to be awarded the same night.

Arizona J.-A.C.L. will Meet Again in April

GLENDAL, Ariz.—The second meeting of the Arizona JACL chapter will be held in April with Toshi Kambara in charge.

A Mr. Chapman of the Arizona State Teachers' College at Temple spoke on Japanese-American relations at the first bi-monthly meeting held in the Japanese hall here last month. Bill Kajikawa presided. Entertainment numbers were given.

S.F. PAPER OFFERS MONEY SUGGESTION FOR OKEI MEMORIAL

Suggests Festival to be Held During Calif. State Fair in Sacramento; Would Bring Many to City

SUGGESTION GIVEN JACL

SAN FRANCISCO.—Commenting on the plans of the Placer county chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League to beautify the grave of Miss Okei, believed to be the first Japanese woman to come to America, the Japanese-American News of this city recently advanced a plan to raise the necessary funds.

The News said, "The present plan tentatively advanced, is to raise the necessary fund by public subscription by canvassing prominent pioneers and admirers of Okei-san.

Project Worthwhile

"The Japanese-American News believes the project worthy of every encouragement. We would, however, like to offer a suggestion as to a possible method for raising the fund.

"We urge that the Sacramento and Placer chapters of the J.-A.C.L. jointly sponsor a mammoth Okei festival, commemorating the 35th anniversary of her arrival. We recommend that this festival be held in Sacramento during the annual state fair.

Has Imaginative Appeal

"Such a festival, preferably to be held for two days during a week-end, will have a tremendous historic significance and should appeal to the imagination of the entire Japanese people in America. By careful planning and leadership the Citizens' League should obtain the support of all the civic, business and fraternal bodies in the Japanese community of Sacramento. In fact, the cooperation of all the Japanese communities in Northern California may be enlisted.

"There is so much glamor and significance in an Okei festival, so unique in thought, so fraught with memories dear to the generation of Japanese pioneers now surviving.

Attractive Events

"Such a project would call for the staging of sports tournaments in the state capital with teams from every important Japanese team in Northern California participating. Various attractive events could be arranged such as a historic pageant centering around the character of Okei. Such a fête, properly executed, should attract 10,000 to 15,000 Japanese to Sacramento, possibly more.

"By effective management, a program of voluntary subscription and sale of Okei badges to all those who assemble for the festival should net the sponsors at least enough to cover the amount needed for the preservation and beautification of the Okei tomb and the ground surrounding it. The sum needed for this purpose may be estimated at perhaps one or two thousand dollars."

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Second Generation Men May Get P.O. Positions in Hawaii

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Four American citizens of Japanese ancestry were nominated for postmasterships in Hawaii on a recent list sent to the Senate by President Roosevelt for approval.

The four who aspire to be Hawaiian postmasters are Takeo Takeshita, Hanapepe, Kauai; Kenichi Masunaga, Kealia, Kauai; Masaru Yokotake, Waimanalo, Oahu; and Kenichi Oumi, Waiatua, Oahu.

The nominations will have to be approved by the Senate before the men will know whether or not they have won the jobs. Oahu is the second largest island of the Hawaiian group and Kauai is the fourth largest.

SACRAMENTO SHOW FINANCES VET FIGHT

Cash to be Used in Drive to Get Naturalization for Oriental War Veterans

SACRAMENTO.—The big benefit movie show sponsored by the local chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League turned out to be a huge success with more than 1,400 persons attending the shows which were given on March 16 and 17.

League officials will soon announce the amount cleared by the show. The benefit was sponsored to raise funds to support a bill now pending in the United States senate which will grant naturalization to American World war veterans of Oriental ancestry.

Two Pictures Shown

Two pictures were shown, "Tsukigata Hanpeita", showing life in feudal Japan, and "Daigaku no Uta", starring Denmei Suzuki, dealing with the Olympic games which were held in Los Angeles. Members of the touring Tokio Giants baseball team were introduced from the stage on the first night.

It is estimated that many who came to town to see the Giants play also remained to take in the benefit show.

To Hold Meet

The local chapter was scheduled to hold a meeting on the last Saturday of the month to discuss the alien land legislation which is now pending in the state legislature.

Fred Sakata, Tolu Miura, Dr. George Takahashi and Walter Tsukamoto have been studying the bills and will report.

It is also expected that a complete report will be made on the benefit show.

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PLACER JACL WILL GIVE CHERRY TREES AT ARBOR FESTIVAL

To be Planted in Courthouse Yard Or on High School Grounds; Is Following National Suggestion

NEW MEMBERS ATTEND

NEWCASTLE, Calif.—Carrying out its policy of promoting and encouraging goodwill between Japanese and Americans, the Placer county chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League will donate some flowering cherry trees to the city of Auburn on Arbor day.

This move was decided on at a meeting held here this month. The trees will be planted either in the county courthouse yard or on the Placer high school lawn.

With National Policy

This move on the part of the Placer county chapter is in line with a resolution passed at the national convention of the J.-A.C.L. which was held in San Francisco last year.

At that time it was recommended that all chapters of the national organization participate in community celebration of Arbor day by contributing cherry trees. The famous cherry trees in Washington, D.C. constitute one of the spectacles in the national capital when they are in bloom in the spring.

New Members Introduced

At the same meeting six new members of the chapter were introduced. They were Shizuo Kato and Sam Fujitani, Auburn; Shigeo Otani, Loomis; Shioichi Asazawa, Lincoln; and Saburo and Tom Hiro-naka of Newcastle.

Thomas Yego, chairman of the Northern California district council board, reported on a special district meeting held in San Francisco. Lowell Sparks, county prosecutor, is being sought as a speaker at the next meeting.

STOCKTON HAS DANCE

STOCKTON.—The Stockton chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League gave its annual informal spring dinner-dance late this month at the Hotel Stockton.

The dinner was held in the hotel's Blue room while the dance was held later in the White room.

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2. Each chapter is requested to send their membership list.
3. Each chapter is requested to send the minutes of their meetings.
4. Each chapter is requested to send in their annual dues of \$10 for 1934 and for 1933 if they have not done so to date.

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5. Each chapter is requested to solicit subscriptions for The Pacific Citizen, the official organ, so that the members may have a closer contact with national headquarters.

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'CHUSHINGURA' WILL BE PRESENTED FOR CONVENTION DRIVE

Seattle Chapter Show Will be First Step in Preparation for Next Year's National Convention

2ND GENERATION CAST

SEATTLE—The first move in preparation for next year's big national convention of the Japanese-American Citizens' League will be taken here on April 20 and 21 when the local chapter will present two acts of "Chushingura", the famous Japanese play of the forty-seven ronin.

Tura Nakamura, chairman of the preparations committee for the convention, announced the production this month.

Repeat Performance

The same cast will perform in this presentation of "Chushingura" that presented the play so successfully here early this month. The cast is made up entirely of girls.

The performance here was the first time that the famous Japanese play had ever been produced with an all-second generation girls' cast. It was considered to be one of the best stage entertainments given here in some time. Mr. and Mrs. Kameo Nakamura directed the girls in this play.

Other Acts on Bill

"Chushingura" will be but the main feature on the chapter's big entertainment program. Other entertainment features are being lined up and all indications are that it will be one of the most elaborate theatrical presentations put on in the history of the local Japanese community.

Those appearing in the two acts and who are scheduled to perform on the J.A.C.L. program are: Kikuyo Nakagawa, Mineko Matsubara, Kamesaburo Nakamura, Chiyo Ueda, Yoshiko Yamamoto, Tamako Inouye, Yoshiko Hara, Chiyo Ueda, Sachiye Kuniyuki, Sumiye Okazaki, and Kinuko Yamamoto.

Northwest Will Hold 2nd Generation Count

KENT, Wash.—Planning a determined drive on the vocational issue as it regards the members of the second generation, the Northwest district council board of the Japanese-American Citizens' League requested each of its member chapters to conduct a census of the members of the second generation in its district.

Each chapter will work out its own method for conducting the census.

Want Complete Survey

Efforts will be made to make a complete survey of the second generation. Information covering members of the second generation of voting age will be sent to national headquarters. Tom Iseri, board chairman and president of the Valley Civic League, explained that the census will be made the basis for future discussion on the vocational problem.

It was agreed that the rural chapters have a slightly different problem than do the city chapters. As a result, rural chapters will probably concentrate on problems affecting farms and farming methods while the city chapters will deal more with occupations, professions and businesses.

Study Insurance

The members of the board also decided to make a further study of the question of fraternal insurance. Each chapter was asked to appoint a member to make a study of fraternal insurance.

At the district convention to be held in White River valley next Labor Day a special committee will be appointed to pursue the study further with the idea of making a report at the national convention in Seattle next year.

Seattle JACL Plans Invalids' Program At Firlands Apr. 5

SEATTLE—Inaugurating its new social welfare program, the Seattle chapter of the J.A.C.L. will present an entertainment at the Firlands sanatorium on April 5.

The program is under the direction of Tura Nakamura, one of the leading second generation actors and dramatic directors in the Northwest. Well known first and second generation artists will present songs, instrumental selections and Japanese dance numbers.

This will be the first time that a Japanese program has ever been presented at the Firlands sanatorium. It will be one of the most colorful programs that the local chapter has ever presented.

SEATTLE'S CHAPTER HAS NEW DISTRICTS

Will Have New Organization with Different Set-up of Precinct Officers

SEATTLE—The Seattle chapter of the JACL adopted a new district plan this month to enable it to carry out its work here in a more efficient manner. The plans were worked out by the executive committee and were announced at a dinner gathering early this month.

Under the new plan the city has been divided into five districts. The second and third districts will cover the Japanese community while the other three will cover the sections of the city where there are but scattered Japanese residents.

New Officer Plan

A district executive will be appointed for each of the five districts. He in turn will appoint a precinct chairman for each precinct in the district. Under the precinct chairman will be four precinct committeemen, one each for the political, economic, membership and social activities of the chapter.

The local chapter undertook the new district plan to aid the organization of the League. It is felt that this new setup will mean closer cooperation among all the individual members of the chapter in carrying out the League program.

Work on Census

One of the first undertakings of the district executives' board will be its cooperation in taking the second generation census. Data gathered will be sent into national headquarters in San Francisco.

The executive committee also announced that Shiro Hashiguchi was appointed chairman of the finance committee. Toshio Hoshida and William Mimbu are the other committee members.

Clarence T. Arai was appointed to serve as chairman of the oratorical meeting which is scheduled for the first week in May.

Watsonville's Juniors Start Citizen League

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—The inaugural meeting of the Watsonville Junior Citizens' League was held here this month in the junior room of the local Japanese Presbyterian church.

At the first meeting appointive officers were named and a constitution was presented for approval. All young people between the ages of 16 and 21 were invited to attend.

The entertainment at the conclusion of the meeting was in charge of Kiyoko Tada, Yoshiye Takata, Beatrice Miyamoto, Martha Utsunomiya, Mush Asami, Mits Ninomiya, Tom Eto and Mike Oita.

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PUYALLUP J.A.C.L.'S ANNUAL DINNER SET IN TACOMA APR. 13

N.W. District Council Board to Gather in Meet Before Affair; Yoshioka Resigns as President

CHAPTER GROWS YEARLY

FIFE, Wash.—In what is expected to prove one of the biggest and most colorful affairs of its kind, the fourth annual banquet of the Puyallup valley Japanese-American Citizens' League will be held at the Tacoma Hotel in Tacoma on Saturday evening, April 13, starting at 6:30 p.m.

This year the banquet will be given the touch of an all-Northwest affair with the members of the Northwest District Council board of the JACL attending. Preceding the banquet the board is to hold its session starting at 4 p.m., following which they will be the guests of the Puyallup chapter.

Yoshioka Resigns

With the resignation of Daichi Yoshioka as president of the Puyallup chapter owing to the heavy pressure of his business affairs, Tooru Kuramoto, who has succeeded Yoshioka, will assume the banquet chair as toastmaster.

The banquet, which is to be climaxed with a dance, is expected to show the growing strength of the citizens' movement in the Puyallup valley.

The interest in the program of the Japanese-American Citizens' League is widespread and with each passing year there has been a notable increase in the chapter membership. While this is partly due to the increase in numbers of young people attaining an eligible age to join, the importance of the organization's work in the social, vocational and political field is felt as the encouraging recognition.

Has Been Strong

Since the beginning of the chapter here in 1931, it has been one of the strongest chapters in the national league.

The succession of Kuramoto to the presidency makes him the third man to hold that office here. The first president of the organization was the late James M. Yamamoto, who served for two years, with Daichi Yoshioka following for a two-year term.

San Gabriel Chapter Inaugurated Mar. 15

SAN GABRIEL, Calif.—The San Gabriel Valley Japanese-American Citizens' League was officially inaugurated at a big inaugural dance held on March 15. The affair was held at the El Monte Odd Fellows hall with a green St. Patrick's day motif.

Second generation talent was featured as intermission numbers. The Hashimoto trio, and Miss Dorothy Wade, popular blues singer, were presented on the program.

Texas Now Has First Citizens' League Body

EL PASO, Texas—Youths of Texas organized the first chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League in this district early this month. The new organization will be known as the El Paso JACL. Willie Ando is the first president.

Other officers are Jodo Yabumoto, vice president; Hisako Kurita, secretary; and Ayako Yabumoto, corresponding secretary.

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T. Iseri, Leader in JACL, Opens Firm To Pack, Ship Peas

KENT, Wash.—Tom Iseri, president of the Valley Civic League of White River valley, went into partnership with Harry S. Kuramoto of Tacoma this month to form the Kent Pea Growers Company.

Iseri is the first member of the second generation in this section to go into the vegetable packing and shipping business. He is widely known as a leader in Citizens' League affairs in the White River valley.

He has been associated with the packing and shipping industry since 1927 and has a thorough knowledge of the business. He and Kuramoto were formerly employed by another concern.

PORTLAND SUPPORTS CITIZENS' PROGRAM

Hito Okada is New President; Membership Slowly, But Steadily Gaining

PORTLAND—Under the leadership of Hito Okada new president, the Portland chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League is rapidly advancing along with the other chapters in carrying out the national program of the League.

The League, now more than ever before, has entered actively into the problems involved in integrating the members of the second generation into American life.

Membership Advancing

The membership has been slowly, but steadily, increasing during the past several months. The membership now is believed to be around one hundred.

Officers and members are laying plans now for participation in the Northwest district council convention which is to be held in the White River valley district near Seattle next Labor Day and in the national convention which is to be held in Seattle next year.

Was 1933 Host

In 1933, the year of the last district convention, Portland played host of the delegates from the other Northwest chapters. In that year great impetus was given to the citizens' movement here.

The officers of the local chapter are: Hito Okada, president; Howard Nomura, first vice president; Motoko Yamada, second vice president; Mamoru Wakasugi, recording secretary; Clifford Matsuura, treasurer; Ruth Nomura, corresponding secretary; George Sumida, board delegate.

Placer County's JACL Oratorical on April 27

PENRYN, Calif.—The Placer County JACL will hold its fourth annual oratorical contest in Newcastle on April 27, it was announced recently. Committee chairman in charge appointed by Jack Suzuki, president, are:

M. Furutani, trophy; George Sakamoto and M. Furutani, judges; Dave Takagishi, correspondence; Shig Yabumoto, program; Shig Matsuoto, George Sakamoto, Herb Tokutomi, banquet; Roy Yoshida, English publicity; M. Furutani, Japanese publicity.

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MID-COLUMBIA JACL WILL JOIN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SOON

Former Hood River Group to Make Application at N.W. Board Meet; Officers are Elected

INTEREST SHOWS GAIN

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Mid-Columbia chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens' League will be one of the latest additions to the national body of chapters.

The official name of the new chapter was adopted at the last meeting of the Hood River Japanese-American Citizens' League which was the old name of the second generation organization here.

Elect Officers

At the same meeting a complete slate of officers was elected and it was decided to make application for formal admittance into the national body at the next meeting of the Northwest District Council board Time and place for that meeting have not yet been decided upon, but it will undoubtedly be held in Tacoma some time in April.

Formal application for membership was made at a board meeting in Seattle, but the Northwest board took the application under advisement as the local group had not yet elected its officers. With all officers named, no difficulty is anticipated in entering as part of the national organization.

Move Given Impetus

The movement to join the national body was given impetus at the last district convention which was held in Portland. The Hood River group has been operating for some time, but purely as a local body. When the Mid-Columbia chapter is taken into the National organization, there will be six chapters in the Northwest. Mid-Columbia will be the second Oregon chapter, Portland being the first. The other four chapters, Seattle, Valley Civic League of White River valley, Yakima and Puyallup valley, are all in Washington.

The officers of the Hood River chapter are as follows: Kumeo Yoshinari, president; George Kinoshita, first vice president; Mitsuo Takasumi, second vice president; Chiko Takasumi, secretary; Suma Tsuboi, press correspondent; Masao Takasumi, treasurer; and Kazuo Kanemasu, delegate-at-large.

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