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LEAGUE DELEGATES AT SESSION ADOPT CONCRETE PROGRAM

Loyalty To American Institutions Is Keynote; Revising Constitution One Step For Progress; Endowment Backed

NATIONAL BOARD FIXED

LOS ANGELES—With the greatest convention in history behind them, and with a strong staff of national officers elected, headed by Walter T. Tsukamoto as president, and an ambitious program laid out, members of the Japanese American Citizens League closed the fifth biennial national convention here September 5, and departed for their homes.

Following the keynote sounded at the opening session by President James Y. Sakamoto of Americanism, loyalty to American institutions and, the further development of patriotic citizenship, the convention blended its program along those lines.

Keynote Of Convention

President Sakamoto declared that citizenship was first an obligation, and then a privilege.

In line with this policy, the convention reaffirmed a resolution of a former convention in a more definite manner, placing the League squarely on record as co-operating with the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other patriotic organizations in the battle against all subversive efforts of alien agitators.

Seven Important Points

Seven of the outstanding actions of the convention were:

1. Revising the Constitution of the League.
2. Placing the endowment fund project on a more definite and substantial basis, and making preparations to accelerate it.
3. Improving the machinery of the League by creating a National Board.
4. Voted to continue The Pacific Citizen as the organ of the League, and making certain changes.
5. Approved the Second Generation Development Project.
6. Approved a general program of vocational guidance.
7. Adopted a resolution to the effect that the League should keep in touch with international trends and be prepared, rightly to interpret such affairs as affect the young.

These resolutions are more fully detailed elsewhere.

A new pin was approved, a hymn and a "pep" song adopted, the plan for a census of all young in the United States was approved, and also it was agreed that a directory of the League members should be compiled.

Two other resolutions were adopted, approving plans for two petitions to the United States Congress seeking to ameliorate conditions for certain classes of Japanese.

SPLENDID LIST OF EVENTS ENJOYED BY DELEGATIONS AT L. A. GATHERING

LOS ANGELES—The list of entertainment features in connection with the fifth biennial convention of the Japanese American Citizens League ran from the Coronation Ball, which opened the Nisei Week Festival, to the Sayonara Ball.

After a spirited contest in the local community, Miss Margaret Nishikawa was chosen queen, and ruled the festivities. The festival included colorful parades, a Baby Show, Hobby Show, flower arrangements, tea ceremonies, and several luncheons and banquets.

Besides the events of the festival there was an outing at Lake Norconian on Sunday, and the same day there was a golf tournament at Long Beach.

Elders of the parent generation more than 60 years old, and who have been in the United States since 1900, were honored at the Pioneers' Night banquet. The star of the event was the Rev. Kosaburo Baba, 84 years old, a resident since 1887,

Delegates Praised By Past Officials For Faithful Work

LOS ANGELES—Appreciation of the faithful and painstaking work of the official delegates to the JACL convention was expressed by the past national officers. These officers were fully aware of the vast amount of details the delegates had to consider.

Official notice was taken by the National Council of the work of two young women who acted as secretaries. Miss Teiko Ishida of San Francisco, and Miss Bessie Yemoto, of Fresno, were almost constantly on duty from September 1 to 5, inclusive, during the sessions. Miss Ishida was also a secretary at the 1936 convention.

FORMER PRESIDENT PLEDGES SUPPORT

Sakamoto Appeals To Membership For All Possible Aid To Be Given New Leaders

SEATTLE—Expressing the appreciation of past officers of the Japanese American Citizens League for the courtesies tendered by the membership the past two years, and bespeaking the same consideration for the incoming officers, James Y. Sakamoto, past national president, said:

"The fifth biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League now goes down in the annals of second generation development as one of the brightest achievements in the history of Americans of Japanese ancestry in shaping their course for future progress and welfare.

"The work accomplished at the national convention will have far-reaching results for the national organization, as shown by the revision of the Constitution, as well as for the individuals whose interest was placed foremost in the general work accomplished.

Asks For Co-operation

"In carrying out the general program adopted at the convention, however, it is my hope that every co-operation will be given our new leader, President Walter T. Tsukamoto, and the other national officers.

"Mr. Tsukamoto, who has served so ably the past two years as national executive secretary, is one of the most capable leaders among the second generation, and his deep interest and loyalty has been thoroughly demonstrated by the manner in which he has performed the duties of his important office.

Everyone Will Benefit

"Every confidence reposed in him, with a full understanding of the task that faces him and his executive staff, coupled with the earnest effort to co-operate, will advance

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ENDOWMENT GIVEN DEFINITE PLAN AT FIFTH CONVENTION

Minimum \$100,000 Goal Fixed And Board Of Nine Will Be Appointed To Carry Onward Campaign To Gain Success

LARGE FUND IS RAISED

LOS ANGELES—Plans for accelerating the collection of an endowment fund for the Japanese American Citizens League were formulated and steps taken to put them into effect at the fifth biennial national convention held here.

Under the new program there will be a board of nine members appointed by the President to take up the work. It is proposed that three of these members be appointed for six years; three for four years, and three for two years.

Minimum Goal Is Set

The minimum goal is set at \$100,000, but it is hoped that in time this amount may be increased. The League has long felt the need of a fund to afford a working capital in order that calls on the League may be promptly met.

The spirit of the membership was demonstrated by the action of Miss Teiko Ishida, whose untiring efforts in a secretarial capacity were rewarded by a vote of \$25 from the National Council, which she promptly turned over to the endowment fund.

Available Pledge List

The endowment fund movement was launched at the 1936 national convention held in Seattle. Dr. Russell Wehara of Oakland, was one of the largest contributors, his pledges now amounting to \$1,050.

In the following list of pledges practically all are for \$100. Exceptions are Dr. Wehara and others whose amounts are given with the names.

CALIFORNIA

Oakland: Dr. Russell, Wehara, Kelly Yamada, Kay Hirao, Noboru Hirao, Hiroshi Tatsuta, Mas Sakada, Fred Nomura.

San Francisco: Saburo Kido, Susumu Togasaki, Yasuo Abiko, Joe L. Sano, Shigeru Saito, Teiko Ishida, James T. Nishimura, Jutaro Shiota.

Los Angeles: Ichiro Fukunaga, John Ando, Kay Sugahara, George Nakamoto, Tom Takeyama, Masao Igasaki, Elmer Yamamoto, Etsuo Sato, Carl Iwanaga.

Fresno: Irving Morishita, Dr. T. T. Yatabe, Howard Hatayama, Bill T. Ishida.

Alameda: M. Narahara, Haruo Imura.

Brawley: Lyle Kurisaki, Ernest Fujimoto.

Reedley: Bob Okamura.

Parlier: Byrd Kumataka.

Sacramento: Walter Tsukamoto.

Watsonville: Sumio Miyamoto.

San Jose: Dr. H. Nakahara.

Livingston: Joseph M. Noda. (\$200).

Tulare: Harvey Iwata.

San Benito: James Sugioka.

Placer County: Paul Makabe, Thomas Yego.

Salinas: Henry Tanda.

Stockton: Albert Kawasaki, Tom Yamaguchi.

Orange County: Kiyoshi Higashi.

Santa Maria: Ken Utsunomiya.

San Pedro: Dr. Yoshio Nakaji.

WASHINGTON

Tacoma: Ted Nakamura.

Puyallup: Juro Yoshioka.

White River Valley: Thomas Iseri, Mineral Okura.

Yakima Valley: Roy Nishimura, Harry Masuto, Fred Omaru, Jesse Nishi.

Seattle: Akira Kumazaka, Tura Nakamura, Clarence Aral, Takeo Nogaki, Thomas Yoshimura, Shiro Hashiguchi, Jiro Aoki, Toshiko Fukano, Nahoshi Kumagai, Tom Masuda, Dr. Robert Higashida, Saburo Nishimura, James Sakamoto, Roy Setsuda (\$50).

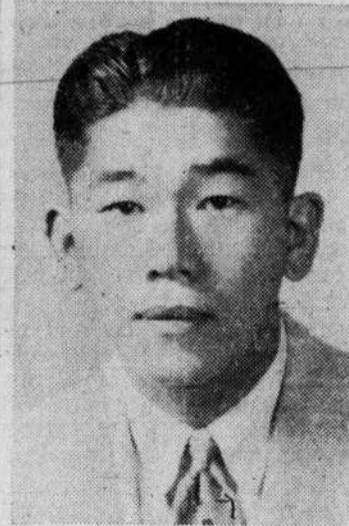
OREGON

Portland: Hito Okada, George Sumida, Mamuro Wakasugi.

Mid-Columbia: Harry Morioka.

Revised Constitution will be found on pg. 2, this issue.

PRESIDENT



Walter T. Tsukamoto

TSUKAMOTO NAMED AS LEAGUE LEADER

Popular Past Secretary Will Be President; Appeals For Co-operation of Members

LOS ANGELES—Walter T. Tsukamoto, Sacramento attorney, was chosen to head the officers of the Japanese American Citizens League at the national convention held here early in September.

Portland, Or., was designated as the convention city for 1940. Portland had been intending to wait for the 1942 session, but changed conditions made it desirable to bid for the next meeting.

Other Officers Named

Other officers of the national body are: vice president, Ken Matsumoto, Los Angeles chapter president; executive secretary, Ken Utsunomiya, Santa Maria; treasurer, Hito Okada, Portland.

These officers, together with the three District Council chairmen, and certain past presidents, will constitute the National Board, which is provided for in the new Constitution. The chairmen are: Southern California District, Henry Tsurutani, Los Angeles; Northern California District, Dr. Harry Kita, Salinas, and Northwest District, Mamuro Wakasugi, Portland.

Two Past Presidents

The past presidents now eligible are James Y. Sakamoto, Seattle, and Dr. T. T. Yatabe, Fresno. The Constitution provides that only those presidents who were elected by the National Council shall be ex-officio members of the National Board.

The list of candidates was submitted by the National Council, and were installed at a Sayonara dinner given by the Los Angeles chapter, and also were honor guests at the farewell ball.

The retiring officers are: President, James Y. Sakamoto, Seattle; vice presidents, Mamuro Wakasugi, Portland; Dr. Harry Kita, Salinas, and Henry Tsurutani, Los Angeles; treasurer, Susumu Togasaki, Alameda; secretary, Walter T. Tsukamoto, Sacramento; assistant secretary, Masao Satow, Los Angeles.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH WINS ORATORICAL CONTEST AT SESSION

LOS ANGELES—Isamu Masuda, Santa Ana Junior College student, won first place in the national oratorical contest held here this month in connection with the national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The general theme of the speakers was: "Solution of Nisei Problems Through Active Citizenship." Dr. M. M. Horii presided.

Second place went to Miss Grayce Kaneda of Stockton, a representative of the Northern California district. George Mukai of San Diego placed third, and Miss Masako Tsujikawa, of the White River Valley chapter of the northwest district, tied for fourth place with Kayichi Kitagawa of San Francisco.

President James Y. Sakamoto on behalf of the League, accepted the beautiful perpetual trophy from Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins of the Japan-

LEAGUE PRESIDENT ASKS COOPERATION TO ATTAIN SUCCESS

Tsukamoto Declares The Late Convention Greatest Known In Point Of Important Work Done; Program Lies Ahead

DELEGATES ARE THANKED

By WALTER T. TSUKAMOTO
(President of the national Japanese American Citizens League)

I wish to take this opportunity through The Pacific Citizen to thank the Los Angeles chapter for the untiring effort in putting on the grandest convention ever held by the League. I am certain that the members of every chapter present at their glorious affair enjoyed every minute of the warm hospitality displayed by the members of the largest chapter in the League.

Thanks To Delegates

I also wish to thank every official delegate who attended the National Council meeting for the devotion and untiring effort in the conduct of the strenuous business session of the League. In all the history of the J.A.C.L. there has never been a session comparable to the fifth biennial session in point of volume of business nor of importance. Much remains to be done in the way of carrying out the policies and programs directed by the National Council, and this can be accomplished only by the immediate and whole-hearted co-operation of each and every chapter.

Past Officers Praised

To the retiring national officers we tender a sincere vote of thanks: Mr. James Sakamoto for his able leadership and untiring efforts in guiding the League through the difficult years of 1937 and 1938. He faithfully kept his pledge to the National Council of 1936 to personally contact every member chapter by travelling from Seattle to the district council conventions and meetings of each of the three district councils even though these trips entailed great personal sacrifices. We will never forget his brilliant oratory and his inspiring spirit. Mr. Susumu Togasaki for his four years of unceasing and constant vigil to build up our national treasury to its present sound condition. No man has ever given so much of his time or worked so hard for the good of the organization; at times even at the sacrifice of personal popularity. Mr. Masao Satow for his genius and ability to launch one of the most difficult of League projects, the Second Generation Development and Survey. His experience as executive secretary of one of the largest religious organizations on the Pacific Coast well qualifies him for this important work, and at the date of this writing I have asked him to again take over this important work for the next two years. To these men we owe an unforgetting debt of gratitude.

Much remains to be done in the way of setting the machinery in motion to conform to the resolutions

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American Society.

First place gold medal was donated by Mrs. Kathleen Smale. Masuda also received a gold trophy from Dr. K. Iseri, president of Stanford Japanese Alumni Association. Second place silver medal was given by Robert M. Byrne, and third place got a bronze medal given by Togo Shima of Stockton, who also provided bronze medals for fourth place. Second and third winners got cash prizes.

Masuda called for vigorous participation in the duties of citizenship as the basis for development. He declared that such participation would go far toward alleviating such discrimination as now prevails.

Faithful and intelligent exercises of the voting privilege was declared to be a duty of the second generation.

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The second generation brought their problems to a great laboratory designated as the fifth biennial convention of the Japanese American Citizens League at Los Angeles. These problems were put through a thorough analysis, and the result may be found in the reports from the convention contained in the current issue of The Pacific Citizen.

It seems safe to say that never was there a convention of a similar body that did more effective work. It was well known to those who were in touch with developments of the past year that a vast amount of material was being accumulated for consideration by the national convention. This was made fully apparent when the delegates met to consider the program.

To take only the Constitution, for example, it may seem after reading the completed version as revised, that it all came about easily. Far from it. A large committee of the best minds of the League gave this important topic careful consideration, being in session for practically the entire time of the convention. Present conditions were weighed against possible future developments, all with the view of so framing a document that would meet conditions as they should arise.

While perhaps the constitution committee had the most work before it, yet the resolutions committee also had a heavy task. The latter had to take the material brought to it and weigh it carefully against possible future conditions. The other committees all considered their work carefully, as may be seen by reading the reports in the present issue of The Citizen.

Thus, we may say, that this convention has fixed the destiny of the young for some time to come by its deliberations and conclusions. The League has by the action of the convention been launched into a new period of activity.

The convention had considerable basis on which to found its work. Able leaders have been guiding the destinies of the League for some years past, and in a way the action of the convention was but continuing the policies that had been in the making. However, the convention was able to build more firmly and broader, which was right and proper.

The vast amount of work done by the convention in thus digesting the material before it, and welding it into a helpful program, and in electing such a splendid body of national officers to carry it into effect is certain to redound to its credit, and to the immediate welfare of the second generation, which the League was created to serve.

ENDOWMENT PROGRAM FIXED

One of the most important problems before the national convention at Los Angeles was that of the endowment fund, and the result is highly satisfactory. The need for an endowment fund to provide working capital for emergency purposes was emphasized the past year, as the League's activities broadened. It seems that now the movement has been accelerated so that there is a certainty of success.

The plan agreed on was to set up an administrative board of nine members which shall have charge of carrying out the program. These are to be appointed for different periods of time so that the board shall be a continuing body.

A reading of the report of the committee made at the convention warrants the belief that a practical plan has been worked out, and that the proper safeguards have been established in order that there shall be a successful administration of the fund which shall be accumulated.

In setting the quotas for the various chapters the committee has endeavored to see that no undue hardship shall be worked on any chapter, but that each shall perform its duty according to its ability.

It is highly gratifying to note the long list of pledges that will be found in the accompanying reports. Under the new plan it is proposed that each chapter shall work out the campaign as it may be able so to do.

Provision is made for investment of the fund as it accumulates and it has been sought to insure safety and revenue. The national officers in no way benefit from the endowment fund, but any income that shall result goes to benefit the membership generally.

In the past two years since the launching of the endowment movement, conditions have not been favorable, but much has been done. Interest has lagged to some extent, but with the impetus given at the recent convention it seems safe to say that splendid results may be looked for at an early date, and which will place the League in a position to serve the second generation better than ever before.

THE NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS

All the actions of the JAACL convention at Los Angeles will meet with approval of the membership of the League generally, so far as we know, but certainly there is special reason for felicitations in regard to the election of the national officers. It isn't necessary to express the hope that President Tsukamoto, Vice President Matsumoto, Secretary Utsunomiya and Treasurer Okada shall be solidly supported, because that is a foregone conclusion.

The new president is especially well known because of his valuable services as national executive secretary. He has given freely of his time and ability and effort. He asks co-operation of the members, which will be tendered willingly and enthusiastically.

The president is a man of many activities, and his duties to the League will be performed at the expense of his personal affairs. Such being the case, it is the duty of all to see that their support and co-operation start right now, and continue until the end.

THE CONSTITUTION

Following is the revised Constitution of the Japanese American Citizens League, as adopted by the fifth biennial convention of the organization assembled in Los Angeles, Calif., September 5, 1933, A. D.:

The following is a report made by the constitution committee. The committee was composed of: Chairman, Dr. G. Hiura; Takeo Nogaki, Henry Taketa, Ken Matsumoto, and Harvey Suzuki.

CONSTITUTION OF THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

PREAMBLE

We, the American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry, in order to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to foster and spread the true spirit of Americanism, to build the character of our people morally and spiritually on American Ideals, and to promote the welfare and aid in the development of the Americans of Japanese ancestry as an integral part of the national life, establish this Constitution for the Japanese American Citizens League of the United States of America.

ARTICLE I

Policy

Section 1. This organization shall be non-partisan and non-religious and shall not be used for purposes of official endorsement of candidates for public office or of other political issues.

Section 2. This organization shall encourage every member to perform his full duty as an American Citizen.

ARTICLE II

Incorporation

Section 1. This organization shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

Section 2. The seal of this organization shall bear the words "Japanese American Citizens League, Incorporated Under the Laws of the State of California, June 21, 1937".

Section 3. The seal shall be affixed to all instruments and documents issued by or under the authority of this organization.

ARTICLE III

National Headquarters

The national headquarters of this organization shall be located in the city designated by the National Council.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1. The membership of this organization shall be composed of American Citizens of Japanese ancestry and shall be 18 years or older.

Section 2. Each member of this organization shall be a member of a local chapter, holding a charter, and shall receive a National Membership card signed by the president, executive secretary, and president or chairman of the local chapter.

Section 3. Any member departing for residence to another chapter locality may be privileged to transfer his membership upon presentation of a certificate of transfer executed by his chapter president and treasurer.

ARTICLE V

Elective Officers

Section 1. Officers of this organization shall be the president, vice-president, executive secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. Officers of this organization shall be members at least 25 years old except the president who shall be at least 30 years old. They shall be elected at the national convention.

Section 3. Officers of this organization shall hold office until the next biennial convention and shall be ex-officio members of the various district councils.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Elective Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the national council, national board, and national conventions, and shall supervise the affairs of this organization subject to the national board.

Section 2. The vice-president shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Council or National Board.

Section 3. The executive secre-

tary shall generally aid in directing the affairs of this organization and shall keep a record of the minutes of meetings of this organization, conventions, and of the National Council and National Board, as well as to have custody of all books, records and papers of this organization, except such as shall be in charge of the treasurer, or of some other persons or persons authorized to have custody and possession by the National Council or National Board.

Section 4. The treasurer shall keep account of all moneys of this organization received or disbursed and shall make payments with the approval of the National Board or National Council.

Section 5. The executive secretary and the treasurer shall each have the power to appoint one or more assistants.

Section 6. a. In case there is a vacancy in the office of the president, the vice-president shall assume the duties of said office for the balance of the unexpired term.

b. In case there is a vacancy in any other office, the National Board shall have the authority to fill such vacancy.

ARTICLE VII

Voting

Section 1. Each chartered chapter shall have one vote in the National Council.

Section 2. There shall be no proxy voting.

Section 3. In case of emergency measures, telegraphic votes shall be taken by the executive secretary, and a majority of votes cast shall settle the issue upon confirmation by the president.

Section 4. A majority vote of the chartered chapters present at any and all meetings of this organization shall be necessary to determine all issues and elections, unless otherwise provided.

ARTICLE VIII

National Board

Section 1. The National Board shall be the executive and administrative body of this organization and shall consist of the president, vice-president, executive secretary, treasurer and the chairmen of the district councils. Past presidents elected by the National Council and who shall have served his full term shall be ex-officio members of the National Board.

Section 2. The president shall have the right to call special meetings of the National Board whenever he deems it necessary.

Section 3. The executive secretary shall call a special meeting of the National Board whenever requested in writing by three or more members thereof.

Section 4. Quorum of any and all meetings of the National Board shall be the presence of a majority of members thereof.

ARTICLE IX

National Council

Section 1. The National Council shall be the legislative body of this organization and shall consist of two delegates from each chartered chapter and the National Board.

Section 2. The National Council shall meet in general session biennially during the national convention.

Section 3. Special sessions of the National Council shall be held in the district at the sites selected for the next District Council meetings, and the majority of the collective votes thereat shall determine the issues or questions presented.

Section 4. Special sessions of the National Council shall be called by the president or the National Board whenever necessary.

Section 5. Quorum of any and all meetings of the National Council shall be the presence of a majority of chartered chapters in good standing.

ARTICLE X

Chapters

Section 1. Each chapter shall choose its own name to conform with the purposes of this organization as set forth in the preamble and shall adopt its own constitution and by-laws which shall not conflict with the provisions of this constitution and by-laws.

Section 2. New chapters shall be admitted into this organization by filing application with and upon favorable recommendation of the District Council and upon approval of the National Board.

Section 3. Each chapter, in order to be in good standing in this organization, must qualify as provided by the by-laws.

Section 4. Officers of each chapter shall take office within the month of January of each year.

Section 5. The duly elected officers of all chartered chapters shall be registered with the executive secretary. Such reports shall be made within thirty (30) days of the election thereof.

ARTICLE XI

Charters

Section 1. Each chapter shall be granted a charter by the National Board upon admittance into this organization as provided by Section 2 of Article X.

Section 2. The National Board, with approval of the District Council, shall have the discretionary power to suspend or revoke the charter of any chapter for failure to pay national dues or District Council obligations for one year or more, or for failure to carry out in good faith the provisions of this Constitution and the by-laws or for failure to co-operate with the National Council, National Board and or the District Council to which it belongs.

Section 3. Any chapter given a notice of suspension may appeal for reinstatement upon a signed petition to abide by the provisions of the Constitution and by-laws and to co-operate in all respects. In case there is any arrearage, all such obligations must be discharged before the reinstatement becomes effective.

ARTICLE XII

Conventions

Section 1. National conventions of this organization shall be held every two years at some designated place; said place to be decided by a vote of the National Council delegates at the preceding national convention.

Section 2. A national convention shall not be held in succession at one place.

Section 3. The tentative convention agenda and program shall be submitted to all the chapters of this organization at least 60 days prior to the opening of the convention by the National Board.

Section 4. The chapter awarded the national convention shall be in charge of making all necessary arrangements under the supervision of the National Board and shall be assisted by the District Council to which it belongs.

Section 5. District Council conventions shall not be held during national convention years.

ARTICLE XIII

Removal of Officers

Section 1. Any officer of this organization may be removed from office for misfeasance or malfeasance or neglect of duty following a hearing by the National Board which shall judge whether or not the case shall be presented to the special session of the National Council for a vote.

Section 2. Upon presentation to the special session of the National Council, three-fourths vote of all the chartered chapters shall be necessary for the removal of any officer.

ARTICLE XIV

District Councils

Section 1. The National Council shall be divided into as many district councils as the by-laws shall provide.

Section 2. Each district council shall act upon all district matters concerning this organization and shall act on all national matters as directed by the National Board.

Section 3. Each district council shall have its own officers and shall be governed by its own constitution and by-laws not in conflict herewith and shall be composed of the chairman, duly elected officers and delegates at large from each chartered chapter within said district.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution or by-laws hereof shall be made at the National Council meetings.

Section 2. To introduce an amendment to this constitution or the by-laws hereof, the District Council shall petition the executive secretary who shall send a copy of the proposed amendment or amendments to each chapter at least 30 days preceding the National Council meeting.

Section 3. Three-fourths vote of the chartered chapters present shall be necessary to pass an amendment to this constitution.

Section 4. Two-thirds vote of the chartered chapters present shall be necessary to pass an amendment to the by-laws hereof.

The by-laws as adopted were not available, but will be presented in a later issue of The Citizen.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT SESSION OF LEAGUE HELD IN LOS ANGELES

Important Problems Considered At Convention Sought To Enhance Welfare Of Second Generation; Many Valuable Suggestions Are Made

BROAD PROGRAM MAPPED OUT FOR NEW OFFICERS

LOS ANGELES—Following are the resolutions adopted, and some of the more important committee reports at the JAACL national convention:

The following is a report made by the resolutions committee. The committee was composed of: Chairman, Hito Okada; Kelly Yamada, Saburo Nishimura, Mas. Narahara, George Nakamoto, Sam Fujita, Joseph Noda, Bill Kato.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Japanese-Americans as American citizens are entitled to be accorded the same privileges as any other American citizens, regardless of race, color, or creed and to equal protection of the laws, and,

WHEREAS, the present administration of the immigration laws do not accord such equal privileges, protection, and recognition,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Japanese American Citizens League shall work for the attainment of such equal recognition of citizenship rights from the immigration service.

AND, be it further resolved, that the Japanese American Citizens League shall work for the installation of the procedure of pre-determination of the citizenship status of all persons planning to leave for foreign lands, or any other means of facilitating the re-entry of citizens into the United States.

II

WHEREAS, it is for the best interest of all American citizens of Japanese ancestry, in harmony with the object and purposes of the Japanese American Citizens League to be joined in one common organization,

BE IT RESOLVED, that all divisions and groups be encouraged to join under the common Japanese American Citizens League organization, and that all distinctions of groups and divisions be discouraged.

III

WHEREAS, dual citizenship is a status of disloyalty both to Japan and the United States, and,

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizens League, in accordance with its program of loyalty to the United States, is emphatically opposed to an existence of such a status of dual citizenship,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the national Japanese American Citizens League shall use its efforts and energy to discourage such status of dual citizenship among the Japanese Americans.

IV

WHEREAS there seems to be a general lack of information regarding the various fields into which the Japanese Americans may enter, or have attempted to enter, and,

WHEREAS, there are skilled trades which heretofore have been practically untouched by the Japanese Americans, either by reasons of lack of information or because of seeming undesirability of these trades, and,

WHEREAS, we feel that there are many opportunities in fields as yet untouched by Japanese-Americans generally,

BE IT RESOLVED, that there be machinery set up for the purpose of making a survey of the different kinds of work or jobs held by Japanese in each district, either by study or questionnaires, and through the co-operation of official or private agencies, and to make available through the various chapters such compilation and information of vocations giving the greatest opportunities.

V

WHEREAS, the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League recognizes that certain individuals have devoted their time and efforts to secure the passage of a bill in the United States Congress granting to the alien veterans of the World War, formerly ineligible to citizenship because of race, a right to acquire citizenship,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League shall take appropriate steps to express the appreciation of the League to those individuals,

VI
WHEREAS, the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League believes that a biennial national oratorical contest will foster the art of self-expression and disseminate thoughts on good citizenship among its members and among the citizenry in general.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Council go on record as favoring the sponsorship of a national oratorical contest to be held biennially; that the rules and regulations of such contest be left up to a committee, and changes be made in the contest rules from the past, particularly in extending the age of contestants to include adults.

VII

WHEREAS, it is to the best interest of the Japanese American Citizens League that registration of all citizens be encouraged, and,

WHEREAS, it is believed that a census of all Japanese American citizens over the age of eighteen (18) years will aid in the registration of Japanese American citizens.

BE IT RESOLVED, that all chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League be encouraged to take a census of citizens over the age of eighteen (18) years in their districts.

VIII

WHEREAS, agriculture plays an important part in the economic life of Japanese American citizens, and,

WHEREAS, such interest will be aided by securing and disseminating information upon this and allied subjects,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Council or officers form a committee:

- a. to gather and have available any information or sources of information that would be of benefit or interest to Japanese American farmers.
- b. to form a clearing house where information leading to employment of Japanese Americans on the farms may be made available.
- c. to gather and keep any or all information on the question of labor unions and labor.

IX

WHEREAS, the Japanese American citizens, as good citizens of the United States, are interested in national peace and goodwill with other nations, particularly with the Empire of Japan,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a national committee on public relations be formed for the purpose of maintaining and encouraging the best of Japanese American relationship; and such committee on public relations be instructed to include among their program:

- a. the sponsoring of annual community affairs;
- Example: Los Angeles Nisei Week, which will include the community at large.
- b. institution of speakers' bureau.
- c. publicity through publications.
- d. banquets and dinners which call for participation by public officials.

X

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizens League, composed of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, was formed for the special purpose of maintaining our American institutions, and,

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WHEREAS, there exists today a national problem of combatting the sinister forces of communism and facism which seek to overthrow our present form of government,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Japanese American Citizens League in its convention held at Los Angeles go on record:

1. That we reaffirm our faith in the Republic and uphold the just principles of true Americanism;
2. That we oppose all those alien agitators who seek the overthrow of our government, and demand the passage of stringent laws for the deportation of such persons;
3. That we believe in the fundamental principles of our government and that such foreign "isms" have no place in our American life.
4. Further, that each chapter be instructed to co-operate with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in their splendid fight to maintain our American institutions against such alien propagandists.

XI

WHEREAS, the National Council of the Japanese American Citizens League recognizes that certain individuals have given unselfishly of their time and effort to promote the League movement,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a vote of thanks and recognition for services rendered be given to:

- T. N. Slocum,
- Saburo Kido,
- Dr. T. T. Yatabe,
- Susumu Togasaki,
- James Y. Sakamoto and
- Dr. T. T. Hayashi

OTHER RESOLVES

The following list of resolutions was presented from various sources, aside from the resolution committee:

I

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizens League is vitally concerned with the welfare of the nisei citizenry at large, and,

WHEREAS, the trend of affairs in international problems is directly or indirectly affecting the nisei in its social, economic and commercial endeavor, and,

WHEREAS, the Japanese American Citizens League is primarily interested in preserving, maintaining and defending the status of the American citizens of Japanese ancestry, now,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the National Council maintain close touch with the trend of international affairs, and thus be prepared to correctly inform the public through the proper mediums of news dissemination, and thus protect the status of the American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

II

WHEREAS, we believe that a directory of all members of our organization will be of great value in further cementing our membership into one great body, now,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the national officers appoint a committee to compile a directory of members of the Japanese American Citizens League once every year.

III

WHEREAS, we believe it is important and valuable that we have accurate statistics as to the age, number and vocation of all nisei, now,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the national officers launch this project of taking a census of all nisei in the United States, more particularly on the Pacific Coast, and that the chapters affiliated with the national Japanese American Citizens League give their fullest cooperation.

IV

WHEREAS, the present immigration law permits the entry into this country of a wife of an alien having the status of an international trader, and,

WHEREAS, the alien Japanese wife of an American citizen is denied entry, and,

WHEREAS, we believe that this is discriminatory and unfair to American citizens who have the status of an international trader, now,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a movement be launched to petition Congress to modify the existing immigration law to permit the entry of an alien Japanese wife of an American citizen.

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can citizen international trader for an indefinite stay while such citizen retains his status as an international trader.

V

WHEREAS, the present naturalization law classifies alien members of the Japanese race as "aliens ineligible to citizenship," and,

WHEREAS, there are numerous alien Japanese residents in this country admitted prior to the 1924 Exclusion Act who desire to become naturalized, and,

WHEREAS, it is our belief that these residents are fully qualified and will make worthy American citizens, now,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a movement be launched to petition Congress to modify the existing Naturalization Law to permit alien Japanese residing here prior to the enactment of the 1924 Exclusion Act to become American citizens, provided they are able to meet the qualifications as set forth under the law and rules and regulations.

VI

WHEREAS, there are many alien parents of American citizens of Japanese ancestry who are unable to rejoin their children in this country because they had not returned within the required time, and,

WHEREAS, we believe these parents should be permitted to rejoin their families in this country provided they do not come to earn a living or become a public charge after admission, now,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a movement be launched to petition Congress to permit the alien parents of American citizens of Japanese ancestry to rejoin their families provided they do not come to earn a living or become a public charge after admission.

ENDOWMENT

Following is the report of the endowment committee, composed of Saburo Kido, chairman; Kay Hirao, Ray Yamamoto, Hatsumi Yamada and Chester Ogi.

The committee made certain recommendations, and also set a quota for the various chapters.

ENDOWMENT FUND QUOTA

\$2,500—Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, Parlier, Reedley, Yolo, Solano, Y.S.B.C., San Gabriel, Orange County, Puyallup Valley, Mid-Columbia, Tacoma, El Centro, San Benito, Sonoma County, San Luis Obispo, Bay District, San Pedro, Livingston, Tulare County, Delta, Yakima Valley, Valley Civic League, Florida.

\$3,500—San Mateo, Watsonville, Brawley, San Diego, Eden Township, Washington Township, Placer County, Santa Maria Valley.

\$5,000—Santa Clara County, Salinas, Stockton, Portland, Oakland.

\$7,500—Fresno, Seattle.

\$10,000—Sacramento, San Francisco.

\$15,000—Los Angeles.

The income only from the endowment fund shall be used for the following purposes:

1. To pay for the rent of the offices.

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2. To pay for the wages and expenses of the staff members.

3. For JAACL activities if any money remaining.

4. Income will not be used until the sum of \$25,000 has been accumulated.

The money received for the endowment fund shall be deposited in come savings banks or be invested in the following manner:

1. At least 25 percent of the total fund must be deposited with the savings bank.

2. Not more than 25 percent shall be invested in stocks.

3. The balance may be invested in national, state, county, or municipal bonds.

Investments' counsellor or some person specializing in investments will be retained as an advisor when investments are to be made.

CITIZENSHIP

Following is the report submitted by the Americanization and Citizenship committee. The committee was composed of Chairman George Sumida; John Kubota, Masato Suyama, Satoru L. Sasaki.

WHEREAS, the aim of the Japanese American Citizens League is to promote the spirit of Americanism and good citizenship among all citizens of Japanese parentage, we the Americanism and Citizenship committee of the JAACL in its national convention at Los Angeles recommend:

1. That we uphold the faith in the founders of the Republic of the United States of America, uphold the Constitution, and the just principles of true Americanism.

2. That we register all American citizens of Japanese parentage for the purpose of exercising their constitutional rights, and for the purpose of

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VOCATIONAL PLANS RECEIVE STUDY AT NATIONAL SESSION

Special Organization Suggested For Work; Committee On Subject Outlines Ideas Of Best Method For Young Now

SKILLED TRADES ASKED

LOS ANGELES—One of the most interesting problems considered at the late national session of the Japanese American Citizens League here was that of vocational guidance. The deliberations and the information brought out only confirmed what had been thought previously, that the young are not finding any too much demand in those lines which are based on a college education.

Of particular interest was a report made by the Rev. Kojiro Unoura of Los Angeles who conducted a study of conditions in California.

Program Is Suggested

The speaker thought, however, that a careful program could be laid out whereby the young would be given assistance after they have graduated from college.

A study of 161 graduates of the University of California from 1925 to 1935 revealed that 25 percent found places in line with their education; another 25 percent are allied with family or relatives, and 40 percent are in "blind alley" jobs with little future. Of nine electrical engineers, two went to Japan, and only one has an engineering job here. In 1935 there were four graduates in the agricultural department, but not one is following that line.

Special Agency Needed

The speaker advocated a social agency to take up the problem, but he thought such organizations as the JACL could do much good. The family has failed to meet the situation as a rule. He said:

"The most obvious means of providing conscious vocational guidance is to introduce some form of organization which has the particular duty of co-operating with the young people and their parents in the choice of occupations and in the training preliminary to entrance upon actual wage-earning."

He thought a full-time agent would be necessary in this work, but he concluded with the remark that until the day comes when each works at the thing that pleases him, there must be a compromise between abilities and social conditions.

Some Main Points

Following are a few interesting points in the Rev. Mr. Unoura's report:

Race prejudice hampers the American-born Japanese most of all in securing a living. Regardless of qualifications, American-born Japanese college graduates find it virtually impossible to secure positions in American business concerns on the Pacific coast, except as janitors. As a result, highly trained engineers, chemists, teachers and other professional men, simply because of their Japanese blood, are often forced to eke out a living doing the work of immigrant laborers.

Scarcity of suitable employment is not peculiar to the Japanese during these days of depression, it may be said. But in the case of the Japanese in America, the depression has nothing to do with it. The situation existed before the depression and will continue after the depression.

In spite of the deep interest of the Japanese parents, the family has failed to meet the needs of the present so far as the question of vocational guidance is concerned. Many Japanese parents are unwisely ambitious for their children; others are short-sighted and are too anxious to get the immediate benefit of the income that is to be derived from the first job that is offered; and still others are lamentably ignorant of the first principles that ought to govern in the choices of life-work.

In coming to the methods to be employed in giving vocational guidance, two fundamental considerations should be kept in view: the abilities and interests of the young people who are to be guided; the opportunities which are offered in the various lines of activity as they now exist and as they must develop.

As to the first—the self of the young man, there are such methods of gaining information as the psychological tests and the questionnaires.

In the second phase—the voca-

League Co-operation Asked By President

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and motions adopted at the last National Council meeting, and everything depends upon the member chapters to see to it that results shall be accomplished in the next two years. To this end I ask each chapter to reply promptly to every correspondence directed to it by the national officers or by national committee chairmen.

In conclusion I would like to express the appreciation of all of your new national officers for the confidence reposed in them for the ensuing two years and to assure you that with your help and co-operation we will set a record of progress which will be a credit to the organization.

FORMER PRESIDENT PLEDGES SUPPORT

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the cause of the entire organization and the individuals who compose it.

"On behalf of myself and the other past national officers I make this appeal to every second generation to lend full support to the program to be instituted by the new officers. We also wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to those National Council delegates whose untiring efforts, loyalty and co-operation was such a prominent factor in the success of the convention, and to the booster delegates, the press and the general public for the fine spirit of co-operation shown the past officers.

Firm Foundation Laid

"The foundation of the League has been laid on a wider and stronger basis than ever before. The new plan of the National Board will, we believe, make it possible for more effective service than in the past. We are fortunate in having such an able national staff to put this plan into effect.

"Through the new plan of operation the Japanese American Citizens League goes more definitely and effectively on record as a citizenship organization, and had more definitely than before committed itself to the principle of Americanism.

Will Back Americanism

"The recent convention saw fit to revise and readopt the resolution of the Seattle convention, placing the League on record as absolutely opposed to Communism and every other form of subversive activities. The resolution definitely aligned the League with such patriotic organizations as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Daughters of the American Revolution, and all that uphold American institutions.

"Other resolutions show the interest which the League has in the second generation welfare in all its forms and for co-operation with all other citizens.

"With such a program definitely outlined, the new national officers have every right to expect the fullest co-operation and support of all of us, which I confidently predict they will receive.

"In closing, the past national officers wish to express special appreciation to the Los Angeles chapter and community for the many courtesies extended to them and the delegates."

Winners For Contest On Essay Announced

LOS ANGELES — In the essay contest in connection with the JACL convention, winners were: Kei Tanahashi, Bert Doi, Warren Tsuneishi and Chizuko Uyeda in the English section.

In the Japanese section winners were: Shizuko Tanaka, Reiko Tamari, Yukie Nishikawa and Tomi Nishimura.

tional survey—there is a detailed study of the various kinds of work that are carried on in the community. Instead of attempting to find out what the prospective worker has the ability or desire to do, this method attempts to discover what employment the world offers him.

Thus, the two methods are supplementary. They must go side by side, if vocational guidance should be successful.

RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED AT MEET OF NATIONAL BODY

Decisive Action Is Taken On Constitution; Policy Made For League Concerning All Great Problems For Young

WAY CLEARED FOR ACTS

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pose of insuring the status of American citizens.

3. We act as a body in promoting, and for participating in, all civic affairs or functions.

4. That the present low rate of juvenile delinquency be maintained by the encouragement and aiding of character-building organizations and movements such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA, YWCA, YWBA, YMBA, etc.

5. Individual friendship with other fellow citizens to create mutual understanding and fellowship.

On the question how best to increase Japanese American Citizens League membership, the Americanization and Citizenship Committee recommends:

1. That we publicize information of JACL activities and program.

2. That the JACL carry out a full and varied program of interest.

3. That we create and foster a better understanding with the issei of the principle and activities of the JACL.

4. That each chapter have a social program after each business session such as speakers, refreshments, entertainments, surprise programs, etc.

5. That a periodic membership drive be conducted.

6. That speakers or delegates be sent to other nisei organizations to do deputation work.

7. That every member of each chapter be delegated to some committee and assigned some duty.

8. That if possible a deputy registrar be appointed within the membership to work in conjunction with a membership drive to register every possible eligible voter.

9. That the JACL co-operate and induce all kibe citizens to join. The program should be so varied to meet their interest.

PROJECTS

The following report was made by the Projects Committee. The committee was as follows: Chairman, Thomas Yego, Mrs. Margaret Uematsu, Roy Nishimura, Utaka Nakashima, Haruo Murakami, Hiroshi Inouye.

We have come to the following agreement of findings and recommendations:

(a). Through an authentic copy of research work we find that the JACL is sadly in need of a thorough census of the nisei.

We suggest that the census be attempted only after a careful study of the actual plan, and also only after a careful consultation and guidance of technically-trained persons.

We refer the matter of finances in regard to this project to the budget and appropriations committee.

(b). The research also finds, and it is also the consensus of the members of the committee that there is a wide gap between the potential nisei voters and the actual registration.

The committee, therefore, recommends that a concentrated effort be put forth by the JACL to register all eligible voters. We recommend this be done by setting up committees in the various district chapters and through the cooperation of the local county clerk.

(c). We also recommend the continuation of the Nisei Development Program, with the definite understanding of a closer co-operation by

the respective local chapters. We feel that this development organization will be the natural committee to handle the matter of census and registration of voters.

SONGS

Following is a report made by the songs committee. The committee was composed of: Chairman, George Nishida; Joseph Yamada, George Otsuji, John Hirohata, Pat Matsushita, Harvey Itogawa, Jesse Nishi, Kaz Yamane, Mr. Terazawa, Matsuo Tাকা, and adviser, Walter Turner.

The sub-committee of the ritual committee recommended for the League hymn, the Toast to the JACL (American, the Beautiful).

Oh, loyal hearts that surge beneath These thousand Nisei strong, Will sing with every throbbing beat Our country's favorite song: America! America! May peace triumphant be And bless these eager yearning souls with endless unity!

Oh, guiding light shine o'er the place Where unborn feet will tread Across the wide Pacific's space Your friendly rays shall spread. J. A. C. L.! J. A. C. L.! Come band your forces true; Raise high your toast to brotherhood And gain the friendship due.

The committee also recommended the following as the JACL Pep Song:

(On Wisconsin)

We are here pals, we are here, pals; Members far and near, All the way the gang assembled, Boost the thing along.

We are League boys; watch us step, girls; Ring that Victory Bell! So push, fellows! push! push! For JACL.

We are here boys; we are here girls. Yes, you bet we're here. When we have the gang around us, Nothing do we fear.

We are League girls, watch us step, boys; On to Victory, So yell, fellows! Yell! Yell! Yell! For JACL.

We are here, gang; we are here, gang. Filled with pep and fight All the chapters, hand in hand To back up what is right. We will boost, girls we will boost boys On to Victory. So clap fellows, clap, clap, clap For JACL.

Let us plug, gang; let us plug, gang; Till we win our fight. All together, hand in hand To work with all our might. We will be there, we will be there, Yelling Victory! So stamp fellows, stamp! stamp! For JACL.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership committee was composed of: Sam Fujita, chairman; Masaru Abe, Albert Hirota, George

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The committee recommended the following ways and means to increase the membership of the JACL.

A. That a national membership drive week be adopted.

1. Each chapter to set aside one week during the month of February.

2. The method employed to be left up to the discretion of the individual chapters.

3. A census taken in conjunction with the drive of all eligible members.

B. Make the community JACL-conscious.

1. Poster.

2. Create greater interest among the issei.

a. Round table discussions,

b. Appearance of capable speakers before issei organization.

c. Annual local pioneer night.

3. Entertainments.

4. Sponsorship of vocational classes.

5. With the approval of the national body, the committee recommends that chapters be allowed to sponsor athletics.

a. Only in regions where there isn't an athletic governing group.

1. To create interest indirectly.

2. Separate treasurer, and possibly secretary.

C. Give special privileges with membership cards.

1. To social affairs and other chapter functions.

2. Insurance rates.

3. Reduction on medical and dental treatment.

D. Attempt to make the meetings interesting to all concerned by adding special features to the regular business.

1. Refreshments.

2. Outside speakers.

3. Debates.

VOCATIONS

Following is a summary of the report made by the vocations committee. The committee was composed of: Chairman, Ken Utsunomiya Tom Nakamura, Harry Morioka, Byrd Kumataka, and Roy M. Kishi. Acting on information which had been gathered from various sources, the committee decided that while it is desirable in some instances for the young to seek a college education and technical training, yet there is not now sufficient demand for such activities.

The committee, therefore, found that the young should seek to become efficient in the skilled trades, which may offer opportunities.

It was recommended that the young should continue those activities which have been developed by the parent generation, such as agriculture, and the service businesses.

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