

welcome challenge

ing the 'Homecoming' of the last JACL national convention in San Francisco, the Pacific Citizen came home to the Pacific. Beginning with this issue, it will be published in Los Angeles. Before the war, it came out monthly in San Francisco, and some may have been surprised that the National JACL at the San Francisco convention approved the move to Los Angeles. Many had taken for granted that the old home would be the sentimental place.

Pacific Citizen's move to Los Angeles, however, was on more practical considerations than that of sentimentalism.

ishing a modern newspaper is an expensive business without adequate revenue from advertisements, it operates in the red. Because of the tremendously important job the Pacific Citizen did during the evacuation and resettlement, the JACL has subsidized the newspaper until

decade has passed since the Japanese American War. Scattered throughout the United States as they never before the last war, have they returned to the land of their birth in large numbers and are on their way to racial recovery from the trauma of the great exodus.

thern California is again the population of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

National Council de-

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stead of grandiloquent phrases

(An Editorial)

the time comes to accept the situation and to speak with appreciation, the temptation to resort to grandiloquent phrases is well-nigh irresistible.

case of Larry Tajiri, this week is "retiring" to life after a decade as editor of the Pacific Citizen, the man is irresistible; however, trouble with grandiloquent phrases, no matter how they are smacked with a man like

to whom modesty is a mask to hide oneself in the face of a triumphant discovery of quality innate in a man's nature that he can't do much more. Larry will squirm uneasily if we trot out such worn phrases as "unwavering devotion to the cause," "zeal and courage," "toiling far above and beyond the call of duty."

retiring editor of the Pacific Citizen does not need a polished and glittering appreciation to remember. The greatest accolade given him is to recognize his own quiet sense of a job well done, a faith kept, which he has at this time to ask release in order that he may catch up on his own and ambitions which he has back in 1942.

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1942?

can we, from our comfort in front of the television set, remember what was back in 1942?

was a war on. The war made-to-order scapegoat all but very vocal and incidentally to fatten

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Tajiris head for vacation in Mexico

Salt Lake City
"A decade of service."
Such words inscribe the badge of devotion and zeal of Lawrence S. Tajiri and his wife, Marion Guyo, who now head for Mexico on a well-earned vacation after 10 years of editing the Pacific Citizen here.

Last Saturday in the Bonnevill Room of the Newhouse Hotel, 140 representative Salt Lakeers, JACLers, the press and friends attended a testimonial dinner in honor of the two who served as editors of the JACL weekly since June, 1942.

Among the highlights of the evening were the presentation of a leather-bound volume of testimonial letters by National Director Masao W. Satow; luggage and a portable typewriter as gifts from the 84 JACL chapters by Kay Terashima, past national treasurer; and a purse for 16,500 pesos from the "Committee of 150" by Hito Okada, past national president.

The "Committee of 150," it was explained, was composed of a group of JACLers and supporters across the country. The gift was announced in terms of pesos since the Tajiris were journeying south before proceeding east to a new job.

Human Side

Elmer R. Smith related the human side of the honored guests, paying tribute to the many editorials and columns of distinction contained in the Pacific Citizen. He had been asked to read one or two of the outstanding editorials, but in his judgment all of the writings of Larry were distinguished and one would be unable to pick out the most renowned.

George Inagaki, JACL na-



Kay Terashima presents the Tajiris with luggage as part of gift to them from the JACL chapters across the country while National JACL President George Inagaki looks on. —Ben Terashima photo.

tional president who helped to establish national headquarters in Salt Lake City ten years ago, recalled those days and the tremendous contribution made by Larry to the JACL.

Inagaki served JACL voluntarily for several years during the war years before volunteering for Army Intelligence. He remembered how he and other GIs overseas greeted the P.C. and its news of home.

Congresswoman Bosone

Utah's congresswoman, Rep. Reva Beck Bosone, extended greetings to both the Tajiris and the JACL. She was instrumental last year in obtaining the American flag which had flown over the nation's Capitol and which the JACL presented to the town of Bruyeres for their special memorial park.

David King, representing May-

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Prepare for national testimonial

Long Beach

Chapters of the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council unanimously approved the program of the National Testimonial Banquet commemorating the passage of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act.

Approval was made at a quarterly meeting of the District Council meeting here at the Harbor District Japanese Community Center last Sunday.

The testimonial will be held at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel on Saturday, Dec. 6, with a seating capacity of 700 announced for the event.

Early Reservation

Immediately, the East Los Angeles chapter sought a minimum reservation for 30 seats. The Long Beach-Harbor District chapter asked for 20.

Since reservations are expected to be divided equally between Issei and Nisei groups, a strong possibility exists of an SRO sign being posted in a short time.

Civic leaders here expect the banquet to be one of the biggest affairs to be held by Japanese in Southern California.

Honored Guests

The banquet is Southern California's tribute to members of Congress who spearheaded the drive to pass legislation which granted equality in naturalization and immigration to Japanese. Specifically, they are Sen. Ernest W. McFarland, Senate Majority leader; Sen. Pat McCarran and Rep. Francis E. Walter, co-authors of the bill; and Rep. Walter H. Judd.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, 1954 JACL National Convention chairman and JACL National Treasurer, has been appointed general chairman of the Biltmore Hotel Banquet.

Central Cal District Council

Fresno

Central California JACL District Council conference has been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Belmont Inn here. Hiro Mayeda of Tulare is conference chairman.

New 'look' for PC in Los Angeles with new staff and board in charge

Los Angeles

Pacific Citizen's debut today in Los Angeles with a new dress and a new staff to continue its 22 years of publication originated at the last National JACL convention.

So conclusive were the figures to make the P.C. a self-supporting medium, as offered by Saburo Kido at the San Francisco convention, that he was put in charge of the operational committee, responsible for preparing the groundwork of transferring the weekly to Los Angeles.

Convention delegates approved the move, despite insistence from some quarters that the Pacific Citizen should remain with National Headquarters.

The new staff was the outcome of the resignation of Larry Tajiri, its editor for the past ten years, at the San Francisco convention.

The new look was the aftermath of a study made of local Nisei vernacular examples. An easy-to-read affair with a format unlike the other newspapers here was the criterion.

Founded in 1929 in San Francisco, the JACL publication was published there until evacuation.

of Oregon proposed a Constitutional amendment which would permit Congress to deprive American-born persons of Japanese (and German and Italian, as an afterthought) ancestry of their citizenship. Al J. Dingeman of Oxford, Calif., running for Congress, stated that he was in favor of deporting Japanese in the United States. Resolutions were passed by various American Legion chapters supporting such a move.

During the war years until last week, it was published at Century Press, Salt Lake City. Hereafter, it will be "put to bed" at the Shin Nichibei Press.

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An eight-man operational board is directly responsible for the manner in which the Pacific Citizen will be published each week in Los Angeles.

The board, chaired by Saburo Kido, is composed of Fred Yamamoto, Shio Iino, Elmer Yamamoto, Edison Uno, Toyo Miyatake, Dr. Tom Watanabe, Mrs. Merijane Yokoe and George Kuniyoshi.

The board approved the appointment of Harry K. Honda as editor of the Pacific Citizen.

Mrs. Kats Kunitugu, editor of the P.C. Holiday edition, explained at length the theme of the 1952 issue as the history of JACL-ADC fight since 1946 for equality in naturalization and immigration.

Tats Kushida was appointed advertising executive and business manager. Mary Imon will aid as office assistant.

Mas Imon was appointed in charge of production.

As the outlook for Japanese Americans got blacker with the days, one reader of the Pacific Citizen, a Nisei, protested that the P.C. was carrying too many articles and columns showing the dark side of the picture and that he was sick of reading only bad news.

Larry's reply was that a newspaper such as the Pacific Citizen must report the news accurately as it happens. Certainly much of the news was discouraging, but (and Larry pounded this point in editorial after editorial) that was no reason to cower like a whipped dog to a dark corner, trying to act as inconspicuously as possible. The power of the race-baiters neither impressed nor depressed Larry. He had faith enough in the Constitution and the democratic way of life to know that race-baiting could never prevail.

Democracy — something to fight for, defend

He was alarmed that many evacuees back in 1942 were willing to drift with the tide and not fight back for their God-given rights. While giving the race-baiters tit for tat in his editorials and in his column, "Nisei, U.S.A.," Larry reiterated that democracy was not something to accept flaccidly but was something to fight for, to work for and to defend.

There is no doubt that Larry was peculiarly suited for his role as editor of the P.C. Behind him, at the time he took over, were ten years of solid newspaper experience as editor of the English sections of the Los Angeles Kashu Mainichi, San Francisco Nichi-Bei and as American correspondent for the Tokyo Asahi.

Added to this know-how was an insatiable curiosity that de-

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Many P.C. readers respond

From all walks of life, friends and readers who have been charmed by the pen of Larry and Guyo Tajiri during the past ten years with the Pacific Citizen have warmly responded in tribute to them.

In the past fortnight, National JACL Director Mas Satow received letters of testimony from many distinguished Americans to be presented at the Salt Lake City chapter testimonial dinner in honor of the Tajiris.

As Satow revealed in the presentation of the volume of letters last Saturday, "I am sure that there are many other who would have been more than happy to add their testimonies had we made general announcement through the pages of the Pacific Citizen."

"However, knowing that your modesty would not allow such a thing," Satow continued, "I have taken it upon myself to assemble these letters through personal contacts."

The Pacific Citizen regrets being unable to extract portions of all the testimonial letters. However, here are some.

Mas Satow
JACL national Headquarters, Salt Lake City.

"... P.C. has been an indispensable medium of selling JACL and its program to our people. But more than this, it has sold the Nisei to America as well as interpreted America and its people and its principles to the Nisei."

"It is difficult to think of JACL National Headquarters without you, Larry."

Togo Tanaka
Head of Editorial Dept., American Technical Society, Chicago.

"... Through all the early days of uncertainty, the weeks, months, and years of the uphill journey, all of us ever got in the way of the DeWitt edicts in the Far West are deeply indebted to you both. The Pacific Citizen has been a faithful guide and a great source of strength."

Dillon S. Myer

"... (You) have maintained clear heads during a period when emotions were running high. You have been fearless in your attacks on bigotry and injustice, and through it all you have been understanding and forgiving, even though many injustices were foisted upon your people. We are all going to miss you."

Richard J. Walsh
President, John Day Co., Inc., Publishers, New York.

"Something that has been rather special to me will go out of my reading experience when you leave the Pacific Citizen (in which) I found more about the current progress of minority

groups that could be found anywhere else ...

"My wife, Pearl Buck, joins me in sending you both our best wishes for the future."

Annie Clo Watson
Executive Secretary, International Institute, San Francisco.

"A thorough evaluation of all that has been accomplished in a decade of your publication could take pages. I want to make mine in one sentence—that for many years I have considered my week to be incomplete unless I read the Pacific Citizen, a warm, human document which ... enabled me to have a ringside seat for viewing one of the most dramatic sociological episodes in our history, that of the Nisei coming into self-possession of their country!"

Robert Pirosh
MGM Pictures, Culver City, California.

"I have already acknowledged my debt to the Pacific Citizen as source material for the motion picture, 'Go For Broke!' Research can be, and often is, a rather dull chore; but in poring over the issues of the Pacific Citizen which came out during the war years, my interest never flagged and my efforts were rewarded by the discovery of the kind of material I had been searching for in vain up to that time ..."

Mike Masaoka
ADC, Washington, D. C.

"... Many persons high in public and private life have told me again and again of the excellence of your editorials and the exemplariness of the whole paper."

Harry L. Kingman
General Secretary, University YMCA, Berkeley, Calif.

"The exciting 'come through' performance of Americans of Japanese ancestry after their unwarranted and shameful banishment from their West Coast homes in 1942 will go down in history as an American saga. And you were the most articulate and resounding voice of the heroic people who wrote so inspiring a page in this nation's history."

Roger N. Baldwin
ACLU, New York.

"... You have brought to the editorship of the paper the best of our traditions of Americanism—not as the American Legion means it, but as we much more deeply understand it."

Edward Howden
Executive Director, Council for Civic Unity, San Francisco.

"... I am sure that not only the highest order of journalistic

talent and straight thinking on your part have made the paper what it is today, but years of almost sacrificial hard work as well."

Morton Grodzins
Univ. of Chicago Press, Chicago.

"... Whose paper can I hold up to my friends as a model of craftsmanship, intelligence, sensitivity, and guts? Whose editorials will I read to my classes and send to my congressman?"

James C. Purcell
Attorney-at-Law, San Francisco.

"... The Pacific Citizen has been an outstanding outlet to bring before the public the position, the problems and the personalities of those of Japanese ancestry residing in this country."

"... in my capacity as attorney representing many Japanese and Japanese Americans, it has been a great comfort to know that the matters which we were litigating for the purpose of promoting, preserving and protecting the rights of our fellow citizens and fellow residents could be and brought forth from the ... private and secret recesses of the court, through the medium of the Pacific Citizen by means of your and Marian's able pens, to the attention of those whose support was necessary ..."

Min Yasui
Attorney-at-Law, Denver.

"... We love you both. We think you've both advanced the welfare of the Nisei in America and in a permanent way assured some part of the future of our children in these United States ..."

Galen M. Fisher
Berkeley, Calif.

"Think what a tough assignment your successor will have trying to maintain the P.C. airplane at the stratospheric height to which you have lifted it."

Harold S. Jacoby
Chairman, Dept. of Sociology, College of the Pacific, Stockton.

"... America and the free world owe much to the Americans of Japanese ancestry, and this largely because at a critical moment in world history and at a tragic hour in the lives of the Japanese Americans, the leadership of the JACL with vision and courage, made some fundamentally sound decisions. As part of that leadership, and as persons who have continued to carry the torch of leadership in the JACL, you have every reason to feel proud of the part you have played in America's life during the past decade ..."

Michael L. Freed
Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Denver.

"... The excellent development (the P.C.) has undergone during your ten years of guidance is a testimonial to your ability and a credit to the organization for which the Pacific Citizen speaks."

Akira Hayashi
Chairman, Eastern District JACL Council, New York.

"Back on June 12, 1952, I last wrote you two, congratulating you on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Pacific Citizen as published in Salt Lake City ... When I wrote that letter, my feelings were optimistic and buoyant, and I dared to talk about a P.C. silver anniversary under your editorship."

Bill Kajikawa
Arizona State College, Tempe, Arizona.

"... I have met many newspapermen and they all have high praise for your fine writing."

Guy C. Calden
Attorney-at-Law, San Francisco.

"... I do not hesitate to go on record that, in my judgment, the Tajiris' contribution to American journalism is outstanding."

Mary Oyama Mittwer
Los Angeles.

"... You (Larry) and Marian and the P.C. are synonymous with distinction in service, leadership, and the best traditions of journalism ... Vaya con Dios!"

Sociologist sees emergence of East-West fusion of marriage customs

Honolulu, T.H.

There was time, only a few years ago, when the consensus in Hawaii was the "old style" Japanese weddings had disappeared forever, along with other customs from the old country.

Shinto and Buddhist temples closed their doors during World War II. Beautiful Japanese wedding kimonos and elaborate wedding coiffures completely disappeared. Japanese tea houses went out of business, and the custom of "yuino" and "baishakunin" stopped.

Small wonder that many people thought the end of Japanese-style weddings had come. But "an institution such as marriage, so deeply bound by conventions and sentiments and so closely tied to a family system, changes very slowly," a Nisei student of sociology reminds us and, in a recent report, describes the changes and revivals that have taken place in the last decade.

World War II Upsets Pace

Mrs. George Yamamoto, a graduate of the University of Hawaii, prepared her report on "Trends in Marriage Practices among the Nisei in Hawaii" for the University's Social Research Laboratory, when she was a research assistant last year.

It takes a major disturbance, like World War II, she writes, to upset the pace and bring about overnight changes in long established customs like a marriage.

Outwardly, the war caused

pressures for the things Japanese and of American practice. Nisei rapidly turned traditional Shinto monies to American practices.

Weddings Americanized

Although many Nisei marriages are "typically American," mamoto questions a shift from Japanese to American style. "marriage quite as marked as appearances seen to be."

The evidence indicates that with the relaxation of wartime (1) Japanese practices renewed their demand for a partial observance of country marriage (2) certain practices have been

During the war, testant churches experienced a boom in weddings. Today, several the end of the war, tian churches continue most of the Nisei weddings.

Buddhist Rites

However, with the of Buddhist temples, creasing number of nese have been temples. For instance, pa Hongwanji, one ing Buddhist temples

Drunk driver faces manslaughter runs down mother & child at crosswalk

Los Angeles

Henry "Shadow" Jones, 45, who was nearly mauled by a hysterical father when he ran down a 3-year-old Sansei boy in a West Jefferson crosswalk last Saturday night faced charges of manslaughter and drunk driving in municipal court Monday.

Jones, drunk and driving without brakes, struck Glenn Shirasago, 3417 5th Ave., as the youngster held onto his mother's hand, crossing Jefferson in front of Sixth Avenue school.

The mother, Mrs. Sally Shirasago, was seriously injured, but will live. She suffered a compound fracture of the right arm and internal injuries. The child's skull was fractured, his right leg broken; he was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Father Hysterical

The father of the child rushed hysterically at the man who had just killed his son, and the crowd moved threateningly toward the openly staggering driver.

Jones, for safety, rushed into the police car which arrived in the nick of time on the scene.

Police said that the sobriety test was not administered to Jones, who lives at 2655 Harcourt, for an hour after the accident; but he failed it even then.

He was driving, they said, with brakes that could be depressed to the floor with one finger. Beneath the front seat of the rickety 1937 Plymouth, officers found a half bottle of Santa Fe wine.

Jones made a statement to police in which he admitted drinking, but claimed that he only had three cans of beer earlier in the afternoon.

1,105 Members

An all-time high for any chapter membership was chalked up by the Chicago JACL at 1,105, according to Harry Mizuno, membership chairman.

"Although we fell short of our goal of 2,000, there is good reason to believe that this figure can be attained in 1953," he commented.

Anti-discrimination clause ordered by Canada

Toronto, Canada

The Canadian government has decided to insert an anti-discrimination clause in all government contracts, Labor Minister Milton Greg advised the Canadian Congress of Labor.

Reedley Jap float wins

Adding an appeal to the Reedley Fiesta Saturday was the float of the Reedley Association, which won theme class honors.

The float boasted a "Greater Earth" with its phantoms, prancing horses, and a seal. Riding the float youngsters, Linda K. Teranishi, Minnie Nakamura, Sandra Nakamura.

The Filipino Citizens League deplored the City of Albany the sweepstakes prize.

Lightning strikes berry picker

Four girls picking berries on Ted Higa were injured last night when a lightning bolt struck which they had covered from a sudden

Higa and his heard the girls screaming, finding them on ground. At nearby hospital, the victims as badly burned. of her hair, and temporary paralysis



MARION TAJIRI



LARRY TAJIRI

To Our Friends

We are deeply grateful for the nice things said about us and for the gifts which we received from the JACL chapters and the "Committee of 150" at the testimonial dinner on Sept. 27 at the Hotel Newhouse in Salt Lake City.

We are also grateful to the Salt Lake City JACL for arranging the dinner which gave us an opportunity to meet many friends.

It is our hope that the new editors of the Pacific Citizen will receive the same fine cooperation which we enjoyed during the past ten years.

It has been a privilege to serve the JACL and the readers of the Pacific Citizen.

LARRY AND MARION TAJIRI

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Japan and the United States be
partners in the coming Pacific
era.

"As a Nisei, I know that the
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States get along, if you can use
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acceptance by our neighbors in
the United States. Therefore, by
knowing more about Japan, I
may be able to be more helpful
in my small way in promoting
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and comity."

Arrives Tomorrow

The former national legisla-
tive director and his wife, Etsu,
left via Northwest Airlines on
Thursday. They arrive in Tokyo
Saturday afternoon. They intend
to remain in the Far East until
the first week in December.

Masaoka admitted that be-
cause of his former activities
with the JACL he would confer
with stranded Nisei and Issei re-
garding their problems in order
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B. March, assistant entomologist.

Dr. Fukuto completed his un-
dergraduate work at the Univ.
of Minnesota in 1946. He sep-
cialized in organic chemistry in
the field of antihistamines. His
post-doctorate study at the Univ.
of Illinois was in polymer chem-
istry.

He is well known in Southland
sports circles, having competed
in Nisei basketball during the
postwar years with the Southern
California Appliance five.

Rep. Hunter to Attend Fowler CL Inaugural

Rep. Allan Oakley Hunter (R.,
Calif.) has accepted an invita-
tion to attend the Fowler JACL's
inaugural dinner Nov. 3, accord-
ing to Dr. George Miyake, chap-
ter president. George Inagaki,
JACL National president, has
tentatively accepted.

Endowment fund tops \$20,000

Long Beach

Progress thus far on the Na-
tional JACL Endowment Fund
and Kika Orei fund drive through
direct mail solicitation has
prompted chapters of the Pacific
Southwest JACL District Coun-
cil into action.

Chapters were in session for
their quarterly meeting here last
Sunday at the Harbor District
Japanese Community Center.

Los Angeles area residents
alone have subscribed close to
\$7,000 of the \$15,000 Kika Orei
quota for the Southland, accord-
ing to Tats Kushida, regional re-
presentative for the fund.

Sam Ishikawa, endowment
fund campaign director, disclosed
\$20,589.31 has been received
from grateful evacuation claims
award recipients throughout the
United States. This sum was a
result of 16,000 letters mailed
two months ago by some 150
volunteer workers from Nisei wo-
men groups of Los Angeles.

The number of returns per day
has dropped considerably, ac-
cording to Ishikawa. "We believe
that the mail campaign has now
exhausted itself," he added.

Issei Help Sought

Augmenting the mail program,
Pacific Southwest chapters have
now undertaken steps to contact
respective community Issei leaders
to spearhead local campaigns to
wind up the Kika Orei drive as
soon as possible.

A trust agreement for the En-
dowment Fund is being drafted,
according to Ishikawa, between
the National JACL and the Bank
of America. He stated that the
bank is going to take charge of
the money and its management
with the understanding that the
first \$40,000 of the income de-
rived to be applied toward JACL
activities.

Door to Door Canvass

With the mail solicitation al-
most over for the Endowment
Fund, a follow-up campaign in
the nature of a "door to door"
canvass. Pacific Southwest chap-
ters were requested to take
charge of their particular lo-
calities. If possible, a joint Issei-
Nisei committee is to be formed,
Ishikawa advised.

(The Northern California-Wes-

tern Nevada JACL District Coun-
cil has such a plan in operation
in this respect.)

Pacific Citizen

PSW chapters were given a
summary of the progress of the
Pacific Citizen by Saburo Kido,
operational board chairman. He
indicated some 250 inches of
goodwill advertisement welcom-
ing its arrival in Los Angeles
would be included in the first
issue being published in Los
Angeles.

Kido painted a fairly optimis-
tic picture of its finances, al-
though there was very little in
the way of available funds for
the JACL weekly, necessitating
the borrowing of money to pay
initial costs of the moving and
printing.

National Testimonial

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, chairman
of the national testimonial ban-
quet in his report to PSW chap-
ters, stated his 1954 JACL Na-
tional Convention committee had
agreed to serve for this special
function at the Biltmore Hotel
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CROSSROADS

JACL continuance necessary: Masaoka

Long Beach

"To say that there is no longer a need or justification for the JACL simply because legislation for equality in immigration and naturalization has become law is to say that there is no need for a police department simply because we have laws against murder," Mike Masaoka, former national legislative director of the JACL-ADC told delegates to the quarterly meeting of the Pacific Southwest District Council which convened here last Sunday.

To illustrate his point, he suggested that the delegates forget for the moment every contribution which the JACL had made to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and try to imagine what might happen if the organization ceased to exist.

"What happens to evacuation claims?" the Nisei lobbyist asked. The larger claims may require 50 or more years to adjudicate, based upon the rate of adjudication prior to the passage of the JACL - sponsored compromise settlement program for the smaller claims. "Who is going to suggest necessary administrative and legislative remedies and who is going to work for them without the JACL-ADC?" Masaoka asked.

Internee Rights

"If there is no JACL, who is going to prosecute the right of the internees, who also suffered because of the evacuation of their families, to file and receive

compensations, and who is going to make representations on behalf of business and other corporations like churches and language schools?" he asked.

Naturalization

Turning to the matter of the Walter-McCarran Act, the Washington Nisei explained that unless naturalization procedures were facilitated, few Issei could actually become naturalized citizens within a reasonable period.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service must not only allow Issei who have been in the U.S. for 20 years or more and are over 50 years old to take the examinations in Japanese, but must also provide the necessary interpreters and facilities.

"If the aged Issei in California, for example, are to become eligible for state old age pensions by becoming naturalized citizens, the naturalization process must be speeded up for them lest it become a mockery."

From Experience

Experience has demonstrated that without a national organization to make representations to the proper national agencies in-

volved, these national matters cannot be resolved. The passage of legislation does not eliminate the necessary administrative follow-up.

The President's recently appointed Commission on Immigration and Naturalization was cited as another example of necessary continuing national or organizational representation.

"The JACL shall insist that every liberalization suggested be made applicable to persons of Japanese ancestry on the same basis as for others," Masaoka said, "and this includes the increasing of immigration quota numbers for any nation."

Dual Citizenship

Masaoka suggested that the complicating and humiliating issue of dual nationality had to be taken up on an international basis and wondered how this could be done without a national spokesman for the Nisei involved. He also thought that should international relations between Japan and the United States again become strained, a national organization would be needed to protect the interests of persons of

Japanese ancestry in this country.

"The Issei and the Nisei in the United States have demonstrated that working together, even though they are one of the smallest minority groups in the United States, much can be accomplished. Now that we have a national organization with international prestige, with the demonstrated know-how to work

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effectively, it would be of folly to suggest that be disbanded and that sei cooperation be forsaken.

"The experience of the decade proves that only eternally vigilant may our present status of acceptance and goodwill oka stated.

In concluding, he pointed out that fire departments maintained even though no fires are visible,

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According to Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, general chairman for the 13th biennial National JACL Convention, a special tour of facilities available in the Statler will be conducted for board members after Oct. 1.

That the new Statler may be the site of the next convention has started a buzz among Nisei here to boom the 13th Biennial a "must".

Shoots self in bicycle accident

San Jose

A 29-year-old strawberry picker was found shot to death on the edge of a Lawrence Road strawberry field Tuesday last week. Sheriff's deputies listed the shooting as accidental.

Dead is Masashi Horita, of 10310 Lawrence Road, Cupertino.

According to deputy sheriffs, Horita apparently entangled the butt of a .410 gauge shotgun in the spokes of a bicycle he was riding and the gun went off, the charge hitting him in the chest.

The blood-spattered bike and the gun were found lying at Horita's feet.

Accident occurred on the Joseph Kiser ranch, Stevens Creek and Lawrence Roads, where Horita was employed.

Another field worker, Kenichi Nishimura, told deputies he was tending plants 100 yards away when he heard a shot and turned in time to see Horita fall. He ran to the location and tried to revive the victim. When he could not, he ran to camp for aid.

Other camp residents said Horita was hunting or chasing blackbirds.

The victim leaves his widow and two-year-old daughter.

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TIMELY TOPICS . . .

SABURO KIDO

JACL headquarters at 1000 Broadway, San Francisco, California. Packing was un-
to move to Salt Lake City
the mandate of the Na-
emergency Council.

Pacific Citizen which had
monthly till then was to
also. But the matter of
had become a problem.
Kirimura, who was then
out the publication, could
with the staff. She had
after her mother and

as a wild hope; but still
worth asking. Therefore,
Masaoka and I talked to
Tajiri who had been vi-
headquarters and helping
publicity work. We outlined
we hoped to do and the
compensation, which
be \$75 a month for every
member in spite of the
approved by the council
her plane.

Free Rein Handed

agreed to serve as edi-
the Pacific Citizen. We
a free rein, the only
being that he would
anything that would
in jail. Our confidence
rewarded many folds.

van of JACLers left San
on March 29, 1942, to
a new home for na-
headquarters. The find-
living quarters, office
national headquarters
Pacific Citizen, a print
handle the work, and
problems occupied some
months.

first issue of the weekly
Citizen came out in June,
and it has been continuing
out regularly. There have
good and bad news. But
as reported them faith-
is the reason why the
Citizen has become the
source material for the
the Japanese evacuees
the evacuation, exclu-
the post-war days.

presence of Larry Tajiri-
national headquarters during
the war days was of in-
value. As I look back
days, I wonder how we
have gotten along without

Expert Guidance

course that the JACL had
in advancing its public
work was full of pit-
remember the first trip
to the East. When I vi-
various organizations and
in New York City, I
back my activities. I was
to learn afterwards
quarters had been deep-
perned about some of the
had seen and talked to.

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Larry knew the background of
various groups in the East since
he had been a newspaperman in
New York City immediately prior
to the outbreak of war. He guided
us so that we would not be-
come involved. The present
policy of the National JACL not
to affiliate with any organization

NCWC immigration director defends Walter-McCarran Act at Seattle confab

Seattle
Everybody complains about the
national origins plan in the cur-
rent immigration act, but nobody
proposed a definite, spelled out
substitute.

This defense of the recently
enacted Walter-McCarran bill
was given at the National Coun-
cil of Catholic Women conven-
tion here by Sarah Weadick,
assistant director of the immigra-
tion bureau, National Catholic
Welfare Conference.

Salt Lake City editorials praise Tajiris and P.C.

Salt Lake City
Two testimonials which could
not make the volume, "A Decade
of Service," handed the past edi-
tors of the Pacific Citizen at last
Saturday's testimonial, appeared
last Tuesday in the editorial col-
umns of the metropolitan press.

Deseret News-Telegram (September 30, 1952)

Spring, 1942, was a dark time
for America. Doubt and suspicion
clouded the nation's conscience.
In a state of mind that bordered
on hysteria, Americans fenced off
miles of desert for concentration
camps . . .

The harvest of hatred and bit-
terness in the hearts of those peo-
ple could have been terrible. It
would have been far worse than
it was, had it not been for the ef-
forts of a few men and women
... These people ... came to
Utah. It is to Utah's credit that
they were welcome here . . .

The Japanese people needed a
voice in those unhappy days.
They found one in Larry Tajiri
and his wife . . .

Salt Lake Tribune (September 30, 1952)

More than a hundred persons
of Japanese ancestry, plus a
number of other Utahns, attend-
ed a testimonial banquet . . .

The Tajiris are retiring after
10 years of editing the weekly
Pacific Citizen . . .

That tribute was well deserved.
The Tajiris guided the affairs of
the Pacific Citizen through a
very trying era for Japanese
Americans, when more than a
100,000 were summarily ejected
from the Pacific coast . . .

Thanks largely to the Pacific
Citizen, the Tajiris and other
leaders in the JACL, this war-
time evacuation and the follow-
ing relocation and resettlement
worked out smoothly. It was be-
cause of their constructive atti-
tude that there are few scars left
among these loyal Americans of
Japanese ancestry.

Utah and Salt Lake City can
be proud of the part they played
in the process . . .

We are sorry that the Citizen
is now moving back to the Paci-
fic Coast, although we readily
understand the wisdom of that
move, inasmuch as the bulk of
the uprooted Japanese Americans
have returned to California.

but to cooperate on specific pro-
blems stems from the experi-
ence of those days.

When the execution story of
the American Doolittle flyers by
Japan threatened to embroil all
Japanese in this country, it was
Larry's fearless editorial in the
Pacific Citizen which received
national broadcast. Larry was
sent to Washington, D.C., to help
out Mike Masaoka and Tororu

Any move toward a wide open-
door policy on immigration, no
matter how Christian, is not go-
ing to get very far unless a con-
crete substitute for the national
origins plan is offered, she said.

The plan, which bases immi-
gration quotas on the national
origins of the U.S. population in
1920, was opposed by the NCWC
from the start because it dis-
criminated against some nation-
ality groups, Miss Weadick de-
clared.

The Act, which incorporated
the old plan, was not opposed by
NCWC "because we were very
sure that if this bill were not
passed at the end of the last
session of Congress, nothing
would be enacted; because, in our
opinion, the Act is far better
than what we have at present;
because the Walter-McCarran
Act can always be amended and
undoubtedly will be, and be-
cause long experience has taught
us to take what we can get from
Congress in the way of remedial
immigration legislation."

Commission Nisei in Canadian Navy

Hamilton, Canada
Robert Tatsuro Utsunomiya,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Shikanosuke
Utsunomiya of this city, was
appointed acting surgeon in the
Canadian Navy. He interned at
the University hospital, Edmon-
ton, Alta., following his gradu-
ation from the Univ. of Toronto
School of Medicine.

The New Canadian, Japanese-
English bi-weekly, announced
that he has changed his name to
Robert Tats Miya.

* OBITUARIES

Seattle
Hachiemon Shinbo, a Seattle
resident of 46 years, died of a
heart attack Sept. 23 in his
home at 837 Hiawatha Pl.

Born in Japan, the 68-year-old
Issei came to the United States
in 1906. For many years he op-
erated a fruit and vegetable stand
in Pike Place public market, re-
tiring 10 years ago.

He is survived by his wife,
Kiso; four sons, Hachiro, Hiro-
kichi, Shorokuro and Tamio; two
daughters, Mrs. Matsu Wakazuru
and Mrs. Ritsuko Hirano, all of
Seattle.

Kanazawa, who were summoned
from Camp Shelby, Mississippi,
to testify before the Dies' Un-
American Activities committee.

Larry's value as the editor of
the Pacific Citizen need not be
elaborated. There is enough tes-
timony on this score. The JACL
will value him for his role as
counselor at national head-
quarters when we needed guid-
ance the most.

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Hayward girl for Stevenson

Hayward
Among the arrangements com-
mitteemen for the Stevenson-
Sparkman rally here last week
was Kimi Fujii. Colored movies
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vention were shown.

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By HARRY K. HONDA

If our first issue of the Pacific Citizen appears a bit tight like a new pair of shoes, I pray patience for a little while. After a few weeks, the hard creases will give way to comforting wrinkles. . . . If our first issue distracts you because of its new dress, I hope it will win your approval eventually. . . . If this is the first time you've read a column of this sort, I must explain that our topics shall be more human-interest than Nisei-interest. The broader scope makes it easier (for me) to meet deadlines.

As a national Nisei weekly the Pacific Citizen will stress the Nisei angle. . . . To keep the prestige already attained by the past editorship of Larry Tajiri, comments of leading Nisei will interpret the actions of our nation. . . . Finally, we affirm that the Pacific Citizen will be the voice of the JACL. . . . At the same time, we hope to increase our present pages. The breaks are in our favor.

Of prefaces and first columns, they're usually introductory or gratulant. . . . If this appears to embrace Southern California more than once, let's blame it on the fact that I've been born and raised here. . . . I've tooted the Los Angeles horn, both publicly and privately, for many years. In recent years the toots were aimed at ex-Angelenos living back East. . . . My thanks go to Akira Komai and Henry Mori of the Ratu Shimo, in which this column heretofore has found keen friends. . . . My thank go to Saburo Kido and Sam Ishikawa for laying the groundwork here for the Pacific Citizen, and to the P.C. board and staff for their spirit to serve and labor.

Of things to come, the foremost is the 72-page tabloid Holiday Issue being edited by Mrs. Kats Hirooka Kunitzugu, Wisconsin School of Journalism graduate. . . . Chapter presidents are being asked to solicit Christmas greetings from businessmen, members and friends now. . . . What makes this particular issue imposing is that all 72 pages will be in one section. But more irresistible is the fact that the issue will not be limited to subscribers of the Pacific Citizen, but sent to every JACL member. . . . A project of this magnitude has never been attempted.

Before Mike Masaoka departed on his Hawaii-Japan vacation, he confided to me it was his long desire to get into the newspaper game. . . . His work in Washington had prevented it. . . . When he returns, however, a column will be open to him. . . . He may reminisce, or he may provide sidelights of Capitol personalities. . . . In the meantime, Dick Akagi will present first-hand material from Washington, D.C. The two co-writing a column smacks of the old Pearson-Allen "Merry Go 'Round" of years past.

The worries that put you to test,
 The troubles that sadly inclined you,
 Slip away like an unbidden guest,
 If you close the day softly behind you.
 —Esther England.

The last few days were truly hectic for all of us. This verse comes to our attention at an appropriate hour.—H.H.

● **VERY TRULY YOURS**—Fred Matsuo of Honolulu was lined up to handle Mario Lanza's concerts in Hawaii, but fired by Mario three days later. . . . Etsu Masaoka had to "vacation" in Hilo for her first radio transcription for rebroadcast—and interviewed in Japanese at that. . . . Passing cigars last Sunday was Kiyoshi Kagawa of the Venice chapter. A lucky kid he'll be, claims the former UCLA, for he weighed 7 lb. 11oz. . . . Just because a \$25,000 bracelet was found in Beverly Hills the other day, some wag complained its street cleaning department was inefficient. . . . Masato Doi, now president of the 442nd Club in Hawaii, was active in the New York JACL chapter. . . .

Endowment fund-

From Page 3

The So. Calif. Japanese chamber of commerce will co-sponsor the semi-formal banquet with the National JACL.

(Rep. Francis E. Walter was the first of the honored guests to accept the invitation for the banquet. Earlier this week he conferred with League officials at the Hollywood Roosevelt. He is here as a member of the House subcommittee on un-American Activities now holding hearings in Los Angeles.)
 on Dec. 6.

Tickets for this occasion will be \$6 per plate.

Evacuation Claims

Necessity for pressing an amendment to liberalize the present evacuation claims act to handle larger claims was emphasized in order to complete the program as quickly as possible. Chapter delegates also learned that processing of larger claims—those over \$2,500—was not progressing as smoothly.

A resolution was passed to make a survey and study of the number of internees who, under a current Department of Justice ruling, are not being compensated for evacuation losses.

Hawaii Trip

A "bon voyage" resolution was also passed by the District Council for Mike and Etsu Masaoka. Mike Masaoka, present at the meeting, told of his 10 days in Hawaii, which exhausted him because of the many banquets in his honor and hopping from island to another in the short space of time, regarded the warm friendship and appreciation of the Japanese in Hawaii toward the JACL and ADC as among the notable achievements of the past few years.

The all-afternoon meeting was recessed for a sushi prepared by the Long Beach Issei and served by the host chapter women members.

Breakdown

Los Angeles	
Geographical breakdown of the first 680 contributors to the JACL Endowment Fund, which has topped the \$20,000 mark, appeared in proportion to the number of claimants in the area, according to Sam Ishikawa, fund secretary.	
Pacific Southwest	280
Northern California	159
Central California	17
Northwest	76
Intermountain	38
Mountain Plains	45
Midwest	39
Eastern	15
Others	11

'54 convention plans delayed

Los Angeles
 What was to have been a meeting last Friday to discuss the 13th biennial JACL National Convention with Dr. Roy Nishikawa, convention general chairman, presiding was completely diverted to the forthcoming Dec. 6 testimonial banquet at the Biltmore Hotel.

From present indications, it appears formal undertaking of the 1954 convention here will start by early 1953.

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yaguchi, 34, both of Sacra-
mento.

DEATHS

Shimon Shinbo, 68, Seattle,
Sept. 28.

Nakano, 70, West Los
Angeles, on Sept. 21.

SOCIAL NOTES

Sacramento
wedding in early December
being planned by Francis Seiji
Sacramento and Tim Yoshi-
mura of Yuba City.

The future bride is the daugh-
ter of Shigeo Seiji of Suisun and
was educated in that city.

The fiancée attended schools in
Yuba City, the home of his par-
ents.

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Honolulu newsletter

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lu, has increased from 75 in 1946
to 207 in 1950.

Shinto shrines, however, have
not experienced a comeback. One
large Shinto shrine, which
handled 80 per cent of Japanese
marriages before the war, has
been conducting an average of
only 40 weddings a year since
1946, as compared to the pre-
war annual total of 200 to 250
ceremonies.

The ancient practice of match-
making is being perpetuated in
Hawaii through the employment
of "baishakunin," a "go-between"
in a traditional Japanese wed-
ding. An earlier form of match-
making—the picture-bride mar-
riage—is a thing of the past,
however.

Baishakunin System

The custom of "baishakunin"
survives because of the Japa-
nese concern for family status
and for the proper formalities in
"kosei" (social intercourse). The
custom, feeling that the "baisha-
kunin" is a nuisance, "silly, ri-
diculous and outmoded." But
Nisei couple contemplating mar-
riage more often than not at-
taches little significance to the
their parents feel quite strongly
on the matter.

The parents take the position
that a disregard for proper fami-
ly introductions and a lack of
family background brings shame
upon them. The expression is of-
ten heard, "The family will be
looked down upon if the daugh-
ter is given away like a cat or
dog."

Mrs. Yamamoto, in her inter-
views and investigation, found

that "the Nisei today feel ham-
pered by the meaningless rituals
the parents try to insist upon
but a great many of them, with
some reluctance, agree to these
formalities just to please their
parents."

Conflicts arise also over the
planning of the wedding recep-
tion. The parents often insist on
elaborate feasts and display of
beautiful kimonos at tea house
receptions. The young people pre-
fer a less expensive "haole (Cau-
casian) style" reception with
punch, cookies and tea sand-
wiches.

Because of a tradition of re-
ligious tolerance, relatively little
difficulty develops over the
choice of a church or plans for
the wedding ceremony.

Japanese-American Pattern

Mrs. Yamamoto, in summa-
rizing her observations, sees the
gradual emergence of a pattern
which is a fusion of Japanese
and American customs.

"Today a typical Nisei wed-
ding has all of the frills and
trimmings of the conventional
American white satin gowns, the
attendants and the ushers, and
the sacred church ceremony. But
the wedding reception is a
compromise—it has a festive
atmosphere with elaborate Chi-
nese, Japanese, Hawaiian and
Haole food.

"The background music may
be provided by a Nisei or Ha-
waiian orchestra. Before the
cake-cutting or bouquet-throw-
ing ceremonies, introductions and
speeches are made in both Eng-
lish and Japanese."

Tokyo symphony on CBS network

New York
A first performance in Ameri-
ca by the Tokyo Symphony Or-
chestra with young Japanese
soloists will be featured on CBS
Radio's "Your Invitation to
Music" this Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
to 1 p.m. (PST).

The orchestra, organized since
the war against great odds, will
be heard in recording, playing
one of a series of Young People's
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James Fassett, host of "Your
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scribe the original concert, which
took place before an audience of
2,600 Japanese boys and girls.

Three excerpts from the con-
cert will be heard, as conducted
by Masashi Uyeda: the Mozart
Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Mi-
nor, with Hidetaro Suzuki, 15-
year-old violinist, as soloist; a
Japanese folk song, "Song of the
Sea Side," sung by the 2,600
Japanese high school boys and

girls of the audience; and We-
ber's "Concert Piece in F Minor,"
with Hiroko Kashu, 18-year-old
pianist, as soloist.

Miss Eloise Cunningham, who
organized the Young People's
symphony concerts in Japan, and
the Chief Justice of the Supreme
Court, Kotaro Tanaka, will
speak on the program.

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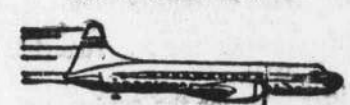


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By LARRY TAJIRI

Albert Kushihashi, North Platte, Neb. winner of the first transcontinental Nisei air race in 1950, is planning to join a goodwill flight to South America with a group of West Coast private pilots. . . . Toy and Wing (Dorothy Takahashi and Paul Jew), dance headliners for the past 15 years, are now appearing in the Pacific Northwest. They were in Spokane last week. The dancers have appeared in London, South America and Cuba, as well as top night spots and theaters in

* EDITORIAL

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cided at the last convention that to make the Pacific Citizen self-sustaining, it was the sensible thing to move it where advertising revenue can be expected to be the greatest.

Will this move mean a change in the editorial content of the Pacific Citizen, a change in the high standard established by Larry Tajiri who for a decade guided the destiny of the Citizen? We emphatically hope not.

After a decade of unselfish and dedicated devotion to his task, Larry Tajiri asked for his resignation at this time in order that he may do the many things he has wanted to do, many pet projects which he has shelved unhesitatingly until now because a job had to be done.

With the accomplishment of some of its biggest goals the JACL felt that it could not impose on Larry any longer and regretfully accepted his resignation.

The new editor hopes to keep intact the spirit and tone of the Pacific Citizen which has earned the newspaper such wide respect. The Pacific Citizen will continue to be a national newspaper, concerned with news of interest to Japanese Americans and their friends who are located throughout the United States.

The first few weeks are necessarily going to be a period of adjustment. The mailing system will have to be set up. The files and records of the Pacific Citizen will have to be brought down from Salt Lake City. We shall have to ask the indulgence of our readers for any unintentional errors in mailing.

Hurdling the adjustment period, we look forward to a great new era for the Pacific Citizen. With Larry's record as our guide, we have high hopes that our readers' confidence in the P.C. will not be a misplaced one.

The editorial board is already looking forward to the day of more pages and increased coverage of feature stories. The possibilities are unlimited if all of us—the 85 chapters of the JACL—work together. A great Pacific Citizen will be the reflection of a great national JACL—a product of the unity and pride of the members in their organization and in their official organ.

the U.S. . . . Carl Iwasaki got a two-page spread in last week's Life Magazine with photos of a Denverite who is marketing a kit for making scale models from house plans.

Ray Mala, an American of Eskimo ancestry, who died in Hollywood last week at the age of 46, was Pearl Suetomi's co-star in MGM's "Eskimo," filmed in the Arctic. Iris Yamaoka also appeared in the film, one of Hollywood's first great semi-documentaries. Miss Suetomi, now known professionally as Lotus Long, had her last big role about five years ago when she played the title role in "Tokyo Rose" for Pine-Thomas. Incidentally, Clyde DeVinna, for many years one of Hollywood's top lensmen, photographed "Eskimo." He is the foster-father of Rosie Matsui DeVinna. . . . First Japanese film to play the art theater circuit since "Rashomon" may be Sho Taguchi's "I Was a Prisoner in Siberia." Taguchi was a newsreel cameraman in New York at the time of Pearl Harbor.

"Saya No Tegumi," a collection of letters written home by a Japanese student at Stockton College, recently was published in Tokyo. In one of the letters the student, Makiko Nitta, protests against the classification of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States into four distinct groups, Issei, Nisei, Kibei and Ryugakusei (students from Japan). . . . A Nisei committee is being organized in Utah for Reps. Reva Beck Bosone and Walter Granger, Democrats, who supported the Issei naturalization bill all the way in the last Congress.

Grandiloquent—

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voured books by the dozen and newspapers and magazines from all over the country, which explains his thick-lensed glasses. Added to the curiosity was an amazing ability to retain all sorts of pertinent information, all neatly filed away in his head. It enabled him to keep his office in the Beason Building in downtown Salt Lake City in a constant state of amiable clutter which often had visitors shaking their heads in wonder that the P.C. managed to come out week after week without missing a single deadline.

And then, of course, Larry had his wife, Guyo. Guyo, or Marian as she signs her articles, has been Larry's only permanent assistant on the Pacific Citizen. This well-matched husband-and-wife team was THE staff of this newspaper for ten years. Guyo complemented her hard-hitting, crusading husband with womanly touches, such as her "Ann Nisei" column during the evacuation days, her sensitive short stories and extremely well-written feature articles such as those she did on the Iva Toguri D'Aquino trial.

Under the guidance of the Tajiris, the Pacific Citizen has achieved an eminent and respected position among minority newspapers. It has been named for a Pulitzer prize and was referred to by the distinguished newspaperman, Elmer Davis, as "one of the finest weeklies in the nation."

The Tajiris' devotion, their wide background, their clear-eyed idealism and their ability to express the thoughts of the Nisei will be sorely missed as future P.C.'s go to press without them. The high standard they set for the paper will be a constant goal and a source of inspiration to future editors.

—K.K.

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Nisei voting bloc in Hawaii unknown

New York

Fears voiced privately by some Caucasians in Hawaii that residents of Japanese ancestry would take over the government by sheer numbers drew explosive comment from others who declare that "the Nisei think and act like Caucasian Americans and are every bit as loyal," Lawrence E. Davies reported from Honolulu in a story published recently by the New York Times.

According to Davies, San Francisco correspondent for the New York newspaper, residents of Japanese ancestry were estimated last January to comprise 41 per cent of Hawaii's population of half a million. Hawaiians and part Hawaiians made up 19 per cent, Caucasians 15 per cent, Filipinos 13 per cent, Chinese 7 per cent and all others about 4 per cent.

Bloc Voting Unknown

"Racial bloc voting is unknown in the islands, according to businessmen and political scientists," Davies said.

Head for Mexico—

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or Earl J. Glade of Salt Lake City, also extended greetings. He had been a debate colleague of Mike Masaoka in college days and was well acquainted with Japanese American problems and programs.

For the homey informal atmosphere, credit goes to Shigeki Ushio, former Intermountain JACL District Council chairman, who was toastmaster.

Mas Yano, local chapter president, read a letter from Ab Jenkins, wartime mayor of Salt Lake City, who helped to establish national headquarters in 1942. Jenkins pointed out that the P.C. added distinction nationally to the city of Salt Lake.

Mt. Olympus Chorus

Parodies sung to music of hit tunes were dedicated to the Tajiris by a group of girls from the Mt. Olympus chapter. Included in the group were Aiko Nishida, Mrs. Toni Ushio, Mrs. Helen Oniki, Dot Mukai and Ida Shimizu. Mas Horiuchi sang the JACL Hymn, words for which were written by Marion Tajiri. Mrs. Hisako Schlatter, a Japanese war bride, rendered two selections: "Lover Come Back to Me" (in Japanese) and "One Fine Day" from Madame Butterfly. Mrs. Edward Sasaki accompanied the singers.

Among the distant JACLers attending the Tajiri testimonial were Mary Minamoto, Portland; George Sugai and Joe Saito, Ontario, Ore.

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