

Official lauds efforts for citizenship

San Francisco

Hart, chief of the National Status Section of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, discussed the newly revised naturalization petition form 400 revised, Dec. 24, with Haruo Ishimaru, who recommended the JACL for information and efforts assist in attaining citizenship. He said it is a privilege to present the first set of application to the JACL for study. I am pleased to hear that in San Francisco we will have the first class in citizenship conducted in Japanese serving Issei residents. Our goal is to make every effort to work with the JACL in a program for complete naturalization of the Issei, and every effort will be made to speed the process of citizenship.

announced that the new naturalization forms are available at all county offices in all courts.

Ishimaru stated that under the new law, the JACL will be held on to honor first graduates of naturalization classes conducted in Japanese now in progress under the supervision of the San Francisco Public Schools.

Blamed for smashing into freight train

Idaho Falls, Idaho

visibility due to fog was the cause for an automobile-train crash at 12:08 a. m. Dec. 13, which resulted in the death of three to the Latter Day Hospital here.

The driver, in fair condition last night, was Takeo Haga, 31, who was on his way home from a meeting in which he was chapter president for the latter treatment at the hospital was released.

His condition was Eli Haga, 38, driver of the car, who was released, David, 7.

Haga received a broken collar bone, broken ribs, punctured lungs and loss of his front teeth. He sustained a shattered skull and was unconscious several days.

Investigation showed that Haga, driving north out of Idaho Falls, failed to see a train crossing the Lincoln railroad crossing in the fog until only a few feet from the long freight train. He tried to stop his car before the icy roads, the car crashed into the train. The 31-car train was coming off the East side of the driver crashed into a freight car at the end of the string.

ASUALTIES

In Action—

Rujio Seki, son of Mrs. Seki, P. O. Box 12, Kurtisville, Hawaii.

Yadao Katayama, brother of Yadao Katayama, Rt. 2, Colton, Calif.

Air hero Ben Kuroki to relate with Ike' on Philadelphia radio

Philadelphia

Through the narrative of Air hero Ben Kuroki, historic flight of Gen. Eisenhower, will be dramatized on a Philadelphia Fellowship Commission show, 11:30 a. m., Jan. 4.

Story of how the Japanese brought greetings to Gen. Eisenhower to Gen. Ike on his journey from Africa will be heard in Philadelphia.

"A Trip with Ike," the first of a series of radio programs presented by the

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'54 JACL convention date, site set

Los Angeles

"On to L.A. in '54." No official slogan has been designated for the 12th biennial National JACL convention but Dr. Roy Nishikawa, convention board committee, announced today the site and dates of the mass conclave.

They are — Sept. 2 to 6, 1954, at the Statler Hotel.

Selection of the newest downtown hotel was unanimous by committeemen who were given a tour of its facilities.

Situated on Wilshire Blvd. and Figueroa street, by the time convention week rolls around, the Harbor Freeway to the west of the hotel will provide speedy access from Hollywood, Pasadena and East Los Angeles.

Virtually the same committee which engineered the successful National Testimonial Banquet recently will be planning and arranging the various convention activities.

Concede City-county post to Honolulu Nisei incumbent

Honolulu

Herman G. P. Lemke conceded defeat to Lawrence S. Goto in the Honolulu city-county treasurer's post as a partial recount of ballots in the Territorial Supreme Court ended Dec. 13.

Lemke charged that 405 votes were unaccounted for in the returns which declared the Nisei Republican incumbent had won by a 104-vote margin.

Nationality cases being appealed by U. S. government

Honolulu

Two nationality cases, in which Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin made precedent-breaking decisions, are under appeal today.

The U. S. attorney's office filed notice of appeal last week from Judge McLaughlin's decisions in the cases of 28-year-old Hisao Murata and 30-year-old Kiyokuro Okimura. The Hawaii-born Nisei both served in the imperial Japanese army during World War II. Both men claimed they served against their will.

Judge McLaughlin's decisions in the two cases were handed down last September. He held that Murata and Okimura had not lost their U. S. citizenship, although they served in the armed forces of a foreign country.

The appeal will be taken to the U. S. ninth circuit court of appeals in San Francisco.



President-Elect Eisenhower (right) is pictured talking with Taro Suzuki, a veteran of World War II and caretaker of the National Cemetery of the Pacific, when Ike visited the cemetery earlier this month. Suzuki served with the 100th Battalion and rose to the rank of major. Eisenhower is saying to Suzuki to convey his best wishes to the 100th veterans.—(Hawaii Times Photo by George Miyachi).

REVISED FORM N-400 FOR ISSEI SEEKING CITIZENSHIP ARRIVE

Los Angeles

New "second paper" applications, known as Form N-400, are now available at the So. Calif. JACL regional office. The forms were changed to conform with provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Tats Kushida, regional director, added that Japanese translations of the revised form will be available in the near future. Issei wishing to fill out the form may call upon the JACL office for assistance without charge.

The office, as well as chapters, will assist Issei aliens during the month of January to fill out address report cards without charge. Exact registration hours are to be announced.

Issei-Nisei still unaware of advantages of new nationality act

By LARRY NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Most Issei and Nisei are unaware yet of the tremendous advantages accorded the Japanese under the new Walter-McCarran immigration and naturalization law, Saburo Kido reported upon his return from Japan last week.

The Los Angeles attorney and former president of the Japanese American Citizens League spent a month in Japan meeting with clients on nationality matters. He was accompanied by his wife Mine.

Kido said the Japanese are slow in realizing the full benefits under the Walter-McCarran Act probably because they have been discriminated against in immigration and naturalization so long, they cannot yet realize the complete change in their legal status.

In time, however, they will learn to appreciate the vast implications and advantages of the new law, Kido said.

Kido reported on the great difficulties involved in attempting to assist Nisei stranded in Japan return to the United States to prove their citizenship.

The "red tape" for the thousands of stranded is "terrific," the attorney said. The procedure for Nisei in Japan who desire to return to the U. S. is complicated, expensive and time-consuming, Kido said.

Long delays are the rule, he commented, citing cases where the applicants are still waiting for clearance after three years.

Kido's guess is that as many as 7,000 Nisei are in the group of persons deemed to have lost

their citizenship under the nationality law but who may be eligible to return to the U. S. to prove their citizenship.

He expressed the hope the restrictions would be eased as a result of the offer of the American embassy in Tokyo to issue certificates of identity to residents of Japan who have been American citizens to enable them to go to the United States to prove their citizenship.

News dispatches from Tokyo last week said only a dozen or so of the thousands of persons who are eligible for the certificates have applied, however.

An embassy spokesman was quoted as saying that American consuls are empowered to issue certificates to anybody who once possessed U. S. citizenship who feels his claim to citizenship is still valid.

The certificates would enable these persons to travel to Hawaii or any place else in the United States where they could place their claim before a U. S. court.

Kido said the difficulty till now has been in obtaining these certificates. The consulates, he said, have required to ask for numerous documents from the applicants before they would consider the applications, and much delay is involved in obtaining State Department approval.

al once the documents are forwarded to Washington.

Federal court decisions in Honolulu, holding that dual citizens did not forfeit their U. S. citizenship in complying with the laws of Japan, even if they served in the Japanese Army or voted in elections there, have encouraged many others to consider seeking his remedy, Kido said.

But the preliminaries of obtaining certificates of identity necessary to return to the U. S. to prove their citizenship in court, have balked the intentions of these stranded Kido said.

San Francisco sets 600 as '53 membership goal

San Francisco

Fifteen teams will canvass the City by the Golden Gate for 600 JACL members for the San Francisco chapter in 1953, it was announced in the chapter bulletin now going to the membership.

A 30-day drive starts next Monday, according to Mrs. Florence Dobashi, chairman of the drive.

San Francisco was second in size to Chicago this year among the 86 chapters of the organization.



Salad Bowl queen candidate
Mary Dobashi, 5 ft. 2 in., represents Glendale Union High School, Glendale, Ariz., following a student-body election recently. Girls from the Phoenix area high schools are elected to be queen to reign at the Salad Bowl game Jan. 1, on the basis of personality, poise and beauty. She is the first person of Japanese ancestry to be named as a princess. She is head cheer leader, Girls League and Pep Club president, attended Girls' State, exchange editor, a member of the GAA and Student Council and the National Honorary Society.

Fish market operator scuffs with two bandits

San Jose

Two strong-armed bandits entered Henry Nishioka's fish market on North Sixth St. in the late afternoon of Dec. 13. One man asked the price of rice, started to argue over the quotation, when the other suddenly struck Nishioka in the face.

The blow cut the merchant's lip and shattered his lower plate of false teeth. The other dashed to the cash register, emptied it of \$50, and both ran away.

Eden Township CL signs 85 in citizenship class new group starts Jan. 5

Hayward

Eighty-five persons have registered and are now attending the Citizenship Classes sponsored by the Eden Township Japanese American Citizens League with the cooperation of the Hayward Evening High School.

Classes are held weekly on Monday and Wednesday at the Hayward High School, Room 50, Auditorium building, Tuesday and Thursday at the San Lorenzo High School, Room A-9. Both classes start at 7 p.m.

Paul Tomita teaches all classes in Japanese.

Registration for the new semester commencing Jan. 5, 1953, may sign at Hayward High School.

Persistent thief loots three stores

Seattle

A persistent burglar early Friday morning last week hacked his way through three walls to enter three Nipponmachi stores after breaking into an unoccupied store building first.

The thief first cut a hole in a wall and entered an appliance store at 1720 Yesler Way where he took several electrical appliances and \$2. From the appliance store he entered Mitch's cleaners at 1722 Yesler Way and stole about \$100. The last place he entered was the Tokuda Drug Store at 1724 Yesler Way. Between \$65 and \$70 was taken there, Patrolman William Weedon reported.

Nurse from Nebraska

Denver

Betty Ann Harano of North Platte, Neb., was among 26 students graduated from Univ. of Denver (Presbyterian Hospital) school of nursing recently.

P.C. columnist Roku Sugahara dies following major operation

By LARRY TAJIRI

An obituary is efficient and cold, the summing up of a man's life in a few concise paragraphs, a procession of facts and figures, the quick saluting the dead.

This is not an obituary because, as someone once said, a man is not dead so long as his memory remains alive in the hearts of men and Roku Sugahara will be remembered a long, long time by those who knew him.



Toyo Miyatake
ROKU SUGAHARA
Never missed a deadline.

These are some personal recollections of Roku by one of his friends.

We don't know whether Roku remembered it or not but we once lived on the same block with him in Los Angeles when we were both starting out in grammar school. The Sugahara's moved to the west side and the next time we met him we were editors of competing high school newspapers in some sort of city-wide competition. Four of the top five awards went to Nisei editors that year, the others being Togo Tanaka and Pete Shinoda.

Roku went on to UCLA after graduating from Manual Arts High and there he met Viola Honda who was to become his wife. While attending UCLA he wrote for the Rafu Shimpo and later for the California Daily News, which we were editing at the time. Roku and Kay Kawamoto collaborated one what was probably one of the most popular features carried by a Nisei paper, a series of personality sketches with Roku's prose and Roy's art work.

Earlier for the Japanese American News of Los Angeles, he wrote a short novel about the Nisei which was serialized by the paper. The story, "Children of the

Samurai," was probably the first such work ever written by a Nisei.

After graduating from UCLA Roku went into business, in customs brokerage and the wholesale jewelry field, but he always maintained his interest in writing. That interest did not flag throughout his life and he was working on a television play, as well as his regular P. C. column, when he was stricken last month.

The last time we saw Roku was just before the mass evacuation in 1942 when we visited him and Viola at their Los Angeles home. Roku went east shortly afterward and went to work as a real estate appraiser in New Orleans. We know by his P. C. columns that he liked New Orleans, just as he adjusted later to the more frantic pace of Manhattan.

Roku enlisted in the army, served in Germany, turned home to New York, started his "Nisei in the P. C." shortly and continued it without a day's interruption for six years until he died last spring that he was in the hospital and assumed his column. When the doctors were finished with him, he underwent a major operation and he was valancing from it, though he had returned with his New York firm, when he was taken home.

We last heard from Roku in October saying that he was looking forward to when we reached him. When we did reach him last month, Roku was in the hospital and was not permitted. We were condition was very bad that there was little hope of recovery.

When we arrived in Bill Hosokawa had a for us from the Pacific. It said that Roku had died Dec. 18 and that the funeral had been held the following day.

Roku, like other Americans of his generation, gave years to history. The war ramifications had made of displacement. Roku is the more tragic because on the threshold of the which he had prepared out his life.

With other readers of we will miss Roku's sag of life in the big town, licking stories of the nature of his Cousin W. his ability to assess him the same good humor was Turn

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Seven girls vie for Miss Co-Ed honors at second CINO convention next Monday

Los Angeles

The serious side of the second annual convention of the California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization (CINO) devotes a full day's program Dec. 29 on the USC campus. Haruo Ishimaru, No. Calif. JACL regional director, will be the keynote speaker.

The convention will be called to order at 9:30 a. m. by Hito Suyehiro at Founders Hall 133. Dr. Alex Aboia, USC dean of student activities, and Norman Hirose, CINO president, will extend messages of welcome.

Policies for the coming year will then be discussed by groups to be followed by luncheon. A afternoon session will take up minimum CINO policies, election of state officers and various reports. A coronation ball concludes the two-day convention at the USC Student Lounge. Fudge Kikuchi, "Miss Nisei Co-Ed of 1952," will crown one of seven candidates vying for the title of "Miss Nisei Co-Ed of 1953."

The candidate line-ups:

Lei Sugimura (John Muir-Pasadena City College), 18, 5 ft. 5 in., Honolulu. Education major, frosh; basketball, teachers club; hobbies listening to records, attending stage plays.

Tekla Hashimoto (Woodbury College), 18, 5 ft., Honolulu. Executive secretary major, frosh. Classmate of Miss Sugimura at Mid-Pacific Institute, Honolulu.

Janet Fukuda (USC), 18, 5 ft. 2 in., Anaheim. Pre-nursing major, frosh; Troeds and Nisei Trojan clubs; hobbies playing string bass, piano, roller skating, tennis. Two-year cheer leader at high school, GAA president, student-body secretary, Calif. School orchestra.

Kim Omotani (UCLA), 21, 5 ft. 2 in., Los Angeles. Advertising art, senior; Nisei Bruin Club. Bank America award winner at Los Angeles High School.

Rose Kajiya (Los Angeles City College), 18, 5 ft. 2 in., Los Angeles. Medical secretary major, frosh; hobbies collecting records, table tennis and bowling.

Masako Tsuchimori (Metropolitan JC), 18, 5 ft. 3 in., Los Angeles. Secretarial; enjoys dancing. Active in GAA at Roosevelt High School.

Mae Sugita (Fresno State), 18, 2 in., Honolulu. Psychology ma-

jor, frosh; hobbies singing and swimming. Won Extra-Curricula Activities award at Roosevelt High School in Honolulu.

An elimination series starts tomorrow at Dorsey High School for basketball teams competing for the CINO perpetual trophy. In the Saturday series are East Los Angeles JC, Los Angeles State, Woodbury, LACC, USC and UCLA. Three winners Saturday will meet Reedley JC and Fresno State Sunday afternoon with the title game scheduled as the nightcap.

The all-star players will be awarded tiny basketball miniatures. Joe Iwanaga is basketball tournament chairman.

Two schools honor youth who died of polio

San Jose

Franklin Kawanami, 19, who died of polio Dec. 4, was memorialized by students of Franklin-McKinley School who voted to post a plaque in his honor, and the senior class at James Lick High School dedicating its senior bench to his memory.

He was a member of the first graduating class at James Lick and then attended National Trade School in Los Angeles.

Microbiology award

Seattle

Julia Sato was among those receiving departmental awards in microbiology at the Univ. of Washington at the annual scholarship banquet recently. The affair is sponsored by the Associated Man's Student and Associated Women Students.

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Yatabe, known as JACL's grand-daddy, officiated at the installation of the Chicago JACL cabinet for 1953, at the seventh annual Inaugural Ball held last month at Hotel Knickerbocker. Officers are (left to right, standing) Yukio Ozima, Abe Hagiwara, pres.; Harry Mizuno, Joe Yama, Hirao Smoky Sakurada, Richard Hikawa, Dr. Joe Nakayama; (seated) Frances Abe and Harasuki.

critic of McCarran-Walter immigration naturalization act regards politics of the day, and statutory provisions

RICHARD AKAGI

Washington

His latest strictures against the McCarran-Walter Act and its stand on the Immigration and Nationality Act, Dr. Hayakawa puts forward his criticisms without any reference to the existing situation or the political climate of the day.

It is important to remember that the restrictive provisions of the McCarran-Walter Act, which Dr. Hayakawa ascribes to American immigration and naturalization law before the enactment of the McCarran-Walter Act, were the Congress of the United States has given no indication that it intends to relax requirements and conditions obtaining in these two

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unfortunate, too, that critics like Dr. Hayakawa choose to minimize or ignore the other provisions brought into being by the new law: the repeal of the Exclusion Acts, provisions to all Asian countries the removal of sex discrimination in immigration; the relaxation clause to aid ex-totalitarian immigrants and so on. Specifically, Dr. Hayakawa

contends that the McCarran-Walter Act "changes the meaning of naturalization" by "greatly enlarging the grounds for denaturalization."

He states: "Formerly, the main reason for denaturalization was fraud in obtaining naturalization—'fraud' being a clearly defined legal concept. Under the new law, the basis for denaturalization has been changed to 'concealment of material fact' or 'wilful misrepresentation.'"

It appears to us that the terms "concealment of material fact" and "wilful misrepresentation" are much more explicit than "fraud" and less open to misconstruction. In checking with Bouvier's Law Dictionary, which is the one used by the Senate and House Committees on Immigration and Naturalization, we found three double-columned pages defining "fraud." It would seem that "fraud" is by no means an easy concept to apprehend.

We fail to see how a clarification, as illustrated by the above changes in definition, can "enlarge the grounds for denaturalization."

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Dr. Hayakawa creates the impression that denaturalization can result from some administrative whimsy. Under the Act, denaturalization proceedings must be conducted in a court of law.

Dr. Hayakawa asserts that "even technical errors on the part of the Immigration Service in the admission of alien can be made grounds for later denaturalization."

May we point out that this provision has been in our immigration law since 1906. While we are opposed to technicalities which penalize the alien, let us remind Dr. Hayakawa that reforms in any field, and particularly in legislation, are brought into being on a piecemeal basis.

The longstanding sins deriving from archaic practices are not going to be washed away overnight.

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It strikes us as somewhat dishonest to imply that the McCarran-Walter Act establishes these restrictions for the first time.

We will deal with Dr. Hayakawa's comments on provisions for deportation as they relate to Issei membership in proscribed organizations in the later section of this article, since that subject warrants fuller treatment.

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At this point we would like to correct a misconception as to how the JACL views the state of American immigration and naturalization laws. Dr. Hayakawa takes us to task for our testimony before the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization in Washington, D. C.

"If he felt that the Act was not perfect, he had then the opportunity to point out its imperfections and to suggest improvements," writes Dr. Hayakawa. "Instead he spoke in favor of the Act, while 12 or the 13 other witnesses appearing that day representing important scientific, religious, and nationality groups testified against it (New York Times, Oct. 30)."

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If Dr. Hayakawa will avail himself of the complete transcript of the hearings, he will discover that we condemned the National Origins Principle in our immigration system as "racist and undemocratic."

We did not speak in favor of the Act, in that all encompassing sense. We stated we supported the Act because it recognized for the first time in American legislative history the needs and hopes of persons of Asian ancestry. We likewise indicated that we will work to amend such deficiencies as may be revealed by our experience with the Act in operation.

Cincinnati Issei in U. S. study classes

Cincinnati

James Takeuchi and Charles Uehara, in cooperation with the local JACL chapter, are in charge of the Americanization classes meeting twice a week.

Enthusiastic Issei groups are meeting Saturday and Sunday in four groups. Instructors are Yoshio Shimizu, Price Hill; Dr. Joseph Tamura, Hyde Park-Pleasant Ridge; Dr. Shiro Tashiro, Clifton; and Charles Uehara, assisted by Kenji Muraoka, Avondale group.

Approximately 40 Issei which is 99 percent of availability are attending these classes.

—Jane Murata.

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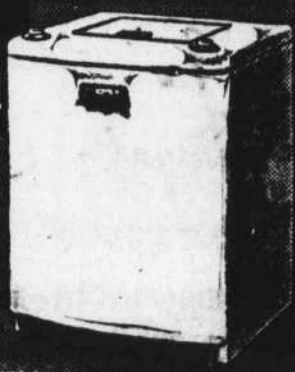
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Chapter Memo

Southwest Los Angeles JACL: An outing at Mt. Waterman in the hills behind Mt. Wilson is to be the chapter's funfest next Jan. 18. Tats Uyeno, RE 2-7759, chairman, and Mack Hamaguchi, MA 9-9245 (day), president, are accepting reservations. Time and place of departures of a chartered bus is to be announced.

Orange County JACL: Cong.-Elect James B. Utt (R., 28th Dist., Calif.) was apprised of JACL and its legislative objectives at an informal meeting at the home of chapter president Hitoshi Nitta recently. Utt, an attorney, served in the state legislature. At the meeting were Stephen K. Tamura, Henry Kanegae, Bill Okuda, Charles Ishii, Shosuke Nitta and Tats Kushida.

Eden Township JACL: A children's choir of 35 sang carols and a program of instrumental and dance numbers were climaxed by the appearance of Santa Claus at a chapter Christmas party Dec. 13. A capacity crowd was greeted by Dr. Keichi Shimizu, president. Mmes. June Yoshioka and Masako Minami were co-chairmen, assisted by Mmes. Betty Saito, Mary Iyemura and Tamae Kawata. George Minami, Jr., was emcee. . . . On the program were Ann Sakai, Helen Tamura, Marilyn Domoto, Judy Naruo, Amy, Jimmy and Nancy Tanabe, Diane Muramatsu, Marian Hatake-da, Wendy Naruo, Kathy, Randy and Donna Naruo and Beverly Saito.

Livingston-Merced JACL: Local road conditions are being studied by the chapter's road committee, headed by David Kiri-hara, to confer with county officials to see if improvements can be made. Robert Ohki, Kenji Minabe and Gene Hamaguchi are also on the committee.

Salinas JACL: Mmes. Saburo Iwamoto and John Terakawa were co-chairman of the Dec. 20 chapter pot-luck dinner. Sumi Iwashige was in charge of the Christmas program for children. Election of 1953 officers was also held (although unavailable at press time).

Downtown Los Angeles JACL: Saburo Kido, just back from Japan, was the main speaker at the chapter's luncheon meeting last Tuesday at San Kwo Low. He spoke on his impressions of problems confronting strandeers in Japan and effects of the new Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Denver JACL: A party of 22 attended the annual JACL Bulletin banquet Dec. 5 at Pagliacci's. Haruko Kobayashi, editor, is assisted by Robert Horiuchi, bus. mgr., and Amy Miura, circulation, and June Aochi, Mami Katagiri, May and Jennie Kitagawa, Dr. George J. Kubo, Doro-

thy Madokoro, Sue Maruyama, George Masunaga, Bess Shiyomura, Haru Tanaka, Michi Teraji, Rosa Mayeda, Ben Miyahara and Bill Hosokawa.

New York JACL: The chapter is co-sponsoring the New Year's Eve frolic with the local YBA at Mike's Ship Ahoy, 65th and Broadway. It's a dress-as-you-like affair at \$1.75 per person.

Idaho Falls JACL: The annual JACL carnival, usually held during the first part of January, is being planned now. Proceeds go toward the chapter expenses and ADC funds. . . . The chapter held its Christmas party Dec. 21; Santa Claus for the kiddies, Japanese movies for the older folks.

San Francisco JACL: Fifteen teams of five workers each are combing the San Francisco area until Jan. 15 to meet a membership goal of 600. Mrs. Florence Dobashi, chairman, puts it this way: if each worker gets six members plus him or herself, the 90 workers should hit 630.

Idaho Falls chapter headed by T. Haga

Idaho Falls, Idaho
Takeo Haga was elected president of the Idaho Falls JACL chapter Dec. 12 at a general membership meeting at the local JACL hall. Speed Nukaya is the retiring president. A pot-luck dinner preceded the business agenda.

Other cabinet members are Tadashi Watanabe, v. p.; Aki Takita, rec. sec.; Emmy Yamasaki, cor. sec.; Charley Hirai, treas.; Joe Nishioka, Speed Nukaya, delegates; Todd Kuwano, De Ann Nukaya, social; Margaret Yamasaki, Sally Yamasaki, reporters.

Downtown Los Angeles CL '53 cabinet nominees listed

Los Angeles
Slate of candidates for the 1953 Downtown Los Angeles chapter posts was released by the nominations committee last week. Heading the list is Harry Fujita, former Sacramentan, who is being renamed for chapter presidency. Other nominated are Roy Hoshizaki, 1st v. p.; Dave Yokozeki, 2nd v. p.; Kay Uchima, 3rd v. p.; Blanche Shiozaki, cor. sec.; Rose Ninomiya, rec. sec.; Grace Morinaga, treas.; and Ted Okumoto, aud.

Chicago CL supports state FEPC fight

Chicago
JACL was represented at a conference Dec. 13 on state Fair Employment Practices legislation sponsored by the Council Against Discrimination of Greater Chicago by Harold Gordon, National 1000 Club chairman, and Richard Hikawa, auditor of the Chicago chapter.

Its purpose was to seek ways of bringing about 1953 state legislation on FEPC. It was estimated that \$5,500 would be needed as a minimum budget to carry out the plans.

Gordon and Hikawa, acting in behalf of the Chicago chapter, stated that JACL would back an FEPC bill, and that they would recommend to the members its

New York JACL hears talk on Japan labor; nominations released

New York
A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, AFL, spoke on labor conditions in Japan at the New York JACL chapter meeting last week. Woodrow Asai, chapter president, presided.

Nominees for the 1953 cabinet were also listed as follows:

Woodrow Asai, pres.; Joe Oyama, v. p.; Lorraine Miyahara, rec. sec.; Marie Kurihara, cor. sec.; Ricki Suzuki, treas.; Yoshitaka Imai, financial director; Hisayo Asai, program; Sachi Ohno, membership; Lily Fukuhara, pub.; and Susan Kubota, hist.

Cortez JACL re-elects Jack Noda president

Cortez
Jack Noda was re-elected as president of the Cortez JACL chapter at a recent meeting.

Other cabinet members are Y. Sakaguchi, v. p.; Ben Kumimoto, rec. sec.; George Yuge, Jim Yamaguchi, cor. sec.; Albert Morimoto, treas.; Sam Kuwahara, Helen Yuge, Hiroshi Asai, Florice Kuwahara, Nog Kajioka, Kazumi Kajioka, Seio Masuda, Ken Miyamoto, Mabel Yoneyama and Joe Nishihara, board of directors.

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The annual New Year's Day dance sponsored by the San Diego JACL chapter will be held Jan. 1 at the Hotel San Diego, it was announced by Moto Asakawa, chapter president.

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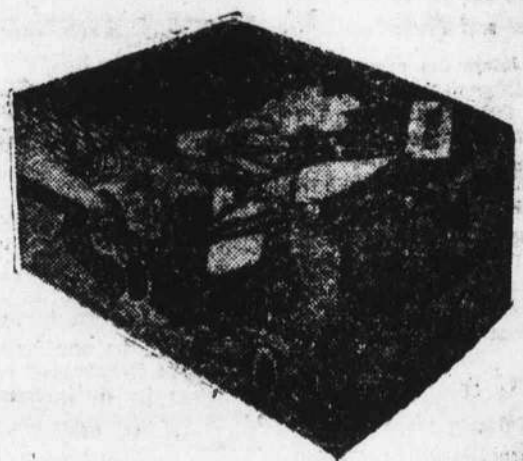
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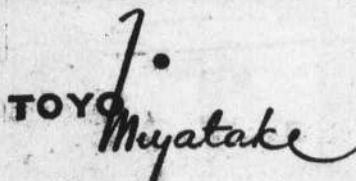


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More than \$822 in cash and merchandise of even greater value were distributed early this week to nearly 500 needy persons in the Southland by the Club Service Bureau, a JACL-sponsored coordinating group.

Bulk of the collecting of contributions, merchandise and their distribution was done by members of the Inter-Club Council of the service bureau.

The Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter contributed \$33.50 netted from a box-lunch auction held two weeks ago.

Late contributions included a \$25 from the California Daily News, \$20 from Pasadena Gardeners Ass'n and Japanese Women's Federation of Southern California.

Chicago's inter-club council elects 1953 cabinet members

Chicago

Congratulations were in order at the last meeting of the Girls Inter-Club Council for the year 1952 as Mrs. Kay Kitahata was voted president to succeed Miss Fran Watanabe. Mrs. Kitahata is a member of the Mam'selles and was a former council vice-president.

Serving under her are Marji Kikuchi (Jolene); Kiko Yamashiro (Debonaires); Judy Tanaka (Philos); Louise Ogawa (Jolene); and Helen Kitahata (Silhouettes).

Commercial art grad

San Jose

Emily F. Tsuruda of Saratoga was among the 135 to be graduated from San Jose State College at the close of the fall quarter Dec. 17. She majored in commercial art.

SOCIAL NOTES

Stockton Nisei Veterans: Their New Year's Eve frolic will be held at Hotel Stockton, White Room, from 9 p. m. Shingu Ume-na is emcee for the sports formal dance with music by Leo Liberty and his 8-piece orchestra.

Chicago Enterprisers: George Yoshioka heads the 1953 cabinet with Dr. Kats Uba, v.p.; Fred Odanaka, sec.; James Masuda, treas., and Ronald Shiozaki, aud. Retiring officers were headed by Wiley Higuchi. . . . The traditional semi-formal New Year's Eve party will be held at Ann's Hall. Kats Hori is in charge.

Los Angeles Nisei Veterans: Steven Sakai, past executive secretary of the NVA, heads the 1953 cabinet. Assisting are Hide-taka Nakaki, v.-chmn.; George Matsuura, treas.; and George H. Waki, sec. Luis K. Aihara is retiring chairman.

WYBL Conference: A call for talent to participate in the 11th annual WYBL conference show Mar. 8, 1953, in Los Angeles was issued by Aki Fujimoto, Rt. 1 Box 590, Encinitas. "Along the Sunset Strip" with all of its Hollywood trimmings is the theme of the production.

Los Angeles Club Service Bureau: Sus Uyeda and Bob Uno co-chaired a Club Service Bureau party for children last Monday afternoon at Union Church. Diane Nakata and Bernice Kawasumi headlined the entertainment fare.

Orange County Jr. Matrons: New Year's Eve frolic for Orange County residents will be held at Huntington Beach Memorial Hall, 6th and Orange Sts., Dec. 31, from 9 p. m. with Jim Sakai's orchestra. . . . Noboru Tomura played Santa Claus, assisted by Henry Kanegae, to children attending the Christmas potluck dinner at Garden Grove Grange Hall recently. The club also distributed canned goods to needy families here. Potluck hostesses were Mmes. Miwa Asari, Mary Yamami, Yae Mayami, Mary Aoki, Ruby Uyesugi, Frances Enomoto, June Wada, May Wada, Alys Ichien and Akino Kanegae.

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Nov. 10, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Tsuneo Doi, San Diego.
Oct. 27, a girl Dianne to Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi (nee Emiko Aoyanagi), Los Angeles.
Nov. 20, a boy Wil- to Mr. and Mrs. William (nee Linda A. Ku-), Los Angeles.
Dec. 5, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Fuji-Pasadena.
Nov. 26, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fuku-Sacramento.
Nov. 26, a girl Nancy to Mr. and Mrs. Toshiki (nee Tomiye Kawa-), Los Angeles.
Nov. 5, a boy to Mr. Mrs. Herky H. Harada, Nut Grove.
Nov. 11, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Norito Ishibashi (nee Ei-Mashiko), Los Angeles.
Nov. 29, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Robert (nee Ichinaga), Gilroy.
Nov. 21, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Ito, San Diego.
Dec. 14, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Iwasaki, Little.
Nov. 30, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Atsushi to Mr. and Mrs. Kadomiy (nee Tayeko Kiso), Los Angeles.
Nov. 27, a boy Mi- to Mr. and Mrs. (nee Kaizoji), Los Angeles.
Nov. 28, a boy Alvin to Mr. and Mrs. Ma-Kato (nee Sachiko Haya-), Pasadena.
Dec. 6, twin boys to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Katsu-Parlier.
Nov. 25, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy K. Ka-kami, Sacramento.
Nov. 30, a girl Ai- to Mr. and Mrs. (nee Kimiko abayashi), Los Angeles.
Nov. 28, a boy Tooru to Mr. and Mrs. Kobayashi, Gilroy.
Nov. 27, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Kitade, Sacra-mento.
Dec. 13, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. John Kondo, Vale.
Nov. 19, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Yoshizumi Ku-moto San Diego.
Dec. 2, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Todd Kuwana, Idaho Falls, Idaho.
Dec. 6, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matsuna-Denver.
Dec. 15, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. George Mayeda, Little.
Nov. 22, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. K. Mikuni, Denver.
Nov. 22, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Tomio Miyaka-Parlier.
Nov. 22, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Morishita, Idaho Falls, Idaho.
Nov. 21, a girl Etsuko to Mr. and Mrs. (nee Ka-ko Tawara), Los Angeles.
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Nov. 29, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nakata, Tracy.
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Nov. 21, a girl Ma-Jane to Mr. and Mrs. Ma-Oakamoto (nee Hisako atahata), Los Angeles.
Nov. 23, a boy Mark Ma- to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kuji- (nee Rose Miyo Morey), West Los Angeles.
Nov. 9, a girl Sandra Ma- to Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Ota (nee Ruth Tomiko Naka-), Los Angeles.

OTA—Nov. 21, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Ota, San Francisco.
SAKAGUCHI—Dec. 2, a boy Dennis Frank to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kikuiji Sakaguchi, San Jose.
SAKAI—Nov. 10, a boy Dennis Shigeru to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shiozo Sakai (nee Yoshie En-do), Los Angeles.
SANWO—Nov. 12, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Nabuo Sanwo, Kings-burg.
SASAKI—Dec. 2, a girl Betty Jane Shizue to Mr. and Mrs. David Takaaki Sasaki, San Jose.
SASAKI—Nov. 23, a boy Ran-dall Craig to Mr. and Mrs. Narumi Sasaki (nee Shige Mi-yamura), Long Beach.
SHIGEKAWA—Nov. 17, a girl Janet Lynn to Mr. and Mrs. Satsuki Shigekawa (nee Edna Shigekawa), Los Angeles.
SHIMANE—Nov. 28, a girl Co-rinne Gayle to Mr. and Mrs. Toru Shimane (nee Junko Na-gafuchi), Los Angeles.
SHIMIZU—Nov. 6, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Shimizu, Al-bany.
SUMIDA—Nov. 29, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sumida, Sacra-mento.
TAKASHIMA—Nov. 18, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Ta-kashima, San Diego.
TAKEDA—Nov. 27, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Junji Takeda, Orosi.
TASHIMA—Nov. 25, a girl Gail Naomi to Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Don Tashima (nee Yoshiko Rose Yoshida), Los Angeles.
YAMAMOTO—Nov. 25, a boy Robert Satoshi to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hiromi Yamamoto, San Jose.
YAMAMOTO—Nov. 24, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Toshiaki F. Ya-mamoto, Sacramento.
YASHIRO—Nov. 16, a girl Pa-tricia Sue to Mr. and Mrs. Yo-neo Yashiro (nee Katsuko Ya-masaki), Los Angeles.
YOSHIMURA—Nov. 30, a girl Kathryn Ann to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haruo Yoshimura (nee May Chikami), Los Angeles.

WEDDINGS

HATAI-OKADA — Shuso Hatai, 29, and Fumiye Okada, 29, both of Los Angeles, Dec. 14.
KUBOTA-FUJIWARA — Bob Kubota and Dorothy Fujiwara, Sacramento, Dec. 14.
NAKAGAWA - NATSUHARA — Hideo Nakagawa, Sacramento, and Kiyoko Natsuhara, Marys-ville, Dec. 13.
NUKAYA-LINDSEY — Katsumi Nukaya, 24, Roberts, Idaho, and Joad Lindsey, 19, Idaho Falls, Nov. 28.
OKAMOTO - TANIGUCHI — Peter Okamoto and Sue Tani-guchi, Florin, Dec. 14.
OKEMOTO-OSETO — Stanley Okemoto, Sacramento; and Hi-sae Oseto, Oakland, Dec. 7.
UMEKUBO-ISHIKAWA — Tsu-tomu Umekubo and Jean Mie-ko Ishikawa, both of Los An-geles, Dec. 14.

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ENGAGEMENT

Frances Kaneko, Berkeley, to Shig Takahashi, San Francisco, Dec. 6.
Edith Yonekura, Castro Valley, to Ted Ikemoto, Stockton, Dec. 6.
Helen Kido to Bill Haruo Ha-yakawa, both of Los Angeles, Dec. 4.

DEATHS

Otokichi Hamada, 64, West Los Angeles, on Dec. 17; survived by

wife Umeno, daughters Mmes. Takako Cho and Mrs. Fusaye Tsuda.

Mrs. Shika Hara, Seattle, on Dec. 5; survived by husband Bun-ta, sons Yasuo, James, Iwao and daughter Mrs. Fumiko Omori.
Konosuke Hirai, 71, Los An-geles, on Dec. 16; survived by wife Yasue, son Ernest and daughters Kazuko and Mrs. Etsu-ko Kodama.

Uhachi Hiroto, 67, Glendale, Dec. 3; survived by wife Uta, eight sons Hikaru, George, Will, Fred, Roy, Richard, Hoover, Tho-mas and three daughters, Mmes. Kata Tanaka, Yumiko Dokyo and Alice Minamide.

Mrs. Yaku Ishikawa, 61 (for-merly of Seattle), New York, on Dec. 8; survived by daughter Masako.

Franklin Kawanami, 19, San Jose, on Dec. 4; survived by mother Momoyo, sisters Mmes. Yoshiye Yamauchi, Dave Saka-kazumi, Dolly and Dorie; and three brother Ernest, Masamichi and George.

Kazuo Kimura, 82, New York, on Dec. 7.

Jisaburo Matsumura, 74, On-tario, Ore., on Dec. 9; survived by sons Juro, Fuji, Bob; daugh-ters Mmes. Y. Horiuchi and S. Okazaki.

Kanri Nakashima, 69, Whittier, on Dec. 4; survived by wife Ma-sae, sons Masao and Hiroshi, daughters Mmes. Takako Nawa, Aiko Sugino and Yuriko Nawa.
Mrs. Hanaye Nakayama, Del Rey, on Dec. 14; survived by daughter Grace.

Unosuke Oku, 77, Mt. View, on Dec. 13; survived by wife Yoshie, sons Masao and Leonard.
Hiroshi Sakurai, 68, New York, on Dec. 13; survived by wife Emilienne, and daughter Emil-ienne Mitsu McHugh.

Sukesaburo Sudoko, 72, Salt Lake City, on Dec. 11; survived by wife Kotomi, sons Taro, Jun and Kazuto; and daughters Shi-geko, Ayako and Yoshiko.

Roku Sugahara, 41, (formerly Los Angeles), New York, on Dec. 17; survived by wife Viola, brother Kay, sisters Masa Rae, Mmes. Yuri Kurio, and Paul Na-kaoka.

Wakitsu Tsujimoto, 70, Seattle, on Dec. 14; survived by wife Sho, sons Joe Kazuo and Sgt. Ben, and daughter Mrs. Yuriko Hoshizaki.

Kikumatsu Wataoka, 73, Se-attle, on Dec. 12; survived by wife Takayo, son Shoji and daughters Mary and Masako.

Hatsuzo Yamamoto, 90, Fresno, Dec. 10; survived by wife Kinu, sons Ryuichi, Shiro, and daugh-ters Mmes. Shizuyo Ishihara, Hi-sayo Kakiuchi and Momoyo Ka-wamoto.

Ito Yamano, 66, San Fernan-do, on Dec. 17; survived by wife Kazu, six sons Hiroshi, Kazuyo-shi, Masaharu, Yoshiyuki, Teruo, Isao; four daughters Mmes. Ha-ruko Tanaka, Aiko Okayama, Yo-shiye Minobe, Shizue Shiraki.

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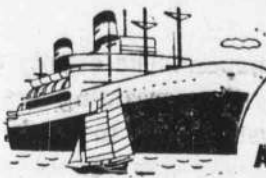


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Preserving a level head in times of crisis brings to light the make of a man.

There is very conspicuous among minority-class folks a streak of persecution complex. In some it becomes very plain, in others quite undisturbed.

The same holds true for newspapers. The dignity of the Fourth Estate has been scarred by the screaming headlines of violence, sex and murder. Newsmen like to think themselves as in a profession—and a profession connotes duty, performance, morality and decorum.

The Watsonville Register-Pajaronian published its barber shop versus Nisei veteran incident with propriety. It was first found in the editorial page without comment on Thanksgiving Day. (We published that letter three weeks ago). A week later, other readers answered the veteran who was refused service in a barber shop. The incident and its development steered away from sensationalism.

Rather than to stir emotions, the Register-Pajaronian chose to be patient with the barber. Other letters were printed showing where the barber was wrong. Even a section of the state civil code was reprinted showing discrimination in public places was punishable.

Poise and education at this time are worthy partners in prescribing a better way of living.

Holiday number

zation of many long hours attached to its publication.

An unconcerned glance at the stupendous 76-page Pacific Citizen holiday issue last week can even excite a reali-

On the chapter level were the many manhours involved soliciting advertising. Regional offices were similarly engrossed, despite other "must" business.

The Southern California office was particularly hard-pressed as the National Testimonial Banquet preparations intervened at a most critical time.

On the staff level, the Holiday Issue editor, Mrs. Kats Kunitsugu worked under personal hardship—to the extent that her husband, Kango, was often coming to the rescue. Kango, who knows the newspaper game from his Rohwer camp days and his year on the Crossroads, helped to meet the P.C. Holiday Issue deadline without wincing in the least.

Tats Kushida, whose position on the staff as advertising manager was burdened to the hilt, didn't forget he also had responsibilities directing the regional office. It was in our good favor his broad shoulders could stand the battle.

And to the many volunteers who were recruited on the final day to individually wrap the special edition, such overtures were indeed gratifying.

The sum total of all this, plus the good fortune of writers meeting copy deadline and a personally interested firm of Ernest Printing Co., mastered what we presented last week—the thickest Holiday Edition in history.

Knowing the handicaps of our little Kats, whose 2-year-old daughter Claire stranded her on various occasions, we are most proud.

Publishing such a Holiday Issue clearly manifested the unity of our national JACL as no other Nisei organization can ever achieve.

On the ball

JACL chapters which are on the ball are all set to give assistance next Friday (Jan. 2) to Japanese aliens who are required by law to report their addresses during the month of January.

All aliens, whether temporarily admitted or permanently admitted, must report this time.

Chapter representatives should call upon their local postmasters for Form I-53, the Alien Address Report Card, in quantities as needed.

It shall help chapters greatly if the alien filling out the form brings his 1940 Alien Registration card. If this card is lost, the alien should call or write to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service office, explaining his loss and ask for Form AR 16. Upon filling out this form, a money order of \$1 and two identification photos should be attached and returned.

Chapter representatives should not mail the I-53 address report forms but return them to the Post Office.

Remembering Rohwer

By Bill Hosokawa

This isn't exactly a Christmas type column. But I think it's timely and hope you do too. It was inspired by a letter written to Frank Torizawa of Denver by his friend and business associate, Mac Tsuchiya of Los Angeles. As a matter of fact, the letter as Mac has written it will make up a large part of this column because I couldn't put it any better than he has. He says:

"During my recent trip to New Orleans I decided to drive back by way of Arkansas. Rohwer was only six or seven miles off the main highway to Little Rock so we visited the site of the Rohwer WRA camp.

"There is nothing left there that looks like the old relocation camp where so many thousands of Japanese lived at one time. Only thing that remains is the gymnasium where they had the basketball games and movies.

"The gym building has a great big mural painted all around the interior walls. It is the work of two Nisei artists and it's really impressive. It starts with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, forced evacuation showing families selling their possessions, into assembly centers and then dusty relocation camps, line-ups for mess, the bon odor, etc., until the day arrives to leave camp.

"Rain has leaked through the roof but the paintings have withstood the weather. I knew all camps had cemeteries so I looked all over but couldn't find the one at Rohwer because the grass and weeds are growing almost as high as my head.

"There was a school teacher nearby who was waiting for her husband to get through plowing so I asked her how to get to the graves. She was very kind and walked about three-fourths of a mile over narrow road to find the place for me.

"It was a lonely feeling and I felt a lump in my throat at the sight I came upon. Way out there in the middle of nowhere, all covered with tall grass,

were the graves. The evacuees must have thousands of dollars on the cemetery because graves have concrete bases and there are chains all around the huge plot.

"Some of the chains are rusted and broken the corners of the beautiful memorials are broken and tumbled down. One memorial is for the one that died there. The other, with a star on top, the boys who went into the army and gave lives for their country.

"The irony of it all is the following inscription engraved on the first memorial: 'To the people of Arkansas: Please keep these grounds in reverence and beauty so that we who are buried here sleep in peace.'

"The lady school teacher said she feels ashamed at the neglect. At Heart Mountain or Granada cold and grass doesn't grow like in Arkansas—like Manzanar and other camp sites are close to the Japanese population so the graves are cared for but Arkansas is so far away. There are more small headstones. If the relatives only knew these conditions maybe they could make up to go there and clean up the grounds. I also think government should do something about it. The school teacher said she would be glad to do something about it. The school teacher said she was glad to assist. Her name is Mrs. Millets, c/o High School, Rohwer, Ark. . . ."

I went through a similar experience a hard years ago when I visited Heart Mountain, Wyoming, the barracks empty and echoing, the tarpaulin siding torn and flapping in the wind. I also visited the cemetery, a crude, parched and desolate ground. I don't think anyone can fail to be moved by the pitifully lonely graves.

Christmas is a time of joy, hope and dedication. But it is also a time for remembering. And that that's been said, Merry Christmas!

GUEST EDITORIAL:

Man's inhumanity

Editorial

Part of this page is devoted to a painful subject, which must not be ignored on the theory that unpleasant things will go away if you don't look.

James M. Yoshida of Aromas, an American citizen whose ancestors happened to be born in Japan, was turned out of a Watsonville barber shop last month. Mr. Yoshida is no ordinary citizen. He fought in World War II with the most-decorated unit of the U. S. army. He lost an eye in combat in Italy. Measured on the basis of what he has sacrificed for his country, he is a better American than those of us who came home unwounded.

Mr. Yoshida was understandably hurt by this treatment. More in sorrow than in anger, he wrote a letter to The Register-Pajaronian. It was a dignified, well-written statement of his position; and because it was dignified, it was a grave indictment of the man who treated him so. The incident was embarrassing to other members of the community; five readers had the courage to write letters of protest.

The issue is not the "punishment" of the offender, either by court action or by spreading his name before the public.

We believe with Mr. Yoshida . . . that it is at present more a case for education than for retribution. Therefore we have not published the offender's name. We shall do so if he cares to defend his position, or if his conduct becomes the basis for court action. (The offending barber, by the way, is as nearly as we can determine about the only one in town who would do such a thing; at least, all those we know are glad to serve any clean, well-behaved customer.)

The issue is not the fact that Mr. Yoshida is a war hero, though this boldly underscores the injustice.

Nor is the issue primarily the fact that such conduct is illegal—though laws printed below are clear evidence of the way people think.

The issue is simply this, as so well stated by the Japanese American Citizens League spokesman (Haruo Ishimaru of San Francisco):

" . . . we believe that it is the function not only of our organization but of anyone who professes to be an American to fight for the equal rights of other Americans regardless of ancestry or national origin . . ."

Equality before the law, and equal treatment in public places, is the very guts of Americanism. It spells opportunity, which in turn is the thing which brought most of our ancestors here—in this writer's case from England and Scotland and Germany; in Mr. Yoshida's case from Japan; in other cases from Canada or Portugal or Italy or Denmark or Yugoslavia or Ireland.

Equality of opportunity and equality of treatment is America's chief weapon in today's war of ideas. Preserve it, and we may succeed in "selling" this great ideal. Lose it, and godless Communism, which preaches but does not practice equality, takes over.

As the JACL spokesman writes, the Pajaro valley has a general record of "fair play and friendliness."

It was not always thus. We have come far in 11 years—because it was 11 years ago today that men with Oriental features were looked upon with fear and loathing on our streets, and fewer years than that since public speakers demanded that "the Japs shall never be allowed to return."

There was a long distance to go, and we have covered a deal of the journey to the zation that men are to be judged by their deeds, not their father's birthplace.

But there is a distance to go, as evidenced by this graceful business. It is thought, education and calm consideration before all of us, at an inescapable conclusion. There are no second-class zens.

If there were, they would be the James Yoshidas. would be the unthinking "Americans," a tiny minority unconsciously and ignorant more for Communism in ill-chosen words than the Worker does in ten thousand hope to hear soon that Mr. Yoshida has had a full franky, and shall rejoice in the of another convert to a Christian, democratic prin—Watsonville Register-Pajaronian

RIP: Roku Sugah

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he approached his other son. We never forget the column wrote on his 35th birthday he was confronted with the that he would soon be aged. He had the gift of denied so many of us who much too prone to take our too seriously.

Yet, in contrast, he could simply of the eternal truth he did in his first column his operation last spring.

Roku had a sense of responsibility, group and individuality which governed his life and facet of that is the tribute is one of the highest one, paperman can pay to another.

Roku never missed a deadline.

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