

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

Bigger role for Japanese C. of C.

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Two events of the past week pointed up clearly the steady transition that is taking place in the group thinking of Japanese business and professional people here.

One is the election of the first Nisei to become president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce. With more than 500 members, the Japanese Chamber is the most influential Japanese group in Hawaii.

The other event is the exchange of ideas for closer liaison and eventual merger of the Japanese chamber into an overall, inter-racial businessmen's association.

The trend towards a bigger role for the Japanese Chamber has been slow in taking shape but the timing of the two events mentioned above brought the movement sharply to public attention last week.

Motohiro Tanimura, a genial Honolulu-born merchant became the first Nisei president of the Japanese Chamber at the annual installation of new officers on Feb. 3. He was the first vice-president last year.

Every president heretofore has been an Issei.

Tanimura, at 52, is vice-president and general manager of the Fair Department Store, a large retail establishment in downtown Honolulu.

He was educated in Honolulu schools and studied at Marysville College in Tennessee.

Although Tanimura is its first

Nisei president, the Japanese Chamber has been functioning under Nisei officers for the most part for several years. The only Issei officer last year was the outgoing president, Masayuki Tokioka.

This year Tanimura will have under him all Nisei officers except for one Issei, an auditor. Most members of the board of directors also are Nisei.

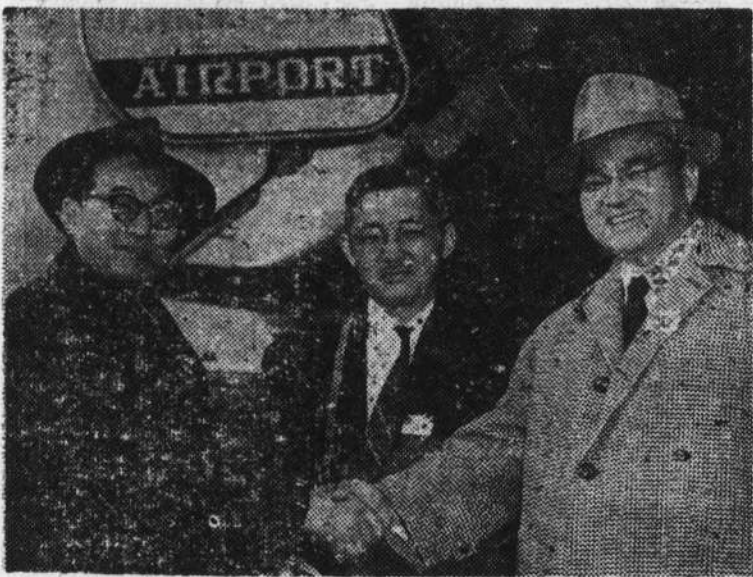
The Issei to Nisei transition is actually more for the record than a sudden switch to a new type of leadership. For the fact is that the incumbent Nisei officers are middle age men whose conservative thinking is not far removed from that of their older Issei predecessors. It may be some years before any marked change is noticeable in the basic policies of the organization.

Nevertheless, the fact that a Nisei is at the top serves as a marker, a starting point, from which to measure the progress of the Japanese chamber henceforth.

Noting the present period of transition in his installation address, Tanimura said "the day is dawning when the second generation must assume the problems and responsibilities of the community."

The Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, a predominantly Caucasian group with some representation among the various other races, made the first public bid for closer collaboration

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Tamotsu Murayama (left), Tokyo columnist for the Pacific Citizen, greets George Inagaki (right), National JACL president who represented the Pacific Citizen on the Japan Air Lines special courtesy flight last month, and Saburo Kido (center) of the Shin Nichibei. —Nippon Times photo.

ABOARD JAPAN AIRLINER TO TOKYO:

Hospitality-Plus Is By-word

By GEORGE INAGAKI

Venice

Through the courtesy of Japan Air Lines I have just had the opportunity to find out that one does not have to be rich to be able to take a trip to Japan. All you have to be is either a newspaperman or JACL's National President.

As the latter and representing our PC, I was invited to take part in JAL's pre-inaugural courtesy flight on their brand new DC-6B luxury liner, the City of Tokyo, for an all-expense-paid eight-day tour of Japan.

Under such a circumstance, it goes without saying that I was bound to have a terrific time. But what made it more than perfect is the fact that JAL really went all out to extend to their guests unlimited service and hospitality.

From its president, Seijiro

Yanagita, down to the very sweet and extremely courteous stewardesses, everyone connected with JAL spared nothing to make every minute an enjoyable one from the moment we roared out of San Francisco International Airport to the moment we once again smoothly lighted on the same runway 12 days later.

Those who know me know that I'm built to require comfort. That being the case, I must admit that I looked with some misgiving about having to sit for a 28-hour period inside a plane. However, it was no time at all after the San Francisco take-off that I realized that this was going to be a soft trip. With the big DC-6B limited to 38 seats, there was ample

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NAT'L CL CREDIT UNION DECLARES 5% DIVIDEND

Salt Lake City

The National JACL Credit Union board of directors this week declared a 5% dividend for 1953, adding that a net profit of \$5,201.99 was made last year as compared with \$4,079.65 for 1952.

A total of 150 loans amounting to \$160,876.90 was made in 1953. Dividends will be in the mail by Feb. 15. Nominated for various committees: George Y. Fujii, Yukus Inouye, bd of dir.; Tatsuro Masuda, credit; and Ichiro Doi, superv.

Colorado senator may seek more funds for I&NS

Denver

Senior United States from the state of Colorado, Ed C. Johnson, personally assured Sam Y. Matsumoto, Mile-Hi JACL chapter president, he would cooperate in trying to alleviate the overload in the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The chapter called the Senator's attention to the situation in the Service brought about by inadequate funds, whereby naturalization of many Japanese aliens authorized by the McCarran-Walter Act has been delayed for a long period.

Sen. Johnson added that both House and Senate appropriations committees were studying the President's budget.

Matsumoto urged other Nisei to write to their senators and congressmen in Washington requesting their aid in earmarking funds for the naturalization service for processing Issei applications.

Matsumoto noted that many Issei in this area have waited more than a year to have their naturalization papers processed.

VESTED PROPERTY FILING DEADLINE:

House OK's, now White House-bound

Washington

The House approved legislation to extend the time for filing claims for the return of vested wartime property for a year

after the enactment of the Act, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed.

The bill, approved before adjournment by the Senate last summer, now goes to the White House where the President is expected to sign it into law within ten days.

Officer who aided Bussei to mark GI graves to retire

Stockton

Col. James B. Clearwater, commanding officer of Sharpe General Depot since August, announced last week he will retire before Oct. 1 after 35 years of active military service.

He formerly served as chief of the memorial division in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, and was instrumental in permitting the Buddhist Wheel of Righteousness symbol to be placed over gravesites of soldiers of that faith.

Commissioned an officer in 1921 in the field artillery, he was detailed to the Quartermaster Corps in 1936 and six years later given his colonelcy.

Issei-Nisei supported bank in Hawaii chartered

Honolulu

The first bank charter to be issued in Hawaii since 1922 was presented Jan. 29 by Governor King to Koichi Iida, president of the Central Pacific Bank. Steve Takahashi, bank official, said it would open for business after their application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was approved.

All of the \$1,000,000 plus capital was put up by local residents, a majority of them being persons of Japanese ancestry.

YEN DEPOSIT CLAIMS:

Fails to pass again in Senate

Washington

For the second time this session, legislation to dismiss all yen deposit claims against the Office of Alien Property was passed over in the Senate at the request of the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The motion to "pass over" was made by Sen. Albert Gore (D., Tenn.), official "objector" for Democratic senators, on behalf of Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.). The Washington JACL Office asked the Washington senator to object in order to protect the rights of more than 17,500 Issei and Nisei in the United States and Hawaii who have yen deposit claims pending against the Office of Alien Property.

The objectionable bill was introduced by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) last summer after the Subcommittee he

headed investigated operations of the Office of Alien Property and found that these "small" debt claims comprised a major part of the workload of that agency.

The Illinois Senator declared, in introducing his measure, that the administrative costs were prohibitive and that the claims should be dismissed since the successor banks in Japan to those in which the deposits were made have offered to pay these claims at the current exchange rate of ¥360 to a dollar, payable in Japan and in yen.

The JACL contends that the bill is unconstitutional because it deprives persons of property without due process. The JACL also argues that the offer of the Japanese banks is meaningless because the yen cannot be converted into dollars at the present time.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROPOSALS TO AID DOMESTIC WORKERS ENDORSED BY CL

Washington

Social Security proposals to permit most Issei domestic and day workers to qualify for future benefits will be endorsed, the Washington JACL office announced this week.

Rep. Daniel A. Reed (R., N.Y.) introduced legislation substantially relaxing qualifications for domestic workers to come under the social security program.

The Reed bill will make it possible for almost all Japanese domestic workers to pay social security taxes and receive retirement and survivor benefits, the Washington JACL office added.

While other provisions of this same Reed bill would also bene-

fit many other workers, the sections relaxing domestic qualifications are particularly needed at this time to aid Issei now engaged in such work. At the present time, these domestic Issei workers are under no retirement program to help them after their remaining working years, said Mike Masaoka, JACL Washington representative.

He explained that Congressman Reed's bill would eliminate the 24-day portion of the present qualification test for domestic workers. Instead, he said, Reed's proposal would make it possible for Japanese domestic and day workers to qualify for social security if they receive \$50 or more in cash wages in a three-month period from an employer.

"The cumbersome and discriminatory feature of requiring Japanese and other workers in private homes to work at least 24 days and be paid \$50 in a three-month period by a single employer would be reduced to the simpler and more equitable test of \$50 or more paid wages in a calendar quarter. This will be of significant benefit to our many older Issei now engaged in this kind of work," declared the JACL Washington representative.

Under the Reed proposal, a person who works and receives \$50 or more in cash wages from a domestic employer during a calendar quarter would come under the social security program. A calendar quarter is a three-month period beginning January, April, July or October. Qualifications must come within each calendar quarter and for each employer separately.

For example: If an Issei domestic day worker was employed by several different employers and works one day a week at each employer's home, the present law does not permit him to qualify for social security in that job.

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Japanese immigrants work in upper Amazon valley

New York

Japanese immigration to Brazil will rise sharply with 9,000 families (or 45,000 persons) over an unspecified period, according to Noticias, publication of the Council for Inter-American Cooperation.

A group is now converting jungles of upper Amazon valley and producing 80 percent of Brazil's pepper requirements. Jute and rice production along the banks of the river is also reported.

Washington Newsletter

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STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII . . .

The political football that Statehood for Hawaii has become is in a better position for a score this year than ever before in history.

It seems as assured as anything in Congress can be that the Senate at long last will be given an opportunity to debate and vote on the merits of Statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii.

The enabling bill has been approved by the House and by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. It is on the legislative calendar and Majority Leader William F. Knowland (R., Calif.), a longtime advocate, has scheduled it for the next order of Senate business after the debate on the so-called Bricker Amendment to limit the treaty making powers of the President is completed. Because of the Lincoln Day interlude to enable GOP orators to extol virtues of their 100-year-old party, the current discussion may last well into next week or longer.

Of course, as threatened by leading opponents, there is a real possibility that an amendment will be offered on the Senate floor to join Alaska Statehood with that for the Pacific Islands. But this time, as contrasted to the 1952 experience, Statehood for Hawaii and not Alaska will be the business before the Senate. It will be recalled that two years ago, when the motion to take up and consider Statehood for Alaska was defeated by a single vote, Hawaii was mentioned incidentally in the arguments.

STATEHOOD ISSUE & PARTY POLITICS . . .

Much has been written by political pundits regarding that fact that the Republicans are in favor of Statehood for Hawaii because it will probably elect two GOP senators while the Democrats endorse Statehood for Alaska because it will probably send two Democratic senators to Washington.

In a Senate so evenly divided as this one is and threatens to be for possibly several terms yet to come, the addition of two more senators from a single party could well mean control of the Senate.

Since the Republicans are in power, the Democrats fear that only Hawaii will be pushed by the Administration, thereby giving them two more seats and the absolute majority in the Senate. In order to assure themselves of at least a chance for two more Democratic seats to offset the prospective duo from Hawaii, and not necessarily because they are opposed to Statehood for Hawaii, many Democrats are going to try to tie Alaska and Hawaii together in a single package deal.

This type of political thinking accounts for most of the maneuvering that took place in the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee recently when both parties jockeyed for their respective aims. The Republicans finally won and Hawaii was reported out by the Committee, but only after they promised to report out the Alaska bill.

THE REAL ISSUE . . .

The core of the Southern opposition to statehood for either and both of these territories is that admittance into the Union as states would increase the number of senators who, in all probability, would vote with the so-called "liberal, progressive" bloc, rather than with the Dixiecrats.

In addition, four new senators from the "west" and "north" would decrease the present influence of the Southerners. At the present time, regardless of which party is in power, the Dixiecrats are in actual control, for they represent the real balance of power.

With both major parties divided along liberal-conservative lines, no major legislation can be passed without the support and the votes of this Southern bloc. This is especially true in approving treaties and in considering presidential vetoes.

The South fears that four, or even two, more senators will reduce their prestige and power far more than the numbers involved.

Even more fundamental, though, than the loss of their influence is the racial issue. Because Hawaii, more than Alaska, has a "dissimilar culture," the Southerners are opposed to Statehood for the Pacific territory. If they had to make a choice, without doubt they would approve Statehood for Alaska less reluctantly than they would Hawaii.

THE RACE QUESTION . . .

Though seldom mentioned publicly or openly, the Asian ancestry of the majority of the people of Hawaii causes concern to those from the Deep South. The ability of many races to live and work together in harmony and amity belies the conviction of many Southerners that the Negro must remain apart and segregated.

These bigots, though often praising the loyalty and war record of the Hawaiian people, raise questions about the assimilability of those whose ancestry stems from Asia, rather than Europe. They make a strange distinction between allegiance to the American Flag and an understanding of the American way of life.

The report of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee recognizes this seldom-mentioned issue. In listing four main objections to Statehood, it enumerates this matter second, after "Communism." Though the Committee rejects the proposition that the racial composition of the Islands makes Hawaii undesirable as a sister state, this subject will most surely raise its ugly head when Senate debate begins.

At a time when the United States is attempting to gain the friendship and support of the Asian peoples, it seems most shortsighted that we would deny to that segment of our nation best qualified to interpret the Orient to the United States the right to sit in our Senate chamber and explain the great problems involved.

Now, when the fate of the free world may be decided in the Far East, the Territory of Hawaii, standing at the crossroads of the Pacific and made up by people from both the East and the West, is more important than ever to our national aspirations and destiny.

To those in the Orient who look to the United States for leadership and guidance, Statehood for Hawaii is another example of our practices catching up with our professions.

If this session the Congress fails to extend Statehood to the deserving Territory of Hawaii, the United States will not only have rejected again the plea of their own citizens for equality of status but will also add another potent weapon to the totalitarian arsenal to be used against us and our potential allies.

We cannot afford such a disaster.

800 war brides pass through Seattle in one year as non-quota immigrants

Seattle

Twenty-four more Japanese war brides arrived on a Navy transport last week—the average number for a "diaper ship," according to John P. Boyd, district director of immigration, since passage of the McCarran-Walter Act, which allows any citizen to bring his spouse into America exclusive of immigration quotas.

Some 800 have passed through Seattle last year.

The 24—all hungry for some good Japanese food—were on their way to points throughout America.

Most of them, as in the cases of Sumie Andreen and Miyuki Hawkins—to places they never heard of before meeting their husbands; to places, often, where they will be the only Japanese mem-

bers of the community.

That prospect held no fear—only challenge—for Sumie, who was en route to a small Minnesota town with the somewhat sophisticated name of New London, with her husband of 9 months, Sgt. Oscar Andreen.

Miyuki was bound for Calhoun City, Miss., a place her husband of 2 years, T/Sgt. H. C. Hawkins, described as "a small town, even for Mississippi."

Willing and eager as they were to become "Americanized," the process had to wait Tuesday.

After nearly two weeks aboard a rolling transport, eating what was to them rich American food, they immediately struck out for the Japanese restaurant nearest the New Richmond Hotel, their Seattle stopping-over place.

It was the Tenkatsu Cafe, at 520 Main St., where the girls savored their ocha (tea) and tsukimi (an egg and noodles dish).

PRESS FILE:

OISHI COMMENT—The position of the Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization Service in denying readmittance of Z. Oishi of Berkeley as a permanent residence because of his 5-F classification was "utterly foolish," comments Min Yasui in the Colorado Times.

Sumitomo Bank optimistic after first-year operation

San Francisco

The first 11-months of business ending last Dec. 31 showed the optimism expressed in a local editorial was justified and the Sumitomo Bank (California) last week expressed its appreciation to stockholders and the community.

Total deposits reached more than \$4,232,000. More than half of the \$1,352,000 in loans were for real estate. As is usual with new banks, the first year of operations does not permit a declaration of dividends, stockholders were told.

Bank offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles were open Feb. 2, 1953.

Spokane Bussei confab

Spokane

The seventh annual Northwest YBA convention meets Feb. 19-21 here with the theme, "World Peace through Buddhism." Some 500 delegates are expected from the Pacific Northwest and Canada, according to Massie Horiuchi and Roy Tsuji, convention chairmen. Highlights include oratorical contest, basketball, dinner and dance.

Fresno farm camp fire

Fresno

A farm labor camp fire here Monday morning resulted in the death to one aged Issei and burned two others seriously. Fire broke out in the building housing 25 men about 1 a.m. During the course of battling the blaze, it was discovered one man was missing. The remains of S. Takagi, 70, the missing man, were found amid the fire-scarred ruins six hours later.

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with the Japanese Chamber.

As an immediate objective, the Honolulu Chamber has proposed that the Japanese Chamber occupy offices alongside its own, when a new building now under construction is completed.

Tanimura and his board will take up the proposal when Tanimura returns from a Japan Air Lines' guest tour to Japan in a couple of weeks.

Eventually, the Honolulu Chamber would like to have the various "racial" chambers—Japanese, Chinese and Korean—to merge into one large association, each one set up as a division but all belonging to a single "family."

There is some backing for this idea among Japanese business people but it probably won't materialize for some time to come. The proposal for joint tenancy of office quarters is the immediate question before the Japanese chamber.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Is there a recession coming?

By HARRY K. HONDA

If time permitted, we would have tabulated the number of births reported in the Pacific Citizen the past year . . . Mari Akasaki of the Rafu Shimpo checked on Los Angeles city's Japanese population and said there was nearly a thousand youngsters born of Japanese parentage in 1953 . . . A statistician would have checked the "deaths" and come up with some figures to show trends in population . . . This is no commentary on population trends, but folks down the street wonder if a recession is due as warned.

Possibly babies can be the cure to any depression in the making . . . Reasoning is simple: since people will go on having babies, our population will continue to grow at its present howling pace. Meeting the needs of all these future citizens will mean ever greater business possibilities . . . But like all statistics where human elements enter, the future based upon birth rate is most fickle . . . It can change from generation to generation . . . During the de-

pression days of the 30s, people had too much trouble feeding themselves to welcome any more mouths. Hence, both the marriage and birth rates went down . . . And during the war and postwar boom, they went up. Good times have nursed earlier marriages and larger families . . . So indefinite a boom in population is predicted for America, that some are wondering where all the food is to come . . . People in Europe worried about the food problem back in the 1700s when the birth rate boomed, little realizing the industrial age was around the corner to increase food output . . . There are still areas in America which can be cultivated.

Another phase in population is the life-span, which has been extended gradually through science . . . Business has a big stake in this—whether the population goes up or down . . . So long as the rate keeps rising, it behooves business to serve the people—both young and old—without any forethought that a recession is near.

Japanese Canadian history of gakuen published

Vancouver, B.C.

A documentary report entitled "History of the Japanese Language School Educational Society, 1923-1942" has recently been published. Edited by Tsutae Sato, principal of the Vancouver Japanese Language School, and published in Japanese, it deals primarily on the development of the Japanese language schools in Canada.

As its foreword, Sato has written: "Should this book serve as a source of information for students interested in the historical analysis of the education of Japanese Canadians during the first half of the twentieth century, my efforts would not have been in vain."

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room to move around and relax.

While I couldn't take advantage of the best in refreshments that was "on the house" (and incidentally a regular feature of the JAL overseas service) I did have all the fruit juices, cokes, and snacks at my beck and call, and was served with a smile by JAL's cute stewardesses.

Both of these features, and particularly the latter, were to my liking.

Before we knew it, we were landing at Honolulu International Airport where a huge throng of our Hawaiian friends gave us a heartwarming welcome.

Among my personal friends who literally buried me in beautiful leis were the Murais, the Shibayamas, the Katagiris, the Kuninobus, and a number of others including a couple of good Army buddies, Mas Abe and Tommy Omura.

JAL gave us a three hour stopover to give us added time to visit with our friends in the beautiful airport lounge and dining room.

After Honolulu, our next stop was Wake Island—a decided change in scenery and atmosphere from Hawaii as Wake is just a fueling point. However, we found the island very interesting, mainly due to the remains of the last war still visible, such as the fortifications and the hulks of beached military ships. Added to the interest was, of course, a very neat dining hall where they served an excellent meal.

Our last hop and the shortest of the three brought us to Haneda, better known as Tokyo International Airport. Thus, ended the JAL's first passenger carrying flight across the Pacific.

And, it was most certainly a wonderful success both from the standpoint of JAL as well as from that of her guests. The smoothness of over-water flying just can't be compared with over-land flying which at best is always marked by some roughness. For many of the guest passengers, this was their first overseas flight and some were a bit apprehensive of this first crossing on a Japanese Airliner but this feeling dissipated quickly.

The steady drone of the four powerful motors of the DC-6B and the confident-looking experienced American crew members couldn't help but eliminate all worries from the minds of even the most nervous.

Then, of course, the superb hospitality and the unlimited courtesies that the stewards and the stewardesses extended made us feel completely at home. That, I think, is quite a feat considering that we were something like 10,000 feet up in the air over the Pacific.

So it was, that when we deplaned from the City of Tokyo at Haneda Airport, we did so, fresh as a GARDENIA (a plug), as if we had just gotten up from our own bed at home.

And next week, I'd like to tell you about a fabulous eight days spent in Japan under auspices of the JAPAN AIR LINES, eight days which, instead of wearing me out through its cram-packed schedule, seem to have revitalized this old hulk of mine.

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13th Biennial National JAACL Convention

Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

'Nisei Era' in Japan

Tokyo

Special attention was paid by the Japanese to the name of "Pacific Citizen" when Saburo Kido and George Inagaki came as guests of the Japan Air Lines recently. The welcome extended them was most unique.

In the party of 38 American newspapermen and civic officials invited to participate in the JAL pre-inaugural courtesy flight, they visited Japan's cultural centers of Kansai and industrial centers of Osaka and Tokyo.

Their stay in Japan was too short. Kept busy every minute from morning till midnight, they were unable to fulfill their appointments and personal engagements sandwiched between sightseeing tours and meeting of various Japanese dignitaries.

Most noteworthy was the recognition given to the Nisei to be among the guests of the first transpacific flight of Japan Air Lines. Nisei invited were Shigeru Soga, editor of the Hawaii Times; Kido and Inagaki.

The "Nisei Era" in Japan was further demonstrated when Inagaki was introduced throughout his tours and visits as the Zenbei Shimin Kyokai Kaicho—a rather dignified and glorious sounding title meaning National JACL president. Yes, the title of JACL national president in Japanese sounded very good in Japan.

The single fact that Crown Prince Akihito had visited Inagaki-san's nursery was considered to be a strong measure of his leadership by people in Japan.

One highspot of the tour was the calling of members of the Japanese language press of America with Gov. Seiichiro Yasui of Tokyo. The governor was very pleased in recalling his last visit of the Pacific Coast by the presence of the West Coast newsmen.

"The true picture of the Nisei should be widely introduced to Japan," the governor hoped. "Surely, the Nisei have come of age. We can together better friendly relations with the United States for the sake of world peace."

The Tokyo city executive is a

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Names of 300 Northern California Issei naturalized Dec. 9 published

San Francisco

The second Issei mass naturalization ceremonies of Dec. 9 held in San Francisco included some 300 persons. The names obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service recently were published last week in the Nichibei Times.

As naturalization processing of Issei men is delayed because of 5-F technicalities, most of those sworn in were women.

The Dec. 9 list includes:

San Francisco

Mrs. Chitose Tsumori, George Nisaburo Takeda, Mrs. Yukino Tashiro, Otozo Seko, Gentaro Kim Sakakari, Mrs. Mary Kiwaye Sakauye, Mrs. Yeiyo Nakamoto, Mrs. Hisayo Fujisada, Mrs. Kimiyo Miyamoto, Mrs. Tome Komatsu, Mrs. Matsui Morioka, Mrs. Itsu Ogata, Misao Asaoka, Mrs. Sadako Fujioka, Tomoye Mizota, Rui Teshima, Kaoru Kawaguchi, Misao Kitagawa, Tome Yamasaki.

Kameyo Azuma, Mrs. Maki Ame-miya, Mrs. Michi Sugawara, Choza-buro George Shibata, Kyuzaburo Okahara, Mrs. Miyako Fujiyama, Mrs. Asano Okazaki, Seichi Nishikage, Ryusuke Ben Azuma, Kei Enomoto.

Kiwa Sonoda, Haru Suwada, Yoshiichi Yoshino, Danku Yamaguchi, Toyoye Ichiyasu, Mrs. Kirie Sakakari, Nao Tada, Tomi Kawahara, Eiichiro G. Onizuka, Kiyo Kase, Kanaburo Ishijima, Mitsuo Norio Tora Kinoshita, Chiyo Nakamura, Emili Tsuchiya, Shima Yoshino, Yochiro G. Shimada, Edako Ono, Hayako Nakajima.

Oakland

Kisei Takemura, Mrs. Tayo Ohye, Natsuyo Sasaki, Kazu Hachisuka, Eiichi Endo, Yukimi Inouye.

Berkeley

Mrs. Rin Wada, Mrs. Makiyo Kubokawa, Mrs. Fudeko Takei, Mrs. Kiku Sumida, Mrs. Koto Nakagaki, Tosaku Ono, Yamamoto, Mrs. Kikuyo Fujii.

Kurasaburo Fujii, Mrs. Kuniko Josephine Fujita, Monono Fukutome, Chica Kawamoto, Mrs. Umeji Sano, Mrs. Akie Mayeda, Toki Yoshizawa, Mrs. Teruko Hiyeda, Mrs. Matsu Tsukasaki.

Mrs. Kaoru Takahashi, Mrs. Suze Sagimori, Mrs. Kazuo Goto, Mrs. Wakuri Sekimachi, Mrs. Mino Sawai, Mrs. Toyo Yusa, Mrs. Konami Sasaki, Mrs. Tomi Toguchi, Mrs. Iyono Wakida, Mrs. Kameo Oga Furusho.

Mrs. Tsuru Katsura, Mitsugi Miyasaki, Kasumi Yonekura, Masako Doi, Mitsue Yanagisawa, Noboru Fukuchi, Mrs. Shizuko Kako, Mrs. Hisayo Ejima, Ryuchi Sasaki, Tsune Koide.

Unoko Tan, Fujiye Abe, Sato Takeuchi, Kichi Nakahara, Dr. Shozoh E. Fujita, Tetsu Higuchi, Uchi Date, Chisao Okumoto, Tazue Sakaguchi, Katsuyo Okubo, Mituyo Nagatoshi, Onui Furuta.

San Leandro

Kiyo Nieda, Yuko K. Nakashima, Kitoe Kitoe Kaneko, Shizuko Mitsuyoshi, Aki Naruo, Takeno Kawahara, Hanako Matsumoto.

San Lorenzo

Mrs. Kirie Okimoto, Mrs. Yoshiye Kitani, Mrs. Sen Fukawa, Mrs. Yone Kuwamoto, Ikuyo Otsuki, Cho Okimoto.

Castro Valley

Hisa Yonekura.

Niles

Haruo Kawaguchi, Irvington Hamano Fudenna, Sunol Teruko Watanabe, Ima Doi.

San Mateo

Mrs. Hisano Moriuchi, Mrs. Yui Uchida, Mrs. Kameyo Yokota, Jack Jiro Kobayashi, Saki Nagasawa, Mrs. Kane Okamoto, Mrs. Takaye Tashima.

Mrs. Masa Kimura, Mrs. Tamae Shoji, George Iwao Takahama, Mrs. Man Yamada, Mrs. Momoyo Yui, Mrs. Kame Oshima, Mrs. Yoshi Tsukubura, Mrs. Aki Yamada, Mrs. Sono Kubota, Mrs. Toyo Hoshiyama, Mrs. Osuye Sue Iwahashi, Mrs. Fuji Yoshimoto, Mrs. Chiye Yoshifuji, Mrs. Mito Eguchi, Mrs. Kamechiyo Takahashi, Mrs. Tono Kawakita, Mrs. Yoshi Okazaki, Mrs. Toki Ono, Frank Kumegusu Wada, Mary Tomiko Myake, Mrs. Yame Miyachi.

Mrs. Koyo Nosaka, Mrs. Fuku Sasaki, Mrs. Kazuko Bando, Kuniye Murai, Mary F. Miyakusa, Tora Sutow, Kiyono Rikimaru, Mrs. Aya Takahashi, Kameshiro Kakechi, Toshio Marubayashi, Tsunetaro Sutow.

Palo Alto

Haru Furukawa, Redwood City Teru Doi.

San Jose

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18-year-old vote question answered

Los Angeles

From more than 700 entries, Hideo Okanishi, twice wounded in Korea and now disabled attending Woodbury College, won \$15 last week for his letter to the Mirror Mailbag for or against the question: "Should 18-year-olds vote?"

In favor of the teenager vote, he says the 18-year-old is "a solid citizen, contributing much to America. At 18, he marries, has children, earns wages, owns property, pays taxes, and — fights and dies for his country."

"The opposition asserts 'immaturity' and 'disinterest.' But no age is completely qualified to vote. What of the millions who fail to vote, and of the thousands who vote blindly, guided by prejudice and emotion? Can the first be considered interested and the latter mature? No!"

"Then let's not discriminate against our young adults. For today the majority of 18-year-olds are intelligent, responsible citizens, entitled to the privilege of making right, wrong or unwise decisions at the ballot box!"

Scholarship for Reed College to men opened

San Francisco

The National JACL has been invited to submit names of candidates for the George F. Baker Foundation scholarships at Reed College, Portland, Ore., for the '54 fall term.

National Director Mas Satow said names should be submitted through local JACL chapters to National headquarters by Feb. 27.

According to the invitation, the scholarship is for "selection and education of distinguished young men whose capacity and promise justify the expectation of future leadership in business, government and the professions." The award is intended to relieve student of any financial burden during his college years.

Applicants must be young men living west of a line running through Cheyenne, Denver and Santa Fe, N.M.



Walter T. Matsumoto, new 442nd Veterans Club president in Hawaii, served with the 232nd Combat Engineer's Co., and was discharged with the rank of captain. He is now a civil engineer and surveyor with the city-county government of Honolulu.

JACL credit unions declare '53 dividends

Los Angeles

The Pacific Southwest JACL Credit Union declared a 3% dividend to 231 shareholders as of Dec. 31, 1953, it was announced by Tom Okamoto, credit union treasurer. The annual meeting was held last Saturday at St. Mary's Church hall.

It was revealed Masujiro Hosoi, husband-beneficiary of the estate plan of Mrs. Fuku Hosoi, who died Dec. 12, received \$1,750 from life insurance provided free to credit union members. Her loan of \$801.34 due the credit union was covered by the loan protection policy, also provided free on all loans.

San Francisco

The San Francisco JACL Credit Union has declared a 3.2% dividend to shareholders as of Dec. 31, 1953, according to Ichiro Sugiyama, secretary-treasurer.

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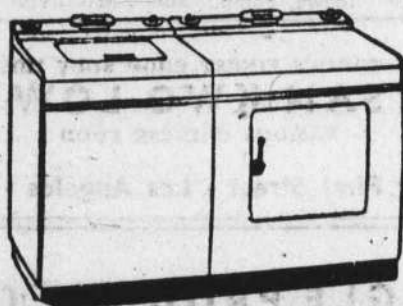
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• A dedication date (sometime after Mar. 15) will be announced by the Christ Congregational Church now in their final stages of building fund campaign. The new church building is at 701 Buckingham Pl. Friends wishing to assist can send their checks to the church care of JACK OKAWARA, 3340 N. Seminary Ave., Chicago 13.

• The City-Widens have 35 reservations open (first come-first serve) for their winter outing Feb. 27-28 at Turkey Run Inn, a state park in Indiana. The \$12 fee covers both days and transportation. A \$5 deposit at the Resettlers Office will be sufficient, according to MAS SORI, social chairman.

• Hour-long film features on arts will be shown on forthcoming Saturday afternoons from 3:30 at Fullerton Hall, Art Institute. While free of charge, children under 16 will not be admitted. The Feb. 20 showing schedules:

(a) Lascaux—Cradle of man's art, prehistoric cave paintings of Southern France; (b) Dances of Kwakiutl; (c) The Loom's Necklace—an Indian legend told with masks; (d) Works of the Navajo and Zuni Indians.

The Feb. 27 program includes "The Maya through the Ages."

• Art Institute's school, Art Students League, is presenting its annual exhibition. A top work is a black and gray calligraphic expression "Horse and Rider" by ARTHUR OKAMURA. The wash-like painting is executed on a long white window shade and resembles an Oriental scroll. Another luminous & haunting abstract composition, "Woman with Candle Holder," is done by RAYMOND YOSHIDA.

• Some 200 witnessed DR. RANDOLPH M. SAKADA, National JACL bowling tournament chairman, crown MARJI KIKUCHI as queen of the tournament at the Hyde Park Hotel dance last Saturday. Chosen for her poise, personality, sociability and ability to converse, she will be official hostess for the Mar. 5-7 bowling classic. FUKU SAKUMA and TERRY YAMANAKA form her court.

Of People . . .

Bowling queen Marji hails from Vallejo-San Francisco. Employed by Personal Radio & TV as secretary, she lives with her mother, MRS. SHIZU KIKUCHI, 4257 S. Cottage Grove, and is secretary-treasurer of the Jolenes. She is the youngest sister of:

1. MARI, now MRS. GEORGE TAKI, 629 W. Wellington Ave. George, of Seattle, is purchasing agent for Michita Fabricator Co. Both are CLers. Children: SONO MAREE, 4, and KAY, 11 months.

2. CHARLES, in New York City as psychologist for the Army Mental Hospital in Brooklyn, and married to the former YURIKO AMEMIYA of San Jose, now captain of a dance team in "King and I" on the Broadway stage. She will tour Europe with Martha Graham in March and will be joined by her husband and daughter SUSAN, 5, later.

3. DR. JOHN, on the Kern County Hospital staff at Bakersfield, Calif. He is married to the former DORIS YNGOHO, Manila. Children: ALLAN, 6; NORMAN DENNIS, 2½; ROBERTO, 7 months.

4. ALICE, now MRS. MARK SATOW, in Los Angeles, but long active in Detroit JACL. Husband is now attending Crosley electrical appliance school. Children: RICK-LEY, 8, and CLAUDIA JEAN, 6, who is scheduled to appear in the movie "Bridge of Toko-Ri."

5. ARMY, now MRS. MELTON MARCIS, in Bronx, N.Y. A former nurse, she is married to psychology student attending Columbia University.

6. BETTY, now MRS. ORRO, San Francisco. Children: PAMELA, 5; ANDRE, 3; and MICHAEL, 1½.

7. TOM, sophomore in electrical engineering at Univ. of Illinois, Champaign.

• DR. WILLIAM HIURA and JAKE HIGASHIUCHI won the Hammond (Ind.) Open Pair bridge tournament, Jan. 30-31, by 20 points.



Dr. Matt Masuoka (extreme right), Pacific Northwest District Council chairman, installed the new cabinet of Gresham-Troutdale chapter Jan. 23 at a Portland restaurant. Outgoing president was Mas Fujimoto. New officers are (left to right):

Salinas JACL installation rites

The Japanese American Citizens League has done much for a minority group in this country, but there are still problems ahead, the local chapter was advised by William Enomoto of Redwood City, main speaker at a recent installation dinner.

The former National JACL treasurer said:

"Our goal is to see that there are no injustices done to ourselves or to any other minority."

Among more recent problems, he said, is the occasional ap-

pearance of so-called "cinch bills" in the state legislature which look harmless but actually are discriminatory. One of the JACL functions is to look out for them and expose them when they are proposed.

Nearly 70 members and guests, including Superior Judge Henry Jorgensen and Salinas City Councilman Henry Willis, attended. Lefty Miyana-ga served as master of ceremonies. Enomoto installed the new cabinet led by John Tera-kawa.

Issei, Nisei sacrifices recalled by Satow in Central Cal keynote installation talk

Recounting the sacrifices of the Issei and Nisei, National JACL Director Mas Satow addressed the 200 assembled at the Central California District Council joint installation banquet recently at Belmont Inn here.

Of the Issei sacrifices, Satow recalled how Issei parents constantly urged their children to finish their education in mid-western and eastern colleges while residing in relocation camps after evacuation. Even though opportunities were slim for the Nisei because of their ancestry, the Issei parents valued education.

Of the Nisei sacrifices, he recalled the wartime efforts of Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, former Fresno dentist, who travelled more than 100,000 miles for the JACL, telling the public the Nisei were loyal to the United States. He gave up his profession during the interim, receiving only a token salary of \$75 a month from National Headquarters during those days.

Such was the "Spirit of the JACL," Satow explained in the keynote address.

Kenji Tashiro, past CCDC chairman, presented past-president pins to the following:

Harley Nakamura, Fowler; Dr. Akira Tajiri, Reedley; Mas Morishima, Selma; Tom Nagamatsu, Sanger; Kaz Komoto, Parlier; Ted Hiramoto, Tulare County; Sam Azuma, Delano, and Dr. Sumio Kubo, Fresno ALL.

Newly-elected chapter officers were installed by Tom Nakamura, new CCDC chairman. Presidents for the coming year are:

MRS. RAE FUJIMOTO HEADS SALT LAKE CL AUXILIARY

Mrs. Rae Fujimoto is '54 chairman of the Salt Lake City JACL Auxiliary, it was announced by past chairman Mrs. Amy Doi. Installation was held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Jean Donishi. Other officers are:

Mrs. Alice Kasai, v.c.; Mrs. Tomoko Yano, sec.-treas.; Mrs. Jean Konishi, Mrs. Tama Kojima, ex-officio.

Four pro-tem presidents to head Santa Barbara CL

Four pro-tem presidents are to serve quarter-terms for the year at the Santa Barbara JACL. They are Mrs. Lillian Nakajima, Tom Hiroshima, Ikey Kaki-moto and John Suzuki, and will be assisted by:

Mike Hide, treas.; Harumi Yamada, cor. sec.; Mary Kuwamoto, rec. sec.; Mary Kanetomo, Ken Ota, social; Tad Kanetomo, Akira Endo, Tad Suzuki, mems.-at-lrg.

Howard Renge, Fowler; Mas Abe, Reedley; George Okazaki, Selma; George Nishimura, Sanger; Bill Tsuji, Parlier; Ted Hiramoto, Tulare County; Joe Katano, Delano; and Seichi Mikami, Fresno ALL.

Prominent guests attending were:

Assemblyman and Mrs. Wallace Henderson; Assemblyman and Mrs. Bill Hansen; Fowler Mayor and Mrs. H. H. Kasparian; Parlier Mayor and Mrs. E. E. Lashmett; Gary Kadani, Sierra Nisei VFW post comm.; Mr. and Mrs. William Muenzer, Fowler Ensign publisher; Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Henderson, Fowler C. of C. pres.; Harry Hoegh, Selma Evening High School principal; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brock, Selma Enterprise publisher; Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Sterling, Sanger Herald publisher; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rudholm, Parlier High School principal; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kaspien, Cutler-Orosi Kiwanis pres.; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tupper, Orosi Courier publisher; and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Paul, Paul Seed Co. pres.

San Diego Clers map program; sponsor six-team basketball league

An active schedule of activities is planned for the San Diego JACL, according to Hi Nakamura, president.

The year was ushered in with the traditional JACL New Year dance at the San Diego Hotel Continental Room when the 1954 officers were officially installed and a past president pin presented to outgoing president, Paul Hoshi.

The membership drive got underway this month. A skating party is planned in March or April and in May a dinner party will be held in honor of Issei who have recently acquired their citizenship.

The annual Fourth of July picnic and fishing derby and a farewell to summer weiner bake at Mission Bay in September are also scheduled.

Dr. Peter Umekubo, chairman of the athletic committee announced that the JACL basketball league of six teams starts next Wednesday night at the Memorial Junior High School gymnasium. The league meets Wednesdays nights at 8 for six weeks.

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TOM MITSUYOSHI HEADS SANTA CLARA COUNTY UCL

San Jose
Tom Mitsuyoshi was installed as the 1954 president of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County last week. The other cabinet members are:

Eiichi Sakauye, 1st v.p.; Gordon Bertsch, 2nd v.p.; Wayne Kanemoto, treas.; Henry Hamasaki, sec.; Phil Matsumura, rep.

Dr. Tokio Ishikawa served as master of ceremonies. Sam Tanase was in charge of the dinner. Prof. Hoffman of Los Altos was installing officer.

GEORGE MATSUOKA HEADS FRENCH CAMP CHAPTER

French Camp
George Matsuoka was elected 1954 president of the French Camp JACL and at the same time announced appointments for the standing committees last week.

On the cabinet are:
Mits Kakehiro, 1st v.p.; Art Kaku, 2nd v.p.; Teruo Tanaka, treas.; Alyce Shinmoto, rec. sec.; Hiroshi Shinmoto, cor. sec.; Faye Fujiki, hist.; Tak Hamamoto, ath.; Harry Itaya, del.; Lawrence Nakano, George Ogino, alt. dels.; Tamako Yagi, pub.

Committee chairmen appointed are:

Kiyoshi Hayashi, Tosh Hotta, house; Florence Itaya, Kimiye Watanabe, women's aux.; George Komure, prog.; John Fujiki, Issei rel.; George Ogino, Bob Ota, legis.; Muts Murata, Hito Murata, del.-at-lrg.; Bob Takahashi, 1000 Club; Fred Fukano, veterans; Harry Ota, endowment; Dr. James Tanaka, Irene Nakano, pub. rel.; Ben Hatanaka, fin.; Lawrence Nakano, memb.

D.C. JACL: With nine issues of the chapter bulletin published last year, gross income was \$319 and expenses were \$291.89, announced Edwin Y. Mitoma, '53 business manager of D.C. News Notes.

Venice-Culver CL establishes age-interest groups within own chapter

Renamed the Venice-Culver JACL, its monthly bulletin "Spotlight" last week announced their 1954 cabinet as follows:

Ken Amamoto, pres.; Louis Kado, Francis Kitagawa, v.p.; Miki Chikasawa, sec.; and George Mikawa, treas.

The chapter has established an adult group headed by George Mikawa and a committee of eight, while Amamoto and his assistants of 10 will head the "Beta" group. "It was felt that by having two groups, the JACL would be in a better position to serve the needs of the community and interests of each group," the Spotlight added.

The group officers are as follows:

ADULT—George Mikawa, chmn.;

Pacific Southwest district schedules cabinet clinic

Santa Monica

An all-day series of discussions from 10 a.m. form the JACL chapter clinic to be held Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Chase Hotel here, it was announced by David Yokozeki, clinic chairman.

Morning sessions concentrate on JACL background, organization, program and activities. Afternoon meetings will be devoted to programming and general chapter problems. The \$5 fee is being charged to cover luncheon and supper.

A "Know Your JACL" packet will be provided those attending the PSWDC clinic. JACL officials participating as discussion leaders and resource persons include:

George Inagaki, nat'l pres.; Mas Satow, nat'l dir.; Haruo Ishimaru, Tats Kushida, reg. dir.; Ken Dyo, PSWDC chmn.; Tut Yata, past PSWDC chmn.; Harry Honda, PC editor; Frank Chuman, JACL legal counsel; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, nat'l treas.; Saburo Kido, past nat'l pres.; David Yokozeki, Downtown LA chapter pres.

TOM KADOMOTO HEADS '54 ARIZONA JACL

Glendale, Ariz.

A 12-member cabinet of the Arizona JACL was made known this week by the outgoing president, Mas Inoshita, following recent chapter elections.

Tom Kadomoto of Glendale, citizenship class instructor who served as chapter treasurer in 1953, will head the 1954 cabinet.

Ken Yoshioka, Glendale, 1st v.p.; Stone Nakamura, Phoenix, 2nd v.p.; Bob Uno, Glendale, 1st v.p.; Ben Inoshita, Glendale, treas.; Dave Moore, Phoenix, rec. sec.; Yoshiko Tanita, Glendale and Miyo Iwakiri, Scottsdale, soc.; Tak Nomura, Phoenix, ath.; John Tadano, Phoenix, Northside and George Kishiyama, Phoenix, Southside rep.

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HARUO ISHIMARU

Eden Township, Livingston-Merced, Cortez

There was another hectic weekend visiting the chapters. On Friday, I attended the Eden Township installation where it was the privilege installing the officers headed by prexy Dr. Frank Saito and others. (Sorry I can't list the rest of the officers until a later issue because I don't have the list as yet from the chapter.) General chairman was Min Shinoda; Harry Kurotori, toastmaster. The main speaker was Professor H. McElroy of the Univ. of California, who spoke on Eden Township and You.

On Saturday night we hit the Livingston-Merced Chapter where, I had the pleasure of installing the new officers:

James K. Kirihara, pres.; James Masuda, v.p.; George Yagi, treas.; Joyce Kimura, rec. sec.; Memi Kushi, cor. sec.; Roy Okahara, hist.; Maryon Suzuki, pub.; Sam Okuye, Livingston; Gilbert Tanji, Cressey; Koe Yoshida, Merced, dist. rep.

General Chairman Tom Nakashima and his wife, Carolyn, made me work for my oversized share of the pot-luck dinner. I had the fun of being the main speaker and leading the group in singing afterwards. If you recall, the Livingston-Merced was one of the winning "Chapters of the Year" in 1952. Frank "Pop" Suzuki was presented with a pearl studded past president's pin.

I stayed over and met with Cortez Chapter officers on Sunday. George Yuge, JACL's stalwart requested that I lend my efforts at their church's special Boy Scout Week service which I was happy to do amidst Cub Scouts and the younger brothers and sisters running here and yon. Following the church service, we had a huge luncheon meeting at the home of George Yuge, with Mrs. Ernest Yoshida, president's wife, assisting the hostess, Mrs. Yuge.

The Cortez Chapter has already informally installed their officers:

Ernest Yoshida, pres.; Hiroshi Asai, v.p.; Sam Kuwahara, treas.; Kenso C. Miyamoto, rec. sec.; George Yuge and Jim Yamaguchi, cor. sec.; Saburo Okamura, hist.

I certainly enjoy the opportunity to get together with JACLers in their local chapter and the informal meetings are especially pleasant. Many thanks to the chapters and members for their hospitality and our best wishes to them.

Berkeley Citizenship Night

Our congratulations to the Berkeley Chapter for their very successful dinner honoring the new Issei citizens last Saturday. Although I could not attend because of a meeting elsewhere, I have heard excellent reports on the successful dinner. Seventy-six Issei were honored at the dinner.

The main address was given by Galen Fisher, long-time friend of the Japanese Americans. He was recently honored as Berkeley's most outstanding citizen. Also extending greetings were C. Edward Petersen, principal of the Berkeley Evening Schools; Sho Sato, Berkeley Chapter president; Masao Satow, National Director.

Others present were Judge and Mrs. Louis J. Hardie and Assemblyman Byron Rumford. Responding in behalf of the new citizen was Mrs. Sugi Togasaki of the famous Togasaki family of the Bay Area. She is an instructor in the Japanese Language Section of the Univ. of California.

The Berkeley Chapter, one of our newest chapters has certainly made a great record in the past year under the capable leadership of past president, George Yasukochi. Our sincerest congratulations to the chapter and the new Issei Citizens.

Our first quarterly District Council meeting for 1954 will be held this Sunday, and is combined with the Sacramento JACL sixth annual Bowling Tournament. Among the highlights will be the presentation of the Chapter of the Year awarded the Perpetual Bowling Trophy.

CHAPTER MEMO

Pasadena JACL: An intra-cabinet competition to boost chapter membership here was discussed at the cabinet meeting last week. The losers will treat winners to dinner at the end of the membership drive on Mar. 31. A get-acquainted dinner-dance for membership is tentatively scheduled Apr. 3, announced Tom Ito, president.

Mid-Hi JACL: Thirty JACL shoulder patches to be worn by bowlers of this area participating in the National JACL bowling tournament, Mar. 5-7, in Chicago, have been donated by the chapter, Sam Y. Matsumoto, president, disclosed.

Cleveland JACL: To keep the chapter among the top JACL organizations of the Midwest, George Uchimiya and June Taketa, co-chairmen of the membership drive, have started their campaign to sign up 300 members. The practice of assigning districts to canvassers working in pairs will be carried out again. A large number of committee workers have willingly responded to serve, despite the winter cold.

Gardena Valley JACL: Yo Minami was named chairman of the Gardena Valley JACL chapter board, succeeding Ryo Komae.

Newsletter Received: DC News Notes (Jan.-Feb., '54); Cleveland JACL Bulletin (Jan. '54).

Albuquerque JACL: Hiroshi Miyamura, Nisei Medal of Honor winner, will install the new chapter cabinet members at a Valentine party this Saturday at the Yonemoto's Recreation Room; it was reported by Johnny Glynn, formerly active in the Arizona JACL. Sam Yonemoto and Helene Saeda are in charge.

Salt Lake City JACL: The chapter committee assisted some 50 Issei during the final two weeks of alien registration. The chapter is tackling its brightest project — the Harue Miyake recital—coming Monday night at the assembly hall of the LDS Church on the temple ground. Selections include Bach, Handel, Mozart, Japanese numbers and arias from "Mme. Butterfly." Her husband will accompany at the piano.

San Mateo JACL: The first chapter social is slated tomorrow night at the Kloss Hall, Tilton Ave., and Ellsworth St. Sike Yamaguchi, Ben Mayeda and Joe Yamaguma are in charge.

Detroit Clers schedule Feb. 27 installation

The 1954 Detroit JACL chapter cabinet will be installed Feb. 27, 7 p.m., at the Belcrest Hotel, it was announced by Peter Fujioka, installation dinner-dance chairman. Louis C. Miriani, Detroit city council president, will be guest speaker.

Roy Kaneko is toastmaster. Assisting Fujioka are: Setsu Fujioka, Wally Kagawa, Mrs. Rose Leong, Mrs. Katherine Sugimoto, Kay Takata and Min Togasaki.

Clevelanders slate six chapter activities

Six events were announced by the Cleveland JACL program committee, headed by John Matsushima, chapter vice-president. Among the events planned are:

Feb. 14—"Time of Your Life," Karamu Theater; April — workshop evaluating Nisei socio-economic positions in the local community; July—community picnic; August—JACL picnic; September—square dance; November—inaugural ball.

On the committee are: Mickey Fujimoto, Tom Fujimoto, Frances Ikeda, Min Iwasaki, Shig Nakanishi, Hazel Tanaka and Mas Uyesugi.

Hawaiian judge

A newly-licensed attorney, Clinton I. Shiraishi of Maui, was appointed district magistrate for Koloa, Kauai, by Chief Justice Edward A. Towse of the Territorial Supreme Court this week. Shiraishi attended Univ. of Illinois and John Marshall Law School, Chicago.

Four jewels of citizenship offered by noted Berkeleyan to new citizens

Berkeley
In celebration of the attainment of American citizenship by 76 residents of Japanese ancestry, a banquet was held by the Berkeley Japanese American Citizens League at Wing Kong's, Feb. 6.

The main address was delivered by Galen Fisher, distinguished Berkeleyan, winner of the 1953 Benjamin Ide Wheeler award and a long time friend of the Japanese.

He spoke on the four jewels of citizenship: the belief in equal opportunity, the concept that all honest work is honorable, liberty under law, and the right to vote and hold office. To this he tied the responsibilities of rendering patriotic services, participating in community activities and nurturing the moral and spiritual convictions underlying democracy.

C. Edward Petersen, principal of the Berkeley Evening School, extended his congratulations and noted significance in the number of new citizens honored, for the Spirit of '76 was a vital factor in the founding of the Republic. He declared that the public schools were the most democratic institutions in America and urged the new citizens to continue their education through other courses, whatever their age.

On behalf of the new citizens, Mrs. Sugi Togasaki of a prominent Berkeley family, whose members are doctors, importers and a newspaper publisher, responded. She herself is an instructor in the Japanese language for the Univ. of California Extension Division.

Mrs. Togasaki expressed the great pride and gratitude of former aliens in being granted citizenship, attainable for the first time to those of Japanese ancestry with the passage of the 1952 Immigration and National-

Salt Lake chapter eyes 300 members for 1954

With the slogan, "You bet I'm joining JACL," a drive is currently being conducted to triple last year's Salt Lake City JACL chapter membership — or 300 members. Mrs. Midori Watanuki, membership chairman, declared.

The cabinet members are pushing the campaign until Feb. 15.

At the first cabinet meeting recently, Rupert Hachiya, chapter president, announced the following appointments:

Dr. Shig Matsukawa, past pres., jr. membership; Mas Yano, past pres., constitutional revisions; Alice Kasai, pub.; Midori Watanuki, Mizzi Sera, Kazuko Terazawa, special projects (monthly bulletin, social register); Susie Kaneko, exec. ass't to the pres.

George Yoshimoto will chair the February benefit movie project.

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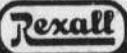
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Nat'l CL Bowling Schedules Due

In the next week or two, the schedules committee of the National JACL bowling tournament in Chicago will draw up the assignments of starting times for all participants of the three-day classic, now that the entry deadline has passed. Scattered reports from throughout the country show that teams from Cleveland, Minneapolis, San Francisco, San Jose, Long Beach, Los Angeles, as well as Chicago, are entered . . . Participants will be mailed the schedule as soon as finished, promises **Fred Fujita**, tournament publicist.

For the Mixed Doubles event, a \$4.50 entry fee has been established and the deadline of Feb. 7 will NOT apply for this event. Entries will be accepted up to time of registration. Of particular interest to out-of-town bowlers is that a number of Chicago women keglers will be available as partners . . . Another price announcement: tickets for the Awards dinner-dance Mar. 7 following the tournament go for \$6 per plate or \$11 per couple.

Three teams of Nisei bowlers from San Jose will compete in the National JACL classic at Chicago, Mar. 5-7, following a 20-game rolloff. **Mike Murotsune** was on top with a 3821 total, 200 pins better than **John Kasano's** 3621, which was second . . . Sequoia Nursery of Redwood City, defending team champions and titleholder for three out of four years, will compete as an all-San Francisco team. However, several standbys will miss the tournament. **Dixon Ikeda** and **Chy Kawakami** have decided to stay home this year. The Ikedas recently had a new addition; Kawakami has retired from competition for the time being. In their stead are **Tats Nagase** (189) and **George Furuya** (178). The championship team includes **Fuzzy Shimada** (202), **Gish Endo** (190), **Tad Sako** (189) for a 948 average . . . A group of tournament veterans from the East Bay will sport a 937 average: **Henri Takahashi** 192, **George Inai** 190, **Kayo Hayakawa** 189, **Ike Takei** 185 and **Hank Yamashiro** 181 . . .

Two holes-in-one on one day is quite unique! **Dr. Kay Takeoka** of Alameda lined one on the 17th hole at San Francisco's Harding Park links Feb. 4, using an eight-iron on the 140-yd. hole . . . **Henry Furukawa** turned in the difficult feat on the 187-yd. 11th hole with a three-iron tee shot.

Much has been written of the Nisei swimmers at Ohio State and as long as they continue to sparkle in the win column, there will be no let-up. Last week in the Ohio AAU meet, **Yoshi Oyakawa** aided in the setting of a new world's record in the 400-yd. medley relay at the OSU pool. He with **Cleveland, Ledger** and **Van Heyde** broke the mark at 3m.55.1s. —two seconds better than the mark set last year by Yale . . . While Univ. of Washington continues its domination of Northwest pool domination, not having lost a single duel PCC meet since World II, the Univ. of Oregon Webfoots scored more heavily than expected last week. **Henry Kafura**, backstroker, and **Yogi Matsushima**, 220-440 freestyler, managed to score in their respective events.

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Figure skater

—San Francisco—

Francis Sakakibara, 17, of Tokyo won his second trophy in the Northern California figure skating competition last Saturday at Sutro ice rink. He is preparing for a Pacific Coast tournament to be held soon in Berkeley.

Golf trophy

San Jose

Henry Yoshioka won the Mrs. Kiyomura Memorial trophy with his 76-12-64 at the Hillview course last Sunday.

Murayama —

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sincere supporter of the Nisei in Japan. And he has defended the Nisei in Japan.

While in Tokyo, this reporter must add, Saburo was the busiest member of the lot. He had to iron out his journalistic affairs he had to meet close relatives and friends. Some came asking for legal advice; some wanted to return to America . . . Distinguished jurists, such as Chief Justice Kotaro Tanaka and Chief Judge Rinichi Kondo of domestic relations, tendered Saburo a dinner.

This inaugural flight has proven to be fruitful, in spite of the split-second timing of their crowded schedule here.

Indeed, it was a grand visit for Saburo and George.

New citizens —

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nomori, Mrs. Sono Ogata.
Mrs. Koto Otsubo, Mrs. Hide Shimazaki, Mrs. Mikino Nagai, Sawajiro Sekimori Usaburo Okubo, Fuu Kajita, Takako Tsunekawa, Hatsu-ye Yamagishi, Hazuye Hirano.

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Livingston

Sixteen Issei, having recently passed their examinations, are expected to be naturalized sometime in June, the Livingston-Merced JACL chapter reported this week. They are:

The Rev. Masaji Goto, Katsuchika Kashiwase, Isaji Kiriha, Mrs. Chiyo Kiriha, Kohel Nakashima, Mrs. Tomi Kaji, Mrs. Chiyo Homma Okuye, Rinal Shoji, all of Livingston; Jitsuo Handa, Mrs. Fujie Kumagai Handa, Mrs. Kiyoko Miyake, Tei Sato Tanji, all of Winton; Keisaburo Koda, Dos Palos; Mrs. Aki Suzuki, Kwanzo Tanji, Mrs. Michi Tanji, Cressey.

To date, there are only two Issei naturalized:

Ben Nagai, Atwater; and Mrs. Sarah Takeyo Hatashita, Merced.

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Enthusiastic Cabinet Session

One of the most enthusiastic cabinet meetings the Sou'wester has attended was the East Los Angeles chapter's last Friday night at the home of its president, **Wilbur Sato**.

The first thing that impressed us was the terrific attendance that responded to president Sato's meeting call. Twenty-two JACLers!

Inspiring, too, was the genuine desire of these officers to do a good job of community service within the framework of JACL program and policy. And very apparent was their eagerness to build up chapter strength through effective programming and to become familiar with our JACL background, purposes and objectives.

In fact, the cabinet unanimously voted to make the chapter clinic to be conducted by the Pacific Southwest District in Santa Monica on Feb. 28 as its major chapter activity of the month. The entire cabinet and many members will attend.

A membership drive under chairman **Roy Yamadera**, second veep, will be launched immediately. With a china-mesh, loser treat, as prize, two teams will compete to surpass last year's membership of 394, largest of the seventeen chapters in the district.

One team, headed by **John Watanabe**, last year's president who handles this year's publicity, will include **Toshiko Nakamura**, who by the way is the chapter's citizenship class instructor. Other team members are **Ritsuko Kawakami**, auditor **Jimmy Higashi**, historian **Lucille Okada**, corresponding secretary **Bessie Yamamoto**, popular odori artist **Midori Yoshida**, **Yamadera**, **Kimi Matsuda** and **Don Matsuda**.

President Sato will head the second team which includes **Joe Komuro**, third veep **Miyo Fujita**, treasurer **Terrie Akasaka**, **Akira Hasegawa**, **Sam Furuta**, recording secretary **Linda Ho**, first veep **Fumi Ishihara**, **Nancy Takamatsu** and **Helen Nakano**.

In addition to most of the persons named above who attended the cabinet meeting were **Henry Miyata**, who is chairman of the constitution revision committee, and his missus, **Marvel**, **Taneko Nakadate**, **Joe** and **Jane Yamamoto**, **Beti Yoshida** and **Charles Asawa**. The next cabinet meeting is scheduled for March 10 at Lucille Okada's home.

Pacific Southwest Credit Union

The annual potluck dinner meeting of the Pacific Southwest JACL Credit Union was a gastronomic success, under culinary director **Roy Nishikawa**. A net profit of \$3,023.91 for the year 1953 was revealed. Since the PSWCU was organized in May, 1949, 138 loans have been made totalling \$144,824.88.

Another credit union life insurance beneficiary was announced, more about which is described elsewhere in this issue. A dividend of 3% was declared by the board of directors.

Elected unanimously to fill vacancies on the board and committees were: **Miwako Yamamoto** and **Harry Fujita** to replace directors **Roy Nishikawa** and **Ken Dyo**; **Frank Chuman** and **Chiyo Tayama** replacing **James Ito** and **Katsuma Mukaeda** on the supervisory committee; and **Henry Murayama** and **James Watanabe** who succeeded themselves to the credit committee.

Vibraharpist **Ken Yamaki** provided musical entertainment to the family-type get-together, while the Sou'wester showed two travel films from Japan Air Lines on a projector borrowed from Issei JACLer **Toraichi Ambo**.

A few nights ago, we were invited to preview Japanese versions of Walt Disney's famous creations, "Dumbo" and "Nature's Half-acre," at the Disney studios in Burbank. Those who have seen the cartoon of the flying elephant will be amazed at the Japanese dialogue and sound effects so cleverly dubbed in to the film. And the photographic magnificence of the second film with its Japanese narration is out of this world. There is no doubt, at least to this writer, that both films will be warmly received in Japan. Audience reaction seemed unanimously favorable.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

The "Cupid's Holiday" dance where hearts and flowers were to prevail turned into a melee of fists-and-knife between two apparently hotheaded Nisei one night last week.

The slugfest began when one of them made a slurring remark about some friend of some friend. Police came in time to put a stop to the brawl which resulted in one party suffering from a two-inch slash in the back.

Of course, such outbursts fortunately don't happen very often among Japanese American youths.

But such display of violence never helps the group, especially when the public is so fed up with "rat pack" gangs, and juvenile delinquency problems.

One rotten apple can spoil the whole cart and Saturday night's affair in the playground restroom didn't bring bright comments of community leadership here.

Attorney Frank Chuman, legal counsel for the JACL, this week put a halt to another possible case of housing discrimination when he assisted a Nisei ex-serviceman in finding a home in a private Bellflower tract.

The pattern followed closely to previous bias tactics whereby persons of Japanese ancestry make a deposit, then find that their contract has been discarded in favor of a non-Nisei buyer.

George M. Hamada, the story goes, a resident Truman Boyd Manor in Long Beach, made an \$80 deposit on New Year's Day for a home near Rosecrans and Clark in Bellflower.

Come moving day, he discovers all is not well in Bellflower. He obtains the legal advice of Chuman, past national vice-president, and both talk with the real estate salesman involved in the transaction.

In line for action, in case of further agitation, were the Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations and the Bellflower Coordinating Council.

But the three came to amicable terms.

Hamada is to get another home built on a lot much larger at the same cost just a few blocks away and still in the same private tract.

Los Angeles Councilman Edward Roybal became Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

Roybal's honest approach to minority problems is highly respected among his colleagues and his popularity won him the spot during Fresno's pre-primary convention of the new California Democratic Council last weekend.

On the other hand Richard Graves' bid for the governorship came rather as a surprise with Berkeley's Mayor Laurence Cross showing not too much strength.

Graves, we have been told, had no kind words for persons of Japanese ancestry at the outbreak of the last war and advocated strongly their immediate evacuation from the west coast.

George S. Hattori, graduate of Lincoln High School and former student at UCLA, now manager of the export department of the Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd., of International Industries of Tokyo, was a 10-day visitor in Los Angeles following his round-the-world business trip. His company deals in the manufacture of ball bearings, and sewing machines. His travels covered Egypt, Finland, Yugoslavia, Denmark, London, Paris, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Florida, New York, Washington, D.C., and Texas.

The Lincoln High Ephebian was a member of the pre-war Nisei Aviator Club.

Too many people waste too much time chasing rainbows, says a banker. It's a nice way

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ABE—Dec. 29, a girl Kathleen Lynn to the Hiraio Dave Abes (Alice Okamoto), Los Angeles.
AKASAKA—Jan. 13, a boy Brent Warren to the Kiichiro Akasakas (Misao Tokunaga), Los Angeles.
AKIYAMA—Jan. 4, a boy Robert Masao to the Teruo Akiyamas (Esther Shizuka Takagi), Los Angeles.
CARPENTER—Dec. 18, a boy Richard to the Richard Wesley Carpenters (Shizue Hamada), San Pedro.
COAN—Dec. 27, a boy Norman Logan to the Donald Wilson Coans (Grace Kei Ito), Whittier.
FUKASAWA—Jan. 2, a girl Carol Mine to the Harry Jin Fukasawas (Fujiye Fujikawa), Los Angeles.
FUKUHARA—Dec. 30, a girl Sharlene Emiko to the Frank Masakatsu Fukuharas (Katsuko Saito), West Los Angeles.
FUJII—Jan. 7, a girl to the Charles H. Fujii, Walnut Grove.
FURUTA—Dec. 7, a boy Allen Masaji to the James Furutas, Los Angeles.
HARADA—Dec. 10, a girl to the Herky H. Haradas, Walnut Grove.
HATAYAMA—Dec. 19, a boy to the Narumi Hatayamas, Del Rey.
HIGASHIDA—Jan. 4, a boy Stephen Kunio to the Henry Kunio Higashidas (Sayoko Noritake), Los Angeles.
HINO—Dec. 21, a boy Raymond Toshio to the Hajime Ralph Hinos (Ann Graham Shipman), Los Angeles.
HIOKI—Jan. 27, a girl to the Ernest Hiokis, San Jose.
HIRATA—Jan. 21, a girl Joan P. to the George S. Hiratas, Portland.
HORIYAMA—Dec. 29, a girl Judy Anne to the Jack Shigeyori Horikawas (Jean Sueko Hayashi), Los Angeles.
HOSOKAWA—Dec. 31, a girl Lynn Misayo to the Yoichi Frank Hosozawas (Setsuko Yokoyama), Los Angeles.
IIDA—Dec. 15, a boy Sherman Frederick to the Harry Shinichi Iidas (Yasuko Takusagawa), San Pedro.
IMADA—Jan. 25, a girl to the Eugene Imadas, Ontario, Ore.
ITO—Jan. 1, a boy Daniel S. to the Sus Ito, Cleveland.
ITO—Jan. 23, a boy to the Tom Ito (Mami Katagiri), Berkeley.
IWATA—Jan. 20, a girl to the Frank T. Iwatas, Pasadena.
JENSEN—Jan. 3, a boy Robert Eugene to the Charles Eldridge Jensens (Masumi Takashima), Tazana.
KAMIYAMA—Jan. 10, a boy Aaron Hikaru to the George Mitsutoshi Kamiyamas (Emiko Iwashita), Los Angeles.
KANEOKA—Nov. 21, a girl Teruko Anita to the Henry Kaneokas, Cleveland.
KATO—Jan. 5, a boy Tadashi Michael to the Hiroshi Katos (Masayo Nakagiri), Los Angeles.
KATO—Jan. 7, a boy Michael Iwao to the Masaji Katos (Sachiko Hayashi), Los Angeles.
KAWABUCHI—Jan. 5, a boy Gary Noboru to the Isamu Kawabuchis (Sakiko Numata), Los Angeles.
KAWASAKI—Jan. 11, a girl Emi to the Toshio Kawasakis (Mizue Izumi), Los Angeles.
KIKUCHI—Jan. 3, a boy Steven Hisao to the Hideo Bill Kikuchis (Mary Shizuka Naganuma), Los Angeles.
KIMURA—Dec. 28, a girl Susan Reiko to the Ichiji Kimuras (Grace Miyoko Nakata), Los Angeles.
KIMURA—Dec. 30, a boy James to the Frank Shigeru Kimuras (June Fumiko Iwamura), Los Angeles.
KITADA—Jan. 4, a boy David Kiyoshi to the Akira Kitadas (Hisako Jimbo), Los Angeles.
KITSUTA—Jan. 27, a girl to the Masao Kitsutas, Palo Alto.
KODA—Jan. 27, a girl to the Bill Kodas, Vale, Ore.
KODAMA—Jan. 25, a girl to the Tom Kodamas, Seattle.
KONO—Dec. 29, a girl Diane to the Art Konos, Cleveland.
KUMAGAI—Jan. 1, a boy David Gene to the Gene Kumagais, Cleveland.
KUNISHIGE—Dec. 18, a boy to the Thomas Kunishiges, Fresno.
KUBOTA—Dec. 23, a girl to the Kiyoshi Kubotas, Torrance.
KURISU—Dec. 15, a boy to the Tetsuya Kurisus, Madera.
KUROKI—Dec. 24, a boy Jimmy to the Jerry Masao Kurokis (Mary Toshiko Honda), Los Angeles.
KUSUDA—Dec. 28, a girl to the Mitsugi Kusudas, Garden Grove.
MASUDA—Jan. 24, a boy to the Nobu Masudas, San Jose.
MATSUMOTO—Jan. 20, a boy to the Joe Matsumotos, Fowler.
MATSUSHITA—Dec. 30, a boy James Noboru to the Masaru Matsushitas (Yoshiko Hamasaki), Los Angeles.
MIKAWA—Jan. 7, a boy to the Hiroshi Mikawas, Penryn.
MITA—Jan. 30, a girl to the George Mitas, Fruitland, Ore.
MITSUI—Jan. 6, a boy Larry Den-is Hideo to the Sadao Mitsuis (Miehiko Nishihara), Los Angeles.
MIURA—Jan. 18, a girl to the David Miuras, Long Beach.
MIYAHARA—A boy to the Tom Miyaharas, Denver.
MIZONO—Jan. 19, a boy to the George A. Mizonos, San Francisco.
MIZUNO—Jan. 8, a boy Dean Yoshito to the Yoshio Mizunos (Toshiko Sato), Los Angeles.
MIZUTA—Jan. 27, a girl to the George Mizutas, Ontario, Ore.
MOEHLE—Jan. 11, a boy Robert Keiji Sarkis to the Robert Rudolph Moehles (Ayako Tanaka), Los Angeles.
MORIKAWA—Jan. 10, a girl Miyoko Dorat to the Sadao Morikawas (Yuriko Sakurai), Los Angeles.
MORITA—Jan. 9, a boy Randall Dennis to the Mitsuru Moritas (Isako Miyake), Los Angeles.
MORIYAKI—Jan. 2, a girl Kathleen Machiko to the Miki Moriyakis (Yuriko Sakurai), Pasadena.
NAKAGAWA—Nov. 18, a girl Cynthia Jane to the Harry Nakagawas, Cleveland.
NAKAJI—Jan. 1, a boy Gary to the Toru Nakajis (Michiko Kamimura), Los Angeles.
NAKAMURA—Jan. 3, a girl Gall Reiko to the Masao Nakamuras (Fusako Gota), Los Angeles.
NAKAMURA—Jan. 4, a girl to the Harry Nakamuras, Acampo.

NAKANISHI—Dec. 20, a girl to the George Nakanishis, Anaheim.
NAKATANI—Jan. 16, a boy to the Yutaka Nakatanis, Live Oak.
NISHIMURA—Jan. 28, a girl to the Iso Nishimuras, Seattle.
NISHINAKA—Jan. 8, a girl Diane Yoshiko to the Frank Tadashi Nishinakas (Sayuri Maeno), Los Angeles.
NISHITA—Jan. 5, a boy William Aki to the Hideo Nishitas (Miye Yamasaki), Culver City.
NOZUMI—Dec. 3, a girl to the John T. Nozumis, San Jose.

Engagements

ENDO-SHIMIZU—Dianne to Richard, both of Long Beach.
MINEMOTO-NAGAMATSU — Reiko, Redondo Beach, to John, Santa Ana, Jan. 22.
MUKAI-HOSAKA — Chiyoko, San Jose, to George, Reedley, Jan. 30.
OHNO-IKEDA — Nobuko, Minneapolis, to John, Cleveland.
SEKIGUCHI-KOIDE—Mariko (formerly of Lindsay), Hawthorne, to Hiroshi, Berkeley.
SHINODA-TANAKA—June to Mikio, both of Cleveland.
YAMAUCHI-TOMOOKA — Toshiko, Gardena, to Masayoshi, Santa Maria, Jan. 31.

Marriage Licenses Issued

HIRANO-MIZUTANI — Hiro, Livingston, and Miyo, Oakland.
MIZOTA-YAMANAKA — Fred, 30, Alviso, and Hisako, 28, Warm Springs.
KAMADA-SAKUMA—Frank J., 43, and Josephine N., 29, both of Seattle.
KITASHIMA-OKAZAKI — Richard and Evelyn, both of Denver.
OKAMOTO-TAKENOKA — Ike, 24, and Judy Y., 19, both of Salt Lake City.
TANAKA-INOUE — Takeshi, 29, Stockton, and Janet Z., 22, Redwood City.

Weddings

AOTA-KIDA—Jan. 24, George Aota, Pasadena, and Nobuko Kida, Palm City.
KAWASHIMA-AKADA — Jan. 31, Robert Kawashima, Pasadena, and Tamiko Akada, Los Angeles.
KONDO-WATANABE—Jan. 31, Toshio Kondo, West Los Angeles, and Junko Watanabe, Los Angeles.
SHINOHARA-KATO—Jan. 30, Jim Hajime Shinohara, Chula Vista, and Shigeko Judi Kato, Los Angeles, at San Diego.
SUZUKI-ENDO—Feb. 1, Satoshi Suzuki, Los Angeles, and Kay Kaoru Endo, Minneapolis.
YAMANAKA-SASAO — Jan. 31, George Yamanaka, Cupertino, and Kuniko Sasao, San Jose.

Social security—

FROM BACK PAGE

The JACL-endorsed proposal would enable the Issei to come under social security if he receives \$50 or more in cash wages in a calendar quarter from a single employer. On a regular weekly basis, cash wages of more than \$3.85 would be sufficient. As under present law, the worker must qualify for each domestic employed separately, explained Masaoka.

Other major provisions of the bill introduced by Reed provide, including changes in benefits and benefit computations, for professional self-employed persons, farmers and some clergymen to come under the social security law. In addition, other provisions are intended to bring many more farm workers, some local and state employees and some Federal employees into the comprehensive retirement and survivors benefit program.

One matter requiring clarification in the bill is in regard to work done by beneficiaries, Masaoka added. It sets up a new retirement test which includes all work, whether or not under social security, to determine when benefits shall be suspended for beneficiaries who are under age 75 and working. This combines incomes from any wages and self-employment income.

The bill would permit up to \$1,000 of these earnings in a year before suspension of benefits due to work. Since the value of work in other countries is difficult to estimate, Reed proposes to suspend benefits to beneficiaries who are under age 75 and work in seven or more days in any country outside of the United States, Hawaii and Alaska.

This provision was included in an attempt to equalize the retirement test for all beneficiaries regardless of the nature or location of their work. Under this provision, an Issei who returns to Japan and receives social security benefits would have his benefits suspended for those months in which he works seven or more days. After he stops working or works six or less days in a month, his benefits would be resumed.

CALENDAR

(Items for this column are necessarily restricted to JACL-sponsored activities.—The Editor.)

Feb. 14 (Sunday)
NCWDC: Quarterly meeting. George Manhart American Legion Hall, 3520-5th Ave., Sacramento. Dinner-dance, Players Club, 2315-9th St., Sacramento.
SACRAMENTO: Sixth annual bowling invitational tournament.

Feb. 15 (Monday)
SALT LAKE CITY: Mrs. Harue Miyake Benefit recital, LDS Church Assembly Hall.

Feb. 19 (Friday)
CHICAGO: Meeting, Woodrow Wilson Rm., 13th floor, 116 S. Michigan; Francis McPeck speaks on "Human Relations in Chicago."

Feb. 21 (Sunday)
SWLA: Snowhike.

Feb. 25 (Thursday)
DOWNTOWN L.A.: Luncheon, San Kwo Low, 228 E. 1st St., 12:15 p.m. Supervisor John Anson Ford, spkr.

Feb. 26 (Friday)
ORANGE COUNTY: Installation dinner, French Imperial Restaurant, Garden Grove.

Feb. 27 (Saturday)
DETROIT: Installation dinner-dance, Belcrest Hotel, 7 p.m.

Feb. 28 (Sunday)
PSWDC: Cabinet clinic, WLA and Venice, host chapters; Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, 10 a.m.

Mar. 5 (Friday)
BERKELEY: Installation dinner-dance, Mira Vista C.C., 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 5-7
CHICAGO: Eighth annual Nat'l JACL bowling tournament, Hyde Park Bowl.

Mar. 13 (Saturday)
EDC: District meeting, Philadelphia host chapter.
DETROIT: Japanese movies.

Nisei dies in tractor-automobile collision

Denver

Noble Tashiro, 30-year-old Henderson farmer, died in Colorado General Hospital early last Friday, 12 hours after he suffered a skull fracture in an auto-tractor accident nine miles north of Denver on US Hwy. 85.

Police said that the tractor and the car, driven by Rosemary Rodriguez, 30, were both traveling north and that the woman apparently did not see the tractor, ramming into the rear end of the plow pulled by the tractor.

The impact threw Tashiro from the seat of the tractor, causing both the tractor and plow to overturn, rolling over Tashiro.

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Okinawa-born violinist gets Boston scholarship

Boston

Hiroshi Hatoyama, regarded as a top Japanese violinist, will study on a three-year scholarship at the Boston Conservatory of Music this month.

He won the scholarship from among more than 400 contestants in a contest held recently throughout Japan and Okinawa. The 27-year-old Okinawan was a member of the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra of Hidemaro Konoye at the age of 11.

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From the Frying Pan . . .

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DECADE AGO

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Treaty Booby-Trap

Biggest news in the making out of Washington concerns Senate Joint Resolution 1, popularly referred to as the Bricker Amendment, which is designed to nullify any treaty contravening the Constitution.

In the meantime, substitute amendments are being offered to compensate the Ohio senator for his loss of the "which clause"—the heart of the argument that reads:

A treaty shall become effective as internal law in the United States only through legislation which would be valid in the absence of a treaty.

The President has already rejected the principle which would cripple his bargaining power and slow down operation of foreign policy.

This so-called "non-self-executing clause" would say that no treaty becomes the "law of the land" without legislation. It would mean that after a President signs a treaty and has it ratified by two-thirds consent in the Senate (as now provided), the new clause would require majority consent of the House and Presidential approval before the treaty is effective as internal law.

The new look for every treaty before it becomes domestic law has been called "legislative stuttering." The more serious objection to such a clause however is the invitation to immorality. It would be a slick way to avoid treaty obligations, if we found we didn't like its internal effects. How could we expect another government to live up to its commitments if it fears we could run out on ours?

Lincoln's Achievement

Today is Lincoln's birthday, but more people know the meaning of Mar. 15, the day taxes are due.

Believe it or not, honest Abe Lincoln was the President who first organized the bureau of internal revenue—back in 1862. They say the \$600 exemption for the taxpayer and each dependent was the same then as in 1954.

In future years, John Q. Public might regard Feb. 12 as a reminder there are 30 days left till income tax day.

Teen-Age Dances

The stab-in-the-back incident reported in Los Angeles Newsletter this week brings juvenile delinquency problems to the fore again. Time comes when action should replace the many fine words.

As drastic as this incident was, preventative measures equally drastic are advised. We're not toying with innocent youngsters anymore.

Of Things Japanese

All at once, I seem to be aware of a tremendous rise in interest in things Japanese. Not among Nisei alone, but in the general American public. There's a renewed interest in Japanese foods, art and customs; a new interest in lacquerware, cloisonne and china; a new appreciation of such utilitarian ideas as sliding doors, foot-high tables and such that fit so well into contemporary homes.

This trend causes our family, for one, to look back with remorse on the years when our parents tried to indoctrinate us with the fine, useful and fascinating things about Japanese accomplishments and the Japanese way of life. But no, we were too busy becoming Americans. So we concentrated on that, and neglected, in fact resisted, the heritage of our trans-Pacific background. Even though we had the ideal opportunity to learn about another culture, we scorned it.

Today we pore through books trying to learn how to cook certain Japanese dishes, we find out third hand about pottery and prints and customs; we discover we know next to nothing about a fascinating country of many accomplishments.

Trouble is, if we had to do it all over again, we'd probably make exactly the same mistakes.

COUPLE OF YOUNG fellows from the Univ. of Colorado at Boulder dropped by the other day to talk about the coming NICC which means, I think, Nisei Intermountain College Conference. Time was, they explained, when life was grim and earnest at the NICC meetings. The students talked about vocations, discussed the "Nisei problem," debated integration and spoke passionately about the best way to get the most out of their college years.

Not so any more. It seems Nisei students lost interest in the serious stuff. NICC is put-

ting the emphasis on the social side now. The meetings have become largely an opportunity for Nisei students to get together, have a good time, and incidentally take a good look at the more attractive prospects of the other sex.

A most interesting development, this. I doubt that the basic outlook and aspirations of Nisei has changed much in the last decade. But it would seem that the atmosphere around them has improved considerably, resulting in this less restrained mood. So let's be sociable and be merry, which is a mighty good thing when people are young and going to school.

AS THIS IS written there is great excitement in our household over the approach of St. Valentine's Day. With the medium small fry, we've found, St. Valentine's Day is a sort of mass and glorified popularity contest. The game is to see how many Valentine cards you can gather. But with the smallest fry, Valentine's is a time of mass dissemination of good will with each youngster giving a card to every other youngster in his class.

Pete came home from kindergarten the other day with a note from the teacher outlining the method for distribution of the cards. The envelopes will not bear the recipient's name, but the giver may sign his own name. This simplifies the problem of seeing that the right card goes to the right child. The teacher also thoughtfully put down the number of children of each sex in the class—18 boys and 16 girls—to help simplify the business of going to the dime store and picking out the required number of cards.

Whatever happened to the old honorable custom of being stuck on only one girl at a time? What was good enough for Dad ought to be good enough for the kids, or are we being old-fashioned?

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Two Strangers in Japan

The literary products of the visits of two Americans to Japan have been published in the past month. One is James Michener's novel, *Sayonara*, already serialized in McCall's magazine. The other is the bitter-sweet memory of a young Nisei's trip to Nippon to visit his mother and two sisters he had not seen for 17 years. The Nisei is Jobo Nakamura, whose articles have appeared in the Pacific Citizen for the past decade and whose *A Nisei Visits Japan* is featured in the February issue of Holiday.

Both Michener, one of the most popular Americans writing today, and Nakamura, whose Holiday piece is his first article in a national publication, came to Japan as strangers in an alien land. Both were charmed and bemused. Both were also shocked at the contrasts of romanticism and realism, of love and cruelty in a land where there was never enough shelter or food for all the people.

The critics have not been uniformly kind to the Michener novel, published by Random House and alternate selection of the Book-of-the-Month club for February, but this will not prevent it from having one of the widest audiences of any recent work. It is certain to be reprinted by the hundred thousand between paper covers. It is also planned as a musical production and it will be filmed by Hollywood and probably adapted for television. Like that hardy perennial before it, the operatic *Madame Butterfly*, the affair of the American jet pilot and the Japanese dancer will become an enduring love story.

Much of the criticism of the Michener work is directed against the preachment which, say the reviewers, gets in the way of the story. The critics don't object to Michener's thesis, when he lectures against race hatred or calls for universal love and brotherhood, and for American understanding of Asians and their problems before the free world loses its last best chance to win the hearts and minds of a considerable segment of the earth's population. The argument is that the pamphleteering gets in the way of the love story itself.

It might be said that James Michener thinks like an Asian or as a Polynesian when he writes. It is probably this quality which made such of his books as *Tales of the South Pacific*, *Return to Paradise* and *The Voice of Asia* so popular. His typewriter does not carry the white man's burden. He is no Kipling, flying the banner of literary colonialism. Americans like his attitude, though they may not have analyzed the whys of it.

Michener has made six trips to Japan and Asia in the past five years and he is frightened by the urgency of one who sees a world living in the shadow of the hydrogen bomb. It is perhaps this urgency that sounds in *Sayonara*.

It may be that he meant his story to stress the need for America to become color blind in human relationships. The love affairs he describes in *Sayonara* march forward to an end as predestined as Greek tragedy, the parting of the pilot and the dancer, the suicide of the GI private and his young wife.

The novelist has used the skeleton of an archaic plot, but the embellishments are new. In Puccini's opera *Lt. Pinkerton* betrays his

Japanese wife. In Michener, it is the Japanese sweetheart who leaves the American officer. It is the American soldier who is the motivating force in the suicide pact.

James Michener's importance is that his is a popular appeal. His *South Pacific*, as adapted by Rodgers and Hammerstein, is the most popular musical in Broadway's history. His stories have been the basis of several movies, Gary Cooper's *Return to Paradise* and Paramount's forthcoming *Bridges of Toko-Ri* and MGM's projected *Panther Squadron*. The book, *Tales of the South Pacific* has sold 2,000,000 copies. His interest is a profound one, and one not limited to the literary field.

MANY OF JOBO Nakamura's pieces for the Pacific Citizen have been etched in loneliness. He often wrote of the young evacuee alone in a Midwest city, a veritable pariah. He has also recalled the dispossessed in society, the migratory worker who never sees the bloom and harvest of the crops he nurtures, the unending drudgery of the canneries and the limited horizons of the racial ghettos of the Sacramento valley in which he grew to manhood.

Much of this quality is in *A Nisei Visits Japan*. His is a perceptive article, of a Nisei who goes to the home of his mother and his sisters on the outskirts of Hiroshima to see them for the first time in 17 years. It was in the midst of the depression that the Nakamuras had gone back to Japan, leaving Jobo who had chosen to stay behind in California. Before that the Nakamuras had operated a candy store in Sacramento but after years of depression the store was closed and the father slung a blanket roll over his back to go out in the valley to pick crops.

After a year the father had returned to the United States from Japan but the mother and daughters had remained behind. The article is the story of Jobo Nakamura's first visit to Japan and his reunion with his mother and sisters. It also contains some of his impressions of Japan, the surface glitter and the inner tragedy.

Both Jobo and Michener are rhapsodic in their nostalgia for Japanese women. In *Sayonara*, Michener's Hana-Ogi and Katsumi are ideals for world womanhood to emulate. In his article Jobo describes a Tokyo cabaret girl named Keiko-san (the article is illustrated with a full-page drawing of "Keiko-San" by Neil Fujita, a young artist and illustrator who spent some of the war years at the Heart Mountain relocation center):

"... Her voice was like the tinkle of little bells and her face was always bright with smiles. She always brought me a freshly wrung towel with which I wiped my perspiring face and hands. Patiently she spent much time teaching me to speak correct Japanese. She was such a delicate and demure little flower that I was nearly overcome with an urge to tell her to 'let me take you away from all this.' The Japanese woman makes a man feel like a man. Small wonder so many GIs have brought these girls home as war brides. But I had to remind myself that Keiko-san was not real. She was only my vague dream of a faraway land."

Colorado Senate kills anti-alien land bill; aimed at Japanese in state but proposal to submit issue to voters defeated by legislators. The House has passed the measure a week earlier.

RKO Studio assures film "Betrayal from the East," under production will not attack loyal Nisei. Original story by Alan Hynd questioned the loyalty.

Sixty-seven prominent Americans interested in welfare of Japanese Americans announced as JACL national sponsors.

Sgt. Ben Kuroki gets standing ovation from San Franciscans for speech against intolerance at Commonwealth Club declares Nisei entitled to democratic rights.

WRA protests action by Ogden city commissioners denying business licenses to evacuees.

Legal action considered as Ogden continues campaign to oust evacuee businesses; even deny permit to Caucasian American to operate cafe in building owned by Nisei.

Attorneys for Fred Korematsu file appeal in U.S. Supreme Court to test legality of army evacuation of citizens; Topa evacuee was convicted for failure to report for evacuation from Oakland.

WRA reports 7,375 persons of Japanese ancestry living in Colorado, a rise of 4,600 since 1940.

Some 3,000 Tule Lake camp residents back on project jobs for the first time in three months; WRA resumes control after Army moved in Nov. 4 to quell disturbances.

MINORITY

Enlightened public opinion in the South will not permit abolition of state public schools should the U.S. Supreme Court rule against school segregation. Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, declared in South Carolina. The governors of Georgia and South Carolina have threatened recently to abolish their public schools by constitutional amendments if ordered to integrate their educational systems.

Michener's lyric epilogue in *Sayonara* already has been quoted on a TV show and reprinted in a news magazine. It is redolent with the flavor of his novel:

"To the alley and the canal and the little houses and the pachinko parlor and to all the flutes at night—sayonara. And you, Japan, you crowded islands, you tragic land—sayonara, you enemy, you friend."

The Michener novel presents the more idealized portrait while Jobo Nakamura can feel the hunger pains a little more deeply. But then hunger and toil have no boundaries.

Jobo tells of asking his mother to return to America with him.

"She thought only of the cannery and the hot, dusty summers in the fruit orchards of Walnut Grove, cooking for a crew of cursing, sweating men in a migratory labor camp. 'No, I shall wait here till your father comes home,' she said."

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