

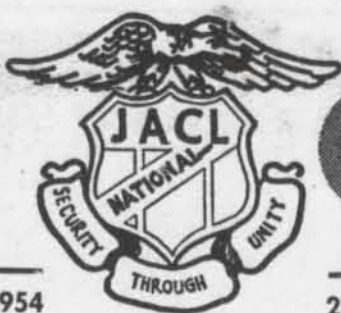
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\$24,000 EVACUEE CLAIM AWARD IN SUPPLEMENTARY

Washington

Sixteen evacuees whose claims were adjudicated by the Dept. of Justice were recommended for a total of \$133,211.37 in payments to Congress in the first Supplementary Appropriations Bill, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

All claims were awarded under the adjudication procedures of the original JACL-sponsored Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and were for sums for more than the \$2,500 that the Attorney General is authorized to pay out of the regular appropriations for his Department.

All of the awards were made between July 31, 1953, and Jan. 5, 1954, according to JACL sources. The largest was for \$24,737 and the smallest was for \$2,780.

The successful claimants and their awards are:

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| Saburo Haramaki | \$24,737.00 |
| Tatsuo Hatanaka | 4,192.91 |
| Kanzaburo Ishijima | 4,038.00 |
| Kusui Kambara | 3,755.10 |
| Koji Y. Kasuya | 3,940.00 |
| Susumu (Roy) and Toru (Joe) Kobayashi | 9,500.00 |
| Jordan Komatsu | 4,380.00 |
| Tae Miyazaki | 2,800.00 |
| Nobuo Sakiyama | 2,780.00 |
| Richard H. Setsuda | 20,129.00 |
| Harry Suda | 6,223.30 |
| George Tanaka | 4,862.76 |
| Gonzo Uchiyama | 9,648.25 |
| Takeji and Minnie Yamada | 20,346.75 |
| Frank Hisato Takeshita | 5,929.30 |
| Takashi Koga | 5,949.00 |

All of the awards were for real or personal property losses except one that was for business property and equipment losses.

The Washington JACL Office announced that it would use every effort to secure favorable congressional approval for these payments.

Jehovah Witness Nisei on trial

Honolulu

Leveson Izumihara, husky 21-year-old conscientious objector, is seeking an acquittal from charges that he refused to be inducted into the army. He is on trial in the courtroom of Judge J. Frank McLaughlin.

His attorney pointed out the Bible-carrying Nisei was a minister of the Jehovah Witnesses sect, but the government has argued he is not a bona fide minister and doesn't know much about the Bible. The sect does believe in "scriptural and theocratic wars," the attorney said, and members will fight if necessary to protect himself, his home and fellow Jehovah Witnesses.

Two stores on same street burglarized

San Francisco

Two stores were ransacked by burglars last weekend. Early Saturday morning, Miyako restaurant, 1719 Buchanan, was in shambles as some \$150 was reported stolen to police. The refrigerator was emptied in an attempt to locate money as were the cigarette vending and juke box coin containers.

Across the street, Evergreen Fountain, 1716 Buchanan, was burglarized on Monday morning. According to Mrs. Hideo Nakai, nearly \$1,250 was taken from three different places, all equipped with locks, plus money in the drawer for change and the pinball machine.

National JACL Endowment Fund Report

Current Total: \$73,833.75
In Trust: \$60,000

FOWLER LEGION AUXILIARY TO DEDICATE MEMORIAL FOR NISEI WAR DEAD

Fowler

A memorial will be dedicated by the local American Legion Auxiliary for three Nisei who gave their lives in World War II.

The memorial, a shelf at the Fowler Public Library, will honor Yeichi Hiyama, Todd Sakohira and Takao Ninomiya.

The American Legion post and its Auxiliary will dedicate a book to each Fowler serviceman killed in action during the three wars—World War I and II and the Korean conflict. When the names of every serviceman have been placed on the honor roll, names of other deceased Fowler citizens will be honored.

John Panzak of the Legion, and Mrs. Norman Allen of the Auxiliary in charge of the project.

Miyamura honored by Utah junior chamber of commerce

Salt Lake City

Hiroshi Miyamura, Nisei Medal of Honor hero of the Korean campaign, attended a banquet of the Utah Jr. Chamber of Commerce as guest of honor Feb. 21.

"I had always wanted to see the city," he said.

He was also honored by the Mt. Olympus and Salt Lake CLers in the evening at the Pagoda.

Tom Shibata accompanied Miyamura on the visit of Utah.

Sailors putting Japanese student through college

San Jose

Miss Hisayo Kawahara, 28, former interpreter of U.S. Hospital at Yokosuka, has been granted admittance to San Jose State College for the spring semester.

Funds contributed by American personnel at the naval hospital where she worked made it possible for her to study journalism here. She arrived last week aboard the APL President Wilson.

Matoba 5-F case settled, judge concurs with Tsuji decision

Denver

An oral decision was handed down Tuesday by U.S. District Judge W. Lee Knous in favor of Harry G. Matoba, whose naturalization petition was held up by the local Immigration and Naturalization Service because of his 5-F classification during the first World War.

According to Min Yasui of the Mountain-Plains regional office, the decision concurs fully on all points with the decision handed down by Judge Louis E. Goodman in the San Francisco case of Kazuichi Tsuji concerning the Issei 5-F classification.

Whole Issue Settled

"This decision by Judge Knous clearly implies that the whole matter of the 5-F classification is completely settled," Yasui said, calling attention to the recent action of the Attorney General instructing the Immigration and Naturalization Service to proceed with Issei male applicants whose naturalization petitions have been held up because of their 5-F status.

While the Matoba case was the first such court action to be heard, on Nov. 25, 1953, even before the Tsuji case in San Francisco, which was heard on Dec. 3, 1953, the delay in the decision being handed down by the Denver court was attributed to an overcrowded docket, Yasui explained.

The creation of a second United States District Court has been approved by Congress but the appointment has not yet been made, he added.

Two Sons in Uniform

In Judge Knous' decision, Yasui noted that the jurist commented favorably on Matoba's two sons who served in the United States Army, one of whom died while in service in 1946.

Yasui hailed this decision as a significant milestone in a series of legal efforts by the JACL to eliminate inequitable and discriminatory interpreta-

tions of the law.

He particularly praised the role of Edward J. Ennis of New York, legal counsel to the Washington JACL office, who, with Yasui, argued the case as special counsel; the role of the National JACL in coordinating the legal action on this matter throughout the country, and the work of Nisei attorneys Mas Yonemura, Victor Abe and Wayne Kanemoto who represented Tsuji in the San Francisco case.

San Francisco

With instructions to proceed on naturalization petitions, pre-

viously held back because of the so-called 5-F issue, the local U.S. naturalization office revealed nearly 750 Issei applications were immediately affected at this office alone.

About 250 applications on file with the local federal district court have already been processed, but withheld because of the 5-F situation, H. J. Hart, chief of the nationality section, said last week.

Another 400 to 500 applications were submitted last year to the federal court here but were halted when the 5-F matter came up last fall.

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Justice Dept. appropriations OK'd for early action by congressmen

Washington

A total of \$42,200,000 was recommended for the fiscal year 1953 by the House Appropriations Committee for Dept. of Justice agencies whose services affect persons of Japanese ancestry, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

Earmarked for the so-called Japanese Claims Section that supervises the evacuation claims program was \$200,000; \$39,000, 000 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and \$3,000,000 for the Office of Alien Property.

The amount for the Japanese Claims Section is \$25,000 less than the sum allocated for administrative expenses for the current year and is \$15,000 less than the amount requested by the White House.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service was granted the full amount requested by the President, although this sum is \$3,250,000 less than the total appropriated for the 1954 fiscal year.

The Office of Alien Property

was budgeted for \$500,000 more than for the current year but \$800,000 less than for 1953.

Hillings Bill Main Push

Since the 1955 appropriations for the Dept. of Justice is the first to be reported to the House by its Appropriations Committee this year, it is expected that the House will act upon these figures in the immediate future.

Though deploring the cut in the administrative funds for the evacuation claims program, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared, after conferring with members of the Appropriations Committee and Claims Section officials, that no effort will be made on the floor to have this sum increased to either the \$215,000 recommended by the President or the \$225,000 appropriated last year.

JACL's concentration will be to secure Rep. Patrick J. Hillings' (R., Calif.) bill to authorize the remaining claimants to elect to have their claims compromised and settled or judicially determined by the Court of Claims.

JACL SUBMITS TESTIMONY FOR FEPC

Washington

"The Japanese American Citizens League joins with its fellow organizations of Americans of goodwill to urge enactment of appropriate legislation to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry," declared Mike Masaoka, JACL Washington Representative, in a statement submitted last week to the Senate Labor Subcommittee on Labor and Public Welfare.

The JACL statement, entered in support of the bill sponsored by Sen. Irving M. Ives (Rep., N.Y.) and a bi-partisan group of 18 senators, gave particular emphasis to the employment problems of Japanese Americans.

The FEPC Bill

Entitled "Federal Equality of Opportunity in Employment Act," the bill prohibits discrimination in employment or union membership because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry. The bill would also create a special commission to investigate and carry out the provisions of the act.

Masaoka, citing the wartime War Relocation Authority (WRA) experience in support of the Ives' bill, said:

"Because of WRA's insistence that the evacuees be employed in accordance with their education, training and background, many persons of Japanese ancestry who had faced employment discriminations on the west coast were, for the first time, able to secure jobs for

which they were qualified.

"In California, Oregon and Washington, prior to evacuation, their race, their ancestry, their origin in the case of resident aliens, and their religion if they were Buddhists, combined to deny them employment opportunities that were available to most other individuals.

WRA Record Demonstrates

"The record of the WRA demonstrates that a Government agency if it has the will and the appropriate personnel can educate employers and workers to accept other persons, unlike themselves in racial, cultural and religious background, as equal partners in any enterprise.

"Though there may be initial resentment to the introduction of persons of different backgrounds and color, such hostility is erased when people have a chance to work and live together. As individuals are united in common problems and the struggle to overcome them, they begin to appreciate the worth and the contributions that the others can make, regardless of physical and cultural differences that may exist. Reports of integration in the Armed Forces of all service personnel add further evidence to support this thesis.

Prewar Conditions

"JACL commends the historic employment achievements of the WRA to those who charge that compulsory federal fair employment practices legislation is unworkable and impractical."

Recalling the prewar Nisei employment problems, the JACL Washington representative said:

"Prior to the establishment in 1941 of the Fair Employment Practices Commission by executive order, it was difficult if not impossible for most American citizens of Japanese ancestry to secure employment in businesses and professions for which they had studied and been trained."

"After the President's Fair Employment Practices Commission conducted hearings on the west coast in the fall of 1941, employment opportunities were made available for the first time to American citizens of Japanese ancestry in aircraft and shipbuilding plants, for example, as well as in a number of other industries formerly closed to members of certain minority groups, except possibly for menial or custodial positions.

"The outbreak of war, however, changed this improving situation."

Unanimously Endorsed by CL

Noting JACL membership interest in this legislation, Masaoka said:

"At every national convention since 1946, when the JACL met in its first postwar session, the delegates have unanimously endorsed the principle of compulsory federal fair employment practices. This includes action taken at our last biennial national convention held in San Francisco in 1952."

Strongly urging the enactment of the fair employment

measure, the JACL statement continued:

"We do this even though at the present time persons of Japanese ancestry everywhere in the country, including the west coast, are, as a group generally employed and working at better jobs and positions than ever before. There still remain some discrimination and prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry in some localities and some industries but, by and large, the total employment picture for our group was never brighter.

"We realize that our analysis of the labor situation applies equally to most other minorities in the nation, that generally speaking there is greater and more equitable employment opportunities for all peoples without regard to race, color, or creed than before World War II.

Room for Improvement

"At the same time, we are not blind to the fact that there is tremendous room for improvement and that the current favorable employment situation may change drastically at almost any moment. Recalling our experiences in the '30s and even the '40s, as the one-time victims of race prejudice we cannot help but insist upon federal safeguards against a repetition of those tragic days and to demand — for the future — legal sanction against arbitrary discrimination in employment based upon bigotry.

"We know that the right to

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Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

THE PRESIDENT'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM . . .

To those who have charged from time to time that this Republican Administration does not have a broad legislative program, a tabulation of every specific recommendation made to Congress by President Eisenhower since he assumed office may come as a shock.

According to the Congressional Quarterly, a private research organization, the President has made 196 separate legislative suggestions in eleven messages to the Congress. This summary extends only to the middle of February.

Broken down into general categories, the list is headed by 15 requests made in the field of atomic energy and control. Others include agriculture, with 33 recommendations; foreign policy, nine; labor, 18; military and veterans, five; government and the governed, like *Statehood for Hawaii* and the vote to 18-year-olds, eight; postal service, four; internal security, eight; taxes, 41; civil service, seven; and debt and contracts, two.

In addition to these 135 proposals, the President made 61 recommendations bearing on social welfare and natural resources as follows: health, six; social security, seven; unemployment insurance, six; education, five; housing, 15; and resources and public works, 22.

MOST AMBITIOUS PROGRAM EVER . . .

These 196 proposals, with more to come, constitute just about the most ambitious legislative program outlined by any President in history.

As a matter of fact, there's been nothing like it in recent times. The only comparable precedent might be the first year of the New Deal in 1933, and even then President Roosevelt's specific requests, while involving perhaps greater changes, were not as vast and as varied.

By contrast, President Truman's stormy and controversial legislative programs never gave Congress the heavy workload that the present Administration has suggested.

There is a suspicion that master-politician Truman was guided by the fact that he had to deal with the GOP 80th Congress and slim Democratic majorities at other times. And yet, in this razor-edge Congress where the Republicans are in the actual minority in the Senate and have a paper margin of only two in the House, President Eisenhower, considered a novice as a politician, has dared to drop almost 200 requests into the congressional hoppers.

While former President Truman appeared at time to be presenting proposals in order to invite their rejection, President Eisenhower seems to expect that the Congress will enact the overwhelming part of his recommendations. His suggestions are the result of intensive study by distinguished citizens and experts. He feels that they are in the best interests of the nation, "liberal" in human matters and "conservative" in economic subjects. He is, therefore, prepared to use the vast influence of his office and his great personal prestige to secure passage of his program.

NO REAL SOCIAL WELFARE LEGISLATION IN 16 YEARS

Often lost sight of is the significant fact that not a major real social welfare statute has been put on the books since the early days of the so-called New Deal 16 years ago. The minimum wage law in 1938 ended the domestic phase of what some have called the Roosevelt Revolution.

No additional New Deal legislation except the Taft-sponsored Public Housing Law of 1949, largely nullified by inadequate appropriations, have been put on the law books.

In the fall of 1938, the Democratic lost nearly 40 seats in the House and Presidents Roosevelt and Truman never had control of Congress in anything but war and foreign policy.

For the next 14 years, the American people elected predominantly conservative congresses and conversely, predominantly non-conservative chief executives.

Now that a self-styled liberal-conservative Republican is President, he is expected to try to redeem his pledge to bring the government's budgetary and spending policies under control and to retain most and expand some of the social reforms enacted during the past two decades.

As the distinguished columnist for the New York Herald Tribune, Roscoe Drummond, analyses it, this is the central objective of the President's 196 point legislative program: "To consolidate the social revolution of the last 20 years and to rest it on a sounder, more prudent conservative fiscal basis."

THE POLITICS OF IT ALL . . .

Late last year, it may be recalled that some of the leading GOP congressional leaders, like Senate Majority Leader William F. Knowland of California, were reported as having suggested to the President that he should limit his legislative proposals to a few minor objectives in order that the Republicans could claim to have passed a substantial portion of the Administration's requests.

Others advised the President he should outline a diversified and limitless program so that it might be claimed that his program was "obstructed" by the Democrats.

With congressional elections slated for the fall, and history pointing to only one off-year election that resulted in an increase in membership for the party in power, Republican leaders are aware that the fate of the President's legislative program may well determine the destiny of their party. They are prepared to charge, if most of the program can never be enacted. They are also ready to claim, if most of the program is passed, that the proposals were so in the interests of all the people that more Republicans should be returned to make more certain the continued enactment of similar legislation.

Strangely enough, the Democrats have just about decided on almost identical approaches, only in reverse. If little of the program is passed, the people need to elect Democrats in order that the President will be supported in his efforts. If most of the program is enacted, it took the Democrats and not the Republicans to put over the President's requests.

That fact that both parties are considering such strategy indicates that both are convinced that most of the President's proposals are sound and that the electorate will endorse them.

As for the President himself, he probably made his recommendations without too much regard for politics but because he feels that they are in the nation's interests.

FORMER INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WARNS NISEI NOT TO BE USED AS 'CUDGEL' FOR OTHER MINORITIES

Santa Monica

The one Army officer of World War II to publicly admit so far of the creditable and priceless service of the Nisei in G-2—Col. Sidney F. Mashbir (Ret.)—warned the Nisei "not to be used as a cudgel for other minority groups."

Described as a "verbal bomb" in one vernacular press, Col. Mashbir's remarks were made at the PSWDC chapter clinic banquet Sunday night at Chase Hotel.

Because the one-time commander of some 4,000 Nisei in the Allied Translator and Interpreter Section fully acknowledges the valor and deeds of Nisei soldiers of World War II he declared, "The Nisei have a right to stand on their own feet."

He repeated a sentence from his book.

"I want to make an unequivocal statement in regard to the Nisei who, being American citizens, fought by our side in the war. Had it not been for the loyalty, fidelity, patriotism and ability of these American Nisei, that part of the war in the Pacific would have been a far more hazardous, long-drawn-out affair."

Can Never Repay Debt

"The United States owes a debt to these men and to their families which it can never fully repay."

In commenting on the 1942 evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast, Col. Mashbir speculated the "horrible futility of California when war was declared might have failed if we did what Admiral Zacharias had proposed." The proposal, he then explained, concerned a formation of a counter-intelligence corps, which was formed of Japanese Americans in the Hawaiian Islands, but not on the Pacific Coast.

Blunt Advice

"And I do not see why you should stick with other minority groups. It is following the Communist line," he stated, very bluntly, adding that the Communist line today was to confuse race against race.

As far as he could see, it was ill-advised for the Nisei to join with other minority groups to agitate for social equality since there is a distinction from racial equality which is recognized today. He strongly urged Nisei work by themselves and "not be used as a cudgel for other minority groups."

Writing Another Book

The author of "I Was an American Spy" related his experiences in Japan, of his intelligence work before 1941, and of one chapter which the publisher had to omit on "Three Generals Face West"—three men who "had the guts to oppose Tojo."

The danger of some Nisei unwittingly following the Communist party line was made also. Col. Mashbir advised the Nisei "police their own ranks" before the reputation of the entire group is ruined.

It was also revealed by the speaker that he was writing another book tracing the history of Japanese-American relations. He said that both sides had faults which could have been corrected. If such had been done, there would have been no war between the two countries.

Judge John Aiso introduced the speaker of the evening as one of the outstanding experts on Japan in the U.S. Army, fluent in Japanese and decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross.

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda of West Los Angeles was toastmaster. Entertainment was furnished by Uta Shimotsuka accompanied by Mrs. Haruko Hokama, the Atomettes and accordionist J. Robinson.

PRESS FILE:

DIRECTORY — A revised compilation of Issei residents in Minneapolis-St. Paul is being issued by the Japanese American Community Center, 2200 Blaisdell Ave., Minneapolis 4. Some 85 Issei families are listed.



Head table guests of the PSWDC chapter clinic include (from left to right) Harry Honda, Tats Kushida, Frank Chuman, Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, Ken Dyo, Mas Satow, Judge John Aiso, Col. Sidney Mashbir, Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, George Inagaki, and Roy Nishikawa.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo

25-yr.-old Japan girl too old to adopt legally, but Portlanders do it anyway

Portland, Ore.

A 25-year-old Japanese girl is too old to adopt legally, but a Portland family is "adopting" her anyway. Kazuko Saijo, who came to them as an expert seamstress, is now part of the Dr. Esley W. Davis family at 2910 NE Portland Blvd.

The Davises met Kazuko when the Portland dentist was on a tour of duty for the army in Japan. Called "Cooky" by the

Davis youngsters, Mike, 7, and Judy, 6, Mrs. Davis said "we became so attached to Kazuko that we began to talk about bringing her back with us."

Kazuko speaks English well. She was born in Korea, lived with her mother until she died eight years later. Going to Japan to live with her father, an electrical engineer, he gave her away to her uncle and aunt, when she began to work for the Davises.

Miss Saijo, having arrived Feb. 19 aboard the Hikawa Maru in Seattle, now has a permanent home with the Davises. She was admitted on the Korean immigration quota after being sponsored and aided by the Davises.

Twin Cities credit union declares 2 1/2 percent after year's operation

Minneapolis

The Twin Cities United Citizens League credit union, at its first annual meeting, declared a 2 1/2 per cent dividend to shareholders. Outgoing president Dr. George Nishida will be succeeded by Mrs. Kay Kushino.

Other officers for 1954 are: Dr. Nishida, v.p.; Sam Shijo, sec.; Art Doi, treas.; George Yoshino, supervisory; Paul Ohtaki, credit chmn.

Retiring members are: Dr. Paul Shimizu, Tak Tsuchiya, Sam Shimada.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Outmoded report cards

By HARRY K. HONDA

There was a time in my youth when one D on the report card incurred a bit of fear and a dose of discipline . . . Now, the educators are being told that traditional report cards are on their way out. No longer does a teacher mark D or F beside a child's name with a note to the parent: Come see me at once! . . . Instead, report cards in a number of schools are substituted by parent-teacher conferences, where the child's strong and weak points are discussed in a helpful fashion . . . This trend was reported by a Kentucky professor last week at a convention of American Association of School Administrators.

Child psychology came too late for me (or I was born too soon) as the new approach of discipline in school work has been developed to completely eliminate the monthly report card . . . I remember the A-B-C-D-F days of grammar and high school days all too well. After I finished high school, they substituted the grade system with V-S-S-U (very satisfactory, satisfactory, unsatisfactory). Now, they're going to eliminate the card itself — the one way a child was able to boast to his parents of his A+ in spelling or penmanship . . . Like many other fine American institutions that are fast disappearing from the

stage—a nickel cigar or penny lollipop, for instance—the report card heads for oblivion . . . The monthly reminder of how a student was progressing with himself in grade school may have been harsh in some aspects, but society till now has struggled through unprepared and endured well.

While some educators of the new school may want to sugar the pupil's pill for study, nothing beats diligence and discipline during the learning years of one's life . . . I don't know where the college professors stand on this issue, but I doubt they'll favor this system . . . If they do, it could unburden the coach of his perennial worries of academic axing of their star athletes in come instances . . . Can you see the dean discussing the strong and weak points of Joe College with his parents? I can't . . . And the shock of a high school student who spent 12 years of no report cards matriculating in a college with quarterly reports may be more disastrous: the poor guy might be numbed for good . . . The younger you are, the more adaptable you are. A youngster with a D in spelling in grade school will survive better, I think, than a freshman (who thought himself as an honor student in high school) flunking his entrance exams.

26 WEEKS 'TIL CONVENTION TIME: LOS ANGELES-SEPT. 2-6, 1954
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Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Nisei minister elevated to high post . . .

A California-born Nisei minister with a scholarly mind and a cultured voice to match was singularly honored by his church last week.

The Rev. HARRY S. KOMURO was elevated to become superintendent of the Methodist Mission of Hawaii, a position never before held by a Nisei.

Of equal significance is the fact that the Rev. Komuro is the first "island man" selected for that post. Although born in Los Angeles, he has spent most of his life in Honolulu.

His appointment presages the promotion to administrative posts in the Methodist mission of men whose ministerial careers have been started in Hawaii.

The Rev. Komuro's appointment was announced at the annual conference of the Hawaii Methodist Mission by Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, head of the Methodist Church in the Southern California-Arizona-Hawaii district.

The son of a Christian pastor, the Rev. Komuro came to Hawaii with his parents when he was a small boy. He was educated locally and also at DePauw University of Indiana and graduated there with a B.A. degree in 1933.

He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1936 and spent a year in Japan, 1939-1940, on a fellowship at Doshisha Christian University in Kyoto.

Served on labor-industrial relations board . . .

He became pastor of Harris Memorial Church in Honolulu in 1940.

An active community worker, the Rev. Komuro has held various offices in the Honolulu Church Council; was first president in 1946 of the Honolulu Ministerial Union, last year's president of the West Honolulu Rotary Club and a member of the Nuuanu YMCA and Palama Settlement boards.

He has served on the Territorial Commission of Labor and Industrial Relations and on the Governor's fact-finding board which investigated a bus company labor dispute last year.

In accepting his new post, the Rev. Komuro said that with Hawaii entering into the role of statehood, the Methodist church will be faced with the responsibility of spiritual maturity and will play a vital part in the common life of islanders. The Methodist convention renewed its support of statehood for Hawaii.

The young minister is a modest, serious-minded but friendly Nisei who speaks with a meticulous diction that distinguishes him among Nisei speakers. He is a member of the panel discussion group on the Honolulu Church council television program, "Religious Round Table."

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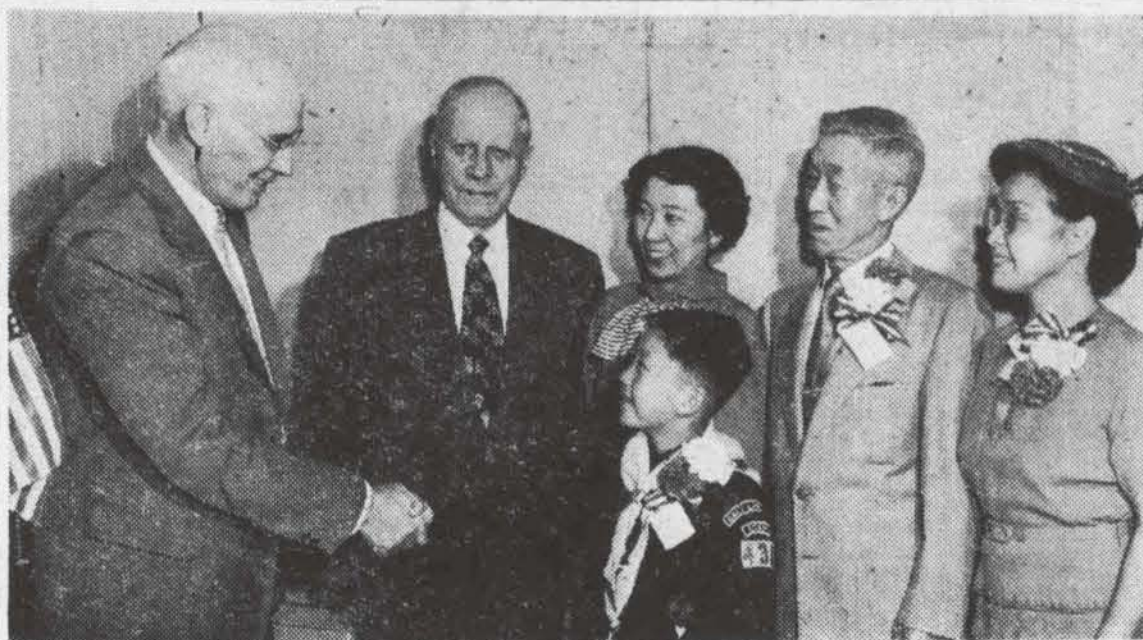
Richard F. Boyce, formerly United States consul at Yokohama, and now a resident of Alexandria, Va., in thanking the Washington, D.C., chapter for being guests at a recent party, added the following comment concerning the Pacific Citizen. Similar sentiments were expressed by Consul General Pilcher at Yokohama, as reported today in Saburo Kido's commentary of his recent excursion in Japan.—The Editor.

PC: Permanent Value . . .

"... I have found the annual issue of the Pacific Citizen most interesting, as I find all the other issues and the issues of your local publication. I suppose that it has been realized before, but it occurs to me that

your Pacific Citizen and other publication have important permanent value in years to come as historical and genealogical records.

"It may not seem so important to you young people now, but I am sure that your descendants, generations and centuries hence, will thank you for having recorded the arrivals, marriages, births and deaths, travels, business activities, biographies, immigration and emigration, naturalization and other personal and community data. Some of the material can be obtained in official records. Much of it would not be found there or anywhere else. Even though some of it might be found in old files of city newspapers, it would not be so easy to find as in the files of the Citizen. So, I hope that you may always have such effective publications."



Judge A. H. Elliott (left) congratulates Utah's youngest naturalized Issei citizen—Bert Kaneko, 8-year-old youth born in China, in his Cub Scout uniform at the Salt Lake City JACL dinner honoring 22 new citizens last week. Standing behind them are (left to right) Mayor Glade of Salt Lake City, his mother and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kaneko.—Terashima Studio photo.

NEW CITIZENS:

63 Santa Barbara Issei

Santa Barbara

Sixty-three certificates of citizenship training were awarded to a group of Issei who completed their studies recently at Santa Barbara High School by the adult division.

"This is the first time in the history of citizenship training classes that we have been permitted to instruct Japanese aliens," Selmer O. Wake, director, said, "and we did not anticipate such a large group."

The local JACL, headed last year by Akira Endo, was credited with much of the success, Wake added. The Rev. Masayoshi Ohmura and Frank Mori were instructors. Past chapter presidents Ted Kanemoto, Lillian Nakaji, Tom Hirashima and Ikey Kakimoto were on stage to congratulate the group. Receiving certificates were:

Tama Asakura, Suze Araki, Kino Endo, Ai Fukumaki, Midori Fukuzawa, Moto Hirashima, Tamaye Hirokawa, Hina Inouye, Fusa Kozaki, Kite Komatsu, Matsuyo Kuwamoto, Haru Kawano, Suyeno Koga, Yone Masumoto, Oriye Morishita, Shina Matsumoto, Kima Watanabe, Kei Zaiman.

Rinkichi Endo, Tsumoru Fukuzawa, Kintsuchi Fujii, Genkichi Hirashima, Kameki Fukumura, Tatsuzo Komatsu, Sanzo Kuwamoto, Frank Tomozo Kurogi, Rinzauro Kurozumi, Tadaichi Masumoto, Takashi Morishita.

Yayoi Ejima, Ken Kudo, Sadame Mori, Yasu Morishita Tsugi Nakamura, Tsuchi Nomura, Kazue Okino, Haruye Otsuka, Mine Suzuki, Kuma Tabata, Akimi Tamura, Matsumi Uyeno, Hisao Yamada, Yasuie Yamada, Minnie Kurozumi.

Junsuke Kanemoto, Harry Kusuyama, Saichi Mori, Tom T. Murayama, Satoru Nakamura, Seiko Nakamura, Hisakichi Nomura, Kaemon Omura, George S. Otsuka, Kichigoro Riusaki, Hanshichi Suzuki, Tom T. Tabata, Kuraichi Tamura, Yaichi Tsunoda, Masao Uyesaka, Masato Yamada, Rihyoe Yasuda and Henry H. Tanaka.

Denver

Seventeen Issei women and three men were naturalized Feb. 16 at the Brighton district court. Among the group was John Takashi Horie, who has served as citizenship class instructor. The others are:

Roy Mankichi Kishiyama, John Tsunemi Miura, Kume Furuta, Matsue Murata, Tomi Morimitsu, Sada Sato, Kiku Tanaka, Maki Miyamoto, Sachi Sonoda, Mata Tashiro, Sen Hishinuma, Kita Hiyama, Yone Kishiyama, Hisano Sakaguchi, Misao Sato, Naka Kurachi, Aki Mizunaga, Sada Iwata and Yoshi Shibao.

Yuba City

Sixty-six Japanese from Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Colusa counties have filed petitions for naturalizations in the federal district court in Sacramento, the Marysville JACL chapter reported this week.

Written examinations in Japanese will be given at a later date.

EISENHOWER SIGNS BILL FOR FIANCEE

Sacramento

President Eisenhower signed a private bill permitting Miss Eiko Tanaka, who lives in Japan, to come to the United States to marry George Imai, a Sacramentan who met her while he was stationed as a soldier in Japan five years ago.

The bill was introduced by Rep. John E. Moss, Jr. Imai is employed at McClellan AFB, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takakiyo Imai, 1323 1/2-4th St. His fiancée is a typist for an American bank office in Tokyo.

Utah judge, SLC mayor congratulate 22 new citizens

Salt Lake City

A world cannot survive half slave and half free, Judge A. H. Elliott of the Third District Court told 22 newly naturalized Issei citizens who were honored last week by the JACL at Dawn Noodle.

"With the responsibility of citizenship, you are accorded the privilege of serving," the jurist continued. "We cannot be complacent. Those who choose to serve another form of government in preference to the one they formerly knew portrays strong patriotism."

"May you never have occasion to regret or change your mind about America and your fellow Americans," the judge expressed.

Mayor Also Greets

Salt Lake City's first citizens were greeted by Rupert Hachiya, chapter president, while congratulatory remarks were extended by Mayor Earl J. Glade, Kay Terashima with responses from Y. Kaneko and Masuo Namba.

Youngest present was 8-year-old Bert Kaneko, born in China, and naturalized two weeks ago.

Posting of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance by Steven Kurumada, Stirling Kurumada and Spencer Saito of Troop 54, opened the program. Anna Imai and Yuki Sugihara introduced each guest-citizen, pinning corsages. Mas Horiuchi rendered a vocal number, "America, the Beautiful."

Lodi community honors 29 new Issei citizens

Lodi

A program honoring 29 local area Issei "New Americans" was held here at the local hall on Washington's Birthday Monday.

Messages of congratulations were delivered by Japanese and American community leaders including:

Tom Tsutsumi, civic society; Mayor Mabel Richey of Lodi; Leroy Nichols, school superintendent; Paul Bowers, Lodi high principal; Henry Jantzen, class instructor; Shinsaku Yoshimoto, Lodi Buddhist church.

James Sasaki was chairman for this program which opened with the pledge of allegiance led by Lloyd Fujitani. Honored were:

Goichi Doi, Mrs. Kinu Fukumoto, Mrs. Ume Funamura, Mrs. Moyo Furukawa, Rev. Taro Goto, Mrs. Kuwano Inagaki, Mrs. Tomo Iwamiya, Seichi Masui, Mrs. Yoshi Matsumoto, Mrs. Mitsuyo Mikami, Mrs. Masano Morita, Mrs. Waka Nakamura, Mrs. Yukuno Nishikawa, Kuniichi Nomura, Tohei Nagaoka, Mrs. Kiso Otani, Mrs. Mitsugi Ouye, Tamotsu Ouye, Shinroku Onishi, Mrs. Nami Ohata, Mrs. Misao Shimozaki, Toshimatsu Tsutaoka, Mrs. Misuno Uye-mura, Mrs. Iwako Watanabe, Mrs. Kimiko Wakai, Mrs. Suyeko Wada, Ryukichi Wada, Tadashi Yoshioka, and Mrs. Shizuka Yamashina.

Gas station theft

Salt Lake City

Burglars took a battery charger worth \$339 from Uptown Service Station, 102 S.W. Temple, last week, proprietor Tats Masuda reported to police.

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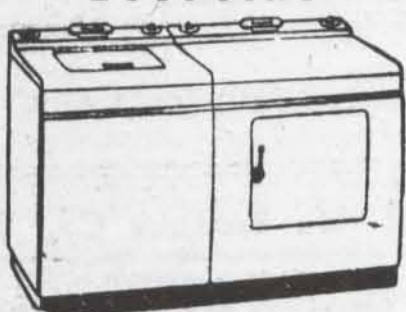
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Chicago Corner

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In honor of . . .

Reserve Apr. 15, Thursday night, to honor Chicago Nisei veterans of the Korean conflict at the Hotel Morrison Grand Ballroom. The Japanese American Council, composed of major Issei-Nisei community organizations, churches and clubs, is sponsor. TOM KAIHARA is chairman, assisted by SHIG WAKAMATSU and CORKY KAWASAKI.

In appreciation . . .

The Chicago JACL honored cabinet members of the past three years at dinner in the Crystal Terrace, North Park Hotel, last Saturday. Toastmaster DR. RANDY SAKADA injected an informal and festive spirit in the atmosphere. There were greetings from KUMEO YOSHINARI, a message from DR. THOMAS T. YATABE, awards presented by NOBORU HONDA and acknowledgments from RONALD SHIOZAKI ('51 president) and ABE HAGIWARA ('52-'53 president) . . . Other cabinet members and major committee chairmen were presented certificates of appreciation. A scroll, pearl-studded JACL pin and gavel were given to past presidents . . . HANNAH TANI accompanied WILLIAM T. FUJII, soloist. DR. GEORGE HIURA was dinner chairman.

Around Windy City . . .

The Chicago Buddhist Church, 5487 S. Dorchester Ave., is on a fund drive to purchase a movie projector for their visual religious educational program . . . The Chicago NAACP auxiliary will hold its 14th annual tea, Mar. 21, 3 to 7 p.m., at the Parkway Ballroom, 4459 S. Parkway.

There will be 4,850 voting machines in operation for the Apr. 13 primaries by 2,819 Chicago precincts. Another 1,440 precincts will use ballots: blue for Republican voters, green for Democrats.

The Doctors Emergency Service (Central 6-4200), maintained by the Chicago Medical Society, guarantees arrival of a physician within a short time any hour of the day by telephone.

The hour-long film features shown free of charge at Art Institute Fullerton Hall on Saturdays, 3:30 p.m., schedules for Mar. 13 the following:

The Searching Heart—a medieval allegory from the manuscript of Roi Rene d'Anjou; The Demon in Art—Northern art from Bosch to Brueghel; Bosch's Lost Paradise—an analysis of his triptych in the Prado, Madrid; and Goya's Disasters of War.

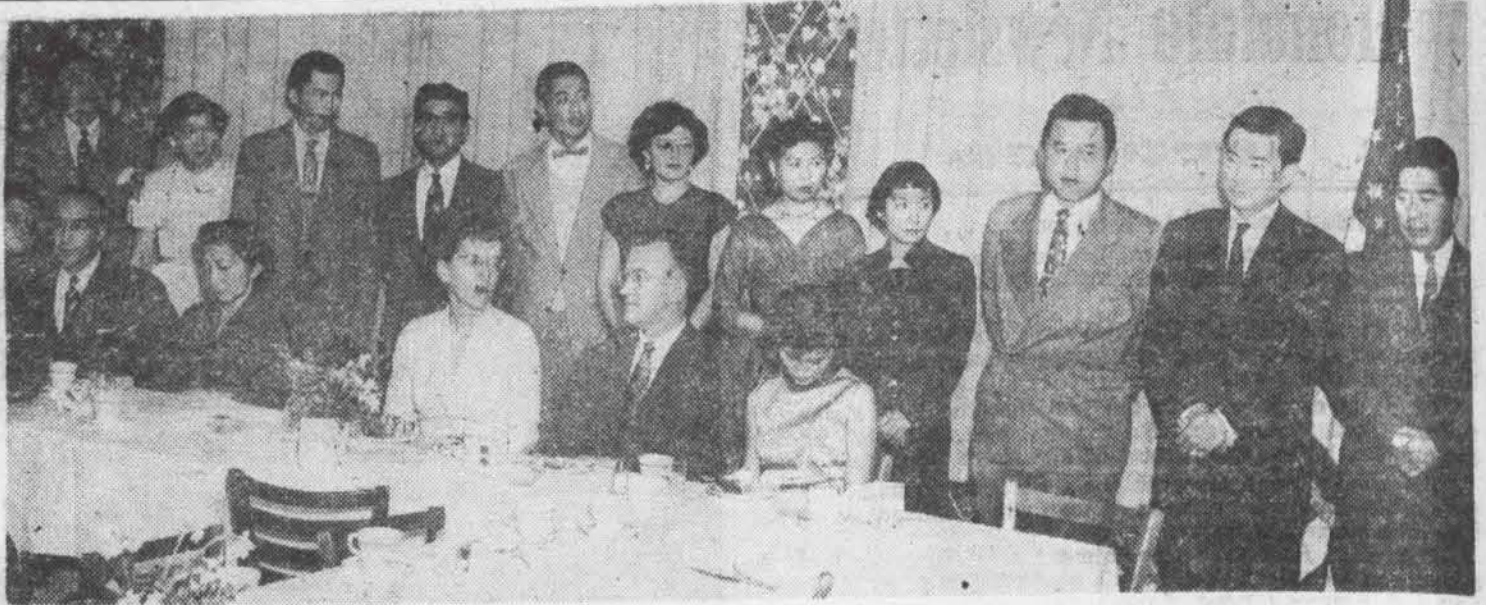
Children under 16 are not admitted.

Of People . . .

● ATSUSHI KIKUCHI, 36-year-old Seattle-born water colorist, blends his western and eastern styles in an exhibit closing Mar. 12 at La Boutique Fantastique Gallery, 737 Rush St. As a youngster, he was educated in Japan. He studied at Art Center, Los Angeles. Today, he is a student of Edgar Rupprecht and Paul Wiegardt at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts and the Art Institute.

● JAMES KOZUMA, 1511 E. 61st St., has been promoting Nisei bowling here and serves JACL "ambassador" to the bowlers. He served on the National JACL Bowling Advisory Board, was captain of the 1928-29 (Sac'to) Wakaba basketball teams, played centerfielder for the Sacramento Nippons for many years. He lived a few years in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara before evacuation, stayed at Tule Lake and came to Chicago in March, 1944 . . . His older brothers and sisters are KIYOSHI OKURA, Kuma-moto, Japan; MRS. KINU HARARA, Fukuoka, Japan; and MRS. MISU EMURA, Sacramento. James is inspector for Scully-Jones Tool Makers.

● When FRANK NODA, the jeweler, was victimized of some \$5,300 by bandits last week, the story is told that he had parked his car in front of his N. Clark



William Enomoto, national JACL committeeman of Redwood City, installed the following members of the Sequoia JACL chapter recently at a dinner held at Riskey's Studio Inn. Standing (left to right) are George Yuki, alt. del.; Namiko Honda, pub.; Hiroshi Nakano, alt. del.;

Hiroji Kariya, treas.; Mrs. Marianne Arimoto, hist.; Mrs. Yoneko Arimoto, cor. sec.; Mary Tsukushi, rec. sec.; Hiroshi Honda, 1st v.p.; John Enomoto, pres.; and Hiroshuke Inouye, 2nd v.p.

APPOINTMENTS

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For GEORGE INAGAKI
National JACL President
Mar. 18—Santa Barbara JACL Installation banquet, Santa Barbara High School cafeteria.

For MASAO SATOW,
National JACL Director
Mar. 4-7—Chicago Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament, Hyde Park Bowl.
Mar. 8—St. Louis JACL.
Mar. 9—Cincinnati JACL.
Mar. 10—Dayton JACL.
Mar. 11—Cleveland JACL.
Mar. 12—Washington, D.C., JACL.
Mar. 13-14—EDC Meeting, Philadelphia.
Mar. 15—Detroit JACL.
Mar. 16—Milwaukee JACL.
Mar. 17—Return to San Francisco.

For DR. ROY NISHIKAWA
National Treasurer
Mar. 7—Ventura County JACL installation dinner, Oxnard.

CHAPTER MEMO

Twin Cities UCL: Tosh Abe is spearheading the chapter membership drive. Because Issei who are or will become citizens soon, the chapter hopes to surpass its roll of 244 members for last year. Val Bjornson, noted columnist, is tentatively scheduled to speak at the Mar. 26 monthly meeting.

Livingston-Merced JACL: Thanks to Shiro Minabe, Yo Kuniyoshi and David Kirihiara, about 80 made the snow trip in the Pine Crest area north of Sonora. About 20 ski enthusiasts gathered at Dodge Ridge, the remainder sledding and tobogganing at Pine Crest.

Salt Lake City JACL: The younger division meets tonight to fill cabinet vacancies as well as select a club name. A membership drive is also being planned.

Fresno JACL: A goal of 400 members was announced by the chapter with the campaign scheduled to close in mid-March. Chapter fee is \$3. Areas being canvassed are Caruthers, Monmouth, West Fresno, North Fresno, East Fresno, Biola, Madera and the city.

Idaho Falls JACL: With mild spring-like weather at hand several weeks ago, the chapter has been engaged in spring house-cleaning of their hall. Members turned out to scrub, dust and paint the hall interior. The floor is being refinished also.

Monterey Peninsula JACL: Encouraged by the mounting interest shown by the community during the past year in many activities of the chapter, the 1954 membership committee headed by George Kodama is hopeful of a successful campaign.

St. shop; hurried inside to get a nickel for the parking meter, when bandits stomped on him and his wife. Painfully, he struggled free, called the cops on the phone. Suddenly, he remembered the parking meter, dashed outside—nickel in hand. A vigilant cop had tagged the car for overtime parking!

● Two weeks ago was an item in the Corner of James Lee, the Chinese laundryman who went beserk and shot three men, has a new angle today. Check of his fingerprints with FBI show them to be of one Tommy L. Fong, wanted by the Army for desertion since 1943.

Placer County CL community-wide picnic plans set

Placer County JACL's sixth annual county-wide community picnic—by far the biggest event of its kind in Northern California—has been set for Sunday, April 4, at the JACL Recreation Park near here.

Chapter president Koichi Uyeno announced that the special events committee, which is in charge of the picnic arrangements, will be headed jointly by Nobuo Watanabe, Dick Morishige and Tosh Hamamoto.

Watanabe stated that the overall picnic program will follow the general pattern of previous years, with one notable exception—as suggested by last year's committee. This year the picnic ball will be held on Saturday night, Apr. 3, when the candidates for the picnic queen contest will be formally introduced. And there will be a special entertainment feature—Japanese movie and talent show—on the night of the picnic for the Issei.

Following are the chairmen for the various committees:

Finance and prize: major chairman—Tadashi Yego; finance—George Hirakawa; cho-ba—Albert Yoshikawa; queen tickets—Minoru Kakiuchi; prize—Nobuya Nimura.

Program: major chairmen—Ben Matsumoto and Jane Hamada; events—Hiroko Kashiwabara; starter and judges—Shinobu Sakai; queen contest—Bob Kozaike and Sumi Miyamoto; coronation—Satoko Makishima; dance—Tom Miyamoto; Issei entertainment—Tom Matsuda.

Ground arrangement: major chmn.—Charley Oseto; arena—Bob Takemoto; traffic control and first aid—Donald Yamada.

Concessions: major chairman—Dick Nishimura; games—Sam Ikeda; refreshments: co-major chairman—Aki Tsujimoto; soda and shaved ice—Yuki Masuda; hot dogs—Terry Hirabayashi; beer—Harry Hirakawa.

Publicity: major chairman—Ken Masuda; promotion—Roy Yoshida and Kelvin Mitani; posters—Frank Fujita; photography—Kay Miyamura; public address system—Seichi Otow.

Marian Imamoto, Jeanne Shimizu and Mary Hada, picnic committee secretaries.

● Eighty-one Japanese farm boys will leave this month for an eight-month study of U.S. agricultural methods, arriving in San Francisco Apr. 12 on the APL President Wilson.

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LIVINGSTON-MERCED SIGNS UP 122 CLERS

Livingston
Spud Masuda, chairman of the Livingston-Merced JACL membership drive, this week reported the 1954 campaign ended with 122 signed up.

Team 5 headed by Bob Morimoto, assisted by Hugo Kaji, John Konno and Bill Yoshino, was the winning squad. Other team captains were:

Tied for 2nd place—Team 2 (Franklin Okada) and 3 (Buichi Kaji); 4th place—Team 1 (Fred Hashimoto); 5th place—Team 4 (David Kirihiara).

1000 CLUB

Memberships & Renewals

February, 1954

FIRST YEAR

John T. Endo, Los Angeles; Yutaka Handa, Niles, Calif.; Miss Kathleen Iserl, Washington, D.C.; John Ito, Portland, Ore.; Mike Mizokami, Blanca, Colo.; Roy Y. Nishimura, Spokane; Harry Sumida, Blanca, Colo.; Philip Nakaoka, Denver; Roy Tanaka, La Jara, Colo.; Dr. Kiyoshi Tsuda, Sacramento; Wataru Tsugawa, Sacramento; Shio Uyetake, Troutdale, Ore.

SECOND YEAR

Mrs. Sally Furukawa, Washington, D.C.; Takashi Hori, Seattle; Clarence Yoshida, Alamosa, Colo.

THIRD YEAR

Charles Hayashida, Blanca, Colo.; Mary Minamoto, Tokyo; Al S. Takata, Pasadena.

FOURTH YEAR

Vernon Ichisaka, Seabrook, N.J.; Sam Kora, Notus, Idaho; Mrs. Etsu Masaka, Washington, D.C.; George Nishita, San Juan Bautista; Frank Suzuki, Livingston.

FIFTH YEAR

James Y. Abe, Salinas; Miss June Fugita, San Francisco; Thomas Hayashi, New York; Sho Iino, Los Angeles; Johnson Kebo, Sanger; Fred Ota, Los Angeles; Ira Shimasaki, Bethesda, Md.; Mrs. Bessie Shiyomura, Denver; Sojiro Yoritomo, Blanca, Colo.

SIXTH YEAR

Roy Inouye, La Jara, Colo.; Arthur T. Ito, Los Angeles; Mike Masaka, Washington, D.C.; Masao Oku, Mt. View, Calif.; Ken Uchida, Ogden; Giichi Yoshioka, Hayward.

Tickets available for Mile-Hi benefit

Denver
Willie Hasegawa, general chairman for the Mile-Hi JACL benefit Mar. 20, 7 to 12 p.m., at the DX Club, 1800 W. 38th Ave., announced that tickets are now available for the family carnival night, at the JACL Office, 1225—20th St., or from any member of the Mile-Hi JACL cabinet.

Proceeds would be devoted for JACL purposes to advance the welfare and interests of persons of Japanese ancestry in the Denver metropolitan area.

Besides tickets which would provide for five games, there will be booths for children. General admission tickets will entitle the holder to a chance for valuable door prizes. Refreshments will be available.

Members of the committee assisting are:

Dick Yanase, John Sakayama, Florence Uyeda, Marie Mizuo, George Fukui, Frank Sehera, Hootch Okumura, Sally Furushiro, Bill Kuroki and Fumi Yabe.

Definite committees have not yet been set up, stated Chairman Hasegawa, and he requested further volunteers to notify him directly or the JACL office.

College credits on cruise

San Francisco
American President Lines' luxury liner President Cleveland sails from San Francisco June 30 on its fifth annual adventure study cruise—a delightful vacation in the Far East and earn college credits at the same time. Dr. Lyle Gibson, San Francisco State College professor of geography, is tour leader.

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YOUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS

MASAO W. SATOW

We have just returned from the PSWDC Chapter Clinic—an overwhelming success. The more than 100 JACLers who assembled learned about as much of JACL in one day as it is possible. Everyone was enthusiastic over this informative affair, well-planned under the direction of DAVE YOKOZEKI and KEN DYUO.

For those of us who participated, it was inspiring to see so many new faces, all eager to know more about JACL so that they could do a better job as a Chapter officer. Those of us on the staff need the inspiration and encouragement which come from responses such as these, as much as our members feel we can be helpful to them.

Berkeley Honors New Citizens . . .

We started the month of February attending the Berkeley Chapter banquet honoring 76 newly naturalized American citizens. It is always an inspiration to participate in these affairs. The Issei are acquiring citizenship by choice the hard way.

As we think back over the struggle to achieve this privilege for them and see them eagerly taking advantage of the opportunity, it certainly makes it all seem worthwhile. We only regret that it has taken America so long to recognize the contributions of the Issei to this country, and in that delay many Issei have passed on without realizing their dream of American citizenship. It was most fitting that our good friend, GALEN FISHER was main speaker. I am sure that all the Issei felt that much more honored in having this distinguished American welcome them as fellow Americans.

For several years we have had plans abrewing of writing up a history of the Issei and their contributions to America, but so far it has been in the talking stage.

Somehow we will have to wrangle funds so that this can be done while the Issei are still with us and can furnish the valuable primary resource material for such a book. Unfortunately, this is one of the many worthwhile projects that has to suffer from the necessity of establishing a bare-bone budget for the organization.

Membership Drives . . .

Our commendations to the San Mateo, Mt. Olympus, Placer County, Salinas Valley, San Luis Valley and Parlier Chapters for not only having completed their 1954 membership drives, but also for achieving gains over their 1953 figure. These show again that those Chapters which get down to business, plan their membership campaigns and hustle, have no difficulty whatever.

On the other hand, where the enthusiasm of the officers themselves is only lukewarm and cabinet meetings degenerate into discussions on why people are no longer interested in our program, one cannot expect a substantial membership sign-up.

No. Calif.-Western Nevada Meeting . . .

Sacramento hosted a fine NC-WNDC meeting last month with the usual high calibre session and good attendance. So far as we can remember, even in pre-war days, NC has had a good record of high attendance at DC meetings.

Getting out a large delegation from the Chapters aside from the regular official delegates to these DC affairs is one of the best ways to create greater interests upon the part of the general membership by exposing them to a fuller appreciation of our JACL program. Any Chapter officer cannot help but be a better JACLer by participating in the give and take of discussions and meeting with representatives from other Chapters.

Commendations to Sacramento for its fine bowling tournament held in connection with the DC meeting. The fact that it was called the first annual NC-WNDC bowling tournament brought out some new teams. The bowlers have nothing but praise for this tournament as one of the better ones held.

HARUO ISHIMARU ably pinch-spoke for President GEORGE INAGAKI. It shows again that JACL staff members don't know what they have to do next on a minute's notice. For the uninformed, Haruo was one of the top orators and debaters at Yankton College, South Dakota, and represented his school at many forensic meets.

'I Was an American Spy' . . .

We are happy to announce that COL. MASHBIR's book is now available to JACL members at a reduction of \$1 over the established price. Mashbir gives great credit to our Nisei G-2 boys in his chapter on the Nisei. We know that many of the Chapters will want to place copies of this book in local libraries. Credit National Vice-President TOM HAYASHI for making negotiations on our behalf with Vantage Press of New York. Send your orders for the book to National Headquarters accompanied by a check for \$2.75.

Taking Off for 2 Weeks . . .

We look forward to meeting with nine of our Chapters on our two weeks' jaunt to the Midwest and East. We wish it were possible to get around more often and make personal contacts with our members and supporters who make up JACL.

Several have commented on our rugged schedule, but a two weeks' jaunt is a cinch. We recall several years ago a trip to Northern California where we hit 26 Chapters in 26 nights and wound up at the DC Convention. Boy, did we get tired of hearing ourselves talk!

National Bowling Tournament . . .

Much credit goes to Chicago for sponsoring our first National Tournament being held in the Midwest under the direction of our JACL immediate past National President RANDY SAKADA. Special commendation to the 32 teams from Chicago who are entering the Tournament. Local teams are the backbone of any Tournament.

Long Beach has already submitted a bid for the 1955 Tournament. Indications are that when the Tournament comes back to the West Coast next year, we will have to run it another day in order to accommodate all the teams.

It is also a growing sentiment that the women's events should be on a handicap basis, and we are also thinking of adding a number of women to our JACL National Advisory Board on Bowling.

Salt Lake City which initiated our National Tournament and hosted it for the first three years will bid for the 1956 Tournament.

5-F Clarified . . .

The decision of the United States Attorney General to see it our way with regard to the 5-F classification of the Issei during World War I has resolved this particular problem. This shows again the importance of maintaining direct contacts with our Government in Washington.



Ed Sweeney (nearest camera), naturalization examiner for the Sacramento office, and Jun Miyakawa (right), instructor and interpreter, conduct group-examinations in the Sacramento Post Office. Applicants came from Florin, Mayhew and Walnut Grove, areas which have no local JACL chapter, but accommodated by Sacramento. Other interpreters were Henry Taketa, Ginji Mizutani, Noboru Shirai, George Tambara, Bill Matsumoto, Toko Fujii, Masao Itano and Kihei Ikeda. Secretaries were Jean Iwahashi, Mrs. Sumi Hirahara and Mrs. S. Yamamoto.—Ginji Mizutani photo.

NEW HORIZONS:

You can be luckier

By EDISON T. UNO

JACL Convention Public Relations Director

Los Angeles

Southern Californians this week were the envy of the entire nation. They have enjoyed typical sunny California weather for the past week and reports from the weather bureau indicate continued smogless spring sunshine.

Spring is here! Yet it feels as if we are enjoying the carefree life of mid-August or September. We in Los Angeles are strangers in paradise. Colorful aloha shirts and sheer nylon blouses are in style already.

You're lucky if you live in Southern California and you'll be luckier if you are making plans to attend the 13th biennial national convention in Los Angeles come Labor Day, 1954.

We are confident we can promise ideal convention climate which will insure you fun galore in '54.

Planning in High Gear

Convention activities have shifted into high gear with all major committees organized to promote the biggest and best national convention in JACL history.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, convention chairman, has accentuated the "New Horizons" theme by providing for a full schedule of activities for every convention delegate and his family.

Highlights of these activities include a family outing at the scenic tropical settings of Royal Palms on the shores of the beautiful Pacific. Golf, bowling, fishing, tennis, fashion reviews, sightseeing excursions, luncheons, banquets, bridge sessions, convention mixers and the Sayonara Ball are only the skeleton plans made by the Pacific Southwest District Council host chapters. Appropriately, the New Horizons convention will make its headquarters at the ultra-modern Hotel Statler in downtown Los Angeles.

Dr. Nishikawa appointed six associate chairmen to assist him on the convention board.

They are:

Ken Dyu, budget & finance; Mrs. Mabel Ota, registrations; Harry Fujita, social events; Frank Chuman, official events; Edison Uno, public relations; and Tut Yata, general arrangements.

Forty-five sub-committees

SELMA CL AUXILIARY INTRODUCES CABINET

Selma

Over 75 attended the third annual potluck dinner sponsored by the Selma JACL Auxiliary recently at the Japanese Hall here. Miss Ethel Otomo was chairman. New officers for 1954 were also introduced:

Mrs. Shizuko Kobashi, pres.; Mrs. Helen Yamamoto, v.p.; Fudge Taira, rec. sec.; Betty Takao, cor. sec.; Mrs. Yo Kataoka, pub.

Outgoing president Mrs. Jean Miyata was presented a gift.

Mrs. Betty Okazaki, north; Mrs. Jean Abe, south; Betty Jo Wakasa, east; Mrs. Janet Ono, west.

French Camp and Stockton CLs in duo-installation

Stockton

French Camp and Stockton JACL chapters will hold a joint installation ceremony at Bruno and Lena's Restaurant, Mar. 12, from 7 p.m.

The planning committee headed by George Komure, general chairman, met at the home of George Baba to double-check arrangements. Also on the committee are:

Frank Inamura, Mrs. Marie de-Carli, Bob Ota, Lou Tsunekawa, assts.; Tamako Yagi, pub.

The Rev. Sumio Koga of the Stockton Calvary Presbyterian Church will give the invocation. Lou Tsunekawa will lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Saburo Kido, past national JACL president, of Los Angeles is to be main speaker. Haruo Ishimaru of the No. Calif. regional office will install the cabinets headed by George Baba, Stockton, and George Matsuoka, French Camp.

Chapter members have on sale banquet tickets for \$2.75 per person.

DR. M. R. NAKAYA TO HEAD PORTLAND JACL

Portland

The 1954 Portland JACL cabinet headed by Dr. M. R. Nakaya, a local dentist, was installed at a dinner held Feb. 10 at Caro Amico. George Azumano was installing officer.

Assisting Dr. Nakaya are: Nobu Sumida, 1st v.p.; Kimi Tambara, 2nd v.p.; Albert Naito, treas.; Shizuko Ochiai, rec. sec.; Dorothy Iwasaki, cor. sec.; Martha Osaki, hist.; and John Hada, del.

Hanji Akiyama served as toastmaster.

Cleveland Jr. Matrons: With Kaz Yamada, captain of the losing membership team, in charge, Mae Nakagawa and her team were honored at a potluck dinner Feb. 20 at Nationalities Service Center. Some 25 members enjoyed the affair and games arranged by Peggy Tanji.



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CALLAHAN'S CORNER

★
GEORGE INAGAKI

Me? I can't even . . .

A few days ago I received a letter from PC's editor, Harry Honda, suggesting that I start a President's Corner in the once-a-month twelve-page edition of our paper.

Now, among the many things I don't qualify for is this one of a writer. I've watched people like LARRY TAJIRI, MIKE MASAOKA and the others sit down at a typewriter and bang out paragraphs after paragraphs like they were nothing. *Me, I can't even type!*

Nevertheless, I've found out that a national president just has to do some writing. There's no getting out of it, although occasionally I cook up a good one or manage to ditch some, particularly difficult assignment.

This matter of writing being one of the qualifications of this top JACL office rather brings up the subject of presidential qualifications and I want to dwell on them a bit.

After having tried to serve just about three quarters of my term as a half way decent President, I am convinced that a JACL national president has to be a mighty versatile individual—something that I certainly am not.

On being a national JACL president . . .

A national JACL president has to be a *writer, speaker, diplomat, businessman (a mighty good one these past few years), administrator, organizer, sociologist, politician, prophet, psychologist, philosopher, a good Joe, an astute husband, a good father, and be in tip-top physical condition to boot.* I've found out that I qualify in only three of the above and it isn't the last one nor the first eleven.

I figure that I must be a *pretty good Joe* to have walked into this job without even looking into what was in store for me. And, my wife YUKI will vouch for the fact that I am an *astute husband* (being as she is always trying to keep up my morale). As for PATTI and CHRIS, I can always bribe them with a green or a purple popsicle (these colors being their respective favorites).

As for the other qualifications, I shudder to even think of them.

But, after all, there's no use in getting despondent about this because if I happened to qualify in most of the aforementioned points, I wouldn't be a president; I would be a *staff member* like MAS, TATS, HARUO, MIN or MIKE. These people qualify and it's a mighty good thing that they do because they are the ones that carry the biggest part of the load for JACL today.

A grateful prayer of silence at times . . .

My experience in this office has thoroughly convinced me that JACL today is much too large. The work it has to do is much too great for any set of elective officers to carry out. It's got to be done by a full time staff of top-calibre men. And, these people can't be just efficient; they've got to be devoted to the JACL program.

There've been many an occasion when I've sent up a silent prayer of gratitude for the fact that we have a staff of just that kind.

I've come to realize that the more closely I work with them, the more I appreciate them and at the same time the less I envy their lot. Maybe people are born with a good head and with a lot of ability but to have to use them at the beck 'n' call of others day in and day out is something else.

Our staff people can't call their lives their own. They have a hundred and sixty seven different things to do each day and each one requires much thought and consideration. They're lucky to average seven evenings out of a month at home with their families.

Our unsung heroes and heroines, too . . .

In the past few years, we on the membership level have griped about the difficulty of raising funds and having to cut down on the number of staff personnel.

This, however, hasn't diminished the work that has to be done; so, the remaining staff people have doubled up on their responsibilities.

They've done this with no griping or moaning and are doing a far better job than we thought possible. Yes sir, for my money, these are the real unsung heroes of our organization.

However, where there are heroes, there must be heroines (I'm naive enough to believe this, you see.) But, in this instance, I'm correct and you know of whom I speak. The wives of our staff members necessarily undergo a great deal because their respective husbands believe in and stick with the JACL work.

I'm not much good at paying tribute but to you, CHIZ, MAY, YOSHIKO, TRUE and ETS, I express the membership's appreciation for your part in the JACL picture. Without your understanding and support, your husbands would find it most difficult to keep up their wonderful work.

Well, I, no doubt, have run over the space allotted me because I can only write in a rambling sort of fashion. I start out and never know how I'm going to end but this time I'm very happy about the way it came out because it turned out to be something I've always wanted to bring to the JACL membership.

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WINGS OF THE NEW JAPAN

ABOARD JAPAN AIRLINER TO TOKYO:

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By SABURO KIDO
President, New Japanese American News

Los Angeles

Pleasant memories of the trip to Japan as a guest of Japan Air Lines still linger. It will be a long time before we can forget those exciting days. The enthusiasm of newspapermen from the large metropolitan papers is far greater than ours. This is ample proof that everyone had a grand and glorious experience.

National President George Inagaki went as the representative of the Pacific Citizen. I went in behalf of the Shinichi Bei (New Japanese American News), bi-lingual daily in Los Angeles, of which I happen to occupy the position of president since last September. This happened to be the fortunate circumstance which enabled both of us to make the trip.

His Second Trip

Since this was my second visit to the land of "cherry blossoms," the impressions were not the same in many respects. On the other hand, I had the opportunity to study new phases of Japan which I did not have the opportunity of observing before.

When your stay in Japan is limited to eight days and when the last day is up to 10 a.m. only, everyone will concede that there was very little time. In fact, I am amazed that we were able to cover so much territory and meet so many people during the sojourn.

Each individual had his own

interest. Friends and relatives were added callers as far as members of the Japanese press were concerned. And I had the additional matter of legal cases to attend to during the spare moments.

My time schedule ran from 7:30 breakfast appointments to going to bed after midnight almost everyday. It took me about a week before I began to feel normal after my return.

Delights of Geisha

Our individual schedules made us miss some of the finer engagements. For instance, I missed the luncheon given by the Bank of Tokyo moguls at Tokyo since I had a previous engagement with Takanaga Mitsui, one of the Mitsui clan. And I heard the liquor served was wonderful. George, being one of the directors, had the red carpet out for him.

On the other hand, George missed the party given by the Sumitomo Bank at Kyoto which was one of the high points of our visit as far as good times were concerned. The group saw the *maikos* and *geishas* for the first time on this trip although they may have been entertained on other visits. And it is said that when you are in Kyoto, you must see the *maikos*, understudies to the *geishas*, who are the special attractions of this ancient capitol of Japan.

JACLers in Tokyo

On the first night of our ar-

rival in Tokyo, a little group of JACLers and friends got together at the Tokyo Kai Kwan Annex to eat and talk about old times. It was heartwarming to see and hear many making good in Japan where competition for jobs is intense and where family connections and school ties mean a whole lot.

To have a Nisei, educated and reared in America, to enter this congested field to make a living means to operate under a tremendous handicap from the beginning. It is to the credit of the Nisei that they are able to make any progress.

When I met Consul General James Pilcher upon whom I had called a few times with Mike Masaoka and Kats Miho on the last trip in 1952, he thanked me for sending the Pacific Citizen via air mail to him every week.

He said he hoped we would continue to do so since it was the first reliable and detailed information he receives from U.S.A. until the State Department sends out its reports.

PC Earliest News

The statement of Consul General Pilcher reminded me of the days when the Pacific Citizen used to be the first to provide information to the relocation center government officials about the War Relocation Authority and other matters pertaining to persons of Japanese ancestry. It was during these

Amendment to include Peru Japanese in Refugee Bill urged by Masaoka

Washington

An amendment to qualify Peruvian Japanese stranded in the United States for adjustment of status provisions of the Refugee Relief Act 1953 was urged on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization by Mike Masaoka, Nisei lobbyist.

When it became known that the Subcommittee was to consider an amendment to the adjustment of status provisions of the Refugee Relief Act in order to authorize the suspension of deportation proceedings for 5,000 aliens, Masaoka, on behalf of a number of Peruvian Japanese in the United States, requested Rep. Francis E. Wal-

ter (D., Pa.) to further amend the section to include Peruvian Japanese.

Rep. T. Millet Hand (R., N.J.), who last year introduced a Joint Resolution for this same purpose, joined in the request that Peruvian Japanese be included in the proposed amendment to the 1953 statute.

JACL Supporting Effort

The JACL is supporting this effort to provide a haven for several hundred Peruvian Japanese, brought here during the war by the United States Government but refused readmittance to Peru after the hostilities were over, who are today subject to deportation to Japan under existing immigration laws.

"These Peruvian Japanese are just as much the victims of wartime persecution as any other group of refugees now in the United States," Masaoka explained. "The story of their arbitrary removal from Peru and internment in this country is one of the more brutal tragedies of World War II."

Would be Outside Quota

If these Peruvian Japanese can have their status adjusted to permanent residents under the proposed amendment to the Refugee Relief Act, they will not be charged against Japan's future quota.

Under existing provisions for suspension of deportation and adjustment of status under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, they would be charged against Japan's small annual quota of 185, thereby depriving relatives of United States citizens or resident aliens of their immediate immigration opportunities.

San Francisco next VFW confab city

Sacramento

San Francisco was named the 1955 convention city for the annual Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars with the Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9379 as hosts.

The bid by the post was accepted by some 200 delegates attending the four-day meeting here over the Washington Holidays.

Highlight of the convention last week was the address by Gordon H. Winton, Jr., California VFW department commander, who congratulated the seven Nisei posts for their excellent record of community service.

At last year's convention, Winton promised to award a trophy to the post achieving the highest percentage in membership gained. The Los Angeles Nisei Memorial Post won the award with its 199 per cent increase. Salem Yagawa, of the post, was cited for signing up 35 new members.

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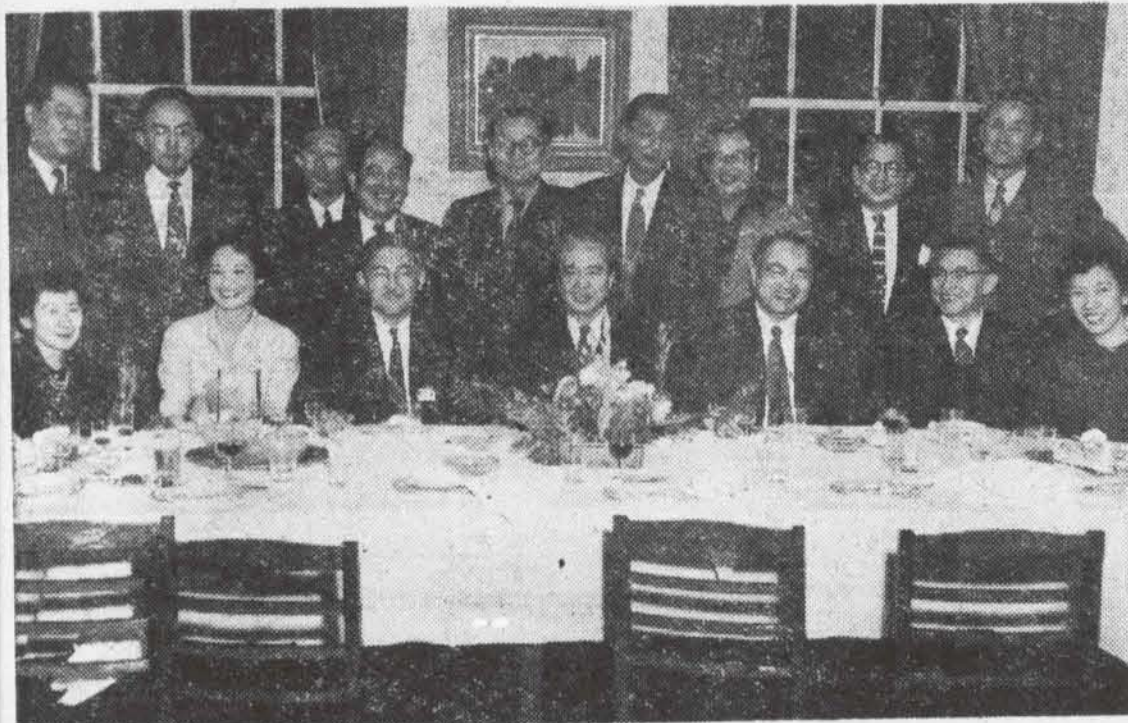


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The first night in Tokyo for George Inagaki and Sab Kido was a signal for JACLers in Japan to gather at an informal dinner. For many former statesiders, it was the first time they convened since Kido's first visit with Mike Masaoka in December, 1952. In front (left to right) are (unidentified), Mrs. George Kyo-

tow, Saburo Kido, Yoji Hirota, George Inagaki, George Togasaki, Mary Minamoto; in back: Goro Murata, Sam Ishikawa, Shig Saito, Welly Shibata, Tamotsu Murayama, John Aki, T. John Fujii, Wesley Oyama and Tom Takagi.

—Nippon Times photo



One of the highlights of the trip was a special party held for some JAL guests by the Sumitomo Bank branch in Kyoto—ancient Japanese capital where *maikos*, understudies to the *geisha*, still perform. George Inagaki, PC representative, missed it, but other members of the Japanese American press were

entertained. While the names of the *geisha* and *maiko* girls were not obtained, the photo includes in front: Teiho Hashida, Mrs. Michiye Makino, Sab Kido, Shigeo Yoshitsugu and in back; Duncan Ik-zoe and Sumitomo Bank officials.

days that the Dies un-American Activities Committee accused the WRA of being dictated to by the JACL.

As we look back to those days, we must admit that Larry Tajiri and Mike Masaoka made a nice combination in getting the latest news and releasing them at the earliest possible date.

I hope no one will accuse the JACL of influencing the State Department or the American consulates in Japan although we would like to make representations whenever the occasion arises concerning the problems confronting the Nisei or their relatives.

Continued Next Week

NISEI FARMER INJURED IN TRACTOR ACCIDENT

Gilroy

Frank Noto, filling up ditches, was seriously injured in a tractor accident last Friday. When his position became dangerous along the slope of a gulley, he jumped to the opposite side but slid back just as the tractor tipped over onto him. Suffering a deep gash in one thigh, he was taken to Wheeler Hospital unconscious.

Civil Rights—

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work is the right to live, and improved working conditions mean improved living for all concerned.

"To eliminate as much discrimination in employment based upon race, color, religion, national origin, or ancestry as is possible under law, in order that job opportunities and promotions may become a matter of individual merit and worth, JACL urges passage of the Ives Bill.

"To at least keep secure the advances made in this field, to prevent a return to the abuses of the past, and to assure federal promotion of fair employment practices among employers as well as labor organizations, such legislation as is currently under consideration is vitally needed.

Improved Economy Seen

"Improving and increasing employment opportunities for all on a personal basis will not only result in a healthier and more abundant economy and nation but also in greater response to our leadership of the free world.

"Because of the makeup of our membership, visitors from Japan—official and unofficial, representing all walks of life—ask about America's treatment of its minorities as this subject has been one of the favorite topics of the Communists. If democracy is to command the allegiance of the multitudes in the world, and especially Asia and Africa, then democracy must rid itself of racial discriminations, for most of the people of earth, being colored, consider the handling of the race question as the touchstone of any social order.

"In these troubled days, when the survival of our nation and our way of life is at stake, we cannot afford the luxury of race discrimination."

● The Japan-U.N. Forces treaty formally signed Feb. 19 provides U.N. troops in Japan would enjoy treatment substantially equal to that of the U.S. forces.

Scene from the Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

Introducing George Yasukochi . . .

George has been one of the most energetic and able JACL presidents in the last year. He was the first president of the newly re-organized Berkeley Chapter and has already made it one of the most effective and active units in our whole national organization. He has constantly shown a deep concern for the welfare not only of the Issei, but of our role as an articulate and conscientious voice in our nation. Without further comment, we present GEORGE YASUKOCHI, a very good JACLer and his somewhat provocative article.—H.I.

They took Solomon's words literally in the Eastbay and found a judicious solution in cutting up a declining chapter three-ways. This trisection proved an undisputed blessing, for it created three entities, the least of which is as active as the parent chapter had been in recent years. The combined membership doubled, interest and enthusiasm rose in geometric progression, and closer ties of unity developed in these communities both among the Nisei and Issei.

For its thorough organizational work and its diverse program, the Berkeley chapter, whose membership increased from 111 to 255 and is expected this year to be close to 400, received generous commendations from many quarters. Praise has the foreboding power of turning people's heads . . . but sometimes in the right direction. By the grace of the P.C., you can be the judge.

This is not an analysis, much less a laudation, of the Berkeley chapter and its activities. Rather the experiences of shouldering the primary responsibility for the operations of a so-called "successful" chapter is the springboard for this writer's observations on the aims, the problems, the weaknesses and the future of JACL organizations.

The faint hope kindling this column is that the upper echelons—the District Council in particular—will devote more time in its somewhat perfunctory quarterly meetings to the earnest study of how to strengthen local chapters and plan effective programs. Or early each year a weekend conference could be devoted solely to briefing local officers in all aspects of leadership problems and acquainting bewildered neophyte presidents, who have been railroaded into office, with what the JACL is and has been doing.

JACL Aims and Functions . . .

The assumption upon which this article is based, be it a poor facsimile to the ugly truth, is that the JACL exists to help those of Japanese ancestry secure their full rights and to help integrate them as better citizens in the lifestream of America. The organization is a spokesman for the Nisei and the liaison with other minority group associations and with the over-all community organizations who recognize that the Nisei group together for certain functions. The chapter also becomes a means for introducing Nisei, who otherwise may live in shells of their own, to the civic and societal obligations and problems of a democratic community.

A further function of importance is to imbue the Nisei with the concept of freedom, equality and justice not only as it applies to themselves but to other minorities as well, whether racial, religious, political or economic—some of whom are much less favored than they. And we should not, for fear of taint, hesitate to ally ourselves with liberal organizations that seek to spread the mantle of democracy, such as the ACLU, Anti-Defamation League, Federation for Civic Unity, NAACP, some labor groups and others.

Through all this, one idea should be paramount in our thinking and emblazoned in our actions—we are Americans first and Nisei second. And by Americans we do mean thoughtful citizens concerned with the preservation and improvement of the best traditions of our country—not impetuous and reckless flagwavers.

The Perplexing Paradox . . .

The seeds of dissolution are already sown when the attempt is made to embrace the largest membership possible. People, and possibly more so the Nisei, for the large part are apathetic to high minded purpose. It takes a well developed sense of social responsibility to induce one to become a "brothers' keeper," particularly when the brothers are often indifferent, irresponsible and unappreciative.

Thus, we resort to social and recreational traps to make the chapter appear more palatable to the rank and file.

The time and energy spent in recruiting members and carrying on a social program in competition with numerous other groups

means that the leaders are unable to focus their attention upon the basic functions. Another unfortunate effect is the intensification of voluntary segregation and the drawing away of some Nisei from their vital contacts with the non-segregated community.

The No-No's of This Decade . . .

It is interesting to note the many alleged reasons proffered by those who refuse to become members. Among them are:

(1) What do I get out of it? It is almost futile to attempt an answer to such a prejudiced question. To those, however, who simply request information about JACL activities, it is easy enough to point to evacuation claims payment, naturalization rights for the Issei, elimination of discrimination in many walks of life, interesting Chapter program, etc.

(2) I disagree with its policies. On the one hand, there are former renunciants who have never relinquished their enmity towards the JACL. On the other hand, there are honest liberals who disapprove of such JACL stands as on the McCarran-Walter Act. We have not been eminently successful with the line that they should as members within the organization voice their opinions, for the JACL brass on occasions have sought to suppress the statements and actions of members and chapters, fearing that certain politicians might be offended or might view disunity within the JACL as a sign of weakness.

(3) Too much social activities. Then, of course, there is the opposite complaint, all at once. We can only invite them to join and help shape the policies and program of the chapter.

(4) No money. True, only in the sense that some Nisei live beyond their means, spending prodigally on automobiles, liquor, horses, golf, bowling, entertainment or clothes.

(5) Don't like some of your leaders. Frequently this refers to non-local JACLers, but the exact reasons for such antipathy are not usually divulged.

(6) I don't have the time to participate and I don't want to join if I can't be an active member. A specious dodge, for it is apparent that each dollar helps and every additional member, active or inactive, adds to our effectiveness as a spokesman for the Nisei.

There are more ingenious reasons which we cannot recall at the moment, but these in main are the ones most frequently voiced. They are less likely to crop up if the solicitor is a good friend of the solicited. The cloak of friendship blankets many disgruntled thoughts.

Actually the JACL loses more members by failing to approach prospects personally than from outright refusals to join.

In the Brave New World . . .

It would seem desirable for the JACL to pattern itself more after the ACLU and NAACP type of organization, especially in the metropolitan areas. This means minimizing of social fellowship and emphasis on working on specific projects and problems through a paid staff and an elected executive board. The membership is kept in touch with things through publications and occasional meetings.

To those who now view the JACL as a fraternal order, this may sound like heresy—or perhaps an impractical proposition.

Yet, if the JACL can build up its endowment fund and if the Nisei mature with a greater sense of social responsibility, financial support and membership drives will cease to be of primary concern thereby enabling an organization of this type to concentrate its major efforts on the basic purposes.

If this is an "iffy" hypothesis, perhaps we shall have to muddle along as a sort of hybrid animal. The heroic efforts of individuals who sacrifice much of their personal time, effort and money will be required to keep the ball rolling. As these individuals appear and disappear from the scene, so the JACL will ebb and wane. Heroes do get tired and fade away.

Very possibly the solution on the local level is to build a "hard core" (forgive this subversive terminology) of about 20 members who will faithfully support the program of the chapter, who are willing and able to share the burdens of leadership, and who are people with a broad and discerning outlook. Then infuse this core each year with young blood, enthusiastic and visionary. That it might call for a super Diogenes to uncover and enlist such individuals may prove to be the stumbling block. No answer comes easy.

You readers who have stuck it out to the bitter end of this article, however, take heart. Next week, East Lynne.

The new 5-F ruling is also expected to eliminate the red tape previously encountered by male Issei residents trying to re-enter this country after trips to Japan. Several Issei have been detained and released on parole because immigration authorities wanted to investigate their 5-F status.

Re-entry Permits

The 1952 Walter-McCarran law prohibits entry of any alien "ineligible" to citizenship into this country. There should be no trouble in the future as male Issei will not be questioned as

to their eligibility because of their World War I draft status.

Tak Kusano of Kusano Travel Bureau said this decision lifts a big worry off his mind as he has some 30 Issei signed up for a tour of Japan this spring. "If the re-entry matter hadn't been straightened out before the party's departure time, some of them may have cancelled at the last minute," he said.

Marvin Uratsu of the local APL office said there was a definite reluctance on the part of Issei to visit Japan until the 5-F matter was clarified.

JACL Endowment Fund Donors

San Francisco

JACL's national headquarters here announced that \$1409.49 had been received thus far in February for the National JACL endowment fund.

Voluntary contributions from individuals listed below boosted the total received for the fund to \$73,833.75.

Largest single contribution was \$500 from A. L. Wirin, Fred Okrand and Robert Rissman, L.A. law firm, which has handled many Issei and Nisei cases.

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Issei 5-Fs—

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"Most of them were husband & wife combinations," Hart explained. "We knew they wanted to take their examinations together and use the same witnesses."

Husband-Wife Combinations

"Rather than calling them at separate times, we decided to halt all Japanese cases until a definite decision was reached," he said.

THE SOU'WESTER

★
TATS KUSHIDA

PSWDC chapter clinic well liked . . .

If attendance is a criterion, the chapter clinic conducted by the Pacific Southwest District Council last Sunday at the Santa Monica Chase Hotel with 123 JACLers registered was a great success!

But we know there are other standards by which to judge success. From the comments noted on the clinic evaluation sheets (more of this later) turned in by participants, the chapter clinic has measured up to other standards.

Much was crammed into the all-day session. The morning session was devoted to organization background with SABURO KIDO, past national president, and GEORGE INAGAKI, incumbent prexy describing JACL history, its conception, growth, early objectives and past achievements. National Director MASAO SATOW discussed JACL's purposes, structure, incorporation, constitution, policy, and administration, commenting upon the role of the national council, the national board, national committees, regional offices, district councils, chapters and membership.

DR. ROY M. NISHIKAWA, as national treasurer, discussed JACL financial structure, budgetary controls, fund raising, supporting memberships, the 1000 Club, Endowment Fund and other aspects of finances. As chairman of the 13th biennial national convention scheduled for Sept. 2-6, he described the numerous attractions which supplement hours of serious business in store for delegates.

JACL legal counsel FRANK CHUMAN covered the 1954 legislative program of JACL in terms of specific legislative proposals, priorities, action and prospects while HARRY HONDA, editor, acquainted the audience as to PC operations.

District membership contest on . . .

During the informal luncheon program, TUT YATA, immediate past chairman of the PSWDC, was presented an appreciation scroll from the National JACL by Callahan Inagaki HARUO ISHIMARU, regional director of the No. Calif. office and MAS SATOW led community singing.

A membership race on a district basis was launched when KEN DYIO accepted, via Ishimaru, the challenge of TOM YEGO, NCWNDC chairman. The prize: a crate of Salinas lettuce against a crate of Sunkist oranges, to be awarded at the national convention. The terms: percentage increase over 1953 membership; members to consist of either new or renewals, active and special, from Nov. 1, 1953 to Sept. 2, 1954.

Heart of clinic session . . .

The meat of the clinic was the afternoon session—three hours of solid sitting punctuated by a 15 minute break.

Leading off, and by birth who is better qualified, was HARUO AVOIDUPOIS ISHIMARU, NCWNDC regional director. He presented a well-prepared discussion on the planning and conducting of chapter meetings, types of meetings, techniques and successful programming experiences of chapters. He reported on the enthusiastic response to district meetings in Northern California as a key to improving JACL interest and chapter-level response.

TUT YATA followed up with a competent discussion on chapter cabinet meetings.

Then came our turn—public relations and publicity techniques presented by the SOU'WESTER.

A well-received and relatively non-technical discussion on parliamentary procedure was led by FRANK CHUMAN of the law firm, Aisle, Taykeer, Case and Phee. Much interest in this subject was voiced per a number of questions, all of which, as Frankie Boy always does, he handled adroitly. We wonder if he hadn't ghost-written Robert's Rules of Order.

Winding up the clinical portion of the day's program, Deacon Satow elaborated upon chapter-related problems including membership, exposing the group to much organizational know-how to meet them.

Evaluations . . .

Results of the evaluation questionnaire were most gratifying to those who had applied themselves to the task of planning the clinic—DAVE YOKOZEKI, Downtown LA prexy who chaired the clinic committee, PSWDC Chairman KEN DYIO, who is becoming widely acclaimed as the prolific propagator from Pasadena, and the regional office staff.

Were you interested in this clinic?
Very Much—83%. Quite a Bit—17%.

Did you feel the group was interested?
Very much—69%. Quite a Bit—31%.

Did you learn any new facts about the JACL?
Yes, very much—58%. Yes, some—39%.

Do you feel what you learned will help you in work with chapter or community?
Yes, very much—56%. Yes, to some extent—43%.

Have your previous opinions about JACL changed?
Yes, very much—26%. Considerably improved—47%. No change—16%. Some of the latter commented: "I have always had the highest regard for JACL."

Did the clinic accomplish anything?
Certainly—75%. Probably—25%.

Was preparation of clinic adequate?
More than adequate—89%.

Was there enough time for discussion?
Adequate—68%. Inadequate—32%.

Would the clinic have been better if some subjects were omitted?
Perhaps—33%. No—61%.

The best indication of the clinic's popularity is the 78% who would like to see the clinic repeated once a year and 21% at least every two years. Also, 39% felt the social atmosphere "very much" congenial and enjoyable while 56% thought so "quite a bit."

Banquet feature proves to be eye-opener . . .

The banquet program of the clinic was both an eye and ear-opener. DR. KIYOSHI SONODA, who overhauls molars in Sawtelle, did a creditable job as master of ceremonies. After headtable dignitaries were introduced and a calory-loaded dinner of roast beef served, some pretty nice entertainment preceded the guest speaker.

UTA SHIMOTSUKA was the vocal artist with two numbers, accompanied by HARUKO HOKAMA. The West L.A. Atomettes girls club presented a clever skit followed by accordionist, J. Robinson.

Guest speaker was Col. SIDNEY F. MASHBIR, (ret.), author of the book, "I Was an American Spy" (Vantage Press \$3.75) which tells of his military career as an intelligence officer and includes a chapter devoted to the role of the 4,000 Nisei who served under him with the Allied Translator and Interpreters section (ATIS) in the Pacific war.



Overhead photo of portion of the participants at the first PSWDC Chapter Clinic at Chase Hotel.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo.

With military bearing and commanding eloquence, Col. Mashbir, who was introduced by a fellow colonel, Judge JOHN F. VISO, described his military experiences in Japan. He declared that those ATIS Nisei helped save hundred of thousands of lives and billions of dollars in the war against Japan.

Equality Issue

Because of the loyalty, patriotism and conduct of the Nisei, he said, the Japanese Americans have, on their own merits, earned recognition, status and acceptance. Since racial equality has been recognized but often confused with social equality, he cautioned, Japanese Americans should not identify themselves with other minority groups on equality-seeking activities which are all too often Communist-inspired.

He suggested that a careful scrutiny and reporting to the FBI of suspect Nisei would prevent the damaging reflection against the entire group by even a single Nisei communist.

Regretting the 1942 evacuation, he commented that counter-espionage efforts by the Nisei on the Pacific Coast before Pearl Harbor would have established Nisei loyalty and thus prevented evacuation.

Dancing hours close

full day for many . . .

A few hours of dancing in the Tudor Room of the hotel wrote finis to a successful day's program. The host chapters, Venice-Culver headed by KEN AMAMOTO and West Los Angeles under president ELMER UCHIDA are to be commended for the hospitality extended and facilities arranged for this event.

We feel, too, that the clinic was well worth the trip made by members of distant chapters like Arizona, San Luis Obispo, Coachella Valley, San Diego and Santa Barbara.

Importance of

public relations . . .

This won't be the first time we have mentioned the importance of public relations as a vital part of chapter activities. Reference was made several times at the PSWDC chapter clinic of various chapter projects which made for effective public relations.

A case in point is the annual installation banquet of the Orange County chapter held on Feb. 26 at Garden Grove.

Orange County CL

Preparations for this event were made thoroughly, judging from the attendance of more than 100 persons. The program was well planned, with a very able emcee and significant features such as the installation ritual, tribute to newly naturalized Issei citizens, a printed program, top quality entertainment, a principal speaker, and of course, wonderful food —

prime rib.

The public relations aspect of this program was this. More than 30 Caucasians were present, some as personal guests of members, others being chapter guests. They included civic leaders and public officials, all of whom were favorably impressed with the JACL's role in the Japanese and the total American communities.

Civic Dignitaries

Among the guests were County Sheriff Jim Musick (Musick was a USC football star not long ago); Willis Warner, chairman of the county board of supervisors; Brian Williams, president of the local Bank of America; principal Elliott of the Huntington Beach High School; Mrs. Jessie Hayden, instructor in Americanization; Rev. George N. Greer; and newspaper representatives.

A nice touch was the pledge of allegiance led by SABURO MURAOKA, naturalized Issei, and the moving speech by SHOSUKE NITTA, who responded on behalf of the new Issei citizens who were honored. They included, in addition to citizens Muraoka and Nitta, Mrs. Kimi Imoto, Mrs. Kameichi Sato, Mrs. Osaku Sato, Mrs. Masuko Akiyama and Mr. Wayne Fujimura.

Inagaki Speaks

Main speaker was national president George Inagaki, whose speaking manner, a relaxed and informal style well balanced with humor and compelling seriousness, quickly wins over an audience. His subject matter, the urgent need for a continuing, strong, effective JACL organization, packed the usual wallop.

Attractive KARIO SHINDO AIHARA, popular Nisei songstress, sang two well received numbers. She was accompanied by Mary Viera.

The installation ritual was conducted by the Sou'wester whose privilege it was to install, for his first time, an all-male cabinet headed by KEN UYESUGI who is serving his second term and which includes:

Harry Matsukane, 1st v.p.; George Kanno, 2nd v.p.; Fred Mizusawa, 3rd v.p.; James Kobayashi, sec.; Dr. Tad Ochiai, treas.; Roy Kobayashi, auditor and four members at large, Tom Enomoto, Elden Kanegae, Mits Nitta and Stephen Tamura.

This was the fifth installation program in O.C. we have attended. Aply serving as emcee in the past was STEPHEN "Cap" TAMURA, assistant county attorney. The chapter

has uncovered new talent.

ERIE KAWAI, sales manager for the Liquinox fertilizer company, performed masterfully as toastmaster. His speaking ability, sense of timing and humor left little to be desired. In our experience, we have seen an otherwise good program go to the dogs because of a poor toastmaster.

Able Toastmaster

Erie is the kind of guy who can make an otherwise poor program seem well planned. In this instance, it was a happy combination of good planning and good emceeing.

Certainly it may cost the chapter a little expense to put over this kind of gathering, unless the payings guests can absorb the "comps." But in terms of public relations value, it is well worth it for the chapter.

We commend the O.C. chapter and others who conduct similar P.R. activities for being on the ball.

State VFW posts

support CL program . . .

A couple of weeks ago, SALEM YAGAWA, active VFW leader in Los Angeles, dropped in for a chat. He suggested that since seven Nisei VFW posts in California were going to have a statewide meeting in Sacramento, he would be glad to offer for consideration any resolutions which might be helpful to the JACL program.

So we drafted up a couple of resolutions, one urging enactment of amendments to the evacuation claims law to permit the expeditious settling of the claims program and another calling attention to the bottleneck of the Los Angeles Immigration and Naturalization service office in the processing of naturalization petitions, and asking for Congressional appropriations to permit an increase in the I&NS staff of examiners, investigators and interpreters.

Passed Unanimously

Salem called the other day to report that the former resolution was unanimously adopted and that the second, being a more local matter, was being acted upon by local posts of the VFW.

This kind of cooperative support from the VFW is most welcome and heartening and we take this means of extending our thanks for their joining JACL in efforts to protect and promote the welfare of all Japanese Americans.

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SPORTSCOPE:

● A new form of wrestling for the fans in Japan is taking hold—the American catch-as-catch-can style, which is being popularized by television. For three straight days last week, capacity crowds of over 10,000 screamed and yelled themselves hoarse at Kuramae stadium, (locale of sumo championships), watching the grunt & groan artists. The Sharpe brothers, Mike and Ben, of San Francisco placed their tag-team world championship title on the block and successfully defended it against Rikidozan and Masahiko Kimura, the two top Japanese pro-wrestlers. This week, the group is a tour of other cities. . . . So popular is pro-wrestling on Japan's TV, that crowds milled in front of stores to watch the antics instead of surging to the airport the day Mr. and Mrs. Joe DiMaggio left for home.

● In last week's PC was the story of JIM SAKAMOTO's big 715 scratch series in the San Jose City Men's bowling tournament, one of the best Nisei efforts to date and an all-time tournament high. The tournament is 19 years old. Aside from winning the doubles championship with his brother FRANK, he joined the Hawaiian Garden squad with his brother, JOHNNY KASANO, Ray Strong and Martin Harris in winning the team event at 3043. He was certainly in the chips! *It is certainly to the good of Nisei bowlers everywhere to see one so successful in a city-wide tournament. . . . In the Metropolitan Oakland Bowling Association city championship, Alfred Alfonso and FRED YAMASHIRO were in third place two weeks ago in the handicap doubles race with a 1272 total including their 182-pin handicap. Fred rolled 200-200-201, "missing" a perfect series by one pin. . . . Now that winter bowling seasons in many areas are nearing an end and with a whole file of 600-plus series still unmentioned, we regret space in previous issues prevented their listing. . . . One standout comes from the Idaho Fall JACL League where HID HASEGAWA posted a 699 series with a 289 game, the highest scores for any league there this year. . . . Other scores of recent vintage:*

Final results of the first annual Ontario Nisei Invitational Handicap bowling tournament two weekends ago include the following scratch score awards: Singles—GEORGE SAITO 623, doubles—ICH KONISHI-TONY MAEDA 1164, all-events—GEORGE SAITO 1581-d564-s623, five-game sweeper—SHIG HIRONAKA 1038. . . . FUZZY SHIMADA of San Francisco rolled his eighth 600 series with 603 and 23rd 200 game with 230 last week in the Nisei Majors, while TATS NAGASE racked up two more 200 games (204-212) for six games in nine tries. . . . In the Eastbay 775 Men's league were KAY YOSHIOKA's 605 and TAK NAKAGAWA's 602. . . . Several 600 series from Denver include GEORGE OTSUKI's 616, JIM NAKAGAWA's 629 and JOHN NOGUCHI's 616.

● Best performances by Midwest college trackmen this year include the 9m.22.8s. two-mile run by KIKUO MORIYA of Wheaton College. It stands 6.2s. ahead of the second best time so far by Dick Wilson of Kansas.

● NORMAN TAMANAHA missed breaking the 15½-mile AAU road race record two Sundays ago in Honolulu by touring the distance in 1h.34m.43s. as compared with his own mark of 1h.34m.39.6s. Taking the lead at the outset, the 47-year-old veteran was never passed.

● The Northern California NAU "AA" championship playoff is set for Mar. 14, providing no complication in standings appear this week. San Francisco Protos appear as the "team to beat," led by JOHNNY YASUMOTO who potted 21 points in the final game last Sunday against Bob's TV of Berkeley, which lost 52-36. . . . Sacramento JACL Stags knocked San Jose Zebras 53-49 with help from GEORGE GOTO, the Placer ace who completed his regular season with the Sacramento State varsity. . . . The N.C. NAU has suggested the north-south basketball series be held on the Mar. 28 weekend in Los Angeles. Meantime, four top teams in the Southern California loop are tangling for the championship.

● Four of eight berths in the 19th annual Salt Lake Nisei Invitational tournament have been filled. Defending champs San Francisco Saints, Bob's TV of Berkeley, Seattle's Main Bowl Savoy and the Denver All-Stars have accepted to play in the Apr. 1-3 basketball series at Hellenic gym. Bids are still out to other out-of-state teams in San Jose, Chicago, Idaho and Southern California.

● Figures released last week in Stockton show KEN SHIBATA of Sacramento was winner of the El Dorado Bowl's eight annual singles classic completed two weeks ago. With an 84-pin handicap, Ken has a 1376 total, good for the top \$750 handicap division prize. His high game was 269. With his 1292, it was two pins better than his runner-up for the top \$250 scratch prize pool. In all, some 139 prizes of nearly \$4,000 in cash were listed. Other leaders included FRANK KAWAI, Sacramento; FRANK TANIMOTO, Stockton; KANE UMEMOTO, Selma; and TASH KAWASAKI, Sacramento.

KONNO BETTERS WORLD 220-YD. SWIM MARK SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS

Columbus, O.

Ford Konno bettered the world's 220-yd. freestyle record for the second time in two weeks last Saturday as the Ohio State swimming team defeated Michigan 52-41.

The slim Hawaiian Nisei swam the distance in 2m.4.7s., knocking one-tenth of a second off his own unofficial record established two weeks earlier. The official record of 2m.5.5s. was set by John Marshall of

Yale in 1950.

Konno and Ohio State's two other Hawaiians, Dick Cleveland and Yoshi Oyakawa, won five of the meet's 10 first-places.

Oyakawa did the 100-yd. backstroke leg of the 300-yd. medley relay in 55.7s., bettering his world mark of 56.1s. He won the 220-yd. dorsal event in 2m.13s. Konno's 4m.29.4s. in the 440-yd. swim is a new meet record.

JACL nine to play third year in semi-pro Placer-Nevada league

By HOMER TAKAHASHI

Loomis

The spring weather we've been having certainly makes one feel like shedding his long johns and going out to toss around a few.

Yes, sir, it's that time of year again. You move out from the hot stove circuit to the wide open spaces. Spring training programs have already been put to practice and the local ball club will soon be swinging into action.

Placer JACL to Stay In

The Placer JACL ball club will definitely stick it out in the Placer-Nevada League for its third straight year, it was announced at a meeting held recently.

The same clubs that made up last year's interesting race will again answer the opening day gong. They are as follows:

Placer JACL, Auburn, Colfax, Grass Valley, Lincoln, Placerville, Nevada City, and Roseville (defend-

14-inning fracas

Honolulu

Harry Yamamoto was named the winning pitcher in a 1-0 shutout last week in the Paradise Commercial softball league. The game ended when Taboots Eguchi singled in Carr Yamakawa in the bottom half of the 14th inning to break-up a five-star thriller.



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THREE HAWAIIANS TOKYO GIANT LINE

Three Hawaiian Nisei regulars for the Tokyo Giants which is gunning for the straight pennant this season the Central Professional League.

This became certain when the Giants announced the sale of veteran third baseman Mitsuo Uno to the Tokyo Swallows. Taking his place will be Dick Kashiwada, who was named with Uno for the year toward the closing of last season.

The other two are Wally Yonamine and Taro Tera. All three Hawaiians arrived here last week spending off-season in Honolulu.

In army keg meet

Idaho Pfc. Tommy T. Ogawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ogawa, Falls, a mechanic with the Field Artillery, 1st Infantry Division, was recently chosen to represent Battery C in the national bowling tournament in Germany. He entered the service January, 1953, and has been overseas since July.

IN HONOR

Pvt. George Kobori, 4th Central Postal Directory, Ft. Lewis, Wash., among soldiers receiving awards from the Freedoms Foundation in ceremonies at Forge, Pa., last week. He was given an honor certificate.

Mrs. Richard Yoshikawa, elected president of the Mrs. club of Stockton, is associated with her husband in the photography business. They have two children, and Georgene.

Robert J. Matsumoto, younger brother of Glenn Matsumoto who graduates from the Military Academy at West Point this June, was named as principal appointee from the Congressional District of California by Rep. Harlan B. Bakersfield. Final entrance examinations were held this

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ The "granitized" two-story building near the corner of Second and San Pedro Sts. this week was occupied by five Japanese American doctors: a laboratory technician; and pharmacists for a branch of the Kyodo Drug Co.

The remodeled \$100,000 edifice has been leased to the occupants for 10 years by the Woodworth Land, Inc., which constructed Li'l Tokio's latest and most modern medical center.

The shareholders all have equal investment in the property formerly used by a tool and supply company.

They are Doctors Y. FRED FUJIKAWA, thoracic surgeon; GEORGE Y. ABE, psychiatrist; TADASHI FUJIMOTO, general practitioner; GEORGE K. KAMBARA, ophthalmologist; GEORGE R. BABA, obstetrician; and JOSEPH S. LO PRESTI, Metropolitan Medical Laboratories. TAUL WATANABE is manager and director of the corporation.

All except Watanabe, who was responsible for the construction of the center, have office space in the medically-facilitated structure to be used only by the professional men.

Sharing part of the office with Dr. Baba are DR. JAMES N. YAMAZAKI, pediatrician; and DR. JURO SHINTANI, dermatologist.

★ Los Angeles Mirror's entertainment columnist, DICK WILLIAMS, writes his weekly "Southern Exposure" that highlights his visits of our urban community with crisp impressions.

Two weeks ago he stood on the corner of First and San Pedro, scribbled a few notes, and out came a rather colorful description of "Li'l Tokio." He says:

The very young and the very old cling to an ancient culture in this largest urban center of Japanese in the United States . . .

But the rest have little time for the tradition of bushido and the samurai customs of etiquette in this harshly realistic age of the atom.

Williams, whom we had a brief pleasure of meeting to provide him bits of Li'l Tokio doings, the festivals and the likes, thinks the community is more genuine than its Chinese counterpart in San Francisco which puts on a false front to catch the tourist trade.

And the fourth-estater who elbows with the best of Hollywood celebrities says Japanese sales clerks, smiling but impersonal, are unlike the Chinese. They will not haggle. They have a fixed price which will not change at the caprice of a wandering housewife.

"A roving tourist is a comparatively rare sight," he observes, adding Li'l Tokio has never made a coordinated play for them. We know Mr. Williams was polite with his words but we feel that the Chinese are clever in "bringing in the tourists" and that is one of their great assets for the remarkable growth while Li'l Tokio somewhat remains an off-the-shoot portion of a community.

But all is not lost!

CHARLES E. BENNETT, who is Commissioner of the City Planning Board, remarked once before when the Civic Center project takes away part of our First and San Pedro business section, we would have one of the cleanest "health and sanitation" records in the city.

He recommended highly, before a businessmen's luncheon meeting then that we turn Li'l Tokio into a tourist attraction. Somehow this idea has been swapped around long enough but never resolved in serious fashion.

Williams' article no doubt will cause some of the downtown merchants to rise and take notice.

Meantime those of us who earn our bread and butter (and are they expensive now) in this non-Occidental sector of Los Angeles can readily appreciate such an expansion—streets lined with lanterns, beautiful gals in komono, and cabarets with katsura-fitted samisen players. *Wonderful dream, isn't it?*

★ Time was when envoys from Japan visiting the United States had little to say but to thank this country for its great work in democratizing the Asian nation.

But Japan, today in its struggle to get back on its feet—politically as well as economically—is griping and being pressured, telling us more bluntly what goes on in the Far East.

Sen. SHINICHI KONDO, a member of the Japanese House of Councillors (upper House of the Diet), heads a 10-man labor delegation now on a tour of the United States.

Earlier this week he told guests at MRA headquarters here that the war's end in Korea is hurting Japan's economy and a serious recession is under way.

"As a result," he said, "there is increasing agitation for Japanese industry to deal with Red China. Currently we deal only with National China on Formosa."

There is also widespread opposition to rearming in Japan, and the people are faced with inflation, heavy taxes, and unable to pay for the rearmament program.

Communist influences, however, have declined in Japan, Kondo assured his listeners.

★ On his first diplomatic assignment in the United States, TATSUO IWAMA arrived here Monday as Japan's new consul under Consul General SHINSAKU HOGEN.

The 38-year-old Univ. of Tokyo graduate attended USC in 1950 and 1951 studying international relations. He replaces Consul HIDEMICHI KIRA who has been reassigned to Tokyo.

Iwama, ex-consul of Surabaya, Indonesia, arrived by plane with his wife Sumiko and their six-year old son Yasuo.

★ With the Tsuji (San Francisco) and Matoba (Denver) 5-F cases out of the way, coupled with recent U.S. Attorney General's announcement to Immigration and Naturalization offices to process citizenship for those male Issei who were classified in that draft category in World War I, southland alien Japanese, stuck with 5-F status, are soon expected to receive proper papers for naturalization.

RAY GRIFFIN, head of the local naturalization section of the I&NS, says less than 100 are involved in the delay. Their applications are to be processed immediately.

★ Our 11-month old son BENNETT stood up wobbling in his playpen as we were completing our Federal Income Tax form one night. Of course we visualize a big "\$600" deduction when we looked at him but he was mostly concerned with our ticking at the typewriter.

He gurgled a bit as if to say, "Dad, don't forget to put my name on the sheet. That's me under 'offspring.'" We appreciate his enthusiasm but, by golly, only \$600.?

As far as Bennett is concerned, his worth is immeasurable, but we'd like to ask Uncle Sam for a scale on the dependents . . . and the wife too.

If anyone can support two on those deductions they can get their heads examined.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ASAHI—Jan. 23, a boy Terry Teruo to the Tamotsu Tom Asahis (Katsuko Kay Yamaguchi), Los Angeles.

BRANNAN—Jan. 26, a girl Eunice Robin to the Donald J. Brannans (Takako Kitano), Los Angeles.

CHANG—Jan. 26, a girl Corliss Gail to the George Qun Chow Changs (Doris Kikumi Oka), Los Angeles.

DOJ—A boy Howard Jr. to the Howard Dojs, Denver.

DYO—Jan. 22, a boy Gary Shigeo to the Sei Dyos (Yetsuko Fujimoto), Pasadena.

HIRAMATSU—Feb. 19, a boy to the Joe Hiramatsus, Seattle.

HORNA—Jan. 27, a girl Nancy Gean to the Charles Hornas (Teruko Toyama), Cleveland.

IMAMURA—Jan. 24, a girl Haruyo to the Riehiro Dick Imamura (Kikuyo Yoshimura), Los Angeles.

INOUE—Jan. 17, a girl Susan Christine to the Yoshimi Inoues, Cleveland.

IOKA—A girl to the Harry Iokas, Denver.

ISHIGURO—Feb. 16, a girl to the Fujio Ishiguros, Greeley, Colo.

ISOBE—Jan. 23, a boy Teru Ted to the Toshio Jerry Isobes (Satoye June Hikiji), Los Angeles.

KAWASAKI—Jan. 24, a boy Brent Steven to the Yukio Paul Kawasakis (Masaye Yoshikawa), Pasadena.

KOKAWA—Jan. 24, a girl Susan Cynthia to the Fred Fujikazu Kokawas (Mollie Yoshiko Koda), Los Angeles.

MATSUEDA—Dec. 30, a girl Lorraine Michi to the Roy Kenji Matsuedas (Grace Chiyoko Sawahata), Los Angeles.

MATSUMOTO—Jan. 25, a girl Paula to the Paul Matsumotos, Cleveland.

MURAKAMI—Feb. 11, a boy Keith Justus to the Tom Murakamis, Philadelphia.

NAGAI—Jan. 17, a girl Patricia Shizuko to the Tokiji Nagais (Dorothy Toshiko Tanizawa), Los Angeles.

NAGANO—Jan. 22, a girl Naomi to the Daisuke Dike Naganos (Oto-mae Saito), Los Angeles.

NAKAMURA—Jan. 24, a boy Everett Gregory to the George Nakamuras (Shizuko Murakami), Los Angeles.

NISHIKUBO—Jan. 19, a boy Stanley Noboru to the George Nishikubos (Kazuko Kawamoto), Los Angeles.

OKUMA—Jan. 11, a boy David Roland.

SAITO—Feb. 20, a boy to the James Saitos, Ontario, Ore.

SHIBATA—Dec. 19, a boy Eric Lee to the Yoshiyoshi Shibatas, Hayward.

SHIROMA—Oct. 25, a boy to the Takeo Shiromas (Akiko Nishimoto), Los Angeles.

TAKEDA—Dec. 30, a boy Norman Louis to the James Hiroshi Takedas (Margaret Tsutako Kamifuji), Los Angeles.

TAKANO—Jan. 29, a girl to the Masami Takanos, Richmond.

TAO—Jan. 1, a boy Michael Masao ger to the Nash Okumas, Cleveland.

UYEHARA—Jan. 28, a boy to the Tokuji Uyeahas (Tsuruko Gima), Los Angeles.

WADA—Jan. 22, a boy Eric Minoru to the Jack Minoru Wadas (Lucy Akiko Nakano), Los Angeles.

WONG—Jan. 15, a girl Diana Mei to the George G. Wongs (Suye Ruth Kawase), Los Angeles.

YAMA—Jan. 19, a boy Steven Hideo to the Craig Masumi Yamas (Mary Yoshiko Kobayashi), Los Angeles.

YASUI—Jan. 23, a boy Richard to the Shozen Yasuis (Hatsuyo Fujita), Pasadena.

YATSU—Feb. 14, a girl Carolyn Miy to the Koro Yatus, Cleveland.

Engagements

MARUMOTO-YAGO — Yaye, Long Beach, to Takeo, Oakland, Feb. 21.

NAITO-YAMAMOTO—Sally Sunako, Pasadena, to Frank Yasuo, Fresno, Feb. 21.

OSUMI-TAGUCHI—Chiaki, Fresno, to Charles, Reedley, Feb. 20.

SASAKI-TOKUNAGA — Fujiye to Joe, both of Seattle, Feb. 9.

SHINODA-TANAKA—June to Mikio, both of Cleveland.

TAKAHASHI-NINOMIYA — Sadako, Clovis, to Joe, Bowles, Feb. 20.

TAKEMOTO-KITAUCHI — Mary, Sanger, to Shigenori, Orosi, Feb. 21.

YATSU-IMORI — Takeyo to Tom, both of Cleveland.

UYESUGI-NAKASHIGE—Setsuko to Sam, both of Cleveland.

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CHO-KIMURA—Robert, 28, and Ina, 24, both of San Francisco.

EKINAKA-NAKAMURA — Hideo, Portland, and Fumi, Spokane.

OGAWA-YAMASAKI — Takashi, 28, and Emmy, 22, both of Idaho Falls.

SASAKI-OTSUKA—Yukio, 32, Tracy, and Sachiyo, 29, Oakland.

SAWAI-ISHIKAWA—George Atsushi, 32, Oakland, and Murayo, 25, Berkeley.

Weddings

ARITA-HATA—Feb. 20, Harry Arita, Chino, and Elsie Teruye Hata, Arlington.

ENDO-YAMAGAWA — Feb. 20, George Endo and Midori Yamagawa, both of Los Angeles.

IMAZU-UYEDA—Feb. 21, Roy Imazu and Miyoko Uyeda, both of Los Angeles.

KUMANO-HIRANO—Feb. 14, Masahiko Kumano, Palo Alto, and Joyce Hirano, Los Gatos.

KINUYA-ENDO—Feb. 20, Lui Teruto Kinuya, Honolulu, and Jane Yoshie Endo, San Fernando.

KITASHIMA-HARADA — Feb. 20, Ben Kitashima, Denver, and Betty Naoye Harada, Rocky Ford, Colo.

KIYASU-NOMURA—Feb. 13, Dr. John Yutaka Kiyasu, San Francisco, and Lily Yuriko Nomura, Oakland.

MARUYAMA-HORIO—Feb. 21, Yoshimi Maruyama and Rosie Horio, both of San Jose.

MIYOSHI-NAWASAKI—Feb. 20, Jiro Miyoshi and Arlene Kawasaki, both of Cleveland.

OSAJIMA-NAKAMURA — Feb. 21, Paul Osajima and Hatsumi Nakamura, both of Los Angeles.

TAZUMI-OYE—Feb. 14, Tatsuo Tazumi and Terrie Oye, both of Philadelphia.

WADA-ETO—Feb. 12, Terry Wada and Barbara Eto, both of Watsonville.

Deaths

ARITA, Mrs. Matsuno, 64; Chino, Feb. 19, survived by husband Sumijiro, son Sumio, five daughters Mmes. Yoshiye Dan, Sumiye Saketani, Mitsue Okada, Sueko Fujii and Haruko Nishiyori.

ISHIDA, Mrs. Yone, 55; Seattle, Feb. 17, survived by husband Goichiro, four daughters Nobu, Mrs. Chiyoko Doi, Mrs. Shizu Matsuo, Sumako and four grandchildren.

KIMURA, Shinzo, 75; Denver, Feb. 20, survived by wife Tsuya, son Henry, daughters Betty, Mrs. Helen Goto, Mrs. Margaret Ota.

MAEDA, Taichi, 71; Berkeley, Feb. 20, survived by wife Hatsuye, sons Kazuo, Minoru and three grandchildren.

NISHIZAKI, Shohachi, 67; Denver, (formerly of Berkeley), Feb. 2, survived by wife Chitose, and stepchildren Yachyo, Kiko and Takako Kusunoki.

SHIMIZU, Tokutsu, 70; Los Angeles, Feb. 17, survived by wife Minoru, daughters Mari and Mrs. Toshi Ashikaga.

TSUNETA, Kotaro, 54; Dinuba, Feb. 19, survived by wife Asako, daughters Hamako and Mrs. Shizue Hata, brothers Issaku and Satoru.

TSUTSUMOTO, Mrs. Harumi, 62; Seattle, Feb. 18, survived by husband Nobuichi, son Ben C., daughters May and Helene.

UYENO, Mrs. Shizuko, 43; Berkeley, Feb. 20, survived by husband Juichi, son Hiroshi, daughters Reiko, Yukiko, Sumiko, Miyeko, sisters Mrs. Haruno Ono and Alice Araki.

CALENDAR

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

Mar. 7 (Sunday) VENTURA COUNTY: Installation banquet, Oxnard. Dr. Roy Nishikawa, spkr.

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

DETROIT: Japanese movies.

Mar. 18 (Thursday) SANTA BARBARA: Installation banquet, Santa Barbara High School, George Inagaki, spkr.

Mar. 19 (Friday) CHICAGO: "Career on State St.," M. L. Freeburgh, spkr., Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan, 8:15 p.m.

Mar. 20 (Saturday) CHICAGO: Social.

MILE-HI: Family carnival, D-X Club, 1800 W. 38th Ave.

Apr. 3 (Saturday) PLACER COUNTY: Community picnic dance.

Apr. 4 (Sunday) PLACER COUNTY: Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park, Penryn.

Intermountain Christian Youth meet in Idaho Falls

The 10th annual Intermountain Christian Youth Conference will be held here Mar. 6-7 with the Rev. Don I. Smith of Salmon, Idaho, as main banquet speaker. Also participating are:

The Revs. Susumu Yamane, Ogden; Tetsuo Saito, Salt Lake City; Harry Starbuck, Pocatello; H. L. Haines, Ernestine Hitchcock, Idaho Falls.

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EDITORIALS

From the Frying Pan . . .

Politics and Race

It is the philosopher who might ask: Is man primarily ruled by reason or is he ruled by irrational passions and by elements of his nature like blood or race?

If we accept the first alternative, there is sufficient philosophical basis for democratic institutions. The fundamental forms of political life in a democracy — majority rule, representation, free speech, public opinion — all rest upon discussion, deliberation and persuasion as processes of political integration.

It presupposes that man is with intellect, gifted with reason to control his actions — and not controlled by irrational passions, by the subconscious power of blood or race, or by his membership in an economic class. Because this process of integration of reasoning, arguing and persuading means active participation of all men of reason in political life, it also means the rights of other men to participate in the forming of politics must be protected.

It means government should be government by consent. Reason is the essence of law rather than the will of authority. It is in contradiction to concept that the mathematical majority is always valid.

The other alternative puts first the non-intellectual elements of man — such as blood, race, nationality, class. If this alternative is accepted, then common blood or common race is the power that integrates men into political bodies. Such a process needs nothing like discussion, deliberation, etc. Blood is the force.

It is natural that such a philosophy would see any form of dissent as treason. It derides reason, praises sentiment and appeals to the passions of the masses. Unity would be a uniformity of passions.

Individual personality would be nothing compared with the power of blood. Totalitarianism in politics would be the necessary consequence; the domination of masses over the individual, of passion over reason.

We brought this philosophical dissertation for review this week after a stirring address last Sunday. We are not going to be confused on the issue of racial equality. Our choice, needless to say, is the first alternative and opposed to the other.

The thief in California who used hook and line to fish money from dressers was no sportsman. He didn't throw back the small ones.

There'll always be excuses to stay away from the office, but when the cold has come they don't sound so fishy.

A Word about Lulac

Denver

DENVERITES CURRENTLY are witnessing a situation within the Spanish American community that is oddly reminiscent of the growing pains experienced by the Nisei a couple or three decades ago. Although the parallels are not exact, there are enough similarities to merit the interest and concern of Nisei.

Basically, the problem is one of prejudice. To be blunt about it, the bulk of the Spanish American population has not had the educational opportunities, nor the job opportunities, of other groups. Many of them are on precarious economic ground. All this leads to a high rate of crime and delinquency which leads, in turn, to more prejudice and discrimination. A bad press, especially where one of the metropolitan dailies (not *The Denver Post*) is concerned, has aggravated matters.

Recently the more responsible leaders among the Spanish Americans have come to realize that something must be done about their problem. They understand that their people must look within themselves for leadership, that outsiders can provide only advice. And so the League of United Latin American Clubs (Lulac) entered the picture, and some broad plans have been outlined for community betterment.

At this writing, support for Lulac is astonishingly limited. Only top of the upper crust, in terms of education and economics, seems to have taken any interest in the movement. Like the early JACL, its leaders are the doctors and lawyers, and there are few privates behind them in the ranks. Lulac's influence has not reached down among the ordinary folks where it's most needed.

One Spanish American leader with whom I've been talking has pointed out the need for building pride among his people. "We've come to regard ourselves as the Spiks, the despised Mexicans," he says. "We've forgotten our heritage, our role in the history of this nation,

the more recent history of our state. We must regain our pride as the first to rehabilitating ourselves."

Certainly, it seems he speaks with wisdom. The Spanish Americans have forgotten, and let their fellow Americans forget, that their forefathers were in this western country when New England was but a wilderness. In their veins is the blood of both the adventurous conquistadores and the ancient Indian civilizations of Old Mexico which had a culture comparable to that of Rome while the rest of North America was peopled by warlike nomadic tribes. The American Southwest is rich with the evidences of Spanish culture and colonization.

It will be interesting to see how the Spanish Americans of today will fare in their efforts to lift themselves by their own bootstraps. It's a hard task, one in which they deserve the support and sympathy of Nisei who know what it's like to be the unpopular underdog.

BOTH THE AIR and the newspapers have been well filled lately with the silt of eastern Colorado dust storms. A long winter drouth following on several dry years has brought back the black blizzards of the mid-thirties. The worst hit area in Colorado centers around Lamar, which is only a short distance from Granada, site of a War Relocation Center. The evacuees got brief tastes of flying dust a decade ago when desert winds swooped down on the barrack villages, sifting through the tiniest cracks into the living quarters, irritating eyes and nostrils.

Now the dust is infinitely worse, and among those in its way are a handful of Japanese American farmers in Colorado's lower Arkansas valley. Although most of them are farming irrigated land, even their well-kept fields are not immune to being buried under the flour-like dust that can be airborne for hundreds of miles.

by Larry Tajiri

Michener: a Male Chauvinist

SUE KUNITOMI Embrey, who describes herself in a recent letter to the editors of McCall's magazine as a "California-born Japanese married to a Caucasian," has filed a minority report on the merits of James Michener's best-selling recital of an interracial love, *Sayonara*.

Mrs. Embrey makes several valid and telling points in her appraisal of the Michener book, which was serialized in McCall's, described as one of the great love stories of our time and was an alternate selection of the Book-of-the-Month club. Mrs. Embrey's views are of continuing interest because the love story of the American major and his Japanese sweetheart, a star of the Takarazuka revue, is being translated into the idiom of the musical stage and also will be made into a motion picture.

The crux of Sue Embrey's argument is that the author reveals himself in his novel to be a male chauvinist, a believer in the tradition of male superiority, and that these attitudes dominate his approach to his characters.

"The characters in the story are unreal," Mrs. Embrey writes, in her letter to McCall's. "Katsumi and Hana-ogi could have been real people, except for the descriptions Michener gives of them. Michener made caricatures, stereotypes of the women. It is claimed Michener understands the East. But what he has done is to transplant strictly American ideas into an Eastern setting. There is absolutely no understanding of the people or prejudice by the hero in the story. The hero overcomes his loathing of the Japanese people only by meeting and falling in love with the most beautiful woman in all Japan."

"The story deals in a defeatist and superficial way with the people of Japan and America," Mrs. Embrey adds. "There is no understanding of the reasons for prejudice or the whole question of prejudice. Instead, prejudice is used as fate, dooming any relationship between peoples. In the end prejudice triumphs in *Sayonara* as one couple commits suicide and the other couple resign themselves to 'fate.'"

The point of stereotyped characters and situations is one made by a number of critics, though not necessarily from the same perspective as Sue Embrey's. The *New York Times* and *Time* magazine, among others, found that James Michener's obvious concern for improved human relationships between the Orient and Occident got in the way of his story and tended to make his characters cardboard cutouts set in an improvised setting. Michener, these critics implied, had forsaken the storyteller's function for the soap-box.

Mrs. Embrey, who has written a number of short stories for the *Pacific Citizen* in the past, concedes that Michener does "a service

in showing the vicious master-race attitude of the army."

"He exposes some of the worst features in American life in very blunt terms. This is commendable, but in the end, he reconciles his expose, his story and his attitude to the degenerate policy of racism," she declares.

It is possible the author will agree with the validity of the criticisms. *Sayonara* was aimed at a popular American audience, the sort of people from whom Major Gruver and Private Joe Kelly, the two leading male characters in the book, had sprung. In his eagerness to present his argument, James Michener may have sacrificed a modicum of literary quality and artistic integrity.

Sayonara, as Sue Embrey emphasizes, also popularizes the sometimes myth that Japanese women are trained to serve the demands of male chauvinism, to wait on their masters hand and foot. This is not necessarily true in a new Japan where women are sharing an increasingly larger share of family support and have won the right of suffrage. Incidentally, any Nisei girl is evidence that the Japanese woman's subservience to the male, which the GIs allegedly have found so pleasing in occupation Japan, definitely is not an inherited racial characteristic.

UNTIL THE AZUMA KABUKI troupe opened in New York City on Feb. 18, only two troupes of Japanese players had ever played in the world's biggest city. One was Michio Ito's Players from Japan, reportedly made up of California Japanese, who put on a short season of dance and drama, "adapted for the American stage," back in 1930. The other was a troupe of Takarazuka girls who performed at the New York World's Fair in 1939.

The Azuma Kabuki dancers and musicians, then, are the first to bring an authentic representation of Japan's centuries-old theatrical art to New York. They were received with hosannahs by the New York critics.

"It would be hard to imagine a more completely captivating evening," wrote John Martin, dance critic of the *New York Times*. The *Herald-Tribune's* aisle-sitter agreed it was a "constant delight."

John Martin's long review was one rave, from start to finish. "At least one hardened theatergoer would have enjoyed sitting through the entire program right over again," he concluded.

The Japanese Kabuki had been touted by James Michener, Paul Green and Joshua Logan, all big names in the American theater, as the world's greatest theatrical art.

It will not be surprising if some of the stylized forms of the Kabuki will be seen, in modified form, on the New York stage next season. It is certain to have its impact on the Broadway stage.

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DECADE AGO

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100th Infantry Bn. launches first attack against Cassino. commanders have high praise for "puka puka" boys who capture San Michele.

Heroic tales of Nisei in Italy crowd PC front page: Sgt. H. Saoka braves German sniper fire to rescue wounded Army major in Cassino battle. Sgt. Shinogaki recommended for Legion of Merit and Distinguished Service Cross saving lives of buddies by defusing mines with bare hands.

Hearst newspapers attempt to smear Japanese American soldiers at Camp Grant, accusing Nisei orderlies of arrogance to soldier-patients and of attempted familiarities with nurses; Associated Press in checking story says Nisei performing "efficiently."

Heart Mountain Sentinel raps Senator Robertson for suggestion he "would like to see the deportation of native-born Americans."

Chicago Sun in editorial says economic rivalries in California have helped created antagonism against Japanese-descended groups, and the Hearst press has done its best to inflame this hate.

S.F. Chronicle writer believes 50,000 evacuees may not return to California.

Rep. Eberharter will file minority opinion dissenting with Dies Committee findings asking for removal of WRA Director Myer because of "evident inability to cope with problem of disloyal Japanese."

Provo Civic Welfare Committee on record favoring tolerant treatment of Nisei, decries persecution.

Canadian opinion opposes Nisei-deportation plan; 69 percent against expatriation move.

MINORITY

The Birmingham (Ala.) city commission agreed to hold a local referendum seeking to amend segregation laws connected with mixed sporting events. The de-segregation move would permit "mixed" participation in football and baseball.

A Negro navy veteran, Richard E. Winslow of Portland, Ore., last week filed a formal complaint with the State Labor Commission charging the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission with passing over his status on civil service rolls in considering applicants for a job of field examiner. UCC Administrator Silas Gaiser said of the three men being considered for the vacancy, one was physically handicapped and the other considered inexperienced, in which case, the agency could then request two additional names. Winslow is still on the list. Said Gaiser: "Nothing has occurred so far which would be a violation of the (state FEP) law." Edwin C. Berry of the Urban League says of Gaiser: a man with a spotless record in race relations.

Authentic Indian ceremonial dances were held at the All-Tribes Indian Center, 411 N. La Salle, Chicago, in conjunction with a benefit festival for maintenance of the center and its program.