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PRESIDENT SIGNS JAPANESE VET PENSIONER BILL

Washington

Veterans Administration benefits for Japanese nationals in Japan can now be restored to their former recipients, White House officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

President Eisenhower signed the measure enabling the Veterans Administration to restore former pensions and benefits to nationals in Japan, whose VA benefits were canceled at the outbreak of World War II.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. F. Knowland and Rep. Craig Hosmer, both California Republicans, was supported by JACL because beneficiaries of the law were Japanese who served in the United States Navy during the Spanish-American War and World War I. When war broke out in 1941, the Veterans Administration canceled benefits going to these former servicemen or their widows residing in Japan.

Apply Directly

Former recipients of Veterans Administration benefits residing in Japan, regardless of their citizenship, should apply directly to the Veterans Administration to have their former benefits restored, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, said.

Former recipients or their surviving widows should write to the United States Veterans Administration office closest to them or to the Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D.C. Correspondence should contain the name, address, former service number and VA benefit number of the former beneficiary.

VA applications received or awarded within the next year will be paid from the date of the law's enactment. Valid applications received after the year period will be paid from the date the application was received by the Veterans Administration.

472 GI JUNE BRIDES MARRY IN JAPAN

Tokyo

Japanese women are still popular with American servicemen as some 1,500 have married them this year. The Japanese Foreign Ministry announced these figures, observing that there were 472 June brides. There were nearly 3,000 such marriages last year.

House committee may act on statehood bill

Washington

The House Rules Committee may act this week or next to send the side-tracked Hawaii-Alaska statehood bill to a Senate-House conference.

Rep. A. L. Miller (R., Neb.), chairman of the House Interior Committee, last week said he has a fairly firm commitment from House Speaker Joseph Martin Jr. (R., Mass.), that the Rules Committee will try to pry the measure loose.

The measure has been pigeon-holed in the Rules Committee since Apr. 1, when the Senate approved statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska.

Seek Japanese nationals to cultivate So. Colo.

Alamosa

The Bankers Life and Casualty Co. farm project, consisting of some thousand acres, is exploring the possibility of importing Japanese nationals to develop the San Luis Valley area as a vegetable production center.

Morris Tanaka of Alamosa was recently designated as supervisor of vegetable crops and also manages several company farms.

Action unlikely in present Congress on Hillings amendment

Washington

Because of the lateness in the session, it is unlikely that the Congress will have an opportunity to act upon the so-called Hillings Amendment to expedite consideration of larger evacuation claims before adjournment, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League announced.

Following discussions with Rep. Edgar A. Jonas (R., [Chicago] Ill.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, and Walter Lee, pro-

fessional staff director of the subcommittee, Masaoka declared that in all probability no action can be anticipated by the Congress this year on the bill introduced at the request of the JACL last January by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings, (R., [Whittier] Calif.), to allow larger claimants either to compromise and settle their larger claims or to appeal them to the Court of Claims.

The Washington JACL representative said that with less than a month left before the Congress is scheduled to adjourn, and with the Claims sub-

committee overloaded with private claims bills, he was informed that the subcommittee itself appeared to be in no position to consider the Hillings bill at this time.

Favorable Reports

He explained that because the Dept. of Justice and the Bureau of the Budget had taken so long to submit their reports to the subcommittee, expressing their approval of the bill, several months were consumed when the subcommittee might have considered the measure.

Masaoka also disclosed that there was some feeling among the subcommittee members that public hearings, perhaps on the west coast, should be held on this legislation because so many millions are involved.

The Nisei lobbyist said that he would confer with Congressman Hillings soon on his bill. The youthful California congressman has just returned from two special congressional investigation trips to Guatemala and Europe.

May Take 6 Years

"Although the inability of Congress to act on the Hillings bill may come as a surprise to evacuee claimants and to persons of Japanese ancestry because of the phenomenal record of the JACL in legislative matters, they should remember that such legislation as this, involving so many millions of dollars, usually takes from two to six years to be adopted by Congress, if the Congress approves it at all," Masaoka declared.

"In the past several years, we have been extremely fortunate with all of our bills, especially those relating to evacuation claims. The law of averages is now catching up with us," he said.

At the same time, the Washington JACL representative stated that until the Congress actually adjourns every effort will be continued to seek some action this session.

Members of the Claims Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, in addition to Chairman Jonas, are William E. Miller of New York and Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota, Republicans, and Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, Peter W. Rodino, Jr., of New Jersey, and E. L. Forrester of Georgia, Democrats.

President signs evacuation claims administration appropriations bill

Washington

President Eisenhower has signed the Justice Department fiscal 1955 appropriations, including administration expense funds for the Japanese Evacuation Claims Section, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Office of Alien Property, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Earmarked only for administration expenses, \$200,000 was appropriated for the Dept. of Justice to pay its adjudicating attorneys, clerical and other administrative salaries and expenses to continue processing Japanese evacuation claims during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1955.

Other Justice Department agency appropriations for the 1955 fiscal year, supported by JACL because of the many Issei and Nisei directly involved, was \$39,000,000 and \$3,000,000 for administration of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Office of Alien Property, respectively.

Claim Funds Separate

Money to pay evacuation claims awards is considered in separate appropriation measures and is not included in the Justice Department administration expense appropriations, ex-

plained the Washington JACL office.

During the first six months of 1954, a total of \$1,728,933.75 was paid under the JACL-sponsored evacuation claims program to Japanese holders of evacuation claims awards.

Adding the \$1,728,933.75 to the Justice Department administration expense appropriations just enacted, a near two million dollars has been appropriated in 1954 by Congress for the direct benefit of Issei and Nisei in the United States.

\$1,700,000 in 1954

Supporting four appropriation measures for the near \$2,000,000, the JACL has successfully urged Congress of the immediate need for prompt payment of evacuation claims payments.

For the first time since 1948, when the JACL initiated and sponsored the evacuation claims legislation, Congress passed the Justice Department administrative expense appropriation of \$200,000 prior to the end of the government's fiscal year which ended June 30.

During past years JACL-supported special legislation has been enacted to enable continued processing of evacuation claims by the Justice Department until the annual administrative appropriation was enacted.

House OKs Watkins Nisei election bill; needs Senate concurrence

Washington

Following spirited debate, the House passed the so-called Watkins Nisei Elections Bill on its Call of the Consent Calendar and returned the measure to the Senate for concurrence on a minor, technical amendment, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced.

The amendment corrects the spelling of the word "plebiscite," which was misspelled in the Senate-approved bill.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared after conferring with Senate leaders that Senate concurrence should be a mere formality.

This remedial legislation was introduced at JACL request by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), last year. It provides that Nisei who lost their citizenship by voting in the postwar Japanese elections between Sept. 2, 1945, and Apr. 27, 1952, inclusive, may regain their U.S. citizenship by taking within two years after the enactment of the Act an oath of naturalization and allegiance before any naturalization court, consular or diplomatic agent of this country.

When the Watkins Bill was called up on the Unanimous Consent Calendar, Rep. H. R.

Gross (R., Iowa), demanded an explanation.

Rep. Louis E. Graham (R., Pa.), chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, explained the general purposes of the measure.

Gross declared that he was opposed to so many American citizens abroad voting in elections in foreign countries.

Then, Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), with the consent of his Pennsylvania colleague, explained that these Nisei voted in these postwar Japanese elections at the insistence of American military personnel and believed that in so doing they were helping to further democratic practices. They also voted because they wanted the pro-United States Yoshida government to win over the communists and other anti-American groups, he said, and should not be penalized for helping the United States.

Congressman Gross then withdrew his objections but stated for the record that hereafter, on behalf of the GOP leadership which he represents as an official objector, he will oppose other bills to restore citizenship to American citizens.

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Concrete evidence of discrimination sought

Denver

Min Yasui, Mt. Plains JACL regional representative, named as executive member of the steering committee for the proposed Denver Inventory of Human Relations, called for documented cases of discrimination occurring in Denver.

Concrete evidence of racial discrimination in employment, education, public accommodations, housing or behavior is to be used as material in the survey to be conducted at the invitation of Mayor J. Quigg Newton and under auspices of the city's commission of Human Relations.

Other Nisei invited to participate in the survey include: Tak Terasaki, Rev. Waichi Oyana, Pat Hiram, Mary Nakamura and Sam Matsumoto.

New TV serial

Hollywood

Material from the "Secrets of Tokyo Police" will be used in a new TV serial, "Dateline Tokyo," within 60 days by Mickey Rooney Enterprises. Peter Lorre is being sought for the lead role.



Sixth candidate for Miss National JACL is Louise Kawasumi, 19, sponsored by the Hollywood Chapter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toramatsu Kawasumi, Los Angeles, Ephebian graduate of Lincoln High School, and now a business administration student at Los Angeles City College. She lists music as her main hobby—piano, singing and record collecting. Several years ago, she with her two younger sisters were a song and dance team that won public esteem as the Kawasumi Sisters. Since then, younger sister Misa is gaining singular recognition in modern ballet. Louise stands, 5 ft. 2 1/2 in., and weighs 112 lbs.

—Photo by Roy Hoshizaki.

A Month to Go

★ MIKE MASAOKA ★

With GOP leaders driving to make a July 31 adjournment date, both Houses of the Congress have settled down to their traditional "adjournment grind."

Instead of convening at 12 noon each day, both Houses are meeting at 10 and 11 every morning, thus cancelling many scheduled committee meetings that usually begin at 10. Both Houses are also working until late every afternoon, with the House adjourning about 7 every night and the Senate continuing until a much later hour. One Thursday, a week ago, the Senate remained in session until two minutes before midnight and recessed only then because of the death of Sen. Hugh Butler.

The House, because it is so far ahead of the Senate in its business, had planned a series of three day recesses after the Fourth of July but changed its schedule to meet every day this week to transact unexpected matters. Because one House cannot recess or adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other body, the House has established a procedure where a few members remain in Washington to meet every third day only to adjourn for another three days. No business is transacted during this period.

Senate Majority Leader William Knowland of California has promised to keep his House in session until late every night and on Saturdays in order that it can make July 31 target date.

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Presidential victories

Just before recessing for a long July 4 weekend (from Saturday to Tuesday), both Houses chalked up impressive legislative victories for the President. Republican leaders had to put down revolts in their own ranks and then beat back determined Democratic attacks.

In the House, Speaker Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts and Majority Leader Charles A. Halleck of Indiana outmaneuvered the farm bloc for the Administration flexible farm support program.

Sen. Eugene D. Millikan of Colorado, chairman of the Finance Committee, and Majority Leader Knowland staved off the drive for general tax cuts during some of the strangest maneuvers ever to take place in that historic chamber. The Democrats pushed so hard for their \$100 increase in personal exemptions that the Republicans had to come back with a tax-cutting proposal of their own. Both amendments were defeated by identical 49 to 46 votes, with 91 senators voting for some kind of tax reduction without getting any at all.

The House-approved farm bill must still be acted on in the Senate, while the tax measure now goes to a House-Senate Conference to iron out differences.

The tax bill is particularly important since it is the first major overhaul of our federal money-raising system in more than 50 years. It provides relief for a number of special groups, including working widows, retired individuals, and persons with heavy medical expenses.

To give an idea of how much debate is involved in such major legislation, here is an unofficial boxscore on the tax bill: Five days of debate, averaging ten hours a day; 52 amendments offered; 35 approved; 14 rejected; two withdrawn; two ruled out of order; one reconsidered; ten roll-call votes and 32 voice votes.

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Senate mortality rate

Attesting to their age and difficult responsibilities, an unprecedented count of seven senators have died since the present Congress convened two years ago. Four have passed away this year.

Latest to pass away was Sen. Hugh Butler, (R., Neb.), Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and third ranking member of the Finance Committee, he was the third oldest GOP senator, following only Senators Styles Bridges of New Hampshire and Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin.

The dean of the Senate, however, is Democrat Walter F. George of Georgia who was sworn in Nov. 8, 1922. Six other Democrats have served longer than Senator Bridges, who began his service in 1937. Oldest in point of age is Sen. Theodore Francis Green, (D., R.I.), who was born in 1867 and has served since 1937.

Senator Butler is best remembered among persons of Japanese ancestry, particularly those in Hawaii, as the one man who probably killed that Territory's chances for Statehood during the Republican 80th Congress when he was chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and refused to allow his Committee to consider the bill. At that time, he even proposed that Hawaii be made a county of California.

After visiting Hawaii in 1952, however, he withdrew his objections and became a strong advocate of Statehood, stating that Communism's hold on the Islands had waned.

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Senate line-up next year uncertain

Because the GOP Governor of Nebraska has appointed, as expected, another Republican to take Senator Butler's seat, the present 48-47-1 line-up, that is 48 Republicans, 47 Democrats, and one Independent, in the Senate remains.

Senator Butler, incidentally, is the second Nebraska senator to pass away in recent months, Sen. Dwight Griswold having died last April.

As of now, 37 senators, instead of the usual 32 or one-third, will be elected this November. It could make a difference in control of the next Senate. Two of the five extra contests are in doubtful states—Ohio and California. Wyoming's has been made more doubtful by the death of Sen. Lester C. Hunt and his replacement by a Republican while Colorado is now also listed in the doubtful category because Sen. Ed Johnson, (D.), has decided to run for the governorship he held previously to his Senate assignment.

For the first time in many years, three states will elect two senators each—Nebraska, New Hampshire, and North Carolina, with Nebraska also electing a third to serve from November to January.

Masaoka testifies for Younger bill to remove present discrimination against air transportation of flowers

Washington

Requesting California flower shippers be given the same consideration in air transportation as in surface transportation, Mike Masaoka testified before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce last week.

Under existing Civil Aeronautics Board rulings, California flowers cannot be consolidated for air freight economics by nonprofit cooperatives or shipping associations. The air shipments have continued only under a temporary restraining court order, now on appeal.

A bill introduced by Rep. J. Arthur Younger, (R., [San Mateo] Calif.), would remove the present discrimination against the air transportation of flowers.

Discrimination Cited

Testifying in support of the Younger bill, Masaoka urged the House Committee members support the measure, pointing out that the CAB ruling discriminated against air shipment of flowers by not affording the same transportation opportunities existing in surface transportation.

Masaoka entered his testimony and legislative support on behalf of the Younger bill at request of JACL members engaged in nursery and flower growing activities. These flower producers and shippers, who are also members of the Consolidated Flower Shippers, Inc.-Bay Area (San Francisco) and the Flower Consolidators of Southern California (Los Angeles), requested the Nisei lobbyist to assist them secure equal consideration in transportation.

Because of the many Issei and Nisei involved in west coast production and distribution of cut flowers, the Nisei lobbyist pointed out that entire communities of Japanese in California are affected by the CAB rulings.

Not Special Benefit

After citing the Agricultural Marketing Act, the Freight Forwarders Act and Motor Carriers Act, Masaoka pointed out that the declared intention of Congress in surface transportation has been denied in air transportation. He then declared:

"No special privileges or benefits are requested; only the same consideration that was found essential to the same operation in surface transportation."

"For all practical purposes, the same situation that forced Congress to exempt agricultural commodities and cooperatives from regulation in surface transportation have been experienced by flower growers and shippers of California."

Urging Congress to avail itself to past studies, Masaoka said:

"In considering this legislation, this Committee should study the history of the floricultural and horticultural history in California in terms of the greatest good for the greatest number of people, not only in California but the entire country."

"It should also study the development and growth of agricultural cooperatives and shipping associations in surface transportation and the moving reasons for congressional exemptions from regulations for these specialized membership organizations. If this is done, we are confident that the discrimination in the treatment of agricultural cooperatives and commodities in air and surface transportation will be eliminated and that consistency and uniformity will dictate enactment of the Younger bill or similar legislation."

"In a sense, the problem here is whether a number of growers and shippers of cut flowers and decorative greens in California shall enjoy the benefits of consolidation of shipments in air transportation themselves, or whether they shall be forced to surrender these economic benefits to a private freight forwarder."

"The question is whether many shall benefit at the possible expense of one, or whether one shall profit at the expense of many."

"Congressional history in the

past has dictated that the many should benefit, not the few. Accordingly, we believe that the Younger bill, or comparable legislation, that benefits many, not the few, should be enacted

into law as expeditiously as possible in order that California flower industry may continue to flourish and serve the nation's floral needs," Masaoka concluded.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

Japanese American prestige

(Tamotsu Murayama is making his first revisit of America in 16 years and will write of his impressions. He is attending summer training conferences with the Boy Scouts of America. —The Editor.)

New York

In this huge metropolis of confusion, there are some 4,000 persons of Japanese ancestry. However, they are practically unnoticeable and their businesses are comparatively hidden.

It is evident that Japanese prestige here was raised after the war; at least, their sentiment of equality or integration is higher here than is assumed on the west coast, in spite of general improvements of post-war feelings between U.S. and Japan.

"Hey, Jap!" was very common on Issei and Nisei ears before the war, but today nobody yells at them. The New York Times for a long time was the only newspaper which avoided the word "Jap", but other papers—even the loud tabloids—have followed suit.

Radical Changes

America has certainly matured in this respect. It makes it hard to recall the days when "drive out the Japs" and "deport the Japs" were mouthed. Today, the American public congratulates naturalized Japanese pioneers and considers them as lifelong comrades. For this long-absent reporter from the America scene, it is unbelievable such a radical change has taken place.

Toshio Ota, veteran journalist, attributes this high state of acceptance largely upon the entire Japanese American population for building up this respect. "There was some effect from the heroic accomplishments of the Nisei," he added; but no individual could have effected such a change, Ota said.

Nisei professional men and women, the commercial artist, dress designer, architect and social worker, have won great reputations in New York, Ota continued. Nisei physicians and dentists are doing remarkably well.

No Discrimination

A Japanese clergyman residing here for many years had this to say:

"There is no anti-Japanese discrimination today. It is hard to recall the hysterical days. America went through a transition period of human refinement. Within the last 20 years,

America has passed through kindergarten to university to prove what she is today. This enormous economic power and her resources as well as state of human relations cannot be appreciated by any Japanese in Japan without seeing it. When Americans sing 'God Bless America', they believe it word and spirit."

Another interesting aspect is the approach of many former GIs. At hotels, public places and during my flight across the Pacific and the United States, they greeted me.

"Kon nichiwa. I was in Tokyo and Sendai. I like Japan very much," one veteran said extending his big hand to me. "I want to go back there," he started as he sat down next to me in the plane and we chatted for many hours.

Want to Go Back

A porter in one of the large New York hotels began:

"Ikaga desuka? I forgot my Japanese. I have to go back there to brush up on my Japanese and I have many friends in Japan." He even pulled out pictures and letters from Japan.

This "I'll show you the town" spirit never existed. But Americans saw Japan. They found the Japanese are not barbaric or as uncultured as they were led to think.

PRESS FILE:

NISEI JOCKEY—George Yoshinaga, sports editor of the New Japanese American News, Los Angeles, while guest of the Hollywood Park management on Lil' Tokio Day June 30 overheard in the ultra-plush director's room: "One thing about (George) Taniguchi, he still wears the same size hat despite all his success and fame."

EDITOR LEAVES—George Nishimura, who recently returned from Japan to assume editorship of the New Canadian, resigned to accept a commission in the Royal Canadian Air Force this week. Henry Moritsugu succeeds as new English editor.

Very Truly Yours by Harry Honda

Hearings and television

Televising congressional hearings may create a "circus atmosphere," according to Vice-Pres. Nixon. "Too often temptation is to play on the television audience rather than to concentrate on digging out the sometimes tedious, dry facts which are essential to the success of the investigation."

That could be the case if he were referring to the recent Army-McCarthy hearings . . . But there is a broader issue on hand. How much public service can TV coverage render? . . . When the Army-McCarthy hearings started, public interest was high and the networks started giving them full coverage. Two days later, they claimed public interest was no longer sufficient to justify the loss of revenue and they whittled down the hearings to excerpts for west coast viewers like us . . . While newspapers edit day in and day out judging news on the basis of news value, TV networks are not primarily in the news field. They're in entertainment:

hence, the Army-McCarthy hearings stressed, not the issues, but clash of personalities . . . TV shouldn't be blamed for letting the issues stray as there was a chairman, whose job it was to keep discussion on one point at a time.

One only needs to recall an earlier series of TVd hearings—the Kefauver crime investigations, when the public was allowed for the first time to see the hands of legislative process at work, and generally helping to stimulate interest in government . . . TV coverage helped to bring Capitol Hill to the community level . . . It also makes representatives more aware of public sentiment. In this light, there is more need to TV congress in action . . . While some arrangement is certainly necessary to minimize the circus aspects, such difficulties can be handled. If TV does interfere with congressional investigations, then TV should be cut down, but it seems there is some common ground where committees can operate freely and TV can function.

Come to Fabulous Los Angeles, Sept. 2-6

Battle of minds in Asia . . .

How can we bridge the gap between the minds of Americans and free Asians?

A group of American newsmen had just listened to an hour and a half talk on the Far East by a well-known diplomat. I was impressed, as were the other newsmen in the audience, by the historical grasp of the difficult Asian situation as it was portrayed by the speaker.

The diplomat, who recently left government service, gave a candid appraisal of what the United States must do to win the battle for the minds of Asia's millions.

Among other things, he discussed the problem of understanding the Asians. He himself, the diplomat said, had learned how unorthodox runs the thinking of the Indians with whom he had to deal.

He mentioned an incident to illustrate his point. A housing project was to be opened in a certain town in India, and he had been invited to the dedication ceremony. Because American aid in this instance was negligible, compared with the Indians' own contribution, the diplomat declined to take a major part in the ceremony, as was planned by his hosts.

The more he backed away, the more the Indians insisted he get into the act. The story of this American's "modesty" spread far and wide. The more it was retold, the more the Indians came to respect him.

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Humility begets deeper respect . . .

On another occasion, the diplomat was asked to pose for a picture with an Indian leader. But the diplomat declined, sincerely believing that he did not belong in the company of the esteemed Indian leader for this particular picture.

His reticence was interpreted as a mark of great humility, and respect for him grew accordingly.

The diplomat mentioned these incidents, he said, in order to illustrate the psychology of the people with whom Americans must become better acquainted.

In the discussion that followed his talk, I was struck, first of all, by the obvious difficulty of "selling American ideas" to the Asians. This is a problem to which American "experts" have given much thought: *How to win friends and influence people abroad.*

From the Voice of America broadcasts to the Point Four program, the basic idea is to convince others of the honest and honorable intentions of Americans in world affairs, of the generosity of Americans towards those less fortunate in material things.

In this area of communications, Americans oftentimes have failed to put the message over. I have in mind, at the moment, the satirical book by William Foote Whyte, *"Is Anybody Listening?"*, in which he lampoons the efforts of this country in persuading other countries to join us on the side of democracy and against the forces of communism.

In the main, he said, we try to sell democracy in the same manner as we sell tooth paste, and it doesn't work.

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Subscribe to two-way communication . . .

If we have not done so well in one-way communication, we have failed even more seriously in two-way communication. We have been so busy selling ourselves and our ideas, we have minimized the necessity of listening to what others, across the oceans, have to say.

Even the poor relative begins to dislike the rich uncle who doles out aid without trying to understand the feelings of the recipient of that aid.

I heartily subscribe to the suggestion that channels be opened for foreigners to communicate with the American people more freely and fully. As a people, we don't know enough about the things that make others "tick" the way they do.

We spend millions to indoctrinate others. Perhaps some of that money should be set aside to finance foreigners—selected for their ability to communicate the ideas of their countrymen—so they can help Americans help themselves in helping others.

Wherever and however they can best express themselves, in their home country or in the United States, these persons should be assisted in this project, toward the end that Americans can become better informed of the facts of life abroad as seen, not by our own observers, but by those who come from that particular region of the world.

This knowledge is vital for Americans in the continuing struggle against the communist enemy.

IN HONOR OF

Isao Ogawa was nominated to fill a vacancy in the Gilroy City Recreation Commission. It requires City Council approval.

Jack Shigeno Kusaba, 1665 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, and Tom T. Muraki, Sacramento, are recent Nisei successfully passing the California state bar examinations.

Emiko Nakano, San Francisco Nisei artist, won the top \$100 S.F. Art Ass'n purchase prize; her entry, which is on display at the Civic Center Veterans Bldg., was among 645.

Mas Nishimura, recent Univ. of Alberta chemical engineer honor graduate of Coaldale, Alta., is now engaged in atomic energy research at Deep River, Ont.

Denver Japanese support college development plan

Denver

Colorado Women's College is pushing a \$90,000 campaign for its development program. Mrs. Mitsui Matsuda, 1813 E. 33rd Ave., was cited for her subscriptions totalling \$1,141 from the local Japanese community.

Active in community and JACL programs, she is mother of two daughters, Elen who was graduated last year and Diane, active student and president-elect of the Denver Club on Campus. Others cited for contributions of \$150 or more include: Dr. F. E. Hayano, J. Z. Kanegaye, Harry G. Matoba, Dr. K. K. Miyamoto and Tsugi Okuno.

Hawaiian goodwill troupe returns from Europe

New York

Hawaii's goodwill troupe of five musicians and two hula dancers returned to New York after seven weeks touring Germany, Sweden, Denmark and France.

Tired but happy, they enjoyed their fill of rice and okazu (both rare in Europe) at the home of Bill and Mary Kochiyama early last week.

"At Bruyeres the whole town turned out to greet us," John Tsukano, master of ceremonies of the troupe, said. Merna Tilton and Emmaline Aki, hula dancers, commented on how well the war memorial was kept up.

Completing the group who set a precedent by their tour are Charles Taketa, Katsuo Tojio, Robert (Ato) Umeda and Jiro Watanabe.

The troupe was not determined on their immediate future plans, but plan to stay in New York for a while.

Obon festival

New York

Obon Festival for New Yorkers will be July 17-18 in front of the Buddhist Church on 94th St., between Columbus and Amsterdam. In the meantime, dancers for the festival are practicing Tuesday and Friday nights at Joan of Arc High School gym.

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MENLO PARK EXCHANGE CLUB:

Only answer to such bigotry

Oakland

The Oakland Tribune last week editorially supported the move of the Menlo Park Exchange Club in deciding to disband rather than keep a racially biased membership rule that members be "white." The editorial:

"The disbanding of the Menlo Park Exchange Club is the only answer to the national organization's enforcement of racially biased membership rules. Its members rightly rejected the outdated and baseless requirement that Exchange Club members be of the white race.

"In this age and in this Nation there is no place for such prejudice. Judgment as to the fitness of a person to enter such a civic group belong to the members of each local group. The decision must be rendered upon the judgment of each individual on a personal basis by the persons with whom he would associate.

"There is no fairness in a ruling which excludes a man from membership because of his skin color. If the members of the local group want him, knowing him intimately as they do, all

his foibles and his good qualities, then he should be allowed to join.

"The abstract rule that a man's race may disqualify him for membership in a group which professes civic interests, the desire to aid in building a better community, is indefensible. It puts a restraint born of ignorance upon free men.

Two named winners of \$150 Oregon scholarship

Portland, Ore.

Cliff Morikawa of Ontario, Ore., and Janet Lohrenz of Tigard are winners of the 1954 Nisei War Memorial scholarships, it was announced by Rex Putnam, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Both students are recent high school graduates with high scholastic records and leadership qualities.

Funds for the two \$150 awards were donated by Japanese Americans in memory of Nisei Oregonians who were killed in action during World War II. H. Hiram Hachiya of Portland is chairman of the sponsoring group, the Oregon Nisei War Memorial committee.

Congressmen, guests jest

Washington

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative drew his share of plaudits during the Washington JACL Chapter banquet June 27 commemorating the second anniversary of the enactment of the McCarran-Walter Act and honoring the new citizens of the Washington area.

Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Argyle Mackey declared that "the Japanese people are fortunate to have such an able representative in Washington as Mike Masaoka. I know of no one more loved and respected by representatives and senators in Congress.

"The Immigration and Naturalization Service has worked with him, and we have always found his requests to be reasonable. He is a credit to all of us."

House Judiciary Subcommittee Staff Director Walter Besterman humorously accused Masaoka of wearing out the green sofas in his office and that of Congressman Walter while working at being Washington's most successful lobbyist.

Wore Out Sofas

"For six years now, Mike has been sitting on the green sofa in my office, and in Congressman Walter's too—sitting until he got what he wanted. He's about the only one in this time who did too," he said, adding that the "JACL should be charged for wearing out government property."

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) declared that the magazine describing Masaoka as "Washington's most successful lobbyist" was written several years ago. "He's still the most successful lobbyist I know," he said.

Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) said that Masaoka was the world's champion lobbyist because he was like an Irishman "always around when you needed him and always delivered."

Landmark closes

New York

A community landmark, the Uptown Church, was officially closed July 1 with appropriate ceremonies conducted by the Rev. Giichi Kawamata.

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Univ. of Illinois graduates

Twenty-one Nisei were graduated from the Univ. of Illinois last month at commencement exercises held at the Urbana Memorial Stadium. RICHARD R. KUBO, professor of zoology, was among those honored as a retiring faculty member. Graduated were:

Robert Minoru Takeshita, Ph.D. in plant pathology; Robert Toshio Miki, M.A., econ.; Douglas Shuzo Kimura, M.A., philosophy; Gene Jun Takahashi, M.A., psych.; Jessie Fujita Morisato, M.A., educ.; Nora Hisano Okada, M.A., educ.; Lillian Chiyeko Kimura, M.A., soc. wk.; Henry Ryuzo Emoto, B.S. (with honors) in agric.;

Albert Yooji Orita, Raymond Masatomo Tamura, Shoji Yamada, B.A., arts & sci.; Donald Shizuo Amano, B.S., arts & sci.; Violet Natsuko Okada, Miyeko Ktayama, B.S., educ.; Anna Chieko Fujita (with honors), George Kaneoka, Kean Shingo Yamamoto, B.S., acct.; Richard Teiji Masuyama, B.A., architect; Terry Teruo Akagi, B.A., music educ.; George Kazutomi Oka, B.A., ind. design; Yukio Matsumoto, B.S., phys. educ.; Donald Amano and Henry Emoto, commissioned 2nd Lt., USAR.

Around Windy City . . .

The City-Widers this Saturday will weenie bake at Sand Beach north of Wilmette.

The National Shrine of the Little Flower, 6400 S. Woodlawn, will hold a huge patriotic parade and prayer rally for peace at Jackson Park next Friday night, July 16, 7:30 p.m. The parade starts from Cottage Grove and 63rd St., go east to the park.

Second-prize winner RICHARD TANAGI, 16, 1331 E. 55th St., of Hyde Park High was among 171 Southside art students in parochial and public schools competing in the 10th annual national poster contest sponsored by Employ the Physically Handicapped promoters.

Miss MEGGIE HATADA of St. Andrews carded an 81-80-77 for a 238 total in the 40th Women's Cook County golf championship July 1. She finished third; her 77 was low gross for the day at the Jackson Park course.

Chicago JACL sponsors its beach party-weenie bake, Aug. 7, at Marquette Beach near the Indiana Sand Dunes. HAPPY NAKAGAWA (a nurse) is chairman and assisted by:

Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Dr. Joe Nakayama, Alice Tsuru, Kay Nishimoto, Jean Shimasaki, Hiroshi Nakamura, Roy Ezaki, Helen Mayeda. The group first meets at the Church of Christ, 3516 N. Sheffield, 2 p.m. Assessment about \$1.50.

The TOM OKABEs (husband is president of the Chicago JACL Credit Union) are moving

Fly Hilo girl second time to Chicago for special efforts to save life

A desperately ill 8-year-old Hawaiian girl has been flown to Chicago for a second time in efforts to save her life.

She is Karen Ishibashi of Hilo, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Ishibashi. She arrived by plane on a stretcher and was taken to Presbyterian hospital by ambulance.

Karen was accompanied on the overseas flight by her mother and family doctor.

She has been suffering from an unexplained internal hemorrhaging in the esophageal region. Doctors in Hawaii were not able to determine the cause

to 3752 N. Janssen next week.

ANN DELPHINE SPLIDOREN, clerk at Harry's Petite Cleaners, 1413 E. 55th St., and family are boarding a Dutch steamer at Quebec next week to visit their hometown, Steendorp, Belgium. They plan to return by Sept. 20.

The Buckingham Fountain began its multi-colored lighting display Saturday night. The Grant Park landmark was under repair. Schedule is from 9-9:30 p.m. daily, with an additional 10-10:15 p.m. show on concert nights (Wednesday), Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

SALT LAKE YOUTH PROGRAM EXPLAINED

Dr. Shig Matsukawa, past president of the Salt Lake chapter, read to IDC delegates at the June 27 meeting at West Yellowstone a report of the Jr. JACL program recently activated by the chapter.

The success of its youth program has been attested by the membership of 67 who participate in monthly social functions. The youth program is expected to be one of the topics to be discussed at the Sept. 2-6 national JACL convention in Los Angeles.

Sen. Watkins—

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who vote in foreign election.

Standing by, to help in the debate if needed was Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.).

Rep. Chet Holifield (D., Calif.), who introduced a similar bill, also at the request of the JACL last year, was given permission to extend his remarks on this measure in the Congressional Record.

Teen-agers slug Issei

Frank Furukawa, 87, was beaten and robbed of \$3 late Sunday night this week by two youths who offered to accompany him home because of their professed concern for his age. The aged Issei told police he was slugged by fists.

NAT'L HEADQUARTERS CALL FOR DELEGATE NAMES

San Francisco National JACL Headquarters this week reminded its chapters to report immediately names and address of official and alternates delegates attending the National Council meeting of the 13th biennial convention in Los Angeles.

"It is important that we get these names as soon as possible so that they may be sent materials in preparation for the Council meetings," Mas Satow, national director, urged.

Chapters unable to send a delegate are permitted to designate proxy delegates, provided National Headquarters is informed by letter.

"Such delegation of powers (referring to proxies) shall be in writing and shall include whatever restrictions and instructions the chapter deems necessary and proper under the circumstances," Satow pointed out from the JACL constitution.

So. Alameda County CL Nisei Growers win prizes at Pleasanton fair

Southern Alameda County JACL Nisei Growers have again participated in the annual Alameda County Fair here. Growers did well in receiving their share of ribbons in the individual agricultural and horticultural divisions.

The JACL placed fourth with their agricultural feature exhibit that had an impressive display of home-grown produce and the different types of containers used for freezing and shipping.

Endless credit was given to Kaz and Chuck Shikano, co-chairmen of the exhibit committee, who spent so much of their valuable time gratis to bring public recognition of Nisei growers here.

Also on the committee were: Sam Yamanaka, Henry Kato, Ky Kato, June and Yutaka Handa, exhibit; Tak Murakami, Hideo Katsumoto, James and Sat Sekigahama, Fudenna brothers, produce and containers.

Not only have the Shikano family earned their share of ribbons, but they participated in the family booth and was placed third.

CCYBA queen crowned

Miss Reiko Yagura of Fresno YBA was crowned "Miss Central California YBA" last week. The 17-year-old high school graduate represents the district at the Western Young Buddhist League queen race next year in San Francisco.

CALENDAR

July 9 (Friday)
EAST LOS ANGELES: Japanese cooking demonstration, home of Mrs. Kimi Matsuda, 2636 Gleason, 7:30 p.m.

July 11 (Sunday)
LOS ANGELES: Nisei Relays, Rancho Stadium, 10 a.m.

July 14 (Wednesday)
PSWDC: Miss Nat'l JACL judging aboard APL Pres. Wilson, 8:30 a.m.

July 17 (Saturday)
LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Lake Yosemite outing, 3:30 p.m.

July 18 (Sunday)
PCWDC: Pre-convention rally, Sec. E. Brookside Park, Pasadena; 10 a.m.

July 24 (Saturday)
BERKELEY: Benefit movies, Longfellow School.

TWIN CITIES: Barbecue party.

July 25 (Sunday)
SEQUOIA: Chapter outing.
SEATTLE: Picnic, Gaffney's Lake Wilderness, 12 noon.
OAKLAND: Weenie bake, Camp Padre, Tilden Reg. Park, 11 a.m.

Aug. 1 (Sunday)
NCWDC: Pre-convention rally, Monterey, San Carlos Hotel.

Aug. 7 (Saturday)
CHICAGO: Weenie bake, Marquette Beach; meet at 3516 N. Sheffield, 2 p.m.

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INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL IN PRE-CONVENTION MEETING

West Yellowstone, Idaho A tally of Issei citizens recently naturalized in the Intermountain area shows a total of 322 to date. This figure was announced at the Intermountain JACL District Council pre-convention meeting here at Mack's Inn June 27.

All eight IDC chapters have conducted Americanization classes for Issei in their respective areas and have subsequently honored them. Another class is being planned this fall by the Salt Lake chapter.

As far as the IDC was concerned, there was no urgency to the problem of the aging Issei. What cases present could be handled without difficulty with respective county or state welfare agencies. The Salt Lake chapter added the Utah State Medical Board had sought JACL representations on the matter of old-age assistance.

Idaho Alien Land Law George Sugai was appointed to head the committee which seeks to repeal the Idaho alien land laws in the next session of the state legislature.

Joe Saito, Ontario, Ore., who was awarded "Citizen of the Year" honors by his hometown, was announced as the IDC choice for "Nisei of the Biennium." A past IDC chairman, he was cited by the Scene magazine also.

Other subjects discussed included Issei participation in JACL, the national convention, evacuation claims, the younger Nisei, finances and membership.

Jim Ushio, IDC chairman, earlier dispatched a congratulatory message to the Washington, D.C., banquet honoring the co-authors of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Nominations Mas Satow's letter expressing his regrets for being unable to attend the IDC banquet was read by Ushio. His report was

NC-WNDC CHAIRMAN YEGO CONFIDENT MEMBERSHIP IN '54 TO PASS 4,000

San Francisco Commending efforts of 15 chapters for surpassing its 1953 membership total, Tom Yego, Council meeting of the 13th Western Nevada JACL District Council, was confident this week the district will pass the 4,000 mark in total membership.

As of June 30, regular membership in the 25-chapter district council was 3,871 as compared with last year's total of 3,639.

"We would like to congratulate Cortez, Florin, Livingston-Merced, Monterey, Oakland, Placer County, Reno, Richmond-El Cerrito, Salinas, San Benito County, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sequoia, Sonoma County and Stockton, which have exceeded their 1953 membership already," Yego said.

San Francisco was reported with 619 members, second to Chicago which led with 818.

The Midwest District Council trailed with 1,725 and the Pacific Southwest with 1,376, Yego added.

Photographs

Denver Group pictures and other photographs taken at the June 25 reception for Issei citizens are available from Tom T. Masamori, 5335 E. Colfax Ave., Mile-Hi JACL photographer.

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presented by Mrs. Alice Kasai, secretary to the National Board.

Delegates also unanimously endorsed George Inagaki for a second term as national JACL president, and Mrs. Kasai as secretary to the board.

Bill Yamauchi was nominated national first vice-president. He is one of ranking JACLers in the IDC and chaired the successful IDC convention last November at Pocatello.

The next IDC meeting will be held in Ogden over the Thanksgiving holidays, with bowling as an added feature.

CHAPTER MEMO

Seattle JACL: A joint picnic with the Puget Sound Golf Club is planned for July 25 at Gaffney's Lake Wilderness, according to Min Yamaguchi and Dr. Kelly Yamada who are in charge. Bring lunch box, rod and reel, they added.

Livingston-Merced JACL: Plans are being completed for the one-day outing at Lake Yosemite, July 17, with eating timed for 3:30 p.m., according to Sam Okuye.

Omaha JACL: Surpassing its previous year's mark, Frank Tamai, pres., disclosed its 1954 membership at 95, a new high for the chapter . . . Kay Hirabayashi, 5114 Q St., is editor of the chapter newsletter, recently inaugurated, and is assisted by Gladys Hirabayashi and Emiko Watanabe.

Salt Lake JACL: Hatsumi Mitsunaga and Edna Masuda, outstanding students from West High holding various offices and active in the community, were announced as having filed for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masakaka memorial scholarship. Della Kono is chapter scholarship chairman . . . Ernest Seko, 1126 W. Girard (phone 3-2490), is chairman of the local chapter delegation heading for the National Convention in Los Angeles. Boosters are asked to forward the \$3 pre-registration fees to him. Recently naturalized Issei are also being urged to attend the Sept. 2-6 convention.

Newsletters Received: Omaha JACL, Sequoia Shimbun, Arizona, Livingston-Merced.

Oakland JACL: Ziggy Akahoshi, pres., announced plans are completed for the July 25 weenie bake at Camp Padre in Tilden regional park. A 50 cents per person fee will be assessed, but children 12 years and under are free. On the committee are:

Jim Tsurumoto, Bill Utsuni, co-chmn.; Paul Nomura, Tak Tachiki, Fumi Tsuboi and Seiko Baba.

Edward Ochiai was appointed executive secretary of the 442 Veterans Club, Honolulu, succeeding Akira Fujiki who resigned last November to accept a position with Japan Air Lines.

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Dr. Togasaki

HARUO ISHIMARU

Certainly the highlight of last week for San Francisco Japanese Americans was the informal dinner arranged for Dr. GEORGE K. TOGASAKI by his many old and new friends. Much of the credit for the arrangement goes to indefatigable youthful FRANK M. NONAKA, who made many of the contacts and calls himself. About 80 friends met Wednesday last week with Dr. Togasaki at a dinner jointly sponsored by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco JACL and the Univ. of California Japanese American Alumni.

Introduced as officially representing them were KENJI KASAI, president of the Chamber, JERRY ENOMOTO, president of the San Francisco JACL Chapter, and Prof. SUSUMU NAKAMURA of the Univ. of California. The dinner was very informal. SIM TOGASAKI introduced members of the Togasaki "clan" (three generations of them) that were present.

Dr. K. KIYASU made a gracious and highly informative introduction of his old friend George Togasaki, who spoke about the work in which he is engaged as president of the very influential Nippon Times.

Even more important in listening to him we could feel the tremendous impact of Christian principles to which he has dedicated his life. I was particularly impressed by his challenge to his Issei and Nisei friends that they must assume a responsible position in promoting perpetual peace between the East and West. He pointed to their particular vantage point because of their cultural heritage and understanding.

Part of 'New Horizons' Shown

It struck me that this is another major step in the evolution of the social consciousness of the Nisei. Beginning with self-centered individual, who is concerned only with himself and his family, we have seen the Japanese American take more interest in and show concern for his larger community. Then many of the Nisei have grown even more in ability and activity and we have effectively worked on national problems.

Ultimately it is reasonable to expect that Japanese Americans will assume their responsibility in the concerns of international amity. Perhaps, this is part of the "New Horizons," which the National Convention suggests.

We salute Dr. Togasaki for his inspired work and continued leadership and wish him continued success in his many and diversified efforts.

Picture of redevelopment

In Sacramento, Japanese Americans are discovering that any program to make remedial changes in the Redevelopment Program is a tough problem.

They have clearly pointed out that they are not totally opposed to the whole program of redevelopment, but have asked only for a reasonable plan whereby both business and residential relocation can proceed with as little damage as possible.

Despite this there are some subtle implications that the "minorities" are obstructionists in the proposals to improve the city. We are aware of the trend toward redevelopment, the expansion of civic centers, and constructions of freeways. Unfortunately, Japanese Americans and other minority groups have become involved in these programs. This happens because due to a history of economic disparity and sometimes unofficial racial segregation, the minority group people have been forced to live in the marginal areas of the larger cities.

The picture will be watched with great interest not only in Sacramento, but in Los Angeles and in San Francisco. It seems that this problem is one important enough that the JACL locally and nationally should devote some time to study and make possible recommendations.

Short postscript

See you in Monterey Aug. 1 at the NCWNDC Pre-Convention Rally.



Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

• San Francisco: New memberships and renewals in the 1000 Club for the month of June, 1954, are announced by National JACL Headquarters as follows:

FIRST YEAR
Miss Lucy Adachi, San Francisco; Ted Akahoshi, Los Angeles; Mrs. Masa Enochy, Tomio Enochy, Takusichi Enochy, New York; Yoshito Fujii, Seattle; Hitoshi Fukui, Soichi Fukui, Los Angeles; S. T. Hatakedo, Hayward; Bruce Kaji, Michi Kataoka, Los Angeles; William T. Kimura, San Francisco; Hugh Manes, George Maruya, Masaji Murai, Los Angeles; Tosh Nakano, Berkeley; Seiji Ogata, Ted Okumoto, Los Angeles; Clem Oyama, San Francisco; Robert Rissman, Miss Chiyoko Sakamoto, Frank Suzuki, Los Angeles; Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda, Santa Monica; Ted L. Tomita, Tad Yamaguchi, Seattle; Elmer Yamamoto, Los Angeles.

SECOND YEAR
Frank H. Hattori, Seattle; Frank Hirayasu, Spokane; Mas Inoshita, Glendale, Ariz.; Goji Iwakiri, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Louis Kado, Culver City; Harry Kadoya, Spokane; Ryo Komasa, Gardena; Dr. Mark Kondo, Spokane; Y. Bud Mamiya, Berkeley; James Matsuoka, Seattle; Katsuro Miho, Honolulu; James Nakai, Hawthorne; K. William Sasagawa, Philadelphia; George Shibata, Indio; Minoru Uyeda, Monterey.

THIRD YEAR
Dr. Charles Ishizu, Berkeley; Bill Kajikawa, Tempe, Ariz.; Masao Narita, Nobuko Narita, Long Beach; Fred Okrand, Los Angeles; Dr. Chi-

bo T. Sakaguchi, San Fernando; Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, Santa Monica.

FOURTH YEAR
Dr. K. Ikeda, Spokane; Hirotsuke Inouye, Redwood City; Ikey Kakimoto, Santa Barbara; Takejiro Kobata, Gardena; Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa, San Francisco; Fred Muto, San Fernando; David Nitate, Los Angeles; John Nitta, Landsdale; Ken Osaka, Gardena; Jack Ozawa, Yeadon, Pa.; Dr. Yasuo Sasaki, Covington, Ky.; Harry Takagi, Charles Tatsuda Minneapolis; Dave Tatsuno San Jose.

FIFTH YEAR
Roy Hashitani, Ontario, Ore.; Frank Ito, Guadalupe; Joe Grant Masaoaka, Atherton; Harry Masto, Moses Lake, Wash.; Harry Miyake, Guadalupe; K. Patrick Okura, Omaha; Joe Owashi, San Diego; Al Wirin, Los Angeles.

SIXTH YEAR
Edward Ennis, New York; Peter Fujioka, Detroit; Tom Hirashima, Goleta; Hirotsuke Inouye, Redwood City; James Ito, Los Angeles; George Mikawa, Venice; Mas Oji, Yuba City; Dr. Randolph Sakada, Chicago; Joe Y. Saito, Ontario, Ore.; Harold Shimizu, Guadalupe; Butch Y. Tamura, Pasadena; Shig Tanita, Glendale, Ariz.; Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Lafayette, Calif.; Ken Utsunomiya, Elji Tanabe, Los Angeles.

SEVENTH YEAR
Bill Enomoto, Redwood City.

Mid-Columbia CL honors new citizens at graduates' fete

Hood River, Ore.

Ten Issei citizens and 29 more scheduled to receive their final papers were honored by the Mid-Columbia JACL chapter June 29, at the Hood River Hotel dining room. Over 100 persons attended.

Dr. Arthur Collins, who labored as a missionary for 10 years in Japan, paid tribute in Japanese to those who had strived so hard for citizenship papers. N. J. Trebin, also guest speaker, gave his remarks to the Issei and to Nisei graduates. Mam Noji was emcee. Mayor F. Vernon Garrabrant made a brief welcoming address.

Katsusaburo Tamura, who aided Dr. Collins as interpreter during the naturalization classes for Issei, responded.

Nisei graduates honored were:

Mitzi Asai, Univ. of Oregon; and William Endow, Wy'east High School valedictorian.

Already naturalized Issei: Mr. and Mrs. K. Kida, White Salmon; Mrs. Shizue Edmundson, Henry Nakamura, Sho Endow, Kenichi Hasegawa, Chihō Tomita, Tadao Sato, Miyozo Yumibe, Katsusaburo Tamura.

To be naturalized in Judge Malcolm Wilkinson's court July 23:

U. S. Akiyama, Mr. and Mrs. Tomemichi Akiyama, George Shinsuke Akiyama, Mrs. Sho Endow, K. Hasegawa, Renichi Fujimoto, Katsui Hirata, Tomoichi Hirasawa, Mr. and Mrs. Tomoyuki Imai, Mr. and Mrs. K. Iwatsuki, Mr. and Mrs. Tomeji Katayama, Sam Kurihara, Masaji Kusaji, Mr. and Mrs. Otoichi Nishimoto, Mrs. Miyoshi Noyori, Mrs. Fumi Shitara, Mr. and Mrs. Shinjiro Sumoge, Mrs. Michi Tamura, Mrs. Matsuyo Tomita, Mr. and Mrs. Ryusuke Watarabe and Mr. and Mrs. Yetario Yamaki.

Georgia lettuce grower grateful for JACL effort

Denver

Sachihiko Butsuyen of Maryfield Plantation, White Oak, Ga., has contributed \$100 to National JCAL in appreciation of their efforts to obtain naturalization privileges for Issei, it was reported by the Mountain-Plains Regional Office.

A successful lettuce grower in southern Georgia, he is assisted by K. Omaye. In 1952, Butsuyen was instrumental in getting endorsement of Gov. Herman Talmadge of Georgia for Issei naturalization. Last year, he personally went to Washington, D.C., to assist in the program.

The Georgia Issei was last visited by JACL representatives Min Yasui and Kika Kisei Domei chairman Z. Kanagaye in 1952 when they toured the deep South.

Omaha area graduates

Omaha

Nisei graduating from professional, high and grade schools were reported by the Omaha JACL as follows:

Jack Ikeda (Kaoru Sasaki, Creighton Univ. School of Medicine; Toru Endo, Creighton Univ. of School of Dentistry; Tad Kanamine, Univ. of Nebraska Law School; Joyce Tamai, Methodist Hospital Nursing; Carol Doi, Tech High; Angela Fujii, St. Mary's High; Kuniaki Mihara, Park Grade School.

Arizona graduates

Phoenix

Recent college and high school graduates honored by the Arizona JACL Newsletter were:

Colleges—Nobuko Mitokawa, Univ. of Arizona (winter); Elaine Take-mori, ASC at Tempe; Grace Yamashiro, Frank Yukinaka Mochizuki, Phoenix College.

High Schools—Eddie Hashimoto, Sakaye Inoshita, Mae Matsuzaki, Elgin Sakata, Ben Tadano, Masako Takiguchi, Richard Watanabe, Glendale; Jerry Ikeda, Mary Ishikawa, Mesa; Tayeko Nakagawa, Shigeo Gail Nakamura, Phoenix Union; Kumiko Matsuo, Hideo Kawamura, Tommy Yamashiro, West Union; Kaoru Takata, St. Mary's; Masashi Nakatsu, Tempe.

NWA appointment

St. Paul, Minn.

Joseph S. Sykes, who speaks Japanese after an eight-year residence in Tokyo, of Rochester, N.Y., was named manager of international sales for Northwest Orient Airlines. He makes his headquarters at the company's general office here.

PVT. MASAOA SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS CLOSE JULY 17.

PACIFIC CITIZEN
July 9, 1954



With the passing of ten years since the Resettlement Committee went into effect, the Cleveland JACL Chapter sponsored a Sha-On Dinner on June 13 to show its appreciation for the assistance given in relocating persons of Japanese ancestry. Thomas Sashihara presents Mrs. Olive Bannister with a scroll.

NEW YORK CL HONORS 36 ISSEI RECENTLY NATURALIZED AT DINNER

New York

Thirty-six local Issei recently naturalized were honored by the New York JACL at the Ding Ho on the occasion of the second anniversary of the passage of the law enabling them to become American citizens.

Douglas Overton, representing the Japan Society, as main speaker pointed out to the new citizens of the wonderful opportunity ahead for those whose long residence in the United States best qualified them to explain Japan to the Americans and America to the Japanese.

Hiroshi Matsuo responded in behalf of the Issei. One of the earliest to be naturalized, he noted that two words, "under God," were included in the Pledge of Allegiance, evaluating its tremendous significance.

Sam Kai, chapter president, congratulated the new citizens. The Rev. Dr. Alfred S. Akamatsu delivered the invocation. Thomas T. Hayashi, nat'l first vice-president, was toastmaster. Ina Sugihara and Joe Imai were dinner co-chairmen, assisted by:

Marie Kurihara, Ricki Suzuki, Tomio Enochy and Akira Hayashi.

It was estimated some 200 Issei in the New York area were naturalized, but in absence of any official list at the naturalization offices, it was impossible to extend invitations to

all. Two of the oldest Issei citizens, K. Nagahama, 89, and Hidetaro Yamaguchi, 82, were unable to attend. Yuichi Kubo, formerly of Tacoma, has resided the longest in the U.S.—56 years. Five others honored at the same time as having lived over 50 years were:

Tsunematsu Ikari, Thomas T. Kuchida, Frank J. Matsuda, Kichitaro Toki and Mrs. K. Yamada.

Other few citizens attending were:

George Aiba, Rev. Alfred Akamatsu, Mrs. Tatsu Arai, Mr. and Mrs. Tatsukichi Enochy, Helen Eto, Shozo Fujii, Mrs. Hank Goshō, K. Hashimoto, John K. Ikeda, Norman Ishii, Robert M. Kamide, Kametaro Komae, Mrs. Thomas T. Kuchida, Mrs. S. Kuwayama.

Mrs. Frank J. Matsuda, Hiroshi Matsuo, Mrs. Shige Matsushita, Mr. and Mrs. Cho Miyahira, Shigeo Nakagawa, Mrs. Suya Nakamura, Kyobei Nakano, Bunji Omura, George G. Shimamoto, Dr. Kanematsu Sugiyama, Mrs. S. Sugawara, Henry T. Suzuki, Mrs. Sona Takami, Mrs. K. Yasuda.

Construction begins on \$53,000 Lodi temple

Lodi

Contractors last week began pouring concrete for the basement of the \$53,000 Buddhist church here slated for completion in October at 23 N. Stockton. The new structure is being built on the site of the old building and will seat 200 persons.

Prize-winning cookie recipe

Livingston

Ed Kawahara of Merced, a Pillsbury Prize winning cook, and a recently signed-up member of the Livingston-Merced JACL, recently offered women readers of the chapter newsletter a recipe for Berliner Kranser (Norwegian cookies).

BERLINER KRANSER
(Norwegian Cookies)
4 C sifted flour 3 tsp cream
1 lb. soft butter 1 tsp vanilla
1 C gran. sugar 1 tsp cardamon
4 egg yolks, raw 1/2 tsp soda
4 hd boiled egg yolks, cooled and sieved.

Mix butter and sugar well; add raw yolks and sifted flour. Blend well, add sieved yolks, cardamon, soda, cream and vanilla.

nilla. Mix well until mixture becomes non-sticky, waxy texture. Roll dough to pencil size and form in an overlapping wreath or ring. Use no flour, dip into slightly beaten egg whites and roll into sugar mixture.

Sugar Mixture
1 C gran. sugar 1 tsp cinnamon
1 C blanched almonds or walnuts, chopped fine

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Tight Nisei Relay competition from three squads anticipated

Los Angeles

One of the closest Nisei track meets is in the offing this weekend at Rancho stadium. Three teams—Nisei A.C., Nisei Trading and the Lords—have well-rounded squads which figure to capture the 1954 JACL Nisei Relays championship.

Feature event is the 100-yard dash. A surprise entry is Jody Maruyama, ex-Poly High athlete and Occidental collegian who's done 9.9s. before his stint in the service. Now discharged, he has been working out for the meet.

Another 9.9 man is Dick Iseri. Ex-UCLAn Bob Watanabe, meet chairman; Franklin Chong, defending champion; and Verdugo High's Tom Uyeda are solid threats. George Sasaki, holder of the Jr. 100-yd. mark

at 10.5s., and Karl Kato round the field of century artists.

Other features are the 440 and the four-man relay in the open division and the junior division relays.

"For the first time of the meet history, we have more open division entrants than the junior division," remarked chairman Watanabe.

An interesting hop, step and jump duel looms in Joe Iseri and Kinji Kataoka, the latter record holder of the S.F. Nisei Olympics mark at 40 ft. 7 3/4 in.

Qualifying trials in the junior field events begin at 10 a.m. after the weigh-in. All junior contestants are to report at 10 for the weigh-in, it was stressed. Open division heats are also slated at 10. Junior field event finals start at 1:30 and opening ceremonies with the Nisei VFW advancing the colors at 2. Ad-

mission at the gate will not be charged but donations will be accepted for the three-hour track meet.

Six candidates for "Miss National JACL" are scheduled to appear to make winning presentations.

Assisting Watanabe are: Mack Hamaguchi, Tats Kushida, Dave Yokozeki, Blanche Shiosaki, Pomeroy Ajima, Arnold Hagiwara, Snakey Okuma, Hito Suyehiro, Ken Miura and George Yoshinaga.

81 athletes try for track medals

Los Angeles

A total of 81 athletes is competing in the third annual JACL Nisei Relays this Sunday at Rancho stadium. With competition divided into Open and Junior divisions, separate trophies will be awarded to team champions in each category.

The team rosters are as follows:

OPEN DIVISION

Nisei A.C.—Jerome Tong, Dave Taira, Ken Kagiwada, Kaz Oki, Art Tsutsui, Osami Watanabe, Jimi Abe, Franklin Chong, Hideo Iwai, Ben Kuwata, Yukio Onaga, Ken Yamashiro.

Lords—Clyde Ikuta, Kinji Kataoka, Karl Kato, Henry Kawamoto, Kei Nomura, Jackie Okura, George Sasaki, Yoshito Shibayama, Ray Utsumi, Tom Uyeda and Toshio Watanabe.

Nisei Trading—Bob Watanabe, Lloyd Kumagai, Norman Okubo, Roy Sugiyama, Dick Yamato, Bobby Setoguchi, Tom Yasuda, Joe Iseri, Dick Iseri, Norio Morita, Joe Maruyama, Ken Ando, Ichiro Hashimoto, Roy Kunizawa, John Mitsuchi, Tom Marumoto.

Maryknoll Chi Rho—John Takeuchi, Rick Yamate, Thomas Yamate, Dave Yamada.

Fowler JACL—John Nakamura, Tosh Sano, Ken Fujii.

Hobo—Tak Watanabe.

Unattached—Ken Hatanaka.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Hobos—Yoshito Yoshimura, Robert Endo, Tad Fujiwara, Jon Fukushima, John Itagaki, Thomas Iwasaki, Bob Kameoka, Bobby Kawaoka, Reynold Kimura, Ray Ogawa, Mas Tokiyama, Kay Takahashi.

Flying Stars—Hideo Yoshinaga, Richard Kobayashi, Frank Minobe, Kiyoshi Nishimoto, Carl Wada.

Constituents—Yukio Kitagawa, Wayne Lee, Kay Sakata, Hiroshi Nomura.

Chi Rho—James Yamada, Mike Toyama.

Nisei Trading—Bobby Setoguchi, Ronald Sakai, Eugene Honbo, Frank Nakahama.

Unattached—Fred Wada, Eugene Sekiguchi, Raymond Urata.

Issei-Nisei gardeners in Denver hit by drouth

Denver

In midst of a drouth, the Denver water board issued in mid-June an intricate lawn-watering schedule which remains in effect for the balance of summer—unless heavy rains, in the meantime, breaks the long drouth.

Issei-Nisei gardeners who have a number of contracts to water lawns at least three times a week have been hit by the latest rationing program.

Sprinkling is only permitted between 6-10 a.m. and 4-8 p.m., making it difficult for gardeners to work a split-shift, some even giving up their contracts.

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3rd Nisei Relays

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This Sunday marks the third annual JACL Nisei Relays being held at Rancho Cienega in Los Angeles. The bevy of beauties competing for the title "Miss National JACL" will be conspicuously present. Among the many contributors of prizes and donations is the newly organized Japanese American Optimist Club, which will provide trophies and medallions for the junior division, and Japan Air Lines, which will award six fancy zipper travel bags.

Last year's event had scheduled a 25 yard dash "fashioned for men over 30", and in which we were entered.

The starter ran out of blank shells for his gun so the event never took place although a couple of us dilapidated dashmen hung around in case we could get a free trophy or queen's kiss anyway. No payoff.

Just for laughs, we got to thinking how some of our present and past board and staff members would do in a trackmeet and wound up with quite a team! Mike Masaoka—hammer throw; Haruo Ishimaru—pole vault; Callahan Inagaki—high jump; Sab Kido—low hurdles; Larry Tajiri—hop, step and jump; Deacon Satow—javelin; Min Yasui—high hurdles; Sam Ishikawa—broad jump; Randy Sakada—discus. The rest of them will be sprinters and distance men, like Harry Honda in the 100 yard dash and Tom Hayashi in a four minute mile.

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Ty Saito realty office open house

Another notable event takes place this weekend—the grand opening of realtor JOHN TAIZO SAITO's newly enlarged offices at 2421 W. Jefferson. A UCLAn, Ty was the first postwar Nisei real estate broker in Los Angeles and has built up a terrific volume of business operating out of two offices and assisted by a live-wire staff of six hustlers, two of them Korean Nisei WILLIE HAHN and PETER CHOY. The kotonks are SALEM YAGAWA, past commander of the Nisei VFW post here; MACK HAMAGUCHI, JACL bigwig; TEK TAKASUGI and CHICK FURUYE.

Gross business last year was \$1 1/2 million and for the first six months this year grossed \$830,000. According to Ty, he has sold more than 120 homes in three heretofore restricted residential sections which he opened up for Japanese residence—Bella Vista, Leimert Park and Crenshaw Manor.

Proud to be a charter member of the JACL 1000 Club, "Honest John" also belongs to a local group of bizpro Nisei called the Nisei Pioneers, most of whose members also belong to the 1000 Club. Ty is married to the former MARY YAGAWA and like the Sou'wester has a couple of daughters, CANDICE CHRISTINE, 5; and SUSAN LIN, two months.

In inviting the public to visit his new offices, Ty gave special credit and acknowledgment to the Nisei architect who designed his \$10,000 addition, MITS NOZAKI.

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Togasaki will miss '54 convention

We enjoyed a rare opportunity to reminisce over family events of the Marco Polo lounge aboard the President Wilson next K. TOGASAKI, a founding father of the JACL, when he visited here two weeks ago. Nomad of the Togasaki clan, he was enroute home from a world trip attending the International Council of Christian Leadership conference at The Hague, and his son's graduation at Swarthmore, so he'll miss our convention this year.

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APL Pres. Wilson greets CLers

RON DELONG of the American President Lines and other APL officials have been very cooperative in providing the use of the Marco Polo lounge aboard the President Wilson next Wednesday for a judging of the Miss National JACL queen contest.

PHIL CHANG in the passenger department and MIKE MORIWAKI of freight inbound are good joes to know. Mike is instructor for the Hollywood JACL citizenship class. Last week, we met APL's BILL MORRISSEY who works out of San Francisco; and a former Poston croney, HITOSHIGE OKABE, who used to run the APL's office in Sao Paulo.

APL is continuing to improve its already excellent third class accommodations and service aboard passenger liners.

Anyone wanting to get a free trip to Japan simply signs up 15 passengers on a kankodan tour, we're told. More Nisei should take advantage of a deal like this, which applies to other means of travel including our advertisers, the American President Lines, Northwest Airlines and Japan Air Lines.

SPORTSCOPE:

• The San Francisco Seals have signed up a Nisei chucker, NED IWAKIRI of Compton, an 18-year-old lefthander who has a hard fast ball. He was to be farmed for experience to the Stockton Ports where FIBBER HIRAYAMA once cavorted.

• One doesn't find bowling leagues calling it quits in the midst of competition and start all over again. The Sonoma County JACL summer league started all over again after three weeks of Santa Rosa Bowl. So many newcomers expressed a desire to enter that the league voted to start from scratch under a new sponsor arrangement. ED KAWAOKA'S 533 and FRED YOKOYAMA'S 519 were opening week leaders.

Seattle realty firm sends Nisei on merry chase, was mean trick

Seattle

The Northwest Times has disclosed the latest trick against a Nisei couple who wanted to buy a home from a real estate firm.

The couple, preferring to remain unidentified, said they had several courteous telephone conversations and were finally told to ask for a certain agent at the firm to check over some house listings.

Upon arrival at the office, the first agent quickly had a second agent take over. He jotted the address of a house on a piece of paper and told them to go see the property. The door was unlocked, the couple was then advised.

Upon location of the house

after some difficulty, the couple found the door locked. Upon returning to the office, the wife (a graduate of a Christian college) remarked to the agent it was a mean trick to send someone to a locked house. Offering no apology or key, he was quoted as answering: "I wouldn't know anything about it, because I've never been out there."

The couple, however, found satisfactory treatment at another real estate office.

The anti-discrimination law in the state of Washington says all persons in business serving the public must serve all, not discriminate in any way because of race or creed, the Northwest Times concluded.

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Assisting at the dedication of the Yokohama stone lantern Sunday at Recreation Park in east Long Beach were (left to right) Rev. Nick Iyoya, Yosaburo Hama, Momota Okura, Mayor Lyman B. Sutter of Long Beach, Robert Dilday, park commission v.p.; Mas Narita, past Long Beach-Harbor District JACL pres.; Harry Nishimura, and Fred Ikeguchi, JACL chapter pres.

—Photo by Aiko Sakamoto.

Yokohama lantern dedicated

Long Beach
The first bit of things Japanese was dedicated June 27 by the city of Long Beach where a stone lantern from the Mayor of Yokohama was officially added to Recreation Park.

The lantern is inscribed: Roses of Long Beach blooming in Yokohama; Stone lantern adding lustre in Long Beach.

Participating in the ceremonies were Mayor Lyman B. Sutter of Long Beach, Robert Dilday of the city recreation &

parks commission, JACL and Nikkei-jin Kai officials.

A letter from Ryoza Hiranuma, Yokohama mayor, read: "... we firmly believe that the heart-warming event of mutually sending roses from Long Beach and a stone lantern from Yokohama will constitute one of the everlasting and ever-increasing friendly relations between our two cities."

All-English seminar on Buddhism slated July 23-25

San Francisco
Five lecturers address the annual seminar sponsored by the Buddhist Churches of America, July 23-25, at the Buddhist Church here. To be given in English, speakers and their topics are:

Rev. K. Kumata, Los Angeles, "Shujisho: the Book on Holding Fast to Faith"; Rev. S. Masunaga, Seattle, "The Teaching of Tannisho"; Rev. S. Tsunoda, Denver, "Nirvana Concept in Buddhism"; Rev. H. Fujimoto, Fresno, "Eko (Merit Transference) Concept in Shinshu Buddhism"; and Rev. S. Pratt, Tacoma, "From Shakyamuni to St. Shinran".

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California Youth retains citizenship in spite of time in Japanese Navy

Los Angeles

Hiroshi Muraoka, 28, born in Hawthorne, Calif., and taken to Japan by his father in 1934 after the death of his mother for purposes of schooling did not lose his U.S. citizenship because of military service in the Japanese Navy.

The decision was recently rendered by Judge William Byrne of the U.S. district court here.

While attending school in Japan, war broke out and Muraoka was impressed into employment at the Hakari Naval Arsenal and in 1945 ordered into naval service.

After the war, Muraoka sought an American passport at the U.S. consulate at Kobe to rejoin his father living at Compton. But his application was disapproved by the State Department because he has lost citizenship by virtue of military service.

Judicial action was instituted by his attorneys, Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki, under Sec. 503, Nationality Act of 1940, after returning here in December, 1952, under a Certificate of Identity. David McKibbin, trial counsel for Muraoka, contended his naval service was under legal duress, induced by fear of imprisonment and brutal treatment if he had protested. The court upheld this contention. McKibbin added that this

judicial remedy is no longer available as the pertinent section has been repealed by the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. However, such persons still abroad can return to the U.S. under a certificate of identity and be accorded an administrative hearing on the issue rather than a judicial hearing by a court.

Magnolia Residence director to resign

Los Angeles

Mrs. Kei Nagamori, director of Magnolia YWCA Residence, has tendered her resignation because of ill health after having served for seven years.

Mrs. Kenzo Sugino, new chairman of the management committee, is being assisted by: Mrs. James Nakazawa, v.-chmn.; Mrs. Alice Aspinkall, rec. sec.; Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, cor. sec.; Mrs. Fred Tayama, treas.; Mrs. Katsuma Mukaeda, Mrs. Thomas Saito, house comm.; Mrs. Samuel Nagata, Mrs. Yoshio Takagaki, Mrs. Seichi Nobe, personnel; Mrs. Frank Chuman, Mrs. G. Y. Takeyama, World Fellowship; Mrs. Gen Nakamura, young adult.

Paul Yamane of Honolulu, graduate student in political science from Reed College, Portland, Ore., visited friends in Denver enroute to a position with United Nations, New York.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

For a six-day working newspaperman, adouble-holiday in any month is a punishing luxury. Unless he plans something in advance he's escheated by too much anticipation and with so little time.

The Fourth of July weekend celebration turned into just that with most of the fireworks occurring within the four walls of our cozy abode. What with 15-month old Bennett Mori leading the parents to heaven-knows-where, the two-day fiesta invariably was shot to you-know-where!

But all was not a lost weekend. In the space of 48 hours I got to know the likes and dislikes of Bennett as a good father should. He loves to tear into my usual empty wallet; abhors being carried; but would compromise on riding in the rear seat of the car.

So comes early Sunday morning. I helped with the few dishes left overnight and breakfast cups and saucers while Bennett squirmed between my knees. That was all pleasant until he decided to try his hand in soap suds. We're now all for plastic dishware. When his path of destruction was cleared, peace reigned again and we decided that a day at the beach might be in order.

But the decision was left up to the brilliant lad, who must now stand about 32 inches from the floor. He had "misplaced" the keys to the family buggie—and another uproar ensued!

No duplicates!
And what about the driver's license from the wallet?

After a comfortable tepid bath with daddy, he decided to take an afternoon snooze. The old man took advantage of the situation and overslept before an irate wife tossed him off his sofa.

It was early evening when the Mori family finally got out of the house; only to find that holiday drivers on the freeway were going just a little too fast and reckless for their peace of mind. The aging reporter backtracked home and switched on the television set in the interest of self-preservation.

Oh, Monday was different! Bennett, now slightly worn from over attention from both parents sought something more exciting on his own. He knocked the telephone receiver on the electric clock which was a wedding gift; and rammed a wooden train into a 10-gallon aquarium to produce a sudden and cool leak on the clean, rugged living room.

But the lovable kid that afternoon was all for outdoor ride in the sun. We tanned pretty by cruising through smog-filled San Gabriel Valley and the like, marveling at beautiful tract homes with four bedrooms and two baths selling for \$11,500.

Just to let us know he was for the spirit of the Fourth and cooperative mood, he slept through the whole trip. His two-day spree by then was over.

EDITORIALS

New Horizons

Two pertinent points, which may be elaborated at the forthcoming 13th biennial National JACL Convention (Sept. 2-6, Los Angeles), are presented by Dr. George Togasaki, whose comments are reported by columnist Haruo Ishimaru; and by a well-known American diplomat, whose appraisal of the Far East impressed columnist Lawrence Nakatsuka.

Nisei awareness of things international—be they be between Japan and the United States, or any other foreign country and our nation where world peace is involved—is a logical step forward.

As Ishimaru says this week, it seems the challenge of promoting peace between the East and the West is "another major step in the social consciousness of the Nisei". The vantage point enjoyed by the Issei and Nisei in America has long been conceded in this respect. It is now a matter of stepping forward.

But this matter of stepping forward must be tempered, as Nakatsuka reports in his Honolulu Newsletter this week. Selling democracy in the same manner as we sell tooth paste doesn't work. He recalls from a satirical book of William Foote Whyte. "If we have not done so well in one-way communication, we have failed even more seriously in two-way communication. We have been so busy selling ourselves and our ideas, we have minimized the necessity of listening to what others, across the oceans, have had to say," our Honolulu reporter adds.

Persons of Japanese ancestry in this country have as much at stake as the next man where world peace is concerned. The world today is truly a small one—communication with any distant point by radio is instantaneous; travel to any remote spot by air is a matter of hours instead of weeks or months; and personal knowledge of other peoples has been enhanced as a result.

That we are in a position by virtue of cultural heritage to promote East-West understanding and amity would be embarrassing if such steps are not duly considered and extended.

Isolationism may have offered security to nations in the past (Japan was closed for some 300 years), but the times today hardly favor such a policy.

The issue could be more momentous than was experienced when Pearl Harbor was struck and evacuation ordered.

From the Frying Pan . . .

4th of July Tradition

Denver

The Fourth of July dawned clear and hot, and we were up early to prepare the picnic lunch. There was chicken to be fried and sandwiches to be made, eggs to boil and the water jug to be iced and filled. What's a Fourth of July without a picnic? This year we'd hit the jackpot with several invitations, but we could accept only one. And so to the others it was a grateful and regretful thank you, no.

We started out for Eldorado Springs where Frank Torizawa throws an annual picnic for his Granada Fish family and their friends. Whoever named the place Eldorado did so with foresight. It seems every third Coloradoan was there. The owners must have had a fatiguing day totting up the profits.

Anticipating the crowds, Frank had dispatched a task force two days before the Fourth to stake out a claim to the most desirable riverside location. George Nagai and his aides had pitched a tent, to set up housekeeping and established squatters' rights. A second task force followed with stores of pop, ice, watermelon, weiners and buns, corn on the cob and other picnic fare. The entire operation had the air of an experienced, well-run military movement.

Which gets us to my point that the Issei certainly knew how to hold and enjoy a picnic, and some of that knowledge must have rubbed off on the Nisei. I remember back on the coast when on a summer Sunday it seemed half the town descended on tree-shaded meadow for the annual picnic of the Japanese association, or a Kenjin-kai. The committees must have worked like beavers, for by the time we kids arrived on the scene the banners were flying, the running course had been roped off, the free ice cream and

lemonade stands had been set up, and there was an enormous pile of prizes in a tent ready to be given away for the fortunate and fleet of foot.

And when the day reached its close, we tired youngsters headed for home and bed. But a cleanup crew remained behind to pick up every last scrap of paper. So thoroughly did they scour the grounds that next day, except for the slightly trampled grass, one would never know that some hundreds of picnickers had enjoyed themselves there.

It was the same way at Eldorado Springs. Before sunset, all hands pitched in to police the grounds. The rubbish formed the basis of a fine campfire, around which we sat munching on roasting ears and hotdogs heated up over the glowing charcoals of an adjoining cooking fire until they were fat, brown and juicy.

Kids have more fun than anybody at a picnic and ours were no exception. Mike's persistence paid off and he caught himself a trout in water that I would have sworn contained no fish. Susan made new friends, climbed rocks and went horseback riding. Pete went riding, too, even though, as he says, "I'm allergic of horses." He paid dearly for the pleasure, for before the hour's ride was over, his eyes were puffed and watery and his skin had begun to break out. Doesn't seem to be anything he can do, except stay away from horses. We washed him up, and after a while he began to look more like himself again. As for Christie, she fought off weariness, refused to take a nap for fear of missing something, and enjoyed every bit of the outing.

Group picnics are a fine tradition and I can't think of a finer time to have them than the Fourth of July.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Dramatic Future in Kabuki

When Sol Hurok, the nation's outstanding impresario, arranged for the recent visit of the Azuma Kabuki Dancers and Musicians, he did not expect that their tour of the United States would prove to be a financial, as well as artistic success. The huzzahs of the opening night New York critics was not unexpected, but the long lines at the boxoffice were a surprise. Booked originally for three weeks, the kabuki artists were held over. Guaranteed \$3,000 a week, they grossed more than \$25,000 in their New York appearances at the Century Theater.

As a result of this successful tour, plans already are in the works for similar tours by the Azuma troupe and others. Kabuki, the traditional art form of the Japanese theater, combining song, dance and drama, established a rapport with the American audience which also was unexpected, particularly because few concessions were made here, other than to cut down the time and number of productions from the nine hours or so in Tokyo's Kabukiza to the two and a half hours which is considered the limit of the American theatergoer's endurance.

The Azuma Kabuki presented all of their numbers in Japanese, just as they are performed in Japan, and the only concession was a short introductory narration in English. The ovation given by the New York critics confirmed the observations of such Americans as Joshua Logan (producer of *Mr. Roberts*, *Having Wonderful Time*, etc.), James Michener (author of *Sayonara*, *Tales of the South Pacific*) and Paul Green, long one of America's leading dramatists, that kabuki is the world's greatest living theater.

It should be noted, if parenthetically, that all Nisei attending the kabuki were not entranced and that some Issei, used to the usual length of an evening of kabuki, thought the program was too short, sort of a sampler, which it was. As for the Nisei who would have preferred an evening at a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, for example, it can be noted that the kabuki is not necessarily Japan's most popular entertainment. Far more Japanese attend the Takarazuka revues than the kabuki.

For American professionals in the drama, this insight into a centuries-old theatrical art was an exciting experience and one which should enrich the American musical and dramatic theater of the future.

The role of Sakini, the Okinawan inter-

preter and former Japanese naval officer in John Patrick's Pulitzer-prize winning *Tea-house of the August Moon*, is the richest written for an actor of Japanese ancestry in American dramatic literature. No actor of Japanese descent has played the role to date, mainly because producers feel none is equipped for the part. David Wayne, with training in the Japanese language by Sho Onodera, has made the character come alive in the New York production. Eli Wallach, from the New York stage, is playing Sakini in London, while Oscar Karlweiss, also well known in the American theater, is the Sakini of the Vienna production.

There are a dozen Nisei in the New York cast, but no actors of Japanese ancestry in the London production because none were available. Dancer Yuki Shimoda of the New York cast, incidentally, returned from London recently where he helped set up the British production.

It will be a long time before New York theatergoers see a dramatization of James tale of a Madame Butterfly of the atomic age, *Sayonara*. A legitimate production of the best-selling novel, a Book-of-the-Month club selection, is stalled because of litigation initiated by three film companies who bid for screen rights to *Sayonara* and want to make a picture of it before it is produced on the stage by Joshua Logan and Irving Berlin. Paul Osborn has prepared the book for the show, while Berlin already has written six songs, one of which probably will be named *Sayonara* and being a Berlin song should be a cinch for the hit parade. All plans are in abeyance, however, until the courts unravel the web of litigation in which *Sayonara* currently is stalled.

The Japanese film which recently won the grand prize at the Cannes international film festival, *Hell's Gate*, (*Jigokumon*), will be released in the United States soon, starting in a New York showcase, possibly the Little Carnegie where *Rashomon*, the Venice grand prize-winner, played 24 weeks in 1952.

Both *Jigokumon* and *Rashomon* were produced by Daiei in Tokyo, both have the word "gate" in its title and both are about Japan in the 12th century. Machiko Kyo, star of *Rashomon*, also is the leading feminine player in the new film which was shot in Eastman color.

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Three Nisei test right to return to coast; validity of military orders excluding Japanese Americans challenged in injunction suit. (Filed by Mrs. Shizuko Shiramizu, Poston; Masaru Baba, Reno; and Dr. George Ochikubo, Topaz.)

Famed 100th infantry unit joins 442nd Regt. Combat team; Fifth Army's announcement first official word of 442nd's arrival in Italy.

Issei leader (Yaozo Hitomi, 44, of Sacramento) stabbed to death at Tule Lake Center.

Eleven Granada WRA Nisei convicted in draft evasion months.

California race-baiters fail to get on ballot initiative proposing to bar Nisei from owning land; unable to produce 179,000 signatories.

Gen. Bonesteel, new Western Defense commander, remains mum on evacuee. "I don't know enough about it."

Appeal filed for Wyoming draft evaders; 30 sent to Ft. Leavenworth penitentiary.

Dr. Sproul warns against hysteria on Nisei question at Committee on American Principles and Fair Play meeting in Los Angeles, described as "powerhouse of race-baiting opposition."

Pres. Roosevelt signs bill to permit denaturalization of Nisei citizens at Tule Lake; Atty. Gen. Biddle declares "300 to 1,000" will be able to renounce citizenship.

Vancouver mayor seeks suppression of New Canadian or internment of publisher.

County Supervisors Ass'n of California urge deportation of Nisei; "racial differences" stressed, can never be assimilated.

Tolerance replaces ill-feeling in Brooklyn.

WRA open Newark, N.J., office to aid relocating evacuees.

MINORITY

On the question whether Los Angeles Negro firemen are assigned to certain duty stations on the basis of race, the city fire commission voted yes, 3-2.

The St. Louis (Mo.) board of education announced that its public high schools will be integrated in February, 1955; its elementary schools in September, 1955; while Harris and Stowe Teachers and junior colleges will be merged this September.

Judge Arthur F. Lederle ordered the Detroit Housing Commission to end its jim-crow policy and open all of its public housing units to everyone regardless of race or color.