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## 13 CANDIDATES FOR NISEI OF BIENNIUM NAMED

Chicago

Thirteen candidates have been nominated for the Nisei of the Biennium Award with nominations closed officially last Sunday, it was announced by Dr. Randolph Sakada, chairman of the JACL National Recognitions Committee.

Winner and four other finalists will be disclosed at the National JACL Convention banquet, Sept. 6, at the Los Angeles Statler.

The award is for distinguished community leadership for the past two years. All candidates have outstanding records of achievement and long service. Dr. Sakada commented, and judges will have a difficult time to select the winner.

Nisei of the Biennium nominees are:

Tom Yego, Penryn; Hershey Miyamura, Gallup, N.M.; Dr. Minol Ota, Lovell, Wyo.; Kiyoshi Otsuka, Sedgwick, Colo.; Judge John F. Aiso, Los Angeles; Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, Chicago; Minoru Yamasaki, Detroit.

George K. Iwashita, Bloomfield, N.J.; Masao Satow, San Francisco; Dr. Harvey Itano, Los Angeles; George Inagaki, Venice; Joe Y. Saito, Ontario, Ore.; and Tak Y. Terasaki, Denver.

## DENNIS DAY SINGS NIPPONESE HIT TUNE

Honolulu

Dennis Day, popular TV and radio star, sang more than a dozen tunes at the Shriners' benefit show at the Civic Auditorium here recently and one of them was "Ginza Kankan Mumsu."

This is the first time that Ryoichi Hattori's Japanese boogie was sung here by an American big-timer.

He sang only the first two verses, looking at a manuscript for the words in the second verse. His voice was first class and the Japanese words were generally well pronounced except when he had to sing from a manuscript.

Day was heavily applauded at the finish. In appreciation he said, "Arigato gozaimasu."

## Three JAL flights

San Francisco

Two new DC6-Bs, the "City of Osaka" and the "City of Nagoya", are being added to the present Japan Air Lines fleet for transpacific service by Sept. 1, when another flight takes effect each week. The new schedule provides flights leaving here Monday, Wednesday and Friday noon.

## OKINAWAN HANDICAPPED, ILL INELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION BEING AIDED

Denver

Chokichi Iraha, an Okinawan who suffered the loss of both hands in an accident while in the employ of the U.S. Army in 1949 and who later developed tuberculosis, has been a patient at Fitzsimons Army Hospital the past four years.

Because of his illness and physical handicap, Iraha is not eligible for admission into the United States as a quota immigrant.

The Seventh Day Adventists through Rev. George Aso and the JACL office here have been working with Sen. Ed C. Johnson and Rep. Byron G. Rogers (both D., Colo.) to provide permanent status for Iraha, who has exhibited remarkable artistic talent using adjustable hooks in place of hands.

Sen. Johnson last week informed the JACL office that a private bill on behalf of Iraha was passed by the Senate Aug. 10. The bill goes to the House Judiciary Committee for consideration with a companion bill introduced by Rep. Rogers.

## Ex-JACLer reports on Japan drug for cancer, sarcomycin ready for sale

Los Angeles

One of the brightest prospects in Japan, despite the melancholy austerity of the present government, is found in scientific research carried on by the poorly paid, but dedicated men in poorly equipped laboratories, according to Sam Ishikawa, special Tokyo correspondent for the Rafu Shimpō.

The former JACL staffman reported on the work of Dr. Hamao Umezawa who sifted soils and molds to find a "miracle" drug that kills tumorous cancer cells.

Named "sarcomycin", tests thus far have had good results with mice and hamsters, Ishikawa reports.

Tested on some 300 cancer patients, clinical physicians reported 70 per cent of them showed improvement; some even cured completely. The low toxic effects is being cited as having an advantage over a German drug called "actinomycin", which causes a very high degree of toxicity.

This wonder drug is scheduled to go on sale in September. Kyodo News Service added that a blind man had his sight restored after the Japanese anti-biotic drug was applied to cancerous growth behind his right eye.

## Senate kills Dirksen measure to return gov't vested property

Washington

All hopes for the return of vested Japanese property to their former owners were ended when the Senate "passed over" the so-called Dirksen Return Bill, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Coming up before the Senate last week on the Call of the Calendar, which requires unanimous consent, the Return Bill introduced by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.), was "passed over" because of objections raised by several senators.

First, Sen. George A. Smathers (D., Fla.), an official objector for the minority party, requested that no consideration be given the bill by calling out "over" when the bill was announced.

### Final Effort Made

Requesting that the objection be withheld and for 15 minutes to explain the measure, the author of the bill, Sen. Dirksen, made a final effort for his return legislation.

Objection to the personal request of Senator Dirksen was voiced by Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson (R., N.J.), who recently submitted a minority report in the Senate Judiciary Committee against the return of vested Japanese and German property.

Sen. Smathers then renewed his request that the bill go "over".

After the Presiding Officer declared that "the bill goes over", Sen. Hendrickson explained that his objection was based on the agreement of both Republicans and Democrats that no senator shall speak on any bill during the Call of the Calendar for more than five minutes during the remaining days in this session.

At the same time, Rep. Katherine St. George (R., N.Y.), who introduced a companion bill identical to the one Sen. Dirksen introduced, submitted a House Resolution calling for

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Pioneer Issei of 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Tameji Eto of San Luis Obispo, were singularly honored at a Nisei Week Pioneer Night festivity. George Kuniyoshi (right), Festival chairman, presented the award scrolls. Standards of early years gave honors to the oldest Issei, but in the past two years, community service and outstanding leadership were criteria for the honor. The Etos are recently naturalized U.S. citizens and longtime supporters of the JACL. —Toyo Miyatake Photo.

## PERUVIAN-JAPANESE STATUS CHANGE TO REFUGEE APPROVED BY SENATE

Washington

After "passing over" the bill on the regular Call of the Calendar to amend the Refugee Relief Act to include Peruvian Japanese, the Senate reserved itself and unanimously passed the bill on the following day, reported Mike Masaoka, Nisei lobbyist in Washington.

When the measure first came before the Senate for consideration and vote on the Call of the Calendar, which requires unanimous consent for passage, Sen. Albert Gore (D., Tenn.), an official objector of the Democratic Minority, requested that the bill be "passed over."

This action by Sen. Gore, preventing Senate consideration at that time, appeared to doom the measure for the current session.

### Masaoka Re-Explains

Masaoka then explained that the bill was rescheduled on the Call of the Calendar and when it was called up before the Senate for the second time, Sen. George A. Smathers (D., Fla.) explained that the previous objection to the remedial bill was

"inadvertant and unintended". His explanation was apparently sufficient and the bill received unanimous Senate approval.

Several hundred Peruvian Japanese stranded in the United States, who are unable to return to their homes in Peru, would become eligible to remain here as "permanent residents" by the bill.

Masaoka, requested by Peruvian Japanese in the Los Angeles and Seabrook (N.J.) areas to assist them in their dilemma, had persuaded the House Judiciary Committee to include a

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## Sangha Award adopted by Boy Scouts of America to deserving Bussei

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

New York

"Sangha"—the Buddhist Scout Award—will be adopted by the Boy Scouts of America.

This epoch-making step is recognizing Buddhism in America. Already, such awards are being presented to Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Lutheran scouts who are outstanding in their respective churches.

Dr. A. E. Iverson, who is in charge of the Protestant's God and Country Award, is also heading the committee making extensive studies of this Oriental religion.

Dr. Arthur Shuck, chief scout executive, expressed his happiness over this new religious award.

### Offered by Church

"The Buddhist Scout Award," it was explained by Boy Scout officials, "is offered by the church to encourage Scouts to take an active part in the undertakings of the church, and to lay a foundation of a worthy life based on firm religious convictions."

"It should assist both the Scout movement and church

activities. The minister will help the Scout in every way possible to fulfill the requirements of this award."

The Sangha Scout Award is to consist of a ribbon marked with the Dhamma Gakka—the Wheel of Enlightenment.

### Significance

The Wheel of Enlightenment, set rolling by the Blessed One immediately after his enlightenment, according to the Buddhists, symbolizes the rules of pure conduct (the eight spokes), justice (by the equal lengths of the spokes), wisdom (by the tire), modesty and thoughtfulness (by the hub).

The eight spokes signify the Buddhist rules of conduct: right understanding, right purpose, right speech, right conduct, right livelihood, right endeavor, right thought and right meditation.

A deserving Scout is to be presented this award at a Court of Honor under authority of the bishop of the respective Buddhist sects in the United States at the recommendation of a local church.

## Two new precedent adjudications on evacuation claims told; losses above original claim allowed due to records

Washington

Two new precedent adjudications on evacuation claims were released this week, Justice Department officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

In the first precedent claim, losses in excess of the original claim were awarded; and in the second precedent claim, a substitute claimant, who had previously received a compromise award and payment, received a subsequent award.

Awarding the claimant in excess of the amount in the original claim, the precedent established in evacuation claim number 146-35-5895 gave cogni-

zance and added meaning to actual losses substantiated by evidence.

### Records Submitted Later

The claimant submitted the original claim on estimates without the benefit of records, which were later submitted.

The government said that the claimant "does not seek to add new items to her claim or to introduce any new subject matter."

"Her 'cause for action' remains the same and her request is solely for the purpose of increasing the respective amounts of loss originally alleged for certain of the items included in her claim and, in consequence, the total amount

claimed.

"... This being the case, the claimant's request to amend may properly be allowed and the total amount of her claim increased to \$15,000. It accordingly follows that claimant is entitled to receive the full amount of her loss as established by the evidence, namely, \$13,494.97."

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, noted that the government had accepted an amendment to increase the total amount of the original claim after the statutory bar date, but that the amendment only related to correcting the amount of losses on items in

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## Refugee relief—

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special section for the Peruvian Japanese when the Committee was considering changes in the "adjustment of status" section of the Refugee Relief Act.

### Quota Not Affected

Masaoka's proposal would grant the right to apply for suspension of deportation for the Peruvian Japanese and enable them to become permanent residents through an adjustment of their status.

In addition, he explained, including this special group of Peruvian Japanese under the Refugee Relief Act does not affect the annual immigration quota for Japan. In regular adjustments of status cases for the Japanese, each person is counted as an "immigrant" from the 185 annual quota allotment for Japan.

"For the Japanese," Masaoka explained, "this means the quota savings of over a full year."

### House Action Expected

The House Judiciary Committee and later the full House passed the amendments which included the Peruvian Japanese.

Since the Senate passed the amended bill, House concurrence is required before it can go to the President for his

## IN HONOR OF

Cliff Morikawa of Ontario, Ore., was awarded the Nisei War Memorial Scholarship for 1954 by the Oregon Nisei Veterans of Portland.

## Dirksen bill—

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a complete study of the practices of the Trading With the Enemy Act. The Resolution would set up a House subcommittee to conduct hearings on the return of vested Japanese and German property.

Meanwhile, President Eisenhower, in a public letter to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of the West German Republic, declared that "none of the measures have the approval of my Administration" for the return of vested property. Chancellor Adenauer had requested President Eisenhower to support return of German assets seized by the United States during World War II.

signature.

Masaoka, who has been in consultation with the House leadership, indicated that House approval is expected in the near future.

## Claims payment —

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the original claim.

In the second precedent adjudication case, the claimant accepted a compromise award on personal property losses. Thereafter the claimant was found to be the "real party of interest" in a claim filed by her daughter.

The government found that the claimant had not intended to compromise the items in the claim of her daughter and "made no intentional misrepresentation of the facts in this regard." Accordingly, the claimant was made a "substitute claimant" and received a second award in excess of the statutory compromise limit.

Because of the unusual circumstances in this precedent case, the government explained that the original claim was "made under such misapprehension as to avoid violation" on the compromise agreement.

Though the compromise claim was subject to "technical recission", the government determined that it was not necessary in this particular instance, but ruled that the items of the compromise claim "final and conclusive" and not open to further consideration. Items not intended or included in the compromise claim were adjudicated under the 1948 Japanese Evacuation Claims Act. Claim numbers 146-35-94 and 146-35-129.

## Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

### Reminiscing in Denver

(Tamotsu Murayama, touring the United States after completing his studies at Boy Scouts of American summer training camp near New York, is scheduled to visit the Pacific Northwest and come southward in time to be present at the National JACL Convention, Sept. 2-6 at Los Angeles.) —Editor.)

#### Denver

Wow! Denver hits a soft spot!

There were so many good friends of many years concentrated here to welcome me in such a fashion as to squeeze my heart.

Lawyer Min Yasui, whose father was generous enough to help me many years ago when I went to Hood River Valley to organize a JACL chapter, extended me wonderful compliments.

And what a grand concentration of old newspapermen at the welcome, too: Bill Hosokawa, now Empire Magazine (Sunday magazine) editor for the Denver Post; Larry Tajiri of the Denver Post; Oskey Taniwaki, former San Francisco newsman who runs a garage here; Shinichiro Nomura, another S.F. newsman who operates a hotel and real estate business here; Kenzo Ogasawara, a San Francisco newspaperman still in the same business; and another S.F. journalist Takeuchi who operates a souvenir shop. Whatta place!

Dr. Konai Miyamoto, one of the original supporters of JACL, is a grand pioneer leader in the Mile-Hi region. As an outstanding art critic, especially with Japanese swordsmanship, he was very much concerned with the mysterious loss of many Japanese swords. These national treasures were missing since the Occupation days after the complete disarmament of Japan.

When the Japanese were ordered to surrender their arms, many priceless swords were included. The owners were promised that family treasures would be returned. Practically all of the swords were never returned to their rightful owners.

There were many instances of American GIs carrying back these swords as trophies. Many Japanese cried on losing them. While many Americans proudly display these at home, Japanese swords are somewhat worthless if its traditions are ignored.

Denver was a small mountain town, but what a change! The growth of this metropolis is most surprising. Situated strategically in the "middle of America," it is even being considered as the future capital of the Nation.

I spoke before a large audience, including several Nisei, at the new \$120,000 Tri-State Buddhist Church here. I was told that there may not be

many attending, but many out-of-towners were present. It was evident that the audience wanted to know the real facts—not the blase, pat-on-the-back tales.

The truth should be told if the common aim is to restore strong Japanese-American relationships. While many visitors from Japan have been in America, the real story of Japan today was not presented probably. Either they were afraid or they didn't know.

It is quite natural for ranking Japanese officials to be smooth and diplomatic and say nothing. And generally, they knew nothing.

Oskey Taniwaki threw an informal party for me. Guyo and Larry Tajiri walked in with a dignified air. . . . It was rather difficult for me to realize Oskey was a well-to-do garage owner, sitting in his living room. . . . The Nisei have come of age. I was amazed everywhere I went to note their outstanding accomplishments in all walks of life.

My wife used to say Bill Hosokawa was the quietest Nisei ever to visit our home in Tokyo. He's a guy with a heart of gold. He hasn't changed since those Seattle days, although he gained the highest journalistic honor by being editor of the Denver Post Empire magazine.

Sitting among friends and talking among brothers of the newspaper fraternity, I never dreamed it possible to chat of bygone days of the Pacific Coast. There was a time when we felt the responsibility of preparing many Nisei professionals to go east of the Rockies or to the Orient. Nisei college graduates had no place behind soda fountain counters, or in washing dishes as busy houseboys.

Yes, Denver is one of the fine examples of postwar accomplishments for the Nisei in spite of the bitter miseries of war and evacuation. Many dream of a return to the Pacific Coast, but they should remain where they are rather than lose the fruits of their hard labor of the past decade.

### Official reassigned

#### Honolulu

While no announcement of a successor was made at the time, Japanese Consul General Shinjiro Tsumura here since September, 1952, is being recalled for reassignment by the Japanese Foreign Office.

## Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

### Sangha Scout Award

Disclosure by our PC Japan Bureau Chief Tamotsu Murayama (now touring the Pacific Northwest) of the Buddhist Scout Award by the Boy Scouts of America should be welcome news. . . . It is another major step recognizing a religious faith of many Japanese Americans. . . . Within the past decade, similar recognitions were made when the Army commissioned its first Buddhist chaplain and permitted the placing of the Wheel of Righteousness over graves of Bussei soldiers. . . . The Buddhist Scout Award idea has been a long hope for Koyasan's Troop 379 of Los Angeles—undoubtedly, the best known troop sponsored by a Buddhist group in the United States.

Its 23 years of continuous service to the community was maintained even during the war years at Heart Mountain WRA Camp, where Seiichi Nako (now of Cleveland) was its director. . . . Sam Eejima (now Ajinomoto representative in Los Angeles) was 379's first scoutmaster and also served for a time after the war. . . . Other leaders were Hitoshi Fukui, Su Igayue, Tom Matsuura, Toshi Yoshizaki and Lt. Kei Tana-

hashi, who was killed in action during World War II in Italy. . . . Its present scoutmaster is Bill Shishima, recently discharged from military service and who joined the troop before the war as a Tenderfoot. . . . 379's drum & bugle corps have participated in many functions before and after World War II to gain international fame.

This new Sangha Scout Award fits into the program of Buddhists in America. . . . Young Nisei Buddhist leaders are aware of a declining interest. Buddhist priests from Japan also present a problem because of the language barrier. . . . Unfortunately, some of them are unfamiliar with American conditions and Nisei psychology. Even more alarming are the prospects when the Sansei grow up—indifferent to the faith of their parents. . . . Murayama asserts Buddhist leaders in Japan are fighting among themselves for sake of superiority or ego, hence neglecting their congregations. Fortunately, Murayama adds, there are not many sects in America. . . . The Sangha Scout Award has done more for Buddhism in America than religious leaders in Japan could inspire.

# Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

### Democracy in action

The unanimous decision of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims to hold extensive public hearings on the so-called Hillings Amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act in California the week of Aug. 30-Sept. 3 is a striking example of democracy at its best in action.

The subject of the hearings will be the bill introduced by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings, Republican of Whittier, California, last January to expedite the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims by allowing the claimants to elect either to compromise and settle their claims or to seek a judicial decision in the Court of Claims.

All members of the Congress have lived through one of the most strenuous sessions of all time, hammering out key legislation of a new Administration that is committed to reverse some of the trends of the past 20 years of Democratic rule.

In every session, the members of the Judiciary Committee have a particularly heavy load, since about half of all the bills dropped into the congressional hopper is referred to this Committee. The past year, with the grave constitutional issues involved in the presidential requests for legislation to control more effectively internal subversion and security, the members of this Committee, all of whom must be attorneys, have experienced a most difficult eight months.

In spite of their weariness and the necessity to return to their respective home districts to campaign for re-election this November, the five members of the Claims Subcommittee decided to fly out to the west coast soon after adjournment in order that the evacuees whose claims have not yet been awarded and their attorneys might explain their problems and their hopes in connection with the remaining Evacuation Claims Program.

### None West Coast congressmen

None of the five congressmen who will participate in the hearings are from the west coast; what they do with this bill will probably have no influence on their constituents. The number of individuals involved is small, only about 3,000 claimants of which approximately 2,300 reside in California. The amount, as far as Congress is concerned in these days of billion dollar appropriations, is also small, with possibly \$65,000,000 as the total originally claimed by these evacuees.

These hearings will afford these congressmen with an opportunity to listen to the claimants themselves, to ask questions relating to the evacuation of 12 years ago, to their loss of property, to their present ability to produce records and other documentation of loss, etc.

In this connection, it's good to remember that this will be the first time that a congressional committee will hold west-coast hearings on this subject of evacuation losses.

The hearings held in 1947 by the House Judiciary Subcommittee and in 1948 by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee were held in Washington and only the JACL witnesses were evacuees. Most of the testimony was offered by non-evacuees and non-Japanese.

These hearings will also present an opportunity for claimants and their attorneys to present their problems and their solutions directly

to members of the Congress.

The Subcommittee, of course, while interested generally in the evacuation background, is more concerned in these hearings with the problems of the larger claimants and whether the Hillings Amendment is the best answer in terms of both the Government and the claimants.

They hope to hear specific problems discussed and definite suggestions made. They do not want to spend their time listening to the tragic story of 1942 repeated over and over again, for Congress recognized the validity of the need for a claims program in 1948 when it enacted unanimously the Evacuation Claims Act of that year.

### Hearings schedule

In preparation for these hearings, counsel Cyril Brickfield and legislative assistant Walter Lee will arrive in San Francisco about Aug. 26. The chairman, Illinois Rep. Edgar A. Jonas of Chicago, will arrive in the Bay Area by Aug. 28. He and his colleagues, William E. Miller of New York and Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota, Republicans, and Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts and Peter W. Rodino of New Jersey, Democrats, will meet in executive session on Sunday, Aug. 29, to go over the plans for the hearings among themselves.

The first two days of public hearings will be held in San Francisco, probably in the Federal Courthouse Building. The morning sessions will begin about 10 o'clock and last until noon, with the afternoon sessions beginning about 2 and lasting until 5 or 5:30.

After the Tuesday afternoon session, the congressmen and their staff will entrain for Los Angeles, where hearings begin Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 1, in the Federal Courthouse Building. Sessions will also be held mornings and afternoons on Thursday and Friday.

Witnesses should have at least ten copies of their statements prepared in advance and submitted to the Subcommittee counsel in order that he may prepare questions regarding their testimony, which may be asked at the hearings.

As the principal moving force behind the enactment of the original Evacuation Claims Law in 1948 and the Compromise-Settlement Amendment in 1951, JACL will, of course, play a leading part in these public hearings. As of this moment, we understand that the JACL is preparing an 89 page, single-spaced, legal size document for presentation to the Subcommittee.

### Probing to be friendly

Nisei and Issei Americans should welcome this opportunity to witness a congressional committee in action. These hearings will not be the dramatic investigatory explosions like those relating to McCarthy but a friendly probing into the facts of a legislative group that is interested in writing a humane chapter into the laws of our country.

These hearings will show Congress in its constitutional role of legislative investigation preparatory to drafting legislation.

It will also show democracy at its best in action, Congress in its representative capacity visiting a special area in order that the people themselves most affected may testify in person as to their legislative desires.



## Lessons of revolution . . .

Will we learn in time the meaning and lessons of the revolution that is taking place in the world today?

Most Americans, I hopefully assume, are aware that they are living in an age of turmoil and troubles. But are they so shortsighted and afraid of the vast changes taking place abroad that they have become like ostriches—hiding their heads to shut off the harsh realities rearing up on all sides?

My own sense of the problem we face was sharpened in recent weeks by several events. First was the Race Relations Conference; then an article by the historian Arnold J. Toynbee; and just a few days ago, a discussion with some visitors from Southeast Asia.

## About Race Relations Conference . . .

About the Race Relations Conference: The usefulness of this international conference, so far as the general public is concerned, was just about nil. The public was not made to feel the importance of the vital subject of race relations as it was discussed earnestly and productively for four weeks by 40 social scientists from the critical areas of the world.

The public was given only a bare hint that such a statement as the following was developed during the conference:

"The idea of racial equality is winning formal acceptance over most of the world; almost everywhere, the idea of White racial superiority is in full retreat. But its legacy remains and still plays an important part in world affairs."

This theme was thoughtfully outlined in a report prepared by a group of the conference delegates studying race relations in world perspective.

The historical development of the idea of White supremacy, its decline and the problems left in its wake are traced in this report. It is not a politically-inspired paper but a sober, scientific treatise that should be made available and distributed as widely as possible. But the report is still "under wraps" because the conference leaders adopted a policy of releasing innocuous reports to the public while withholding the real news. One of these days, perhaps many months later, the significance of the conference will be permitted to dawn on the public.

## About British Historian Toynbee . . .

About the British historian Toynbee: He writes about "The Revolution We Are Living Through" in a penetrating article in the New York Times Magazine, July 25 issue.

His concern is what he calls "a Metternichian unwillingness to face hard facts" which "is one of the perennial infirmities of human nature, and there are symptoms of this dangerous weakness in the West today."

The facts, as Toynbee sees them, are a double revolt—against the West's ascendancy over the rest of the world and against the Western middle class ascendancy over the Western industrial workers.

He reminds us that, in addition to the consequences of Western technology, the world revolution is also the spiritual offspring of old and cherished Western ideals.

"The nationalism and the communism that are challenging the West's ascendancy today are ideological exports of Western origin."

Toynbee asserts that Communism as a religion is unpromising; but as a political movement it is formidable to Westerners today only because it is politically attractive to anyone who is being treated as a "native."

"For the millions who are still being treated as 'natives' today, communism is an obvious remedy," Toynbee says, "because they have come to know that, if they go Communist, they will not be treated as 'natives' any longer."

"When is a native not a native? 'When he is a Communist' is the answer; . . . A 'native' is by definition a human being to whom Western members of Parliament and Senators do not have to pay attention."

## About friends from Southeast Asia . . .

Which brings us to our friends from Southeast Asia. The group I met was composed of Indonesians and Malaysians. One question they kept asking was the ambivalence of American thinking with respect to "native peoples" seeking independence.

Why is it, they inquired, that the Americans who themselves gained independence by a revolutionary war less than two centuries ago, now won't support completely the nationalism of subject peoples trying to shake off the domination of European colonial powers?

As Toynbee suggests, the Western peoples might well face the facts of the new revolution of "native" peoples around the world and sincerely try to put into practice our Western principles of Liberalism so we can look communism in the face without fear.

## Min Yasuis on month-long vacation of West Coast —

Denver

The Min Yasuis are West Coast bound, having left here last week. Yasui, Mountain-Plains JACL regional representative, addressed the Northern Wyoming chapter Monday night before leaving for Portland, Ore., for a week's stay.

They will spend another week in the San Francisco area before attending the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles, where Yasui will act as public relations director for the convention.

Mrs. Yasui and the children will fly back to Denver in time for school, but Yasui will return by Sept. 13.

## Denver girl scouts

Denver

Six Girl Scouts, their two leaders Mary Kuritani and Phoebe Sasano, and troop mascot Kenny Sasano of Troop 178

## TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR DETROIT ISSEI SET

Detroit

A testimonial dinner honoring local Issei who become U.S. citizens under provisions of the McCarran-Walter Act will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m., at the Coral Room of Hotel Fort Shelby, it was announced by Ben Ouchi, chairman.

Local dignitaries and naturalization officials are among guests. On the committee are: Sud Kimoto, Sam Kawamoto, gen. arr.; Roy Kaneko, pub.; Wally Kagawa, George Matsushiro, George Ishimaru, prog.; Peter Fujioka Louis Furukawa, Joe Matsushita, tickets; Kay Miyaya, Kenneth Miyoshi, guest inv.; Minoru Togasaki, James Tazuma, spkr.; Yo Kasai, Tom Hashimoto, entertainment; Lloyd Joichi, Art Matsumura, fin.; Toshi Shimoura, recep.

are on a two-weeks tour to Chicago. One stopover includes Boystown at the invitation of K. Patrick Okura. Making the trip are:

Janet Hatakeyama, Julia Kamura, Susan Kuritani, Beatrice Kusaka, Eleanor Kusaka and Jean Nakagawa.



Mayor Earl J. Glade (left) of Salt Lake City presents a solid copper "Key to the City of Salt Lake," a rare memento in anyone's life, to Tamotsu Murayama, city editor of the Nippon Times now on a speaking tour

of the Pacific Northwest, for his initiative in securing the gift of Japanese cherry trees and four stone lanterns for the Peace Garden.

—Terashima Studio Photo

## Spirited champion of Nisei in U.S., JACL presented key to Salt Lake City; on lecture tour of IDC area

By ALICE KASAI

Salt Lake City

Tamotsu Murayama has modestly admitted in his column that someone else besides himself should write the story of how he was honored by the local citizenry, both Japanese and Americans, on his earlier visit here.

His name is somewhat legendary in the Intermountain area. Without repeating oft-told stories of Tamotsu, any observation of this personality would be headed by his forthright frankness in expounding his belief in the JACL. It has never faltered, although he has been equally outspoken to criticize where his opinions differ.

He is constantly on the alert to praise JACL leadership and its accomplishments through his appraisals of the overall effects of U.S.-Japan relationships.

### Lost U.S. Citizenship

Tamotsu lost his American citizenship by serving a few months in Japanese army. Yet during that time, he was able to save the life of an American PW from the famed Bataan death march by interceding with Japanese authorities.

(This story will be related in a future "Tokyo Topics"—Editor.)

Such examples have earned him his righteous reward today—"a great Nisei, a fighter in the cause of better things for all men," quoting Mike Masaoka.

Salt Lake's Mayor Earl J.

Glade says of Tamotsu:

"Through his initiative, our prized Peace Garden has received the gifts of Japanese cherry trees and four stone lanterns. It is a glorious pleasure to meet Mr. Murayama in person."

"As a leader of boyhood, he is truly a man among men. I am profoundly proud to be his friend," the mayor continued. "He is indeed a remarkable per-

sonality with great spirit. Scouting in Japan should face a brilliant future under his leadership."

### August Schedule

Upon Tamotsu's return from the Scout training course at Mendham, N.J., the mayor presented him with a huge eight-pound Utah copper "key to Salt Lake City."

His August speaking sched-

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## CHAPTER MEMO

**Berkeley JACL:** Committee-men for the chapter's annual "Talent-Vision" show Oct. 2 at the Berkeley High Little Theater are headed by Tad Hirota and Allan Asakawa, co-chairman, with:

George Yasukochi, auditions; Dane Kato, Saku Moriwaki, Dr. Eichi Tsuchida, talent; Ben Fukutome, fin; Ellen Takahashi, pub.; Masuji Fujii, Toshi Nakano, Bill Fujita, Buddy Mamiya, Osky Kono, reception; Tad Nakamura, Albert Kosakura, Frank Yamasaki, S. Marubayashi, Mas Yonemura, S. Sakaki, souvenir program.

**French Camp JACL:** Local graduates were guests at the annual chapter midsummer outing at Ko-Ket Resort at Baldwin Beach Aug. 8. Instructions in water-skiing were provided by experts who are JACL chapter members. Mits Kagehiro and George Hatanaka were co-chairmen.

**Gilroy JACL:** Busy planning for its first Thanksgiving Day dance (Nov. 25), the chapter announced Henry Yoshikawa as dance general chairman, assisted by:

Sueyo Imagawa, Kikuko Okawa, John Hanamoto, Kimiko Okawa, pub.; Joe Obata, Moose Kunimura, orch.; Bill Yamano, Tom Obata, Manabi Hirasaki, tickets; Tom Iwanaga, Jack Obata, ref.

**Sequoia JACL:** The chapter's annual beach party (once postponed) will be held at Table Beach, Aug. 29, 2 p.m., according to Hi Inouye, chairman, with the Tri-Villes and Redwood A.C., both affiliated with the chapter. Free dinners will be served from 5 p.m. Party committeemen are:

Gunji Togami, location; Hiroji Kariya, eqmt.; Tri-Villes, food; Minoru Okamura, games.

**Portland JACL:** Makoto Iwashita, who recently returned from a tour of duty with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima, gave a brief report on the duties of that commission at a recent meeting. He was associated with the Commission from March, 1948, until his return on April, 1954. Following his brief talk, he showed color slides taken during his stay in Japan. A successful beach outing was sponsored on July 25 at Brighton, Ore., under the chairmanship of John Hada.

**Arkansas Valley JACL:** Henry Hirose, active JACler and 1000'er who has attended all recent Mountain-Plains regional district conventions in Denver, was named official chapter delegate to the National JACL Convention, Sept. 2-6, at Los Angeles by Henry Shironaka, chapter president.

**Detroit JACL:** Plans for a sukiyaki dinner Oct. 24 at the International Institute are being formed. Mrs. Catherine Ishioka will be chairman, according to Kay Miyaya, vice-president.

**Placer County JACL:** The John A. Stacker Post 775 of the American Legion in Loomis presented an Americanism citation to the JACL for its work assisting Issei become naturalized. Ko Uyeno, chapter president, accepted the award at a recent program honoring Placer County naturalized Issei citizens.

**First Los Angeles JACL:** "Operation Ivy," historical movies of the first H-bomb explosion, will be shown tonight at the International Institute. Showing was made available through the offices of Rep. Chet Holifield, according to Fumi Ishihara, program v.p. Ian Thierman will be special speaker. Space is still available for the chapter deep-sea fishing trip Aug. 29 aboard "Marge & I", according to Sam Furuta (AN 2-8580). The chapter pre-convention party tomorrow will be held at 417 N. Woods, 7:30 p.m.

## CALENDAR

Aug. 22 (Sunday)  
SAN FRANCISCO: Auxiliary fashion-tea, Buchanan YM-YWCA, 2 p.m.

Aug. 23 (Monday)  
SLC-OGDEN-MT. OLYMPUS: Lagoon Family Night.

Aug. 26 (Thursday)  
AN MATEO-SEQUOIA: Joint meeting, Sturge Presbyterian church hall.

Aug. 29 (Sunday)  
SEQUOIA: Beach outing, Table Beach.

Sept. 2-6  
LOS ANGELES: Nat'l JACL Convention, Statler Hotel.



Twenty girls have been rehearsing with Miss Laura Long (lower right), who is fashion co-ordinator for the forthcoming Fashion Show at the National JACL Convention, Sept. 4, 1:30-3 p.m., at the Pacific Ballroom of the Hotel Statler, Los Angeles. California fall fashions from swim suits to formals are to be featured. Modelling are (left to right) Dorothy Mayeno, Janet Okimoto, June Aochi (Miss Nisei Week of 1954), Jeanne Yokota, Janet Fukuda (Miss National JACL of 1954), Florence Ochi, Emy

Sakamoto, Junko Kawai, Mary Enomoto, Kay Nishimura, Julia Sugita, Pat Nagai, Florence Wada, Itsuko Hamasaki, Susie Iwasaki, Hatsuko Nakatsuka and Alice Iino. In the photo but not visible is Ruth Kosaka. Yuki Tawa and Evelyn Yoshimura round out the cast of models. Merijane Yokoe will be commentator. Admission is limited to registered delegates and boosters.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo

## Official Convention Delegates

### Pacific Northwest District Council

District Delegate: Henry Kato (for Dr. Matthew Masuoka, Portland).

Gresham-Troutdale—Henry T. Kato.

Portland—John M. Hada and Dr. Mitsuo Nakata.

Puyallup Valley—Tom Takemura and Bob Mizukami.

Seattle—Miss Miyo Nakatsu and George Kashiwagi.

### No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council

District Delegate: Tom Yego, Penryn.

Berkeley—George Yasukochi and Al Kosakura. Alt: Mas Yonemura and Mas Fujii.

Eden Township—Kenji Fujii and Tok Hironaka. Alt: Takiko Shinoda and Rose Kurotori.

Gilroy—Kimiko Okawa.

Marysville—Frank N. Okimoto.

Oakland—Paul T. Nomura.

Placer Co.—Koichi Uyeno, Roy Yoshida. Alt: James Makimoto, Martha Iwasaki.

Reno—Oscar Fujii.

San Benito Co.—Glenn Kowaki and Shoso Nakamoto.

San Francisco—Jerry Enomoto, Kei Hori and Kaye Uyeda.

Sequoia—John Enomoto and Harry Higaki.

Sonoma County—Frank Oda.

Stockton—Miss Yuki Shinoda and Miss Louise Baba.

### Central California District Council

District Delegate: Tom Nakamura, Sanger.

Sanger—Robert K. Kanagawa and George Nishimura.

Fresno—Mike Iwatsubo.

### Pacific Southwest District Council

District Delegate: Ken Dyo, Pasadena.

Downtown Los Angeles—David Yokozeki and Kei Uchima. Alt: George Maruya, Frank Suzukida.

East Los Angeles—Wilbur Sato and Lucille Okada.

Hollywood—Art Endo and Art Ito.

Orange County—Ken Uyesugi and George Kanno.

Pasadena—Tom T. Ito and Florence Wada.

San Diego—Hiomi Nakamura and Masaaki Hironaka.

San Luis Obispo—Saburo Ikeda.

Santa Barbara—Mike Hide and John Suzuki.

Ventura Co.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uno.

West Los Angeles—Sho Komai and Steve Yagi.

### Intermountain District Council

District Delegate: Jim Ushio, Murray, Utah.

### Mountain Plains District Council

District Delegate: George Masunaga (for Floyd Koshio, Ft. Lupton).

Albuquerque—Mrs. Ruth Y. Hashimoto.

Arkansas Valley—Henry Hirose.

Denver—Sam Matsumoto and Ben Miyahara.

Northern Wyoming—Kaz Uriu.

Omaha—Miss Emiko Watanabe.

### Midwest District Council

District Delegate: Harry Takagi, Minneapolis.

Chicago—Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari. Alt: Abe Hagiwara, John Yoshino.

Twin Cities—George Yoshino.

### Eastern District Council

District Delegate: Ira Shimasaki, Bethesda, Md.

Philadelphia—Dr. H. T. Tamaki. Alt: Miss Mary Toda.

Washington, DC—John Katsu, Miss Carol Tsuda. Alt: Kathleen Iseri.

The following list of pre-registered delegates and boosters includes those who have either the \$3 advance or the \$30 "package deal" registrations, as prepared by Mrs. Mabel Ota, convention registration chairman. All convention events require registration except the Issei Recognitions Banquet and Opening Ceremonies.

ALBUQUERQUE—Ada Jean Hashimoto.

EAST LOS ANGELES—Dick Fujioka, Mrs. Dick Fujioka, Mrs. Wilbur Sato, Roy Yamadera, Betty Yoshida, Fred Takata, Linda Ito, Dorothy Takata, Don Matsuda, Kimi Matsuda, Ritsuko Kawakami, Charles Asawa, Yaeko Nakashima, Mrs. Marvel Miyata.

FRESNO—T. Kasadara, Henry Mikami.

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES—Ruth Kosaka, Merijane Yokoe, Harry

Honda.

MARYSVILLE—Mrs. Frank N. Okimoto.

NEW YORK—Tomio Enochy, Sam Kai, Mike Suzuki.

OMAHA—Lily Okura.

ORANGE COUNTY—Ken Uyesugi, James Ken Uyesugi, Elden Kanegae, James Kobayashi, Fred Mizusawa, Hitoshi Nitta, Harry Matsukane, Tad Ochiai, Roy Kobayashi.

PHILADELPHIA—Dick Horikawa, Marion Tamaki.

PORTLAND—Hana Yamada, Ta-



## Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

### 1,000 One Thousanders by Convention Time

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Signed Up .....		16	21	10	
Total .....	891	907	928	938	

## Salt Lake names two girls for Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship

### Salt Lake City

Edna Masuda and Hatsumi Mitsunaga were both nominated as candidates for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship by the Salt Lake JACL chapter.

Of Edna, chapter president Rupert Hachiya stated, "her high scholastic standing, wholesome attitudes and friendly characteristics have earned for her extreme popularity among her classmates and friends."

"Her spirit of cooperation has made her an active participant and supporter of community, school and church functions," Hachiya added. She is a graduate of West High School, was a member of the student girls council for three years, on the scholastic honor roll each year, participated in many school rallies. She was president of the Hi-Lighters, (YWCA teenage group), was an officer of the Jr. YBA and is presently public relations chairman for the local Jr. JACL.

Of Hatsumi, the chapter president commented, "we feel that her record at school and in the community speakers for itself. Her enthusiasm and interest in worthwhile projects have resulted in successful accomplishments which are a credit to the applicant and the community. Her personality, vitality, and good sportsmanship have contributed to her widespread popularity."

She also is a four-year Honor Roll graduate of West High. She

was three years member of the student girls council, vice-president one year, student-body secretary and served on other school committees. She was past president of the Jr. YBA, attended YWCA regional conference, was "Miss Bussei Sweetheart of 1954" and is currently corresponding secretary of the Jr. JACL here. She is also a talented Japanese dancer.

## Murayama

\* From Page 3

role in the Intermountain District Council area includes lectures at Ogden, Salt Lake, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Yellowstone and Snake River areas.

He has been interviewed on TV and radio, honored by scouts at luncheons, presented gifts by the local Peace Garden Committee, invited by numerous friends to dinners and recently addressed a meeting of the Eagle Scout Board of Review.

## Detroit Clers win awards at chapter fish derby

Detroit

More than 20 were entered in the recent JACL fishing derby at Pontiac Lake, according to Kay Takata, chairman. Paul Joichi won first prize with the largest catch. Henry Fujita won the children's division prize with his blue gill. Other prize winners were:

Kay Takata, Bob Omori, Dr. Tosh Mimura, Dave Izumi, Kim Sugimoto and Aiko Nakatani.

Assisting in the derby were: Clem Miyaya, Tom Tagami, Tom Shibuyama, Dave Izumi, Aiko Nakatani, Roy Kaneko, Frank Doi and Paul Joichi.

## Larry Tajiris vacation

Denver

Guyo and Larry Tajiri, 1810 S. Newton St., are on a two-weeks vacation to the West Coast via some fishing time in the Pend-O'Reille Lake Country in northern Idaho. While in San Francisco, Larry Tajiri will assist in writing citations for the JACL Distinguished Community Leadership awards. They plan to return by Aug. 30.

maichi Yamada, Mr. Hasuiki.

SALINAS—Tom Miyahara, Mrs. Tom Miyahara, Sumi Iwashige, Roberta Urabe, James Abe, John Terakawa, Mrs. John Terakawa.

SALT LAKE—Henry Kasai.

SAN BENITO CO.—George Nishita, Mrs. George Nishita.

SAN FRANCISCO—Chiz Satow.

SAN LUIS OBISPO—Seirin Ikeda, Masaji Eto.

SOUTHWEST LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Chiyo Tayama, Fred Tayama, Marianne Kimura, Joe Kimura, Michi Kataoka, Hana Uno, Mabel Ota, Alice Nishikawa.

TULARE COUNTY—Kenji Tashiro, Yeiki Tashiro, Tom Hiramoto.

VENICE—George Isoda, Mrs. George Isoda, Frances Kitagawa, Mary Wakamatsu, Steve Nakaji, Louis Kado, Miyo Nishi, Miki Chikawasa, Ken Amamoto, George Mikawa.

WEST LOS ANGELES—Mabel Kitsuse.

CHAPTER NOT DESIGNATED

Ann Sakawye.



# Chapter Calls

HARUO ISHIMARU

The second week in August was a pretty busy one for our office. To start with, all day Monday we helped with the Naturalization process for 189 Issei. Then we hit the road to visit some of our Chapters.

Last Tuesday, I visited Florin and was a guest of the Chapter for a delicious "china meshi", arranged by OSCAR INOUE, chapter president. Florin has always been a strong supporter of the JACL. Last year in answer to a special request by GEORGE INAGAKI, national president, they raised double their quota. They have done a splendid job with naturalization and are one of the chapters we can always depend on in case of any emergency.

## Sacramento and Placer County

Since I was out in this area, on Wednesday, I had lunch with HENRY TAKETA to talk redevelopment and later met with DEAN ITANO. These two, along with MAMORU SAKUMA, the third Nisei attorney in Sacramento, have really been working hard on the problems affecting their community.

That evening I had a delicious steak dinner at the home of KO UYENO, Placer County Chapter president, and met with the executive board of the chapter, which voted to invite the District Council to hold the fourth quarterly meeting in conjunction with their annual Goodwill Banquet. This will be really a super colossal District Council meeting, because their annual Banquet draws about 400 yearly. Will look forward to another great performance by Placer County, which was our first "Chapter of the Year."

## Adopt San Jose Chapter as name

On Friday, I met with the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County, and they are tentatively considering the idea of hosting the first quarterly District Council meeting in 1955, at which time our second annual District Council Bowling Tournament will be held. Prexy TOM MITSUYOSHI is not only one of the most active JACLers, but one of the ardent bowling fans and chairman of the San Jose Bowling League.

Another significant decision that night was to change the name from the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County to the San Jose Chapter, which is a more accurate name. Until now this chapter has had to bear the responsibility for the second largest county in terms of Japanese American population in California, stretching from Palo Alto on the north to Gilroy on the south. San Jose itself is quite a sizeable community and will provide plenty of responsibility for the leaders there. Our best wishes to the new San Jose Chapter on the beginning of their new career.

## Expanding Horizons

Speaking of the decision of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County to change its name, we would like to discuss a major recommendation to the National Council made by the executive board of our District Council.

We are recommending that the minimum number necessary for a chapter be changed from 25 to 15. This will not affect the upward maximum membership permissible.

We believe that the JACL is not only an organization functioning for the welfare of Japanese Americans, but essentially an American institution which has as one of its primary purposes the education towards better citizenship. There is really no National JACL, but rather a federation of members and chapters working towards our common goal of "better Americans in a better America".

Because of these considerations, we believe that it is desirable to organize chapters in areas until now relatively untouched by the JACL. Cutting the basic membership requirement to 15 will aid in our educational and organizational program in Northern California and we presume in other areas.

## 11 more chapters possible

In Northern California alone, we see the possible organization of 11 more chapters in areas such as Marin County, Palo Alto, the Los Altos-Mountain View-Sunnyvale area, the Morgan Hill-San Martin area, the Martinez-Concord-Walnut Creek area, Tracy, Linden, Lodi, Walnut Grove, Elk Grove, and Solano County.

Some of these areas are fairly well associated with existing chapters and they may prefer to remain that way. Nevertheless 1955 may be the beginning of expanding new horizons for the JACL. The 1955 membership goal for our District Council will be 5,000.

# JACL TO HONOR SOUTHLANDERS AT NAT'L CONVENTION

Los Angeles

Southlanders who have been of assistance to persons of Japanese ancestry during their bleak era of the last Pacific war are to be among honored guests at various functions of the 13th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, Sept. 2-6, at the Los Angeles Statler Hotel.

Atty. Frank F. Chuman, chairman of official events for the convention, this week disclosed a list of civic leaders and officials who are to be so honored.

As soon as confirmation is received from others being invited to luncheons and banquets and the opening ceremonies, Chuman said the names would be announced.

The initial list of guests are as follows:

Rep. Gordon McDonough (R., Calif.); Sup. John Anson Ford of Los Angeles County; City Councilman Don A. Allen Judge Thurmond Clarke, superior court, Los Angeles; U.S. Attorney Laughlin Waters; A. L. Wirin, attorney; Father Hugh T. Lavery of Maryknoll Mission; Rev. A. Aaron Heist, former director, ACLU, Southern California; Rt. Rev. Charles Reifsnider, former dean, Rikkyo Univ., Japan; Loren Miller, attorney; William Kent, Hollywood American Legion.

Dore Schary, MGM producer, is the keynote spokesman for the convention. He will address some 400 delegates from the 88 national chapters of the league on Thursday, Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. at the opening ceremonies at the Statler. The convention theme is "New Horizons".

## S.F. fashion-tea to highlight originals

San Francisco

"Fashions on Parade", the first project for the recently formed San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary, will be held at the Buchanan St. YMWCA, 1530 Buchanan St., on Sunday, Aug. 22, 2 p.m.

Nancy Lipjap and Ruby Yamamoto, who was a runner-up in the Miss San Francisco contest or the Miss Universe title, are coaching the girls in modeling. Aiko Hironaka is commentator with Kay Sadanaga as accompanist.

Mieko Kondo (Miss Japan) is going to model some of her own creations. The fashion-tea will also feature teenage, mother-daughter combinations and career women attire. Most of the girls will show their own works. Tickets are available at 50 cents from auxiliary officers or at the JACL office. Auxiliary officers are:

Haru Hedani, pro-temp chmn.; Katherine Nukotani, v.c.; Sumi Utsumi, treas.; Margie Shigezumi, cor. sec.; Vi Nakano, liaison.

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We toyed with the idea of wiring all chapters in this regard but gave it up for two reasons. First, the responsibility for reserving housing accommodations rests directly upon the delegate. And it is to the self-interest of each chapter to push hard on Operation Ichi-Doru and Pre-Registration. Second, telegrams cost money.

If Operation Ichi-Doru is successful, the convention will make money. If not, the convention board may lose its collective shirts.

## Dress rehearsal for registration crew . . .

Speaking of Registrations, we cannot stress too highly the need for doing this in advance, not only to ease the load on the Convention Registration Committee but to make things easier for you when you arrive in Los Angeles.

To give you an insight as to the thoroughness in preparation of some of our committees, Mrs. MABEL OTA, chairman, informs us that a full-scale "dress rehearsal" of her entire registration crew of—hold your breath—one hundred and forty persons will be held on the Saturday preceding the convention! She estimates a total of over 1500 registrants.

The East Los Angeles Chapter held its fifth annual picnic at Belvedere Park recently. We enjoy these outdoor affairs very much since we are cooped up in an office all week and we are reaching that stage in life where a chance to lie under a shady tree is most welcome.

However our efforts to conserve energy went for naught as energetic SAM FURUTA persuaded us to captain a softball team and equally energetic JOHN WATANABE persuaded us to enter a three-legged race. Miraculously enough, our side skunked the opposition in softball and we tied for first with JOE YAMAMOTO in the foot-race. When the judges decided to have a re-run for first place, we conceded and searched once more for that cool shady spot.

Among the many ELA members present were active convention committeemen K. WILBUR SATO, youthful Sansei president; not so youthful ROY YAMADERA and others like JIM HIGASHI, RITSUKO KAWAKAMI, MOLLY MITTWER, EDISON UNO, AKIRA HASEGAWA, MARVEL MIYATA and LUCILLE OKADA, to name just a few.

All of these good people recognize that the Chapter's annual outing was just a picnic compared to the stupendous job they must do for the National Convention Outing Sept. 5 at Palos Verdes. But very few chapters are more capable than this one. And very few chairmen are more capable than the Outing chairman, LILY OTERA.

## Central Californians hepped . . .

Speaking of the Outing, when SEICH MIKAMI of Fresno was in town recently he gave us a buzz and informed us that a large delegation would come down from Fresno, including Mrs. CHICO TAIRA's special dancing and singing troupe who will entertain at the Outing.

We also got a nice note from TOM NAKAMURA, Central California District Chairman and we quote him: "Convention fever is really catching on in Fresno . . . CCDC will not let you down . . . WE WILL BE THERE."

Incidentally, the National JACL Barber Shop Quartet Contest has now been thrown wide open. Beauty Shoppe quartets are also welcomed as are mixed groups such as the "Christines" which the East Ellay chapter is sponsoring.

Dr. TORU IURA is getting together a Southwest Chapter entry which may steal the show. We understand the judging will be on the basis of entertainment value rather than on just voices.

## Reception committee . . .

Some JACL VIP's who will be enplaning into the International Airport the evening of Aug. 31 include First National Veep TOM HAYASHI from New York. And from Chicago, will come past president Dr. TOM YATABE, immediate past president Dr. RANDY SAKADA; National Planning Committee Chairman SHIGEO WAKAMATSU; 1000 Club Chairman HAROLD (Takawan) GORDON, and the Chicago Chapter President, KUMEO YOSHINARI. Yeah, we know Harold's name is Tokuzo, not Takawan, just wanted to check to see how many people read this column.

The head of the Convention Reception and Hospitality Committee, RITSUKO KAWAKAMI, will meet this plane. Any group of three or more arriving together should inform Ritsuko in advance at 418 S. Indiana St., Los Angeles 33. She will have cars to greet you on your arrival.

## 'New Horizons' topic next . . .

This will be the last of the "On to L.A." series. Observing the maxim that the first rule of the columnist is to be read, we've tried to fill the column with interesting and amusing chatter, convention and JACL personalities and events. We have tried on occasion to be facetious and perhaps succeeded in being only frivolous. But if only one delegate decides to attend the convention because he read about it here and goes home filled with that JACL spirit, we will feel well rewarded.

At any rate, we intend to do an extreme about face and will devote the next two issues to a very timely and serious theme: the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention Theme of NEW HORIZONS.

If we weren't running out of space and time, we would adequately describe the Pasadena Chapter's pre-convention rally on Aug. 14 which we enjoyed so much. We'll simply say thanks TOM & MARY for that wonderful steak dinner. This chapter has 25 pre-registrants! Also the most beautiful delegate: FLORENCE WADA.

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## CHICK HINAGA FIRES 2 UNDER PAR 71 TO WIN NISEI WEEK GOLF MEET

**Los Angeles**  
Chick Hinaga, who plays at San Jose and Los Angeles throughout the year, won low gross Nisei Week golf tournament honors from a field of 200 golfers over five flights played on five courses in the county.

He shot a two under par 71 at Fox Hills in the championship flight, finishing two strokes ahead of Min Yoshizaki, perennial ace of the fairways.

### CHAMPIONSHIP (Fox Hills):

69—Fred Harada (7).  
70—Gilbert Kuramitsu (8), Shig Fukuyama (6), Vic Yamane (9).  
71—Min Yoshizaki (2), Hide Uba (8), John Naito (7).  
72—Seb Kimura (9), Joe Kishi (9), John Endow (7).  
**AYE (Montebello):**  
66—Frank Iwanaga (11).  
69—Tad Yoshizaki (11), M. Miyazaki (11).  
70—Joe Kuwada (11), Fred Ikeguchi (10), Fred Ota (11).  
71—Kaz Hori (11), Bil Miyagi (10).  
72—J. Sagara (11), George Sakamoto (10), Fred Funakoshi (11), Frank Nagai (11), Kyu Yamahata

## SPORTSCOPE:

● Biggest turnout yet in the annual Pacific Coast Nisei bowling tournament sponsored by the Los Angeles Coordinating Buddhist Council last weekend saw bowling honors well divided. . . Southwest Produce won the men's team with 933-801-1011 (248)—2993 over 60 other teams. Cathay Hosts took the women's team with 712-812-763 (362)—2649. . . GEORGE SHINDO's 629 (98)—727 was the best among 264 men in the singles; SAKAYE NAKATSURU won with a 522 (88)—610 over 74 other women. . . HARRY KIKUTA and SHOJI SANO paired to win the men's doubles; TOSH MIZUNO and MICKEY TSURUTA, the women's doubles. . . TOD YAMANAKA took the men's all events with 613-606-587 (48)—1950; SAKAYE NAKATSURU, the women's all events with 502-478-522 (88)—1768. . . CHIYO TASHIMA took women's high scratch series with 584 and women's high scratch game with 209. HANK ARAGAKI won high game with 266.

● Placer JACL finished its second-half season in the Placer-Nevada League last week with a 7-6 whipping over Placerville Bartletts. It was JACL's fourth straight win in a late season spurt, the third for pitcher RUSS BIVENS. . . This weekend, Placer meets the Sac'to Valley League All-Stars in a night game at Auburn, cross bats with the Los Angeles Nisei Trading Aug. 29. With five pitchers ready to go, CHUCK HAYASHIDA, manager, said all 18 players will make the trip. Under negotiation is an Aug. 28 date with Visalia of the California League.

● Upsets played a major role in the semi-final round last Sunday of the first postwar Southern California Japanese Tennis tournament at Solano Canyon courts in Los Angeles. . . In a two-hour battle, GEORGE ISHIMOTO topped the No. 1 seeded player SEKIZO YOSHIKAWA, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, and meets SHIG ITO in the men's Aye championship. . . TOM KEIMI and TOM TOKORO were knocked out in two upset wins in the men's Bee semis by HENRY YAMADA, SC frosh star, and ROY MAENO, John Maeno's son, respectively. The same thing happened in the women's Bees, favored SANDY SUNAGO and CHIYEKO MIYAO were beaten by ALICE IBARAKI and KITTY YAMAUCHI, respectively. . . Still in the upset category were two matches in the mixed doubles: JIM and KIMI SATO bested TED SASAKI-SUMI KAMACHI in the Ayes; HENRY YAMADA-CHIYEKO MIYAO scored surprise wins over ASATO NAKANO-NANCY ABE in the Bees. . . The final round start at 8:30 a.m. this coming Sunday at the same courts.

● ARTHUR KONO, 14-year-old Nisei tennis star from Riverside, Calif., and partner Michael Crane of Oakland bowed 0-6, 9-7, 6-1 to Craig Joyner and Ronald Sandys of San Diego in the National Jr. Hardcourt Tennis Tournament (Boys, 15, doubles) finals Sunday at Burlingame. . . Third seeded foreign doubles team, KOSEI KAMO and ATSUSHI MIYAGI, were bested 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in the semi-finals of the Newport (R.I.) Invitationals last Saturday.

● JIM MIYASHIMA and JEAN NAKATANI are co-champions in the Sacramento Union bowling tournament which ended Sunday night at the Alhambra Bowl. Jim rolled 2945 to win the men's title; Jean, 3116 for the women's championship. Scores include handicaps.

● Triple TV, backed by NOB OKI's brilliant pitching, blasted their way into the Los Angeles Municipal Softball (Major Division) championship round. They became the first Nisei squad to advance as far in such city-wide competition since the Kardiacs won a Minor Division title in 1951.

● Two intersectional baseball games among four Nisei ball clubs split North-South honors last Sunday in Los Angeles. Fresno Nisei exploded with five runs in the seventh inning to cinch a 7-2 game over hosting Los Angeles Nisei Trading at Griffith Park. Harbor Skippers came from behind to nip Lodi A.C. 7-5 at Gardena. Winning pitchers were WILLIE YAHIRO for Fresno, SHIG ISERI for the Skippers.

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66—Ted Asato (14).  
67—Jimmy Kobayashi of Orange County (13), G. Dote (14), Steve Takeuchi (14), Jim Suzukawa (14).  
68—Henry Sasaki of Fresno (12).  
B. Hata (14), K. Hirata (14), Satsuki Shigekawa (14), David Yokozeki (14).  
69—Mas Matsumura (13), Chuck Hirata (12), George Kawamura (12).  
70—George Omatsu (12), T. Hori (12).

### CEE (Brookside):

64—Ray Obazawa (15).  
66—Bob Fukuhara (15), Dave Nitate (17).  
67—Yuki Ishida (15), R. Yoshimura (17).  
68—Art Kirita (17), S. Ishimoto (15).  
69—I. Higashi (16), T. Okutsu (15), George Ono (15).  
70—Sud Yakura (15), Hiro Hishiki (15), Yas Mikuriya (17).

### DEE (Rio Hondo):

64—Hank Aihara of Orange County (23).  
65—Hide Muraoka (23).  
67—Min Oba (20), Tets Bessho (24).  
68—Gene Nakamura (18), T. Haname (23).  
69—George Aoto (22).  
71—Mits Ishibashi (20), J. Ito (21), H. Kiriyu (23).  
72—J. Kudo (18), Jiro Oishi (21), Jack Wada Sr. (22), K. Hazama (25).

## Konno avenges loss of 1,500 in 400-m.

Tokyo

Nisei Olympic star Ford Konno of Honolulu, upset last Saturday in his favorite 1,500-meters, came back Sunday to win the 400-meter freestyle in the Japanese national championships. He was well ahead of Japan's Yoshihiro Shoji, who beat Konno in the 1,500, in the time of 4m.40.2s.

Shoji won the 1,500 in 18m.-48.4s. Katsuji Yamashita, the man who was expected to battle with Konno in the event, came in sixth. Yamashita has two wins over Konno.

## Nat'l confab keg deadline nears

Los Angeles

Entry forms for the JACL Convention handicap bowling tournament, Sept. 2-4 at West Pico Bowl, 6081 W. Pico Blvd., have been mailed to chapter presidents, it was announced by tournament chairman Frank Kishi. Entry deadline is Aug. 27.

Handicap will be 2/3 of 200 for men with a 150 minimum, but there is no minimum for women bowlers. Entry fee per event is \$3.75 which includes bowling.

All bowlers must be JACL members and registered with the convention, it was emphasized. Entry fees must accompany and remitted to Shibo Ikuta, tournament treasurer, care of Pico Bowl.

Competition is limited to men's singles, doubles, team; women singles and mixed doubles only.

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### Who'll be the 1000th?

As this week's PC 1,000 Club barometer shows, there are nearly 950 JACLers who have joined the "give 'til it feels good" circle. The contest between the Chicago and Downtown Los Angeles chapters is a close one. Last Monday, the DTLA boys led by president DAVID YOKOZEKI must have signed up nearly twenty 1000ers in Li'l Tokio.

Forming Dave's "invitational" delegation were FRANK "Costello" SUZUKIDA, DUKE OGATA who is co-proprietor of the new Mission Mortuary and HARRY FUJITA, past prexy. These and the new Chicago 1000ers aren't included in this week's total as reported by headquarters. Other 1000 Clubbers are coming in from all over the country, too.

Chances are Mr. 1000 will be named before the convention. A special "ceremony" is in store for him at the convention's 1000 Club wing-ding blowout on Saturday night, Sept. 4. And the DTLA chapter will keep its pledge to give a special award to the chapter that has the highest number of 1000ers in good standing in relation to its average general membership. We haven't learned what the stakes are in the Chi-LA duel but it will no doubt be a worthy one.

Dave is sold on the idea that people are willing to donate, or join the JACL or 1000 Club if they are only informed of the club. "Not a single one turned us down," he says, adding, "all it takes is to stop worrying that someone might say no. Just go out and contact the people and they will give willingly. But you have to go after them because they won't come to you. So, if you goof off, your results are goofed."

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# Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ Hail the new queen!  
While most observers in the Nisei Week Festival queen contest took June Aochi as a matter-of-fact to win the 1954 title, dark horse Florence Ochi was there to create enough interest to draw 3,200 socialites to the Hollywood Palladium coronation ball last Sunday.

The stately 5' 5" June, once secretary to JACL representative Min Yasui of Denver became the 13th queen of the Festival which began with Alice Watanabe (Mrs. Sho Iino) in 1935 although the celebration was started the year before.

Besides Miss Ochi, June's attendants were Takako Yamada, Tomiko Baba, and Michi Masukawa.

Of course no one objects to seeing more beauties and that's what the crowd got when several Miss Universe contestants from the recently held Long Beach Pageant were introduced.

It served as an anti-climax to a fan-faring evening of dancing to the music of Jerry Gray and his orchestra, with popular Paul Bannai as master of ceremonies.

★ Here are some footnotes on the Festival baby show which is held annually. Miss Yamada, one of the attendants, was personality winner in the 1939 event.

Bobby Akira Nakamura, Examiner's press photographer and winner of the \$12,500 grant to George Pepperdine College, won three baby show titles in three consecutive years since 1937.

That same year, Jeanne Settsuko Inouye who was 1953 queen attendant, was entered in the diaper parade.

★ Mae Kumashiro Carlton, semi-blind operator of a candy counter at the General Psychopathic Hospital, broke into print this week when she donated a console radio to patients there.

Mrs. Carlton, known to her friends as a "Nisei ambassador of goodwill," was honored at a brief ceremony attended by Chairman of Supervisor John Anson Ford and Harry A. Edwards, secretary from the state office.

Bernard Crowell, hospital administrator, accepted the gift, saying, "It is people like you, Mae, who cause us to respect and honor our Japanese friends. We in the state administration are very proud of you."

The Maury Carltons are members of the Downtown chapter JACL.

★ Had it not been for two scrappy parking lot attendants, one of them, Tad Ikemoto, 2736 Blanchard St., a doped gunman who shot a jeweler and the state commander of the Military Order of Purple Heart Monday while fleeing from a robbery may still be on the loose today.

An ex-convict, the gunman was in desperate need of a "pop" and was making his escape across the 4th and Hill St. lot about 1 p.m. He already had shot two men in the robbery.

Ray Barnes, the other lot attendant, seeing the gunman charging into the lot, tripped him, slugged and kned him in the face. Ikemoto pounced on him when he pulled his gun out of the pocket, holding him till police arrived.

Police Chief Parker said both men "deserve the highest plaudits of the community." Both acted "with complete disregard for personal safety."



A three-legged race was among the frolics enjoyed by some of the 200 member-strong Los Angeles Japanese War Brides Club last week at a park picnic. Mrs. Chiyoko Baker (left) is club president. Others in the picture are Mrs. Behrends, Mr. and Mrs. Dwan. The Club was organized November, 1953, and Mrs. Baker is assisted by: Mrs. Toshiko Yamaguchi, sec.; Mrs. Kazue Totsubo, treas.; Mrs. Louie Balara, program; and Mrs. Favatella, pub. —George Waki Photo.

## 'Nisei Day' features at Friendship Camp

Los Angeles

Some 150 children, from 8 to 12 years old of various racial extractions, sang Japanese songs and practiced Japanese dances for several Nisei community leaders, who were guests for the day at Friendship Day Camp in Griffith Park. It was "Nisei Day" Thursday last week.

Seven Nisei children were enrolled in the first four-week session ending July 10. Twenty were signed up for the second session. Among the 23 staff counselors are school teachers Sakaye Ishino and Toshi Shimabukuro; Midori Watanabe and George Kagiwada. Guests were:

Judge John F. Aiso, L.A. municipal court; Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, Friendship Day Camp v.p.; Tats Kushiida, camp advisory comm.; Tats Asato, Japanese American Optimist Club v.p.

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## Amchick classes start, L.A. school reopened

Lansdale, Pa.

American Chick Sexing School opened its 1954 classes last Tuesday. Other classes are scheduled to begin Aug. 31, Sept. 14 and 21.

Due to state educational regulations, there is an enrollment limit and applications should be made as early as possible to avoid disappointment, George Okazaki, asst. general manager of the school, announced.

Korean veterans can learn under the GI Bill of Rights.

A branch school was reopened last month at 129 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles. Applications are being accepted there for another class opening soon.

## Consul Saito leaves

Seattle

Shizuo Saito, Japanese consul here, and his family left by Northwest Orient Airlines Tuesday to Tokyo for reassignment. He has been in Seattle since June, 1952.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office in Tokyo announced the appointment of Juzo Yoshikawa, chief of the tele-communications section of the Foreign Ministry, as consul at Seattle.

PACIFIC CITIZEN  
August 20, 1954

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

ABE—Aug. 7, a boy to the Mitsui Abes, Seattle.  
ARAKI—July 3, a boy James Sunao to the Takeshi Arakis (Michie Yamauchi), Los Angeles.  
ASHIMINE—July 2, a boy Randall Mitsuo to the Minoru Ashimines (Matsuno Arakawa), Los Angeles.  
CHERNIN—June 26, a boy Mark Anthony to the Martin Chernins (Grace Sachiko Hada), Los Angeles.  
CHINO—June 29, a boy Koichi Daniel to the Joe Chinos (Tomi Grace Masunaka), Los Angeles.  
DOMOTO—July 6, a girl Denise Koro to the Toshihiro Domotos (Lily Yuriko Shingu), Los Angeles.  
FUJIMOTO—June 28, a girl Toni Machi to the Masaki Fujimotos (Gladys Masako Izumi), Los Angeles.  
FUJINAMI—July 8, a girl Phyllis Sumiko to the Kenichi Fujinamis (Frances Michiko Matsui), Los Angeles.  
FUJISAKA—July 1, a girl Kathryn Jean to the Tadashi George Fujisakas (Aiko Shiina), Los Angeles.  
FUKUSHIMA—July 2, a girl Becky Takako to the Jimmie Ichiro Fukushima (Mary Fujimura), Los Angeles.  
FUNAMURA—July 10, a boy to the Masao Funamuras, Lodi.  
FURUSHO—July 26, a boy to the Sadao Furushos, Mountain View.  
FURUYAMA—July 10, a boy Ronald Haruo to the Tomio Furuyamas (Teruko Akita), Los Angeles.  
GOTO—Aug. 4, a boy to the Itsumi Gotos, Fresno.

HANADA—July 23, a girl Patricia to the Henry Hanadas (Meako Ichinokuchi), Los Angeles.  
HANADA—Aug. 7, a boy to the Hatsuji Hanadas, Seattle.  
HARADO—July 30, a boy to the Hideo Harados, Ontario, Ore.  
IMOTO—July 5, a boy Gary Nobuo to the Yoshio Imotos (Mary Miko Ito), Los Angeles.  
ISERI—July 7, a girl Betty Akiko to the Sunao Iseris (Kazuko Yamamoto), Los Angeles.  
ITATANI—July 5, a boy Timothy Tadashi to the Harold Yoshiaki Itatanis (Elizabeth Sumiko Wumino), Los Angeles.  
KOSAKA—June 30, a boy Glen Takeo to the Minoru Kosakas (Kiyoko Ike), Los Angeles.  
KURAI—July 8, a girl Chiemi Judy to the Shuyu Kurais (Michiko Kozaki), Los Angeles.  
MATSUDA—July 5, a girl Kathleen Akemi to the Miyoshi Matsudas (Misao Akamichi), Los Angeles.  
MATSUDA—July 23, a boy to the George Matsudas, West Sacramento.  
MISAKA—June 23, a girl to the Tatsumi Misakas, Salt Lake City.  
NIIRO—July 4, a boy David Alan to the Jimmy Yohei Niros (Hideko Sugita), Los Angeles.  
NISHI—June 29, a boy Leslie Paul to the Itsuji Nishis (Yoshiye Shirata), Los Angeles.  
NISHIDA—July 14, a girl to the Terry K. Nishidas, San Diego.  
YASUDA—Aug. 5, a boy to the Paul Yasudas, Ontario, Ore.  
YOSAKO—Aug. 2, a boy Ben Tadashi to the Roy Yosakos, Fowler.

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## EDITORIALS

## Outlawing Communists

The overwhelming margins registered in the Senate and House on passing a bill outlawing the Communist Party, despite the wishes of the Eisenhower administration to the contrary, appears to be one for domestic consumption. With an election coming in November, no one up for re-election wants to be put in the position of having voted against such legislation.

Those who voted against the bill were quick to emphasize they were against communism and its advocates, but had doubts in other portions of the bill.

That the liberal wing of Congress supported this measure may be one attempt to rid the tirades on the floor of either House on communism and Communists.

However, since Congress is expected to adjourn today, the President could stop the bill with a pocket veto.

## Bumper Crop

Over a period of weeks, one who follows our vital statistics can readily note the excess of births over deaths of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Babies are problem. They create work and worry for the elders. They get into endless mischief. They get sick. They cost money. But they are mighty important.

In some parts of the world, babies are not wanted too keenly. But in America, where we welcome bumper crops, they are a big item.

## New Tax Law

Nothing in government touches the people more closely than taxes. And the President signed a new tax law this week that, among other benefits to the taxpayer, permits larger donations to charity.

The old limit was 20 per cent, but an extra 10 per cent has been allowed if contributions are made to churches or religious groups, educational institutions or hospitals. The taxpayer may claim a full 30 per cent, if at least 10 per cent of the contribution is made to such organizations.

This liberal ruling should be a big help to charitable organizations seeking added funds.

## Convention Time

By the time you read this, delegates to the New Horizons JACL convention in Los Angeles should have had their hotel reservations confirmed. You have less than two weeks till convention time—Sept. 2-6.

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

by Bill Hosokawa

## Simple Things of Life

Denver

The kids were out in the back yard splashing around in the little plastic wading pool and having more fun than a school of porpoises. I couldn't help but envy them, for they were without a care and the simple act of playing in water was giving them an immense satisfaction. I got to thinking about the things that thrill, please, amaze and excite them, and how much fun they can wring out of every minute of every day. And then I got to wondering what had happened to my own zest for living.

Take for instance our little Christie, who gets such infinite pleasure out of receiving a 10-cent plastic toy for a present. She plays with it, treasures it, eventually breaks it. And for a little while she is as heartbroken about her loss as if it were the world's most precious treasure. And moments later she has forgotten and is happy again.

Or take Pete. The world is full of wonder. He finds fantasy in the shape of floating clouds. The mysteries of all nature are wrapped up in the butterfly he has captured and imprisoned in a discarded mayonnaise bottle, and in the ugly, fearsome tomato worm he discovered in the backyard garden patch. He rides his bike up and down the sidewalk with the intense concentration of an Indianapolis Speedway driver, and perhaps he imagines himself racing desperately against phantom competitors.

Or take Susan, who is a little too sober-minded for complete fantasy. But she is thrilled almost speechless by the sight of a horse galloping into the wind with mane streaming. She stops to admire the beauty of our mountain sunsets, she loves to savor the freedom and loneliness one feels when viewing the vastness of our west from some lofty promontory.

And Mike? He glows when he talks about

football. Normally restless, he'll sit and work for hours with wood and his carving tools. Usually careless about details, he'll paint his models with the painstaking care and love of an old world craftsman. These children know, instinctively, how to throw themselves into what they are doing so that they are completely fascinated. And this intensity of their interest gives them happiness.

Now that I've stopped to remember, I do recall things that used to give me small pleasures. Like the smell of the air after rain. The first star of a summer's evening, and the sharp crack of a bat against a ball headed for the fence. The flavor of vine-ripened homegrown tomatoes, and the taste of springwater after a long walk on an August afternoon. The briskness of autumn's first frost, and the warmth of spring sunshine on my back. The feel of horsepower under my toe while driving up a long hill, an unexpected letter in the mail, the whiff of perfume that arouses long-forgotten memories. The whirr of the reel as a trout, stung by the barbed hook, races for deep water. The aroma of pine after a spring shower, the beauty of a rosebud, the lift from a cup of fresh-brewed coffee, and the first taste of well-aged steak cooked rare. Pleasure in a well-turned phrase (and face, too), and the satisfaction of a job well done.

Come to think of it, there are many, many fascinating things about us to be enjoyed by all our senses. Children know how to take advantage of them. Adults do too, except that they've foolishly let themselves become preoccupied with the unimportant things of life, like business and profits and deadlines to meet. When will we learn to slow down in our headlong pursuit of the dollar and stop here and there to enjoy the simple things around us?

## VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

## Changes in the Exchange

The revolt of the California Exchange clubs against the tyranny of racial discrimination is symbolic of the change in public attitudes in a state which, a quarter-century ago, was the fountainhead of prejudice against persons of Asian descent.

The willingness of a baker's dozen of Exchange clubs in California to withdraw from the national organization in protest against the National Exchange Club's all-white policy demonstrates the determination of these groups of organized businessmen to repudiate race bias. The battle over the Exchange Club's membership policy is resulted in a degree of soul-searching among other organizations which continue to restrict membership on racial grounds, such as the 40 and 8, an inner circle of the American Legion.

The present blowup over the Exchange Club's traditional all-white policy was ignited when the Menlo Park, Calif., unit was notified that it would be suspended unless it revoked the membership of a member of Chinese

ancestry. The Menlo Park group quit the National organization rather than submit to the ultimatum. Its action won the support of the Stockton club, and later of Exchange clubs in San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose, Visalia, Martinez, Culver City, and several other cities.

The current dispute involved the membership of Chinese Americans in the "whites only" Exchange. Menlo Park had enrolled a Chinatown engineer, Robert Ting, while Richard Wong, a gift shop operator, was a member and former president of the Stockton chapter.

But two years ago a similar squabble, on a much smaller scale, occurred in the Exchange over Nisei members. It was at this time that the West Fresno chapter quit the Exchange organization because many of the businessmen in the community could not qualify under the constitutional restriction of "male, white business and professional men."

And it was disclosed recently that at about the same time an organization of Morgan Hill, Calif., businessmen had petitioned for admittance to the National Exchange and had sent \$700 in initiation fees, only to be advised that membership would be denied because one of the applicants was of Japanese ancestry. This Nisei was a Purple Heart veteran who already was active in the Legion and VFW in Morgan Hill.

The Morgan Hill group was informed by Exchange national headquarters that other Exchange clubs in California would quit the organization if a Japanese American were permitted to enroll. The Morgan Hill group refused to drop the Nisei member and subsequently was chartered by the Kiwanis Club. The National Exchange, incidentally, hasn't returned the \$700 in initiation fees.

The California Exchange clubs which have refused to accept the edict to practice race discrimination are to be congratulated for their action. Already these groups have been invited to join the Lions, Rotary and other groups which have no arbitrary racial restrictions on membership.

The National Exchange's insistence on its all-white policy reflects the dominating influence of Herold Harter, the national secretary and one of the original founders of the Exchange 40 years ago. Harter has been able to keep the all-white policy in force for four decades but the revolt in California is proof that times have changed. Racial discrimination is no longer fashionable and Harter may be forced to accept a revision of organizational membership provisions if he wants to keep the Exchange alive on the West Coast.

The issue is certain to be raised at the Exchange's national convention this month in Louisville, Ky. Several chapters—most of the California groups have been suspended—are ready to take to the floor a resolution to eliminate the word "white" from the charter.

## DECADE AGO

Aug. 19, 1944

Takeo Sakumas of Minidoka have six sons in uniform, seventh awaits call.

Board of supervisors of California Counties oppose return of evacuees during the war.

Alberta bars evacuees from British Columbia in August provincial elections.

Nisei patrol in Italy rescues three U.S. soldiers in house full of German snipers.

Sgt. Hank Nakamura, outstanding featherweight boxer with 100 ring bouts and never KO'd, killed in action.

Nisei soldiers from Hawaii sweep 5th Army swimming championship, take 9 out of 14 titles.

Shitara sisters file appeal for new trial, was convicted on charge of conspiracy to commit treason in assisting escape of two German PWs.

Better housing conditions for Denver evacuee group seen.

Most of 59 Nisei workers for Illinois Central railroad, target of AFL strike threat, get new jobs.

Movie-goers see newsreel clips of Lt. Gen. Mark Clark presenting Presidential Unit Citation to 100th Infantry; applaud scenes.

Nisei troops serve as honor guard for King George VI on his recent inspection of Fifth Army on Italian front.

Three warehouses in Manzanar destroyed by fire.

Stickers (No Japanese in California) appealing to mob spirit rapped by California.

## MINORITY

A Cincinnati court upheld the right a Negro to enter and enjoy facilities of Coney Island Park, a privately-owned amusement resort. Park owners asserted the day the Negro was denied admission, the park was under contract to private organizations which instructed park officials to refuse admission to any member of the NAACP or Cincinnati Council on Human Rights because of "previous unlawful disorderly conduct of said groups." These groups had picketed the park and demonstrated against its Jim Crow policies in 1952.

Despite threats of Gov. James F. Byrnes and the steps already taken, the state of South Carolina will not abandon the public school system, Dr. L. P. Hollis, member of the State Education Finance Committee, declared. Each community must work out its problem on the community level, the educator advised.

A bachelor who is a philosopher, of a sort, says, "It's better to have a woman on your mind than on your neck."