



## New Horizon convention to attract 1,500



Five members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims on the west coast holding hearings this week on the Hillings Amendment are flanked by two staff members in San Francisco's Post Office Bldg. They are, (left to right): Cyril Buckfield, com-

mittee counsel; Reps. Peter W. Rodino, Thomas J. Lane, Edgar A. Jonas (chmn.); William A. Miller, Usher L. Burdick; and Walter Lee, legislative assistant.

—Shinichi Bei Photo.

## Masaoka, Ennis open testimony at claims law hearings in S.F.

By HARUO ISHIMARU

San Francisco

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, chaired by Rep. Edgar Jonas, (R., Ill.), began its five days of special hearings here Monday morning. The hearings are to end in Los Angeles.

Starting with a one-two punch for the Japanese American Citizens League, sponsors of the original Evacuation Claims Act passed by the 80th Congress and its amendment in the 82nd Congress, Mike

representative summarized a brilliant and comprehensive 90-page report on the background of the basic law.

He pointed out the wartime history of Japanese Americans; the pressures which ultimately removed 110,000 Japanese Americans from their west coast homes, the subsequent display of loyalty on the battlefield and patriotic heroism of both Issei and Nisei.

Masaoka then developed the history of evacuation claims

law and necessity for compromise of smaller claims. Some 20,000 small claims, which might have taken a century to settle at the slow rate of adjudication, were cleared by the compromise method.

### JACL Recommends

The JACL is now recommending, the Subcommittee was told, that larger claims, some 3,000 in number, be settled through procedures established by the Hillings Amendment.

The subcommittee unanimously commended Masaoka for his careful and illuminating presentation.

Counsel for the Washington JACL office and former chief of the Enemy Alien Control Unit, Dept. of Justice, clarified the legal aspects of the law and the amendment. He carefully outlined the intricacies of the law, the methods of adjudication now found in the present claims offices, and certain aspects of evacuee property handling by the U.S. government.

Ennis cut short a business trip in Paris to appear at the Monday hearings.

### Congressmen Testify

Two California congressmen, Leroy Johnson of Stockton and Charles S. Gubser of Gilroy, fully supported the Hillings Amendment and urged its passage.

Yoshimi Shibata, prominent Nisei nurseryman, revealed how his establishment sustained heavy losses due to poor management and misfortune. A number of exhibits were presented. James Purcell supplemented his presentation.

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### Pinball machine looted

Watsonville

Pinball machines and cash boxes were rifled by a burglar who entered Mako Tsuchiyama's Cue Ball pool hall two Saturdays ago. Owner reported \$384 stolen.

## May be last of extravagant Nat'l confabs

Los Angeles Statler

This may be the last of the extravagant national conventions of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Close to 300 were mustered in various committees over the past two years preparing for the 13th biennial "New Horizons" convention. Hosts are the six chapters of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council with assistance from Pasadena and Long Beach Harbor District chapters.

The registration committee is preparing to handle 1,500 delegates and boosters with an early start made Wednesday afternoon at the Statler Hotel lobby.

Conventioners have been in Los Angeles in the past weeks, staying with relatives or friends; but wholesale movement into the Statler began Tuesday night.

### Final Appearances

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, convention board chairman, and Janet Fukuda, Miss National JACL of 1954, made their final pre-convention appearance Tuesday at the Japanese American Optimists Club luncheon. It brought an end to two years of preparation.

On Wednesday, the JACL regional office moved into the Dallas Room of the Statler. Throughout the same day in the Washington Room, the National JACL board and staff were in conference on the agenda to be presented to the National Council, which meets for seven sessions.

## Salt Lake Jr. JACL delegate appointed

Salt Lake City

Salt Lake chapter delegates leaving for the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles are Rupert Hachiya, president, and Hatsumi Mitsunaga, representing the Jr. JACL, and one of the first youth delegates to attend a national convention.

Masa Yano is attending as Intermountain District delegate and will also appear before the Jonas Subcommittee on the Hillings Amendment.



Dr. Roy Nishikawa checks final details of JACL Convention. —Rafu Shimpo Photo by Toyo Miyatake.

## SHARP ALOHA SHIRT AT OUTING MAY WIN PRIZE

Los Angeles

The "loudest" Aloha shirt worn during the JACL Convention Outing this Sunday at Royal Palms near White Point will deserve a special prize, according to Roy Yamadera and Jim Higashi, ELA chapter committeemen in charge of entertainment at the outing.

Miss National JACL—Janet Fukuda—and her court of Janet Okimoto and Mary Enomoto will be judges.

## Toronto Buddhist church

Toronto

A ten-year dream is about to be fulfilled by Toronto Japanese Buddhist who have purchased a site at Bathurst and Barton Streets for their new temple. The Rev. Takashi Tsuji is mapping a fund-raising campaign for a modernistic structure.

this weekend in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Alice Kasai, secretary to the National Board, husband Henry, also departed with Larry Kido of Los Angeles, who has been visiting the Ted Nagatas here.

## OVER \$25 MILLIONS APPROPRIATED FOR EVACUATION CLAIMS PAYMENT

Washington

To date over \$25,000,000 have been appropriated for Japanese evacuation claims when President Eisenhower signed a Supplemental Appropriations Bill Monday, declared Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The supplemental appropriations measure just signed provides for the payment of 23 evacuation claims awards totaling \$113,154.51.

Awards in this last group were adjudicated in April, May and early June 1954 under the Japanese Evacuation Claims Act of 1948.

### Over \$25 Millions

Masaoka noted that the \$113,154.51 supplemental appropriations added to previous appropriations of this and prior years brings the total appropriations for the claims program to over \$25,000,000.

JACL undertook sponsorship of the 1948 Japanese Evacuation Claims Act and the 1950

Compromise Amendment. "Without this legislation," the Washington JACL representative explained, "there would have been no evacuation claims program and the Japanese community in the United States would not have received any compensation for their wartime evacuation losses."

Today, an estimated 21,315 evacuation claims have been processed and some 3,000 claims still remain adjudicated. However, the remaining claims are practically all large claims since the JACL-sponsored Compromise Amendment for smaller claims resulted in the compromise and payment of some 19,750 claims.

### Compromised Amount

Over 23 million dollars have been paid out for the compromised claims, Masaoka said.

Administrative costs in the evacuation claims program have totaled over one million dollars to date.

## What makes JACL tick

Greetings, fellow JACLers, to Los Angeles and the 13th national convention. We know you came to participate in one of the more momentous gatherings of any Nisei assemblage in the United States.

We heartily encourage you to join your official delegates during the morning and afternoon sessions of the National Council. The gallery of spectators in the Statler Hotel Sierra Room will really see what makes the Japanese American Citizens League tick.

The host committee has planned a complete schedule, we know. Enough of the lighter side of convention frolics has been interspersed throughout the five days here, rendering the serious sessions equally palatable to the uninitiated.

## Congressmen add distinction

The 13th biennial National JACL Convention is, indeed, fortunate to have the presence of five distinguished congressmen from Washington, D.C., hold three-days of hearings (Sept. 1-3) here on the Hillings Amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act.

Their presence adds distinction to a national JACL convention. Delegates to the convention can return to their home chapters full of inspiration gained by the friendliness of the subcommittee seeking facts and suggestions relative to the program of settling some 3,000 remaining claims.



## ★ WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER ★

## Past Conventions

★ MIKE MASAOKA ★

Whenever one thinks of the biennial National Convention of the JACL, one cannot help but think of the selfless, public-spirited young Nisei men and women who gather from all parts of Niseidom to chart out programs and projects that will affect the lives and lot of every person of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

There are those among the Nisei who claim that the JACL has no right to represent them, to speak out in their behalf.

But these are like the eligible and qualified voters in our democracy who never take the time and trouble to actively participate in politics on the community, state, and national levels, let alone cast a ballot, which in and of itself is a simple yet effective demonstration of making one's self heard by his Government.

By their inaction, by their unwillingness to share in the planning and the implementing of programs, they have waived their rights to criticize.

If every Nisei, whether he be a member or not, or any American for that matter, is privileged to witness a National Council session in action, he will be convinced that here is a group of serious, conscientious young people who are working on the important job of trying to make democracy operate in a more humane, more perfect way.

And, looking at the record, it's not only amazing, it's miraculous how often these delegates to these National Conventions have been right in interpreting the temper of the times and what, in the long pull of society, is best for all persons of Japanese ancestry. For none can deny, now in retrospect at least, that the great and crucial decisions of the war years made by JACL for and on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States were motivated by the highest principles and have resulted in the greatest possible good for the greatest possible number.

The record in the post-war years too is equally impressive. What other group has accomplished so much in such a short time with so little!

Every biennial National Convention has made history in its way, and this 13th Biennial Convention in Los Angeles over the Labor Day weekend will be no exception.

And it must come as real satisfaction to those like Dr. T. T. Yatabe to witness their creation matured into a potent social force for good. Dr. Yatabe is the first constitutionally elected National President of the JACL, having been elected at Seattle in 1934. This Convention is the 20th anniversary of his election as its first National Executive. Affectionately known as the "Father of the JACL", he typifies in his own living and thinking the self-sacrificing, public-minded spirit of achievement that is the JACL.

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## Passing thoughts on past conventions

Probably the most emotion-charged Convention of all was the First Post-War Convention held in Denver, back in '46.

Members who had said "goodbye" to each other at the National Emergency Meeting held in San Francisco in the spring of '42, members who had voted at the Emergency Meeting in Salt Lake City over Thanksgiving that same fateful year to demand the right to serve their country and who had then volunteered and fought the enemy overseas, new members with ideas developed in the "free" atmosphere of the East and Midwest—all met in a glorious reunion that was a testament of faith and courage and devotion.

JACL had a rebirth there in the mountains of Colorado, where the delegates gave little thought to the bitter experiences of the past four years and wrote a *magna charta* for a minority people who had earned the right of acceptance. The delegates envisioned the end of all legal discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and dared to plan for that achievement when most Nisei and Issei were busy returning to their former homes to try to rebuild the past. JACL was building for the future.

The highlights of the Salt Lake City Convention two years later included an experimental National JACL Queen Contest but more important several near all-night sessions of all the delegates as they tried to hammer out a reasonable and fair method of handling the evacuation claims program. If at that time, in 1948, the JACL had decided to process all the claims itself at the ten per cent allowed for attorneys and others who aid in processing them, its Endowment Fund today would be somewhere near the two and a half million mark.

The Chicago Convention was a super-delux one, with three representatives from Hawaii—James Hirano of Hilo, Kats Miho of Honolulu, and Ben Tashiro of Kauai—helping in the festivities.

But the highlight of that Convention was the JACL ADC Recognitions Banquet, at which the then Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas promised the Issei and Nisei gathered there in the Stevens Hotel Banquet Hall that "you will have a naturalization bill by Christmas!"

This writer doubts that there will ever be another JACL banquet quite like that one, or the disappointment that followed when, during the special lame-duck session later that year, Senator Lucas neglected to make even an effort to call up the Walter Resolution for equality in naturalization for a voice vote.

Two years ago, of course, the big item was the overriding of the President's veto of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 right in the middle of the Convention in San Francisco.

I am told by those who participated that the night of June 26th, when the delegates wrote telegrams to their respective senators urging them to override the President's veto, will live forever in their memory, as will the moment of silent prayer the next morning at precisely the same hour when the Senate in Washington completed its vote and the McCarran-Walter Act was law.

Every Biennial Convention brings its highlights, its unexpected surprises. What will this one, here in Los Angeles, produce?

Already a precedent's been established. This is the first time that a Congressional Committee has conducted hearings on

## Seattle editor believes Miyamura merits top award

Seattle

The Japanese American Citizens League lists an impressive roster for its "Nisei of the Biennium" award, but head over everyone's shoulder is Medal of Honor winner and one of the "Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1953"—Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., declared Budd Fukei of the Northwest Times, all-English newspaper here.

"It is extremely difficult for us to picture another Nisei, however able, forging ahead of the Medal of Honor winner who earned one of the 'Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1953' honors from the U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce," he said.

"The Jaycee's TOYM list, after all, included a college professor who discovered the wonder drug streptomycin, a U.S. representative who engaged in dangerous espionage and sabotage work for our country during World War II, and a governor who contributed much to the welfare of his people," he added. "Indeed, we would be shocked if Miyamura is not declared the winner."

## IN HONOR OF

S. G. Sakamoto, pioneer Issei leader in Central California, was among six Fresnoans deputized as field registrars of voters. He is believed to be the first naturalized Issei citizen in the area to actively participate in signing up new voters.

Dr. Takeru Higuchi, 36, professor of pharmacy at the Univ. of Wisconsin, was awarded the Ebert prize, highest research award granted by the American Pharmaceutical Association. The prize was based on two papers published last year reporting the results of fundamental research developed by Dr. Higuchi.

## Honor ministers at tea

Minneapolis

A tea was held in the honor of the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa and the Rev. Andrew Otani by the Japanese American Community Center here last Sunday.

## On Registration

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Registration cards need not be shown by those attending the Opening Ceremonies (Thursday) and Issei Banquet (Friday). All other Convention events require registration.



No word has been heard from the missing Stockton Nisei photographer Gunji Watanabe (above) since his disappearance Aug. 14. The family has appealed to friends all over the country for the man's whereabouts.

a bill that is of especial interest to the delegates right in their convention city during the convention itself.

But, there's probably a lot more that's going to happen to make every delegate and every booster remember the 13th Biennial in '54.

To this writer, though, there will never be any other convention held in the City of the Angels that will quite match that of '38, when Los Angeles hosted its last previous JACL Convention. For particulars, ask any delegate who sat in on those Council meetings.



A sea-air agreement between American President Lines and Japan Air Lines was announced in San Francisco following formal approval by the Federal Maritime Board. Yoshito Kojima (left), JAL vice-president, American Division, and George Killion, APL president, sign for their companies. For travelers, the agreement means a saving in fare on round trips made to Japan by a combination sea voyage and air trip.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama  
The 1932 Convention

Los Angeles

Issei and Nisei are on the march for the first time in the history of the Japanese American Citizens League! The last convention with which I was able to do my part was in San Francisco—just 20 years ago.

Today 87 chapters throughout the Union are represented here for the 13th biennial national convention to reorientate the significance of the American citizens of Japanese ancestry—together with the American born and naturalized new citizens. How wonderful it is to dream of a New Horizon—a glorious future to dedicate to the cause of Humanity!

In 1932, I was here for the JACL convention and we tried our best to strengthen our fraternal ties in order to present ourselves to the American community that the Nisei were proud American citizens. The delegates were still young and ambitious in every sense. Issei member were more or less still critical toward the Nisei as a whole.

## Olympic Outcome

There were champion swimmers and runners from Japan for the Olympic Games, who humiliated the Nisei here due to the ignorance of things Japanese. It resulted in a serious determination for Nisei to study the Japanese language and culture as an unexpected fruit of the convention.

It is still wonderful to recall the Pacific Coast Nisei Leaders Conference held in San Francisco in 1929—the Ja-

panese American Progressive Citizens League of Seattle, New American Citizens League of San Francisco and American Loyalty League of Fresno were represented at the meeting. Thus the birth of the Japanese American Citizens League was realized.

## Issei Opposition

There was a determined effort on the part of Issei leaders to quash the JACL movement in 1930. In spite of all storms and turmoil, the JACL child grew faster and stouter.

I traveled far and wide in appealing to the Issei and Nisei in behalf of the JACL fraternal cause, and I even went to Canada to aid and organize the Japanese Canadian Citizens League. Everything is getting to be almost a forgotten history.

I still remember the vicious anti-Japanese propaganda of V. S. McClatchy. I cannot forget the loving kindness of Wallace Alexander. They are all gone to the other side of the Horizon.

Just 20 years ago, we had one "New Horizon"—to get the naturalization privilege for the Issei. It was almost a Japanese sentiment and Japanese-American relationship.

The Pacific War came along. Atomic bombs were dropped over Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Many Nisei were killed in the battle fields for Japan and America.

In spite of our sad memories of the past, how wonderful it is to see the smiling

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Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda  
Hoi-polloi say L.A.

Hoi-polloi (truly a Greek word which isn't "Greek" to many Yankees) call our town, "Ellay" . . . Native-born sons and daughters prefer Los Angeles; the old timers know it by "City of Our Lady, Queen of Angels" . . . Our fair city greets you—the delegates to the "New Horizons" convention.

Nisei Week whizzed by us a week ago, but much of the joy excitement seems to have been spared for the JACL convention . . . Dr. Roy Nishikawa has memorized a whole host of new telephone numbers (of his committeemen) in the past months to keep preparations on the constant hum . . . People on the "inside" are optimistic as to the outcome of this convention . . . They sense it in the air, as sure as breaking gray clouds means sunshine after a refreshing rain . . . Li'l Tokio hasn't

seen a national JACL convention in sixteen years. Flags and bunting of bigtime conventions are lacking, but it won't require them . . . Both familiar and new faces from other places are better signs of convention conviviality . . . And the Statler lobby might appear like the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo with a wide scattering of Nipponese faces.

There is an open invitation to delegates to stop by the Miyako Hotel (southwest corner of First and San Pedro Streets) in room 214, where the PC editorial office is located . . . Only thing we can promise is a beautiful window view of the sidewalks across the streets, the people walking to and fro, and a cluttered up office . . . If we're not covering specific events or resting up in the Dallas Room of the Statler, well be our office or out for a cup of coffee downstairs . . . In recent weeks, we had Harold Horiuchi of Washington, D.C., pay us a visit. Kenneth Miyoshi of Detroit was passing through, phoned the office at 10:30 p.m.—a lucky call, I might add, since we spend most of our late hours at the shop inside the week.



# Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Where do we go from here?

It was only a short time ago when Nisei were calling themselves and were being called "New Americans." Before Pearl Harbor, a New Americans Conference was held once a year in Honolulu, where Nisei from throughout the Territory assembled to discuss their role as new Americans in their communities.

## Pre-Pearl Harbor era

Generals and admirals stationed in the islands, and top businessmen and civic leaders, took time out from their busy lives to address the "New Americans Conference." They exhorted their Nisei audiences to live up to the high ideals of Americanism and to pledge undivided allegiance to their country.

In looking back upon the times before Pearl Harbor, it seems that the kind of advice handed down then would be considered somewhat gratuitous by many of the same Nisei today.

Well, those days are happily over. The Nisei have come a long way since then. They certainly don't need advice now on how to be loyal and patriotic Americans.

They are new Americans in age only, not in their minds anymore.

## Americanism of Sansei

The Sansei are with us now; they have no inhibitions about their Americanism. To them, an American is an American. They do not quibble, as the Nisei used to, about whether they are Americans with Japanese faces, or Japanese with American citizenship; or whether they are Japanese-Americans or American-Japanese, and all that those terms connote.

And therein lies the real hope of the future. Having won acceptance as full-fledged citizens under the law and in the minds of nearly all other Americans, it is now within the capacity of the Nisei, the Sansei and the succeeding generations to make their own way even more rapidly than their predecessors have till now.

The past history of the Issei and the older Nisei is valuable from this point mostly in reminding the younger people that the influx and amalgamation of the Japanese into the American scene was not much different from that of other national groups.

It is a noble and inspiring history, to be sure; but its pattern follows that generally of peoples from other lands who flocked to American shores to build a new future, and thereby helped to create the America of many races and cultures that we know today.

## New horizons for individual

The Japanese in the United States have progressed remarkably, considering their short history and especially their infinitesimal number in proportion to the total population.

The new horizons for them stretch ahead unlimited. It will be individual effort, however, more than group action that will characterize their advancement hereafter.

Those with bold imagination and vigorous ambition will pave their own way to success. Those who allow themselves to be inhibited by their own race-consciousness will become bogged down.

New horizons will open up for only those with free and unshackled minds.

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## Convention Phone

As the Southern California JACL Regional Office will be closed from Sept. 1-7, because of the National Convention, telephone calls should be directed to the Statler Hotel, Madison 9-4321, ext. 1839 (JACL Convention Registration Desk).

## Arizona Cler heads Red Cross chapter

By ROBERT UNO

Mesa, Ariz.

Tom Ikeda, Mesa produce rancher and wartime president of the Arizona JACL (1942-1945), was installed recently as Mesa branch president of the Maricopa County American Red Cross.

A native-born son of Mesa, he is married to the former Janet Michiko Sato of Los Angeles (who is the sister of Carl Sato, candidate for a seat in the Arizona state legislature); and have three children: Virginia 6, Steven 3, and Kathy 1.

## Berkeley China Club congratulates Exchange Clubs for anti-race stand

Berkeley

The Berkeley China Club has made public a letter of congratulations to 15 California Exchange Clubs for spearheading a drive to end the "whites only" membership policy of the national organization.

In its letter of "appreciation and admiration of the noble and courageous stand" of the 15 chapters, the China Club castigated the executive secretary of the national organization Herold Harter, for "unwarranted and irresponsible mud-slinging."

"Mr. Harter's statement," the letter read, "that too much fuss was made about 'just one Chinaman,' and his allegation that the controversy was instigated by communist agents, were—as you must know—as false as they were irresponsible."

### Derogatory Meaning

The letter pointed out that "apparently Mr. Harter does not know that the word 'Chinaman' has a derogatory meaning and is no longer used by refined and educated persons."

The club's letter referred specifically to the position of the Menlo Park Club, whose refusal to expel a Chinese member touched off the controversy and rebellion.

"We happen to know the background and character of the Chinese member who was involved in the original Menlo Park Exchange Club question," the letter related, "and we know that he is not only a Christian and loyal American, but also, like other members of his family, a victim of communist dictatorship in mainland China."



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Attired in Arizona-styled clothes, Miss Eva Oda, 20, of Mesa is the Thunderbird Princess attending the forthcoming National JACL Convention as delegate-at-large from the Arizona chapter. The charming lass stands at 5 ft. 4½ in., weighs 115; employed as secretary at the Mesa City Hall where she is nicknamed "Eaga Beava". She is the daughter of Satoru Oda.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS LAW PREVENTING DEPORTATION OF PERUVIAN JAPANESE

Washington

President Eisenhower signed an amendment to the Refugee Relief Act enabling Peruvian Japanese to adjust their status and to remain in the United States for permanent residence reported Mike Masaoka, Nisei lobbyist in Washington.

Several hundred Peruvian Japanese are believed to benefit by the new law which cancels their outstanding deportation orders and permits them to adjust their status and apply for permanent residence in the United States.

Last year, Peruvian Japanese in the Los Angeles and Seabrook areas requested Masaoka to assist them remain in the United States against Justice Department orders requiring their deportation to Japan.

### Return Refused

These Japanese were interned in the United States from Peru during World War II as a precautionary measure, but the Peruvian government has consistently refused to allow them to return to their homes in Peru.

When the House Judiciary Committee was considering changes in the "adjustment of

status" sections of the Refugee Relief Act, Masaoka prevailed upon Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) to include the Peruvian Japanese. Administrative remedies were not available because of a technical ruling that the Peruvian Japanese were not legal immigrants.

The House Judiciary Committee and later the full House accepted inclusion of the Peruvian Japanese. The Senate amended the bill but retained the sections on Peruvian Japanese. House acceptance of the amended bill brought congressional approval.

### No More Obstacles

When President Eisenhower signed the remedial legislation last week, the last remaining obstacle for the Peruvian Japanese was cleared away.

By including the Peruvian Japanese in the Refugee Relief Act, the 185 annual immigration quota for Japan is not affected, explained Masaoka. In other adjustment of status actions under the Immigration and Nationality Act, a quota number is deducted for each person receiving permanent residence status.

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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 Yone-mura and Mas Fujii.  
Eden Township—Kenji Fujii and Tok Hironaka. Alt: Takiko Shinoda and Rose Kurotori.  
Florin—George Nishita.  
Gilroy—Kimiko Okawa.  
Livingston-Merced-Buichi Kajiwaru and Roy Okahara.  
Long Beach-Harbor District—Fred Ikeguchi, Judy Sugita.  
Marysville—Frank N. Okimoto.  
Oakland—Paul T. Nomura.  
Placer Co.—Koichi Uyeno, Roy Yoshida. Alt: James Makimoto, Martha Iwasaki.  
Reno—Oscar Fujii.  
Richmond-El Cerrito—Grace Hata, James Kimoto.  
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.  
Delano—Sam Azuma.  
Fowler—Tom Shirakawa.  
Fresno—Mike Iwatsubo.  
Parlier—Kaz Komoto.  
Sanger—Robert K. Kanagawa and George Nishimura.  
Selma—Masato Morishima, Ethel Otomo.

### Pacific Southwest District Council

District Delegate: Ken Dyo, Pasadena.  
Arizona—Tom Kadomoto, Ken Yoshioka. Alt: Eva Oda.  
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.  
Southwest Los Angeles—Hisashi Horita, Hiroko Kawakami. Alt: Hajime Inouye, Hana Uno.  
Venice—Ken Amamoto, Louis Kado.  
Ventura Co.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uno.  
West Los Angeles—Sho Komai and Steve Yagi.

### Intermountain District Council

District Delegate: Mas Yano (for Jim Ushio, Murray, Utah.)  
Mt. Olympus—James Hirabayashi.  
Salt Lake City—Rupert Hachiya and Miss Hatsumi Mitsunaga.  
Snake River—Paul Y. Saito.

### 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 Urie.  
Omaha—Miss Emiko Watanabe.

### Midwest District Council

District Delegate: Abe Hagiwara (for Harry Takagi, Mpls.)  
Chicago—Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari. Alt: Abe Hagiwara, John Yoshino.  
Cleveland—Jean Miyake.  
Dayton—Dr. Ruby Hirose.  
Detroit—Kay Miyaya.  
Milwaukee—Mary Oura.  
Omaha—Emiko Watanabe and Mrs. Lily Okura.  
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 Pacific Citizen wishes to express its regrets at this time for not being able to publish the complete list of official convention delegates to the National JACL Convention. Early deadlines prevented compilation.)

ALBUQUERQUE—Ada Jean Hashimoto.

CHICAGO—Esther Hagiwara.

CLEVELAND—Jean Miyake, Tsukiko Miyake.

DETROIT—Setsu Fujikawa.

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FRESNO—T. Kasadara, Henry Mikami.

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MARYSVILLE—Mrs. Frank N. Okimoto.

NEW YORK—Tomio Enochty, Sam Kal, Mike Suzuki.

OMAHA—Lily Okura.

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

PASADENA—Jiro Oishi, Anna Oishi, Akiko Abe, Dr. Joe Abe, Haris Ozawa, Kay Monma, Dr. Tom Omori, Shiko Omori, Grace Sato, Miko Dyo, Kimi Fukutaki, Mary Mikuriya, June Hayashi, Julia Su-

gita, Mary Tamura, Mary Ito, Butch Tamura, Miharu Matsui, Yeiki Matsui, Yeiko Matsui, Ruth Fujita, Betty Hirabayashi, June Otani, Genio Roxas, Shig Takayama, Hiro Omura, Frances Tamura.

PHILADELPHIA—Dick Horikawa, Marion Tamaki.

PORTLAND—Hana Yamada, Tamachi Yamada, Mi. Hasuike.

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SALINAS—Tom Miyana, Mrs. Tom Miyana, 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.

SANGER—Johnson Kebo, Mrs. Mae Nakamura, Yuki Kanagawa, Tom Nagamatsu.

SANTA BARBARA—Yoshio Nakaji, Lillian Nakaji, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Tanaka, Harold Lee, Mrs. Kay Lee, Henry Koga, Tad Kanetomo, Tom Hirashima.

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

SNAKE RIVER—Mrs. Paul Y. Saito.

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Six associate chairmen heading their respective committees preparing for the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention huddle for the last time at a special Statler Hotel convention board meeting. They are (left to right) Tut Yata, general arrangements;

Mrs. Mabel Ota, registration; Harry Fujita, special events; Frank Chuman, official events; Ken Dyo, budget-finance; and Harry Honda, public relations.

—Courtesy: Rafu Shimpō Photo by Toyo Miyatake.

## CHAPTER MEMO

**San Francisco JACL:** The chapter women's auxiliary last Saturday held a "thank you" party for those who participated and aided in the Fashion Show. Mrs. Haru Hedani, Auxiliary chairman, hosted at her home, 775 34th Ave.

**Newsletter Received:** San Mateo, San Francisco, East Los Angeles (all August issues.)

## Omaha Clers sing, dance at Centennial Theme

The Omaha JACL presented a show of Japanese festival dances and songs at the Centennial Theme Center Aug. 20. Frank Tamai, chapter president, emceed the program. Participants were:

Ondoists—Richard Takechi, Stephen Takechi, Kazumi Watanabe, Bonnie Hirabayashi, Sumi Misaki, Jeffrey Shimada, Carolyn Kaya, Janie Takechi, Maureen Hirabayashi, Marilyn Kaya, Julie Takechi.  
Mrs. Kenneth Kawami, Cherry Doi, Carol Doi, Grace Tsuji, Emiko Watanabe, Miyeko Watanabe, Mrs. Bob Nakadai, Mrs. Frank Tamai, Akiye Watanabe and Natsumi Matsunami.

Vocalist—Mike Watanabe.  
Dances included Tanko Bushi, Sazaesan Ondo, Spring Shower and Sunset. The stage was decorated with delicate sprigs of cherry blossoms and lanterns by:

Jack Tamai, Bob Nakadai, George Hirabayashi.

## TWO SATURDAY NIGHT EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR CONVENTIONEERS

**Los Angeles**  
Convention delegates and boosters: If you're free Saturday night, take in the Southwest Los Angeles JACL weenie bake at Fern-dale No. 1 in Griffith Park. Chapter members will be extending the word throughout the convention time and possibly arrange transportation with one of the members.

They'll be back at the Statler in time to join the East Los Angeles JACL's unofficial Saturday dance in the Los Angeles Room. Tak Shindo's combo will play and the hat will be passed around. No tickets, no registration; just good time and fun. The ELA party starts at 9:45 and holds sway till 1 a.m. at least!

## Population study

**Denver**  
Roland K. Tatsuguchi of Hawaii is spending a month here to study Japanese American population for his master's thesis in sociology at Kansas University.

yada, Kaye Ichihara, Mary Deguchi, Mary Yanokawa, Kiyu Nomura, Yuki Sato, Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda.

**CHAPTER NOT DESIGNATED**  
Alice Sakawye, Clark and Matsuko Harada, Kayko Matsumoto, Shoji Sano, Harry Kikuta, Ernie Miyashima, Sam Nakatani, Hit Ohara, Glen Seno

## Convention Calendar

### September 1 (Wednesday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.-12 noon, 1-6 p.m.—National Board and Staff Meeting, Washington Room.  
12-1 p.m.—Board and Staff Luncheon, Detroit Room.  
1-12 p.m.—Registration, Lobby.  
6-7 p.m.—Recess for Dinner.  
7-12 p.m.—Board and Staff and/or District Chairmen's Meeting.

### September 2 (Thursday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.-11 p.m.—Registration, Lobby.  
9 a.m.-12 noon—National Council Session, Sierra Room.  
12-2 p.m.—Official Luncheon, Pacific Ballroom.  
2-6 p.m.—National Committee Meetings (places to be announced).  
6-7:30 p.m.—Free period for dinner.  
7:30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony, Pacific Ballroom. Dore Schar, keynote speaker, "New Horizons".  
10:30 p.m.-1 a.m.—Convention Mixer, "Freeway Frolic", Pacific Ballroom. Bobby Hammack's Combo.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

✓ Bowling—West Pico Bowl, 6081 W. Pico Blvd. Men's team scheduled from 6 p.m. (Subject to change.)

### September 3 (Friday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.—Registration, Lobby.  
9 a.m.-12 noon, 1:30-5:30 p.m.—National Council Session, Sierra Room.  
12-1:30 p.m.—Free Period for Luncheon.  
6:30 p.m.—Issei Banquet, Pacific Ballroom. Judge John F. Als, main speaker.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

✓ Bowling—West Pico Bowl, 6081 W. Pico Blvd. Men's singles and doubles from 6 p.m. (Subject to change.)  
✓ Sightseeing—Chartered busses leaving at 9 a.m., 1 p.m.

### September 4 (Saturday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.—Registration, Lobby.  
9 a.m.-12 noon, 3-5 p.m.—National Council Session, Sierra Room.  
12-1:30 p.m.—Official Luncheon, Pacific Ballroom.  
1:30-3 p.m.—California Fall Fashion Show, Pacific Ballroom.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

✓ Deep-Sea Fishing—Aboard "Hornet", Pierpont Landing, Long Beach, departing 2 a.m.  
✓ Golf—Fox Hills Country Club, 5800 W. Slauson Blvd., Culver City. 36-hole tournament: first tee-off, 12 noon.  
✓ Bridge Tournament—Statler Hotel Assembly Room, from 2-6 p.m.  
✓ 1000 Club Affair—Nikabob Restaurant, 9th and Western Ave., 6 p.m.-12 midnight.  
✓ Bowling—West Pico Bowl, 6081 W. Pico Blvd. Women's singles and mixed doubles from 1 p.m. (Subject to change.)

### September 5 (Sunday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.-12 noon—Registration, Lobby.  
**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
✓ Religious Services—A directory of churches will be available at the registration desk.  
✓ Outing—Royal Palms, Palos Verdes Estate, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Official convention photograph, barbershop quartet contest, Ichi-Doru awards, tournament awards, games, skits, entertainment. Lunch and dinner. Dancing to Jim Araki's combo in the evening.

### September 6 (Monday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.-12 noon, 1:30-5 p.m.—National Council Sessions, Sierra Room.  
12-1:30 p.m.—Free period for Luncheon.  
6 p.m.—Convention Banquet, Pacific Ballroom. Nisei of Biennium Award, Installation of 1954-55 JACL National Officers. Gov. Goodwin Knight, main speaker.  
10 p.m.-2 a.m.—Sayonara Ball, Pacific-Sierra Rooms. Elliott Brothers' orchestra. (Semi-formal).

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# Heart of Convention

MASAO W. SATOW

WELCOME TO OUR 13TH NATIONAL BIENNIAL CONVENTION.

Although the more glamorous aspects of our national gathering are of necessity stressed in the general publicity, still the National Council sessions are the heart of our National Conventions, and the fundamental reason for our getting together to spell out our National JACL program for the next biennium. Especially at this our 13th Biennial, we will be projecting into JACL's second quarter century. Veteran delegates will attest to the fact that a National Convention is not all play. However, judging from the carry-over each time of those who have sat through previous Council sessions, there must be personal satisfactions in having a hand in shaping our National program.

After every Convention some of these official delegates threaten to come the following Convention just as Boosters, but invariably they show up again at our business meetings. We are truly grateful for the devotion and loyalty of our delegates whom we consider the cream of the crop of Nisei community leadership.

We have been asked, "What is JACL's program for the future?" The answer to this is in the hands of the official delegates in our deliberations together. We have scheduled 22 hours of meetings over four days.

There are bound to be additional committee meetings and consultations, more likely, even special Council sessions if the past Conventions are any indication. We trust that we can finish up our business with the minimum number of sessions. We are always faced with the dilemma between allowing every delegate have his full say on the matters at hand, and at the same time expediting the sessions to complete the business without being accused of trying to railroad things through.

*The National Committee sessions especially on Thursday afternoon are important, since it is in these smaller meetings where the basic program and recommendations are thoroughly thrashed out preparatory to presentation to the general Council sessions.*

We approached this Convention aware of the responsibility that our deliberations are bound to touch the lives of all persons of Japanese ancestry in America. At the time, we are confident that in the inspiring atmosphere which has always characterized our National gatherings, we will lift our eyes to the possibilities of our organized efforts together, and continue to plan constructively toward JACL's fundamental purpose—that we may be "Better Americans in a Greater America".

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## Congressional Hearings

Those attending our National Convention this year will have an opportunity to witness a Congressional public hearing, since the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims is holding such a hearing in Los Angeles on Sept. 1, 2, and 3. In fact, we encourage delegates to share attendance responsibilities at the National Council sessions in order to attend a portion of these public hearings. Our general agenda may require some adjustment since some of our key personnel are involved in testimony. Available to every delegate will be a copy of JACL's statement for the hearings prepared by Mike Masaoka. This is a comprehensive summary of JACL's entire Evacuation Claims program, and we are sure that it will give the delegates an appreciation of what is involved in our National program.

In connection with this public hearing, we are indebted to some of our stalwart JACL members of the San Francisco Chapter which collated JACL's 89-page statement. Despite the work involved, it was an enjoyable evening true JACL style. Those who lent willing hands were: Hattaro Aizawa, Kaye Uyeda, Frances Ogahara, Yoshiko Tamura, Lucy Adachi, Haru Ogawa, Pat Tanaka, Vi Nakano, Josie Matsuda, Sumi Utsumi, Amey Aizawa, Fred Obayashi, Jackson Hirose, Hisashi Tani, Taxy Hiro-naka, Mary Yonemoto, Daisy Uyeda, and Chiz Satow who also did all the mimeographing.

While we have been busily trying to get things in readiness for our National Convention, Mike Masaoka and Regional Director Haru Ishimaru have been busily working on the hearings in Northern California for the past several days, while National Legal Counsel Frank Chuman and Tad Masaoka from Washington, D.C., have been organizing things for the hearings down South.

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## We get accounting help

We have also been kept busy as Jackson Hirose, CPA and San Francisco 1000 Club member, has been assisting us getting out our biennial financial statements, also advising us on keeping our books in order. We are thankful that from now on Jackson will be supervising National Headquarters' financial accounting. Along with a statement of our biennial expenses will be a summary report of JACL-ADC's financial operations, including income and expenditures by areas and years, and a listing of expenses by offices and items.

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## Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship

This year we had 19 top-notch candidates for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship. All the judges were tremendously impressed with this stellar group of candidates, and it is a shame that only one scholarship could be given. Our congratulations to David Yamakawa of San Francisco for receiving the award this year.

This Scholarship was instituted nine years ago by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka in memory of her son who was killed in action with the 442nd. It was Mrs. Masaoka's hope that others might follow her example. JACL's role in this is to administer the Scholarship in behalf of Mrs. Masaoka.

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## One-thousandth 1000 Club member assured

At the time of this writing, our 1000 Club membership has jumped to a total of 997 members, thanks in large part to the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter which now boasts of 87 members. This makes it certain that by Convention time we will have signed up our One-Thousandth 1000 Club member. The Chicago Chapter has taken up Downtown Los Angeles' challenge, and although trailing at present with 56 members, you can bet that they will try to match Downtown Los Angeles' effort by the time of the National Convention 1000 Club shindig scheduled on Sept. 4, which is the deadline for the contest.

This now means that we have over 700 Thousand Club members in good standing. All current 1000 Club members are being listed in the National Convention Program Booklet. Since others have joined or renewed since the program went to press, we will also have a poster supplementing the Program Booklet listing.

At a number of District Council meetings, we have heard

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## Placer Co. banquet, NCWNDC quarterly combine Nov. 7

San Francisco

The Placer County JACL is inviting the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council to hold its fourth quarterly meeting of the year on Sunday, Nov. 7, in conjunction with the chapter's annual goodwill banquet, the local JACL regional office reported.

Ko Uyeno, chapter president, reminded that the banquet is probably the most impressive affair of its kind by any JACL chapter. Attendance has averaged some 400 persons and its purpose is to acquaint civic leaders and guests with the work and purpose of JACL.

Committees for the Nov. 7 goodwill banquet will be announced soon. Tom Yego of Penryn, NCWNDC chairman, and the local regional office are to be advisers.

## Hillings bill—

\* From Front Page

William H. Jacobs, in charge of the local claims office, advised the subcommittee that the Dept. of Justice would soon issue a formal statement, after explaining the process employed in his office in adjudicating claims.

### Personal Problem

Kenji Fujii of Hayward, Minoru Shinoda of San Leandro and Heizo Oshima of Richmond—all nurserymen—were introduced by counsel John A. Gorfinkel, who had described the difficulty met by lack of personnel in the claims office.

Scheduled for appearances Tuesday were Dr. Harry Kita and James Abe of Salinas presenting the case of the Yamato Cemetery Association, a non-profit organization.

Gordon Winton was representing several vinelard claims from the Cortez and Livingston-Merced areas. George Yanagimachi, Seattle oyster farmer, was present as well as Toru Sakahara, Seattle attorney; James Hanley, representing rice crop losses; Jack Matsumoto of Stockton on forced sale of farmlands; George Uyeda, Linden orchardist and Stockton attorney Joseph Omachi.

### Church Claim

Mas Yonemura was to explain a laundry and church claim with its peculiar aspects. Masanobu Oji and Kiyoshi Asazawa of Yuba City were to appear with Henry Taketa to explain farm losses. Paul Renr, former Farm Security Administration worker, was to tell what the government did with farms during evacuation.

T. A. Mertens and Guy Calden were to document losses of a family corporation. Frank Nonaka was to testify on his export-import business. Wayne Kanemoto represented losses in Santa Clara county.



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## Welcome to Conventioneers

In behalf of the entire National Convention Board, may I welcome each and everyone of you to our 13th Biennial National JACL Convention. I hope that I will be able to meet each of you personally. And should there be, in your estimation, a service that the Convention Board or any of its committee heads and members can render, please do not hesitate to let us know. You have my personal assurance that your requests will receive every consideration.

After all, this convention is being held for YOU and the chapters you represent, and the keynote will be on efficiency, service, and hospitality.

**Dr. ROY M. NISHIKAWA**  
Convention Board Chairman

## JACL official disputes figures on Issei receiving California pensions

San Francisco

A report that state records show 1,632 Issei are among the 272,000 persons on pension rolls in California was questioned by JACL officials recently.

In a news release, George McLain, chairman of the California Institute of Social Welfare, sponsor of the Prop. No. 4 on the November ballot to boost aid payments to the aged, gave these figures as coming from Sacramento.

He also stated that these figures "are far below the possible number of those who could receive pension payments if they knew what their rights were."

Haruo Ishimaru, JACL regional director, disputed the validity of these figures as he pointed out state old-age pensions are payable only to U.S. citizens under the California law.

Since the Issei became eligible for citizenship, the number of persons of Japanese ancestry who have been naturalized in this state is probably around 2,500, Ishimaru estimated.

"According to McLain's figures, over 60 percent of the Issei new citizens would be over 65 years of age and on pension rolls," he pointed out.

The Issei are eligible for only county aid, which is much smaller than the state pension,

and federal old-age pension if they qualify for social security.

"JACL has sought to have the state legislature change the law barring alien long-time residents from old-age rolls, but have not succeeded as yet in accomplishing this aim," Ishimaru declared.

"We plan to have our bill re-submitted next year," he added.

Ishimaru pointed out that although Issei are now eligible to become citizens, many of the needy, elderly persons are now too old to study and pass the naturalization examinations.

## NEW CITIZENS

Salt Lake City

Among the latest class of naturalized citizens sworn in Aug. 19 before Judge Martin M. Larson were five Issei:

Mary Aya Kawakami, Frank IchiroKoda, Tommie Kumagai, Sai Shimizu and Toru Shimizu.

Los Angeles

Among the group of some 360 new citizens sworn in Aug. 12 in the local federal courts were 68 from Japan.

Sacramento

Issei who have been naturalized in recent weeks have until Sept. 8 to register for voting in the November general elections in California.



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16 ounce bottle  
8 ounce bottle**



**KIKKOMAN SHOYU**



## ★ CALLAHAN'S CORNER ★

## Get Packing

★ GEORGE INAGAKI ★

By the time you read this, all you folks who are attending the National Convention should have your bags all packed and be set to take off to what no doubt will turn out to be the most outstanding JACL Convention of all times.

If it so happens that you're not ready yet, stick this PC in your hip pocket or purse and let's get to that packing. You can always read this on the way to the Statler.

Convention Chairman Roy Nishikawa has set the program up so that there will be plenty of fun for everybody attending. However he has also set aside some 25 hours for the National Council sessions. That's for you and me—the official delegates and members of the National Board and staff.

From the way things look, I'm afraid that we will have to go at a pretty good clip to finish all that we must within the time allotted to us. I certainly hope that all of you official delegates are coming with the intention of rolling up your sleeves and buckling down to some real intensive work.

Remember, the future of the JACL depends on how well your thinking machinery works during the Council Sessions.

(From past experiences, I can just about guarantee that the gears in your cranium are going to need a good overhaul job after being smogged, fogged, boondoggled during the Convention but, for JACL's sake, don't let them break down during the sessions.)

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## National scope of JACL

Speaking in a more serious vein, I want to make one important request of all the official delegates and that is that you always keep in mind that the JACL is what it is today because it is a national organization which brings together the thinking and the working power of the vast majority of us Japanese Americans all over the United States:

The history of our JACL clearly shows that the organization's effectiveness developed as our national unity became stronger.

The accomplishments and the growth in stature of the JACL in the eight-year period since the War could never have taken place had the chapters remained completely autonomous and independent of each other and serving only their local needs.

By this, I don't mean to minimize the importance of local service but I do want to emphasize the fact that by maintaining a strong national program, your chapter can do a much greater work on the local level.

As your President entrusted with the task of presiding over the National Council sessions, I certainly hope that every delegate will come with a mind not too completely clouded by local issues, important as they may be to you, and be ready and willing to think and discuss also in broader terms of national scope.

Only by so doing do I feel that we will be able to search successfully for those "New Horizons".

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## National planning and budget

Specifically, I am thinking of such matters as national planning and national budget. These are subjects which certainly require, what you might call, cooperative thinking. Each chapter must keep in mind the circumstances under which each of the other chapters exist.

The problems of the Eastern District Council chapters are bound to be somewhat different from those of the west coast. For that matter, there are differences even among the chapters of a single district council.

Only by understanding the problems of the various chapters will we be able to develop a sound national program and only by the same cooperative spirit will we be able to work out a budget that will be acceptable by all chapters and still permit National Headquarters and our program to function as we would want them to.

What I'm driving at is that if we are to map out a truly worthwhile program at this Convention, there will be many occasions when we will have to rise above our own chapter interests in order to be able to think clearly on the national level.

And, in so doing, I feel certain that our JACL's future will continue to be as bright as it has been in the past.



Hana Uno of Southwest Los Angeles JACL and convention board secretary looks satisfied perusing the first copy of the 1954 National Convention souvenir booklet, just off the press and shown to board committeemen which met at the Statler Hotel last week.

The 124-page booklet, by far the largest publication of its kind concerning the Nisei in America, was edited by Charles Asawa and Michi Kataoka.

—Courtesy: Rafu Shimpo Photo by Toyo Miyatake.



Three events chairmen for the Sept. 2-6 National JACL Convention stand at the head of the stairs to the Statler Hotel lobby where registration of some 1,500 delegates is to take place. They are (left to

right) George Mio, fishing derby chairman; Mrs. Marvel Miyatake, housing chairman; and Miwa Yamamoto, Sayonara Ball co-chairman.

Courtesy: Rafu Shimpo Photo by Toyo Miyatake.



# Where Does JACL Go from Here?

By DR. ROY NISHIKAWA

All good JACLers must have asked themselves the question: What about JACL's future? Where do we go from here?

Even several years ago in my own Pacific Southwest Council, we had a District Planning Committee to probe into JACL's future. In 1950 it was my privilege to present the report of the National Planning Committee at the Chicago Convention. It is true that the question of JACL's future was an academic one in those days as we had our hands more than full with the legislative program.

But now that JACL's major legislative goals have been attained, now that we have undergone a transitional period of two years, where do we go from here? What shall our future program be?

The question is no longer an academic one and deserves our best thinking and deepest concern.

## For JACL's critics

We have some "fringe" members and some outside critics who say JACL's work is now all through. That we need no longer support JACL. That perhaps JACL's function is to become a purely social organization. I, for one, heartily disagree with this trend of thought. I believe that JACL's greatest work can lie ahead.

*In a nutshell here is our purpose and here is our goal as I see it.*

*Our purpose, very broadly stated is this: To look, constantly and vigilantly, to the welfare of citizens of Japanese ancestry and their parents in the United States.*

*Our goal as I see it, is this: To translate the legal and theoretical equalities now granted us into practical realities.*

This is a long range program. One which requires the unstinting support of every person of Japanese ancestry in the United States. It would be presumptuous of me to try to outline a specific program that the JACL can follow during the next two years. This task belongs to the National Council, the National Board and our various National Committees.

All of these groups are meeting this weekend in Los Angeles for the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention. At this time, it is hoped that a specific and solid national program will be laid out which will best carry out our purposes and goals and at the same time lay a broader base of support for the national organization.

The theme for the National Convention is NEW HORIZONS. Some people have asked me what do you mean by "New Horizons" anyway? Perhaps we ought to try to explain what this means for it very surely is tied in with the future of the JACL.

What does "New Horizons" mean to you? Erich Fromm, one of America's great psychologists, has said:

*"To the naive mind, a horizon seems to be something which can be grasped, yet to seek the horizon is to seek a mirage. When we move, the horizon moves, when we climb even a low hill, the horizon becomes wider. But it is never an entity—a thing to be taken hold of in the hands."*

We see then that horizons are intangible, but does that make them of less value? The sailor at sea fixes his eyes on the horizon and charts his course. All of us have some horizon or goal which governs our work, our thought, our very lives.

Very few of us ever reach our goals. For goals, like horizons, change as we approach them. And progress, whether in an individual or a group has only come about from the constant resetting of goals, from the constant elevation of our horizons.

## Setting a higher goal

And JACL too, since it has attained its major legislative goals, should now set its goals higher. For as the old horizons and goals recede, New Horizons appear!

But horizons and goals must be based upon our deepest motivations. Within the general framework of JACL's twin slogans of "Security through Unity" and "Better Americans in a Greater America," and undergirding JACL's practical applications in the fields of legislation, public relations, and liaison with governmental and social welfare agencies, there lies a deeper, more fundamental motivation. A motivation which rests upon such intangibles as Equality, Brotherhood, Justice, Compassion and Truth.

If I did not sincerely believe that there is such a motivation behind JACL's purposes and goals, I would immediately disassociate myself from all JACL activities.

Sometimes we become—both as individuals and as an organization—so engrossed in the deeper inner core of intangibles which serve, in the final analysis, as the bedrock of our motivations.

It is true that in the life of every individual and every organization there are times when we lose track of fundamentals, that at times questionable means are used to attain certain needs, that at times expediency becomes the overriding factor. Because individuals, just as you and I, compose the JACL and because all of us are susceptible to human frailties, perhaps the JACL has not been entirely guiltless in this regard.

But all of this is water over the dam now. Now let us turn our heads and eyes high to-

wards New Horizons!

Looking ahead, perhaps the time has now come:

When JACL can concern itself not less with persons of Japanese ancestry but more with Americans of all ancestries.

When JACL can expand its National, Regional and local activities in behalf of our aged Issei, in behalf of our youth groups, in behalf of local social and economic problems not necessarily circumscribed by racial considerations.

When JACL can work more closely with other civic, church and social action groups.

When JACL can concern itself with seeking justice for all peoples everywhere and fighting oppression wherever it finds it!

These are large goals, I know.

It would be easy to say, "We should not concern ourselves with such large issues." Sometimes it is more comfortable to relax, to become mildly cynical and not care too much about the other fellow's problems. But we must remember that eventually the other fellow's problems become our own. For most of us—in our best moments at least—acknowledge that we are our brother's keeper!

## Vital principle: growth

Another aspect in regard to JACL's future revolves around one of life's fundamental rules. The fundamental law of life is growth. Growth and development. Ever since the first organism began to stir with life in the primeval mud, and ever since Man's primitive ancestor's first took to caves and started the beginnings of communal living, the law of life has been growth and development, change and adaptation.

It is the task of all things in Nature to grow, to develop, to adapt to their environment—failing to do so—they die out as in the case of the mighty dinosaur and even in the case of what was once thought to be an impregnable man-made institution—the Roman Empire. Adapt or die is the rule of life.

And it is especially true in today's dynamic world that to stand still is to stagnate. This is no mere cliché. Pause a moment—recall your history lessons—even the recent history since World War II—what mighty institutions, what powerful governments no longer exist because they failed to grow, failed to develop, failed to adapt.

JACL can be no exception, instead of looking backwards and resting upon her laurels, JACL must ever look forward. JACL too, must grow, must develop, must adapt.

This will not be easy.

This will call for concentrated effort and the best use of our intelligence. It was Winifred Rhoades who said, all of life, when it is lived for the best it can yield is a continual process of outgrowing old conceptions, old limitations, old modes of thought, old reaction habits, and growing into others that are truer and better.

*In other words, the history of life itself has been to create continually New Horizons!*

## What is your idea?

At the beginning of this discussion, I asked, What does New Horizons mean to you? In other words, what are your goals, your aspirations, your dreams? Perhaps you can see now that the New Horizons of the JACL will reflect the New Horizons or goals of each and every one of its members!

JACL WILL BECOME WHAT MOST OF ITS MEMBERS WANT IT TO BECOME! IT IS AS SIMPLE AS THAT! If you choose to nourish the JACL with your interest, your enthusiasms, your concern, and your support, it will continue to grow and to develop; if you choose to neglect it by your disinterest, your apathy, your lack of concern, then slowly but surely JACL will wither and die like an untended vine.

Let me repeat, in the final analysis, JACL will become what most of its members want it to become! YOU WILL HELP FORM JACL'S NEW HORIZONS!

This discussion has not been a particularly comforting one. It was not meant to be comforting. It is never comforting to have the onus of responsibility thrown directly into one's lap. But I hope that it has been in some measure thought-provoking. That it has presented a challenge, for if it has been a challenge, then it has been a failure.

Yet, I think we need not be too pessimistic despite the difficult organizational problems which lie ahead. As most JACL members know, JACL regionally and nationally will have a real struggle for existence. But somehow I continue to be undiscouraged, for the history of the JACL has shown that we have been nurtured on troubles and GREW to overcome them.

When problems seemed insurmountable, when disappointments were the most acute, when support and encouragement were needed the most, our members and supporters have always come through. No, I think we need not be pessimistic about JACL's future.

Was it not Phillips Brooks, one of America's greatest theologians who said: We need not ask for any easy life but for great tasks to perform instead?

Let us individually and collectively march towards our New Horizons!

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## Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada

### Employment trends in Chicago

John Y. Yoshino this week's guest columnist is Chicago JACL Chapter's 1st vice-president in charge of the monthly programs. He is director of the job opportunity program, American Friends Service Committee, Chicago Regional Office. Formerly from Alameda, Calif., a G-2 veteran with a master degree in Industrial Relations, has experience of seven years in Chicago in public administration and industrial relations.

By JOHN Y. YOSHINO

The position of the Nisei women in Chicago's labor market appears good today despite the fact that the Chicago area as a whole has not fully recovered from the economic set-back which started back in October of last year, and continuing to dip in some areas of economic activities.

The Chicago Resettlers Committee, doing good work in community referrals indicated in its recent reports that there was a great flurry of activity in its employment area. The staff helped to place many college students in the city for the summer looking for temporary work. Students from Korea, Thailand, Japan and other foreign countries were helped, as well as a number of local Japanese and other job seekers.

According to the reports of the Illinois State Employment Service, the number of jobless in the Chicago area moved up to 155,000 in mid-May. The female job seekers jumped significantly from 55,000 to 75,000—an indication that women are having a more difficult time locating new jobs.

## Tightening labor market . . .

The tightening labor market has shortened the number of hours worked thereby decreasing the average weekly earning of the wage earner. The overall weekly average earnings of the men for the area has dropped from \$79.10 to April, 1953, to \$76.71 in April, 1954.

This is one of the reasons more women have entered the labor market to supplement the family income. There has been no indication of an appreciable drop in the cost of living.

*Our lovely Nisei women in the business world have served as a fine showcase of the acceptability of the Japanese in Chicago. As I make the rounds of business and industry talking to hundreds of top level executives, there is not an employer, be he a large or a small employer, who does not speak highly of the Nisei worker.*

The Nisei women white collar worker, since 1943-44, have done wonders in establishing an excellent reputation as pleasant, efficient and dependable worker. In contrast to the picture ten years ago when the Nisei had to be sold to the employers and other workers—today the situation is reversed and the Nisei are in a position to be selective.

## Nisei secretaries in great demand . . .

Nisei secretaries, stenographers, and typists—all are in great demand. There is also a wide variety of businesses from which to choose an employer in Chicago. Nisei are working in practically every one of the fabulous State Street stores, holding positions with a wide range of responsibilities and many earning good salaries.

Large national life and casualty insurance companies, their agencies and independent insurance brokers also employ many Nisei. Personnel directors hopefully ask for them, but every available worker is picked up so quickly that it is almost hopeless to call the agencies, public or private.

*The Chicago Regional JACL office frequently gets calls from employers who ask for Nisei girls but are always advised on girls were available. Personnel people regret too that in many instances they lost Nisei girls in their companies as they are not able to meet stiff salary demands of the Nisei.*

## \$300 monthly salaries offered . . .

It is not uncommon to hear of girls having left a job that paid \$300 per month, because some other employer paid them more. These highly skilled girls are taking secretarial jobs in smaller offices where they are able to assume administrative responsibilities on top of the excellent stenographic skills they possess. They seem to be in great demand in lawyer's offices.

This does not mean that it is only the Nisei who are getting a disproportionately high salary in this field at a time when employment is off.

The Illinois State Employment Service recently reported that salaries for female clerical workers in this area continue to rise and show no sign of leveling off in the near future. The state report was based on figures recently published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. For instance, Chicago ranked among the highest in average weekly salaries paid to female clerical workers. The general stenographer earned a weekly sum of \$62; Class A typist earned \$60; Class A file clerk \$57.50.

As these figures cited above are average, it is easy to understand where the Nisei woman looked upon with great favor by the employer would be in a position to command such good salaries.

It should be mentioned in passing, that although no comparative studies about educational backgrounds of white collar girls have been made, personally, it would be a pretty safe risk to state the Nisei girls as a whole have a much higher educational level than the average non-Japanese counterpart.

## Professional fields beckoning . . .

Against a background of such favorable employment outlook in the secretarial field for the Japanese American women, I was recently surprised to hear a college placement director of one of the largest Chicago area schools inform me that among the Japanese girls enrolling in this college, interest in secretarial training has sharply diminished.

Many of these girls when counselled to do so, refuse to consider taking typing and shorthand. They indicate preference to train for other professional work. To mention a few, they want to be a psychologist, sociologist, social worker, school teacher, nurse, etc.

Although my informant commends the Nisei for their high aspiration professionally, he thought it was unfortunate that these students would want to forsake training for a field of work for which thousands of Chicagoland employers would be willing to pay so well for their services.

He asked me whether there was any unusual explanation for the change in vocational interest of the younger Japanese at this time.



## Smogmites . . . . . by Mary Oyama

## At last, we arrive!

Come the day of debarkation, we arose fairly early to prepare the wobbly daughter's leave-taking of her erstwhile sickbed. (Gad, what an ordeal—we still felt rather "ooky" ourselves . . .)

How does one: eat breakfast, dress, pack six pieces of luggage, arouse a droopy-eyed child, try to comb out her birds' nest of badly matted hair, hunt for missing fountain pens, dig out fallen comic books—(she temperamentally insisted on this search)—with dispatch, efficiency and good grace?

At the purser's desk passengers were getting back their money, jewels and other valuables, turning in their cabin keys, or attending to last minute debarkation business.

Everybody was in a gay mood. Even the two fussy old ladies whom we had noticed on the first day grumbling to the steward about "dirty kid's footprints on the deck-chairs", had relaxed their usually stiff, prissy faces into smiles. A handsome Hawaiian lady came over to inquire about our Bambi's health.

Upon seeing her, we felt a guilty twinge of conscience, for it was she whom we had heard singing in rehearsal for the ship's holiday program. And here again was another moral: The Hawaiian Wedding Song became one of our favorite songs—Why? Because it IS a charming melodious song when one is not seasick.

## Hula dancers and all . . .

There was music, music in the air. We bade stewardess Millie, our erstwhile nurse, a fond goodbye and squeezed an extra bonus into her hands for all the meals she'd brought to our cabin. We peeked excitedly out of the luggage unloading door to see bronzed Hawaiian teen-agers diving in the early morning waters for fifty-cent pieces. "Just like in the movies—yet!"

Hula dancers, lei-vendors, and above all, the huge ubiquitous Dole pineapple loomed more conspicuously than Aloha Tower itself. (We later learned that this omnipresent Pineapple was a utilitarian water-tank for the company.)

As we stood in the milling crowd a cute little Nisei girl approached saying, "I'm Mildred—Paul's wife;" then, "we were worried about you because we didn't see you out on deck . . ."

We stared at her stupidly for a few moments before we realized that she was our cousin Paul's wife, then explained Bambi's sea-sickness. As we followed the porter out somebody else tapped our shoulder. Another strange but smiling face, "What's the matter, don't you know me? I'm Addie!"

We made some feeble excuse about sea-legs while we collected our wits. Let's see now. This was Addie Lee, formerly of Riverside and Los Angeles; the pretty and popular Korean-American girl who married an Island boy, now Dr. Wansik You (USC and Creighton grad.) Hugs and leis, and still more leis.

Somehow we got off and landed in a small sea of relatives: cousin Paul, his baby, our aunt, cousin Kiyoko, her husband Charlie, their two little boys, etc. More leis and introductions.

Above and beyond the hubbub, we caught the last glimpse of our shipmate friend Phoebe patiently sitting on her luggage. She had one more lap to go, and air-flight to the island of Maui.

## Au revoir, mon amie . . .

A jaunty Kelly-green beret topped her head. God bless her, we thought, as we waved goodbye. A cheerful farewell was waved back in response. We were positive that even though Phoebe had been lukewarm about starting off on her vacation, she would end up having one wonderful time of it all. Anyone with her young-in-heart outlook could never miss.

## Looky this and looky that . . .

As we hobbled our sea-legs across a grassy square, we exclaimed, "Look at the beautiful tree!"

Friend Addie laughed in amusement, "You'll see plenty of them before you're through with this place—a thousand different varieties, all beautiful too."

She pointed to the looming green mountains with snow-white cloud-banks silhouetted against a cobalt sky, "What do you think of our terrific scenery, isn't that SOMETHING?" We agreed.

We sniffed at our fragrant fresh-flower leis, commented on their perfume, whereupon Addie explained the special merits of the pikaki blooms of which the leis were made. We passed coconut trees, and palm trees, flowering shrubs and strange birds. We oh-ed and ah-ed. The relatives got a big kick out of our ogling.

With typical Island hospitality Addie treated our aunt Nakano Obasan, cousin Mildred and baby Sandy along to breakfast with us since they had a bit of free time.

## The Island spirit . . .

The other relatives had to return to work. We suddenly realized that they had all taken special time off from work just to meet us at the pier, and we soon learned that this was one of the characteristically gracious customs of the Islands: to make free time for one's visitors. In subsequent days we learned plenty about Hawaiian hospitality.

## National Director Reports . . .

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some complaints by chapters about adjustments in their local quotas, feeling that their particular chapter quota is not fair in comparison with other chapters.

It seems to us that although there are many who have supported JACL with the idea of at least doing their share, actually JACL has existed down through the years because there have been those who have believed in supporting its program, and have done so regardless of whether others have supported or not.

If many of our members and supporters waited to base their financial contributions and efforts upon the basis of what the other guys did, JACL would have folded up long ago.

Under that kind of philosophy, we would probably have no 1000 Club members, and no one to give generously of his time and efforts to keep our work going at the local levels.



Daughter Bambi, wobbly while at sea, smiles prettily now that she's on dry terra-firma—the sands at Waikiki to be exact.

## Special Japanese entertainment bill for Issei banquet

Los Angeles

Special Japanese numbers of song and dance compose the lighter side of the JACL Convention Issei Banquet this Friday night at the Statler Hotel.

Karie Shindo Aihara will appear as guest soloist. Mickey Gotanda and Chikaye Azeka are presenting two dances, the finale being the "Lion Dance," attired in exotic kimono. The Akatsuki Band with Takeo Yamane as program emcee will render several pieces.

The Issei Banquet will be the JACL Convention's tribute to the naturalized Issei or those Issei who are about to be naturalized.

## Judge Aiso to Speak

Judge John Aiso will be the main speaker on "Contributions of Issei and the Significance of Citizenship." Saburo Kido is master of ceremonies.

Because announcements in Japanese were only mailed to those naturalized Issei sworn in by Aug. 13, the banquet committee sincerely hopes the Issei who did not receive these announcements were not offended. All Issei are invited, stated Kei Uchima and Duke Ogata, co-chairmen of the event.

"It may even be a grand gesture to their parents, if their Nisei children honored them by 'treating' them to the Issei banquet," suggested Uchima. The occasion looms as the most auspicious and inspiring event city-wise, according to the co-chairman.

The event does not require the convention registration fee. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacific Ballroom. The program is expected to conclude by 10:30.

## Fashion Show

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An elegant fashion show with Nisei modeling California fall outfits from beach clothes to bridal attire this Saturday, 1:30 p.m., has no admission charge. Just show your registration card at the door. There is, however, a \$4 fee for the luncheon preceding.

## Date bureau all ready to operate

Los Angeles

While optimistic souls see no strong need for a date bureau at the "New Horizons" National JACL Convention, Sept. 2-6 at the Statler Los Angeles, the Reception and Hospitality Committee is prepared.

Adjoining the registration desk at the Hotel lobby, a "date desk" will be manned all day Thursday, the first day of the Convention, and during key hours subsequently. Mrs. Mary Mittler, desk chairman, is assisted by:

Ida Nishibue, Rose Yonago, Margaret Takahashi and Nancy Takamatsu.

## Plant pathology expert visits family in Berkeley

Berkeley

Dr. Harry H. Murakishi, head of the plant pathology department at the Univ. of Hawaii en route to a national plant pathology meeting at Estes Park, Colo., was visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. Fumi Uchishiba, here last week.

One of six scientists representing the university at various national meetings this year, he will present papers on diagnosing orchid virus and on controlling fruit diseases of papaya.

Formerly of Concord, he is a U.C. graduate, received his master's from North Carolina State and Ph.D. from Minnesota.

## Sen. Tsukiyama denies interest in bench post

Honolulu

Sen. Wilfred C. Tsukiyama denied he has any interest in appointment to the Territorial Supreme Court bench, saying "I am definitely not interested."

The President of the Territorial Senate rumors that he aspired to the post have grown so widespread that he thought a public denial was in order.

## VFW Nisei auxiliary sets benefit dance Oct. 9

Los Angeles

The second annual benefit dance sponsored by the VFW Nisei Memorial Auxiliary No. 9938 will be held Oct. 9 at the Hotel Chase, Santa Monica, with John Dumont's combo.

Open to the public, tickets at \$3.50 per couple are obtainable from Auxiliary members or at the door.

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# 'Without Vision'

HARUO ISHIMARU

According to all advance notices, the coming Thirteenth Biennial National Convention of the JACL, to be held in Los Angeles, Sept. 2 to 6, will be the biggest extravaganza to be seen by any JACLer, old or new.

Thanks to the hardworking members of the various convention committees, it seems that the six host Los Angeles chapters are breaking all records to make this the most attractive and eventful national confab ever to take place. The array of special events and sundry attractions makes it sound like a week of delightful vacationing. And this is good because I believe that we ought to enjoy ourselves.

However, it is imperative that we remember that the primary function of these national conventions is to provide an opportunity for Japanese Americans from all over the United States to assemble and deliberate on the program of the JACL and, more important, the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

Official delegates will have little time for the special events. We hope that all booster delegates will be made aware of the problems still confronting Japanese Americans.

Even for official delegates there should be the firm recognition of the fact that the JACL, as such, is not the end of our considerations and planning but rather the means whereby this peculiar organization can best serve the interests not only of its members but of all Japanese Americans.

The theme of the convention, "New Horizons," is most appropriate. I hope that the JACLers who will carry the brunt of the leadership in our great organization will plan with vision.

Let us hope that we shall not become involved in endless discussions of petty details that of necessity confront any organization.

Some of these, unfortunately, are those of budget and finance which are important enough, but it would be exceedingly unfortunate if any great time must be devoted to this item at the cost of time for planning and building.

If the theme of "New Horizons" is to have any real significance for us, it means that we must build with new vision and with the full understanding that there is no justification for the preservation of JACL merely as a vested institution; but that the JACL merits its support and existence only as long as there is continuous growth and service, not only for our people, but for all the ideals which we hold so precious.

It is not my intention to suggest specific problems or programs. These will be presented after the explorations and recommendations made by the assembled delegates. My only suggestion is that in all of our deliberations we continually keep in mind the over-all program and goals of our great organization.

The Thirteenth Biennial National Convention held during this time of world chaos brings with it great responsibility and tremendous potential opportunity. Let us face the challenge of our generation. There is a great deal of wisdom to be found in the Bible. A particularly pertinent exhortation for our convention leaders might be taken from the 29th Chapter of Book of Proverbs: *Where there is no vision, the people perish.*

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## Nisei theater night planned in S.F.

San Francisco

"Plums Can Wait" and "Laughter and False Teeth," two plays written by Hiroshi Kashiwagi, are being represented by the San Francisco JACL and Buchanan YM-YWCA on Sept. 10-11 at Gyo-sei Hall.

The two plays will feature the Nisei Players of San Francisco under the direction of Ted R. Samuel.

Kashiwagi is a native of Los Angeles and is currently a graduate student at the Univ. of California in Berkeley. He wrote his first play, "The Plums Can Wait," for the Nisei Experimental Group in Los Angeles which presented the play here two years ago. The play deals with a family of Japanese tenant farmers in California.

"Laughter and False Teeth" was written by Kashiwagi for a Playwriting Course at Stanford University, and was performed there last spring by a Nisei cast, many of whom are in the current production. This play is staged in a wartime relocation center.

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## Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

WHEN that little band of dyed-in-the-wool JACLers met at IDAHO FALLS seven years ago . . . and set their goal at 1000 members . . . they probably did not dream that at CONVENTION TIME in 1954 the goal would be in sight . . .

With the elimination of the ADC drives and the thousands of new citizens looking to JACL for leadership . . . the 1000 CLUB has come into its own as the rallying point for all JACL supporters . . . There are close to 700 paid up members as of this writing, which is more than twice the number on the rolls at any previous convention time . . . and if the drive in the final weeks produces . . . we will have signed up our 1000th member before or at the convention (taking into account those who dropped by the wayside through the years).

IF THE GROWTH OF THE 1000 CLUB continues at the same pace in the next biennium, the gang at the 1956 WHING-WHANG will be able to really raise the roof in celebration with 1000 or more paid up members . . . and the goal finally realized . . . SO HERE'S TO ALL THE LOYAL GUYS AND DOLLS who have stayed with it all these years . . . JACL is proud of you. —TOKUZO

● San Francisco: 1000 Club membership and renewals for the month of August, as reported for National Headquarters, are as follows:

### FIRST YEAR

Luis Aihara, Mrs. Take Baba, Freddie Funakoshi, Los Angeles; James Fujita, Spokane; Mike Hagihara, Chicago; K. Hamano, Koroku Hashimoto, Henry M. Hayashida, Los Angeles; Naoto Hirano, Venice; Frank H. Hirohara, Los Angeles; T. Hiroshima, Venice; Edwin Hiroto, Los Angeles

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### SECOND YEAR

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### THIRD YEAR

Henry H. Murayama, Los Angeles; Carl K. Sato, Mesa, Ariz.; Minoru Shinoda, San Leandro; Ronald Shiozaki, Chicago; Ina Sugihara, New York; Caesar Uyesaka, Santa Barbara

### FOURTH YEAR

Capt. Shigeru R. Horio, APO 438, c/o PM San Francisco (Honolulu); Joseph Ito, Los Angeles; Mrs. Lillian Nakaji, Santa Barbara; Henry Ohye, Los Angeles; Kumeo Yoshinari, Chicago

### FIFTH YEAR

Frank Kuwahara, Roscoe; Lt. Cmdr. Yoshio Nakaji, Santa Barbara

### SIXTH YEAR

Yosh Inadomi, Los Angeles; Dr. Harry Kita, Salinas; John Ty Saito, Los Angeles; Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago; Akiji Yoshimura, Colusa

### SEVENTH YEAR

George Aratani, Los Angeles

● Los Angeles: Because Nikabob's banquet room can accommodate a limited number, reservations for the 1000 Club Affair this Saturday will be a first come-first serve on the 250 seats—and sign-up will be handled by the registration desk at the Statler lobby. Tab per plate will be an easy six bucks, but have a couple of loose singletons in the shirt pocket for the sergeant-at-arms.

● San Francisco: National Headquarters reports the 1000 Club membership race between Downtown Los Angeles and Chicago JACL chapters being led by the Angelenos 87 to 56. Final accounting will be announced at the 1000 Club party at the Nikabob Restaurant, Sept. 4, during the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles.

### 1,000 One Thousanders by Convention Time

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## 65 GOLFERS VIE FOR TROPHIES IN 36-HOLE NAT'L CONFAB TOURNEY

Los Angeles

Sixty-five are entered in the 36-hole National JACL Convention golf this weekend. The first-round schedule of 18 holes over the Baldwin Hill course starting Saturday noon was released by Dick Jeniye and Harry Hankawa, tournament co-chairmen.

The final round begins early the following morning, Sunday at 5:30 a.m., over the adjoining Fox Hills fairways.

With a maximum 16 handicap, it was revealed several are competing at that figure even carrying a larger handicap with their home clubs.

The Sunday foursomes will be published at the clubhouse at 5:30 a.m. The Saturday tee-offs:

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

12n.—Tom Matsunaga (11) TN, Junior Sagara (11), TF, Fred Ota (11) TN.  
12:24—Joe Uyematsu (10) TN, Joe Minato (11) WLA, Kaz Hori (11) TN, Fred Funakoshi (11) W.  
1:06—Fred Tayama (9) TN, Tom Sasamoto (9) Mich., James Abe (9) Salinas, George Mikawa (10) WLA.  
1:12—Yas Tatsumi (9) TF, Frank Onishi (9) TN, Fred Ikeguchi (10) LB, Seb Kimura (9) TN.  
1:18—Joe Kishi (9) TN, Dr. Yoshio Nakaji (9) Sta Barb., Hank Furukawa (9) TF, Kody Kodama (9) Mile-Hi.  
1:24—Fred Harada (7) TN, Dr. George Seki (7) San Diego, Hide Uba (8) TN, George Komaru (9) Mile-Hi.  
1:30—Min Yoshizaki (2) TN, Harry Hanakawa (5) WLA, Setsu Ito (7) Mile-Hi, John Naito (7) TN.

### AYE FLIGHT

12:12—Kiyo Maruyama (16) W, Harold Gordon (16) Chgo., David Nitake (16) TN, Sab Yakura (16) OC.  
12:18—Mango Hamano (16) A, Wilfred Hiura (16) SF, Cy Yaguchi (16) W, Abe Hagiwara (16) Chgo.  
12:30—Tad Wakayama (15) A, Jackson Hirose (16) SF, Jiro Oishi (16) Pasa, Mike Iwatsubo (16) Fresno.  
12:36—Gary Kadani (14) Fresno, George Kawamura (14) TN, George Tajiri (15) W, Ben Yamaguchi (14) TN.  
12:42—Dr. Randy Sakada (14) Chgo., Ken Yamaki (14) W, Mas Horiuchi (14) SLC, Ben Osajima (14) TN.  
12:48—Mas Matsunaga (13) WLA, Pete Yamazaki (13) TN, Fred Ishimoto (13) A, Mas Bessho (13) TN.  
12:54—George Dote (12) WLA, Mac Hori (12) Chgo., Robert Miyamoto (12) Mile-Hi, George Omatsu (12) TN.  
1:00—James Kobayashi (12) OC, Karl Taku (12) Cab, George Wada (12) TN, James Tanaka (12) Stockton.  
1:36—Jack Matsuda (16) OC, Frank Kaneda (16) TN, George Nakamura (16) TF, David Yokozeki (16) W.  
Legend: Los Angeles Clubs: A—Alondra TF—Topflite, TN—Top Notch, W—Western, WLA—West Los Angeles, OC—Orange County; Cab—Cabrillo, San Luis Obispo; Chgo—Chicago; Mich.—Detroit; LB—Long Beach; Mile-Hi—Denver; Lake City.  
Donors of trophies, to be Outing Sunday afternoon at Palos Verdes, were announced as follows:  
Low Grosses—3 Star Nursery, 1st; Eagle Produce, 2nd.  
Low Net (Championship)—Tom Ito Insurance, 1st; Coast Nursery, 2nd; White Flower Nursery, 3rd. (Aye)  
Lloyd's Nursery, 1st; Northridge Gardens, 2nd; Sun Nursery, 3rd.

## Trophy donors for fish derby named

Los Angeles

K. Hada and K. Mori of the Greater Central Market of Bellflower are donating the grand prize trophy for the JACL Convention fishing derby, Sept. 4, aboard the live-bait boat Hornet of Pierpoint Landing, Long Beach, it was announced by George Mio, Convention Fishing Derby chairman.

The lady angler catching the biggest fish will be honored with a trophy donated by Long Beach Squidders, a Nisei sportsfisherman's club.

Since albacore have hit local Catalina waters, interest in deep-sea fishing is mounting and should reach peak form by derby time.

The boat is scheduled to leave at 2 a.m. The Hornet has a 55-passenger capacity with 24 sleeping bunks also available. Other boats will be chartered to handle surplus reservations.

Fare will be \$8, payable aboard the boat. While the sushi, the crew operates a galley for convenience of fishermen.

## Ticket sale for convention picnic extended 24 hours

Los Angeles

With the sudden arrival of a new heat wave, attendance at the Convention Outing is expected to rise. Lily Otera, outing chairman, announced that the deadline for purchasing outing tickets has been extended 24 hours—until noon Saturday, Sept. 4.

Tickets are available at: Convention Headquarters (Statler Hotel Lobby); House of Photography, Pioneer Insurance Service, Yamato Insurance, all in L.A. Tokyo; A purchase of the ticket will serve as a reservation. The price of one ticket includes two meals (lunch and supper) and dancing in the evening to Jim Araki's combo.

Registration is required, but in the case of families, only the head of the family need be registered, it was explained by Miss Otera. A single registration covers all convention activities.

## Loving cup to best barber shop quartet at Convention outing

Los Angeles

With interest in the JACL Convention Outing barber shop quartet contest so high, the East Los Angeles JACL chapter felt such efforts should be memorialized with a 12-inch loving cup to the best entertainers.

The program starts at 2 p.m. this Sunday at Royal Palms, Palos Verdes Estate. Other entertainment such as vocalists and specialty acts are included in the two-hour afternoon show.

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## U.S. Public Health Service nominates Dr. Toyo Shimizu to sr. dental surgeon

Washington

Dr. Toyo Shimizu of Fort Defiance, Ariz., was nominated to be Senior Dental Surgeon in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed this week.

Through the nomination, Dr. Shimizu will be the highest ranking Nisei officer in the Public Health Service. The position of Senior Dental Surgeon in the Regular Corps is comparable to the permanent rank of lieutenant colonel in the Regular Army.

Dr. Shimizu was born in 1911 at Villa Park, Calif. He received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental

Surgery degrees at the Univ. of Southern California in Los Angeles and attended Yale University Graduate School after leaving Poston Relocation Center in June, 1943.

### Dental Health

Following the completion of his graduate studies, Dr. Shimizu worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Oklahoma and Arizona, where his primary duties were to develop and administer a dental health program in an area covering 25,000 square miles and with a population of 70,000 Indians.

In 1951, he was commissioned dental surgeon, comparable to the rank of major in the Army, in the Public Health Service.

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## Busier 'n' Bees

TATS KUSHIDA

The proverbial one-armed paper hanger wasn't such a busy guy when compared with the bee-hive activity around the regional office these past few weeks.

Convention preparation was work enough with the office being the headquarters of many committees, and our good secretary, BLANCHE SHIOSAKI, winding up on the losing end of more and more paper work. Even our spacious although dilapidated quarters seemed narrowly confining with traffic being upped temporarily.

Claustrophobia didn't take hold, however, until preparation for the Congressional hearings descended on us, until we had to send out for volunteer secretaries to cut stencils (which Blanche will run off on the office's new Gestetner duplicating machine) for the statements prepared by some of the Nisei attorneys for their claimant-clients who will testify at the Jonas Subcommittee hearings on the Hillings amendment to the evacuation claims law. (If the foregoing sentence is too long please read it slowly).

The hearings in Los Angeles began on Sept. 1, and this column is being banged away at some minutes before midnight of the 30th with editor Honda breathing on our neck. He's going to put the convention issue to bed on Wednesday, he says.

A couple of girls are cutting stencils for a dozen statements—LOIS OHNO and PATSY AKIYAMA (of Kawai, T.H.), both of whom work at the Bank of America with our queen attendant JANET OKIMOTO. LILY OTERA, whose vacation began this week, was called back to service by boss FRANK CHUMAN to bat out his claimants' statements. KAYKO MATSUMOTO, our temporary convention secretary, is working on a longie from TOKUZO GORDON (statement, that is), while TAD MASAOKA, who's beginning to look and act more like his brother MIKE than Mike himself, is supervising the whole shebang. The rhythmic slap of the Gestetner means Blanche has the 10-page JACL report being duplicated so delegates will have them for the first council sessions on Thursday ayem at the convention.

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## Committeemen trek into office

KEN DYIO, treasurer for the convention, just dropped in to discuss finances after his nightly visit with spouse MIKKO whose plaster cast won't be removed for another two or three months when her fractured spine will have healed completely.

Committee people drop in and out to take care of their various needs. MABEL OTA's highly efficient registration committee including YAEKO NAKASHIMA and MARVEL MIYATA have the complicated responsibility of registration well under control. Even little 11-year-old MARSHA NAKASHIMA was pressed into service today to work on delegate badges—she's about the youngest committee member we've seen in action, our twelve year old PAM being next.

Tomorrow night, SUSIE AKAI and SUE MARUYAMA will lend a hand on the statements with a couple of other volunteers.

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## Moving to Statler's Dallas room

We hope all pre-convention and pre-hearing paper work will be completed by then because the regional office will move into the Dallas Room of the Statler Hotel on Wednesday morning with a station wagon supplied by Hull-Dobbs Ford Co., which, by the way, will provide official transportation cars to the convention for free, and even drivers including a t-d-h fellow by the name of ED KUSADA whom we knew from pre-war Boyle Heights days.

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## Early conventioners report

Early conventioners are daily visitors these days. ALICE and HENRY KASAI of Salt Lake City dropped in with TAMOTSU MURAYAMA, city ed for Nippon Times. TOM ENOCHTY of New York was in, too, as was TEK NISHIMOTO, Coachella Valley chapter prexy, and his missus, and JOHN HADA of Portland. HAL HORIUCHI and his family were visitors two weeks ago from D.C. but aren't staying on for the confab. Major KATSUMI UBA and his wife FLORENCE (Funakoshi) are staying for most of the convention but he's got to report back to Fort Leonard Wood on Labor Day. An Indian (or is it Indian) also said hello—ALICE SAKEMI of Indio.

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## Placer JACL nine wins

The JACL baseball nine from Placer County chapter were guests at a banquet in their honor Sunday night after a game in which they defeated the Nisei Trading team 8-1. The JACL and Nisei Trading were co-hosts to the dinner attended by players, friends and JACLers including "Miss National JACL", JANET FUKUDA, and her court who, we were glad to know, really "wowed" the northerners. Arrangements were made through HENRY MURAYAMA, boss of Traders, and convention chairman DOC NISHIKAWA. TOM YEGO of Newcastle, NCWNDQ chairman, should be pleased with his team's success.

## SPORTSCOPE:

● The Chicago Saints led by GEORGE HIDAKA are entering the fourth Toronto JCCA softball tournament Sept. 4-5, replacing the London Nisei which is unable to field a team this year. Other squads participating are Montreal Nisei (1952 champs), Cleveland All-Stars, Chatham and defending champions Toronto . . . WALTER NUIBE of Cleveland recently visited Toronto to pick up a couple of Canadian softballs so his boys could get some practice with the heavier pill.

Yoshio Shirai, world fly-weight boxing champion, is visiting the United States after a brief exhibition tour of South American cities. Last week the tiny Japanese scrapper was in Chicago, hometown of his manager, Dr. Alvin R. Cahn, before going west to San Francisco and Japan.

### ● Baseball

Denver Nisei defends its Tri-State Labor Day baseball tournament title when it plays host to ten other teams, Sept. 5-6. In the Aye bracket

are Western Nebraska YMA, Ft. Lupton JACL, Brighton JAA, Greeley, Ogden and Denver Nisei; in the Bees are Denver Merchants, Brighton YBA, Calif. St. Methodists, Denver Bussei and Blanca.

### ● Football

Ken Matsuda, ace halfback for Westchester High, is among the All-Los Angeles City football squad scheduled to play the All-Southern California eleven Sept. 1 at San Diego's Balboa stadium in a prep school charity game.

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# Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ The 13th Biennial National JACL Convention starts officially today (Thursday) at Hotel Statler where nearly 1000 delegates and boosters from all parts of the country join in discussing future policies of the League; take in the gaiety of fun-making social events; and make new acquaintances.

Added is the inspiring theme "New Horizons," which every member will carry in his heart as he attends the various council sessions, knowing all too well what had happened to him over a decade ago when on that bleak day he was told to move out from the west coast and enter relocation centers for the duration of the war.

In all probability during those dark days of the evacuation none of us had thought that there would be a "New Horizon" in form of job opportunities, further education, and community acceptance.

Most of us lived on a day-to-day basis—not knowing just what would happen. There was no future, we thought. But how wrong we were.

The temporary loss of freedom through the 1943 mass evacuation taught us the lesson of integration into midwestern and eastern communities although at that time most of us relocated to relieve ourselves from confinement within barbed wire fences.

The law of compensation worked well in favor of persons of Japanese ancestry the last decade. We have cast away that much-abused expression: Nisei problem. We tackle our problems today on community-wide basis. We can say we are an equal with our neighbors.

"New Horizons" is a phrase which inspires progress, brings out the best in all of us, and establishes a goal in our quest for spiritual success.

Sixteen years have gone by since Los Angeles last played host to a national convention. In a life's span, that is a short time.

But until the McCarran Act of 1952 became a reality, the dreams then by the alien Japanese were the same as they were two years ago. They wanted citizenship.

In 1938, the legislative voice by the citizen Japanese was apparently too weak. Their wishes went unheard, although encouragement, always accompanied rejections. When war broke out, the fight for naturalization was an almost forgotten issue.

Yet there was a "New Horizon" looming ahead for the Issei just 10 years later. The voice of the Nisei who fought so gallantly in World War II was heard. Their loyalty was recognized; and their steadfast desire to see their parents enjoy the same rights as their children won out.

Today our "New Horizons" are unlimited. We are able to grasp our opportunities on the merits of our ability. And certainly there are many who have succeeded—not alone in the west coast—but throughout the country.

This National Convention brings them together here for the first time since 1938.

If the meetings result in nothing more than exchanging success stories by countless individuals who came up from the ranks to niche a name for themselves, the Convention would have served its purpose.

For L.A. chapters hosting the event, it will be like a "homecoming" affair. And when the last delegate leaves for home, there will be more "New Horizons" for him to conquer.

★ Karl H. Nakazawa, who was a member of Co. G, 442nd RCT, has been named special agent in the Walter Payne Agency, Prudential Insurance Co., Los Angeles. He was working with the Veterans' Administration and Social Security Administration at Buffalo, N.Y., since 1942.



Among the Angelenos preparing for the "New Horizons" convention were (left to right) Betty Iwata with Operation Ichi-Doru, Ritsuko Kawakami with Reception-Hospitality, and Merijane Yokoe with Official Events. The trio stand by the terrace railing overlooking the Statler patio. —Courtesy: Rafu Shimpō Photo by Toyo Miyatake.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

EHARA—July 10, a boy to the John K. Ehara, Berkeley.  
ETO—July 6, a girl Lois Yumiko to the Tetsuo Eto (Sadako Tanaka), Los Angeles.  
HASHIMOTO—July 28, a boy Robert Kiyo to the Kiyoto Hashimoto (Stella Horiuchi of Seattle), Ft. Shafter, T.H.  
HATAKEYAMA—July 2, a boy Keiji Ronald to the Keizo Hatakeyama (Kiyoe Oshima), Los Angeles.  
HIRATA—Aug. 2, a boy Harvey Tsutomu to the Richard Hiratas, Sanger.  
ICHIYASU—July 26, a girl Teresa Toyo to the Haruo V. Ichiyasu, San Francisco.  
IIDA—Aug. 3, a boy to the Frank Iidas, Sacramento.  
ISHII—July 21, a boy to the Yoichi Ishii, San Francisco.  
IWATA—Aug. 15, a boy to the Tom Iwatas, Seattle.  
KAJIHARA—Aug. 2, a boy to the Frank Kajihas (Takiko Wada), Watsonville.  
KATAYAMA—Aug. 4, a boy Mark to the Francis Katayamas, Seattle.  
KAWAKAMI—July 30, a girl to the Kazuo Kawaguchis, Del Paso Heights.  
KAWANAMI—July 30, a girl Patricia Lynn to the Henry Kawanamis, Morgan Hill.  
KIKUCHI—July 3, a boy to the Shigeo John Kikuchis, Salt Lake City.  
KINOSHITA—Aug. 10, a girl to the George Kinoshitas, Marysville.  
KIYOMIZU—Aug. 14, a girl to the Shozo Kiyomizus, Seattle.  
KOSHIO—A girl to the Tom Koshios, Denver.  
KOYAMA—A girl to the Manuel M. Koyamas, Denver.  
KUBO—July 14, a boy Chad Akira to the Shoji Kubos (Hanako Shimizu), Los Angeles.  
KUBOTA—Aug. 1, a girl to the Eiji Kubotas, Fresno.  
MATOBA—A girl to the John S. Matobas, Denver.  
MATSUO—Aug. 9, a boy Peter Miki to the John Matsudairas, Seattle.  
MAYEDA—July 11, a boy to the Teruo T. Mayedas, Berkeley.  
MORISHITA—Aug. 13, a girl to the Mits Morishitas, Salt Lake City.  
MIYAHARA—Aug. 3, a girl Vicki Seattle.  
NAKAGAWA—July 30, a boy to the James Nakagawas (Iris O'Connor), Denver.  
NAKASHIMA—July 18, a boy to the Masao Nakashimas, Sacramento.  
NAKASHIMA—Aug. 3, a girl Janice Masako to the Kenjiro Nakashimas, Santa Clara.  
NONAKA—July 17, a boy to the Yoshio Nonakas, Stockton.  
OKAZAKI—July 29, a girl to the Matsuo Okazakis, Lodi.  
OKAZAKI—July 4, a boy to the Edward Yukio Okazakis, Salt Lake City.  
OKITA—A boy to the Todd Okitas, Denver.  
ONIZUKA—July 24, a girl to the Keiji Onizukas, Stockton.  
SATO—Aug. 12, a boy to the George Satos, Seattle.  
SUNATA—July 28, a girl to the Takashi Sunatas, Denver.  
TERASAKI—July 17, a boy to the Sam Terasakis (Sarah Miyoshi), Denver.  
TOGIOKA—Aug. 11, a boy to the Noboru Togiokas, Reedley.  
TSUBOI—Aug. 8, a boy to the Masao Tsubois, Fowler.  
TSUDA—July 17, a girl to the Gus Tsudas, Marysville.  
YAMADA—Aug. 14, a girl to the Ben Yamadas, Auburn, Wash.  
YAMAGUCHI—A girl to the Charley Yamaguchis, Denver.

### Engagements

FURUKAWA-OKAZAKI—Yasuko to James, both of Denver, July 24.  
HASEGAWA-SAKAGUCHI—Misao, Hayward, to John, Berkeley, July 25.  
IICHI-MORI—Emi, Berkeley, to Tosh Redwood City, Aug. 1.  
KISHIYAMA-HOSHINO—Yas, Denver, and Kenneth, Los Angeles, July 8.  
MATSUSHITA-HATASAKA—Sadako, Kansas City, Kan., to Dr. Harry H., Brighton, Colo.  
NAKASHIMA-OKIMOTO—Misaki, Toronto (Canada), to Roy, Walled Lake, Mich., July 25.

NIINO-TANAKA—Hisako, Madera, to Harris Parlier, July 31.  
OHTANI-KOGA—Dorothy, Cotati, to Tommy Tadashi, Petaluma, July 11.  
PUFFER-KUMAGAI—Florence, Mitchell, Neb., to Mitchell, North Platte.  
TASHIRO-TOCHIHARA—Yasuko to Jim, both of Brighton, Colo. July 31.  
UYEMURA-IWAI—Yayeko, Sunnyside, to Yutaka, Del Rey, Aug. 11.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

ANDERSON-TAKEMURA—Arthur A., Redmond, Wash., and Mari, Seattle.  
HANE-OKA—Mitsugi, San Jose, and Setsuko, San Francisco.  
HARKNESS-NISHI—Donald Richard and Mary Hideko, both of Berkeley.  
HARUTA-KAMIBAYASH—Akira, Lathrop, and May S., Stockton.  
IMAGAWA-IWAMOTO—Thomas and Alice, both of San Francisco.  
MATSUMURA-OGURA—John A., Lincoln, Neb., and Dorothy A., Denver.  
MINE-MIZUNO—Kazuo and Kiyoko, both of Sacramento.  
OGAMI-TOYODA—Jaek H., 31, Weiser, Idaho, and Mitsui A., 25, Seattle.  
SERA-YAMAOKA—Kinji, 26, San Jose, and Eileen S., 24, Sunnyvale.  
SHIGAYA-KAMIHARA—Harry S., 38, and Teruko, 25, both of Seattle.  
SHIMOBAYASHI-GOTO—John K. and Mollie T., both of Stockton.  
SONODA-CONGER—Kazumi, 34, Oakland, and Beverly Clare, 29, Berkeley.  
SPAUNHURT-KAMIYA—Roger, U.S. Army, and Jean, San Francisco.  
TAKAHASHI-OKANO—Frank F., 37, and Toshiko, 31, both of Seattle.  
TAKEMOTO-ROYAL—John and Birdie Louise, both of Stockton.  
YAMASHITA-ADACHI—Masahiro, 33, Richmond, and Ruby Satoko, 33, El Cerrito.  
YAMATE-YUKI—Minoru 21, San Jose, and Emiko, 21, Los Gatos.

### Weddings

ARAI-HAYASHI—Aug. 14, Rupert, Denver, and Ruby, North Platte, Neb.  
BUNGO-INN—Yoshiro, Los Angeles, and Patsy Sachiko, Reedley.  
HIROSE-SHINDO—Aug. 8, Hideo and Clara, both of Denver.  
ITO-SUZUKI—July 25, Toshio, Bellevue, Wash., and Akiko, Spokane.  
KIYOTAKE-YANARU—Aug. 15, Fred and Grace, both of Denver.  
LATHAM-OKA—Aug. 1, Malcolm and Grayce, both of Denver.  
MATSUSHIMA-OGURA—Aug. 1, John, Lincoln, Neb., and Dorothy, Denver.  
MOCHIZUKI-YAMAMURA—July 18, Frank and Ayako, both of Seattle.  
MORI-GOTO—July 25, Shigeta and Setsuko, both of Seattle.  
NAGATA-YAMASHITA—July 31, Fredrick G., San Francisco, and Frances Kimiyo, Seattle.  
OKINO-MORIHIRO—July 25, Saburo and Sally, both of Delano.  
ONODERA-KITASHIMA—Aug. 28, Herbert, Brighton, Colo., and Miye, Denver.  
ROBERTSON-YAMAGUCHI—Malcolm and Yoshiko, both of Chicago.  
SATO-FUJINO—Louise and Mari, both of Chicago.  
SHIBA-KONO—Aug. 15, Seiji, Lehi, Utah, and Della, Salt Lake.  
SHINKAWA-OZAKI—July 31, Yoshio, Bowles, and Mary, Dinuba.  
SUMIMOTO-SHIBUYAMA—Mac Haruo and Fusako Elisa, both of Chicago.  
TAIRA-NAKASHIMA—July 24, Shigeki, Hawaii, and Izumi, Fowler, at Las Vegas.  
TANIGAWA-MATSUSHIMA—July 25, Thomas, Denver, and Yeda, Ft. Lupton.

### Deaths

ASE, S/Sgt. Luther K. 28; Chicago, Aug. 3, survived by mother Mrs. Seikichi Ase, brother Paul and sisters Katherine and Pauline.  
HAMAMOTO, Saichi, 76; Compton, Aug. 5, survived by wife Chieno, sons Mrs. Marie Inouye, Mrs. Yoshiyuki Dela Torrey, Mrs. Chizuye Ouchi.  
IMAI, Mrs. Hatsu; Salt Lake City, Aug. 14, survived by husband Kamenosuke, son Masaji.

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## Judge McLaughlin's ruling restoring citizenship aids three Hawaiians

San Francisco

The United States Attorney in Hawaii, in a surprise move, dismissed three of four appeals filed from decisions of Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin holding unconstitutional the law which takes away citizenship from Nisei who served in the Army or voted in Japan.

Attorneys A. L. Wirin, Fred Okrand of Los Angeles, and Katsuro Miho of Honolulu represented the three Nisei, all of Hawaii: Toshio Kikkawa, Misao Hisamoto and Hisataro Terada.

The judge's decision, it was explained by the attorneys, will become final and the three Nisei will have reestablished their U.S. citizenship.

A fourth case, that of Dr. Tomohide Uesu of Hawaii, who served in the Japanese Army, is still pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The basis of Judge McLaughlin's ruling was that native-born U.S. citizenship is given by the Constitution and not by Congress. Congress, thus, cannot take away that which the Constitution gave, at least without consent of the person involved.

Kikkawa, Hisamoto and Te-

rada had been drafted into the army and voted in the Japanese elections ordered by General MacArthur during the occupation. Dr. Uesu was attending medical school at the time his turn came to be drafted. He was permitted to complete his schooling on condition he join the army rather than be drafted at that time.

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## Murayama -

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faces of our pioneers who are now naturalized American citizens. A half-century of sacrifice for America is just being repaid by the United States for our pioneers.

### New Partnership

With this new transition of Issei and Nisei partnership in the American citizenship, the modes of living and the way of thinking were drastically changed for the betterment of Americanism. Japanese really feel as a part of this great Union from the Coast to the Coast. Japanese are truly demonstrating a genuine spirit of partnership.

Who said that the Japanese cannot be Americanized?

America gave us an opportunity to prove it—the Japanese have proven themselves that they were even better Americans.

Thank the Lord for this New Horizon... New Demonstration of Americanism.

Issei and Nisei are on the march fitted with a better and brighter JACL spirit!

## October church bazaar

West Los Angeles

The West Los Angeles Community Methodist Church bazaar will be held Sunday, Oct. 17, at its church grounds, 1913 Purdue. Church groups are manning booths featuring games, refreshments and Oriental food.

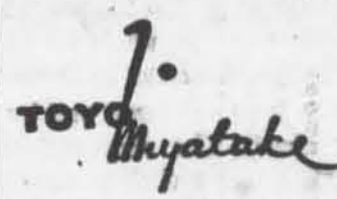
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## EDITORIALS

## Convention Theme

"New Horizons"—as nebulous in meaning because of its varied interpretations according to individual tastes—is the theme of the 13th biennial National JACL Convention in session this weekend in Los Angeles.

It was in the very same city in 1938 when the Los Angeles JACL hosted its last national convention, and which marked the appearance of a young man ruled "out of order" because he represented no particular chapter. The truth was there was no organized chapter from his hometown of Salt Lake City. Today, the same man represents the Japanese American Citizens League as its Washington representative.

We do not intend to be prophetic, but the certain magic that touched the 1938 convention will probably strike again. "New Horizons" is that way. It may not be personified, but the seeds planted at this convention in a critical period of world politics may characterize the JACL in the future.

Delegates assembled here are to deliberate on policies that can well exceed in effect and importance the 1942 emergency meeting to co-operate with the military authorities to have persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast to be evacuated.

What is resolved from the "New Horizons" convention will affect the children of many of our delegates, we believe. Heretofore, accent was placed on our parents—the Issei generation. The Issei have finally gained their rightful place in American society as being privileged to citizenship. But the Sansei children are to be heirs of what the Nisei can provide.

The Issei has done well by us, Nisei. The convention theme poses a similar issue: Can the Nisei do as well for the generation following?

By forgetting ourselves and remembering others can the stature of the Nisei be ennobled immortally. The story of the Issei will live by the sterling sacrifices and the story of the Nisei started to live when its gallant members went to war. That spark can illuminate the path to "New Horizons".

In spite of the Hollywoodian aspect of this Los Angeles convention evident in publicizing this important gathering, the heart lies in the serious deliberations of the National Council. God be with us.

Well, the huge national debt our younger generation will inherit should keep them from one indulgence—ancestor worship!

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

by Bill Hosokawa

## Exciting Decade Ahead

Denver

Hardly a week goes by that some Nisei friend or acquaintance of long ago, passing through town, doesn't stop in with greetings. Verily, Denver is a crossroads, and the Nisei are on the march. For a group that rarely was out of smelling distance of the Pacific Ocean during those years B.D. (before DeWitt), the Nisei are rolling up a remarkable amount of mileage in the best footloose American tradition.

The tidings that these travelers bear from the far corners of the country are, almost without exception, cheerful and encouraging. They tell of economic and social progress. The Nisei are making good, and on the basis of these reports it's apparent that whoever picked "New Horizons" as the theme for the 13th Biennial National JACL convention this week certainly had an apt idea.

These thoughts came to mind not long ago when I received a call from Kumeo Yoshinara who was en route from a west coast vacation to his home in Chicago. Although his name appears frequently in the Pacific Citizen because of his JACL activities, I hadn't heard from Kumeo since about 1937 when both of us were in college. He was from the apple and pear country around Hood River, Ore., and a depression baby. He grew up during the years when fruit prices were distressingly low. Sometimes Issei orchard operator's would sell the season's crop and find they hadn't made enough cash to pay the packing house for boxes and processing charges.

Kumeo left the classroom to enter a bleak world. On the Pacific coast the Nisei college graduate's outlook was made doubly discouraging because of the invisible wall of prejudice that he found surrounding every job opening. Then came war, and Kumeo found himself in Chicago.

## VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

## Lessons to Remember

The biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League in Los Angeles this week is a time for looking back over the accomplishments of a quarter-century of service to an American minority which rapidly is being integrated into the majority social, economic and political community.

It also is a time for looking forward to a predictable future in which the JACL will continue as an organizational watchdog over the security and well-being of the Nisei, their parents, and their children.

Any group of Americans with the proved resilience and resourcefulness of the Nisei would have surmounted the series of crises in which they were thrust by Pearl Harbor. But it also is a certainty that the record would not have been as clear, nor the results as bountiful. It certainly is doubtful whether even a portion of the remedial legislation passed by Congress and by various state legislatures would have become law without the impetus provided by the JACL and its legislative alter ego, the Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The legislative harvest of the JACL and the ADC includes the prevention of arbitrary deportation of hundreds of long-time resident Issei through the passage of the deportation stay bill, which placed aliens then ineligible to citizenship on the same basis as other aliens for the first time.

It also measures congressional approval of the evacuation claims bill under which eventually some \$100,000,000 will be paid to west coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry for accountable business and property losses which were a direct consequence of the mass evacuation of 1942.

Thirdly, as a result of the JACL's activity the revocation of race discrimination in immigration and naturalization in 1952 has opened the way to U.S. citizenship to Japanese immigrants, many of whom have resided continually in the United States for a half-century and more.

In addition to the realization of its three major legislative objectives, the JACL has sponsored and supported numerous judicial tests of the economic and political rights of the citizen Nisei and the alien Issei. The Oyama case in the U.S. Supreme Court made unenforceable California's vicious Alien Land law, long the instrument of legislative discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry. The Takahashi case, involving the right of resident alien Japanese to fish off the Califor-

Today, Kumeo runs a chemical manufacturing company. There were some rough years at first. But he thinks now that the firm is over the hump. That kind of news is good to hear, especially since it is so typical of the Nisei story.

Kumeo pointed out one reason why it should be so. Large numbers of Nisei, he observed are in their most productive period. Their economic apprenticeship is over; now they are journeymen qualified to work and advance in their various professions.

This week, many manifestations of this new Nisei maturity will be evidenced in Los Angeles at the JACL convention. The delegates will be a far different group from the earnest but inexperienced young men and women who launched the movement 26 years ago. There will be many signs of new prosperity—like paunches and Cadillacs and tailor-made suits—as well as invisible factors such as greater wisdom (we hope), understanding and perception. Above all, the Nisei will be more sure of themselves, more self-confident and relaxed, thanks to their accomplishments.

Despite the clouds that hang over the world today, the Nisei can enter their convention with a strong upbeat note. For them as a group, the New Horizons are a bright promise of unlimited opportunity. Only their own inadequacies can balk their progress. From the vantage point of 1954 the Nisei can look back on a long, long road which they covered in the last decade. But the vista ahead of them is even more rosy with good portent, and now the Nisei are prepared with experience and training to make the most of it.

The Nisei are still young enough to seize this opportunity with vigor and imagination. The most exciting decade in Nisei history lies ahead, and I hope I'm on hand ten years from now to help tote up the box score.

nia coast, was the cornerstone in the building of a postwar structure of economic equality for this non-citizen group.

Although the JACL has had more impact than any other service organization on the Japanese American community, its actual membership over the years has rarely exceeded 20 percent of the adult Nisei in the continental United States. Thus the burden of support for a program which has benefitted the whole Japanese American population has fallen upon a minority who have been literally their brother's keeper.

The JACL's membership, and the Nisei as a whole, owe much to the selfless dedication of the organization's leadership. This was particularly true in the early World War II years when the JACL managed to keep its major objectives intact despite the fact that the provocation for demagoguery was great. JACL leaders adhered to an unabiding faith in democracy, often at great personal risk (a number of JACL officials were assaulted in the war relocation centers), despite the fact that the very facts of a Nisei's existence in the period seemed a contradiction in a world of barbed-wire and watchtowers.

All of the problems, born of war and of the history of anti-Oriental antagonism in California, have not been solved—there are still pockets of prejudice.

In the years ahead there will be much to do in the nature of neutralizing these areas of racist infection. One big problem which remains concerns the right of the Nisei, and of other non-Caucasian Americans, to live in areas of their own choosing. The methods, some subtle and others quite obvious, by which Nisei are denied the right to purchase or rent homes in most of the new housing developments on the Pacific Coast are defining a new pattern of segregation in the suburbs which, though not officially proclaimed, is very real indeed.

The JACL, originally envisioned by its founders a quarter-century ago as primarily a fraternal group, has through the press of circumstance and necessity become a social service group with particular emphasis on civil liberties. In the years ahead it will continue to be called upon to safeguard not only the individual and group rights of the Nisei but of all Americans.

The lesson the Nisei have learned in the years since Pearl Harbor should be kept continually in mind; that no American minority is safe so long as organized prejudice persists.

## DECADE AGO

Sept. 2, 1944

Sgt. John Matsumoto of Sebastopol completes 33 combat missions as aerial gunner in Mediterranean theater.

California Lt. Gov. Fredrick F. Houser (Republican nominee for U.S. Senator) charges New Deal administration seeks to return evacuees to coast area after national elections.

Keo Nakama of Hawaii scores "grand slam" in national AAU outdoor swimming championships, wins 400, 800 and 1,500 meter events at Great Lakes, Ill.

Volunteer group from Minidoka WRA Camp assist in checking Idaho grazing land fire.

Maj. Clough of 100th Infantry says Japanese Americans in Army have proved their point on "March of Time" broadcast.

American Newspaper Guild (CIO) urges early return of Nisei evacuees to west coast.

Pacific Coast Quakers pledge aid to evacuees returning to west coast.

Denver Japanese population estimated at 2,300.

WRA camp population figures total 79,000 on Aug. 18, 1944; Tule Lake leads with 18,500; Manzanar least with 5,500.

Story of the week: two Nisei GIs of 442nd capture "two guys who looked just like Japs" wearing German uniforms; prisoners were Turkomans.

## MINORITY

Mal Whitfield, world and Olympic champion half-mile, was named to the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Commission, the first Negro to hold such a post in American designation of Negroes by race on the ballot was attacked by a filing of \$200,000 suit against the state election board by A. B. McDonald, Democratic nominee for U.S. Senator. (Sen. Robert Kerr won the primaries.)

Former President Herbert Hoover has received 79 honorary degrees—believed to be a world record—and 105 decorations from national organizations and foreign countries in recognition of distinguished statesmanship and humanitarian work. He has 48 gold medals.