

## 'WHITE' MEMBER ONLY POLICY HAS EXCHANGE O.K.

Toledo.

The controversial policy of "white" members only in the Exchange clubs was unanimously reaffirmed by its board of control this week.

National attention was placed on this issue last June when some California clubs withdrew, objecting to the racial restriction that compelled the Menlo Park and Stockton Exchange clubs to drop two members of Chinese ancestry.

The two groups preferred a revocation of their charter rather than submit to an edict from national headquarters. Six other clubs were suspended for agreeing with them.

The board also revoked the charters of clubs in Visalia, San Bruno, Stockton and accepted surrender of charters from Golden Gate, Redwood City, Oakland, San Mateo and San Leandro clubs.

New clubs in San Mateo and San Bruno were formed and charters granted. The Palo Alto charter, which had been suspended, was reinstated.

Elimination of the all-white membership clause in the national constitution is to be sought at the national convention meeting this week at Louisville, Ky.

## McWilliam book raises big furor

San Francisco

Marin County residents raised a furor last week by charging 15 "obscene and subversive" books were in the county high school libraries.

Among them was Carey McWilliams' "Brothers Under the Skin", published in 1943, which includes a chapter devoted to the evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast.

This week, Herbert C. Clish, San Francisco superintendent of schools, cleared McWilliams' book for the school system here. He indicated that two passages of "Brothers Under the Skin" discussing minority groups might cause some people to criticize the book, but he did not consider them obscene or subversive.

One passage refers to World War II as a "people's revolution" and another quotes from Henry Wallace.

## NISEI GROWER ENTERS ONION GROWING CONTEST

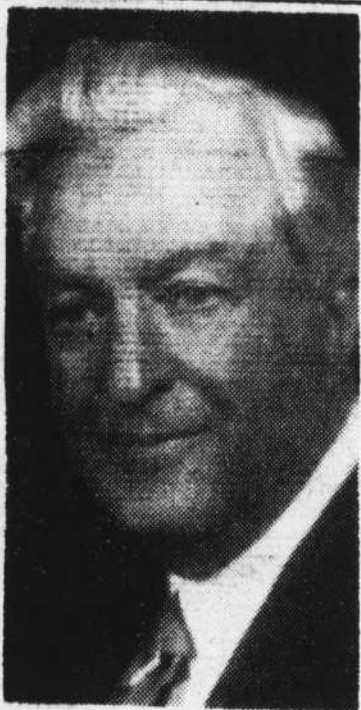
Ontario, Ore.

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce has challenged any onion grower in the Nation to surpass the big onion crops grown in Malheur county. While answers have come from many states, Royal Koji of Oregon Slope is trying to uphold Malheur's honors with his crop, estimated at more than 1000 [sacks] per acre.

## Sansei, Eisenhower shake hands

Greeley

"I don't quite remember what people in our neighborhood were all excited about on a sunny afternoon back on Tuesday, September 14, 1954. But as the story goes Dwight Eisenhower, President of the United States, came to visit our farm and we shook hands. Too bad I wasn't a little older to remember the day."



Sen. Pat McCarran, 78, (D., Nev.) who died after a heart attack Sept. 28, was co-author of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 that eliminated racial and sex restrictions to naturalization and immigration. —Harris & Ewing Photo.

## NISEI ARTIST HAD HAND IN DESIGNING CANADIAN CURRENCY

Toronto

A Canadian Nisei artist had a hand in designing the new Canadian bank notes now in circulation. Allan Fujiwara told the Continental Times (Japanese-English vernacular) he did some of the lettering.

The engravers did something to his r's and u's; "it doesn't look like my original," he explained.

## Girl of noble Japanese birth learning American ways by being secretary for Los Angeles firm; she likes it

Los Angeles

In an office at 5th and Figueroa Sts., Tamaka Matsudaira, like millions of American working girls, takes dictation runs an adding machine and does the office filing.

But there the similarity ends. In Japan, Tamaka's family did the dictating, added up the imperial machinery and filed away its titles only with the occupation of Japan.

She once rated bows and had a chaperon to carry her books. Now the daughter of one of Japan's oldest families keeps the books for the Adrian Wilson architectural firm and takes bows for her neat typing.

This white-collar girl could wear a purple one just as well.

Of Tokugawa Clan

Tamaka (called Tami) is a direct descendant of Hideyasu Matsudaira, son of Iyeyasu Tokugawa, who founded the Tokugawa Shogunate which ruled Japan for 300 years. Her uncle's sister is married to Prince Takamatsu, brother of Emperor

Hirohito, and Tami herself attended a peeress' school for girls of noble birth.

"I worked for Adrian Wilson Associates in Tokyo and came here three months ago under their policy of bringing Japanese personnel to the U.S. for indoctrinal courses to better relationship between the two countries," smiled the pretty 22-year-old, who lives at the Clark YWCA residence. "At night school, so that I may be the all-round competent American secretary, I am studying shorthand."

8 Pairs of Shoes

"What do I like best about America? Freeways, ranch houses, hamburgers, shoes and Alan Ladd. But when I go back to Japan next year, I'll take only the shoes with me. I wear size 3½ and I've bought eight pairs already."

"The freeways are a revelation," continued Tami. "In Japan, we have narrow, one-lane highways and it takes much time to travel. Here it is all buz, buz, and a few busses. I take one to work and it is no time at all. In Japan, I travel 35 miles each way to work by train, but if I had to go by automobile, it would take much longer."

Tami, who speaks good English, is a product of the new Japan. Her family cooks both Japanese and American meals. Her aunt lives in a beautiful American-style home. Although her father is no longer addressed as such, he was born Viscount Matsudaira and she was brought up in a 12-room Tokyo mansion to be a lady of leisure.

"That means," grinned Tami

Virtues of Old

"that I would probably have been married by now" and my parents would have arranged to find a suitable husband for me. In that respect, sometimes the old regime has its virtues—a single girl was never faced with the manpower shortage.

"But it was unheard of for a girl of noble birth to hold a job. The career girl is a new element in Japan. I treasure the freedom of coming and going as I please. Until the war, I was chaperoned to school, shopping, visiting. Now all is changed. I go to work, I can vote, and as a female I rate much higher in the household standing."

"Before the war, a wife could say nothing. Now she has much more voice, although," confided Tami, "it still depends on the husband."

Likes Ranch Horses

"It is different in America with the wife's voice, isn't it?" added Tami.

Tami would like to build a ranch house in Japan and learn to cook southern fried chicken. But she'll settle for sukiyaki and shorthand. Come to think of it, Tami has it all over the Yankee white-collar girls in more ways than one.

She's the only secretary (we know of) who can write Japanese shorthand.

Tasaki Toma, commander of the American Legion Dept. of Hawaii, is enroute to Indianapolis. He met with Los Angeles friends this past week at the San Kwo Low.

## Sen. McCarran in sudden death, collapses after rally in Nevada

Hawthorne, Nev.

A white-haired veteran of the U.S. Senate, Patrick Anthony McCarran, Democrat from Nevada, died suddenly last Tuesday night after addressing a Democratic rally in this western Nevada town. He was 78.

He collapsed as he was walking down the aisle after addressing an audience at the Civic Center. Firemen worked over the Senator for 30 minutes with a respirator without success. Physicians said he apparently died of a sudden heart attack, as the Senator had a heart condition for many years.

The Reno-born second-generation Irish Catholic was first elected to Senate in the 1932 Democratic landslide that carried Franklin D. Roosevelt into office, was reelected four times and had two more years to serve in his present term.

Fourth in Seniority

His death leaves the line-up between the parties at 48 Republicans, 46 Democrats and one Independent in the Senate. He ranked fourth in seniority, outranked only by Sens. George of Georgia, Hayden of Arizona, Russell of Georgia and tied with Byrd of Virginia, all Democrats.

Since Congress adjourned, the Nevada politico had been living at his residence in a Reno hotel with his wife Martha, whom he married in 1903. Nevadans of every political belief and creed cooperated in paying personal tribute last year when they celebrated their golden wedding jubilee.

The McCarrans have four daughters and one son, Samuel, a physician in Reno. Two of the daughters are members of the Dominican Order, Sister Mary Mercy and Sister Margaret Patricia; others are Noreen, Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Edwin Parry Hay of Maryland.

Immigration Bill

McCarran was the co-author of the Immigration-Nationality Act of 1952, which was passed over the veto of President Truman. Its significance to persons of Japanese ancestry has been expressed often. It brought equality for them in naturalization and immigration privileges.

He was also regarded as among the foremost anti-Communist and anti-subversive legislator, who authored the 1950 Internal Security Act that also passed over the veto of President Truman.

## Issei grower buys old hospital site

Watsonville

Sale of the old county hospital building and property which faces Third Street and borders on Carr Street was announced Saturday by Robert R. Hopkins, real estate operator.

The property was sold last week to T. Kizuka, an Issei strawberry grower, for \$48,000.

The sale includes all of the old county hospital building, suites occupied by doctors, and four apartments.

## Great champion of Japanese American mourned by nation

Los Angeles

The Japanese American Citizens League, through its National President George J. Inagaki, Wednesday expressed its profound regrets to the widow of Sen. Pat McCarran, Democrat of Nevada, who suddenly died Sept. 28 in Hawthorne, Nev.

"The nation has lost a great leader and statesman," Inagaki declared. "Persons of Japanese ancestry have lost one of their most influential friends in Congress."

"Senator McCarran, co-author with Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, was instrumental in the enactment of legislation extending the privilege of naturalization to our Issei parents," Inagaki continued.

"As chairman and ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he had given support on appropriations for the payment of evacuation claims and on other matters of direct concern to Issei and Nisei."

Condolences on behalf of the JACL to Mrs. Martha McCarran in Reno read as follows:

"We join with the Nation in grieving the loss of Sen. Pat McCarran, a great statesman and leader. Americans of Japanese ancestry everywhere mourn the passing of a great friend and champion in the attainment of equality under the law. Sen. Pat McCarran will long be remembered as a great American who has given much in forging America's destiny. We, of the Japanese American Citizens League, express our sincerest condolences and pray that God grant comfort to you and your family in this hour of grief."

## HOSOI GIFT INAUGURATES STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Los Angeles

A JACL student scholarship has been established with the project given a rousing start upon receipt of a generous \$500 donation from Masujiro Hosoi in memory of his late wife, George Inagaki, national JACL president, announced last week.

"At present, there is no JACL student scholarship although the JACL does administer the annual Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship," Inagaki added.

"We hope that Mr. Hosoi's contribution will inspire others who share his confidence in the JACL to make similar contributions so that the granting of scholarships can be extended to as large a number of deserving students as possible."

A special scholarship committee has been appointed and administration of the project will be handled through National Headquarters.

## Brazil-bound

Los Angeles

Dr. Yaemitsu Sugimachi, director of the Rafu Gakuen system, left by air this week for Sao Paulo, Brazil, to visit his 76-year-old mother.



## ★ WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER ★

## Summary of '83rd'

MIKE MASAOKA ★

As the congressional campaign enters its final and decisive stages, it may be of interest to summarize the statistical activities of the 83rd Congress.

According to the official resume issued by the *Congressional Record*, the First Session convened Jan. 3 and adjourned Aug. 3, 1953, while the Second Session convened Jan. 6 and adjourned Aug. 20, 1954.

In the First Session, the Senate spent 125 days in session and the House 115 days, while in the Second Session the Senate spent 156 days and the House 123 days. During the biennium, this adds up to 281 days for the Senate and 240 days for the House.

In 1953, the Senate spent 763 hours and 35 minutes in chamber and the House 506 hours and 47 minutes. This year, the Senate spent 1,121 hours and the House 123 hours. During the immediately past congressional term, this adds up to 1,884 hours and 49 minutes for the Senate and 1,032 hours and 33 minutes for the House. Since these figures do not include time spent in committees, on investigations, and in their respective offices, they are impressive indeed.

Last year, 228 public and 227 private bills were enacted into law. This year, 493 public and 775 private bills became law. During the entire term, 781 public and 1,002 private laws were written into the statute books. During this same period, the President vetoed 52 bills and none were overridden.

## ★ JACL's legislative record . . .

Quantitatively, JACL's legislative record was the best since the 80th Congress. Seven public bills for the specific benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry were approved, as well as another that will substantially benefit many Issei. In addition, various appropriations for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry were also approved by the Congress and the President.

✓ **REFUGEE RELIEF ACT**—JACL's contribution to this emergency immigration act was to secure an amendment which extends the general benefits of the measure to Asian peoples, including the Japanese.

When this bill was first introduced, its benefits were limited to refugees and victims of communist persecution in Europe. JACL insisted in order to avoid repetition of the exclusionary provisions of the 1924 law that resulted in such tragic consequences for all concerned and for the sake of preserving the principle of racial equality expressed in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, Asian nations too should be included.

Congress responded by including 3,000 refugees from Asia, as well as making orphans from the Far East eligible for the 4,000 special quota numbers made available to orphans generally. All of these beneficiaries would be non quota; that is, their admission would be over and beyond the regular quota numbers available to these Asian countries.

✓ **NISEI ELECTION LAW**—Some 2,000 Nisei who lost their United States citizenship because they voted in the post-war elections in Japan during the period of American occupation will be able to regain their citizenship by taking prescribed naturalization oaths before appropriate courts or diplomatic agents.

✓ **FILING DEADLINE EXTENSION**—This law extends until Feb. 5, 1955 the deadline for filing claims against the Office of Alien Property, Dept. of Justice, and benefits particularly those who have returned to the United States after the previous filing deadline.

✓ **ADOPTED ORPHANS ENTRY BILL**—This humanitarian act provides for the entry, outside the regular quotas, of 500 eligible orphans under the age of 10 years adopted abroad or to be adopted in the United States by American citizens serving abroad in the Armed Forces or employed abroad by the United States Government.

✓ **PERUVIAN JAPANESE DEPORTATION**—The remaining Peruvian Japanese in the United States are specifically named as beneficiaries of adjustment of status privileges which will make them permanent residents of this country by this special amendment to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Brought to the United States for internment from Peru during World War II, Peru refused to accept their return and they became subject to deportation to Japan. This remedial law allows them to remain in this country without being charged to Japan's annual quota.

✓ **RESTORATION OF PENSION RIGHTS**—The aged widows of Issei served in America's Navy during the Spanish American War and who are now living in Japan are the principal beneficiaries of this statute that provides for the payment of pensions earned while in the United States military and naval forces but stopped because their beneficiaries resided in "enemy countries" during World War II.

✓ **SPECIAL ISSEI NATURALIZATION**—This special naturalization measure, patterned after JACL's World War II law, provides for the expeditious naturalization of Issei who served in the United States armed forces during the hostilities in Korea.

✓ **SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT**—An amendment to the new Social Security Act changes the test for eligibility in such a way as to benefit most Issei and Nisei domestic and part-time workers.

✓ **APPROPRIATIONS**—In addition to the regular administrative appropriations for the Evacuation Claims Section, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Office of Alien Property, all of the Department of Justice, the Congress appropriated almost eleven million dollars during the past biennium for the payment of evacuation claims.

★ **YEN CLAIMS DISMISSAL BILL**—In addition to securing the passage of favorable legislation, JACL prevented the enactment of a bill that would have arbitrarily dismissed 17,500 claims against the Office of Alien Property for the return of yen deposited with pre-war Japanese banks. Some twenty millions of dollars were involved in this bill which though passed by the Senate died in House Committee.

## GOODWILL STONE LANTERN TO BE GIVEN TO SEATTLE

Tokyo

A stone lantern left Japan this week for Seattle where it will serve as a goodwill memento from Yokohama.

The 4½-foot lantern was requested by Mayor Allen Pomeroy of Seattle on behalf of his city after he heard that a similar lantern had been sent to Long Beach, Calif.

The Long Beach lantern was sent in appreciation for a shipment of rose seedlings, the gift of the people of Long Beach.

## Canadian singer Aiko Saita dies

Tokyo

Noted Nisei singer Aiko Saita died of an intestinal tumor Sept. 21 at a hospital here. She was 44.

The popular alto was afflicted with the disease while on a recital tour of Canada, her native land, last autumn. She flew back to Japan in a critical condition and had been recuperating ever since.

Born in Vancouver, B.C., Aiko Saita spent most of her childhood in Cumberland, B.C. At the age of 14, she came to Vancouver and began her musical education. In 1932 she received her ATCM degree from the Toronto Conservatory of Music in voice. Encouraged by mentors Dr. and Mrs. E. Miyake, she left Vancouver to study in Milan, Italy.

She became an instant success in Milan but she turned down offers from Italian opera companies in favor of recording for Victor and concert work in Japan.

While entertaining the troops in Manchuria in 1945 she was held captive by the Russians for one year.

In 1936 and 1939 she made successful concert tours of Canada and the United States with her last Canadian tour being in the fall of last year. Due to illness she cancelled her United States tour and a second recital in Toronto.

Before leaving Japan for the Canada-U.S. tour, Miss Saita held a farewell concert on July 18, last year, at Hibiya Hall in Tokyo.

Critic Marcel Grilli commented in Tokyo's leading English language newspaper that: "There is no questioning the fact that Miss Saita has a good natural voice and an imposing personality on the stage. In addition to these natural advantages, Miss Saita is a serious and sincere singer of the music she chooses to render."

The Canadian-born contralto gained popularity through her singing it 87 times in Japan, on stage, screen, domestic and overseas broadcasts and on television.

## Tomi Kanazawa joins Met opera singers in Canada

Vancouver, B.C.

Soprano Tomiko Kanazawa sang her familiar lead role in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" Sept. 27-28 at the Strand Theater. Principal roles were taken by stars of the Metropolitan Opera Co., supported by musicians and singers of the Pacific Northwest of the Northwest Grand Opera Assn.

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## Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

## Issei woman, 74, of Des Moines still active improving U.S. home interiors

(Until Tamotsu Murayama, who has been revisiting the United States this past summer, returns to Tokyo and resumes his weekly reports, we shall continue to publish stories he has filed with us.—Editor.)

Des Moines, Ia.

The name of Mrs. Tomoko Yamamoto is virtually unknown in Japan in spite of her outstanding accomplishments in the United States for more than four decades. Today, she is still active in spite of her advanced age of 74. Her husband, Dr. Tatsuo Yamamoto, was a dentist in San Francisco, for many years, and was the cousin of the late Sometaro Sheba—founder of the Japan Times.

Mrs. Yamamoto is an editorial adviser to the *Better Homes* magazine which circulates some 3,000,000 copies each month. She has probably introduced more things Japanese for improving the American household, such as interior decorating, than other single individual.

She still presents lectures and demonstrations on the Japanese tea ceremony, flower arrangement at various club gatherings, society events and at some universities.

From San Francisco

A widely respected exponent of Japanese culture for many years in the Bay Area, Mrs. Yamamoto was very successful in presenting a better concept of Japanese culture to the American public at a time when anti-Japanese feeling ran high. Her fluency of English was most charming.

She was the only Japanese woman ever to win a position as state official in the California Parent-Teacher's Association in the early 1930s. She has been active in PTA programs, encouraging Issei and Nisei mothers to participate in the organization. She also arranged to send PTA representatives to Japan and some teachers to get acquainted with things Japanese.

Over a quarter century ago, Mrs. Yamamoto gained the honor of being called the Mother of Japanese PTA in California.

An Admirer Speaks

Her dynamic personality is still convincing many Americans today.

"My eyes were opened to the reality of life—the beauty of life," one American woman admirer revealed. "I was taught real womanhood by Mrs. Yamamoto. She introduced the many beauties of Japan to en-

rich our daily lives. Yet, she claims no credit. She is working as hard as she did some 25 years ago."

Mrs. Yamamoto came to Des Moines from San Francisco when the Pacific war broke out. She has a class in flower arrangement and tea ceremony. Her son Verlin Yoshio is a well-known medical photographer at the local Veterans hospital. Another son George Masao is a physician in California.

In this quiet Corn Belt city, Mrs. Yamamoto has won great respect and a reputation.

Nisei Architect

Another name should be mentioned in closing. He is Shigeru Saito, another San Franciscan, an outstanding architect at Waterloo, Iowa, who became well-known for his monumental work designing the Waterloo Airport administration building. His brother Shig is in Tokyo.

## Smiles, courtesy merits tour of Lone Star state for Tokyo store clerk

Tokyo

A 24-year-old Japanese man who won the friendship of a Texas couple with his smiles and courtesy is headed for the United States to tour the Lone Star State with his American friends.

Sergeant First Class and Mrs. Homer Padgett of Dallas met Nobuaki Ueki in a souvenir store in 1953. The youth traveled with them on trips throughout Japan and Padgett, who is assigned to the Tokyo Army Hospital, decided to bring Ueki to the United States.

After much red tape, Ueki got his American visa.

"Nobuaki is going to see the big state of Texas and surrounding states," the sergeant said.

## Seven dentists

San Francisco

Seven more Nisei dentists have passed their California dental board examinations, it was announced last week. They were:

Satoru L. Aikawa, Alameda; Hunter T. Doi, Redwood City; Hitoshi Okamoto, Sacramento; Fred Kobayashi, Santa Ana; Thomas A. Hara, Ft. Leonard Woods, Mo.; and Warren K. Itozaku, Hawaii.

## Very Truly Yours . . . . . by Harry Honda

## To students of foreign trade

It all started with a fat cigar labeled, "It's a Girl", from Tak Yamada the other night. He married the lovely Em Kato, a former Nisei Week queen, and they named their first infant Mary Lynn . . . Not "Marilyn" . . . And he is among the many Nisei who are engaged in the highly competitive import-export business.

During the four years of college after the war, I had a Saturday job as printer's devil in Li'l Tokio and you could feel the pulse of business in Nipponmachi better there than at a chamber of commerce director's meeting . . . It was easy to see who were making good. The firms would return and order several reams of letterhead and envelopes, more calling cards for their staff personnel, big quantities of order forms and invoices . . . Then again, there were firms which spent hundreds of dollars for the same that didn't last long enough to get their name in the next telephone book . . . Listening to Yamada talk of the woes of the game, you could note a pure business school graduate would find waters too rough to tread in foreign trade. It takes one versed in politics, general world trade, social anthropology and high-powered fi-

nances . . . It certainly involves more risks that investing in a Geiger counter searching for the clicks in your headset over a vein of uranium.

A safe estimate puts the number of Japanese American firms in this game at 40 dealing from sesame to steel products . . . Undoubtedly, there are fellows in college interested in foreign trade upon graduation . . . They probably have, as they must, investigated the possibilities of a future. On the face of it, it means learning the ropes of the trade first—where to go, what to get, how to manage it, etc . . . But aside from the studies connected with debits and credits, bills and discounts, a man in foreign trade continues to study. Such things as government, foreign commerce in general, the humanities and even salesmanship.

The days of a quick dollar between Japan and the United States are over . . . The historical struggle between high and low tariffs draws another component . . . Yet the final analysis involves the customer—that's you and me. Either we pay the price, taxes included, for a particular item or we don't. Without us, the entrepreneur isn't.



# Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

## Economic future of Hawaii

In taking up the matter of Hawaii's economic future in this column today, I am reminded of a conversation with Mike Masaoka in Washington last June. After some pleasantries, our discussion turned to the almost inevitable question, "What's the future for the Nisei? How can they contribute most to their country and to the welfare of their own group?"

Mike said he thought the Nisei's future contribution should be in the area of promoting closer understanding and friendship between the United States and Japan. The Nisei, he said, are endowed with the distinct advantage of a racial heritage that ought to be invaluable in the promotion of closer relations between the two countries.

This is an old theme, so I asked Mike how this state of affairs can be brought about by the Nisei. That, he replied, is something yet to be worked out; the idea is here, but the mechanics can be developed later.

So it is with economic problems of Hawaii: the economists know more or less what the future economy ought to be but they have yet to work out the ways and means of achieving that economy.

## Six percent unemployed

A lot of hard-thinking and planning is going on in the islands at this time; the pre-occupation has been intensified by the unemployment situation which, while not critical, is still serious. Roughly 12,000 or about six per cent of the total labor force in the Territory are classified as unemployed.

The future prospect is a real challenge. About 5,000 youths will be entering the labor market annually for the next several years, and unless the economy can absorb them, unemployment will continue to be a problem.

Hawaii's economy has been more fully analyzed than that of any other region of the United States. The statistics are available, and have been analyzed by many experts. Some of the answers are beginning to emerge.

## Tourist trade expansion

The tourist trade is being boomed as the easiest and fastest to expand. New hotels are springing up at Waikiki and tourist promotion is being stepped up. But the tourist industry is subject to the ups and downs of Mainland business conditions and the international situation. If a depression should hit the Mainland, or the Communists make more trouble in the Pacific, the volume of tourist business can fall off sharply.

The basic agricultural crops, sugar and pineapple, are not expanding much, and mechanization in those industries has sharply reduced their manpower needs.

The armed forces, who supply the bulk of Hawaii's dollar income, continue to support the economy in a large way but here again, the source of income is not dependable. The recent arrival of the 25th Infantry Division from Korea has been a boon to local businesses.

But the long-range prospect still requires both the establishment of new industries and the expansion of present ones, in order to provide a stable income and adequate employment for a growing labor force.

## Special attention by Nisei families

Because the youths who will be leaving school to enter the work-a-day world in the next several years will be largely the children of Japanese families, the Nisei should give special attention to the employment situation.

Forward thinkers like Fredrick E. Simpich Jr., a vice-president of Castle & Cooke, Ltd., one of Hawaii's "Big Five" companies, see a new future for Hawaii workers, if the islands would keep in step with advancing technology.

Simpich says new ways must be found to make full use of the "native manual dexterity and high intelligence level of our population." He was obviously including the Japanese in this reference. For not only he but a number of visiting businessmen from the Mainland have remarked about "manual dexterity and high intelligence" to be found in the island workers.

Simpich said he cannot say now just what form the technological advances will take but he was sure Hawaii can profit from them.

Which sounds much like Mike Masaoka, whom I quoted at the start of this column as having a firm belief that the Nisei can play an important role in promoting friendlier relations between the United States and Japan, but who cannot now say in just what manner this will come about.

It is from the faith and optimism and forward-thinking of people like Simpich and Masaoka that a better future will be shaped.

Hawaii has its share of "calamity howlers" who are quick to criticize and slow to praise the strenuous efforts that are being made by government and business to solve the economic problems of the islands. If the critics have better suggestions for improving the economy, they should step forward with them now.

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## NISEI JOINS ROBERT SHAW CHORALE TOUR

New York

Shigeru Hotoke, 27-year-old Honolulu tenor, on a national tour is starting this week as a member of the Robert Shaw Chorale.

Hotoke accepted an offer from Shaw to join the Chorale for one year. Although he disliked the idea of being separated from his wife, Grace Hatsue, and his sons, Richard and Ryan, he felt that the experience would be invaluable in equipping him more fully for his teaching career.

Shaw's singers recently recorded Saint Saens' "Samson and Delilah" for RCA Victor's Red Seal Records, with Leopold Stokowski conducting and featuring guest artists Jan Pierce and Rise Stevens.

## IN HONOR OF

**1st Lt. Frank Konishi**, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Konishi of Platteville, Colo., has been chosen one of five nutrition officers in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Fitzsimons Hospital, Denver.

**Dr. Aldred W. Ikefugi**, lifelong New Yorker born on Staten Island, son of Matajiro Ikefugi, recently qualified as a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners and will be granted a license to practice medicine in the state of New York. At present, he is resident intern at Brooklyn Hospital.

**Ken Hikida** of Greeley entered a sequence of five storytelling photographs to win first place in the Greeley Shutterbugs contest.

**Rey Higashi** was among honored guests at a reception for Grand (State) Officers of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. An elected officer, she is Grand Sister of Faith, member of the Rocky River (westside Cleveland) Assembly. The Rainbow Girls are sponsored by the Masonic Order and Eastern Star.

**Paul Horiuchi** of Seattle won one of the four top prizes at the Western Washington (Puyallup) Fair for his oil painting, "Seventh and King", a Chinatown scene. He was a previous winner at the 1946 Fair.

The **Teiji Nobusadas** of Selma celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. They are the parents of Kay Kiyoshi, Monterey; Mrs. Yoshio Kajitani and Misao Nobusada.

## Boy Scout campaigner

Lovell, Wyo.

Dr. Minol Ota, recent winner of a silver Nisei of the Biennium medal for distinguished community leadership, is heading the local city-wide drive to raise \$5,000 to run the Boy Scout program for the Medicine Wheel district. Every home and business house will be contacted. The Nisei veterinarian is a member of the Northern Wyoming JACL chapter.



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## LODI FARMER STABBED TO DEATH BY JAPANESE SEAMAN IN CAFE

San Francisco

Confusion is expected in the jury if this case goes to trial. A man was stabbed at 1:52 a.m., but died 42 minutes earlier at 1:10 a.m. last Sunday. All because of the switch from Daylight Saving to Standard Time.

Shigeru R. Masaoka, a 23-year-old Nisei veteran of the Korean war, arrived early Saturday evening from Lodi with three companions to see a Japanese movie. Four hours later they went to Hisago Cafe, 1762 Buchanan St., in the heart of Nipponmachi, where they had several rounds of drinks.

Although the cafe was crowded, Inspector Thomas Cahill of the homicide detail said no one admitted seeing the stabbing. Police had arrived 15 minutes after the incident and all persons in the cafe were held for questioning for several hours.

The victim, a Lodi farmer, was found dying from abdominal wounds shortly after friends wrestled a 12-inch French kitchen knife away from Gentaro Kato, 27, marine engineer.

Kato, a Japanese seaman, was arrested a short time later aboard the British-America Oil Co. tanker B. A. Canada, berthed at the Bethlehem Pacific shipyard at 20th and Illinois Sts.

Kato was booked on suspicion of murder and held in custody at the city jail.

Through an interpreter, Kato did say to Cahill that he recalled going through the kitchen to the rest room but blacked out until he returned to the ship.

The weapon had been returned to the kitchen and washed thoroughly before the police arrived, but the crime

laboratory is expected to discover traces of blood on it to identify is as the murder weapon, Cahill said.

Kato was arrested Sunday, and booked on a straight charge of murder Tuesday. The visiting Japanese seaman from Wapakayama has no lawyer, as yet, to defend him.

The victim is survived by his mother Ichi, who recently returned from Japan; three brothers Jimmy Susumu, Hideo, Fumio and two sisters Shizuye and Yoneko.

## Bakery tour precedes flower arrangement class

Salt Lake City

The Salt Lake JACL Women's Auxiliary has in store an unusual evening, Oct. 7, 8 p.m., at the Continental Baking Co. auditorium, 734 E. 4th South.

Meeting hostesses Marge Nishikawa, Josie Hachiya and Susie Kaneko have arranged Mrs. Tamae Sauki to demonstrate several flower arrangements. Ladies are requested to bring their own equipment including a pin frog, dish or open vase, scissors and flowers.

Prior to flower arranging, the auxiliary will be taken on a tour of the modern bakery watching how bread and pastries are baked.

The auxiliary held its last meeting at the new home of Mrs. Doris Matsuura, 4074 S. W. Temple.

## CCYBA conference date

Fresno

Nov. 14 is the date of the Central California Young Buddhist Association fall conference at the Fresno Buddhist Church. Jinx Jinkawa is chairman.

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## Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada

### Co-Op Investors sign up as first advertisers in '54 PC Holiday Issue

● The first organization approving greetings for the 1954 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue in Chicago (and in the nation—Editor.) was the Co-Operative Investors, which met last Saturday at the home of the KATS OKUNO, 6128 S. University Ave. . . . The "go" sign is up in the Windy City for holiday issue greetings. This writer wishes to express his gratitude again to the past supporters. We remind our readers that greetings in the Holiday Issue serves a double purpose: extending the Season's Best Wishes and serving as a directory . . .

#### About People . . .

● Concert pianist LILY MIKI drew enthusiastic comments from concert goers and local JACLers last Saturday. Felix Borowski of the Chicago Sun-Times said it was "distinguished" in a program that exacted much in the matters of style and technique. Brahms' Paganini Variation, part of the program heard by the reviewer, were set forth with "plenty of virtuosity" although he felt the grand manner in conception was lacking. "Still, it was much to have been able to play the notes correctly—and this, if tradition is correct, is more than Brahms himself was able to do," the critic recalled.

● Immigration district director Walter A. Sahli will be among guests at the Chicago JACL civic reception for naturalized Issei citizens at the McCormick YWCA this Saturday. The chapter will also present certificates of appreciation to KENJI NAKANE and PAUL OTAKE for their valuable service rendered to the community as Americanization class instructors.

Dr. RANDOLPH SAKADA, past National President, will confer the silver Nisei of the Biennium medallion to the Rev. JITSUO MORIKAWA, Chicago First Baptist Church pastor, for his distinguished community leadership the same evening.

● Chicago JACL celebrates its 10th anniversary, Nov. 20, with a dinner-dance at the Hotel Shoreland. Don Fernando's orchestra is being contacted to play.

● The Chicago Resettlers board unanimously recommended that "Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago" be adopted as the new name of the organization. The annual meeting was scheduled this week. DAN KUZUHARA, associate director for the Resettlers since May, 1953, has submitted his resignation of office effective Oct. 8. He plans to continue graduate studies in psychology at the Univ. of Chicago.

● The First Baptist Church here celebrates its 121st anniversary at a dinner Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. Pastor today is the Rev. JITSUO MORIKAWA.

● The Church of Christ (Presbyterian), 3516 N. Sheffield Ave., holds open house and tea for its community nursery school this Sunday afternoon.

#### Around Windy City . . .

● ROBERT L. BIRCHMAN, editor of Freedom's Call, monthly newsletter of the Chicago branch of the NAACP, will be editor of the program booklet for the annual 1954 Illinois State NAACP convention at Joliet, Oct. 23-24. He is also a member of the Chicago JACL.

● JOE TAKETA, former Co-Op Investor president, was welcomed back to Chicago after staying a year in Los Angeles. He is a plastic mold maker.

#### CALENDAR

Oct. 2 (Saturday)  
Berkeley—Talent-Vision Show, Little Theater, Grove and Allston  
Chicago—New Issei Citizens Reception, McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn, 8 p.m.  
Oct. 5 (Tuesday)  
CCDC—District meeting, Sanger Hall, 8 p.m.  
Oct. 8 (Friday)  
Chicago—Gen'l meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan. Pre-election rally.  
Oct. 13 (Wednesday)  
Salt Lake City—Convention Report, Japanese Christian Church, 8 p.m.  
Oct. 24 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Sukiyaki dinner, International Institute.

#### CHAPTER MEMO

**Salt Lake JACL:** Delegates to the recent National Convention will make their report at the Oct. 13 general meeting at the Japanese Christian Church starting at 8 p.m.

**New York JACL:** The 1954 JACL Fund Appeal for \$3,000 has reached a total of \$1,746.06 as of Sept. 19, according to Sam Kai, general chairman of the appeal. The closing date has been extended to Oct. 30.

**Stockton - French Camp JACL:** A joint meeting was held last week at the YBA Hall reception room to hear Haruo Ishimaru, No. Calif. regional director, report on the recent House Subcommittee hearings on claims held in California.

### Arizona CL honors Sato with award

By ROBERT UNO  
Glendale, Ariz.

Carl K. Sato first Nisei aspirant to the Arizona legislature, was presented the Arizona JACL Distinguished Service Award at the September chapter meeting which saw the largest turnout for a general session in years.

Sato who is the Republican candidate for Mesa-Lehigh district in the Arizona House of Representatives this coming general election, was active in JACL from pre-war days.

The award read as follows: Whereas Carl K. Sato has served faithfully and conscientiously to the Arizona Chapter of the JACL, and

Whereas Carl K. Sato has contributed his leadership to civic organizations which has advanced the social standing of the Japanese community, and

Whereas Carl K. Sato has crusaded in the political field advancing the respect of the Japanese community,

Therefore be it known before all men present that the Arizona Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League makes this Distinguished Achievement Award to Carl K. Sato.

#### Gilroy JACL Thanksgiving Day dance site selected

Gilroy

Location and band for Gilroy JACL's first annual Thanksgiving dance have been secured, according to Hank Yoshikawa, general chairman.

George Porcella and his orchestra will provide music at the recently completed IOOF Temple on Egleberry Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets on Thanksgiving night.

Clifford Sugimoto will be guest-entertainer during intermission. Ladies are to be admitted free to this stag-stagette and couple's dance.

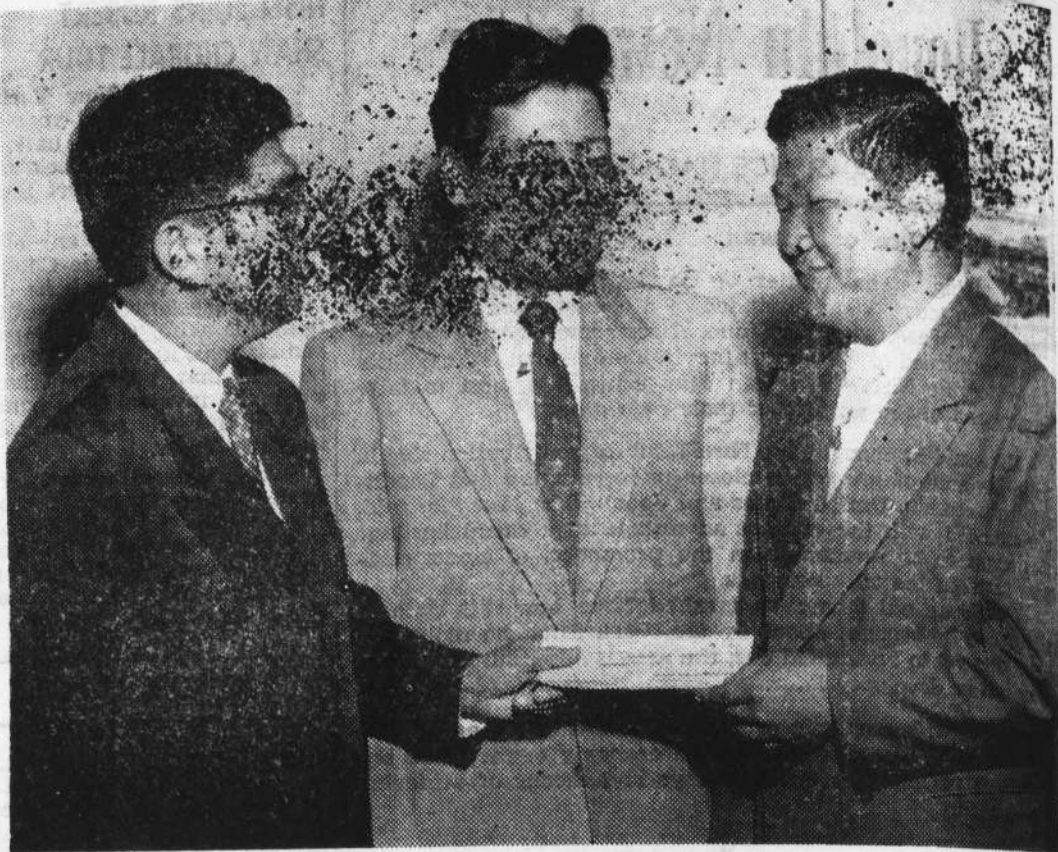
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wada of Los Angeles are among Southern California delegates attending the World Moral Rearmament conference at Mackinac Island, Mich., this past week.

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David Yamakawa Jr. (right) is presented a \$200 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship check at man at Univ. of California at Berkeley. He was National JACL Headquarters from Mike Masaoka chosen from a record group of 13 nominees for the (left). Standing in the middle is Jerry Enomoto, San Francisco JACL chapter president, who nominated

### San Francisco, Los Angeles compared by North Dakotan in report to voters

Washington

Some impressions of Rep. Usher L. Burdick (R., N.D.), who has concluded his first Congressional junket after 16 years in the House, were related last week in his weekly newsletter to voters back home.

"From San Francisco we went to Los Angeles," Burdick began. "The people there are hustlers and deserve great credit."

"Los Angeles is located on one of the best deserts in the United States."

"In its natural state you couldn't raise a disturbance on this land. With water anything can be grown. I understand that they bring in water from a distance of 500 miles and that piping water from the Columbia River or Hudson's Bay is not an impossibility."

#### 190,000 New Blood

"One hundred ninety thousand people—new blood—come here every year. If that keeps up it will be necessary to refine the Pacific Ocean or learn to drink sea water."

The congressman, who had expressed annoyance at the high cost of meals in San Francisco, calculated his Los Angeles expenses would "be very light, as Movie Director Freeman fed us at noon and Mayor Polson (sic) at dinner."

"We may locate another big wig tomorrow," Burdick noted hopefully.

#### Philosophical P.S.

However, the North Dakota visitor's delight with Los Angeles was short-lived. On his last night in town a burglar lifted all the money from his pocketbook while he was sleeping in his hotel room, he stated.

"I have expected something like this right along so I wasn't much surprised," Burdick concluded philosophically. "I like San Francisco the better, for there they draw off your money gradually while Los Angeles works faster and cleans

you out as the first order of business."

The ostensible purpose of the congressman's trip was an inquiry by the House Judiciary Committee considering claims of West Coast Japanese interned during World War II. Remedial legislation has been introduced by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.).

#### Canadian directory

Toronto

The Continental Times Japanese directory covering the provinces of Ontario and Quebec is available for \$1 at the Times office, 205 Dundas St. West, Toronto 2.

### Salt Lake scouts slate Japanese movie benefit

Salt Lake City

"Okinawa Kenjintai" and "Gan" are the two Japanese movies to be shown at the Boy Scout Troop 84 benefit Oct. 8 at the Japanese Church of Christ and Oct. 9 at the local Buddhist church.

Proceeds will assist the new troop with initial operating expenses, according to Ichiro Doi, chairman. The local JACL is one of the three sponsors of the Nisei troop.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Iguchi, 3201 E. 26th Ave., Denver, have contributed \$131.45 to the National JACL Endowment Fund in appreciation for JACL's work on evacuation claims and in commemoration of citizenship ceremonies at the City Auditorium Sept. 14.

#### news item

**President Signs Bill**  
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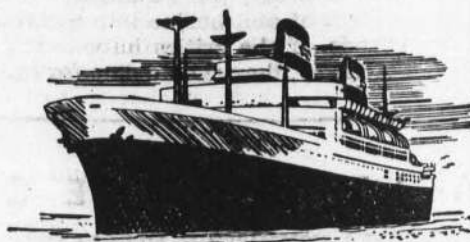
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# Your National Director Reports

MASAO W. SATOW

## San Francisco

Herewith a summary report of the decisions made by the National Council in session at the 13th Biennial. Thanks to the conscientious concern of the delegates, the sessions proceeded smoothly and on schedule. For a while it looked like the Congressional Hearings on evacuation claims might disrupt our meetings, but we were able to make the necessary adjustments without impairing either our National Council deliberations or our performances at the Congressional Hearings.

A total of 151 JACLers participated in the Council sessions and National Committee meeting, 121 as official and alternate delegates of their respective chapters, and 30 as boosters. Seventeen chapters were represented by proxy, so that a total of 79 chapters responded to the roll call with eight absent.

We are especially thankful to the various National Committee chairmen. Not only did they prepare in advance and ably conduct their individual meetings, but every one of them somehow managed to find time between Council sessions, Committee meetings and conferences, Convention events, and social outlets, to submit complete written reports for the Official Minutes. This makes us at National Headquarters quite happy, for it reduces the amount of our work considerably.

## Opening Session . . .

Right off the bat, delegates were loaded down with various written reports including the preliminary reports of the National Committees. Presenting the National Director's report, MIKE MASAOKA's Washington picture for the past biennium, and the JACL financial accounting for the past two years saved us considerable time.

Summarized for the delegates was JACL-ADC's accomplishments during the seven years, public spirited supporters contributed \$643,143.24 for our national legislative program, and the expenditures for the period were \$650,951.46. The income was broken down by years and areas, while the spendings were indicated by years, offices and items. The differential in the two figures represents ADC accounts payable to JACL to be made up from additional returns from the 1953 ADC fund drive still anticipated. The delegates also received copies of the 89-page JACL statement prepared by Mike Masaoka for the Jonas Subcommittee on Claims.

While we expected to be somewhat more than usually occupied in preparation for the National Convention, the simultaneous Congressional hearings really extended our office secretaries. We certainly put our girls through the wringer this time: MIEKO KOSOBAYASHI in Washington; DAISY UYEDA, CHIZ SATOW and MARTHA TSUKIYAMA up here, and BLANCHE SHIOSAKI down in Los Angeles.

Our deepest thanks and appreciation to these gals for their hard work and loyalty. Their concern for our national program was a real inspiration to us.

Our National Treasurer's report for the calendar year of 1953 showed an income of \$34,414.39 and \$36,698.28 in expenditures. Since 1953 was the final year of our ADC, this report must be viewed in relation to the 1953 ADC financial report. During the first six months of 1954, \$39,353.15 was received and \$38,209.12 expended.

We are greatly indebted to CPA JACKSON HIROSE of San Francisco for voluntarily preparing our financial statements.

## Reaffirm credentials policy . . .

The National Credentials Committee headed by ALICE KASAI reaffirmed our policy of allowing just about everyone to attend the National Council sessions and speak his mind provided he go through proper procedures.

✓ We adopted this Committee's recommendation to incorporate into our National By-Laws closer definition of a chapter in good standing and detailed procedure whereby a chapter charter may be revoked.

✓ We also decided that henceforth all chapters represented by proxy at the National Council must pay the minimum Convention registration fee to be officially recognized as such.

## Arlington National Cemetery . . .

IRA SHIMASAKI, who has capably chaired the Arlington National Memorial Cemetery

Committee, reported that the Committee in Washington has participated each year in the special national observance of Memorial Day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and conducted each Oct. 30, special services at the gravesides of the Nisei reburied in Arlington, designated by National JACL as Nisei Soldier Memorial Day. The purpose of this Committee is to represent National JACL at all national functions honoring America's soldier dead at Arlington as well as keep up the graves of these fallen Nisei heroes.

## Nat'l JACL Credit Union . . .

We were unable to give the exact figures on the National JACL Credit Union at the Convention, but include them here now since we have them. The entire credit for the National JACL Credit Union belongs to HITO OKADA of Salt Lake City. His "baby" has grown under his devoted direction since 1943 to 510 members currently who have saved \$114,986 in shares, of which \$114,464.96 is at work in 163 loans. Since its inception, members have borrowed a total of \$712,875.07. Last year the National JACL Credit Union paid a 5% dividend to its members.

Hito is best known as our National President for two terms from 1946 to 1950 and as the National Chairman of the JACL-ADC during the entire seven years of its existence.

For the benefit of our newer members, however, he should also be introduced as our National Treasurer all during the difficult war time years when financial support was shamefully meager and every cent had to be stretched. He voluntarily evacuated from Portland to Salt Lake City to assist National Headquarters finance its all important program. The idea of the 1000 Club was his brainchild.

## Nat'l Recognitions . . .

The National Recognitions Committee did not meet during the Convention as such since all the work under Chairman Randy Sakada was done in the interim period. The main concern of the National Recognitions Committee has been the Nisei of the Biennium project, although other national recognitions were also considered.

✓ We accepted the Committee's recommendation to strike two special silver medallions for presentation at the 13th Biennial to two Nisei for outstanding Distinguished Achievement. Henceforth, two such awards will be included in the final five, with three rather than five chosen for Distinguished Community Leadership, the Nisei of the Biennium to be chosen from the three.

Seventeen sapphire-studded JACL pins were presented to loyal JACLers at the Convention.

✓ Henceforth, the sapphire pin will be given through the District Councils which will set up DC Recognitions Committees. Chapters will make their recommendations to the District Council committees which will consider nominations and report to the National Recognitions Committee.

The pins will be awarded at the next appropriate District Council affair with the nominating chapter paying for the pin.

The Recognitions Committee will take into advisement the recommendation that the ten year minimum requirement for the sapphire pin be revised upon the basis that there may be those whose loyalty might be measured by intensity rather than over a span of years.

We apologetically report here that in our confusion of the Convention, the sapphire pin presentation to SAM FURUTA, long-time loyal East Los Angeles Chapter member was not made. We have always known Sam as going all out for anything involving the good of the community, having worked closely with him for many years pre-war when he was one of our ablest YMCA boys club volunteer leaders. We will see that the presentation is properly made in Los Angeles in the very near future.

A concomitant product of the work of the National Recognitions Committee was the nucleus committee method of getting the job done. Under this system, the National Committee Chairman gathers a number of committee members living in the same locality as a "nucleus" committee who meet to discuss the matter at hand. Such discussions and recommendations are then summarized and sent to committee members, National Board and

staff members, in other localities for their reactions.

✓ The National Council unanimously recommends this as a practical method of operations for other National Committees.

## Nat'l Constitution revised . . .

✓ Under Chairman DAVE YOKOZEKI's able direction, we rearranged our National Constitution and By-Laws in more logical sequence and reworded some of the Sections. We incorporated therein the plan of our National JACL Supporting Membership, defined the National Council as a legislative Board, placed National Associated Membership on a calendar, rather than fiscal year, moved up the date when all fees and commitments from chapters are due from Dec. 1st to Sept. 30, further defined our National Endowment Fund, made all past National presidents constitutionally elected honorary members of our National Board.

✓ We rejected the suggestion of a new member of the National Board to represent the naturalized citizen members, feeling that no special distinction should be made between the regular members and naturalized citizen members.

✓ We also rejected reducing the minimum requirement of a chapter from twenty-five to fifteen since the National Board presently may recognize chapters with less than 25 members.

## Nat'l Membership . . .

We had quite a hassle regarding the raising of our National membership dues, but the indecision was over the amount since most everyone agreed that the dues should be raised.

✓ We finally settled at a fifty cent raise to \$2. We agreed that chapters must send in the dues for every member even though the chapter may have already met its national financial quota.

✓ On National Supporting Memberships over and above the chapter quota, the proportion to National was raised to 75% with the chapter retaining 25% rather than the present 10% to National, 90% to chapter.

✓ And henceforth, all 1000 Club memberships recruited over and above chapter quota will be sent to National in toto since it was felt that the original idea of the 1000 Club was to support National program.

Some valuable suggestions were made by the Membership group to improve the form and appearance of our membership cards. Our especial thanks to GEORGE YASUKOCHI, former Berkeley Chapter president, who graciously accepted a last minute assignment to chair the National Membership Committee and did his usual bang up job.

## One Thousand Club . . .

When HAROLD 'TOKUZO' GORDON took over the National Chairmanship of our National JACL 1000 Club, after the 1952 Convention, there were about 200 members in good standing. Tokuzo has capitalized on our new Supporting Membership with the credit to chapter plan, and reported that the 1000 Club figure had been boosted to approximately 700 as of the 13th Biennial. Being a Chicagoan, he was responsible for Chicago taking up Downtown Los Angeles's challenge to a friendly contest, but conceded victory to Downtown LA by a margin of 107 to 90.

Credit President DAVE YOKOZEKI and 1000 Club Chairman FRANK SUZUKIDA of Downtown for this splendid showing, but also orchids to Tokuzo and RONNIE SHIOZAKI for Chicago's terrific spurt. At the same time, Gordon announced that the 1000th One Thousander since the beginning of this special supporters group had been signed up during this Convention.

The secret of Tokuzo's success was that he was able to transmit his enthusiasm via correspondence, to a number of staunch 1000 Clubbers who pushed the 1000 Club in their respective areas. Plaudits to Dr. TOM TAMAKI, East; Noboru Honda, Midwest; JAMES IMATANI, Mt. Plains; JOE SAITO, Intermountain; TORU SAKAHARA, Pacific Northwest; GII YOSHIOKA, Northern California-Western Nevada; SEICHI MIKAMI, Central California; FRED TAYAMA and JOHN TADANO, Pacific Southwest.

## Planning: New Horizons . . .

We were greatly inspired by the statement and report of the National Planning Committee given by Chairman SHIG WAKAMATSU. Shig reviewed our past performances and present resources in the light of our purposes, and from this perspective projected our thinking to specific directions on policy, program and personnel.

In view of our National Convention theme of "New Horizons," we needed this pointed inventory of our strengths and weaknesses against the setting in which JACL operates, and the frank appraisal of what this new look

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# Mas Satow

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involves.

The crux of his remarks was that JACL should worry less about an extensive program of trying to serve all the needs of every individual of Japanese ancestry and narrow its field to a more intensive quality job to its immediate members.

## Program and Activities . . .

The Program and Activities Committee had a most interesting and informative clinic discussion under the chairmanship of TAD MA-SAOKA, whom our members are getting to know as a very personable young man who in his own right adds prestige to the Masaoka name.

The Program and Activities Committee report calls upon counterparts of the National Committee to be set up in each District Council for the purpose of facilitating the reporting and exchange of local chapter programs nationally to each other.

Also recommended was a national committee to explore the problems and make recommendations with regard to the aging Issei in the various localities, and eight of these who served on this Convention committee volunteered to form the nucleus of such a national committee.

## Public Relations . . .

The Public Relations Committee, under PAT OKURA, had as its main job working on the preliminary drafts of JACL's policy of statements with respect to International Relations and Communism.

The PR Committee recommended that the second edition of the JACL public relations brochure mandated at the 1952 Biennial be made a priority for National Headquarters, and made various suggestions for local chapter public relations.

## Pacific Citizen . . .

The Pacific Citizen Committee met jointly with the Public Relations Committee under PC Board Chairman SIM TOGASAKI. The Pacific Citizen reported operating in the black for the past biennium, thanks to the efforts of Editorial Board Chairman SAB KIDO. During the past biennium, the financial report of the PC beginning October 1952, when the PC was moved to Los Angeles shows expenditures of \$57,504.01 against a total income of \$63,827.48.

Recommended was that District Councils and chapters especially push PC subscriptions with someone appointed to take this responsibility.

The suggestion also was made that if possible, the PC notify individual chapters of the expirations of subscriptions from members of the particular chapters.

The National Council asked that the PC management explore the possibilities of including a Japanese supplement.

## Budget and Finance . . .

The hard-working budget and finance committee did a terrific job, thanks to the very thorough advance thinking and presentation by National Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairman ROY NISHIKAWA. The preliminary budget was presented at the first Council session after a thorough discussion the night before with the National Board.

The final budget adopted was for \$77,805. There were some adjustments in district percentages with the Midwest taking a voluntary raise. The budget was placed on a national unified basis which means that, henceforth, the emphasis will be on the entire national program.

Under this arrangement, National Headquarters will make staff assignments and deploy staff members to various areas as deemed necessary.

Each District Council having a regional office will set up a DC budget and finance committee which will exercise control over its respective office and toward encouraging chapters to get in their financial commitments as early as possible.

The anticipated \$2500 interest from our National Endowment this coming year will be placed in the current operating budget, both to relieve the budget as well as a demonstration of how the Endowment Fund in trust will work for JACL currently.

We voted to eliminate the fifty cents per registrant at District Council Conventions required to National, but retained the \$1 per registrant to National from National Conventions.

In connection with the report of the Budget and Finance Committee, the following are

the financial performances for 1953 and 1954: In 1953 under the ADC Fund Drive, a total of \$75,300 was set up as a national quota, of which \$43,586.68 was actually turned in. In 1954, on a overall national budget of \$67,966.37, a total of \$42,006.40 was raised as of Aug. 28 with approximately another month to go for the end of the fiscal year.

## Legislative-Legal . . .

National Vice-President TOM HAYASHI chaired the National Legislative-Legal Committee. The Committee reiterated the general objectives of the national organization as still valid. These are (1) to secure corrective and remedial legislation benefitting persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States; (2) to test in the courts the validity of discriminatory legislation directed against persons of Japanese ancestry; and (3) to make representations before appropriate government agencies and officials for the just and equal treatment and consideration of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

We agreed to continue to support and cooperate with the appropriate officials and organizations for the attainment of statehood for Hawaii.

We decided to continue the National Study Commission on Immigration and Naturalization for the purpose of observing the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 in actual operation through strategically located operations committees, and set up a \$1000 budget to insure the job being done, secure favorable interpretations within the law itself, and to seek appropriate legislative and regulatory amendments when the law appears to be deficient or discriminatory within the realm of realistic considerations. Several definite amendments within the framework of the present Immigration and Nationality Act were accepted for improvement.

We decided to continue JACL's national policy with respect to the renunciants, namely, our belief that we believe that administrative determination of status should be done upon individual basis in view of the individual record.

We adopted the recommendation that JACL should set up a National Commission on Human Relations to explore and make recommendations in this field, that JACL should continue to file amicus briefs whenever appropriate, and that JACL should work for such legislation as would be in keeping with the fundamental purposes of the organization.

## Evacuation Claims . . .

FRANK CHUMAN, as chairman of our National Evacuation Claims Committee, reported on the larger evacuation claims situation in the light of the Congressional subcommittee hearings.

We will seek the passage of the Hillings Amendment and try to include therein the best provisions possible after due consultation with all concerned. The National Board was instructed to work out a plan of keeping the larger claimants individually posted on JACL's whole evacuation claims program.

## National conventions . . .

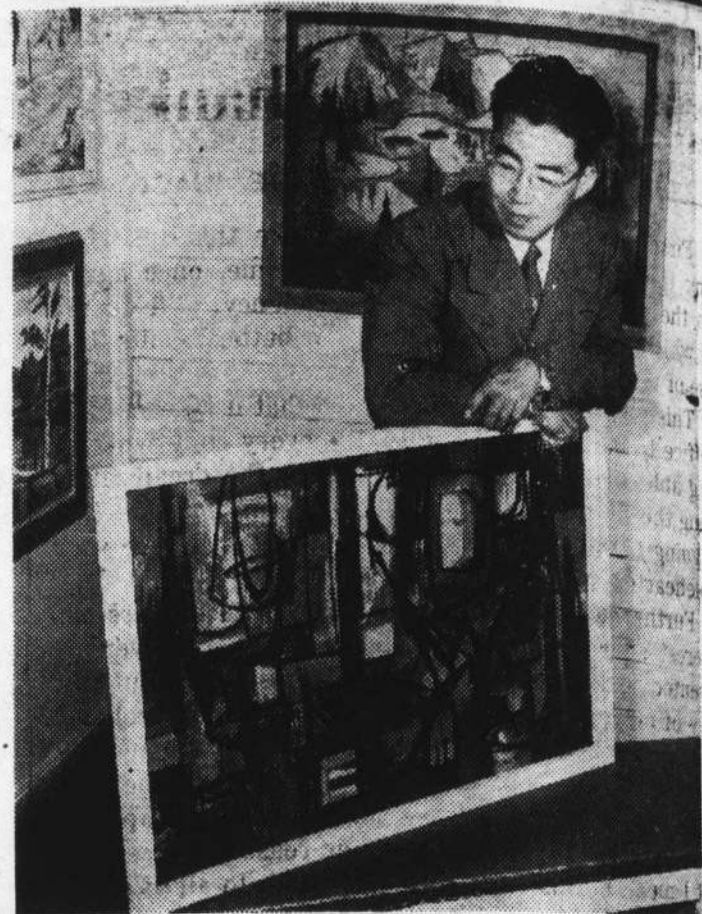
A specially appointed National Convention Committee of the National Board, headed by ABE HAGIWARA, recommended that our national biennials be scaled down as to number of days and expenses and events, that the essentials of a national convention would be the National Council sessions, an official delegates luncheon, the Convention Recognitions Banquet and Sayonara Ball, and the special affair for 1000 Club members. All other events and activities would be optional with the host chapter.

Since no bids were received for the 14th Biennial in 1956, it was decided to leave the bidding open for a period of six months. If no acceptable bids were received within that time, the National Board would instruct National Headquarters to make whatever arrangements were necessary for a meeting of the National Council in 1956, at an appropriate time and place.

## We lift our hands . . .

And that's about it. The complete proceedings of our 13th National Biennial Convention Council sessions will be made up into the Official Minutes and sent to each person who signed the attendance cards.

In general terms, there is unanimous agreement that our 13th Biennial was a terrific success. But the real success of this National Convention for our organization can only be measured by the actual performances we can produce this next biennium. Under the inspired atmosphere of our coming together we have lifted our eyes to the possibilities that our working together can achieve. Now we go back to the realities of our own local situations to lift our hands and bring to actuality what we have seen.



John Mizuno of Salt Lake City leans over his prize-winning modern oil, "Superimposed", at the Utah State Fair. —Terashima Photo.

## IDC Items . . . . . by Alice Kasai

### Utah-born Nisei wins two firsts in State Fair art competition

#### Salt Lake City

Last year, John Mizuno entered the 1953 State Capitol Show and State Fair and won first place with his modern watercolor. This year, he won two first-places with his modern watercolor and a modern oil painting in the 1954 Utah State Fair art competition. In the near future, he is looking forward to having a one-man show in San Francisco.

Mizuno's compositions received much acclaim during the State Fair here the past two weeks. His "Superimposed" took a blue ribbon in the professional modern oil division; his "Beyond" was similarly honored in the modern watercolor division.

He also exhibited two more watercolors entitled "Grotto" and "No. 9".

John was born in Oasis, Utah, on May 20, 1920; resided in southern Utah until finishing high school. He moved to southern California and studied at Los Angeles City College until relocation to Manzanar. He served with the 442nd RCT during World War II, continued his art studies after the war in at a time.

the San Francisco Bay area, a year at the California School of Fine Arts and four years at the Art Barn School of Art.

Since that time, he has exhibited in a number of shows in Salt Lake City as well as out of state.

Married to the former Nobu Kido of Oakland in 1948, they have three daughters and have been residents here since 1949. He is presently employed at Hill Field AFB, Ogden.

#### All-Nisei VFW post organized in Utah

##### Salt Lake City

Formal institution of the 442nd Veterans VFW Post 9416 is expected in middle October. It is the first all-Nisei VFW post in Utah.

Groundwork for the post was laid in 1953 by A. J. Fleming of the national organization and Lyle Klotz of the Utah Department.

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## Many, Many Thanks

★ GEORGE INAGAKI ★

First and foremost, I want to take this means to thank the membership for entrusting me, once again, with the responsibilities of the presidency. I'll do my best which, I sincerely hope, will show better results than those of the past biennium.

This job is such that I truly feel that it takes a term in office to qualify one's self. I feel every confidence of being able to do a much better job for the organization during the coming biennium. You have my promise that I'm going to make a big try at it. I trust that I have your wholehearted support.

Furthermore, both Yuki and I wish to express our sincerest appreciation for the very beautiful silver set presented to us at the Convention. It's so beautiful that a guy of my simple tastes has a hard time comprehending the full beauty of this handcrafted work of an artist like Harry Osaki, who created this set. It's much too good for us, but I'm certainly glad that Yuki is as happy as she is over it . . . for more than one reason, if you know what I mean by that. Many thanks again to all of you.

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## More Thanks

I certainly can't let this opportunity go by without thanking the Convention Committee for an outstanding National Convention. From the opening to the closing event, everything was perfect and each event showed the tremendous amount of preparation that went into it. It's impossible for me to single out any one person for an accolade and I'm sure that all who attended can understand that. My sincere thanks to all those who worked on the '54 Convention.

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## Father of 1000 Club

This Convention had a special significance for me because it marked the signing up of the 1,000th member of the 1000 Club. That was the goal set seven years ago in Idaho Falls, when the idea of the 1000 Club was first born. As great as the satisfaction is to me as its first National Chairman, I know that the greatest satisfaction belongs to a man who, heretofore has been pretty quiet about it, but who actually is the "Father of the Thousand Club". And, that is Hito Okada, our immediate postwar National President. It was from his fertile mind that the original idea of the 1000 Club was born. I'm sure that he is very happy that his wonderful idea has taken roots as it has and that it is accomplishing the very purpose that he had in mind. Hito certainly deserves our thanks for his foresight.

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## Problems, Problems, and More Problems

JACL has many problems and new ones keep cropping up; but, I'm telling you, my 20-months-old Chris beats JACL — hands down. For instance, lately we've been trying to keep him in the backyard so he won't go over to the neighbor's and try climbing up their horse's leg. I built a picket fence along one portion, then I purchased 150 feet of 2-ft. wide chicken wire and strung it along the existing corral fence. To these, I added three gates for our convenience. First, Chris learned to squirm under the wire netting. I managed to correct that situation. Then he figured a way to get over that. I bought more wire netting. Next, he got going under one of the gates. I lowered that gate. Then, he worked out a way to climb over another gate. I fixed that . . . But, I'm getting discouraged mighty bad. As I write this, I can see him across the yard studying that fence. I'll bet you a membership in the 1000 Club that he's figuring out a new angle that'll get him on the other side. As far as problems are concerned, I'll take JACL any day. But without either one, I'll be lost, I betcha.

## Gov. Knight's Convention Speech:

## Japanese Americans help make state a better place to live

(Limited space did not provide publishing the text of Gov. Goodwin Knight's speech at the final banquet of the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention at Los Angeles. We are happy to print the prepared text of the speech at this time.—Editor.)

In terms of years, persons of Japanese ancestry are among the most recent of the so-called immigrant groups to find, love and adopt our great State of California. It was only some 75 years ago that the first Japanese arrived at the harbors of San Francisco and Los Angeles from their native land of Japan.

Yet in terms of actual contributions to our State, our people and our welfare, I very much feel that persons of Japanese ancestry have contributed substantially to the benefit of our people, our State and our nation.

The Issei, your parents, have accomplished miracles with the land. Tilling the soil into green fertile lands, from the arid and desert areas of Livingston, Imperial Valley and San Joaquin Valley, the Issei helped to develop our State to its ranking position in the production of agricultural, floricultural and horticultural products. Many of the irrigation innovations introduced by them, beginning 50 years ago, still remain as among the best and most efficient means for maximum crop yields.

Yet their greatest gift to our State and our nation, is you, the Nisei. I am told by competent authority that you Nisei are among the most law abiding residents in our State.

## Essence of democracy . . .

But, more important, I feel, is the essence of democracy that you have inherited. Your love and faith in the American way of life is now undisputed.

In the dark days following December 1941, your cooperation with Army for your own confinement in relocation centers, so as not to hamper the then war effort, began to prove positively that your home and my home is the same one. Then, when 23,000 of you Nisei honorably served in the Armed Forces, which is a higher percentage of military service than for any group in the United States, your acceptance as loyal American citizens was assured.

I know of the most remarkable record of the "Go For Broke" boys of the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team. Their record of personal and group decorations for courage and valor stands high and alone for comparable units of its size in the military annals of our country. The AJA's who fought in Italy were singled out by General Mark Clark as "the most decorated unit in the entire military history of the United States."

The 5,000 Nisei who served in the Pacific and CBI theatres of war were in a dangerous assignment to aid our country in victory there. And, the hundreds of Issei, who at that time were not eligible for American citizenship, aided the war effort through teaching in our military schools and performing other critical defense work.

Until these demonstrations of loyalty became known, little did other in our State realize the sincerity and depth of your loyalty.

## Nisei Americans cited . . .

After the horrors of World War II, you returned home to California, taking up the responsibilities of your citizenship as good Americans. I know of Karl Taku, the chairman of the San Luis Obispo Young Republicans; of Tom Yego, member of the Placer County Republican Central Committee. Yes, and also Joe Wakamatsu, of the Democratic Central Committee in his Congressional District in Los Angeles.

A great many of my friends among the Rotarians have often told me of your very fine President, Mr. George "Callahan" Inagaki. His respected position on the Board of Directors of the Culver City Rotary Club shows how Americans now recognize and accept American leadership. "Callahan" is just as American as is Smith, O'Brien, Jones and Yamamoto.

Then in Garden Grove, Charles Ishii is a well-known past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post there. His many non-Nisei friends there, who comprise this post, elected him their Commander because of his outstanding qualities of American leadership.

My predecessor and now Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Earl Warren, made the fine appointment of my good Republican friend, John F. Aiso, to sit as judge on the Municipal Bench in Los Angeles.

And I am sure you all know Tom Shirakawa, who served on the City Council of the fine city of Fowler, California.

In the field of medical and scientific research, Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita of the UCLA faculty and head of the cancer research department at the City of Hope here, comes to my mind as an example of your contributions

in this field.

I hear of many reports of the many Nisei now participating in the various Parent Teacher's Associations throughout our State. Many of these Nisei serve their PTA groups as president, which is again demonstrative of your interest in community affairs, and of the deep faith and confidence in which you are held.

I have recalled these Nisei to you, because in many respects, they are indicative of living democracy here in California and throughout the United States.

## Active in civic affairs . . .

Your participation in other activities such as the Red Cross, Community Chest, March of Dimes, and other similar charitable organizations is highly commendable. And I am rather inclined to believe that the efforts of your parents to provide you with the highest percentage of high school and university graduates among all minority peoples, brings you closer to the real meaning of American life.

A moment ago I spoke of Mr. Inagaki, your National President. Through him and your organization, the Japanese American Citizens League, I believe the Nisei and our new Issei American citizens, find the best traditions and experiences in democracy. As the only national organization representing persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, your JACL organization must continue to maintain high standards of citizenship responsibility.

Your Japanese American Creed, written by your most able Washington Representative and part-time California resident, Mike Masaka, provides a philosophy that all Americans could well follow. I think that you can well be proud of the implementation of that creed in the work of the JACL. For I know, as well as do you, that the Nisei in California and throughout the country, gained the respect and community trust because of your organized efforts on behalf of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. It is a record of which you and I are proud, of which all Americans are proud, because it could only happen in these United States.

Your new citizen parents, enfranchised at long last, go with you now to the voting booths. They are most welcome participants in our democracy. And naturally, we, who are interested in their deliberations at the polls, rejoice to find so many hundreds of Issei are naturalized citizens of this great country and of their excellent registration and voting records.

## Sports program lauded . . .

Over the months, I have been noting items in the papers about the sports activities of the members of the Japanese American Citizens League. Sports are a wonderful method by which young and old may enjoy themselves, and they are particularly good for the young people because they are a splendid means of preventing juvenile delinquency.

California is plagued with a rising wave of young boys and girls who have changed from the type of youngsters of 20 years ago whose anti-social offenses were usually committed only in the field of malicious mischief. Nowadays over half of our youngsters who get into trouble are involved in grand theft, robbery, and assault. I can tell you this—any reader would have to scan a great many pages of newspapers before he would find the name of a boy or girl of Japanese ancestry who is being held for official discipline because of criminal actions. The record of your boys and girls as young citizens, and the record of your adults, is one of the finest in the land.

The sports in which you engage also develop strength and courage. There is none who can question the courage, the fidelity, or the spirit of a Japanese American, for they spring from stock which has displayed these great attributes over the ages.

Sports engender this high type of courage, and your Japanese ancestors have left you a rich heritage in those manly attributes.

I like to think that Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, your only living Congressional Medal of Honor winner, who was introduced to you today, represents the fine traditions of courage and stamina that are an inherent part of the people of Japanese descent.

## Naturalized Issei . . .

Next Sunday [Sept. 12] in San Francisco, I am to be in attendance at the annual "I Am An American Day" staged in that city. There I will see a great many native Japanese who have been made citizens of the United States.

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## MAILBOX

## Scholarship students from Japan studying in U.S. defended by Nisei

Editor: This letter would have been on your desk much earlier than this, were it not that I just returned from St. Theresa's in Fresno and read Tamotsu Murayama's article concerning Japanese scholarship students in your August 27th issue. The writer no doubt had his reasons for publishing his comments about these students; but in all justice and fairness to them I'd like to mention that there may well be another side to the story. As for myself I find it rather difficult to stomach some of the sweeping generalizations made in the article about these students.

## Student

For the past few years I've had the pleasant task of acting as adviser to a group of Japanese students now in their studies on many of our Catholic campuses. There are close to 250 students of Japanese extraction in our Catholic colleges and universities most of them from Hawaii and many of them non-Catholics. The Nisei from the Mainland are concentrated more or less along the West Coast states.

The students from Japan number about 75, the great majority of them attending schools in the Midwest and the East. Now I am aware of the fact that these latter represent only a small percentage of the 1294 students from Japan studying in the States, but I believe that my contact with this latter group would permit me to speak with a little assurance as to what type of men and women these students are.

As a group they have been at least to my way of thinking, a constant source of admiration.

I would not be so foolish as to state this without qualification. As individuals, there will always be exceptions perhaps egregious instances of student misplacement—but then, this is to be expected of any group of people. We would be narrow-minded indeed were we to base our judgment of the group on the activities of these individuals. Therein is the danger to all forms of generalization.

## Castigate All?

First of all, it seems to me highly puerile to castigate a whole group of people (even if they are restricted to the Pacific Coast states) as "spoiled kids" and "good for nothing," without even making the attempt to qualify these rancid terms. And are we to let "a San Francisco journalist," or even "an influential Nisei leader" (albeit from Salt Lake City), make up these indiscriminating judgments for us?

I am certain there are many experts in this field who would be happy to present substantial facts on which to base our opinions in this matter. Among them might be included those who work for the Institute of International Education; they have been dealing with these students ever since the Government began handing out GARIOA scholarships to the Japanese students.

Also there are the foreign student advisers whose specific task it is to counsel these students; the school chaplains to whom they confide their problems and worries—and I am sure there are others, real experts in the field of education and social service who could give us well-founded facts con-

cerning the matter and not just passing impressions.

## Pacific Coast Students

Another thing. While it is true that the comments in the article were restricted to the students in the Pacific Coast states, still the implication was there—do I judge correctly?—that all the Japanese students belong to the same poor pitiable lot.

The caption of the article at any rate doesn't seem to leave much doubt about this. One ought, however, to keep in mind that many of these students seek matriculation in schools outside of the periphery of Japanese communities along the West Coast. And this, for an extremely good reason which I myself would recommend to most of the Japanese students who may have ideas of completing their studies in the States.

The reason is more than obvious: here on the Coast there is always the temptation for these new arrivals to seek constant refuge in these communities where people understand their native language and customs. It would be relatively easy for them to accommodate themselves to such an environment. To be sure, there is nothing wrong in this, but it would be fatal to their desire to become acquainted with our American way of life.

## Struggle for Education

Our "Nisei leader from Salt Lake City" doesn't hesitate to brand them as "softies." Now, that was a most unhappy expression to use. I've lived long enough among the "Kishiku-sha" students in our Jesuit University in Tokyo to know the real struggle the students have to undergo to get an education.

Education to them is at a high premium, and they will put up with extreme hardship and sacrifice to obtain it. Eight or nine of these students who have studied under our Jesuit Fath-

ers in Tokyo are now in our institutions here, at Seattle University, Marquette, Fordham, Georgetown, Loyola, and elsewhere.

They are all, as the writer of the article categorized them with a certain amount of aspersions the "so-called scholarship students."

The fact of the matter is that the majority of the Japanese students, with the few exception of those fortunate enough to find assistance from generous benefactors, rely upon scholarships granted either by the Government or by various institutions as the only means for them to continue their education here.

I sincerely hope that more of them in the future obtain these scholarships and receive the opportunity and the privilege of studying in our American schools. Hard as the plight of the Nisei has been since the war, the financial condition of

the families of these students has in many ways been worse. They simply do not have the wherewithal to meet the expenses of modern day education.

The scholarship arrangement is godsend to them; without it they would never have the opportunity to go abroad and study.

## Brighter Side

Please do not misinterpret my intention in writing this letter. My apologies, if I appear to be hard on anyone. I merely want to emphasize the point that there may be another—and brighter—side to the story; I'd like to insist on fair play and to advise a little caution in making categorical judgments about these students.

If we are going to expose their failings, we ought to be just as quick to bring to light some of their fine achievements. I know that even from

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Shig Tanita (left) receives the JACL sapphire pin from Tom Kado-moto, Arizona JACL chapter president. The award was originally announced at the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention in Los Angeles. The pin is in recognition of long outstanding service to the organization and still active in the JACL today.—Byron G. Shaw Photo.

## Gov. Knight

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during the past year. The effect of the removal of racial restrictions can be noted in the large number of Japanese who were naturalized in the latter half of last year.

During the six months between July and December, of 1953, a total of 891 Japanese were naturalized in the State of California alone—almost 40 times as many as were granted citizenship during the six months of 1952.

Another relaxation in our laws governing naturalization lies in the removal of the reading and language requirements for persons over 50 years of age, who have resided in this country for the past 20 years, and I am happy to note that the older Japanese residents who can otherwise qualify are taking full advantage of this opportunity to embrace allegiance to the United States of America.

This annual "I Am An American Day" is becoming one of our great yearly celebrations, and I can think of no finer purpose for a celebration than one which keeps fresh in our minds the great advantages which all of us enjoy as citizens of the United States. That day reminds us of the duty that each of us owes to this country, and to one another, to uphold our Constitution, and to cherish and to protect the liberties that we enjoy under the Stars and Stripes.

Active, intelligent and progressive people like you can help a great deal in making our State a better place in which to live.

There is much work to be done—and I need your help in getting it done. I ask for your cooperation and your assistance.

## California still growing . . .

California is growing by leaps and bounds. We are literally bursting at the seams with great programs to provide the constantly increasing needs of our people who are here now and those who will join us tomorrow.

Each year more than half a million new residents are added to California's growing population. Before long, we will have 20,000,000 residents here in this State.

No one needs a crystal ball to reveal what this mass migration means.

It means we must provide more schools, and more teachers. We must provide bigger and better highways. We will need more housing facilities. We must grow more food-stuffs, build more automobiles, provide more hospitals, take care of our old people and those who are chronically ill, build public institutions for our muoiv-uowital- a1234 stitutions for our mentally ill—these are only a few of the many problems which beset us now and which will continue to beset us as long as our population continues to grow at

such remarkable pace.

No one man can solve these problems alone. He needs the active assistance of every segment of our State's population.

In this, all of you have an excellent opportunity to do your State and your country a great service, by taking part in community discussions, participating in civic movements designed to better conditions, and by registering and voting at every school district, every municipal and every state election.

Stay-at-home voters are a total loss.

Voters who cast ballots without informing themselves of the issues at stake, and who fail to study the qualifications of the candidates who solicit their support, are of little value.

## Symbol of Change

Oakland Tribunal

The speaker at Sunday's [Sept. 12] Citizenship Day ceremony symbolized the changes which have come upon Japanese Americans in the last decade. A resident of the United States for 47 years, his achieving citizenship also marked the maturity of this Nation's attitude toward its Japanese.

For the older Japanese like Sunday's speaker, the greatest change in their lives was the amending of the citizenship laws to allow them to join their children as Americans. Many of them originally came to this country with the expectation of returning to Japan at a later date. But as time passed and their children were educated in American schools and came to live with Americans as Americans, this expectation changed. As one put it, "We realized, too, that there was more of our lives in this America than we had left in Japan. This was our country, too."

For the younger Japanese Americans, the decade since relocation camps has spread them across the Nation from Los Angeles to New York, Minneapolis to Miami. Many have settled in communities which had never seen a Japanese. They were welcomed to the East and Midwest.

Little Tokyo they left in Los Angeles. They settled among other Americans and came to work among their fellow citizens both in their traditional pursuits and others, which before the war were little known to them. Their minority-consciousness has greatly lessened because they now live in neighborhoods throughout the United States much as any other citizens.

The postwar decade has been one of reassuring progress for this segment of America. Its rewards have been sufficient to wipe away memories of the unpleasant antecedents and give promise of a secure future in this Nation.

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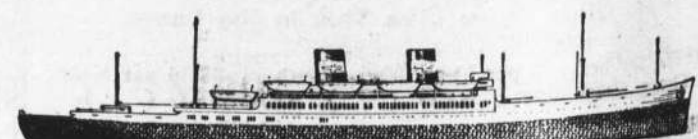
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## ★ SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE ★

## Old Timer Nishita

HARUO ISHIMARU

One of the highlights of the recent special District Council meeting was the approval of GEORGE NISHITA of the San Benito County Chapter as new chairman of the District Council. TOM YEGO, because of his recent election to the position of First National Vice-President, requested acceptance of his resignation as District Council Chairman. Nishita was unanimously approved by the District Council delegates.

Since we have discussed Tom Yego and his many achievements in a much earlier column, I would like to introduce George to some of my readers (both of you).

George is one of the oldtimers in the JACL. Last year, he was among the few especially honored by his chapter as one of the 20 year veterans of the JACL. In the time that I have been serving this area, he has never missed a District Council meeting. Even when he is not an official delegate, he says he feels it is his responsibility to "boost" the meeting.

Last year, the San Benito County JACL Chapter was acclaimed the "Chapter of the Year" by our District Council. This was quite an achievement when one considers that the total Japanese American population in the whole county is only 142 and the chapter has 50 members. Of course, the chapter can only be so successful when there is cooperation and hard work from the entire membership.

It was the only West Coast JACL chapter that continued meeting during evacuation, even in the relocation center.

An example of this teamwork was revealed at the District Council meeting which they hosted a year and a half ago. Every member of the chapter worked in preparing for the meeting and every member was present at the banquet. Just as the chapter is always on the ball, so is George Nishita, who truly exemplifies the sacrificial effort of the JACL.

Always in the background giving him encouragement is his very sweet wife GLADYS. His younger brothers DENNIS and FRANK share the enthusiasm and help take up the slack when George is away so frequently on JACL or other community affairs. For them, the JACL is a family dedication.

The JACL has been strong because of families like the Nishitas, who have put the welfare of the community above personal comfort and ease.

## ★ 5,000 members for '55

Another highlight of the District Council meeting, in my opinion, was the tacit approval to hit for a goal of 5,000 members in our District Council for 1955. This will be almost 700 more than in 1954, but it can be done.

Another item was the approval by the District Council of a minimum of 15 members in order to establish new chapters. There is the potential for 10 more chapters in our area, with this approval, and we may be able to really get going. Some of the areas are already working with established chapters and consequently may prefer that arrangement, but nevertheless, there are about a half dozen communities with very little relationship with the JACL which we can encourage and assist.

## ★ National goal of 15,000

It seems that the JACL nationally ought to go all out in 1955. A goal of 15,000 members is not unreasonable. This is roughly 10% of the total national Japanese American population and many of our chapters hit well over 20% of their population.

Of course, I don't have an opportunity to observe the areas outside of our District Council, but according to the U.S. Census, there are a number of other places where new chapters can be started. I hope that we can really start rolling nationally.

## MAILBOX

## Japanese Students

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the Japanese students who attend our Jesuit institutions throughout the nation I can name a number of them who would be a credit to any group of people and who have made outstanding records both in their scholastic endeavors and

student activity.

May I add a last word of comment. I myself am a Nisei, pure and simple, with no formal education in Japan.

I think that we as Nisei ought not to let slip by the grand opportunity we have of helping these students from Japan. Most of us shy away from them—for lingual reasons I suppose. But even if that gap has to be bridged by a lot of broken English on their part

## SOCIAL NOTES

**Gardena Women's Circle:** More than 40 members of the Gardena Baptist Women's Circle enjoyed a program of recorded music on a hi-fi player at the home of Yo Sugi. The Circle will co-host with the Issei churchwomen a Japanese luncheon Oct. 5 for some 150 members of the L.A. Baptist Mission Society Women's Auxiliary . . . Club meets Oct. 21 to nominate new officers.

**Albuquerque JACL:** Bride-elect Masako Saeda, whose marriage to Charles Matsubara, past president, will take place in November, was honored at a bridal shower recently by Setsu Matsumoto and Mrs. Tazue Akutagawa at the Matsumoto residence. Present were: Grace Matsumoto, Helene Saeda, Mmes. Marie Nakayama, Evelyn Togami, Lorraine Morimoto, Lily Yoshimoto, Chie Taka, Fumi Matsumoto, Chiyu Mori Tamie Hori Mary Yonemoto, May Fukuzawa, Suzie Tamura, Clara Glynn, Hatsu Sakato, Mary Yoshimoto, Tami Yonemoto, Ritsu Yamamoto and Ruth Hashimoto.

**L.A. Nisei VFW Auxiliary:** Several veteran organization officials are to be guests of honor at the Oct. 9 benefit dance at Santa Monica's Hotel Chase. Among the invited are: The Bill Takahashis, Perry Post; the Dr. Hideo Ubas, Nisei Veterans Association; the Ralph Bowers, VFW, 5th District; Ken Nakagakis, Gardena Nisei VFW; the Harry Odas, Nisei DAV.

## Nisei-skipped fishing boat fined \$12,000 by Ecuadorian authorities

Quito

Three weeks ago, an American ship, the *San Diego*, was seized by skippered by Jim Hori of San Diego, Calif., was seized by Ecuadorian authorities for illegal fishing in its coastal waters. He was fined \$12,000, the Ministry of Economy announced last week.

At the time of arrest, Hori explained his motor had broken down and the boat had drifted into coastal waters. But the government said an Ecuadorian patrol boat had fired several shots when the *Sunstreak* attempted to flee.

## Pearl king dies

Tokyo

Japan's pearl king Kokichi Mikimoto died Sept. 22 at the age of 96 in his home in Mie Prefecture. He was the noodle-vendor who discovered the method of cultivating pysters to produce pearls.

## Prof. Obata tour

San Francisco

The autumn tour of Japan to be led by Prof. Emeritus and Mrs. Chiura Obata leaves here Oct. 15 by air and returning here Nov. 1. A bon voyage party is being held tonight.

and broken Japanese on ours. I know that we can do a great deal in helping them break through that cultural social barrier that stands in the way of all foreign arrivals to our country. And this is a form of charity that no other segment in our American citizenry can render, at least not as effectively.

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## Smoglites . . . . . by Mary Oyama

## First day in Honolulu exciting, too tired by nightfall to sleep

No sooner had the two green malihinis finished their first Island-side brunch, than hostess Mrs. Addie You with characteristic Hawaiian hospitality invited them to luncheon. "But first," she ordered, "let's get to your hotel and change into some cooler clothes."

She critically eyed our nylons, "Nobody wears stockings around here . . ." and our black ballet-style flats ". . . the shoes are black; but they'll pass, as long as they're low-heeled and you're comfortable." So off went the woolen Thing hat, ditto the woolen suit, and on went the L.A. style cottons for Honolulu was literally June in December, just like Southern California only more so. People strolled with leisurely casualness around and through the lobby of the downtown Alexander Young hotel.

## ★ Oh see the funny tourists!

We tried to shed the typically tourist earmarks as quickly as we could, but no doubt we continued to sound like one for a long time. For instance, when we remarked on the "mocking-birds" here which sound just like the ones at home, cousin Mildred corrected us by informing that the cheerful din emanated from mynah-birds, not mockers. When we sighed about the romantic-looking walls and fences, all the cousins smiled.

The rock kind of walls were the only kinds they had, so they said, lava-rocks all for free; and WHAT kind of fences and walls did Mainlanders have . . . ? Mostly ugly concrete, we confessed, or utilitarian but inartistic Wizard (wire) fences. And oh, "who'd a thunk" a canal ran through the downtown heart of Honolulu . . . ?!

Everybody laughed at that. Had we NEVER heard of the Ala Wai Canal, certainly through the heart of town, and created by a reclamation project draining off the mountain waters which formerly flooded the Waikiki district? "All the tourists love to take pictures of the fishermen parked on their wooden still-chairs built right into the canal." We sighed over the quaint sights while the natives smiled back at the tourists. Yak for yak . . .

## ★ Exotic food, quaint sights

Although we demurred about friend Addie treating us again, she insisted that we and daughter, aunt, cousin and child, join her for lunch in Chinatown. "You've never tried Cantonese food before, it's different from the State-side Mandarin type . . ."

She herded us to a Chinese joint (yes, but a charming "jernt"—quaint, interesting, atmospheric); noisy with talk, exciting with foreign tongues, and full of interesting faces. This was a prelude to all sorts of gastronomic adventures and introductions to so called "strange" customs such as tinkling cubes of ice in water (fruit-juices or beverages) even at breakfast, Honolulu being in the tropics; eating on the floor (Japanese style) or on the ground outdoors (Hawaiian style), coral or lava flavored sand at beach picnics instead of the Mainland style Plain-Sand or Ant flavored condiments. And we eventually got around to: poi, lomi-lomi salmon, mahi-mahi fish, lau-lau, etc.

## ★ Lomi salmon like Kosher lox

Or, like our kids at home would say "Jewish sashimi". For curious gourmets like Sou'wester Tats Kushida, lomi salmon may be described as thin slices of delicately sliced raw salmon covered with a tomato sauce and chopped or sliced sweet onions. Very delicious indeed, although one mainlander to whom we described this dish merely grunted, "Ugh". But he may have been the provincial sort who ughs at every foreign dish . . .

Poi, we ate a whole *chawan* (rice bowl) of, but it's still poi to us: goopy but thicker than Japanese "tororo", not as messy as okra (Louisiana gumbo) which we love. Poi to our unbroken palate is still plain tasteless. Lau-lau, which is three varieties of meat wrapped in taro leaves, makes a tasty okazu or accompaniment to Japanese rice. Pork, beef, and fish, are wrapped in taro leaves, baked in hot rocks (Island style) or steamed in pots (lazy civilized style), and the whole tastes like spinach cooked with exotic meats. Some Japanese like to pour *shoyu* (soy sauce) on this concoction, which we believe is more readily adaptable to Japanese palates than to American dittos. The latter might find lau-lau plain-tasting although we enjoyed eating it.

Mahi-mahi is a very delicious fish. Tats should try it.

## ★ Too much 'da kind'

Like any tourist we found the first day so exciting that nightfall found us tired but unable to sleep. While Bambi snoozed away we whiled away insomnia by reading Tongg's "Here's Hawaii" and gathering such new facts for the malihini as: Kauai is the most northerly island, Hawaii is the most southerly and largest with highest snow-crowned mountain, sugarcane is fired at harvest-time presenting an impressive spectacle, and that the Hawaiian lingo is Bostonese from New England missionaries mixed with accents from the melting pot.

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## SPORTSCOPE:

## • Football

**Art Takido**, 185-lb. halfback for Cal-tech, was drafted into the armed service on the eve of the season-starter. He was counted upon to lead one of the stronger Engineer teams in recent years.

**Frank Goishi**, 150-lb. full-back, who starred at Reedley High several years ago, is on the Fresno State College squad this season.

A roaring Univ. of Hawaii squad humbled Fresno State College, 25-20, last Saturday at the Ratcliffe, Stadium, Fresno, before 12,000 spectators. **Dick Hadama** passed 39 yards to **Dick Ueoka** to set up the first UH touchdown. He also threw the second TD. **Ed Kawawaki** got off a couple of sizeable runs.

**Ken Fujii**, freshman quarterback for Univ. of Nevada, shot a 12-yard pass to end Buddy Piazzo for the final touchdown against San Francisco State College last Saturday. Nevada won 39-19.

## • Golf

Prize-winning golfers in the recent Chicago JACL Open at Glendale C.C. are as follows:

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT**  
68—Hank Yamagata (8), Ed Stanton (10), Dr. George Hiura (11).  
69—Dr. Clifford Fujimoto (12), George Akutagawa (14), F. Sasamoto (16).

70—T. Sasamoto (12), M. Hatada (14).  
71—George Teraoka (9), Dr. Barrie Kato (9).  
72—Dr. Roy Morimoto (6), Ted Yamaoka (8), Wally Heistad (9), Dr. Randy Sakada (11).

**AYE FLIGHT**  
64—Rocky Yamanaka (19).  
67—George Takao (22), George Chida (22).  
68—Dave Fukunaga (20), George Morimoto (24), Joe Nakano (26).  
69—Aki Matsushita (20), Ike Ito (20).  
70—Chick Asano (18), Corky Kawasaki (18), Jack Okuda (26), Kay Inouye (29), Dick Kitsuse (30).  
71—Ken Yoshihara (17), H. Hori-

uchi (19), E. Nishi (23).

**Richard Yamashiro** and **John Oshita** won low-net and low-gross prizes respectively, in the Oakland Nisei Golf Club's annual 36-hole fall tournament. Yamashiro shot 89-93 (22)—138 while Oshita totaled 170 gross.

Oshita entered the second day of the tournament with a comfortable six-stroke lead over the field but **Dr. Bob Okamura** and **Ko Ijichi** threatened, ending with 171s each.

## Japan Davis Cuppers in zone competition switch

Tokyo

Japan will compete in the Eastern zone of the 1955 Davis Cup competition, the Japan Lawn Tennis Association announced. Japan, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Philippines, Thailand, Burma and Korea are among countries north of the equator eligible to compete in the Eastern zone.

At least three countries will have to enter to make play in the Eastern Zone possible.

Japan has competed without success the past few years in the American Zone. This year, Japan was eliminated by Mexico.

## Pacific Northwest golfers eye Pebble Beach Open

Seattle

Ervin Furukawa of the Puget Sound Golf Club will probably be the only Seattleite to be entered in the fourth annual California Nisei Open Oct. 9-10 at Pebble Beach.

Other Pacific Northwest golfers expected to compete include Ray Hashitani of Ontario, Ore., Lt. Bill Takano stationed in California, Kay Maruyama and Fleasie Okazaki, both of Spokane.

## H.O. Produce cops CL convention team title by single pin

Los Angeles

Official results of the recent JACL Convention bowling tournament at West Pico Bowl were released this past week as follows:

Team—H. O. Produce Co. 2951, Clyde's Sport Shop 2950, Hama Realty Co. 2942, Sawtelle Garage 2927.

Women's singles—Margie Miyakawa 622, Cherry Sugano 570, Mas Fujii 566, Chiyo Tashima 552. Mixed Doubles—Pauline Kurushima-Nob Yato 1222, Mas Takahashi-Chiyo Tashima 1191, Sets Nishida-Min Imai 1155, Jun Mochizuki-Marge Miyakawa 1148.

Men's Doubles—John Mitsuchi-Ray Yamada 1305, Mas Nakashima-Shiro Kitabayashi 1304, Ernie Miyashima-Sam Nakatani 1287, Frank Mizurufuka-Hiro Kayasuga 1269, Min Imai-Hit Ohara 1268, Jim Tamai-Harry Iwasaki 1251.

Men's Singles—Yoshi Shimasu 677, Mas Nakashima 668, Mike Ikuta 666, Shiro Kitabayashi 660, Tomizo Joe 651, Sus Ioki 647, Ray Kamada 645, R. Iseri 630, Shibo Ikuta 629, Bob Nakagiri 628.

All Events—Mas Nakashima, 1925. Trophies were donated for various event winners by: Atlas Farms, West Pico Bowl, Crown Produce, H & F Produce, George's Hardware, George's Mobil Service, Rio Hondo Nursery, Allen Lum's Restaurant, West Los Angeles JACL and Nisei Sporting Goods.

## Fuzzy Shimada gains honor roll mention in keg book

San Francisco

Fuzzy Shimada No. 1 Nisei bowler in the country, was listed on the honor roll in the 1954 Bowling Year Book which included the names of all experts who had league averages of 200 or more last season.

Fuzzy was the only Nisei on the list. He scored a 201 average in the local Downtown Invitational league.

## Berkeley keglerette

Nobu Asami of Berkeley, leading Nisei woman bowler in the Bay Area, is now a member of the first all-women team to join the fast Bay Area Men's League at Albany Bowl. The season started recently.

## Tells reason why Japan press critical of U.S.

Salt Lake City

Japanese newspapers carry a lot of news critical of the United States but none critical of Russia and Korea, because "Americans are gentlemen" who won't fight back.

This was the report last week of Dr. Quintus C. Wilson, Univ. of Utah journalism department head, who returned here from a four-month study tour of Japan.

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## PC Holiday Time

TATS KUSHIDA

A letter we have mailed to chapter presidents and PC representatives this week starts out, "It's PC Holiday Issue time again."

And it is. What is getting us on the ball, and we are a couple of weeks late this year in shooting out this letter, is a great PC booster out in the Windy City. Fellow by the name of **HIRAO SAKURADA**, better known as Smoky.

Here it is October and already Smoky, whose Chicago column appears on page 4, has sent in a batch of greeting ads for the Holiday Issue. Which is the kind of action that really gives us a charge. A dozen more Smokies and the PC is in.

This year, we're making it pretty soft for chapter ad solicitors, what with prepared order forms being sent with last year's clippings attached. Our editor will have more to say about the kind of 72-page pre-Christmas tremender the PC will publish.

If you have a business, we'd appreciate a generous display ad to support this issue. And you, dear reader, can also have your name and address listed for a nominal price. How else can you send greetings to so many for so little? Be sure you see your chapter prexy to have your greeting included.

Helping to get out the PC mailing were members of girls clubs responding to the SOS of the JACL-sponsored Club Service Bureau: **JANET OKIMOTO**, **BERNICE KOMODA**, **CATHY SHODA** and **GRACE OBA** of the Elgenes, **ROSE KITAYAMA**, **MADILYN YOSHIMURA**, **HELEN YOSHIMURA** and **JOYCE TSUJIMURA** of the Dawnelles, **BESSIE TAKENAKA** of the Danellans and **HIROKO KAWANAMI** of SWLA JACL. Chauffeurs were **JACLERS FRANK SUZUKIDA**, **MAS KATAOKA** and **FRED TAKATA**. Supervising the project were JACL office secretary **BLANCHE SHIOSAKI** assisted by **VIRGINIA KAWASAKI** and **JIM HIGASHI**, co-directors of the CSB.

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## Nicknames of olden days

Speaking of nicknames, there must be an interesting history of how they originated. Nicknames like Butch or Stinky seem run-of-the-mill compared to some we've known. Most nicknames, we suppose, are logical. Others have a more subtle derivation.

Among our pre-war friends were Ski Mori, Bike Minami, Honk Aisawa, Amby Fujii, Peanut Takahashi, Blatsy Enomoto, Ingagi (yup, our beloved prexy) Inagaki, Chinky Hosokawa and a few others bordering on epithets or poolroom talk, at least to imaginative minds.

The three male siblings of our family were at one time called, respectively, Spike, Nails and Tack (we've been called worse).

More recently, we've come across interesting appellations like Tube, Jelly, Horse, Blow, Tarzan and Wimp, all Nisei, and a few non-Nisei like **TOKUZO GORDON**, **CHONMAGE GLYNN** and **PROF. ELMERMOTO**.

When leisure permits, we intend to do some research into choice nicknames that the Issei must have had for each other.

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## Arizona moots 14th biennial

The Arizona chapter's Rootin'-Tootin' delegation at the recent convention was thoroughly imbued with the JACL spirit. They even brought along an attractive lass, name of **EVA ODA**, who was voted the chapter's Thunderbird Princess and attended as an alternate delegate.

Some of the chapter officers quite seriously discussed the possibility of their hosting the 14th National Biennial in 1956, and with manpower support, they probably could do a good job. They have under their belts a terrific PSW district council convention staged in Phoenix for three days in May last year. So their know-how isn't lacking.

Speaking of conventions, word has reached us that the Pacific Southwest District Council's biennial, the four postwar convention scheduled for next spring, will be hosted by the small but active Santa Barbara JACL. That's where the first post-war PSWDC meeting (not convention) was held, circa 1946.

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the beautiful souvenir convention program booklet (124 pages chock full of pix and interesting JACL stuff) may do so by dropping the Sou'wester a line, sending along a donation for any amount to the JACL to defray costs, two bits of which should cover postage and handling. The booklet actually cost a buck and a half to publish.



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## L.A. Newsletter . . . . . by Henry Mori

## One-time Poston WRA official sells Hollywood home, prefers life in Japan

W. Allen Cushman, philanthropist and world traveler, held open house at his 6030 Carlton Way home in Hollywood two Sundays ago. It was his first visit home in six years, and, somewhat sadly, his last before departing for Japan, permanently.

Strangely enough, Cushman who befriended many evacuees during the war years at the Colorado River Relocation Center in Poston, Arizona, finds the Orient more fascinating and apparently less hectic in the ways of making a living.

"I have been away too long. I've lost all my contacts here. My life's roots have grown firmly in Tokyo where I had a job as postmaster for several years," the onetime relocation officer told his many friends here.

It may be almost hard to believe for a man who has associated with persons of many nationalities, Cushman would choose Japan as his future home.

His home which he had purchased during the mid-30s was filled with crates of property left by his friend-evacuees who left them in his custody when the west coast became an out-of-bound territory for persons of Japanese ancestry.

Today, Cushman is dismantling his Japanese Room, the Burmese, and Chinese, and Indian Rooms; and the abode is being put up for sale. His rare collection of Oriental prints, the bronze statue of an Indian boy whom he adopted, and the Chinese dishes go into wooden boxes to be shipped to Tokyo where Cushman claims will be his permanent residence.

We'll take his word for it now but we've a feeling that he'll miss the hectic freeway traffic, the high taxes, and the glitters of movieland called Hollywood.

Cushman has a wander-lust for travel. We think he'll be back soon. But if the speed of the freeways, and the terrible smog of this not-always-too-angelic city frighten him, maybe life in a less modern metropolis may be more appealing.

At any event, time will tell.

In Li'l Tokio where most workers are resigned to a six-day week pace, it's surprising to learn the Japanese Barber Association, with a membership of 36 shops, has turned to a five-day schedule with no trimming on Sunday and Monday.

The change becomes effective today. With it comes a hike in haircut prices, from \$1.25 which held for year and a half to \$1.50. Most JBA members are Issei.

Meantime, local Chapter 141 of the American Master Barbers Association was prepared to push its tonsorial business to \$1.75 for haircuts soon.

The second annual Dr. Kikuwo Tashiro Memorial Award of \$250 went to Tommy Takashi Maeda, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from UCLA, now a junior at USC School of Medicine.

The 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Takaichi Maeda, 2235 Amherst Ave., was one of the 15 applicants who submitted his qualifications for the grant.

Maeda's selection to the Tashiro Award was also recommended by Gordon E. Goodhart, M.D., who is dean of the USC medical school. Trustees on the fund are Drs. Norman Kobayashi, Tadashi Fujimoto, George Wada, George Tsunekawa, and Taul Watanabe.

Another male strandee who served in the Nipponese army during World War II was granted a permanent stay in the United States after a brisk hearing in Federal Judge William Byrne's chamber.

The case handled by Attorney Kei Uchima, Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter member, involved 29-year-old Seika Nagai who was working on a sugar plantation in Formosa when war broke out. It was when the island was declared a war zone that Los Angeles-born Nagai was drafted in the anti-aircraft section of the Japanese military force.

Nagai was 14-years-old when he accompanied his parents to Japan in 1939. His one-year stint in the Nippon army started in September, 1944.

While anti-aircraft duties may sound vicious, Nagai said his time was spent in menial assignments: barrack-cleaning, kitchen help, and such. His mother, Mrs. Teru Nagai, lives in Kagoshima.

Federal Court Judge Byrne said Nagai acted under duress and ruled his military service did not mean loss of his American rights.

Mrs. Kagi Nakada, 55-year-old mother of 12 children of whom seven have served in the United States Army, was declared winner of the Los Angeles Examiner essay contest for new citizens. The former Okinawa resident who has lived in America most of her life, 38 years of it, wrote a stirring composition on: "What It Means to Me to Become an American."

Two of her sons fought in the Italian campaign and were Purple Heart winners. Another is still in the Army.

Her husband, Ginzo, was among the honorable mentions. Mrs. Nakada gets a 30 volume set of the Encyclopedia Americana; a Webster Dictionary or an International Standard Atlas for her efforts.

Participation by former alien Japanese this year was numerous. Even the honorable mentions alone listed:

Thomas W. Iwaoka, Pasadena; Shigeo Ito, Monterey Park; Robert M. Ichien, Venice; Asa Baba, Beverly Hills; and Tokio William Sato, Joseph S. Yonai, Yusei Iwakura, Ray Toshinara Kaneoya, Iwao Hagio, and Fukushima J. Takaki of Los Angeles.

It isn't very often that anyone gives away homes for free. But for charitable Mr. and Mrs. Takejiro Kusayanagi, the gift of a \$35,000 mansion where they had lived the last 20 years was sort of a magnanimous gesture to help others in need of shelter.

Last Sunday, the Centenary Methodist Church accepted the two-story, 14-room domicile located at 3741 W. 27th St., and will turn it into a dormitory for students and the aged.

The stucco-on-brick home is situated on a landscaped half acre lot. It has a Japanese rock garden in a back with two pools for gold fishes.

The dormitory which is expected to be in operation before Thanksgiving holiday will have a chaplain, a cook, and a caretaker to supervise the home.

Said the Rev. John Yamashita, English-speaking minister at Centenary: "The church deems this a fine act of Christian stewardship and we are deeply grateful to the Kusayanagi family."

For the donors, they have moved to their newly-built home.

## Larry Tajiri--

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a chance and resorted to demagoguery to gain attention.

In the decade since 1944—with the exception of the Deep South, though even there it is often restrained—racist demagoguery has been largely ignored as a technique. It seems strange that only a short decade ago, appeals to race prejudice were being made in election campaigns in the Pacific coast states. Many men who were in office in 1944 and who were active in the racist campaign against the Nisei—members of the 1944 Congress like J.

Parnell Thomas, Costello, Holman, Starnes, Rankin and the like—have long since been beaten at the polls, but doughty Herman Eberharther of Pennsylvania, who fought the Costello subcommittee majority and got the true story about the Nisei into the record, is still sitting in the House. It would appear that Eberharther's forthright advocacy of fair play for the Japanese Americans didn't hurt him a bit at ballot-box.

Ten years ago the voters of the Pacific coast showed that there was no political advantage in race hatred against Japanese Americans. The lesson seems to have struck home. Anti-Orientalism, long a staple in west coast politics, no longer is being practiced in the region's politics.

## VITAL STATISTICS

## Births

**LOS ANGELES**  
AOKI—Aug. 15, a boy Steven Tadao to the Tetsuyo Aokis (Dorothy Ai Okine), Torrance.  
HAMANO—Aug. 10, a girl Karen Ann to the Kazumi Hamanos (Ryoko Tabata).  
INOUE—Aug. 10, a girl Bonnie Jean to the George G. Inouyes Katherine Fumiko Inouye.  
ITO—Aug. 10, a boy Guy Gen to the Hiroshi Ito (Fujiko G. Ikeguchi).  
KAWAGUCHI—Aug. 15, a boy Gary Bruce to the Masami B. Kawaguchi's (Miyeko Nagasawa).  
KOBAYASHI—Aug. 26, a boy to the Fred Takeo Kobayashis.  
MAEHARA—Aug. 13, a girl Rosanne Kuniko to the Tsutomu Maeharas (Kinuko Shiraga).  
MATSUFUJI—Aug. 8, a girl Cynthia Fay to the Riki Matsufujis (Reba F. Huffstatter).  
MATSUNAGA—Aug. 14, a girl Colleen Emiko to the Robert Isamu Matsunagas (Margaret Kazuko Hamamura).  
OKI—Aug. 29, a girl Debra Joyce Shizue to the Nobuo Okis (Shizuko Sasahara).  
ONISHI—Aug. 10, a girl Cynthia Katsumi to the Masao, Onishis (Mary Louise Eiko Kakita).  
SEKINO—Aug. 30, a girl Kathryn Mary to the Norihiko Sekinos (Kauru Fujikawa).  
SHIMOKAJI—Aug. 27, a boy Larry Tadashi to the Tadao Ted Shimokajis (Yoshiko Ogi).  
WALLACE—Aug. 15, a boy Mark Howard to the Joe H. Wallaces (Nobue Betty Kawasaki).  
WATANABE—July 23, a boy Raymond Kiyoshi to the George K. Watanabes (Chiyo Oda).  
MINAMIDE—Aug. 26, a girl Shelby Carolyn to the Akira Minamides (Takako Mary Yagi).  
**ARIZONA**  
TANITA—Sept. 13, a boy to the Shigeru Tanitas, Glendale.

## FRESNO

KAWAMOTO—Sept. 11, a girl to the Satoshi Kawamotos.  
KOBAYASHI—Aug. 20, a boy to the Louis Kobayashis, Madera.

## STOCKTON

ISOZAKI—Aug. 22, a girl to the Kiyoshi Isozakis.

## SAN JOSE

ANDO—Aug. 3, a boy Donald Lee to the Noboru Andos.  
FUJISHIN—Sept. 8, a girl Shelley Mae to the Kay K. Fujishins, Sunnyvale.  
KAWAHARA—Sept. 2, a girl Stefani Gaye to the Henry Kawaharas, Campbell.  
MORIMOTO—July 18, a boy to the Fred Morimotos, Pescadero.  
NAKAMURA—Sept. 16, a boy to the Ichiro Nakamuras, Mt. View.  
NAKASHIMA—Aug. 2, a girl to the Harry Nakashimas.  
UYENO—Sept. 9, a boy Dean Stuart to the Shigeru Uyenos.  
**SAN FRANCISCO**  
HAYASHI—Aug. 24, a girl Elizabeth May to the Tadashi Hayashis, Berkeley.  
KITAGAWA—Sept. 20, a girl to the George Kitagawas (Teiko Hideshima).  
KOREMATSU—Aug. 22, a girl to the Joe Korematsus, Castro Valley.  
KURIHARA—Sept. 1, a boy to the Dick N. Kuriharas.  
TATSUKAWA—Sept. 3, a boy to the Washio Tatsukawas.

on S. Victoria Ave.

John Anson Ford, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, who has been in office since 1934 and now re-elected to serve his sixth term, left by air Tuesday for the Orient on the first jaunt of a 60-day global tour.

His first stop is Japan where he is expected to meet again Prince Akihito and possibly other members of the Imperial family. Arrangements have been made through the local Japanese Consulate General's office for an audience with Emperor and Empress Hirohito.

After a 10-day stay, Ford then goes to India to see his father who is serving as missionary there.

Ford has gained many friends among persons of Japanese ancestry for his strong on minority rights. Recently he was one of the city officials to testify on behalf of the Hillings Amendment to speed up evacuation loss payments to remaining claimants.

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## SACRAMENTO

NODA—Sept. 8, a girl to the George S. Nodas.  
OKUSU—Sept. 9, a girl to the Kunio Okusuis, Loomis.

## SEATTLE

AKITA—Sept. 15, a boy to the Robert Akitas.  
ANZAI—Sept. 19, a boy to the Harry Anzais.  
FUJITA—Sept. 14, a boy to the Joe Fujitas.  
FURUKAWA—Sept. 6, a girl to the Bob Furukawas.  
HIRANAKA—Sept. 2, a girl to the Robert Hiranakas, Kent.  
IKEDA—Sept. 16, a girl to the William Ikedas.  
KATO—Sept. 14, a boy to the Satoru Katos, Kent.  
MAEKAWA—Sept. 7, a boy Vernon Zen to the Vernon Maekawas.  
MASUDA—Sept. 9, a boy to the Satoshi Masudas.  
OSAKO—Sept. 6, a boy to the Yummi Osakos.  
SUGIURA—Sept. 14, a girl to the Joseph Sugiuras, Kent.

## NEW MEXICO

MIYAMURA—Aug. 21, a boy Mike Y. to the Hiroshi Miyamuras, Gallup.

## DENVER

KANDA—A girl to the Samuel I. Kandas, Keenesburg.  
KITASHIMA—Sept. 12, a boy to the Richard Kitashimas (Evelyn Okazaki).  
UNO—A girl to the Eddie T. Unos.  
YAGO—Sept. 14, a girl to the Jack S. Yagos, Gill.

## CHICAGO

FUJIIURA—Aug. 331, a boy Tsutomu Glenn to the Henry Fujiuras.  
TAKAOKA—Aug. 15, a boy Osamu Dean to the Ken Takaokas.  
TANAKA—Aug. 28, a girl Kinuyo Marjean to the Masao Tanakas.  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
SHIMASAKI—Sept. 15, a girl Susan Diane to the Ira Shimasakis, Bethesda, Md.

## Engagements

MAYEDA-IRITANI—Irene to Daniel Yukio, both of Denver, Sept. 4.  
NINOMIYA-MASUDA—Margie to Ken, both of Los Angeles.  
ODA-HIROOKA—Junko, Huntington Beach, to George, Los Angeles.  
OKAMOTO-INABA—Toshiko Eva, Upland, to Akira, Riverside, Sept. 18.

## Marriage Licenses Issued

BAN-TSUTSUI—Joe, Jisaburo, 52, and Tsuyako, 48, both of San Jose.  
FUJII-NAKAMURA—Dr. Kenneth Kenzo, Stockton, and Alice Keiko, Lodi.  
FUKUMOTO-TAVARES—Lawrence S. 27, and Margaret M., 23, both of Morgan Hill.  
KOSAI-TAMURA—Minoru and Marion, both of Seattle.  
LINDNER-ICHIOKA—Charles T., and Yasuko, both of Sacramento.  
MANO-YOSHIOKA—Toshio, 26, and Tomi, 22, both of Seattle.  
MYERS-TABATA—Ramon H., 25, and Keiko, 19, both of Seattle.  
NARAHARA-OKADA—Hiromichi T., 31, and Ruth K., 31, and Ruth K., 31, both of Seattle.  
OKANO-TERADA—Richard Mutsuo and Sumiko, both of Oakland.  
ROGERS-FUJIMOTO—Bert H., 21, and Marion M., 27, both of Seattle.  
SAITO-SHITAMA—Joseph K., 32, Sacramento, and Pat T., 29, Seattle.  
Nancy, both of San Francisco.

TANAKA-NOSE—Arthur San Jose, and Kazuko, Sunnyvale.

## Weddings

ANSAI-SHIGEHIRA—Aug. 14, Reo and Yoshige, both of Chicago.  
HAYASHI-MATSUNAGA—Sept. 12, Leo, Fresno, and Sally, Madera.  
HIROSE-SHINDO—Aug. 8, Denver, and Clara Toshiko, Los Angeles.  
KASUYA-YAMAGA—Sept. 12, Taku, Monterey, and Yoshiye, Denver.  
KOBAYASHI-KITAOKA—Aug. 21, Yutaka and Martha, both of Minneapolis.  
KURACHI-INADA—Sept. 18, George and Sherry, both of Los Angeles.  
MANO-YOSHIOKA—Sept. 12, Tosh and Tomi, both of Seattle.  
SUDA-HORIE—Sept. 26, Dr. Hiromu, Fresno, and Yoshiko, Hanford.  
TAKAMI-NAKANO—Sept. 19, James and Lillian, both of Los Angeles.  
YAMANE-ISHII—Sept. 12, Noboru Pasadena, and Michiko, Los Angeles.  
YANAGINUMA-HIROHATA—Sept. 11, Kiyoshi, Oxnard, and Lou, Monrovia.

## Deaths

HORI, Sanjiro, 72: Seattle, Sept. 12, survived by wife Toyo sons Takashi, Fukashi (Chicago), daughters Mrs. Aiko Shoji, Mrs. Toyome Hirae, and Mrs. Florence Morimoto (Chicago).  
KAWAHARA, Koichi, 65: Los Angeles, Sept. 19, survived by wife Asano, sons Hideo Sadakane and Teruo Sadakane.  
MURAKAMI, Shiro, 61: Gardena, Sept. 8 (in Japan), survived by wife Isayo daughters Mrs. Kisako Ito, Mrs. Hiroko Yamada and Mrs. Michiko Yamamoto.  
MUROI, Torachi, 72: Chicago, Aug. 11.  
NAKASHIMA, Uzataro, 75: Seattle, Sept. 4, survived by wife Tsuruno, sons Kazuo, Hiroshi, daughters Mrs. Toshie Yorioka and Mrs. Ming Hasegawa.  
NITTA, Chitose, 55: Spokane, Sept. 8 (accident at Heber, Utah), survived by husband Kashiro, son Minoru and daughter Takako.  
SASABE, Mrs. Elise: New York, Sept. 15, survived by husband Sugo and four daughters.  
SHIMA, Takashi, 72: Los Angeles, Sept. 16, survived by wife Kikuno, sons Dr. Arthur Takayoshi (Chicago), and George.  
TANIGUCHI, Utaro: Spokane, Sept. 11.  
YAMAMOTO, Kyutaro, 64: Los Angeles, Sept. 18, survived by wife Shizu, sons Tadanobu, Hiroaki, Masaaki, daughters Mrs. Yukiko Ishiguro, Mrs. Yoshiko Ogata and Nobuko.

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## EDITORIALS

## Deaths in Japan

When an obscure Japanese fisherman was singled out to be the first victim of the hydrogen bomb last week, the death of Aikichi Kuboyama has induced what amounts to a national psychosis. So far, the Japanese reaction has been moderate, but it is tailor-made for Communist exploitation and for anti-American elements.

Several days later, the ill-fated Toya Maru capsized in the typhoon-swept straits between Hokkaido and Honshu. There were over 1,100 lives lost—60 of them being Americans.

Many lives have been lost, but the manner of death of Kuboyama made him an international figure. Yet, lives were lost.

In both instances, there was an underestimation of the situation at hand. The Fukuryu Maru was some 80 miles away from the Bikini H-bomb experimental blast—the scientists unaware the giant mushroom cloud would cover a 100 miles. Typhoon Marie was regarded as "moderate" and blowing out to sea.

These deaths in Japan symbolize the limited capacity of the human mind.

## What Has JACL Done?

That's a common query among the Nisei. "What has the JACL done?" It's a question that is presented each year to those loyal chapter members who make the rounds of homes during the membership drive.

This week's Washington Newsletter on page 2 by Mike Masaoka summarizes the past biennium—the 83rd Congress, which has offered the best record since the 80th Congress.

Seven public bills for the specific benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry were approved, Masaoka reports, as well as another that will substantially benefit many Issei.

In addition, Masaoka says, about \$11 millions have been appropriated during the past two years for payment of evacuation claims.

Since our national picture involves the general welfare of all persons of Japanese ancestry, and not just a certain few in a particular community, it deserves precedence when attempting to explain what the JACL has done.

With the 1955 membership campaign about to start, solicitors should note this week's Washington Newsletter as "recommended reading". We can go one point further. Clip it out and have it as handy reference.

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

by Bill Hosokawa

## Attention: San Diegans

Denver

Can anyone help Mrs. Mizue Shiba of Tokyo? She is trying to re-establish mail contact with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ingram who left Japan about two years ago for San Diego. "He's a chief at an airfield in San Diego," Mrs. Shiba writes. "He was transferred from Haneda airfield. Their former residence was U.S. House No. 525, Denen-chofu, Ota-ku, Tokyo. They were my neighbors and very kind to me."

Seattle oldtimers may remember Mrs. Shiba as one of the Akiyoshi girls. There were four sisters, and during the Golden Twenties much of the social life among older Seattle Nisei revolved around the Akiyoshi home on Yesler Way. Mizue married a handsome Japanese bank employee and left for Tokyo maybe 25-30 years ago. Hadn't heard of or from her since, until her note dropped in out of the blue sky. Her old friends may be interested to know that she's been hospitalized for nearly a year and a half.

If anyone out San Diego way can locate the Ingrams—it might be as simple as checking the telephone directory—we'd appreciate the favor very much. Mrs. Shiba would, too.

News item quotes Dr. Komei Nakayama, chief of surgery at Chiba University medical school hospital in Tokyo, as saying that ulcer rates in Japan are higher than in the United States because the Japanese people are of an energetic type predisposed to ulcers. Also, he added during an interview at Colorado Springs where he attended the convention of the Colorado State Medical Society, Japanese food is extremely bulky and causes frequent distention of their stomach walls and muscles.

Last time I was in Japan, I couldn't help notice the number of persons dozing as they rode to work each morning in the elevated

cars. Of course lots of Americans never come quite awake until 10 o'clock coffee time, but the number of dozing Japanese commuters seemed excessive. Asked a friend about it and he said something to this effect:

"Oh, sure, they get plenty of sleep, all right. It's their diet that gets them that way. Japanese food is so lacking in nutrition that they have to fill their stomachs excessively. The average man washes down a belly-full of rice and pickles with tea every morning and he has to eat a lot to keep him going until lunchtime. What happens when your stomach is full? You get sleepy, of course."

Maybe what they need is some of this new type jet propelled cereals we've been hearing about over the radio.

Homework is getting harder all the time for both Mike and me. He's taking English, algebra, Spanish and typing. I find I'm not much good at any of them, with the possible exception of typing, when it comes to helping him. I come in handy in typing because he helps himself to my machine for practice. Back in high school when I first took typing, we used an exercise book in which the first lesson was type out a page of stuff that went like this: fff jjj fff jjj fff jjj fff jjj.

When I found Mike working diligently over my machine (a second hand Remington standard), I was about to commend him for practicing so hard. Then I saw what he was working. His self-assigned typing exercise is reproduced below:

E T G C G T E  
QB  
LH RH  
FB

If there's any consolation, he was doing a neat job of laying out football plays.

## VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

## Racists in Twilight

Along the Pacific coast the off-year election campaign now in progress has been completely devoid of the sort of hate-mongering which was in progress a decade ago when most of the Nisei still were in the war relocation camps and were sitting ducks for demagogues.

That 1944 campaign marked the twilight of the racist politician on the west coast. The campaign proved that race-baiting, at least a campaign of prejudice using Japanese Americans as scapegoats, just didn't pay off at the polls. In 1944 two men who tried to make political capital out of the Japanese American evacuation and resettlement issue were rejected at the polls. Both Rep. John Costello of California and Sen. Rufus Holman of Oregon were defeated in the Republican primaries.

Costello and Holman had the prestige of public office when they campaigned against Japanese Americans. Costello was chairman of the House Un-American Affairs subcommittee which conducted an investigation of the Japanese American relocation situation which turned up a report so heavily loaded with myths and half-truths that a minority report was filed by Rep. Eberharter, a Democratic member, to set the record straight. Later it was revealed that Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, who was later to go to jail for irregularities concerning salary kickbacks, was the subcommittee's hatchet man and was responsible in considerable measure for the anti-Nisei bias of the inquiry.

In addition to such men as Costello and Holman, there were a number of opportunists who were eager to use race hatred as a stepping stone to public office. Lyndon Foster, publisher of an anti-Japanese smear sheet in the Los Angeles area, entered the lists for Congress but learned that the voters didn't care for his message. Similarly, Louis Wasmer of Spokane also ran for the nomination for U.S. senator and was an also-ran.

Another who tried to make a major issue of the Japanese American relocation issue, warning the coastal populace of the imminent return of the evacuated Japanese if the Democrats won in the election, was Frederick Houser, then lieutenant governor of California. Houser was the GOP candidate for U.S. senator and he shouted that the Democratic administration was engaged in a "plot" to return the evacuee to the west coast.

Actually, there was much that was true in Houser's charges, although he had twisted the facts out of perspective. In the spring and

early summer of 1944 a determined effort was made by the administration to obtain the relaxation of the military orders excluding all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast area. Although the public and the evacuee were unaware, Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes, Attorney General Biddle and the WRA's director, Dillon Myer, all advocates of the early return of the evacuees to the coast, were finally joined by Secretary of War Stimson in urging the revocation of the exclusion orders.

The proposal, which would have meant that the Nisei would have returned to the coast a year before they actually did, went to President Roosevelt. FDR postponed an immediate decision, promising that he would give the matter full consideration at a later date. It was not until after the November, 1944 presidential elections—and after the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Endo case which ruled that forced detention of civilians without formal charge in the relocation camps was illegal—that the exclusion orders were revoked.

There is no available record of the reason for FDR's decision to sidestep what appeared to be a politically embarrassing issue in the summer and fall of 1944. It could be that the political factor was uppermost, particularly noises about a Democratic "plot." FDR's strategists may have been worried about the influence which a decision to reopen the west coast to the Nisei would have on the electorate. But if the Democrats resorted to expediency, the GOP also appeared unconcerned about the citizen rights of the evacuees in the camps. Governor Dewey, the GOP's presidential candidate, sidestepped the evacuee issue when questioned during a visit to California. His running mate, Gov. Bricker of Ohio, meanwhile, came up with a weird alternative in which he recommended that the coastal communities be given "local option" to decide whether Japanese Americans would be permitted to return to their homes. Such action, of course, would have been unconstitutional, as the Supreme Court later ruled in the Edwards case which involved the right of an Oklahoman to take up residence in California.

With the hindsight of history, it can be said that the Democrats and Republicans needn't have worried so much about the Japanese American evacuee in the west coast political campaign of 1944. None of the many candidates who made a major issue of the Japanese Americans was elected, although most of these were nobodies who didn't have

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## DECADE AGO

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One-fourth of evacuees may not return to former coast homes, says WRA director; Myer believes Agency making success of relocation program.

Evacuees not welcome, says Gov. Osborn of Arizona.

California wins first case on anti-alien law; judge rules title of Stockton property (Kiyoshi Watanabe of French Camp) to revert to state.

Army hearing board denies permit to Dr. Ochikubo to return to evacuated area.

Norman Thomas hits coast racism against Nisei.

Christian Science Monitor correspondent points to failure of attempt to get signatures for initiative petitions to tighten present anti-alien land law as California citizens uninterested in persecution of Japanese Americans.

Gov. Dewey, GOP presidential candidate, sidesteps news query on coast evacuees.

Dr. Monroe Deutsch, provost of Univ. of California, questions Dewey statement on coast evacuees.

"One-man crusade" against Nisei girl student in Pasadena reported.

Native Sons of Golden West on record opposing Hawaiian statehood on Japanese American issue.

## MINORITY

Portland

Denial of restaurant service to a Nigerian exchange student at Athens (Ore.), has caused the first legal action under Oregon's year-old civil rights law. The restaurant owner was notified a suit will be filed against him for refusing to serve G. Ibom of Nigeria last June.

Washington

Over 98 per cent of all Negroes in the Army are now integrated with white soldiers, with only 15 all-Negro units remaining. These are gradually being desegregated. Integration of the armed forces began in 1945 when the Navy assigned Negroes to white crews in 25 auxiliary ships. In 1946, late Navy Secretary James Forrestal barred segregation of sleeping and eating facilities. In 1948, the Air Force banned segregation, and four years ago, after the outbreak of the Korean War, the Army began breaking down its color lines.

Mauch Chunk, Pa.

The citizens of Mauch Chunk and East Mauch Chunk, two mountain communities in central Pennsylvania voted to honor one of the greatest athletes of all times by changing their town names to Jim Thorpe, the Oklahoma-born Indian who starred in the 1912 Olympic games at Stockholm then played seven years of major league baseball and 14 years of professional football.