



Formal presentation of the "Key to Salt Lake City" from Mayor Earl J. Glade to Tamotsu Murayama of Tokyo (center) was made at a recent Court of Honor of Japanese Boy Scouts at the Asahi Shimbun Auditorium. The key was originally presented to Murayama last summer by the Mayor, who then sent the "Key" to Tokyo, requesting it be delivered at a proper ceremony. Lt. Col. Donald Nugent (right), public information officer of Far East Command Headquarters, made the presentation. Frank Scolinas, (left), Los Angeles attorney practicing in Tokyo, presented the Harry M. Scolinas Trophy to Murayama in memory of his father for outstanding service promoting scouting in Japan. —Nippon Times Photo

DEADLINE FOR FILING VESTED PROPERTY CLAIMS APPROACHES

Washington

Less than one month remains before the final bar date for filing vested property claims against the Office of Alien Property, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reminded.

Persons of Japanese ancestry who have not yet filed for return of their real and personal property vested by the United States Government during and after World War II should not delay in submitting their claims for the return of such property, the Washington JACL Office said.

After Feb. 8, 1955 (the final filing date), title claims received by the Office of Alien Property will not be considered as "timely filed" and cannot be awarded.

Postmark No Good

The Washington JACL Office noted that the final filing date means that the vested property claims must be received by the Office of Alien Property before midnight, Feb. 8, 1955. The post office date stamp on the envelope containing a vested property claim is not considered as the filing date.

Extending the final bar date for filing vested property claims to the forthcoming deadline was made possible through enactment of JACL-supported legislation during the last Congress. At that time, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, urged Congress to enact the legislation to provide many Issei and Nisei the opportunity to file for return of their vested property.

Masaoka testified that the original filing bar date of Apr. 30, 1949, or two years after the vesting of the property was unduly harsh against many persons of Japanese ancestry who had never been told of the deadline and had never been given an opportunity to file claims.

The JACL spokesman also

pointed out that many Issei and Nisei in the United States and Hawaii had confused the final filing date for vested property claims with the closing date for evacuation claims, which was Jan. 3, 1950.

Enactment of the JACL-supported legislation permitted all Issei and Nisei whose property has been vested by the United States government to file claims for return of their vested property. Without this legislation, many Japanese would not have the opportunity to file claims for their property.

The Washington JACL Office reported that the law allows any person of Japanese ancestry, alien or citizen, regardless of residence to file a claim for return of their property vested by the Office of Alien Property or the Alien Property Custodian, pursuant to the Trading With the Enemy Act.

The final date for filing these claims is Feb. 8, 1955. Claims received after that date will be dismissed by the Government as being "not timely filed."

Nine Southland chapters support Jan. 22 dance

Los Angeles

Nine chapters are expected to support the fourth annual Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council installation ball, Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, 7660 Beverly Blvd.

Mac K Hamaguchi, council chairman, announced tickets have been distributed to members of the following chapters: Downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Hollywood, Long Beach, Pasadena, San Fernando Valley, Southwest Los Angeles, Venice-Culver and West Los Angeles.

The sports formal, open to the public, will feature Abe Most's orchestra. Tickets are \$3.50, single or couple. George Inagaki, National JACL president, will be installing officer.

DR. SAKADA SCHEDULED FOR MAJOR SURGERY

Chicago

Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, Chicago optometrist and past national JACL president was sent to the Illinois Masonic Hospital this week for major surgery.

His office is being partially maintained by Dr. Roy Teshima, associate professor of Optometry at the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, where Dr. Sakada is also on the faculty. Those desiring any optometric services are asked to call Dr. Teshima, TRiangle 4-9316.

Sen. Kilgore, Rep. Celler named to chair respective Senate, House Judiciary committees in 84th Congress

Washington

Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.) and Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) are scheduled to be the chairman of their respective Judiciary Committees, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Because of evacuation claims legislation, these committees are of particular importance to persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, the JACL Office said.

Amendments to the original JACL initiated Evacuation Claims Law are considered by the Judiciary Committees in the Senate and House. The recent congressional evacuation claims hearings conducted on the west coast were sponsored by the House Judiciary Committee.

Voted for Basic Law

Both Senator Kilgore and Congressman Celler have taken an active part in JACL-sponsored legislation, having supported the original Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and its amendment of 1951 providing for the compensating of claims up to \$2,500.

They supported the Stay of Deportation Law which enabled thousands of Issei to re-

EARLY ACTION ON HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD BILLS ANTICIPATED

Washington

Statehood for Hawaii bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate of the new 84th Congress, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

In the House, Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington (R., Hawaii) introduced a bill, HR49, which would make Hawaii the 49th State in the Union. Mrs. Farrington was recently elected in Hawaii to fill the congressional vacancy left by the death of her husband, Hawaii's Delegate in Congress for many years.

On the other side of Capitol Hill, Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.) introduced S49, a bill for statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. Senator Murray introduced his legislation on his own behalf and that of 25 other senators of both political parties.

S49 would enable the people of both Hawaii and Alaska to form a constitution and a state government and be admitted into the Union on equal footing with the original states. Concurring senators are:

Clinton P. Anderson (D., N.M.), Frank A. Barrett (R., Wyo.), Homer E. Capehart (R., Ind.), Francis Case (R., S.D.), Dennis Chavez (D., N.M.), Earle C. Clements (D., Ky.), Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.), Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.), Theodore F. Green (D., R.I.), Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D.,

Mo.), Spessard L. Holland (D., Fla.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.), Harley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.), Herbert H. Lehman (D., N.Y.), Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), Patrick V. McNamara (D., Mich.), Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.), Richard L. Neuberger (D., Ore.), Joseph O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.), John O. Pastore (D., R.I.), Frederick C. Payne (R., Ma.), and Milton R. Young (R., N.D.).

Senator Murray, primary author of the Senate Hawaii-Alaska Bill, is the chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Congressman Clair Engle (D., Calif.) is the chairman of the House Committee which will consider the Hawaii Statehood Bill.

Senator Murray, introducing S49, declared, "The continuing members of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on both sides of the table have indicated their intention to give prompt attention to this statehood bill, and it is my hope that we can bring the measure before this body very early in the first session on the 84th Congress."

The JACL supports statehood for Hawaii and has in the past made numerous representations before Congress to secure enactment of legislation which would grant this statehood.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT RECALLS WARTIME HARDSHIPS, 442 RECORD

Washington

Describing the background of the JACL initiated claims program, the House Judiciary Subcommittee made special mention of the hasty wartime evacuation and the subsequent outstanding military service of the 442nd Combat Team, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Subcommittee sentiments on evacuation were included in its 26 page report on the so-called Hillings Bill to expedite the settlement of remaining evacuation claims. Recommendations towards liberalizing exist-

ing law through additional features suggested for future legislation were included in the report.

Rep. Edgar A. Jones (R., Ill.), chairman of the Subcommittee, submitted the favorable report on behalf of the other members—Reps. William E. Miller (R., N.Y.), Usher L. Burdick (R., N.D.), Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D., N.J.) and E. L. Forrester (D., Ga.). Congressman Forrester did not accompany the Subcommittee during its five days of public hearings on the west coast.

Walter R. Lee, legislative as-

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main in the United States after World War II when they were subject to deportation to Japan.

Issei treaty merchants, students from Japan, and others whose passports had expired during the war were allowed to remain in the United States under this law, which was introduced at JACL request.

Restoration of American citizenship was made to hundreds of Nisei who lost their citizenship by voting in Japanese elections during the Occupation. This bill was enacted into law through JACL sponsorship and active support.

Befriended Issei

Both Senator Kilgore and Congressman Celler actively aided persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States through their support of these measures. In addition, each has befriended many Issei through the introduction of numerous private bills, the Washington JACL Office said.

The Judiciary Committees in the Senate and House are considered to be the "heavy-work committees". In both sessions of the 83rd Congress, a total of 4,927 public and 16,363 private bills were introduced. Of this total, 36.2 per cent was referred

to the Senate and House Judiciary Committees.

In the 83rd Congress, a total of 11,855 bills were introduced in the Houses of Representatives. The House Judiciary Committee handled 44.2 per cent for all these House-sponsored bills.

The Senate passed 4,921 bills in the 83rd Congress. The House Judiciary Committee received for consideration 56.5 per cent or 704 bills passed by the Senate.

Senator Kilgore and Congressman Celler are expecting a similar rush of legislation for their respective committees in the 84th Congress.

Twin Cities UCL credit union meeting scheduled

Minneapolis

The United Citizens League credit union general meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 22. The 1954 dividend will be announced.

The close of the second year of operations finds the credit union with 55 members, double over the previous year, and a \$600 net income realized from loan interests.

TOKYO TOPICS

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Socialist dilemma

Drastic differences in political philosophy and on the question of national defense has separated the Socialist Democratic Party of Japan into left and right wings. The left-wingers are, more or less, following the Communist Party line, seeking social revolution through radicalism. The right-wingers, on the other hand, recognize the need of national defenses yet place the stabilization of living conditions as more urgent than rearmament in order to restore peace and order among the needy and hungry populace.

The right-wing Socialist Democrat believes in something stronger than policemen to maintain internal security. They want to avert a possible Communist up-rising that might invite some outside power to invade Japan. They regard the present Security Forces as adequate.

Reds in Disguise

The left-wingers are trying to further Communist principles as far as possible. They want to have Japan ready for a social and political revolution. It is common knowledge that many Communists are within these ranks to disguise their voting strength.

The Japanese people, as a whole, does not approve communism. But with so many of its citizens maintaining a hand-to-mouth livelihood, communism can appear attractive. Organized unionists are in support of the Socialist party—both left and right wings—and opposing war and rearmament. It has tremendous following among the youth of Japan.

This might be further explained by the education given the youth of Japan during occupation days, when the war-renouncing Constitution was overemphasized and the youngsters were taught that war was a crime. They were also taught not to carry arms for any nation that was imperialistic. And any nation outside of socialist or communistic was branded as imperialistic. Thus, the idea of "Imperial America."

Democracy Misinterpreted

Furthermore, democracy was misinterpreted by the school teachers. And today, the teachers are strong factors in promoting unpatriotic socialism or communism.

When the steel factory shutdown continued for 193 days in Muroran, Hokkaido, last fall, school children and non-working families were jointly involved in the strike. Strike-demonstration games were played at school and pupils made communistic speeches.

During the occupation, school teachers were safe so long as they didn't teach love of country to the children. The teachers were under strict supervision. Even respect for elders was omitted.

Coming Elections

Socialists and Communists are striving to prevent passage of a constitutional amendment rearming Japan. Since it requires a two-thirds majority in the lower House of the Diet to amend the constitution, the Socialists could create a serious situation by gaining 160 seats in the forthcoming national elections in February or March. The elections are very important from this particular aspect.

Union laborers are each being assessed 100 yen to aid Socialist candidates at the general election, unprecedented in all Japanese political history.

Inajiro Asanuma, secretary general of the right-wing Socialists, has maintained a strong need for "proper security forces" to quiet any possible up-rising in Japan by which some foreign power might be tempted or invited for purpose of revolution. He fears the Japanese Reds might ignite a civil war.

Conservative Quibbling

Another uneasy aspect is the negligence of the erstwhile Yoshida government in not amending the constitution

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

Aid for Free Asia

Marshall Plan assistance

What in the long-pull of history may well be recorded as the decisive program in the struggle against world communism is now being planned in the nation's capital.

It is a kind of Marshall Plan aid for the countries of Free Asia. It will be considerably larger than anything tried heretofore in the Orient but will be substantially smaller than the original Marshall Plan for post-World War II Europe.

Moreover, the economic aid as presently envisioned for the Far East will be of a much longer-range type than the short-term grants and loans made for the European reconstruction effort.

"The driving force behind the program is the concept that unless living standards are heightened materially, the process of communist infiltration cannot be halted. Beyond that, administration officials are hopeful that a determined United States program for development purposes will exhibit a firm belief in the future of the free world in Asia and will advance concomitant psychological advantages," we are told.

In other words, the theory behind the Asian economic aid plan is much the same as that which motivated the highly successful Marshall Plan. It is reasoned that hungry, ill-clothed, ill-fed, and ill-sheltered people are prime targets for communist exploitation. Anything which can be done, therefore, to alleviate economic distress is in effect a strengthening of the free world.

Because of the relative backwardness of Asians, it cannot absorb as quickly or as fruitfully the vast sums of money which were poured into Europe just a few years ago. Long range projects are to receive first priority under the newly conceived plan.

Regional coordination sought

Beyond sheer economic help, the plan will attempt to bring about regional coordination between the free nations of east Asia. It is hoped that just as extranational agencies were established in west Europe to bring order out of chaos, so will Asians band together to seek mutual solutions to mutual problems, rather than "going it alone" as they are now doing.

In short, a comprehensive, all-Asian effort is being sought so that a common and presumably united front will be presented to the expected communist efforts to "nibble away here, and there" on the periphery of free world defenses.

All this is in line with what the administration hopes will be a "new look" and a new approach to the agonizing Asian problem which has currently displaced Europe as America's number one concern.

Here in Washington, there is a feeling that the political and economic situation in Europe has improved so much lately that the United States can and must turn to the Far East situation which has become so ominous lately. This Marshall Plan aid is the outgrowth of this latest thinking.

Harold Stassen, Foreign Operations Administrator, is supposed to be the man behind the idea. And, in view of United States aid to

Europe at a time when it sorely needed such help, Mr. Stassen proposed that west Europe join with this country in this Asia development program.

This Stassen Plan, if you will, aims principally at the development of electric power, transportation, and distribution; an increase in production of consumer goods; and, to a lesser extent, agricultural development—a kind of gigantic point four program.

The former Minnesota Governor declared that he thinks west Europeans might contribute in part by making long-term development credits to Asia and by making available to these peoples technical assistance.

In many ways, the proposal is attractive and reasonable to both the proposed beneficiaries and the people of this country.

With the experienced gained from the Marshall Plan operations, the mistakes and shortcomings of that program can be avoided.

Geographically speaking, what is presently proposed is similar to the East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere envisioned by militarist, pre-war Japan. But, the emphasis is far different; the emphasis will be on the development of the backward areas and of her peoples, rather than the ruthless exploitation of resources for the benefit of a single nation.

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Japan as key to program

Just as Japan was the key to that pre-war program, so Japan can be the key to the present program. And it is hoped that the planners in Washington will recognize this truth.

Japan is the technical workshop, as well as the industrial machine, of the Far East. She has manpower, skilled and experienced, to spare. Japan herself is in the economic doldrums.

It may well be that Japan should be asked to provide the technical skills needed to build up the industrial and agricultural resources of these east Asian nations. In this way, Japan will not only be aiding in economic development of areas she once desired to ravish but also would at the same time be earning dollars for herself, dollars that are sorely needed if she as a nation is not to go bankrupt.

We appreciate the situation in which the Japanese, once the enemy and conqueror of these same nations, would find themselves should they offer themselves as technical experts to this program.

At the same time, these Asian peoples might prefer fellow Asians to Europeans and others who to them may represent the imperialism and exploitation that they have finally succeeded in ridding themselves of after centuries of servitude.

In any event, special consideration should be given to the role that Japan should and can undertake in any such program as this. Japan still represents the strongest potential bulwark against communism in east Asia. And, unless she is given economic help and immediately, she may be forced into the enemy orbit.

Thus, this Marshall Plan aid program may, in a sense, be able to accomplish the twin purposes of shoring up Japan's jaded economy and developing the backward areas of Free Asia.

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Confidence & hope strengthened

West Europe was able to recover because of the Europeans themselves. The dollars America poured into that area gave the people confidence and hope.

In a similar vein, it is hoped that the proposed program will allow Asians generally to help themselves, with American dollars providing the confidence and hope in the future of the free world that is needed to combat communist propaganda in that section of the Asian landmass.

Free Asia contains the so-called "uncommitted millions" which are the manpower prize in the current battle of ideologies between free men and the Kremlin.

If against the communist promises of a better world in which to live, our country can bring these peoples a concrete, working, day by day program to improve living standards, without question these Asian peoples will flock to our standards, for once a people are fed, clothed, and sheltered, they yearn for freedom and liberty.

This contemplated program, call it by any name, must succeed, lest the millions of Free Asia turn against us because we failed to make meaningful for them in terms they could understand the true meaning of democracy. And our failure to convert them to the cause of free men may swing the balance against us and the forces of totalitarianism may yet be victorious.



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VERY TRULY YOURS

By HARRY HONDA

'Seven Samurai'

On par with "On the Waterfront," possibly the best bet for a 1954 Oscar, is a near-three hour long Japanese film, "Seven Samurai," which was press-previewed here last week . . . The black and white movie was directed by Akira Kurosawa of "Rashomon" fame, winning the second-place Silver Lion Award last year at the Venice Festival . . . Aside from the factor of length (which shows up how uncomfortable theater seats

can be), there is a wonderfully superb cast, action, comedy and some boy-meets girl close-ups that beat

Hollywood standards . . . The photography was excellent. One scene shows the hilt of a samurai's sword inches away from the camera lens in perfect focus with the background . . . While dubbed with subtitles in English, as the story unfolded, the plot could be understood from sheer acting and moodful music and the short sentences at the bottom of the screen became oblivious . . . The simple lesson one might gain after viewing this prize-winner is the tragedy of war. Even though the battle is in defense of a helpless village raided by mountain bandits and the successful destruction of brigands in "Seven Samurai," the gallant samurais are still losers. To explain this would give the picture away.

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Distribution rights to the above haven't been determined as of this writing . . . It would be a pity if the wait would be long as that of "Jigokumon," which was press-previewed last July. It opened in New York and Hollywood in the past month.



OPINIONS

A Real Bargain

A dollar has become a notoriously weak sister, but there's one place where it can still do a man's work. That's in the Boy Scout movement. One dollar a month, \$12 a year, is the price of keeping a boy in scouting.

Roosevelt Council, which directs the scouting program in the Greater Phoenix area, took scouting to 15,000 boys last year. Another 15,000 boys might have come into scouting if the \$12 per boy per year had been available.

The scouting program is an education in itself. It has few equals in building character, training boys to look after themselves, developing good citizens. It is one place where a dollar still gets results.—Arizona Republic.

(JACLers who are actively assisting in the Boy Scout movement already know the value of scouting. Because it will be Boy Scout month in February, we reprint this editorial for readers who might be persuaded to assist financially.—Editor.)

★ HONOLULU NEWSLETTER ★

City Hall Squabble

★ LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA ★

Four of seven supervisors Nisei

Nisei elected to public offices last November are now coming under the harsh spotlight of public attention.

Take, for example, the Nisei members of the Honolulu Board of Supervisors. They're being scrutinized, and also criticized, because at the moment they're engaged in a bitter battle with the new Mayor over the appointment of department heads for the City-County of Honolulu.

Next month, the Nisei members of the Territorial Legislative will be performing before the public when the biennial session opens in Honolulu.

The Nisei Supervisors on the Honolulu Board are serving under circumstances that are bound to draw public attention. For one thing, there are four of them—more Nisei than have ever served at one time previously on this Board.

The four are Mitsuyuki Kido, Matsuo Takabuki, Richard Kageyama and Mitsuo Fujishige. Only Fujishige is new, the others having served at least one term heretofore.

The Board is made up of seven men; the other three are non-Nisei. With the Mayor, the Supervisors act as the policy-makers for a municipal government that spent more than \$23,000,000 during 1953. The Honolulu government, covering a population in excess of 300,000, is by far the largest and most important of the four counties in Hawaii.

The four Nisei are all Democrats; with two others, they comprise a six-man Democratic majority on the Board.

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Gay ceremony ends in wrangling

Their difficulty stemmed from the fact that the new Mayor is a Republican. Neal S. Blaisdell was elected the first Republican mayor of Honolulu in 15 years, along with the new Board, last November.

The City Hall fight started on January 3, at the inauguration of the new Mayor and Board. Blaisdell (a strong friend of the Nisei) submitted the names of several department heads for approval by the Board.

His appointments were "placed on the table" by the Board who in turn sought to retain all the old department heads.

Some sharp exchanges took place in full view of several hundred persons who had come to witness the swearing in ceremony.

Ordinarily, this ceremony is a gay and colorful affair. But this time the gaiety was quickly brushed aside amid the wrangling and parliamentary maneuvering between the Mayor and the Board.

To almost everybody's surprise, a Democrat, Supervisor Kageyama, came to the Mayor's aid while the only Republican on the Board, a non-Nisei, joined the Democrats.

Kageyama attempted three times to bring the Mayor's nominations to a vote, but was thwarted each time for lack of support from the others.

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Departmental head status unsettled

When the attempts to win confirmation of his appointees were defeated, the Mayor remarked, "I'm terribly disappointed at the action taken by this Board. We operate from this moment without department heads."

The spectators applauded his stand.

Those he fired included two Nisei, James M. Morita, City Attorney, and Arthur Y. Akinaka, building superintendent.

Later, the Mayor withdrew his dismissals but, as of this writing, the status of five department heads remains unsettled.

In their places, the Mayor would like to name new men, including three Nisei—Takashi Kitaoka to succeed Morita, Yoshio Kunimoto to succeed Akinaka, and Dr. David Katsuki to be city physician.

The conduct of Nisei office holders is being followed "at home and abroad."

Because such a large number have been elected to office (for example, 21 out of 45 members of the new Legislature are Nisei), it is not surprising that non-Japanese elements are beginning to carp privately about "Japanese domination" in local politics.

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Standard of conduct scrutinized

Soon after the opening battle at City Hall, there were some disparaging remarks aimed at alleged "arrogant" behavior on the part of certain Nisei supervisors. The same conduct on the part of a non-Nisei might have gone un-noticed, or at any rate tolerated, but the Nisei are operating "in a fishbowl," so to speak, with every mistake likely to be exaggerated.

Not only the non-Nisei but Nisei critics as well are speaking up, which may be even more painful for the Nisei office holder.

A letter, signed by "A Democrat of Japanese Blood," was published in a Honolulu newspaper a few days after the City Hall squabble. Addressed as an open letter to the Democratic supervisors, it asserted: "You are not in there for the good, smooth functioning of government for the people. It appears that you all had the intent of sabotaging the Mayor before he even was sworn into office."

The Congressmen who visited Hawaii last month to inquire into statehood and other matters gave advance notice that they and their colleagues are much interested in seeing how the Nisei officials behave in the months ahead. They indicated in a friendly but firm manner that a high standard of conduct is expected of the Nisei.

Nisei legislators, supervisors and other elected officials may resent being "put on the spot" in this fashion but the reality of the situation demands more of them perhaps than of others.

Claims hearings—

* From Front Page

Assistant to the Judiciary committee and Cyril F. Brickfield, Subcommittee counsel, accompanied the so-called Jonas Subcommittee on evacuation claims to California.

Hardship Retold

Preceding its recommendations for future legislation on evacuation claims, the report of the Subcommittee described some of the hardships endured in the evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast, Alaska and a portion of Arizona.

The report noted that "for approximately 2½ years, these American citizens and their alien parents, more than 100,000 in number, were exiled from their homes . . .

"The evacuation orders, in many instances, gave the people affected desperately little time in which to settle their affairs. The Governmental safeguards which were designed to prevent undue loss were somewhat tardily instituted, were not at once effectively publicized among the evacuees, and were never entirely successful. Merchants disposed of their stocks and businesses at sacrifice prices. Many individuals sold personal possessions for a small portion of their value. A large number had to accept inadequate arrangements for protection and management of property.

Losses Increased

"Continued exclusion increased the losses. Private homes and buildings in which evacuees stored their property were broken into and vandalized. Persons entrusted with the management of real property mulcted the owners. Tenants failed to pay rent, converted property to their own use, and committed waste. Prohibited from returning to the evacuated area even temporarily to handle property matters, the evacuees were unable to protect themselves adequately.

"In relocation centers, the only income opportunities lay in relocation center employment at wage rates of \$12 to \$19 per month, plus small clothing allowances. As a result many found themselves unable to meet insurance premiums, mortgage and tax payments, and they therefore lost substantial equities."

Impressed with 442nd

On the 442nd Nisei Combat Team, the report said, "The Subcommittee could not fail to be impressed with the fact that, despite the suspicions in which they were held, there was not one recorded act of sabotage or espionage was attributable to them.

"Moreover, the percentage of enlistments in the Armed Forces by those of Japanese ancestry exceeded the nationwide percentage. Where the average casualty rate of the American Army was less than 25 per cent, the casualty rate of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, composed entirely of Japanese Americans, was 308 per cent. No other group of regimental size during World War II won more than three Presidential distinguished unit citations; the 442nd Japanese American regiment seven."

The report then cited a por-



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'Home Again' recounts California family in new novel 'with guts'

New York

"Home Again," a stirring account of a Japanese American family written by James Edmiston, follows them through their hour of despair of the 1942 evacuation to the final victory of acceptance today. It is being published by Doubleday & Co., on Jan. 20.

As the Japanese are accepted in California now as they never were before the war, this is the chapter of history that was just written and why the story of "Home Again" could not have been told earlier.

Mike Masaoka said when he read the original galley proofs:

"This is the only book written about us that has guts. It should be in every Japanese American home."

Edmiston has worked closely with the Japanese for years. He

headed the San Jose office of the War Relocation Authority. The book is an exciting novel based entirely upon facts through story of Toshimichimaru Mio and his family, who live in Mountain View, Calif., operating a flourishing nursery.

Richard Wilson of Universal-International Pictures stated to the author, who has written many stories for Hollywood, that "in addition to everything else, the love story of Midori Mio in this book kept me up all night reading it. We can turn 'Home Again' into a great motion picture if it becomes a best-seller as a novel."

(The book is over 400 pages and will sell at book stores for \$4. If ordered through National JACL, an autographed copy will be available at \$3, the Pacific Citizen was assured by the author.)

Idaho Falls annual carnival Jan. 22, large crowd expected at Armory

Idaho Falls

Drawing gone of the largest crowds in years will be the annual Idaho Falls JACL carnival, Jan. 22, at the local armory. Members and friends are expected to converge on Idaho Falls from all valley points for the event opening at 10 a.m.

Oriental and American box lunches, noodles, hot dogs and

barbecue will be served with Sally Yamasaki and Tats Shiratori in charge. Shoji Nukaya and Joe Nishioka are in charge of prizes—the chief attraction is being an automatic electric clothes dryer. In charge of various games are:

Eke Tanaka, Mas Honda, bingo; Katsuzoku Yamasaki, Takeo Haga, ham & bacon; Masso Tanaka, fishpond; Jun Nukaya, string pull; Ken Ogawa, Roman target; Dan Mikami, dart throw; Shig Nil, penny toss; Charley Hirai, dish throw; Speed Nukaya, movies; Eli Kobayashi, balloon bust; Sach Mikami, baseball throw; and Teri Mikami, doll wheel.

On New Year's Eve, Tats Shiratori was in charge of the chapter party at JACL hall.

the wrongs inflicted upon them would provide ample material for attacks by the followers of foreign ideologies on the American way of life, and to redress them would be simple justice."

The Jonas Subcommittee report then analyzed the 3,000 remaining evacuation claims and submitted its recommendations for future legislation for the expeditious completion of these remaining claims.

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With Michener . . .

Several Chicago JACLers were among those attending a LIFE magazine luncheon with author James A. Michener at the Normandy House recently. Michener is gathering data for a forthcoming LIFE article on Japanese war brides, who have assimilated into American ways in spite of racial and cultural differences. Ralph Graves, Chicago LIFE manager, and Jane Estes, editorial writer for LIFE's Midwest staff, were present. Mrs. Helen Mukoyama was in charge of arrangements.

JACLers present included John Y. Yoshino, Mari Sabusawa, Harold Gordon, Abe Hagiwara, Ruth Matsuo, Gladys Ishida and Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe.

Around Windy City . . .

"The King and I" outstanding Rodgers and Hammerstein musical hit at the Schubert, has broken house receipt records with its \$55,000 net for eight performances. Last week, at least one out of four in the audience were children.

Poisonous fumes at Production Finishers, Inc., plant at 526 W. 18th St., downed seven victims including Yoshi Fujisaki, 60, of 4329 S. Lake Park, a packer, and Harvey Kuniyama, 30, of 2136 S. Halsted, a laborer.

Some 15,000 public school teachers received a \$100 raise in pay per annum; while 3,000 veteran teachers got \$250 more. School office workers and engineers drew \$10 monthly boosts.

Museum statistics: Museum of Science and Industry checked through 2,655,128 visitors last year; Art Institute, 1,119,356; Natural History, 1,142,200; and Shedd Aquarium, 688,489.

About people . . .

Mrs. Helen Mukoyama (see above), 912 S. Mason Ave., is the former Helen Chiyeke Takehara of Paia, Maui, married to Teruo Mukoyama, import-export broker here since 1937. (Japan-born husband Teruo has applied for his naturalized papers.) She is a case worker for the Travelers Aid Society, has interviewed Japanese war brides for the Univ. of Chicago, and was active during the early days of the Chicago JACL. They have three sons: Marshall, 16, and Howard, 15, both students at Austin High; and Wesley, 12, Key-Clark Elementary School, where he is assistant editor of the school paper and member of the Street Patrol. Wesley is also active in Boy Scout Troop 370.

Among Southside high school seniors cited by their teachers for extracurricular activities were:

Hyde Park High — Yvonne Fukahara, 1248 Eddy St., Honor Society, election commission chairman; division room secretary; English tutor; civics tutor; hall guard; GAA, Senior Girls club, Pep club.

Tilden High—Kenny Morishige, 7125 S. Ingleside, salutatorian, National Honor Society, newspaper editor-in-chief; honor club, student council, library guard, German club, camera club, swim team, yearbook staff and letterman's club.

Piano Recital . . .

Students of Mrs. Haruko Suyama will be presented in recital, Jan. 28, 8 p. m., at the Lyon & Healy Concert Hall, 64 E. Jackson Blvd. Piano students are:

Allison Adachi, James Atakawa, Jean Endo, Vada Harr, Karen Hanamoto, Marilyn Hicks, Charles Hawthorne, Chiye Ishiwari, Ritsuko & Toshiko Koide, Constance & Margo Malos, Joy & Victor Miyata, Jacqueline Motooka, Judy Nishimura, Louise Salki, Carole & Glenn Seno, Ronald Tsunehara, and Barbara Yoshimura.

RENEW YOUR 1955 JACL MEMBERSHIP TODAY

NO PUERTO RICAN PROBLEM, JUST HUMAN PROBLEMS, N.Y. CLERS TOLD

New York
"There is no Puerto Rican problem; Puerto Ricans have human problems, just like every one else, and unless we do something about the overcrowding in our cities—a problem that does not look as if it will be handled in the next twenty years or so—we will always have problems," stated Joseph Monserrat, Director of the New York Office, Migration Division, Labor Department, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Monserrat spoke at the New York JACL Chapter's installation dinner held Jan. 7 at Suyeiro's Restaurant, with traditional New Year delicacies on the menu.

The following officers were installed for the coming year: Sam Kai, cartoonist for UPA Films, re-elected president; Mike Suzuki, social case worker for the Jewish Family Service, vice-president; Tomie Mochizuki, bookkeeper for The Japan Society, Inc., secretary; Tomio Enochy, dental technician, re-elected treasurer; Marie Kurihara, instructor and nurse, New York Hospital, membership and finance chairman (formerly secretary); and Yumi Saito, publicity chairman and historian.

Akira Hayashi, former chairman of the Eastern District Council, administered the oath of office and explained the

JACL's national program.

Hopes High

Kai stated his hopes for the chapter for the coming year.

Mike Suzuki announced the joint MDC-EDC Convention to be held in Washington, D.C., March 26-29, and urged all to attend.

Ina Sugihara, out-going vice-president, introduced the speaker. Ricki Suzuki, out-going membership chairman, was chairman of the dinner committee. Kenji Nogaki was master of ceremonies.

Migration Subsiding

Monserrat explained that the major migration from Puerto Rico to the mainland started in 1946 because air transportation became available then, and it was much less expensive and faster than steamer travel.

He added that most people came to New York because their contacts were with people in this city—through business, relatives, etc. When jobs started slacking off, the news traveled back to Puerto Rico very quickly through personal letters, long before the Bureau of Labor Statistics expressed an official opinion, he said, and as a result, the migration started to subside.

He said that the Puerto Ricans have many of the same problems that first and second generation immigrants have and because they are the last group to come to New York

CHAPTER MEMO

Downtown L.A. JACL: MGM art director Eddie Imazu, one of the most prominent Japanese identified with the film industry in Hollywood, is scheduled as guest speaker at the chapter luncheon meeting Friday, Jan. 21, at San Kwo Low, it was announced by Dave Yokozeki, chapter president. The luncheon will start at noon; the public is invited and reservations are being accepted by the JACL Office, MA 6-4471.

Twin Cities UCL: Recently naturalized Issei citizens are to be honored Jan. 15 at the White House. The 1955 cabinet officers are to be installed also. Dr. Isaac Iijima, incumbent, was the sole nominee for the office of chapter president.

from another place, speaking a different language, they are the victims of American "Xenophobia," which is transferred from one group to another. This is true, he said, even though the Puerto Ricans are citizens and, therefore, not immigrants.

Parlier aids Issei

Parlier

Japanese aliens here were assisted by the local JACL in filling out their annual alien address reports at the Buddhist Church last week. Those assisting were:

Kaz Komoto, Harry Kubo, Bob Okamura, Byrd Kumataka, Kaz Ohara, Bill Tsuji, Kengo Osumi, Ronald Ota; Mrs. Ito Okamura, chmn.

Nishita chairman NC-WN district recognitions grow

San Francisco

George Nishita of San Jose was appointed chairman of the Recognition Committee for the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League, it was announced by Jack Noda, District Council chairman.

George Nishita, member of the JACL for over twenty years, is a past chairman of the District Council and at the recent National JACL Convention was honored with the sapphire pin, the highest JACL award for service.

Nishita will set up and chair a committee to pass on the qualifications of JACLers nominated for special recognition and meritorious service to the JACL in the area.

YELLOWSTONE CL ELECTS SAKOTA AS PRESIDENT

Sugar City, Idaho

Kiyoshi Sakota was elected president of the Yellowstone JACL chapter followed by installation rites recently at Rexburg. Steve M. Mickle, state representative for Madison County, was installing officer.

On the cabinet are: Mary Fujimoto, v.p.; Toego Hikida, treas.; Jane Ikeda, rec. sec.; Mary Hikida, cor. sec.; Tommy Miyasaki, del.; Yaeko Yamasaki, Mariko Hanami, soc. chmn.; Gene Yamasaki, Katsumi Miyasaki, ath.; Mary Miyasaki, pub.; Hiroshi Miyasaki, John Sakota, sgts.-at-arms.

Haruo Yamasaki, retiring president, presided.

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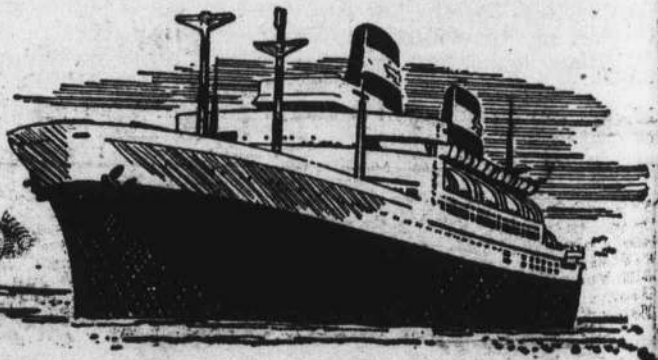
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Jan. 1 Greetings

★ HARUO ISHIMARU ★

'Akemashite omedeto . . .'

When I was young, my parents taught me quite a formula for greetings on New Year's Day which meant little to me then, but now I appreciate it as a very delightful Japanese custom. On New Year's Day or shortly thereafter we were sent to pay our respects to our friends, especially elders, beginning thusly: "Akemashite shinnen omedeto gozaimasu", which to my meager knowledge of Japanese means, "the New Year has arrived and we wish it will be fruitful one."

Then we continued to thank our friends for their many courtesies during the past year and entrust to them our welfare for the coming year. Although it may seem exceedingly formal in our present day of frenzied rushing, how much more beautiful than the hurried Happy New Year of this generation. So at the beginning, I would like to extend my thanks to our many friends.

The year 1954 was an active and prosperous year for our District Council. Although membership alone is not the criterion of activity, nevertheless, it is an index which you must use. The chapters in our District Council worked together to hit over 4,000 members, which is more than any other two District Councils combined.

Chapters, which exceeded their 1953 membership, are:

Cortez, Eden Township, Florin, French Camp, Livingston-Merced, Marysville, Monterey, Oakland, Placer County, Reno, Richmond, Salinas, San Benito County, San Francisco, San Mateo, Sequoia, Sonoma County and Stockton.

I wish I had space to acknowledge the efforts of all the JACL Chapter officers and members who have worked so hard to make our program a good one. At any rate, I would like to extend my thanks at least to the past presidents of 1954 and the Executive Board officers who bore the brunt of our work. Past presidents of the Northern California Western Nevada District Council were:

Alameda, TOM HARATANI; Berkeley, SHO SATO; Cortez, ERNEST YOSHIDA; Eden Township, Dr. FRANK SAITO; Florin, OSCAR INOUE; French Camp, GEORGE MATSUOKA; Gilroy, HIROSHI KUNIMURA; Livingston-Merced, JAMES KIRIHARA; Marysville, FRANK OKIMOTO; Monterey, GEORGE KODAMA; Oakland, ARATA AKAHOSHI; Placer, KOICHI UYENO; Reno, FRED AOYAMA; Richmond-EI Cerrito, JAMES KIMOTO; Sacramento, TOKO FUJII; Salinas, JOHN TERAOKA; San Benito County, SHOSO NAKAMOTO; San Francisco, JERRY ENOMOTO; San Mateo, HOWARD IMADA; Santa Clara County, TOM MITSUYOSHI; Sequoia, JOHN ENOMOTO; Sonoma County, RIYUO UYEDA; Southern Alameda, HAROLD FUDENNA; Stockton, GEORGE BABA and Watsonville, BOB MANABE.

Last year we saw two District Council chairmen TOM YEGO started out, but when he was elected first national vice-president, he resigned to take on his other duties and GEORGE NISHITA was unanimously acclaimed the District Council Chairman. Other members of the Board were: Secretary, ALICE SHIGEZUMI; Treasurer, BILL FUKUBA; GRACE AIKAWA; FRED HOSHIYAMA; GINJI MIZUTANI; JACK NODA; BILL MATSUMOTO; WAYNE KANEMOTO; GIICHI YOSHIOKA; TOM MIYANAGA; BILL ENOMOTO; SIM TOGASAKI, and BOB TAKAHASHI.

Many thanks to our fellow National Board and staff persons who kept an avuncular eye on this big first son of the JACL, the Northern California Western Nevada District Council. Also, my office secretaries who good naturedly bore up under my capriciousness. Among them were: ELSIE AFUSO of Hawaii; DOROTHY MURATA of San Jose; MARTHA TSUKIYAMA of Hawaii and MARGARET ISHINO of San Diego.

In any work such as this, the person who assumes the role of leadership actually learns and receives much more than he can contribute and again the rewards of friendship and the opportunity to work together cannot be measured. I am tremendously grateful to my friends and colleagues.

Finally on the home front, my gratitude to my very patient and devoted wife, YOSHIKO, who more than anyone else has to bear with my many idiosyncrasies, and especially in 1954 to HARUMI JACLYN, our little bundle of joy, better known as "Jackie" who after a year of living with us has not decided to pack and leave. She made 1954 a rich and delightful year. We are a very happy family.

In conclusion, "Minasama, yoroshiku onegai itashimasu."

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EDEN TOWNSHIP SLATES
DINNER-DANCE JAN. 22
FOR NEW OFFICERS

Hayward

Civic leaders will witness the installation of 1955 cabinet of the Eden Township JACL at a dinner Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Victory Room, Hotel Leamington, Oakland, it was announced by Tom Kitayama, general chairman.

He is assisted by: Mik Tanisawa; Ham Hamasaki; Min Shinoda; Masako Minami; and Giichi Yoshioka, m.c.

The 7 p.m. dinner will be followed by a dance with Rod McCauley's five-piece band from 9 p.m. The \$3.50 per plate charge includes dancing. Those desiring to dance only will be assessed \$2.50 per couple.

SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY
TO INSTALL NEW
CABINET JAN. 21

Niles

Ray Katayama and his 1955 cabinet of the Southern Alameda County JACL are to be installed into office Jan. 21 at the International Kitchen here. Bruce Michael, prominent civic leader in the county, will be guest speaker, it was announced by Yasuto Kato, banquet chairman.

Other cabinet officers are:

Ace Handa, 1st v.p. Grace Handa, 2nd v.p.; Hideo Katsumoto, treas.; Eleanor Motozaki, rec. sec.; Jane Yamauchi, cor. sec.; Setsu Umamoto, pub.; Yosh Hisaoka, hist.; James Sekigahama, ath.; Hisako Mizota, soc.

Yutaka Handa, Yasuto Kato, bd. of dir.; Harold Fudenna, Kaz Shikano, Kiyo Kitayama, ex-officio.

Kobe Boys' Town founder
addresses Detroit Clers

Detroit

Father John Sasaki, founder of Boys' Town of Kobe, was guest speaker at an informal meeting sponsored by the Detroit JACL Jan. 9 at International Institute.

He summarized his activities since returning to Japan in 1946 from his studies in Rome. He recalled how he was encouraged by the late Father Flanagan, whom he met in Japan in 1947, to start a Boys' Town for destitute war orphans. Boys' Town in Kobe began with three boys in 1947 and now cares for 65. A youth hostel is his next goal.

Father Sasaki is on a brief tour of the United States enroute to South America as an appointee from Rome as National Director of Immigration of Japan.

True Yasui to chair
Mile-Hi Bridge Club

Denver

True Yasui was elected 1955 chairman for the Mile-Hi JACL Bridge Club at a meeting last week at the Yasui residence, 1150 S. Williams St. Sam Matsumoto was re-elected director. Other officers are:

Dr. T. K. Kobayashi, v.c.; Doris Matsumoto, sec., and Bud Uchida, treas.

The retiring chairman of the only Nisei bridge club sanctioned by the ACBL in America is Mrs. Haruko Kobayashi. Other retiring officers are:

Tosh Ando, Dorothy Uchida, and Ben Miyahara.

The Bridge Club voted to participate in the Annual March of Dimes campaign against Polio, and will hold a card benefit, featuring bridge, canasta, hana, pinochle and other card games, with plenty of prizes, on Saturday, Jan. 22, 8 p.m., at the T. K. Kobayashi residence, 455 Forest St.



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Citations given Mile-Hi JACLers for
past year's activities; Sakata president

Denver

Some 50 Mile-Hi JACLers recapitulated the activities of the chapter and recognized individuals who advanced the cause of Japanese Americans in the community at a New Year's Eve dinner at Albany Hotel. Tak Terasaki, National JACL third vice-president, was toastmaster.

Sam Y. Matsumoto, retiring 1954 Mile-Hi JACL president, thanked them for their cooperation during the past year. John Sakayama headed the program for the local chapter and did an outstanding job. Mrs. S. Karaki now of Ottawa, Canada (former Fumi Katagiri) headed the membership campaign which listed 602 members, being the largest membership in the history of the local chapter. Fumi Yabe in charge of public relations headed the Issei citizenship programs in cooperation with the city.

Other officers complimented by Matsumoto for their conscientious work were:

Nancy Sogi, cor. sec.; Florence Uyeda, rec. sec.; Bill Kuroki, treas.; Willie Hasegawa, fin. chmn. Dick Yanase, ath.; and Ben Miyahara, Bulletin editor.

New Officers

Robert Sakata of Brighton accepted the 1955 presidency of the Mile-Hi JACL on behalf of his brother, Harry, who is now vacationing in Japan. The newly-elected 1955 officers are:

Irvin Matsuda, program; Betty Suzuki, membership; Seiji Horiuchi, pub. rel.; Ruby Sakayama, cor. sec.; Dorothy Uchida, rec. sec.; Bill Kuroki, (re-elected) treas.; Bill Mattocks, fin. chmn.; Willie Mfkuni, ath.; and Oski Taniwaki, Bulletin editor.

Joanna Tokunaga, JACL office secretary, presented each of the new officers present with the JACL emblem pin, to remind new officers of their obligation to serve their chapter and their community.

Min Yasui, regional representative for the Mountain-Plains JACL, administered the Oath in the installation ceremonies.

Tom Masamori sang the JACL Hymn, written by Guyo Marian Tajiri, now of Denver. Nancy Sogi sang several selec-

tions during the program. Both were accompanied by Mrs. Michi Ando.

Citations Presented

John Sakayama read citations for outstanding services for Joanna Tokunaga, JACL office secretary, for willing assistance to the local JACL chapter; to Florence Uyeda and Willie Hasegawa, who co-major the Red Cross Drive for the JACL; Kana Yorimoto, Ethel Yanase, and Dorothy Uchida for heading Issei reception dinners; Willie Hasegawa and Ben Miyahara for staging the January benefit, with the assistance of the Mothers' Club, Bill and Dolly Sato, and Hooch Okumura; Haruko Kobayashi for chairing the annual Japanese community Memorial Day services; Dick Yanase and Henry Suzuki for acting as master of ceremonies for Issei receptions; Harry G. Matoba, Tosh Ando, Sachi Shibata, and Babe Takeoka for their cooperation in Issei reception programs; Bob Mayeda for chairing the Mountain-Plains JACL Bowling tournament; Florence Miyahara for voluntary help on the Bulletin; and to many, many others who assisted in community projects.

True Yasui headed the dinner committee for the New Year's Eve Installation and Recognitions Dinner.

More than 200 joined the Mile-Hi JACL Inaugural Ball in the Cathedral Room of the Albany Hotel to celebrate the coming of the New Year 1955.

Rose Tazawa of Brighton won the United Air Lines round trip ticket to Miami, Fla., at the benefit conducted by Willie Hasegawa. Dick Yanase headed the committee as dance chairman, assisted by:

John Sakayama, Ben Miyahara, Florence Uyeda, Sam Matsumoto, Ethel Yanase and Ruby Sakayama.

Frank Chuman, National JACL legal counsel, spoke on JACL's legal-legislative aspects at a breakfast meeting of the Los Angeles "Y-Men" at the 28th St. YMCA recently.



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Official results of the sixth annual Boise Valley JACL bowling tournament, held Dec. 18-20 at Boise Bowling Center, were declared by Steve Hirai, tournament chairman. A total of \$2,835.10 in prize money plus trophies were distributed.

Electrical Contractors of Pocatello copped the team high scratch and handicap honors with 2806 and 2960, respectively, nabbing trophies and \$250 (\$59.50 was added by the JACL chapter).

The three-day event attracted bowlers from Washington, Eastern Oregon and Southern Idaho. The complete summaries:

TEAM EVENTS (Hdp)—27 entries
High Scratch Winner—Electrical Contractors
1.—Electrical Contractors (Poc) 2960;
2.—Nehi Beverage (B) 2952; 3.—J. C. Watson (Parma) 2950; 4.—Paul A. Roberts (O) 2916; 5.—Schlofman Tractor (B) 2897.

SINGLES (Hdp)—132 entries
High Scratch Winner—
Shig Nishimoto, 622
658—Dyke Ishibashi, Caldwell.
660—Tak Ninomay, Caldwell.
655—Sam Tominaga, Pocatello.
648—Shig Nishimoto, Caldwell.
643—Taka Okita, Payette.
641—Hogan Watanabe, Namap.
639—Vern Middleton, Boise.
638—Paul Takeuchi, Namap.
635—Frank Tanikumi, Homedale; Ed Graves, Boise.
621—Guy Yamashita, Pocatello; Jim Sato, Pocatello.
620—Jim Wada, Ontario; Stan Young, Namap.
616—Fred Tominaga, Pocatello; Ted S. Hoda, Ontario.

614—Kayay Inouye, Homedale.
612—Harry Kawahara, Namap.
610—Minor Aono, Boise.
609—Hiro Kido, Nyassa.
608—Tony Miyasako, Adrian.
606—Sunny Takami, Ontario.
604—Steve Hirai, Homedale; Ken Davis, Boise.
603—Min Nakamura, Ontario.
602—John Gibbs, Namap.

DOUBLES (Hdp)—66 entries
High Scratch Winner—

Shig Nishimoto-Jim Oyama 1207
1275—Shig Nishimoto-Jim Oyama, Caldwell.
1245—John Dominick-Mel Eby, Boise.
1239—Bob Renner-Mike Harkovich, Boise.
1235—Dyke Ishibashi-Warren Tamura, Caldwell.
1230—Junior Yasuda-Hisa Yano, Ontario.
1220—Ted Matsumoto, Middleton—Seichi Hayashida, Namap.
1211—Sho Uchida, Ontario—Benny Yoshida, Seattle.
1208—Roy Sasaki-Kendo Yasuda, Ontario.
1207—Ben Kawano - Yosie Ogawa, Namap.
1191—Harry Kaneshige, Marsing—Roy Kubosumi, Homedale.
1179—Tak Ninomiya-John Douglas, Caldwell.
1177—Shiro Imai-Minor Aono, Boise.
1176—John Gibbs-Jim Erlandson, Namap.

ALL-EVENTS (Hdp)
High Scratch Winner
Shig Nishimoto, 1775

1.—Dyke Ishibashi 1929; 2.—John Gibbs 1855; 3.—Bill Nishioka 1846; 4.—Mel Eby 1834; 5.—Shig Nishimoto 1833; 6.—Ben Kawano 1829.

6-GAME SWEEPER (Hdp)
High Scratch Winner
Roy Kubosumi, 1251
1315—Roy Kubosumi, Homedale.
1283—Tony Miyasako, Adrian.
1278—Tom Takatori, Parma.
1272—Harold Tominaga, Pocatello; Jim Kawano, Caldwell.
1265—Frank Serean, Pocatello.
1261—Harry Kawahara, Caldwell.
1255—Warren Tamura, Namap.

1253—Frank Tominaga, Pocatello.
1248—Larry Fujii, Nyssa.
1246—Kay Inouye, Homedale.
1243—Yosie Ogawa, Namap.
1238—Hesa Yano, Ontario.
1233—Bill Nishioka, Caldwell.
1229—Jim Wada, Ontario.
1226—Bob Ishibashi, Caldwell.
1225—Harry Hamada, Caldwell.
SCRATCH SWEEPER (Avg. 175 & up)
1.—Joe Sato (Poc) \$100; 2.—Jim Erlandson (Nmpa) \$60; 3.—John Dominick (B) \$40.

SCRATCH SWEEPER (Avg. 174 below)
1.—Bill Nishioka (Cldwl) \$100; 2.—Jim Kawano (McCall) \$60; 3.—George Flitton (Nmpa) \$40.

MONDAY SPECIAL (Added)
Won by Vern Middleton (B) 673; high scratch—Shig Nishimoto 253; high scratch series—Harry Kaneshige 652.

MIXED DOUBLES (Open)
1291—Mary Inouye-Ace Mori.
1186—Mary Arima-Joe Sato.
1174—Lois Itano-George Koyama.
1172—Chickie Hayashida-Tak Oyama.
1159—Miyako Yano-Shero Yano.
1158—Lois Itano-Jim Kawano.
1156—Lois Itano-Ace Mori.
1152—Etsu Nishioka-John Douglass.
1146—Etsu Nishioka-Bill Nishioka.
1141—Fran Yamamoto-Ace Mori.

DOUBLES (Open)
1304—John Glimms-Jim Erlandson.
1260—Tak Koyama-Ben Yoshida.
1256—Roy Kubosumi-Harry Kaneshige.

1253—Dan Mio-Jim Wadd.
1252—Hiro Kido-George Sadamori.
1251—Ed Graves-Roy Peterson.
1230—Ed Grave-Vern Boode.
1227—Kay Yamamoto-Ben Yoshida.
1226—Bobby Ishibashi-Tak Oyama.
1222—Tom Takatori-Frank Tanikuni.
1219—Tom Takatori-Harry Kawahara.

Nisei Optimists to tour L.A. International airport

Japanese American Optimist Club will tour the L. A. International Airport Tuesday night, Jan. 18, according to Willie Funakoshi, vice-president of program, starting with dinner at the Flight Deck.

Pete Ohtaki, Japan Air Lines Commercial Sales manager, will serve as guide during the two-hour tour of the radar control tower, maintenance base, flight kitchen, terminal and airport runways.

It will be pointed out also that some 64 million pounds of air cargo passed through the terminal included fresh-cut flowers, mostly grown by California Japanese.

Dr. Isaac Iijima, Twin Cities UCL chapter president, is a member of the Minnesota Council for Fair Employment Practices Committee.

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Average 'Nansei'

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'Nansei': a phonetic compromise

Today, we coin a new word, "Nansei." Nansei is a phonetic compromise between Nisei (2nd generation) and Sansei (3rd generation) and includes both. The "nan" in Nansei could also mean "any number" so that the term might apply to all future generations of Japanese Americans. Having caught the jaundiced stares of Japanese lexicographers, we proceed with our semi-fortnight dissertation.

The average Nansei, like the average guy on Main street, has enough troubles of his own to worry about. Why be concerned about the problems and welfare of others, when he's gotta live with a mother-in-law and make that delinquent car payment.

Concede we must, reluctantly, that it's human weakness to "let Joe do it." By this yardstick, the JACLer who gives a lot of his time and effort on activities to benefit the entire community, who is concerned about the status, welfare, dignity and interests of his fellow Nansei, and who does something positive and constructive about it including joining and serving through JACL is off average—an "oddball."

(As a victim of semantic-fever, the Sou'Wester feels justified in pulling a switch on the use of an otherwise offensive word, "oddball," and apply it to our good JACL supporters.)

Half-century of being kicked-around

The immigrant Issei form a generation which survived a half-century of being kicked around and who long ago learned the value of what JACL now has as its slogan, "Security Through Unity." The history of their abuse is chronicled in a number of books, the latest being the U. of Calif.'s "Prejudice, War and the Constitution." They became conditioned to organized expression as the only effective means of group advancement and self-protection. So they were active in and contributed generously to organizations, churches and other community projects. Indeed, they are a generation of "oddballs."

With this background, we can't blame Issei leaders for rueing the "nonki-ness" (to coin another hybrid word) of their offspring. They contend if the Nansei has time and money to spend on pleasurable pursuits, he ought to be willing to kick in a bit for community causes which too often he doesn't.

We can't be as critical because there are many Nansei who recognize the need for an organization such as JACL and support it through membership if not active participation and in fact make up the larger part of JACL's 12,000 strong.

JACL could easily, we feel, attract many other members into its fold if a 100% effort is made by all urban chapters. We say urban because in rural areas, JACL membership usually includes practically every eligible Nansei.

Nothing 'stuffed shirt' about JACL

"JACL is a stuffed-shirt outfit. It's only for professional people. I'd sure feel out of place with them" is a comment we once overheard. Fact of the matter is, the quotes are wrong on all scores. Actually, professionals make up only a small minority of the membership. And there is nothing stuffed shirt (whatever that means) about JACL. If some of JACL's leaders are professional people, it is because they are able and willing to give time and leadership to the cause.

JACL is blessed that there are a few docs, lawyers and cavity experts willing to shoulder the responsibility of chapter and community leadership. And believe us, they're not stuffed shirts. If we knew the antonym, we'd use it. We think they're the easiest people to make friends with.

Local examples: Pasadena's prexy, TOM ITO, who makes his living in insurance, is known to some as "Stinky"; Downtown Ellay's DAVE YOKOZEKI is an expert at playing Hana (a Japanese card game, if you please); Southwest LA's '55 prexy, TORU IURA, an engineer with a Ph.D. from Cal Tech, who goes in more for gags than logarithms.

Guys that figure these JACLers as s-s were gypped when God passed out brains. While on the subject of occupations, we might as well give a rundown on what other '55 presidents in this burg do for a living: MIWA YANAMOTO (Hollywood), police secretary; JIM HIGASHI (East LA), pill-maker; STEVE YAGI (West LA), mailman; TOM ENDOW (San Fernando Valley), flower grower. National prexy CALLAHAN INAGAKI is a Venice farmer, PCWDC chairman KEN DYO does gardening out of Pasadena and National treasurer ROY NISHIKAWA is a bi-focal artist. We rank all chapter presidents "oddball, senior grade."

We promise to publish here names of other bonafide "oddballs" (in addition to 1000 club members who automatically qualify) submitted by any chapter or member in good standing.

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The Aki Hotel Travel Service of San Francisco today announced that arrangements have been completed for a "Cherry Blossom Tour" this spring to coincide with Japan's fabulous cherry blossom season. Conducting the tour will be Haruo Ishimaru, with special guides from the Japan Travel Bureau escorting the group when it reaches Japan.

Members of the tour going by boat will leave by American President Lines on Mar. 18, the others leaving by Pan American Airways on April 1. Both parties will join in Tokyo on April 3rd for a carefully planned 15 days of pleasure in Japan.

Among the well-known

places to be visited will be beautiful Nikko, Kinugawa, Tokyo, Kamakura with its great bronze Buddha, Hakone National Park, Atami, Nagoya, Toha, Yamada—site of the Mikimoto Pearl Island, Osaka—including an evening viewing the Takarazuka Show, Nara with its famous temple and deer, historic Kyoto, and Hiroshima.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

Student Honors

By HENRY MORI

Columns in the local Nisei vernaculars are again being filled with reports of Japanese Americans gaining student body offices at their respective schools.

Dorsey High School (which has on its faculty Ernest Ono, an English and journalism instructor) will have a Japanese student body president for the first time.

He is a Tacoma-born Bob Hideo Takeuchi, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Takeuchi. He won it after a runoff. The Sansei student is planning to take up law at UCLA next fall.

We might add the name of Norma Mitani who was named to serve as girls' personnel vice-president at Dorsey. Takeuchi was boys' personnel vice-president before winning the top post last week.

At Fremont High School, Art Kato was elected to serve in the coming semester as president. The native Angeleno is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeyuki Kato.

Kato represented his school last summer at the annual Boys State convention in Sacramento.

Jean Tamamoto, B-12, ran unopposed for the office of Organization of School Service Club president.

Earlier we reported that Rey Maeno, lone Nisei attending Eagle Rock High School, was elected first Japanese American president there.

At the junior high school level, Mount Vernon Nisei and Sansei made a clean-sweep in office-getting chores. The student body is headed by 14-year-old Robert H. Iwasaki, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Iwasaki. He was born in Reedley.

Others in the cabinet are Ryuzo Kataoka, boys' vice-president; Faith Higurashi, girls' vice-president; Susan Otsubo, secretary; Ellen Shibayama, treasurer; Sally Shimizu, custodian of lost and found; and Judy Yoshida, safety representative. This, indeed, is a rare feat.

The 1954 Nisei Week Festival—the 14th since its beginning in 1934 and the sixth one since its resumption in 1949—worked itself in the red again, the Li'l Tokio Retail Merchants Association sadly learned this week.

If memory serves us correctly this is the third year in the row that the Festival Committee has been met with financial reversal. The postwar project started out to serve as a fund-raising affair to get a community center from profits realized each year.

Last August's program, the report goes, brought in \$13,296.57 and \$14,158.92 was spent to run the nearly 12-day fiesta into a deficit of \$862.35. Merchants pledged they'll even things up with another run of donations.

The not-too-detailed balance sheet submitted publicly almost six months after the show is the blunt of many brow-raising criticism. This year's untimely report was no exception.

Congressman James Roosevelt in the 26th District where many persons of Japanese ancestry reside has extended an invitation to Nisei male who are not under 17 and who will not have attained their 22nd birthday on July 1, 1955 to apply for examinations for admission to the first class of the new Air Force Academy—the so-called "West Point of the Air."

He is prepared to submit as many as 10 names of qualified young men living in his area. The announcement came from his headquarters at 5308 W. Adams Blvd. where interested persons may inquire.

The state, which is expected to get from 300 to 400 applicants, will pick out 15 qualified men through various medical, aptitude and college entrance examinations to meet its share of the opening enrollment of the new Academy.

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Larry Tajiri--

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has had cover photos for Time & Sports Illustrated and a full page in color in Life. The Time cover was the photo portrait of Gen. Benjamin Chidlaw, chief of the Air Defense Command based at Colorado Springs . . . Ben Kuroki is covering the courthouse beat for the North Platte, Neb., *Telegraph-Bulletin*, and reportedly is negotiating to purchase a newspaper on the west coast. Ben recently sold the Blackfoot, Idaho, *Daily Bulletin* . . . Bradford Smith, author of *Americans from Japan* (Lippincott, 1948), a book about the Issei and Nisei, is the author of a new volume, *This Dangerous Freedom*. Smith, once a teacher in Tokyo, has written two novels with Japanese backgrounds, *To the Mountain* and *This Too Solid Flesh*, the latter dealing with an interracial love affair.

James Edmiston's novelized documentary, *Home Again*, the story of one family caught in the Japanese American mass evacuation on the west coast, will be published next week

by Doubleday. Edmiston, whose various careers have included screen writing, was the War Relocation Authority's relocation officer in San Jose at the time of the return of the evacuees in 1946 . . . Bob Greenock, WRA relocation official in San Francisco in 1946 and 1947, died of a stroke at his San Francisco home last month. Bob was an international representative for the American Newspaper Guild, CIO, at the time of his death.

Time magazine's arts section in the Jan. 10, 1955 issue pays tribute to two current important sculpture exhibitions in New York by Isamu Noguchi and Ruth Asawa, both California-born artists. Time notes that Noguchi in his current show "concentrated on deliberately crude ceramic sculptures molded from the native earth, and modeled partly on prehistoric Japanese idols." Artist Asawa, a San Francisco housewife and mother of three, offered a show consisting "of big, wholly abstract sculptures, made of woven wire and suspended from the ceiling." Both artists, according to Time, reflect their Japanese heritage: Noguchi, "a certain grinning bounciness"; Asawa, "austerity and calm."

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

ARAO—Nov. 28, a girl Mary Roberta to the Robert Nobuchichi Araos (Terry Yumiba).
COYNE—Oct. 8, a boy Clinton Francis to the John F. Coyne (Miyo Nozawa).
ENDO—Sept. 27, a boy Lawrence Isamu to the Teruo Endos (Aileen Takako Iwamizu).
ENOMOTO—Oct. 6, a girl Eileen Hissako to the Ray Winbourne Enomotos (Yoneko Matsuyama), Hawthorne.
FUKUI—Sept. 24, a girl Sandra Yuri to the Abraham Yoshio Fukui (Mickey Miyeko Shinpo).
GREENE—Oct. 2, a boy Michael to the Dayle Greenes (Rita Yaeko Tanouye).
HIROTA—Oct. 14, a girl Karen Emiko to the Mangle Hirotas (Yoshiko Nabeta).
INAGI—Sept. 26, a girl Gail Elizabeth to the George Inagis (June Ninomiya).
NATOMI—Oct. 7, a girl Susan Akiko to the Kiyohiko Inatomis (Lily Nagatani).
ISHIBASHI—Oct. 12, a girl Sharon Kazue to the Norito Ishibashis (Eiko Mashiko).
IWAHARA—Nov. 28, a boy Takami Allan to the Tsugio Iwaharas (Akiko Tabusa).
KAI—Nov. 29, a girl Sephanie Lynne to the Willy Shigeo Kais (Annabelle Ayako Akiyoshi).
KAMIMOTO—Sept. 30, a girl to the Kazumi Kamimotos (Yoshiko Kihara).
KAWADA—Oct. 2, a boy Mark Hideo to the Tokunari Clifford Kawadas (May Miyeko Iwaoka).
KAWAGUCHI—Sept. 23, a boy Bruce Tetsuo to the Kojiro Francis Kawaguchis (Michiko Hara).
KIMURA—Sept. 23, a boy James Shigeru to the Kaori Kimuras (Hanae Matsushita).
KIUCHI—Nov. 25, a boy Patrick Masayuki to the Thomas Masatsugu Kiuchis (Yukiye Fukuda).
KOBAYASHI—Oct. 2, a boy Kurtis Manabu to the James J. Kobayashis (Mae Miekko Honda).
LAURIA—Oct. 16, a girl Lupita to the Robert Laurias (Saku Nagasawa).
MASUDA—Nov. 27, a boy Thomas Keizo to the Shiro Masudas (Kazuko Kuji).
MATSUBARA—Sept. 29, a girl Joanne Aiko to the Tom Kikuchi Matsubaras (May Seki Yuasa).
MATSUO—Nov. 29, a girl Evelyn Kimie to the Hoover Go Matsuos (Sumiko Fukushima).
MATSUYAMA—Oct. 2, a girl Nancy Yuriko to the Jiro Matsuyamas (Nobuye Tabata).
MERCARDO—Nov. 22, a boy Gregorio Jr. to the Gregorio Mercardos (Tamaye Shigaki).
MIYAGISHIMA—Nov. 22, a boy Bruce Edward to the Edward Shunichi Miyagishimas (Chiyo Goto).
MIYAKAWA—Oct. 5, a boy Dale Katsumi to the Walter W. Miyakawas (Yumiko Akiyoshi).
MIYAMOTO—Oct. 13, a boy Jerry Sakai to the Ken Miyamotos (Alice Hissako Ochi).
MIYAZAKI—Sept. 23, a girl Sheila Keiko to the Masayoshi Miyazakis (Hiroko Fukagawa).
MIYOSHI—Dec. 1, a boy Robert Joe to the Joe Masaru Miyoshis (Jean Michiye Horikiri).
MORITA—Sept. 23—a girl Karen Takako to the Yukio Moritas (Masako Yokoyama), Venice.
MURASE—Nov. 23, a girl Cheryl Lynn Mitsuko to the Takashi Roy Murases (Yuriko Tsuchiyama).
NAGAMOTO—Nov. 30, a girl Karen Lynn to the Dr. Kenneth K. Nagamotos (Grace Akiko Oguchi).
NAKAMURA—Sept. 25, a girl JoAnn Karene to the Soichiro Nakamuras (Fumiye Kiguchi).
NAKAZAWA—Oct. 11, a girl Maureen Joy to the Masao Nakazawas (Hannah Yamauchi).
NAKAZATO—Nov. 28, a boy Paul to the Susumu Nakazatos (Lillian Sugako Fujimoto).
NISHIDA—Nov. 19, a girl Judy Mineko to the Joe Ryo Nishidas (Haru Taira).

NISHIYAMA—Nov. 28, a girl Ellen Noriko to the Shigeru Nishiyamas (Michie Hada).
OHATA—Oct. 10, a boy Kelvin Kuroki to the Shigetoshi Michael Ohatas (Fumiko Tanimura).
OKI—Oct. 5, a girl Jo Ann Reiko to the Tadashi Okis (Mae Hiroko Kikuta).
OKUBO—Sept. 23, a girl Annie Aiko to the George Okubos (Fumiko Iwai).
OTA—Nov. 25, a girl Carol Lynn to the Seishi Richard Otas (Sumiko Inouye).
SHIOSAKA—Sept. 23, a boy Donald Ray to the Arthur Yukio Shiosakas (Hisako Seiki).
SLEMMONS—Oct. 13, a boy William Lee to the Harry S. Slemmons (Rosie Kikuko Ikeda).
STINSON—Sept. 23, a boy Etsuro Leo to the Emmett Stinsons (Masako Fujiwara).
SUZUKI—Oct. 2, twin girls Susanne Chiye and Sandra Chiyo to the Naoshi Suzukis (Yukiye Sasaki).
TAIYOSHI—Oct. 2, a boy Mark Steven to the Takeo Charlie Taiyoshis (Akiko Nakamura).
TAKAGI—Sept. 30, a girl Jo Anne Lynne to the John Masao Takagis (Sadako Yamashita).
TAKAI—Oct. 5, a girl Francine Kimiko to the James Satoshi Takais (Misako Toyota).
TAKEI—Oct. 12, a boy Kenneth Akira to the William Mitsutoshi Takeis (Katsuko Maruyama).
TORIGOE—Sept. 29, a girl Irene Reiko to the Thomas Torigoes (Kyoko Kawai).
UEDA—Nov. 22, a boy Michael Koji to the Nobuyoshi Uedas (Lily Kageyama), West Los Angeles.
YAMADA—Sept. 24, a girl Merilyn to the Henry Takeshi Yamadas (Emiko Kato).
YAMAGUCHI—Oct. 4, a boy Donald Shin to the Edward Yamaguchis (Kiyo Sugimoto).
YOSHIDA—Oct. 7, a boy Rodney Neal to the Yasuo Yoshidas (Chiyeko Taguchi).
YOSHIMURA—Nov. 20, a boy Stanley to the Yoneo Yoshimuras (Shigeko Nakamura).
YOSHIOKA—Nov. 25, a girl Barbara Jean Keiko to the Howard M. Yoshiokas (Mary Teramura).

SANTA ANA

CHIYA—Nov. 1, a boy Allan Hideyoshi to the Hajime Chiyas (Yoshiko Hiroshima), Buena Park.
HIRATA—Nov. 11, a girl to the Robert Hiratas, Costa Mesa.

SAN DIEGO

YAMAUCHI—Oct. 8, a boy to the Robert M. Yamauchis.

SANTA BARBARA

KOGA—Oct. 9, a boy James to the Hiroo Kogasa, Santa Maria.
TATSUNO—Oct. 12, a boy Dennis James to the Raymond Tatsunos, Santa Maria.

Engagements

HIRAHARA-EDDOW—Yoshiko, Madera, to Frank, Long Beach.
ISHIKAWA-NISHIYAMA — Celia, Los Angeles, to Swiss, Chula Vista, Nov. 25.
NISHI-MATSUMOTO — Elaine I., Los Angeles, to Masao, Anaheim.
OTA-HIRAI—Jan Sachiko, Los Angeles, to George, San Jose, Nov. 21.
SUMI-MATSUMOTO — Eiko, Hawthorne, to Art, San Pedro, Dec. 14.

Weddings

ARIMA-MINAKATA—Dec. 19, Shig. Los Angeles, and Susie, Seabrook, N.J.
HARADA-YAGI—Nov. 7, Ted Hiroshi, Los Angeles, and Masako, Watsonville.
HORO-ESAKI—Nov. 28, Yasuo and Masuyo, both of Dinuba.
KAMEI-TANABE—Dec. 5, Nobuji and Hisako, both of Sun Valley, Calif.
KASAI-SUKEKANE—Dec. 12, Hugh, Spokane, and Sume, Watsonville.
KAWAGUCHI-HIROSE — Nov. 21, Kiyoshi and Mizuye, both of Los Angeles.
KAWAI-AOKI—Nov. 28, Sam Isamu and Mikiye, both of Los Angeles.
KOMOTO-KAWATANI—Dec. 4, Masao, Los Angeles, and Clara Yoshiko, Honolulu.
KUWAHARA-NABETA — Dec. 11, Fred, Compton, and Emiko, Los Angeles.
MATSUMURA-KAZAMA — Nov. 20, Tsutomu and Sachiko, both of Los Angeles.
MURAKAMI-SHIMOOKA—Nov. 20, George Giyoshi and Frances Chivoko, both of North Hollywood.
MURAOKA-TAMURA—Nov. 21, Ken, Buto-Yasaka — Dec. 5, George, New York, and Esther Kikuye, Los Angeles.
FURUKAWA-KOGA—Dec. 5, Kingo, Santa Maria, and Lily Ayako, Los Angeles.
Gardena, and Pat Toshiko, Torrance.
SADAHIRO-SHINODA — Dec. 18, Harvey, Orosi, and Maki, Cutler.
SHIMA-KURIHARA—Dec. 18, Hitoshi and Grace, both of Oxnard.

Murayama--

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earlier and preparing Japan for its own security. Conservative elements in the Democratic and Liberal are now quibbling to save face.

Worst part of this situation is that the Socialists continue to gain support from the youth. Socialist and Communist parties are organizing the youth. The conservatives are like dead timber; they even ignore movements like the Boy Scouts.

Japan is again sitting on a political volcano.

SHINMOTO-KIDO—Nov. 20, Minoru, Los Angeles, and Setsuko Dorothy, Cupertino.
SHITAKUBO-HASHIMOTO — Nov. 28, Roy and Jennie Tsuruko, both of Los Angeles.
TAKAHASHI-NISHITANI—Dec. 19, Sam Susumu, Santa Monica, and Kazuko Sue Pleasant Grove, Utah, at Los Angeles.
YAMADA-AKUTAGAWA — Nov. 27, Joe Hiroki, Anaheim, and Grace Itsuko, Torrance.
YAMAUCHI-MUROI—Nov. 27, Itto, Gardena, and Fujiye, Sacramento.
YOSHIMI-NAKAMURA — Nov. 28, Ichiro, Los Angeles, and Sachiko, Long Beach.
YORITA-TANAKA—Nov. 21, Fumio, Visalia, and Tomiko, Monterey.

Deaths

CHUMAN, Yoshikazu, 45: Los Angeles, Dec. 6, survived by wife Michiko, son Howard, daughters Naomi and Masumi.
FUJII, John Sei, 72: Los Angeles, Dec. 23, survived by wife Tatsuyo.
HAMAMURA, Hikoichi, 54: Los Angeles, Dec. 7, survived by wife Fuji (Japan), son Shigeru, Yoshi, daughters Akiko, Hifumi.
HAMANO, Yoshimatsu, 86: Los Angeles, Dec. 22, survived by wife Hatsuye, sons George Yoshikazu, Kumao, Shogo, daughter Mrs. Jennie Shinobu Naito.
HORIUCHI, Yoshitoshi, 54: Culver City, Dec. 5, survived by wife Sumiko and daughter Mrs. Reiko Taira.
IMON, KANE 88: Los Angeles, Dec. 18, survived by daughter Mrs. Kiyono Imon, grandson Frank Masao.
ISHIHASHI, Kumeichi, 80: Palos Verdes Estate, Dec. 18, survived by sons Shoichi, Joji, Kei, Akira, daughter Mrs. Yasuko Nagamatsu.
KOBATA, Eugene, 32: Gardena, Dec. 14, survived by wife Emiko, brother Takejiro and sister Mrs. Dorothy Nakagawa.
KUMANO, Ishi, 77: Sanger, Nov. 20, survived by son Katsuo, and five grandchildren.
MARUTANI, Tsuchi, 84: Los Angeles, Nov. 24 survived by nephews Isamu Kanemaru and Masaru Kanemaru.
MIYAMOTO, Jun, 25: Los Angeles, Nov. 28, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miyamoto, brother Herbert.
MIYASHIMA, Seitaro, 80: Los Angeles, Dec. 5, survived by wife Takeko, sons James Isamu, Ernest Kazuo, Arthur Takashi, daughters Mrs. Lily Yuriko Tanaka, Mrs. Evelyn Setsuko Shibata and Janice Yukiko.
MURAKAMI, Masajiro, 67: Los Angeles, Dec. 11, survived by wife Shigeko, sons George Masatoshi, Bobby Yukio, daughters Mrs. Yae Nakajima, Taeko.
NAGAMINE, Takizo, 53: Los Angeles, Dec. 18, survived by wife Tsuru, son Hidekichi, daughter Yashio and brother Magokichi.
NAGAO, Shimpei: Compton, Nov. 13 (in Osaka).
NAKAMURA, Mrs. Hamako, 52: San Diego, Nov. 21, survived by son Isamu, daughters Kiyoko, Mrs. Yukiko Sugiyama and Mrs. Wakako Yamauchi.
NAKANISHI Shizu, 64: San Rafael, Nov. 24, survived by husband Soji, son Joe and daughter May.
NAKATA, Tsuneichiro, 75: Azusa, Dec. 4, survived by wife Kanak, sons Joe Tsuneo, Carl Kaoru, daughters Helen and Mrs. Susie Masako Watanabe.
OGINO, Chugo, 67: San Gabriel, Nov. 15, survived by wife Sachie, sons Frank, Tak, daughters Mrs. Hagiko Ishibashi, Ryoko Sumi.
OKAYAMA, Kumeichi: Los Angeles, Dec. 15, survived by wife Kikuno, sons Hishao, Steve, and daughter Mrs. Shizuka Kamishin.
OKAZAKI, Tsuneko, 75: Los Angeles, Dec. 21, survived by brother Atsushi.
OSHIMA, Kurajiro, 74: Los Angeles, Dec. 15, survived by wife Hiro, daughter Mrs. Toshiko Miyamoto and four grandchildren.
OSHIO, Hisa, 55: Los Angeles, Nov. 27, survived by sons Harry Takeo and Harvey Mineo Kunishima.
SAKAI, Shimatsu: Santa Maria, Dec. 13 survived by sons Tomichi, Haruo daughter Mrs. Hisa Shigenaka.
SATAKE, Renki, 75: Los Angeles, Dec. 23, survived by wife Katsu, sister Mrs. Haruno Yoshioka.
UNO, George K., Jr., 41: Kobe, Dec. 10, survived by wife Tomoko, sons George III, Eddy, daughter Emiko, father George K. (Los Angeles) brothers Howard, Stanley, Ernest, Bob, Edison, sisters Hana, Kay, May Matuzaki, Amy Ishii.
YAMAMURA, Kensaku: Hanford, Dec. 3, survived by wife Tsune, sons Alfred, Roy, daughters Grace and Mrs. Florence Taguchi.
YASUDA, Hikoyoshi, 72: Los Angeles, Dec. 8, survived by son Jerry Minoru, daughters Mrs. Hannah Hanako Nakashima, Mrs. Peggy Aiko Kamide.

EDITORIALS

Too old at 45

Secretary of Labor Mitchell in recent articles focused attention on the problem of people over 45 years of age being too old to work. At least, that's the viewpoint of hiring bosses.

For the majority of the Nisei, that age "45" is still a few years away. But since the problem has been opened, the prospect of being placed among the class of economic uselessness (say by 1970) brings up two other problems: either employ the over-45 group or pay taxes to support them as non-workers.

People over 45 are far too potent a political force to be brushed aside. Employers should hire for ability and skill without regard to age.

It's probably too distant for the salaried Nisei to think of this problem. But since so many are salaried, some attention at this time might be prudent.

Pay raises

Federal employees this year have the happy prospect of fatter pay envelopes. The pay-raising mood is as pronounced on Capitol Hill as it is in the White House, where proposals for higher pay to the military, post office and other categories of public servants are in the making.

Even the Congress and judiciary share in this mood of upward adjustment.

While pay raises are regarded traditionally as dynamite in an election year, and this year being considered "safe" since congressmen won't face their constituents until 1956, somehow the good sense of the people must have been misjudged by the senators and representatives in this respect. They seem to underestimate the people's appreciation of the heavy burden of national legislators in these times, when more often they are in session than at home.

The pay raise issue is a good one to dispose of in the early weeks of the session before both houses get involved in full-scale activity.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

Japanese Charm

Denver

Girl named Jere True, who used to be a reporter when I first went to work for The Denver Post a long time ago, flew into town the other day with a couple of Japanese airline hostesses in tow. Jere works for a public relations outfit, and was goodwilling it around the country with the two hostesses. Their names were Fumiko Mizoguchi and Emiko Yoshida, or maybe it was Fumiko Y. and Emiko M., I can't remember for sure what the combinations were.

Anyway, we fixed them up with a photographer and a reporter who, incidental to the assignment of getting a picture story about their visit, set out to show the hostesses a little bit about western hospitality. They were properly and deeply impressed, but even more impressed was our reporter, name of Red Fenwick.

"If I wasn't already married," he said on his return to the office, "I'd be terribly tempted to marry one of those girls. Either one. All I've heard about how charming Japanese girls are didn't do justice to the real article. They've got a sincere, natural thoughtfulness about them that does wonders for a man's ego."

As just one instance, Red told how they'd driven up to Lookout Mountain which provides a breathtaking view of the plains on one side, the continental divide on the other. "But they didn't go into ecstasy about the scenery right off. First, they said: 'It was so kind of you to think about bringing us up here so we could enjoy this beautiful view.'"

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Allen H. Eaton, author of the book "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire," which told about the works of art and handicraft produced in the WRA centers, was among those who sent Christmas greetings to this column. I take this means of acknowledging them because I want to borrow a story he tells in his mimeographed Christmas newsletter.

It seems Mr. Eaton had dropped into Grand Central post office in New York to buy stamps for his Christmas mail. Most of the clerks were out to lunch, and the public queued up at the few open windows were grumbling about the poor service. The clerk at Mr. Eaton's window was named Bartholomew, according to the sign posted nearby.

"Mr. Bartholomew," Eaton said, "you possibly don't remember me, but last December



Denver

The development of a vigorous film art in Japan has been saluted in the awards won by such films as *Rashomon*, *Ugetsu Monogatari*, *Functionary Saisho*, and Kurosawa's *Ikiru*. Freed from the restraints of the militaristic past, the Japanese filmmakers have exploited their new-found freedom since Hiroshima to explore new dimensions with their camera. So well have they succeeded, particularly in the subdued, moody use of color in *Gate of Hell* (*Jigokumon*) and the new *Senhime*, that for the first time it is Hollywood's artists who are looking to the Far East.

Gate of Hell, now a commercial success at New York's Guild theater and soon to be released throughout the United States, recently was awarded—the first time a Japanese film has been so honored—the New York's Critics Circle award as the "best foreign film of 1954." In presenting the award, the New York Times' Bosley Crowther advised Japanese and other foreign producers not to sacrifice quality in their films in catering to what they would suppose to be the popular tastes of the American people. Crowther's advice is underscored by the fact that the Japanese films which have enjoyed an American success, *Rashomon* and *Ugetsu*, were offbeat morality plays, with an intellectual quotient far above that of the average film product. Popular Japanese films, and most Japanese pictures are on the same level or below the Hollywood product, have not been successful in the United States and have been shown mainly to Issei audiences. *Rashomon* wasn't a commercial success in Japan until it had won the grand prize at Venice and the Academy Award "for the best foreign picture of 1952" in Hollywood.

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Melange: *Bad Day at Black Rock*, the MGM melodrama which is concerned with the aftermath of anti-Japanese prejudice in a western town, will have its "world premiere" on Jan. 19 at the Orpheum theater in Denver. Last



I bought some stamps from you—I am quite sure it was you—anyway, at this window—and you gave me just what I wanted. Now will you please show me what colors you have this year?"

"We don't sell stamps by color," Bartholomew answered.

"But that is the only way I ever buy stamps," Eaton said. "Don't you remember last Christmas?"

"Yes, I remember last Christmas, and a good many other Christmases, but you are the first person who ever asked me to sell stamps by colors. We can't sell you stamps by colors, we can only sell 'em by denominations."

Eaton did not like the way the clerk said "we", and was about to tell the clerk that he (Eaton) was an Eisenhower supporter and "we" should be more accommodation. Instead, he asked to be shown the yellow stamps.

"We don't have any stamps in yellow," Bartholomew replied. "Can't you see you are holding up a long line of people?"

"I am not holding up anybody," Eaton replied firmly. "You are holding up everybody, these people and me, because you won't sell me the kind of stamps I want—yellow stamps."

The man behind Eaton, who had been complaining about bad service, suddenly cried "Attaboy." One of Eaton's formulas is, "In a crowd, try reason; if it doesn't work, start a fight. Then people take sides and you are no longer alone." Bartholomew found himself suddenly on the defensive. "The only yellow stamps in print now are half-cent stamps," he said, "and who wants to put six half-cent stamp will do?"

"I want to," Eaton replied quickly. "I will be pleased with the color and what a wonderful spread six stamps will make."

Upshot was that Mr. Bartholomew counted out 1,000 half-cent stamps for Mr. Eaton who went away quite satisfied with the adventure. Although Eaton made no mention of the other humble citizens in line behind him, no doubt they too were satisfied by the common man's triumph over a petty bureaucrat. (Symbolizing that triumph, six bright half-cent Ben Franklin stamps were on Eaton's envelope.)

I like this story because it shows how an overly officious public servant was put in his place by one citizen who knew his rights and stood on them. So long as we have such individuals in our midst, our democracy will remain healthy.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

Strictly Art

week an MGM advance man from Hollywood wanted to show the picture to some Nisei, but was unable to do so when he discovered none of the private projection rooms maintained by the studios in Denver were adapted for CinemaScope. . . . One of the outstanding films of the coming year is Paramount's soon-to-be-released *The Bridges of Toko-ri*, from the James Michener novel. In this film the Japanese actress, Keiko Awaji, makes her American debut as Kimiko. It's over her affections that Mike Forney, played by Mickey Rooney, starts the riot in Tokyo which figures prominently in the plot. . . . Yuriko Kikuchi, who gave up her leading dance role in Roger's & Hammerstein's *The King & I* after more than two years to go to Europe last spring with the Martha Graham dance company, returned to the New York stage last month. She appeared in *Sandhog*, a lively musical inspired by a story by Theodore Dreiser, which was presented at the Phoenix theater in downtown Manhattan. Reviewers thought that Yuriko's participation—she leads four dancers in a series of sidewalk gymnastics in this musical with a Hell's Kitchen, New York setting—was a high point of the show.

Columbia studios has started preparatory work on a picture called *The Gentle Wolfhound* which will tell of the change in anti-Japanese bias of a tough sergeant in the Korean war and of a regiment's devotion to a Japanese orphanage. Exteriors are now being filmed in Japan. . . . Teru Shimada returns to Hollywood filmmaking in a United Artists film called *Snow Creature*, in which he plays a Tibetan guide, Subra, in a story which explores the myth of the "abominable snowman" in the Himalayas. Rollin Moriyama and Robert Kino are also in the cast. The picture isn't much but Shimada, one of Hollywood's most accomplished players of Japanese ancestry, gives his usual good performance.

In the past two months Carl Iwasaki, Life & Time photographer working out of Denver, Continued Inside Page 7

MINORITY

Jackson, Miss.

Mississippi voters have approved a special referendum by a two-to-one majority to preserve segregation in its public schools. Gov. Hugh White is calling legislators to meet Jan. 11 to enact legislation. Voters had ratified a "last resort" amendment permitting abolition of public schools, if necessary, to maintain school segregation.

(Mississippi joins Georgia and South Carolina to prepare legal machinery to abolish public schools and setting up private schools, if necessary, to circumvent the U.S. Supreme Court ruling banning school segregation.)

DECADE AGO

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Coast leaders meet to aid returning Nisei; federal agencies assist re-assimilation of evacuees to former home communities; Dillon Myer believes largest movement of evacuees back to coast will come between March and September, forecasts little trouble.

Gov. Warren commends aims of Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Seven DSCs awarded 100th Infantry Battalion men for extraordinary heroism on Italian front.

Yamazaki, Makabe properties in Placer County razed by mysterious flames.

World War II Post of American Legion (Hollywood) inducts first Nisei (Harley M. Oka), post condemns racist activity.

Negro church group will fight eviction from Nishi Hongwanji, Los Angeles.

Los Angeles group commends stand taken by Sheriff Biscailuz, who pledged maintenance of law and order upon return of evacuees.

Rare meteorite discovered near Topaz camp by two evacuees.

Hawaii Nisei (H. Kubo first to receive DSC for heroism in central Pacific war zone.

Nation's newspapers welcome revocation order by Army, few West Coast papers advise "caution."

School superintendents to assist in re-assimilation of evacuee students in California.

CALENDAR

Jan. 16 (Sunday)

Parlier—Benefit Movies.

Jan. 21 (Friday)

Downtown L.A.—Luncheon meeting, San Kwo Low, 12 noon; Eddie Imazu, spkr.
So. Alameda County—Installation banquet, International Kitchen, Niles; Bruce Michael, spkr.
Stockton—General meeting, YBA Hall, 8:15 p.m.
Berkeley—Installation dinner-dance, Mira Vista C.C.
San Francisco—Installation Banquet, William & Mary's (tentative).

Jan. 22 (Saturday)

Idaho Falls—Annual carnival, Armory, 10 a.m.
Eden Township—Installation dinner-dance, Hotel Leamington, Oakland, 7 p.m.
Twin Cities—Credit union annual meeting.
Detroit—Installation dinner-dance, Stockholm, 7 p.m.
Mile-Hi—Bridge Club "March of Dime" benefit, Kobayashi residence, 455 Forest Ave., Denver, 8 p.m.
Sequoia—Installation Banquet, Rick's Studio Inn.
Sonoma County—Installation Banquet, Memorial Hall.
L.A. Coordinating Council—Installation Ball, Inst. of Aero. Sciences, 7660 Beverly Blvd., 9 p.m.

Jan. 29 (Saturday)

Arizona—Installation dinner, JACL Hall, Glendale.

Feb. 4 (Friday)

Orange County—Installation Banquet, French Imperial Restaurant, Garden Grove, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 5 (Saturday)

St. Louis—Installation dinner, Claridge Hotel, Victoria Room, 7 p.m.

Feb. 12 (Saturday)

Montana—Installation dinner, Shantri-La, Billings.

Feb. 13 (Sunday)

PSWDC—Chapter Clinic, International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles.