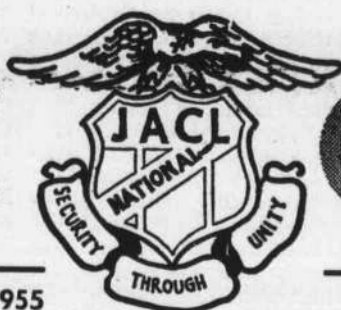


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PRIZE-WINNING NIPPON FILMS

Denver
The prize-winning Japanese film, *Gate of Hell*, was given its Rocky Mountain premiere on March 16 at the Esquire in Denver at a showing co-sponsored by the local Japanese American Citizens League chapter and the Denver Film Society.

Gate of Hell, acclaimed at the Cannes film festival last summer and named the year's "best foreign film" by the New York film critics, is reportedly headed for an Academy Oscar later this month in Hollywood. It has been so successful at the boxoffice—although it hasn't approached the grosses piled up by *Rashomon*—that it has created a demand for more Japanese films on the part of American exhibitors. At least two firms in the foreign films field have latched onto Japanese films for U.S. showings this year. Continental Films has acquired the rights to a semi-documentary, *Hiroshima*, while Fine Arts Films will distribute Toho's color historical, *Miyamoto Musashi*, the saga of a famous warrior.

Other Japanese pictures which probably will be offered to American audiences include *Shiosai* (*Sound of the Tide*), a romance set in a primitive fishing village; *Golden Demon*, winner of the East Asia film festival grand award and a love story of 19th century Japan; and *Princess Sen*, Daiei's probable entry in the Venice film festival next year which offers Machiko Kyo, the feminine star of *Rashomon* and *Gate of Hell* in the role of the granddaughter of the founder of the Tokugawa government in the 17th century. *Princess Sen* is reported to be as visually effective in its use of color as *Gate of Hell*.

Another Japanese prize winner which may be released here is *Sansho, the Lord Bailiff*, which won a Cannes festival prize last year and which Harold Strauss, writing in the New York Times recently, declares to be the best film ever made in Japan and "one of the great ones of the world." *Sansho* is a tale of slavery in 16th century Japan. Meanwhile, Akira Kurosawa, the brilliant director who broke the logjam against Japanese pictures with *Rashomon*, is the director of *Seven Samurai* which won a 1954 Venice festival prize and which has had limited showing already in this country. *Seven Samurai* is in the mold of the classic American western, a morality play with blood and thunder, in which good triumphs over evil.

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OUTSTANDING MOVIE DIRECTOR

With *Rashomon*, Kurosawa established himself as one of the world's outstanding film directors, but the 44-year old native of Tokyo is no newcomer to moviemaking. He has worked on films since 1936 and had established a sizable reputation in Japan before *Rashomon*, although he was completely unknown internationally. Kurosawa, whose passion for democracy shines through his films, undoubtedly was fettered by Japanese militarism. Although he made pictures during that period between the incident at the Marco Polo bridge which launched Japan's attempted conquest of the Asian mainland in 1937 and the surrender on the deck of the Missouri in 1945, most of Kurosawa's best work was done after the war.

In the upsurge of freedom for all artists which came with the American Occupation, Kurosawa collaborated with Kajiro Yamamoto on a film called *People Who Make Tomorrow*, which had as its theme the democratization of a motion picture studio. Kurosawa followed this in 1946 with *Youth Feels No Regret*, the story of a professor's battle for academic freedom in Japan of the 1930s when the militarists were coming to power. Then he made a semi-fantasy called *Wonderful Sunday*, and followed it with what is considered to be his masterpiece, *Drunken Angel*.

Drunken Angel, made some five years ago, has not been shown in the United States. The late Joseph Burstyn, who did so much to advance the future of the foreign film in America, acquired a print of it and was impressed by the picture. According to Jay Leyda, writing in the British film quarterly *Sight and Sound*, Burstyn hesitated to show it to American audiences because of the raw, uncompromising nature of the story of a Tokyo slum doctor and a tubercular gangster in the defeated Japan of the American Occupation. Although not a single American GI appears in the film, Kurosawa's anger against some of the side effects of the Occupation—the ugliness of a night club and a jukebox glares through in one scene—is obvious, and it was felt that some might feel the picture to be anti-American.

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'RASHOMON' ENTERED

At the time of his death Burstyn had not decided whether or not to show *Drunken Angel* in New York, but it is said that he was so impressed by Kurosawa's direction that he urged the Venice International film festival authorities to make sure that they obtained the director's next film. That picture was *Rashomon*, which won the grand prize at Venice and later the New York critics award and the Academy Oscar.

Rashomon ran 23 weeks at the Little Carnegie theater in New York, and did correspondingly well in other major U.S. cities. Masaichi Nagata, head of Tokyo's Daiei studio which produced *Rashomon* has used the American profits from that film to good use in *Gate of Hell*, *Seven Samurai*, *Sansho, the Lord Bailiff* and other pictures which have won international acclaim.

Gate of Hell has broken every record in the 17-year history of the Guild Theater in New York, and is doing equally well in Chicago, Los Angeles and other cities. In its first 10 weeks at the Guild, *Gate of Hell* grossed \$187,300. It is set for a long run at the Esquire in Denver, and the Mile-Hi JACL will profit to the extent of its participation in the opening night festivities, for which the JACL helped distribute tickets.



William J. Sebald, former U.S. Ambassador to Burma, and now deputy assistant Secretary of State, will be guest speaker at the joint EDC-MDC Convention Sunday luncheon at Hotel Washington.

FAR EAST ASS'T SEC'Y OF STATE TO ADDRESS E-MDC

(Washington) William J. Sebald, deputy assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, will be guest speaker at the Sunday luncheon of the joint convention of the Eastern and Midwest District Councils to be held here Mar. 27, Sunday noon, at the Hotel Washington, it was announced by Claire Minami, luncheon chairman.

"Because we are of Japanese ancestry and because our relations with Japan and the entire Far East are so crucial to us as Americans, we are delighted that Secretary Sebald will be with us to explain the latest in Japanese American relations and perhaps to suggest ways and means as to how we can be helpful in promoting relations between the land of our birth and the land of our parents," Mrs. Minami declared.

She added that probably no other person in the United States is more intimately acquainted with postwar Japan than the guest speaker.

Mr. Sebald was born in nearby Maryland and graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1922. He served with the Navy from 1922 to 1930. In 1925, he was assigned for three years to the American Embassy in Tokyo to study the Japanese language.

In 1933, he received an LL.B. degree from the School of Law of the University of Maryland and in 1942 a doctor of law degree from the same University. He practiced law in Japan from 1933 to 1939 and subsequently in Washington until 1942.

During World War II, he served with the Navy, retiring with the rank of Captain.

On Dec. 3, 1945, he was assigned by the State Department to the staff of the Acting United States Political Adviser to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, General Douglas MacArthur, in Tokyo.

On Aug. 11, 1947, he became counselor of the United States Mission in Tokyo and on Sept. 2, 1947, was made Deputy to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, Chairman, and United States member of the Allied Council.

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Cage tourney queen

(Salt Lake City) May Shimizu, West High senior, is the Salt Lake JACL chapter candidate for queen of the 20th annual Nisei Invitational basketball tournament here Mar. 31-Apr. 2.

HILLINGS CLAIMS AMENDMENT BILL REFERRED TO LANE SUBCOMMITTEE

(Washington) The evacuation claims amendment bill introduced last week by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee, which in turn referred the measure to its subcommittee on claims, reported Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

Congressman Thomas A. Lane (D., Mass.) is the Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims and, upon receipt of the Hillings Bill, requested the Department of Justice for its views on the legislation.

Masaoka, who has been conferring with Subcommittee Chairman Lane and other Subcommittee members, said that this initial action was taken promptly because a formal reply from the Department of Justice must also be cleared through the Bureau of the Budget. This procedure, he said, may be a long and arduous one depending upon the unanimity of opinion, either for or against, provisions of the bill by many departmental officials.

Chairman Lane and three other members of his seven-man Subcommittee participated in the congressional hearings held last year in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Northwest Times calls it '30' with Mar. 30 issue

(Seattle) The Northwest Times announced it will suspend publication Mar. 30. Only all-English Nisei vernacular in the Pacific Northwest, it was founded by Budd Fukei in January 1947.

The semi-weekly cited two factors in their decision: (1) need for a newspaper devoted exclusively to Japanese Americans is waning; and (2) personal sacrifice was "too large a price to pay to render this service to the community."

Southland claimants to support new committee action

(Los Angeles) A series of neighborhood meetings of concern to claimants still awaiting their awards has been scheduled for March and April by the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

George Inagaki, chairman, has concluded an extensive tour of Northern California and coastal communities soliciting support for the recently formed committee from among nearly 3,000 who have so-called "larger" claims.

Claimants living in Southwest Los Angeles met last Tuesday. Tonight, Pasadena and San Gabriel Valley residents will meet at the home of Ken Dyo, 146 Bellefontaine, Pasadena.

East Los Angeles claimants will meet Tuesday, Mar. 22, 7:30 p.m., at Tenrikyo Hall. Downtown-Uptown and Hollywood area claimants will meet Monday, Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, 358 E. 1st St.

April meetings have been planned for Gardena Valley, Long Beach-Harbor District, West Los Angeles, Orange County and San Fernando Valley.

With enthusiastic support obtained in Northern and Central California, Inagaki was hopeful that similar response would be met in Southern California, where the majority of claimants reside. The committee, comprised of claimants themselves, seeks passage of amendatory legislation to liberalize and expedite the processing and payment of the remaining evacuation claims.

on evacuation claims legislation.

The three other returning members are Congressmen Peter W. Rodino (D., N.J.), William E. Miller (R., N.Y.) and Usher L. Burdick (R., N.D.).

Congressman E. L. Forrester (D., Ga.) is also a member of the Lane Subcommittee and the former Jonas Subcommittee, but did not accompany the congressional unit during its hearings conducted in California on evacuation claims.

The two new members, Congressmen Harold D. Donohue (D., Mass.) and Chauncey W. Reed (R., Ill.), complete the seven-man House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims.

Hint grudge angle in shooting of Oakland grocer

(Oakland) The possibility that grocer Henry Ukai, 34, was shot and critically wounded as the result of a grudge, rather than in an holdup attempt, is being investigated this week.

Ukai is still in critical condition at Kaiser Foundation Hospital after undergoing surgery early Sunday morning.

Ukai was shot Saturday night by a man who fired without saying a word after entering Ukai's grocery store at 5650 Market St.

The shooting was witnessed by Eugene Harris, 10, 5621 Aileen St. who had been helping the grocer clean up his store before closing. One of the three bullets fired narrowly missed the boy. The other two hit Ukai, one going through his abdomen.

A check revealed the gunman apparently did not take any money. Police Inspectors Joseph Bertoglio and Donald Heaton said they would check the grudge shooting possibility, although members of the family said they did not believe Ukai had any enemies.

Ukai, who resides with his wife and 6-month-old son at 5619-B Market St., was an All-City football star at McClymonds High in 1937. He later attended St. Mary's and the University of San Francisco.

Since taking over proprietorship of the market Dec. 1 of last year, Ukai has been robbed twice. The last time was two weeks ago. He and his wife had agreed that they would passively hand over any money during a holdup to avoid violence.

Support of onion sale curb urged by Nisei

(Ontario, Ore.) Joe Saito, one-time chairman of the Intermountain District Council, and president of the Malheur County Onion Growers Association, urged growers to wire their congressmen to support of an onion market control law, which has been introduced in the House.

The new bill would put onion trading under the Commodity Exchange Commission and would limit the dealings in onion futures. It would also require that a person selling onions would have to be their registered owner, Saito said.

Colorado Issei called to federal jury duty

(Denver) John T. Horie, prominent Brighton community leader and recently naturalized Issei, has been called for the jury duty by the U.S. District Court of Colorado for the final week of March.

Fluent in English and well-educated, he is probably the first naturalized Issei to be summoned for federal jury duty.

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Tokyo Topics

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'LOVE OF COUNTRY'

(Tokyo) Now that the elections are over, hottest item inside Japan is the new student manual on "patriotism", introduced by the Ministry of Education for guidance of social science teachers and students when the new semester opens in April. The manuals were prepared for primary and secondary (junior high) schools.

The new book lays stress on the need for enhancing public morals and cultivating a patriotic spirit in the youth of Japan.



However, this has met stiff criticism from left-wingers and Socialists, who fear pre-war fanaticism must be restored.

Basically, the new manual (1) coordinates the study of "patriotism" through elementary and junior high school years; (2) enhances love of country on the basis of international peace, cooperation and understanding; and (3) establishes four mandatory subjects: geography, history, ethics, and social sciences.

When Japan surrendered in 1945, teaching of geography, history and ethics was banned in the schools. Teachers found out that the best way out of this predicament was to either become radical or remain indifferent. Even the mention of "patriotism" became taboo. Any teacher emphasizing love of one's country was attacked as anti-democratic or ultra-nationalistic.

In this atmosphere, the Japan Teachers Union was created to stress "peace and democracy" and accepted other leftist principles.

If any nation in the world was peopled with very patriotic and respectful citizens, it was Japan. The so-called "Japanese spirit" was a shining example of the pride the Japanese had for its heritage. Today, it is no more!

Equality of sexes has been overemphasized in recent years to the point of unshamed fraternization in public. Obscene books and pictures are widely circulated and too many to be controlled by police. And stage shows have become wild in the name of "fine arts". Young people today are not being taught to respect their elders anymore. Traditional graces and customs of old Japan have almost disappeared.

Japanese school children were known to be one of the best behaved groups in the world—that was before the war. War has torn down everything, including public morals. Consequently, educators and leaders are convinced that ethics and "love of country" be revived in the lower-grade school curricula.

Until the termination of the last war, every Japanese subject lived by the code to be loyal to the nation and Emperor. This spirit nurtured a way of life that has been practically forgotten today. Whereas school children formerly revered the Emperor, youngsters today think it great to draw ridiculous cartoon of him. Youngsters feel distinguished by minimizing the Emperor—even calling him "Ten-chan". Foreign visitors in Japan have been shocked by the utter lack of respect for the Emperor.

Another forgotten virtue is obedience to parents. Youngsters today think it foolish to respect their parents and elders. Democratization certainly marched beyond its limits.

JAPAN'S FUTURE? 'I DON'T KNOW'

Japanese psychology is indeed baffling. The same people who accused the Nisei before the war for lacking Japanese spirit still find fault with the Nisei for his bad manners today. The same newspapers which accused the Nisei openly before the war are opposing the teaching of ethics and patriotism to the youth of Japan.

In spite of the cry of democracy and apparent progressive gains, many things in Japan remain feudalistic. Nothing has changed. Is Japan really a democratic nation at heart? So many of the fine customs of old Japan which would have nurtured a freedom-loving Japan are gone. Instead, it is making hay by opposing everything instituted during the Occupation. So what is Japan's future? I don't know.

Minority Week

An estimated 15,000 Puerto Ricans have come to Chicago since 1950—and more are on their way, according to a new study made by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. A program is underway to assist individual Puerto Ricans who decide to live in Chicago and to acquaint Puerto Ricans with Chicago's economic and sociological conditions. "We want to aid and assist them in joining civic, religious and union organizations here," declared Francis W. McPeck, commission executive director.

Campbell Soup Co. in Sacramento agreed last week to hire Negroes for the first time in its history, following a series of conferences with NAACP officials and the AFL local of cannery workers. The plant which previously had some 1,700 white employees, added two Negroes now serving their probationary period and have been generally well received at the plant.

Gov. Luther Hodges has been asked by the state NAACP to help revoke all racial segregation laws in North Carolina. Drafts of 27 bills abolishing all current public laws enforcing racial segregation in public transportation, prisons, cemeteries, were pointed out.

AMBASSADOR IGUCHI ACCEPTS INVITATION TO SPEAK AT EDC-MDC CONFERENCE BANQUET; PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

(Washington) Ambassador Sadao Iguchi of Japan has accepted an invitation to speak at the joint EDC-MDC convention banquet to be held Mar. 26 at the Hotel Washington, convention chairman Tad Masaoka announced this week.

With the announcement of Ambassador Iguchi's acceptance, Masaoka released the general Convention Program. "We feel," the convention chairman said, "that the delegates and visitors to the Joint MDC-EDC Convention will be pleased with the outstanding program that has been prepared for them. Our Convention banquet and luncheon speakers are nationally and internationally recognized and respected persons and it is a real privilege to have them with us at this convention."

Registration of delegates and visitors will take place during Friday evening, March 25, and during the following day at the Hotel Washington mezzanine.

The same evening, at the invitation of Ambassador Iguchi, a special reception for conventioners will be held at the Embassy of Japan from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The formal opening of Convention business will begin on Saturday, Mar. 26, 9 a.m., with Ira Shimazaki, EDC chairman, presiding. In the Opening Session George J. Inagaki will give the National JACL president's report, Masao W. Satow, the National JACL director's report, Abe Hagiwara the Midwest Office report and Mike M. Masaoka the Washington JACL office report.

Following an open lunch period, the MDC and the EDC will conduct separate business sessions with Harry Takagi and Ira Shimazaki, chairmen of the respective district councils, presiding.

The Convention banquet (Mar. 26, 6-9:30 p.m.) will be in Hotel Washington, the Convention headquarters. Toastmaster Mike Masaoka will start the program with William Watasuki, accompanied by John Fuyume, singing the National Anthem. Response messages will be made by Takagi and Inagaki. Piano selections by John Fuyume and remarks by Jesse S. Shima, on behalf of the Japanese American Society of Washington, D.C., follow.

Of special interest to Conventioners are 45 newly naturalized Issei citizens from Los Angeles and 18 from Detroit, coming to the Nation's Capital to "See America First" and to join in some of the Convention activities. Gongo Nakamura of Los Angeles will respond one half of this group at the banquet.

Guest speakers Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee and chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign

Commerce Committee, will proceed remarks to be given by Ambassador Iguchi.

The Saturday program will be completed with a Convention Ball (10 p.m.-1 a.m.) with the Silver-tones Band supplying the music. Intermission entertainment will be an exhibit of ballroom dancing by Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kelly and a Hawaiian hula presentation by Miss Marcia Hayashi, accompanied by Miss Yohko Sumida and George Koga. The drawing for the "Saving Bonds Project" will be made at same time.

Sunday Program

Convention business sessions resume on Sunday (9 a.m.-noon) with the MDC and the EDC holding separate meetings.

The Convention luncheon (Mar. 27, noon-2 p.m.) will feature William J. Sebald, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, for Far Eastern Affairs, as guest speaker. John Katsu, past host chapter president, will be toastmaster.

Satow will present JACL Sapphire Pin awards to selected recipients for ten or more years of faithful JACL service. Inagaki will install newly elected officers of both district councils following their introduction by Miss Carol Tsuda. A piano solo by John Fuyume will complete the luncheon program.

The MDC and EDC combine sessions for Sunday afternoon

(Mar. 27, 2-6 p.m.) for a special JACL Clinic. Inagaki will discuss prewar and wartime JACL history, followed by Masaoka on the JACL postwar and ADC accomplishments. Satow will speak on the JACL organizational structure and current problems.

Chapter programs and projects will be handled by Shig Wakamatsu, Thousand Club chairman. Cooperative MDC-EDC programs and projects plus closing ceremonies complete the business portions of the convention.

1000 Club Party

The Thousand Club takes over with everyone welcome for a "Chow-Wow" Sunday evening supper at the China Doll restaurant. Singing Harold "Tokyo" Gordon, past Thousand Club president, from Chicago will toastmaster the "Wow" part of the program with EDC chapters supplying additional entertainment.

Sightseeing for a "Day on Capitol Hill" begins on Monday, Mar. 28 (8:30 a.m.), including visits with congressmen and senators. Congress in session, the Capitol Building, the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress.

Tuesday, Mar. 29 (9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) is planned for a tour of the White House, the Bureau of Engraving, Arlington National Cemetery and the Jefferson, Lincoln and Washington National Monuments.



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Provo treason charges dismissed

(Baltimore) Wartime treason charges against John David Provo were dismissed by U.S. Judge Roszel C. Thomsen this week on the grounds that the ex-Army sergeant had been denied the right of speedy trial under the Sixth Amendment.

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Honolulu Newsletter

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VOLCANO ERUPTIONS STILL BIG NEWS

The volcanic eruption is still the big news in Hawaii, so here goes the second installment.

If you haven't seen a volcano in action, you haven't seen anything like it. For the third time in two weeks, Kilauea Volcano has burst forth with new life in the same general area along what is known as the East Rift, in the Puna district on the island of Hawaii.



The day after the third outbreak on March 12, I flew over the wooded section where smoke curled skyward. Half mile below the plane, I could see flames redden the forest, as lava poured sluggishly out of a 2,000 yard rift, and set fire to trees in the path.

The usual pattern before an eruption is a series of tremblers—minor earthquakes that jiggle the seismographs to warn the scientists that a blow-up is coming. Then the earth itself cracks; jagged slits appear in the area.

Soon the ground rumbles, and hot, liquid lava is belched forth from the rifts.

Driving from the airport to the eruption, I could hear the rumble of the volcano. A live volcano is a spectacular phenomenon. To see it is to remember the spectacle for the rest of one's life.

It is as though Mother Nature (the Hawaiians attribute it to the mythical fire goddess Pele) were coughing up something she had swallowed and could not digest. The stuff spewed out is red and liquid. If hot lava is piled high, it takes days and even weeks to cool off.

At first, the action is along a rift, a long line of spouting mountains. Later, it settles down into separate cones which build up into small mountains as the outpouring of lava continues.

Photographs and movies—even color films—don't give the full dramatic impact of the fury of an eruption. The reason is that they lack the dimension of sound. It is a startling thing to hear the loud explosions of lava flung skyward. The sound reminds one of the crashing of large waves against a rocky seacoast.

There is a rhythm of noise also, but it is not as far apart as waves booming against a wall.

PROPERTY DAMAGE EXCESSIVE

This has been destructive eruption. No lives have been lost but property damage is in the millions, mostly in sugar cane land and fruit orchards covered over with miles of lava.

As many as 200 persons have been evacuated from their homes in three villages. Fortunately, no town has been inundated by the sea of lava that flowed down from the hills and almost reached the ocean.

Temporary evacuation centers have been established at a school and at an old recreational hall. More permanent quarters are being prepared because no one can definitely predict how much longer the eruption might continue.

The Red Cross, civilian defense, county officials, and the National Guard have cooperated to give all aid possible to the evacuees. But who can blame the evacuees if they chafe at being kept from returning to their homes?

But as long as the danger of more volcanic activity remains, the evacuees must stay in the makeshift centers.

And the big job of rehabilitation, once the eruption ends, still lies ahead. New roads must be built and new farming lands elsewhere opened up for those who lost their lands. It is indeed a hard lot for the people of Puna.

CAPSULES

Young Steve Murata sang and acted the part of Amahl in Gian Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* in a completely engaging and natural way, the Washington (D.C.) Evening Star critic Frank Campbell reported. The Sansei daughter of the Jack Muratas of Bethesda, Md., handled the only child's roll. A group of local church singers was cast and the chamber opera played for two nights earlier this month. Mother is the former Betty Kozono of Sacramento and active in the D.C. JACL.

Marian Tagawa, 21, of Yuba City, was the first stewardess to join Pan American Airways under its new program of recruiting Nisei to serve on the trans-Pacific Clipper flights.

A trial jury deliberated 20 minutes and found Jerry I. Tsutsui, 35, Denver tavern operator, guilty of four counts of selling heroin to an undercover federal agent. He was arrested Dec. 31 and tried Mar. 2. Maximum sentence calls for five years on each count and fines totalling \$8,000.

The boy born to the Tooru Kanazawas of New York Mar. 3 has been named Mark. He weighed 8 lb.-4 oz. Father is English editor of the Hokubei Shimpō, bilingual weekly.

While the "House of Bamboo," Twentieth Century-Fox production, has concluded its Tokyo shooting last week, Reiko Sato, Los Angeles Nisei thesp-terper, has snared a role in a specialty sequence, according to Variety.

Former soldier Frank L. Weaver was deported recently from Japan to Australia for the 10th time, unmarried to his Japanese sweetheart despite efforts by an American Protestant clergyman to arrange a last-minute church wedding. He has married his sweetheart in a religious ceremony, but not considered legal by either Japanese or Australian authorities.

Joseph T. Igarashi, 65, Palm Spring restaurant worker, drowned in a small private lake while fishing Mar. 1 near San Mateo. Police said he had slid down a steep embankment and plunged into 15 ft. of water.

Portland hotel blaze claims pioneer Issei, roomer admits starting fire

(Portland) The fire which raged through the three-story Lind Hotel, 108 SW 3rd Ave., early Wednesday morning last week claimed as one of its five victims, George Nunotani, 79, who operated the hotel for many years.

A pioneer Issei of Portland for over 50 years, Nunotani turned the hotel over to his son-in-law, Tom Saito, ten years ago. Saito and Mrs. Saito rescued their seven small children and Saito's mother, Mrs. H. Saito, who is in her 70s. His father also escaped, but they were unable to find the aged Nunotani.

Saito said the fire burned swiftly after he was awakened about 1 a.m. and there was little time for more than 70 guests, most of them elderly, to escape.

Saito, who had retired about 12:15 a.m. after watching TV, said he was aroused by hammering on his door and shouts of "fire."

He ran to the third floor to

arouse persons there, while Mrs. Saito began the job of rounding up the youngsters, from 1 to 9 years of age, to safety. Two are three-year-old twin daughters. She took three trips to get the children to the streets.

Saito found his mother overcome by smoke, got her to the head of the stairway on the second floor and rolled her down the steps to the street. The elder Saito made his way down the rear stairway.

Some hotel guests returned to the scene later to search the wreckage of their rooms for personal effects. Most of them found little of value in the debris.

The Lind Hotel fire was Portland's third most disastrous hotel blaze.

Police held Russell A. U'Ren, 42, under \$10,000 bail on charges of involuntary manslaughter and culpable negligence. U'Ren had told a reporter that he set fire to a cotton comforter while lying in bed smoking. He attempted to put out the fire with water and then placed the smoldering blanket in the hallway and returned to his room. He also admitted he had been drinking Tuesday night.

Five tenants were hospitalized and 14 firemen were injured or overcome in the three-hour battle to bring the fire under control and effect rescues.

Business firms, including the Nikko's Sukiya, housed under the hotel suffered water and smoke damage.

Expect 800 delegates at WYBL conference

(San Francisco) The three-day Western Young Buddhist League conference opens with a National YBA board meeting Mar. 25 at the Buddhist Church headquarters here.

Five candidates are vying in the Miss Bussei queen contest, the climax set for the Mar. 26 coronation hall at the Scottish Rite Temple, Van Ness and Sutter Sts. They are:

Miyoko Sasaki, 19, Sacramento; Chiyeiko Ikeda, 19, San Francisco; Reiko Yagura, 18, Fresno; Alice Satow 21, Monterey; and Catherine Fujita, 19, Los Angeles.

Other highlights include business sessions, panel discussion, morning service and conference banquet.

Early registrations indicate an attendance of some 800 delegates from the 44 chapters of the Young Buddhist League.

NISEI ENGINEER NAMED TO NUCLEAR SCIENCE SCHOOL IN CHICAGO

(San Diego) George H. Nakamura, mechanical engineer graduate of the Univ. of Utah and pre-war Whittier resident, began attending a special 7-month course this week at the School of Nuclear Science and Engineering at Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago.

The San Diego Convair design specialist is one of ten engineers in the United States studying a new course opened for the first time to employees of industrial concerns. Forty-two students, including 33 from foreign countries, have been appointed.

Nakamura has been a member of Convair here since 1951 after obtaining his master's degree in engineering from the Univ. of Minnesota.

'Japan & Korea' movie

(Los Angeles) Hollywood screen and stage personalities and Japanese consular officials will be guests of honor at the west coast premiere of "Japan and Korea," new Nipponcolor travelogue which Col. Homer Kellems will show and narrate in person at the Wilshire Ebell tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

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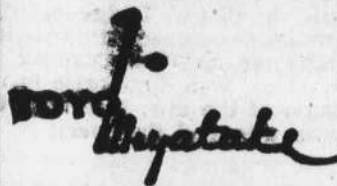
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BY HARRY HONDA

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY—A CURE

Probably you're getting as weary as I am on this talk of juvenile delinquency. Everything I've been reading on the subject in past weeks points up to one fact: the cure for juvenile delinquency lies in the home—a good, happy home . . . But does this country do the things which would help the parents? It seems our great nation is plotting against the family . . . The current wrangle of a \$20 tax deduction is a case in point. Various suggestions have been made from both sides of the floor of Congress, but does anyone propose increasing exemptions for children? . . . Does anyone favor granting progressively larger exemptions for the third, fourth or fifth child?

Another example is this subject of family allowances. Over forty nations have family allowance systems. Our neighbors to the north—Canada—have a magnificent set-up. From what I understand, it works like this: since 1944, each child under 16 years of age gets monthly allowance between \$5 and \$8 (depending on the age—\$5 for children 6 years and under, to \$8 for children between 13 and 15). The check is usually made out to the mother . . . Out of the 14 million people in Canada, there are 2 million families with 4.7 million children. The program cost \$335 million in 1953 . . . In the case of needy families, there are additional funds from cities and provinces to meet the situation.

The Family Life Institute of Xavier University, Cincinnati, has compiled statistics showing that in 1952, the two-child families in the U.S. had a median income of \$4,268. For families with six or more children, it was \$3,045 and nearly a third of them under \$2,000 a year . . . Under such conditions, is juvenile delinquency surprising?

For a nation that spends over \$9 billions annually on liquor and \$300 millions in juke boxes, the \$2 billions needed annually to provide monthly family allowances would go a very long way to combat juvenile delinquency . . . The cost is based on the assumption that allowances be \$12 for the third child, \$10 for the fourth and \$8 for each additional child to help larger families of the low-income bracket . . . Authorities generally agree that juvenile delinquency can be lessened through good, adequate housing, good food and clothing, home recreation and the like.

One national radio commentator has been consistent in asking how a family today can keep themselves together on current income tax exemptions of \$600 for each child. It takes more than that to clothe and feed a child . . . In the United States, where the individual family is the basic unit of our society and nation, it seems illogical to ignore the basic unit entirely when national security is of concern . . . Like a chain which is as strong as its weakest link, a nation is as healthy and strong as the family is healthy and strong.

Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING

● Photographing a stack of pancakes, complete with syrup and melting butter, with the proper coloring and texture is the current problem being tackled by HARRY SHIGETA, internationally-known photographer, who was guest speaker at the March meeting of the Chicago JACL. His talk drew a large attendance last Friday night. He also told of his experiences from 40-years of work, using various photographs as illustrations.

● For the April 8 meeting, Dr. FRANK SAKAMOTO, 1st v.p. in charge of program, announced that the long-awaited film of Ed Murrow's "Dr. Oppenheimer Interview" will be featured. Other films showing the 442nd Combat Team in training and old WRA films on relocation will be shown. The public is always welcome. The chapter meets at the Woodrow Wilson Room, second floor, 116 S. Michigan St.

● The Chicago JACL box lunch social is scheduled for Apr. 2, 7 p.m., at the Monroe YWCA, 59 E. Monroe. Entertainment and mixer will follow. Mrs. HELEN HORI will be in charge. Feminine members of the chapter will be expected to fill their lunches with Japanese delicacies.

AROUND WINDY CITY

● Infants of working parents are being cared by the Church of Christ nursery, 3516 N. Sheffield Ave., where Mrs. DOROTHY WADA is director.

● The Armitag Methodists will sponsor its sixth annual Fun-O-Rama carnival on Saturday, Apr. 23, 7:30 to 12 midnight, at Olivet Institute.

ABOUT PERSONALITIES

● Invited by nine fraternities at Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware, Ohio, HAROLD UTAKI ARAI, 18-year-old sophomore, chose and was initiated as the first Nisei pledge by the Alpha Sigma Phi. He is a summer '53 graduate of Francis Parker High School, Chicago; son of Mr. and Mrs. AKIRA "BRUSH" ARAI, 1125 W. Foster Ave., pre-war Los Angeles residents. Brush is in the employment office at International Harvester on 35th Place and a CLer. His wife is the former JOAN FUJISAWA, recently named Chicago delegate to the National YWCA Convention meeting Apr. 21-28 in New York.

● Meet the new president of Olivet Institute Nursery Parent's Group—JUN OISHI, 843 W. Newport Ave. A Chicago JACler and accountant for Maremont Automotive Products, he served as chapter treasurer and was budget-finance chairman at the eighth annual National JACL bowling tournament, when it was held here in 1954. Father of three children, Tracy, 5, on appeared on Angel Casey's TV show for Children during Brotherhood Week; Christine, 4; and Jefferey, 3.

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Membership Bulletin

(San Francisco) We are sending out to the Chapters this week our first membership bulletin which will show 3,046 officially signed up to date for 1955. Our observation is that memberships are coming in earlier this year than we can ever remember, and the call for additional membership blanks from many chapters is most encouraging. We note approximately 100 new 1000 Club members signed up thus far this year.

Our special commendations to the following chapters for already surpassing their 1954 membership figures: Idaho Falls, Parlier, Fort Lupton, Omaha, Sonoma County, Southern Alameda, Milwaukee, Salinas, San Benito County and Santa Barbara. We note that some of this membership increase is due to the signing up of newly naturalized citizens, many of whom look upon JACL membership as the natural sequel to their attaining citizenship.

Chapter Clinics

The enthusiastic attendance and response to the Second Annual Pacific Southwest District Council Chapter Clinic definitely establishes it as an annual project. The sharing of experiences and ideas between chapters strengthens the entire organization.

The chapter clinic in conjunction with the Northern California-Western Nevada DC quarterly meeting in February was especially valuable in that members had a chance to discuss matters in informal smaller groups.

The Joint EDC-MDC Convention has also set aside time for a Chapter Clinic.

14th National Biennial

It appears at this time that chapters have been scared out by the tremendous effort of the six Los Angeles Coordinating Council chapters in hosting the last Biennial National Convention and no bids for the 1956 meeting have been received. Since the deadline for such bids is now passed in accordance with our National Council action, it is National Headquarters' recommendation that the 1956 Biennial be held over the Labor Day weekend here in San Francisco.

This suggestion is made in view of the fact that National Headquarters will be responsible for all arrangements for the meeting.

The meeting will center around the National Council session with possibly a few extras added.

EDC-MDC Convention

And speaking of conventions, we will be attending the Joint EDC-MDC affair in Washington the latter part of this month. A most attractive program has been arranged, and we trust that many JACLers will take advantage of this opportunity to visit our Nation's Capitol at cherry blossom time, engage in fruitful discussions, and see first hand various departments of our Government in action.

Santa Barbara, under Tom Hirashima, is busily preparing for the Biennial PSWDC Convention on May 14 and 15.

The Intermountain area will meet at Sun Valley on March 20.

The Berkeley Chapter will host the May meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada DC on May 15, according to President Ben Fukutome, and the DC's second annual bowling tournament in conjunction with this meeting will be in charge of Mo Katow.

Claims Program

National President George Inagaki was in our area recently on his pet project in behalf of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims. George reports that 99 per cent of those he has contacted has endorsed our program and indicated their endorsement with checks.

Only someone like George who is utterly devoted to JACL and its future could do this job.

Bowling Tournament

Our Ninth Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament was one of the best we have had, thanks to the work of the tournament-committee under the leadership of Easy Fujimoto. It is a known fact that the hard working members of the local tournament committee knock themselves out taking care of the many responsibilities and thereby cut down their chances of making a good showing on the alleys.

We are deeply grateful to all members of the committee for their efforts in behalf of the other bowlers.

Long Beach really went all out to give us a good time. The Awards Dinner was one of the nicest we have ever had. It was dignified yet informal.

A special vote of thanks to members of the Long Beach Women's Bowling Association who volunteered to assist on the scoring. We overheard two motherly ladies talking to each other. Said one, "I was here last night until 2 a.m., and came back this morning because it looked like they needed scorekeepers." Then she added, "This is a fine bunch to score for." It is fitting that we should return the Tournament for its Tenth Anniversary to Salt Lake City where it was originated.

Since Shig Imura has asked to be relieved from our National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling, we have asked Dubby Tsugawa to take his place representing the Sacramento area. One Thousand Dubby was a Membership Chairman of the Sacramento JACL last year, and anchored the JACL National Champion Coffee's Strawberries Team, sponsored by 1000 Clubber Coffee Oshima.

We also noted 1000 Club Life Member George Ota was pounding the wood for the S. T. Produce Team from Sumner, Washington.

A Wonderful Lady

We are happy to report that two Sansei college students have received scholarships equivalent to the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, for which both were candidates last year, because of the generosity of a wonderful lady here in San Francisco who was impressed with their scholastic and extracurricular records.

Med student Richard Arakawa of Reedley was one of the recipient of a special scholarship last

fall. More recently, this donor, who prefers to remain anonymous, has membered Arthur Endo, the Hollywood Chapter nominee, and desire to enter the Christian ministry. She felt that a scholarship to Arthur would be the most fitting memorial tribute to her friend and distinguished Christian leader the late Dr. Galen Fisher.

We are sure that Dr. Fisher would have liked this.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Hollywood JACL: To acquaint recently naturalized Issei citizens with election procedures and issues of the April primaries, a special meeting is being called Mar. 28, 8 p.m., at Hollywood Gakko with Miki Moriaki, Americanization class instructor, as one of the speakers.

East Los Angeles JACL: The Shindo, Nisei orchestra leader and newspaper columnist, will demonstrate and speak on the origins of Latin American music at the Mar. 23 meeting at the Soto-Michigan Center, it was announced by Jim Higashi, chapter president. Also on the program will be Thomas W. Sering, boys' vice-principal at Roosevelt High School, who will speak on the forthcoming school bond propositions.

Berkeley JACL: Toshio Nakagawa is chairman of the special meeting tonight at the Berkeley YWCA. Questions in both Japanese and English will be welcomed. Representatives from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration will speak.

Eden Township JACL: Women members of the chapter entertained over 350 airmen from Parks Air Force Base at the Hayward USO Mar. 6 for the second time. Kanako Okada was chairman, assisted by:

Emi Obata, Eome Otsuki, Tome Nisawa, Mmes. Kazuo Niede, Sato Niede, Hamako Nishida, Setu Mizu, food; Kimi Fujii, Aiko Hirano, Emi Obata, Mmes. Tama Kawata, Ben Kurotori, hostesses.

A certificate of merit was presented to the JACL women by Maj. Miller for their outstanding work.

San Francisco JACL: Social dance classes for eight consecutive weeks begins tonight at Gysei Hall, Octavia and Pine Sts.

Mile-Hi JACL: While regular admission to the "Jigokumori" currently being shown at the Esquire Theater, 590 Downing St., is \$1, Tak Terasaki, benefit chairman, disclosed each JACL ticket sold for performances up to Mar. 29 would allow a 30 cents benefit to the chapter.

Gilroy JACL: A community picnic has been scheduled for Apr. 1 at the Uvas Dam. Moose Kunimura was named general chairman.

Fowler JACL: Committees in charge of the Fowler booth at the district fair last year were honored at a dinner sponsored by the chapter at Bruce's Lodge recently. The booth, sponsored by the local chapter and the Chamber of Commerce, won first prize in the division at the fair. More than 60 persons attended the event.

Philadelphia JACL: "Legal Clinic" with three members of the Philadelphia bar, Samuel Dashi, assistant district attorney; William Reynolds, tax specialist; and William Marutani, minor's rights and liabilities, will headline the Apr. 1 general meeting at International Institute, 645-15th St.

Salt Lake JACL: Mrs. Rose Katozaki was appointed treasurer pro tem in the absence of Rae Fujimoto, who is leaving for a short tour of Japan . . . Friends of Mrs. Yano are wishing him a speedy recovery following his recent hospitalization. He is convalescing at home . . . Two active junior division members, Ronnie Nakamura and Lois Beppu, were married Feb. 25 at Art Barn with Dr. Joseph Uemura of Westminster College officiating. They honeymooned in Southern California.

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Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Last week saw the overcoming of two major hurdles toward the JACL legislative objectives in California affecting Japanese Americans. The Social Welfare Committee of the Assembly on March 8 unanimously approved Assembly Bill 2255 which would give old age assistance to the Issei who are unable to pass naturalization examinations because of age or infirmity. Later that day the Judiciary Committee also unanimously approved Assembly Bill 842 which would remove the alien land law of 1913 from the State Constitution.

I do not anticipate too much trouble on the alien land laws bills; however, we will have to do a lot of sweating before we know the final outcome of the social welfare bill which will now have to sit tight before being considered by the Ways and Means (Finance) Committee of the Assembly. This committee will not consider any bills requiring appropriations until the passage of the general budget which will not take place until about the end of May.

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EQUALITY IN EMPLOYMENT

The JACL has a concern for other legislation. Probably the most important of these is Assembly Bill 971, which is the proposed Fair Employment Practices law. Here in a nutshell is a resume of the proposed law as described by the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices with which the JACL is associated.

1. WHAT IS IT?—It declares that discrimination, in employment because of race, religion or national origin against public policy. It provides for conciliation and educational services to implement that public policy. It provides for fines (up to \$500) and sentences (up to six months) to enforce that policy. It provides a full time five-man commission to administer the program.

2. HOW DOES IT WORK?—The commission is empowered to hold full investigations and hearings on any complaint. If the complaint is valid, the commission will conciliate with the offender. In the rare instance that conciliation doesn't succeed, the matter will be brought to the courts. Meanwhile, the commission will carry on a continuous educational campaign.

3. IS IT NEEDED IN CALIFORNIA?—There are in California: about 500,000 Negroes; 800,000 Mexican Americans; 85,000 Japanese Americans; 60,000 Chinese Americans; 400,000 Jews; over 2 million Catholics and a million foreign-born. There are some employment restrictions against all of these groups in California. California State Employment Service records in Los Angeles three years ago showed that 67.5% of all job orders were discriminatory. While such records are no longer kept, prevailing community practices fail to show any substantial decrease in discrimination. Official U.S. census shows 13% of the non-white labor force in the West (mainly California) was unemployed as against only 7% of the total labor force.

4. WHAT IS OUR STAKE IN FAIR EMPLOYMENT — Discrimination is economically wasteful, robbing our general welfare and defense production of untapped and needed skills. It stunts our prosperity, cutting down consumer ability and production. It belittles America, and our keystone idea that men are to be judged because of individual merit, rather than because of ancestry. It aids Communism, being prime propaganda for the Kremlin. Discrimination is anti-religious, violating moral tenets of every faith. It creates social problems, such as juvenile delinquency, crime, divorce, welfare status, all costly blots on our state.

5. BUT IS A LAW PREFERABLE TO EDUCATION? — Law is education! One purpose of all laws is to set public policy so that people will learn what is expected of them from society. Enforcement provisions are necessary to underline the seriousness of public policy. General education and "voluntary plans" have proved insufficient. It is not designed to assault a man's mind and interfere with his personal attitudes—only to govern his social behavior like other laws.

6. DOES THE LAW INTERFERE WITH THE RIGHTS OF EMPLOYERS OR LABOR UNIONS?—No more than, say public sanitation laws. A businessman has to install required plumbing because of the larger public good. This FEPC law is a matter of social sanitation, required for the larger public good.

7. HOW HAS THE LAW WORKED ELSEWHERE?—In seven years of operation the various commissions administering these laws have found it possible to settle by conciliation all but six of about 5,000 cases. The Senate Committee Report (No. 22988) on Labor and Public Welfare states "the laws with enforcement provisions have been more effective in reducing discrimination in employment than those without such provisions". Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Washington, the cities of Minneapolis and Philadelphia have enforceable laws.

8. WHAT DO EMPLOYERS THINK OF THE LAW? — The same report states that the laws have been "accomplished to the satisfaction of employers, workers and labor unions. Although employers generally opposed the enactment of an enforceable FEP law, many of them have since expressed their belief that such legislation has had positive beneficial effects." Hundreds of important business organizations have formally testified that none of the feared "interference" resulted, including Alcoa, Prudential Insurance, Hat Corp. of America, Western Electric, Pitney-Bowes, New Jersey Bell Telephone, New York Shipbuilding, General Electric, General Mills and Sears-Roebuck.

9. WHAT DO LABOR LEADERS THINK OF THE LAW? —Both AFL and CIO state organizations unanimously passed strong resolutions in their 1954 conventions for this law.

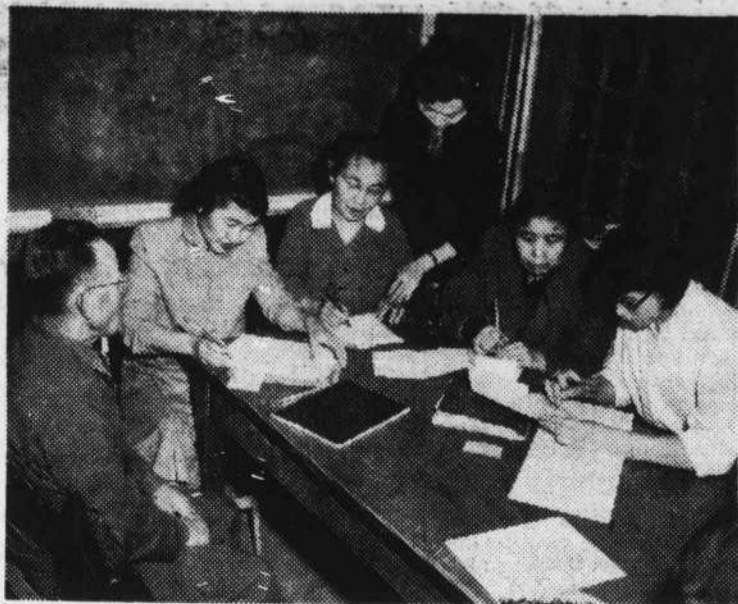
10. WHAT DOES THE GENERAL PUBLIC THINK?—Two years ago, a California poll sponsored by metropolitan newspapers reported 61% of the voters favored FEP legislation. Since that time, public opinion has increased favorably.

11. WHAT DO REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS THINK?—Current party platforms of both parties favor enactment of FEP legislation.

Original documents on which all the factual material in the resume are all available immediately from the committee.

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We urge JACL chapter and member to write to their legislators in Sacramento urging the passage of AB 971, better known as the FEP bill.



Twenty-six Salt Lake JACLers spent an evening filling out applications for Issei filing for naturalization. In the photo are Mitzi Sera (second from left), Toshi Odow (standing) and Toby Sunata (extreme right). Two mornings later, the chapter arranged to have some 30 Issei citizenship applicants fingerprinted with the police department to finish the process. —Terashima Photo.



The Arthur A. Havens of Flintridge hold the "small" token of appreciation given by the Pasadena JACL, which sponsored the west coast premiere of Yuzen Fashions at their residence. — Sat Yoshizato Photo

S.F. membership climbs to 500 mark, seeks 750

(San Francisco) Sign-up of new members will continue but Sumi Honnami, vice-president in charge of the San Francisco JACL membership campaign, last week announced the 1955 drive has topped the 500 mark.

(Denver) The Mile-Hi chapter reached a total of 307 members as of Feb. 28 and was hopeful of doubling it by the end of March. Betty Suzuki, membership drive chairman, leads in solicitations with 106.

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Washington-born Nisei wins citizenship case

(Los Angeles) Edward S. Sori, Washington-born Nisei, did not lose his United States citizenship even though he took an examination to become a reserve officer in the Japanese Army during World War II, Federal Judge William M. Byrne recently ruled.

Sori's attorneys, A. L. Wirin and Saburo Kido of Los Angeles, had contended service in the Japanese army was under duress and coercion. The Nisei was attending high school in Japan when war broke out and was unable to return.

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Sonoma County CL tops 200 mark for record enrollment

(Sebastopol) The Sonoma County JACL chapter exceeded its membership goal to establish a new high of 207 members, chapter president Kanemi Ono disclosed last week. Since some areas are still conducting their house-to-house canvass, final membership figures will be released after Mar. 31.

Sam Miyano, Hiroshi, Taniguchi and Miyo Masaoka headed this year's successful campaign, assisted by:

Tak Kameoka, John Arishita, Geo. Kawaoka, Arthur Sugiyama, George Hamamoto, Riyuo Uyeda, John Hirooka, Charles Yamamoto, James Miyano, Henry Shimizu Ed Ohki and Harry Sugiyama.

Vi Nakano of San Francisco explained the purposes and functions of a women's auxiliary at the last chapter general meeting. A steering committee to organize an auxiliary here will be formed.

A benefit movie, Mar. 26-27, has been planned for the Memorial Hall. Funds will be used for chapter projects this year.

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cil for Japan, in which capacity he served almost five years.

He was appointed Ambassador to Burma on Apr. 25, 1952 and served there until his present assignment as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs in the Department of State.

Well known personally to many Nisei in postwar Japan, his comments at the Sunday, Mar. 27, convention luncheon should be most revealing, according to Mrs. Minami.

IN HONOR OF

Joe Masami Takata, who served with Bty. C, 522nd Field Artillery, was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Molokai Jr. Chamber of Commerce. He is 1st vice-president of the Molokai Jaycees.

Preston Morishige, Nisei jeweler, and one of the ranking scout leaders in Denver, was awarded the "Arrow Head" for his outstanding two-year service as East district commissioner.

Rev. Paul T. Nakamura of Wailua, Oahu, was ordained a minister of the United Lutheran Church Mar. 6 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church to serve as Nisei pastor in the Los Angeles area. A war veteran of two years, he entered Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn., and then was graduated from Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., last January. Rev. Dr. Carl Tammbert, president of the Pacific Southwest Synod, conducted the ordination.

Fowler Nisei files for school post

(Fresno) Harry Hiraoka is one of the two incumbent Fowler school district trustees to have filed declarations of candidacy, it was announced here this week.

He and Levon Krikorian are the only two to file thus far for the Fowler trusteeships, according to Walter G. Martin, Fresno county superintendent of schools.

Last day for filing declarations of candidacy is April 20. The elections will be held in Fresno and other counties throughout California on May 20.

Martin pointed out blank forms for declarations of candidacy can be obtained from his office or from the clerk of the board of trustees of each of the county's 139 school districts, outside Fresno.

Registration for voters in this election closes March 27. Martin pointed out that the county clerk's office will be closed both Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27, but deputy registrars may sign up prospective voters on both days.

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BY TATS KUSHIDA

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER

At the risk of being repetitive, we're going to plug our good JACLers of the lowest chapter (only in elevation) in the country—Coachella Valley JACL. The towns of Indio, Thermal, Coachella, Mecca and Oasis have an average elevation below-sea level, the latter fringing Salton Sea (248 bsl).



It's because we believe this is one community where more Nisei per capita have taken leadership roles in civic affairs than any other to our knowledge that we feel justified in calling attention to the CV chapter also boasts 100 per cent JACL membership.

The Nisei families scattered in Coachella Valley are almost all farming by intensified scientific methods adapted to the area. Probably more fertilizer is used per acre than anywhere else. As we used to call it in school when anyone got, to use a double superlative, over verbose: hay gone through the process.

ELMER SUSKI, co-proprietor of the Suski-Sakemi Garage and 1953 chapter prexy, is president of the local Lions and Boy Scout committeeman for Indio. His wife, Alice, is past president and current veep of the Indio PTA.

HENRY SAKEMI, another JACL p-p, is president of the local Farm Bureau and past head of the C.V. Farmers Association and now serves on its board of directors. His wife, Alice, is acting president of the Indio Women's Club and past secretary of the Riverside County Red Cross.

TOM SAKAI, 1949 chapter president, is lay chairman of the Indio Methodist Church and member of the Lions.

GEORGE SHIBATA, a director of the Rotary Club, is president of the Indio Methodist Church Men's Club. He, too, was a JACL president (1950). His brother, Charles, is the 1955 chapter prexy.

Three other past chapter presidents deserve mention. TEK Nishimoto (1954) is chairman of the Boy Scout committee in Coachella, JACK IZU (1951) is treasurer of the Lions and MAS OSHIKI (1952) was secretary of the C.V. Farm Bureau. Tek's wife, Yoko, is president of the Oasis grammar school PTA and also a BSA den mother.

To break the monotony, we mention a JACLer who isn't a past president, GEORGE KAMACHI, who is fire chief in Mecca. All of these ardent CLers see to it that fund-raising, Pacific Citizen ads and other projects are fully supported.

An Issei naturalization class is going full swing with 27 students boasting perfect attendance. Charles does the interpreting for this class.

DICK MATSUISHI of Oasis is student body president of the C. V. Union High School. One of the staunchest friends of JACL is the principal of the Oasis Elementary School District, a former Angeleno and quite an administrator, Bob Luhman, who handled speaking chores at last Saturday's installation banquet which we attended as installing officer.

Primary recreation of CV Nisei is bowling with golf and fishing next and armchair teevee watching holding up the rear. During the furnace months of July and August when temperatures exceed 120 in the shade, everyone evacuates to cooler climes.

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SEINAN SIDELIGHTS

Some 450 live-wire CLers from a half dozen local and distant chapters took in the weekend social of the Southwest LA JACL held at Park Manor. General chairman was ROY YAMANAKA emceeing. HARUO Foozy FUJISAWA arranged for professional entertainment from the Ginza eatery-bar in the way of interpretive dancer-SONOI REIKO (Gr-r-r-r) and vocalist MAS HAMASU. Credit GEORGE AKIMOTO with excellent decorations. Making up the attractive posters publicizing the "Guys and Dolls" social were HIROKO KAWANAMI and MAS KATAOKA with Mas brainbirthing the theme.

That many oldtimers and newcomers attended this affair points to social activities as the common denominator of appeal to the wide age range in many chapters.

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WHITTIER — PLUS AND MINUS

A sukiyaki lecture was that we conducted last Monday at the Kawafuku sukiyaki palace in Li'l Tokio, the subject matter being about AJAs in general, and JACL in particular, the victuals being a dramatically prepared Japanese fried stew. The occasion was a field trip of 75 students of two sociology classes at Whittier College taught by Dr. Robert O'Brien.

Prof. Bob is well known to evacuation time college Nisei for he was one of the moving forces that made the Student Relocation Program fire on all eight cylinders. Formerly of the Univ. of Washington faculty at Seattle where he has many friends, his Nisei following admire most his forthright philosophy of considering them simply as Americans, even when it was extremely unpopular to be labeled a "Jap Lover" during tachi-nuki days. Like us, he loves to eat sukiyaki dipped in beaten raw egg. More power to Bob. To us, too.

We regret the untimely passing of another fine friend and supporter of the Nisei and JACL, Lex Cox of Whittier, last Saturday. He had attended a rally kicking off the campaign of George L. Thomas, candidate for L.A.'s 10th councilmanic district, and who is another good supporter of Nisei interests.

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EASTBAY NISEI BOWLERS, BERKELEY JACL TO HOST 1957 NATIONAL KEG MEET; TOURNEY SPREAD THREE DAYS

(San Francisco) Captains of teams participating in the ninth annual National JACL Bowling Tournament at Long Beach accepted the bid of the East Bay Nisei Bowling Association and the Berkeley JACL to hold the 1957 National JACL tournament at the Albany Bowl and Broadway Bowl in Oakland.

The 1956 tournament which will

Oyakawa, Konno shatter Big Ten swimming records

(Columbus, O.) Yoshi Oyakawa and Ford Konno, Olympic and NCAA swimming champions, starred in individual efforts to help Ohio State win its seventh straight Big Ten conference title Mar. 3-5.

Backstroke Oyakawa accounted for two new records, splashing through the 100-yd. event in 56.5s. and the 200-yd. event in 2m.6.1s.

Distance swimmer Konno won the 1500-m. in 18m.21.8s. the first night; was nosed out in the 220-yd. by Jack Wardrop of Michigan State who won it in world-record time of 2m.3.4s. (breaking Konno's mark of 2m. 4.7s.); but copped the 440-yd. freestyle in 4m.28.4s, a new Big 10 mark.

Dick Tanabe, Hawaiian swimmer at Indiana, took thirds in the 220-yd. freestyle and 150-yd. individual medley.

KAJIKAWA NAMED BORDER CONFERENCE BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

(Tucson) Bill Kajikawa was named the Border Conference basketball coach of the year by his colleagues in a poll conducted by the Arizona Daily Star.

In his seventh year as head basketball coach at Arizona State at Tempe, his team dropped 11 of its first 12 games and then staged a remarkable comeback to finish third in the conference.

His teams have been dogged by injuries almost every year and have never won a conference title. It looked like this would be another ordinary season for his Sun Devils when two of his keymen were taken into the military service.

Hawaii cagers planning U.S. barnstorm tour

(Honolulu) The Islanders, headed by Coach Stanley Kidd and managed by George Ishihara will play in the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association international basketball tournament Apr. 9-11.

According to Ishihara, a group of 10 players will leave here Mar. 27. Enroute to Chicago, they will play in the Salt Lake Nisei tournament Mar. 31. Following the Chicago meet, they plan to meet Nisei teams in Denver, Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco and Seattle.

SPORTSCOPE

Meiji University's Hitoshi Misa-ko, 21, decisioned internationally-ranked Tanny Campo of the Philippines Mar. 9 to win the Oriental flyweight title before 3,000 surprised Tokyo fight fans.

Yosh Katsura is on the traveling rugby squad of Univ. of California at Berkeley, which meets the Univ. of British Columbia in Vancouver in the World Cup series.

Defending champion Chick Igaya, Japanese skier at Dartmouth, was defeated Sunday at the National Slalom championships at Franconia, N.H., by Ralph Miller, 22-year-old soldier stationed at Camp Hale, Colo. Igaya was third. He had reinjured his right ankle at the NCAA championships at Northfield, Vt., the previous week.

Andy Miyamoto, now in the Army, is slated to join the Tokyo Giants, which is concluding its Latin-South American barnstorming tour. The Maui Nisei weighs 180, stands 5 ft.-10 in., plays catcher. He makes the fifth Hawaiian on the squad, joining Wally Yonamine, Jun Hirota, Dick Kashiwaeda and Douglas Matsuoka.

be the Tenth Anniversary Tournament, will be held in Salt Lake City where the tournament originated, as decided by the captains at the Chicago tournament last year.

In order to relieve congestion on the alleys brought about by the larger number of entries, it was decided to extend the tournament proper to three days with the team events beginning on Friday instead of Saturday as has been in the past. The pre-tournament sweepers will be scheduled on Thursday.

The captains voted to up the entry fees in the men's events to \$6 and set aside 45c per entry per event for tournament expenses. The fees in the women's division will remain as is.

It was also decided hereafter to vote on all matters at the captains' meeting upon the basis of established Nisei leagues represented rather than by individual teams represented. Cities without established Nisei leagues will also be given one vote. The vote from any league or city is contingent upon at least five members of that particular league or city participating in the tournament.

Eddie Matsueda of Honolulu and member of the National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling was named as the official representative of the tournament in Hawaii, all matters pertaining to the National JACL Bowling Tournament in Hawaii to be directed through him.

The captains also discussed but rejected the suggestion of including a booster division in the Na-

152 compete in L.A. JACL golf tournament

(Los Angeles) Koichi Fujinaka, 7-handicapper, picked up low gross honors at the Downtown L.A. JACL golf tournament Mar. 6 at Rio Hondo with a 73. Dick Takeshita (8) won low net with 66. Other flight winners were:

Aye—Ben Katow (12) 66; Bee—Kay Obayashi (14) 64; Cee—Joe Hattori (22) 64.

A total of 152 golfers competed in the 18-hole tourney. It was the largest Nisei turnout for one course.

Draft Nisei to be coxswain

(Vancouver, B.C.) The closest Carl Ogawa ever got to sport was the game of handball. Last summer, the lanky 5-foot-6 118-pounder read about the Univ. of British Columbia rowing crew winning in the British Empire Games, but it never occurred to him he would be the man to steer the same crew down the Thames at Henley next June.

Ogawa is the only change in the UBC line-up as coxswain for the Henley Regatta this summer.

With no athletic experience when he first appeared on the UBC campus last September, he was drafted by the team manager for the crew. "When we see

a small guy around the campus, we grab him," manager Don Laishley said.

Before the regatta, Ogawa will have to diet for international regulations specify a shell must carry at least 110 pounds of "deadweight". And in a race where the margin of victory is an inch or two—and this is common—a major factor in the result is the "deadweight".

Getting a delicate 65-75 lb. shell through the water at 12-15 miles per hour is delicate business. The big job is to steer a clear course. That and calling the stroke.

For a shy fellow like Carl, calling the stroke can be trying. It makes him hoarse.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

SHONIEN BUILDING CONTRACT

The Shonien Bldg. Fund board members have announced that a contract for construction of a new Japanese Childrens home at the old site on 1801 Redcliff has been awarded to Fred B. Green, Beverly Hills builder, who submitted a low bid of \$53,997.18 for the project.

It finally paves the way for the building of a modern child center, first of its kind erected from ground up, by persons of Japanese ancestry in Southern California.



"It is also a realized dream after 10 careful years of behind-the-scene planning by the Shonien Board," reported Nobu Kawai, who succeeded the late Dr. T. G. Ishimaru in 1947, as postwar chairman of the non-profit organization.

The title to the Shonien property was transferred to the all-Nisei board just before World War II.

When ground-breaking ceremonies take place early next month, appropriate tribute will be paid to several Issei pioneers who began the present Redcliff institution in early 1920s. It was founded by the late Joy R. Kusumoto.

With wartime evacuation, 48 children under Shonien care were removed to Manzanar Relocation Center and the property was leased during the duration as a child center.

Another extensive drive will be conducted to raise an additional \$45,000 still needed to build and equip the new institution. In the last two-year campaign about \$25,000 has been collected.

The additional sum will include the first year's operating expense. Board members plan to canvass outlying districts which were not covered in 1954.

As to contract bids, Kawai said that among the seven builders who sought the work, two were Nisei. Architectural and landscape designings are being done voluntarily by Japanese Americans, professionals in their fields.

FREEWAY THROUGH BOYLE HEIGHTS

The City Council last week didn't even struggle when it approved unanimously the State Highway Commission's adopted truck route through the heart of Boyle Heights' historical landmark.

Under the present Sacramento setup, residents who would suffer by having to move elsewhere have little say in the matter of protest. The State Highway Commission charts the free-ways, holds several public hearings as matter of formality and asks the City Council for final okay.

City officials, fearing freeway funds would be lost to other projects, are forced to think twice before saying no. In this case, Councilman Edward R. Roybal was a lone dissenter. Representing the East Los Angeles section, his constituents will be hard hit.

Unless individual suits against the state to remain put can hold up in court, we'll witness another removal of at least 100 Issei and Nisei families from proposed freeway route.

EX-IMMIGRANT DENTIST

Dr. Yoneichi Abe, 42, marvels at the workings of American democracy. In January, 1954, he came to the United States from Fukushima with his Nisei wife and two sons as a non-quota immigrant under the McCarran Act.

Next month, he enters the Army with the rank of a major. Under the law, Dr. Abe, classified as a special skilled technician and under 50 years of age, is required to register with the draft board.

To his surprise he qualified as a major and will enter basic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on April 8, to serve with Uncle Sam for two years. He is believed to be the first immigrant from Japan to receive a staff officer's rating even before donning his uniform.

Dr. Abe attended USC dental school back in 1931 under a special student visa and was graduated in 1938. He then married an American of Japanese descent and returned to Kobe to practice dentistry. During the war he worked closely with the Occupation and as adviser in the arts and cultural section of the U.S. Embassy.

His sons are Keichi, 15, and Tadaaki, 10.

A Decade Ago

Mar. 17, 1945

Fire damages Delano Japanese hall; second fire to destroy evacuee property in two weeks.

Conviction of 63 Heart Mountain residents refusing to report for military induction upheld by appellate court.

Report 1,547 Purple Hearts awarded men of 100th Battalion since "baptism of fire" Sept. 1943 in Salerno.

Sgt. Ben Kuroki reported in action "somewhere in the Marianas".

Canadian Nisei participated in historic commando raid on Dieppe, returns home after two years in German prison camp.

San Jose Police seek arsonists in Takeda case, vigorous prosecution promised as family to operate farm.

Vandalism aimed at evacuees reported in Pasadena; threatening letter received by Dr. Linus Pauling of Cal-Tech over employment of Nisei gardener.

Verdict of validity of Army individual exclusion orders postponed by Federal Judge Pierson M. Hall, believes cases involve rights of every American.

National Legionnaire commander praises Hood River action restoring names of 15 Nisei servicemen to honor roll; they were "honest enough to admit a mistake and big enough to correct it."

Five Nisei girls declare Springfield (Mass.) Plan is failure, unfriendly attitude of AFL Central Labor Council opposed proposals to make city a center for resettling evacuees.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

AIHARA—Jan. 19, boy Ivan Ryo to Toru Aiharas (Masaye Yokota).
ASANUMA—Jan. 26, boy Michael Hiroshi to Toshio Asanumas (Michiko Koyano).

ENG—Feb. 2, girl Irene to Suzie B. Eng (Mary S. Kinoshita).

FUJIMOTO—Jan. 29, boy Brian to Yoshito Fujimotos (Masako Fujimoto).

FUJIWARA—Jan. 29, boy Robert A. to A. Fujiwaras (Betty T. Fujimoto).

HAMAMOTO—Feb. 9, boy Michael Steven to Dennis Hamamotos (Janice Matsumoto).

HAYAKAWA—Feb. 2, boy Satoru S. to Kenjiro Hayakawas (Yoshiko Hachiyas).

HAYASHI—Feb. 8, boy David Koji to Isao Hayashis (Noriko Hayashi).

IKEMOTO—Jan. 29, boy William Richi to George T. Ikemotos (Edna Markham).

ISOMOTO—Feb. 4, girl Patricia Ann to Tadao Isomotos (Anne Kobayashi).

IWAMOTO—Feb. 2, girl Shauna Kiyomi to Masami Iwamotos (Aiko Anzai).

IWASAKI—Jan. 29, girl Karen Misako to Shogo Iwasakis (Frances Naruse).

KAMETANI—Jan. 30, girl Delona Fumiko to Yoshiyuki Kametanis (Mariya Miyagi).

KATO—Jan. 23, girl Kathy Jan to Shohichi Katos (Hisako Miyasaki).

KAWAKAMI—Feb. 3, boy Philip Y. to T. Frank Kawakamis (L. Elko Watanabe).

KAWASHIMA—Jan. 22, girl Lisa Ann to Takeshi Kawashimas (Hannah Yamamoto).

KOBA—Jan. 30, boy Craig K. to Geo. Kobas (Michiko Yokota).

KONO—Feb. 5, girl Joyce Akiko to Frank Konos (Helen Nishi).

KUROKI—Jan. 3, girl Donna Ann to Yukio J. Kurokis (Yoneko M. Nakamura).

MARUKI—Jan. 23, boy Dale Makoto to George K. Murukis (Emi Kitao).

MATSUZAKI—Feb. 3, boy Ralph to Shiro Matsuzakis (Kiyoko Nagaki).

MIKAWA—Jan. 20, girl Judy Sachie to Shizuo Mikawas (Tsuruko Mikawa).

MINAMI—Jan. 20, boy Craig H. to Joe Minamis (Mabel Ito).

MIYADA—Jan. 12, boy Charles G. to C. Yoshitsugu Miyadas (Michiko Ito).

MOCHIZUKI—Jan. 20, girl Eimee Rayko to Hisashi Mochizukis (Matsuye Sugiyama).

NAMBA—Jan. 16, girl Marshal Lani to Niyoshi Nambas (May Takasu).

NIINO—Jan. 15, boy Robert K. to Masajiro Niinos (Shizuko Morioka).

OTSUKI—Jan. 19, girl Dawn L. to Harry T. Otsukis (K. Masako Katayama).

PONCE—Jan. 22, girl Deborah Jean to Fernando Ponces (Sumiyo Kigo).

RYONO—Jan. 29, boy Haruo Wayne to Tetsuya Ryonos (Tazuko Oka).

SAIKI—Jan. 26, boy Michael Yoshio to Yoshiro Saikis (Jane K. Shirai).

SHIBATA—Feb. 7, girl Shirley to Tom Shibatas (Mabel Hoshiko).

SHIGIO—Jan. 21, girl Donna Lynn to Shiro Shigios (Sueko Ida).

SHIMODA—Jan. 19, girl Elaine Sadako to Shigeru Shimodas (Michiko Sakamoto).

SHIOMI—Jan. 28, girl Leslie J. to Hardy A. Shiomis (Yoshiko J. Abe).

SHIOZAKI—Jan. 18, twin boys Craig Tatsuya, Owen Takaya to Kasuya Shiozakis (Chiye Tabushi).

TAKASAGAWA—Feb. 6, girl Nancy Chiye to Hiroshi Takusagawas (Emiko Yato).

TAKAYAMA—Feb. 20, girl to Hideo Takayamas, Pasadena.

TAMANAH—Jan. 17, boy Lloyd Tetsuo to Yoshio Tamanahas (Alice Arakaki).

TAMAKI—Jan. 24, girl Rebekah Wynne to Kiho Tamakis (Michiko Tsuchiyama).

TANI—Jan. 27, boy Steven Yano to Y. Joseph Tanis (Mary Honda).

TASAKA—Jan. 27, boy Kenneth Shoji to Kazuo Tasakas (Betty T. Kashiwabara), San Gabriel.

TAWA—Jan. 18, boy Glen Masao to Moto Tawas (Yoriko Takeda).

TOJI—Jan. 16, girl Gail Miekko to Mamoru Tojis (Evelyn Ikeda).

TOMONO—Jan. 22, boy Victor to Kiyoshi Tomonos (Yoko Nagano).

UYEMURA—Jan. 25, girl Jean Matsu to M. Sam Uyemuras (Yaeko P. Fujisaki).

YAMAMOTO—Jan. 26, girl Robin Leslie to Robert S. Yamamotos (Mariko Shibahara), Northridge.

YOSHIMINE—Jan. 27, boy Jon William to Carl Yoshimines (Eunice M. Shigekawa).

SAN DIEGO

ITO—Dec. 27, boy to Takemitsu Itos.

VISALIA

HIRABAYASHI—Feb. 18, girl to Ko Hirabayashis, Lindsay.

STOCKTON

OSHITA—Feb. 22, girl to Yoichi Oshitas.

SAN FRANCISCO

KIYASU—Feb. 28, twin girls Patricia Haruko, Ann Sadako to John Kiyasus (Lily Nomura).

SENTACHI—Feb. 25, girl to Terry T. Sentachis.

MARYSVILLE

NISHIKAWA—Feb. 4, girl to William S. Nishikawas.

Engagements

MATSUMOTO-KATAYAMA — Hideyo, West Los Angeles, to Frank, Monrovia.

MORIKAWA-NAGATA — Nancy, Los Angeles, to Roy, Corinne, Utah.

TAKEDA-ITO — Kazuko to Paul H., both Los Angeles.

Weddings

FUKUMOTO-UCHIMURA — Mar. 5, Don and Ruth, both Los Angeles.

HIROSE-HASTGAWA — Mar. 6, Akira and Hamaye, both Los Angeles.

NAKADE-IGE — Mar. 5, Morimatsu and Grace M., both Los Angeles.

NISHIYAMA-ISHIKAWA — Mar. 6, Swiss and Celia, both Los Angeles.

SAKURAI-TOYA — Mar. 6, William and Yuki, both West Los Angeles.

SUZUKI-KAWAMOTO — Mar. 5, Tadayoshi and Eleanor, both Los Angeles.

TAKATA-YOSHIMURA — Mar. 6, Howard S. and Helen S., both Los Angeles.

TAKESHITA-MINAMI — Mar. 5, Stanford H. (USMC) and Nancy Shizuko, both Honolulu at Los Angeles.

YOKOYAMA-INABA — Mar. 5, Alan A. and Chizue, both Los Angeles.

Mile-Hi Bridge club

sessions at Yasui's

(Denver) Because the T. K. Kobayashis will be attending a medical convention in Los Angeles and vacation in Mexico before returning here, the next two regular sessions of the Mile-Hi JACL Bridge Club will be held Mar. 18 and Apr. 1 at the Min Yasui residence, 1150 S. Williams St.

True Yasui, club chairman, announced the next open pairs tournament is scheduled in mid-April at the Kobayashi home.

Hana Matsuri fest

(Los Angeles) Southland Bussei will observe Hana Matsuri, celebrating the birth of Buddha, Apr. 2-3, it was announced by Ben Jinkawa, L.A. Buddhist Coordinating Council president. A ball will be held Apr. 2 at 7600 Beverly Blvd. with Joe Owaki's orchestra. A member of the Academy of Asian Studies will address the Apr. 3 morning services.

Church bazaar

(Loomis) Japanese delicacies will be featured again at the Loomis Methodist Church benefit bazaar Mar. 26 at the church recreational building. Doors will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SOCIAL NOTES

Salt Lake: A group of Kabuki plays, directed by Mrs. Tamiji Nakamura, is being sponsored Mar. 19-20 by the local Young Buddhist Association at the Kiwanis Boys & Girls Club. Kay Terashima and Ray Kusamura are emcees; Ichiro Doi, general manager.

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Editorials

CHANGES IN MAKE-UP

Many of our readers in the past years have become accustomed to finding their favorite columnists in a particular section of the Pacific Citizen each week. With this week's publication, our make-up is being revamped. You will note the regular news stories are set on a slightly wider column than heretofore and the back page features scattered elsewhere.

All these slight changes have been made after much thought. Whatever slight inconveniences the reader might sustain temporarily shall be outweighed by the improvements in the week-to-week publication of the Pacific Citizen. The typesetter will find the wider columns for news stories easier to handle. In a couple of weeks, our readers will be used to seeing their favorite columnists in their new corners.

As this week's PC is the first wholesale reshuffling of our exclusive features, we frankly admit beforehand that it will require several weeks of further experimentation to place columnists in a regular corner.

In the meantime, the changes might remind one of its spring house-cleaning time.

We trust these renovations meet with everyone's approval—from the typesetter to the ultimate reader. They were prompted by one single motive: to get the PC out quickly with the latest.

From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

'BAD DAY AT BLACK ROCK'

Denver

This was a week for reminiscing, which is something we don't get to do much any more. Saturday night we finally got around to seeing the movie, "Bad Day at Black Rock," and came away with a renewed respect for the acting ability of Spencer Tracy. As most moviegoers know by now, Tracy plays the part of a veteran whose life was saved by a Nisei soldier in Italy. He drops in at the town of Black Rock, apparently somewhere in California, to present the dead Nisei's medal to his father. There he finds the father has been killed by some local 110 per cent Americans.

The hoodlums in cowboy boots are afraid Tracy will find out about the murder and set out to get him. Tracy hangs around long enough to round up the villains and avenge the Issei's death. It all makes for a tense, exciting movie with just enough moral thrown in to make it thought-provoking.

After the movie I half expected to see people staring at me, but no one paid any mind. Reminds me of the time a few years ago when George Mizota, formerly a civilian employee of the Japanese navy, dropped into a movie in Times Square and discovered he was seeing "From Here to Eternity." Not having read the book, he wasn't acquainted with the plot. All of a sudden, the movie showed Hawaii being attacked by Japanese bombers. George felt that everybody in the theater was staring at him. Of course no one knew Mizota from Chiang Kai-shek.

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CLARK GARMAN IN FOR CHAT

On Sunday, Clark Garman dropped by for a chat. Clark is the fellow who, as executive secretary of the Colorado Committee for Fair Play, spearheaded the fight to defeat an anti-alien land law proposal in this state in 1944. This was a feat bordering on the impossible in view of the war that was going on at the time, and the strong feeling then existing against the Japanese. We'd like to tell you more about that fight some other time.

Clark reminisced at length about some of the experiences he had helping the Issei and Nisei in Colorado. He and his late wife, Katherine, were twice evacuees. They were forced to leave Japan by impending war in 1941, and then moved inland by their church from Santa Barbara, Calif., to help the Japanese Americans in Colorado.

Clark spent 35 years working as an educator and missionary in Japan. He left that country in the summer of 1941 aboard the last ship to sail before the U.S. imposed the embargo that cut off trans-Pacific trade. News of the embargo reached the vessel in mid-ocean. For some days it sailed aimlessly about, then started back to Japan. A day later it turned about suddenly and docked eventually in Honolulu.

Clark was among those who decided to leave the ship in Hawaii even though it was scheduled to sail for San Francisco. There were many home-bound Nisei aboard, he recalls. Most of them stayed on the ship since they couldn't get a refund on their tickets, and they didn't have enough money to buy passage anew. Well, the ship never did reach the U.S. Two days out of port it turned around and went back to Japan. Many of the Nisei on the ship, Clark says, tried to get back to the states again on the Tatsuta Maru when it sailed late in November. That's the liner that was almost within sight of the Hawaiian islands when it was ordered back to Japan. A few days later Pearl Harbor was attacked. That's one of the more tragic stories of war's effect on the innocent.

Clark recalls that his relations with the FBI were cordial enough after the start of war even though he easily could have been under suspicion. For one thing, he had spent virtually all his adult life in Japan. He spoke Japanese fluently, had returned to his native land just under the wire, and was working as a minister among the Japanese in America. Yet, they gave him a clean bill of health. The only time he knows of being arrested by FBI agents was when he twitted one of them for trying to arrest a Japanese who had been dead seven years. Clark thought, was carrying security too far.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

EDC-MDC Convention

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Next weekend, right here in the Nation's Capital that will be witnessing the celebrated Japanese cherry blossoms at their best, weather permitting, the Eastern and Midwest District Councils of the Japanese American Citizens League will meet in joint biennial convention. Historic Hotel Washington, opposite the Treasury Department building on Pennsylvania Avenue, will serve as convention headquarters.

This joint enterprise will be the first in JACL's history, the first time that two district councils have cooperated in sponsoring the traditional biennial district council convention.

The EDC and MDC comprise the smallest in numbers and because of their locality are not subjected to many of the problems that beset JACL chapters elsewhere. And yet, they are part and parcel of the National Organization for they realize that they are in the most strategic position to influence the Congress in the interests of remedial and corrective legislation for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

From the states in which the EDC and MDC chapters have members, 28 senators and 227 representatives are sent to Congress. This adds up to more congressmen than are represented by the rest of the JACL together. Indeed, were it not for the support rallied to JACL's legislative objectives in the post-war period by the EDC and MDC chapters and members it would have been much more difficult if not impossible to have achieved the success that is JACL's.

Convention Highlights . . .

Probably the feature event is the Convention Banquet next Saturday evening in the Washington Room. Guest speakers include Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, Rep. Francis E. Walter (O., Pa.), chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, and His Excellency, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Sadao Iguchi of Japan.

A special guest will be Dillon S. Meyer, wartime WRA director.

Special delegations of newly naturalized Issei citizens, almost 50 from Los Angeles and 18 from Detroit, have registered their intentions to attend.

Vieing for interest is Sunday's Convention Luncheon in the Mural Room, which spotlights Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs William J. Sebald, who will speak on Japanese American Relations and possibly suggest what attitude Americans of Japanese ancestry should have in relation to Japan, their ancestral land.

Two special guests of particular interest have been invited, Colonels Campbell C. Johnson and William P. Scobey. Colonel Johnson and deputy director of Selective Service during wartime had much to do with Nisei draftees in World War II and Colonel Scobey as executive officer to Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy organized the volunteer 442nd Central Postal Directory.

A JACL Clinic Sunday afternoon, participated in by delegates

BUDDHIST PRAYERS OFFERED FIRST TIME IN T.H. LEGISLATURE

(Honolulu) Buddhist priests will give the opening prayer at sessions of the Territorial House for a 10-day period this month, Rep. Daniel K. Inouye, Democratic majority leader, recently announced.

It is believed to be the first time a Buddhist clergyman has been invited. Mormon elders and various Protestant ministers being invited also.

Purpose of the rotation plan is "to demonstrate that tolerance and individual freedom is part of the democratic program." In the past, the House Chaplain served the entire session.

from both the East and the Midwest, will direct itself to possible cooperative programs between the two district councils.

Friday evening arrivals have been invited to attend an informal pre-convention reception at the Embassy of Japan, one of the most beautiful in all of Washington.

Post-Convention Activities . . .

Following the convention proper, delegates will visit with their representatives and senators, attend a congressional hearing or two, watch the House and the Senate in action, and visit the Capitol Building—all on Monday.

A special attraction may be when several JACL members who are also attorneys are admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States at noonday ceremonies.

On Tuesday, sightseeing of historic and famous places of special interest to persons of Japanese ancestry will take up the day—White House, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Masthead of the Battleship Maine (which contains the names of seven Issei members of the United States Navy who lost their lives in the Spanish-American War, the first persons of Japanese ancestry to give their lives in the defense of this country), graves of the Nisei soldier dead of World War II, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Library of Congress, National Gallery of Art, National Museum, various government department buildings, etc.

The tour is actually a combination of several commercial tours and takes in only the favorite sightseeing spots for Issei and Nisei. There is too much to see and do in Washington to take in a single day.

Not a National Convention But . . .

The Joint Convention certainly cannot stack up to last year's National Convention in Los Angeles in size and grandeur, or to the district conventions on the west coast in attendance, but it promises a more interesting and educational opportunity than any.

Delegates are expected to witness the democratic processes in action in what today is actually the free world's capital city. Delegates are promised attractions that are possible only in Washington, at Cherry Blossom time.

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Congressional Slowdown . . .

As of this writing, more than two months after the 84th Congress convened, only two measures of any particular significance have been enacted. One is the so-called

Hosokawa wins AIA commendation

(Denver) Bill Hosokawa, editor of the Denver Post Empire Sunday magazine, was honored by the American Institute of Architects with special commendations for featuring articles on architecture and its place in modern living which have been appearing since January, 1954.

The PC columnist and two members of his staff were cited for furthering public understanding of architecture and the architect. The awards were made in conjunction with the second annual architectural journalism competition.

Cherry Blossom tour signs 46 passengers

(San Francisco) One of the largest touring parties from the Bay Area will be leaving this month for Japan, according to Aki Travel Bureau, with 46 passengers signed up for the Cherry Blossom Tour to be conducted by Haruo Ishimaru, who is taking a leave of absence from the JACL regional office here.

Tourists going by ship will leave on the President Cleveland today (Mar. 18), while others will fly via Pan American World Airways or Japan Air Lines on Apr. 1.

Placer credit union

(Penryn) Annual meeting of the Placer County JACL Credit Union will be held Mar. 23, 8 p.m., at the JACL office here. Kay Takemoto, president, urged old members to bring new members.

Formosa Resolution. The other is the Pay Raise for members of the legislative and judicial branches. At this rate, the present Democratic 84th Congress will outdo the "Do Nothing" GOP 80th Congress in futility.

While it is still too early to predict the final results of the First Session, it is clear that unless the Democratic leadership soon moves into high gear the Democrats will not be able to write a legislative record with which they can successfully go to the electorate in 1956.

President Eisenhower without doubt is much more popular than former President Truman and the Democrats can hardly forget what the now retired Missourian did to the "Do Nothing" 80th Congress in 1948.

Thus far, the legislative committees have been listening to witnesses on what should be done and the investigating committees have been trying to make the Democrats look good and the Republicans bad. Few have reported bills resulting from their hearings. But there have been plenty of headlines, with many more predicted. Most sensational have been those relating to turn-about witness Matsuo. Still, the shows, according to veteran observers, are pretty much the same as last year's; only the casts have been changed.

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Since traditionally the Congress does not get down to serious business until the last month or two of the session, this is much too early to write an obituary to the Democrats on their record in this Congress. But it is not too early for them to begin to worry, and the Republicans to gloat.

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Chinese Aliens Being Checked . . .

Because top security officers fear possible sabotage and espionage by a few Red agents if a shooting war starts in the Far East, the FBI is reported to be keeping a close watch on Chinese aliens in this country.

Ever since the outbreak of the Korean War, Chinese aliens suspected of Communist sympathies have been kept under constant surveillance. They will be rounded up quickly—as were Axis sympathizers in World War II—and interned should the Formosa crisis break out into open warfare.

As of this moment, there are no plans to intern or relocate Chinese Americans.

Nisei Americans hope that the lessons learned in World War II's mistreatment of persons of Japanese ancestry will be remembered no matter what may come—guilt is an individual matter, as is loyalty.

"Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart; and not of race or ancestry."

CALENDAR

- Mar. 20 (Sunday) IDC—First Quarterly, Sun Valley Idaho.
- Mar. 23 (Wednesday) East Los Angeles—Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 7:30 p.m. Tak Shindo spkr.
- Mar. 25 (Friday) D.C.—Pre-EDC MDC convention reception Japanese Embassy, Washington.
- Mar. 26-27 Sonoma County—Benefit movie Memorial Hall Sebastopol.
- Mar. 26-29 EDC-MDC — Joint convention, Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C.
- Mar. 26 (Saturday) Southwest L.A. — Japanese Cooking class, Centenary Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Yoshiko Sakurai, inst.
- Mar. 28 (Monday) Hollywood—Special Meeting for Naturalized Issei, Hollywood Gakuen, 8 p.m.
- Apr. 1 (Friday) Philadelphia — Meeting, International Institute, 645-15th St., 8 p.m. "Legal Clinic".
- Apr. 2 (Saturday) Chicago—Box Lunch Social, Monroe YWCA, 59 E. Monroe, 7 p.m.
- Apr. 3 (Sunday) Gilroy—Community Picnic, Uvas Dam.
- Apr. 8 (Friday) Chicago—Meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan 8 p.m. Film: Edw. Murrow's "Dr. Oppenheimer Interview".
- Apr. 16 (Saturday) Placer County — Pre-Picnic dance, Loomis Veterans Memorial Hall.
- Apr. 17 (Sunday) Placer County — JACL picnic, Penryn JACL ball park.
- Apr. 21 (Thursday) Southwest L.A. — Pre-PSWDC Convention mixer, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.