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Vagaries

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NEW CYCLE OF ORIENT-CAUCASIAN ROMANCES

Denver

There's an augury for a more realistic public attitude toward miscegenation—intermarriage—in Hollywood's forthcoming films about Oriental-Caucasian love affairs, several being in the offing. The motion picture industry, often is a weather vane for prevailing public attitudes, and miscegenation has been something of a taboo for quite a while.

The interracial love story with an unhappy ending—hoping to prove, probably, that no good can come of such alliances—has been made by the movies, and Paramount's *Madame Butterfly*, from the Luther Long play and not from Puccini's opera, is an example. Sylvia Sydney was Cho-Cho-San and Cary Grant was Lieut. Pinkerton in that particular adaptation back in 1932. Almost a decade before Paramount's *Butterfly*, MGM made *Broken Blossoms* in which Richard Barthelmess played the part of a Chinese in love with a white girl. This particular drama had something of a happy ending, when it was discovered—at its climax—that Barthelmess wasn't an Oriental after all, and had only been adopted by a Chinese family. This sudden transformation, from Asian to Caucasian, made Barthelmess' romance acceptable under the mores of the America of the 1920's.

In this new cycle about Oriental-Caucasian romances, the films do not necessarily have a happy ending, but the pictures promise a more affirmative attitude. Already showing is a British import called *The Purple Plain*, from H. E. Bates' novel of the same name. The love story here features Gregory Peck as an AF squadron leader who has crashed in his plane behind enemy lines in Burma, and Win Min Than, the Burmese beauty who saves his life and his sanity.

Twentieth Century-Fox has two major pictures with Oriental backgrounds in production. One is *House of Bamboo*, much of which was shot in Tokyo and co-stars Shirley Yamaguchi, Robert Ryan and Robert Stack. The picture, in which Sessue Hayakawa returns to the American screen, was directed by Samuel Fuller who made *The Steel Helmet* three years ago and who incorporated into that picture of the Korean war several telling blows against bigotry. He made one of his major characters a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team named Tanaka.

The other 20th film is *A Many Splendored Thing*, Han Suyin's reportedly autobiographical novel of the romance of a Eurasian woman and a British journalist in postwar Hong Kong. Miss Han is a woman physician who now lives in Malaya. She will be portrayed on the screen by Jennifer Jones, while William Holden will be the newspaperman whose nationality, for cinematic reasons, has been changed to American. The picture is still in production, but reports already mark it as one of the major releases of the coming season. It is color and the CinemaScope eye, roving across the multitudes, has caught some of the spirit and wonder that is Asia. Han Suyin's racial is of a bittersweet romance, and the producers have promised to transcribe it faithfully to celluloid.

Also in production in Japan is Columbia's *The Gentle Wolfhound*, in which Aldo Ray and Mitsuko Kimura portray the film version of the true-life love story of Master Sgt. Hugh O'Reilly and a girl named Yuki, and how the romance changes a bigoted soldier into a man who devotes his non-duty hours to helping out a Catholic orphanage in Osaka. *Gentle Wolfhound* is an offbeat story of how a tough American regiment adopts a Japanese orphanage through the influence of Master Sergeant O'Reilly.



CINDERELLA MITSUKO KIMURA

Miss Kimura's own story is a Cinderella tale in itself. She was a poor Tokyo girl who once posed for a Life photographer. Her picture made the cover of a special Asia issue of Life in 1951 and she found herself a movie actress with the leading role in a joint Japanese-American production called *Forever My Love*, about a GI's love for a Japanese girl.

The picture hasn't been released in the United States as yet, but may show up one of these days on a Late, Late Show on television. In true life, Miss Kimura is married to a Nisei from Salt Lake City, Ken Fukunaga. She has announced she is abandoning her movie career after *Gentle Wolfhound*.

A GI bride herself, Miss Kimura will go with her husband to Utah and a career as an American housewife.

Miss Yamaguchi, of *House of Bamboo*, was the star of a 1952 film which preceded the present cycle and also defied Hollywood's usual concepts on miscegenation by having a happy ending. This was *Japanese War Bride*, in which she was the wife of a GI, played by Don Taylor, and returned with him to the hostility of a farming valley in California. *War Bride* was written by Anson Bond and directed by King Vidor who bravely anticipated change in public attitudes regarding intermarriage. (It was televised in Los Angeles this past week.)

Community acceptance of the upwards of 10,000 GI-Japanese couples who have made homes in the United States since the day demonstrates a change in the general outlook toward miscegenation.

Hollywood's changed perspective—the recent 20th film *White Feather* also defies the intermarriage taboo by having an Army lieutenant in a western film marry a full-blooded Indian girl—may help create an atmosphere in which antiquated anti-miscegenation laws can be repealed.

Racial intermarriage is still prohibited in such states as Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, Montana and Wyoming in the west, as well as in the Deep South and in some eastern and midwestern states. It's certainly time for a more realistic attitude toward miscegenation.

SEEK OPERATIONAL DATA OF REFUGEE RELIEF ACT AFTER RECENT CLARIFICATIONS OF DEFINITIONS IN MEASURE

(Washington) In order to determine the result of recent Federal regulation changes for expediting the Refugee Relief Act for prospective refugees in Japan, a request for specific operational data was directed to the Administration by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Promulgation of clarifying definitions for "firmly resettled" and "usual place of abode" were made early last month in the Federal Register as a result of Masaoka's study and recommendations regarding the program upon his return from Japan last December. According to the understanding given the Washington JACL office, these new regulations were sufficient to initiate large-scale processing of refugees in Japan.

NAME MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON IMMI. NAT'Z'N

(Washington) Senate and House members to the Joint Committee on Immigration and Naturalization Policy have been appointed, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced this week.

Under the so-called Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House are directed to appoint five members each of their respective Judiciary Committees to a Joint Committee on Immigration and Naturalization Policy whose job is "to make a continuous study of (1) the administration of this Act, and its effect on the national security, economy, and the social welfare of the United States, and (2) such conditions within or without the United States which in the opinion of the Committee might have any bearing on the immigration and nationality policy of the United States." In addition, the Committee is directed to make reports to both Houses of the Congress concerning the results of their studies and their recommendations for desired amendments to the law.

Senate members are, in order of seniority, Senators James O. Eastland of Mississippi, Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia, Thomas C. Hennings of Missouri (Democrats), Arthur V. Watkins of Utah, and William E. Jenner of Indiana (Republicans).

House members, also in the order of seniority, are Congressman Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, Emanuel Celler of New York, Michael Feighan of Ohio (Democrats), Chauncey W. Reed of Illinois, and Ruth Thompson of Michigan (Republicans).

In the last GOP Congress, Sen. Watkins was the chairman but the Joint Committee was inactive because of the lack of appropriated funds for its operations.

Following established precedent for the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, when this Joint Committee organizes Congressman Walter may be the chairman since he is the senior House member. The chairmanships rotate every Congress between the House and the Senate.

Senator Kilgore is chairman of the full Senate Judiciary Committee and Congressman Celler is the chairman of the full House Judiciary Committee.

DR. NOBLE TO ADDRESS PSWDC AT SANTA BARBARA

(Santa Barbara) Dr. Elmer R. Noble, dean of letters and science at the Univ. of California College at Santa Barbara, will be the principal speaker at the PSWDC convention banquet, May 14, according to Tom Hira-shima, convention chairman.

Dr. Noble, born in Korea where he received his pre-college training, is well-known in the field of scientific research and is professor of zoology. Active in numerous civic projects, Dr. Noble expressed his delight in having this opportunity to speak before a Nisei assembly.

Calling attention to the slow operation of the Act for Japan, Masaoka noted in his letter that only 17 visas have been issued to Far East adult refugees through Feb. 28 under Section 4(a)(12) of the Act. This figure does not include orphans.

The admittance of 3,000 Japanese and other Far East adult refugees is provided under this section for entry in to the United States for permanent residence.

Hope was expressed that the long-delayed program in Japan would be made "operational" within the next several months. Encouragement towards this goal came from the Administration by authorization of five additional field investigators for the Far East area.

The Washington JACL office was also informed that Robert Burton of the Budget Bureau will complete his RRA program field study of the Far East area this month. His inquiry is to determine the Federal budgetary requirements of the program for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 1955.

Information was also sought in the JACL letter to determine when American citizens and prospective employers who have signed assurances might be able to expect arrival of qualified refugees

600 MARK TOPPED IN CHAPTER MEMBERSHIPS

(San Francisco) It was learned that San Francisco JACL has signed up 611 members for 1955, thus making a bid for top honors among the 87 League chapters. Reports from several membership committeemen are still due and the Issei group has not been solicited, according to Sumi Honnami, drive chairman.

Arkansas Valley Clers irked by bad impression of naturalization examiner

(Denver) An El Paso (Tex.) District immigration and naturalization service examiner was reported to have created a very bad impression upon Issei applicants for citizenship, witnesses and interpreters at Lamar, the Mountain-Plains JACL Office was informed by Ted Maruyama, Arkansas Valley JACL chapter president.

It was pointed out the examiner was very insulting, inconsiderate and extremely rude to chapter members. Maruyama told the JACL office that the examiner exhibited a suspicious attitude toward interpreters and witnesses. Members also complained that there was considerable disrespect indicated by the examiner.

Henry Hirose, JACL representative for the Granada area, called attention of the Mountain-Plains office to this matter, and an immediate protest was filed with the District office in El Paso. The district director there promptly responded with the hope that the incident was a result of a misunderstanding, but assured the Mountain-Plains JACL office that a full investigation would be made of the incident.

Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative representative, indicated concern in regard to such incidents

from Japan.

Masaoka said that the Refugee Relief Act was enacted in 1953 by Congress to help the victims of persecution, fear of persecution, natural calamity or military operations who are unable to return to their usual place of abode and who have not been firmly resettled. A total of 3,000 of these adult refugees and their families in Japan and the Far East may be admitted into the United States for permanent residence before expiration of the Act on Dec. 31, 1956.

Admittances under the RRA are not considered a part of the regular immigration quota for Japan, which is 185 per year. Thus, persons listed on the heavily over-subscribed immigration waiting list in Japan have no fear that the RRA refugees will adversely affect their quota numbers, Masaoka explained.

Calif. gardener's bill turned down

(Sacramento) A bill to license maintenance gardeners and impose professional standards headed for an interim committee study after being turned down Apr. 7 by the State Assembly Government Efficiency and Economy Committee.

The measure, authored by San Francisco Assemblyman Maloney, proposed to set up a state board of maintenance gardening. Opposition to the bill was led by Mas Yonemura of Oakland and Wayne M. Kanemoto of San Jose, who declared gardeners don't need state regulation.

Author Maloney hoped the interim committee would be able to "weed out the bugs in it and bring back a measure acceptable to everyone in time for the 1957 legislative session."

COJAE meetings set

(Los Angeles) Claimants in the Long Beach area will meet with the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims on Wednesday, Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Harbor Community Center. George Inagaki, committee chairman, will preside.

Claimants in Orange County will meet Monday, Apr. 25, 8 p.m., at Talbert Gakuen.

and pledged to take the matter up personally with the commissioner of the I&NS who indicated strong feeling that all the naturalization examiners should be courteous to all applicants.

National JACL headquarters in San Francisco and the national organization requested reports of such incidents, in order to facilitate and expedite the entire naturalization program on behalf of Issei applicants.

Min Yasui, Regional JACL representative for the Mountain-Plains area, pointed out that the local examiners, Cyril I. Shraiberg in Denver and Dell Sullivan, who conduct examinations within the state of Colorado, have been extremely helpful towards Issei applicants.

Further developments in connection with the Lamar incident would be clarified, it was pledged by the Mountain-Plains regional JACL office.

1000 Club memberships

(San Francisco) National JACL Headquarters this week reported 1,206 have joined the 1000 Club since its inception in 1947 and that 755 members are currently in good standing.

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From the Frying Pan

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A HUGE, WONDERFUL COUNTRY

Denver

You never quite realize how vast this land of ours is until you get in an automobile and start traveling. We did just that last week, driving 2,700 miles through a half dozen midwest states. Although we remained in but a single sector of a nation that stretches from ocean to ocean, we came back to Colorado more impressed than ever by the tremendous scope and agricultural wealth of this area.



The midwest is a region of endless prairies, now flat as a billiard table, now gently rolling, now wooded on steeper hillsides. This is land that was largely ignored in the frantic rush to California's goldfields a century ago. But as population pressures built up, pioneer farmers broke the sod and established homesteads. It grew into the broad and bountiful region that inspired the tractor economy and blossomed into the world's breadbasket during the war-ravaged decade following 1940.

Before 1940, few Nisei knew this area. A handful of the more adventurous Issei pushed their way into the midwest, but the majority remained on the Pacific coast. Their offspring, the Nisei who grew up with salt air in their lungs, first ventured to the American heartland after the evacuation of 1942. They found it a friendly land, but also a strange one, and most of them returned to more familiar climes of the west once the national emergency was ended.

Some wise individual once remarked that Japan never would have engaged the United States in war if Nippon's policymakers had seen the industrial might of Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, Gary, Cleveland and other American manufacturing centers. The same, I think, could be said of America's agricultural resources. No Japanese could help but be impressed, profoundly, after traveling hour after hour and day after day between fields of wheat and corn and pasture. The message of abundance is visible for all to see in the herds growing fat, in the towering concrete elevators, the open mesh corn cribs filled to overflowing, and the sheet iron grain storage bins set up row on row near every crossroads town to shelter the farm surpluses.

Here, land under cultivation can be measured in square miles and townships. In Japan, it is a well-to-do farmer who owns more acres than he can count on the fingers of his two hands. The difference would have been obvious to even the saber-rattler.

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Unfortunately, vastness and prosperity are not the entire picture today. We saw abused and overworked land. We saw pastureland where the cover had been ripped up and planted in wheat. In the wet years this land yielded bountifully. But now a dry cycle has returned and the parched, powdery soil is blowing away in duststorms that blacken the horizon. We saw other areas where flash floods are slashing ever-deepening gullies into the earth, with the soil being carried by the rivers down to the sea. Our land is neither limitless nor impervious, and a tour like the one we made points up the warning of our conservationists.

On the other hand, we were pleasantly surprised by the extensive network of highways that ties this land together. In addition to the transcontinental arteries, which obviously are inadequate for 1955 traffic, there is a veritable spider's nest of secondary roads that provide for interesting exploration. We wished, vainly, that we had enough time to get on the more remote of these byways and talk to the people who work this land. Not that we expected to find quaint and backward natives, of course. Power lines and television antennas told of instant communications, but we would have liked to sit for a while and talk about the crops, the state of the nation, and pass the time of day. But even as it was, the trip was enlightening and inspiring. And exhausting, too. This is a huge and wonderful country.

Minority Week

Mississippi Gov. Hugh White signed a bill Apr. 5 enforcing "segregation in reverse", forbidding white students to attend schools where Negro students go. It is another plank in Mississippi's drive to keep schools segregated.

Construction of a \$3,000,000 subdivision open to both white and Negro home purchasers will be started near Milpitas by the Janpet Inc. of San Jose, land owner, and Mobilhome Corp. of Modesto, builder, late this month. The tract is said to be the first of its kind in the Bay Area. Homes will range in price between \$9,750 and \$10,400 with financing arranged by the United Auto Workers. Between 800 and 900 Ford Motor Co. workers are still commuting between their homes in Richmond and Milpitas, where a new assembly unit opened after its Richmond plant was closed recently. Additional homes may be built if the 268 planned proved inadequate.

Mrs. Ruby Berkeley Goodwin, 1654 W. 39th Pl., Los Angeles, is California's nominee for the title America's Mother of the Year. A Negro mother of five children, she is the first of her race to be named California Mother of the Year. She has written poetry and several books including a two-volume collection of Negro spirituals and "It's Good to be Black".

TOKYO TOPICS

Freemasonry in Japan

Tokyo

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama was conferred the sublime degree of master mason on Mar. 26 by Grand Master Warner P. Schtelig, Deputy Grand Master Camilio Osias, Sovereign Grand Commander Frederic H. Stevens, Grand Secretary Antonio Gonzales and Grand Marshal Howard Hick, who made a special trip from Manila to Tokyo for the purpose of honoring the Japanese prime minister.

It was one of the most colorful gatherings and very significant in view of the nature of the meeting since Japan was bitterly anti-Masonic until the termination of the last war.

Following the ceremony, some 250 Japanese and Americans attended a tea in his honor. Messages from among the six million Masons throughout the world were received by Hatoyama; among them was one from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who initiated the Japanese to the international fraternity: "As basic morality is the foundation of Freemasonry, it is a source of deep satisfaction to me to see its progress in Japan. No more reassuring indication of its growing strength could be evidenced than the conferring of its third degree upon the Prime Minister. Please extend my felicitations to him on this significant occasion not only personally but as the political representative of the great Japanese race."

Ex-U.S. President Truman also sent congratulations. There were messages from Thomas H. Harkins, Freemasonry's grand commander; from grand lodges in Italy, Germany, the Philippines and in the United States.

Prime Minister Hatoyama responded with tears of joy and inspiration. It was a dramatic moment when he said: "When I became Minister of Education, my mother never liked me to get such a political position. She wanted me rather as a primary school principal. If my mother were alive today, she would be very happy to see me as an honored member of the world-wide fraternity than as prime minister of Japan." He stood there for a moment, speechless and cried. Everybody pulled out their handkerchief and joined Hatoyama with tears of joy. It was something no one had expected to witness.

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Hatoyama was initiated as a Mason in 1951. However, he was stricken by a stroke, which prevented him from receiving complete Masonic degrees.



When he made his comeback into politics, he proposed the Yuai Movement, with its cardinal principles of brotherly love and fraternal spirit. He never failed to mention in his speeches the importance of "yuai" as a factor for lasting peace.

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Lately, the Tokyo Metropolitan police is quietly investigating Masonic movements on the basis of prewar anti-Masonic charges. And with the rise of Communist influences in Japan, "anything can happen". The Masonic movement in Japan has taken to heart what Dr. Sakuzo Yoshino, well-known scholar, has said of Freemasonry:

"Freemasonry is the foundation for world peace and brotherhood. It is a matter of congratulation that the League of Nations was created with the genuine spirit of freemasonry. The contention of this great fraternity is not only the basic idea of world peace but to awaken the international conscience of mankind. However, peace and mankind have a long way to achieve the real purpose. No one could desire the suppression of Freemasonry when he realizes that the fraternity is based upon the most noble and glorious ideals of our human world. The spirit of Freemasonry is the subtle beauty of culture, since the earnest zeal to seek truth, goodness

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and beauty in this fraternity contributes much toward the cultural cause of the world. The desire to demolish Freemasonry is equal to an unwillingness to wish the development of humanity. That is why I wish all the more the growth of the bud of Freemasonry."

Many in Japan still remember the days of Masonophobia during the war years. Vast quantities of literature attacking and misrepresenting freemasonry were distributed. Mitsukoshi Department Store displayed confiscated Masonic regalia as an expose of the "fearful" secret of Freemasonry. So vivid were these days that the Japanese still cannot erase the fears deeply imbedded during the war years.

The Japanese do not know that Masonic groups in Europe and America sent material and monetary aid immediately after the 1923 Tokyo and Yokohama fire. They do not know that the many Japanese blind and cripple have been rehabilitated through Masonic welfare projects.

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How freemasonry will be accepted by the Japanese is yet to be ascertained. In the meantime, the Shriners in Japan hope that persons of Japanese descent in the United States would join hands in the same fraternity for a better

world. When the potentate of the Nile Temple at Seattle visited Japan last year, he expressed his willingness to accept applications from persons of Japanese descent.

CAPSULES

Peter M. Nakahara, 34, East Palo Alto attorney who was admitted to the bar last January, announced the opening of his office in San Jose in association with Wayne M. Kanemoto. The young lawyer is a native of San Pedro, Calif., a veteran, father of two children and a graduate of Stanford Law School.

Taking a 1951 Oldsmobile 88 that went through fire, Bud Kanemoto, 18, San Jose Technical High School junior, is making the whole car over into a nifty sports car at the high school shop. The finished job will stand a maximum of 34 inches from the ground with fiberglass top, cutdown front doors, brand new upholstery and a flashy paint job.

Dr. John Z. Bowers, dean of Univ. of Utah's medical school, will carry out an assignment for the Atomic Energy Commission in Japan this summer before going to the Univ. of Wisconsin to be dean of the medical school there.

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JAPANESE ART AND ENTERTAINMENT

Honolulu

Quite often visitors from the Mainland are surprised at paucity of Japanese art and entertainment in Hawaii. The surprise is more pronounced if the Mainlander arrived with the impression that since more than a third of Hawaii's half million people are of Japanese ancestry, surely there must be much in the way of Japanese culture to be seen and enjoyed here.



First-class Japanese entertainment is the exception rather than the rule. The Univ. of Hawaii has staged several Japanese plays, nearly all highly successful. The Honolulu Academy of Arts recently held an exhibit of art treasures from Japan, plus a film based on a samurai story illustrated on a long scroll (and produced, of all places, at a Midwestern American university).

Japanese movies, from the best to the worst, are offered regularly by several Honolulu theaters. Now and then, an enterprising organization would import musical talent from the old country, as the Hui Makaala (an Okinawan group) did recently by presenting the teen-age singer, Mitsuko Sawamura.

Japanese painters have visited here to display their works, and so have tea-ceremony experts and such specialists as horticulturists and dwarfed-tree artists.

And the radio stations and television outlets pour out a variety of good and bad fare.

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DIGNITY OF TAKARAZUKA TROUPE

But it has taken the Takarazuka Revue to provide this community with the best there is in Japanese entertainment. For the first time, the Japanese population of Honolulu and neighboring towns is being treated to the appealing sights and sounds of the most famous of Japanese theatrical troupes.

A score of Takarazuka performers are presenting twice-nightly shows under the auspices of the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce. Their two-week run is the feature of the several attractions offered during the current Cherry Blossom Festival by the Jaycees.

The Issei of Hawaii have certainly heard of Takarazuka, even though many may not have seen the shows in the old country. For the Takarazuka Theater is Japan's most famous theatrical institution. Its home is the small town of the same name, not far from Kobe, which calls itself the largest amusement center in the Far East.

Here are reenacted for the visitor, the Japanese classical drama and dance in a form which the foreign guest can readily understand and appreciate, plus modern revues and music, all staged on a spectacular scale unequalled in that part of the world.

So Hawaii is singularly fortunate to be host to one of the troupes from Takarazuka. For many of the Nisei, it is their first acquaintance with this particular type of entertainment. Takarazuka is providing them with a sense of the dignity, tradition and appeal of the best that Japan has preserved and adapted for today's audience.

And for the non-Japanese theater-goers, too, Takarazuka is opening up a new field of art that many were not even aware existed. Time Magazine did an article on Takarazuka several months ago, to acquaint Americans with this unique institution. But it didn't quite answer the question, "Just what is a Takarazuka Revue?"

For the first week's program, the troupe playing in Honolulu offered a dazzling variety of dancing and acting and music, both old and new. The program was divided into three parts: Fantasia, Momiji Gari, and Nippon Revue.

Fantasia is a series of four dances depicting the changing four seasons. The movements take on a freedom not found in stylized kabuki. Techniques of modern ballet and contemporary music are adopted.

In one dance, Otome Amatsu, the star of the show, takes the haunting role of a heron shot down in the snow and struggling for its life. Her fluttering movements, gradually becoming stilled in the thick swirling snow, grip one's imagination to the tragic end.

Momiji Gari is a kabuki dance in one act, based on the Japanese custom of viewing maple leaves in late autumn.

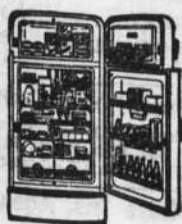
Nippon Revue is choreography de luxe—a series of folk dances of various locations in Japan.

The impressions that last probably will be (1) the imaginative stage settings—the likes of which have never been seen here before, and (2) the adaptability of Japanese dancing and costumes.

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CULTURAL APPRECIATION RAISED

The Honolulu Jaycees have helped to elevate local appreciation of Japanese culture several notches up, and in that process, assured themselves a healthy financial return. Enough tickets were sold to put the enterprise on a profitable footing even before the curtain was raised on the first performance.



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TWO NEW NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT JOINT EDC-MDC PARLEY; TO CITE OUTSTANDING JACL-ERS

(Washington) Announcement of two new individual National JACL Awards "for outstanding services" to the organization was made by National Director Mas Satow at the official luncheon of the joint EDC-MDC Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League held here recently.

The awards would be in the nature of plaques properly inscribed which would be presented as features of the biennial national JACL conventions.

One would go to the individual member who on a chapter level contributes most during the biennium to maintaining or promoting a high level of local activity that is consistent with national program and policy.

The other would go to an individual member who makes the most

significant contribution to the national organization or program. This might be in the way of a suggestion for increasing membership, raising funds, promoting enthusiasm for JACL, or outlining a worthwhile national project.

By the very nature of these awards, members of the national board and staff personnel are not eligible for these honors.

The national director explained that these awards will be considered by the National JACL Recognition Committee and the National Board and that rules will be released as soon as they can be promulgated in order that interested JACL members can begin to qualify for them.

To give deserved recognition to those JACLers who devote them-

selves to improving chapter activity and who aid the national program was the motivating reason for these awards.

"These new honors would supplement the present JACL national recognitions program for distinguished community leadership, including the Nisei of the Biennium, by recognizing those who have dedicated themselves to the JACL, which we believe is in itself a laudable service. These two new plaques would be honoring outstanding services to JACL itself on a chapter and a national level. We have hopes that the first of these awards can be presented at our 14th Biennial National Convention next year and that they will serve as a further inspiration to greater JACL activity," Satow explained.

JACL checking Georgia ban on mixed marriages, white-Japanese pair involved

(Washington) Whether Georgia marriage laws not only prevent interracial marriages but also prohibit interracial couples from residing in the southern state is now subject of investigation of the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Investigation was directed by a resolution adopted by the Joint Convention of the Eastern and Midwest JACL District Councils held in Washington, D.C., the last weekend in March.

The resolution itself was inspired by a newspaper story datelined San Francisco that the Attorney General of Georgia had informed Ernest E. Jones, an honorably discharged "white" sailor who spent two years on duty in Japan, that he would be allowed to live in that state if he marries his Japanese fiancée.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared that while he is familiar with the laws of many states prohibiting so-

called interracial marriages this is the first instance where such statutes go so far as to deny residence to interracial couples.

In a letter addressed to Eugene Cook, Attorney General of Georgia, Masaoka wrote for copies of the law and the official state interpretations of its provisions with whatever legal citations the State may have to support its position.

His letter declared that "it is difficult for us to conceive of such legislation" and expressed the hope that the newspaper accounts were in error and his (the Attorney General's) reply would confirm JACL's hope in this regard.

At the same time, Masaoka recalled that the JACL participated in the California Supreme Court case which declared their so-called miscegenation law unconstitutional in October, 1948, by a 5-2 majority. The California law prohibited interracial marriages between "white persons" and Mongolians, Negroes, and Malaysians.

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(San Francisco) Some strong winds off Golden Gate swept Masaru Isobe, quartermaster aboard the NYK freighter Aizu Maru enroute to Japan from New York, over the sides of the vessel last week. A four-hour search by U.S. Coast Guard cutters and air rescue failed to locate the body.



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Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE OPENS

Chicago

● An intensive house-to-house membership campaign will start this week, it was announced by Bill Fujii, 2nd vice-president of the Chicago JACL, in charge of chapter memberships. "We believe the strength of the Nisei as well as their welfare depends a great deal upon such a national organization as the Japanese American Citizens League. Therefore, the membership committee with this in mind," Fujii declared, "is striving to enlarge the local chapter membership to its fullest extent with the aid of present members and friends."

Membership is being accepted by mail with remittances sent to the Midwest JACL Office, 1200 N. Clark St., Chicago 10. Chapter dues are \$4; \$7 per couple; \$10, supporting membership (individual or couple); and \$25, 1000 Club. Special benefits for the memberships include participation in the chapter credit union.

● Autographed copies of *Home Again* by James Edmiston are still available at the Midwest JACL Office at a special price of \$3 to JACLers.

● A community-wide public meeting is being called next Friday, Apr. 22, 8 p.m., at the Chicago Buddhist Church, 5487 S. Dorchester, to discuss "What's Happening to Chicago's Southside". The southside Japanese American community will hear civic leaders and experts talk on neighborhood housing conditions. The meeting is being co-sponsored by the Chicago JACL, Chicago Buddhist Church, Kenwood-Ellis Church, First Baptist Church and the Japanese American Service Committee.

● A collection of 41 oils by Japan-born Sakari Suzuki is being displayed this month at the art exhibition galleries of Mandel Brothers. . . . Mary Takahashi's floral arrangements are also on display during April at the Chicago Public Library art department. She is a Berkeley Nisei who holds a degree in optometry but opened a workshop-studio in flower arrangement since relocating here.

● Forty-five Issei citizens from Los Angeles who were "seeing America first" were honored last Sunday by the Chicago community at a North Park Hotel dinner.

● A warm day with baby-blue skies (Apr. 5) helped to bring out 69 percent of Chicago voters in the city mayor elections, which Democrat Richard Daley won.

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CHICAGO PERSONALITIES

● Howard Takahashi, 802 E. Lenwood Dr., Valparaiso, Ind., Seattle-born student now attending Valparaiso University, was a visitor at the last JACL chapter meeting. A sociology major, he is working on social problems of the Chicago Japanese American community since 1945.

● Mrs. Shizue Arakawa, who has been teaching flower arrangement for the past 14 years, was featured in the Chicago American society section last week. She will hold her first exhibit featuring 40 entries May 22 at the McCormick YWCA. "But the most fun would be to go there the afternoon of the 21st and watch the girls at work," commented the American reporter.

FLOWER EQUALITY IN AIR SHIPMENT BILL AT HEARING

(Washington) Favorable action on legislation which would provide west coast-grown flowers equality in air transportation was urged by Mike Masaoka at the Aviation Subcommittee hearing of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee this week.

Supporting the bill introduced by Senators Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), Richard L. Neuberger (D., Ore.), and Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.), Masaoka said, "When Congress in its wisdom enacted the so-called Agricultural Marketing act, it enunciated a declaration of policy which has governed all general transportation practice since that time, the only exception being in commercial aviation."

He asked that Congress now provide "the same exemption in air transportation for agricultural, horticultural and floricultural commodities handled by nonprofit corporations or shipping associations for the sole benefit of their members as is presently extended in surface transportation to these same products as a matter of course."

Chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee, Senator A. S. Mike Monroney (D., Okla.), summarized the issue by asking Masaoka whether or not he is asking for the same congressional approved policy for agricultural commodities in motor truck and rail transportation to apply to commercial aviation. The Nisei lobbyist answered in the affirmative.

Basic in the legislation is the right for flower growers to consolidate their own air shipments on a cooperative basis. With this right substantial savings in air transportation costs accrue to each cooperative shipper because of lower unit charges for bulk shipments. These savings enable California, Washington and Oregon grown flowers to reach Midwestern, Midsouthern, and Eastern markets on a competitive basis.

On behalf of the many Nisei flower growers in the JACL and for the Flower Consolidators of Southern California and for the Consolidated Flower Shipments, Inc., Bay Area, Masaoka submitted an 11 page written statement to the Monroney Aviation Subcommittee. He spoke extemporaneously in presenting his oral arguments.

Opposition to the so-called Magnuson flower bill came in the form of testimony requesting delay in the legislation. A pending Civil Aeronautics Board decision on the amount of governmental regulation for air shipping associations was cited as the main reason for withholding Senate action at this time.

In his statement to the Senate Aviation Subcommittee, Masaoka charged that "an administrative determination hangs, like the sword of Damocles, over shipping associations which cannot know from day to day when that administrative determination may be amended or revised. Only an amendment written into the basic law will provide the permanency needed for long-range future planning."

CHICAGO CHAPTER GEARED FOR MEMBERSHIP PUSH

(Chicago) A house-to-house membership solicitation will begin Apr. 17 and wind up in mid-May, according to Bill Fujii, Chicago JACL membership chairman. It was revealed in the Chicago JACLer that the membership would reach the 500 mark as it went to press in early April.

"To date, the majority of this has come through direct mail solicitation," Fujii declared. "We are confident that the end of the drive will see Chicago as again the 'biggest and best chapter in the nation'."

JAL to extend service from S.F. to Hongkong

(San Francisco) Japan Air Lines will increase its Tokyo-Hongkong flights from two to three per week effective Apr. 24, departing Tokyo on Tuesday, and Sundays at 11:30 p.m., arriving in Hongkong the following morning at 8:30.

Four Chinese representatives have been appointed in Hongkong, Tokyo, San Francisco and Honolulu to accommodate the increasing number of Chinese passengers traveling JAL.

Aspirants for Placer County picnic queen honors



Fumiye Nii, 20

Mary Nakano, 18

Sumiye Hirota, 16

(Perrin) One of these three candidates will be crowned queen at the seventh annual Placer County JACL picnic Sunday afternoon at the JACL Recreation Park here. Bunny Nakagawa, queen contest chairman, added that the queen will reign at the picnic and will also serve as official chapter hostess for the coming year, assisted by two attendants.

Fumiye Nii, Sierra College sophomore, is 5 feet, weighs 95 with interests in sewing and dancing. Mary Nakano, Placer High senior, is 5 feet 2 and weighs 110 with hobbies of sewing, dancing and swimming. Sumiye Hirota, Sierra College sophomore, stands 5 feet 3, weighs 114 and interested in sewing, tennis and dancing.

Picnic queen candidates will make their first public appearance at the picnic ball tomorrow night at the Loomis Memorial Hall.

Ota president of French Camp Clers

(French Camp) Harry Ota was elected president of the French Camp JACL following tabulations of a mail ballot election. Other members named to the chapter executive board include:

Lawrence Nakano, 1st v.p.; George Shimasaki, 2nd v.p.; John Fujiki, treas.; Mrs. Irene Nakano, rec. sec.; Michi Shimoto, cor. sec.; George Matsuoka, del.; Hiroshi Shimoto, Ayako Tsugawa, alt. del.; Bob Takahashi, pub.; Mrs. Elsie Kagehiro, hist.; Ben Hatanaka, ath. chmn.

The newly-elected president appointed the following to serve on the executive board as chairman of various committees:

Fumio Kanemoto, membership; Harry Itaya, Issei Relations; George Komure, prog. & act.; Mrs. Lydia Ota, house; George Matsuoka, 1000 Club; Bob Ota, pub. rel.; Mats Murata, veterans; Mrs. Fumi Higashiyama, Mrs. Florence Shiromizu, women's aux.; Hiro Murata, budget & fin.; Bob Takahashi, legis.; George Ogino and Tosh Hotta, dels.-at-lrg.

Hollywood CL to fete new citizens Sunday

(Hollywood) A dinner honoring recently naturalized Issei citizens of the Hollywood area will be given this Sunday, 6 p.m., by the Hollywood JACL at the Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury St., it was announced by Miwa Yanamoto, chapter president.

Frank Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, will give the principle address of welcome with a response being made by Dojun Ochi.

Entertainment features include Japanese dances by pupils of Hanayagi Tokuyae, stage presentations by students of Hollywood and Dai-Ichi Gakuen, vocal selections by Marlene Fujita and U. Suzumura.

Downtown Los Angeles JACL: Silversmith Harry A. Osaki of Pasadena will be the luncheon speaker at the general meeting, Apr. 21, 12 noon, at San Kwo Low, according to Dave Yokozeki, chapter president. Three original pieces will be donated by the speaker as door prizes. He discovered his talent while at Gila River WRA Camp, studied at USC upon return to the West Coast and operates his shop at 12 N. Mentor Ave. the past several years.

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CHAPTER MEMOS

Stockton JACL: James Edmiston, author of "Home Again", guest speaker at the general meeting last Monday at the YBA creation Hall.

Long Beach - Harbor District JACL: Ballroom dance classes began last night at the Harbor Community Center, meeting four times a month on the first and third Mondays and second and fourth Thursdays from 8-10 p.m. Mr. Mrs. C. Ashbourne are instructors. Tomizo Joe, committee chairman, added classes are open to the public.

San Francisco JACL: Dance classes on Friday nights at Kasei Hall reached a half-way mark for the 75 students of Shirley Kato and Allen Chin, silver medalists of the Arthur Murray Dance Studios. Sumi Utsumi and Ben Okada are class co-chairmen.

Hollywood JACL: A series of dance instructions by Shiro Ohashi will start Tuesday, Apr. 26, 8:30 p.m., at the Hollywood Community Center. The standard rates will prevail: \$8 for ten lessons.

French Camp JACL: Lawrence Nakano and George Komure co-chairing the annual community picnic this Sunday, Apr. 17, the Bradley Ranch, site of the 1954 affair. Chairmen of various picnic committees include:

Bob Ota, donations; George Komure, John Shimasaki, Joe Takeshita, Fujiki Bob Takahashi, Yoshi Maruma, Taneo Fukao, Mats Murata, segment; Irene Nakano, Lydia purchasing; George Ogino, P.A. tem; Katy Komure, Michi Egusa, gram; Hiro Murata, equipment; rence Itaya, Aya Tsugawa, prizes; rence Shiromizu, Tamako Yagi, James Tanaka tickets; Teruo Tanaka, George Eto, beer & soda; Kahn Yasaki, Richard Takeshiro, Henry Mits Kagehiro, Joe Takeshita, Hisatomi, Aki Sato, Tom Nishimura, refreshments; George Shimoto, transp.; Bob Ota, grounds.

Southwest Los Angeles JACL: "Know Your Social Security" the subject of Saburo Kido's address in Japanese next Thursday, Apr. 21, 8:30 p.m. at the Century Methodist Church, it was announced by Dr. Toru Iura, chapter president.

The pre-convention rally will be held Apr. 27.

Assisting Tut Yata, chapter sei planning committee, are: Matsunosuke Oi, Dr. Roy Nishimura, Dr. Tom Watanabe, Dick Fujiki, Na Uno, Harold Toma and Homer Tsui.

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ONE-YEAR PLAN STARTED

Seattle

Being temporarily out of a full-time job has its compensations; that is, it gives one many hours to mull over the future.

We have a sure-fire one-year economy plan which, if successful, would be bared free of charge to the younger generation. (Do unto others as you would have other do unto you.)

The plan is strictly top level and we call it a "mutual security pact" because the wife and we are both contributing towards a goal. The wife, back in college to obtain her teacher's certificate, works for a doctor in the afternoons each week. And our share, however small, is a part-time job until the "big break."

The most regrettable thing, from a selfish view, is the fact that the good woman, tossing her slightly reddish-brown head and flashing her friendly brown eyes to accent her tidy point, has clamped down on our spending.

Of course, we were quite disappointed. We'll miss the "coffee trips" and the extra pack of cigarettes. But after struggling eight years and three months as a publisher, we're confident we're battle-hardened enough to take one year of budgeted life.

Meantime, we haven't been idle. Daily, we are tapping sources in search of means to raise our financial status.

For instance, take the other day when the sun was dipping low in the Western skies. Our neighbor waved and called to us that he had found huge hunks of rocks in his backyard. "Uranium?" we asked excitedly. "Nope, just plain rocks," he replied.

Anyway, hope springs eternal. So we're seriously thinking of digging deep in our own backyard. A fistful of that precious stuff would radiate in our family treasure chest.

Just thought you might want to know, as a parting word, that although money doesn't come easy these days in our household, we are bravely facing the economic plight with a grin and line from a song: "... Open up your heart and let the sun shine in."

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PURELY PERSONAL PIFFLES

Since 442d Regimental Combat Team veteran Howard "Chip" Sakura is the new chief executive of the Seattle JACL Chapter, it is our hope the JACL and the Nisei Veterans Committee will work together on community affairs this year ... many Nisei leaders in the Seattle Japanese community have offices in the Jackson St. area but they reside in other areas where the social climate is much better for their growing children ... one of the few girls entering the architect field is Sylvia Nomura, a Univ. of Washington student ... two top metropolitan reporters, Ed Guthman of the Seattle Times and Lucille Cohen of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Evans of KING-TV are editorial aids for the "Fair Play" bulletin put out by the Civic Unity Committee which, through education, is striving towards eliminating discrimination in housing in Seattle ... a Nisei jewelry store on Fifth Ave. and another similar Japanese firm on Jackson St. were robbed last week end, and the choice remark we heard was, "Guess the boys couldn't wait until pay day" ... source of constant amazement or how do they do it? — several Nisei youngsters sporting snappy, slick, expensive automobiles ... spring is here and summer is not far away: Japanese American lassies in chic clothes are getting better looking every day ... "big wheels" during day working nights at menial jobs to earn enough for the daily bread—that's modern life! ...

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THOUSAND CLUB NOTES

BY SHIG WAKAMATSU

Theme Song for JACLers

Chicago

The magic of Spring was in the air around the Capital of the Free World, and of a certain evening, the rafters of China Doll were resounding to the tune of *Stout-Hearted Men*, only the lyrics were different:

*Give me some men
Who are stout-hearted men
Who will work for the JACL:*

*Start out with four
Guys who all know the Score,
Real joes whom you don't have
to sell;*

*Then watch us go,
As we start in to grow
Till we reach for one thousand
or more;*

*We won't stop till we sign
every J.A. in the land—
Men—stout-hearted men!
We'll work together hand-in-hand.*

Voices of guys and dolls of the Eastern District—from New York, D.C., Philly and Seabrook—blended in strong with those of the grand Midwest crowd, and they soared together on the high notes of the last verse. Thus, was the introduction of the National JACL 1000 Club song. Few realized that it was authored by Tokuzo Gordon, our past national chairman.

"King Artha" Callahan had requested months before that the Tokuzo Legend be kept alive in song and would Tokuzo himself write a 1000 Club song which all of us could sing and associate it with a remarkable friend. Obligingly, Tokuzo stroked his magic uke and came up with this winner.

After a test run at a Chicago affair, we kept it under wraps until the joint EDC-MDC convention. So how about it, you knights and ladies of all our District Coun-

Roy Nakatani of Ogden, a 1000er who formerly lived in San Francisco before the war, was announced as the winner of the joint EDC-MDC Convention savings bond project. Nakatani is in the home appliance business.

cils? Why not establish it as the theme song and add it to the repertoire at your next District 1000 Club wassail? It's got everything and as a bit of explanation, the word "men" is used in its generic sense—meaning men and women. So gals, be happy, you are gladly included!

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The evening's program was a well-managed riot. As master of ceremonies, Tokuzo was a lively legend. His script, augmented by neat numbers from the Washington and Philly contingents, featured some rare characters.

Up front "G. Gobel" Hagiwara (newly-elected MDC chairman) strictly under restraint, performed yeoman-duty with-crooner Bill Fujii. "Head Waiter" Sasagawa (newly-elected EDC chairman) was happily switching roles all evening at one point, lavishly dispensing a head-rub cure-all with the precious stuff. There was "Ditch Digger" Inagaki and "Squirrel" Masaoka, and somehow there was a gent by the name of

Nat'l Director Satow bound for Northwest

(San Francisco) National JACL Director Mas Satow will install the new Seattle chapter officers, headed by Howard Sakura, Apr. 22 at the Chamber of Commerce Bldg. and then render a national report at the Pacific Northwest District Council quarterly session on Apr. 24 in Portland.

Satow will also install new Portland JACL chapter officers on Sunday at a dinner honoring both officers and recently naturalized citizens.

New Berkeley Buddhist church dedication set

(Berkeley) Dedication ceremonies are scheduled Apr. 17 for the newly completed \$85,000 Berkeley Buddhist Church and Study Center, according to the Rev. Kanmo Imamura, dedication committee chairman. Another formal service will be held when the new altar arrives from Japan. Bishop Enryo Shigefuji of San Francisco, head of the Buddhist Churches of America, will officiate.

Ike who got mixed in—we never did get to see him.

And the Deacon took up hula-dancing; but wow, what a teacher he had. Name—Marcia. Mark the emergence of "Senator" Suzuki from New York. Neatest theft of the decade was perpetrated by Tad Masaoka, convention chairman. With one imitating gesture, the familiar pointing of the finger and cocking of head, he stole everything that was his brother Mike's, all except an incoherent roar of protest. The girls didn't overlook handsome Ed Ennis, "the most eligible". He was serenaded properly by Carol Tsuda and Myke Kosobayashi.

John Katsu, believe it or not, played the villain in a clever manner for the D.C. chapter; while Chief EDC Knight Tom Tamaki and Bill Marutani led the Philly chapter in a hilarious mix-up. Tom Hayashi with his famous combination of dash, good-looks, and mischief, was there to make it complete.

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In the background with genial hospitality, Ira Shimasaki, retiring EDC chairman, and Ruth Kuroishi, president of the host D.C. chapter, were host-hostess to the guests, who added their share of fun and frolic to the evening.

The 1000 Club Chow-Wow was an "extra" to the convention, which on the serious side cannot be matched by any we have attended for sheer inspiration, impact and richness of its programming. We feel that all the delegates who attended felt the same way about JACL as 1000er Frank Sakamoto who said, "This convention was a powerful shot in the arm for me. I'm glad I went!"

It demonstrated for all to see the magnificent and effective work that Mike Masaoka and his staff have built up in the nation's capitol. I am sorry that all our JACL members and, particularly, our 1000 Club members were not able to participate in the major events of this convention. I am sure that each of you would be proud to know that your membership fees are being so effectively utilized for the benefit of all.

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We want to think the Washington, D.C., Chapter for their generosity in offering a free ticket to the 1000 Club Chow-Wow for those who had signed up during the convention. We think it is an excellent idea for other district councils to follow as an added boost to invite new and renewal memberships.

The following delegates either joined or renewed their 1000 Club membership during the convention:

Robert E. Fujita, Dr. Ruby Hirose, Helen Inai, Sachi Ishii, Dr. Sam I. Kuramoto, Marie Kurihara, Mrs. Claire Minami, Paul K. Ohmura, Mrs. Viola Sugahara, Joe S. Sugawara, Mike M. Suzuki, Mrs. Marian Tamaki, Ben Ohama, Geo. Ono, Dr. James Takao and Mas Teramoto.

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Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, immediate past national president, in Chicago, unable to attend the joint convention because of his serious illness, sent his greeting by re-

newing for the seventh year.

Meantime, the Pacific Southwest, Central Calif. and Northern Calif. districts are really charging ahead with new and renewing 1000ers. District chairmen Ken Dyo, Tom Nakamura and Lefty Miyana with their respective chairmen are doing a whale of a job. We're asking them to keep rolling, because the Pacific Northwest-Plains, Midwest and Eastern districts will be coming into the picture as the membership drive continues.

Tokuzo Gordon wins precedent-setting suit for client

(Chicago) The suit of Laura Blackburn Shaw, widow of Jack Chappie Blackburn, former trainer of Joe Louis against United Artists, Inc., has been settled out of court.

The suit arose out of a production and exhibition of the movie, "The Joe Louis Story", in which Blackburn was portrayed without consent of Mrs. Shaw. Mrs. Shaw receives \$20,000 and a percentage of the prospective television gross of the movie.

Mrs. Shaw was represented by Harold R. Gordon, chairman of the National Legislative-Legal Committee and immediate past national chairman of the 1000 Club of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The settlement followed a precedent-making decision by Judge John P. Barnes of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois who sustained Mrs. Shaw's position that her deceased husband's name and picture were property rights which could not be appropriated for another's profit.

Mile-Hi cited for Red Cross campaign

(Denver) The Mile-Hi JACL American Red Cross team, co-captioned by Irvin Matsuda and Tak Terasaki, was cited by campaign headquarters in its final report dated Apr. 4, and given an "Award of Merit" for outstanding services to the 1955 Red Cross campaign.

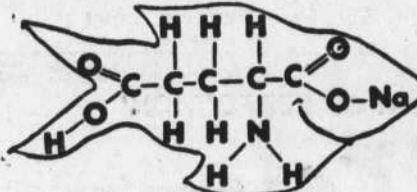
It was noted that in the Downtown Business Division, the JACL was third among organizations in the largest amounts collected. The American Legion Auxiliary raised \$1,827.15, followed closely by the Lions Club with \$1,810. The Mile-Hi JACL reported a final total of \$1,552.00.

Percentage-wise, the JACL also ranked third, with the Denver Club making 192.5% of a \$550 quota, and the Mile-Hi Center making 126.4% of \$450 quota. The JACL scored 119.4% of a \$1,300 quota.

Those assisting the JACL team were: Sam Matsumoto, Willie Miki, Sarge Terasaki, Joanna Tokunaga.

Parlier JACL: Ben Eiga will show "Kimi no Na wa" Apr. 16 at a chapter benefit. Bill Tsuji, chairman, is being assisted by: Betty Doi, Jerry Doi, Harris Tanaka, Clark Miyakawa and Ralph Kimoto.

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The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

'SNORPHEUS'

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Proudly may he wear this brave badge of valor for his unflinching acceptance of a trying challenge, for unswervingly striding forth into the teeth of danger, and for having emerged from the ordeal a victorious, wiser, and battered man.

This is really making too much ado over so small a threat to health or comfort as sharing a room with the Sou'wester. However, this writer reluctantly admits to the nearly false descriptions at to our nocturnal nasal detonations as charged by various members of the JACL hierarchy who have disenjoyed a sleepless overnight hotel stop with us.

We have mentioned before our deep and burning resentment of the disgraceful public spectacle made of a situation that occurred in Fresno two years ago when four JACL board members were boisterously tossing coins to see who would be the odd man to share one of two available hotel rooms with the Sou'wester. The other fortunate three winners would share the second room for serene and restful shut-eye.

When Harry Miyake, erstwhile and contemporary president of the Santa Maria Valley JACL asked us up to his chapter's Issei citizens testimonial banquet held last Monday, he asked that we bring a JACL national board member to extend greetings. Our choice was Frankie Boy because (a) he is tops as an orator and in case Harry wanted him as principle speaker (which it turned out he did), Frank could acquit himself well off the cuff; (b) his Cadillac is easier riding for the 400 mile roundtrip than our Ford and also, he'd do the driving; (c) he has withstood our beagle crosscutting before without any visible ill effects.

Just like that, the senior member of Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki says, "Okay, I'll be glad to go, it should be a nice restful trip (!)."

The trip was a gustatory success as well as otherwise. The dinner entree was barbecued beef steaks, of which we stacked away five rounds, Frank only two since he had to extemporize. We preceded him with a brief greeting in a foreign language used extensively in Cipango.

Frank's vocal opus was a beaut. There were nearly 50 Hakujin dignitaries and guests present, somewhat fewer CLers and 100 Issei citizens. Practically all local civic officials were on hand. Afterwards, we agreed with them all that Frank's succinct presentation of the historical background, vicissitudes, aspirations and realizations (yes, we used Webster's for this sentence) of the Japanese in America and the role JACL has played in their lives was really first class.

George Sahara did a swell job as emcee. After the dinner, we had a JACL session at his home with Harry and Shimmy sitting in, too. The latter is Harold Shimizu, oldtime JACL standby, who crusades for JACL on membership, fund raising and other chores when he isn't Isaac Waltoning. We hope to be visiting with them again soon on chapter business.

Shrewdly (hence "resourcefulness" in paragraph 1), Middlehorse Frank hit the sack while we lingered at the bar of the Commercial Hotel where the dinner was held and where the two of us were ensconced in its alleged bridal suite. Circa three ayem, having concluded successfully a venture with numbered cubes with several night owl barpatrons we silently retired to our room to find that Middlehorse was indeed sleeping like one. Which was his secret—to beat us to the punch. Content to consume a few caloric purchases as we read the paper in bed, we soon succumbed to Morpheus (gads, how poetic!).

Frank seemed none the worse for his experience though he seemed to complain of a deadening of his ear drums which he charitably attributed to the wind which was a bit gusty.

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SPORTSCOPE

The San Francisco Chinese Saints, four-time winners of the Salt Lake Nisei Invitational basketball tournament, may not defend their title next year, according to team manager Percy Chu. "It was a terrific job raising the money for the trip and the ruggedness of the long trip took a lot out of our boys," Chu declared.

The Tokyo Giants are planning to train in the United States next spring and play exhibition games with a number of major league ball clubs, according to Cappy Hada, business manager.

Among the Nisei boxers competing this past week at the Oakland Army Base were several Hawaiian Island champions: flyweight Heiji Shimabukuro, bantamweight George Nakaoka and featherweight Choichi Hokama. Winners of this all-Army tournament compete next week in the Inter-Service Championships Apr. 20-22.

Katsuichi Mori, national diving champion of Japan for six years, was enrolled at Stanford University as a graduate student and will not be eligible to compete in collegiate competition. He is pointing for the 1956 Olympics and will train at the Palo Alto pool under the guidance of Tom Haynie, noted coach of U.S. diving champions.

Al Narasaki of Richmond topped his class in motorcycle drag races on the Kingdon Airstrip Apr. 3 to win the class CS trophy. He was timed at 76.86 mph going through the time traps.

Tommy Kono, world champion weightlifter, was recently honored by the Sacramento Lions and Senator Lions at the annual father-son luncheon. He has on display his 1952 Olympic medals and 1955 Pan American Games awards.

Kaz Katayama rolled a 280 high game last week in the third week of the Los Angeles Examiner bowling classic for a \$100 weekly prize.

Naya defends NCAA 125-lb. boxing title

(Pocatello) Seiji Naya, Univ. of Hawaii, was among the nine NCAA boxing champions and a repeat winner in the 125-lb class Apr. 2. He used a good two-fisted attack to decision plucky Kim Kanya of San Jose State in the semis to reach the finals.

Tom Shimabuku, Univ. of Hawaii, was decided in the semis in the 119-lb. division.

Stockton trackster wins '100' in 9s. (but . . .)

(Stockton) Jun Akaba took two first and kicked off the winning Stockton college relay team to star for the track squad which humbled Turlock 70-34 in a dual Sac-Joaquin Conference meet here Mar. 31.

Akaba broke the tape in a "100" yard race in 9 seconds, but the dash was run over when the distance was found to be 15 yards shy of the full distance. He was clocked in 10.3 to win the race which was run right after the first dash.

The Nisei sprinter won the 440 in 52.2s. The 880 relay which Akaba kicked off for Stockton was made in 1m.32.5s.

(Sacramento) Jun Akaba, Nisei sprinter for Stockton College, was spiked by a Sacramento High runner in his best event—the 440—and treated for a wound in the foot at the local hospital last week. Earlier he had tied for first in the 100 in a time of 10.5s.

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(Chicago) The Chicago Nisei Saints overcame an early deficit to outscore the Toronto Mustangs, 80-62, to capture the fifth annual Chicago Nisei Athletic Association invitational basketball championships at Olivet gym last Sunday.

Shig Murao paced the champions with 27 points, while Herb Miyasaki, who scored 27 points the night before against Milwaukee Hawai-49ers in the semis, was held to 18. The Canadians, who

have two legs on the tournament perpetual trophy, thus have another year's wait to retire the cup. Roland Teixeira of Milwaukee was the tournament high scorer with 61 points in two games, 38 coming on Sunday.

The tournament results:
CHAMPIONSHIP
Chicago Saints 80, Toronto Mustangs 62.

CONSOLATION
Milwaukee Hawai-49ers 82, Chinatown Dragons 77.

OPENING ROUND
Saints 56, Dragons 45.
Mustangs 71, Hawai-49ers 52.

The tournament was chaired by George Hidaka, assisted by: Hank Morikawa, Arleen Takaoka, Carol Yamamoto, Aiko Amino, Richard Hidaka, Tonga Ishikawa, Dee Kodani, Tom Nojiri, Joan Okamoto Frank Seto, Tom Teraji, Mac Nakamura Paula Haga, Dan Kuzuhara, Abe Hagiwara and Tom Mayahara.

San Francisco CL opens industrial cage league

(San Francisco) Spurred by an enthusiastic crowd of spectators, the San Francisco JACL-sponsored Nisei Industrial Basketball League got off to a flying start Apr. 5 at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA gym.

Six teams in the loop, sponsored by local merchants, are Kik's, N.B. Department Store, Mike's Richfield, Les Mobil, Joe's Signal Ave and Bee teams.

Taniguchi Omaha-bound

(Omaha) The nation's fourth-ranking jockey, George Taniguchi, will work as a contract rider at Ar-Sar-Ben, which opens here May 19. He will ride for Larry Kidd of Pleasanton, Calif., at the Omaha meeting.

Warehouse accident

(Toronto) Pinned beneath nearly 100 tons of steel wire when a storage rack collapsed on him, Harry J. Sato, 66, died of injuries two hours after arriving at the hospital Mar. 30.



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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

WORTH OF A SINGLE VOTE

To underestimate the power of a single vote may prove fatal. Los Angeles

The April 5th election in the 10th District for a City Council spot is a good example. Incumbent Charles Navarro was only shy 19 votes to assure himself a majority. That's not counting the absentee ballots of course.



On the other hand, George L. Thomas who has managed to muster a lot of Nisei votes because of his wartime stand in protecting the rights of the evacuees could have been elected had more Japanese American supporters gone out to vote for him.

The 10th District is heavily populated with persons of Japanese ancestry and other minority groups. Yet, only 22,700 out of possible 40,000 registered voters went to the polls from that area.

By the time the some 200 absentee votes are recorded and a recount on all the five candidates is taken, there is a great possibility that a run-off between Navarro and Thomas on May 31 will be necessary to decide the winner.

The primary election resulted in Navarro getting 11,336 votes to Thomas' 6236. Lucius Lomax, who was considered Thomas' strongest rival, polled 3086.

Thomas is well remembered for his winning of a special JACL distinguished service award at the last National JACL convention held in Los Angeles in 1954.

The Nisei Committee for Thomas was headed by Attorney Frank Chuman and Gongoro Nakamura, chairman of the naturalization division of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

WATKINS ACT BENEFICIARY

The Watkins Act, which grants strandeers who had voted in the postwar Japanese elections to regain their American citizenship through naturalization, was passed quietly in Congress last year.

A Gardenan, Mrs. Frank Mizote, has just become one of the first persons to be naturalized under the enacted, but unheralded law. The woman, nee Keiko Koga of Santa Barbara, voted in Japan in April, 1947.

She returned to the United States under a Certificate of Identity in March of 1953 to fight her case. While her action was pending the Watkins Act was passed.

Mrs. Mizote elected to regain her citizenship status by a quicker route rather than wade through the long, judicial trial. Her legal counsel, David Yokozeki (Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter president), processed her papers to expedite her naturalization.

Attorney Yokozeki pointed out that persons who voted in the elections in Japan held between Sept. 2, 1945, and April 27, 1952, are eligible for naturalization under the Watkins Act.

NISEI FESTIVAL: AUG: 19-28

Out-of-state and out-of-town vacationers who plan on a Southland visit this summer may keep the night of Aug. 21, Sunday, open. That is when the 15th annual coronation ball of the Nisei Week Festival, Aug. 19-28, will take its bow at the swanky Hollywood Palladium.

The socialites will also have a chance to vote for their favorite to serve as the queen amongst the five finalists which, this year, will be picked by a panel of judges solely on perzillions of merchandise votes when final days of the queen sonality, chaurm, poise, and what-have-you.

It used to be that Li'l Tokio would rock-and-roll with contest came on the block. Not so this summer.

No girl need be frazzled because she didn't get to be a queen even though she polled the "mostest" votes. The 1955 competition will be sedate, restrained, and assuring.

There seems to be very little change in other traditional programs from the past. The usual run includes the extending of invitations to civic dignitaries by the queen and her court, visits to the metropolitan press, a baby show, Issei and Nisei talent revues, the carnival, flower arrangement and tea ceremony.

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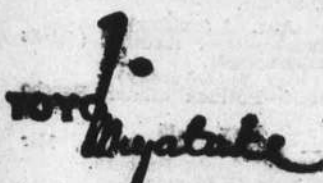
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LOS ANGELES

AMAMOTO—Feb. 18, girl Elyce to Joe Amamotos (Lillie Ishimine).
ARIYA—Feb. 26, boy Dennis Takeshi to Saburo Ariyas (Kimiye Okuno).
BUELL—Feb. 26, boy Garrett K. to Glenn Buells (Sayuri Tsujimura).
FURUYA—Feb. 25, boy Norman Yoshio to Takashi Furuyas (Fugino Aoki).
HISASHIMA—Feb. 24, boy Michael to Takashi Hisashimas (Betty Kinoshita), Gardena.
IWATAKI—Apr. 1, boy Dale Robert to Kuwa Iwatakis (Sadae Nomura).
KITAGUCHI—Feb. 28, boy Richie Kiyoshi to Chitose Kitaguchis (Reiko Komine).

KOIKE—Feb. 21, girl Janet C. to Geo. Koikes (Kazuko Sugihara), Northridge.

MATSUGAMU—Feb. 28, girl Dianne to George Matsugamus (Sueko Nisogi).

MIYAMOTO—Mar. 7, girl Arlene Hasey to Masao Miyamotos (Shizuko Hiji).

MUTOSE—Feb. 25, boy Alvin Masaharu to Masayoshi Mitoses (Dorothy Ogata).

NIMURA—Feb. 26, boy Howard Tsuneto to Masayuki Nimuras (Teruko Kurakusa).

ONO—Feb. 27, boy Steven M. to Kay Onos (Mary Nakada), Pasadena.

SAKASEYAMA—Feb. 28, boy Michael A. to Eugene Sakaseyamas (Tomiko Murakami).

SAKODA—Feb. 23, girl Pamela to George Sakodas (Haruyo Hondo).

SHIMIZU—Feb. 17, boy Robert to Roy Shimazus (Bertha Kawakami).

SHIMOJI—Mar. 4, boy Douglas Takashi to Tom Shimojis (Kiyoko Uehida), Pasadena.

SUGINO—Mar. 3, girl Melinda Emiko to Paul Suginos (Haruko Iwanaga).

TAKATA—Feb. 23, boy Yoshiaki to Kanichi Takatas (Sadako Matsuoka).

URAGAMI—Feb. 24, boy Jeffrey L. to Masaru Uragamis (Shizuko Yamaguchi).

WATANABE—Mar. 1, boy Gregory Hiro to Hiroshi Watanabes (Sayeno Matsuoka).

WATSON—Feb. 21, boy Donald G., Jr. to Donald Watsons (Chie Miyanu).

YOSHIDE—Feb. 24, girl Kathy Jean to Eugene Yoshidas (Sue Yasutake).

YOSHIZAKI—Mar. 1, girl Kathleen Eiko to Takeshi Yoshizakis (Kikuno Yamanishi).

SANTA ANA

ITO—Mar. 2, girl to Tomio Itos (Chizuko Hirata), Westminster.

FRESNO

YAMAMOTO—Mar. 21, girl to George Yamamotos, Fowler.

SAN JOSE

INOUE—Mar. 22, boy Randall to Raymond M. Inouyes.

SAN FRANCISCO

KATO—Mar. 23, girl Marcia L. to Robert Katos.

KIMURA—Mar. 14, girl to Hikaru Kimuras.

NAGANO—Mar. 4, girl to Charles Naganos.

OKAMOTO—Mar. 21, boy Leslie A. to Shizuo Okamotos (Minnie Niyaama).

OAKLAND

HANDA—Mar. 31, boy to Shiro Handas.

NAKAO—Mar. 5, girl to Utaka K. Nakao.

SACRAMENTO

IMAI—Mar. 20, boy to George Imais.

KUNIBE—Mar. 12, girl to Henry H. Kunibes.

SALT LAKE CITY

AOKI—Mar. 25, boy to Joseph Aokis.

CHICAGO

KAWAHARA—Mar. 26, girl Kiku Seo to the Dr. Fred Kawaharas.

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KONDO—Mar. 28, girl Sonoko Marie to Frank Kondos.

Engagements

ARITA-TERAKAWA — Margaret Keiko, New York, to Shigeru, Salt Lake City, Apr. 2.

HASEGAWA-KIDO — Miyuki, Seattle, to Tom T. Ontario, Ore.

MATSUSAKA-HIRAI — Virginia, Seattle, to Paul, Nyssa, Ore., Mar. 26.

SAKUMA-KUDO—Eunice to Koji, both of Los Angeles, Apr. 3.

SASAKI-YAMAGUCHI — Miyako, Reedley, to Hideto George, Fresno, Mar. 28.

TABUCHI-NISHITA—Mary Y., Berkeley, to Dan F., Yuba City, Mar. 27.

DECADE AGO

April 14, 1945

442nd Infantry spearheads new Fifth Army spring offensive, capture Carrara, Mt. Belvedere . . . War correspondent says many in regiment want Pacific service.

Univ. of Washington students rout Seattle racists; 150 attend meeting called to protest return of evacuees, distribute pro-Nisei literature . . . Seattle ministers rap motives of anti-evacuee groups.

Hood River American Legion post restores Nisei names to honor roll.

Sec. of War Stimson describes attack on Nisei GI (Cpl. Y. A. Kawamoto at Madera) at "outrage".

Monterey group headed by produce official (E. M. Seifert, Jr.) files incorporation papers to discourage return of persons of Japanese ancestry to Pacific coast.

Marine Corps generals recognize work of Nisei GIs in Pacific, AP photographer Joe Rosenthal says . . . Nisei soldiers participate in Okinawa invasion.

National JACL sends message of condolence to White House on death of Pres. Roosevelt Apr. 12.

WRA reports 1,438 evacuees back on west coast.

Officer says Nisei combat team has highest IQ in U.S. Army.

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COX-TAKAYASU — Luther L., Fumiyao, both of Fresno.
FREQUEZ-HOSHITAMA — Simon H., Great Lakes, Ill.; Toshie, Denver.
KUBO-YAMAMOTO — Harry, Parlier; Sadako, Kingsburg.
NAKAE-MORIMOTO — Tatsuya, Masako, both of Berkeley.
OCHI-HIWANO — Shun, San Francisco; Miyuki, Berkeley.
SHOKI-KAJI — Arthur A., Snow, both of Livingston.

Weddings

AMAMOTO-MIYATAKE — Mar. 19, Kenneth, Venice; Yuriko, West Los Angeles.

ISHII-OYAMA — Toshio, Gardena; Katherine Shigeko, Hawaii.

KIRIHARA-TORII — Mar. 26, Mickey and Lucy, both of Minneapolis-St. Paul.

MATOKA-KODAMA — Apr. 3, Hideomi, Los Angeles; Alice Fumiko, Fresno.

NAKAYAMA-KISHIDA — Apr. 2, Terry M. and Ida T., both of Los Angeles.

NIYA-WADA — Mar. 26, Theodore H. and Grace K., both of Los Angeles.

TAKEDA-TANAKA — Apr. 3, Teruaki and Amiko J., both of Los Angeles.

YAMADA-SHINBUTSU — Mar. 30, Nelson M. and Eiko, both of Los Angeles.

YAMAGUCHI-YAMASHITA — Apr. 2, Ted, Pasadena; Lilly, Overton, Nev.

YOSHIIJIMA-HATANAKA — Apr. 3, Minoru and Misayo, both of Norwalk.

Deaths

HATTORI, Toyoji, 55; San Francisco, Mar. 31, survived by wife Mitsuko, son Shizuo; daughter Yoshiko, brothers Mitsuru, Minoru, sister Emiko.

NAGATA, William T., 72; Worland, Wyo., Mar. 27, survived by wife Sumi, son Capt. George M. (Ft. Bliss), daughter Ida F.

TAKEUCHI, Genichi, 80; Lodi, Mar. 30, survived by sons Kazuo, Mitsuo, daughters Mrs. Hasayo Namba, Mrs. Yoshiko Ito, Mrs. Bessie Ota.

TSUJISAKA, Mrs. Tameyo; San Francisco, Mar. 29, survived by husband Takeo, sons Stanley, Bob, daughter Dolly Mrs. Alice Nishihara and Mrs. Grace Nakai.

IN HONOR OF

Masatoshi Nagatomi, eldest son of the Rev. Shinjo Nagatomi, Buddhist minister at Gardena, Calif., was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Harvard University, where he is studying for his Ph.D. in Indian philosophy. A graduate of Kyoto University in 1951, he came to the United States that year, entered Harvard for further studies.

Samuel Mihara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tokinobu, 1765 Sutter St., San Francisco, was named cadet colonel, commanding one of two ROTC regiments at the Univ. of California at Berkeley. Promotion is based upon outstanding leadership, academic proficiency and general performance in the Army ROTC program. Earlier this year, Mihara attended an ROTC conference in Washington, D.C., as a representative of the U.C. unit.

Albert Okazaki, physics honor graduate from the Univ. of Alberta, will join the staff of Atomic Energy of Canada at Chalk River, Ont., after receiving his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the Univ. of Wisconsin.

Ensign Walter I. Okano, 22, Los Angeles, reports for active Navy duty at San Diego this month. He joined the U.S. Naval Reserve after passing a nationwide examination conducted at various colleges and was among 1,250 successful candidates for a commission from a group of 13,000 applicants. He was graduated from the Reserve Officers candidate school at Long Beach in the summer of 1953. Born in Brawley, he was relocated to Poston, resettled in Detroit, moved west to Ogden before coming to Los Angeles.

Kinji Hiramoto, 34, Lodi grape grower, was elected president of the National Young Buddhist Association, succeeding Mike Maruyama of San Jose, at its recent meeting in San Francisco.

Cherry trees planted

(Seattle) Fifty Japanese flowering cherry trees are being planted on both sides of the driveway at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital. Funds for the trees were the gift of the defunct Seattle Officers Club, which operated at 9th Ave. and James St. during World War II.

Veterans reunion

(Los Angeles) Former members of the 442nd RCT Second Battalion, companies E, F, G, H and I, are meeting Apr. 23, 8 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 961 S. Mariposa.

NEW CITIZENS

STOCKTON: Yaoki Morita, Jiro Baba. (Apr. 4, Judge Gorge F. Buck.)

First day on mail route for substitute carrier eventful

(Seattle) "Neither Rain, Storm nor Boy, 5, in Hedge Stop Carrier from Job"—frontpage headline on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Tribulations of mail carriers, wherever he may be, are numerous and seldom front-page matter in the newspaper.

Chris Steele, 5, lives in a wonderful neighborhood where beautiful trees beckon youngsters to climb and search the horizon. A giant laurel hedge, rising some 15 feet above the backyard at 2333, 34th Ave. South challenged little Chris and if you ask Chris, the hedge grabbed him. Worse, it hung on—wrong end up.

He loosed a series of frantic wails mixed with tears streaming down his forehead. A crowd gathered, but none of them were much taller than four feet high. Someone thought of calling his mother, who came running from her home across the street. Among the several things she say, they may be summed up: "Come down, Chris!"

But the hedge didn't ease its grip. Chris continued to wail. His mother then found a ladder, about nine feet high. She could reach him, but couldn't get him down.

Let's have P-I reporter Robert Reed finish this strange episode:

One of the heroes of the afternoon was Dickie Baila, 8. Dickie climbed up and tried to hold Chris upright. He held Chris for a long time.

"Longer than a half hour but shorter than an hour," Dickie said.

Mrs. Steele summoned police and firemen but a substitute postman Francis Matsudaira, clambered up the face of the laurel and pulled the boy down.

It was Matsudaira's first day on the route and it was a bad day. The episode put him far behind schedule. He tore his trousers. He told Mrs. Steele:

"I used to climb trees. Sometimes I couldn't get down either."

He hurried off with his letters, regarding small boys suspiciously, we thought, and trying not to look at trees.

Chris indicated emphatically he wasn't going to mention the incident to Papa.

Too trivial a thing to bother father with.

New Japan color movie may outshine 'Jigokumon'

(Hollywood) Masaichi Nagata, Daiiei film mogul, was here discussing release of the new color film, "Princess Yoki," starring Machiko Kyo. The new picture is said to be even more radiant than "Jigokumon" and concerns an eighth century Chinese emperor and empress, who was formerly his concubine, and the rebellion of 756.

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Editorials

U.S.-JAPANESE RELATIONS

How long will the postwar honeymoon between the United States and Japan last? Some recent events may hasten the day of reckoning.

The close relation has not provided Japan the vitally necessary opportunities for world trade. And the problem has been aggravated by a Congress which is haggling over the reciprocal trade agreement.

As for Red China overture of trade with Japan (which the Liberals and Socialists in the Diet favor as well as the new Japanese prime minister), it's our bet that Peiping is not interested in Japan-made cameras, jewelry or other consumer items. Trade with Japan makes no sense in Red China's scheme unless it includes machinery, machine tools, rolling stock and other capital goods. While Red China's industrialization seeks to absorb the iron, coal and agricultural products once exported to Japan, these are the only goods to make Sino-Japanese trade worthwhile for Japan. Yet Japan, together with other free nations, is bound by international agreement not to export strategic material to Red China.

Apparently, the new Hatoyama government is in a hole and wanted some "political medicine" to ease its own domestic headache by wanting to send its foreign minister for a high-level conference in Washington. The blunt reply two weeks ago from the State Department may have been a "loss of face" for the Hatoyama government, yet this hasty behavior should be construed as a bald violation of international protocol. Hatoyama had announced Shigemitsu planned to make the trip before finding out what Secretary Dulles thought of the idea.

The Afro-Asian conference opening April 18 in Indoneisa, which has invited Japan, shall also be important if we note what the London Economist had to say recently. Japan may turn out to be the major interpreter of American views in Asia.

Understanding problems on an international level shall certainly require longer study and finer interpretation. We, as Nisei who have more or less licked the battle of discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry here, are being urged to seek wider horizons. While promotion of better understanding and relations between the two Pacific powers is of natural concern to many Issei and Nisei in America and goes unquestioned, it is only fair to know what some of the problems are like.

By understanding the problem specifically can anyone expect a particular solution. If the Nisei of the New Horizon truly wonders about the first question above posed today, we suspect the problems will grow sharper in the days to come. Still, wise strategy would demand these problems be nipped before they become critical.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

DISASTER OF UNEMPLOYMENT

One of our habits while driving home for supper is to hear the news on the radio . . . And CBS Commentator Murrow introduced the initials "GAW" recently. It stands for "guaranteed annual wage" . . . The United Auto Workers have voted a \$25,000,000 strike fund to bolster their drive for a *guaranteed annual wage*. Whether it succeeds or not, it surely promises to be the biggest labor-management news of the year . . . What is really being asked is that the employer supplement their unemployment compensation.

President Eisenhower, in his last economic report to Congress, thought unemployment compensation benefits were inadequate. He has suggested that the unemployed should get at least half their regular earnings . . . California is currently working on an increase in this respect from a \$30 to a \$35 maximum for a period of 26 weeks . . . While persons of Japanese ancestry might not figure directly with the fight for GAW, if they reside in states where one would derive at least half of his wages when unemployed, he resides in a state where its legislators are aware of a by-product of the industrial revolution—the gnawing feeling of insecurity . . . While the machine age has lifted our standards of living, it also left the workers more dependent on wage income. Without that job, what intolerable consequences could fall on that worker and his family . . . Stop and ponder what would happen to you, if you're a wage earner.

By using the insurance principle, many governments have moved against the hazards of sickness and old age for the workers and more recently against the disaster of unemployment . . . The push for a more liberal unemployment compensation system as visualized in the GAW might not have gathered as much momentum if employers were willing to contribute more to the present unemployment insurance plan . . . There happens to be a parallel. We now have company-financed pensions supplementing federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance System. If OASI benefits were more adequate than they were, employers would not have had to pay into an employee's retirement income.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

Far East Peace Prospects

Washington

In spite of alleged estimates by some military experts that the Chinese Reds might attack the Nationalist-held off-shore islands of Quemoy and Matsu by mid-April, it is quite reassuring that official Washington does not believe that war in the Far East, or any other quarter of the world, is imminent.

In the first place, President Eisenhower would not have left for an eight day vacation in Augusta, Ga., last Tuesday, a day after he threw out the traditional first ball to open the 1955 baseball season in Griffith Stadium. He is not expected to return until April 20.

If the nation's Chief Executive and top military analyst even thought that there was a remote possibility that war might be forced on the United States in the immediate future, he most certainly would not have left the White House at this time.

In the second place, an election-year Congress took its annual Easter recess, which began officially on Monday, April 4, and will continue ten days until April 14.

As in the case of the President, members of Congress would not dare leave Washington if they considered war imminent.

All this does not mean that that war is impossible or improbable. But all this does mean that our nation's administrative and legislative leaders, with their greater fund of information and intelligence on the critical situation off Formosa, are convinced that the Communists will not attack either of these off-shore islands in the immediate future.

In any event, Americans can be assured that our country won't start any shooting war. Whether we shall have peace or war depends entirely upon the communists. And, about the only thing that we as Americans can do is prepare for the worst but hopefully pray for the peace that this tired old world needs, as we watch and wait for the next Communist move in an international game of chess in which only our prospective enemies know the rules under which they are playing.

All we can hope is that they know what they are doing, and that they know, as the histories of World War I and II so pointedly demonstrate, no totalitarian power or coalition of such powers can defeat any grand alliance of free nations.

Easter recess and the Congress

Congress has just returned from its traditional Easter recess, which used to mark the half-way point in legislative activity.

Officially, the Senate met for half a minute on Monday noon, April 4, and the House for just 12 minutes, before recessing until April 14. As a matter of fact, for most members the recess began on Thursday, March 30, or April 1, when the Senate and House respectively recessed until the following Monday. But since most of the members knew that the April 4 session was a mere formality, they left Washington as early as they could. And, since Congress is not expected to pass on any controversial measures this week, most of the members will defer their return until next week.

At the time of the Easter recess, Congress had been in session three months less a day. In that period, according to the *Congressional Record*, at least until March 31, 21 public bills had been enacted into law and one private bill.

A total of 7,833 bills had been introduced, 1,783 in the Senate and 6,050 in the House.

When Congress reconvenes for serious business, however, it will have a heavy logjam of bills ready for consideration. Senate committees have reported 173 bills and House committees 360 bills. These will have to be acted upon soon or else the last-month activity next July or August will be more hurried than usual.

And most of the more controversial issues have yet to be reported by their respective committees in either chamber.



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On the major issues thus far, the President has won two spectacular though unrelated victories and has suffered no final or irrevocable substantial defeats. The Administration has won clear cut authority from Congress to deal with the Formosan crisis as he sees fit. The Administration has also beaten down a determined bid by the Democrats to attach an individual income tax reduction to the President's proposal to continue intact existing corporation and excise levies.

Prospects for the future, however, are not so bright, with many of the Administration's "pet" projects headed for rough going.

These include statehood for Hawaii, which is still tied up in the House Rules Committee a month after it was presented to them for a "rule" to allow floor debate; military manpower; highway construction; federal aid to education; lowering the voting age to 18; power policy; Taft-Hartley revisions; amendments to Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act; security risks; debt limitation; health reinsurance; and a farm program.

With Democratic support, the House narrowly passed a reciprocal trade bill but its fate in the Senate remains uncertain. Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson has repeatedly warned the President that his tariff-trade program is in jeopardy. Only influential Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Walter George, who is also the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee, has come out with a flat prediction that it will be passed substantially as approved by the House.

The expected public versus private power fight that the Democrats exploited so successfully in the 1954 congressional campaign, especially in Far West, has not developed as yet.

Neither has the challenge to the Administration security program and its figures on security firings. It may be that the Democrats are waiting for their investigations to prove their contentions before they begin opening up on this controversial issue.

But there are definite portents that the Democrats will attempt to revive the high, rigid price support principle which the Eisenhower Administration was able to defeat last year.

Indications that the high-level bipartisanism that marked the opening days of the Congress are over are typified by Speaker Sam Rayburn's heated reply to the President's charges of "financial irresponsibility" on the proposed individual income tax reduction and by the continuing irritation over the Yalta Conference disclosures.

About the only certain thing about the present 84th Congress is that it will not be able to adjourn early in July as originally hoped but will probably last into mid-August.

House Rules committee blocks statehood bill

Once again the House Rules Committee is blocking statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii.

More than a month ago, the House Rules Committee was requested to allow the members to debate the "package Alaska-Hawaii deal" reported out by the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. The all-powerful Rules Committee has listened to witnesses but has given no indication that it will grant a "rule" to the present bill.

There is talk that a "discharge petition" requiring 218 signatures will be filed, but this alternative is ruled out as impractical. There is also talk that the House Interior

and Insular Affairs Committee should report out two separate bills, one for Hawaii and the other for Alaska, and then request the Rules Committee to allow each territory to be considered on its own merits.

On the Senate side, Senator Henry Jackson's Subcommittee is considering a "package deal" similar to the one reported by the House Committee. The President has written to the Subcommittee that he doubts that Congress can perfect an Alaskan statehood bill that would "wholly remove" his objections to Alaskan statehood which are based, he alleges, on solely military security grounds.

He did not promise to veto any combination bill, however, declaring that he would give any statehood bill that provided for the establishment of military reservations in northern and western Alaska his "earnest consideration".

Although the President's latest explanation of his position is far from satisfactory to statehood advocates, it represents a significant gain over the predicted automatic veto that was anticipated earlier.

The legislative mills grind exceedingly slowly. And to statehood proponents it must seem as if the legislative mills have stopped completely, at least at this time. But, Congress is a strange operation and no one can tell from day to day just what will happen in the future.

So, the statehood champions can still continue to hope that some miracle will happen to their bill and that it will become law, somehow, sometime.

No bill is completely dead until Congress adjourns sine die after completing its Second Session. This cannot happen until more than a year passes.

'Go For Broke' Bulletin may become quarterly

(Honolulu) Concern was expressed in the "Go For Broke" Bulletin editorial this month over its future publication from the current monthly release to a quarterly basis. It would give the publication committee, headed by Jack N. Kawamoto, editor, more time "to gather up chapter news which will be the major emphasis of the bulletin".

The four-page 8x11-inch printed monthly is circulated to the 442nd Veterans Club membership.

CALENDAR

- Apr. 16 (Saturday)
Puyallup Valley: Potluck dinner, 6 p.m.
Parlier—Benefit movie, Ban Elga.
Placer County — Pre-Picnic dance, Loomis Veterans Memorial Hall.
- Apr. 17 (Sunday)
French Camp — Community picnic, Bradley Ranch, 11 a.m.
Dayton—3-D colored films on Japan, Grace Methodist Church, 3 p.m.
San Francisco—Auxiliary visitation, Laguna Honda Home for Aged.
Placer County — JACL picnic, Penryn JACL ball park.
- Apr. 20 (Wednesday)
Marysville—General meeting, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 21 (Thursday)
Downtown L.A. — Luncheon meeting, San Kwo Low, 12 noon. Harry Osaki, spkr. "Silversmith".
Southwest L.A.: Issei meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 8:30 p.m.; Saburo Kido, spkr. "SA and Old Age Pension".
- Apr. 22 (Friday)
Seattle—Installation dinner-dance, C. of C. Bldg. (Postponed from Apr. 15).
Chicago — Southside Redevelopment meeting, Buddhist Church, 5487 S. Dorchester, 8 p.m.
- Apr. 23 (Saturday)
Albuquerque—Family Fun Night, Rancho School auditorium, 8 p.m.
Mile-Hi—Box lunch social.
- Apr. 24 (Sunday)
Cortez—Community picnic.
Reedley—Community Picnic.
PNWDC—Quarterly session, Portland JACL hosts.
Alameda—Issei Citizens dinner, Renard's, 2431 Central Ave., 6 p.m.
- Apr. 26 (Tuesday)
Hollywood—10-week Dance Class starts, Hollywood Community Center, 8:30 p.m. Sati Ohashi, instructor.
- Apr. 27 (Wednesday)
Southwest L.A. — Pre-PSWDC Convention mixer, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.
- Apr. 29 (Friday)
San Francisco—Issei meeting (details to be announced).
- May 7 (Saturday)
Albuquerque—Potluck dinner, Rancho School.
- May 14-15
PSWDC — District convention, Mar Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara.
- May 15 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley.
Richmond-El Cerrito — Mothers' Day potluck dinner.
Detroit—Issei Testimonial Dinner, International Institute; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
- May 21 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Dinner-dance.