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HOUSING PREJUDICE

Denver

The fight against discrimination in housing is one which calls for an intensive and organized campaign of action on the part of the Japanese American Citizens League. In common with members of other non-Caucasian racial minorities, and with persons of the Jewish faith, the Nisei share a burden of bias.

Housing prejudice is a major obstacle confronting the integration of the American community. It is a roadblock against desegregation, in the schools and in the community as a whole. So long as segregated housing persists — and efforts are continuing to bar minority group members from the new suburban communities in every part of the country—integration of the minorities will not be successful.

What can the JACL do? First on the agenda would be a comprehensive survey of community housing discrimination. Here is the way a similar survey was conducted by the Denver office of the Anti-Defamation League, a private agency which has been fighting prejudice against members of the Jewish religion.

The ADL had received many complaints from persons in the Jewish community that religious discrimination on the part of sellers had frustrated efforts to purchase particular homes in particular areas. The ADL recognized that unproved and unchecked allegations do not establish the existence of discrimination and set about to conduct a survey. Because it did not have the facilities for an exhaustive study, the organization set up a survey on the sampling basis. A sample of 22 representative realtors was chosen and this list was supplemented to insure the inclusion in the sample of six residential areas in and around Denver which had fairly well-defined boundaries: Belcaro Park, Bonnie Brae, Bow Mar, Cresmoor Park, Park Hill and Sloan's Lake. Belcaro, Bow Mar and Crestmoor are high bracket areas (home generally in the \$40,000 and above class) and sales of houses cannot be made without the approval of a home owner's protection association.

TWO VOLUNTEER GROUPS ACT

The ADL then enlisted the cooperation of two volunteer groups of women, one Jewish and the other Christian. Members of the Jewish group called on realtors and manifested an interest in a home which was advertised. Upon ascertaining that the home was for sale, the Jewish teams indicated their religious affiliation. When a member of a Jewish team was then advised the home was not for sale, a member of the Christian group got in touch with the realtor to make an offer to purchase the house.

"The difference in treatment, if any, of the Christian would-be home buyer, as distinguished from the Jewish would-be purchaser, was recorded and analyzed to determine whether the difference was the result of a policy of religious discrimination," the ADL later reported.

The survey indicated that Belcaro and Crestmoor are restricted against Jews. The situation in Bow-Mar was doubtful (the real estate firm involved denied any discrimination, but all home purchasers must be approved by the home owners' association). No religious bias was discernible in Bonnie Brae, Park Hill and Sloan's Lake. Homes in the last three areas are mostly in the \$15,000-\$30,000 bracket.

The ADL's sampling showed that realtors in general do not have a "rigid pattern of refusal to sell to Jews." Some will sell to Jews in one area but will not sell in another, though similar, areas.

The survey failed to disclose definitely where the responsibility lies for the patterns of discrimination against Jews. "The only inferences that can be drawn . . . are that responsibility may well be divided among a small number of realtors and of home owners associations."

VALUE OF REAL ESTATE SURVEY

The ADL's action proved that discrimination was concentrated in what one writer called "gold-plated, insulated ghettos," the plushy Crestmoor and Belcaro Park districts. The value of similar survey projects by JACL chapters in urban areas would be to similarly define the boundaries of prejudice.

Because of fear that they may suffer a disagreeable experience, many Nisei have hesitated to attempt to buy homes in the newer housing developments. In some, like the huge Lakewood community just outside Los Angeles, the experience of other minorities has been that the builders are opposed to sales to non-Caucasians. But in others, a survey may show that no policy of discrimination exists. In Denver, for example, Nisei homeowners are represented in many of the new subdivisions and in some of the substantial residential areas (except Belcaro, Crestmoor and their like), although many realtors and builders obviously still practice a policy of prejudice.

If the ADL's survey offers any conclusions for the Nisei, it is that discrimination in housing in Denver, at least, is not an organized policy of the real estate dealers and builders as a whole. If a JACL survey showed similar findings, it would help to concentrate any campaign against such prejudice against individual firms, rather than the industry as a whole.



Members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims hearing testimony on the Lane-Hillings bill to amend the evacuation claims law, which opened in San Francisco Monday and ending in Los Angeles today, are (left to right) Walter Lee, legislative assistant; Reps. Usher L. Burdick (R., N.D.), William E. Miller (R., N.Y.), Chairman Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), Edwin E. Willis (D., La.), and Cyril R. Brickfield, counsel.

—Kami Photo (San Francisco).

Californians urge liberal claims law

Special to Pacific Citizen

[Los Angeles] Fourteen witnesses were scheduled to testify Thursday and Friday to conclude California hearings by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims on legislation to expedite and liberalize the determination of remaining evacuation claims.

Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.), who introduced the bill that was subject of the 1954 subcommittee hearings here, was the lead-off witness. Reps. Clyde Doyle and Chet Holifield, both California Democrats, followed.

George Inagaki, national president of the Japanese American Citizens League, welcomed the congressional party to Southern California and read a unanimous resolution of the Los Angeles City Council endorsing the principles of the legislation in question.

Other attorneys appearing were John T. Allen, attorney-in-charge of the Los Angeles Field Office of the Dept. of Justice, and Kimball Walker of Bellflower, who preceded Allen as attorney-in-charge; Lynn Takagaki of Los Angeles, who argued for fair rental values; and Ernest Iwasaki of Los Angeles, who concluded Thursday's testimony with discussion on crop losses.

Scheduled today were Congressman Roosevelt (D., Calif.), attorneys Saburo Kido, Rollin McNitt, Hugh Manes and Frank Chuman, all of Los Angeles, and a summary argument by Mike Masaoka on behalf of JACL and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

(A more extensive treatment of the hearings will be published next week.—Editor.)

Special to Pacific Citizen

[San Francisco] Fifteen witnesses were heard here last Monday and Tuesday as public hearings in California began on legislation to expedite and liberalize the determination of remaining evacuation claims before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims.

Fourteen of the 15 endorsed the legislation. Unlike last fall's hearings to secure general information on evacuation and current sentiment toward Americans of Japanese ancestry, the 1955 hearings are to hear expert testimony to demonstrate and justify the provisions introduced by Rep. Thomas J. Lane, subcommittee chairman, carrying out last year's subcommittee recommendations.

(Rep. Lane's opening remarks relating the purpose of the hearings will be published in their

entirety next week.—Editor.)

Mike Masaoka, representing the JACL and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, took over an hour discussing the background of evacuation, the instant bill under consideration and logic of the suggested administrative proposals including those for compromise settlement and the Court of Claims.

He was followed by Attorney David McKibbin of Los Angeles, JACL's special counsel on evacuation claims, who outlined the necessity of the amendments to the original law and explained how they would liberalize prevailing interpretations of the law as decided by the Attorney General.

The Monday session included statements from Northern and Central California congressmen: Johnson (Stockton), Younger (San Mateo), Miller (Alameda), who made oral presentations; Sisk (Fresno) and Maillard (San Francisco), who submitted statements read by their administrative assistants.

Among attorneys, Hugh H. Griswold of Merced took up the question of management expenses and conservation costs; Mas Yonemura of Oakland, corporations; Peter Nakahara of San Jose, internees; and Victor Abe of San Francisco, pre-and-post evacuation expenses and transportation costs.

On Tuesday, attorney John A. Gorfinkel of San Francisco argued on fair rental values, seconded by attorney Dudley Harkleroad of San Francisco. Gordon Winton completed the case with his arguments for crop losses.

(Excerpts and summaries of statements made by state and city officials appearing before the subcommittee in San Francisco, as

well as in Los Angeles, will be printed in next week's *Pacific Citizen*.—Editor.)

Last witness was William Jacobs, attorney-in-charge of the San Francisco Field Office of the Dept. of Justice, proving to be the lone dissenter.

After making clear he spoke only for himself and not the government, Jacobs strongly objected to every major provision of the Lane bill except compromise-settlement. Any other general liberalization, he charged, would favor 8% of claimants to the detriment and discrimination of the 92% whose claims have been paid.

His vigorous objections surprised attorneys and claimants and caused some to wonder if he had not rendered a disservice to himself and his office. These attorneys and claimants felt that, in making his gratuitous remarks which exceeded the official and limited objections of the Dept. of Justice, he laid himself open to criticisms of his judgment and im-

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Fisherman drowns in riverboat crash

[Colusa] Fred Hidezo Fukui, 53, of Wheatland drowned in the Sacramento River while fishing for salmon last Friday.

The outboard motor of the boat he and his nephew, Ray Kamikawa, 21, of Marysville, were riding failed and they were unable to avoid collision with a large oil barge.

Kamikawa was able to swim ashore, but his uncle was dragged under the barge and lost.

HIGHWAY TRAGEDY:

HENRY, ALICE SAKEMI KILLED IN HEAD-ON AUTO CRASH; SON INJURED

[Indio] A head-on collision on US Hwy. 99, 3/4 miles west of Thousand Palms, late last Saturday took the lives of Henry and Alice Sakemi, well-known JACLers of the Coachella Valley chapter.

Also killed in the accident was a passenger in the Sakemi car, Darrell Lyle Peterson, 9, a neighbor boy returning with them from the L.A. County Fair at Pomona, and the driver of the other car, Robert C. Gundry, 33, a Bakersfield teacher.

Only survivor of the accident

was Sakemi's son, Stephen, 8, who suffered a leg fracture and other injuries. He told California Highway Patrol officers he was asleep and didn't know how the accident happened.

Henry Sakemi, 42, a rancher and first Coachella Valley chapter president in 1947 as well as first postwar Pacific Southwest District Council chairman, was past president of the Coachella Valley Farm Association. His wife, Alice, 41, was active with the Indio Women's Club and PTA.

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From the Frying Pan

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AFTERNOON OF CONVERSATION

Denver



Ted Okura, a Coloradan by way of California, has a deep and moving affection for the United States. His regard for this country is accentuated by the fact that he spent a good part of his life in Japan. He makes his living by running a modest grocery store here in Denver, and that takes up a large number of his waking hours. Yet, so deep is his feeling for America that he believes others, especially the Japanese, should know more about this country. As his small contribution to better understanding, he has befriended several of the Japanese air force officers taking specialized training at Lowry Air Force Base here.

Okura's friendship goes beyond the usual entertaining and sight-seeing that many Nisei and Issei locally have extended to the Japanese officers. Yes, he does these things, too. But in addition he tries to encourage thoughtful discussion among these visitors about the essence of American democracy—what makes it work, what Americans think and believe, and why.

In connection with this one-man educational project, Okura dropped by the house with four of his Japanese friends. We had a two-and-a-half-hour bull session in the course of which some penetrating questions were asked by the visitors. I attempted to answer them as well as I could, and sometimes there just weren't any answers. Okura did double duty as moderator and interpreter, for I found my spoken Japanese distressingly shaky.

Because the Japanese officers are alert individuals, well educated and certainly above average intelligence, I think you might be interested in hearing about some of the things they were interested in.

They wanted to know, first of all, whether America isn't about to experience a swing to the totalitarian right as the result of the activities of men like McCarthy, and the fear of domestic communism. (I didn't think so.) They asked how large a part Japan played in American thinking. When I requested that the question be amplified, one of them said something to this effect:

The people in Japan feel that they are at the focal point of international attention and activity. They feel that American foreign policy is built around Japan's economic and strategic position, that Japan's domestic problems are of profound concern in Washington. Was this so? (I told them no, that Japan has an important part in American thinking, but certainly is not a dominant force, that Soviet Russia and even Red China were looked on with considerably greater concern. Then I hastened to add that the fact that Japan had succeeded in restoring internal stability was responsible for our lack of concern.)

This led naturally to the question, how is Japan regarded now in the United States? (In as friendly a manner as at any time in history.) We went into a review of history, starting with the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1932, on through the Panay incident of 1937, and to Pearl Harbor. One of the officers volunteered the widely held Japanese opinion that she was forced into war in 1941 because the United States demanded that she give up all the gains she'd paid for in blood and treasure in China. Okura set him straight on that one. In Japan, he pointed out, there are laws against stealing, just as there are international laws against banditry. And Japan was guilty of stealing Chinese territory by force; she had no right to be in China on a mission of invasion and conquest.

We talked about American farming practices; the part Christianity plays in everyday American life (I'm scarcely an authority on that one); what Japan can do to elevate living conditions (increase trade by exporting goods of superior quality, rather than trying to flood world markets with cheap and inferior products); how deeply Americans think before casting their ballots; juvenile delinquency; and a host of other topics. The bull session was an enjoyable experience even though I was thrust unhappily in the role of oracle. I hope our Japanese friends got something out of the afternoon of conversation.

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TOKYO TOPICS: by TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Newshawk who was always restless, on-the-go in America, realizes life-long ambition: to be editor and publisher

Tokyo

T. John Fujii is a boy from Alameda, Calif. Among his many Nisei cronies on the Pacific Coast before the war, he was nicknamed "Piggy" or "Jofu". A writer and journalist at heart, it was his long ambition to become an editor and publisher. Well, he has it now—editor and publisher of the "Orient Digest".

(Last July 15, Larry Tajiri devoted his column in the *Pacific Citizen* on the same person, who authored a paper-bound volume, *Tears on the Tatami*. —Editor.)

John's father went to America many years ago as a Buddhist priest, but was later converted to Christianity and eventually ordained to the Methodist ministry to become pastor of the Alameda M. E. Church. Hence, Jofu had his early schooling in Alameda.

When John was graduated from Pomona Junior College, I was responsible for getting him a job with the *Hokubei Asahi*, a very poor newspaper in San Francisco which was being published by former staff writers who had struck against the S.F. *Nichibei*. John was restless and ambitious.

Nisei tourists cited for visiting Japan with insufficient funds

[San Francisco] The passport visa section of the local Japanese consulate general will not issue any visas until Oct. 1 when new visa regulations go into effect.

The new regulations do not call for much change, but stricter enforcement of some of the requirements has been ordered.

This particularly applied to the requirement calling for tourists to show evidence that they have at least \$500 in the form of travelers checks or bank statement when applying for a visa.

Nearly all Issei tourists bring sufficient funds, but some Nisei and other tourists have been known to have gone to Japan with little money.

The new regulations call for visa applications to be made in triplicate instead of duplicate.

SUMITOMO BANK TO OPEN SACRAMENTO BRANCH

[San Francisco] The Sumitomo Bank (California) has been authorized to open a branch in Sacramento by the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System and the state superintendent of banks. The office is expected to open on Nov. 1 with S. Uno as executive vice-president and M. Tsuda, manager.

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He returned to Japan before the Pacific war. He was born in Japan. He became a big editor for an English newspaper in Singapore, where he happened to be when war was declared in December 1941.

Having spent his childhood and college days in the States, he is very much Nisei in heart and soul. He is most anxious to be of service to Japanese-American relations.

He was married in Singapore, but has separated and returned to Japan after the war. Here in Tokyo, he has worked for various English language newspapers and U.S. press associations.

He was never satisfied at the smugness of U.S. correspondents in Japan who showed a know-it-all attitude of Japan when their knowledge of Japan was oftentimes shallow. He never forgave anyone if he were humiliated.

That was Jofu.

Now, he owns a monthly magazine. He is also editor for the *Japan News*. Jofu knows his stuff . . . He'll be all right. Jofu is with us once again—his feet firmly settled in the dream he once had and for which he chased half way around the world.

3 class-A war criminals released from Sugamo

[Tokyo] Three class-A war criminals were released Sept. 17 from Sugamo prison where they were serving life sentences. Released after 10 years' imprisonment were:

Kingoro Hashimoto, 65, who ordered shelling of USS Panay; Teiichi Suzuki, 66, onetime president of the wartime government planning board; and Okinori Kaya, 66, wartime finance minister and president of the North China Development Co.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT

Honolulu

Twenty years from now, the people of Hawaii will look back to today's economic challenge in the islands as a healthy sign of an aggressive, dynamic community. They will be proud if they lived through this period—to have witnessed and participated in the development of Hawaii into an even more progressive place. They will know then that in the type of economic society Hawaii has been building lies the essence of the best in American democracy, where industrial and commercial initiative combined with a forward-looking work force, can build a stronger, happier community.

If this forecast sounds extravagant, it is no more so than the predictions of the optimists as long as Hawaii has been an American Territory, which covers a period of more than half a century. The long trend of the island economy has always been upward. The dips have been temporary, even though at times severe enough to discourage even some of the optimists.

JAPANESE IN AGRICULTURE

In this economic growth, the Japanese have of course made their contributions. For a long time, it was mainly at the agricultural level—on the sugar and pineapple plantations—that the Japanese found their niche. Their labors were indispensable in the basic agricultural industries.

Then came mechanization on the plantations, and manpower needs declined rapidly. Jobs that required a lot of hands were taken over by machines, in the fields and the mills. As a result, the plantation work force is today no longer what it was even a few years ago, closer to 30,000 instead of 40,000 in 1945 (sugar and pineapple combined).

To those who have thought of these two basic crops as the only substantial props under the Hawaiian economy, the amazing growth of the tourist industry must be nothing short of spectacular. Ten years ago, immediately after World War II, there was no tourism to speak of. The war had shot it to pieces, ever since Pearl Harbor.

The post-war years, however, have brought a rapidly rising number of visitors. The figure will top the 100,000 mark this year. They will spend an estimated \$55,000,000 during 1955.

POTENTIALITIES OF TOURISM

I recall that only a short time ago some cynics were snickering at the potentialities of the tourist business. They could not see beyond the few hotels on Waikiki Beach. They minimized the employment possibilities of this industry.

Today, the Waikiki area is sprouting hotels on every side, and drawing tourists with every ship and plane that comes to the islands.

And the best is yet to come. The experts figure that 10 years hence, nearly 300,000 visitors will arrive in Hawaii every year, with a corresponding increase in their spending volume.

Here, again, the pessimists will say that tourism can be wiped out overnight if war breaks out in the Pacific. Which would be quite true but is Hawaii to hold back from expanding this source of income on account of this war fear? In facing this uncertainty, over-caution can become a handcuff on planning and investing.

Hawaii, unfortunately, has had to rely so heavily on Federal spending that any cutback in this area can severely affect the island economy, as it did in 1949, when together with a six month longshore strike, Hawaii suffered a depression as serious as during the 1930's.

Federal spending for armed forces amounted to \$237,000,000 last year, almost as large a source of income as sugar and pineapple combined.

JOB SITUATION

Hawaii in the years ahead must create from 4,000 to 5,000 new jobs annually, to keep pace with the young population entering the labor market. This is probably the most acute challenge the economy has ever had to face, as a long-term problem.

While the pessimists are bemoaning the plight of the islands, the hard-thinkers and planners are moving ahead in the industrial field. Here the opportunities are wide open if they can be harnessed with intelligence and courage. Both government agencies and private enterprise are combining efforts for the uphill struggle.

Largest single industrial project contemplated is a \$30,000,000 refinery by Standard Oil Co. Only a year ago, when it was first broached, the local community was full of enthusiasm in inviting the capital investment to Honolulu. Now some objections are being raised by those who fear a smog problem might result from such a refinery.

But this project indicates the opportunities existing here are being sought by Mainland capital for development purposes. Large or small, industrial opportunities of all kinds will be the salvation of Hawaii's economic future. It does not take a crystal ball to forecast this development.

The employment prospects for the coming generation of Island youth, preponderantly of Japanese ancestry, are tied securely to the expansion of industrial investments here.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON IMMIGRATION, NATURALIZATION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER, 1955

[Washington] Senate hearings to obtain constructive views on the implication and operation of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 will be held commencing Nov. 21, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed.

Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, has invited Mike M. Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, to testify before the subcommittee.

Senator Kilgore stated that attention will first be focused on fundamental policies expressed in the immigration and nationality laws, and later, on particular provisions of the laws and specific bills currently pending to amend or revise the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Those who have been requested to appear represent bar associations, churches and American voluntary agencies for the resettlement of immigrants and refugees, and representatives of learned societies, scientific, economic, agricultural, education, labor, women's and other private and public interest groups.

After testimony from lay representatives, government officials and technical witnesses will be heard on particular provisions of the laws as well as pending legislation.

CONGRESS TO EXAMINE

Senator Kilgore recently deplored the inertia on the part of the administration to cope with the immigration and naturalization problems and stated that regardless of action or inaction by the Eisenhower administration these public hearings would be undertaken. It has been nearly three years since the Immigration Act went into effect and during that time no congressional committee examinations have been conducted.

He stated that in spite of the Republican campaign promises in 1952 and subsequent references by the administration to the Immigration and Nationality Act that inequities should be removed, efforts since April of this year to

get top policymaking administration spokesmen to testify before the Senate committee have failed.

Senator Kilgore pointed out that the reason for the administration leaders to refuse to testify before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee has been because the administration has failed to "come to grips with this vital issue and formulate a policy."

Said Senator Kilgore: "There exist such widespread confusion and misunderstanding about precisely what the immigration stand of this Administration is that it would be helpful for the orderly development of testimony by all interested witnesses if initially we could have before us the prevailing views of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government, clearly established by Administration policy-level officials. Such views are not available at the present time."

EXECUTIVE DEPT SILENT

In the most recent exchange of correspondence between Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Senator Kilgore, Dulles stated that "... this highly technical and complex question is now under study by the interested departments of government. I regret that I will not be in a position to testify on this subject until the present study has been completed and the

views of the Administration have been coordinated ...

"The question of amending our basic immigration and nationality laws requires not only careful study by executive departments and agencies interested but also, quite properly, exhaustive hearings and full debate by the Congress."

Dulles suggested that the Subcommittee take into immediate consideration, however, the proposed amendments to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, as requested by President Eisenhower.

Said Dulles: "It seems to me that favorable action on these amendments is a logical first step in the approach to this complex problem. The liberalization of immigration requirements which the amendments provide would facilitate the admission of many deserving persons to this country. This would clearly and promptly indicate to the people of friendly nations the interest of the President and the Congress in this subject."

Senator Kilgore, prior to his departure for Europe and the Near East to obtain firsthand knowledge of how the immigration laws have been working, stated that he was interested in obtaining answers to the following questions:

"1. What changes in the basic

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NEAR-NORTHSIDE REDEVELOPMENT

Chicago

● A \$25,000,000 plan for transforming 30 acres of blighted areas on the Near Northside into a modern apartment-store center was announced last week by the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association. The project would encompass the area between Division and North avenues, between La Salle St. and the alley between Clark and Dearborn Sts. The Midwest JACL Office is in this area.

Six 14-story apartment buildings, three-story flats, town houses in low buildings and stores are included in the new development providing some 1,300 dwelling units. There would also be private garages for 675 cars.

The project was made public at a mayor's conference last week. The survey took



some three years.

GRAND CHAMPION COOK

● Mrs. Frances Kawaguchi, 2047 N. Dayton St., was named the grand prize winner of \$1,000 in the International Electric Cooking contest last week. One of 336 contestants, she won the right to compete in the finals by first winning the title of best Japanese cook, then winning with five others in the semi-finals with her favorite recipe for apple pie. Her winning recipe in the finals was for chocolate chiffon cake. She is donating her prize winnings to her church group, Women's Fellowship of Christ Church. The winning recipe (as published in the Chicago American, Sept. 19):

CHOCOLATE CHIFFON CAKE

2 eggs, separated	2 squares unsweetened chocolate
1½ cups sugar	WHIPPED CREAM TOPPING:
1¾ cups sifted cake flour	1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
¾ teaspoon soda	4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
¾ teaspoon salt	2 cups chilled whipping cream
¾ cup salad oil	4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 cup buttermilk	2 teaspoons light rum

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease two 8-inch layer cake pans that are 1½ inches deep, dust with flour.

Beat egg whites until light and fluffy, then gradually beat in ½ cup of sugar with flour, salt and soda into another bowl. Add oil and one-half of buttermilk and beat for 1 minute at medium speed, scraping bowl constantly.

Add remaining buttermilk and egg yolks and the cooled melted chocolate. Beat 1 minute longer, also scraping bottom and sides of bowl. Fold meringue mixture into batter. Pour into cake pans.

Bake in 350-degree oven 30 to 35 minutes, or until done. Remove from pans and allow layers to cool. When layers are cool, slice each layer in half, making 4 layers in all.

To prepare whipped cream topping, sprinkle gelatin over the cold water in a small bowl to soften. Scald 4 tablespoons of the whipping cream and add to softened gelatin, stirring until gelatin is dissolved. Allow to chill in refrigerator until mixture is consistency of unbeaten egg white.

Beat until mixture is light and fluffy. Whip remaining cream-gelatin mixture and other ingredients for topping, beating to a good spreading consistency.

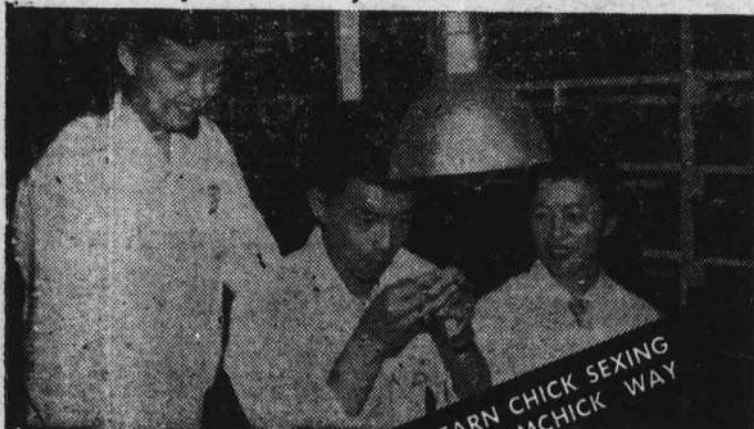
Spread between three layers and frost top and sides of cake. Sprinkle top of cake with grated sweet chocolate.

● Circuit Judge Julius H. Miner refused to grant a temporary injunction Sept. 21 against a loyalty oath for Chicago teachers until further arguments are heard next week . . . "Sabrina Fair" will be the season's first production at Goodman Memorial Theater of the Art Institute, opening Sept. 30.

KUSHIDA SHOT IN FACE

● Robert Kushida, (no relation to Tats) who was injured by three robbers who entered his jewelry store on 1048 E. 47th St. in a hold-up Sept. 6 is at home and well on the road to recovery. The bandits came in when he was alone (his brother had just gone home for supper), holding a pistol in front of him and asking for money on hand. Kushida said sales were low for the day. Apparently angered by the reply, the robber shot him in the face, the bullet exiting below the ear.

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Chairman Thomas Lane (D, Mass.) of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims opened West Coast hearings on evacuation claims at San Francisco Monday. With him are Mike Masaoka (middle) of the Washington JACL Office and Masao Satow, National JACL Director, of San Francisco. —Kami Photo.

SONOMA COUNTY ANTICIPATES TURNOUT OF 100 DELEGATES TO NC-WNDC PARLEY

[Sebastopol] A huge sign welcoming JACL delegates attending the Nov. 5-6 No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council biennial convention will be erected over the southern entrance to this city, according to information received by Frank Oda, convention committee chairman.

The huge sign will be posted by the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce, which voted at a recent meeting to fully assist the convention.

The Sonoma County JACL, host chapter, has planned many features—some of which will be announced while others are to be kept as a surprise, Kanemi Ono, chapter president, disclosed.

Already speculations have arisen that the San Francisco Chapter will be the leading contender to capture the Group I registration award since they have had the largest delegation consistently at district council meetings during the past several years. In Group II for smaller chapters, the winner will not be known until the close of the contest on Sunday as the competition will be very keen in this category.

100 DELEGATES

Mrs. Ann Ohki announced that registration of the local chapter members will begin on Oct. 7 with a goal of 100 registered members for this two-day affair.

A welcome reception on Satur-

CHAPTER MEMOS

■ So. Alameda County JACL: The next general meeting will be held Oct. 21 at the Warm Spring School. On the calendar for the remainder of the year are the barbecue, benefit movie, elections and the Christmas party.

■ Chicago JACL: The chapter hayride plus the "Hayseed Hop" for tomorrow night (Sept. 24) will be held at Stalford Stables on U.S. Hwy. 66 half-mile west of La Grange Rd.

■ Philadelphia JACL: The Japanese movie "Kunisada Chuji" will be shown by the chapter, Oct. 14, at the International Institute, 645 N. 156th St.

■ Chicago JACL: At a novel and unique "Splatter Party" Sept. 17 at Olivet Institute, volunteers worked diligently to brighten up carnival booths in preparation for the 1955 JACL Carnival, Oct. 22-23. The brightly-painted booths gave the effect of a "powerama" show, according to the chapter newsletter. In jeans and dungarees were:

Paul Sato, chmn.; Bill Fujii, Esther & Abe Hagiwara, Helen, Mike & Randy Hori, Emi Iwatsuki, Max Joichi, Mary & Ron Kumataka, Lucille Kubota, Hank Horikawa, Maudie Nakada, Jack Ota, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Joe Seto, Jim & Reginald Shikami, Mary Suyama, Douglas Tachi, Emy & Sab Takeshita, Fumi, George, Elaine & Gayle Teraoka, Fred Tanaka, Chiye Tomihiro, Charles Ukita and Kumeo Yoshinari.

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Claims hearing—

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partiality in determining claims that may be submitted to him for consideration.

"How can any of the remaining claimants feel that Jacobs will give them a fair break if he feels so strongly about the larger claims?" was the question asked by several claimants.

Jacob's comparison of evacuees with WW2 servicemen was, to Masaoka's thinking, unfair, prejudicial and besides the point. The Washington JACL representative charged that Jacobs had distorted the meaning of last year's congressional hearings by implying the recommendations were contrary to equity, justice and the law.

Kanagawa to head Sanger fair entry

[Sanger] Robert Kanagawa has been named chairman of the Sanger community booth at the Fresno District Fair for the second straight year.

One of the rising young men in community service in this district, Kanagawa was named to head the group which plans for the annual display.

Kanagawa has been connected with one organization or another for many years. His associates on various committees claim that no matter how many jobs he takes on, he does full and efficient work in all of them.

He is a member of the board of trustees of the Fairmont Union school, board of Sanger District Chamber of Commerce, board of Rotary club where he serves as treasurer and board of Sanger Union high school Alumni ass'n. He is head of the agriculture division on the chamber board.

Kanagawa was the charter president of the local JACL chapter where he is still active. He is a participating member of the Sanger Farm Bureau center and was a charter member of the Rotary.

The active Nisei is secretary-treasurer of the Kanagawa Citrus co., an organization formed in 1913 which handles citrus growing and nursery operation, including the Sanger Nursery.

His wife also is active in local affairs where she is an officer in the Fairmont Union PTA.

Suyama-Akagi sonata recital set Oct. 8

[Chicago] A sonata recital by pianist Mrs. Haruko Suyama and violinist Teruko Akagi will be held Oct. 8, 8:15 p.m., at the Lyon and Healey Concert Hall, 64 E. Jackson Blvd. Selections range from Brahms, Debussy, Telemann, Francais to Villa-Lobos.

Mrs. Suyama, who received her master of music degree from Northwestern, has many concert appearances and is well-known as a teacher of piano. Miss Akagi, now first violinist with the St. Louis Symphony, finished the Cornish School of Music in Seattle, Oberlin Univ. of Conservatory of Music and has spent summers at Tanglewood and Lake Chataqua workshops.

High school subjects

[Kyoto] Eleanor Roosevelt, writing in her daily column while visiting here last August, urged the teaching of Oriental art and history in American high schools.

Chicago JASC to recognize pioneers of former Resettlers Committee at fete

[Chicago] Formal ceremonies and a gigantic entertainment have been scheduled for the 10th anniversary program of the Japanese American Service Committee (formerly the Resettlers Committee) at the Olivet Gym, Sunday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m.

Recognition will be paid to the pioneers of the JASC who supported and guided the agency from the early days of formation a decade ago. To be presented scrolls are:

Harry Mayeda, Tahel Matsunaga, Thomas Masuda, Noboru Honda, Corky T. Kawasaki, Ichikuro Kondo, Setsuko Nishi, Kohachiro Sugimoto, Rev. Joseph Kitagawa, Dr. Niel Hansen, Brother Theophane, Bishop Sheil, Mary

Young, Mr. and Mrs. John Weddell, Elmer Shirell.

Posthumous recognitions go to the late Koichiro Yasutake and Dr. Matsusaburo Kuki.

A vast representation of Chicago Japanese talent will show itself in the entertainment show following the ceremonies. A special dramatic presentation will portray the work of the agency as a feature part of the program.

Ichikuro Kondo is serving as chairman of the Tenth Anniversary Commemoration Committee. Takeji Tsunagari is in charge of the special talent show which will be open free to the public.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

HISTORY OF SEATTLE JAPANESE

Seattle

I recently took a course in the history of Washington and the Pacific Northwest at the University of Washington. For my term paper in the course, I chose the topic, "The History of the Japanese Community in Seattle." Because of a limitation on length, I was unable to cover the subject as completely as I should have liked, but I discovered a number of facts that were very much interesting to me.

Japanese immigration to Washington began between 1880 and 1890. Up until 1885, under the seclusion policy of the Tokugawa regime, emigration from Japan was punishable by death. After freedom of emigration was legalized, Japanese began coming to Hawaii and the West Coast in large numbers. The greatest period of influx in the Seattle area was between 1890 and 1907, immigration was limited by the Gentlemen's Agreement whereby the Japanese government agreed with the United States government to issue passports only to certain classes of Japanese—former United States residents, relatives of residents, and settled agriculturalists.

Yamato Ichibashi, author of *The Japanese in America*, states that many Japanese emigrated to avoid compulsory military service. By remaining abroad until they had passed the maximum age limit, they could avoid a three year term in the armed forces. Many came because they sought opportunities for an education. Among these were energetic and ambitious sons of old Samurai, who were without means to obtain an education in Japan. They worked, mostly as houseboys, and devoted their free hours to study.

The desire to improve economic conditions probably led the majority of the immigrants to the United States. Some came as contract laborers to build the Great Northern Railroad.

COMMUNITY WELL ORGANIZED BY 1909

By 1909, Seattle had a well organized Japanese community with two newspapers, half-a-dozen weekly periodicals, three banks, two commission firms, six physicians, three printing houses, twenty groceries, thirty dry goods and provision stores, sixty restaurants—thirty serving Japanese meals and thirty, American meals—and a number of other establishments. There were five Christian churches—Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Methodist, and Episcopal, and one Buddhist church.

The Baptist church, established as a mission in 1893, is the oldest religious organization in the Seattle Japanese Community. The Buddhist church, established in 1901, has been self-supporting from its very beginning.

The Seattle Japanese American Community Service, formerly known as the Japanese Commercial Club, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and the Japanese Association of the Pacific Northwest, carries on a wide variety of activities under the able leadership of the President Genji Mihara. Mr. Mihara, a devout Christian and an elder in the Japanese Presbyterian Church, volunteers his services to this organization on a full-time scale.

I was surprised at the activities that the Community Service carries on today. It provides warehouse facilities for the American Friends Service Committee. In postwar years, its members have sent more than 200 tons of used clothing and \$40,000 as relief to Japan. At present, they are assisting the Society of Friends in collecting clothing for Korea. For his services in relief work, President Mihara was decorated by the Japanese emperor in 1953.

All activities of the Community Service are non-political in nature. They include welcome parties and excursions for visiting groups from Japan, an annual banquet for Aged Persons (over 75), and a War Bride's Club with a membership of more than 100. This club helps the Japanese wives of American servicemen make adjustments to American life.

Many Japanese students write the Community Service for information concerning educational opportunities in the United States. Mr. Mihara personally reads and writes letters for illiterate, aged Japanese. Recently, he was given a child to place for adoption, and must decide which of six couples is to receive the child.

On Pearl Harbor Day, Mr. Mihara was seized by officials of the FBI and promptly imprisoned. Reasons given for his arrest were that he was "the most influential leader in the Japanese community" and that he was "potentially dangerous". In prison, he requested a Bible to read and was refused because "spies sometimes use the Bible to transmit messages." Yet, in spite of the trials that he endured, Mr. Mihara held no words of bitterness for the treatment he received, but accepts it in the spirit of the fine Christian gentleman that he is.

PLACE FOR JAPANESE CULTURE

These are only a few of the colorful details that I gleaned in my research on the Japanese Community. Some of the facts came from personal interviews, others from books, and some from magazine articles written during the first decade of the 1900's. The Japanese Community in Seattle has dwindled as the population gradually is assimilating, but I hope that through some form or another, some of the ancient and beautiful customs of the Japanese culture will be preserved as an integral part of our American heritage.—A.F.

TRANSLATED PENSION FORM AVAILABLE

[Los Angeles] Japanese translations of forms required for Issei applicants of state old age assistance are now available at the Southern California JACL Regional Office and at National Headquarters, San Francisco.

Applicants are advised to go to the Bureau of Public Assistance office nearest them for official application forms. There is no charge for translated forms, Regional Director Tats Kushida added.

Richmond Issei donates \$1,000 for Bussei school

[San Francisco] Yuhei Oshima, prominent Buddhist lay leader of Richmond, has contributed \$1,000 to the Berkeley Buddhist Study classes in commemoration of his 50th wedding anniversary, the Buddhist Churches of America headquarters announced.

Oshima is a member of the BCA board of directors. He had made the donation to the study class after noting its importance and effect, according to Rev. Kanmo Imamura, who received the donation for the center.

A complete set of 96 volumes of the Daizokyo of Tripitika, principal Buddhist works, and 33 volumes of Max Muller's Sacred Books of the East, were received by the Berkeley Buddhist library from the collection of the late Fukko Kadono of San Francisco. The books are being placed in the new library at the Berkeley center.

Memorial rites for 1st 100th Inf. casualty held

[Hilo] Veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion observed the 12th anniversary of the battalion's first combat casualty last Sunday. Sgt. Joe Takata of Waiialua, who died in Italy Sept. 29, 1943, was the 100th's first combat casualty.

The Sunday nearest that date is chosen annually for memorial services sponsored by 100th Battalion veterans.

ANOTHER FIRST:

FIRST NISEI TEACHES AT UNIV. OF CALIF. BOALT HALL LAW SCHOOL

[Berkeley] With the fall semester beginning at Boalt Hall School of Law at the Univ. of California at Berkeley, Sho Sato began his first classes as visiting associate professor at law and became the first Nisei to teach at the law school. He teaches notes and negotiable instruments.

Sho Sato had been a deputy attorney general in the Attorney General's office until his recent appointment to Berkeley. He was selected by Attorney General Edmund G. Brown in July, 1952, as Student Legal Assistant and was the first Nisei on the staff of the Attorney General of California. He was promoted to Deputy Attorney General I in 1953, Deputy Attorney General II in 1954 and Deputy Attorney General III in 1955.

While in the Attorney General's office, Sato was in the Tax Law Section where he was engaged in all phases from writing of briefs and opinions to arguing cases before the District Court of Appeal.

Assistant Attorney General Theodore A. Westphal, Jr., chief of the civil division of the Attorney General's office, and Assistant Attorney General James E. Sabine who heads the Tax Law Section, in commenting on Sato's work, said, "Mr. Sato was outstandingly conscientious; he made effective arguments in appellate court and wrote excellent briefs—he has one of the finest minds we've seen."

In the first formal luncheon to be tendered by the entire staff to a departing co-worker he was presented with a pen set by his colleagues. Attorney General "Pat" Brown paid tribute to Sho Sato saying,

"The Attorney General's office is proud to have had the outstanding services of Deputy Attorney General Sho Sato for the past three years. He was selected originally on merit because of his

high legal scholarship, and he maintained the same level of performance in his duties in his thoroughgoing research and analysis of legal phases of the problems of state. Not only was he an important member of our staff but a congenial, friendly member who leaves behind him a host of well wishers."

Sato graduated from Harvard Law School magna cum laude in 1953 where he ranked fifth in his class of about two hundred. He worked on the Harvard Law Review two years.

Sato was admitted to the California Bar in July 1952. He was born in Acampo, Calif.; attended Sacramento High; the Univ. of Calif.; and the Univ. of Denver, where he received his A.B. in 1944. He was a Phi Beta Kappa.

From 1945 to 1948 he served in the U.S. Army in Japan as a first lieutenant with the Allied Translators and Interpreters Service of the Military Intelligence Service.

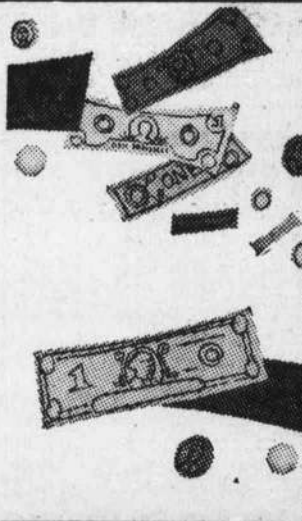
He is a member of the Berkeley JACL, serving as ex-officio member on the governing board.

Utah CPA initiates first Nisei member

[Salt Lake City] Isamu S. Aoki, one-time Salt Lake JACL chapter president, was recently initiated as the first Nisei to be a certified public accountant in the Utah Association.

A top graduate of the Univ. of Utah Business School in December, 1952, he worked with a national CPA firm and with the Utah State Tax Commission. Currently, he is practicing as partner of the Aoki and Carbine accounting firm.

He is married to the former Michiko Katayama and they have two children. While overseas during World War II, he was student body president of the Army University Center at Florence, Italy.



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BY TATS KUSHIDA

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Los Angeles
 Words can't bring back two of the finest persons we've known—the Sakemis of Indio, Henry and Alice. Which proves the old adage that good people die young. For they were precisely that: fine and good.

Henry was the rare type among the Nisei who willingly served his community to help his fellow man, more so effectively because of his setting the pace for the acceptance of other Nisei in community and civic organizations and projects.

As first postwar prexy of the Coachella Valley chapter and also PSW district council chairman, Henry performed innumerable services in the interest of Japanese Americans. In the business world as a successful rancher he gave his leadership talents to important agricultural groups of the community in which he grew up. Time Magazine and other publications have singled out his progressive farming methods.

Many CLers will remember the spearhead role Henry assumed in this area to help defeat Proposition 15 in the Nov. 5, 1946, elections in California. This was the first vote of confidence by any West Coast state given to Japanese Americans as the proposition to fortify the alien land law was defeated by a plurality of 300,000 votes.

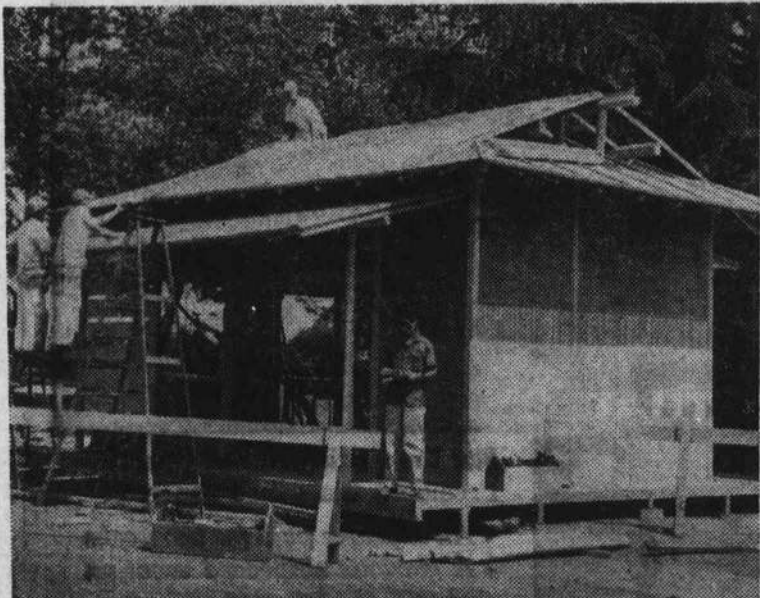
Alice personified the gracious charm and ladylike qualities that endeared her to her countless friends. Her conscientious acceptance of civic responsibilities, not to mention her participation and leadership in the JACL, the PTA and her church, involved her in many activities and led to her appointment last year as treasurer of the Red Cross for all of Riverside County, and election as president this year of the Indio Women's Club at whose building their funeral will be held tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, officiated by Rev. Charles McClain, pastor of their Indio Methodist Church.

Henry and Alice typified the song "Dear Hearts and Gentle People." Sincere, generous, humble, God-fearing, admired and respected—superlatives and adjectives would not do justice to this couple. Their beautiful Indio home was a constant oasis of hospitality enjoyed by their hundreds of friends.

The passing of Henry and Alice, to add to the untimely passing of JACLers Dr. Randy Sakada and George Nishita a few months earlier, heightens the startling decimation of outstanding Nisei community leaders this year. But because of the pioneering groundwork and leadership given to community affairs by Henry and Alice, and by Randy and George, the Nisei have established a tremendous beach-head of acceptance by Americans everywhere, for which those of us remaining should be more than grateful.

KNOCK-DOWN BUT NOT DRAG-OUT

Wesley Oyama, prominent Nisei importer, latched on to a good thing in shipping the knock-down Japanese guest house to the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona this month. Good, in the sense that it is among various projects he has promoted or aided to enhance America-Japan relations and understanding although shipping the house (shown below under construction at Pomona) was at considerable expense to him and his



(Cut Courtesy: Rafu Shimpō)

firm, the Modern Import Co.

The house, rebuilt from numbered parts under supervision of designer Mitsuhiro Sen assisted by George Nakatsuka of Modern Import's Ellay office, was exhibited from Sept. 16 to Oct. 2.

Essential materials are pine, redwood planed to a satin surface, and bamboo. No nails are used, everything being joined or tied. Walls are sliding redwood and paper panes. The low height conforms with Japanese living, literally at floor level. The woodwork has no finish other than that of the plane.

Wesley and his manifold siblings are staunch JACLers, as is Nakatsuka.

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Leave it to Tokuzo to think up zany golf tourney for 1000ers

Golf tournaments are on the wane, but as a "nightcap" for the 1955 season, the Chicago JACL 1000 Clubbers are holding a unique "Pleasant Constitutional — Interrupted" tournament this Sunday at the Glendale Country Club in Bloomingdale, Ill. The pattern of play is of special interest to other golf-playing 1000ers.

[Chicago] The 1000 Club tournament committee promises a morning for the tired golfer (tired of bucking par or 80 or 90 as the case may be). "Come prepared for anything that might happen and probably will," say Tokuzo Gordon, Harry Mizuno, Kiko Konagamitsu and Bill Fujii, rules committeemen.

Prizes are being offered for (1) blind bogey, (2) longest drive, (3) closest to the hole, and (4) best ball. The Peoria scoring system will be used.

The unconventional rules applying are: (1) each player may replay one shot on each nine; (2) each player will be restricted to one club of his choice and a putter on a certain hole; (3) each player will allow a designated Committee member to play shot (at his option) on a certain hole.

Accident—

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Both Sakemi and Gundry were pinned behind their steering wheels and their bodies had to be cut from the cars with blow torches.

Sakemi's brother, George, co-owner of a garage in Indio with Elmer Suski, was on his way to the accident with a tow truck, not knowing that his brother had been killed. CHP men intercepted George just before he reached the scene.

The loss of the Sakemis will be mourned by the entire Coachella Valley Japanese community. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at the Indio Women's Club with the Rev. Charles McClain of the Indio Methodist Church officiating.

Salt Lakers honor visiting Boy Scouts

[Salt Lake City] Ten Japanese Boy Scouts and their leaders thoroughly enjoyed seeing Utah's Capitol and reveled in a Great Salt Lake swim Sept. 10—but hurried to a noodle house for a specially prepared Japanese dinner.

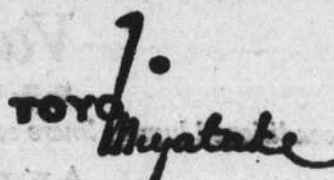
En route home from the Boy Scout World Jamboree last month in Canada, they were honored at a dinner sponsored by the local JACL, Boy Scout Troop 84, the Japanese Christian Church and Intermountain Buddhist Church.

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Nisei gridded on Calgary pro squad raled outstanding by Canadian scribe

[Calgary] Joe Yamauchi, 5 ft.-11 in. halfback for the Calgary Stampede in the Canadian professional football league, has been first stringer on defense and second string on offense this year. As of last Saturday, the Stampedeers have won 2 games and lost 7.

From a previous peak of 190, the Nisei gridded has slimmed to 175 lbs.

In a recent game with Regina, which Calgary lost 24-23, he recovered a Stamp fumble which two plays later ended in a touchdown (called "major" by Canadian grid fans). Yamaguchi also received a pass from QB Don Klosterman (from Loyola University in Los Angeles) for nine yards that culminated in a TD several plays later. In the 24-18 loss to the British Columbia Lions, Yamaguchi tackled Arnold Galiffa (of Army fame) hard, forcing the Lion QB to fumble and then recovering the fumble. The next play, Klosterman passed to score.

The Canadian sports writers are including the hard-hitting Nisei backfield man among the outstanding Stampedeers: "Joe Yamauchi—don't forget him. He picked up a pair of Regina fumbles and ran in the best Normie Kwong (Chinese Canadian fullback of several seasons ago) tradition—head down and fighting every inch of the way," was the way Gorde Hunter, Calgary Herald sports editor, puts it.

Ernie Ushiro started out well for Ann Arbor (Mich.) High as fullback by scoring the first TD of the new season two weeks ago. He is the son of Mrs. Sue Ushiro, Ann Arbor. The Pioneerers have a string of 33 games as they trounced Kalamazoo 41-7 last Saturday. The Nisei gridded played the entire game save for a few minutes in the final period.

Takeo Hirahara, Hartnell J.C. quarterback, engineered the Panthers to a 14-13 victory over Porterville J.C. last Saturday. The ex-Watsonville High signal caller got away for long gains on two keeper plays and threw 29 yards in a play that led to score two downs later.

Pete Domoto scored the only TD for Berkeley High, which lost 34-6 to Grant High of Sacramento. His tally came on a five-yard option sweep after a 15-yd. gallop by Willard Wright, the team's

Spud Uyeyama, jockey, injured

[Toronto] Spinal injuries suffered by Hiromi Spud Uyeyama was understood to be not as serious as first believed as the Canadian Nisei jockey was resting at the East General Hospital preparing for surgery.

He was injured during the running of the third race Sept. 23 at Woodbine when Landscape, a two-year-old from the E. P. Taylor Stable, was caught in close quarters and threw Uyeyama on his back. He was rushed to a hospital where X-rays showed the damage.

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leading ground-gainer. Akira Aoyama of Linden High rambed 17 yards for the final TD in a 13-12 edger over Bret Harte High of Angel Camp in a practice game last Friday night. Norman Nishio intercepted a pass and ran 35 yards to score for the only Clarksburg High score in the 42-6 rout from Calaveras High last week.

Immigration—

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 law should be considered by the Congress to advance American business interests abroad and in international trade? Are there any travel restrictions which can only be relaxed by legislative amendment?

"2. Do present world conditions indicate the desirability of additional emergency programs—outside the regular quota provisions of the basic law—to meet surplus population pressures?"

Masaoka stated that the JACL, as the only national organization representing the Japanese in this country, would testify regarding the proposed changes in the law in so far as the Asian provisions are concerned.

JACL STUDY PROBLEM

He said that when he is on the West Coast for the evacuation claims hearings and the District Council meetings, he hoped to meet with JACL members and officials to discuss changes which may be necessary, and that he anticipated receiving recommendations from the National JACL Study Commission on Immigration and Naturalization, chaired by Dr. T. T. Yatabe of Chicago.

Masaoka also suggested that JACL members, if they wish, send in to the Washington Office any comments which they may have regarding the law and any proposed changes. He urged, however, that any proposed changes in the law should be documented in terms of actual cases.

Masaoka pointed out that in so far as the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 is concerned, it is a decided improvement over the hundreds of laws which it superseded, particularly in reference to the Asian provisions.

These included the right of aliens "ineligible to citizenship," namely directed against the Japanese, to become naturalized citizens.

A quota, although minimal in number, was allocated to Asians to permit immigration to the United States.

Furthermore, prior to July 1924, aliens in this country who had lost their passport or who had entered surreptitiously were now able to get adjustment of status, and aliens in this country who had resided here 20 years or more and were over 50 years of age could take their naturalization test in a foreign language, subject to a "reasonable test on literacy."

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

DEMOCRATS WHOOP IT UP

The David Yokozekis, who live in an ultra-modern abode more befitting for "rich" Republicans, played host to the Japanese American Democratic Club last Sunday night at a garden party. What had been scheduled as a late afternoon affair turned into a twilight program when the committee in charge "forgot" about the return of Pacific Standard Time here Sunday morning.

But the gathering was big success. There was State Senator Richard Richards who gave a resume on the bill for a Fair Employment Practices Commission in California, which for the first time in the history passed the Assembly but failed in the Senate.

He said the enactment is possible but it will be a long struggle in the educational process of the public. He praised the Issei and Nisei for their great strides in postwar integration.

Assemblyman Edward Elliott was confronted with the question on the fate of the state gardening bill which would license landscape workers. Because it effected many persons of Japanese ancestry, the query drew much interest among the members.

Elliott did not think there would be any pressure groups to push such a legislation in Sacramento, providing of course the workers did not want to be licensed. Time would be on the side of the opposition since it would not be before 1957 that such measure could be re-introduced.

His views on the FEPC were similar to Richards' in that both men fought for the measure. Their consensus was that since law-makers vote along party line, it would be up to the voters to put more Democrats in both houses.

Attorney Frank Chuman, JADC president, led the meeting. Yokozeki is president of the Downtown chapter JACL. Other big wheel Li'l Tokioans connected with League work attending the function were attorneys James Mitsumori, Kei Uchima, George Maruya; accountant Ted Okumoto; and legal secretary Lily Otera. There must have been more than 50 staunch Demos that night.

SCOUT LEADER GETS NATIONAL BID

Sadamu Eejima, longtime leader in scout work, has achieved what is believed to be the first time a Nisei has been honored with a national appointment in the Boy Scouts of America. He was named to serve on the advisory committee of the National Interracial Service with its headquarters located at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Eejima, who is west coast representative for Ajinomoto, has more than 80 merit badges under his Eagle Scout belt. When his son, 13-year-old Henry, gained his Eagle recently, it made the Eejimas the lone Nisei family in which both father and son have attained the highest rank in scouting.

Eejima was responsible for the formation of the first interracial drum and bugle corps in Los Angeles back in 1930 when he was affiliated with Troop 64 at Centenary Methodist Church.

He later established a corps at the Daishi Mission in 1931 which is now known as the Koyasan Troop 379 drum and bugle corps. It took the state junior division championship last July when it competed in the American Legion-sponsored drill and parade.

SHONIEEN BUILDING FUND

An impressive array of Southern California educators and civic leaders were named as honorary sponsors to support the Japanese Childrens Home program in the throes of another fund campaign.

The project, formerly known as the Shonien, has Dr. Rufus B. Von KleinSmid, chancellor of the Univ. of Southern California, as honorary chairman. Eleven other prominent citizens grace the sponsorship list.

Among them are Warren M. Dorn, mayor of Pasadena; Edward R. Roybal, Los Angeles councilman; Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins, past president of the Japan American Society; John Anson Ford, member of the County Board of Supervisors; and Yaemon Minami, Guadalupe rancher.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES
BENNETT—Aug. 3, boy Joseph Kunl to James W. Bennetts (Shigeko Kobayashi).
FUJITAKI—Aug. 10, girl Susan Reiko to Takashi Fujitakes (Mitsuko Ono), Rosemead.
FUKUDA—Aug. 8, boy Paul R. to Milton Masato Fukudas (Michiko Yamaguchi).
HATCHIMONJI—Aug. 8, boy Douglas Jun to Mike Hatchimonjis (Grace Sachiko Ishida).
KAMINAKA—May 27, boy to F. F. Kaminakas, Long Beach.
TAKATA—Aug. 21, girl to Ken Takatas, Long Beach.
TAKEMURA—Aug. 11, boy Gary Masami to Hideo Takemuras (Toshiko Yamada).
TAMBARA—Aug. 11, girl Naomi to Sumiyuki Tambaras (Toshiko Tanbara).
USUI—Aug. 8, boy Norman Isamu to Mitsuo Usuis (Aiko Tomiye), Northridge.

Engagements

ENDO-TOYAMA — Makiko, Berkeley, to Tokuo, Walnut Grove, July 24.
HASHIMOTO-YOSHIWARA — Tomiyo, Alameda, to Eiichi, Oakland, Sept. 3.
KAI-HANANOCHI — Keiko to Mike, both San Mateo, Aug. 27.
KIRA-OSATO — Nobuko, Kingsburg, to Tom, Reedley, Aug. 6.
NAKASHIMA-TSUDA — Mary to Wataru, both Sacramento, Sept. 1.
NIINO-NAKAMICHI — Michiko to Yutaka, both West Fresno, Aug. 27.
OSUMI-KITAHARA — Toshiko, Reedley, to Toru, Indio.
SAITO-HIGUCHI — Setsuko, both San Francisco.

Weddings

FUJIOKA-HONDA — Seut. 4, Bob and Rose, both West Los Angeles.
ISERI-TAKENAKA — Sept. 4, George S., Los Angeles; Betty Iyuko, San Francisco.
NAGAO-KOBASHI — Aug. 28, Shigenori, Selma; Kimi, Parlier.
SAHEKI-MAYEDA — Sept. 3, Clarence and Helen, both Chicago.
SHITAMOTO-FUJII — Sept. 2, Harry Yoshiaki and Helen Yoshi, both Los Angeles.
SUDA-HAYATA — Sept. 4, Minoru and Miwako, both Los Angeles.
SAKAI-SASAKI — Sept. 4, Tom and Yasuko, both San Francisco.

Deaths

OHIRA, Torazo, 80: Los Angeles, Aug. 28, survived by son Isamu, daughters Mmes. Matsuye Yoshida, Kiyoko Tsujimura, Midori Morimoto and five grandchildren.
OKAI, Mrs. Tameyo, 50: Sacramento, Aug. 10, survived by sons George, Tetsuo, Hozo, Tom; daughters Mrs. Yoneko Morimoto, Mrs. Mariko Sato and Mrs. Sachiko Tokiyo.
OMORI, Jiichi, 65: Chicago, Aug. 11, survived by wife Ichi, two sons and two daughters.
OMOTO, Yarku, 75: Los Angeles, Sept. 2, survived by son Masao, brothers Miyokichi, Hisakichi, Matsujiro Shigeta and sister Mrs. Riki Yamaguchi.
OMURA, Suyeichi, 74: San Francisco, Aug. 14.
OTA, Frank Fumiya, 73: West Los Angeles, Aug. 4, survived by wife Hana, son Daikatsu, daughters Mrs. Yoshiko Mitsuoaka, Mrs. Nobuko Sata.
SAKAGUCHI, Nobuko, 36: Los Angeles, Aug. 7, survived by husband Harris, sons Katsumi, Toya and mother Mrs. Teki Nagata.
SAKAMOTO, Kenji, 36: Reedley, July 31, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Masahai, brother Masaru, sisters Fumiko, Ruby, Mrs. Hideko Ikuta (Cleveland) and Mrs. Thelma Ichiyama (Los Angeles).

Nisei hurt in cliff edge car accident

[Los Angeles] In a cliff-edge collision on the Angeles Crest highway last Saturday, three motorists were seriously injured, one of them tossed out of his car and over the precipice.

The accident occurred when Fred G. Farrell of Rosemead and a small home-made roadster occupied by Arto Van West, 24, of Glendale, and Akira Oshiro, 24, of 4907 Angeles Crest Highway, La Canada, collided as they came down grade 7½ miles above Foothill Blvd., police said.

Farrell was thrown out as his car crashed end-over-end down the precipitous slope. He was lodged about 200 feet below the highway. The automobile came to rest on a ledge 50 feet further down and 1,500 feet above the canyon floor.

The roadster skidded to a halt at the edge of the cliff. Oshiro suffered leg lacerations while Van West sustained a fractured wrist and sprained shoulder.

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Nisei installed De Molay leader

[Bellflower] Richard R. Miyasaki, 18, is believed to be the first person of Japanese ancestry in the United States to be installed as master counselor of a DeMolay chapter in the United States.

The missionary student of Life Bible College, Los Angeles, was installed as leader of the local chapter last Saturday. The DeMolays, a teenage contingent of the Masons, is an organization for boys, 14 to 21, dedicated to the principles of religion, civil liberties and intellectual freedoms.

As master counselor, he will lead some 150 members for a four-month term with a 19-member cabinet assisting him. The election made his mother, Mrs. Mary Miyasaki, automatically president of the Mother's Circle. The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Yon Miyasaki is a graduate of Excelsior High School and had joined the DeMolays two years ago, serving as junior and senior counselor, offices which are third and second in rank to the master counselor.

Installation rites were held at the Bellflower Masonic Hall. Mike Osaki, 17, of San Gabriel is also a member of the same chapter.

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Editorials

GET WELL, IKE!

President Eisenhower distressed the free world in general last week by his sudden heart attack. Throughout the past week, we have seen the President pass his first critical stage and prospects of recovery if further complications fail to develop in the next several months. Yet, it is bound to have both short-range and long-range effects in the United States and abroad.

The short-range effects may be less important, but they are there, nevertheless. A person with coronary thrombosis as the President's can continue in their chores but at a less vigorous pace—and the White House doesn't appear to be the place in which to take it easy. So, more than before, his White House staff and cabinet will carry the load.

From the long-range point of view, the President's illness may have even more serious effects. First (and least important), the Republican Party chieftains have the shocking discovery of no big-name on the 1956 ballot. But the second and most important, regardless of party, Mr. Eisenhower can no longer be expected to remain as a national and world leader after 1956.

In foreign affairs, Mr. Eisenhower commands perhaps a higher degree of respect than any American in history. He commands respect in Moscow as well as in London; and whether we like it or not, there is not an American who can quite replace him as Chief Executive and Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces.

The President himself, before he was stricken, had repeatedly warned the leaders of his party not to consider him indispensable.

While both the Republicans and Democrats develop their 1956 strategies, the rest of us all can wish the President 15 more successful months in office and many years of well-earned health and happiness thereafter.

HOLIDAY ISSUE REPORT

Mile-Hi JACL evinces its "mile-hi, miles ahead" spirit of membership campaigns with the first reply to our request for chapter background and the president's list for the 1955 Holiday Issue.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

YANG KWEI FEI (YOH-KIHI)

Masaichi Nagata of Daii Studios has introduced another masterpiece in color this week at the Academy Award Theater, where a critical Hollywood audience of actors, actresses, writers and technicians as well as executives were wooed by Yang Kwei Fei, story of a beautiful Chinese maiden who becomes mistress to the Chinese Emperor Huan Tsung of the eighth century. Miss Machiko Kyo, who starred in previous hits such as *Rashomon* and *Jigokumon*, plays the lead role of Kwei Fei (pronounced "Kihi" in Japanese). She was present in the audience Tuesday night, sitting between two well-known film stars, Glenn Ford and Marlon Brando. Because the story is sentimental and sad, there were several women wiping tears from their eyes—although I was too fascinated by the sombreness and subtleties of blues to have the story grip me. One court scene, I thought remarkable, showed the Emperor (played by Masayuki Mori) strumming his lute with the court musicians. Light billowy curtains were drawn as his chamberlain and premier entered. The outdoor sky, visible at this moment, was of the palest of sky blues and floating almost imperceptibly across the horizon was a lazy strand of clouds tinted in the lightest orange hue. Tatsuyuki Yokota, color consultant for the film, is regarded as the best in the business. There is warmth and vitality in Yang Kwei Fei no Hollywood technician has been able to duplicate. Bob Kishita, *Shin Nishi Bei* photographer, overheard Brando tell Ford: "We ought to get photographed in color in Japan."

A half year before *Jigokumon* began its phenomenal run of nearly 40 weeks this year at a Wilshire Blvd. theater, I was invited to see that Daii production. Last July I predicted *Jigokumon* would rate an "Oscar" for its color work. Yang Kwei Fei will be in strong contention this year, if it's released in time for public showing. Yet, because of the tempo of classical Chinese themes, it may not prove as money-making as *Jigokumon*. The music appears authentic and pleasing to Western ears, but I hope that its sound recording can be improved in time for public showing. There were far too many surface noises on the film shown last Tuesday night. The poetry employed in the film story is as exquisite as the subject matter. An aged emperor is recalling his past with his new young love just before he fatally collapses while a prisoner of his own son-ruler.

As yet, the distribution rights have not been announced. Yang Kwei Fei is Chinese in theme and handling, the dialogue in Japanese with excellent English sub-titles. It was my first taste of classical Chinese and it's whetted my appetite to see similar motion pictures produced in China for sake of comparison, if not a new-found joy of knowing there are good films being made outside of Europe, Hollywood and Tokyo.



Evacuee claimants still have long time to wait before coming close to waiting period by claimants from Napoleon war of 1800s

Washington

When the arguments for expeditious final determination of the remaining evacuation claims 13 years after the evacuation took place and seven years after Congress had enacted legislation to compensate for some of the property losses, suffered as a consequence of that military mass eviction, were presented to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims in San Francisco and Los Angeles this week, some of the members told me of the almost annual pilgrimage made by some American claimants for damages for spoilage committed by French privateers on the high seas before July 31, 1801.

The claimants, individuals and two Pennsylvania insurance companies, are urging passage of legislation that would authorize the Court of Claims finally to adjudicate their claims for losses suffered 155 years ago during the Napoleonic wars.

The last time they pressed their claims was during the final days of the First Session of the 84th Congress, last July 21 to be exact, before the same Subcommittee that listened this week in California to pleas by attorneys representing individual claimants and the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims for a Court of Claims alternative to the compromise settlement procedure for the final determination of evacuation claims.

Treaty of 1800

In the turbulence of Napoleon's era, French privateers preyed on American vessels. Claims were made against the French and the French in turn countered with claims of their own. By the Treaty of Sept. 30, 1800, the French released their claims of treaty violations and the United States did the same.

Almost since that time, claimants have been clamoring for redress from the United States Government, asserting that in relinquishing the claims by the 1800 treaty the Government had deprived them of their property without just compensation within the meaning of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

The public pressure became so great over the years that in 1885 Congress passed a law conferring on the Court of Claims jurisdiction to hear the complaints and give advisory opinions to the Congress on the validity of the individual claims. Out of claims totaling originally about \$35 million dollars, the Court favorably reported on about one-fifth of the claims, amounting to some \$7-million.

Unpaid Since 1885

Congress appropriated about \$4-million before it tired of the procedure, even though the Court of Claims had certified them for payment as valid and legitimate obligations of the government.

Thus, many were left unpaid, including those whose claims had been verified in judicial proceedings before the Court of Claims as provided by an act of Congress.

DECADE AGO

Sept. 29, 1945

New York.—Use of Nisei saved GI lives in Pacific, reports Okinawa correspondent; heroism of G2 men in combat emergencies revealed as censorship lifted.

Watsonville.—Flare thrown at Buddhist Church hostel.

Oakland.—Attempted murder, assault charges face terrorists in daylight attack on two homes of evacuees in Centerville.

Los Angeles.—State Equalization Board charged with bias against returned evacuee applicants; Kenzo Sugino seeks court order to force board to issue sales tax permit.

Visalia.—Times-Delta reports group like KKK (planning to wear crimson capes, go unmasked and ride white horses) to rid San Joaquin Valley of Japanese.

Time sped on and the claims remained unsettled. But they were never quite forgotten and periodically the claimants have appealed to Congress.

Moral Obligation

The main appeal this year was made by Robert E. Ely III of Philadelphia, representing the Insurance Company of North America. As long ago as 1900, Bayard Henry of the same company was making the same plea and getting nowhere.

Ely argued eloquently to have Congress shunt the whole matter again to the Court of Claims for a re-examination of the claims in the light of present day circumstances, law, and public policy. It was, he argued, a constitutional right of the claimants to have their day in court. And it was not a matter of "compassion," he told members of the Subcommittee, but "one of the highest moral obligations of the government" to see that claims aggregating three million dollars once approved by the Court of Claims are finally resolved.

Among the other witnesses and interested spectators were descendants of several ship owners in the Washington, D.C., area whose ships used to ply the Caribbean and even the oceans of the world.

Recommendations Tabled

Their hopes for legislation last session were dashed when the full House Judiciary Committee accepted the recommendation of their Subcommittee on Claims and voted to table the bill.

This left in doubt what future course the claimants could take.

If they should return to Congress next session with another bill, the Judiciary Committee under its rules could reject their pleas on the grounds that the matter had already been considered.

But the claimants can return in the 85th Congress in 1957. And, if the Congress does not heed their pleas, they may keep returning for another 150 years.

So, compared to these claimants of the Napoleonic wars, the evacuee claimants still have a long time to wait before they come close to the waiting period of another group of American claimants.

'LIBERAL' VOTE ANALYSIS...

With an eye to the presidential and congressional elections a year hence, various organizations and interest groups are making their own individual analysis of the voting records of the 535 members of the 84th Congress, First Session.

One of the most interesting, especially in view of the so-called pseudo-conservative revolt against the "liberalism" of the New and Fair Deal days of the past 20 years, is the analysis made by the American for Democratic Action, a self-styled "liberal," anti-communist organization.

62 Score 100%

Their analysis shows that on ten key rollcall votes during the last session of the Congress, only four Democrats in the Senate and 58 in the House scored 100 per cent as "liberals".

Not a single Republican in either chamber supported the "liberal" position on all ten key issues, according to the ADA.

As a matter of fact, judged by ADA standards, the majority Democratic party scored far more in its "liberal" average than did the traditionally conservative Republicans.

In the Senate, the average Democrat supported the "liberal" position 60.2 per cent of the time, as against the average Republican score of 13.5 per cent. In the

House, Democrats averaged 68.8 per cent on the key votes, as against 32.4 for the Republicans.

Ten Rolls Surveyed

Ten roll calls in both Houses were used as a basis of the surveys. The issues covered included those on taxes, reciprocal trade, foreign aid, public housing, statehood, and amendment to the Natural Gas Act, and the Senate's censure of Senator McCarthy (83rd Congress).

The four Senate Democrats with a perfect ADA "liberal" score are Minnesota's Hubert Humphrey, Tennessee's Estes Kefauver, New York's Herbert Lehman, and Michigan's Pat McNamara.

The only Democrat to score an absolute zero in the Senate is Dixiecrat Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. He was joined in this respect by 19 GOP senators. Nine Democrats and 20 Republicans in the House also scored zero, within ADA's category "liberals".

Stressing the scarcity of roll call votes in the First Session, the ADA conceded that its survey was an inadequate one. It also conceded that it would be "unfair and unwise to pass final judgment on the 84th Congress on its record in the First Session because congressional Democrats have undergone a new experience, that of being the congressional majority with a Republican president."

Who's Who

Of interest to Issei and Nisei may be the following who voted 100 per cent on the "liberal" side on all key issues: Udall, Arizona; Moss, Shelley, Sisk, Hagen, Hollifield, and Roosevelt, California; Dawson, O'Hara, Murray, O'Brien, Gordon, Yates, Boyle, Mack, and Price, Illinois; Green, Oregon; and Magnuson, Washington.

Among the 19 GOP senators with a zero score as ADA "liberals" are Barrett, Wyoming; Bricker, Ohio; Curtis and Hruska, Nebraska; Dworshak and Welker, Idaho; Goldwater, Arizona; Knowland, California; and Millikan, Colorado.

None of the Democrats or Republicans who consistently voted against the "liberal" point of view in the House come from areas in which they are sizable groups of Japanese Americans.

High Scoring GOPster

According to the ADA, William Langer of North Dakota was the highest scoring Republican, with a 50 per cent average. In contrast 34 Democrats scored 50 per cent or over, including Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas and his successor Earl Clement of Kentucky, both scoring an identical 66.7 per cent. Of the 15 Senate Democrats scoring less than 50 per cent, 12 are from the Southern States.

In the state by state survey, as expected, Oregon's two "liberal" Democrats, Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger ranked first, both with averages of better than 80 per cent.

CALENDAR

Sept. 30 (Friday)
San Francisco — "Fall Rendezvous" meeting; Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, 7:30 p.m. Fred Hoshiyama, spkr.
East Los Angeles — Meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.; "Maj. Sammy Lee Case", spkrs and film.
Twin Cities — Meeting, J.A. Center.

Oct. 1 (Saturday)
Berkeley — Talent-Vision, Berkeley High School.
Sequoia — Tri-Villes Fun Night, Palo Alto Buddhist Hall, 2751 Louis Rd., 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 11 (Tuesday)
Seattle — Meeting

Oct. 14-15
Gardena Valley — Benefit Movies, Community Hall; Shige Yano, guest singer.

Oct. 14 (Friday)
Chicago — Meeting, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m. "Nisei Faces Housing Discrimination".
Philadelphia — Movie night, International Institute, 445 N. 15th St., "Nisada Chui".

Oct. 21 (Friday)
So. Alameda County — General meeting; Warm Spring School.

Oct. 22-23
Chicago — JACL Carnival, Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland.

Oct. 29 (Saturday)
Cincinnati — Hallowe'en Social, First United Church.
West Los Angeles — Hallowe'en Dance, 2566 Overland Ave., 9 p.m.