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High tribunal refuses rule on miscegenation

EDITORIALS:

Don't sell, farmers, don't

The Santana Wind of the Orange County JACL has been coming off the press the past year and is becoming recognized as one of the outstanding chapter news bulletins. Edited by George Ichien, the three-column letter-head size publication is supported by local advertising and distributed to all county residents.

Chapter president George Kanno, in his column, appropriately linked the Sammy Lee and Amy Motodani housing issues with his hard-hitting comment.

"I note in the papers that Dr. Sammy Lee and his family have moved into a tract home in Anaheim and will soon take up private practice in Santa Ana.

"I hope his case has started people to think in the right direction.

"All is not well, however, for one Amy Motodani in San Fernando Valley. She has suffered many trespasses, received threatening phone calls, and finally someone tore up mail delivered to her home.

"The irony of her case is that she was there first, then came the subdivisions plus the white supremacy bigots which all added up to: Scram, Amy!

"With houses mushrooming here in Orange County, it could possibly happen here. Moral of the story? Don't sell, farmers, don't sell."

The point can apply to Japanese Americans in other rural areas near growing cities in and out of California.

A man who has toiled over his land, cultivated and harvested crops and prays for continued success is not likely to surrender easily. That the Nisei fought for nearly a half-century to show how unjust the alien land laws were also attests the priority of the soil in human society.



Eric Noda of Denair, Calif., was one of the youngest scouts to be awarded the Eagle Scout badge at the age of 12. He was recently initiated into the Order of Arrow, national scouting society for honor campers.

TURLOCK YOUTH WINS EAGLE SCOUT HONORS, IN ORDER OF ARROW

[Turlock] If as a youngster, a boy lives by his Scout laws, he cannot fail but become a useful citizen of tomorrow.

Eric Noda is one of the youngest Boy Scouts to be awarded Scouting's highest rank — the Eagle badge. During February 1955's Boy Scout week, 12-year-old Eric was presented the award at an impressive Court of Honor.

Eric, an eighth-grade student, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noda of Denair. He comes from a Scouting family—his father, who was NC-WNDC chairman this year, is a neighborhood commissioner; his mother will start her third term as district chairman in Girl Scouting.

On Nov. 5, Eric was initiated into the Order of Arrow, a National Society of Scout and Explorer honor campers. To build himself spiritually, Eagle Scout Eric is at present working on his God and Country Award, by serving as acolyte at the St. Francis Episcopal Church here.

Nisei troop celebrates 40th year of scouting

[San Francisco] The 40th anniversary of the Christ Episcopal Mission Boy Scout Troop 12 was celebrated Oct. 29 with a dinner and court of honor. Established by the late Keizo Sano in 1915, his son Joseph of Boulder, Colo., was the guest of honor. Nobuo Tabata is scoutmaster while Stanley Tsuchiya leads the Explorers.

Standard Oil chemist

[Watsonville] Dr. Katashi Oita has joined the staff of the Whiting Research Laboratories of the Standard Oil Co. in Indiana. He did his undergraduate work at Swathmore College and received his Ph.D. degree in chemistry at Iowa State College. He is a member of the American Chemical Society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. HiroSaburo Oita of this city.

Validity of Virginia ban on interracial marriage involved

[Washington] The United States Supreme Court refused Monday to rule on the constitutionality of a Virginia statute involving interracial marriage.

The case involves Ham Say Naim, Chinese American appellant, and his white woman wife, Ruby Elaine Naim. The case was remanded to the lower courts.

The Supreme Court may rule on the constitutionality of interracial marriage prohibition after constitutional issues are clearly outlined and determined by the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the Circuit Court of Portsmouth, where the case originated.

The Supreme Court ruled "the inadequacy of the record as to the relationship of the parties to the Commonwealth of Virginia at the time of the marriage in North Carolina and upon their return to Virginia, and the failure of the parties to bring here all questions relevant to the disposition of the case, prevents the constitutional

issue of the validity of the Virginia statute on miscegenation tended here being considered 'in clean-cut and concrete form' by such problems.

"The judgment is vacated and the case remanded to the Supreme Court (of Appeals of Virginia) in order that the case may be returned to the Circuit Court of the City of Portsmouth for actions not inconsistent with this opinion."

JACL INTERESTED

The Japanese American Citizens League joined in writ of certiorari last August with other interested parties requesting the high court to accept jurisdiction in view of the problems facing many GIs stationed in Japan desiring to bring back their Japanese wives and Nisei GIs stationed in Europe who wish to bring back their war brides and found discrimination facing them in the States.

The Washington JACL Office regretted that the Supreme Court failed to take a decisive stand and evaded constitutionality on technicalities.

JACL officials also expressed hope that the case may be returned to the Supreme Court in such a manner that the justices will have to render a decision on the merits.

If this particular case cannot be returned to the Supreme Court because of technicalities involved, the JACL expressed interest in joining other appropriate cases to test what may be the last remnant. Continued on Page 2

NEWSPAPER ARTIST WINS DAYTON PURCHASE AWARD

[Dayton] Pete Hironaka, staff artist for the Dayton Daily News, was recently given one of four purchase awards for his watercolor study, "North of Ludlow", by the investment firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane.

The company offered the awards in connection with the 19th annual Dayton Artists' exhibition at the Dayton Art Institute.

FEDERAL HOUSING LOYALTY OATH REFUSED REVIEW BY U.S. SUPREME COURT; MAY AFFECT SOME NISEI TENANTS

[Washington] By refusing to review a ruling made in June by the Wisconsin State Supreme Court that tenants in a federal low-rent housing project cannot be evicted for refusing to sign a loyalty oath regarded membership in proscribed organizations on the Attorney General's list, the United States Supreme Court Nov. 7 cast doubt on the constitutionality of the requirement.

This action by the Supreme Court may have some effect on Nisei who desire low-cost federal public housing. The JACL has on many occasions since the end of the war contacted the Justice Department seeking the removal of the twenty-one Japanese organizations on the proscribed list in view of the fact that these organizations have been defunct since the outbreak of World War II, and this list has been used to deny low-cost federal housing to Nisei. In addition, the Attorney General's proscribed list was never intended to be used for this purpose.

As far as is known to the Washington JACL office, no Nisei has ever refused to sign the so-called loyalty oath. On the contrary, however, Nisei who have heretofore applied for housing in federal projects oftentimes found their applications denied on the basis of their alleged membership, or of their parents who were living with them, in organizations on the Attorney General's subversive list.

The basis for the federal housing loyalty oath is the Gwinn

amendment passed by Congress in 1952 to the Federal Housing Act of 1937 which provides that housing units built under this Act shall not be occupied by members of organizations on the Attorney General's proscribed list.

Milwaukee established a procedure for putting into effect the provisions of this amendment.

The case involved the continued occupancy of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lawson, Jr. in the Hillside Terrace housing development who had re-

fused to sign the affidavit of the Milwaukee Housing Authority. The city charged that Mrs. Lawson was a member of a subversive group but did not specify which one.

The Lawsons instituted a suit, charging that the loyalty oath was a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution—the freedom of speech and assembly—and the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. In addition, Continued on Page 3

Oakland Nisei missing overnight from fishing trip found dead among tule

[Stockton] An Oakland Nisei, reported missing Sunday night while fishing alone on a rented boat, was found dead in the tules on the shore of an island near Terminous last Monday by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crew.

Kiyoshi Okimoto, 41, visited his brother-in-law Tadashi Osoto of 52 W. 4th st., in Stockton Saturday and went fishing about 4:30 a.m. Sunday.

He rented a boat from Tule Queen Boat house near Terminous.

Most of the others who had been fishing near his boat turned back for the boat house when rain and wind made conditions dangerous.

It was reported that persons in one boat called out to Okimoto when they lost sight of him and they said he called back from be-


hind some tule patches that he was all right.

According to coast guard officials, they were notified about 10 a.m. Monday from the boat house that a man was missing overnight.

Relatives had also become worried when he did not return Sunday night and had notified the San Joaquin county sheriff's office. Search parties had been organized in Walnut Grove and Stockton to look for Okimoto.

His body was located by the helicopter crew. They lowered a crewmember who placed the body on a sling. The helicopter then carried the body to a road where it was turned over to relatives who had been notified by radio.

Exact cause of death was not revealed in reports received Monday.



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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Gray now; blue next?

Denver

● ALL THINGS COME TO HIM WHO WAITS: Noticed this the other day while wearing my eight-year-old gray suit, the one with the holes in the pants pockets. It used to be a pretty sharp number, then went out of style. Now with the current gray craze, my suit's right back in fashion again. Some of the fashion czars have been hinting that they're getting tired of gray and we're in for another change. That's okay, I still have my blue serge suit, but I wonder if the gray flannel number will survive another complete cycle.

● UNIONIZED ORIENTAL: Alice was asking about a place in Wyoming called Muddy Cap. Couldn't place it until I realized she meant Muddy Gap. That reminded me of a place somewhere near Wapato, Wash., called Union Gap. Welly Shikata used to tell about an Issei farmhand, I think it was, who was working near Union Gap but wasn't getting his mail. He went to checking up and discovered his correspondent was addressing his letters to Union Jap. This was in the days before labor unions amounted to much of a shucks, too.

● THIS MODERN AGE: Couple of weeks ago when I took off for New York the family suggested it would be mighty nice if I brought them back some sushi. That's a Japanese delicacy made with vinegar-flavored rice, in case your Mom didn't tell you, and it's pretty hard to come by in this backwoods town. Tooru Kanazawa located a first rate sushi-house by the name of Suehiro (that's the name of a steakhouse in Tokyo) down on East 29th Street. Mrs. Tanaka bundled up some of her fine sushi and had it all ready when I dropped in a few hours before time to fly home. "It's the first time New York sushi has been flown to Denver," she remarked, shaking her head in wonder. On the plane I asked the stewardess to put my package in a cool place. She said she'd place it in with hot ice, which means I think that they've come up with some kind of synthetic ice that's a few degrees above freezing temperature. The hot ice and the six-hour flight were just what the family ordered. They gobbled up the sushi before I could get my own lunchhooks on it.

● AND THESE MODERN KIDS: Our 7-year-old Pete, who watches a lot of television dramas which are over his head, learned about psychiatrists somewhere or other and deduced that they had something to do with changing your way of thinking. "Dad," he said the other day, "can a psychiatrist fix it so boys can have babies?"

● NISEI ORATORS: I've been working on a profile of Jimmie Sakamoto, national JACL president 1936-38, for the holiday number of the PC that Harry Honda's working up. Going back over my memories of Jimmie, I got to recalling what a tremendous orator he was in his day. Give him a subject close to his heart, the Nisei role in America for instance, prime him with a couple snorts of fuel, and he could make the words sing. Mike Masaoka is another silver-tongued orator. He's been commended by congressmen, who are something of authorities on the subject of eloquence, for his handling of the English language. It might have been interesting to get Jimmie and Mike tied up in a debate. Difficulty is that Mike came along some years after Jimmie. Mike is still orating while Jimmie has dropped out of the public eye. Back home in Seattle when I was a youngster the folks at the Buddhist temple used to sponsor Nisei oratorical contests. My Dad was always urging me to enter. Never could get up enough of either nerve or ambition to get in with the boys. Shucks, it's a lot easier to handle the language while you're sitting down at a typewriter where you can "X" out your mistakes.

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KEEP's youth farm camp main building destroyed by fire; damage over \$27,000

[Tokyo] The main building of the Kiyosato Education Experiment Project (KEEP), a youth farm camp supported largely by American donations, was destroyed by fire Friday night last week.

Dr. Paul Rusch, former Army language officer who founded and manages the camp, said he could not estimate the damage because the loss included 5,000 books collected over 25 years. Firemen estimated loss at more than \$27,000.

A piano, electric phonograph, sports equipment and 100 wool blankets, all donated to KEEP, also were destroyed by the wind-whipped fire which started in a bathroom.

The main building, built in 1938 as a university dormitory, included the student library, lounge, game rooms, dining rooms, offices.

Other buildings at KEEP camp, located in mountains 70 miles west of Tokyo in Yamanashi prefecture, were not damaged.

KEEP, which conducts programs for Japanese farm youth similar to America's 4-H clubs, was started by Rusch after World War II.

Ham Say Naim case—

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ing legal discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

BACKGROUND OF ISSUE

The background of this case involves a Chinese American husband married to a white woman in North Carolina on June 26, 1952, since Virginia laws prohibited their marriage. After marriage was consummated, they returned to Norfolk, Va., where they lived as husband and wife. On Sept. 30, 1953, the wife filed a bill for annulment of marriage in Portsmouth, Va., where she then resided, on the basis her marriage was "void in law".

The husband petitioned for dismissal of the annulment bill because the marriage was legal in North Carolina, the Virginia statutory prohibitions against marriages between Caucasians and non-Caucasians not being applicable since it occurred outside the state and that the Virginia statute barring racial intermarriages violates the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Portsmouth Circuit Court overruled the appellant's motion and annulled the marriage. The case was appealed by the husband on grounds the Portsmouth circuit court was without constitutional jurisdiction to annul marriage on the basis of race and that the

Virginia statutes prohibiting interracial marriage violated the 14th Amendment.

The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals allowed the appeal since general public policy was involved and ordered state Attorney General to file an amicus curiae brief.

14TH AMENDMENT CITED

The Virginia court affirmed the annulment decree on June 13, 1955, by holding the important issue was not whether the Circuit court had jurisdiction but "whether the statute in question is beyond the power of the state to enact under the due process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment".

Although areas of discrimination have been chipped away, this field in social legislation is the only one which remains operative for persons of Japanese ancestry.

Twenty-eight states of the 48 states in the union forbid interracial marriages.

LACCCR trophy

[Los Angeles] A trophy donated by the local Japanese chamber of commerce was won by the Southern California and Southwest Congregational Conference for its work in the field of human relations by the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations.

Among the 58 member organizations is the JACL.

Asian American press club to be organized

[San Francisco] The two bilingual Japanese vernaculars here, Nichibei Times and Hokubei Mainichi, were represented at the initial dinner meeting of the Asian American press club Nov. 10.

Also represented were five Chinese dailies, one Chinese weekly in San Francisco, and one Filipino bi-weekly in Sacramento. Kwei Fong Chan of the Chinese Times was elected chairman.

KIWANIS 'MAN OF YEAR' AWARD GIVEN TO NISEI

[Santa Ana] George "Heap" Ogata was named the 1955 Man of the Year by the Cypress Kiwanis.

Ogata has been long active in civic affairs and has done much for the youth. A charter Kiwanian locally, he has been notable in JACL affairs and is a 1000er.

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Kochiyama elected head of N.Y.'s 442nd Club

[New York] William Kochiyama, publicity director of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc., was elected president of the 442nd Association for 1955-56. As he was the first president of the local 442nd club, he will be serving his second term.

Elected to his cabinet were Tooru Kanazawa, vice-pres.; Dick Itanaga, sec.; and Jin Kozuma, treas.

Tractor overturns to kill Utah Issei

[Warren, Utah] Seikichi Miya, 71, was crushed to death Nov. 4 when his tractor overturned in a three-foot ditch on his farm. Tire marks indicated the tractor had mired and Miya spun its wheel to climb the bank ahead. A sudden jerk followed flipping the tractor over and pinning the driver between the bank and the steering wheel.

He was discovered by his son, Shin, who used a winch to pull the tractor off the victim.

San Francisco Optimists committeemen announced

[San Francisco] Committee assignments were made at the first board meeting of the local Japanese American Optimists last week by George Oyama, president. They are:

Yoshio Toriumi, boys' work; Haruo Ishimaru, prog.; Victor Abe, memb.; Dr. Carl Hirota, inter-club; Sei Kam, new club bldg.; Dr. Tokuji Hedani, bulletin & pub.; Tosh Nakano, att.; Frank Dobashi, Joe Kubokawa, charter party.

Giichi Yoshioka, past Hayward Optimist president, was present at the first Wednesday luncheon meeting Nov. 9 to greet his fellow Optimists.

Sings in 'Carmen'

[Fresno] Ernest W. Kazato, 10, son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Kazato, was chosen one of 23 boys who sang in the first act of "Carmen" when it was presented here recently by the San Francisco Opera Co. There were 70 applicants during the summer audition.

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TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama

Sad, sad story



Tokyo
The Refugee Relief Act has been hailed as a life-saver for distressed people throughout the world. Many Japanese, who have gone to California, have received benefits from this law. But for more than two years, I have been trying to help one family get to America under this law.

Specifically, this family is the Yanagi family, mentioned once before in this column. Mrs. Yanagi is the sister of Saburo Kido, born in Hawaii. Just recently, she, her husband and daughter came to Tokyo in anticipation of sailing for America on the President Cleveland on Nov. 9.

I was told that there was no space available for the family. I then contacted the travel agency operated by Morio Saegusa, formerly with the San Francisco NYK office. Morio spared no efforts to obtain space for the Yanagi family. Everything was set for a happy reunion of the Kido and Yanagi families in Los Angeles.

Naturally, the Yanagi family, driven out of Manchuria as war refugees, was happy to realize a two-year dream come true. There were many dreadful days and nights to even arrive at this stage of making the trip to America.

The Japanese Foreign Office cooperated in facilitating the issuance of passports for the Yanagi family, since they had to travel long distance from Ibaragi prefecture. They had travelled so many times before for investigations, inquiries, physical examinations, more investigations, re-examinations, educational background, vocational experiences, ideological tendencies.

The Yanagis sustained many long hours in the processing of their application to be admitted into the United States as refugees. Surely, no family could endure what they had for two years because if they had worked at any time during the period of application, they would be found ineligible as refugees.

NIGHT BEFORE DEPARTURE

Everything was packed and they were ready to sail for America. Their dream was about to come true. Then, on the eve of departure, everything became bleak and dark.

The U.S. consulate-general informed Yanagi that Mrs. Yanagi, having been born in America, could not apply under Refugee Relief. American officials informed him the law was just "recently changed".

All the while, the Yanagi family was producing certificates and papers for everything else. They had been told everything was ready for them.

The latest blow was cruel. And all those many trips to Tokyo to be questioned on all phases of the application seemed to be in vain.

The terrible blow stunned Mrs. Yanagi. Saburo's sister said she could not even cry at this humiliation. If she were not born in Hawaii, it meant she would have been given fair consideration for her visa. This latest action means the U.S. government is stern and severe of former U.S. citizens.

UNFORTUNATE FOR U.S.-JAPAN AMITY

One Nisei fellow finally rejected his U.S. citizenship after losing his battle to have it restored. It was a long struggle.

It is unfortunate because America will lose real supporters of Japanese-American friendship. Mistreated Nisei will be bitter forever.

America is a country with a big heart, but its former citizens are terribly treated. The tragedy lies in the fact that many of these expatriates were not responsible for what happened in most instances.

DATLINE NORTHWEST: by Budd & Arlene Fukei

I give thanks to Thee

For strength to do my daily tasks,
For years of life which yet remain,
For hands to lift and feet to walk,
For body free from curse of pain,
I give thanks for health.

For the glimmer of sun on the golden sand,
For the whisper of pine trees, sweet and low,
For the sound of a bird as it trills a song,
For a mountain covered with dazzling snow,
I give thanks for beauty.

For the holiday seasons with all its joys,
For a festive table richly spread,
For sparkling water, cool and clear,
For the common fare of daily bread,
I give thanks for food.

For a welcome voice and a tender kiss,
For the joyous sound of children at play,
For a roof to shelter from the rain,
For the warmth of a fire on a wintry day,
I give thanks for home.

For a cheery smile when the way is rough,
For a helping hand in the time of need,
For happy hours in friendship spent,
For the thoughtfulness of a kindly deed,
I give thanks for friends.

For the right to say the things I think,
For the right to worship as I would,
For the right to choose the work I do,
For the right to vote for common good,
I give thanks for freedom.

—By Arlene

Loyalty oath—

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tion, they maintained, it infringed upon their rights guaranteed by the Wisconsin Constitution.

The Circuit Court of Milwaukee County upheld the city and dismissed the suit, holding that the loyalty oath did not violate their constitutional rights.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower court, stating that it violated both the Federal and the State Constitutions, and that it "deems the possible harm which might result in suppressing the freedoms of the First Amendment outweigh any threatened evil posed by the occupation by members of subversive organizations of units in federally aided housing projects."

The Milwaukee Housing Authority appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court and asked that the judgment by the Wisconsin tribunal be set aside.

The refusal of the Supreme Court to review the case means that the decision of the Wisconsin Supreme Court remains standing.

Since the decision of the Supreme Court did not rule on the constitutionality of the federal housing loyalty oath, similar cases which are now pending in various stages of litigation in several states, including New York, New Jersey, Maryland, California and Washington, may be appealed to the Supreme Court to test the issue involved.

The immediate effect of the action, however, was to nullify the requirement of the loyalty affidavit and to cast doubt on its constitutionality.

No written opinion was handed down by the justices on their action.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court in 1950 declared that the loyalty oath of the Taft-Hartley labor law, requiring union members to take such an oath was constitutional, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court in noting this decision said:

"It is beyond our power to comprehend how the evil which might result from leasing units in a Federally aided housing project to tenants who are members of organizations designated subversive by the Attorney General is in any way comparable in substantiality to that which would result to the

FOWLER CHAPTER ADDS 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT POST FOR ISSEI

[Fowler] A new cabinet post, second vice-president, for a naturalized Issei was created last week by the Fowler JACL nominations committee upon disclosure of their 1956 slate of candidates. Nominated were:

For pres.—Floyd Y. Honda, Kay Taniguchi, Tom Mayebo, Haruo Yoshimoto, Thomas Toyama.
For 1st v.p.—George Nakayama, Joe Yoshimura, Tak Ideta, Shig Uchiyama.
For 2nd v.p.—Bill Hashimoto, Kenzo Okamura, Morito Miyasaki, Shizuto Shimada.
For treas.—Ray Nishina, Karl Morita, Jitsu Otani, Tak Masumoto, James Renge.
For rec. sec.—Suzie Nakagawa, Annie Oba.
For cor. sec.—Mrs. Seichi Kageura, Mrs. Ada Yamamoto.
For del.—Mikio Uchiyama; for alt. del.—Makoto Mukai, Ich Takeno, Frank Kawano; for ath. dir.—Tom Mukai, Dick Iwamoto, Joe Kuda; For Publicity—Tom Shirakawa, Geo. Teraoka.

Ballots will be mailed to all members. The new officers will be installed at mass swear-in ceremonies at the Central California District Council convention Dec. 4.

Issei citizens are to be guests of honor at a Japanese movie to be shown Dec. 2 at the local Buddhist Church.

general welfare through Communists in control of labor organizations . . ."

The eviction proceedings against the Lawsons have been pending since July, 1953.

Selma CL honors new citizens

[Selma] Over 50 persons attended the banquet given by the Selma JACL honoring 13 newly naturalized citizens at the Basque Hotel in Fresno recently.

Mayor Paul Nielsen of Selma and Harry Hoegh, adult school principal, congratulated the Issei as well as Kenji Tashiro, 2nd national vice-president, and a surprise guest, Mike Masaoka.

Responding for the honored citizens was T. Matsumura. Other naturalized Issei attending were:

C. Araki, Mr. and Mrs. T. Iwamura, Mr. and Mrs. I. Katayama, Mrs. N. Matsui, T. Misaki, T. Ogata, Mrs. N. Okubo, Mrs. T. Wakasa, Mrs. S. Kobashi and Mrs. T. Takao.

New citizens were presented a beautiful copy of the Pledge of Allegiance from the JACL. George Abe was m.c.; George Baba introduced guests, including Hiro Mayeda, Central California District Council chairman, and his wife; Tom Umade headed the banquet committee.

Idaho Falls elects Shoji Nukaya president

[Idaho Falls] Shoji Nukaya and his 1956 cabinet officers will be installed by the Idaho Falls JACL at a dinner Dec. 2 at Jack's Chicken Inn.

The chapter will also hold a Christmas party at the local JACL hall on Dec. 16.



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One final plea

Chicago

● Because of a long-anticipated vacation Nov. 21-Dec. 5 in California, this Corner hopes our recent mail requests for greetings in the 1955 Holiday Issue will be promptly attended to . . . We'd like to acknowledge receipt of two generous ads for the Holiday Issue in the mail last week: Mark Twain Hotel, managed by Harold Feldman; and Tani-Tot Shop, operated by two sisters—Ruth Hasegawa and Mary Maeda. The Mark Twain is situated across the street from the Midwest JACL regional office on Clark and Division. Tani-Tot specializes in clothing for the youngsters.

● Dr. Frank Sakamoto, vice-president in charge of program at the monthly JACL meetings and president-elect of the Chicago chapter for 1956, and his wife visited the Dr. Tak Inouyes at Jefferson City, Mo., over the Veterans Day holidays. The two wives are sisters, nee Toshi and Betty Kurotsuchi, respectively. Dr. Inouye hails from Stockton. The Kurotsuchi sisters lived in Oakland before the war.

● Dr. William T. Hiura and Jake Higashiuchi won the Gary (Ind.) sectional open bridge tournament on Nov. 5.

● Ceramic sculpture and brush drawings of Isamu Noguchi are now on display at the Arts Club, 109 E. Ontario. Most of the 36 sculptured pieces have been done in clay and then fired to hardness. Tool marks, fingermarks and the rough texture of clay appear in the finished work.



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SNAKE RIVER CHAPTER IN FINAL STEPS OF PREPARING FOR 8TH BIENNIAL INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

[Ontario, Ore.] The eighth biennial Intermountain District JACL convention scheduled here for the Thanksgiving holidays is rapidly drawing near.

General Chairman George Sugai discloses that Masao Satow, National Director, will come for the three day convention and give the main addresses at both the Opening Night Ceremony and Farewell Banquet. Kay Terashima of Salt Lake City, past national treasurer, will give the main address at the Pioneer Night Banquet.

Another highlight of the convention will be the appearance of Japanese Consul Noboru Imajo of Portland, who is expected to give a short talk at the Pioneer Night banquet. Of chief interest to the newly naturalized citizens, the convention committee added, the Nisei are also urged to attend.

The bowling tournament being held in connection with the convention throughout the three days will feature team, doubles, and singles events for men and women and perhaps a mixed doubles if time allows.

To date, teams are expected from Salt Lake City, Sandy, Ogden, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Boise, Nampa; while many local teams have already signed up. About 20 men's teams and seven women's teams have registered.

The fashion show scheduled for Sunday afternoon will be staged especially for women delegates but men are also welcome. It will be open to the public. Modeling both casual and dress wear will be Toshiko Ogura, Yoshie Hironaka, Masa Nakamura, Mary Wakasugi, May Wakasugi, Mary Ogura, Masie Saito and Yoneko Kanetomi. Childrens' clothing will also be shown by Dinah Amano, Grant Amano, Cindy Hironaka, Candy Hironaka, Linda Hironaka, Alan Saito and Raymond Saito. Entertainment and door prizes are also scheduled for a full afternoon.

CCDC sets date for pre-registration

[Fresno] Pre-registration deadline for the Central California District Council convention is set for Nov. 28, according to Hugo Kazato of Fresno, who is in charge of the registration.

Issei are invited to the banquet at the Hacienda Motel on Sunday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m. with a package deal of \$5 which includes registration and the dinner.

The following persons are chairmen for the conventions:
George Abe (Selma), gen. chmn.; Ethel Otomo (Selma), sec.; Tom Nagamatsu (Sanger-Del Rey) treas.; Dr. Akira Tajiri (Reedley), ent.; George Baba, George Okazaki (Selma), ptg.; Tom Kamikawa (Fowler), gen. arr.; Dr. James Nagatani (Delano), rec.; Hugo Kazato (Fresno), reg.; Ronald Ota, Bill Tsuji (Parlier), banq.; Benny Matsunaga (Sanger), fin.

Hiro Mayeda, CCDC chairman, announced that Mike Masaoka will be here for the convention.

The Rev. John Nagayama of the Fowler Free Methodist Church and member of the Fowler JACL, will deliver the invocation at the banquet.

CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Stockton JACL: The chapter will sponsor a girl scout troop with the number to be assigned after the fourth meeting. Mrs. Mitsi Baba, who recently finished her leadership course, will be in charge. Meetings are being held at the Hazelton School.

■ So. Alameda County JACL: A Japanese movie benefit was scheduled last night at Alvarado Grammar School. Hideo Katsumoto, Tak Murakami and Satoru Sekigahama were co-chairmen.

■ San Francisco JACL: Pierre Coffe, chief food instructor at San Francisco City College and former chef at Hotel St. Francis and the Hotel Fairmont was to be the guest artist at the Nov. 16 meeting of the chapter auxiliary at the Buddhist Church conference room. Thelma Takeda was meeting chairman.

The program for the convention:
Friday, Nov. 25
10: a.m.—Registration, Moore Hotel.
7 p.m.—Opening Ceremony & Dinner, East Side Cafe; Mixer following, East Side Lions' Den, Art Terry's Band.
12 p.m.—Thousand Club Pow-wow.
Saturday, Nov. 26
10 a.m.—Registration, Moore Hotel.
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.—Intermountain District Council Meeting, Moore Hotel.
12 to 2 p.m.—Official Delegates

and Boosters' Luncheon, Moore Hotel.
7 to 10 p.m.—Pioneer Night Banquet, East Side Cafe.
Sunday, Nov. 27
9 to 12 noon—Intermountain District Council Meeting of old and new cabinet members, Moore Hotel.
12 n.—Official Delegates Luncheon Meeting, Moore Hotel.
2 to 4 p.m.—Fashion Show and Tea, Moore Hotel.
7 p.m.—Farewell Banquet, East Side Cafe; Farewell Ball following, place undecided, Ken Bord's Orchestra.

Mtn.-Plains convention climax at banquet-dance; Issei dinner slated

[Denver] Tak Terasaki, chairman of the Mtn.-Plains JACL Convention to be held here Nov. 26-27, announced that an Issei and Evacuee Claims dinner will be held on Nov. 26, 6 p.m., at the Lotus Room, 9th and Speer Blvd. Frank Yamaguchi of the Ft. Lupton JACL will be chairman.

Mike M. Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, will discuss various aspects of the Refugee Relief Act, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and other phases of the legislative program of primary interest to Issei.

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa of Los Angeles, will discuss the Lane-Hillings Amendment for the payment and compromise of larger evacuation claims.

Reservations for the Issei Dinner can be placed with the JACL Office, 1225 - 20th St.

Mile-Hi bridge champions named

[Denver] Joan Tolentino and Bud Uchida paired to win the Mile-Hi JACL bridge tournament Nov. 11 at the Yasui residence. True Yasui-Person Jeffries were second and Shig Teraji-Mike Uba were third place winners.

The annual Mixed-Pairs Tournament will be held at the Kobayashi residence, 455 Forest St., on Dec. 9.

French Camp chapter nominations for '56 cabinet announced

[French Camp] The local JACL chapter nominations committee recently met under chairmanship of Harry Ota, president, to select candidates for the 1956 term. Ballots have been sent to members, who are expected to return them by Nov. 30.

Nominated were:
For pres.—Fumio Kanemoto, Harry Itaya, George Komure.
For 1st v.p.—George Hatanaka, Mats Murata.
For 2nd v.p.—K. Hamamoto, S. Iwata.
For treas.—John Fujiki, Hats Nonaka.
For rec. sec.—Florence Shiromizu, Ayako Tsugawa, Lydia Ota.
For cor. sec.—Mitsi Shinmoto, Michi Egusa.
For pub.—Lawrence Nakano, George Ogino.
For hist.—Michi Shinmoto, Irene Takahashi.
For off. del.—Bob Ota, Joe Kudo.
For alt. del.—Hito Murata, Hiroshi Shinmoto, Bob Takahashi.
For ath. chmn.—Harry Ota, Leroy Hayashi.
Serving on the nominations committee were Lawrence Nakano, Bob Ota, George Matsuoka, John Fujiki and Tosh Hotta.

San Francisco women plan Laguna Home visit

[San Francisco] Visit Day to Laguna Honda home for the aged by members of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary will be held Nov. 20, Mrs. Amey Aizawa, service chairman, announced.

Mrs. Aizawa said that holiday gifts will be distributed to all Issei at the home. This will be the Auxiliary's third visit this year to the home.

[Denver] The 1955 Mtn.-Plains JACL District Convention will be climaxed with a banquet and dance at the Cosmopolitan Hotel Century Room Sunday night, Nov. 27.

Bill Hosokawa of the Denver Post, who recently won national attention by being elected the national president of the Sunday Magazine Editor's Association of America will act as toastmaster.

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer, will extend greetings on behalf of the national JACL, and Floyd Koshio, chairman of the Mtn.-Plains District will extend greetings on behalf of the JACL.

Mike M. Masaoka of Washington, D.C. will give the main address.

Billy Maddocks is chairman of the Convention dance, which will be held following the banquet after 9 p.m. in the Century Room.

Mtn.-Plain DC delegates

[Ft. Lupton] Tik Matsushima, Ft. Lupton JACL president, announced that John Kiyota and Bill Hisamoto have been designated as official delegates to the 1955 Mtn.-Plains JACL District Convention to be held in Denver Nov. 26.

[Alamosa] Shiro Enomoto, president of the San Luis Valley JACL, reported that he and Frank Uyemura of Blanca would represent the San Luis Valley JACL chapter. Enomoto also indicated that a bowling team will participate in the third annual Mtn.-Plains JACL District bowling tournament.

Omaha delegates named for Mtn.-Plains confab

[Omaha] Three delegates were named by the Omaha JACL for the Thanksgiving weekend Mountain-Plains District Council convention in Denver. They are Bob Nakadoi, chapter 1000 Club chairman; Mmes. Doris Matsunami and Lily Okura.

Members of the chapter bowling team competing in the district tournament are Frank Tamai, Manuel Matsunami, Pat Okura, Kay Nakadoi and Kazuo Ikebasu.

Mt. Olympus installs 1956 officers tonight

[Salt Lake City] Jim Ushio, Intermountain District Council chairman, will install the 1956 officers of the Mt. Olympus JACL at the Meadowbrook Golf Club Nov. 18. He will also be the main speaker.

Toby Hirabayashi heads the new cabinet as president. Following the dinner, the program will be under the direction of Harry Okubo, Amey Harada and Tomi Tamura.

Fall carnival

[Omaha] The Omaha JACL held its annual fall carnival at the local YWCA Nov. 5. Frank Tamai and Chick Matsui, co-chairmen, reported the gala event successful.

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Hectic weeks

● Tuesday this week (Nov. 15) was the first target date for articles, advertising and one-line greetings in the forthcoming Holiday Issue commemorating the 25th JACL anniversary . . . As holiday issues go, we are happy that it beckoned a little over one-fourth of the matter that will comprise the 72-pager . . . Several readers have answered our SOS for filling out the list of chapter presidents—and if we press a little harder, we should have the list about as complete as it can ever be.

● The other afternoon we found in the prewar files of the *Rafu Shimpō* English section a man named Ernest Iwasaki was president of the San Luis Obispo JACL back in 1932. Ken Utsunomiya, onetime national secretary, was president of the Santa Maria Valley chapter in 1932. And we asked him if he knew of Iwasaki in the neighboring county. Ken didn't remember any Nisei of voting age in the San Luis Obispo area then . . . We next called Ernest Iwasaki, Hawaiian-born attorney in town, on the chance that he might have been the person who organized that chapter. It turned out he was and the group was called the "Japanese American Citizens League". Ernest left the area in 1932 and the little group became inactive.

● In the process of getting the list of chapter presidents, we are running down a lot of stories such as this. It makes research interesting, not to mention the hours of lost sleep as a consequence . . . Probably the greatest find of the week in the *Rafu Shimpō* was the keynote address of Walter Tsukamoto at the 1940 Portland convention. What he said then still holds true today. A message that can stand the test of time is certainly worth reading again . . . Our Mountain-Plains regional representative, Min Yasui, is working over the address we had re-typed from the printed pages for our Holiday Issue . . . Our right-hand assistant, Brother Theophane, I'm sorry to report, has gone back to the hospital to convalesce from his ailment. We flipped a lot of old pages at the *Rafu Shimpō*. We were planning to visit the *Kashu Mainichi*, where its prewar files are still intact. That's the paper Larry Tajiri once edited.

Mtn.-Plains convention program

[Denver] The program for the 1955 Mountain-Plains JACL District Council convention here, Nov. 26-27, was announced by the Mountain-Plains Office as follows:

NOVEMBER 25 (Friday)

8:00p.m.—JACL Bridge tournament, 1150 S. Williams St.; True Yasui, chmn.; Sam Matsumoto, Haruko Kobayashi, directors.

NOVEMBER 26 (Saturday)

10:00a.m.—Registration, 1225-20th St.; Jennie Kitagawa, chmn. (All day until 6 p.m.)

10:00a.m.—3rd annual Mtn.-Plains JACL bowling tournament, Bowl-Mor Lanes, 1441 Court Pl.; Willie Mikuni, John Sakayama, co-chmn. (All day, continuing until Sunday 6 p.m.)

10:30a.m.—Opening session, Cathay Post Lounge, 2015 Market St.; Floyd Koshio, dist. chmn. (Roll call, minutes, greetings from Mile-Hi JACL President Harry H. Sakata, greetings from convention chairman Tak Terasaki, reports, appointment of committees.)

1:00p.m.—Informal luncheon, Oriental Gardens, 1296 Larimer St.; Toshio Ando, chmn.

2:30p.m.—Second session, Cathay Post Lounge. (Reports from Mike Masaoka, Dr. Roy Nishikawa; regional finance, Issei citizens' program, Pacific Citizen.)

3-5p.m.—Booster delegates program, Tri-State Buddhist Church club rooms, 1945 Lawrence St.; Sam Matsumoto, chmn.

8:00p.m.—Issei & Evacuation Claims dinner, Lotus Room, 9th and Speer Blvd., Frank Yamaguchi, chmn. (Report to Issei by Mike Masaoka, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Tak Terasaki.)

8:00p.m.—Engei Kyokai (tentative.)

OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS WELCOMING JACL DELEGATES

● Cathay Post Carnival: 2015 Market St., Jack Ishida, cmdr.
● Colorado Nisei Basketball League: Tournament award dance, Barnes Auditorium, Mike Toda, chmn.

NOVEMBER 27 (SUNDAY)

Morning—Open for Church Services.

1:30p.m.—Convention luncheon, Cosmopolitan Hotel, 18th and Broadway; James Kanemoto, chmn.

2:30p.m.—Closing session, Cosmopolitan Hotel. (Site of 1957 convention, resolutions, election of district officers.)

3:30p.m.—Mile-Hi JACL general meeting; Harry H. Sakata, pres. (Election of officers.)

8:30p.m.—Convention banquet, Cosmopolitan Hotel Century Room; Bill Hosokawa, toastmaster. (Greetings, installation of district officers, address by Mike Masaoka, convention credits.)

9:30p.m.—Convention dance; Billy Maddocks, chmn. (Intermission program—bowling tournament awards.)

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NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by MASAO SATOW

Marvelous display of JACL spirit and loyalty at Sonoma County NC-WNDC convention makes possible celebration of 25th ann'y

San Francisco

■ The Northern California-Western Nevada District Council Convention hosted by our Sonoma County Chapter was a terrific demonstration of an all-out effort on the part of a local chapter supported by its entire community. Out of the total chapter membership of 249, 171 pre-registered at a rate higher than was charged for visitors, and all the families brought ready prepared food for the Saturday evening potluck.

Credit Chapter President Kanemi Ono and Convention Chairman Frank Oda for this marvelous display of JACL spirit and loyalty, the kind which makes it possible for us to celebrate JACL's silver jubilee.

The Quarter Century Anniversary banquet was complete to a huge birthday cake as a fine representative group of officials from Sebastopol, Santa Rosa and Petaluma, joined with the delegates in listening to Mr. JACL Masaoka recount the highlights of JACL's progress.

Genial DC Chairman Jack Noda ran the business sessions smoothly and on schedule in his valedictory effort before turning over the gavel to successor Yas Abiko, long time San Francisco JACler.

Workshop

■ The Convention Workshop under the general direction of likeable Jerry Enomoto, ably assisted by sharp George Yasukochi and old hand Fred Hoshiyama, went to the heart of the problems of organizing membership campaigns and assimilating members into the program.

We were especially intrigued with the Placer County Chapter one-day membership effort with a 7 a.m. report meeting. Both in membership recruiting and getting people to assume responsibilities, the importance of capitalizing upon personal contacts and associations was stressed.

Sidelights

■ At the 1000 Club luncheon Bill Matsumoto as Mike Masaoka stole the show in a skit on the evacuation claims hearings written by Tokuzo Gordon with his genuine Masaokan gestures and grimaces . . . Fishermen in the bass derby fared much better than two years ago when the third place trophy had to be given for a catfish . . . So generous were the families of the host chapter in providing the potluck that midnight snacks in the motels featured chicken teriyaki, osushi and chow mein . . . Talk about hardheads—our combined last two squads of doubles and singles in the bowling tournament came off the alleys about the same time the fishermen were getting up—five ayem to be exact!

Bless the Women

■ Our commendation to the members of the Sonoma Chapter Womens Auxiliary headed by Mrs. Anne Ohki. Not only did the gals do a lot of unsung jobs during the two day affair, but they also took over the farm chores while their men folk busied themselves with convention responsibilities. Never discount the tremendous assistance of the women, especially when they are organized.

In Memoriam

■ One of the personal highlights was the opportunity to renew acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Masuoka, parents of Pete Masuoka, one of the three war heroes to whose memory the beautiful Enmanji Community Memorial

Hall is dedicated.



Pete was the first volunteer for the 442 out of Amache, anxious to join two brothers already in service. Our Community Council gave a dinner in honor of the volunteers, and Pete spoke in behalf of them. From sources close to UC's athletic fortunes in those days, we have it that Pete was looked upon as potentially the first Nisei to make the Cal football varsity. Mr. and Mrs. Masuoka's American citizenship have been purchased at great personal cost to themselves.

We Honor a Friend

■ We flew down to Los Angeles to join the PSWDC in honoring State Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott for his efforts in introducing and pushing two bills, one of which wiped off the State statutes the 1913 Alien Land Law, while the other places before the State's electorate next fall the opportunity to relegate the 1920 Alien Land Law into limbo.

We were honored to have State Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins present to pay respects to his colleague. Mr. Hawkins, one of the co-authors of both above bills as well as the Masterson Bill to obtain old age assistance for long-resident aliens, has served in the State Legislature as a champion of the American way for 20 years.

PSW Business Session

■ Barrister Dave Yokozeki presides so unobtrusively one is apt to forget he is in the chair . . . We were particularly impressed with the very thorough report on housing discrimination ably given by Mrs. Marianne Takagi who serves on Wilbur Sato's PSW DC Legislative Committee . . . National Legal Counsel Frank Chuman followed up by strongly emphasizing the necessity of individual Nisei standing their ground on discrimination cases in order to help along the overall situation.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER SEEKS SLIGHT CHANGE IN BOARD ELECTION

[San Francisco] Nominations for the San Francisco JACL 1956 board of governors will be the main item on the meeting agenda Nov. 26, 8 p.m. at Gyosei hall, it was announced by Jerry Enomoto, chapter president.

A list of nominees will be presented by Sumi Honnami, chairman of the chapter's nomination committee. Further nominations will be accepted at this meeting.

It was learned that members will be asked to approve a change in election procedure in the chapter constitution in this coming election.

Instead of electing 20 board members every year, the new plan calls for 10 present board members being elected for another year and 10 others be named for a two-year term. From next year 10 board members will be elected to the 20-man board at each annual election.

A free turkey drawing for members and a social dancing period will follow the business meeting.

Two turkeys will be given away

Dayton Clers to elect '56 cabinet officers

[Dayton] The Dayton JACL will hold an election meeting Nov. 20, 3 p.m., at the home of Dr. James Taguchi. Dr. Taguchi, past president, was recently appointed assistant clinical professor at Ohio State University and is chief of cardiology at the Veterans Administration here.

The chapter Christmas party will be held Dec. 18, 3 p.m., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hideo Yoshihara. Mr. and Mrs. Mas Yamasaki were chairmen of the recent Hallowe'en party held at Borden's Cottage.

Frank has devoted a lot of time and professional effort gratis on many cases and deserves loads of credit therefor.

Young at Heart

■ Anyone who thinks JACL is a bunch of old fogies should have been at the dance following the testimonial for Assemblyman Elliott.

It was hosted by the Southwest Los Angeles Chapter, and this has become synonymous with a lively good time with an overflow crowd. Chapter President Dr. Toru Iura leaves his professional dignity in the Caltech labs. It may be the nature of his professional interests, but just watching him in action you know this guy is jet propelled, and somehow he manages to inject the same kind of go spirit in others.

The active, ongoing, lively Southwest LA Chapter this year shows what real leadership can do, leadership being defined as that quality which causes things to happen in its immediate vicinity.

Across the Ocean

■ We have received a letter and photos from the Mayor of Bruyeres, France. These pictures were taken on Oct. 16 at the little memorial park dedicated to our boys when the townspeople turned out en masse to gratefully remember the liberation of their village eleven years ago by the 442. The American Consul was present and music was furnished by the American Army band. We hope these pictures can be reproduced in the PC (Best one was on the Front page last week.—Editor.)

We Are Grateful

■ We accept with great reluctance a contribution of \$20 from Mr. and Mrs. Tamejiro Yatabe, an elderly Issei couple in San Francisco, given to us in appreciation of their receiving State old age assistance. Such contributions makes us humbly aware of our responsibility in the careful dispersal of our funds. May JACL always be worthy of this kind of confidence and trust.

and members must be present to win, it was announced. Tickets for this drawing were sent by mail with the chapter newsletter early last week.

Sumi Utsumi will be chairman for the night and will be assisted by:

Yone Satoda, door prizes; Sumi Honnami, hall; Kiyoshi Tanamachi, drawing; Fred Obayashi, dance; Yae Iwasa, Sachi Kawaoka, refreshments.

GILROY CHAPTER NETS \$315 AT BENEFIT MOVIE, THANKS COMMUNITY

[Gilroy] The Gilroy JACL made a clear profit of \$315.50 for sponsoring a recent benefit movie, it was announced at its monthly meeting on Nov. 7 at the Community Hall.

JACL officials expressed appreciation to the general public for "generous contributions."

A progress report on the second annual Thanksgiving dance to be held on Nov. 24 was given by Tom Iwanaga, general chairman.

The dance is scheduled to be held at the IOOF Temple, North Egleberry St., Gilroy, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The public is invited to this non-couple affair.

French Camp CL bazaar feature told

[French Camp] Becoming a tradition at the annual French Camp JACL bazaar are the five turkeys given away as door prizes. The chapter bazaar will be held tonight at the local JACL hall. George Komure and Harry Ota are co-chairmen. Assisting are: John Fujiki fin.; Kiyoshi Hayashi, const.; Bob Takahashi, pub.; Harry Itaya, tickets; Bob Ogino, PA system; Harry Ota, George Komure, eqm.

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David T. Yokozeki, chairman of the PSWDC, presided efficiently at the district's quarterly meeting held last Saturday at the Clark Hotel here. Nat'l dir. William M. Satow, otherwise known as Deacon Mas, was on hand from Frisco to help along the discussion. The PSW is still short of its tough fund drive quota by almost 6 Gs, even though more than \$18,000 has been raised this year. The district's overall membership hit 3,000 for the first time, thanks mainly to Southwest L.A.'s sterling effort of 754 members, 2nd highest in the nation, trailing Chicago's 858.

The committeemen responsible for the classy testimonial banquet for Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott that followed were: Miwa Yamamoto (Hollywood) and Costello Suzukida (Downtown L.A.), co-chairmen; Jim Higashi and Wilbur Sato (East L.A.), Art Ito and Terry Kuwata (H), Tom Ito (Pasadena), Sho Komai (West L.A.), and Merijane Yokoe (DLA).

Father Clement of Maryknoll led off with the invocation. Emcee Frank Chuman did his usual masterful job of introductions and kept things moving along. Uta Shimotsuka, in fine voice, sang "Giannina Mia" and "You'll Never Walk Alone" accompanied by Sue Joe.

The testimonial presentations to Assemblyman Elliott were made by Mas Satow—a beautifully inscribed appreciation scroll—and by D. Yokozeki—a 99-piece Japanese porcelain dinnerware set.

Doc Toru Iura, prez of the SWLA JACL can well be proud of the Big D hop his chapter put on right after the dinner. Workhorse Roy Iketani and other committee members kept the overflow crowd well entertained. Course SWLA is known for its successful socials and this was an exception.

Making the first deadline of Nov. 15 for the PC Holiday Issue during the past week, thanx chapters, were: Fowler, Dayton, Albuquerque, Idaho Falls, San Benito County, Sonoma County, San Diego, St. Louis, Berkeley, Fort Lupton, Washington D.C., and Gilroy. Remember, Nov. 30 is the final deadline!

CUPID COUPLINGS: Congrats to 1000 Clubber Peter Ohtaki (Japan Air Lines, Seattle) for his marriage last week to Miss Rose Oda. Rose was Miss Salt Lake City JACL at the nat'l convention queen contest in SLC in '48. Also to John Watanabe, board member and past prexy of East L.A. JACL to Janet Okimoto, attendant to Miss Nat'l JACL at the 1954 convention here. Janet's also ELA treasurer this year.

MINORITY WEEK

Public park ruling hits South

[Atlanta] Georgia's Attorney General Eugene Cook, saw in the United States Supreme Court Nov. 7 decision outlawing segregation in swimming pools and golf courses another step in what he calls a campaign to bring about intermarriage of the races.

South Carolina's Gov. George Bell Timmerman Jr. said in Columbia, "There will be no mixing of the races in our state parks." He indicated last July that he would favor closing the state's public park system rather than allow intergration.

South Carolina Atty. Gen. T. C. Callison commented that "how much the ruling is going to control our case is problematical." He added, "It is possible, of course, the ruling may open a way" for the Negro plaintiffs to go directly to the federal courts.

At Birmingham, Ala., City Commissioner Wade Bradley said he would vote to shut down all city parks and swimming pools before allowing intermingling of the races.

Tajiri—

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and won't be until they are signed. The third baseman is described as a "terrific glove man, but anything but a slugger" and the pitcher is "a curve ball artist capable of holding almost anybody from two to four innings."

Denver, in the Triple-A American Association, is the Yankees' No. 1 farm club, and the Japanese players probably will be sent there if they join the New York organization. It's said that Stengel believes both players are definite major league prospects but will need at least a year of conditioning in Triple-A baseball. The Yanks are serious about recruiting players in Japan. Last week they signed Tadashi (Bozo) Wakabayashi to scout for players for the New York club and its minor league affiliates. Wakabayashi, a Nisei from Hawaii, was a star college pitcher in Tokyo and has been associated with Japanese baseball for a quarter century.

Yoshikawa shoots 80 to win new tournament

[Stockton] Fred Yoshikawa of Fresno posted a low gross 80 at Swanson Park to earn the first leg of the Valley Invitational Nisei Golf tournament perpetual trophy Nov. 6. The veteran golfer led a field of 56 participants.

Jack Matsumoto of Stockton copped low net with 82-10-72 with Gary Kadani of Fresno, who posted an 86-14-72. The Fresno quartet of Kadani, Shig Tokumoto, William Suda and H. Sasaki won the team event.

Fresno will sponsor the 1956 tournament.

Fuzzy Shimada rests another scratch title

[Richmond] Fuzzy Shimada of San Francisco won the scratch all-events honors in the Uptown Bowl's big Labor Day singles tournament, it was learned this week.

He scored 2495 to win by nine pins over Bob Prinze of Richmond in the 12-game division. However, Prinze beat out Shimada in the six-game scratch competition by 33 pins, 1301 to 1268.

Selma JACL fish derby

[Selma] The annual Selma striped bass derby will be held Nov. 22 at Frank's Tract, it was announced by chairman Ken Yamamoto. A \$2 registration at the Delta Boathouse must be paid by 6 a.m. Assisting in registration are Mas Morishima, Akira Iwamura, Takami Misaki and Ben Ono.

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[Denver] A Nisei women's team of Sally Furushiro, Betty Kawano, Joan Nishimoto, Mats Ito and Tay Kondo copped the class A division championship in the state women's bowling tournament Nov. 13 at Bowl-Mor Lanes.

Mats Ito shot a terrific 593 trio to help the team in obtaining a 2509 scratch team total. Plus a 232-pin handicap the team had a grand total of 2741. It is believed it is the first time a winning team has shot over a 2700 team total since the tournament has begun.

Alameda chapter bowling tournament this Sunday

[Alameda] Six events were set for the Alameda JACL bowling tournament Nov. 20 at Alameda Bowl. Hi Akagi, tournament chairman, said trophies will be awarded to men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, mixed doubles and novice singles.

Assisting on the committee are Yas Koike and Mrs. Aiko Yamamoto. Presentations will be made at a dinner following the tournament.

NC-WNDC convention fish derby won by Petaluman

[Sebastopol] George Kawano of Petaluma won the fishing derby conducted by the Sonoma County JACL in conjunction with the biennial NC-WNDC District convention Nov. 5.

George caught a 22 lbs. 13 oz. beauty at Ross Resort on the Napa River. Second prize went to James Otani of Petaluma, who brought in an 8 lb. 2 oz. striper.

James Tanda of Salinas took third with a 7 lb. 3 oz. bass. The Sonoma County JACL's prize for the top chapter in the derby also went to Salinas Valley JACL as the donors were not eligible to get their own trophy.

Sign Kaneko for American bouts

[Tokyo] Shigeji Kaneko, Oriental featherweight champion and the best Japanese boxer since former flyweight world champion Yoshio Shirai, has signed a contract with Sad Sam Ichinose and Ralph Yempuku of Honolulu for three fights in Hawaii and the mainland.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Elliott honored

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 Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott of the 40th District was paid tribute by the Pacific Southwest District Council at its fourth quarterly meeting held Saturday at Clark Hotel.
 Frank Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, acted as toastmaster during the testimonial dinner which drew some 125

members and guests.
 Elliott, now in his ninth year at the Sacramento legislature, said in his response to a JACL Certificate of Appreciation presented him by Masao Satow, national director, that justice, fair play and legislative progress is achieved only by many collective individuals whose efforts are combined in the final showdown.

Elliott is well remembered for his part in eliminating the vicious Alien Land law in the state, and was one of the authors who drafted the old age benefit bill granting aid to those who were previously ineligible to citizenship.

Among the guests, too, was Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins who, together with Elliott, was instrumental in bringing about a special sports fishing law which gave Issei the same consideration in the matter of getting a license. Until then, alien Japanese were compelled to pay a higher fee in obtaining their permit.

Elliott mentioned the names of Tats Kushida, Joe Grant Masaoaka, Haruo Ishimaru and Sam Ishikawa as leaders who fought in behalf of persons of Japanese descent. "We in Sacramento have great respect for these men who represent in your behalf. Through their concerted work we were able to make such legislative progress for the Nisei and Issei at large."

PRESIDENT'S PORTRAIT PRESENTED

Eighteen Japanese language schools in Southern California were among public and private institutions receiving a portrait of President Eisenhower from the American Legion which is sponsoring a project to "materially assist in creating patriotic and respectful attitude of the youth of the state toward their country and the President."

Match Kumamoto, vice-commander of the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion, presented one to Sister Mary Judith who is principal of Maryknoll School where 400 Nisei and Sansei children are enrolled.

Commander Soichi Fukui delivered portraits to Yaemitsu Sugimachi, principal of the Japanese Language School Co-operative System of Los Angeles. Fukui, who is on the Legion's state Americanism Commission, said the project was recommended and passed at the last California meeting of the organization in San Diego in June.

MASTER BAKER IZUMI

George Izumi, lone Japanese American member in the Master Bakers Retailers Association of Los Angeles county, was named to serve as vice-president of the organization for the coming year. The World War II veteran is operator-owner of Grace Pastry Shoppe since 1950. Izumi served as treasurer of the MBRA the past two years. He will be installed in January when the group holds its annual dinner in Pasadena. Izumi has won top awards in baking every other year since his entries in 1951. First it was on the pie, then in the cake and last year he took two blue ribbons in pie and layer cake.

HOME STATE DEVELOPMENT

Even before completion of Town and Country Shopping Center in Gardena, the Home State Investment Co. has announced another expansion program in Orange County.

A seven-acre corner lot at Magnolia and Katella has been purchased by the investment firm, headed by Taul Watanabe. More than \$250,000 will be spent to construct a super-service chain gas station, which is scheduled for operation before December, 1956; and a 15,000 square foot super-market and a 24-unit motel. The latter two projects are expected to be finished about June. The remaining land will be subdivided for building of new homes.

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SAN DIEGO
 OTSUKA—Sept. 18, boy to Kenneth K. Otsukas.
 SACRAMENTO
 HAYASHIDA—Sept. 26, girl Jinichi Hayashidas, Florin.
 MATSUDA—Sept. 29, girl to George Matsudas, West Sacramento.
 MATSUMOTO—Sept. 24, girl to Richard T. Matsumotos.
 ITOW—Oct. 3, boy to Harry H. Itows, Sakamoto.
 SAKAMOTO—Oct. 4, girl to Shigeya Kitajimas.
 KITAJIMA—Oct. 14, girl to Thomas Makishimas.
 MAKISHIMA—Oct. 6, boy to George Makishimas.

Engagements

FUKAGAWA-TASHIRO — Tomiye, Kingsburg; to Shigeyuki, Orosi.
 HATAKEDA-NAKAGAWA — Hamako, Sanger; to Toshio, San Jose.
 HIRABAYASHI-MIYAKE — Nami to Tad, both Fresno.
 NAKATSUKA-ISHIDA — Mariko to Tom, both Denver.
 YOSHIFUJI-MATSUDA — Noriko, Watsonville; to T. San Francisco.

Marriage Licenses Issued

AKAMURA-TERAMOTO — Kiyoshi, Campbell; Jean, San Jose.
 BEACH-SHIKIBU — Earl A. and Meiko, both Stockton.
 HINO-WADA—James H., 22; Sara S., 21, both Seattle.
 KAKIUCHI-MURAKAMI — Minoru, Lincoln; Kim, Newark (Placer County).
 KATO-YAMAMOTO — Akira, Mt. View; Mary Fumiko, Sanger.
 KONNO-KADO — Kumio, 27; Elsie Y., 24, both Oakland.
 KUBOTA-KUBO — Genji and Yoshiko both Reddeley.
 KUNIMOTO-HAZEYAMA — Tokio, 31; Sachiko, 27, both San Francisco.
 KUWAHARA-HAMADA — Takeshi, 32, Pescadero; Fusaye, 31, San Francisco.
 MATSUHARA-COWHART — Minoru and Nancy, both San Francisco.
 OKUBO-KAMADA — Kiyoshi, San Mateo; Hatsuiko, San Francisco.
 SANBO-WAKAYAMA — Saichi and Shige, both Sacramento.
 SENO-MIZOBE — Alvin M., Florin; Toyoko, Sacramento.
 SUZUKI-SAKO — Seiji and Tetsuko, both San Francisco.
 TAMAKI-KUBOTA — Tetsuo T., 29, Seattle; Martha K., 26, Harrington, Wash.
 UCHIDA-TAJIMA — Jim H., San Mateo; Sumiko, Oakland.
 WOLF-OKAZAKI — Richard and Hazel K., both Oakland.

Weddings

HIKIDO-NAGAYAMA — Nov. 6, Tom, San Jose; Joyce, Mt. View.
 KAIDA-NAKATANI — Nov. 10, Lt. Tadao and Yoko, both Concord.
 KATO-YAMAMOTO — Nov. 6, Hoichi, Mt. View; Fumiko, Sanger.
 KAWAMOTO-NAKAI — Oct. 22, Joe T. and Haruye, both Los Angeles.
 KENNEDY-ENDO — Sept. 24, Walter T. and Yone, both New York.
 KINOSHITA-KOIDE — Nov. 6, Frank K., San Diego; Tami, Los Angeles.

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 MATSUMURA-SATO — Oct. 15, Bob, Chicago; Yuki, Ontario, Ore.
 MIYAKA-MORI — Oct. 29, Ben, Irvington; Mary, Los Gatos.
 MIYATA-SAGARA — Oct. 15, Masao and Harumi, both Chicago.
 MIYAWAKI-TSUCHI — Oct. 16, Tomio, Layton, Utah; Mitsuko, Los Angeles.
 MORIYAMA-FURUNO — Nov. 6, Sam, West Los Angeles; Kimiko, Los Angeles.
 NAKAMURA-TOKUNAGA — Nov. 6, Samuro, Mt. View; Sally S., Saratoga.
 SHIBATA-SOGI — Nov. 6, George and Dora C., both Denver.
 TAKASAKI-MASUMOTO — Oct. 29, Masao and Kathleen, both Reddeley.
 TANI-KASUGA — Nov. 5, Akira, Santa Maria; Setsu, Sandy, Utah.
 TOYAMA-ENDOW — Oct. 23, Edwin, Walnut Grove; Makiko, Berkeley.
 TSUTSUI-HAYASHI — Nov. 6, Herbert, San Fernando; Reiko, Los Angeles.
 UCHIDA-TAJIMA — Nov. 6, James, San Mateo; Sumiko, Oakland.
 SASAKI-TAKAKI — Oct. 29, Frank M., Lodi; Fumiko J., New York.
 YAMADA-TANIGUCHI — Oct. 21, Terumi, Kingsburg; Yoshiko, Seattle.
 YOSHIDA-SENMARU — Nov. 6, Henry Y. and Tomiko, both Los Angeles.

Deaths

KOBAYASHI, Kisomatsu, 82; Selma, Nov. 6, survived by son Shigeichi, daughter Mrs. Akio Takata and three grandchildren.
 NOMURA, Tadaki, 60; Stockton, Oct. 30, survived by wife Kikuye, sons Yoshitaku, Masayoshi, daughters Takeko Mrs. Ayako Fukuyama, Mrs. Masako Matsui, Mrs. Shizuko Matsumune.
 OMOTO, Kazutaro, 82; San Francisco, Nov. 2, survived by wife Tsuehi and son Aki.
 SHIKI, Wasaburo, 82; Salt Lake City, Nov. 1.

FRESNO JACL ELECTS

DR. YABUNO PRESIDENT

[Fresno] The Fresno JACL announced its 1956 officers with Dr. Robert Yabuno succeeding Hugo Kazato as president. Representatives from the women's Auxiliary and Issei division are to be made later, it was added.

EAST LOS ANGELES C.I. IN BOX LUNCH SOCIAL

[Los Angeles] Edison Uno will be auctioneer at the second annual East Los Angeles JACL box lunch social Nov. 19, 7 p.m., at International Institute. Proceeds go to Christmas Cheer.

Gene Parker will lead guests in ice-breaker games and dancing during the evening. Coffee and tea will be served.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER ELECTION MEET TONIGHT

[Santa Ana] The Orange County JACL will hold an election meeting tonight at the Talbert Community Hall, 9400 Talbert Rd. Heading the slate are Harry Matsukane and incumbent George Kanno for the office of president.

The Orange County Matrons, who co-sponsor the New Year's eve dance with the O.C. chapter, recently elected Mrs. Chiyoko Nagamatsu as president.



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Christmas Cheer passes \$800 mark

[Los Angeles] Contributions to the local Christmas Cheer drive reached the 37% mark of the \$2,000 goal for 1955, it was announced by Jim Higashi, Cheer Committee chairman. The eighth annual campaign to help Japanese needy will end Dec. 15.

Canned goods, Japanese staples and cash donations are being accepted at the JACL Office, 258 E. 1st St.

The Nov. 4-11 donors were:

\$25—Dr. C. T. Sakaguchi.
 \$15—Nisei Memorial Post 9938 VFW Auxiliary.
 \$10—Miss Dixie Hunt (San Francisco), Risaku Kawanami, Yuzo Susagano, Seinan Realty, Senshin Bukkyo Fujinkai, Shigemi M. Uyeda (Lancaster), Gardena Valley Sr. YBA, D. Fujinami, Far East Travel Service.
 \$5—Naoki Nitta, T. Suyehiro, Y. K. Ishihara, Gardena Pharmacy, Y. Shiga, Frank T. Katow.
 \$2—John K. Nagasawa, U. Hanazawa, Anonymous.
 TOTAL FOR WEEK\$166.00
 CASH ON HAND846.37

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Chinese and then to the Filipinos and the Asiatic Indians, thus increasing the discrimination against other Asians, including the Japanese.

The Walter-McCarran Act, in 1952, extended naturalization and immigration privileges to the Japanese and all remaining Asians on the same basis as these privileges were extended to the Chinese nine years earlier. The national origins principle applies, and the special restriction of ancestry and the Asia-Pacific Triangle was added.

While these latter two provisions are discriminatory, there, at least, no longer remains discrimination as between the nations and peoples of the Far East. And, even limited immigration quotas are infinitely to be preferred to complete and total exclusion, the status which prevailed for the Japanese prior to the 1952 Act.

Insurance beneficiaries

[Denver] The local JACL office, 1225-20th St., was requested to assist in locating insurance beneficiaries of:

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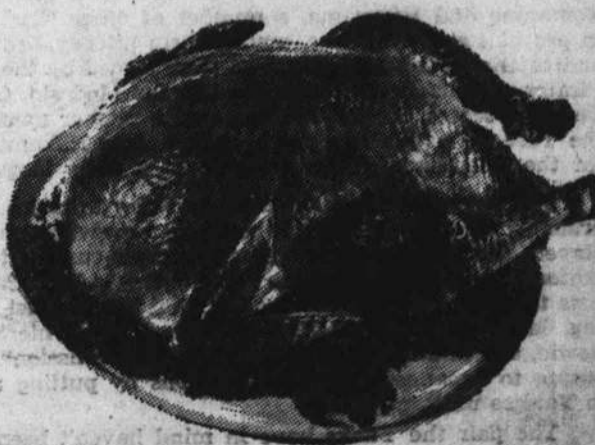
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Bit of baseball

Denver

The baseball talk in Denver is that the New York Yankees are going to send the Bears two Japanese players for the 1956 season, a slick-fielding third baseman and a relief pitcher. The story isn't official yet but Bob Bowie, cartoonist for the *Denver Post* until he went to Tokyo last spring to become sports editor of the *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, affirms the deal definitely is in the works. The formal announcement, says Bowie, probably will be made before Thanksgiving if the two players in question are signed to Yankee contracts.

This baseball deal is being conducted on a higher level than is usually the case. The Yankees and the Japanese professional league are involved, of course, but Premier Hatoyama also is interested in the goings-on, as well as the U.S. State Department which apparently considers the whole affair a step toward cementing goodwill between the two countries.

The effectiveness of baseball in creating an atmosphere of friendship has been demonstrated by the Japanese public's reaction to the New York Yankees on their current tour. The Yanks have been greeted with the pomp and ceremony usually reserved for world champions who happen to be, in this case, the Brooklyn Dodgers. Many millions shouted their welcome to the Yankees on their triumphal march through Nippon, and more than a half million fans have seen the Americans humble their Japanese opposition in all games except one, a 1 to 1 tie in the 11th. But many of the games were close and were decided by the Yankees' long ball hitting.

No one pretends that Japanese pro baseball, as played in the Central and Pacific leagues, compares with the caliber of play in America's majors or high minors, but there has been a definite improvement in recent years. This betterment in play can be traced to a variety of factors, including visits to Japan in recent years of Coast League Manager Frank O'Doul and Leo Durocher and the New York Giants. Another reason is the fact that a number of Nisei players from the mainland and Hawaii are now playing for Japanese teams and have brought with them lessons in strategy and finesse.

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NISEI IN JAPANESE PRO BALL

Nisei players are not new to Japanese pro ball. Back in the mid-1930s, there were a number of Japanese Americans on teams like the Nagoya Dolphins which had Pitcher George Matsuura and Shortstop Sammp Takahashi (who played briefly in the old Western International league in the Pacific Northwest in the late 1920s), both from the Los Angeles Nippons. Most of the Nisei came back before Pearl Harbor, and the first to make an impact in postwar years was Wally Yonamine.

Yonamine, a high school grid and baseball star, went directly into the army after graduation and became an outstanding football player at Schofield Barracks. He was picked by Coach Jock Sutherland to join an Army team which toured the Pacific after V-J day. Yonamine played three years with the San Francisco 49ers of the now-defunct All-American Football League. Summers, he was a first baseman for the Hawaii Red Sox in Honolulu and was batting .453 when he caught the eye of Lefty O'Doul and was signed to a San Francisco Seals contract. The Seals farmed him out to Salt Lake City in 1949 where he played centerfield and batted around .333. The next year he was promoted to the Salem, Ore., Senators of the Western International, but decided to go to Japan instead to perform for the Tokyo Giants of the Japanese Central League.

In recent years Yonamine's consistent hitting and his fiery play have sparked the Giants to successive league championships and to victories in the Japanese "World Series" against the champs of the rival Pacific League. This year Yonamine was again leading the Giants toward a pennant when he was felled by a thrown ball and sustained a fractured jaw. The Giants, with Nisei teammate Dick Kashiwaeda from Hawaii helping to take up the slack, went on to win both the loop crown and the playoff against the Nankai Hawks.

In addition to Yonamine and Kashiwaeda, there are a number of other Nisei in the two Japanese leagues. Among them are catcher Jyun Hirota of Honolulu, Giants, and catcher Fibber Hirayama and Ken Zenimura of the Hiroshima Carps, both from the Fresno, Calif., area. Hirayama, football and baseball star at Fresno State, played pro baseball with the Stockton Ports of the California league before going to Japan. Kashiwaeda, Hirayama and Hirota were named to the Central League all-stars and have played in several games against the Yankees.

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NO COLOR LINE IN MAJOR RANKS

No Nisei ever has played on a major league team, but organized baseball has never drawn a color line against Japanese Americans. Among the first Nisei to play for pay were Jimmy Horio and Kenso Nushida in the early 1930s. Horio, an outfielder for the L.A. Nippons, saw service briefly for the Los Angeles Angels and Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League, while Nushida, a shortstop for a Stockton Nisei team, was used by the Sacramento PCL club as a pitcher. Besides Yonamine and Hirayama, a number of other Nisei have been in pro ball since the war, among them pitcher Jiro Nakamura and catcher Hank Matsubu who were signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and assigned to the Modesto, Calif., Reds. The line scores carried the name of a pitcher named Fujii in the Three-I league this year, while a Jose Nakamura pitched for the Charleston, S.C., in the Class A Sally league.

The first player of Japanese ancestry to make the majors probably won't be a Nisei. It could be, however, one of the two players the Yankees have spotted on their current tour. Sports Editor Bowie, writing to the *Denver Post's* Jack Carberry insists that the Yanks aren't fooling, that it's not just a publicity gag. Manager Casey Stengel and the Yankee hierarchy, says Bowie, are imbued with their "diplomatic mission" in contributing to Japanese-American relations by putting a Japanese in Yankee uniform.

The pair the Yanks have in mind haven't been identified

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by MIKE MASAOKA

National origins formula for admitting immigrants to U.S. likely to be center of controversy over Walter-McCarran Act

Washington

When the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization holds public hearings later this month on the proposed amendments to the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, advocates of repeal and revision will probably concentrate their attacks against the so-called national origins formula under which immigration to this country is presently governed.

The national origins concept of immigration control is described in the first section of Title II, the title devoted to immigration policies and practices in the 1952 Act.

Designated specifically as Sec. 201 (a), it provides that "the annual quota of any quota area shall be one-sixth of one per centum of the number of inhabitants in the continental United States in 1920, which number . . . shall be the same number heretofore determined under the provisions of Sec. 11 of the Immigration Act of 1924, attributable by national origin to such quota area . . ."

Thus, the law itself states that the method of computing immigration quotas shall be the same as that prescribed in the 1924 statute, which was the basic code prior to the enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act.

The national origins concept, therefore, was not originated or greatly modified, except for the liberalizing aspects relating to Asians, by the 1952 law.

Notwithstanding all that has been said, written, and inferred about the national origins provisions, the Walter-McCarran Act did not introduce this formula. It merely continued existing law along this same line.

How Opponents Hold

Opponents of the national origins system charge that it was and is based upon racial prejudice and discrimination, pointing out that, while almost 82 per cent of the available quota numbers are allocated to northern and western European countries, only 16 per cent are provided for the nations of southern and eastern Europe. They allege that under the national origins formula less than 50 per cent of all the quota visas authorized by law from 1930 to 1950 have been used; even though many times that number are waiting on quota lists in many countries awaiting admission to the United States.

Racial traits and cultural attainments are not synonymous with national origin and a more selective, individual basis should be used, according to these advocates of change.

On the other hand, proponents defend the system as the only one calculated to preserve the cultural and ethnic composition of the United States, giving every nationality group as many immigrants in proportion to the whole as that national origins-group has contributed to the total population.

Proponents argue that the 150,000 visas authorized annually represents the maximum total to be issued and not the mandated number to be admitted every year.

Finally, they suggest that their opponents are not so much motivated by a desire to change the principles of national origin but rather to increase immigration from certain southern and eastern European countries.

Japanese Immigration

Behind this controversy lies much in the way of historical and legislative background, as well as the personal and national interests of many individuals and groups.

It may be interesting, therefore, to comment on that part of the historical and legislative background that touches upon persons of Japanese ancestry in particular and Asians in general.

What is generally regarded as America's first restrictive immigration law was passed March 3, 1875 and was directed against contract labor from China and Japan.

The first of the so-called Chinese Exclusion Acts was approved in 1882, with subsequent legislation enacted in 1884, 1888, 1892, 1902, and 1904. The alien contract labor statute became effective in February, 1885.

The Immigration Act of 1907 enabled President Theodore



Roosevelt to conclude the "Gentlemen's Agreement" with Japan to limit the entry of Japanese laborers into the west coast.

The Immigration Act of 1927 defined a geographical area by degrees of latitude and longitude and described it as the "barred zone". Its purpose was to make exclusion of Asiatics more complete by declaring inadmissible natives of China, India, Burma, Siam, the Malay States, a part of Asiatic Russia, a part of Arabia, a part of Afghanistan, most of Polynesia, and the East Indian Islands.

Japan was not included at that time because she was a signatory to the "Gentlemen's Agreement" of a decade earlier.

The first quota law was passed in the 67th Congress, May 19, 1921, limiting the number of any nationality entering the United States to three per cent of foreign-born persons of that nationality who lived here in 1910.

1890 Once Considered

During consideration of legislation that led up to the 1924 law, it was suggested that Japan be placed under the quota rule, with 1890 as the base year not only for Japan but for all the nations except those in the "barred zone".

The House Committee on Immigration objected to this provision on the grounds that it would place Japan's nationals in this country in conflict with our federal naturalization statutes (for, by race, they were not eligible for naturalization) and would discriminate in favor of the Japanese as against other Asiatic races in the "barred zone".

As a matter of fact, immigration experts in the State Department conceived the national origins idea as a means of preventing the "exclusion" of the Japanese in the 1924 law but congressional leaders, particularly on the Senate side, seized upon it to favor immigration from certain regions of Europe while discriminating against other areas and excluding all Orientals.

The national origins formula, as we know it, was first proposed on the floor of the House on April 11, 1924, by Rep. John Jacob Rogers of Massachusetts as an amendment to the immigration bill then under debate.

Previous to this suggestion, the debate was on the percentage of foreign-born residents who would comprise the base for computation of immigration quotas.

The national origins formula considered ancestral countries of origin of the native-born as well as the foreign-born, and thus took into consideration the entire population.

The main arguments, in both the House and the Senate at that time, related to the base census years (1890, 1910, or 1920) which would also have affected the nationalities involved and to whether the 80 per cent of the population who were native-born should be overlooked for the 20 per cent who were foreign-born.

Of course, the "yellow menace" threat from Japanese immigrants was often mentioned during the debates, as well as the need to keep American "Aryan" in composition.

The chairman of the House Committee, Rep. Albert Johnson of Washington, successfully opposed the national origins amendment in the House but it was later approved by a voice vote as a part of the Conference Report after the Senate had amended its version to include this proviso.

The Immigration Act of 1924, which excluded the Japanese from immigration privileges on the grounds that they were "racially ineligible to citizenship", became law May 26 of that year, though the national origins provisions did not finally become effective until July 1, 1929.

Formula Explained

Under the 1924 Act, the quota of any nationality was the number which bears the same ratio to 150,000 (the maximum number of visas authorized for a single year) as the number of inhabitants in continental United States in 1920, having that national origin, bears to the number of inhabitants in continental United States in 1920, but the minimum quota of any nationality would be 100.

Mathematically expressed, it was determined that 5,314,357 persons had their origin in the 21 nonquota countries of North and South America, leaving, after deducting slave immigrants, Indian aborigines, and aliens ineligible for citizenship, 89,506,558 persons attributable to quota areas.

The fraction, therefore, was 150,000 divided by 89,506,558 or the equivalent of decimal 0.001675854857.

The Walter-McCarran Act eliminates this complex mathematical computation and substitutes therefore the one-sixth of one per centum standard, which represents the closest simplified fraction for the 1924 formula.

Over Million Admitted

From 1925 to 1929, the quota law was based upon two per cent of the foreign-born in this country according to the 1890 census and the total annual quotas amounted to slightly over 160,000.

Beginning in 1929, the national origins quota law became effective, which established quotas aggregating approximately 153,000.

The total quota numbers available from 1925 to 1947, covering both quota allotment methods, was 3,591,731 with 1,392,135 quota immigrants actually admitted, thereby making a grand total of 2,718,006 quota and nonquota immigrants admitted, which is equal to 75.7 per cent of the number who could have been admitted as quota immigrants alone.

Quotas Preferred

Amendments to the Immigration Act of 1924 in 1943 and in 1946, respectively, extended the privilege of naturalization and immigration quotas under the national-origins formula to, first, the

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CALENDAR

- Nov. 18 (Friday)
Marysville—Pot-luck supper (tentative).
Southwest L.A.—Issei Recognition, Dorsey High School Auditorium (Co-sponsor: Nisei VFW Post 5888).
Chicago—Inaugural Party, Tam O'Shanter CC, 7 p.m.
Nov. 19 (Saturday)
PNWDC—District convention Puget Sound Valley JACL hosts; meeting, Tacoma Buddhist Church; banquet, Tower, 6805-6th Ave., Tacoma.
East Los Angeles—Box lunch, auction, International Institute, 8 p.m.
Nov. 20 (Sunday)
Mt. Olympus—Turkey shoot, Salt Lake Police Range, 12:30 p.m.
Nov. 21 (Monday)
Placer County—15th annual Goodwill Dinner, Roseville Memorial Hall; Rep. Claire Engle spkr.
Nov. 22 (Tuesday)
Selma—Fishing derby, Frank's Tract, Delta Boathouse, 6 a.m.
Nov. 24 (Thursday)
Gilroy—Thanksgiving Dance, 1007 Temple, N. Egleberry St., 9 p.m.
Nov. 25-27
IDC—8th biennial convention, Ontario, Ore. (Snake River chapter hosts).
Mt.-P DC—Convention, Denver.
Nov. 26 (Saturday)
Downtown L.A.—Naturalized Issei Recognition, Patriotic Hall, 1816 S. Figueroa St., 7:30 p.m. (Perry Post, co-sponsor).
Sacramento—Annual Talent Show, Detroit—Election pot-luck supper, International Institute.
Nov. 28 (Wednesday)
Southwest L.A.—Meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 9 p.m.
Dec. 4 (Sunday)
CCDC—District convention, Hacienda Motel, Fresno.
Dec. 6 (Tuesday)
East Los Angeles—Election meeting, International Institute.
Dec. 10 (Saturday)
Southwest L.A.—Lunch-box Social, Washington, D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, The Occidental (semi-formal).
Marysville—Pre-Christmas party.