



EDITORIALS:

JACL's statement on the I&N law

One of the longest single stories filed by the Washington JACL Office came this week. It concerns the JACL statement to the Senate immigration subcommittee.

When the JACL first embraced the Walter-McCarran omnibus bill as the "best possible compromise for all Americans that that particular Congress would accept", Nisei opinion was divided into two camps. One sided with the Congress, the other with President Truman who had vetoed the bill because of the national origins formula and the "anti-Communist" checks contained in the bill.

Those who sided with the Congress, which overrode the veto, today are able to point to the 20,000 Issei who have gained American citizenship. Sanction of some 500 laws against "those racially ineligible to citizenship" was removed by the Act. Far East foreign relations were also enhanced as the principle of equality in immigration and naturalization privileges were extended for the first time in American history to all peoples—especially Japan.

The major story of the week also explains JACL's judgment of the practical political and legislative situation which existed three years ago and which has been vindicated on most counts in support of the Walter-McCarran bill.

The JACL is making several recommendations of its own for changes in the Act. They deal with national origins quota system, higher quotas for Asians, Nisei stranded, right of appeal for immigrants, non-quota status for reuniting families and adopted children, suspension of deportation, provisions for less-harsh adjustment of resident status for aliens and loss of nationality.

After three years of operation, the Act is under scrutiny. What we fear is that this scrutiny might rise each time votes are at a premium as it will be in 1956.

EL CENTRO SCHOOL SYSTEM ADOPTS NON-SEGREGATION

(El Centro) A suit charging racial segregation in the El Centro schools was dropped Nov. 28 in Federal court in San Diego after the school district issued a statement of non-segregation policy.

A stipulation filed by Mrs. Rigmore Barker, Imperial County deputy district attorney authorized the court to dismiss the action and announced these policies of school district trustees:

1. To assign teachers by qualification, not by race, creed or color.
2. To draw school zones on the basis of population, regardless of race, color or creed.
3. To grant student transfers for good cause, and not on the basis of race, creed or color.

The stipulation was agreed to by the plaintiffs, 22 parents of Mexican and Negro school children, who had charged last March that Negro and Mexican pupils and teachers were allowed in only two El Centro schools.

Federal Judge Pierson M. Hall had ordered the case tried in the State courts, but the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco reversed this view, and ordered it back to Federal district court, where it was awaiting a trial date.

Alianza Hispano Americana and NAACP attorneys who have appeared before the courts on behalf of their plaintiffs were supported by the JACL, ACLU, Greater Los Angeles CIO Council and American Jewish Committee as "amici curiae".

Ben Kuroki buys Michigan weekly

(Williamston, Mich.) Ben Kuroki, Nebraska newspaperman and much-decorated Nisei airman during World War II, has purchased last week the Williamston Enterprise, 83-year-old weekly paper, from Mrs. Hope B. Thompson.

Kuroki, American-born of Japanese ancestry, flew for the U.S. in the North African, Italian and European campaigns. Under a personal directive from Secretary of War Stimson, he also flew in active combat over Japan, and carried out 58 heavy bombardment missions.

Kuroki graduated from the University of Nebraska and has been editor and publisher of newspapers in Nebraska and Idaho.

EAT LOTS OF SASHIMI, JUICY TOMATOES IF YOU WANT TO LIVE TO 100

(Honolulu) If you wish to live to be a hundred, eat lots of sashimi (Japanese raw fish) and ripe, juicy tomatoes.

That, in brief, is the secret for long life, according to Shusaburo Kuwada, born in Hiroshima, who celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary with a party Nov. 6.

And how about liquor and tobacco?

"Definitely no!" centenarian Kuwada emphasizes.

It's best, he says, to steer clear of liquor and tobacco—after you reach 60, anyway.

For it was at that age, he recalls, he gave it all up—the drinking, that is.

He's never had a "single puff" in his life, he maintains.

Neither does he believe in eating chicken, meat or pork.

Guaranty of Asia immigrant equal consideration with others, CL pleas

BY HELEN MINETA

(Washington) The Japanese American Citizens League presented a favorable evaluation of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 after three years of operation from its own view point in a statement prepared this week for the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

The statement, prepared by Mike Masaoka, Washington JJACL representative, also appraised immigration bills pending before the subcommittee and suggested some ten changes to the Act.

Masaoka was scheduled to appear before the committee yesterday.

Masaoka briefly traced the abortive post-World War II attempts to pass legislation giving citizenship rights to the Issei in this country and the final enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act which finally did.

"JACL," he said, "reached the conclusion that, though the bills (comparable but no identical bills introduced by Rep. Francis E. Walter, Democrat of Pennsylvania in the House, and the late Sen. Pat McCarran, Democrat of Nevada) were far from perfect, they represented definite and concrete advantages over then existing law, particularly as they related to Orientals; that they generally reaffirmed and revised then current statutes and principles, except that, in the main, racial exclusion for immigration and naturalization were repealed; and that they featured some desirable technical changes in the old code.

BEST POSSIBLE FOR ALL

"Realizing that the legislative process is one of compromise and seeking step-by-step gains, that no single major bill can be drafted to please every person and to take care of every conceivable contingency, especially in such a highly emotional and personal field as immigration and naturalization, JACL embraced the omnibus proposals as the best possible compromise for all Americans that that particular Congress would accept."

Although the President vetoed the measure, admitting that it contained "certain provisions that

meet with my approval" and presented "a difficult problem of weighing the good against the bad, and arriving at a judgment on the whole," he singled out for particular condemnation the national origins principle of computing quota immigration, first incorporated and adopted in the Immigration Act of 1924, and the "anti-Communist" checks enacted as part of the Internal Security Act of 1950, which had also become law over the President's veto.

In order to gain the admitted advantages of equality in immigration and naturalization, JACL concurred with the congressional judgment of more than two-thirds both House and Senate, which overrode the President's veto, in view of the fact that even if the veto were sustained the above two laws would remain on the federal statute books.

GAIN FOR U.S. JAPANESE

Insofar as the gains from the standpoint of the JACL were concerned, they were twofold, Masaoka said: First, in the field of domestic laws, and secondly, in the field of foreign relations.

The significant gains of the Walter-McCarran Act, Masaoka pointed out, were the naturalization privileges extended to immigrant parents from Japan which eliminated the category of "those racially ineligible to citizenship," stripping legal sanction to more than 500 laws, ordinances and regulations.

Some had deprived the Issei in thirteen western states through alien land laws to purchase, own, occupy, have direct interest in real property. Two states had extended the blanket disability of

the alien land laws to United States citizens of aliens ineligible to citizenship.

Eighteen states had denied old age pensions to aliens, though these same aliens contributed taxes for this purpose.

There were restrictions against Issei in engaging in certain stipulated professions and occupations such as law, medicine, insurance broker, domestic fish breeding. Federal, state, and municipal employment imposed citizenship requirements.

Also invalidated by the Act were war-inspired legislation which on conservation grounds prohibited "aliens ineligible to citizenship" to earn their livelihood by commercial fishing and those appropriating a quarter of a million dollars to escheat and steal the lands of both the citizen and alien Japanese while they were in relocation camps.

20,000 ISSEI CITIZENS

Approximately 20,000 aliens of Japanese ancestry have been naturalized in the past 32 months, most of whom were long-time residents of this country," Masaoka said, "although several hundred have been the Japanese war brides of GIs stationed in Japan.

"The fact that naturalization was accorded to our parents erased the stigma of our second-class citizenship," Masaoka added.

"The second most important feature of the Walter-McCarran Act from the JACL point of view," Masaoka said, "was the repeal of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 and the extension of immigration quotas to the Japanese."

DIPLOMATIC BOON

"Prior to the passage of the omnibus bill, there were distinctions and discrimination in our code as between the various peoples of the Orient. Now all peoples of Asia are accorded the same privileged status in terms of our immigration and nationality laws. Although admittedly the immigration quotas are but token minimum quotas, the principle of equality of consideration and treatment is big," he said.

Under the provisions of permitting reuniting families under nonquota status more than 12,500

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ICC order to end segregation in travel faces opposition in four Dixie states

(Atlanta) The Interstate Commerce Commission order to end racial segregation in interstate travel faced opposition this week from officials of at least four Southern states.

But there were indications that the order will be complied with in Texas.

In its sweeping order Nov. 25, the ICC not only banned segregation on interstate trains and buses but in public waiting rooms serving interstate travelers as well.

Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Louisiana officials were quick to declare their states will continue to enforce state laws on travel segregation.

There was no official comment in Texas, but rail and bus officials indicated little change will be necessary to comply with the ruling. "We have had no segregation in years and will have no trouble going along with the ruling," said Murry Smith of Houston, general passenger agent for

Rock Island Railroad.

Associate Commissioner Jimmy Hitchcock of the Alabama Public Service Commission said that Alabama will continue to require separate waiting rooms for white persons and Negroes and that state laws for the segregation of the races on trains and buses would continue to be enforced.

In Georgia, Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook said he would keep right on seeking to enforce segregation on trains and buses in the state, though he conceded the task would be complicated by legal technicalities.

Some of the legal technicalities involved, he said, would have to do with such factors as where intrastate transportation leaves off and interstate travel begins.

An official of the Central of Georgia Railroad said at Savannah that the ICC order "represents no change from what has

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Nat'l JACL bowling tourney invites out

(Salt Lake City) Nisei bowling leagues throughout the United States last week received announcements from the Salt Lake JACL Men's Bowling Association relative to its sponsorship of the 10th annual National JACL bowling championships.

The tournament will be held in Salt Lake City on March 1, 2, 3, 4 next year, at the Pal-D-Mar Lanes, 250 E. Second St., and the Ritz Bowling Palace, 925 S. Main St., the announcement said.

The tournament chairman, Choppy Umemoto, said that all inquiries may be addressed to him at 205 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

"Salt Lake City is the original home of the JACL National Bowling Championships. We're looking forward to your visit," Umemoto said.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Mtn.-Plain miscellany

Denver

Some thoughts, and miscellaneous bits
of intelligence gleaned last weekend at
the JACL Mountain-Plains District Coun-
cil convention:

● Used to be, when one attended a
Nisei-type gathering one heard about
nothing except Nisei-type problems. Not
any more. Nisei problems take a back
seat to general problems, and the problems of Nisei today
are the same as the problems of all Americans. I talked sepa-
rately, for instance, with Roy Inouye who farms in the San
Luis valley of south-central Colorado, Hank Hirose who farms
in the Arkansas valley of southeast Colorado, and Kish Otsuka
who farms along the Platte river in northeast Colorado. Their
problem? The problem of most American farmers—drouth
and poor crops when prices are good, rock-bottom prices when
crops are good. This year, they agreed, crops were bad and
prices were bad.

● Al Kushihashi was in from North Platte, Neb. He drove
down even though he's a leading exponent of flying your own
plane whenever you want to get someplace farther than the
corner drugstore. Al is commander of the Civil Air Patrol
unit in his part of the country and is looking forward to lead-
ing his outfit on "problems"—like searching for a wrecked
plane—set up by the Air Force.

CONVERSATION ON TEEN-AGE PROBLEMS

● Couldn't help but notice that a good many JACLers
were dancing slower, and less often, than they did a few
years ago. More of them are talking about diets, counting cal-
ories, exchanging conversation about symptoms. I suppose when
an organization is 25 years old, as the JACL is, its members
are entitled to act as if they were approaching middle age.
Not too long ago a good many of these individuals were talk-
ing about infants, formulas and such. Now the conversation
is about teen-age offspring and the problems they pose.

● George Shioyama lives right here in Denver, but I
didn't know until the convention that he is considered the top
body and fender man in town by the growing horde of sports
car enthusiasts. They literally beat a path to his door, and
unfortunately he has to beat some of them away as gently as
possible simply because he can't handle all the business. Sev-
eral of the leading sports car agencies turn over their body,
fender and painting work to him solely on a basis of merit.
And no one's fussier about workmanship than the sports car
people.

EVACUATION AND VALLEY FORGE

● Mike Masaoka limped into Denver with a case of gout,
but he lacked none of the old fire, enthusiasm and fervor that
makes him such an outstanding personality. It's an exciting
experience to hear him talk about the Nisei, an experience
that leaves Caucasians—especially those who don't know the
Nisei too well—pop-eyed and gasping. Mike had an apt and
appropriate reply to the many Nisei who ask why he keeps
harping about the evacuation, the sacrifices of Nisei service-
men, the loyalty record of all Japanese-Americans. Take the
 ordeal at Valley Forge, he said. The memory of Valley Forge
is hallowed in the history of America and we certainly aren't
ashamed to talk about it. We, the Nisei, have been through
our own Valley Forge.

● Tom Masamori did a beautiful job of singing the Nisei
Hymn, the lyrics for which were composed by Guyo Tajiri.
You ought to hear it some time and reflect on the words. The
music is the work of Robin Tyrell, who was a pianist and phys-
ical therapist in Salt Lake City when the song was written
about 1946. Although this was less than a decade ago, the ori-
gins of the hymn are clouded. Guyo recalls that someone—it
might have been Hito Okada—wanted a song. Robin volun-
teered to compose the music. So Guyo sat down and wrote
three verses and a chorus which were condensed into the one
verse now used. She doesn't know what happened to the other
verses—thrown away, possibly. This department hereby
launches a campaign to request Mrs. Tajiri to see if she can't
—perhaps by updating the song—write a couple more verses.

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Japanese nationals have been ad-
mitted for permanent residence in
the United States.

Other benefits, which were im-
provements over the old laws for
persons of Japanese ancestry, in-
cluded the broadening of the
grounds for suspension of depor-
tation though the standards were
made more difficult; adjustment
of status from nonimmigrant to
immigrant; and the establishment
of a record of admission for per-
manent resident for most Japa-
nese aliens who entered for one
reason or another.

"In gaining equality for those
of Asian extraction in our domes-
tic laws, their status has been en-
hanced," he said.

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

From the JACL point of view
of U.S. foreign policy, Masaoka
pointed out "the next great era
of civilization will develop around
the Pacific basin with its tremen-
dous potential for trade and com-
merce and peace with honor in
our time. The United States can
ill afford to neglect or fail to con-
sider the hope and aspirations of
the Asian and Pacific peoples."

For that reason, as Americans
primarily interested in our stake
in world peace and prosperity, he
noted that JACL again urged the
amendment to the Refugee Relief
Act of 1953 to include Asians.
Otherwise, it would have been a
repetition of the tragic mistake of
1924 to extend special emergency
immigration benefits to Europe
alone while totally excluding Asia,
especially so soon after the Wal-
ter-McCarran Act had removed
the racial, but not the numerical,
bars to direct immigration to the
United States from the Far East.

ADMINISTERING ACT

Masaoka pointed out that this
favorable evaluation of the Wal-
apology for its vigorous endorse-
ment and support but rather an
explanation for JACL's judgment
of the practical political and leg-
islative situation which existed
three years ago and which has
been vindicated on most counts.

He noted that the adminis-
tration of any statute is all-impor-
tant: "bad" administration can
cause "good" legislation to appear
ill-conceived, and conversely
"good" administration can result
in general acceptance of "bad"
law. Thus criticism leveled at the
Walter-McCarran Act might have
been avoided had the judicious
and appropriate use of the dis-
cretionary powers of the Secre-
tary of State and the Attorney
General in the admission of oth-
erwise excludable aliens for tem-
porary visits been utilized.

"As a matter of fact, though the
reason for the exclusion in most
cases (the highly publicized cases)
were given as the Immigration
and Nationality Act of 1952, to
the best of our recollection most,
if not all, of them would also
have been excluded under prior
statutes," he said.

"On the other hand, by regula-
tion the present administration of
the Immigration and Naturaliza-
tion Service, we believe, should
be commended for establishing
pre-examination procedure under

certain limitations, for practical-
ly eliminating the old detention
program of informally incarcerat-
ing aliens whose identities or doc-
uments were in question; for
providing that hearing officers in
both entry and deportation pro-
ceedings should not be the same
as the inquiry officers; and for
coping more effectively with the
troublesome 'wetback' problem."

JACL RECOMMENDATIONS

The JACL made recommenda-
tions which appeared to be justi-
fied in the light of the Act's three-
year operation with the thought
that they be considered and
examined specifically against con-
tinuing immigration and natural-
ization practices, he said.

JACL urges the abolition of the
national origins method of con-
trolling limited immigration into
this country, and would substi-
tute therefore a program which
would assure in fact as well as
in theory equality for the Far
East.

QUOTA COMPUTATION

JACL proposed that regardless
of whether the national origins
formula is scrapped or not and
regardless of the base census year
used in computing total annual
quota immigration, the population
of all the territories and possibly
possessions of the United States
be used to calculate the immigra-
tion quotas.

"These territories are integral
parts of the Federal Union and
should be recognized in determin-
ing the flow of immigration, not
only to these territories and pos-
sessions but also the continental
mainland."

"What was originally a past
blind prejudice against Orientals
should be repealed in our national
self-interest of demonstrating to
the peoples of the Far East our
concern and regard for those of
their ancestry as equal partners
in our democracy."

"The 'Asia-Pacific Triangle'
problem remains an irritating re-
minder of racial discrimination
but was the 'price to be paid' for
enactment of the legislation ex-
tending immigration and natural-
ization privileges to secure equal-
ity among all Asians in the omni-
bus bill.

"Thus, ancestry is the criterion

for those of Asian ancestry,
whereas birthplace is the stan-
dard for Europeans.

"This specially designed and
gratuitous discrimination against
those of Asian extraction should
be repealed and Orientals should
be considered for immigration
purposes on the same basis as
Europeans and all others who are
indigenous to the Old World."

BOOST ASIAN QUOTAS

In order to assure a fair in-
crease of quota allotted to Asia,
JACL proposed that the Asian
countries be authorized retroac-
tive utilization of all their unused
quotas from the time of their ex-
clusion to the effective date of
the Walter-McCarran Act.

Thus, the Chinese would have
quotas of 105 made available from
1882, the date of the first Chinese
Exclusion Act to 1943; the Ja-
panese, quotas of 185, from 1907
to 1952.

All other Far East and Pacific
nations would be authorized quo-
tas from 1917 when the "Barred
Zone" was written into U.S. im-
migration statutes until 1952 at
the rate of 100.

In addition, the Ryukyu Islands,
over which Japan retains residual
sovereignty, should be given spe-
cial consideration in view of the
fact that they are still under mili-
tary occupation and the U.S. Gov-
ernment has set no target date for
withdrawal. Some concession
might be made to their "indefi-
nite" status and a minimum an-
nual quota of 100 be assigned to
the Ryukyus on a temporary
basis.

It was hoped that this token
goodwill gesture would generate
reciprocal goodwill on their part
and relieve some of the mounting
tension between U.S. military per-
sonnel and the Okinawans.

NISEI STRANDEES

Special consideration was re-
quested for Nisei stranded in Ja-
pan during the war and who
thereby lost their citizenship un-
der the Nationality Act of 1940
by accepting benefits from Japan,
such as accepting employment
available only to Japanese sub-
jects, voting in Japanese elections,
serving in Japanese defense fore-
ces, etc.

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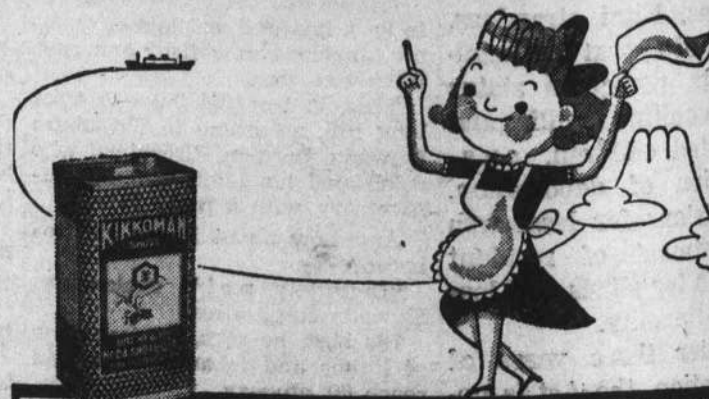


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KIKKOMAN SHOYU

TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama



Yanagi snafu'd

Tokyo

The hardships and heartaches which all persons of Japanese ancestry trying to leave for the United States undergo may be learned through the story of the Yanagi family, subject of previous columns. Their story may serve two purposes: one would be about the red tape that must be overcome and the other would be the long delays which would tax the patience of anyone.

The Yanagis are related to Saburo Kido, former national JACL president, attorney-at-law, and president of the Shin Nichi Bei. He had offered housing and provided the necessary affidavit of support. And jobs with the newspaper company were offered to satisfy the employment requirements. In fact, many others, such as George Inagaki, were willing to help out.

In October of 1954, the U.S. State Department, satisfied with the requirements of the sponsor in this country, sent the documents to Tokyo to have the processing of the Yanagis started. They were asked to come out from Ibaragi-ken for an interview. The question of the citizenship status of Mrs. Yanagi was raised because she was born in Hawaii. However, since she had voted over and over, the last being in October, 1952, it was decided that she was not eligible to apply under the Watkins Act, which permitted those who had voted up to April 26, 1952 to regain their American citizenship.

Several trips were made to Tokyo by the Yanagis for one reason and another. For instance, they had to take medical examinations. They had to have documents translated by the Japanese Foreign Office. They had to be interviewed by consular investigators. They had to apply for Japanese passport when it was decided that they qualified under the Refugee Relief Act.

The American consulate had notified the family that visas would be granted as soon as the Japanese Foreign Office issued the Japanese passport and guaranteed to take them back in case they should be returned to Japan for any reason. This took about a month. And when everything was completed expeditiously, the Yanagis were informed that their medical certificate had become out-dated. They had taken their examination in March, 1955, and therefore the six months had expired by the first of October. Therefore, they were asked to take another check-up to satisfy the law requirements. They had to come to Tokyo for this. They were happy, however, since they felt that this was the last hurdle.

SHORT-LIVED OPTIMISM

On Nov. 2, the family of three went to see the American consular official, expecting that the permit would be given them. All of us who had been helping the Yanagi family were optimistic enough to even obtain space on the Japan Air Lines so that they could go to Los Angeles to help with the New Year edition of the Shin Nichi Bei.

It is not difficult to picture the sadness of the family when they were told that the mother had to apply to regain her American citizenship first. And they would be considered under the Refugee Relief Act after action was taken on the application. This would take at least another two to three months. And the daughter was told to register for her American citizenship since she may be an American citizen since the mother was formerly an American citizen.

After two years and when they thought everything had been cleared, these obstacles were raised. If they made sense, no one would blame the American officials. The law however, is so clear in the case of Mrs. Yanagi that her application would be a waste of motion. And the fact that Mrs. Yanagi had gone to Japan with her parents when she was very young and had not returned to this country at all since that time. Any consular official should know that the citizenship of the mother does not extend to the children born abroad.

The young daughter, 16, had left school since fall when the family was told that they had qualified. Many farewell parties had been given them by schoolmates and neighbors. And since they had been assured of their visa after obtaining the Japanese passport and passing the medical re-check, they had packed up their belongings to leave as soon as possible after Nov. 2.

PESSIMISM LONG-LIVING

Considering all that they had to undergo, awaiting patiently for their processing, being interviewed, and running around to procure the necessary documents and certificates, and then at the final moment to be told that the entire proceeding must be set aside for something which is obviously inapplicable, it makes all of us wonder if the American consular officials do not want the Yanagis to go to America as refugees.

Such actions of the American officials in Japan do not help to make friends.

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Hawaii delegate fears communism issue again

(Lihue, Kauai) Delegate Elizabeth P. Farrington told the Kauai Chamber of Commerce recently that she will continue to fight for Statehood for Hawaii and for more Federal aid for the Territory.

She said that Hawaii would have a better chance of getting statehood if Alaska statehood were not tied to the Hawaii statehood bill.

The communism issue will be brought up again if and when statehood for Hawaii is considered in Congress, she reminded the group.

"We must be alert and evaluate the menace of communism in the Territory," she said.

ICC order -

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been in effect all along."

Atty. Gen. T. C. Callison of South Carolina said the ICC decision "really means nothing" without the backing of the courts.

Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina are among the 13 states that have laws requiring railroads to provide separate or divided coaches and separate waiting and rest rooms for white persons and Negroes. The other states are Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The commission, in years past has gone along with the theory that separate accommodations for the races met the requirements of the interstate commerce act, so long as they are equal.

But it said in the Nov. 25 rulings:

"The disadvantage to a traveler who is assigned accommodations or facilities so designated as to imply his inherent inferiority solely because of his race must be regarded under present conditions as unreasonable.

"Also, he is entitled to be free of annoyances, some petty and some substantial, which almost inevitably accompany segregation even though the rail carriers, as most of the defendants have done here, sincerely try to provide both races with equally convenient and comfortable cars and waiting rooms."

If & when Hawaii gets statehood JACL due vote of thanks, Engle says

(Roseville) If and when Hawaii wins statehood, the peoples of the Islands will owe a vote of thanks to the JACL, Rep. Clair Engle (D., Red Bluff, Calif.) said at the Placer County JACL goodwill dinner Monday night, Nov. 21.

Rep. Engle is chairman of the House public lands and insular

committee which has recommended Hawaii statehood many times.

As the guest speaker at the 15th annual chapter dinner, he traced the 25-year history of the JACL.

He paid tribute to the "remarkable progress and tremendous achievements" attained by the league since its inception.

He pinpointed the proceedings at the Thanksgiving week JACL special convention in Salt Lake City in 1942 as the most important step ever taken by the league.

Resolutions passed by delegates from 10 WRA camps at that meeting included one to reaffirm the Nisei's belief in American ideals of democracy, but Engle said their request for the right to enlist in the armed forces was a most important step.

The record of Nisei soldiers has not only helped to wipe out discriminatory laws and practices, but has stilled much of the opposition to Hawaii statehood on racial grounds.

Some 300 persons attended the dinner in the Veterans Memorial hall in Roseville. Half of them were guests of the chapter and included state senators, assemblymen, judges, county supervisors, school and local authorities and prominent businessmen from many cities in the county.

The guests were all introduced by George Hirakawa, toastmaster for the dinner program.

Greetings were extended by Wilson Makabe, host chapter president, Mayor Paul Lunardi of Roseville and Masao Satow of San Francisco, National JACL director.

Presentation of 25-year member awards to six local chapter members were made by Tom Yego, National JACL first vice-president, assisted by Sumi Hirota, Placer JACL queen. The chapter's baseball team, which won the state Nisei championship for the second straight time, was also honored.

A memorial tribute was paid to the war dead with Richard Kawahata playing "Taps" on the bugle.

An entertainment period included tap dances by Jackie Yokote, Jeannie Takemoto and Kay Lewis, vocal solos by Sumi Kajimura, accompanied at the piano by Mary Omachi.

Bill for gardening professional code due 2nd hearing

(Oakland) A second and final hearing on the proposed state maintenance gardeners licensing bill will be held in Los Angeles Dec. 22.

Notification that the hearings will be held on that date from 10 a.m. in room 115 of the State building in Los Angeles was received by George K. Nakamura, head of the Northern California Gardeners Assn.

Nakamura said that a delegation from his group will attend this hearing and testify in opposition to the licensing plan.

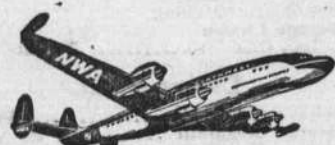
The notice of the meeting came from Assemblyman John Holmes, chairman of any assembly interim governmental efficiency and economy subcommittee.

The first hearing of the group was held in San Francisco on Oct. 26 at which Mas Yonemura, Oakland attorney, representing both the N.C. Gardeners Assn. and the Southern California Japanese Gardeners League, presented arguments against the adoption of a license bill.

Southwest L.A. sets box lunch auction date

(Los Angeles) Veteran box-lunch auctioneer Dr. Toru Iura will take the stand Dec. 10 when his Southwest Los Angeles JACL will seek to surpass its record total of \$194.81 turned over to Christmas Cheer last year.

The chapter will hold its annual Christmas Cheer party at the Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.



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California, here I come

Monterey

While rolling over the rails on the California Zephyr out of Chicago toward San Francisco with travel mates Sadie Knutson and her daughter Jennie, I recalled an old popular tune; *California, Here I Come, right back where I started from* . . . We left Chicago on Monday, Nov. 21, and arrived on the west coast two days later.

We were met by National JACL Director Mas Satow and Giichi Yoshioka of Hayward. Their hospitality was rich and unforgettable.

Yoshioka, who is also called "Smiley", was onetime Northern California-Western Nevada District chairman. A longtime member of Eden Township JACL, he is married to the former June Nishi of Albany, Calif., and they have two children: Vernon, 17, Hayward High student; and Allena, 2½. Being a nurseryman, he gets up between 2 and 3 a.m. three times a week to prepare flowers for shipment to the wholesale market in San Francisco.

At the California Flower Growers Association mart, we met Min Shinoda, past president of the Eden Township chapter; Tak Yatabe (brother of Dr. T. T. Yatabe of Chicago) of Berkeley, secretary for the Growers; Sam Sakai of Richmond, chairman; Ben Tanizawa and Gish Endo, both of Hayward.

We were Thanksgiving Day guests at the home of Violet Takeshita.

And down to Monterey—my old stamping grounds, where Bill Tanaka, a childhood chum, took us for ride around the famous 17-mile drive last Saturday. (Actually, the drive is only some 8 miles.—Editor.)

We also met his brother Frank, part-time real estate agent and gardener, his wife, the former Kay Kadani of Monterey, and son Edward . . . Bill is working for the post office here.

It was good seeing other pre-war friends like Takeshi and Ben Sasaki, who have been operating a Texaco gas station in East Monterey for the past half year; active CLer Mickey Ichijima, who is a shoe repairman at Pacific Grove; and James Tabata, another active CLer who owns the Sunrise Grocery here.

COME CHICAGO NOTES: The largest advertising from Chicago for the PC Holiday Issue comes from Tex and Wanda who appreciate the Nisei following they have been receiving at their "Ribs by Roberts" at 4615 N. Sheridan Rd. They treat the team with the highest series in the Northside Nisei Mixed Bowling League to hickory-flavored barbecued ribs or chicken each week. Our hats off to a new friend . . . Nao Taketani, Fumio Masuda, Reiko Ito and Betty Nakano are employed as waitresses at the Mandolin Cafe, 1017 W. Wilson, another gracious PC advertiser. It was opened last February and operated by Moy Wong, Maye Nakano and Bing Eng.

DATELINE NORTHWEST: by Budd & Arlene Fukei



Nisei GI close-up

Seattle

Almost everything under the sun has been written about the proud all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team which was pinned with much honors during World War II. In fact, as we all know, even a movie bearing that famed unit's battle cry, "Go For Broke!" was produced for distribution throughout our country.

But one thing the Japanese Americans missed, however, was a close-up picture of the raging conflict as seen through the eyes of an average Nisei combat man.

We thought it would be nice if . . . for the 15th Reunion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in 1958 in Seattle . . .

This idea, of course, is not original. We are disgustingly good imitators.

We were led along that line of thinking only after we had carefully read friend Jack Jarvis' "Footnotes To History," a series which contained 221 separate columns in *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

"Footnotes To History"—if we may brag a bit about our colleague's work—is a brilliant piece of writing. It is strictly a GI yarn, fitting also in its string of slang terms. It depicts the rough-tough experiences of the GIs. And it, correctly enough, has the mighty wallop of the Yankee military.

But, most of all, it is tremendously human.

During the Battle of the Bulge, Jarvis sees an image of his daughter in some little girl wherever he goes. It reflects the warmth of a man who is not only a war correspondent and a hardened soldier but a father. That story is it—indescribably touching.

Naturally, we weren't hanging on to every word in "Footnotes To History." It has its lull—a lull being nothing new in any war. Men fight fiercely in battle but they must rest, too. But, brother, it's fine reading.

Jarvis? He's no average man. He is an extremely talented and skillful writer. He could almost put words into your mouth through his writings. At the P-I he climbed swiftly; he now is night city editor and "Footnotes To History" shows clearly why he deserves that position.

Like women, some men are extremely sensitive about age. We didn't bother to ask him for fear he may sign us into one of his "clubs"—perhaps the "I don't like guys who ask me about my age" club. He looks thirty-ish, but that's between you and us.

Despite his sometimes terrifying experiences, he is a gentle sort of a fellow. You know, considerate and kind. For sure, he isn't the Hollywood type: he doesn't snarl at his reporters. And we should also like to inform Seattle Nisei that he is fair and just—just so they don't slug people, hold up banks, attack women, or break some children's toys, to name a few.

Now, as we were saying so many, many paragraphs before, if . . . for the 15th Reunion of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in 1958 in Seattle . . .

OVER 200 DELEGATES ATTEND INTERMOUNTAIN DIST. COUNCIL CONFAB; SUGAI NEW CHAIRMAN, 8 SAPPHIRE PINS CONFERRED

(Ontario, Ore.) The story of the Intermountain District Council's eighth biennial convention Nov. 25-27 might be summarized by the commemorations made at the three banquets at the Lion's Den of Eastside Cafe here.

On the first night, national JACL director Mas Satow was convention keynote speaker, telling of JACL's quarter century but that it was only a prelude to the future.

Efforts of this past quarter century has underlined the *Security through Unity* portion of JACL's motto, Satow declared. "Now that we have divested ourselves of most of the legal barriers that have hampered our people, we stand on the threshold of even greater contributions to the American scene, both as a group and as individuals, by emphasizing the other portion of the organization's motto, *For better Americans in a greater America*."

Toastmaster Tom Iseri of Snake River Valley chapter introduced local dignitaries present at the first banquet. Mayor Earl Bopp of Ontario extended the greetings from the host city.

On Saturday night, an overflow audience of Issei pioneers heard Kay Terashima, former national JACL treasurer, thanking the Issei on behalf of National JACL for making JACL's quarter century possible and extending JACL's appreciation to them as pioneers. Speaking in Japanese, Terashima welcomed many of them as American citizens.

Japanese Consul Noboru Imajo of Portland commended the JACL program and urged Nisei to study their cultural heritage so that they could make greater contributions to America as Japanese.

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Thomas Toyama Pub.

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James Matsumura Treas.
Douglas Yamada Sec.
Takashi Ishizue Pub.

(Robert Horiuchi of Denver was elected as chairman of the Mountain-Plains District Council last week. The full story will be published next week.)

Americans. Tom Itami was toastmaster at the Pioneer Night banquet.

On Sunday, guest of honor was Idaho State Sen. Vernon Daniel of Payette, instrumental in presenting the bill wiping off the alien land law from Idaho statutes this past year. Satow presented him with a scroll of appreciation on behalf of National JACL.

Bill Yamauchi of Pocatello, former national 3rd vice-president, installed George Sugai of Snake River Valley chapter and co-chairman of the IDC convention, and his cabinet members as newly elected district council officers.

Sapphire JACL pins, emblematic of loyalty and devotion to the organization for the past decade or more, were presented by Satow to Tom Iseri, Mamoru Wakasugi, Ted Nakamura (posthumous) of Snake River; Shigeki Ushio,

MIKE IMOTO ANNOUNCED TULARE COUNTY PRESIDENT

(Lindsay) Mike Imoto and his 1956 cabinet members of the Tulare County JACL will be installed at the mass ceremonies initiating other Central California JACL District Council officers this Sunday at Fresno.

KIMOTO PRESIDENT OF PARLIER CHAPTER JACL

(Parlier) Ralph Kimoto will serve as president of the Parlier JACL in 1956, it was announced following recent elections. Mrs. Sue Miyakawa will be the women's auxiliary chairman.

FOWLER ELECTS 1956 CABINET MEMBERS

(Fowler) Tom Shirakawa, an insurance agent, was elected president of the Fowler JACL chapter, it became known when the election ballots were counted last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kamikawa.

A naturalized citizen was added to the cabinet as second vice-president, Bill Hashimoto being elected.

The chapter will sponsor a free Japanese movie on Friday, Dec. 2, with Kato Eiga bringing the film. This is open to everyone in the community to honor the newly naturalized citizens.

The fourth annual Christmas party sponsored by the chapter will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, at the Fowler Buddhist Hall. This is open to the community and no admission is charged. There will be Santa Claus, cartoon movies, and refreshments. Dick Iwamoto is chairman of this family get-together.

Deadline nears for L.A. Cheer fund

(Los Angeles) With the Dec. 15 deadline less than two weeks ago, the Christmas Cheer committee geared for the final hectic weeks to amass \$2,000 in contributions to be distributed to Japanese needy.

The committee, headed by Jim Higashi, East Los Angeles JACL president, emphasized that contributions should be brought to the JACL Regional Office by Dec. 15, allowing the subsequent week for sorting, wrapping and delivery.

Contributions received last week included:
\$25—Centenary Methodist Church (Issei Div.).
\$20—San Gabriel Valley Japanese American Assn.
\$10—Senshin Young Adults, American Commercial, Saburo Kido.
\$5—Hitoshi Yoshigai, Mr. & Mrs. Yuke Iguchi, Cordellans, Dr. K. Akimoto.
\$3—Seisaku Sato.
\$2—Roy Takenaka, Takamasa Shibata.
\$1—M. S. Nakamura, Anonymous.
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Books—Anonymous (\$5).

Jim Ushio of Mt. Olympus; Manabu Yamada of Boise Valley; Kay Terashima, Salt Lake City; and Bill Yamauchi, Pocatello.

National Director Satow, who was the main banquet speaker, spoke on "I Have Seen Democracy Work", citing instances of how democracy has worked and operates in the progress of Japanese Americans.

Also honored Sunday was Dutch Kawasoe, Nisei head football coach at Vale Union High School, and whose team the day before won the Oregon state championship in the A-2 class for the second successive year without a loss.

IDC business sessions, chaired by Jim Ushio, were held at Moore Hotel. Delegates voted to accept their 1956 quotas and will institute a Chapter of the Year project. Salt Lake City's bid for the next quarterly meeting in March was accepted.

Over 200 delegates registered for the three-day affair. Thirty teams, 22 men's and 8 women's, bowed in the IDC tournament at Payette's Gayway Bowl.

George Iseri, IDC 1000 Club chairman, presided at the Saturday Midnight Pow-Wow where eight new members were enrolled and 13 renewed memberships. The midnight snack was on the host chapter.

Jim Ushio of Mt. Olympus is the retiring IDC chairman, assisted by:

George Sugai (SRV), 1st v.c.; Mas Yano (SLC), 2nd v.c.; George Nukaya (IF), treas.; Dorothy Mukai (Mt.O), sec.; Alice Kasai (SLC), hist.

Joe Saito and George Sugai were convention co-chairmen, assisted by:

Massie Saito, sec.; Fumi Mita, pub.; Dr. K. J. Yabuchi, fin.; Heizi Yasuda, Mary Nakamura, bowling; Masako Sugai, fashion show; Mamoru Wakasugi, opening ceremony; Tom Itami, Frank Ogami, Pioneer Night; George Hashitani, Sayonara ball; Toshio Ogura, Sayonara banquet; Mary Ogura, Sam Wakasugi, social events.

So. Alameda County '56 slate announced

(Centerville) Nineteen nominees for the 1956 cabinet of the Southern Alameda County JACL were announced in ballots being sent to the membership this week. The slate presented by the nominations committee was accepted by the general membership at a meeting held Nov. 25 at Warm Springs school. The slate:

For pres.—Isao Handa.
For 1st v.p.—Chuck Shikano, James Sekigahama.
For 2nd v.p.—Sat Sekigahama, Yosh Hisaoka.
For treas.—Kay Mayeda.
For cor. sec.—Hisako Mizota.
For rec. sec.—Grace Handa, June Handa.
For pub.—Dorothy Kato.
For hist.—Fred Mizota.
For soc. chmn.—Jane Yamauchi, Eleanor Motozaki.
For ath. chmn.—Yutaka Handa.
For board mem.—Ray Kitayama, Kaz Shikano, Harold Fudenna, Don Takizawa, Sam Yamanaka.

Panel of child experts appear at D.C. meeting

(Washington) A panel discussion on the social adjustments of pre-school and primary school Nisei children highlighted the D.C. chapter meeting last Saturday at the local YWCA.

Panel members were Dr. Olive Quinn, National Institutes of Health sociologist; Jane Larkin, former school teacher; John Seban, Family & Child Service executive director; with Tad Masaoka as moderator.

Mrs. Tosuke Yamasaki was in charge of refreshments. Chapter president Ruth Kuroishi presided during the business portion.

GEORGE BABA ELECTED '56 SELMA PRESIDENT

(Selma) At the November meeting, George Baba was elected 1956 chapter president of the Selma JACL. Installation will be in conjunction with other chapter officers at the district council convention banquet this Sunday at the Hacienda Motel, Fresno.

Nishita-Tabuchi nuptial

(Marysville) Dan Nishita, Marysville JACL president, was married Nov. 20 to Sachiko Tabuchi of Berkeley at the local Buddhist church before the Rev. Nagatani.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Soviet intentions

Earlier this year, our Tokyo Bureau chief Tamotsu Murayama reported on the prospects of comparable peace & quiet in the world in the year 1955—the year of the sheep . . . Well, it's been just about that outside of skirmishes on the Gaza strip between Egypt and Israeli, and the civil strife in South America and North Africa . . . Everyone thought last summer the "summit" meeting would be the acid test of Soviet intentions. The smiles of Bulganin and Eisenhower, as we see it now, got exactly nowhere . . . No agreement was reached on German unification or European security. No agreement was possible on disarmament, including Eisenhower's "aerial inspection" plan. The question of East-West contacts, not thought to be difficult, registered no progress.

Then the foreign ministers of the Big Four met and adjourned *sine die* . . . The "spirit of Geneva" strikes us as a symbol of shattered hopes. Now Soviet intentions are clarified: "peaceful coexistence of the East and West" is just propaganda . . . International relations entered a new phase with the Russians exploding what has been regarded as their H-bomb on the wake of the post-Geneva conferences. Secretary Dulles calls the present period "competitive coexistence" . . . It is now clear the Kremlin wants to keep Germany divided a long time—and if united, as a soviet republic . . . (Looking at the world under these circumstances, the significance of Christmas—the birth of the Prince of Peace—seems dampened) . . . Germany's tragedy, it should be added, has been duplicated in the Far East in Vietnam and Korea, where the country has been split.

I'm waiting for Murayama's story of what the Japanese zodiac fans will have to say for the new year—the year of the monkey . . . Time magazine noted in a footnote last week there was a rush in marriages because the folks didn't think couples fared well if married in the year of the monkey. (Maybe they think it to be "monkey-business") . . .

JACL statement to Kilgore committee—

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In recognition of the plight of stranded Nisei dual citizens the 83rd Congress enacted Public Law 515 authorizing the expeditious naturalization of those who lost their United States citizenship solely by voting in the post-war elections in Occupied Japan.

In some cases involving litigation concerning wartime military service, district court judges in California have ruled that a dual Nisei citizen did not lose his U.S. citizenship because the simple fact of his dual nationality created a presumption of "duress" that forced him into the armed forces of the enemy.

"It has been suggested that since a persuasive case could be made for former citizens of the United States who should have a prior opportunity to return to these unfortunate victims of dual nationality and war; provided, of course, that they did not voluntarily aid the enemy, knowing that such aid was detrimental to the war effort of the United States."

"Should such nonquota status be inadvisable, then JACL urges that our consuls be directed by law to issue Certificates of Identity to all United States-born persons claiming to be citizens of this country to enable such persons to be admitted for the purpose of seeking judicial determination of their citizenship status."

APPEALS PROCEDURE

"JACL also believes that the decisions of the consular officials abroad and that of the Visa Office and of the Passport Office of the State Department should be subject to formalized appeals procedures, with judicial review as a final recourse, as a final recourse, as are provided in certain exclusion and deportation proceedings of the Immigration and Naturalization Service."

JACL recommends, in order to keep family units together and to reunite separated family members, "nonquota status for those presently in the second and third preference categories and in the special preference priority of the fourth preference category." There include the parents of United States citizens, the spouses and/or children of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and the brothers, sisters, sons or daughters of United States citizens.

Also, children formally adopted abroad by American citizens or being brought into this country under proper assurance to be legally adopted here should be considered as "natural born" children and should enjoy nonquota privileges, as also stepchildren.

NATIONALITY LOSS

"In various presumptions relating to the loss of nationality by either or both native-born citizens and naturalized citizens, JACL proposes that while the various presumptions may be made, as provided, each shall be rebuttable, rather than being final and conclusive, with recourse to the

courts, if desired."

"Though cognizant of the need for wide discretionary powers in the Attorney General to deport undesirable aliens and conscious of the flagrant abuses that led to the present sections on suspension of deportation proceedings, which heightened the standards but broadened the grounds for seeking suspension, JACL suggests an appropriate statute of limitations and less severe requirements to qualify for suspension of deportation and adjustment of status to that of permanent residents."

"Adjustment of the status of an immigrant to that of an immigrant admitted for permanent residence is at present unduly harsh and technical and should be replaced by the applicant making a showing that, if he were applying abroad, he would be eligible for admission and that a visa is reasonably available in the category for which he would qualify as of the date of his application."

"The practice of pre-examination . . . should be written into law and utilized whenever practicable."

"For all procedures and practices when applicable in both immigration and naturalization, the Administrative Procedure Act should be made to apply in the administration of our immigration and nationality code."

APPRAISAL OF BILLS

Masaoka noted that insofar as the proposed "liberalizing" bills pending before the Subcommittee were concerned, all of the bills omitted one important feature as far as the special interests of the JACL were concerned: none of them wrote into specific language into the law guaranteeing complete equality with Europe in all immigration and nationality matters to the Asian countries and peoples.

"JACL's continuing responsibility, as a citizens' organization concerned with America's prestige and goodwill in Asia as well as in Europe, is to urge equality of consideration and treatment for the Far East, knowing that there are many other American associations that will stress the demands of Europe."

He called to the attention of the Subcommittee the inherent inequality of the "unified quota system" as presently outlined in one of the principal bills pending before the Subcommittee.

The bill would establish a commission to be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate, which would make periodic distributions of quota numbers within a series of preference groups: (1) reunite families, (2) facilitate entry of workers or specialists urgently needed in the United States, (3) promote the foreign policy requirements of this country, (4) grant haven and asylum to victims of racial religious, and political persecution, and (5) provide for general immigration.

This formula, the JACL pointed out, would continue the understandable preference for European migration.

POLITICS IN QUOTA

"With biennial congressional elections and quadrennial presidential campaigns, a politically conscious commission might well overlook the almost infinitesimal minority of Asians in the United States and allocate quotas according to the pressures and influences exerted by the more numerous racial and nationality minorities that comprise millions of voters and command millions of dollars."

"Moreover, the preference priorities are such that Asians may well be excluded or drastically limited in actual operation, though not in the guise of racial prejudice."

Masaoka pointed out that in the reuniting of families, if it were done on the basis of accumulated backlog of applications for visas under the present and previous laws, processed on chronological time and date that the applications were made, certain European countries with backlog dating to the end of World War I, would have preference. As far as Japan and most of the Asian countries, which were not eligible for immigration until the end of 1952, are concerned, this preference may prove to be illusory.

If "selective, specialists" preference of the current statute were to be used as a criteria, few, if any, Asians could qualify. At the present time, about the only Japanese who have been admitted in any numbers in this classification have been chick sexors.

Regarding preference to serve U.S. foreign policy, the European countries whose political influence in the United States is far more potent, would indubitably be favored.

Eligibility for asylum would hardly qualify prospective immigrants from Japan.

Under the "newcomer group" it was hazarded that Japan's present annual quota would result in the admission of fewer quota immigrants annually from Japan and other Asian countries than are authorized under the Walter-McCarran Act.

UNIFIED QUOTA SYSTEM

JACL advocates that should this "unified quota system" be adopted, countries outside Europe, be granted minimum quotas substantially above those presently assigned them; that these minimum quotas be written into the basic code, and that the administrative agency in charge be prohibited from reducing these minimum quotas though it be permitted to increase them when the national interest so dictates; and that these minimum quotas shall not be so filled as to constitute permanent maximum limitations.

JACL protested the inclusion in

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Orei visit

Los Angeles
 ● Seldom do non-JACL Nisei express their gratitude for benefits they have received from JACL's work. So seldom, in fact, that we can't resist mentioning here our thanks to Kenjiro and Saburo Akune, brothers, who dropped in to see us a couple days ago. They reported that because of the JACL-sponsored law (Watkins bill of 1954) enabling strandee Nisei who had voted in post-war Japan to regain their American citizenship, Saburo was able to return to America as a U.S. citizen.

They both asked to join the JACL and subscribe to the *Pacific Citizen*, pledging a contribution when they were able to give. Here's a couple of Nisei who discovered JACL's important role in their lives and want to do something about it, not just take a free ride. We appreciate their appreciation.

KIKA SPEECH

● The last of the local *shukugakais* was held by the Downtown JACL and the American Legion's Commodore Perry Post at Patriotic Hall Sateve, attended by the biggest crowd yet, over 500 newcits being honored.

Which leads us to a simple but eloquent speech given by a naturalized Issei, Frank U. Kanno, on Veterans' Day before the children of the 1st St. School and students of the adult school which he attends:

"I am very proud of my American citizenship. I have lived in America for a long, long time—since 1905, perhaps long before your parents were born. Ever since I came to this country, I loved America and I believed in the democratic principles of America. Here we are all equal. Here we all enjoy equal opportunity. It is up to us to march forward. Someday, one of you may become the president of this great republic. It is up to you. Indeed, this is the 'Sweet Land of Liberty' and the 'Home of the Brave'. Let us thank God for this wonderful blessing; and let us do our best to be good, loyal and useful Americans."

SMOKY TRAILS

● We were glad to see our PC Chicago representative, Smoky Sakurada, his visit here with a couple of Windy City friends. Smog Red didn't seem to dampen his enthusiasm for Southern California, taking in stride the many tourist attractions here topped off with the photographically superb Toho film, "Samurai", a color masterpiece. Smoky knocked off two weeks from his job at Libby's in Blue Island to take in San Fran, Monterey and points south.

Just in time to take in the annual bee-hive atmosphere around the Pacific Citizen editorial and business office pre-Holiday Issue, Smoky got a grease-monkey's view of the PC's complete production operation. He agrees this year's HI will be a tremender, which you'll receive by Christmas, the volunteer wrap-n-mail crew standing by at Maryknoll to shoot it out, soon's it delivered from the Ernest Printing Co. presses on Dec. 16.

CRUMBS

● Kow Kaneko, sis of past PSWDC boss Ken Dyo, has just opened up her new dress shop at 516 S. Lake Ave. in Pasadena, featuring Japanese styled wear for women . . . a quickie interview via portable taper was our p.r. contrib this Wednesday to the p.m. prog of KABC called "Downtown with Dave", a daily interview and disk jockey hour run by Dave Showalter . . . got a line from cousin Sim Togasaki who, in language readily approved by the Sou'wester, refers to our better half as *suteki no hambun*. The *hambun* intrigues us; a word reminiscent of something edible.

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**San Franciscans
 monopolize keg
 awards in NC-WNDC**

(Santa Rosa) Visiting bowlers took home most of the top prizes in the recent first annual Sonoma County JACL bowling tournament held at Santa Rosa Bowl early this month in conjunction with the NC-WN DC convention in Sebastopol.

San Franciscans took all the first place awards with Pacific Transport lines winning the team title with a 2909 total score. Ichiyasu Painters, also from San Francisco, was second with the hometown R-Way Feed team finishing seven pins behind for third.

In a close singles event, Jim Mametsuka of San Francisco edged Jim Moriyama of Albany and Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco with a handicap total of 678. Only three points separated first and third as Moriyama needed two pins to tie and Enomoto was just another pin shy.

Kayo Hayakawa of San Francisco amassed a 1651 total to beat out Mike Inouye, also of San Francisco, by 15 pins for the all-events.

The combination of Tad Ono and Ken Watanabe rolled 1267 total to take the doubles crown to the Bay City.

**Turkey shoot comes
 off with big bang**

(Murray, Utah) The annual Mt. Olympus JACL Turkey Shoot held at the Salt Lake Police Gun Range Nov. 20 was a resounding success, thanks to the many hunting enthusiasts who attended.

The event each year grows larger as participants increase, as well as the spectators. A great deal of credit goes to Chairman Jim Oda, whose untiring effort and preparation made this hunt possible.

Assisting him was George Fujii who also did a marvelous job, and the cooperation received from Lt. Blank of the SL Police Force. Refreshments were served by Ruby and Tomi Tamura and Kiyo Nishida.

Winners of the events:

Turkey—Kaz Kuwahara, Tom Takagi, Dan Molyneux, Jack Miyake, Geo. Tamura, Lou Nakagawa, Mas Horiuchi.

Chicken—Jack Aramaki, Shig Hashimoto, Jack Miyake (3), PeeWee Kobayashi, Nob Mori, Stormy Mitsui, Dan Molyneux, Mas Horiuchi (2), George Tamura, Tom Aoyama.

Bacon—Kaz Kuwahara, Jack Aramaki, Lou Nakagawa (2), Hid Sonoda (3), JJim / Ja, PeeWee Kobayashi and Jerry Tsuyuki (2).

Drawing—1. Tak Iwamoto; 2. Benjie Okawa; 3. Rita Molyneux; Tom Morita, Lou Nakagawa, Lucky Kikushima, Tomi Tamura, Ruby Tamura, consolations.

**Salt Lake women win
 turkeys in league roll**

(Salt Lake City) Coco Watanabe and Mutsu Nakamura won 15-lb. tom turkeys for rolling high scratch series and high handicap series of 519 and 537, respectively, in Sunday league play Nov. 20 at the Ritz Bowling Palace.

Both girls are members of the Morgan and Co. team currently leading the local Nisei Women's League and whose scores assisted in Morgan and Co.'s 4 game win over Dawn Noodle. Mutsu Nakamura's 213 game was high for the day and her 507 series second high. Coco Watanabe's 519 series was high for the day.

**Marge Iwasaki of Canada
 wins in four-way meet**

(Vancouver, B.C.) Marge Iwasaki placed first recently in 14-and-under girls competition in three events in a four-way invitational swim meet between Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club, Washington Athletic Club, Vancouver "Y" and Victoria "Y".

VASC member Miss Iwasaki swam the 100-yd. freestyle in 1m.6.5s., the 50-yd. freestyle in 30.1s., and the 100-yd. butterfly in 1m.20.3s.

Sequoia JACL: A full course dinner followed by entertainment and dancing was the highlight of the chapter potluck at the new YMCA Building in Redwood City last Saturday.

**Selma JACL fish derby
 won by 27 pounder**

(Selma) The Selma JACL striped bass derby of Nov. 22 at Frank's Tract was outstanding in that every boat came in with a catch. The best one was a 27 lb.-10 oz. bass caught by Hank Tano-uye. Other winners were:

Akira Iwamura, 26 lb.-7 oz.; George Abe, 24 lb.-7 oz.; and George Wada, 22 lb.-14 oz.

Selma JACLers winning special awards were Akira Iwamura, biggest fish; Kane Umamoto, most fish.

**Shimada Chicago-bound
 for nat'l match play**

(San Francisco) Fuzzy Shimada, who captured the Bay area-coast counties championship over the past week at Park Bowl to win a trip to Chicago, hit 6067 pins for the 32-game round robin test for a 189 average.

Second place Dick Agee of Downtown Bowl outscored Fuzzy in total pins, getting 6067 but the Nisei ace racked up 19 wins to 12 losses.

Shimada won the tourney with 140.42 Peterson points to 140.26 points for Agee.

The two will bowl in the national match play championships starting in Chicago on Dec. 9.

(Honolulu) Scoring 161.36 points under the Peterson system for 36 games, Chick Sarae won the Territorial Men's Match Game Bowling championships on Nov. 12.

**132-lb. halfback
 selected to all-city
 defensive platoon**

(Seattle) In the eyes of coaches, sportswriters and 'casters who made their annual Seattle all-city high school selections last week, 17-year-old Billy Ishida of Garfield High was named to the all-city defensive first platoon at halfback.

Member of the city high school championship team, he stands only 5 ft. 1 in., and weighs 132 lbs., the smallest and lightest football player ever named to an all-city berth.

"In the greater Seattle prep post-season classic Thanksgiving Day, Ishida was one of the spearheads in the Garfield 12-0 victory over Lake Washington High, Kingco Conference titlists. On a wet, sloppy field, he slipped away on a 4-yard around-end play to score in the first quarter. He toted the ball 17 times for 80 yards—a 4.1 yard per try average.

Ohtaki-Oda wedding

(Seattle) Miss Rose Oda became the bride of Peter Ohtaki Nov. 12 at the Seattle Buddhist Church with the Rev. Shoko Masunaga officiating. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitsugu Oda, Clearfield, Utah, was active in the Salt Lake and San Francisco JACL.

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Family reunion

Los Angeles

Uncle Sam used his heart when he permitted the entry of Japan-born Mrs. Tatsuko Okamoto into the United States after she had lived most of her 38 years in Orient.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shinjo Okamoto applied for entry under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 but was rejected first because she could hardly qualify as a refugee.

She lost her husband in the Kagoshima bombing raid by the American forces in the last war. She and her 10-year old son, Toyohiko, were residents in a war widow institution in Fukuoka.

Through her legal counselor, Katsuma Mukaeda, she told her story about how ill her aged mother was in Los Angeles. She said her father, 74, needed financial and moral support from the family.

She has four brothers and sisters here who are citizens but she was born in Japan while her parents visited there. Her visa was finally issued and this week she and the rest of the household have been reunited for first time in nearly 40 years.

REPATRIATE RE-ADMITTED AS RESIDENT

Here is another case which may have set a precedent for those elderly repatriates who wish to return to this country after discovering first hand how hard it is to live in Japan.

Attorney David McKibbin of the law firm of Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki has won for widowed Mrs. Suga Kamibayashi the right to remain in America, despite her voluntary repatriation to Japan in December, 1945, at government expense.

Mrs. Kamibayashi was born in Japan in 1895 and came to California with her husband, Hambei Kamibayashi, for permanent residence in 1918. Two years after they were repatriated, Hambei died.

The woman was admitted under a non-quota immigration visa through the American consul in Kobe as a returning resident. But when she reached San Pedro, the Immigration and Naturalization Service detained her for a hearing to determine whether she had abandoned her U.S. domicile upon voluntary repatriation.

McKibbin argued that her action, in and of itself, did not necessarily preclude the return of an alien, previously lawfully admitted as a non-quota returning resident. He pointed out that all of the surrounding facts and circumstances indicated a continuing intention on the part of the returnee to live in the United States.

The sympathetic decision permits her to rejoin her son, Noboru, in Santa Monica. It is Uncle Sam's way of forgiving and forgetting.

DEATH STRIKES ON FIRST HUNTING TRIP

Tragedy strikes at any moment—even on a Thanksgiving Day.

For 11-year-old Alan Kubota, it was his first hunting trip. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kubota of 3600 E. 4th St., had forbade him to touch a gun let alone fire it.

But Alan wanted to spend a day in Mojave desert with his brothers, Raymond, 18, and Norman, 20. So the intricate mechanical parts of the gun were explained to him at length.

Alan apparently "passed the test" because on Thanksgiving Day he was permitted to go hunting. It was on the return trip that the young life of Alan Kubota was ended.

While the guns were being loaded into a car, one of the weapons discharged. Alan was right in front of it and the bullet struck him in the head.

The Kubota boys, accompanied by five other youths, had been told to remove all shots out of the firearms before stacking them up. One weapon still retained the missile.

Funeral arrangements are being held up pending the return of Frank Kubota, 22, the older brother of the deceased, who is serving in Japan with the U.S. Navy.

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Jim Higashi (right) accepts the American Legion certificate of commendation from Fred W. Miller, chairman of the California American Legion naturalization commission, on behalf of the Japanese American Citizens League "in recognition of outstanding service rendered to the Japanese American community of Los Angeles and in consideration of untiring efforts which has enabled more than 2,000 Japanese residents to attain their American citizenship". The award was made by the Commodore Perry Post No. 525.

—Cut Courtesy: Shin Nichi Bei.

Downtown L.A. chapter, Perry Post
testimonial to Issei citizens draws 700

(Los Angeles) One of the largest testimonials to the recently naturalized Issei was conducted for 700 attending the "Tribute to Our New Citizens" at Patriotic Hall last Saturday night.

Principal speakers for the program included Saburo Kido, president of the New Japanese American News and past national president of the JACL, and Joseph M. Farber, commander, Department of California, The American Legion.

The affair opened with the advancement of colors by the L.A. Water & Power Post 342, with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Soichi Fukui, commander of the Commodore Perry Post 525.

The Hon. John F. Aiso, Municipal Court judge was master of ceremonies at the event jointly sponsored by the Downtown JACL chapter and the Commodore Perry Post.

Greeting were extended by the Hon. Edward R. Roybal, City Councilman; Alfred P. Chamie, commander, L.A. County Council of the American Legion; James Higashi, ELA JACL chapter president, who spoke in place of National president George Inagaki who was ill; Amanda Kruger, principal, Americanization Classes, L.A. Board of Education; Nisuke Mitsumori, member, Commodore Perry Post.

Fukui, and David Yokozeki, chairman of the JACL PSWDC, presented citizenship cards to representative Issei citizens.

Fred W. Miller, chairman of the American Legion Dept. of California naturalization commission presented a commendation to the JACL.

Baldo Kristovich, Legion 4th Area vice commander, presented a commendation to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Citizenship class instructors Eiji Tanabe, Choei Kondo, Miki Moriwaki, Joe Wakamatsu, Mrs. Toshiko Wilkinson and Mrs. Amanda Kruger were presented a certificate of commendation for their work in aiding the naturalization of the new citizens.

The Rev. Sohei Kowta of the Los Angeles Japanese Christian Church Federation gave the invocation, while the Rev. Daitetsu Hayashima of the Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation read the benediction at the close of the program.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

KISHIMOTO, Kenneth K. (Nora M. Matsutani)—girl Cheryl Ann, Sept. 26.

KUSADA, Edward W. (Setsuko Yamashita)—boy Bruce K., Oct. 5.

MAEDA, Herbert H. (Shirley A. Kimura)—boy Craig H., Sept. 25.

MATSUNAMI, Kazumi (Helen A. Matsumoto)—girl Joline R., Oct. 8.

Whittier.

MIKAWA, Henry Y. (Sakaye Akemoto)—girl Jeanne S., Oct. 7.

NAKADA, Hiroshi (Midori Mori)—boy Robert H., Oct. 8.

NAKASHIMA, Yoneo (Ayako Shintaku)—girl Kathleen E., Oct. 7.

OBATA, Eiichi (Chiyoeko Yamauchi)—girl Margie K., Sept. 17.

OEKAWA, Satoshi (Mariko Komaba)—boy Corrie D., Oct. 9.

OKI, Jack (Betty A. Komatsu)—boy Jack H., Oct. 8.

PORTER, Benjamin P. (Doris M. Harada)—boy Henry K., Oct. 6.

SAKAKI, Ronald Y. (Saye J. Watanaabe)—girl Denise N., Sept. 23.

UJIMORI, Tamio (Sumi Kitahara)—boy George H., Sept. 28.

USHIJIMA, Paul K. (Jane K. Murakami)—girl Debra M., Sept. 27.

YAMAHATA, Kyusel (Mieko M. Suehiro)—boy Alan M., Sept. 27.

Ayano, sons Isao, Noboru, George M.; daughters Mmes. Masako Numamoto, Miyako Oba.

KAIHARA, Some, 62: Los Angeles, Nov. 20, survived by husband Misaki, sons Masato, George K., daughter Helen F.

KAWASAKI, Tsuma, 67: Los Angeles, Nov. 22, survived by husband Yukitaro, sons George, Paul, daughters Katsuyo, Mmes. Masako Norigori-sawa, Shizue Kuwabara, Yoshiye Matsubara.

KUBOTA, Alan R., 11: Los Angeles, Nov. 24 (hunting accident), survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Gene, brothers Frank M., Norman Y., and Raymond S.

SHIMOBUCHI, Seikichi, 71: Sunnyvale, Nov. 20, survived by wife Chiyo, sons Akira, Ty and Yasuo.

SOGA, Masao M., 38: Los Angeles, Nov. 19, survived by brother Takizo T.

SUZUKI, Yonezo, 58: Los Angeles, Nov. 26, survived by wife Mineko.

TOKUHIRO, Suehiro: Los Angeles, Nov. 15.

Deaths

ARATANI, Ukitaro, 72: Los Angeles, Nov. 18, survived by wife Toki, sons Shigeml, Jiro and daughter Mrs. Shizuko Tada.

INADA, George, 30: Fallbrook, Nov. 2, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Joichi, brothers Shoichi, Kenzo, sisters Mmes. Mitsuko Shimizu, Shiori Kurachi.

KAGAWA, Matsutaro, 83: Los Angeles, Nov. 28, survived by wife

I&N bill

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the several bills pending before the Subcommittee the elimination of the historical nonquota status conferred on the countries of North and South America and placing them within the new quota system. This would impair hemispheric solidarity and the "good neighbor" policy.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES

Masaoka stated that various formulas have been devised in lieu of the national origins principle as a possibility for computing immigration.

One would divide the world into regions based upon geographical and cultural ties with quotas to be allocated on a regional basis and preferences within the quota be included in such a plan: Dividing the total annual authorization for immigration into half, one-half being allocated to Europe-Africa and the remaining half to Asia-Pacific Islands with preferences within the divisional allocations to be worked out to fit the particular needs and problems of those respective quota areas consistent with U.S. national interests.

Another is the return to the formula used in the Immigration Act of 1921, "percentage of the foreign-born in the United States." This formula would practically exclude all immigration from the Far East inasmuch as the Chinese were excluded from 1882 until 1942 and the Japanese from 1907 to 1952, and all other Far East countries from 1917 to 1952.

The most novel and perhaps the fairest, all things considered, he stated, was a mathematical calculation which would take into account the present national origins principle, the population pressures in every country, and the "demand" of the various peoples to emigrate to the United States.

A thought-provoking proposal by Fortune magazine would envisage immigration practices with U.S. economic and foreign policies, combining free movement of peoples within designated areas of free trade, thereby promoting cultural and commercial relations among those who export to and import from America.

JACL PROPOSAL

Masaoka stated that JACL, aware of the political temper, not only of the times but of the public at large, does not anticipate that in the foreseeable future Asian nations will be considered on a par with those of Europe, but is hopeful that any major revision of the national origins principle will give greater consideration to the immigration aspirations of Far Eastern allies.

In "pooling of unused quotas," the JACL urged that any transfer of unused quotas specifically provide a formula under which minimum quotas not related to any national origins concept be allotted to each of the Asian countries.

A proposal to shift immigration patterns within the framework of the national origins system, by changing the census year from 1920 as provided in existing law to 1940 or 1950, would increase immigration from some countries, notably those from southern and eastern Europe, but it would also decrease immigration not only from western and northern Europe but probably also from China and Japan since their subjects were barred from admission to the United States from 1920 to 1952 while the maximum numbers authorized were coming in from the southern European countries.

CONCLUSION

In the concluding remarks of the JACL statement, Masaoka reiterated the positive gains made in the Walter-McCarran Act for those of Japanese ancestry in particular, and Asians in general.

"The principle of equality under law remains paramount. We, therefore, respectfully submit that this Subcommittee, in its study of immigration and nationality policy and practice, give consideration to the hopes and aspirations of the Asian peoples, as well as those elsewhere in the free world, to the end that these United States of America remain the inspired leader of all the free nations."

'Bussei of Year' named
by Coast District YBA

(San Jose) George Abey, Coast District YBA president for two years, was honored as the "Bussei of the Year" at the 10th annual regional meeting here Nov. 20. Over 300 persons registered for the conference.

Ruby Tsubouchi of Monterey was crowned Mis Coast District YBA for 1956.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Mile-Hi visitor

Denver

If it hadn't been for the war and the problems of his fellow Nisei, Mike Masaoka might have stayed home in Salt Lake City and gone into politics. Though he operates on the other side of the political fence today in Washington—as the JACL's legislative representative and as a lobbyist by profession—Mike generally is conceded to be one of the ablest operatives on Capitol Hill. More than one congressman has remarked that Mike has all the capabilities for high political office.

Mike was pretty active in local politics in Utah and he probably would have wound up in Washington in one capacity or another, even if the JACL hadn't sent him. The late Democratic senator from Utah, Elbert D. Thomas, wanted to appoint Mike to his Washington office staff at one time.

Even in his Utah days Mike could line up bipartisan support for his projects. On matters of importance to the Nisei he had the backing of Governor Herbert B. Maw and Senators Thomas and Abe Murdock, all Democrats as well as the forthright support of Ab Jenkins, the Republican mayor of Salt Lake City.

Mike still may get into politics one of these days, though he'll need a permanent residence outside of Washington to do so. Or it could be that some future administration will recognize his ability to interpret and influence legislation and will name him to a post within the government.

As a lobbyist who must necessarily work on both sides of the aisle to get his job done, Mike is reasonably cagey about his personal political affiliations. It's a matter of record, though, that he was a member of a Democratic committee in the 1952 elections.

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ATTENDS MT.-PLAINS CONVENTION

Mike Masaoka was in Denver over the weekend to participate in the biennial Mountain Plains JACL district council convention. Time and distance were factors—the council has units in Montana, northern Wyoming, the Rio Grande valley of Texas, eastern Montana, New Mexico and Colorado—and few of the far-flung chapters were represented.

The war was over long ago, and most of the problems which had impelled the organization of the Mountain Plains district had been resolved. Nisei, in their local farming centers or in urban areas, no longer were beset by economic or social difficulties. There had been, in the past decade, a considerable degree of integration of the Nisei into the general life of the community. Now the pressures were gone and the problems seemed far away.

Perhaps the JACL had done its work too well. It probably is true that no similar organization has done as much for their own particular minority in so short a time. Last weekend's convention was at Denver's Cosmopolitan hotel. Less than 10 years ago the JACL had held a national convention in the same hostelry and had outlined a three-point set of objectives: equality in naturalization, indemnification for evacuation losses, and the revision of deportation procedures affecting persons of Japanese ancestry. The Denver convention sent Mike Masaoka back to Washington in 1946 to get the job done.

Within seven years Congress had passed legislation accomplishing all three points of the JACL's objectives. The attorney general received the right to arbitrarily order a delay in deportation in worthy cases affecting aliens of Japanese ancestry, a prerogative he already enjoyed in cases of aliens eligible to citizenship. The evacuation claims bill was passed in 1948 and, to date, some \$26 million has been paid to the evacuees. In 1952, Congress passed the Walter-McCarran bill which revised the Nationality Code and included within its provisions a declaration of racial equality in both immigration and naturalization. The immediate effect was invalidate the California anti-alien land law and scores of similar laws which discriminated arbitrarily against the Japanese and others who had heretofore been ineligible for naturalization.

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WORRIED ABOUT NISEI COMPLACENCY

Mike Masaoka would appear to be a man who has pretty well worked himself out of his job. But that is not his concern. He is established professionally (the *Reader's Digest* called him *Washington's Most Successful Lobbyist*) and he can get plenty of other fish to fry. Mike is worried, however, that the Nisei in their complacency may let the JACL wither. The problem is one which relates, not alone to the Mountain Plains area, but to other districts as well.

The JACL is an agency through which the collective will of the Nisei was exerted for good of the group. The big jobs—Issei citizenship and evacuee claims—are over but the problems remain. There is a roadblock of racial prejudice in housing in many areas. Racially discriminatory legislation, such as interracial marriage, remain on many state statutes. The Supreme Court has struck down segregation, but the bigots are counterattacking.

So long as the infection of racial prejudice remains, it would seem there is work for the JACL to do.

MINORITY WEEK

Maryland Governor T. R. McKeldin Nov. 21 told the commander of Maryland's national guard to "initiate without delay all such steps as are necessary to bring an end to racial segregation in the national guard."

The governor said he had taken the action in line with recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court and remarked that "awaiting of court action would only result in unnecessary delay."

Maryland's adjutant general expressed complete agreement with the governor's stand and said that "based on recent rulings by the Supreme Court, I don't think the governor could have done otherwise."

Maryland's action is the first step by a border or southern state to end segregation in the state militia.

[Washington]. The Supreme Court Nov. 14 doomed an Oklahoma law requiring Negro candidates for public office to be identified as such.

In the Oklahoma case, the court refused to interfere with a decision of the United States Court of Appeals at Denver holding the ballot law unconstitutional.

1956 legislative program outlined in 13-point announcement by Democrats, presume President and GOP leaders study

Washington

Less than six weeks remain before the Second Session of the 84th Congress is scheduled to convene on Jan. 3.

In preparation for the forthcoming session, which will be a crucial one with the presidential and congressional campaigns slated for next November, leaders of both political parties are meeting to discuss not only specific legislative items but also strategy.

Though the Democrats are nominally in control, their margin is so paper thin, especially in the Senate, that, with normal defections, some Republican support will be necessary to enact major legislation.

Moreover, the great personal popularity and prestige of the President will have a tremendous bearing on the outcome of any substantial controversy.

This past Monday, the President met with Republican National Committee Chairman Hall and discussed the "political" outlook. This weekend (Saturday), the President has slated conferences with his chief congressional lieutenants, Senator Minority Leader Knowland of California and House Majority Leader Martin of Massachusetts.

In all probability, they gave serious attention to the 13-point legislative program outlined by Senate Majority Leader Johnson of Texas a week ago.

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Regarded as Moderate

Since the young Texan is the protégé of veteran Speaker of the House Rayburn, also of the Lone Star State, it is reasoned that Senator Johnson formulated his list after consultations with the House leader, making his announced 13 points the official program for the Democratic leadership.

With an eye to the elections something is promised for almost every segment of the population.

And, following their own course as followed last session, the program is generally "moderate" and "middle-of-the-road". In this respect, the program should have the endorsement of Adlai Stevenson, the first to announce his availability for the Democratic presidential nomination and who expressed his views that the Democrats should be the party of "moderation".

Emphasizing that the list is not all-inclusive and may be added as the session progresses, Senator Johnson announced last week that he will ask the Democratic Policy Committee to adopt the following subject matters for consideration in the final session of the 84th Congress:

1. A social security bill reducing the retirement age for women and extending coverage to most self-employed groups.
2. A tax revision bill to benefit the low-income groups—probably along the line of that previously offered by Senator George, Democrat of Ga., dean of the Senate and one of the most influential members, being chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and the ranking member of the tax-writing Finance

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DECADE AGO

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Dec. 1, 1945

Gen. Stillwell to present DSC to sister of Nisei GI hero (S/Sgt Kazuo Masuda) at Santa Ana.

First group of 400 voluntary repatriates from Tule Lake leave Seattle for Japan.

Poston, Manzanar relocation centers close before Nov. 30 deadline.

No. Calif. JACL Legal Rights Defense Committee formed to combat seizures of Nisei-owned land.

I&N Commissioner denies bias on Nisei travel between U.S. and Hawaii (Actual practice required Nisei to carry "certificate of citizenship").

Six Nisei 442nd GIs killed, 16 hurt in Army C-47 plane crash in Placer County.

Committee. (Senator George has suggested a \$100 increase in the \$600 exemption for each taxpayer and dependent, along with some relief for those in the middle income brackets.)

3. A health insurance program to aid medical research and to include larger grants for hospital construction, at least to the level authorized in the original Hill-Burton Act.

4. A school construction program. This is not to be confused with the controversial "federal aid to education" issue.

5. A public roads program, probably similar to the Gore bill. Senator Johnson expressed the hope that the question of taxes to pay for the highway program, which prevented any legislation from being enacted last session,



could be handled separately as part of the general tax problem.

6. A farm program which will restore 90 per cent of parity subsidies, extend benefits to additional products, and

possibly include a soil-rental provision.

7. A natural gas bill, changing the conditions under which the Federal Power Commission regulates producers. Though Senator Johnson said that the bill should provide protection for the consumer, liberal Democrats and city congressmen are expected to oppose this controversial item that is alleged to favor the producer-states against the consumer-states. Texas, as a leading producer-state, naturally wants this particular legislation.

8. A new housing program.

9. A water resources program, including specific projects for the West and New England.

10. A program to help depressed areas through Federal-State co-operation, including tax measures, public works, supplemental unemployment insurance, and surplus food grants.

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Immigration Laws

11. Revision of the immigration laws. In this connection, it is interesting to observe that Senator Lehman, New York Democrat considered the champion of "liberal" bills on the subject, conceded in testifying before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization last week that no action could be expected in efforts to amend the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952. Acting chairman Watkins, Utah Senator who was chairman of the Subcommittee when the Republicans were in control of the Senate in the 83rd Congress, agreed with the Empire State lawmaker.

12. An amendment to the Federal Constitution to eliminate poll taxes as a prerequisite for voting.

13. Disaster insurance to protect victims of floods and hurricanes and possibly other natural calamities, including earthquakes.

The failure to include any items dealing with foreign affairs and defense was probably deliberate, with Senator Johnson waiting to evaluate developments in these fields as the Soviet Union unfolds its program after the collapse of the Geneva meetings earlier this fall.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY ORGANIZED IN JAPAN

Of interest, and gratification, to most Issei and Nisei in this country is the recent merger of Japan's two right-of-center parties, the Democrats and Liberals, both pro-American in leanings, into the Conservative Party.

This merger was in answer to a similar movement by the Left and Right Socialist, anti-American and pro-Russian in their orientation.

With these mergers, Japan now has only two major parties, based

upon right and left wingings.

This single, united conservative party, the first in Japan's should bring new stability to Japan's political situation, of a kind that should be both to the Japanese and to the Free World.

The newly combined party retained Prime Minister Hatoyama as head of government, in the first majority government since the spring of 1953. In the Lower House (House of Representatives) (Diet) is expected to come from no fewer than 467 seats in the legislative body in Japan. Socialists have only 155 seats.

In a press conference his election as Prime Minister Hatoyama hinted at close relations with Communist nations, perhaps dropping some occupation reforms, but the administration will in closer to the United States. His two previous governments since last December.

Hatoyama's Five Point program for Japan included the

1. "Peaceful diplomatic relations with the United States and West."

2. "Stabilization of the life"—economic measures, curbing inflation, and economic harmony.

3. "Over-all reform of administrative system so be adapted to the nation"—apparently junking of some old forms and a tendency to government functions.

4. "Basic reform of the system"—a need generally by all parties but the variations naturally vary.

5. "Reform of the so that it will favor initiative"—probable to eliminate the "disarmament clauses" from constitution and to boost the status from that of the "bol of the state" to something resembling the British a constitutional monarch.

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And the Toyo Bank level was a thriving N bank many, many years several of the later own brick building were the Ishikawas and the Aokis.

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CALENDAR

- Dec. 3 (Saturday) Sonoma County—Election Memorial Hall.
- Dec. 4 (Sunday) CCDC—District convention, Motel, Fresno.
- Dec. 6 (Tuesday) East Los Angeles—Election International Institute.
- Dec. 10 (Saturday) Southwest L.A.—Lunch-box Washington, D.C.—Installation dance, The Occidental (seminary) Marysville—Pre-Christmas party.
- Dec. 11 (Sunday) Sacramento—Nisei War Memorial dedication (tentative).
- Dec. 13 (Tuesday) Seattle—Election meeting, 14 St.
- Dec. 16 (Friday) Fowler—Christmas party, hall.
- Idaho Falls—Christmas Party Hall.
- Dec. 17 (Saturday) Twin Cities—Christmas party.
- Dec. 24 (Saturday) Sequoia—Tri-Villes "Winter dance, American Legion Hall, wood City.
- Dec. 18 (Sunday) Stockton—Christmas pot-luck.
- Dec. 31 (Saturday) San Mateo—New Year's Eve Buddhist hall, 9 p.m.
- Jan. 2 (Monday) Sonoma County—Installation Memorial hall.