EDITORIALS: Bowlers converge for JACL tournament

About a decade ago, a strong stand was organized with Nisei bowlers by the Japanese American Citizens League to eliminate the "white male only" clause in the American Bowling Congress bylaws. At the same time, National JACL began its sponsorship of a tournament to symbolize the drive as well as provide a common ground for Nisei bowlers.

In that decade, ABC revised its constitution to welcome bowlers regardless of ancestry. The JACL tournament has become a national Nisei club competition with enthusiasm—event attracting non-Nisei interest.

Over 400 Bowlers Ready for 10th Natl. JACL Meet

SALT LAKE CITY.—Over 400 Nisei bowlers will vie for the title of national champion at the annual National JACL Bowling Tournament, March 1-4, at the Palm Desert and Biltmore Bowling Alleys in Los Angeles. This year's tournament, according to a press release, marked the drive in the northwest section of Fresno with James Kato, Mike Isahak, and Bob Yabuno assisting.

Pre-tournament festivities begin Wednesday evening, Feb. 29, at Alliance Terrace Room at a mixer hosted by the Palos Verdes and Mt. Olympus JACL chapters.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Kazato are handling the social events. Assisting him are Linda and Henry Mikata, Mrs. Alice Takehara, Topo Shindo, Louis Tsuboi, and Bob Yabuno.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

FRESNO.—Newly naturalized Issei citizens will be honored March 5 at the annual Nisei recognition banquet at the Fresno Tulip Rooms.

Plans for the membership drive were made recently with the committee divided into three districts.

Judge Harry Matsuura is in charge of the drive in the northwest section of Fresno with James Kato, Mike Isahak, and Bob Yabuno assisting.

Inasmuch as the official committee for the membership drive in the southeast section, James Murashima is in charge, with assistance by Keri Mayeda, Fred Hirahara and Henry Kazato.

"While the bill to be considered by the House, H.R. 692, will not be as generous as the Lane-Hillings bill as introduced earlier this year, it is an indication that it will be considered and may have re-enactment in the Senate, and it is more than half of the original, which was introduced by the Whittier (Calif.) Republican, Patrick J. Hillings, in 1954 at JACL's request for a prewar settlement procedure for all aliens, he said.

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Placer County Sets Apr. 15 date for community picnic at JACL ball park

PENSVY — Preparatory work has started on Placer JACL’s regular annual community picnic for Sunday, Apr. 15, at the JACL recreation center. Plans are being made by PenSVY (Placer Sanitation Vets and Civilians) under the guidance of Robert M. Nelson, JACL commis- sioner. Nobus Nims will act as toastmaster, and be assisted by the general arrangement committee.

Although the overall picnic program will follow the pattern set in previous years, some events will be added this year, with the principal major chairman, Chaplain policy of the Nisei. This year, the theme of the children will be followed, but participants in optical and health programmes will be given ample opportunity for very few, valuable prizes to be offered.

In addition, there will be a punch-bowl on Saturday night. Apr. 14, at the hotel, and an informal entertainment program on Sunday night at Peay Junior hall.

Nisel growers ship dried persimmon crop from Placer County orchard

Nisel — Nothing unusual in dried pears being grown in the Nisenan territory, except a small ranch nestled in a canyon near by that has introduced it, said George Funatsu, member of the Nisenan tribe.

George T. Nakamoto, a fruit grower, has established a small persimmon orchard in the Placer County area.

Nakamoto says he has between two or three acres yearly to market his produce during the persimmon season any persimmons which the grower picks from them from the drying frames. The grower may vary the quantity, and may even sell them at any time while they are still green.

The stores there remain for several weeks, depending upon the weather, and many of the sooner-th than those of the pear and plum, which ripen earlier in the season. Steak dried and ripened and sweet, with their stems still on.

For his household needs, Nakamoto ties eight or 10 of the stems together and places them in a drying frame on a noted the persimmons generally are the last to dry.

He averages from six to 10 50- pound boxes per year from his persimmons, which are planted 110 to the acre. Once fully matured, they are stuck with considerable drought and bear nearly every other year. He said that the fruit are the best one the world could offer.

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Marysville to hear
Abiko at inaugural

MARYSVILLE — RC-WWDC chairman Yosuke of San Francisco will be the main speaker and printer for the 15th annual Abiko at Inaugural and the Marysville JACL installation potluck supper this Saturday, April 9. The event will be held at a local Japanese Community Hall in Marysville. The annual event will be on the 19th of April from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. The event is free to the public.

Shonen Home tour
slated for Hollywood

Mike Sakai, director at Shonen Home, will be the guest speaker at the 53rd annual Shonen Home Mothers Club meeting. It was announced by Sharon Abe, chapter president.

Chapter correction

PASADENA—A correction in the recently-announced JACL chapter cabinet list was made this week. A Dr. Ken Inouye, was elected as an Associate representative, should have been: Yosuke Kawai, member-at-large.

Philadelphia JACL chapter honors cabinet and new citizens at 1956 inaugural
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PHILADELPHIA — You have engaged in a long and difficult struggle for the status and recognition which you have today. It is the result of your efforts and as a legislative leader I can tell you that the battle has not been able to pass laws that have in some measure righted the wrongs of our past. The work of your Councilman James J. H. Tate, president of the city council here, at the JACL, inaugural-recognition dinner on the Phoenix Hotel.

Visitation chairman of Bill Ma­nuti, 1950 board chairman, the Philadelphia JACL, honored 39 recently naturalized Issei citizens and their leaders at the dinner. New chapter officers, headed by S. Edo, were installed by Balle, Robert V. Bogler of the national JACL's official newspaper, is a member of the JACL and is a local JACL member.

San Louis Obispo JACL

San Luis Obispo JACL, which has been widely recognized for its contributions to the community, will be holding its annual Pioneer Night dinner Feb. 23, at the San Luis Mission Church.

Terry Manji of Yubut City is sup­plement to the San Luis Obispo JACL chapter. He was appointed chairman of the PSWDC for the San Luis Obispo JACL chapter by Hatsue Nakamura, Sasa­ki, which has been signed by the local JACL as a certificate.

San Francisco CL tops 600 mark

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Chicago Corner: by Smoky H. Sakurada

Art exhibitions

Chicago

- Featured as an unusual and interesting exhibit this month at the Mandel Bros., art galleries are the artists' self-portraits and prints created by the sculptor, Robert Flavin of the Chicago Tribune, is that of the "Chicago Forum," a collection of the younger Chicago painters. The forum will be on display all summer long.

The Japanese Festival will be sponsored by the Society of Fine Arts, with a full schedule of concerts, plays, and visual arts. The Japanese Society has the support of the local JACL and Service Committee.

- The Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago, which annually publishes an annual membership directory, has reviewed, under the circumstances, in again appealing for annual membership, in order to meet the current financial crisis and the tremendous increases in their work this past year, the financial needs for the support of the organization. With gratefulness accepted at its office, 1252 N. Clark St., Chicago 10.

- Our congratulations to Abe Hagiwara for receiving the James H. Yasui Memorial Award. The Japanese American Citizens League will hold its October festival, 96 Wabash St., at Wabash and Wacker Drive. The evening will feature a special program, "The JACL Distributors of Oriental Foods," and a dinner. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the JACL's programs.

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More Mary Minami, of the American Red Cross, has just notified me that Yok Yego, winner of the Nisei bowling tournament, was one of the Nisei who helped us in the war. I had met him in Los Angeles during the 1943 national JACL convention. We recalled those happy days when we gathered as a group. Now he is in the Philippines, teaching English in a small community where there are less Nisei than in any other place. He is one of the few Nisei kids who are lucky enough to go to this country and know that things are pretty dead socially and not going any better now.

NISEI GENERATION NOT 'YOUNG'

I recall the time with Takeshita Ogata, who was designated as our Nisei representative to the American Citizens League. We were good friends from the very beginning. During the war years we expected death any moment during those terrific air raids. People were dying left and right. People had a must of fear. But with people like him, it seems to me that we were not as scared as the white people.

It seems the Nisei is no longer the 'young with high ambitions'. He just a few handful of Nisei kids who are lucky enough to have gone to the United States and still be here.

The schedule in brief:


JACL Bowling Records

Singles: [Names and scores are listed here.]

Teams:

1. King Joy Cafe (788) SLC; 2. Down Town Bowl (785) San Francisco.

22 women’s team signed for Nati’s

SALT LAKE CITY — The women’s division of the annual National JACL Bowling Tournament will meet the presence of Chiyo Tashima, perennial champion in previous tournaments. Her partner June Jue, a former singles champion, will clash at the Ritz Bowl palace on Friday, Mar. 2. The following are the score placements at 7:30 p.m.:


Keg tourney —

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The events scheduled for the 1955 national JACL bowling tournament were to be announced in this issue. The tournament will be held at the Salt Lake Bowl palace on Friday, Mar. 2. The following are the scores placements at 7:30 p.m.:


NISEI HEART FOUNDATION

The first annual campaign to collect funds for the Los Angeles Heart Association for briefing on the importance of health for residents of the community of the Los Angeles Heart Foundation is being conducted by Mrs. Mary Bloma and Mrs. Tonya J. M. Ford.

AWAKENING

Delegates to the forthcoming national party will have the serious responsibility of forming a JACL's course during the next four years. They have been given the task of organizing and strengthening the local chapters.

PERSPECTIVELY YOURS: by Jerry Enomoto

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enlarging the JACL's activities. The future of our country, "Changing Perspectives" will truly symbolize a successful 14th Annual National Convention.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Massoaka

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