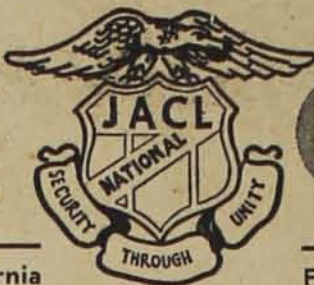


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EDITORIAL:

Prejudice and discrimination

There is pending in the Arizona legislature a bill to outlaw discrimination in public accommodations—restaurants, hotels, motels and the like. It was a timely occasion for an Arizonan to clearly explain the difference between "prejudice" and "discrimination." His presentation was succinct and explicit. He agreed that "prejudices cannot be ruled out of existence by legislation". But prejudice and discrimination are not the same, he explained.

"Prejudice is a state of mind; discrimination is the positive act resulting from the state of mind. And the law can deal with an act. No law can prevent a man from wanting to murder another man, but it can punish him if he does so, and thus, perhaps, deter him from committing murder."

The problem of discrimination in public accommodations engages Nisei interest even today. Instances concerning Japanese American have been known in California where a law against such is in force.

Places of public accommodation still deny their facilities to those of the public who, through no fault of their own, were born into the "wrong" religious faith, or the "wrong" ethnic group. And these "wrong" people are composed of thousands who have contributed to the economic and cultural well-being of their community.

It should not be difficult for a Nisei to imagine himself in the position of a person who is still refused, embarrassed and humiliated at a restaurant or hotel because of a reason over which he has any control.

The principle of "love thy neighbor as thyself" has been often suggested to solve this problem. But little or no progress has been made. Thus one can understand the moderate attempt to cure the problem of discrimination through legislation.

Ham Say Naim case refused 2nd time by Supreme Court

WASHINGTON.—The U.S. Supreme Court Monday put off indefinitely any decision on whether states may ban interracial marriages. Of the 48 states in the Union, 28 have anti-miscegenation laws.

The appeal that the Supreme Court reconsider the Ham Say Naim case was put on the shelf with the notation that the record in the Virginia case is "devoid of a properly presented Federal question".

Nisei interest was first noted in August, 1955, when the Japanese American Citizens League joined in writ of certiorari with other interested parties requesting the high court to accept jurisdiction. The JACL contended that many GIs stationed in Japan desiring to bring back their Japanese wives and Nisei GIs stationed in Europe who wish to bring back their war brides found discrimination facing them in the States.

The Virginia Supreme Court last Jan. 18 rejected a U.S. Supreme Court order of Nov. 14, 1955, calling on it to send the case back to the Portsmouth (Va.) circuit court for additional evidence.

The State court said there was no provision under its rules for such a step and further declared it was leaving intact its ruling that the couple had violated the ban.

The case involves the 1952 marriage of a Chinese American seaman, Ham Say Naim, and Ruby E. Naim, a white woman, in North Carolina. They returned to their Norfolk home until Sept. 30, 1953, when the wife filed a bill for annulment of marriage because her marriage was "void in law". The husband petitioned for dismissal since the marriage was legal in North Carolina and Virginia laws did not apply and that Virginia laws were in violation of the 14th Amendment.

'No spectators in democracy—each of us must help make it work', Issei told

STOCKTON.—Before a group of 100 people, the Stockton JACL cabinet officers with Richard Yoshikawa as president were installed by Municipal Judge Bill Dozier at Rizzo's on Mar. 9. Recently naturalized Issei citizens were also honored.

National JACL Director Mas Satow of San Francisco delivered the principal address, telling the new citizens that "there are no spectators in a democracy—each of us must help make it work".

The purposes of the Japanese American Citizen League, Satow said, are to develop better Americans and to protect the interests of its members as Americans.

Satow also presented the past president's pin to Henry Kusama. Yuki Shinoda and Fred Dobana received desk sets as recognition for their efforts in behalf of the chapter's activities.

Harry Hayashino of the Issei-Kai congratulated the Issei citizens and James Okamoto responded on behalf of the honored guests. Kats Nagai was master of ceremonies. The Rev. Sumio Koga of the Japanese Calvary Church gave the invocation; the Rev. Ejitsu Hojo of the Buddhist Church, the benediction. Tad Akaba of the Nisei Veterans Club led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests of honor introduced were State Sen. and Mrs. Alan Short,

'ADDRESS UNKNOWN' PASADENA RETURNS MAIL TO SENDER: NEWSWEEK

PASADENA.—A letter addressed to "Lincoln Yamamoto" here from Newsweek was given directory service by the local post office and returned to the sender last week stamped "address unknown", the Pasadena JACL learned.

The notorious note from one Lincoln Yamamoto published by Newsweek last Feb. 20 was merely addressed as Pasadena, Calif., while the letter was postmarked from Los Angeles.

Slur against Japanese Americans in radio broadcast reported by JACler

NEW YORK.—Hoagy Carmichael, who was being interviewed by Mitch Miller on his radio show over CBS Sunday night, Mar. 5, was heard to remark that there were no "Japs" around at one time to do the gardening so that he had to do it himself.

Caution against such slur on racial or ethnic stereotypes and derogatory remarks concerning any group was immediately made in a letter by Mrs. Ina Sugihara Jones, former Long Beach (Calif.) resident and JACL representative here, to Miller.

Apparently the songwriter made the statement extemporaneously

STILL RISING: S.F. SIGNS UP 1,069 Clers

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL membership drive workers have now signed up 1,069 persons, according to the latest figures compiled by Thelma Takeda, drive chairman.

Of this number 759 have already paid up to date, surpassing the chapters postwar high mark of 711 set last year.

Miss Takeda indicated that a large number of 1955 members still remain to be contacted.

Issei citizens jam hall to hear talk on voting

Police Chief and Mrs. Jack O'Keefe, Sheriff and Mrs. Carlos Sousa, Mayor Fred Bitterman, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Pulliam, Miss Elizabeth Humbarger, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rouetta, Dr. and Mrs. David Greene, Mrs. M. DeCarli, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. J. Waller and S. Fukuyama.

Mee Chee Woo, Malayan student at College of the Pacific, entertained at the piano. To Mary Yamashiro, Toyo Ijuin and Mrs. Alice Tsunekawa go the laurels for a well-planned and successful dinner and installation.

Downtown L.A. JACL and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce honored some 200 recently naturalized Issei at San Kwo Low last Friday night at a voters' registration dinner.

Judge John Aiso gave the principal address with Katsuma Mukae and Susumu Kurihara speaking on why they chose the Republican and Democratic party, respectively. Over 50 were registered for the first time by four Nisei deputy registrars, it was announced.

And the JACL regional office has continued to sign up more recently naturalized Issei this week.

CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN ROOSEVELT REBUKES NEWSWEEK FOR 'LINC' LETTER

WASHINGTON.—Rep. James Roosevelt (D., Calif.) has called attention of his colleagues a letter from Roy Iketani, president of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, requesting aid of men of good will in protesting to Newsweek the irresponsibility of the magazine in publishing in its Feb. 20 issue the malicious letter of one Lincoln Yamamoto of Pasadena who has not been identified.

Said Congressman Roosevelt to his fellow Representatives in the House: "I can readily understand the chapter's indignation and have written to the chairman of the editorial board of Newsweek that I am shocked more care was not given in checking the responsibility of such a communication before its publication."

As spokesman for the chapter, Iketani told Congressman Roosevelt that Nisei could not regard the "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter lightly. "We are gravely concerned over the injury it may do to our good name as loyal citizens of the United States," he wrote.

The 754 members of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter strongly protested the callousness and irresponsibility of a national magazine of Newsweek's caliber with its publication of such a scurrilous letter, he said, and solicited Congressman Roosevelt's assistance in making that protest effective.

Wrote Iketani: "As you can readily see, the letter had only one despicable purpose—that is, to undermine the public confidence other Americans

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Nisei legionnaires still dissatisfied with Newsw'k reply

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Townsend Harris American Legion Post 438 is still dissatisfied with Newsweek's regrets of March 5 over its publication of the Lincoln Yamamoto letter.

The post felt adequate corrections were not taken to clarify Nisei loyalty to America, which was impugned in the original Yamamoto letter published by Newsweek Feb. 20, in what the Legionnaires referred to as "feeble deeply regrets". A full and positive retraction was demanded and the post asked for acknowledgement of Senator Kuchel's speech in the U.S. Senate on the matter of Nisei loyalty.

The Nisei post, in its second letter, reiterated its firm protest of the Lincoln Yamamoto letter and took Newsweek to task for failing to verify the authorship of the irresponsible remarks.

"Needless to state, your publication has done a great disservice to the Nisei, all of whom are loyal to the Stars and Stripes of this country," the post declared. "It is regrettable that the editor who screened the letters for publication was so uninformed that he was not able to detect immediately that the Yamamoto letter was a fake and a fraud."

The record of allegiance and loyalty of Japanese Americans in the United States speaks for itself, the letter continued. "We refer you to the United States Congressional Record—Senate, Feb. 20, 1956, pps. 2478-2479, which records the denunciation of the alleged Yamamoto by Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel from the Senate floor." The post reaffirmed the Senator's statement, which was quoted in part:

"I think that a part of the great strength of the people of the United States that we love liberty and love this country, regardless of what blood flows through our veins. I think it is reprehensible and contemptible for one to write the type

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in response to a question during the interview and that no harm was intended, Mrs. Jones pointed out, but added, "it can be harmful if heard by large number of persons who have not had any contact with Japanese Americans or with education concerning minority groups".

Mrs. Jones also believed a person of Carmichael's stature was aware persons of Japanese descent were excluded from the west coast during the early part of World War II, the time element in the radio interview.

Carmichael's reference that there were no "Japs" around to do the gardening could be interpreted to mean that he looks upon persons of Japanese ancestry as servants and that an insulting term ("Japs") would be appropriate, Miller was told.

"It was just this type of viewpoint that created grave social problems on the West Coast before World War II with college graduates confined to housework, farming, gardening, selling fruits and vegetables and selling Oriental curios," Mrs. Jones continued.

In closing, she said West Coast leaders today admit they were mistaken in advocating evacuation and that Japanese Americans are now employed in many fields previously closed to them, "thanks to the diligent work of good citizens, both Japanese Americans and others, and to the basic sense of fairness that exists among a democratic people".

CBS's long-stand on fair play with minorities was also acknowledged in Mrs. Jones's letter.

Dave Tatsuno appointed to nat'l 'Y' council

SAN JOSE.—Dave Tatsuno, 42, active "Y" worker for 30 years and director of the Japanese YMCA in San Francisco before it was reorganized as the interracial Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, was elected recently to a three-year term on the YMCA national council.

He is one of 30 members of the Pacific Southwest YMCA district council comprising the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and the territory of Hawaii.

Students post record hard to beat at election

Special to Pacific Citizen OMAHA.—The only two Nisei in the freshman class this year at Omaha Central High School were elected to responsible positions.

Miss Akiye Watanabe was named to the student council and Natchi Matsunami was chosen freshman class president.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Ex-paratrooper calls

Denver

■ About four years ago we had occasion to write about Junie Kawamura who went into the war looking for action and got it. This week, Junie dropped in again, and that's excuse enough to tell you about his experiences once more in case you've forgotten.

Junie was a muscular youngster just out of high school in Seattle when war came along. He and his family moved off to Minneapolis, and there Junie volunteered for the paratroops. If you can recall, fellows with Japanese names weren't much welcomed in the armed forces about that time. And when at last they were inducted, they were sent off to the Nisei 442nd regimental combat team.

But by some freak, Junie was accepted by the paratroopers, issued a pair of jumping boots, and taught to leap out into thin air from a speeding airplane. He made 13 jumps in all. Assigned to the 517th Combat Team, a jumping outfit, he went through two battles in Italy and two more in France. That gave him four battle stars and an arrowhead for a jump during the invasion of southern France. Junie remembers his outfit coming off the line in Italy, and running into the 442nd which was moving up to relieve the 517th. He met a lot of guys he knew, and they had a brief but happy reunion. That was about the last he saw of the Nisei in Europe.

Junie's luck ran out in southern France. A burst of shrapnel caught him in the leg, arm and jaw and sent him off to a hospital. But he healed in good shape and eventually he got back home to Minneapolis where he's been ever since.

If Junie has had unusual experiences, you might say his sister, Mary, is having them, too. Some of her oldtime friends in Seattle, where she used to sing on Jimmie Sakamoto's radio program, may be interested. Mary married a French hydraulic engineer and they have two children. When her husband was assigned to a project in Iran, Mary went along. Could be she's the only Nisei in all of Iran, which also goes to show that the world is getting smaller all the time.

MORE ON 'LIFE'S' NISEI STORY

■ As Tats Kushida reported last week, *Life* magazine is undertaking some preliminary research on a Nisei story. It's altogether possible that *Life* will assign a task force to put together one of its exhaustive photo essays with Nisei integration as the subject. Just for the record, let us make it known that the idea for the story was born in the Denver bureau of Time, Inc. It grew out of conversations between Charles Champlin, then *Time-Life's* Denver correspondent, and Photographer Carl Iwasaki.

Champlin undertook some missionary work for the subject, and New York editors showed enough interest to encourage the two. A short time later Champlin was transferred back to New York. He promised to do what he could, after he got back, to sell the high brass on the Nisei idea. The story lay dormant for many months until recently when, for inexplicable reasons, the editors showed a renewed interest. And so queries went out to the various bureaus and research got under way. In Los Angeles, the queries must have received enthusiastic response from Bureau Chief Barron Beshoar who, as a newspaperman in Denver and later a war manpower board official, championed the Nisei cause during the war years.

However, it's a good idea not to cheer about all this until you actually see the Nisei story in print. *Life* is notorious for expending thousands of dollars and hundreds of man-hours on a story, only to bury it in the files. In 1942, and again in 1943, *Life* sent reporters and photographers to take hundreds of pictures at Heart Mountain WRA center, wound up by using nary a one. Such is the way of bigtime magazine journalism, *Life* style. From what we hear, though, *Life* is quite serious about doing a first class job on the Nisei this time.

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Turnout at the first winter meeting of the Inter-mountain District Council Mar. 4 at Hotel Temple Square, Salt Lake City, was gratifying since it was held in conjunction with the national JACL bowling tournament. Those present included (sitting, left to right) Henry Suyehara, treas.; Mrs. Massie Saito, rec. sec.; George Sugai, IDC chmn.;

Mas Satow of Nat'l Hq.; Mas Yano, 1st v.c.; (rear) Sud Morishita, Idaho Falls; Rupert Hachiya, Salt Lake City; Ken Uchida, Ogden; Kenji Yaguchi, Snake River; Frank Tominaga, Pocatello; Tom Miyazaki, 2nd v.c.; Jim Ushio, past chmn.; Toby Hirabayashi, Mt. Olympus and Fuji Hikida, Rexburg. —Twilite Photo.

Omaha CL installs cabinet for 2-ys.

OMAHA.—Manuel Matsunami, local chapter president, and his cabinet were installed by K. Patrick Okura, former national JACL vice-president, to serve a two-year term. The ceremonies were held at the Birchwood Club Feb. 11 before 125 members and guests.

Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons of the Nebraska Supreme court was the main speaker. Newly-naturalized Issei citizens were presented with framed "Pledge of Allegiance" scrolls by Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Father Flanagan's Boys Home.

Okura was general arrangements chairman, assisted by Gladys Hirabayashi, Mary Misaki, Lily Okura and Robert Nakadoi. Frank Tamai, retiring president, was toastmaster.

On the cabinet are Mrs. Lily Okura and her father Tom Arikawa as members-at-large, probably the only JACL chapter in the country with a father-daughter combination serving on the executive board. Arikawa was one of the first Issei here to be naturalized.

The two-year tenure of office was decided in 1954 to start with the 1956-57 term. All cabinet officers, it was added, are in charge of the annual membership campaign.

During the installation, Okura pointed out that it was the first time in JACL history that an installing officer had the pleasure of administering the oath of office to his wife and father-in-law.

Detroit chapter to open flower arrangement class

DETROIT.—Two more classes in Japanese flower arrangement are being organized for the spring, according to the Detroit JACL, sponsors. Mrs. Tamae Montgomery, Sunday instructor, will teach the Sogetsu style; while Mrs. Teruko Millican will teach the Ko style on Wednesday evenings.

Both classes will be at the International Institute. Tuition fee of \$1.50 per lesson includes instruction and flowers. Registrations are underway through Chiyo Togasaki (Sunday) and Mrs. Toshi Shimoura (Wednesday).

Consulate building

HONOLULU.—A World War II landmark will disappear from Honolulu this summer when the Japanese Consulate office building is torn down in May or June when the new office is completed at Nuuanu Ave. and Kuakini St.

Omaha JACLers host to Azuma Kabuki troupe

OMAHA.—Determined to show some real old-fashioned Midwest hospitality, the Omaha JACL hosted the reception here for members of the Azuma Kabuki troupe here last week.

"We're transplanted Midwesterners," declared emcee Patrick Okura, "but I think we've learned enough about Midwestern hospitality to practice it."

The 30-member troupe spent a day sightseeing before giving its only performance at the Civic Auditorium. They toured Boys Town, where Okura is psychologist.

Serving on the reception committee were Mrs. S. K. Yoden and Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, assisted by Mmes. K. Patrick Okura, T. S. Arikawa, George Hirabayashi, Kazuo Takeuchi, Sam Tsuji, Takao Misaki, Manuel Matsunami, Jack Kaya, Iwao Mihara, Chick Matsui, Kiyoko Watanabe, James Ishii, Eileen Egusa, Frank Tamai, Misses Emiko Watanabe, Akiye Watanabe and Natchi Matsunami.

New Japanese pictorial magazine offered

An all-English pictorial magazine published by the Sankei Press of Tokyo is receiving great acceptance from English speaking residents of Japan, announced Saburo Kido, North American manager for the magazine.

Asia Scene articles cover a wide range of features from the ancient to the modern—from the arts to sports each month. Most of the stories and photos deal with Japan, but the magazine does cover the Far East nations.

The special Spring issue, to be circulated in a few weeks, has over 70 photos and illustrations covering photography, judo, geta and zori industry, Japanese folklore, optical industry, Japan trade fair, current political affairs and many other articles of interest.

Subscription to the magazine is open to U.S. residents at \$4 a year. (See advertising elsewhere in this issue.—Ed.)

Medical Society dines

The Japanese Medical Society of Southern California held its annual spring banquet last night at Imperial Gardens. Dr. H. James Hara, president, and JACL 1000er, presided at the dinner which honored deans of local medical schools and medical group officials. Dr. Charles Carpenter, departmental head of infectious diseases at the UCLA School of Medicine, spoke on Medicine and International Relationship.

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Warped minds at work

Denver

It's obvious by now that the "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter which appeared in *Newsweek* of Feb. 20, 1956 was a phoney, a deliberate attempt to malign and embarrass Americans of Japanese ancestry. The identity of the author remains a mystery. Three weeks of checking by officials of the JACL have not turned up anyone named "Lincoln Yamamoto" in Pasadena, Calif., or in Southern California. Recently, it was reported that the FBI—which was alerted to the case by the National JACL—has been making inquiries. But it is to be doubted if the writer ever will be found.

This past week it was reported that some persons in the Gardena, Calif., area, not Nisei, have received letters from a "Nisei for Kawakita" committee. The "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter concerned "Tokyo Rose" and asserted Nisei allegiance to Japan. "Tokyo Rose," Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, recently was released from the federal women's prison at Alderson, W. Va., after serving six years of a 10-year sentence for treason. Incidentally, Mrs. d'Aquino's refusal of an offer of deportation to Japan and her decision to settle down in Chicago is an implied repudiation, in itself, of "Lincoln Yamamoto". Whatever her wartime sympathies may have been, Mrs. d'Aquino apparently does not want to go back to Japan.

Tomoya Kawakita, like Mrs. d'Aquino a native of California, is the other Nisei who was accused and convicted of treason—the charge was brutality in a Japanese camp for American POWs—while in Japan during the war. Kawakita returned to the United States in 1946 and was recognized by one of the POWs while shopping in a Los Angeles store. Federal agents trailed Kawakita for nine months while building a case against him. He was condemned to die, but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by President Eisenhower. The formation of a "Nisei for Kawakita" committee is about as credible as the "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter.

The news report said the Kawakita letters were sent to non-Nisei. This indicates a deliberate attempt to influence public opinion. Since there seems little to be gained at this time by a campaign of hatred against the Nisei, the only answer would be that warped minds are at work.

There was a time when organized racism functioned aggressively and successfully against Japanese Americans. This was during the years of war and mass evacuation when myths and half-truths were circulated against the Nisei and were accepted at face value by the general public. In this period hundreds of Pacific coast organizations passed racist resolutions favoring mass evacuation of Japanese Americans and opposing their return to the west coast. Scores of groups—some with names like No Japs, Inc. and the Remember Pearl Harbor League—were formed to carry on a program of harassment of the Nisei and Issei. Not a single one is active today.

WHITE SUPREMACY RENASCENCE

Organized racism against Japanese Americans is dead, but that does not mean there is no hate-mongering against other American minorities. There has been a racist renaissance in the wake of the Supreme Court's school integration decision. During the past year the movement for formation of white citizens councils—the unhooded klans—has progressed rapidly. In Mississippi, where the first of these white supremacist groups was formed in 1954, there are now 300 chapters with about 80,000 members. Similar organizations have been formed in Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas and other southern states.

Directed against equality of educational and social accommodations for Negroes, many of these groups also restrict Jews and Catholics from membership, confining their rolls to white Protestants. The organized race supremacists are still in the minority among the southern white population, but their growth in number in recent months augurs uneasiness for those few Nisei and other non-Caucasians who have been accepted as "honorable Aryans" in the south.

Organizations similar to the southern white citizens councils were formed during the Yellow Peril campaigns in California of two generations ago, and were active even as recently as the past decade when much of the opposition to the return of Japanese Americans to their west coast homes sprang from persons of white supremacist persuasion. Foremost, and most effective of these "whites only" groups in California was the Native Sons of the Golden West which waged continuing war against persons of Japanese ancestry for a half century. The Native Sons, an organization of whites born in California, once declared its dedication to preserving the state as "the white man's paradise."

The white citizens councils have as their first order of business opposition to school integration and all that it implies to the more of the Deep South. Their activity may serve to delay the implementation of the Supreme Court's decision but, in the end, will emphasize the untenable nature of the position of those who would defend prejudice, biracialism and "separate accommodations" in a democratic society.

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Parlier community picnic scheduled for Mar. 25

PARLIER. — The annual Japanese community picnic sponsored by the local JACL will be held on Sunday, Mar. 25, at Kearney Park. An alternate date of Apr. 8 was also announced in case of inclement weather.

Ralph Kimoto, chapter president, announced the following committeemen: Bob Okamura, John Kashiki, co-chmn.; Clark Miyakawa, Ted Katsura, finance; James Kozuki, Kay Yoshimoto, Jimmy Kakutani, purch.; George Tsuji, Nob Ebisuda, Josie Tsuboi, Jean Kobashi, games; Byrd Kumataka, Kaz Ohara, locale; Min Doi, transp.; Kengo Osumi, merchant donations; Ronald Ota, signs; Tad Kanemoto, Fred Nagare, Harry Nakata, prizes.

Mile-Hi JACL renews Red Cross solicitation

DENVER. — Irvin Matsuda has been designated chairman of the local Red Cross drive of the Japanese American Community by the Mile-Hi JACL.

Matsuda will be assisted by Kent Yoritomo, Jim Hada, Tak Terasaki, Herbert Inouye, Rupert Arai, Willie Mikuni and Bill Kuroki.

The drive commenced last week and the group has been designated to cover an area of 48 blocks, where most Issei-Nisei have their business establishments.

Legal steno club

An organization of legal secretaries of Chinese, Korean and Japanese descent was recently formed by 20 women as the Nisei Legal Secretaries Association with Frank F. Chuman as adviser. Ruby Yamahata is president.

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Chicago artist wins in Art Institute competition for 3rd time in three years

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

CHICAGO. — While working for U.S. Army Engineers during the war years, Joseph Goto learned the trade of acetylene torch welding.

He resumed this medium when, as an Art Institute student, he had to give up painting, finding himself allergic to oil and turpentine. Last year, the Hawaiian-born artist was awarded the top \$1,500 prize in the Art Institute's Chicago Exhibition for his welded-steel sculpture of two huge insects called the "Struggle".

Three years earlier, he was awarded a \$600 purchase prize for sculpture in the same medium. He also has his work as part of the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Last week, the 30-year-old resident of Chicago since 1947 when he came here to enroll at Art Institute was awarded the Pauline

Palmer prize of \$750 for another welded steel sculpture entitled "Metallic Forms".

The sculpture is a grouping of vertical rods of various weights and colors, rising from a horizontal bar which extends from a highly textured black steel oblong base delicately balanced by a shorter projection on its opposite ends.

The abstract forms could suggest reeds, stems and other organic shapes found in an autumn pond.

The award was part of the largest sum ever made in the 59-year history of the annual Art Institute's Chicago exhibition to 24 artists living in this vicinity. A total of \$7,975 in prizes was announced. A distinguished jury selected 203 pieces from among 2,027 works submitted.

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



Pinfest outstanding

San Francisco

Participating bowlers were unanimous in acclaiming our 10th Anniversary JACL Bowling Tournament in Salt Lake City as the smoothest running ever. Tournament Chairman Choppy Umemoto and Tournament Director Hito Okada had the squads getting on and off the alleys like clockwork, and Wat Misaka and his wife Katie had the results posted within minutes upon the completion of a squad and the particular event. And a big bouquet to Lyllienne Gray for handling the women's division in such fine fashion. One would have to go a long way to find such cooperative fellows as Doug Muir and Martin McPhie of Pal-D-Mar and Johnny Keyser of the Ritz.

Easily the feature of this year's tournament was the exciting finish of the men's doubles with Gish Endo teaming with Fuzzy Shimada to put on a thrilling exhibition of tournament bowling. Gish coming through with a magnificent 256 last game and Fuzzy backing him up with a 227. Fuzzy lived up to his reputation as the finest Nisei bowler by copping the all-events crown.

New men's singles champ Bob Shiba finally made it the tenth time out, showing that persistence and practice pay off. Incidentally, Bob is one of our newly naturalized citizens. Long Beach JACL prexy Easy Fujimoto pushed sweeper winner Taki Takemoto all the way to wind up just five pins short. Other chapter presidents ending up with some money were John Sakayama (Denver), Sho Nukaya (Idaho Falls), Bill Yamauchi (Pocatello), and Toyse Kato (Ogden). George Ushijima (Alameda) and Steve Hirai (Boise) wound up in our class of making a valiant try. At least our team can claim the distinction of pushing the champion Gayway Bowl team—the final game. The team champs included One Thousanders George Saito and Tony Miyasako. At the IDC Convention last Thanksgiving weekend sponsor George Vaughn of Gayway literally gave us the bowling shirt off his back.

SUPPORT FROM HAWAII

Thanks to Eddie Matsueda's hustle, Hawaii certainly gave us the support this year. Not only did Hawaii bring seven teams plus Island Women's Match Play Champion Dorothy Andrade who took back the Women's All Events, but they brought some half a dozen extra trophies which they donated to the tournament as well as colorful leis for everyone at the Awards dinner dance. Hitherto we have given complimentary JACL memberships to the bowlers from Hawaii in appreciation for the wonderful financial support on our national program in three financial campaigns, but this year every one of the bowlers paid their dues as regular members. Shoi Torigoe, their spokesman, indicated that the interest in National JACL was going beyond the bowling tournament, and asked for material on JACL so that JACL's larger program and functions could be explained to the folks back home.

According to Shoi and Dorothy Andrade, some of the leagues in Hawaii are already pointing to our Tournament next year in Eastbay, and they told us to expect some 100 bowlers from Hawaii.

In view of the expanding scope of the tournament we are enlarging our National Advisory Board to include Shochi Torigoe from Hawaii, Eke Inouye of Idaho Falls, and Sock Kojima of Chicago. We were happy to renew acquaintance with Dick Gano at our banquet who represented ABC as its 3rd National Vice-President. He was most helpful to us when we brought the tournament under ABC sanction in 1951. Dick will ascend to the National presidency of the American Bowling Congress in 1959.

JACL TO RELINQUISH TOURNAMENT

Although the team captains voted to retain National JACL sponsorship of the Tournament, in view of the many problems and discussions, we now feel that after next year's tourney, JACL should withdraw from sponsorship as such. We are now moving along with plans to organize a national Nisei bowling body to take over starting with the 1958 Tournament in Seattle.

GOOD START IN '56 MEMBERSHIP

Sonoma County, San Francisco and Idaho Falls chapters have joined Ft. Lupton, San Luis Valley and San Benito County in topping this year's membership totals. Hats off also to the following chapters for their recent public recognitions in the local press: Salt Lake City for editorial commendation of its naturalization program in the *Salt Lake Tribune*, Snake River Valley for front page coverage in the *Ontario (Ore.) Argus-Observer* of its installation banquet featuring Oregon's Governor Elmo Smith, and Twin Cities for an article on the editorial page of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* lauding the efforts of Japanese Americans in that area.

CHAPTER VISITATIONS

The Stockton Chapter installation was as nice an affair as we have attended. There was a generous sprinkling of civic dignitaries starting with Mayor Bitterman. Commercial photographer Richard Yoshikawa heads the new cabinet which includes newly naturalized citizen and long time JACL supporter Mr. Yoichi Agari as vice-president. George Baba who was installed as Chapter 1000 Club Chairman gave us 14 memberships and renewals to bring home.

With NC-WNDC Chairman Yas Abiko we installed Monterey President George Kodama and his cabinet plus the officers of the Women's Auxiliary at a nice cozy dinner dance affair. Honored were the newly naturalized citizens and nine former presidents of the Chapter. Following the last dance we took off for Fresno for the second meeting of representatives of the three California District Councils for further planning on the land law proposition.

This just about winds up our traveling for a string of consecutive weekends. In fact, we are staying home for a change this weekend to try to catch up on the sixty 1000 Club membership certificates we have fallen behind. We shifted over into annual seals a year and a half ago, and these new certificates indicate that the chapters are really driving in new 1000 Club members and old renewals under the good natured but firm prodding of our National 1000 Club Chairman Shig Wakamatsu.

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"Changing Perspectives"

Nat'l JACL credit union declares 5% dividend again as growth reflected

SALT LAKE CITY.—Declaration of 5% dividends again will highlight the annual meeting here this Sunday of the National JACL Credit Union.

As the oldest JACL credit union, its growth has continued and was reflected in the recently published financial statement. The group has 582 members who are saving over \$160,000. Credit union operations this past year netted a profit of \$7,460.93 as compared with \$6,280.98 the previous year.

"Our success, of course, must be measured more by the financial service that we have rendered our members which in 1955 amounted to 164 loans totaling \$111,364.86," S. Ushio, board president, pointed out.

Special recognition will be given to Hito Okada, credit union treasurer and manager, and to Tats Matsuda, Ichiro Doi and George Yoshimoto, credit committee members, Ushio revealed.

(An error in the financial statement published in the Mar. 2 Pacific Citizen under "Income—Fines" should read \$28.08—Ed.)

West L.A. JACL presents flags for Gakuen classes

SANTA MONICA.—Presentation of three American flags to be displayed in class rooms of the West Los Angeles Japanese Institute highlighted the West L.A.-Venice Culver installation dinner-dance last Saturday at the local Elks club.

The flags given by the WLA JACL were received by K. Yahata for the Institute.

Saburo Kido, past national JACL president and Shin Nichi Bei president, installed Dave Akashi, West Los Angeles, and Dr. Tak Shishino, Venice-Culver, and their respective cabinet officers. He also spoke briefly on the early history of JACL and its important role during the war years.

Past president pins were presented to Steve Yagi, WLA, and George Isoda, Venice-Culver. Students of Hanayagi Tokuyae entertained with Japanese dances. Jim Kitsuse was master-of-ceremonies.

East L.A. membership dinner-dance set Mar. 24

The annual East Los Angeles JACL membership dinner-dance will be held again at the same locale, Swally's restaurant, on Saturday, Mar. 24, 7 p.m., according to Kathy Yoshida, social chairman, and George Nomi, membership chairman.

Entertainment will feature chapter talent. On the committee are Fred Takata, chapter president; Martha Tsuji and Roy Yamadera. Reservations are being accepted until Mar. 21 at \$2.50 per plate by Takata (AN 2-6639) and Yamadera (AN 8-7461).

The chapter is also continuing its dance classes with Sati Ohashi as instructor on Monday nights at International Institute.

Movies of Venice-Culver activities screened

VENICE.—Highlight of the recent Venice-Culver JACL potluck dinner Feb. 25 was the showing of movies taken by Ben Yumori of chapter activities the past year.

Betty Yumori and Miki Chikasawa, co-chairmen, announced there were 75 present. Judy Zoriki, Jane Kunimoto, Darlene and Joyce Imazu entertained with dancing. The evening closed with Lionel Hansen calling the square dance.

As most parties go, a door prize was offered to assure good attendance. Ike Masaoka was the prize—which happened to be a "door" prize in its literal sense. Dr. Tak Shishino got a new door for his office and the old one was used as the prize.

The chapter is also in the midst of a concentrated membership drive to pass last year's 124 mark. The chapter newsletter Spotlight last week reported 111 signed toward the goal of 200. It is the "home" chapter of George Inagaki, national JACL president.

'Wearin' of the green' party for Hollywood set

Begorrah, 'tis free! And the leprechauns won't want you to be missing the St. Patrick's get-acquainted social this Saturday, Mar. 17, at the Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury St., from 9 p.m.

The welcome mat is out to all coleens and gosspoons for a night of fun and frolic. There'll be dancing, games, bridge, and refreshments to warm the cockles of your hearts. So come one and come all, wearing your bit of green, for 'tis no blarney that ye'll be after having the time of your life!

Hollywood JACL committee members are Chas Kamayatsu, entertainment; Masa Shimizu, refreshments; and Miwa Yanamoto, bridge.

Nisei parole officer speaks to ELA chapter

Paul Takagi, parole officer with the Los Angeles County probation department and member of the East Los Angeles JACL, was the main speaker at the Mar. 14 general meeting of the same chapter. He spoke on "Narcotics and Addicts in Relation to Parole".

Takagi is a 1949 graduate of the Univ. of California at Berkeley, majoring in psychology and criminology. He worked a half year at San Quentin Corrections Dept. and then with the Alameda County probation before joining the local department.

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Voters registration night scheduled by ELA, Venice chapters

Registration of voters, especially recently naturalized Issei citizens, will be provided at International Institute, next Friday, Mar. 23, 8 p.m., according to the East Los Angeles JACL, sponsors of the meeting.

Sam Furuta, evening chairman, said Tats Kushida, Mrs. Ross Sato and Blanche Shiosaki, deputy registrars, will be present to register new citizens. Assisting in the special meeting are Edison Uno, Akira Hasegawa, Ritsuko Kawakami, Molly Mittwer, Fumi Ishihara, Henry Miyata, Wilbur Sato, John Watanabe, and Jim Higashi.

VENICE.—The Venice-Culver JACL will have voters' registration night Friday, Mar. 30, 7:30 p.m., at the Venice Gakuen, 12448 Braddock Dr., it was announced by Dr. Tak Shishino, chapter president. Newly naturalized Issei and Nisei who for one reason or another must re-register or register for the first time are strongly urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Alameda JACL aids in Issei vote registration

ALAMEDA.—Newly naturalized Issei citizens were registered as voters at the local JACL meeting this week at the Buena Vista Methodist Church.

Arrangements for registering the new voters were made by the chapter through the mayor's office and the city clerk of Alameda.

Issei registering for the first time, it was noted, were to bring their citizenship papers.

Pasadena JACL to hear talk on investments

PASADENA.—Clifford Y. Tanaka will speak on "Investments" at the Pasadena JACL general meeting next Tuesday, Mar. 20, 8 p.m. at the Union Presbyterian Church, 305 Kensington Pl.

Easter egg hunt

SANTA ANA.—Four Nisei groups including the Orange County JACL will work on the annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, Mar. 31, 1:30 p.m., at Irvine Park.

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ASSETS		INCOME	
Current and less than 2 mos. delinquent (128)	\$ 93,476.43	Interest on loans	\$6,562.19
Total loans (128)	93,476.43	Income from Investments	17.50
Cash	24,305.17	Total Income	\$6,579.69
Petty cash	10.00		
Federal Savings and Loan Shares	5,000.00		
Furniture, Fixtures and equipment	47.86		
Prepaid expense	256.90		
Misc. Rec.	1.00		
Total	\$123,098.36		
LIABILITIES		EXPENSES	
Accounts payable	\$ 131.81	Other salaries	\$ 260.00
Payroll taxes withheld	10.50	Borrowers' Insurance	1,280.13
Shares	115,505.52	Surety Bond Premium	145.00
Regular Reserve	2,514.93	Stationery & supplies	76.93
Undivided Earnings	783.94	Depreciation of Furn., Fix., & Equip.	9.00
Profit and loss	4,151.66	Social Sec. Taxes	13.32
Total	\$123,098.36	Other Insurance	42.00
		Accounting	250.00
		Misc. General	351.65
		Total Expenses	\$2,428.03
		NET PROFIT	\$4,151.66

Statistical Information: Number of accounts at end of period —250.

Loans made since organization—number, 250; amount—\$240,503.91.



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by Jerry Enomoto



San Francisco ■ A queen, a queen, our kingdom for a queen! As "Changing Perspectives" rapidly approaches, the wheels are speedily gaining momentum as we attempt to gather the cream of Nisei maidenhood in the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council to compete for the coveted title of "Miss National JACL of 1956". Publicity releases have gone to all NC-WNDC chapters, encouraging them to unveil their fairest for this honor. A trophy, \$100 cash award for wardrobe expenses, and a chance to represent our national organization in a multitude of ways go to the lucky winner. Our 13th biennial queen Miss Janet Fukuda, was a real credit to JACL, and our 1956 Queen will be following her distinguished footsteps.

Kaye of the renowned Uyeda clan, and another stalwart S.F. JACler, is chairman of the Queen Contest committee. Among those Kaye has gathered around her to assist on this project are Hisashi Tani, Victor Abe, Amey Aizawa, Michi Onuma, Kayo Hayakawa, and Jackson Hirose.

FUN FOR ALL

■ It's about time we mentioned something about a phase of "Changing Perspectives" that invites general interest, I'm talking about the Funfest that the Social Events gang is cooking up for conventioners. The head man who will be responsible for overall direction of the major social events; mixer, outing, Sayonara ball, and the 1000 Club shindig, is Kei Hori. Kei is a past prexy of the S.F. chapter, and few people in our town have done more to perpetuate the ideals of JACL whenever, and wherever, possible, than him.

For a supporting cast, Kei has lined up a capable crew indeed. We've already spotlighted our gal, vivacious Vi, who will bring her unique and sparkling personality, as well as her imagination to the mixer on opening night. The outing, about which we shall have much to say in succeeding issues, is under the expert direction of Frank "Inky" Dobashi. Actually we're lucky to have this guy on the team, since other outfits like the VFW and the Chamber of Commerce have long ago learned to appreciate his talents, and keep him hopping. The Sayonara ball is headed up by a pretty beauty shoppe boss by the name of Mary Hamamoto. Mary is VP of our superactive Womens Auxiliary, a slick dancing product of Arthur Murray, and all in all a decorative asset to our Chapter.

GRACIAS, AMIGOS!

■ Many thanks to our Windy City JAClers for their gesture of support of "Changing Perspectives" . . . Learned about this reading the latest edition of the "Chicago JACler" in which it was reported that a special train was being arranged to bring delegates from Chicago, and possibly other midwestern points . . . A toast to the Chicago Chapter: may they surpass a 1000 members, and enjoy their most productive year.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Advertising booms

● If a favorite columnist is missing now and then, let's trust our readers are not irked because news still has precedence and columnists made room for the heavier-than-usual amount of advertising for the week . . . We're still advised against publishing 12-page editions because of mailing difficulties. The attempts made in previous years proved costly and

time-consuming as the addressing machine is not made to handle 12-page affairs. Experts are surprised that our mailer is able to address the 8-page editions week after week. This week happens to be our heaviest from the standpoint of column-inches. We have 172 inches of advertising or nearly 30%.

● This was Public Library Week in Los Angeles and gave us an opportunity to check the books and periodicals on "Japanese in America" at the central library . . . JACL is represented in the card catalog with two reference briefs: "Case for Nisei" and "Regan vs. King, Registrar of Voters, San Francisco" . . . WRA reports, books on evacuation, resettlement, "Home Again" and three copies of Topaz Trek are also available . . . Fowler JACL has asked for back copies of the PC Holiday Issue to be presented to their library. The Seattle Public Library has copies on file each week as well as a number of colleges and universities, including California, UCLA, USC, Stanford, Washington, Western Reserve, New Mexico, Hawaii, Columbia and Black Hills Teachers (S.D.) . . . Chapters might sponsor gift subscriptions to their local public and school libraries as a public relations project. Allen H. Eaton's Beauty Behind Barbed Wires is another excellent suggestion.

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Seattle maps wide membership drive

SEATTLE. — The local JACL membership drive is in full swing, according to James M. Matsuoka, chapter president. The campaign is being coordinated by Paul Kashino, pushing Nisei sign-ups; Tad Yamaguchi, Issei; and Tak Hori, 1000 Club.

"The need for a strong local chapter is as important as ever," Matsuoka declared. "San Francisco has a 1956 membership of 1,030; we can and should do better."

District committeemen are as follows:

Nat'l convention fashion committeemen announced

SAN FRANCISCO.—The 14th biennial JACL convention fashion show committee, headed by Mrs. Tokuji Hedani, has organized its subcommittees as follows:

Mrs. Nancy Limjap, co-ordinator; Marge Shigezumi, gen. arr.; Sumi Utsumi, models; Thelma Takeda, pub.; Daisy Uyeda, Mrs. Yoneo Futatsuki, program and script; Ryo Ichikawa, wardrobe; Mrs. Jerry Enomoto, transp.; Mrs. Yukio Wada, sec.; Mrs. Wallace Nunotani, treas.

The event will be coordinated by the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary and will be held Sept. 1 in the Sheraton-Palace Hotel Gold Room.

Mt. Olympus fete Issei, over 175 in attendance

MURRAY, Utah.—With over 175 members and honored guests present, the Mt. Olympus JACL held its annual Issei Appreciation Night Feb. 25 with a smorgasbord dinner. Toby Hirabayashi, chapter president, was toastmaster.

Other honored guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Ota, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Hachiya; Hito Okada, past national JACL president; Mr. and Mrs. Kay Terashima.

Kay Terashima, main speaker, spoke on "Our Pioneering Issei" and Joe Chiba responded for the Issei guests. Hutch Aoki opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and George Fujii led in community singing. Mrs. Raymond Uno entertained with several piano renditions and accompanied Mrs. Chieko Okazaki, vocalist. Yoshio Katayama, recent visitor of Japan, showed his movies of the trip.

Harry Okubo, event chairman, was assisted by Min Matsumori, Ida Tateoka, Shake Ushio, Momo Ushio and Yukus Inouye.

Group-interest sessions prove successful

CINCINNATI. — The first in a series of JACL chapter interest-group sessions was held at the home of James Takeuchi, chairman of the Feb. 23 meeting on federal income tax and its recent changes.

Autis Ramey of the Internal Revenue Service related an interesting account of the "why and wherefores" of some cases that have had considerable publicity.

"Our group meetings are worthwhile and most congenial," commented Cincinnati JACL chapter president Mrs. Mutsu Takao, "in spite of the small number of attendance of 15 to 20 people."



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Attractive Pauline Hayakawa was a special hostess this past weekend at opening of Foothill Crest tract development's model home near Hansen Dam in San Fernando Valley. She greets J.S. Takeyasu, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce (center) and Paul C. Takeda, secretary of the Chamber. A number of Japanese have been residents of the Foothill Crest area for many years. Open house continues at the Foothill Crest development, Foothill Blvd. and Vaughn St. It can be easily reached by going out San Fernando Road to Osborne Ave. and turning right to Foothill Blvd. Continuing on Foothill to Vaughn St. and the furnished model home. These 3-bedroom, 2-bath homes with 2-car garages on extra large lots are priced from \$12,500 with built-in Frigidaire range and oven, copper hood with fan and light, garbage disposer and 220 volt wiring at washer dryer space. Vets and nonvets have conventional financing with down payments of \$995 plus costs and impounds.—(Adv.)



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TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama



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● The Pacific Citizen Japan Bureau has a cable address—PCTAMOTSU TOKYO—registered here. Considering there are thousands of cable addresses in Tokyo, many of them including such words as Pacific, Citizen, American, Nisei and even Murayama, this correspondent was finally able to coin the above JACLers and PC readers are invited to use this address.

The next step is register the title, "Pacific Citizen", with the government. This protection is very vital.

MISS MINAMOTO HEADS FOR HOME

● Mary Minamoto, devoted JACLER of Portland, will return to the United States by the end of March. She completes five years of valuable and well-respected service with the American Red Cross at both the Tokyo and Yokohama offices. Her ability to converse and write in Japanese, her work with the war-brides school and assistance with Nisei problems here has merited for her the awarding of a 10-year service silver bar recently. She goes home also as an accomplished koto and ikebana student.

● Ken Yasuda of the Asia Foundation was conferred the Doctor of Letters degree by the Tokyo University for his study of Haiku, shortest form of poetry in the world. He is one of the few Nisei who has wide associations with the writers and poets of Japan.

● Carl Nakamura of Los Angeles may be an important key man in Japanese freemasonry soon. He was recently installed as the district grand secretary for the District Grand Lodge of Japan, a step away from formation of a Grand Lodge. He had been the worshipful master of the Tokyo lodge and that task alone requires a great deal of effort and energy to rise in Masonic leadership ranks.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Community asset

Seattle
■ The years pass by quickly. It is already 10 years since the Jackson Street Community Council was organized. This activity, unique in its conception, in a few years gained spotlight of national prominence for its molding an economic and social asset out of a congested neighborhood that was getting to be a potential liability.

The upheaval of the war years, with evacuation and eventual resettlement, created a population problem when the first of 6,000 Japanese returned to the sites of their prewar homes and places of business. To quote the most significant figures on the situation, in 1940 there were 3,000 Negroes in Seattle, with some 600 living in the mile square Jackson Street area. During War II, the Negro population swelled to almost 15,000 with some 2,000 living in the immediate community. The population of other groups remained fairly constant except for about 2,000 Filipino migrants headed for Alaska in the spring and returning to the States, principally California, in the fall.

Here were five cultural groups, four languages, customs as different as thousands of years and the breadth of oceans could make them. There was even dissension within groups; for example, 600 Negro old timers held themselves aloof from the great number of newly arrived southern Afro-Americans who enjoyed a new found freedom in this friendly city. It became the job of the Jackson Street Council to fuse these diverse groups into one great cooperative effort of neighborliness.

ORGANIZE TB X-RAY PROGRAM

■ Originally planned for recreational guidance, the Council soon found out that the people of the community were more interested in sanitation, housing and employment than recreation. In 1947 it was revealed that 22 per cent of the city's deaths from tuberculosis were in this district with but 2 per cent of the population. Council committees set out to help in the regular TB X-ray program. To encourage Orientals, recordings in Chinese, Japanese and English were made by a local radio station and played over a loudspeaker at the X-ray truck. Japanese-American hosts and hostesses served with others to welcome passers-by to get a free X-ray. In ten campaigns, approximately 15,000 chest X-rays have been taken.

That just briefly describes but one phase of the Council's many accomplishments. For several years it maintained a well baby clinic. It organized annual clean-up campaigns, gathering in one drive as many as 80 truckloads of rubbish from 30 city blocks. Itself an agency of the United Good Neighbors, it organized fund solicitation teams which annually put the International Community over the top.

It created a separate group, the International Improvement Association which staged the International Festival feature of the city-wide August Seafair event.

Each year, thousands of toys are collected and repaired for free Christmas distribution, a project which was revived by the Council and rapidly spread to all parts of the city, so that now dozens of social and fraternal groups participate in supplying the Council's Christmas "toy shop."

The Council's record includes the expediting of improvements in street lighting, paving, acquiring the property for playground improvement at the Bailey Gatzert School, traffic lights, the bulkheading of the Jackson Street slides, alien registration, and officially backing the Walters Resolution.

"Operations Crossroads", a community study and improvement group originated in the Council, and after an eventual couple of years under the wing of the University of Washington sociology department, is now back with the Council as special committee.

CITED BY FORD FOUNDATION

■ That the people of the Jackson Street Community Council have proved their point is testified by the fact that this community was chosen in 1952 by the Ford Foundation as one of 25 groups in the nation whose stories were told over the CBS Network as part of "The People Act" series. Selected as an

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USC Nisei cager ends varsity play

University of Southern California's Dick Nagai finished his collegiate basketball career on an inauspicious note Saturday evening as his team lost 97 to 84 to their cross-town rival UCLA.

The tall Nisei cager fouled out of his first varsity game in his three years tenure at Troyville.

In his final game, Nagai was also shifted to a forward spot, one of the few times in his college career at that post. He tanked five points, all from the free throw line.

Forward Kaz Shinzato, Nisei frosh cager at USC, scored 298 points in 14 games to finish the season with a 21.3 pt. average per game.

Nagai holds one distinction as a Trojan. He was the first player to break the 100 point mark for his team. He scored the 100th and 101st point when the SC club set their all time high against Hawaii two seasons ago. If the Trojans never crack the century mark again, Nagai's name will be remembered in this respect.

Sierra College picks Nisei outstanding cager

AUBURN.—James Yokota, guard on the 1956 Sierra College basketball team, was voted the outstanding player of the year by his mates at the annual banquet held in Train Village last week.

Yokota and Harry Kawahata were among members of the '56 squad recommended by coach Ken Hashagen for letter awards.

Yokota also lettered in baseball and football at the school.

NC Nisei Golf Ass'n admits three more clubs

SAN MATEO.—The No. Calif. Nisei Golf Association admitted three more organizations to boost the club totals to 16 composed of over 400 members last week. Joining were the Spoon & Tee of San Francisco, Sacramento Nisei Golf Club and Cardinal Club of Palo Alto.

Peninsula Fairway of this city will host the NCGA senior flight (those 50 years of age and over) tournament at Del Monte and Pebble Beach on Apr. 21-22. Shig Takahashi is tourney chairman.

Tryout with Dodgers

VERO BEACH, Fla.—Bill Nishita, Hawaiian right-hander, is currently trying out with Montreal Royals, a Brooklyn Dodger farm club. He pitched for Santa Rosa (Calif.) Jr. College and Univ. of California at Berkeley before being signed by the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants, perennial champions of the Japanese World Series.

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TANIGUCHI RIDES WINNER IN SANTA ANITA FINALE

SANTA ANITA. — George Taniguchi, only Nisei jockey to hit big-time in thoroughbred horse racing, passed another milestone in his brilliant career by riding Bobby Brocato to victory in the \$100,000 added San Juan Capistrano Handicap last Saturday.

He finished the jockey race in sixth place with 28 wins, 37 seconds and 22 thirds out of 270 rides here this season.

Igaya bolsters Dartmouth hope for college ski title

BOULDER, Colo. — Dartmouth, Middlebury and Denver, two-time national collegiate ski champions, will meet in what shapes to be a tight three-way battle here at Winter Park for the national meet Mar. 23-25. Chiharu Igaya, who skied for native Japan in the Winter Olympics in Italy, has returned and strengthens Dartmouth's chances for the 1956 title.

Fresno kegler

FRESNO.—K. Umamoto rolled a 605-31-636 to hang on to second place in the 21st annual Fresno Bowling Ass'n tournament in the second week of competition at the Playdium Bowl Mar. 4.

Kono shatters two weightlifting marks

HONOLULU. — Tommy Kono stepped out of his middleweight class last Friday night to break two lighthouseweight world records in the Hawaiian AAU open weightlifting championships.

The Nisei strong man, who weighs 173½, pressed 317½ to better the former world's record of 315¼ set by Russia's Gregory Novak in July, 1949.

Kono also made a total lift of 997½, shattering his old record of 958¼. The Olympic champ snatched 290 and scored 370 in clean and jerk.

Kono is scheduled to leave soon for New York for a meet with the Russians.

Minneapolis Nisei heads for badminton tourney

MINNEAPOLIS. — Irene Urashi has been seeing birds and more birds these past wintry months. The birds aren't real, but to Irene represent badminton.

She participated in recent regional tournaments at Lafayette, Ind., and at Chicago. This month, she participates in the nationals at Philadelphia.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



E-day for freeway

Extension of the Golden State Freeway through Boyle Heights has already hit one active JACLer there: Fred Takata, president of the East Los Angeles chapter, who helps his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Takata, operate the Crown Market at the corner of Cummings and Fourth Sts. This week he said the transaction for the property was in escrow and when final agreement is reached with the State Highway Commission the family will seek another spot for grocery operation. Takata's parents have been grocers for more than 25 years, although their latest venture started in 1947 opposite Hollenbeck Park. Many homeowners in the same area have sold theirs to the state and were notified to vacate by May 2. The eviction notice came from P.O. Harding, assistant State Highway engineer.

The freeway development, planned by the State Highway Commission three years ago, will eliminate several landmarks in Boyle Heights. Affected also are some 4,300 residents, 10 per cent of them being persons of Japanese descent. Eviction dates for business firms have been extended to mid-summer in some instances. There is still talk of "holdouts" who are staying put and not selling to the state. The state is expected to swing its legal weapon of "condemnation" on needed properties still unsold. Then it will become a court case if the owners do not want to leave the premises.

Among the strongest dissenters in the freeway proposal were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Tubbs, honorary members of the ELA JACL chapter. According to Takata, they have moved to San Clemente as a result of the adoption of a one-mile strip which slices off the backyards of many Nisei-owned homes and portions of Hollenbeck Park.

The Anti-Freeway Committee did have some legislative friends. Councilman Edward E. Roybal cast the lone negative vote when a "showdown" appeared in the City Council, which must approve the route before the state could proceed with its plans. Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott was another official who fought against the freeway but lost. He instigated a petition to Gov. Goodwin J. Knight to halt the construction.

INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

The feeling of spring is the freshest with the announcement of the annual International Flower Show at Hollywood Park in Inglewood starting tomorrow for a nine-day run. Every year, Nisei growers cop top awards in various divisions and 1956 will be no exception. Exhibitors vie for \$50,000 in cash prizes, four gold medals, trophies and ribbon awards. One attraction already unfurled was the princess contest. Three candidates vie for honors to represent a cultural group. Selected as Cherry Blossom princess for Japan was Pauline Higurashi, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeharu Higurashi. She is an A-9 student at Foshay Jr. High School and "odori" student of Misa Bando. She won over Caro Miyeko Sugano, 14, and Yasuko Ideishi, 19. Natalie Wood, an "Oscar" nominee, is the flower show queen.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

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outstanding example of what a neighborhood can do for itself, the Council's story was told by the people who made it and recorded for the nation to hear.

As a result, many Issei and Nisei have taken on the responsibility and developed in roles of community leadership. Toru Sakahara has held several offices from the start, including two terms as president. Hotelman Seichi Hara has been active as a board member and for 1952 was selected "Man of the Year" for outstanding community achievement. James M. Matsuoka was president for two terms, 1948-50, besides chairing committees. Yoshito Fujii, active in the Civic Committee and on the Board; Ralph Shinbo, former Civic Committee chairman and sparkplug of the Council initiated International Festival; the Rev. Paul Hagiya, now in Santa Maria (Calif.), once chairman of the membership and nominating committee.

These names and many other have been linked with the Chinn's, the Velascos, the Aronsons, the Connors, the Williams, in a roster of people all dedicated to the proposition that a neighborhood is what you make it.



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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES
HASHIOKA, Dr. Henry (May Sakizawa)—boy David K., Jan. 24, Pacoima.
IGARASHI, Isamu (Mildred Nakamoto)—boy David Isami, Jan. 9.
MIYAMOTO, Herbert (Ritsuko Takara)—boy Richard M., Dec. 30.
KADOTA, Hayao (Shizuko Tokuda)—girl Carolyn Michiko, Dec. 21, West Covina.
MATSUDA, Handy H. (Nobuko Ishimine)—boy Lanny Hisashi, Dec. 17.
NAKAMURA, Harry H. (Hiroko Itakura)—boy Donald Ken, Dec. 21.
OKUMOTO, Sam I. (Yukio F. Fujisaka)—boy Ronald R., Dec. 16.
KAWANO, Clarence Y. (Barbara H. Okada)—girl Kim Yuuko, Dec. 26.
MATSUHARA, Frank M. (Haruko Takabayashi)—girl Robin Jr., Dec. 28.
NAKABA, Robert T. (Jean Naito)—boy Keith Kiyu, Dec. 28.
NAKAO, Etsuji (Masuyo Ayukawa)—girl Katherine Mayumi, Dec. 29.
TERADA, Usami (Fumiko Matsuda)—girl Kathleen Fusako, Dec. 27.
MATSUMOTO, Kiyoshi (Mary Murata)—boy Dennis Takeshi, Dec. 12.
KEIMI, Albert T. (Emiko Harada)—girl Kathleen Hisaye, Dec. 16.
OTSUBO, Yutaka (Asako D. Nakaniishi)—girl Shirley Mitsuko, Dec. 17.
SAKATANI, Kaneto (Sumiko Nomura)—girl Yoshie Bernice, Dec. 19.
SANWO, Frank T. (Toshiko Sasaki)—SHOHO, Tom T. (Hideko Kawashiri)—boy Donald Hideo, Dec. 26.
boy Mark Kenji, Dec. 19.
SHIGEMASA, Tsutomu (Judy N. Motowaki)—boy Fred R., Dec. 19.
SUGITA, Chiye (Yuri Nakamichi)—girl Susan Midori, Dec. 19.
TAKAHASHI, James T. (Chieko Taniguchi)—girl Donna J., Jan. 4.
TANAKA, Robert M. (Yaeko Kamisato)—girl Janice Katsumi, Dec. 16.
BERKELEY
HIRAOKA, Denny (Yo Tanaka)—girl Martha, Mar. 8.
HOOD RIVER, ORE.
WAKAMATSU, Johnny—boy Jay D., Feb. 3.
AKIYAMA, Homer (Kimiko Doi)—boy, Feb. 22, Parkdale.
SUMOGE, Tom (Kazue Kiyokawa)—girl, Feb. 26.
DENVER
KUROKI, Bill—boy.
FUJII, James—girl.
MATSUMOTO, Paul T.—boy.
OTA, Tosh—boy.
SUGIURA, Juro—girl.
KAGOHARA, Will—girl, Feb. 24, Ft.

Deaths

Lupton.
KAWASHIMA, George—boy.
YAMADA, Arito S.—girl.
OKAMURA, Fred—boy.
MOTOYAMA, William H.—boy.
ITO, Aaron M.—girl.
NUMOTO, John—boy, Feb. 14, Greeley.
FUJIMOTO, Miyoko, 42: Los Angeles, Feb. 17, survived by brother Kiyoshi.
FUJITA, George T., 5 days: Los Angeles, Feb. 22, survived by father George.
FUJITA, Jean H.: Norwalk, Feb. 18, survived by husband George, parents Mr. & Mrs. Tatsunosuke Yoshizaki.
HARA, Sadakichi, 77: Los Angeles, Feb. 14, survived by wife Yuki, son Motoichi.
HIRAKAWA, Mitsuko, 66: San Diego, Feb. 27, survived by husband Harue, son Hiroshi, daughters Hideko, Mrs. Yukie Masuda.
IMOTO, Chotaro, 73: San Diego, Feb. 22, survived by wife Tsuru, son Tadasu, daughters Tsuzuki, Sunao Mrs. Chiduyo Yaginuma, Mrs. Mitsuru Shimazaki.
ISHIZAKI, Denshiro, 81: Los Angeles, Feb. 25.
KIMURA, Kiichi, 70: Los Angeles, Feb. 21, survived by grandchild Mio.
KOYAMA, James K., 2: Los Angeles, Feb. 19, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. William M., brother Arthur.
KUWATA, Yukano, 62: Glendale, Ariz., Feb. 19, survived by husband Sadamu, son Henry Yoshii, daughters Mmes. Chieko Kimura Yuriko Yamaguchi.
MIYOSHI, Riechi: Santa Maria, Feb. 25, survived by sons Jun, Susumu, Tetsu.
MURASHIGE, Taki, 81: Los Angeles, Feb. 23.
NAGASAWA, Yone, 62: Azusa, Feb. 16, survived by sons Roy, Richard, daughter Mrs. Toyoko Ito.
NAKAMURA, Kisei, 69: Anaheim, Feb. 27, survived by wife Kitsu, son Migaki, daughters Sadako, Keiko Mmes. Kazue Yamada, Mitsue Kihara.
NISHIMURA, Cecilia: San Jose, Feb. 14, survived by husband Shinichi, daughters Diana and Nadeene.
TANIHARA, Tsugime, 29: Garden Grove, Feb. 22, survived by husband Yoshio, daughter Cynthia, parents Mr. and Mrs. Koyohiko Akashi.
YAMAMOTO, Tetsuo, 83: Los Angeles, Feb. 16.

Popular D.C. newlyweds hosted by 100 friends

WASHINGTON. — Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Otsuki of Los Angeles announced the marriage of her sister, Rose Ikuko Matsuda, to Kenichi Kuwabara, formerly of Salt Lake City, in Washington, D.C.

Nearly 100 friends of the couple greeted the newlyweds at a reception held on Feb. 22 at the China Doll Restaurant here. Kenzo Kuwabara of Denver, father of the groom, was present for the event.

Both are active members of the D.C. JACL Chapter. Mrs. Kuwabara served as corresponding secretary for the 1955 cabinet and Mr. Kuwabara, as editor of the 1955 D.C. News Notes. They are now at home to their friends at 2400 T St., S.E.

New York CL prexy weds Chicago girl

CHICAGO.—Sam Kai, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kai of San Francisco, and Miss Misa Saiki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Saiki of Chicago, were married at the Univ. of Chicago campus chapel Mar. 4 at a private family wedding.

The groom, who works at Academy Pictures, is president of the New York JACL.

Cinema tickets

To raise funds for the chapter, East Los Angeles JACL members are currently selling special tickets good until May 27 for Nippon Gekijo.

ATTENTION

WESTERN PIONEER STOCKHOLDERS

Please do not be misled by the Western Pioneer Insurance Company's annual report to you. It does not reveal all the facts of Company MANAGEMENT or EXPENSES.

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1. A. D. Ericksen was given a 5 year contract as president.
2. Anthony Scarcella was given a 7 year contract as superintendent and vice president.
3. Preston Ericksen was given a 5 year resolution contract as executive secretary and legal counsel.

REMEMBER, the amount spent on legal cases involving past contracts was not revealed in the annual report. In spite of the past prohibitive cost of legal fees (with more to be paid) your present Management led by the above men, issued themselves, as board members, the new contracts.

It is the opinion of the "Stockholders Committee" and the minority Board members, who objected to the above tactics in the Board meeting, that the foregoing contracts made in advance of the forthcoming stockholders meeting of March 21st, 1956 are unlawful and an invasion of the right of the stockholders of your Company. It is our further considered opinion that these acts by said Board of Directors, constitute GROSS MISMANAGEMENT.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Immigration program

Washington

During the past three weeks, we have set forth briefly the salient aspects of the President's so-called immigration program in terms of its implications for Japan and persons of Japanese ancestry both here in this country and throughout the world.

In summary, if the President's proposals as outlined in identical Administration bills sponsored by Senator Watkins of Utah and Representative Keating of New York are enacted without amendments, Japan's annual quota would be increased from 185 to 563, a special Asian pool would be established under which Japan would qualify to use a substantial part of the unused annual quotas of other Asian nations, and various liberalizations would result which would otherwise facilitate the immigration of Japanese into the United States and expedite the adjustment of status of those already in this country in certain instances.

As a matter of fact, the President's program would result in a greater increase in the annual immigration quota for Japan than under any other alternative suggested thus far and incorporated into legislative bills.

If the present one-sixth of one per cent of the "mainland" United States population is used as the formula with the census year changed from 1920 to 1950 as advocated in most of the bills, Japan's increase would only be up to 236, instead of the 563 estimate under the President's program.

And, even if the "Japanese" population of the Territory of Hawaii is included in the total national population for immigration computing purposes as of the 1950 census, Japan's annual quota under that procedure would be near 500, which is still 63 less than under the Administration recommendations.

The other liberalizations appear to be well-thought out, with due consideration given to Asia and Japan, as urged by the JACL both to Congress and the White House. Of course, Japan and Asia are not as well treated as perhaps some of us with personal reasons would like, but without question the ingenious formulas developed by the Administration experts give to Japan and the Orient a far better "break" than other general legislation on this subject. In addition, Japan and Asia are protected from "raiding" and political considerations that might reduce their opportunities for immigration under other public suggestions in this regard, with special reference being made to the creation of regional pools for the use of unused numbers.

Because the President's proposals have been given so much publicity, there is a widespread misconception that they are already part and parcel of the immigration code.

Unfortunately, this is far from true.

The fact is that the Watkins-Keating bills have only been introduced and referred to the Senate and House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization. They must still be the subject of public hearings, Subcommittee and Committee approval, House and Senate concurrence, and a presidential signature before the proposed provisions become law.

Prospects for legislation . . .

Frankly, we are not optimistic about favorable congressional action on this legislation this session, prior to adjournment.

In the first place, Congressman Walter, chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and co-author of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, has indicated to the press that he does not feel that the suggested amendments are necessary, that they are largely of a political character calculated to influence the ballot in this election year, and that some of them seek to alter the fundamental principles underlying our basic national immigration policy.

This would make it appear that he is inclined to wait for Senate action before considering any activity by his Subcommittee. This means that the Senate Judiciary Committee may well be the key to this problem.

Before Senator Kilgore of West Virginia recently passed away, there was considerable optimism on this score, since he was chairman of both the full Judiciary Committee and of its Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization. Under his direction, his Subcommittee had conducted extensive public hearings on proposed amendments to the Walter-McCarran Act last fall and he had needed the Administration to come up with a program of its own to implement the President's misgivings for existing immigration law.

Now that Senator Eastland of Mississippi has succeeded to the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee, much of that optimism has disappeared. The question of who will be appointed chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration may furnish a clue to the Mississippi lawmaker's intentions.

If he himself accepts the chairmanship, as did Senator Kilgore and Senator McCarran before him, the betting will be that the President's immigration program will remain bottled up in the Subcommittee, for the Senator's views on immigration are supposedly close to those of the late Nevada Senator who co-authored the 1952 Act.

On the other hand, if Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, the ranking Democrat on the Committee, is named, or Senator Hennings of Missouri or O'Mahoney of Wyoming or Neeley of West Virginia, an effort for public hearings at least can be expected, since all are on record as favoring drastic revision of the present code.

With any of the other Democrat senators, Johnston of South Carolina, McClellan of Arkansas, and Daniel of Texas as Subcommittee chairman, no or little action can be anticipated.

Of course, it can be pointed out that it is already rather late in the session to begin public hearings on the President's immigration program, but it is rather clear at this point that the Administration has taken the initiative away from the Democrats on this controversial issue which may be important in this election year.

It will be interesting to watch the way the Democrats will react to this challenge, especially with Senator Eastland as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, for in that post he can almost veto any action of the Subcommittee regardless of its legislative battle that will be necessary to enact his immigration program.

It will be equally interesting to see whether the President puts the tremendous prestige and influence of his office into nominal chairman by maneuvering within the full Committee migration program this year.

Minnesota Historical Society given records of Issei-Nisei resettlement

MINNEAPOLIS.—Contribution of importance to the history of the people of Minnesota was made Mar. 4 when records of the Twin City Japanese American community, latest ethnic group to settle here, were presented to the Minnesota Historical Society.

Presentation took place at a sukiyaki dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tanbara, 218 S. Avon.

Gathered from various sources, the records dealt with Japanese Americans settling here during and after World War II on housing, employment, naturalization and adjustment. These will be augmented from time to time so that complete historical background material will be available for reference and research purposes.

The records were accepted by Russell Fridley, society director, and Miss Lucile Kane, manuscripts curator, who had conducted a behind-the-scenes tour of the historical society building. It was also revealed that Mrs. Ruth Abernethy, formerly of the St. Paul Council of Human Relations, assisted in arrangements.

The Japanese American Community Center, 2200 Blaisdell, assumed responsibility for gathering documents from United Citizens League (the JACL chapter locally) and Japanese church groups here. The JACC was started in the late '40s under auspices of the Minnesota Episcopal diocese with Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa as director. Howard Nomura of St. Paul is current board chairman.

Inagaki tells Rotary about Nisei neighbors

VENICE.—As part of its public relations program in the community, the Venice-Culver JACL sponsored the talk made by George Inagaki, national JACL president, before the weekly luncheon of the local Rotary International last Mar. 8. Inagaki spoke on "Your Nisei Neighbors".

Inagaki was introduced by C. V. Averett, program chairman, and Fred Moriguchi, active Rotarian here. He pictured the Japanese American community life from the work of three organizations—the church, community center and the Citizens League. Representing the three groups were the Rev. George Takaya, Venice Free Methodist Church, who gave the invocation; John Asari, Venice community center; and Dr. Tak Shishino, Venice JACL president.

Copies of Rep. Walter Judd's tribute to JACL in the Congressional Record were distributed and well received. An invitation was also made to Inagaki for a similar presentation by his fellow Rotarians of Culver City where he has been active for 15 years.

Ike Masaoka is also a Nisei member of the Venice Rotary.

Hayward JACler serves on Optimist Boysville project

SAN FRANCISCO.—The local area Optimist clubs have been working on a project to take care of homeless boys with the creation of "Boysville," a "boys town of the west," near La Honda in San Mateo county.

JACler Giichi Yoshioka of Hayward is currently serving on the board of governors of the National Foundation for Boys which is carrying out this Optimist project.

According to Gus Scheid president of the foundation, 93 acres of land are fully paid for and farm buildings and a hall have been built.

Donate to cancer fund

The Hollywood JACL extended its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Hide Izumo, both cabinet members, on the death of Mrs. Izumo's sister, Jennie Ishikawa, who recently died of cancer. The chapter has sent a contribution to the American Cancer Society in Jennie's name. Miss Ishikawa, till recently, was librarian at Beverly Hills High School.

man.

Declared Tanbara: "The Japanese Americans appreciate the cordial hospitality extended to us since we relocated in Minnesota and wanted it to be put on record."

The Minneapolis Morning Tribune editorially commented: "By entrusting their records to the historical society, the Japanese Americans are assured of the safekeeping of their own historical information and also are adding things of great value to the state collection."

Gilroy sets picnic date for Easter Sunday, Apr. 1

BY IDA UEKI

GILROY.—The tenth annual Japanese community picnic, under sponsorship of the Gilroy JACL, will be held on Easter Sunday, Apr. 1, at the Uvas picnic grounds. Moose Kunimura, Jack Nakano and Shig Yamane were announced as co-chairmen.

Letter—

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have toward the Nisei. A preliminary investigation by the Southern California regional office of the Japanese American Citizens League discloses that there are no Japanese Americans by that name in Pasadena.

"The public confidence in and acceptance of our loyalty was won through the hard war years by the blood of thousands of Nisei GI's who gave their lives and limbs in the defense of their native land against the Axis enemy which included the land of their ancestors.

"Prejudice is a dormant germ which often waits only for a weakening of body resistance to burst out again in all its poison flower. The venom not only twists the minds of people toward the Nisei, but it also squeezes fear from the hearts of Nisei like us.

"We feel that we have paid a high enough price to gain our niche in American life. We have endured physical and verbal abuse; we have been legislated against when we tried our best to be law-abiding citizens by staying out of jails and off relief rolls; we have found our rights taken away from us when we never tried to force or purchase any of the rights that were due us as American citizens; we quietly went into relocation camps during the war and enlisted in the Armed Forces of the United States to die for our country while our parents still remained in the camps.

"That pinnacle of acceptance as true Americans which we find we have attained today was done so through 50 years of toil and of sacrifice and of continually having to prove our worth."

In writing to the editors of Newsweek Iketani asked that Congressman Roosevelt let it be known that men of good will would not tolerate such slander against Nisei.

Congressman Roosevelt enclosed a copy of Iketani's letter to Newsweek requesting that pertinent parts be given publication in an early issue.

(The Pacific Citizen last week was informed by Newsweek that the Lincoln Yamamoto letter was published in its entirety in its Feb. 20 issue. In its Mar. 5, some of the reactions to the Yamamoto letter were published and Newsweek in an editorial note "agreed heartily" with the sentiments expressed in 11 letters many from JACL leaders.)

Need no apologies

From the Valley Times

... As for now, someone who hated Japanese—or perhaps merely Mrs. D'Aquino—has slipped the American Nisei a dirty below-the-belt punch in order to discredit them before the entire American people. In the case of Tokyo Rose, she has served her sentence and is entitled to make a new start if she is repentant. She should not be kicked when she is down.

But the American Nisei need no apologies in their behalf.

—GEORGE TODT

North Hollywood.

Cherry trees sought for Oakland lake project

OAKLAND.—Bay Area Issei and Nisei have been invited to participate in a project to plant Japanese cherry trees around Lake Merritt. The project is being directed by Mrs. Joseph R. Knowland, who appointed Mrs. Kay Okamoto, active Nisei PTA, JACL and Buddhist Church leader, as head of a Japanese American committee.

Many other varieties of trees will be planted around the 3½-mile shoreline of the lake.

Assisting Mrs. Okamoto are James Tsurumoto, Oakland JACL president; Tad Hirota, Oakland Buddhist Church; Mas Yonemura, No. Calif. Japanese C. of C.; and Nobuta Akahoshi.

Tokyo Rose handed deportation choice

CHICAGO.—The U.S. Justice Department Tuesday sent a notification to Iva Toguri D'Aquino saying she may depart from the United States voluntarily by April 13, 1956, or the Immigration service would set a date for a deportation hearing.

Mrs. D'Aquino, Los Angeles-born, has been living in Chicago since Jan. 28, the date of her release from the Federal Prison for Women at Alderson, W.Va., after serving a term for making broadcasts from Tokyo in World War II.

Deportation proceedings bring up an unprecedented legal issue: whether a natural-born American can be ordered out of his country. It also brings up the question—to what country would such a person be deported?

Legionnaires—

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of letter which was written by Yamamoto, who has defiled the name of Lincoln by using it as his own first name; to write for publication in a national magazine the kind of diabolical untruth which was published on Feb. 20.

"I denounce Mr. Yamamoto's letter as I know it will be denounced by the Senate and the American people, including the Americans who trace their ancestry to the country of Japan."

CALENDAR

- Mar. 17 (Saturday)
Hollywood — Get-Acquainted Social, Hollywood Community Center, 3823 Middlebury St., 9 p.m.
- Mar. 18 (Sunday)
So. Alameda County — Community picnic, San Gregorio Beach, Caravan leaves Sekigahama Ranch, 10 a.m.
- Detroit — General meeting, International Institute, Abe Hagiwara, spkr.
- Natl. JACL Credit Union — Annual meeting, Temple Noodle House, Salt Lake City, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 20 (Tuesday)
Pasadena — General meeting, Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.; "Investments," Clifford Y. Tanaka, spkr.
- Mar. 23 (Friday)
East L.A. — Voters Registration night, International Institute, 8 p.m.; Tats Kushida, spkr.
- Mar. 24 (Saturday)
Chicago — Recognitions dinner, East L.A. — Membership dinner-dance, Swally's, 7 p.m.
- San Francisco — Auxiliary benefit dance, Buddhist Hall.
- Mar. 25 (Sunday)
Parlier — Community picnic, Kearney Park. (Alt. date: Apr. 8).
- Mar. 28 (Wednesday)
Salt Lake City — Welcome Night, pre-basketball tournament dance.
- Mar. 29-30-31
Salt Lake City — 21st Nat'l Nisei Basketball Tournament, Judge Memorial High School gym.
- Mar. 30 (Friday)
Venice-Culver — Voters Registration night, Venice Gakuen, 12448 Brad-dock Dr., 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 31 (Saturday)
Orange County — Easter Egg hunt, Irvine Park, 1:30 p.m.
- Southwest L.A. — Marty Party, Park Manor, 607 S. Western.
- Apr. 1 (Sunday)
Gilroy — Community picnic, Uvas picnic ground.
- Apr. 7 (Saturday)
D.C. — Spring Dance (semi-formal), Airport Terrace Room, 10 p.m.
- Apr. 13 (Saturday)
Placer County — Picnic ball, Loomis Memorial Hall.
- Apr. 14-15
EDC — Convention, Seabrook Community House and Cumberland Hotel, Bridgeton, N.J.; Seabrook JACL hosts.
- Apr. 15 (Sunday)
Placer County — Community picnic; JACL Recreation Park; Issei program, Penryn Japanese Hall.
- Apr. 19 (Thursday)
Chicago — General meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan.
- Apr. 21 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles — Skating party, Detroit — Spring Social, Elk's Hall.
- May 5 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball, Santa Monica Elks Club.