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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Registration of voters urged

Importance of exercising the privilege of franchise is something that has been expounded to us since we were old enough to study civics in school. It is not only our duty as American citizens to go to the polls but to do so is our assurance that public officials will respect us as active constituents.

Although we are aware of these facts; yet, the number who actually vote throughout the country is far from what it should be. Japanese Americans are no exception.

One of the prime reasons for this lack is the matter of registration. Most of us are prone to procrastinate and before we realize it, the deadline for registering has passed and we are unqualified as voters.

One of the responsibilities of JACL chapters is to facilitate this matter of registration for its members. This is particularly true at the present time because of the large number of newly naturalized Issei citizens. Many of them are somewhat timid about registering with some strange person. And yet they are anxious to participate in the coming presidential election.

By holding a registration night in some convenient local meeting place and providing a Nisei deputy registrar, chapters will be performing a great service—not only to their membership, but to the community as well as the nation.

This is a Presidential Election year. Every registered voter will feel himself a part of the fight. A non-registered citizen would only be spectators.

All JACL chapters should make it their responsibility to see to it that no Japanese American will be sitting on the sidelines this election year.

—George Inagaki

Front-Page Editorials

Another step in rendering the *Pacific Citizen* as the official publication of the Japanese American Citizens League is being taken this week with national president George Inagaki and his board members alternating each week with personal comments of especial interest to JACLers. As can be noted (to our left), the column heretofore reserved for editorials will be occupied by the "President's Corner" written by Inagaki and starting next week a column headed "By the Board" written by his executive board.

However, we are not forsaking editorial-writing altogether. As events demand when interests of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States as well as JACL's are at stake, our opinions will be made public on the front page in the same manner as this.

JACL to consider future intervention in interracial marriage test case if any

WASHINGTON. — The test case determining constitutionality of state laws banning interracial marriage was terminated by the action of the United States Supreme Court when it refused to reopen the suit as a result of the decision of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals last January, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Frank Chuman of Los Angeles, national legal counsel for the JACL, and Edward J. Ennis, special

counsel to the Washington JACL office, were signers of the brief on the test case.

Said Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative:

"JACL regrets that the Supreme Court did not take a positive action and declare interracial marriage prohibitions unconstitutional. Perhaps, as suggested by some attorneys, the Ham Say Naim case was referred to them too soon after the decisions in the school integration cases which caused a storm of controversy, particularly in the South.

"Because the issue involves the right of people to marry those of their own choice and directly affects many persons of Japanese ancestry, when an appropriate case presents itself, JACL will again consider intervention in order to secure a ruling by the United States Supreme Court on the constitutionality of this issue."

The case involved a Chinese seaman, Ham Say Naim, who was married in North Carolina to a white woman, Ruby Elaine Naim, a resident of Virginia since the Virginia laws prohibit interracial marriage.

After a year of marriage, the wife obtained an annulment in the Circuit Court of Portsmouth, Virginia, on the basis that the marriage was void under Virginia's laws. This decree was affirmed by the higher court in Virginia.

The case was then appealed to the United States Supreme Court on the argument that the Virginia law did not apply since they had been married in North Carolina, and fundamentally, the Virginia law banning interracial marriages was a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The Supreme Court accepted the writ of certiorari last fall and in its decision of November remanded the case back to the lower courts for clarification since it believed that the issues were clouded and a more adequate record necessary.

The Virginia Supreme Court in January of this year refused to send the case back to the Circuit Court by stating that the record was "adequate," that it had no procedures for returning it to the lower court, and adhered to its decision affirming the lower court.

David Carliner, Naim's attorney, then petitioned the United States Supreme Court to circumvent the state court's refusal to act by either hearing the oral arguments itself or directing the case to the Portsmouth Court.

The Supreme Court refused to do either, stating that the decision of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals left the case "devoid of a properly presented Federal question," since there was no way to clarify the issues.

The effect of the Supreme Court decision is to leave standing the decision of the Virginia Court which affirmed the annulment of

Honolulu editorial pays tribute to Colorado farmer

HONOLULU.—The largest of Hawaii's daily newspapers, the *Star-Bulletin* paid tribute to Robert Y. Sakata, 29, who was recently selected as Colorado's outstanding farmer of the year.

Describing the many hurdles he has had to leap on his way to success, the editorial saw in the story of Sakata "our country at its best," with "a glimpse of an action that at best was a bad fumble, at worst an example of racial intolerance that happily is disappearing from most of our land."

The Mar. 3 editorial recalled the evacuation that followed the outbreak of World War II and told of the two accidents that threatened his career. He was critically injured in an auto accident in 1950 and then critically burned by exploding gasoline two years later.

"The physical injuries were difficult handicaps. But the most difficult was the experience of being uprooted from his home in the misguided wartime evacuation which over-zealous military commanders ordered with the indorsement and applause of a prejudiced, rapacious minority who saw in the evacuation an opportunity to get rid of troublesome competition and seize productive lands and business for themselves," the *Star-Bulletin* declared.

"Fortunately, young Sakata learned that all Americans are not prejudiced, or lacking in understanding," the editorial continued. "His faith in his fellow countrymen was restored by the Brighton farmer who befriended him and made his farming success possible."

Sakata is vice-president of the Mile-Hi JACL and younger brother of the late Harry Sakata, past Mile-Hi president.

Grand jury nominee

SAN JOSE. — Shigeo Masunaga, active Nisei leader here, was nominated for service on the Santa Clara County grand jury for 1956 by local superior court judges. From a group of 390 nominees, 19 will be empaneled.

EVACUATION LOSSES DELETED UNDER LANE-HILLINGS CLAIMS BILL CLARIFIED

WASHINGTON.— Under the Lane-Hillings bill (passed by the House and pending in the Senate), crop losses, management and conservation expenses, and rental losses will continue to be paid when losses can be shown on the same basis as the existing law.

The original Lane-Hillings bill provided for a more generous method of computing these losses, but the House Judiciary committee deleted these liberalizing provisions, thereby leaving the present methods for determining losses under the compromise settlement procedures, but added the alternative of the Court of Claims remedy.

This clarification was issued by the Washington JACL office in response to inquiries as to whether the deletion of the three items meant that no losses involving crops, management and conservation, and rents would be paid.

Under a restricted formula devised by the Justice Department, growing crop losses are compensable under the present Act. The formula provides that the loss on sale of growing crops is determined by multiplying the potential market value of the crops on maturity by the average percentage of the total of costs, of planting, growing, harvesting, and marketing the crops that had been incurred by the time of such loss; and by subtracting from that figure the amount received by claimant on the sale of the crops.

Under the formula advocated by

the National JACL the "market price of probable yield" less the cost of marketing, harvesting and bringing to maturity would have been the method for determining the value of growing crops.

This formula was rejected by the Justice Department on the basis that "future profits or anticipated earnings," now forbidden by the Act, would be considered.

During the hearings held on the West Coast in both 1954 and 1955, the JACL in its testimony showed that evacuees who paid management fees for the continued operation of their businesses were penalized for these expenditures since they could not claim them as compensation.

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State Dep't to cut off refugee relief program for Japan

WASHINGTON. — No more assurances from sponsors for new cases in Japan under the Refugee Relief program will be accepted for processing by the State Department postmarked after midnight Mar. 26, 1956, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed yesterday by Pierce J. Gerety, deputy administrator for the program.

This cut-off date was imposed as Gerety stated that the total number of applicants for visas under Sec. 4 (a) 12 of the Refugee Relief Act now greatly exceeds the allotment authorized by the Act.

Under this section, there are allocated 3,000 special nonquota immigrant visas to indigenous refugees of the Far East residing within the district of an American consular office.

The cut-off will not apply to assurances covering cases which are now being pre-processed prior to the cut-off date. Assurances for persons who are eligible to receive visas under this section received after the cut-off date of midnight next Monday will be verified and transmitted to the appropriate consular authorities for checking against pre-processed case files and so that the applicant can establish a priority registration date for regular immigration purposes.

This does not mean that applicants will be processed for a regular visa, it was explained, but that after their identity has been verified by the State Department here, their applications will be sent to consular authorities where they will be put on a waiting list for regular immigration visas.

The regular immigration quota for Japan is oversubscribed for many years to come. As of Mar. 2, 1956, there were 1,818 Asiatic refugee visas issued under this section 4 (a) 12.

Chicago international folk festival being considered

CHICAGO. — Thomas Masuda, local attorney, has been appointed to serve on the All Chicago Citizens' Committee by Mayor Richard J. Daley. He represents the Japanese community. A Chicago International Folk Festival with all the national groups of Chicago area participating, is one of the goals of this group.

Twenty-four nationality groups are represented on this committee which will examine into the feasibility of annually staging such an event in Soldier Field.

Gardeners' bill believed killed

The measure proposing a maintenance gardener's professional code is apparently dead, the So. Calif. JACL regional office was informed this week by Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott.

The subcommittee held public hearings on the measure, which met mixed support from Japanese American groups. In submitting a progress report to its full committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy concerning the proposed legislation, it recommended that no action be taken.

No further hearings are being planned, Elliott added.

San Francisco CL nears 1,100 mark

SAN FRANCISCO. — Latest tabulations in the pacesetting San Francisco JACL membership drive show 1,075 members have been signed with a paid-up figure of 892, according to Thelma Takeda, membership chairman.

On the basis of the chapter membership drive point system (10 for new 1000ers, 5 for new JACLers, 2 for renewals, 1 for Pacific Citizen subscriptions), Miyuki Aoyama's team leads with 460, followed by Jack Kusaba 446, Margie Shigemizu 428, Dick Nishi 338, Yo Hironaka 301, Yone Satoda 297, George Miyamoto 220 and Sachie Kawaoka 125.

Individual efforts are being led by Dick Nishi. The chapter has 15 new 1000er in the current drive.

the marriage by the lower court.

The importance of this issue looms large to Nisei since 27 other states in the union have laws banning interracial marriage.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Off-beat jobs

Some names that made Nisei-news in a private sort of way this week:

George Kiyoshi Togasaki, president of the *Nippon Times*, gets prominent mention in the lead story (by Quintus C. Wilson, head of the journalism department at the Univ. of Utah) in the current *Quill* magazine. *Quill* is published by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity. Wilson's story is about the *Nippon Times* and its long and colorful history. "Traveling in the United States in 1955," Wilson writes, "Editor Togasaki took part in 22 Town Meeting of the Air programs on international relations. He made 40 other talks. While in Los Angeles he was invited to speak to a men's breakfast during the Presbyterian General Assembly. He agreed. Then a staff emergency called him back to Tokyo but he arranged to return by plane in time for the breakfast. In the 24 hours he was in Tokyo, the editor arranged a special issue of the *Times* with a page on the American Christian movement in Japan."

Incidentally, Larry Tajiri, of *The Denver Post* staff, is scheduled this week for initiation into the Denver professional chapter of Sigma Delta Chi.

Dr. Newton K. Wesley of Chicago is in Europe studying latest developments in contact lenses and optometry, and gathering historical material for his second book on contact lenses. He writes from Paris: "Can't speak a word of French and for business of any kind I have to have an interpreter." Last time we heard from Dr. Wesley, he was in Honolulu talking to eye-docs there about the contact lenses which his company manufactures.

Kameo Nakamura of Denver is waiting for word as to when Larry Parks' company of *Teahouse of the August Moon* will be headed this way. In the company are his twin brother, Tsuruye Nakamura, and Tsuruye's daughter, Yaeko. Kam and Tura, both bald but not identical twins, used to cut quite a swath in Seattle Issei-Nisei theatrical circles. Tura, besides being a pretty fair baseball manager, was the bi-lingual announcer on Jimmie Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier radio programs. He confounded many a professional announcer by the way he'd switch from Japanese to English and back again while reading the commercials.

ONLY NISEI RESIDENTS OF WICHITA

Frank Torizawa's Granada Fish Market and George Kuramoto's gas station nearby, both in what used to be the heart of Denver's "Li'l Tokyo," are still a regular crossroads. We meet more darn people in these two spots.

Latest to cross paths was Dr. Tsune Hidaka, M.D., who's been in general practice in Wichita, Kan., these past eight or nine years. Doc was just a little fellow the last time we saw him in Seattle. Far's he knows, he and his family (four youngsters) are the only Japanese Americans in Wichita which, he says, is a friendly town and a wonderful place to live except for the summer heat. Doc was in Denver for some special training at Colorado University Medical Center, and he and his wife were stocking up at Granada preparatory to returning to the wheat country. Tsune reported that his older brother, Frank, is a flood control engineer in Tacoma, Wash.

Junie Kawamura, who dropped in from Minneapolis last week, told us about a Nisei who had bought a car transport and was moving Fords from the assembly plant in the Twin Cities to dealers out Montana way. The shame of it is that Junie couldn't remember the fellow's name. He did remember, though, that Art Yoshizawa, formerly of Milwaukie, Ore., which is a suburb of Portland and is spelled with an "ie," is on the sales research staff of Pillsbury Mills in Minneapolis. He tries to find out who'll buy what products and if not, why not.

Anybody have other nominations for Nisei in off-beat jobs?

On March 31, 1956, I shall terminate my practice in Los Angeles. Arrangements have been made with my present associate, Dr. Linda K. Morimoto, for the continuance of your care; however, if another physician be your choice, we shall be happy to transfer your records upon your request.

GEORGE R. BABA, M.D.

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Detroit JACL embarked on its 10th anniversary year with its first woman chapter president. Cabinet officers were formally installed at a Feb. 18 dinner at Stockholm Restaurant before 75 guests and members. Seated are (left to right) Chiyo Togasaki, 3rd v.p.; Mrs. Mary Seriguchi, rec. sec.; Mrs. Miyoko O'Neill, pres.; Yoshiko Inouye, pub.; Bebe Horiuchi, mem.-at-lrg.; back row, Fred Yoshida, 2nd v.p.; Walter Miyao, 1st v.p.; Setsu Fujioaka, hist.; Mae Miyagawa, cor. sec.; Mrs. Y. Ambo, Am Omura, mems.-at-lrg.; and Jiro Shimoda, treas. Judge Theodore R. Bohn installed the cabinet members. Mrs. Beulah Whitby, assistant director of the Committee on Community Relations, was

guest speaker talking on "Responsibility of the Minority Group for Promoting Better Citizenship." Other guests of honor included the Rev. and Mrs. Mochizuki, Prof. and Mrs. J. K. Yamagiwa and daughter Rosanna of Ann Arbor; and Miriam Mizuno, social worker from Japan and at present on the International Institute staff. Mrs. Warren B. Cocksey, wife of the newly appointed member to the Detroit Board of Education, unable to attend telegraphed her congratulations to the cabinet. Mrs. Betty Mimura and Lloyd Joichi, event co-chairmen, and committee did a superlative job.

—Gus Kinoshita Photo.

Dr. George Baba to open practice in Menlo Park

Dr. George R. Baba ends eight years of medical practice in Southern California this month and will open temporary offices at 409 California Ave., Palo Alto. After Apr. 15, he moves into his own medical building now under construction at 934 Santa Cruz Ave., in Menlo Park.

His practice will be limited to obstetrics and gynecology. He will be associated with his wife, Dr. Masako Akimoto Baba, who specializes in surgery and currently teaching anatomy at Stanford. They will make their home at 149 Greenoaks Dr., Atherton, with their daughter Georgia Christine, 5.

Dr. Baba is a Life member of the JACL 1000 Club.

Canadian opera singer to join Fujiwara troupe

TORONTO.—Vancouver-born Satoshi (Sally) Nakamura, actor and baritone singer, will accompany the troupe of the Fujiwara Opera Company, scheduled to tour the United States and Canada this fall, according to the New Canadian's correspondent in Tokyo. The company is expected to perform at Seattle in mid-September, and continue on for appearances in Vancouver and Toronto.

Jazz pianist in big hit before Boston bopsters

BOSTON.—Japanese jazz piano artist Toshiko Akiyoshi has become an overnight sensation in local jazz circles after making several guest appearances at well known spots.

Toshiko was greeted warmly by the jazz audience and musicians. In her guest appearance at the Stable she sat in with Joe Gordan's Sextet, and at Storyville she was a guest of Bud Powell.

Miss Akiyoshi arrived in early January to enroll at the Berklee School of Music to continue with her studies.

Larry Berk, director of the Berklee School, said Toshiko was on an indefinite scholarship to study jazz. The director said her adjustment and popularity at school was "amazing."

Toshiko was discovered by the well known jazz pianist Oscar Peterson who brought her to the attention of Norman Granz, America's leading jazz promoter. Toshiko has cut one LP record for Norgran Records.

Portland JACL benefit

PORTLAND.—A Japanese movie benefit has been scheduled for Sunday, Mar. 25, by the local JACL chapter. Nobu Sumida, president, is chairman.

Transpacific JAL service to be boosted in May

TOKYO.—Japan Air Lines will increase its round trip flights to the United States from three to four May 1.

Japan Air Lines said that step-up in service between Tokyo and San Francisco is in line "with our policy of increasing flights" to North America.

San Francisco architect

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tak Enomoto is the architect for a 11-story apartment building for Telegraph Hill that has stirred protests from residents in the vicinity. While most of the hill has a 40-ft. height restriction, the lot on which the new \$500,000 structure is contemplated is not affected by this limit at the present time.



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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Movie stereotypes

Denver

Racial stereotyping of Japanese and Chinese in motion pictures was an important factor in the building of a negative public attitude toward Americans of Asian origin before Pearl Harbor. From the earliest days of the flickers Orientals generally were portrayed as exponents of treachery and villainy. The complacency of the great majority of Americans in accepting the unprecedented mass evacuation of Japanese Americans in 1942 undoubtedly was influenced by the Yellow Peril concept propagated by the film industry.

A study on the racial stereotyping of Orientals in the movies recently was completed by Dorothy B. Jones for the Center of International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mrs. Jones' conclusion is that Hollywood finally has turned its back on its timeworn presentation of Oriental stereotypes, either as comic menials or as the bloody villain. It is contradictory, perhaps, that World War II—which, in effect, could have been said to affirm Hearst's screams about a Japanese Yellow Peril—served to break Hollywood's racial stereotyping of Orientals. It was in the World War II period that the American motion picture factories began to portray Asians as fellow human beings, rather than in the preconceived comic or villainous molds.

In her study of 325 feature films released in the United States over the past 60 years, Mrs. Jones reports she was struck by the interchangeability Chinese and Japanese actors playing Chinese roles on the screen. This, she notes, "has been traditional in Hollywood, and has apparently been based on the supposition that 'Orientals' are much the same as far as appearance goes." This confusion, she adds, continued in films dealing with the Korean war. (Particularly in the World War II period, when actors of Japanese ancestry were not available in Hollywood, most Japanese roles in war films of the period were filled by players of Chinese descent. Richard Loo, in particular, became identified with roles of Japanese militarists).

"It is, of course, impossible to assess with any accuracy the effect upon public thinking of this interchangeability of Japanese and Chinese players," Mrs. Jones declares. "It can be safely stated, however, that it has helped to reinforce the concept of the 'Oriental' as a special type." From the earliest days of Hollywood, Japanese players like Sessue Hayakawa, Sojin Kamiyama and Tsuru Aoki have portrayed Chinese roles.

AS FACTOR TO EVACUATION

The effect on the public mind of the presentation of Oriental racial stereotypes also was explored by Jacobus tenBroek, Edward N. Barnhart and Floyd W. Matson in their chapter on the genesis of the anti-Japanese heritage in America in *Prejudice, War and the Constitution*, a study of factors contributing to Japanese American mass evacuation in 1942. "In the early days of motion pictures . . . movie audiences were acquainted with Orientals almost solely as villains; sinister and inscrutable figures who lurked in opium dens by day and emerged under cover of darkness on errands of vengeance and treachery," say the authors. "At first it was the Chinese who were caricatured, but the stereotype was soon extended to the Japanese—and in fact, with superficial changes, it became the basis for the representation of all dark-skinned minorities by the infant film industry."

Messrs. tenBroek, Barnhart and Matson report that the Japanese spy stereotype, the forerunner of scores of similar presentations which were to plague Japanese Americans, was first presented in a 1909 production, *The Japanese Invasion*, in which the Japanese valet of an American army officer was seen to steal vital military secrets making possible an attack on the Pacific Coast.

In Hollywood's history there have been a number of films which have presented the Oriental in a sympathetic light, such as Hayakawa's *Wrath of the Gods* in 1914 in which he played a Japanese converted to Christianity, and D. W. Griffiths' *Broken Blossoms* in 1923. But even in these films the stereotypes were maintained in most part, and the Oriental continued to be inscrutable. After the advent of sound a series of stories about two Oriental detectives helped to swing the pendulum in the other direction. Scores of Charlie Chan pictures, in which the detective from Honolulu was portrayed by Sojin Kamiyama, Warner Oland, Sidney Toler and others, and the Mr. Moto series, in which Peter Lorre played the Japanese secret agent, were sympathetic in approach. The Mr. Moto pictures may have been too sympathetic. In 1938 a reporter of the Hollywood scene reported "the movie industry (has decided) to abandon Mr. Moto series of detective stories because anti-Japanese feeling is running too high in America . . ." The long-held image of the Yellow Peril was still indelibly traced on the public consciousness.

The early films of World War II followed the stereotype of the villainous Japanese closely, but later pictures deviated from the traditional. In *Three Came Home*, the story of a Japanese prison camp for Allied civilians, the camp commander, played by the durable Sessue Hayakawa, was presented with a degree of sympathy and understanding. Also Hollywood has stopped laughing at Asians as a mass group. Between 1947 and 1954 364 Asian Characters in American films were either "good" or "bad", not one was comic. "Hollywood has stayed clear of doing repeat on the Chinese cook or laundryman character which used to be quite common in films," according to Mrs. Jones. "Even Charlie Chan's sons . . . have not appeared since 1950."

CHANGE NOTED IN TV FILMFARE

The change is reflected in a recent film made in Hollywood for television. It is *The Captain*, the story of the captain of an American freighter who discovers a group of Japanese holdouts on a South Pacific atoll. Bob Kinoshita who played Lt. Kiyomi Iwasa, leader of the holdouts, tells of the character he portrayed:

"The part of the lieutenant is very strong. However, his characterization reveals shading of gray. He is humanized, something the Hollywood writers have been attempting more and more in recent months. The contrast is great, compared to scripts filmed during the war when the Japanese were depicted as ugly, perverted and subhuman beasts."

After a half-century Hollywood has discovered—in pictures like *Love Is A Many-Splendored Thing* and *Three Stripes in the Sun*, as it has in *The Captain*—that Asians are human.

Mary Minamoto due home from ARC work in Japan

TOKYO. — Miss Mary Minamoto of Portland, Ore., first Nisei to work overseas with American Red Cross, boards the USNS Gen. Funston, scheduled to depart from Yokohama Mar. 27 for arrival in Seattle on Apr. 11.

At a farewell tea in her honor here recently, she was presented with a 10-year ARC Service bar. A graduate of the Sogetsu School of Flower Arrangement, she has been encouraged to open a branch school in Portland.

Chicago JACL credit union names Katsura president

CHICAGO. — Lester Katsura was elected 1956 president of the Chicago JACL Credit Union at the annual board meeting. He will be assisted by Fred Nomiya, v.p.; Ruth Nakagawa, sec.; Ariye Oda, treas.; Mary Fukami and Lincoln Shimidzu, ass't treas.

On the credit committee are Noboru Honda, George Kita, Thomas Masuda, Lincoln Shimidzu, Ken Yoshihara; supervisory committee—Thomas Okabe, chmn.; Yuri Nakata, Rev. George Nishimoto; educational committee—Fred Nomiya, chmn.; Shig Wakamatsu and Kay Yamashita.

Antarctic visitor

TOKYO. — Toshiro Tsubokawa, Washington correspondent for the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, has returned home. He was the second Japanese ever to visit the Antarctic, having accompanied Rear-Adm. Richard E. Byrd to the South Pole recently.

The first Japanese was Lt. Shirase who led a party in 1912 and named Kainan Bay after the ship *Kainan Maru* which took him there.

Colorado Japanese

DENVER. — Dr. Eizo Hayano, local Issei dentist, was elected president of the Colorado Japanese Association recently.

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SAN FRANCISCO JACL, SLATES 'MOVIE NIGHT'

SAN FRANCISCO. — An unusual billing of movies promises a unique evening of entertainment, according to Yone Satoda and Kaz Hirai, co-chairmen of the San Francisco JACL Movie Night next Friday, Mar. 30, 8 p.m., at Friends Service Center, 1830 Sutter St.

Actually, the second chapter general meeting of the year, the event will be cosponsored with Yuko Kai, a local Kibei culture group. The films to be shown include "Yoshi-no-yama", a 20-minute color film on Kabuki; "A Letter from Japan", another color film on an American soldier's travel through Japan; "Visual Variations", an experimental film by Isamu Noguchi; plus other short subjects.

Sachi Kawaoka and committee will serve refreshments.

Brownie troop sponsorship studied by Berkeley JACL

BERKELEY. — Nisei mothers have requested the Berkeley JACL to sponsor a Brownie scout troop and the chapter is determining how many would be interested.

It was pointed out that current participating members of troops elsewhere will not be withdrawn to form a nucleus for the group. If formed, the troop would provide additional opportunities for those wanting to join. Interested parents should call Higate 4-3911.

Delano community picnic date set for Apr. 8

DELANO. — The Delano community picnic, sponsored jointly by the local JACL and Doshikai, will be held Sunday, April 8. Noboru Takagi has been named chairman for the event.

The picnic locale was to be determined.

Lay churchman named

SALT LAKE CITY. — Dr. Shigeru Matsukawa, local optometrist and past Salt Lake JACL president, was elected chairman of the Inter-mountain Christian Conference at the final session of its 12th annual meeting at the Japanese Church of Christ here Feb. 26.

Nisei technician lauded as only person in America doing delicate operation

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Canadian-born scientist, Miyoshi Nakashima, is the "only person in America who can perform some of the intricate operations," according to Dr. Sydney Friedman, chairman of the anatomy department at the Univ. of British Columbia, who is conducting experiments in finding the causes of hypertension and an effective treatment for it.

One of her duties is taking the pulse of small white rats used in research. Without spilling a drop of blood, she must make an incision, get hold of the femoral artery and insert a needle connected with a machine to record the animal's blood pressure. The arteries and veins of a rat are like tiny threads.

This is done several times to the same rat when the doctor is experimenting with effects of hormones on blood pressure.

Miss Nakashima, senior technician at the laboratory, was an honor graduate at McGill University in 1949.

'Samurai' tickets on sale at Denver JACL office

DENVER. — The Mile-Hi JACL will participate in the first local showing of the International Film Festival winner, "Samurai" at the Esquire Theater from April 26.

It is expected to run over a three-week period. Tickets will be sold at \$1 per person and may be purchased at the local JACL office, 1225-20th St., or at the theater.

APL luncheon

Stella Nakadate, 1955 Nisei Week queen, and Nancy Nakamura wearing kimono added a Japanese touch at a press farewell luncheon for Glenn Ford aboard the APL Pres. Cleveland last week. The screen personality will co-star with Marlon Brando in MGM's *Teahouse of the August Moon* to be made in its entirety in Nara and Kyoto, Japan. Ford and other Hollywoodites sailed aboard the Cleveland for Japan last Saturday.

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Now it's teevee for JACL with our giving a hand to a couple of programs which afforded an opportunity to explain JACL's role in the Japanese American community. First was your nat'l exchequer, Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, who appeared last Tuesday nite on commentator Fleetwood Lawton's new show (KTLA - 5) "The Inquisitor" to discuss minority problems.

"Confidential File" (KTTV - 11), a unique prog featuring columnist Paul Coates and now on a nat'l hookup, will do a 1/2-hour deal next Sunday (9:30 p.m.) on Japanese Americans and what makes them tick. Coates is intrigued with the phenomenon low (though rising a bit) delinquency and crime rate among Narsei youngsters and wants to probe around to find out what it is in the nature of the Japanese, their customs, family traditions, etc. that might give an answer.

The George Yuba family's teenager "Butch" will be the hero in the film portion and later interviewed live while the S'w'er is also roped in for a quickie.

Doc Roy's going on another speaking engagement in April before the L.A. Women's City Club at its weekly luncheon. Tough to find a better JACL ambassador.

Chapter visits: Last Monday with San Fernando Valley JACL cabinet, Wednesday with Gardena Valley, tomorrow with East L.A., Monday in Ventura County and Thursday at San Diego JACL's annual Issei citizens dinner.

As a deputy registrar of voters, as is amanuensis Blanche, chapters call us out to help register these new citizens, as did Downtown Ellyard last week, East L.A. tonight and Venice-Culver next Friday.

While on the subj of travel, a carload in Yuki Inagaki's new Buick with Callahan at the helm drove up to Fresno on the 11th to sit in on the statewide Alien Land Law Committee session. Since the Prez didn't run out of gas again, there were no untoward incidents to report on this trip other than that George and Roy as usual refused to bunk with us, and even took pity on Wilbur Sato who's still uninitiated to nocturnal stentorian outbursts altho he charitably claimed to be quite a snorer himself. At any rate, PSWDC chmn Dave "Nacirema" Yokozeki wound up as our roommate at the El Rancho, surviving his first and last such ordeal by liberal use of cotton earplugs.

A trip in May for all chapters is in store on the 6th when the Long Beach-Harbor District chapter plays host to the 2nd 1/4-ly mtg of the PSWDC at the Harbor J. Community Center, sez prexy Easy Fujimoto, who is lining up an interesting program for the day.

The PC, being a weekly publication, would in J. be called a shu-kan, which also means to imprison. This figures because by reverse phonetics, since to jail means to shoo someone into the can. Then there's another type of can which we won't go into here even if we-all shu can. You're wrong if you had in mind a metal receptacle for footwear.

Since Seattle columnist Elmer Ogawa's been hospitalized for a check up, and him being a photog, we asked him for some "before and after" pix, even for a gag. How he did it we'd like to know but anyhow we can't use what he sent us.

The color still reproduction from Warner Bros. featurette, "They Seek Adventure" a dramatic 19-minute non-tech film, shows Bob Okazaki as a lab scientist and Teru Shimada as Dr. Jokichi Takamine, discoverer of adrenalin, both in period costume being visited by Hervey Parke, founder of Parke, Davis & Co. pharmaceutical house. Thanks to Kay Miyaya of Highland Park, Mich., for the pic.

VISITOR THIS WEEK: Vernon Ichisaka, past prez of the Seabrook JACL, who's the power behind the terrific support this chapter consistently gives the PC Holiday Issue.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Battle for proxies

Stockholders of Western Pioneer Insurance Co. are certainly fair game, judging the volume of correspondence reaching them from two opposing schools of thought on how the first Nisei insurance enterprise should be conducted. One group—the "ins" or current management—has been explaining their position in past weeks since the annual 1955 report was published in the Japanese vernaculars (see Mar. 9 PC). Rebuttals from the other group—the "outs" or Stockholders Committee—appear in a matter of days.

This battle for proxy authorizations from stockholders is probably the most hectic in Nisei business circles to date. Even a man who's never owned any stocks, by noting the extensive advertising in both English and Japanese sections of the California Japanese dailies as well as headlines in the news columns, is aware of the value of a proxy. Another week remains for both camps to appeal for stockholder proxies to the annual Mar. 31 meeting in Oakland. And the last dated proxy of any individual is considered as the legal one by the firm and must be registered at least two hours before meeting time—8 p.m., in this instant.

Since the firm was first organized in 1949 with capital raised substantially from persons of Japanese ancestry in California, there has been wide interest in its operations. Last year, it was saddled with a \$234,000 breach of contract suit by its former president and general manager. That case is on appeal after a trial jury sustained the company's action. Now this big proxy fight.

Policy-holders might be worried after reading the news accounts and advertising, but assurances from both camps stay any fears which might arise. The company doesn't want to default to policy-holders. The state insurance commissioner is there to check against it.



Omaha JACLers recently installed as 1956-57 cabinet officers are (left to right) sitting—Roy Hirabayashi, 2nd v.p.; Sam Tsuji, 1st v.p.; Manuel Matsunami, pres.; Mrs. S. K. Yoden, treas.; T. S. Arakawa, mem.-at-lrg.; standing—Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, cor. sec.; Mrs. Manuel Matsunami, rec. sec.; and Mrs. Lilly Okura, mem.-at-lrg. —Ishii Photo.

Placer Jr. JACL to install cabinet

PENRYN. — Hiroaki Morimoto was elected president of the newly organized Placer Junior JACL at its election meeting held recently at the JACL headquarters here.

Other members of the cabinet are:

Homer Yoshizuka, v.p.; Irene Yamashiro, rec. sec.; Elaine Yego, cor. sec.; Yosh Morimoto, treas.; Hideo Morimoto, pub.; Ken Yokota, sgt.-at-arms.

They will be sworn in at an installation ceremony slated March 24, at the JACL headquarters. George Itow, Placer JACL president, will be the installing officer.

This long sought Junior JACL was organized through the joint efforts of Placer JACL and Placer High Nisei students, who realized the need for such an organization to promote their civic and social programs. Age limit for membership will be 13 to 19 inclusive.

They have been assigned a refreshment concession at the annual Placer JACL community picnic to raise funds for their treasury.

Seattle JACL membership committeemen named

Names of the district committeemen currently canvassing the metropolitan area of Seattle for JACL memberships were inadvertently omitted last week. They are:

Dist. 1—Tak Hori, 2—Tad Yamaguchi, 3—Seiichi Hara, 4—Mr. Tanimura, 5—Mr. Shimokon, 6—Johnny Funai, 7—Ray Echigoshima, 8—T. Kano, 9—Toru Sakahara, 10—Ban Okada, 11—Hiro Nishitani, 12—Eddie Otsuka, 13—M. Yasui, 14—Herb Yoshida, 15—M. Naji, 16A—Shang Kashiwagi, 16B—Kay Yamaguchi, 17—Kiyoshi Tada, Renton-A—Frank Nakanishi, Renton-B—E. Ikuta, Bellevue—Tok Hirofaka, Bainbridge—O. Koura.

The Seattle chapter is gunning for 1,000, it was announced by James M. Matsuo, chapter president.

Hostesses for S.F. Auxiliary dance told

SAN FRANCISCO. — Hostesses for the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary fund-raising dance at the YBA Gym, Mar. 24, were announced by Daisy Uyeda and Mary Hamamoto, hostess committeemen. They include: Vi Nakano, Thelma Takeda, Joyce Enomoto, Kathy Asano, Ryoko Ichikawa, Dorothy Suzuki, Elsie Uyeda, Ruby Yamamoto, Sumako Fukumori, Asaye Mizota, May Iha, Sumi Utsumi, Flo Higa, Hana Abe, Yo Hironaka, and Amy Aizawa.

OAKLAND JACL STARTS ALL-OUT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, ENDS MARCH 31

OAKLAND. — An all-out membership drive is currently underway by the Oakland JACL with Mrs. Kay Okamoto and Mr. and Mrs. Asa Fujie serving as co-chairmen.

District membership drive committee members are Dr. Charles Ishizu, captain, Paul Nomura and Sachi Kajiwaru, district I; Fujie, captain, Katsumi Fujii and Sono Fujie, district II; Nobuta Akahoshi, captain, Michi Kajiwaru, Hich Endo and Harry Tajima, district III; James Tsurumoto, captain, Tak Tachiki, Mas Hashimoto, Hideo Neishi and Mrs. Fumi Tsuboi, district IV; Mrs. Margaret Utsumi, captain, Bill Iino, Mrs. June Oishi and Ziggy Akahoshi, district V, and H. Tajima, captain, Mas Oishi, Joan Tachiki and Dr. Ernest Takahashi, district VI.

Deadline for membership has been set for Mar. 31.

It was also reported that the dance classes Tuesday evenings which are sponsored by the JACL, Oakland YBA and Junior Fujinkai has drawn approximately 40 each week. Yoshio Isono is instructor of these classes conducted at the Buddhist church.

Chicago JACL standing committee heads announced

CHICAGO. — Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Chicago JACL president, announced recently the major appointments for conducting the 1956 chapter program in naming chairmen for the many standing committees. They include:

Mike Hagiwara, housing; Mrs. Sumi Miyaki, schools; Harold Gordon, legislation; Louise Suski, publicity; George Kita, education; Richard Hikawa, civic affairs; Kumeo Yoshinari, Issei citizens; Hank Morikawa, young citizens; Tom Okabe, 1000 Club; John Okamoto, convention booster; Paul Otake, chapter recognition; Joe Maruyama, inaugural party; Chiye Tomihiro Terry Uyeda, socials.

Frank Hara, Hideo Satow, JACL Bowling League reps; Sumi Shimizu, nat'l JACL recognitions.

Watsonville JACL holds membership drive kickoff

WATSONVILLE. — Team captains and committeemen met at a Watsonville JACL membership kick-off dinner at the Miramar last week to inaugurate its 1956 campaign.

A goal of 200 members was announced by Hiroshi Shikuma, chapter president, with all residents of Pajaro Valley to be contacted.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — New memberships and renewals in the JACL 1000 Club received at National Headquarters between March 1 and 15 are as follows:

EIGHTH YEAR

Downtown L.A.—Willie Funakoshi, Venice-Culver—George S. Mikawa, San Francisco—Dr. Kazuo Togasaki Ogden—Ken Uchida.

SIXTH YEAR

San Francisco—Yasuo Abiko, Twin Cities—Tomo T. Kobayashi, Philadelphia—S. John Nitta, Mrs. T. Ann Nitta.

FIFTH YEAR

San Francisco—Haruo Ishimaru.

FOURTH YEAR

Hollywood—Judge John F. Also, Venice-Culver—A. Ike Masaoka.

THIRD YEAR

St. Louis—George Hasegawa, Dr. Alfred A. Morioka, Mrs. Manet E. Yamamoto, Yukinobu Yamamoto, San Francisco—Shichisaburo Hideshima, Abraham Lincoln, Denver—Dr. Tomio Kawano, D.C.—Tad T. Masaoka, Stockton—Jack Matsumoto, Cortez—Joe Nishihara, Twin Cities—Henry T. Omachi, Eden Township—Tetsuma Sakai.

SECOND YEAR

Stockton—Yoichi Agari, George K. Baba, Fred K. Dobana, Harry S. Haya-shino, Henry Higashi, Shokichi Ishimaru, Walter K. Kunimori, Henry T. Kusama, Tom T. Okamoto, Joseph Omachi, Lou S. Tsunekawa, San Francisco—Mary K. Hamamoto, Scotty H. Tsuchiya, Dayton—Dr. Ruby S. Hirose, Detroit—Roy Ikeda, Ogden—Toyase Kato, Bill Nozaki, Tomio Yamada, Chicago—Tahel Matsunaga, PSW—Tak Momita (Calipatria), St. Louis—Dr. Masao Ohmoto, Cleveland—Paul K. Ohmura, Cortez—Mark Kamiya.

FIRST YEAR

Chicago—Dr. George T. Hirata, Frank Hiratsuka, Sr., D.C.—Miss Chisato Ohara, San Francisco—Thelma Takeda, Jack S. Kusaba, Yone Satoda, Ogden—George T. Sugihara, Venice-Culver—James Fukuhara, Dr. Mitsuo Inouye, Ryozo F. Kado, Dr. Robert C. Ryono, Dr. Takao Shishino, St. Louis—Rose Ogino, George Shingua, Dr. George M. Tanaka, Dr. George Uchiyama, Tom Uyeda, Detroit—Judge Theodore Bohn, Dr. Herbert T. Iwata, Milwaukee—Mrs. Mary Oura, Stockton—Frank Inamasu, Richard S. Yoshikawa, Cortez—William Ngda.

Los Angeles insuranceman George Ono miraculously escaped death early Sunday morning Mar. 4 when the car he was driving was struck by an oncoming vehicle speeding down the wrong lane on Slauson Ave. The other driver, apparently asleep at the wheel, first hit a telephone pole which was sheared in half and then caught Ono's car with the tail end of his car.

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

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San Francisco

As weeks roll by, we are happy to report that "Changing Perspectives" seems to be really shaping up. Just the other night we were quite gratified when Flo Dobashi accepted the key job of Convention Publicity Chairman. A smaller, but prettier, edition of her husband Frank, our Outing Chairman, Flo will be a definite asset to our Convention Board. Following in the footsteps of the Pasadena Chapter is the Cortez Chapter, which became the second chapter to come through with two "package deals". Must be obliged to Cortez and its prexy, Al Morimoto.

SPECIAL EVENTS

No Convention can be complete without extra trimmings which provide relaxation and fun for conventioners with energy to burn. The traditional golf and bridge tourneys, and the fishing derby, will once again be available to those of you who are interested.

Also in the works is a special project slanted toward our younger JACLers. We are really hoping that something can be developed along these lines because of interest evidenced among younger groups throughout the country. Outstanding examples of this enthusiastic movement among the younger echelon include the Orange County JAYS, Sequoia Tri-Ville, Stockton, Salt Lake Jr. JACL, St. Louis, and a brand new group in Placer County.

Possibilities are also being explored for a special session during the official agenda of "Changing Perspectives" to which our Issei members may be invited, and problems of particular interest and significance to them, be discussed.

The brains behind the Special Events operation is our versatile former San Francisco chapter board member, Taxy Hironaka. The Hironakas are another of our husband and wife combinations doing yeoman work for JACL. Better half Yo, is publicity chairman of the chapter, and one of the leading lights of our Women's Auxiliary. Taxy is a sportsman of note who throws a mean bowling ball, and swings a wicked golf club.

For the divot diggers, Golf Tourney Chairman Yone Satoda is lining up an 18-hole contest over the Sonoma County Club and Crystal Springs courses. Yone is our Chapter VP in charge of programming, a captain in the Reserves, active YBA leader, and of course, an enthusiastic golfer. Note to the fairer sex: he's contentedly single.

SHAKESPEARE AND UNAGI

Recently dropped in to Convention Registration Chairman Sumi Honnami's place on business, and found three charming guests enjoying *Richard III* on TV. . . Kathy, our corresponding secretary, Alice Shigezumi, our Convention Luncheon boss, and Marie Kogawara, a fairly fresh recruit in our ranks, and a welcome addition indeed. . . Reluctantly (??) allowed ourselves to be persuaded to stay for a luscious Japanese dinner prepared by Sumi herself. . . Haven't had *unagi donburi* for years and really enjoyed it.



Judge Tut "Solomon" Yata, chairman of the PSWDC Chapter of the Year committee, is puzzled as to how split the George J. Inagaki perpetual plaque given to winner of c-o-t-y award honors for which were shared by San Diego JACL's '55 prez George Kodama (left) and Southwest L.A.'s Dr. Toru Iura, finally deciding to present each prexy with sterling-banded gavel and engrave both chapters on plaque for display at the Los Angeles regional office. —Toyo Miyatake Photo.

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ONTARIO, Ore.—Dr. Kenji Yaguchi, Snake River JACL president, was named solicitation co-chairman in the annual Red Cross fund raising campaign here.

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Sonoma County CL hits chapter high with 282 members

SANTA ROSA. — The 1956 membership drive of the Sonoma County JACL Chapter was declared officially ended by its president Edwin Ohki with 282 members signed. Never in the history of the local chapter has this figure ever been reached.

The countless hours spent on a door-to-door membership canvass by the committee included for the first time the Ukiah area, some 50 miles north of this community.

Members responsible for the successful membership campaign include: Windsor & Healdsburg areas—Miyo Masaoka; Penngrove, Napa & Ukiah areas—Johnny Hirooka; Cotati—George Miyano & Henry Shimizu; Petaluma—Riyuo Uyeda, Beth Yamaoka, Jim Miyano, Hiro Kawahara, Sam Miyano, George Kawaoka, Harry Sugiyama, Tak Kameoka, Tak Koga, John Arishita; Santa Rosa area—George Hamamoto, Anne Ohki, Lloyd Ellis, Edwin Ohki; Sebastopol—Margaret Murakami, Kane-mi Ono and Frank Oda.

Tulare County JACL movie benefit Mar. 25

DINUBA. — Two Japanese films, "Haru no Uzunaki" and "Haro Jishi", will be shown at the Tulare County JACL benefit this Sunday, Mar. 25, 7 p.m. at the local Buddhist hall.

Elites' movie benefit

SANTA ANA. — "Seishun Zenki", Japanese version of Blackboard Jungle, and "Irezumi Jonan" are two Japanese film features to be shown at the Elites' benefit Apr. 7 at Westminster grammar school.

Recognition dinner to fete 1954-55 Chicago officers

CHICAGO. — Members of Kumeo Yoshinari's 1954 and 1955 cabinet of the Chicago JACL chapter will be feted at a recognition dinner to be held at Old Cathay restaurant on March 24. Members of the cabinets will be presented with scrolls in recognition of their good work.

Paul Otake heads the committee in charge of this dinner. Members of his committee include Shigeo Wakamatsu, Sumi Shimizu, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Maudie Nakada, Fumi Iwatsuki and Louise Suski. Abe Hagiwara will be entertainment chairman.

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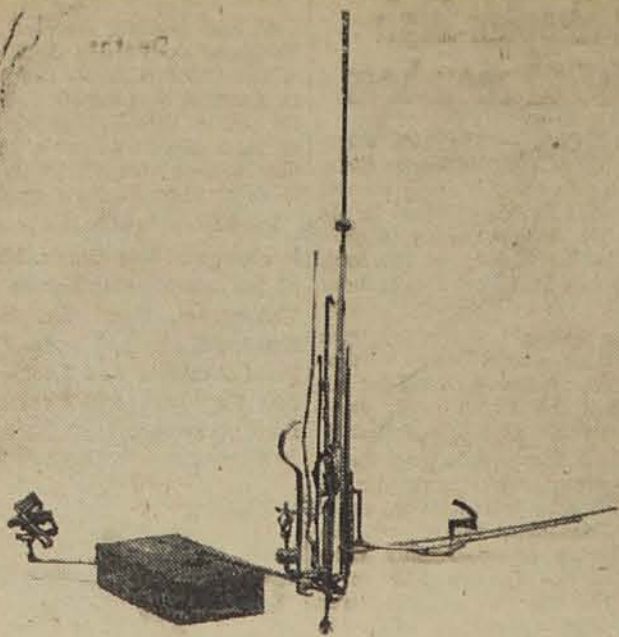
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Artists exhibit

Chicago
The 59th annual Art Institute Chicago Artists exhibition is attracting wide interests. As the richest array of prize-winning pieces, the show ends April 12. Joseph Goto, who received the fourth-ranking Pauline Palmer prize of \$750 with his "Metallic Forms", a mixed metal sculpture, has also another piece on exhibit: "Aerial

Growth" welded in stainless steel. Goto is the Hawaiian-born Nisei who won the Logan Medal and top \$1,500 prize last year in similar competition with "Struggle", a welded steel sculpture.

Other Japanese American artists of Chicago with entries on exhibit include Miyoko Ito with two oil-colors: "The Sea" and "India"; Atsushi Kikuchi's watercolors: "Glitter of the City" and "Spirit of the City"; Arthur Okamura's oil: "The Birth"; Natsuko Takehita's oil: "Idyll"; and Raymond K. Yoshidas's serigraphs: "College" and "Night Flight".

A cute Sansei will be among three Chicago Girl Scouts picked as 1956 poster girls for the organization's annual fund drive in April. Christine Hashimoto, 8, was chosen as the Brownie scout for the poster. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Hashimoto, 5753 S. Dorchester. The Hashimotos are both JACLers. Christine of Brownie Troop 1273 collects stamps, butterflies, likes to bake, write poetry and swim at the Y.

City-Widers previewed wood-block prints entitled "Portraits of Kabuki Actors of Japan" at the Art Institute last week. Margaret Gentile, associate curator of Oriental Arts and keeper of the Buckingham Collection of Japanese Prints at the Institute, was speaker. This display is scheduled for late March at the Art Institute.

The presence of Mrs. Edith Sampson, first American Negro to be a United Nations delegate, at the Mar. 15 Chicago JACL meeting drew a large attendance. She was interviewed by a panel headed by Charles Ukita. Mrs. Sampson has achieved distinction as a lawyer, social worker and student of world affairs, who has lectured in Europe in 1951-52.

The Japanese American Service Committee will convert their monthly bulletin to quarterlies this year. The Chicago Buddhist Church bulletin goes up in class from mimeo to printing.

The Asoka Society will hold an indoor picnic at Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, 5480 S. Kenwood, on Saturday, Apr. 21, 6:30 p.m. Families should bring blankets to sit on and wear comfortable clothes for games.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Spring is here . . .

Seattle
"Like a somnolent giant, Seattle . . . awoke from a long and restless sleep." These were the words of the authoritative and opinionated, "dominant in the field of quality circulation" weekly Argus in its latest issue, but shucks, they were only talking about the results of the election last Tuesday.

The Northwest, like a somnolent giant, awoke from the agony of a long and restless winter this weekend. The first and biggest freeze came upon us in the middle of November, which is decidedly out of season hereabouts. Since the first of the year, this locality has had about double its usual amount of precipitation mixed with the sleet and whatnot, never enough to last long on the ground in the flatlands, but just damp and nasty. Weather observers report a record snowfall in the mountains; an average of 20 feet in the passes and 35 feet on Mt. Baker. While lowland farmers are fearful of floods, the skiers will be enjoying their sport for weeks and weeks to come.

As if in observance of the 17th of Ireland, the sun has broken out in a consistent week-end long performance that makes us aware of the perennial greenery at sea level. It becomes increasingly difficult to perform these weekly duties at the portable. One becomes aware of a compelling urge to get out and absorb some of the sunshine and get a look see at what's doing. Even at this moment, a local radio guy is soliloquizing about spring, and twirling tunes to fit the mood.

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8 teams invited to nat'l Nisei cage tourney in Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY. — The most colorful and representative array of Oriental basketball talent will vie in the 21st annual national Nisei invitational tournament, sponsored by the local JACL, come Mar. 29-31 at the new Judge Memorial High School gym.

Eight teams being invited include the defending champions, San Francisco Saints, with strong contention for the title from previous finalists Los Angeles All-Stars, Hawaii Nisei A.C., San Jose Zebras (No. Calif. NAU champions), Chicago All-Stars, Main Bowl Savoy of Seattle, Idaho All-Stars and the Salt Lake All-Stars.

Dr. Shig Matsukawa, tournament chairman, said the new site will seat 1,000 fans. The Riverside gym used last year was well received but did not have room to accommodate spectators.

CANADIAN NISEI TO BOWL IN ABC FOR 1ST TIME

TORONTO. — Canadian Nisei will participate for the first time in the American Bowling Congress tournament at Rochester, N.Y., next weekend with two teams from the local Nisei 10-Pin League scheduled for Mar. 30 appearances in the tournament booster division.

The booster division is limited to teams with 850 averages or less. Twenty-five squads from Toronto are to participate in the ABC this year.

North-South cage series at LACC

The 10th annual North-South series to determine California Nisei basketball championship will be held at the Los Angeles City College gym this weekend, Mar. 24-25, pitting the West L.A. Lucky Doks with San Jose Zebras.

The Doks, which won their last six games in a row to cop the So. Calif. NAU "AA" title, bolstered their championship hopes with the appearance of Dick Nagai, who completed his three-year varsity competition at Univ. of Southern California, on the line-ups.

Zebras had to beat San Francisco Barons 58-51 last Sunday in a playoff to gain the No. Calif. NAU "AA" title.

Games for the series are:

Saturday, Mar. 24—7 p.m., Toyo Miyatake vs. Yamaguchi Dukes; 8:30—Angelus Bowling vs. Zebras. Sunday, Mar. 25—1 p.m. Lords vs. Nisei Trading; 2:30 p.m.—(Championship game) Lucky Doks vs. Zebras.

Basketball league for 28-yr. or older planned

SAN FRANCISCO. — A postseason basketball league open to anyone over 28 years of age who have not participated in active competition this season will again be co-sponsored by the San Francisco JACL and Buchanan St. YM-YWCA.

Ki Tanamachi, chairman of the Nisei Industrial league, said play for six teams will get underway in early April. Kik's Smoke Shop are defending champions. Committeemen include Babe Utsumi, Fred Obayashi and Jerry Enomoto.

Oregon prep wrestler

PORTLAND. — Mitsuru Tamura, 115-lb. division wrestler from Oregon City High School, and son of a local JACLer, recently won the state prep title at a recent Corvallis tournament in his division.

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Bob Mori bowls perfect 300 game; while Tak Shibuya misses 300 game

Bob Mori of Los Angeles became the first Nisei to roll a perfect "300" game this season. The 184 plus average kegler made it during a practice session Sunday, Feb. 26, at Arlington Bowl.

To date, only two Nisei have ABC-sanctioned perfect games, George Inai of San Francisco and Kazuo Ohori of Chicago.

Other Mainland Nisei in the elite group include Fuzzy Shimada, San Francisco; George Kobo, Los Angeles (now of Honolulu); George Kishida, Salt Lake City; Frank Kebo, Chicago; Tok Ishizawa, Los Angeles; Roy Kobayashi, Santa Ana; Harry Kaneshige, Boise.

SEATTLE. — Although he couldn't have known it at the time, a ball that came in a little too high in

the 5th frame of his second game in the Nisei Commercial League at Main Bowl Mar. 7, leaving the six and the 10-pins standing, was all that kept Tak Shibuya from bowling a perfect 300 score.

After a 183 opening game, he opened up with four strikes in a row, picked his spare in the 5th frame and then went all the way with strikes for whopper 278 game. He punched out a 209 final effort for a 670 total.

Shibuya rolled with Main Bowl in the recent National JACL tournament at Salt Lake City.

SEATTLE. — Best Nisei effort of the week here recently was Pruney Tsuji's 673 series in the local Classic Bowling League. He rolled games of 233-215-225 on Mar. 6 at Seattle Rec.

Nisei trainer gaining experience aiding Detroit Tigers in pre-season warmups

LAKE LAND, Fla. — During the opening weeks of spring practice at the Detroit Tigers winter quarters here was a small, dark and wiry Nisei—Tom Takamori, trainer and backfield coach at the Univ. of Hawaii.

He was assisting Jack Homel, Detroit trainer, and assumed the chore for added experience.

Interviewed by H. G. Salsinger, Detroit News sports columnist, the Hawaiian-born Nisei revealed that he is a close friend of Biggie Munn of Michigan State and "we use the T and plays Biggie gave us".

Takamori, who spent a year studying Japanese training methods, said baseball was not popular in

Hawaii, but a rage in Japan. "But the standard of play is not high. This is due to lack of expert coaching and managing," he explained.

Japan can be relied upon to improve its quality of baseball, Salsinger reported. They will soon have expert coaching and in the near future, major league line-ups may be studded with Japanese names.

Royal Brougham, Seattle Post-Intelligencer sports editor, last week felt Bob Balcena, the first Filipino in Coast League baseball, may be the first player of that race to make the big leagues. Expected to improve in his second year in the league, he may realize the dream of every minor league man.)

NOTICE

After studying the issues involved in this most important Proxy battle, between the present management of the Western Pioneer Insurance Company and Stockholders Committee, we as insurance agents, the majority of us doing business with the Western Pioneer Insurance Company, give our unqualified support and recommendations to the Stockholders Committee. We feel that a definite change is necessary. We hope you as Stockholders will give your Proxy to the Stockholders Committee.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



1956 Nisei Week

Los Angeles

The 16th annual Nisei Week Festival will be conducted Aug. 11 to 19, according to a report from a 30-man executive board late last week. One of the greatest drawbacks in the postwar affairs—the 1956 extravaganza being the eighth in line—is getting enough candidates to vie for the queen title. It used to be that before the war, attractive girls were swamped with enthusiastic supporters and when the final days of the race approached usually more than 25 would be in contention.

One of the hope-it-works remedies this summer will be the "community-wide" search for candidates — not that it's never been tried before. The board is attempting to sell the idea that if "Miss Pasadena" can be called from the City of Roses; and "Miss Long Beach" can compete in the race from the harbor area, then maybe "Miss East Los Angeles" can be available from the Boyle Heights district. According to the plan, no one gets eliminated from the contest; you just can't afford to chop an entry of 12 down to a queen and four attendants and keep the also-rans happy, too. So, be that as it may, when all the cuties are aptly convinced that they should participate in the Nisei Week Festival, they will receive a title to represent their community. They'll parade, dance, and make merry at all functions.

But just before the coronation ball takes place, probably Aug. 12 (Sunday, at the Hollywood Palladium), one of the lovelies will receive the coveted crown as successor to Stella Nakadate, last year's winner. They're talking about an impartial panel of judges to select the queen. The rest of the gals will act as her attendants. In other words, more communities mean more finalists.

Incidentally Fred Takata, who is president of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter, is responsible in forming a committee to pick and urge a candidate to represent his area. Tats Kushida, regional JACL director, serves as a festival board member. The board optimistically has pointed to June 1 as target date for all entries. We would venture to say Aug. 1 would be a more logical deadline, but we might be surprised.

IN L.A. LIMELIGHT

The first rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church was formally instituted Mar. 15 marking the church to parish status in the diocese. During the impressive ceremony, attorney Frank Chuman presented keys of the church property to the Rev. John H. M. Yamazaki, new rector.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church had its beginning in 1907 at 11th and Flower Sts. with lay missionary Mary Louis Patterson from San Francisco as director. The new rector's father the Rev. John Misao Yamazaki, has been in a vicar there since the return of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1946.

The Maryknoll School girls drum and bugle corps did themselves proud by taking first last Sunday in the junior division competition at the 41st annual Orange Show. It was their first major competition, beating top units like the Monterey Girls Drum and Bugle Corps and Koyasan's Troop 379 outfit. Sister Xavier Marie supervises the activities of the Maryknoll corps.

Oakland-born Fred Isamu Wada, who has operated a super market in Huntington Park the last 10 years, was accepted into the Rotary International there last week. An active member of the Moral ReArmament group, he became its 152nd member.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

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For sure, spring is definitely here!

Just a couple of short hours in one afternoon is not enough to get a first hand view of the highlands, where the mountain streams reappear through the deep snow and rush in a torrent toward the ocean . . . Or to see the avalanche lily and other hardy mountain flowers impatiently push their way up through crusty snow . . . Or to see the gaunt black bear out of hibernation foggily poking his way about a world just come to life.

Down here closer to home, the kids are out on the playfield with ball, bat and glove, which seems appropriate since the State basketball finals were played off only last night. Wintertime blackmouth fishermen are finding the sunshine conducive to resuming their golf game, while I suppose the winter golfers are finding it warm enough to get in some blackmouth fishing for a change. Sunday drivers along the lake are stopping to let the kids feed the ducks, and photogs and a Sunday painter record the scene. Boats appear in tow on their trailers, and while some yachtsmen are painting and caulking, others are already sailing. As I sit here, a knock on the door reminds me that the clam diggers have been out also. And that ever obnoxious diet list doesn't say anything about clams, so we'll classify 'em as "lean fish."

Thoughts of diet violations and harbingers of spring remind us that Bock Beer is back. The billy goat beer doesn't seem to be such great shucks in this neck of the woods any more. In the East it has always been a fine tradition that dates back to the Middle Ages. The opening date, March 15, and never a day earlier, was always eagerly awaited, and marked the opening of a new "season" when lethargic beer consuming habits of the winter were cast aside. One western brewer announces his opening date as March 12, this year. Is another time honored tradition breaking down?

In following the classic procedure, bock beer was processed during the slack season in October or November from the saved up dregs of the fermenting vats. The extra cooking accounted for the dark color and gently burnt flavor. Aged for a longer period than a batch of conventional brew, it was also stronger. There are numerous stories on how the goat came to be the universal trade mark. One story dates back to the days when contestants at a beer bout wore leather britches, and a character exclaimed just before he passed out: "Verily, verily, thy brew has the butt of a billy goat!" Those leather britches were an interesting accessory. But that is another story.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

AOKI, Yoriaki (Harumi Higashi)—girl Yuriko Margaret, Feb. 11.
AZUMA, George I. (Sachiko Higa)—boy Frederick Isamu, Jan. 5.
CHIEN, John E. (Kikuko Murakane)—girl Joleen, Feb. 7, Santa Monica.
FUKUMOTO, Fred I. (Kikuko Onine)—boy Thomas Kogi, Feb. 7.
GIMA, Shinosel (Hideko Koshiro)—boy Alexander Shinichi, Feb. 9.
INAFUKU, George (Ruby M. Nako)—boy Ben Akira, Feb. 18.
IWAKI, T. J.—girl, Jan. 14, Long Beach.
IWASAKI, John (Teruko Nakasone)—girl Lorine Kana, Feb. 10.
KISHIMOTO, George (Masayo Shigemura)—girl JoAnn S., Jan. 6.
MAKIMOTO, Richard T.—boy, Jan. 21, Long Beach.
MATSUDA, M. Justin (Haruko J. Sato)—boy William K., Jan. 9.
MIZUTANI, Masao (Yone Murabata)—girl Julie Chiemi, Feb. 6, Venice.
MURAOKA, Victor T. (Carol Inouye)—boy David L., Jan. 23.
NAKAHARA, Junji (Sachiko Takayama)—girl Linda Takako, Feb. 9.
NAKATANI, Clifford M.—boy, Feb. 14, Pasadena.
NIKAI, George H. (Haruko Imamura)—boy Scott K., Jan. 14, Burbank.
OGATA, Seiji (Yoshiko Yamamoto)—boy Marvin Hisashi, Feb. 8.
OKAMURA, Yam Y. (Nova Yamamoto)—girl Louise, Feb. 12.
OZAWA, Ichiro R. (Hide Tokunaga)—girl Janice Kina, Feb. 11.
SHIOSAKA, Arthur Y. (Hisako Shiseki)—boy Bryon W., Feb. 13.
SHIMIZU, Ko (Nancy N. Morishita)—girl Doreen, Feb. 18.
SUZUKI, Caesar (Edith Yamaguchi)—girl Susan L., Feb. 19, Baldwin Park.
TOMITA, Nagao J. (Misao Nakamura)—boy Stephen Isamu, Feb. 11.
YAMAMOTO, Kazuyuki (Mihoko Murakami)—boy Paul, Feb. 9.
YAMANE, Takeo G. (Ann K. Nakakawa)—boy Michael Yoshio, Feb. 3, Pasadena.
YAMASHIRO, Fred (June Y. Aochi)—boy Ron, Jan. 24.
YOKOI, Hoshio (Mise Kurabayashi)—boy Robert Saburo, Feb. 11.
YUKIHARA, Shigeki—boy, Feb. 1, Norwalk.

SAN DIEGO

IKEMI, Terry T.—boy, Jan. 9.
ARIZONA

TERAJI, Tommy—boy, Jan. 25, Glendale.

YUBA CITY

SHIMIZU, Masaru (Mildred Asoo)—girl April G., Mar. 13.

PORTLAND

TAKASUMI, Mas (Mitsue Miyoshi)—boy, Feb. 3.

ONTARIO, ORE.

KATSURA, Sam—boy, Feb. 29, Jamie-son.

SEATTLE

AOKI, Minoru—girl, Feb. 18.
IWATA, Tom—boy, Feb. 27.
KAJITSU, Kaz—boy, Mar. 1.
KANZAKI, Tsutomu—girl, Feb. 15.
MATSUOKA, George—boy, Feb. 20.
MORI, Hideo—boy, Feb. 17.
OMOTO, Taketo—boy, Mar. 1.
TATSUDA, Jimmy—boy, Mar. 1.

ALASKA

OSADA, Capt. Tak (of Minneapolis)—boy Scott Kon, Jan. 21, Fairbanks.

SALT LAKE CITY

KAIZUMI, M. J.—girl, Feb. 12.

MITSUNAGA, Harry K.—boy, Feb. 12.
SHIMIZU, Danny—boy, Feb. 20.

OMAHA

HIRABAYASHI, Roy—girl Robin Yoshimi, Mar. 5.

CHICAGO

SUZUKIDA, Henry—girl Margaret Ann, Feb. 6.

CLEVELAND

ASAMOTO, Nobu—boy David N., Feb. 13.

KUNIMOTO, Tak—girl Janis P., Nov. 29.

MORI, Steve—boy Steven M., Jan. 7.
OTA, Dr. Mark—boy Mitchell A., Jan. 23.

DETROIT

HISAKA, Don—girl Miya, Feb. 7, Birmingham.

TAKAI, Masao—boy Robert M., Feb. 7, Clawson.

MINNEAPOLIS

HIRABAYASHI, Sam—boy Dean C., Dec. 26.

KOBAYASHI, Yutaka (Martha Kitakawa)—boy Andrew, Jan. 2.

KONNO, Warren—girl, Jan. 17.

OKUMA, Tosh (Eunice Torii)—boy Mark Toshio, Jan. 18.

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NISHIOKA, Mitsuru—girl Marsha Kimiko, Dec. 4, Jamaica.

Engagements

KOBAYASHI-SHIMIZU—Mary, Madera, to Kay, Los Angeles, Mar. 4.
MAEDA-NIGO—Ruth to Jun, both Portland, Feb. 23.
MARUMOTO-KARASAWA—Yaye to Masto, Los Angeles.

MIGAKI-YAHANDA—Hoyo, (Spokane), to Alfred M. (USAF).

MURATA-MATSUSHIRO—Chiye, Stockton, to Frank, Lodi.

ONISHI-TERAO—Dorothy to Al, Chicago.

TSURU-ICHIBA—Flo to George, Chicago.

UYEDA-UMEDA—Michiko to Haruo, both Stockton.

YAMADA-KONAGAMITSU—June to Kiko, Chicago.

YAMAOKA-WHANG—May to Bob, both St. Louis, Jan. 19.

Marriage Licenses Issued

HIYAMA-KOSHIO—Frank A. Henderson; Jeanette, Denver.

KITAMURA-OXANDABARU—Howard and Juanita, both Denver.

KUSHIHASHI-TAKAKI—Albert S., Lincoln, Neb.; Grace K., Pueblo, at Denver.

SATO-SATO—George and Sachiye, both San Francisco.

SUGAYA-KASUGA—Takeshi, 29, Murray; Fae, 27, Sandy.

TATEOKA-TAKEUCHI—Jim, 32, Riverton; Ko, 23, Salt Lake.

WATADA-HASUI—Alley E., Ft. Lupton; Yoshimi, Las Animas, Colo.

Weddings

HONDA-MATSUMOTO—Feb. 19, Isamu, Ross; Mary, Auburn.

KATO-KAIKAMI—Feb. 26, Roy, Gilroy; Grace, San Mateo.

KIMURA-UCHIMIYA—Mar. 3, Mas and Nob, both Cleveland.

MIYAKE-KASHIMOTO—Mar. 4, George and Alice, both Venice.

SAKATA-TOKUNAGA—Feb. 12, Bob and Joanna, both Brighton, Colo.

SHIMOMAEDA-IMABARI—Feb. 15, George Y., Nyssa; Yaeiko, Ontario.

Deaths

ENDO, Tokujiro, 75: Pocatello, Feb. 26, survived by daughter Tsuta (Japan).

ENOSAKI, Mrs. Riwa, 76: Gary, Ind., Feb. 23, survived by son George, daughters Mmes. Masano Fujio (Lauriel, Mont.), Merry Yamaoka (Ogden), Sue Sato (Chicago), 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

HARA, Jisaku J., 80: Parma, Idaho, Feb. 8, survived by wife Izu, sons Kay, George, Don (Moses Lake), Dick (Seattle), Frank, daughters Mrs. Ray Sugimoto (Ogden), 1st Lt. Jern (Japan), Mary and four grandchildren.

HIGASHI, Matsutaro, 78: Seattle, Feb. 27, survived by wife Yuki, sons Akira, Ken, Teddy Shio (Pocatello), daughters Mmes. Yoneko Yamashita, Mary Hirata, 14 grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

IKEDA, Elmer T., 17: Seattle, Feb. 18, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. George S., brother Bob, sisters Carolyn, Jean, Mmes. Lilly Tokiwa and Ritsuko Suhara (San Jose).

ISHIGURO, George Z., 79: Greeley, Feb. 24, survived by wife Misayo, sons Max M. (Italy), Kimo, Fred, Fugio, Harry, daughters Sumiye, Mrs. Mabel Urano (Haiti), Mrs. Ruth Drowd (Miami).

KAWAMURA, Mrs. Kuma, 81: North Pocatello, Feb. 12, survived by sons Kotaro, Yematsu, Eijiro (Denver), Yoki (Twin Falls), daughters Misao (Los Angeles), Yasu (Japan).

KITAMURA, Totaro: Denver, Mar. 2, survived by wife Anita K., sons Bill, John, Howard, Joseph (San Mateo).

KOORI, Hiromu, 62: Cleveland, Feb. 16, survived by wife Kimiko, son Roy.

MATSUHIRA, Mrs. Lillian, 31: Seattle, Feb. 24, survived by husband Richard, daughters Diana, Lesley, Joanne parents Mr. and Mrs. Yaichi Yamaguchi, brothers Jimmy, Manichi and Takeo Yamaguchi, sisters Mrs. Mineko Watanabe, Mrs. May Yoshinaka.

MURAKAMI, Mrs. Sadako, 48: Seattle, Feb. 16, survived by husband Jeff K., sons James, Tom, daughters Mae Jean, Lillian, mother Mrs. Fusano Tsuboto (Ontario, Ore.), brothers Henry and Minoru Tsuboto, sisters Mrs. Haruko Yanagatsubo (Japan) and Mrs. Yoshiko Tsujihara.

NOCHI, Sakichi, 73: Lyman, Neb., Feb. 1, survived by wife and several children.

NOMURA, Mrs. Alice C., 58: Seattle, Feb. 27, survived by husband Kenjiro, son George.

SHIMOMURA, Sunao F., 55: Seattle, Feb. 11, survived by wife Tsuru, daughters Teruko, Mmes. Ayako Fujitomi, Mitsuko Toyohara, three grandchildren.

TAGUCHI, Kichimatsu: Rocky Ford, Colo., Feb. 15 (in Yamaguchi, Japan), survived by wife and children including Dr. James (Cincinnati).

TANAKA, Suketomo, 74: Salt Lake City, Feb. 17.

YAMASHITA, Yoshio, 76: Salt Lake City, Jan. 30.

YUASA, Yuichi, 66: Seattle, Feb. 18, survived by wife Umeye, son Takeo, daughters Mmes. Ayako Miller, Michiko Ohi (Sidney, Neb.), Chieko Watanabe (Japan), brother Sakunosuke and six grandchildren.

Important! Open Letter To Stockholders of Western Pioneer Insurance Co.

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Dear Stockholders:

The so-called, self-appointed "Stockholders Committee," headed by Taul Watanabe, has issued many public statements concerning the Jensen case and its expense. What you and the public have not been told is that the Alameda County court records show a tie in between this present "Stockholders Committee" and a Jensen-inspired move, made in 1954, after his ouster to obtain the Company's stockholders' list through court proceedings. The admitted purpose of obtaining the stockholders list was to start at that time a proxy fight to change management. These are the facts:

1. On September 1, 1954, a demand was made for the Company's confidential stockholders list. This was refused. The case went to court and the Company's position was sustained. There was no appeal. The stockholders' list was not obtained, and the intended proxy fight was stopped dead in its tracks.
2. BUT THE IMPORTANT THING, NOW, IS TO OBTAIN THE FACTS REVEALED IN THE FIRST CASE.
3. The court transcript reveals the following information:
 - a. The Petitioner's attorney stated that two present board members, whose names he did not give but whom he said "are pretty influential people," were in sympathy with the move.
 - b. A proxy committee of shareholders was to be formed.
 - c. The policy of the "committee" was "that the company will remain a Japanese company."
 - d. It was the understanding of the attorney for the committee that a certain present member of the "Stockholders Committee" would assist in lining up other members of the committee.

e. Other unnamed Japanese persons were connected with the move.

4. The court, after considering the case, made these undisputed findings in April of 1954:

a. The move was an effort to solicit proxies to elect persons to the board sympathetic with the position of RALPH L. JENSEN.

b. It was in furtherance of a common plan, designed and participated in by RALPH L. JENSEN, to harass the Company to induce settlement of the Jensen contract suit.

c. The method to be used was to distribute to the company's shareholders derogatory rumors concerning the conduct of the Company's Board of Directors and management.

It is significant to note that this time the "Stockholders Committee" did not make a formal demand or take court action to obtain a stockholders' list. They did not have to. These lists were secretly handed over from inside the Company in violation of trust and confidence. You have previously been supplied with the full story of how this happened.

Please consider the foregoing facts carefully. When you have done so, we are sure you will agree that the self-appointed "Stockholders Committee" should be defeated in its arrogant attempt to grab control of your Company and want to SUPPORT YOUR MANAGEMENT. Thus will you promptly sign, date, and return the only official Company proxy. Copies of this proxy can be obtained from the home office or from the members of the Proxy Committee. If you have been misled and signed another proxy for the "Stockholders' Committee," you can correct your mistake by signing a later one in favor of the only official Company Proxy Committee.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Mar. 12 Declaration

Washington

While much has been written about the meaning and implications of the March 12 Declaration of Constitutional Principles signed and issued by almost a hundred senators and representatives from the Deep South, very little has been mentioned about the tremendous veto power this regional bloc might have on all major legislation if it so wills.

Because of the seniority system, plus the fact that all are members of the controlling Democratic Party, these 19 senators and 77 representatives from 11 states once in the Confederacy are chairmen of key standing committees and subcommittees that handle most of the significant legislation considered by the Congress.

Nine of the 15 standing committees in the Senate and eight of the 19 standing committees in the House have as their chairmen signers of this Declaration. And almost every other signer is a chairman of at least one subcommittee in either the Senate or the House.

19 senators sign . . .

Senator Walter F. George of Georgia is not only the President pro tempore of the Senate but also chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. He is currently serving as chairman of the special committee appointed to investigate undue influence exerted in the recent so-called natural gas fight. Senator George, who has served longer in the Senate than any other member, was the chairman of the southern delegation that drafted this Declaration. The Foreign Relations Committee is responsible for the ratification of treaties and for all international relations.

Senator Lister Hill of Alabama is chairman of the Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia is chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana is chairman of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee.

Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi is chairman of the Judiciary Committee that handles more than one half of all the bills considered by the Senate, including appointments to the federal judiciary, civil rights, immigration and nationality, criminal code matters, monopoly, vested property, claims, and amendments to the Federal Constitution.

Senator Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina is chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia is chairman of the Finance Committee that controls tax and tariff bills.

Arkansas Senators J. W. Fulbright and John L. McClellan are chairmen of the Banking and Currency and the Government Operations Committees, respectively. Senator McClellan is also chairman of the recently appointed blue-ribbon eight-member bipartisan committee to investigate lobbying activities.

In addition, Senator John J. Sparkman of Alabama is chairman of the Select Committee on Small Business.

Among 77 Southern representatives . . .

The House list is equally impressive.

Representative Howard W. Smith of Virginia read the Declaration in the House. As chairman of the all-powerful Rules Committee, perhaps more than any other single individual in the House, he controls the fate of all major legislation, for it is his Committee that decides what bills the House will consider and under what conditions and circumstances.

Representative Carl Vinson of Georgia is chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Representative Herbert C. Bonner of North Carolina is chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

Representative Graham A. Barden, also of North Carolina, is chairman of the Education and Labor Committee.

Representative James P. Richards of South Carolina is chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Representative John L. McMillan, also of South Carolina, is chairman of the District of Columbia Committee.

Representative Tom Murray of Tennessee is chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

Representative Wright Patman of Texas is chairman of the Select Committee on Small Business and Representative Porter Hardy, Jr., of Virginia is chairman of the Select Committee on Survivor Benefits for Deceased and Former Members of the Armed Forces.

Tremendous veto threat seen . . .

As mentioned earlier, the senators and representatives who signed this Declaration who are not chairmen of standing committees are without exception chairmen of at least one subcommittee. And in most cases, again because of seniority, they are among the ranking members of every Senate and House Committee, standing and select.

This summary should serve to pinpoint the strategic position which the signers of the Declaration enjoy in the present Congress, a situation which makes it extremely unlikely that any legislation on a national level will be enacted to enforce the desegregation edict of the Supreme Court. And, because of their bargaining power over legislation and appropriations needed by the executive agencies, these signers may well blunt any real Administration moves to implement the judicial verdict on integration in the absence of new legislation.

Over and above their influential committee positions, these signers of the Declaration in the Senate at least have the extra threat of a filibuster to frustrate legislative efforts which they feel endanger their segregated way of life.

From the legislative standpoint, it will be interesting to watch this regional bloc maneuver in a national election year when the party of which they are members is the underdog in both the congressional and presidential sweepstakes as of this moment. Their operations will probably only make more difficult an already complex and confused legislative program in which regional aspirations are added to the usual politics and interests.

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"Changing Perspectives"

New Japanese ambassador Tani meets with Washington JACL representative

WASHINGTON. — At the invitation of Ambassador Masayuki Tani, newly accredited Japanese ambassador to the United States, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, recently visited him here at the Embassy.

Discussed at the meeting were the mutual problems of Japan-United States relations, the importance of keeping Asia from falling

prey to the Communist bloc, the Refugee Relief Act, the liberalized immigration quota for Japan under the pending immigration bills, American trade policies to Japanese imports, and the contributions of Nisei to the American stream of living.

Said Masaoka: "I am sure that Ambassador Tani's vigorous advocacy of Japan remaining pro-America will strengthen the economic, political, and cultural ties which have proved beneficial to both countries."

Masaoka also reported that Ambassador Tani paid tribute to the Issei and Nisei in American when he said that their wartime loyalty to the United States contributed much towards the good will which Americans hold for Japan and the Japanese today.

New claims bill—

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pensable items of loss whereas those evacuees who just abandoned their property were compensated for their loss. This policy resulted in penalizing those who tried to salvage their plight and compensating those who abandoned their concerns.

Noncompensation by the government for conservation expenses was again penalizing those evacuees who attempted to mitigate their evacuation losses.

Insofar as fair rental value was concerned, it was the argument of the JACL that many evacuees rented their property at sums significantly below the normal rental value because of the stress and pressure of evacuation, and with the subsequent ceiling on rent by the OPA adjustments were not permitted.

Under the Hillings bills and the subsequent Lane-Hillings bill an attempt was made to liberalize the interpretation of the present law so that a more fair determination could be made of these losses.

In the amended Lane-Hillings bill, which was passed by the House on Monday, March 5, 1956, although these items were deleted, under the Court of Claims alternative remedy, a judicial determination on the validity of these items of expense and loss may be secured in instances where final award payments have not been made.

Since it was the purpose of the Lane-Hillings bill to expedite the final conclusion of this program, and it seemed the inclusion of these items would substantially reopen the entire project and delay the program, the House Judiciary subcommittee on Claims decided not to accept the recommendations of the 1954 Subcommittee on Claims which had made these recommendations after its extensive hearings in California.

It should be clear in any event that under the present law, the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, as amended, compensation is paid for these items if losses can be shown.

Auxiliary hears talk on fur, members model pieces

BY RYO ICHIKAWA

SAN FRANCISCO. — "Know how" in selecting and wearing fur properly was observed by San Francisco JACL Auxiliary members at their last meeting. Agnes Noeller of Beetz Furs, guest speaker, enhanced her talk with various display pelts, stoles and wraps.

Girls were magnetically drawn to model the exquisite pieces. Miss Noeller stressed the importance of care in her informative talk.

Mrs. Wallace Nunotani was in charge of mixer games that followed the talk on fur and brief business meeting presided by Vi Nakano. Tomi Yasueda, Kuni Koga and the refreshment committee served home-baked cakes carrying a St. Patrick's theme.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be held Sunday, Apr. 15, at Tokyo Sukiyaki.

Onaga art exhibit

PHILADELPHIA. — A memorial exhibition consisting of 38 pieces by the late Yoshimatsu Onaga, sculptor-student of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, is being held now until Apr. 8 at the Academy, Broad and Cherry sts. John M. Hori, student at the Academy, was awarded half of the \$50 Mabel Wilson Woodrow memorial prize for his painting, "Winter Day".

Dr. Nishikawa appears on 'Inquisitor' TV program

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer, was interviewed by Fleetwood Lawton, KTLA television news commentator, last Tuesday on his program called the "Inquisitor". Dr. Nishikawa explained the problems and progress concerning Japanese Americans, the work of JACL as a community relations organization and its human relations aspects.

The program included attorney Loren Miller and Dr. Sammy Lee, Olympic diving champ who is finally residing in Garden Grove after being refused purchase of a home last summer.

SAN DIEGO JACL TO FETE ISSEI CITIZENS MAR. 29

SAN DIEGO. — The 1956 JACL banquet honoring Issei who have been naturalized citizens during the past year will be held at the Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd., on Thursday, Mar. 29, 7:30 p.m.

A preliminary list of honored guests includes 94 names, according to George Muto and Bert Tanaka, who are handling reservations for the dinner. The event is open to the public.

Sweet pea growers with Flower Show top award

Sweetpea growers Tom, Hiro and Mino Imai of San Fernando received double honors this week at the current California International Flower Show at Inglewood for their exhibit in the cut-flower category.

They won the Gold Award Medallion, highest category award, and also the Eugene Germain Memorial Trophy for best flowers grown from seed.

LI'L TOKIO GROUP TOP RED CROSS QUOTA AGAIN

The Japanese small-business division in downtown Los Angeles has gone over its quota in the 1956 Red Cross drive and 100% posters were presented to Frank H. Hirohata, local insurance man, 1000er and veteran of five Red Cross campaigns, and Paul Takeda of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, co-chairmen of the current campaign.

Li'l Tokio merchants had an \$1,100 quota and have reached over \$1,200. The area, it is recalled, has topped its quota in the past four years.

Sonoma County auxiliary shown gift-wrapping cues

PETALUMA. — A large group of auxiliary members of the Sonoma County JACL enjoyed a gift wrapping demonstration at their March meeting given by Miss Mattie Gekeler from Corricks Gift Shop. Many novel gift wrappings were shown to the members. Following a short business meeting refreshments were served.

Mrs. Shiz Kawaoka, auxiliary president, announced the next event as a tea honoring war brides residing in this area. The date and place for this event will be announced shortly, according to Alyce Sugiyama, chairman for this affair.

LETTERS

Keep the Lead in '56

Editor: The Southwest L.A., Denver and San Francisco JACL chapters are racing to reach 1,000 members, each one hoping to become the largest chapter in the country. Southwest Los Angeles has challenged our Chicago chapter with: "The gauntlet is flung! Here is the challenge, Chicago! We'll be a bigger chapter than you by national convention, or our name ain't Davy Crockett. On with the race, to the victor the spoils!"

Chicago has led the nation for seven successive years. Chicago will not allow anyone to dislodge them from the top of the list.

We are now in the midst of our most ambitious membership campaign and are marshalling our forces to conduct our drive on several fronts. Kumeo Yoshinari is moving ahead with memberships among the Issei. Tom Okabe is getting set for action on 1000 Club memberships. Yoshi Nishimoto, our chapter tabulator, is prepared to process incoming memberships. Esther Hagiwara is efficiently handling dues turned in at the JACL office. House to house calling will soon get underway.

So, to those chapters trying to outdistance Chicago, watch our dust!

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Chicago.

1,200 attend regional Bussei meet in Sac'to

SACRAMENTO. — Tsukasa Saneto of Los Angeles was elected president of the Western Young Buddhist League at its 14th annual meeting here last weekend attended by some 1,200 delegates. Saneto succeeds Kenji Osaki of Orosi. June Kuwano of Palo Alto was named "Miss Bussei of 1956" from among five candidates named by districts within the WYBL. The 19-57 convention has been awarded to San Jose, it was understood.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 24 (Saturday)
 - Placer County—Jr. JACL Installation, JACL Hall.
 - Chicago—Recognitions dinner.
 - East L.A.—Memberships dinner-dance, Swally's, 7 p.m.
 - San Francisco—Auxiliary benefit dance, Buddhist Hall.
- Mar. 25 (Sunday)
 - Portland—Benefit movie.
 - Tulare County—Benefit movie, Dinuba Buddhist Church, 7 p.m.
 - Parmer—Community picnic, Kearney Park, (Alt. date: Apr. 8).
- Mar. 28 (Wednesday)
 - Salt Lake City—Welcome Night, pre-basketball tournament dance.
- Mar. 29 (Thursday)
 - San Diego—Issei Citizens banquet, Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29-30-31
 - Salt Lake City—21st Nat'l Nisei Basketball Tournament, Judge Memorial High School gym.
- Mar. 30 (Friday)
 - San Francisco—Movie Night, Friends Service Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m.
 - Venice-Culver — Voters Registration night, Venice Gakuen, 12448 Brad-dock Dr., 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 31 (Saturday)
 - D.C.—Potluck supper, Joppa Lodge, 4209-9th St. NW.
 - 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.
- April 7 (Saturday)
 - D.C.—Spring Dance (semi-formal), Airport Terrace Room, 10 p.m.
- Apr. 8 (Sunday)
 - Delano—Community picnic.
- Apr. 11 (Wednesday)
 - East L.A.—General meeting.
- Apr. 14 (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)
 - San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Tokyo Sukiyaki.
 - 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—Situation party.
 - Detroit—Spring Social, Elk's Hall.
- Apr. 27 (Friday)
 - Philadelphia—General meeting, International Institute, 645 N. 15th St., 8 p.m.
- Apr. 28 (Saturday)
 - Pasadena—Benefit movie, Cleveland School Auditorium, "24 No Hitomi".
 - Chicago—Bridge-scrabble party.
- Apr. 29 (Sunday)
 - French Camp — Community picnic, Micke Grove, 10 a.m.
 - Cortez—Community picnic (tentative).
- May 5 (Saturday)
 - East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Santa Monica Elks Club.