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EDITORIALS:

JACLER defends Mexican nationals

The first two weeks of April were not quiet ones for some residents of Watsonville in the agricultural Casserly district. They were protesting the construction of another labor camp in which to house 400 more Mexican nationals, boosting the migratory laboring group there to 2,000.

As protests grew louder, emotions were injected. One regarded Mexican workers as "animals" and another told the county supervisors they were "half savages". The labor-camp controversy exacted many insults but some level-thinking was evidenced by Ted Arao, a strawberry grower with many years in JACL, who spoke up condemning residents for their accusations.

"I can't stand by and let these men be smeared without speaking up. They're fine people and essential to agriculture," Arao declared. It showed his JACL breeding, you might say, for one Nisei took exception before his neighbors and defended the dignity of the human race. "These men are human. They have feelings just like everyone else, and I don't like to hear them called 'animals' and 'half savages'."

While the controversy ended with plans dropped to construct a labor camp in that area, the incident bore admirable traits in his plea for humanity.

In the midst of the controversy, one unionist said imported labor was unnecessary. On the other hand, its necessity was underscored by the Register-Pajaronian, the valley's well-edited newspaper, as migratory workers were essential to the peculiar agricultural economy existing there.

One wonders whether the importation of 3,000 laborers from Japan to the U.S. might revive similar protests.

COLORADO NISEI NAMED AS TOP FARMER OF YEAR

PITTSBURGH. — A young Nisei farmer, who was once displaced from his California home because of his Japanese ancestry, Thursday last week was named one of the nation's four outstanding young farmers of 1955, the United Press noted in its lead covering the awards banquet of the U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Y. Sakata, 29, Brighton, Colo., survived wartime relocation, critical injuries suffered in an automobile wreck, and severe burns in a farm explosion to win one of the awards made by a panel of nationally prominent agricultural experts.

Chiaki Kato, 29, of Kealahou, Hawaii, was presented to a large audience as Hawaii's outstanding young farmer of 1955.

Other winners announced at a banquet were A. D. Sprague Jr., 35, Sturgis, Ky., general farmer; William A. Powell, 35, Princeton, Mo., dairy farmer; and John R. Beckstrand, 35, Warwick, N.D., a grain farmer and cattleman.

More than 600 Jaycee chapters throughout the country took part in the search for the most outstanding young men in agriculture in the second annual awards program of the U.S. Jaycees and the American Petroleum Institute Committee on Agriculture. Community and state eliminations were held in 47 states and Hawaii.

Sakata was awarded an engraved trophy for his successful farm operations as a specialist in truck gardening and grain farming.

Sakata was relocated inland in 1941. After graduation from high school, he bought 15 acres of run-down land which could not be irrigated. In six years, he ran his holdings up to 55 acres. Then came the auto wreck that killed his father and left Sakata with a severely injured leg in a metal brace.

Partially crippled, Sakata was so badly burned in a farm explosion in 1952 that he was given up for dead. But he returned to farming after 29 skin grafts. He still faces possible amputation of a leg.

Despite the obstacles, Sakata today owns a 175-acre farm and manages 640 acres nearby. He is credited with outstanding soil management.

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Hour-long all-Japanese TV show features JACL program to Oregon-Idaho audiences

BOISE. — Two JACL chapters in this region of eastern Oregon and Western Idaho—the Snake River and Boise Valley JACLs—combined forces to assist Bonnie Wallace present an hour-long all-Japanese television show over station KBOI (2) last week.

Manabu Yamada, past Boise Valley chapter president and veteran JACLER, added significance to the afternoon TV show by presenting a brief history of the national JACL movement. Steven Hirai, current chapter president, closed the program by reading the Japanese American Creed.

George Iseri, immediate past president of the Snake River chapter, and Roy Kaneyama, who was

State supreme court backs up Nisei in damage suit against sand-rock firm

PHOENIX. — Probably the first damage suit involving Nisei plaintiffs reaching the Arizona Supreme Court, a new trial by Gunichi Matsumoto and his wife Shizuyo against the Arizona Sand and Rock Co. was ordered Apr. 3 by the high tribunal.

The Matsumotos, who live at Rt. 3 Box 256, Mesa, have been farming for several years.

The decision reversed earlier judgment in Maricopa County Superior Court for a directed verdict in favor of the defendant company.

The plaintiffs asked damages for personal injuries suffered by Mrs.

Matsumoto when she was struck by a rock hurled at her by the tires of a passing vehicle.

They contended that the company trucks were loaded in such a manner that gravel and rocks spilled and fell onto the roadway.

The court, in a unanimous opinion written by Justice M. T. Phelps, said:

"We believe that defendant owed a duty to the public generally not to knowingly overload the trucks xxx to the extent that rocks falling therefrom might create a dangerous or hazardous condition upon the highways."

JACL REGIONAL OFFICE VANDALIZED, BURGLARIZED FOR SIXTH TIME

Vandalism scored as the work of an anti-Nisei psychopath stabbed its ugliest sores last weekend when the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office was burglarized for the sixth time inside of four months.

Typewriters in the office sustained the worst damage as mimeograph ink, duplicating fluid and

hand lotion were poured into the mechanism.

Files of the Pacific Citizen circulation department, which occupies the third room in the rear of the JACL suite in the Miyako Hotel, were also disarranged. The duplicating process fluid, which is highly solvent, was also poured over letters, checks and envelopes, obliterating some of the ink-written portions.

Some checks for renewals and new subscriptions were damaged by the vandals, according to Bessie Yamamoto and Ruby Fukunaga of the circulation staff.

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Eastland to head I&N subcommittee

WASHINGTON. — Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), chairman of the full judiciary committee, has been named chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

He succeeds the late Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, (D., W. Va.) in both of these posts.

Other members are Democratic Senators Olin D. Johnston (S.C.) and Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (Mo.); Republican Senators Arthur V. Watkins (Utah), Everett McKinley Dirksen (Ill.), and John Marshall Butler (Md.).

Staff director of the subcommittee is Richard Arens who was staff director when the Immigration and Nationality Act (Walter-McCarran) Act was passed in 1952 under the late Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), likewise chairman of both committees.

JACL raps flood of anti-Semitic letters

A hate-monger is attempting to pit persons of the Jewish faith against persons of Japanese ancestry in Southern California and will probably have little success.

This turn of events came to light yesterday when Tats Kushida, So. Calif. JACL regional director, was informed by Mark Keats, executive director of the Eastside Jewish Community Center, that he had received a typewritten letter signed by the "Niseis of Kawakita Society".

The contents of the letter (which cannot be printed because of its abusive and profane language) was described as acidly anti-Semitic by Kushida. It was postmarked from Gardena, Calif.

(Last February, the Gardena chief of police had reported to the JACL office that a letter signed in the same manner had been circulated, although the content was not divulged at that time, and turned over to the FBI for investigation.)

The Japanese American community was indignant that this inflammatory and defamatory letter had been circulated.

Joseph Roos, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, also informed the JACL office that several synagogues and Jewish service groups had received the same letter from Gardena, some original and others carbon copy.

"I can't believe that this could be the work of any person of Japanese ancestry," he said.

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SENATE PASSES BILL AMENDING FULBRIGHT ACT

WASHINGTON. — Of interest to future exchange students from Japan is a proposed amendment to the U.S. Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 (the Fulbright Act) requiring students coming to study here as an exchange visitor, either under private or government sponsorship, to return to their native land for at least two years following departure from the United States before change of status can be granted, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned.

The proposed amendment, introduced by Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) last July, was recently passed by the Senate.

The House Foreign Affairs committee presently has the bill under consideration.

The pending bill would require a person who is admitted to the United States as an exchange visitor to return to his country of origin or to a cooperating country and to reside there for a total period of two years before becoming eligible for an immigration visa and permanent reentry into the United States or for a non-immigrant visa.

One of the requisites under the exchange program at the present time is that a person who fails to maintain the status under which he was admitted or who fails to depart at the expiration of the time for which he was admitted can be taken into custody or deported. Thus, such a visitor is prevented by law from changing his status or from applying for suspension of deportation orders.

However, there is nothing to deter him from qualifying for an immigration visa after leaving the United States and from being readmitted immediately from say either Canada or Mexico.

Moreover, increasing numbers of exchange visitors attempt to nullify the requirement that they return to their homeland by obtaining special relief bills authorizing them to remain in the United States and transforming their status from that of non-immigrant visitor to immigrant.

Last June President Eisenhower vetoed a private bill which would have allowed a foreign exchange student from Austria to remain here permanently.

In his veto message he urged that Congress enact a bill proposed by the State Department which would require foreign students to

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PASADENA APPLIES FOR FIRST JACL CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION DEALS

PASADENA. — Recently acknowledged as the first JACL chapter to submit pre-registrations for the 14th biennial national JACL convention to be held in San Francisco, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, the local group announced 10 have submitted \$20 each for package deals to cover convention fees.

Marian Shingu, student at Los Angeles State College, was selected as chapter representative for the Jr. JACL portion of the national convention.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Salesman Frank

Denver

At an hour when most folks are getting ready for bed, someone knocked on our door with the urgency of a Western Union messenger delivering his last telegram before getting off for the night. The man on the porch turned out to be Frank Uyeda whom we hadn't seen in a decade or more. Thus Frank got a welcome considerably warmer than is usually accorded door-to-door salesmen which, at the moment, is what Mrs. Uyeda's oldest son happens to be.

Frank, a bantam-sized buzz-saw, is one of Nisei-dom's real characters. In his way, he has earned the right to be mentioned in the same breath with such fascinating personalities as T. John Fujii, Andy Shiga, Tom Takagi and a small handful of other blithe souls who make this world a more interesting place in which to tarry.

But to get back to Frank's mission, he holds the franchise in five thinly populated states—Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Colorado—for the sale of Meito china imported by a firm known as Celebrity of Hawaii. Meito specializes in dinnerware, not dime store quality, but real class merchandise handsomely designed and priced accordingly. (The stuff is so good the company replaces without charge any piece that becomes chipped or cracks. If you bust something, you're entitled to a replacement at half price.) These sets are sold on a door-to-door basis and Frank was making a few calls while lining up a crew of local salesmen. Doing mighty well, too, he says.

ONCE FELL OUT OF PLANE

The event that set Frank apart from most other personalities took place in his youth, at a time when Frank was smitten with flying. One day he persuaded Henry Ohye, the pioneer Nisei pilot, to take him up for a ride. Henry was flying one of those open cockpit jobs, and if he told Frank to fasten his seat belt, the warning went unheard. At any rate, after Henry was safely airborne, he eased the plane over on its back. Gravity did the rest. With no belt to hold him in, Frank Uyeda suddenly found himself separated from the airplane and falling rapidly toward some farmland a couple of thousand feet away, straight down. Fortunately Frank was wearing a parachute and he had the presence of mind to pull the string that put it into action.

Until he showed up the other night, the last time we'd seen Frank was the day he dropped in on us in Des Moines, Ia. Frank was driving a clunker that used almost as much oil as gasoline. He was trying to get from Cleveland or Detroit or somewhere like that to Los Angeles. After consuming a meal he disappeared under the car and undertook major surgery calculated to keep the car operating until it reached the sun-kissed land. It never did complete the journey. Frank said that when the car finally quit, he sold the tires for more than he'd paid for the whole thing and finished his trip by bus.

DID SOME AUTO-RACING

Since then he's been many places and done a lot of things. For a while he was exporting construction machinery to Mexico and buying up scrap iron. Then he got into the automobile racing business. He drove on various Southern California tracks until he piled into a fence and heard the rustle of angel wings. Since he has a long-suffering wife and five youngsters to worry about, he gave up driving but continued to back a racing car. Eventually that got too expensive and so Frank opened a discount house called U & I Sales in Los Angeles, dealing in everything from toothpicks to whole buildings, with electrical appliances and used cars thrown in for good measure.

Leaving that business to his wife, he went up to see what Las Vegas, Nev., was like. He worked as a gardener until he learned what made the town click (It was money.) Then he opened another discount house, began to deal in tropical fish, and kept himself happily busy. One day the operator of one of Vegas's big hotels complained to Frank about the high cost of replacing chipped dishes. A little while later Frank heard about Meito and its guarantee, and that's how come he's peddling chinaware, running businesses in L.A. and Vegas, and running up 100,000 miles a year on his car.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Middle East crisis

While the world (especially the U.S.) has read every line from Monaco this week on the Prince Rainier & Grace Kelly wedding, the eighth anniversary of the founding of Israeli last Monday and the thunder over the Middle East actually interests me more. Last Sunday I had an occasion to listen to an American of Lebanese descent who studied for his doctorate in economics as a Fulbright scholar in Egypt several years ago. Omifous was his fear that Israeli might declare a preventive war this year and possibly touch off World War III. Skirmishes in Korea or off Formosa in the Far East or along the Iron Curtain areas of Europe lack the economic significance of global war as attached to the Middle East which controls industrial life lines for England and western Europe as well as India and Australia.

The expressed fear of Israeli's action was based on growing success being achieved by the Arab nations' economic blockade of Israeli. The little republic (about the size of Kern County, Calif.) has been struggling for its existence. Unable to do business with its neighboring countries (and Palestine has long been noted as the workshop for the Near
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Gardening pick-up truck insurance rate lowered in L.A.

Metropolitan Los Angeles gardeners of Japanese descent have compiled such an enviable safe driving record in their pickups that members of the L.A. Japanese Casualty Insurance Association are lowering their automobile insurance rates considerably.

A new rate structure, devised by consolidating records of seven offices over the past five years, went into effect this week, announced Anson Fujioka, JCIA chairman.

Specifically, the premium changes are based on current National Bureau of Casualty Underwriter rates charged to private passenger automobiles.

The basic Bodily Injury and Property Damage rates were changed from \$80 to \$50.

Increased limits, in any desired combination, are also available at lower rates. Further advantages can be gained by placing the second automobile in the same insurance policy, it was added.

If the second unit is used for pleasure only, the basic premium would be slashed from the current Los Angeles rate of \$42 to \$31.50 for a 25 percent reduction in rate. An additional 25 percent reduction is also applied to other available coverage in the same instance, as Comprehensive or \$50 Deductible Collision.

Credit union officers

MINNEAPOLIS. — George Yoshino was elected chairman of the local UCL Credit Union, assisted by Earl Tanbara, v.c., Ed Yoshikawa, treas., Frank Fujimoto, sec., and George Rokutani, pub.

PORTLAND. — Dr. Yoshio Sato, former Portland physician, left last week for Japan to represent the U.S. Public Health Service at the medical research convention to be held in Kyushu University.



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Alabama plans three-way schools to preserve system

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The state of Alabama started a new program this past week at preserving school segregation by voluntary instead of mandatory compliance.

Gov. James E. Folsom signed in to law a bill to give parents a freedom of choice in sending their children to segregated or integrated schools. A three-way school system was visualized with segregated schools for white and Negro and one integrated for both. The law applies to primary and secondary schools only.

Seek \$25,000 for three claim awards

WASHINGTON. — President Eisenhower has requested the Senate Appropriations Committee for supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$25,537.08 in payment for three evacuation claims awards, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed.

The evacuee claimants who have settled their claims for losses on real and personal property are the following:

Bill M. Doi, \$2,971.65; George Kimura, Jr., \$11,917.69; Theodore K. Segawa and Angie Chiyoko Segawa, \$10,647.83.

These awards are for adjudications concluded by the Attorney General on claims of Japanese Americans evacuated from mili-

Tokyo Rose to face deportation trial in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO. — Iva Toguri D'Aquino, 39, convicted of treason for her "Tokyo Rose" broadcasts from Japan during World War II, will face deportation proceedings in San Francisco some time in June.

The Los Angeles-born woman who broadcast appeals to American GIs to quit fighting was paroled in January after serving 6½ years of a 10-year sentence for treason.

She has been living with her father and brother in Chicago and had until last Friday to leave the United States voluntarily or face deportation action.

The Immigration Service and parole officers granted her approval to move to San Francisco because her attorney, Wayne Collins, has offices there.

Moses Lake Nisei heads PSK fraternity at WSC

PULLMAN, Wash. — Kaye K. Tanaka, son of Tom Tanaka, Route 2, Box 38, Moses Lake, has been selected president of Phi Sigma Kappa at the fraternity election.

Tanaka, a senior at Washington State College, is majoring in mechanical engineering. He is a member of Sigma Tau, engineering honorary.

tary zones as provided in the Evacuation Claims Act.

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Alien land law

Denver

Part II

■ Anti-Japanese agitation in California attained its full force in the years from 1918 to 1924 when Congress passed what history calls the Japanese Exclusion Act.

It was a time, as a government report later noted, "when the progress made by Japanese farmers during the war years became the focus of men no longer preoccupied with war activities. Those let out from the factories resented Japanese control of land. And the returning soldiers were easily roused to antagonism toward the Japanese, whose position contrasted with their own economic insecurity. The Governor of California also pointed out that the politicians manipulated this hostility for their own purposes."

All the agencies of public information were flooded with the high tide of anti-Japanese propaganda. Books, movies and articles appeared about the "Japanese problem." Politicians took the stump and made it the major issue of the state campaign in 1920. The Joint Immigration Committee marshaled its member agencies—the Legion, the Grange, the Native Sons and the State Federation of Labor—into the fight to pass amendments tightening the Alien Land Law. Governor Stephens was called on to call a special session to consider such amendments. When he refused, the anti-Japanese interests were able to put their proposed restrictions on the ballot as an initiative measure.

In the 1920 election the Alien Land Law measure was passed by a vote of 668,438 to 22,086, a margin of some 30 to 1. It was the high water mark of racism in California. Copying the Golden State, many other western states passed duplicates of the California law.

The agitation continued until, four years later, the exclusion act was passed by Congress over the expressed opposition of President Coolidge.

DORMANT PERIOD: 1924-1940

■ After the Japanese Exclusion Act the bigots were quieted. The 1920 Alien Land Law may have served to limit the expansion of farm operations by alien Japanese and their citizen children, but it did not destroy Japanese-operated farming. In 1940, twenty years after the 1920 amendments, there were 5,135 Japanese-operated farms worth \$65,781,000.

In the decades between the two wars, the Nisei came of age and the "Japanese problem," as the politicians still called it, was transposed from an issue involving aliens to one concerning citizens as well.

With the exception of rare outbreaks such as the Salt River valley demonstrations in Arizona in 1934, there was little violence. The Joint Immigration Committee carried on its campaign to alert the citizenry to the potential menace posed by the Japanese American population. The Hearst press worried about spies and saboteurs. But, in general, the "Japanese problem" lay dormant.

Meanwhile, the maturing Nisei formed an organization of their own in 1930 on a national scale, the Japanese American Citizens League. Its purpose was to deal with the problems of the citizen generation of Japanese ancestry.

Pearl Harbor brought the California anti-Japanese movement back for its final fling. Leaders of the racist pressure groups immediately began to exploit the war with Japan for an attack upon the resident population of Japanese ancestry. In *American Betrayed*, Morton Grodzins notes that these groups demanded mass evacuation and names "the most active proponents," among them "certain agricultural and business groups, chambers of commerce, the American Legion, the California Joint Immigration Committee, and the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West."

ACTIVITIES HEIGHTENED

■ In the months that followed the evacuation, these groups demanded further restrictive action, including permanent exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the coastal area. The veterans in anti-Japanese activity, like the Native Sons, were joined in their demands by representatives of commercial interests which stood to gain from continued exclusion. Meanwhile, the promoters of prejudice were busy organizing new groups to exploit wartime hysteria under such names as No Japs, Inc., Remember Pearl Harbor League and Japanese Exclusion League.

Unlike the situation which existed two decades before, the Japanese Americans were not without a considerable amount of support. Forthright backing for the cause of the Nisei came from private citizens. Representatives of the National JACL told the Nisei story throughout the country.

Former Senator J. H. Inman, then president of the California Oriental Exclusion League, predicted the doom of the anti-Japanese movement when the War Department announced its decision to form a special Nisei combat regiment. "We can't put them in uniform and fight them, too," was the substance of Inman's comment.

The wartime behavior of the Japanese American population dulled the axes of the anti-Japanese hatchetmen. The record of Nisei soldiers in battle applied the coup de grace. The "No Japs Wanted" signs came down in such varied places as Hood River, Ore., Salinas, Calif., and Sumner, Wash.

SUCCESS OF JACL

■ The National JACL has done a remarkable job in helping transform the courage of Nisei GIs and the loyalty of the Japanese American population as a whole into the reality of remedial legislation by Congress. Since 1946, when its legislative program was set into motion, the JACL has helped obtain the stay of deportation law, the evacuation claims measure and scores of private bills benefiting individuals in need of legislative relief.

In 1952 Congress passed the McCarran-Walter Act which repealed the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 and removed racial discrimination from the nation's immigration and naturalization codes. It is doubtful if this provision would have been included in the act were it not for the work of the JACL. This action, in a single stroke, wiped out four decades of activity by anti-Japanese interests. It invalidated the California Alien Land Law and scores of similarly restrictive statutes in which arbitrary discrimination is based on eligibility to citizenship.

The California Alien Land Law, of course, remains. It is a useless appendage, a statutory vermiform appendix, but it is a symbol of a shameful past. Now Californians will have an

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Watsonville JACLer rises to defense of Mexican nationals subjected to smear by residents protesting labor camp proposal

WATSONVILLE. — Location of labor camps was a hot issue in Santa Cruz county for about three weeks.

Some residents of Watsonville's agricultural Casserly district in the first week of April were considerably disturbed by the influx of labor camps, which would boost the population of migratory workers to include 2,000 Mexican nationals.

Twenty-three residents on Webb Road appeared before the Salsipuedes school board April 9 to protest construction of another labor camp, the fourth such camp in a mile radius of the school, to house Mexican nationals.

A nine-man committee of the same residents appeared before the Santa Cruz County planning commission two days later to make similar protests and persuade the

builder to build elsewhere. The Casserly residents won their fight when, last Friday, County Supervisor Francis Silliman informed the group Joseph Frederick of Salinas, the builder, would not go ahead with the camp.

Ted Arao spoke up at the Thursday Supervisorial hearing condemning Casserly district residents for their accusations against Mexican nationals in opposing establishment of another labor camp in that area.

Arao, who operates a labor camp on Webb road, took exception to a number of statements made by residents of the Casserly district at a meeting April 6, and before the board of supervisors April 10.

Jim Lewis, a property owner in the district, likened the nationals to "animals." One person at the supervisors' meeting called them "half savages."

"I can't stand by and let these men be smeared without speaking up," Arao said. "They're fine people and essential to agriculture."

Arao is a strawberry grower and each year houses several hundred Mexican nationals at his camp. He said the only legitimate squawk the citizens might have is that the nationals play a juke box in the camp "quite late."

"These men come in from the fields," he said, "and they're tired and lonesome. They like a little music."

Casserly residents have complained that the Mexican nationals litter the area with rubbish, don't use toilet facilities, and drink and create disturbances. Some say they fear for the safety of their children because of the nationals.

Arao said a number of Mexican nationals who were transferred from his camp to Shasta county last winter worked two days and nights on the Yuba City levees without sleep or pay.

He displayed a letter from the March of Dimes of Anderson commending the nationals in their help in the campaign there.

"These men are human," Arao said. "They have feelings just like everyone else, and I don't like to hear them called 'animals' and 'half savages'."

Arao has been a steady member of the local JACL since its reactivation. He is also a board member of the Central Coast Labor Association. His brother Henry distinguished himself as a 442nd infantryman, winning the Distinguished Service Medal.

Supervisor Silliman had defended the existence of labor camps as being essential to the Pajaro valley economy. He said there had been a minimum amount of trouble with the Mexicans and pointed out that there had not been a case of violence.

Local law enforcement records, it was pointed out, also supported the record of imported laborers. Mexican nationals imported here have a far lower crime rate per capita than the same number of pure-white Anglo-Saxon—all U.S. servicemen—housed in a camp.

Nisei-invented electronic bagpipe worries Scots, one paper fears wide catastrophe

TORONTO. — The Nisei invention of an electronic bagpipe has stirred up worried comments from many quarters. The demonstration recently made by D. M. Sugimoto, student at Royal Military College in Kingston, has given many people, especially the Scots, reason for worry.

At least one Canadian newspaper thought the subject serious enough to comment on its editorially. The Montreal Star said:

"A misguided (as we hold) young man at the Royal Military College has invented an electronic bagpipe and unleashed the thing and played that grand old rant, 'The Road to the Isles' before an audience."

"Let it be understood; we do not decry the bagpipe as an instrument of music—time and place being propitious. What we fear is that if Mr. Sugimoto's contraption is put on the market at a popular price the effect would be catastrophic."

"It takes great skill to play the pipes worthily, as we have read. Your McCrimmon apprentice practiced seven years on the chanter before being allowed to touch the

full pipes. Moreover it calls for great physical strength and endurance. These two things kept the number of pipers at large to a safe minimum."

"But with these automatic outrages obtainable, who of us is safe? Will the machine charge up and down while playing like its human prototype? Can you turn it off, once it gets started, or, in other words how far does it partake of the human and how far of the machine in its nature and attributes?"

"And as a last and awful thought: what if by a further perversion of human ingenuity the thing could be hooked on to a juke box?"

ISHIMARU LEADS INSURANCE SALES

Haruo Ishimaru of San Francisco West Coast Life Insurance Co. Agency was announced as leader for the entire firm in their recent "Set the Pace" sales contest covering the first six weeks of the year.

Milwaukee Clers assist Junior League program

MILWAUKEE.—A group of Nisei here recently contributed their talent at the Children Arts program sponsored by the Milwaukee Junior League by appearing in a Japanese folk tale, "Hanasaka Jijii". The beautiful props and scenery were made by Junior League members.

Participating were: Lil Kataoka, Pat Higuchi, Chris Meyer, Kiki Momoi, Miki Aratani, Nami Shio, Toshi Nakahira, Etsu Date, Mary Oura, Jennett Tada, Pat Higuchi, Lil Moritsugu, and Jo Yamashita.

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San Francisco
The rich reserve of JACLers that San Francisco, the host city for our 14th Biennial National Convention, can draw upon is becoming a vital factor as "Changing Perspectives" looms ever closer. The recent loss of Yori Wada from the staff of the Souvenir Booklet, left a large gap to be filled. Fortunately a tried and proven substitute has stepped into the breach. All of you readers know of the young lady who spearheaded the most successful JACL membership drive in history, which has netted almost 1,100 members to date for the San Francisco Chapter. My spies tell me that this is the largest paid up membership of any chapter since the birth of JACL. Now the lady-in-question, Thelma Takeda, brings her talents to the Convention Board as Souvenir Booklet Editor.

Our money says that, with Thelma at the helm as editor, Sim Terasaki providing the business brains, Hats Aizawa and Hisashi Tani taking care of the artistic side, and Scotty Tsuchiya cultivating the advertising, the 1956 Convention Booklet just can't miss. Sim, you know, is a young "old timer" with JACL in his blood, who was on the firing line when the going was tough for our organization. Busy as he is, he has always been on call to lend his experience wherever needed. Scotty is another staunch JACLer who is taking time out from making money, to insure that "Changing Perspectives" doesn't lose money.

1000 CLUB SHINDIG

Plans are cooking to make the traditional 1000 Club Shindig at the 14th Biennial as exciting and refreshing as possible. The idea is to make this affair another in the long line of successful ones that have been enjoyed by countless 1000 Clubbers, and also to welcome, and include in the festivities, those many newcomers who have swelled the 1000 Club ranks during the past biennium. As the 1000 Club Chairman on the local level, we have Frank Oda, member of the NCWN District Council Board and active leader of the Sonoma County Chapter, who happens to make his home in San Francisco. Frank and Social Events Chairman, Kei Hori, have been in touch with National 1000 Club Chairman, Shig Wakamatsu, who has submitted a flock of ideas for this 1000 Club funfest.

SALUTE TO THE LADIES

Last Sunday, this corner was privileged to be a guest of the ever-active San Francisco Women's Auxiliary at a luncheon meeting held at the picturesque Tokyo Sukiyaki Restaurant, located on world famous Fisherman's Wharf. The ladies were gathered to hear National Director Mas Satow review the history and highlights of the JACL movement, and this writer reported the progress of plans for "Changing Perspectives". There are rumors going around that a program of some kind focused upon the Women's Auxiliary movement, which seems to be gaining so much momentum among the chapters, may be included in Convention plans.

CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



Hospital bias

Chicago

● An ordinance forbidding hospitals to bar admission of any patients because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry was enacted Mar. 21 by the City Council, making Chicago the first city in the country to have made civil rights in the medical area a part of its municipal code.

Alderman Sidney A. Jones said the ordinance was passed with a marked absence of bitterness and rancor. "Much will be needed to implement it," he said, but added that "hospitals contend that any discrimination has been because staff doctors, and not the hospitals themselves, admit patients."

Dr. Franklin C. McLean of the Univ. of Chicago expressed the hope that this action will be followed by voluntary measures on the part of hospitals to place Negro doctors on their staffs.

ARTS FESTIVAL MAY BE ANNUAL

● An estimated attendance of 1,200 people at the first Japanese arts festival, Mar. 10-11, at the McCormick YWCA has encouraged its sponsors, the Society of Fine Arts, to seriously consider the picturesque affair as an annual event. The group, headed by Emiko Suzuki, also received many enthusiastic comments. . . . The festival was planned from mid-January with Helen Hori as general chairman. Bill Fujii and Kenji Nakane were co-ordinators.

● The India Association and Chicago Buddhist Church co-sponsored the Wesak Day celebrations Apr. 8 at the Univ. of Chicago Mandel Hall. Dr. Sunder Joshi spoke on "Why Christians Believe in Buddha", while Rev. Gyomay Kubose delivered the day's message, "Buddhism in America". . . . The Christ Congregational Church will celebrate its 10th anniversary on May 18-20.

● The South may be losing many of its well-educated Negroes, reports the American Friends Service Committee, which has noted about a 50% increase in job applications from well-trained Southern applicants to Chicago during the first three months of the year. John Yoshino, director of the job program, added however that a large majority of the 5,000 or more southern Negroes who are estimated to be coming to Chicago each month are unskilled. But he also pointed out that the increase in arrivals who are high school and college graduates represents a new trend.

"Among them are teachers, social workers, office workers and others," Yoshino said. "From what they tell us, they have now given up hope of getting ahead in the South. They hope to find the opportunities they want here. The South seems to be losing some of its best potential Negro leadership."

OVER 200 ATTEND EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONVENTION AT SEABROOK

BY AYAKO N. NAKAMURA

SEABROOK. — At what can be termed as a brilliant success, over 200 persons attended the banquet held at the Cumberland Hotel in Bridgeton as a major highlight of the EDC JACL convention during the April 14-15 weekend with the Seabrook Chapter as hosts.

Notables delivering timely messages included T. Millet Hand, U.S. Congressman from New Jersey, and W. Howard Sharp, State Senator from Cumberland County. Congressman Hand reviewed in his address, the brilliant record of the Nisei Combat Team which resulted from the confines of the war relocation centers, while Senator Sharp brought personal greetings from Governor Robert Meyner.

Words of welcome were extended by Mayor Thomas Dailey of Bridgeton and Belford L. Seabrook, vice-president of Seabrook Farms. Also greeting the guests were host chapter president, Henry Furushima, and EDC Chairman William Sasagawa of Philadelphia. Responding was active JACLer Harold S. Fister, formerly of Seabrook and now of New York.

Miss Marion Glaser, now of New York but for many years an officer of the Seabrook Chapter, was honored at a testimonial with appropriate words by Vernon Ichisaka, who also made the presentation of a gift in behalf of the local chapter.

The manifold banquet program also included the installation ceremony of the newly elected Seabrook Chapter officers with Cumberland County Court Judge Harry Adler administering the oath.

Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka in his congratulatory address emphatically stressed the need for the furtherance of the JACL, so long as there are the "Lincoln Yamamotos" who would make it necessary. He cited the danger of "letting the other fellow bear the burden" and pointed out the vital role JACL members can play in maintaining peaceful U.S.-Japan relations.

The eventful evening was capably handled by toastmaster John Fuyume and featured vocal renditions by baritone William Wakatsuki with the emcee himself at the piano.

Cabinet members installed for the 1956-57 term are as follows: George Noda, president; William Tagawa and Richard Kunishima, vice-presidents; Fujio Sasaki, Official delegate; Jack Nakayama and

James Yamasaki, alternate delegates; Kiyomi Nakamura, treasurer; Irene Aoki, recording secretary; Margie Mitsui, corresponding secretary; Josie Ikeda, historian, and Henry Furushima, ex officio.

A large crowd enjoyed the dance which climaxed the banquet at the hotel ballroom with Frankie Testa and his orchestra providing the music.

The two-day convention agenda included important cabinet and general assembly meetings taking place at the Seabrook Community House and the hotel. Recreational activities scheduled included bowling and golf tournaments, as well as "go" and "shogi" contests which attracted many Issei enthusiasts.

Disclose current 1,000th Thousander

CHICAGO. — Frank Y. Takahashi, 621 Wellington Ave., was announced by Shig Wakamatsu, national 1000 Club chairman, as the current 1,000th member in the 1956 national campaign for renewals and new 1000ers this past month.

Paid-up membership stood at 1,010 at Mar. 31, Wakamatsu pointed out. Since its inception in 1949, there have been 1,575 members as of Apr. 14.

The 1000 Club is composed of JACLers who contribute \$25 or more a year. When originally founded, it was hoped a 1,000 JACLers contributing \$25 or more a year would sustain JACL administrative expenses.

FRENCH CAMP-TRACY COMMUNITY PICNIC SET

FRENCH CAMP. — The annual French Camp-Tracy community picnic under local JACL sponsorship will be held at the beautiful Mickle Grove near Lodi on Sunday, Apr. 29.

According to George Ogino and Fumio Kanemoto, co-chairmen, preparations and arrangements are on schedule. Numerous athletic events and games will be held on the old baseball field on the westside of the grove from 10 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Both young and old are to be urged to participate for the many prizes. Approximately 30 door prizes will be given as a climax.

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'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—Renewals and new memberships in the 1000 Club received by National JACL Headquarters during the first two weeks of April were acknowledged as follows:

NINTH YEAR
Sequoia—William H. Enomoto.
EIGHTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Frank F. Chuman.
Gardena—Hideo Satow.
SEVENTH YEAR
San Francisco—June Fugita (Fresno).
SIXTH YEAR
Tulare County—Kenji Tashiro.
FIFTH YEAR
New York—Yaye Togasaki.
Philadelphia—Hiroshi Ueyehara.
FOURTH YEAR
San Francisco—Hatsuro Aizawa.
Kingsburg—Mats Ando.
West L.A.—Ichiro Kamiya.
San Diego—Kiyoshi Sakai.
Seattle—Ray I. Kihara.
Chicago—Dr. George J. Kittaka.
Downtown L.A.—David McKibbin.
Mid-Columbia—Mamoru Noji, Harold Y. Okimoto, Ray Sato.
THIRD YEAR
Twin Cities—Dr. Isaac Itjima.
Milwaukee—Helen Inai, Sachi Ishii.
Stockton—Sam M. Itaya.
San Francisco—Tosh Kataoka.
Chicago—George K. Kittaka.
Southwest L.A.—Dr. Victor Makita.
Sequoia—Shozo Mayeda, J. I. Rikimaru.
Pasadena—Kay Momma.
FIRST YEAR
Livingston-Merced—Robert Tanji, Gordon H. Winton Jr.
West L.A.—Dr. Tom Abe, David Akashi, Robert K. Goka, James Kitsuse, Sho Komai, Joe H. Minato, Ben M. Nishimoto, Jim M. Nishimoto, Akira Ohno, George Okamoto.
San Francisco—Mrs. Yo Furuta.
Long Beach—Dr. David M. Miura.
Chicago—Allan I. Hagio, Kinichi Suzuki, Yoshitaka Tanaka.
Alameda—Ryuzo Maeyama.
Gardena—Mrs. Fumi Satow.
Twin Cities—Isamu Shijo.

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco.

Prepare program to appeal to teenagers & Issei

STOCKTON. — A program designed to meet the curiosity of everyone from teenagers to Issei has been arranged for the Stockton JACL meeting tonight at the local Buddhist Church reception room, according to Dr. Dave Fujishige, program chairman.

Dr. David Stadner will present his travel experiences through Asia and India. Mrs. Marjorie Sheridan, instructor at Stockton College, will demonstrate the latest dance steps to be followed by a mixer.



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SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



Mata ha(i)ri

• If it's the same guy, we've got a theory about him. The guy, that is, who made raid No. 6 on our office last Saturday and left a shambles of the desks and files. Just when we had gotten to straighten out our PC circulation, too, after the last vandalism on February 21.

Commissers suggest our arch enemy Linc Yammy, but since we've figured him a phony, the culprit's handle is probably something like Washington Watanabe.

Our theory is that if medical authorities consider an arsonist to be a sexual deviate who receives gratification from his misdeed, our vandalous visitor by the same token must be endowed with perverted sensitivities.

As the pic on page 8 shows, he really had a ball in the PC circ dept. What you can't see is the mixture of mimeo ink, correction fluid and hand lotion poured into the typewriters. Typing now is like blowing your nose with sandpaper—rough.

Which sets the stage for this week's *yubin gakko*. The phrase, "malicious mischief", romanized, is *ma-ri-sha-su mi-su-chi-fu*. There are tremendous etymological possibilities with this combination but we'll offer the usual illogical one.

With unpoetic license, the phonetics give us *ma-ri (kek-kon)*, *sha (wheel)*, *su (vinegar)*, *misu (bachelor girl)*, *chi (breast)* and *fu (who, Issei pronounce)*.

Translation: Who wheel wed that sour spinster? At the editor's insistence, we've deleted reference to the *chi*. Besides, what can a guy do with half of a *chi-chi*? This is not to suggest that our office wrecker is a female freak, but then again, it fits in with our theory.

BLEAK WEEK

• Nothing quite beats the feeling of utter stupidity and futility as when walking out of traffic court after paying a fine for some silly violation. Well, there is one that comes pretty close, we understand, but we can't mention it here, men.

Driving a car by the books is so simple yet we don't know a soul who hasn't learned the hard way that it doesn't pay to chisel on traffic laws.

When Judge John Aiso told us he handled over 500 violators a day when he was sitting on the bench at one of several divisions of the L.A. traffic court, we found it hard to believe. But Tuesday ayem, we were one of over 200 recipients of uncomplimentary citations who were efficiently lined up and paraded before the judge who meted out fines and sentences to a production line of justice inside of two hours.

You either plead guilty and pay a fine or plead not g. and request a court or jury trial. We figure it isn't worth quibbling over a fin fine but there are always a few citees, indignant that theirs is a bum rap, who will demand a trial just to prove that the cop was wrong. Much as we see much merit in what the ticketers are trying to do, we somehow can't help rooting for the principle principals.

With apologies, we inflict the above recitations as our safety valve for a rather dismal week.

SENKYO TOOROKU

• Means voter registration. Now that the deadline is over and we've turned in our deputy's kit to the Registrar of Voters office, we can comment on the political preferences of the 100 or so voting citizens we've sworn in on regis. affidavits.

The naturalized Issei are predominantly Republican (*kyowato*). Their loyalty to the administration under which they attained their citizenship seems to be the ruling factor, forgetting that the Act of 1952 granting them naturalization privileges was enacted in a Democratic (*minshuto*) administration. There was one who resented the D party as being responsible for the evacuation in 1942. Most of the Issei seemed to feel that there were no outstanding differences between the two parties and that they would go along with whichever party was Ike's.

The Nisei registration on the other hand leaned a bit to the Democrats, and they were much more certain of their choice. Other registrars' experiences jibe with ours. The turn-outs at the voter registration programs sponsored by local JACL chapters were unexpectedly high. The voting strength of the JA community in Ellay has now been swelled by many hundreds.

Deputy registrars like Blanche Shiosaki, Kats Kunitsugu, Rosie Sato, Ayaka Takahashi (a newie), Flo Wada and Cal-Jahan Inagaki have volunteered their time many evenings to sign up voters at these sessions. Other registrars have been active in their own precincts—Rei Osaki, Mary Tashima and Ted Okumoto among others.

Probably for the first time, organized party campaigning has taken place among the JA citizenry, with the Issei taking the lead. As spokesmen for the J.A. Democratic Club and the J.A. Republican Assembly, naturalized citizens such as Frank Kurihara (D), Katsuma Mukaeda (R) and Gongoro Nakamura (R), also attend these registration rallies to boost support for their respective political parties among the Issei voters.

Being Mayor of Li'l Tokio won't mean much any more—he's illegit.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

Continued from Page 3

opportunity next November to erase it forever from the statutes. It is the continuing work of the JACL to alert Californians as to the significance of the initiative measure. It was passed by a 30 to 1 vote. It would be significant if it were dispatched by as resounding a margin.

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West Los Angeles JACL held its voters registration service last week before deadline to qualify for the June 5 California primaries. Newly naturalized citizen Sentero Tamura was signed by deputy registrar Jane Ewins while Dave Akashi (left), chapter president, watches.

—Kei Kato Photo.

WLA membership figures disclosed at 'get acquainted'-voters sign-up meeting

BY STEVE YAGI

A "get acquainted" night was held in conjunction with a voters registration service at the April 10 meeting of the West Los Angeles JACL at the WLA Buddhist Church hall. Over 40 voters were registered.

Brief talks were given by speakers representing the Republicans and Democrats explaining the advantages of their respective parties. Assemblyman Thomas Rees was introduced to the meeting as a law maker sympathetic with the interests of the Japanese American community.

Participating in the program was the color guard of the Boy Scout Troop 37. A brief business session was chaired by president Dave

Akashi, with reports given by Mas Oshinomi on chapter finances and Elmer Uchida on membership.

According to membership chairman Uchida, the West Los Angeles chapter has tripled its 1000 Club membership while the regular membership drive has so far signed up 350 members, with a goal of 500.

WRA motion pictures provided by the regional office were shown and a Boy's Day exhibit presented by Japan Air Lines. Winners of door prizes were Mrs. Mary Akashi and Mrs. Mary Ishizuka.

Committees preparing the program were Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda and Ruth Miyada, refreshments; Midori Nishi and Dr. Milton Inouye, films; Steve Yagi, door prizes.

Marysville JACL community picnic in Yuba foothills May 6 at attract 2,000

MARYSVILLE. — JACL's annual community picnic co-chairmen Isao Tokunaga and George Yoshimoto have announced plans for the outing May 6 in the Yuba foothills.

The same locale as last year, it is situated on Spring Valley Rd., on the Sperbeck Ranch, northeast of Highway 20 to Grass Valley and 13 miles from here.

In past years, the picnic attracted over 2,000. Committeemen are preparing for a similar count with games and contests planned to start from 10 a.m.

A benefit movie will be held in the evening at the Marysville Community Hall on B Street. "Monzaburo no Hide" and "Fusetsu Kodokan" are the two features to be shown.

Serving on the committee are: prizes—Sam Kurihara (chmn.), Bill Tsuji, Mosse Uchida, Ben Kawata, Ichiro Yoshimura, Bob Inouye; special prizes—Terry Manji, Sut Itamura; picnic site—George Ishimoto; games—Lucille Tokuno (chmn.), Chiyo Nakagawa, Chizu Hara, Amy Inouye, Francis Iwamura, Marie Kawata, Mary Toyota, Sachi Okimoto, Marie Matsumoto, Gertrude Kurihara, Yukimi Shingu, Mitzi Oji, Yari Terao, Mary Uno, Mary Yamaji.

Race starter — Tom Kurihara;

Sacramento community picnic slated for May 6

SACRAMENTO. — The annual Sacramento community picnic will be held on May 6 at Elk Grove Park with the local JACL as sponsors. An afternoon of games for children and adults is being planned.

SOUTHWEST Y'S MEN'S NAME NISEI PRESIDENT

George Zaima of the Western Knoll Congregational Church was elected president of the Southwest Y's Men's Club, a service group of the Southwest YMCA aiding boys.

p.a.—Tom Teesdale; announcers—Teesdale, Akio Iwanaga; latrine carpenter—Bob Inouye; latrine detail — George Iwanaga; benefit movies — George Nakao (chmn.), Sam Kurihara, Takashi Nishijima, Ralph Kitagawa, Kazue Tagawa; choba—Buntaro Nakamura, Senichi Hatamiya, Sadame Inouye, Satoru Kodama; clean-up — JACL members.

For benefit of mothers, the JACL auxiliary will have a "bottle" warming station on the grounds with Gay Inouye and Tosh Yoshimura in charge.

'24 no Hitomi', top Japanese movie, set for Pasadena JACL chapter benefit Apr. 28

BY MACK YAMAGUCHI

PASADENA. — One of Japan's top motion picture of the past year, Shochiku's "24 no Hitomi", and highly regarded by the foreign correspondents covering Hollywood, will be the main feature at the Apr. 28 JACL benefit at Cleveland

Berkeley JACL planning for June graduates' dance

BERKELEY. — Plans are currently being made by the Berkeley JACL to honor local high school and college graduates at a "Graduates' Prom" Saturday, June 16, according to Richard Yamashiro and Mrs. Kathleen Date, co-chairmen.

Arrangements are being made to secure Hillel Hall on Bancroft Ave. here for the event. Yamashiro added that a combo will furnish the music.

In addition to local graduates, those graduating from schools in other areas who are affiliated with Berkeley groups, are also to be invited, Yamashiro said.

Committees are being organized among students at the high schools, it was added.

Snake River chapter holds biggest vote sign-up in area

ONTARIO, Ore. — As voters registration deadline in Oregon neared for the May 18 primaries, the Snake River JACL sponsored the largest meeting being planned in the area to stimulate registration last Friday at the Airport community hall.

Approximately 100 attended the political information meeting. Clyde Brummel of Portland spoke on the Republican party and Mr. Swearingen of Bend for the Democratic party.

Mamoru Wakasugi chaired the meeting.

The Nikkeijinkai assisted in the meeting with the Rev. Junichi Fujimori interpreting voting regulations for the Issei.

For the first time this year, voters will be required to sign a poll book at the election polls and give present addresses. If the name and address given do not coincide with the name and address on the registration card, the vote will be invalid.

The purpose of the law is to prevent people from voting outside the precinct in which they reside.

Assist Oregon voters

PORTLAND. — Assistance to newly naturalized Issei with voters' registration was given last Monday and Tuesday by the local JACL at the Nikkeijin Kai.

Rummage sale sponsored

by San Francisco auxiliary

SAN FRANCISCO.—Clothes, household furniture, toys, musical instruments, toilet articles, costume jewelry, appliances, tools, books, magazines, and other goods go on sale during a rummage sale sponsored by the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 2135 Sutter St.

This will be a good chance to pick up clothes and other useful notions to send to relatives and friends in Japan.

General Chairman Thelma Takeda called a committee meeting on April 17, at the local JACL Office, where Mrs. Patrick of the Patrick Rummage Shop explained pricing methods, as well as a general outline on how to conduct a rummage sale.

Miss Takeda is asking the Auxiliary members as well as their friends and other interested persons to donate articles for this sale. Pick-up service will be established for those who are unable to deliver their goods to the JACL Office. Donors may call Miss Takeda (Evergreen 6-3172), Viola Nakano (Jordan 7-5663), or the JACL Office (West 1-6644) by Wednesday, April 25, last night for pick-up service.

School Auditorium.

Showing of the near three-hour feature starts at 7:30 p.m. The chapter-sponsored event is chaired by S. Takei, naturalized Issei member of the cabinet and community leader. Sat Yoshizato is in charge of ticket distribution.

A community-wide canvass on the sale of tickets is being planned, according to Harris Ozawa, chapter president. Because of the movie, there will be no general meeting this month, he added. However it was announced a political rally would be held on May 17.

A final committee meeting on the benefit movie is scheduled for Apr. 24 at the Tom Ito residence from 7:30 p.m.

Salt Lake CL officers moot May-June calendar

SALT LAKE CITY. — Board meeting of the Salt Lake Chapter JACL will be held tonight at the residence of Mrs. Jeanne Konishi, 2112 Roberta St. Important business items including plans for the Memorial Day Services and Annual Graduation Dance will be discussed.



Scout Executive T. Byron Hunt (left) of the Chief Seattle Scout Council pins veteran scout pins on the Rev. Emery Andrews, scoutmaster of Troop 53. Waiting behind him to receive pins are Clarence Arai, Grant Beppu, George Okada and Howard Sakura.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Boy Scout Troop 53

Seattle

Scouting is 46 years old. Troop 53 sponsored by the Japanese Baptist Church was 36 years old last week. It was formed April 14, 1920, under the leadership of Clarence Arai who became the first assistant scoutmaster understudying Rex Strickland, at the time boy's school teacher and now realtor.

Honored at the banquet in Chinatown's most modern restaurant were oldtimers who had seen many generations of scouting activity and youngsters who are currently members of the troop. It was impressive to see the many years of endeavor and achievement represented by those honored at the 36th anniversary reunion.

At the top of the list is Rev. Emery Andrews, 35 years a scoutmaster and recently retired after 22 years as pastor of the Japanese Baptist Church. Next in line to receive veteran scout-pins were Clarence Arai, 30 years; Grant Beppu, 20 years; George Okada, 15 years; and Howard Sakura, 10 years; a total of 110 years amongst these five. Reverend Andrews was never a scout. Although he wanted to "join up" as a boy, his parents opposed scouting as "too militaristic" at the time, and perhaps justifiably so. Rev. Andrews determined to be active in scouting and encouraged younger generations to be scouts, as his record well proves.

From the current generation of scouts were nine to receive the God and Country Award, highest scout honor bestowed by the Protestant churches. It was an outstanding distinction for nine such awards to be made at the same time, and all from a single troop. The scouts so honored were Dexter Yamada, George Komoriya, Kunio Homma, Richard Nomura, Richard Hirota, Brooks Andrews, Lonny Kaneko, Edward Hirota and David Fukui.

In the official list of "alumni" of Troop 53, are some 250 names representing former members who are now in all parts of the country, professors, lawyers, doctors, and men who have made their marks in the fields of architecture, engineering and commerce. At the banquet, the alumni made a presentation of the national colors to the troop, a flag that had flown over the Capitol at Washington. It was secured through the joint efforts of former 53 scouter Bill Mimbu and Senator Warren G. Magnuson.

The accomplishments of such a troop are many, and many are the anecdotes connected with the years of scouting. In 1923 the troop colors were decorated with a streamer by President Harding who was on a visit here, for winning the drill competition at the annual Scout field day. In fact, winning the drill competition got to be pretty much of a habit, and we can't recall that Troop 53 ever missed, until the day when drill was eliminated from field day competition in a gesture of "demilitarization".

Your neighbor from this corner, in those days decked out in the Sam Browne belt and shiny leather puttees of the R.O.T.C. used to help as drill master for a few weeks preceding the annual field day. Those were the days of the old army drill, "Squads Right!"—"Left by Squads!" and many more. It would take most of this column to describe in detail the exact footwork required of each squad member to do a simple "Squad Right" according to the old drill regulations. The kids were apt pupils and ate it up.

Then we got the bright idea, and it would be a sort of reward for the scouts too—why not let them show off and learn under Sergeant Boyle, a grizzled but kindly old sarge of 35 years army service who still served as drill instructor at the University. The kids leaned on every word he said, and were amazingly responsive when Sgt. would ask, "Any question?" The troop progressed to the point where it was flawlessly executing maneuvers like "Right/Left front into line" or "On right/left into line", in which each squad leader would order the precise movement of his group into line by his own commands—the sort of deployment dating back to Revolutionary War days when battalions would wheel into line in close order—the front rank would fire a volley, then kneel to reload while the rear rank would step up one pace and fire over their heads. Barring the musket technique, the foot movements were still regulation at the time, and the field judges were stunned.

It was just about this time when some person wrote into the letters to the editor column that he had overheard one Nisei youth ask another, "Are you going to drill tonight?" The accusation in the letter indicated that the writer believed that these Japanese small fry were meeting secretly for military drill in preparation for "der tag." Never proved it but who could the potential "subversives" have been but members of Troop 53?

The Church gym was always active with basketball and
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SAN FRANCISCO JACL OLYMPICS OPEN TO ALL CALIFORNIA NISEI

SAN FRANCISCO. — All 50 JACL chapters within the state of California were being urged to participate in the fourth annual San Francisco JACL Olympics scheduled at Kezar Stadium on Sunday, June 3.

College and high school athletes have been limbering their legs in current scholastic competition, the track meet committee chairman Dick Nishi pointed out. And the annual trackfest has been regarded as the top event where Nisei can gather to test their skill and speed.

Entry blanks for the fourth annual Nisei Olympics scheduled for June 3 in San Francisco are available at the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office in the Miyako Hotel.

Several changes have been noted, the most significant being the elimination of a women's division with a class C division for the young boys. The committee felt the new classification will invite participation from younger groups, such as the Boy Scouts, to enter a team.

Age plays an important role in determining the different classifications—A, B and C. The committee decided that an older athlete, though he may qualify exponentially for a lower bracket will have to compete in the A division. It would prevent a college man, who might have a small build, to compete against a 14-year-old lad who might just be a growing boy.

The committee decided to set 19 as the age qualification—those born before Jan. 1, 1937, must compete in the Ayes. The weight factor will determine B and C athletes—110 to 125 lbs. for the Bees and 110 lbs. and under for the Cees plus the limitation of age as already noted.

Deadline for the meet is set for Saturday, May 26. The committee emphasized there will be no extension of deadline to accommodate late entries as in the past.

As in the past, each team must enter under sponsorship of the local JACL chapter. Chapter presidents have been urged to publicize the JACL Olympics in local high

schools and colleges, contact school coaches, meet with teenage clubs, churches and other organizations.

Entry fees are limited to participants only at \$1.50 per contestant. There will be no team fee.

List of events by classes are as follows:

Ayes—100, 220, 440, 880, Mile, 180 lows, 70 highs, 880 relay; broad jump, high jump, hop-step-jump; pole vault; 12-lb. shotput; discus.

Bees—50, 100, 660, 120 lows, 440 relay; broad jump, high jump, 8-lb. shotput, pole vault.

Cees—50, 100, 440 relay; broad jump, high jump.

The 5-4-3-2-1 scoring system will be employed for team competition. Medals are to be given for 1st and 2nd places, ribbons for the other three positions. Relay events score 5-3-1 with bronze medals going to the winning team, ribbons to 2nd and 3rd places.

The NC-WNDC perpetual trophy will be presented to the winning Northern California team on the basis of accumulated scores in all three divisions. Individual 1st and 2nd place trophies are also slated for teams in each division.

Rules of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, 1956 edition, will apply. Controversies are to be referred to the track referee.

Since the committee will not furnish any physical equipment, contestants may bring their own starting blocks and vaulters should bring their own poles.

Contestants must stay within their entering class and participate in as many events of his class as desired, although it was recommended that three events and relay should be adequate for each contestant bearing in mind that there are heats and semi-finals in the dashes. If necessary, however, a contestant may participate in a relay of the class above his own in lieu of his own class.

The awards dance will follow at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA social hall in the evening.

On the meet committee are Yas Abiko, Kei Hori, Mo Noguchi, Fred Obayashi, Ky Tanamachi, Babe Utsumi and George Yoshinaga.

Niseidom blessed with three good shotput men

SAN FRANCISCO. — Nisei track and field is blessed this year with three of the greatest shot putters of all time, according to George Yoshinaga, sports columnist in the Nichibei Times.

If the San Francisco JACL Olympics committee can assemble the trio, he wrote, "every shotput mark ever registered (by a Nisei) should go by the books".

First, there is Tom Sano of Fowler, who holds the meet record made last year at 52 ft. 1 in. Next there is Herb Yamasaki of Santa Clara High who has passed that mark in current competition and lastly, Tom Yasuda of University High in Los Angeles who has lifted the pellet 52 ft. 7½ in. in a dual meet this week.

Canadian Nisei fullback sings with Calgary pros

CALGARY. — Fullback Joe Yamaguchi, leading contender for rookie honors last season, was signed by Calgary Stampede of the Western Interprovincial Football Union last week.

The Edmonton lad averaged 4.6 yards per carry on 49 attempts and completed 16 passes on 16 thrown to him.

Maryknoll carnival

Dates for the annual Maryknoll School carnival were announced as June 15-16-17 by Father Hugh Lavery, Maryknoll superior here. At a committee meeting held last Tuesday, Art Hiraga was named chairman, and will be assisted by John Saito, recent Loyola University graduate. The next committee meeting is scheduled May 15 at the school.

IGAYA NAMED TO FIRST ALL-AMERICAN SKI TEAM

DENVER. — Chiharu Igaya, Dartmouth's Japanese skiing star, was selected to the first all-American collegiate ski team by the National Ski Association headquartered here. He was named to the Alpine team, composed of eight men, as the top man.

Tok Ishizawa makes keg meet history

Tok Ishizawa, member of the Los Angeles JACL team which won the first national JACL bowling tournament team title in 1947, became the first bowler in the history of the Los Angeles Examiner singles Classic to qualify for the championships for the seventh consecutive year.

He rolled a consistent 233-235-232—700 to assure himself a spot in the Open class finals. His feat was accomplished Saturday at Trojan Bowl.

In the tournament since it began in 1950, he has never been able to finish in the money. He hopes to remedy this oversight this time. Last year he posted a 744 for the second highest series.

The youngest in a family of six bowling brothers, Tok's 700 was worth \$75 runner-up spot in the third week's play. Kaz Katayama rolled a 713 at the Vogue last week to lead the house's class A field.

In winning foursome

SAN LUIS OBISPO. — Karl Taku of the Cabrillo Club was a member of the "foursome" winning the pro-am division of the annual Morro Bay-Santa Maria golf tournament which ended Sunday on the Santa Maria course. The group was lead by Bill Reynolds, working pro from Santa Anita.

Detroit JACLers aid at sorority sukiyaki party

DETROIT. — Some 25 members of Delta Gamma sorority were feted to a sukiyaki dinner prepared by Detroit JACLers on April 9. The club sponsored the dinner at the International Institute.

Skillet were set at each end of the guests table and Mrs. Aiko Morita and Mrs. Florence Adair gave an orientation and demonstrated the procedure in preparing sukiyaki. Setsu Fujioka and Jape Togasaki were co-chairmen for this affair.

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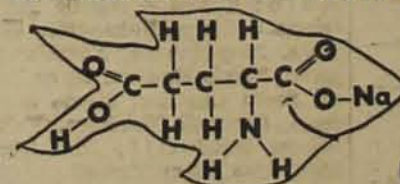
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Nisei from Texas

Los Angeles

Affable and able James Jingu is resigning from his post as an assistant to the Japanese Consulate to get into private business as a part time buyer representative for several local firms. The 35-year-old veteran of World War II, winner of a Purple Heart, hopes to depart for Japan with his wife, the former Alice Ishii, and their 4½-year-old son, David. The family expects to stay in Tokyo (and Shizuoka) for about year and a half.

Jimmie's interest in foreign trade stems back to his campus days at the Univ. of Texas before the war where he majored in Latin America economics. In the modest words of Jingu, he probably was the first Nisei to take the newly introduced course and also receive a B.A. degree at that time.

Jingu has been with the Consulate Office since its inception more than six years ago when it was known as the Japan Overseas Agency. He and several other Nisei, most of them returnees from relocation centers, were instrumental in establishing the present office on West Sixth Street.

Jimmie, a deep thinker, is quiet, unassuming and modest about his achievement during his service with the Japanese Consulate Office. "We have no titles after our names here. We just pitch in and work," Jingu says. But all during the period Jimmie was with the staff he was one of the top liaison men.

When Prince Akihito was here three years ago, Jingu was "hopping around" with the heavy schedule of the heir apparent. He cemented much goodwill between the two nations with his effective command of three languages. He converses in English, Japanese and Spanish fluently.

"I have long been of the opinion that the many small businesses here could benefit profitably in trade with Japan, if they had representatives there," he explains. "It seems like we Nisei who are in the best position to offer our services between here and abroad are dragging our feet."

Our understanding is that Jimmie's late father had one of the best Japanese tea gardens in the country before and during the war in San Antonio and it used to be a recreational spot for all servicemen, including the Nisei GIs, in the last war.

It never occurred to us until just recently that Jimmie was born and raised in Texas and that soft, sophisticated southern drawl is still with him even after long years in Los Angeles.

We wish Jimmie all the luck in the world. With his background and experience in the Consulate's work he should go far in his new venture.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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East), she has only the western world to which to sell her goods but this market is already well-supplied. One might draw a parallel with Japan, workshop in the Far East, unable to do business with her traditional buyers in China . . . In discussing Middle East background, it was plain to see the dilemma the United States faces in the current Middle East problem. We support the United Nations, which created the Israeli republic and would defend as in South Korea the right of people to self-government. Yet the prime aim of policy in the Near East is to secure oil supply by maintaining relations with those nations. The free world's dependence on this source is such that industry in Britain and western Europe might be brought almost to a standstill inside of two months if the flow were cut off . . . Commercially, the significance of the Suez can be appreciated by looking at shipping figures: 90 million tons pass through each year, 30 million tons from the east with raw goods and 60 millions from the west with manufactured goods. When Egypt gains control in 1962, she can stifle western industry if she chooses to bar western shipping . . . Significance of oil might be understood if we look at American consumption alone—7 million gallons a day is used while 6 million gallons a day is produced . . . Which explains the rising cost of gasoline for the family car.

There is the religious aspect in this problem. The Arabs, who are largely Islamic by faith, have resented Western domination of their own religion over the past 800 years . . . One example is the American Protestant-founded university of Beirut about a 100 years ago. Founded as a business college, it graduated men in commerce while the country, basically agricultural, needed experts in that field. It was only corrected in recent years and maybe a bit too late . . . They have a dim view of the Western Christians who preach one thing and practice another. As the Arab-speaking people are a deeply-devout group to their faith, it appears natural that their national policies reflect the same spirit.

This brief but eye-opening session has helped to better understand the Middle East problem. It brought to mind the importance of developing atomic power into industry and lessen the dependence of oil in the Near East to avert a possible WW3. It also points up to a need of understanding the Middle East by everyone to improve the Western position in this critical area of the world. The Nisei may have their particular problems, but the one of world peace demands as much attention.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

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such each week-day night and there was always a crowd around. One night the nonscouts staged a snowball assault on the scouts as they came out of meeting. Scoutmaster Arai had a nickname of "General" on account of his cadet officer activity in the R.O.T.C. This night when the snowball assault came, he ducked behind a tree and shouted a gibberish of orders of doubtful tactical value, and that's the episode that made the general's nickname stick.

To get up to date as of last week, Troop 53, has now had its springtime "shot in the arm" with the observance of the reunion, and it's just about time the troop resumes its most loved activity, camping. "Andy", as the Reverend Scoutmaster is affectionately called is ever generous of his time, and never fails to join in taking off for a week or a weekend when some of the scouts say they want to camp. Andy cancels appointments, gets on the sleeping bag and gear and goes along. He is most generous of his time and services in many respects around the church, but that is a story that will have to wait 'til some other time.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

FRESNO

HIYAMA, Kazuo—boy, Mar. 29, Fowler.
NAGAYAMA, John—girl, Mar. 23, Fowler.

MODESTO

YAMAGUCHI, Jim—boy Paul S., Mar. 29, Turlock.

STOCKTON

FUJIMORI, John K.—girl, Mar. 2, Fujitani.
FUJITANI, Eddie S.—boy, Mar. 12, Lodi.

WATSONVILLE

SAKATO, Ted (Sia Nagata)—girl, Apr. 5.

SAN JOSE

ISHIZAKI, Henry—boy Daryl R., Apr. 2.

KAWAKAMI, Izumi—boy Bryan T., Mar. 1.

YASUKAWA, Chester—girl Ellen G., Mar. 24, Cupertino.

REDWOOD CITY

OMI, Richard—girl, Apr. 1, San Mateo.

SAN FRANCISCO

NAGANO, George H.—boy, Mar. 28.

OAKLAND

KATAOKA, Hisao—boy, Mar. 21.

SEATTLE

FUJIOKA, Victor S.—boy, Apr. 4.

SEKIJIMA, Haruto—boy, Apr. 3.

DENVER

TANAKA, George K.—boy.

Engagements

KATAKO-YOKOTA — Sanaye to Hiroshi, Los Angeles, Mar. 31.

NAKASONE-HOSHIZAKI — Sumi, Los Angeles, to Howard, Venice, Feb. 25.

YAMASAKI-MOHRI — Michi to Rev. Shoki, Los Angeles, Mar. 27.

YOSHIDA-WATARI — Sumiye, Los Angeles, to Joseph Minoru, Gardena.

Marriage Licenses Issued

CRANE-MIKAMI — Frank K. and June J., San Jose.

HRECSHAK-NAKAMURA — Mike and Hatsumi, Oakland.

HONBO-HAMASAKI — Kenji, Gardena; Mineko, Palo Alto.

IYENAGA-KOGA — George and Miyuki, Stockton.

MIYASAKI-NAKAMURA — Sam S. and Asayo, Yuba City.

NAGATANI-MASUNAGA — Kiyoto, Marysville; Kazuko, Oxnard.

NAKAGAWA-KAMIMOTO — Toshio and Ruby, Fresno.

NAKAHARA-YOSHIKAWA — Eddie S., Walnut Grove; Frances K., Newcastle.

NAKAMICHI-NIINO — Yutaka and Michiko, Fresno.

NAKAMOTO-SAKAI — Shoso and Motoko, Morgan Hill.

NAKANO-ELMIDONIAN — Edward A., 26, Berkeley; Evangeline, 23, San Francisco.

NISHIMURA-SALGADO — Ted Y., 25; Grace, 21, Stockton.

OKAMOTO-YAMASAKI — Robert Y., and Pearl S., San Jose.

OKITA-SETO — Richard, 23; Grace Y., 21, Seattle.

OKUBO-OMURA — Herbert, 22; Jean, 21, San Francisco.

OTA-TATEISHI — Russell M. and Janyce Y., Sacramento.

SCHNICK-NAKASHIMA — Stuart and Ida L., Denver.

SUMITA-TAKAYOSHI — Sam M., and Shizue, Seattle.

TSUKAMOTO-OKUMOTO — William E. and Miyoko, Berkeley.

UYAMA-FUKUI — Kenji, Fresno; Shizue, Ceres.
YAMAMOTO-WAKASA — Kiyoshi, Fresno; Betty Jo, Kingsburg.
YASUMURA-AIGAKI — Edward S. and Alice T., both Denver.
YOSHIMI-MOTOIKE — George S., 23, Stockton; Lily, 22, Linden.

Weddings

AOCHI-SATO — Apr. 15, Kenji and Haruno H., both Oakland.

EVERTS-SUGITA — Mar. 23, Connor, Redondo Beach; Judy, Long Beach.

FUKUHARA-TANIMASA — Mar. 11, Norio, Merced; Helen Natsuko, Watsonville.

HORIE-TAKEUCHI — Mar. 25, Mark S. and Mae S., Palo Alto.

KIMURA-UCHIYAMA — Mar. 25, George I., Fresno; May, Fowler.

KUWAHARA-KURODA — Mar. 28, Kezo and Kat, Pasadena.

NAKAGAWA-KAMIMOTO — Mar. 24, Toshio and Haruko, both West Fresno.

OSHITA-KAJIYAMA — Mar. 24, Teruki, Pasadena; Benice M., Arlington.

OYA-AKIYAMA — Mar. 11, Thomas Y., Hawaii; Yayeko Bonnie, Los Angeles.

SASAO-OYAKAWA — Mar. 11, George E. and Yoshiko, Los Angeles.

SHIBUYA-AMEMIYA — Mar. 24, Thomas and Lillian, Los Angeles.

SHISHIDO-OZAKI — Mar. 18, Tom H., Santa Monica; Kinu Ilene, Culver City.

SUGIMURA-NAKAZAWA — Mar. 11, Tamotsu, Los Angeles; Haruko, Tolleson, Ariz.

SUTO-KIDO — Mar. 4, Frank Y. and Mae M., Los Angeles.

TAGUCHI-MINATO — Feb. 26, Sei-ichi and Helen, Los Angeles.

TAKEHARA-YASUSE — Mar. 3, George and Pauline, both Chicago.

TAKIMURA-OGURI — Mar. 25, Shigeru, Burbank; Kyoko, Los Angeles.

TAO-SHIBATA — Feb. 27, Bill, Watsonville, and Mitsuyo, Japan, at Fukushima.

TAOTA-NAKAMOTO — Mar. 24, Masaru and Sonoko, Los Angeles.

USHIYAMA-HAYASHI — Feb. 25, Dr. Yoshiki, New York; Marcia, Wahia-wa, at Washington, D.C.

UYAMA-TAMURA — Feb. 12, John, Fresno; Margaret, Madera.

WATADA-HASUI — Mar. 1, Eiji A., Ft. Lupton; Yoshimi, Las Animas.

YASUMURA-AIGAKI — Apr. 1, Edward, Denver; Alice T., Monte Vista, Colo.

Deaths

FUJINO, Dorothy, 35; Los Angeles, Apr. 10, survived by husband Harry K., sons Barry, Ross, daughters Stephanie, Christina, parents Mr. and Mrs. Shuji Iijima, sisters Mrs. Sachie Sawai.

HARA, Otoj: Long Beach, Apr. 7, survived by wife Kimiye, three sons Iwao, Toshio, Yoshio.

HORIUCHI Matsuko, 40; Glendale, Apr. 5, survived by husband Shigeharu, daughter Himeko.

KIYAN, Seicho, 77; Los Angeles, Apr. 9, survived by wife Kame, four sons Hide, Hiro, Toyo, Joe, daughters Mrs. Tom Asato, Yosh Sogioka, Warren Okagaki, 18 grandchildren.

SEIKE, James, 65; Los Angeles, Apr. 8, survived by wife Yasuyo, son Takuji, brother Shigeyo Miyoshi.

Two JACLers join in new law office

Dave Yokozeki and George Maruya, active JACLers and prominent community leaders, have opened their new law offices at 3324 W. Jefferson Blvd., on the second floor of Kay's Hardware building.

Maruya, Brawley-born Nisei with a law degree from the Univ. of Southern California, was formerly associated with Munnell and Davenport in East Los Angeles. Munnell is currently 51st District Assemblyman while Davenport was former Montebello city attorney.

Yokozeki, San Pedro-born Nisei with a law degree from the same school, was formerly associated with Chuman and McKibbin. Chuman is national JACL counsel while McKibbin was special JACL counsel on evacuation claims.

Both served overseas during the WW2 period in Japan; Yokozeki serving with CIC and military government in the Tokyo-Kanagawa region, Maruya with GHQ in Tokyo.

Both are active in the community also. Maruya was chairman of Nisei Veterans Association, is Downtown L.A. JACL vice-president, and treasurer of the East Los Angeles Bar Association. Yokozeki, more recently known as president of Nacirema Productions, a Nisei-backed movie producing unit, was past president of the Downtown L.A. JACL, past chairman of the L.A. JACL coordinating council, is PSWDC chairman and member of the Shonien and local Japanese American Optimist Club boards, judge advocate for the Nisei VFW and resolutions committeeman for the Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion.

Pasadena community picnic

PASADENA. — The local Japanese community picnic led by the Pasadena Gardeners Association and JACL chapter will be held on Sunday, June 17, at Brookside Park, section B, according to Mikio Sugita, gardening group vice-president and picnic chairman.

Yukio Ogawa, entertainment chairman, promised the seventh annual affair would long be remembered with local talent furnishing skits, dances and music.

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Bill Kajikawa's wife Margaret names chicken teriyaki dish for her mother

PHOENIX. — Margaret Kajikawa, wife of Arizona State University's basketball coach Bill Kajikawa, offered the recipe for the day to housewives reading the Arizona Republic society section last week with her version of chicken teriyaki called Chicken Akimoto.

The dish apparently is dedicated to her mother, Miki Akimoto, who taught the Idaho Falls-born Nisei the unique Japanese arts of flower arrangement, bonkei and cooking.

Mrs. Kajikawa, known as a charming hostess by all her friends, has worked in the loan department at the First National Bank, Tempe, since the first of the year and is a member of the Finasa Club at the bank.

She is also a member of the American Institute of Banking, Maricopa Chapter. Mother of two girls, Christine and Carol, she has been leader of Girl Scout Troop 292 for five years. She is member of the Faculty Wives Club at ASU, where her brother Ted is graduate assistant in art.

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The recipe:

CHICKEN AKIMOTO

2 lb.—chickens (fryers)
1 large can evaporated milk
1 teaspoon salt
1½ cups flour
½ cup soy sauce (Kikkoman)
½ cup sugar
½ teaspoon Ajinomoto

Method: Clean chickens and cut in serving pieces. Place chicken in large bowl and soak for ½ hr. in milk. Drain chicken and roll in flour and salt mixture. Brown in hot pan. Arrange chicken in Dutch oven and make sauce of soy sauce, sugar and Ajinomoto and pour over the chicken. Place in oven at 350 degrees for about 40 minutes, basting the mixture about twice during cooking time so the gravy will coat all the pieces. Remove to platter and garnish with some finely chopped green onions if desired. Service with white rice and green salad. Serves 6 to 8 people.

Mrs. Kajikawa explains that Japanese soy sauce is preferable because it is thinner and less sweet than the usual type.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Civil rights program

Washington

Last week, the Attorney General of the United States addressed identical letters to the Vice-President, who is the presiding officer of the Senate, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives explaining the long-awaited civil rights program of this Administration.

Regardless of its political implications, the Administration's six-point program has considerable appeal to Nisei Americans who, because of our wartime experiences, have particularly strong convictions regarding this vital field in which human dignity and equality of opportunity regardless of the accident of birth are the stakes at issue.

The six-point Administration program, as presented to the Congress on April 9, calls for—

Civil Rights Commission—Creation of a six-man bipartisan civil rights commission to be named by the President and confirmed by the Senate, to investigate denials of voting rights and "unwarranted economic pressures" based on race, color, religion, or national origin.

Civil Rights Division—Establishment of a Civil Rights Division in the Department of Justice with an Assistant Attorney General in charge.

Revised Statutes—Broadening of the laws which now apply only to state and local officials, to permit federal prosecution of the private individuals who intimidate voters in an election for federal office.

Civil Injunctions—Authority for the Attorney General to bring civil injunction proceedings in behalf of an aggrieved individual.

Access to Courts—Authority for any private citizen to complain to a federal court in relation to a civil rights denial, without first going through the state courts.

Conspiracy Actions—Authority for the Attorney General to institute civil action against civil rights conspiracies, such as the threats against federal grand jury witnesses, or the use of hoods or other disguises to deprive any citizen of equal treatment under the law.

Administration intentions . . .

The basic philosophy of the Eisenhower Administration for the handling of civil rights was expounded by the Attorney General in the opening paragraph of his letters in these words:

"At a time when many Americans are separated by deep emotions as to the rights of some of our citizens as guaranteed by the Constitution, there is need for restraint, calm judgment, and understanding. Obedience to law as interpreted by the courts is the way differences are and must be resolved. It is essential to prevent extremists from causing irreparable harm."

Since the Executive Branch does not have the broad investigative powers necessary to conduct the kind of study recommended by the President in his State of the Union message last January, it is proposed that Congress authorize a bipartisan commission, with subpoena powers, to look into the allegations that Negro citizens are being deprived of their right to the franchise and are also subjected to unwarranted economic pressures.

Urged by President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights in 1947, it is again suggested that a Civil Rights Division be established in the Department of Justice with an Assistant Attorney General in charge. At the present time, the Civil Rights Section is a part of the Criminal Division. Civil litigation in prospect in connection with the decision of the United States Supreme Court to desegregate public schools creates the need for such a special division, the Attorney General wrote.

Civil Rights Division . . .

The heart of the Administration proposals, however, lies in the recommendations to extend federal law to enforce the constitutionally guaranteed right of voting through civil—not criminal—proceedings.

The Attorney General pointed out the only method of enforcing existing laws protecting this right is through criminal proceedings. "Civil remedies have not been available to the Attorney General in this field," he added. "We think they should be. Criminal cases in a field charged with emotion are extraordinarily difficult for all concerned. Our ultimate goal is the safe-guarding of the free exercise of the voting right, subject to the legitimate power of the state to prescribe necessary and fair voting qualifications. To this end, civil proceedings to forestall denials of the right way may often be far more effective in the long run than harsh criminal proceedings to punish after the event."

To this end, the Attorney General proposed that legislation be enacted forbidding anyone—not just state or local officials as presently provided—from intimidating would-be voters in any federal election, including primaries. He also requested authority for his Department to seek injunctions or initiate other civil actions on behalf of citizens denied their civil rights. He urged that individuals be allowed to go directly to the federal courts without having to exhaust their legal recourses in state courts.

Civil remedies . . .

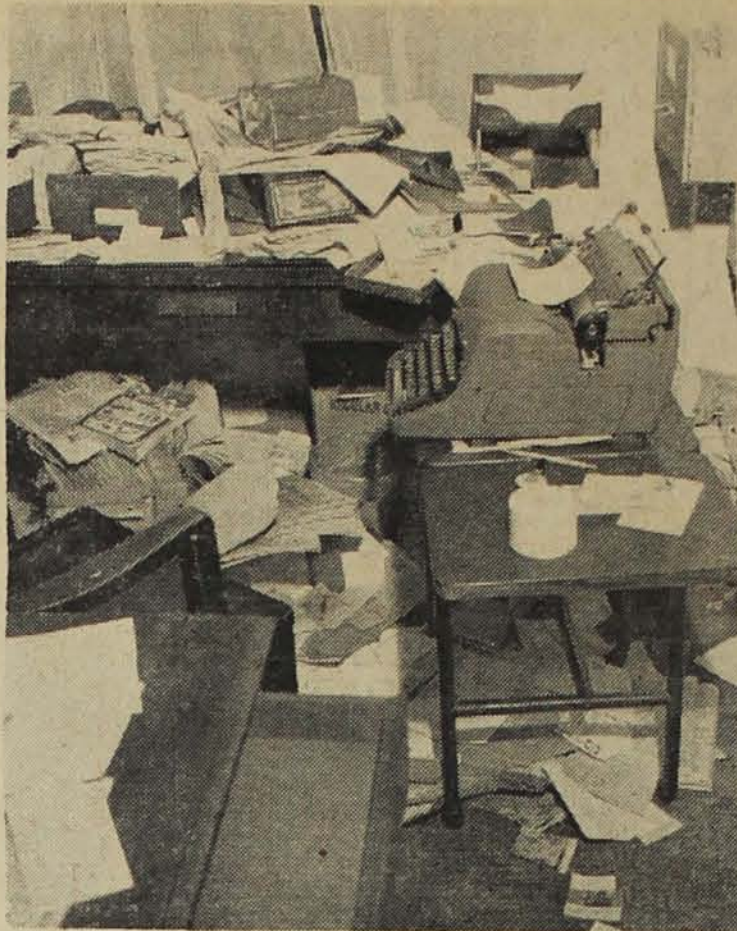
Appearing before the House Judiciary Committee last week, Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., justified the Administration request for civil remedies to aid the enforcement of civil rights by explaining:

"... criminal prosecution can never begin until after the harm is done and it can never be revoked to forestall a violation of civil rights no matter how obvious the threat of violation may be.

"Moreover, criminal prosecutions for civil rights violations, when they involve state or local officials, as they often do, stir up an immense amount of ill feeling in the community and inevitably tend to cause very bad relations between state and local officials on one hand and the federal officials responsible for the investigation and prosecution on the other. A great deal of this could be avoided if the Congress would authorize the Attorney General to seek preventive and other appropriate relief from the civil courts in civil rights cases."

While this commendable program for civil rights has been announced on behalf of the Administration, as the *New York Times* put it editorially:

"... there is no point in assuming that the mere enunciation by Mr. Brownell of this fine program acquits the Administration of all further responsibility for trying to grope a way through the grave and clouded problems, in both North and South, raised by the varied and unconstitutional forms of racial discrimination."



Thoroughly demoralizing the Pacific Citizen circulation staff each time the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office was raided by burglars and vandals, this picture partially shows the damage done to office files, letters and equipment. Last Saturday's entry was the sixth time inside of four months and each nocturnal raid became progressively worse. We only hope the vandals don't set fire to the place.



This is part of the scene that irked So. Calif. JACL regional office secretary Blanche Shiosaki last Saturday morning after vandals broke into the office in the Miyako Hotel. Papers from Tats Kushida's desk were strewn about the floor, black dots to the lower left are bits of pipe tobacco and the can of duplicating fluid, visible in top drawer, was emptied atop his desk.

—Photo Courtesy: Shin Nichi Bei.

Vandalism—

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No cash was missing after the Apr. 13 entry but Miss Shiosaki's ball-point pen stand was taken. When the JACL office was broken into last time on Feb. 21, a similar item was stolen.

As in previous instances, letters were ripped open by burglars in hope of finding some cash. Contents of Tats Kushida's desk were spilled on the floor. A can of pipe tobacco was emptied, adding to the biggest mess stirred by nocturnal raiders. Duplicating fluid poured over Kushida's desktop also melted off the shellac.

It was the second time that office typewriters were damaged. Last Feb. 21, glue was poured into Miss Shiosaki's electric Underwood.

It is recalled that Kushida described the Feb. 21 entry as a case of malicious vandalism as papers on all desks were completely upset, file drawers emptied with papers strewn all over the floor, desk drawers completely rummaged and PC business reply envelopes with

checks enclosed torn open.

Burglary reports were made earlier to the police on Dec. 20, Dec. 28, Jan. 3 and Jan. 18 by Kushida. No jimmy marks were found on doors or windows in all instances. A new latch was added to the office rear door after the Dec. 28 burglary. Some cash, gifts and postage stamps were taken in the December instances.

Letter—

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nese ancestry," Kushida declared, "but rather the writer is both anti-Jewish and anti-Japanese, designing to pit the Jewish people against the Nisei and embarrass the Nisei as well."

Even the language of the letter was typically racist in style, according to Kushida.

Among Nisei leaders, no one has knowledge of such an organization in existence here among Nisei in Southern California. Feeling among Nisei in general has even been one of complete disavowal of the so-called society's namesake.

Top farmer—

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ment and pioneered precision planting of vegetable crops.

Sakata, general chairman of the Brighton Agricultural Institute, also has pioneered field flower growing as a cash crop. He has developed a trailer which harvests and packages vegetables in one operation, and uses irrigation, crop rotation, and machinery specialization.

The outstanding Colorado young farmer of 1955 is active with the Brighton Chamber of Commerce as board member, first vice-president of the Mile-Hi JACL chapter, and recently married to the former Joanna Tokunaga. His older brother was the late Harry Sakata, Mile-Hi JACL president, with whom he farmed.

He relocated to Brighton in 1942 from Topaz WRA center.

With his brother, Harry, who died last year of cancer, he put together an outstanding and profitable farm operations, valued now at around \$200,000.

Fulbright Act—

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dying under the exchange program to return home upon completion of their studies.

Since the purpose of the Fulbright Act is to bring foreign students here so that they might return either to their own or to another cooperating country in order to contribute toward developing friendly relations about the American way of life, many have felt that the intent of the Fulbright Act was being defeated since so many of the exchange visitors prefer to remain in the United States.

The Administration has given unqualified support to this remedial legislation in order that the original purpose of the Fulbright Act might be carried out.

If it is to the public interest of the United States, however, such as those relating to the defense and security of the United States, a waiver to the two-year proviso can be obtained upon the request of an interested Government agency and the recommendation of the Secretary of State.

The proposed amendment goes into effect upon the enactment of the legislation and is not applicable to those exchange students currently studying in the United States under either government or private sponsorship.

CALENDAR

Apr. 21 (Saturday)
Mile-Hi—Family Night Potenza Hall, 1900 W. 38th St., 7 p.m.
New York—Bridge Club, American Buddhist Academy, 331 Riverside Dr., 8:30 p.m. (First meeting).
East Los Angeles—Skating party.
Detroit—Spring Social, Elk's Hall.

Apr. 22 (Sunday)
PNWDC—Quarterly session, Gresham-Trousdale chapter hosts.
Long Beach—Issei Citizen Recognition Dinner, Harbor Japanese Community Center, 6 p.m. Mayor Vermillion, guest spkr.

Apr. 26 (Thursday)
Marysville—Meeting, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.

Apr. 27 (Friday)
Twin Cities—Meeting.
Philadelphia—General meeting, International Institute, 645 N. 15th St., 8 p.m.

Apr. 28 (Saturday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary rummage sale, 2135 Sutter St., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Pasadena—Benefit movie, Cleveland School Auditorium, "24 no Hitomi"
Chicago—Bridge-Scrabble party, Monroe YWCA, 8 p.m.

Apr. 29 (Sunday)
French Camp—Community picnic, Mieke Grove, 10 a.m.
Cortez—Community picnic (tentative).

May 2 (Wednesday)
East L.A.—General meeting.

May 5 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Santa Monica Elk Club.

May 6 (Sunday)
PSWDC—2nd Quarterly Session, Long Beach CL hosts, Harbor Community Hall, 1 p.m. Potluck dinner and dance, 6 p.m.

Marysville—JACL picnic, Yuba foothills, 10 a.m.
Sacramento—Community picnic, Elk Grove Park.

May 9 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—Political rally.

May 11 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Board meeting; Mas Sato to be present (tentative).

May 12 (Saturday)
Cortez—Annual Spring dance, Ballico Legion Hall (tentative).

May 13 (Sunday)
Detroit—Mothers' Day tea.

Stockton—Community picnic, Mieke's Grove.

Salt Lake City—Fashion show & Mothers' tea (site to be announced).

May 17 (Thursday)
Pasadena—General meeting.

May 28 (Sunday)
NCWDC—2nd Quarterly Session, San Jose CL hosts, Golf tournament at Hillview C.C., 10 a.m.