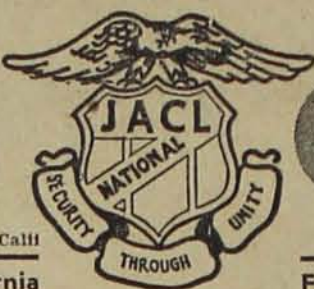


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Retirement fund for JACL staff studied

Last week, in this column, our good national second vice-president, Kenji Tashiro, brought out the fact that the coming National Convention should definitely develop a program for a permanent National Headquarters.

It is certain that every member who has visited our quarters in San Francisco at 1759 Sutter St. is in accord with the sentiments expressed by Kenji, and it is equally certain that the National Council will take some positive steps at the San Francisco convention.

Organizationwise, there is another program which the National Council must take up and that is a suitable retirement program for the National Staff. So wrapped up have we been in our public service programs that we have neglected to give adequate attention to this important item in our organizational set-up.

That the staff members have not demanded such a retirement program already is an indication of their devotion to the JACL. And, that is all the more reason why we should provide a suitable program to safeguard their future.

It can be revealed that recently steps were taken in the right direction with the appointment of a chairman to study and make recommendations of a retirement plan at the forthcoming convention.

In this too, it is certain that the National Council will take favorable action and by so doing, it will be setting into motion two programs that have been overlooked much too long.

The two projects truly fit into the 14th biennial convention theme of "Changing Perspectives". It may be that, barring unforeseen emergencies, we are on the threshold of strengthening our organization from within. Past years have bolstered JACL from without.

—George Inagaki

FORM GROUP TO RID ALIEN LAND LAW AT ELECTION

FRESNO. — The Alien Land Law Committee, comprised of prominent Nisei throughout the state, met here on April 29 at the California Hotel to formulate plans to campaign for a favorable vote on a proposition which will appear on the November ballot.

The proposition would remove the 1920 Alien Land Act initiative which has since been declared unconstitutional.

The ALLC named as its chairman Jack Noda of Denair who will be assisted by three vice-chairmen, Jin Ishikawa of Fresno, David Yokozeki of Los Angeles, and Yasuo Abiko of San Francisco. San Francisco attorney Victor Abe will serve as treasurer.

Other committee members include Frank Chuman, Wilbur Sato, Midori Watanabe and Roy Nishikawa, Los Angeles; Kenji Tashiro, Orosi; Joe Katano Delano; Hiro Mayeda, Dinuba; Toy Hoshiko and Seichi Mikami, Fresno; Joe Grand Masaoka, Atherton; and Mas Yonemura, Berkeley.

The committee explained that while the 1920 initiative act is no longer in effect, it still appears on the statute books and the California legislature overwhelmingly approved to place it on the ballot again in order to obtain its repeal by popular vote.

First Issei citizen called for Utah jury

SALT LAKE CITY. — Rupert Hachiya, local JACL president, and Henry Kasai have been called for jury duty by the local district court and they are expected to serve for a two-month period.

Kasai is the first naturalized Issei to be summoned for jury duty in Salt Lake City. Mrs. May Watanabe was the first Nisei to be summoned several years ago.

Salt Lake chapter passes 1955 membership count

SALT LAKE CITY. — Sue Kaneko, local JACL membership chairman, announced this week that 252 members have been signed for 1956, surpassing last year's mark of 247.

However, the chapter hopes to meet its goal of 300.

JUDGE ALSO TO SPEAK AT SHONIEN DEDICATION

Shonien—the So. Calif. Japanese Children's Home—will dedicate its new buildings at 1815 Redcliff St., in the Silver Lake area, tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 with Judge John F. Aiso as dedicatory speaker, it was announced by Mike Suzuki, Shonien executive.

Open house will continue from 1 to 9 p.m. daily until May 9. Special pieces depicting children by artists Sueo Serizawa, Taro and Mitsu Yashima, Paul Motoyoshi and Kenji Fujita will be displayed.

REALLOCATION OF ASIAN REFUGEE QUOTA SOUGHT

WASHINGTON. — Possibility of seeking an increase in the visas available to Japanese refugees was discussed last week by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, and Scott McLeod, administrator of the Refugee Relief Act.

Masaoka told McLeod that there are hundreds of applicants in Japan who qualify as refugees under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 for whom assurances are available in the United States and suggested that an effort be made to make available to them part of the quota of 2,000 visas presently allocated to nonindigenous refugees in the Far East.

It is estimated that less than 500 of these visas will be used by the end of 1956 when the Act expires.

Under the Act at the present time 3,000 visas for the Far East have been allocated to the indigenous refugees, and of this number approximately 575 visas as of April 20 have been issued to Japanese refugees. The number of visas which have been issued to other refugees is about 1,500; it is expected that the quota under this provision will be used up shortly.

There is a special provision in the law giving a quota of 2,000 visas to Chinese refugees whose passports have been endorsed by the Chinese Nationalist government.

In addition, there is a separate quota numbering 5,000 for orphans throughout the world, and about

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USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IN DEPORTATION CASES BEING CHALLENGED

WASHINGTON. — A test case which would determine whether confidential information can be used in deportation proceedings is pending in the federal district court, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned this week.

The JACL is following the case since its implication of use of confidential information in deportation proceedings affects some resident Japanese aliens. Although there is no question of communism among the resident Japanese aliens, there are certain cases where deportation has been ordered on the basis of confidential information in view of alleged prewar affiliations with organizations on the Attorney General's proscribed list.

Filing on behalf of Thomas Otto Robitscher, a Czech student, against whom the Immigration and Naturalization Service had instituted deportation proceedings, was the American Jewish Congress. Named in the suit were Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr. and Commissioner J. M. Swing of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Robitscher came to this country on a student visa to study medicine. After finishing his studies, contrary to the agreement in accepting a student visa, he overstayed his visa, and deportation action was begun in accordance with the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952.

Robitscher sought permission of the Immigration Service for pre-examination which would permit him to go to Canada and re-enter on a regular immigration visa under the Czech first preference quota with specialized skill and become a naturalized citizen so that he might practice medicine in New York.

Pre-examination was denied him by the immigration authorities on the basis of undisclosed information.

Since pre-examination which is purely discretionary but which would have permitted his re-entry was denied him on the basis of undisclosed information and deportation.

Bussei launch \$100 membership group

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Buddhist Churches of America has launched a new financial program to support its activities called the BCA Century Club, composed of voluntary donors of \$100 a year.

Fifty pledges have already been made and 34 have paid in a total of \$3,375 to Noboru Hanyu, club treasurer, 2191 Pine St.

The group hopes to "establish a sound and strong financial setup in order to effect efficient and proper management for aggressive propagation of Buddhism in America."

Other programs approved at the first quarterly meeting of the BCA board of directors presided by Hideo Ito of Monterey included publication of the BCA news bulletin with the Rev. K. Kumata of San Jose in charge of the English section, the Rev. C. Terakawa of San Mateo in charge of Japanese; observance of the 700th anniversary of St. Shinran in 1961 with pilgrimages to Kyoto; and promotion of the Boy Scout "Sangha" medal.

Carl K. Sato of Mesa, Ariz., was elected to fill the board vacancy by the departure of Tad Tomita of San Jose to Puerto Rico.

tion proceedings have been instituted against him because he has overstayed his permit, he challenges the Attorney General and the Immigration Commissioner to produce the adverse evidence on which the deportation proceedings are based.

Robitscher denies he was ever a Communist.

Sanford H. Bolz, Robitscher's attorney, has stated that the Immigration and Naturalization Service has agreed to reconsider the case. Should the Service act favorably, he will withdraw the case, otherwise, he has stipulated he will press the case in the District Court.

T.H. supreme court may have Nisei

HONOLULU. — Masaji Marumoto, who was president of the Hawaii Bar Association in 1954, has been endorsed by the Territorial Republican Central Committee for appointment to the Territorial Supreme Court as an associate justice.

He would fill a vacancy created by the elevation of Philip L. Rice to chief justice.

Marumoto, who may be the first Nisei nominated by President Eisenhower for the territorial supreme court, was the first Japanese American named to a seat on the board of directors of a Big Five plantation, the Ewa Plantation Co., last spring.

Currently, Marumoto is secretary of the procedural rules committee of the Supreme Court of Hawaii, and member of the Territorial Commission on Uniformity of Legislation.

Nisei prof granted \$6,000 scholarship

SEATTLE. — A \$6,000 Career Teaching Fellowship has been awarded to Prof. Kenneth K. Murase of the Social Work Graduate School.

Professor Murase, son of Mrs. M. Murase of Redley, Calif., received the grant from the National Mental Health Institute, U.S. Public Health Services, and the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Murase, under the grant will continue his advanced study in the international aspects of social service programs. He will be studying at the School of Social Work, Columbia University.

He has been granted a leave of absence for the coming academic year to study under the Fellowship.

Delinquency, FEPC topics at East L.A. meeting

FEPC and Nisei juvenile delinquency were two subjects presented at the East Los Angeles JACL meeting last night at the International Institute.

J. J. Rodriguez of the Community Service Organization spoke on the need of FEPC in Los Angeles and the operation of FEPC laws in other states and cities.

Bruce Kaji, CPA, an active member of the International Institute Board, who spoke on delinquency, is busily engaged in setting up a summer program for teenagers in a move to curb the problem among Nisei teenagers.

'No payoff raiding guarded nest'

By TATS (Sou'wester) KUSHIDA

● The Pacific Citizen's "Anti-Vandalism Fund" gathered strength this week with contributions received from several quarters. The PCAVF got its unceremonious start after the recent vandalism which wrecked the PC business-circulation offices, pix of which appeared in the April 20 issue, bringing sympathetic response from readers.

A generous contribution of \$50 came in from PC's loyal supporter, Margaret Fleming of Pasadena, "to help repair the damage". Newlywed writer-CLer of San Diego and ex-SWLAer Naomi Kashiwabara, suggests Operation V-VI (vandalism no. 6) along with his one buck.

Other one buck or more donors include columnist Larry Tajiri, Kenji Tashiro, Maurey Carleton, Tom Ito, Mike Masaoka, Tokuzo Gordon, Sim Togasaki, Callahan, Doc Toru Iura, Gongoro Nakamura and Anne Onimus. We'll publish the names of others and their comments next week.

The kanatization of vandalism is *ban-da-li-su-mu*. Analysis gives us *ban* (stand guard), *da* (form of *desu*, or "it is"), *li* (profit), *su* (den) and *mu* (naught). Translation: "There's no payoff in raiding a guarded nest", which sounds more like a proverb than our sage counsel to uninvited guests.

Matter of fact, we've given serious thought to selling (for only one peso) our book, "How to Coin Adages in 10 Easy Lessons", published by the Sou'wester Benevolent Foundation, an eleemosynary, tax-exempt and definitely profit-taking operation dedicated to the elimination of alexia, which is not a girl's name but rather an ailment from which we suffer. On second thought, maybe it is.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



90 million Japanese

Denver

It's amazing what a fellow can learn by reading the newspapers. Scores of reporters scur the world for significant information and opinions, set down their findings by the millions of words, much of which finds its way into print. Take Japan's population problem. An International News Service dispatch from Tokyo

this past week predicts that Japan's population will reach 90 million within a month or so if it hasn't already.

Ninety million is the famous "explosion point" predicted by Japanese warlords to justify the violent expansion policy of the mid-thirties. Japan's population then was 65 million, and its empire included a lot of territory—Manchuria, Formosa, Korea, South Sakhalin—which are long gone. Increased productivity, American dollar aid, additional mechanization, all have helped to keep Japan intact despite the enormous pressures of soaring population.

But the rocky little islands cannot continue to support a people who are increasing at the rate of more than a million a year—six million in the last five years. At the present rate, Japan's population will hit 100 million less than a decade. Birth control has not taken hold. No country wants to welcome more than a token number of these ambitious, hard-working, aggressive people as immigrants. What to do, what to do?

GASOLINE AT 19c PER GALLON

Japan's population problem isn't being helped much by the 170,000 Americans living in that country today. This information is contained this time in an Associated Press report, which goes on to add that the United States has built more than 13,000 comfortable, well-heated houses for its personnel in a nation where central heating is a tremendous luxury. Most of the 170,000 are military people, civilians employed by the military, and dependents. There are only some 8,500 missionaries, businessmen, students and teachers.

Military families, the report says, can buy 19-cent gasoline and dollar steaks, take in movies for a quarter, hire a maid for \$28 a month at most. Americans without PX privileges find American goods heavily taxed and enormously expensive. "Barriers of language and custom are broken most quickly by the children," the dispatch concludes. "American youngsters are soon able to act as interpreters for their parents."

DELINQUENCY DROPS

Juvenile delinquency was never much of a problem in Japan until after the defeat. Watson Sims, an Associated Press writer, quotes an unnamed Japanese educational official as saying that defeat produced "a mental torpor among our people which made it easy for moral anarchy to take over." After emperor worship was banned, the official says, "it was only a step for the children to refuse to obey their parents." Perhaps the trouble in our house is due to the fact that we never did believe in emperor worship.

Juvenile crime in Japan is reported to be five times greater than the prewar peak. Teacher authority is scoffed at, a startling reversal of custom. But there may be hope. Delinquency is almost always blamed on the war and its occupation aftermath; since the occupation ended there's been a decline in youth crime. In 1951, last full year of occupation, police listed 166,433 crimes by persons under 18. In 1954, the total was only 120,002. Would you credit the declining American influence?

ITEM FROM 'DOWN UNDER'

And still another newspaper item tells about racial troubles in Australia. It seems that the residents of the town of Alice Springs are incensed because a world-famous artist cannot legally buy a house. The artist is Albert Namatjira (no relation to Larry Tajiri), an Australian aborigine which makes him comparable to an Indian in America. Namatjira makes a pretty fair living painting pictures, was presented to Queen Elizabeth when she visited the continent, and runs cattle on a 460-square-mile lease. But under Australian law he is not a citizen, nor can he become one. Thus, even though he pays taxes, he cannot buy property.

If the JACL ever runs out of causes to espouse in this country, there's plenty to be done in other lands.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



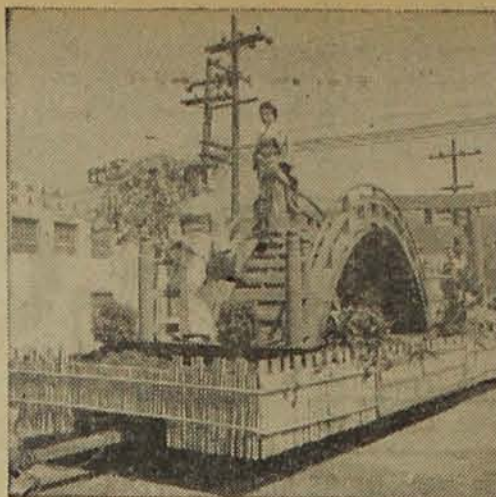
Wolf in sheep's clothing

The battle of racial bigotry is assuming ghostly patterns... Where in the past the enemy could be seen and was readily identifiable, the fight today is subtle in method and the antagonist invisible or appears as a wolf in sheep's clothing... The Lincoln Yamamoto incident was the first case of a wolf in sheep's clothing. Of late, there is a highly phoney

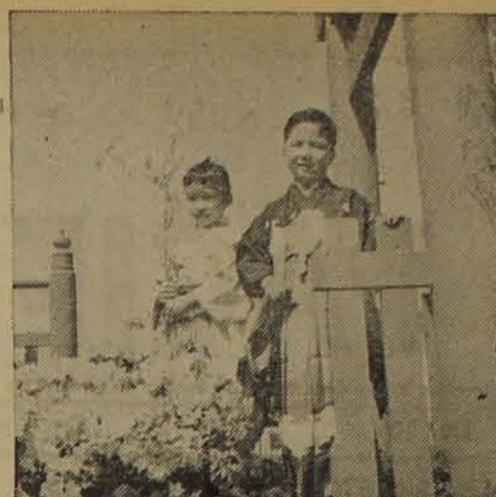
writer who signs anti-Semitic letters as "Niseis for Kawakita Society"... Two weeks ago, we reported on letters being circulated in Southern California. Now it appears the same letter has been reported by other Jewish groups and temples in Chicago, St. Paul-Minneapolis and in Northern California... JACL chapters are being alerted to the nation-wide program of some insidious crank dropping his poison mail through Gardena (Calif.) post office.

Samuel L. Scheiner, executive director of the Minnesota Jewish Council, in reporting receipt of the letter from the "Niseis for Kawakita Society", was confident the vicious material was not written by a Japanese but the work of some white

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Voted as best among 100 units participating in the recent Festival of Progress parade marking the 50th anniversary of the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire was the Japanese community entry. The float, which won the top \$750 prize, was designed by Hats Aizawa, commercial artist, and San Francisco JACL president. Aboard the float are three



kimono-clad girls: Kinu Abe, Chiz Miyazaki and Amy Miura. Close-up of the two children (right photo) riding the same float are Bara Uyeda and Dennis Shinbori. (Photos were taken by Marshall Sumida, S.F. JACL board member, an amateur photographer and first published by the Hokubei Mainichi.)

Supreme Court ruling on Jim Crowism in intrastate bus travel pondered

WASHINGTON. — Effect of the recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court on bus desegregation in intrastate travel may not be as sweeping as previously heralded according to many District of Columbia lawyers, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned last week.

The JACL was a party to the brief in the test case before the Supreme Court which declared invalid in 1946 a Virginia law requiring racial segregation in buses crossing State lines. The JACL has been following with particular interest this case on intrastate bus travel as JACL watches with interest all cases involving human rights and dignity.

The Supreme Court in its per curiam opinion (one issued by the whole court) dismissed an appeal by the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company from a lower court ruling in a suit for damages brought by a Negro plaintiff, Sarah Mae Flemming, and cited the case of Slaker vs. O'Connor of 1929 as a precedent.

The opinion rendered in this case by the late Associate Justice James C. McReynolds states that "... appeals to this court from circuit court of appeals lie only from final judgments or decrees — in cases where the validity of a state statute is drawn in question on the grounds of repugnance to the Constitution, treaties or laws of the United States, and the decision is against its validity."

It was believed that because the case had not been disposed of in finality in the lower courts, the above ruling applied although the first interpretation given of the Court's action in connection with the Slaker case was governed by the second reason for its decision, that it "needlessly consumed our time and imposed serious delay upon the appellees and otherwise burdened them."

Nevertheless, the decision of the Supreme Court apparently left undisturbed the ruling of the Fourth Circuit Court.

The case involves that of Sarah

Mae Flemming, a Negro, who in June 1954 boarded a bus of the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company in Columbia, South Carolina. Because the Negro section was crowded, she sat in the section reserved for Whites. Because the bus driver had forced her to leave the bus when she refused to move to the section reserved for Negroes, she sued for \$25,000 civil rights damages in the United States District Court, contending that the South Carolina segregation laws were unconstitutional on the basis of the Fourteenth Amendment.

The District Court dismissed the case on the grounds that the state laws were valid under the Supreme Court decision of 1896 in Plessy vs. Ferguson, in which the Court ruled that separation of the races on railway trains did not infringe constitutional rights if equal accommodations were provided.

She appealed the decision to the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals which in July 1955 reversed the decision of the District Court and sent the case back to the lower court for retrial stating that the separate but equal facilities doctrine had been repudiated in the light of the Supreme Court's decisions outlawing school segregation.

Since it is a statutory provision that drivers of buses in South Carolina are police officers authorized to arrest persons disturbing peace and order, the bus company argued that it was not legally liable for actions of a policeman pur-

suant to a state law.

The Circuit Court, however, said that the driver-policeman was acting for the company in enforcing a statute the company was required by law to enforce.

On these grounds the Appellate tribunal sent the case back to the District Court for further proceedings.

The company, which operates the public bus transportation system in Columbia, then appealed to the Supreme Court the decision ordering a retrial.

The technical question which must now be determined in the District Court is whether the plaintiff is owed damages, and if so, how much.

The ruling of the Fourth Circuit Court is still subject to appeal to the Supreme Court, but only after it is finally disposed of in the lower court.

It was presumed that the Supreme Court evidently took the view that the South Carolina appeal was not from a final decision.

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Japan Air Lines buy four DC-7Cs for 1957

SAN FRANCISCO. — Purchase of four Douglas DC-7Cs by Japan Air Lines was announced this week for delivery late in 1957. Flying time between San Francisco and Tokyo will be cut down from its present 25 to 17 hours, according to Yoshito Kojima, JAL vice-president for the American region.

Purchase was necessitated to meet needs of an increased flow of passenger traffic until JAL begins operating jet airliners with DC-8s scheduled for 1960.



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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Successful scenarist

Denver

In his guest columns for us in recent months Bob Okazaki, himself an actor for three decades, has been writing what amounts to a history of persons of Japanese ancestry in the motion picture industry. He has told the story of Henry Kotani, the first Japanese cameraman in Hollywood; the fabulous showman, Kunitake, and Tsuru Aoki who starred in some of the first features filmed in Hollywood. This week Bob, who will be seen in the forthcoming Allied Artists film *Mother, Sir*, tells about a scriptwriter, child actors and a cast of assorted heavies.—LST.

BY BOB OKAZAKI

Japanese have been active in Hollywood since the infancy of the motion picture industry. They have been not only performers, but carpenters and electricians, greenery men, set designers, lab technicians and scenario writers.

In the early 1920s there were a number of Issei running around town with brief cases and folders containing scenarios they had written and which they were peddling from studio to studio. It seemed for a time no lunch counter bull session in Little Tokyo was complete without someone giving out a story line, synopsis or a plot angle.

Perhaps the most successful of these scenarists was Yutaka Jack Abe who also doubled as actor and assistant director. Intelligent, affable, Jack had an outgoing personality. He cultivated friendship with Hollywood's leading personalities. He became a protege of Gouverneur Morris, the novelist, who taught him the technique of story writing.

Using a hunt-and-peck system, Jack Abe hammered out scenarios on a battered typewriter and sold them to some of the major studios. In all of these stories there was the inevitable Oriental character who was integral to the unfolding of the plot—the trusted houseboy who was the only one who knew where the jewels were hidden, the chauffeur who overheard the details of a kidnapping scheme, the tong man who led the detectives through Chinatown's subterranean passages to the den where the white girl lay drugged and beaten. Abe, who acted as his own agent, would then try to sell himself to the studio which bought the story as an actor or technical adviser.

Among Abe's scenarios were *Lotus Land* and *Tale of Two Countries*, both of which were produced into films starring Sessue Hayakawa.

Having made a place for himself in Hollywood, Abe went to Japan where he became a director for Nikkatsu. He is now a producer in Japan's burgeoning film industry.

One evening not long ago Abe recalled his early days in Hollywood when he was visited in Japan by Eddie Imazu, art director of MGM. Imazu was in Japan to select the locations and supervise the building of the sets for *Teahouse of the August Moon* which MGM is now filming near Kyoto with a cast headed by Marlon Brando, as Sakini, and Machiko Kyo as Lotus Blossom.

NIPPONESE HEAVIES

In the early days of the movies many of the films were either cops and robbers chases, western thrillers or Asian melodramas. There was quite a demand for Oriental badmen and a number of Japanese players made a good living as villains.

Frank Tokunaga, for one, started out way back in the Brooklyn studio of Vitagraph. When this pioneer studio moved out to California and what was then known as East Hollywood, Tokunaga came along. In the same era (circa 1914-18) a sinister "shadow man" pursued Pearl White in the serial, *Perils of Pauline*. This cinematic embodiment of evil was billed simply as Mori. Togo Yamamoto was another Oriental menace. He returned to Japan in the 1920s and specialized in gangster roles at Nikkatsu. Seki Misao was another heavy who returned to Japan after several years in Hollywood. Thomas Tom Kurihara played Mexican bandits and renegade Indians in pictures which starred William S. Hart, "the strong silent man of the open spaces." Kurihara also returned to Japan where he became the first distributor of American films. And then there was Kino Goro, who was known as the "Flying Dragon." A serious actor with a flair for comic pantomime, he specialized in Chinese roles and won billing in many ranch house film dramas. There was a time in Hollywood when a western film wasn't complete with the ubiquitous Chinese cook.

CHILD ACTORS

Without any doubt the first Nisei child actor in Hollywood was Benji Okubo, now a painter and landscape gardener. Benji, now bearded and graying, played a six-year old half-caste in an early-day silent movie which used the Madame Butterfly theme. Benji now is so busy undertaking extensive Oriental rock garden contracts on Beverly Hills and Bel-Air estates that he has little time for his oil painting. Incidentally, his sister Mine, an artist in New York, wrote and illustrated the relocation camp book, *Citizen 13660*, which was published a decade ago by Columbia University Press.

A boy actor who was really bigtime was Artnur Kaihatsu. Back when he was 7 early in the 1920s, he appeared in Hal Roach's *Our Gang* comedies. He also was a member of the Mickey McGuire moppets for a time.

Arthur's father, Masajiro Kaihatsu (he used the professional name of "Yukio Aoyama") was a newspaper editor, film and stage actor and director. A native of Gifu, Japan, Kaihatsu was an editor of a daily paper in a big Japanese city. When competition with a rival daily erupted into violence, Kaihatsu departed for the United States. He went to a dramatic school in Chicago and then came to Los Angeles where he organized the Cherry Blossom Players, a Japanese group which appeared on the local boards under L. E. Behymer's management.

The dramatic group was Kaihatsu's springboard to the movies in 1915. By the time he quit the films to go into the antique and Oriental costume rental business, he had 60 pictures to his credit. As "Yukio Aoyama", Kaihatsu was starred opposite Lois Wilson in *Hara Kiri* and was co-starred with Helen Holmes in the *Tiger Band* serials. He also was an assistant director at Vitagraphs. The musty record books of Hollywood list his credits as including *Pidgin Island*, 1917, and *The Red Lantern*, 1918, both at Metro; *The Bravest Way*, 1918, and *Terror Island*, 1919, Lasky; and the *Gray Mouse*, Fox, and *Japanese Nightingale*, Pathe, both in 1919. He also appeared

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Chinese American family disillusioned as new Manhattan Beach home 'disappears in cloud of bigotry on eve of escrow'

A pretty mother of Chinese ancestry and 8-month-old daughter boarded an airliner for Chicago last week leaving behind her unhappy husband, ex-GI George Moy Lee, 28, of Venice, Crux of the couple's difficulty isn't disharmony at home—it's no home!

"We were out on the street," Lee told the Tidings, Los Angeles Catholic weekly. "I just didn't have a house for Joanmae and our 8-month-old daughter, Sharon Therese. Rather than impose on friends, I sent Joanmae back to

Chicago."

George Lee, who served three years for the Air Force, isn't a charity case. He has a responsible job as research assistant in the electron tube lab at a local aircraft plant. American-born, he was active in St. Mark's parish in Venice.

Two weeks ago, the Lees gave up their apartment at 3712 Centinela Ave., because they planned to move into a home of their own April 15 in Manhattan Beach, which they thought they had purchased

for \$15,550. It was brand new with three bedrooms, forced air heating and two baths.

The realtor said their \$4,500 down payment in cash would be satisfactory. They could plan to move in within "10 days or two weeks". But somehow the deal fell through. Quite suddenly, the builder decided not to sell.

It may be have been a case of racial discrimination, the Tidings pointed out.

"We haven't been able to buy a tract house anywhere," Mrs. Lee said sorrowfully. "Some realtors tell us point-blank: 'We don't sell to Orientals!' Those people at least are honest. The others give us the run-around."

"We don't discriminate against any American who qualify financially," they say. "Fill out this form and wait one month. We'll contact you—don't phone!"

"Of course, we never heard from them."

The Lees played the waiting game for six weeks. Then a phone checkup disclosed the forms unaccountably had been "misplaced". Several times the Lees hopefully reapplied, always with the same mystifying result. Finally they got the idea!

Their "dream house" at Manhattan Beach wasn't located in a tract. So the Lees were optimistic. This time it was to be different. But not!

So, this week ex-GI George Lee is a lonely, disillusioned young American, the Tidings said. George Lee isn't an Olympic Games diving champion like Dr. Sammy Lee, the Korean American athlete whose similar housing misfortune evoked considerable public protest. But George Lee is a loyal, tax-paying, church-going citizen, and a devoted husband and father.

He's a good soldier who hasn't surrendered. He's still hopeful about housing. He's looking ahead to a happy reunion with his family. Naturally, he's hoping it will be in a real "dream house"—one that doesn't disappear in a cloud of bigotry on the eve of escrow.

Dartmouth fraternity quits nat'l Phi Sigma Kappa

HANOVER, N.H. — The 51-year-old Phi Sigma Kappa chapter at Dartmouth College here has severed all connections with the national organization.

The Dartmouth chapter declared: "It is incongruous for any organization founded on brotherhood to sanction discrimination on the grounds of race, color or creed."

OREGON NISEI VETS FORM AUXILIARY UNIT

PORTLAND. — Mrs. Shig Hinatsu was elected president of the newly-formed Oregon Nisei Veterans Auxiliary.

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Teacher and Nisei pupil win visit to Valley Forge, Seattle school cited

SEATTLE. — Selected by the Freedom Foundation for doing more to advance the American way of life in 1955 than any other school in the country, Eleanor Langworthy and Terry Kato as representatives of the Bailey-Gatzert elementary school left late this week for Valley Forge to tour the cradle of their country.

The school is well-known by Seattleites as the "melting pot" school where only 10 per cent of its 1,050 pupils are Caucasian. The rest consist of Negroes, Japanese, Chinese,

Mexican, Filipino, Indian and a smattering of other groups.

The school won its award for a series of TV shows on American heritage. Negro and Oriental lads and lassies portrayed such characters as George Washington, Betsy Ross and Benjamin Franklin in the pageants.

Sixth-grader Terry Kato was John Hancock in the "Signing of the Declaration of Independence". Miss Langworthy was one of the teachers who worked hardest on the program.

Semanlicist continues to stir controversy in race relations in talk before Negroes

SAN FRANCISCO. — Dr. Samuel I. Hayakawa, internationally known semanticist, who last fall stirred much controversy by urging Nisei to abandon their Nisei groups, gave practically the same advice to the Negroes in a lecture here April 24.

He told an audience of Negro and white students at San Francisco State College where he is a faculty member that Negroes now ought to relax and enjoy the rights and privileges of being Americans by forgetting as far as possible that they are Negroes.

The fight for desegregation has been won in Congress and the Supreme Court, he said, but added "if you expect to be treated as a Negro, people are going to treat you as a Negro—whatever that means to them."

"Hence it is of the utmost importance in race relations to stop thinking about race relations and to think instead about whatever your special line of interest may be," he added.

Santa Barbara ROTC cadet wins top honors

SANTA BARBARA. — Cadet 1st Lt. Henry Koga of the Santa Barbara College ROTC won the highly regarded Association of the U.S. Army award for outstanding achievement as a first-year advanced course cadet at the spring awards review held last week on the drill field of the new UCSBC campus.

He is the son of Mrs. Suyeno Koga, 116 Miramar Ave., a junior and zoology major. The presentation was made by Lt. Col. Harold Haines, professor of military science at UCSBC and commanding officer of the college ROTC unit.

Koga was formerly a member of the 1st Cavalry Division.

Recover body of woman drowned last Christmas

SACRAMENTO. — A body identified through jewelry and dental records as Mrs. Yoshino Kusaba, 31, of Walnut Grove was recovered Apr. 25 when it was seen floating near H St. in Isleton.

She had been missing since Dec. 22 when a car driven by her husband who also met the same fate plunged into the swollen Sacramento river. The body of her husband, Ben, was recovered Jan. 4.

MEMORIAL SERVICES SLATED IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE. — Community-wide Memorial Day services are scheduled May 30 at the foot of the Nisei War Monument in Lakeview cemetery under sponsorship of the local Nisei Veterans Committee.

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■ Now that only 17 weeks remain until "Changing Perspectives" begins to unfold on the evening of Aug. 31 at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel here, the matter of convention public relations assumes a sharper focus. In order to handle this vital phase of the preparations for our parley, we have enlisted the aid of our large and capable friend, Haruo Ishimaru. If Haruo will pardon the reference to his girth, we hasten to add that he has made a whopping debut as a life insurance agent for West Coast Life. As a matter of fact, he recently earned the rank of top producer for the company, a rare feat indeed for a "freshman".

It will be Haruo's task to beat the drums for "Changing Perspectives" among our chapter and district councils, and we trust that many of you will be hearing from him in that respect.

QUEEN CONTEST UNDERWAY

■ Some time ago this corner plugged the forthcoming competition for a Queen to reign over our 14th Biennial. Our host San Francisco Chapter has since gotten its own Queen Contest into high gear, with co-chairmen Yo Hironaka and Jack Kusaba at the helm.

As of this writing, at least four very tasty dishes had thrown their hats into the ring. We anticipate a very healthy and interesting tussle for the crown, which will be climaxed by a judging and coronation ceremony to be held at the Chapter's annual June Informal at the picturesque Surf Club "by the Beach".

This is a reminder to all Chapter presidents, and other people concerned in the NCWN District Council, to start beating the bushes for a candidate, or candidates, to make this a real Queen Contest. We know that Northern California abounds in beauties, so let's have those entries.

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■ Although distress signals are most often sent up when a ship is going down, we're taking the prerogative of jumping the gun a little. The months are really flying by, but pre-registrations and package deals are lagging.

We really intend to "beat this point to death" because pre-registrations serve as a guide to how many conventioners will join us, and the \$20 package deals not only do this, but also aid us immeasurably in financing. On behalf of our Pre-registration Chairman, Sally Noda and Registration chief, Sumi, may I again make the plea—please send us your checks pronto.

■ A last minute change in agenda has resulted in a transfer of the Convention Outing site from the previously announced Matassi Ranch to the Blackberry Farm. This locale provides all the facilities for an outing, including a new playground area for children, as well as a sparkling new swimming pool. It is in the immediate vicinity of Los Altos.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

Continued from the Preceding Page

in Ruth Roland serials and in pictures at Universal, Kalem and other studios.

Kaihatsu's daughter, Martha, worked on the Rafu Shimpo in pre-evacuation days. She is now in public relations in New York City.

Of all of Hollywood's Japanese personalities from the silent days, one of those still active is Eddie Imazu, the MGM art director. Eddie Imazu? That's another story.

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SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL 14th Biennial Convention Committee is meeting frequently these days to assure convention-goers a grand time and to assure the best conditions and facilities for discussing the convention theme, "Changing Perspectives". Pictured at a recent meeting are (standing left to right): Kei Hori, Social Events chairman; Mas Satow, National JACL director; Jack Hirose, Finance chairman; Dan Nakatsu, associate Public Relations chairman; Tosh Kubokawa, "Operation Mercury" chairman; Dr. Tokuji Hedani, treas.; Sumi Utsumi, Hospitality chair-

man; Yori Wada, Junior JACL Activities chairman, Scotty Tsuchiya, Convention Booklet Advertising chairman; Kaz Sakai, Official Events chairman; Yas Abiko, NC-WN District Council chairman; Sim Togasaki, Convention Booklet business manager; Hatsu Aizawa, San Francisco JACL President; seated (left to right): Lucy Adachi, secretary to Convention Chairman; Mary Yonemoto, rec. sec.; Jerry Enomoto, Convention Chairman; Kathy Reyes, cor. sec., and Sumi Honnami, Registration chairman.

—(Photo by Henry Omi)

NC-WNDC quarterly meeting in San Jose, golf tournament entry regulations told

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Jose will be the locale of the second quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting on Sunday, May 20, it was announced by the regional office.

Registration, starting at 12 noon, will be held at Onishi Hall. The business session will be from 1 to 5 p.m.

At 5 p.m. a banquet will be held at Kogura Hall and at 9 p.m. at the Onishi Hall a dance will bring the day to a close.

Registration fee will be \$5 for official delegates and \$4 for booster delegates.

For relaxation, the third annual golf tournament is being planned for 10 a.m. at Hillview golf course.

Entries must be accompanied by fees of \$5 and should be sent to Clark Takeda, 201 Jackson St., San Jose.

Checks should be made out to Wayne Kanemoto, treasurer. The \$5 entry fee includes \$1 for registration. Entries must be in by midnight May 9, and players must be JACL members.

There will be a team competition for all chapters entering more than five golfers. Entries for this team event may be made at the starter's bench on the day of the tournament, according to Taketa.

All golfers who are official delegates from their chapters will be assigned early starting times on re-

quest so that they will be able to compete and also attend the business session.

Monterey Peninsula JACL are two-time defenders of the NC-WNDC golf title.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

Membership Standing

As of Apr. 30	1,046
As of Mar. 31	1,010

SAN FRANCISCO. — National JACL Headquarters acknowledged 86 new memberships and renewals for the period of April 15-30:

- LIFE MEMBER**
Marysville—Frank F. Nakamura.
- EIGHTH YEAR**
Hollywood—Arthur T. Ito.
- SEVENTH YEAR**
Gardena—Kazuo Minami.
- SIXTH YEAR**
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- FIFTH YEAR**
Long Beach—Fred Ikeguchi.
Seattle—William Mimbu.
Fresno—Dr. George Suda.
Cincinnati—Masaji S. Toki.
- FOURTH YEAR**
Fresno—Dr. Fusaji Inada.
Twin Cities—Dr. George Nishida.
Columbia Basin—Edward M. Yamamoto.
- THIRD YEAR**
Hollywood—Danar Abe, Miwako Yamamoto.
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Downtown L.A.—Junichi Yoshitomi.
- SECOND YEAR**
Marysville—George H. Inouye.
Venice-Culver—Min Ioki.
Orange County—Elden Kanegae.
Chicago—Mrs. Dorothy Kiltow, Thomas S. Okabe.
Stockton—Ray Komure, Mrs. Masuye Tabuchi, Kazuo Ueda, John K. Yamaguchi.
Southwest L.A.—Dr. Kenneth K. Nagamoto, John Y. Nishimura, Jack Wada.
Philadelphia—Ben Ohama, Mrs. Marion Tamaki.
Oakland—Takeo Okamoto, James Tsunomoto.
St. Louis—Dan Sakahara.
Downtown L.A.—Meiji Sato.
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Fresno—Dr. Akira Jitsumyo, Dr. Sumio Kubo, Dr. Chester Oji, S. G. Sakamoto.
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Oakland—Dr. Russell WeHara.
Downtown L.A.—Shigematsu Takeyasu, E. Tanikawa.
Philadelphia—Tadafumi Mikuriya.
Venice-Culver—George T. Isoda.
Long Beach—Easy Fujimoto, Dr. Itaru Ishida, Dr. John E. Kashiwabara, Dr. Masao Takeshita.
Southwest L.A.—Dr. Tatsuhiro Miyamoto.
Stockton—Mits Baba, Art Hisaka.

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

Satow addresses all-women meeting of Portland JACL, relates 25-year CL history

PORTLAND. — National JACL Director Mas Satow spoke before 35 persons at a "women only" supper meeting sponsored by the local JACL at the New Tokyo on Apr. 22.

Satow gave a resume of the activities of the JACL since its inception in 1928 to the present day. He also gave a brief report of the activities of the various chapters in promoting community interest in the JACL.

In stressing the need for such an organization he declared that JACL is the only organization representing persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States which is at the present strong enough to command attention by the rest of the people.

Declaring that many feel that they are "coming along all right", many think that the JACL is not necessary. In citing an example of public sentiment he used the example of a famous football team's fate in its own hometown when it displayed a so-so record. During its winning streak, everyone was "for" them. When it began losing games, many of its supporters were

trying to give away season tickets.

Therefore, he declared that it was essential to keep the JACL going in order that in an emergency the organization could call upon its resources to combat unfavorable situations on a nationwide basis for persons of Japanese ancestry.

The purpose of restricting this meeting to women only was for the benefit of the many who are otherwise unable or disinclined to attend the regular JACL meetings. This group will plan another meeting for the entire membership sometime in the near future, otherwise, all other business will be handled at the regular meetings, it was stated. —(Oregon Weekly)

Berkeley JACL slates duplicate bridge meet

BERKELEY. — The Berkeley JACL will hold a duplicate bridge tournament Saturday, May 12, at 7:45 p.m. in the Palm Room of the Berkeley YMCA at Allston and Milvia sts.

A charge of 60c will be assessed to help defray expenses. Members and friends, regardless of previous duplicate experience, are welcome. Those interested may call Mrs. Yamamoto HI 4-3911 or Sat Otogiri TH 3-4313.

Orange County carnival at Buena Park June 30

SANTA ANA.—The annual Orange County Japanese community carnival will be held Saturday, June 30, at the Buena Park Recreation Park, in conjunction with the judo tournament, it was announced by Carl Honda, general chairman.

The carnival is jointly sponsored by the various Nisei organizations, including the Orange County JACL, of the Inter-Club Council here.

As an added feature to the game and refreshment booths will be a carnival talent show under direction of star-maker Ken Uyesugi.

Berkeley community picnic

BERKELEY. — Berkeley JACL will sponsor a community picnic Sunday, Aug. 19, at Oakland's Lake Temescal, according to Jiro Nakaso, general chairman. Races, games, refreshments and prizes are the order of the day.

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



Alien land law

San Francisco

■ We have just had a third meeting in Fresno of representatives of the three California District Councils to set up an Alien Land Law Committee to push for a favorable vote in November to delete the 1920 Alien Property Initiative Act from the State statutes. Last year, through efforts spearheaded by Haruo Ishimaru, the State Legislature erased the original 1913 law, and by overwhelming majority voted to place the 1920 act before the voters, in essence, asking them to remove the last vestige of legislation directed against Japanese. Actually, the 1920 law is now meaningless and inoperative as a result of decisions by the State Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as the 1952 Act of Congress in removing the category of aliens ineligible for citizenship.

We thank Senator Kuchel . . .

■ Last week we had the pleasure of meeting with California Senator Thomas Kuchel to personally thank him for his good efforts, and especially his recent remarks on the Senate floor in protest of the irresponsible letter appearing in *Newsweek*. We recalled last year at the joint EDC-MDC how he graciously greeted our group of newly naturalized citizens from Southern California on tour of the Nation's Capitol.

Chapters hustle memberships . . .

■ Topping their 1955 membership marks this past fortnight are Arkansas Valley, Eder Township, Hollywood, Oakland, Portland, St. Louis, San Luis Obispo, Seattle, and Venice-Culver chapters. This gives us a total of 19 chapter to date who have done better than last year. San Francisco still leads with 1,062, but Southwest L.A. has picked up to break into the 600 class.

Our special mention this month goes to Frank Nakamura of Marysville who has signed up as our latest 1000 Club Life Member. Frank endorsed to JACL the check he received from the Marysville Flood Committee for rehabilitation, feeling that JACL could better use the check. But this is the kind of support Frank has been giving JACL ever since 1935 when he helped to organize the present Marysville Chapter. He is a pharmacist by profession, a wearer of the sapphire pin, was Chairman of the Marysville JA Flood Relief Committee, has been chapter president several times including the time of evacuation and when the chapter was reactivated after the war.

Pacific Northwest meeting . . .

■ The PNWDC meeting presided by chairman Dr. Kelly Yamada was hosted by the Gresham-Troutdale Chapter at the JA Community Hall. This chapter is located 12 miles east of Portland. The chapter luncheon included dessert of strawberries grown by the Gresham members, thanks to arrangements by Jack Ouchida. Jack, by the way, is a crack pistol shot with the sheriff's posse, and he has a collection of medals to prove his marksmanship. We are grateful to Katherine Kawata of Portland for volunteering to act as secretary.

Following the DC meeting we met in Portland with a group of ladies for an informal dinner and discussion set up by Kimi Tambara and Ise Azumoto. Of course, the subject was JACL and how the group could be helpful to the local chapter. We were the lone thorn among 34 Portland roses, as it were. And it was a delightful change to have half a dozen gals take us out for a nightcap afterward.

Meetings, Meetings . . .

■ With Yas Abiko we ran down to San Jose for a meeting with the Chapter to work on plans for the NC-WNDC quarterly meeting set for May 20. President Phil Matsumura is an old hand in JACL and organizational work, and promises we will hear much from the San Jose Chapter this year.

We were guests at a Sunday afternoon luncheon meeting of the San Francisco Women's Auxiliary to bring some of the newer members up-to-date on JACL background. This women group under the gavel of Vi Nakano continues to carry on a variety of numerous activities and has been a real asset to San Francisco. Convention goers will be able to see for themselves what these gals can do as they view the fashion show.

At the invitation of president Bob Takeuchi, we spent a pleasant evening in a "zadankai" with the S.F. Yukokai, which is social and cultural organization of Nisei who have just returned from spending their formative years in Japan. The discussion revolved around their adjustments in their new environment. Although the teaching of English was suspended in Japan while they were in high school, they showed no difficulty with the language.

National nominations . . .

■ Tom Hayashi of New York, chairman of the National Nominating Committee, would like to have returns from all the Districts of nominees for the JACL National Board for the next biennium by June 30. The District Councils will then be given a chance to go over the entire list of nominees, make whatever rearrangements and adjustments they desire, and the National Nominating Committee will meet at a breakfast meeting on the first day of the Convention to prepare the final slate.

Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial . . .

■ Going out to the chapter soon will be the announcement of the 1956 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship competition. This is the 11th year of the Scholarship given by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka in memory of her son and administered by JACL.

National recognitions . . .

■ Dr. Thomas Yatabe of Chicago, chairman of the National Recognition Committee, reminds us that the deadline for nominations for the Nisei of the Biennium is July 31. Five finalists will be picked, three from the Distinguished Community Leadership category and two from those who Distinguished Achievements rate national recognition. All five will be presented JACL medallions, but the Nisei of the Biennium will be chosen from among the three finalists for Distinguished Community Leadership.

Attention of the chapters is also called to the new National Board Award, the JACLer of the Biennium, to the JACLer who during the biennium has contributed most to the strength and growth of JACL. This award will be made for the first time at the coming national convention, and it is fitting that it has been designated as the "Dr. Randolph M. Sakada Memorial Award" in honor and memory of one who gave so much of himself for the organization.

Salt Lake chapter bills five events for enjoyment of all age group & community

SALT LAKE CITY. — Five events which are expected to meet the varied tastes of the local JACL membership and community have been scheduled for the coming month, according to the Salt Lake Chapter Bulletin.

The Jr. JACL girls are sponsoring a Girls' Preference Dance tomorrow at the Newhouse Hotel with Shelley Hyde's combo. The Leap Year theme is being followed and senior group members have been encouraged to attend to assure a successful affair.

A half-hour TV program on KTVT, May 5, 9:30 a.m., will feature local Nisei and Sansei celebrating Japan's Boy's day.

For the ladies, a Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show, is being sponsored by the SLC Auxiliary at the historic Manor Height Recreation Center, 201 N. Main St., on Sunday, May 13, from 2 p.m. The

Auxiliary hopes to make this event traditional. Women's apparel from sportswear to formals will be modeled. Entertainment and refreshment will be included. Everyone is invited to bring their mothers—and fathers, too!

Lee Kay, education director of the Utah Fish and Game Dept., will again favor the community with his films on fishing and game lore at the chapter meeting Saturday, May 26, 8 p.m. Further details are pending to inaugurate the 1956 fishing season here.

Three Japanese churches again join with the community to honor the dead on Memorial Day, May 30. The program will be conducted at the Nisei War Memorial in the local cemetery.

Final spring season social will be the Graduation Dance on Saturday, June 2. Ichiro Doi, chairman, will announce plans soon.

Five-year ambition to have silversmith address SWLA JACL to be fulfilled May 9

Nationally known silversmith Harry Osaki of Pasadena will be the featured speaker at the Southwest L.A. JACL chapter meeting, May 9, 8 p.m., at the Centenary Methodist Church. It was announced this week by Roy Iketani, chapter president.

"Mr. Osaki will bring his equipment and give an actual demonstration of the method he uses to make his beautiful and distinctive hand wrought silver", Mabel Ota, vice president in charge of the program, added.

In addition Mrs. Ota stated that Osaki is donating five of his original contemporary art pieces which will be given to those attending as door prizes. These will include jewelry, two pieces in silver and two in enameled copper.

After nine years in silver work, Osaki now has a nation-wide reputation for the originality in his clean, simple designs that have won numerous prizes in the highly specialized field of hand wrought silver. There are less than 100 silversmiths in this country and most of these have no art training and rely mostly on workmanship and techniques. Osaki is one who does both creative designs and works out those designs into finished products.

His creative work has been shown at many art shows and in exhibits of modern design. His pieces have been exhibited in 150 museums throughout the world. His work has been included in three exhibits abroad that were sponsored by the State Department. One such exhibit is now on world tour and is a representative exhibit of the creative work being done at present in this country in such fields as leather work, fabrics, furniture and metals.

Among Osaki's extracurricular activities is his Boy Scout work in which he has been active for 25 years. At the present time and for the past three years he has been a Scout Commissioner for the San Gabriel Valley Council and last year was awarded the Silver Beaver for outstanding leadership. The highly prized scout award is bestowed for distinguished service to boyhood and is given to only one out of a 1000 leaders. Also outstanding is Osaki's total of 104 merit badges which is matched by only a few others in the country.

Osaki has attended Fresno State College, Washington State College the Art Institute of Chicago and USC. He started his higher education as an agricultural major, switched to recreation and after

becoming interested in the art field in relocation camp, changed to that field.

Osaki has appeared before many groups as a speaker and is much sought after for his interesting lectures which are a combination of lecture, exhibit and demonstration.

(This arrangement concludes a five-year ambition by the chapter to have the popular speaker on their program.)

Iketani added that no admission will be charged and that the public is invited. He especially urged the attendance of the Issei members of the chapter. Members needing transportation are asked to call Hiroko Kawanami at RE 2-4731; Joan Yamakami at DU 4-9278; Ellen Kubo, RE 1-7111; or Jim Yamamoto, WE 3-1664.

So. Alameda County JACL Mothers' tea on May 11

WARM SPRINGS. — The Southern Alameda County JACL County JACL will honor the mothers at their annual Mother's Day tea to be held on Friday, May 11, at Hansen Hall from 7:30 p.m.

Games and entertainment are being planned by Dorothy Kato, general chairman, and her committee. A special prize will be given to the "lucky mom" of the evening. Assisting Mrs. Kato are Saxie Mizota, invitation; June Handa, Eleanor Motozaki, games; and Janie Yamaguchi, refreshments.

Sequoia JACL slates two films for voters tonight

REDWOOD CITY. — With election year here, the Sequoia JACL has arranged for the showing of two films on voting and Americanism at the general meeting tonight at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church hall.

On the agenda are the June graduation party, July outing and discussion on bidding for the pre-convention rally.

NEW COMMANDER PICKED FOR L.A. NISEI VFW POST

Johnny Takayanagi of Venice is the new commander of the Nisei Memorial Post 9938, VFW, Los Angeles.

Hi-Co conference for Southland students planned

A conference for Southland Nisei collegians and high school students in leadership training is being offered for the first time on June 16-17 at the Forest Home in the beautiful San Bernardino mountains northeast of Redlands. Tagged as the Hi-Co Conference, it is under sponsorship of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council.

"The weekend gathering will provide opportunities to experience democratic living with people of a wide variety of economic, social, national and religious backgrounds," explains Bill Marumoto, who has been heading the preparatory work with Jan Fukuda.

Both Marumoto and Miss Fukuda, who was Miss National JACL of 1954, have been calling on the active high school and college students from Los Angeles, Pasadena, Long Beach and Orange County representing many high schools, colleges and universities, clubs and church groups.

The Hi-Co Conference seeks to encourage leadership by active participation in the school, church and community with emphasis on individual worth, and at the same time stress cultural heritage and carry out opportunities provided from the Issei.

"Since more and more Japanese American students are becoming interested in their schools, churches and communities, need for a program of this type has been developed," Marumoto said. "In order to make everyone realize his own potential as a creative force in the world today, it is important that we share ideas with those who have succeeded as leaders in their respective positions."

The Hi-Co conference is open to all high school and college students. The \$8 conference fee will cover five meals (Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch) and one night of lodging.

Prominent people of the Japanese community and student college leaders will serve as resource persons in the discussions groups.

George Takeyama, 446 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, is registration chairman. Applications blanks are obtainable until May 31.



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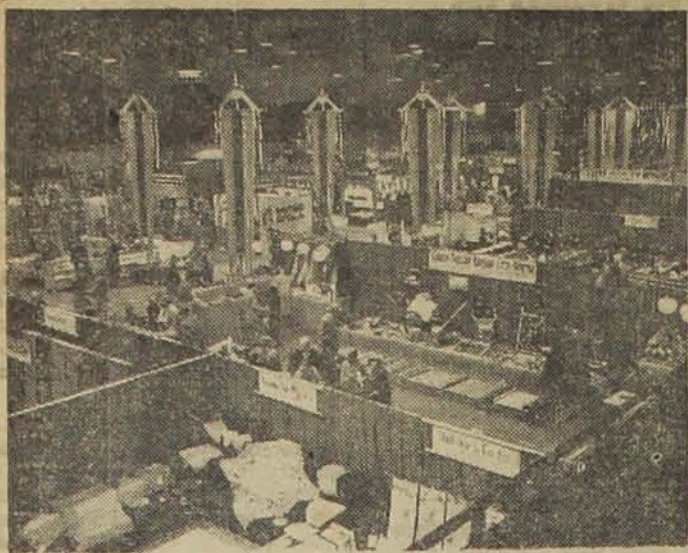
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Int'l trade fair

Seattle

The International Trade Fair, which originated in Seattle as the Japan Trade Fair in 1951, is about to go into its sixth session this week, May 4 through 13. The Fair, which embraces trade representation from practically all countries of the Pacific Rim, is still predominantly Japanese; which is natural, since Japan, as

in the years before the war, occupies the most important position of any nation in a trade partnership with the United States.

Yearly the Trade Fair averages 50,000 paid admissions at 75c per, from interested people who just come to look. It ranks with Seafair, as one of the annual events which help to make this a Greater Seattle. Of course, biggest sources for meeting expenses are from liberal appropriations from the Japanese Government and from the State of Washington and fees from hundreds of manufacturers and exhibitors which attest to the importance of the thousands of orders and inquiries which come from professional buyers.

Most fascinating aspects of this coming Fair and the successful shows of the past is that it now appears the time to venture an optimistic appraisal of the future, and with an eye to the limitations of space, by-pass comment on controversial subjects such as Japanese sea food products and cheap textiles which are highly vulnerable to tariff raises and quota restrictions. One item on the dark side is the ban against fresh Japanese oranges (mikan) which may now be imported only in cans.

However, the outlook is overwhelmingly on the bright side for many reasons, but here are just two which this corner would like to mention. Number one is that Japan is becoming known as a producer of high quality merchandise, whereas the "Made in Japan" label once impressed the customer as a product of the world's greatest imitator and mass producer of shoddy goods. Number two is that in the United States, at long last the impact of Japanese culture is being felt and appreciated in the fields of architecture, interior decorating, and the accoutrements that go to make up home decoration.

In regard to No. 1 there is the well known example of how LIFE photographers covering the Korean War tried and tested Japanese lenses and found them to be superior to anything on the market. Scores of Nippon's camera manufacturers led by Nikon and Canon started to enjoy a new prosperity and now advertise extensively in U.S. photo magazines. Current kudo in this department goes to the Canon Company which has made up a six-page folding two tone layout in leading U.S. photo magazines which heralded Canon as the fulfillment of a system of photography. The advertising approach is strictly American, an important consideration in bidding for the U.S. market since Japanese philosophy in advertising awaits much future development. It was interesting to note that the serial number of the camera pictured in this ad is over 300,000. The number on my Canon is 34,435, quite a jump for an article retailing from \$299.50 to infinity depending on the number of lenses and accessories that go with it. The establishment of the Japan Camera Information and Service Center in New York indicates a forward step in cultivating stability in the quality market.

The No. 2 consideration ties in with the quality aspect also. Much of modern American home design has adopted Japanese color, lines and austere concepts of beauty. Directly in line with this conception goes the necessity to introduce objects appropriate in quality and taste to Japan's tradition. Drapes and cushions, screens and scrolls, lamps and fine pottery; even the hibachi have all found their places in the scheme of American home decoration. The impact of Japanese design affected Europe in the 1880s and '90s, but the impression did not reach the masses. When a great idea that once pleased a few rich Europeans gains the recognition of America, that's the beginning of big business.

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Nisei Relays date changed to June 24

The Fifth Annual Nisei Relays sponsored by the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council will be held on Sunday, June 24, rather than on the previous week as announced earlier, reported Arnold Hagiwara, Relays Committee chairman.

The locale will remain at the Rancho Cienega field and stadium.

Prewar Japanese YMCA members plan reunion

SAN FRANCISCO. — A Blazing Arrows reunion dinner June 3 has been announced by Fred Hoshiyama of the Buchanan St. YMCA, 1530 Buchanan St.

A steering committee of Yas Abiko, Koji Murata, Dave Tatsuno, Tom Hoshiyama, George Kyotow, Tut Tatsuno, Tad Fujita, Yosh "Colusa" Toriumi and Fred Hoshiyama is securing addresses of former Blazing Arrows and Greyhound Team and club members of the prewar Japanese YMCA for the occasion.

A special fund is being raised to have Chojiro Numajiri, onetime "Y" secretary in Chicago attend the reunion. Contributions are being accepted at the Buchanan St. "Y". Prewar "Y" members interested in attending may call on the committee for further information.

The Blazing Arrows was organized in 1919 and eventually became affiliated as a Japanese "Y" group in the mid-1920s until 1942.

150 aid in success of Sac'lo art fest

SACRAMENTO. — Over 150 Issei and Nisei of the Sacramento area helped to successfully stage the fourth annual Japanese Flower Festival and Art Show, which closed last Sunday at the Crocker Art Gallery here.

The week-long show, chairmaned by Peter T. Osuga, was aimed to better understand Japanese in America through introduction of Japanese culture and working together with other Sacramentans to stage the show.

Kimono-clad girls welcomed the public at the door with the foyer festooned with posters and scenes of Japan from travel and tourist companies. The ballroom was lined with some 37 flower arrangements. One of the galleries was converted into a tearoom.

Pottery, lacquerware, and unusual fabrics on loan from Genzo Maezawa of the Japan Trade Center were displayed in the upstairs galleries. Masks from the collection of James S. Hirano and screens 300 years old from Ichiro Shibata were also eye-catching pieces.

Chiura Obata, professor emeritus of the Univ. of California, provided some of his latest watercolors and a new four panel screen, recently completed for the Festival. Woodblock prints from Tokyo and other objects were included in the show.

The San Francisco Japanese consulate-general assisted with the committee. Assisting were:

Masao Itano, asst. chmn.; Sadae Hamada, sec.-mgr.; No. Calif. Japanese C. of C.; Nobukazu Sato, bonnai; Ichio Nakashima, antiques; Takachiyo Inai, Shigeo Taketa, entertainment; Tsueno Yoshikawa, Eugene Okada, pub.; Giichi to, fl. arr.; Mrs. Toyoko Seno, ann.

Supreme court—

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and therefore the high court was precluded by law from entertaining it.

It appears, however, that the effect of the decision of the Supreme Court will, in the long run, demolish the last bastion of racial segregation in the field of public transportation.

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NORTHWEST MAT STAR ELIMINATED IN U.S. OLYMPIC WRESTLING TRY

First round eliminations for the U.S. Olympic wrestling team saw Mitsuru Tamura of Gladstone, Ore., lose to Manuel Pihakia of Indiana University at the Hollywood Legion stadium last Sunday. Tamura, who was the Pacific Northwest regional champion in the flyweight division, wrestles for Oregon City High School. He is the nephew of Giichi Yoshioka, veteran Hayward Optimist and Eden Township JACler.

Warm weather aids in Nishita win

HAVANA. — Bill Nishita pitched a seven-hitter Apr. 25 for his first victory as Montreal downed Havana Sugar Kings 6-3. Only earned run off the Nisei right-hander was a homer by Angel Scull.

Wintry weather was blamed for the Nisei's failure in his first start the previous week at Columbus. Manager Greg Mulleavy said, "It was so cold in Columbus that the fans wouldn't have come out to see the emperor pitch. The weather here should favor him."

COLUMBUS, Ohio. — Hawaiian Nisei Bill Nishita was blasted off the mound after two and two-thirds innings in his professional baseball debut Apr. 20 as Columbus Jets beat Montreal Royals 8-5.

Jets powdered Nishita for six runs on six hits and a walk. The right-handed control pitcher failed to strike out any batters, but he singled in one appearance at the plate.

Shotput record broken

SANTA ANA. — Benny Marumoto of Santa Ana High broke a 20-year-old shot put record with a heave of 46 ft.-2 in. in a recent dual meet with Fullerton High. The old mark of 45 ft.-9 inch. was made in 1936.

Aoki, Ginji Mizutani, pub. rel.; Jim Matsufuji, music; Mrs. Grace Morimoto, Masao Yoshiyama, treas.; Soichi Nakatani, Noboru Shirai, Jap. press; Mrs. Sally Taketa, hostess; Mrs. Ruth Shimizu, tea girls; Toshi Komura, photog.; Violet Yoshiyama, sec.; Yoshi Funahashi, Tasaku Hitomi, Sumio Miyamoto, Bill Teramoto.

Grid prospects for Cal colleges seen

SAN FRANCISCO. — In scanning the spring training grounds of some of the California colleges, George Yoshinaga, sports columnist for the Nichi Bei Times, reports there will be some "goodies" next football season for Nisei fans. He says:

"At San Jose State, they have little Ken Matsuda, who can really cut a cute caper on the turf. His break-away runs have thrilled a lot of fans in the southland when he played for Santa Monica CC and Westchester High School. If he can keep his tiny frame from being mangled by a 200 pound tackle, he should do quite well with the Spartans."

"At COP, Mitch Yamamoto, a former all-city player from Banning High School in San Pedro, should see more action this year than last year. In '55 he was a bench-warmer deluxe. Yamamoto tips the beam at 205 pounds spread on a six-foot frame which doesn't classify him as a 'lightweight.'"

"UCLA may see its first Nisei of the Red Sanders era when Hideki Hamamoto slips on a pair of mole-skin for the Bruins. Hamamoto will have the same hazards facing him as will Matsuda. The ex-Pasadena High speedster is even smaller than Matsuda at 145 pounds. He might get run over out there but they'll have to catch him first. Not too many high schoolers could do that. He was one of the leading scorers in Southern CIF play."

OC JAYs cage tournament title won by hosts

GARDEN GROVE.—Orange County JAYs not only hosted seven teams but managed to win their own tournament here at the local high school April 6-8.

In the final game, the O.C. JAYs took an early and commanding lead over Senshin YBA to win 58-45. Ginza Sukiyaki was third, outscoring Tokyo Nursery 38-28. Other teams invited were Long Beach, Asahi Lincoln-Mercury, Umeya Sembei and Carter Hardware.

Jim Fukuda and Benny Marumoto were tournament co-chairmen.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Emerald Ball

Los Angeles

East Los Angeles JACL's top social of the year, the Emerald Ball, will be held tomorrow night at the Santa Monica Elks Club, 21st and Wilshire Blvd., in Santa Monica. This is the second try by the Boyle Heights to traditionalize the dance as a community-wide affair, according to publicity chairman Roy Yamadera.

Last year, the chapter had hoped to go in the blue "financially" to give newly naturalized Issei in their area a real feast and some entertainment. As it turned out, the benefit failed to bring in the needed cash. However, East Los Angeles members did not stop. They sponsored the Recognition Night last November at the International Institute; invited Congressman Chet Holifield from their district; and treated the new citizens to a sushi-mochi-and-tea party, after the accolades were rendered.

BUZZES WITH ACTIVITY

The East Los Angeles chapter—like their crosstown CLers in the Southwest—has a steady program of activities as well as various benefits and services. The Emerald Ball gets under way on a half-a-grand budget, says Yamadera, with all the members pitching in to make it a success. This time, they have their fingers crossed for a "break-even" or a slight profit. "The more money left, the more chances to send additional delegates and boosters to the San Francisco National convention," Yamadera reminded his members.

The cabinet machinery is clicking well, headed by Fred Takata, and he's receiving the full cooperation of the membership.

THEATER TICKET PROJECT

Another project, now geared into high, is the pushing of theater tickets to a Nippon movie house by the chapter. It began in mid-March and will continue until the end of May. Big sales means additional funds in the coffer. In their string of activities are the ELA community picnic for parents and children; deep sea fishing derby; and a Hallowe'en dinner-dance, all traditionals among the JACLers.

The 1956 membership goal is 400; already 320 have signed, indicated Takata.

SHONIEEN RECEIVES BIG BOOST

The Los Angeles Buddhist Church Federation has just concluded its annual drive for donations used for social welfare purposes as well as sinking a portion of the contributions into a Buddhist Church building fund. The dollar-per-year-per-membership netted more than \$2,000 this year. The board of directors decided the Federation would give \$1,000 of the money raised to Shonien, the new Japanese Children's Home. The Shonien also received a \$100 cash gift from the Nisei Veterans Association's auxiliary. Mrs. Hide Bannai, chairman, made the presentation to Mike Suzuki, center director.

The new Shonien has appropriately announced its opening dedication ceremony at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow coincides with Japan's Children's Day (May 5). There will be exhibits of Japanese dolls, flower arrangement, bonsai and art works until Wednesday, May 9, following the dedication.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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hate-monger in California, "perhaps angry about the fact that the Jewish people in the state of California 'carried the ball' relative to the exclusionary policy of the California Exchange Clubs, and they are possibly using this method to incur the wrath of Jews throughout the country against Japanese Americans." . . . "I can tell you that they will not succeed in this regard, for we have seen too much of this 'phony' propaganda to be taken by it," he wrote . . . The *Jewish Daily Forward*, Chicago newspaper, also called attention to having received the very same letter . . . It is gratifying to note that none of these Jewish organizations were taken in by the letter. Instead, they called it to the attention of National JACL headquarters in San Francisco, the Washington JACL office and the JACL regional office here and trusted we could pursue investigation in the matter . . . As in the Lincoln Yamamoto case, the JACL has called it to attention of the FBI and postal authorities . . . Probably if JACL chapters inquire with Jewish groups or synagogues in their vicinity, they can submit either positive or negative reports to National Headquarters so that some determination as to the extent of this vicious program can be made.

Japanese Americans may feel secure today in the light of the past decade. But there are still some conniving dogs who would hope to smear the good name of loyal Americans of Japanese descent by posing as a Nisei . . . Racial bigotry is wearing sinister robes. The tactics in battling bigots in the open as in the past may not apply. We'll have to expose them and it'll take everybody's help—including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the inspectors of the Post Office department . . . Who said we're having it so good now?

MONACO SMALLER THAN UCLA CAMPUS

You can tell I'm not a UCLA as I found Royce Hall has a first name—Josiah, the noted California professor born in 1885 who became an outstanding philosopher and historian while on the faculty of the University of California and at Harvard. His mother, Sarah, opened one of the first private schools in the small mining camp at Grass Valley in Nevada county during the gold rush days . . . All this comes from a Sunday trek over the 400-acre UCLA campus during Open House festivities. Monaco, we might add, is only 375 acres.

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In the unique oriental atmosphere of Tokyo Sukiyaki in Fisherman's Wharf, the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary heard national JACL director Mas Satow (fifth from left) review JACL's 25-year history with its treasury of experiences and great accomplishments. Others at the head table (left to right) are Yas Abiko, NCWNDC chairman and representing the Nichibei Times; Dorothy Suzuki, service chairman; Jerry Enomoto, 14th National JACL Convention chairman; Theima Takeda, recording secretary; Mrs. Jerry Enomoto, corresponding secretary; Howard Imazeki, Hokubei Mainichi; and Viola Nakano, Auxiliary president. Marie Kogawara was event chairman.

—Henry Omi Photo.

Oakland JACL assists in community-wide festival of Japanese culture—Bunka Sai

OAKLAND. — Japanese American Committee helping in Oakland's "Bunka Sai," the Japanese centennial festival of culture is headed by Mrs. Takeo Okamoto of the Oakland Japanese American Citizens League and the Oakland Buddhist Church.

Starting with a sponsors' preview and formal ball, last Saturday, the festival continued through the week and ends this Sunday May 5, with an invitational dedication luncheon at Lake Merritt Hotel and a public dedication of blossoming cherry trees at Lake Merritt bandstand.

Fifteen attractions are being featured in the city's largest cultural attraction since World War II. "Bunka Sai is being staged for many reasons, but none more important than to call the entire community's attention to the cultural and artistic contributions Japan has made to the American way of life," declared Mrs. Herbert M. Stoll, chairman of the Women's Board of the Oakland Museums Association, sponsors.

The committee set up under the

JACL include:

James Tsurumoto, assistant chairman; Mrs. Amy Maniwa, Tad Hirota, and Dr. Charles Ishizu, promotion committee; Hikoichi Tajima, and Nobuta Akahoshi, publicity; William Iino, Harry Tatayama, Paul Nomura, Hideso Neishi, tickets; Roy Endo, flower arrangements; Katsumi Fujii, Mrs. Fumi Tsuboi, Joan Tachiki, Harry Tajima, Tsurumoto, concession; Mrs. H. Kubota, odori; Mrs. Chiyo Kajiura and members of the Oakland West Tenth Methodist Church; George Nakamura, beautification of Lake Merritt; Miss Tachiki and Mrs. Okamoto, fashion show; Mrs. Tsuboi and Mrs. Okamoto, usherettes; Mrs. Ayako Hanyu, Mrs. Aiko Yokoyama, Mrs. Ichiro Endo, Mrs. Nomura, Mrs. Kuroiwa and members of Oakland Buddhist Church Fujin Kai, members of Jr. Fujinkai, Jr. YBA and YBA of Oakland Buddhist Church, Dorians, West Tenth Methodist Church and Oakland Sycamore Congregational Church, usherettes for movies and concert.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

FUJITA, Kay I. (Marjorie M. Yamamura)—girl Karen Shizuko, Mar. 21. HAYASHI, Shigeru (Marion F. Nagashiki)—boy Dennis Toshio, Mar. 20. IWANAGA, Frank Y. (Miyo Semba)—boy David M., Mar. 20.

Deaths

ABE, Chotaro, 69: Seattle, Feb. 3, survived by wife Shizu, sons Mitsui, Kiyoto, daughters Mrs. Toshiko Yano (Chicago), Mrs. Chiyoko Namatane, and 13 grandchildren.
COLER, Helen Y.: Los Angeles, Apr. 21, survived by husband William, parents Mr. & Mrs. Eisaburo Yanagihara, sister Mary.
ETO, Nichei, 77: Watsonville, Apr. 10, survived by wife Tamae, sons Thomas, Wataru, Mitsugu daughters Mmes. Mike Iimoto (Lindsay), Richard Yamamoto, Ted Wada, and 10 grandchildren.
HARADA, John Y., 39: Anaheim, Apr. 25 (accident near Gorman), survived by wife Yoshiko, sons Roy Ronnie, daughter Janet, parents Mr. & Mrs. Kichiji, brothers Masaru, George I., Kenji, James T., sisters Peggy H., Mrs. Hisaye Marumoto and Mrs. Mary H. Hatakeyama.
HASEGAWA, Maru, 65: Seattle, Apr. 11, survived by husband Harry, son William H. (Denver), daughters Mmes. Marjorie Kimura, Saki Shiba (Salt Lake City).
HIRANO, Matsutaro, 76: Los Angeles, Apr. 12, survived by son Kenji, daughter Mrs. Terry Yamanaka.
HIROSHIGE, Hanako, 59: Gardena, Apr. 11, survived by husband Rinosuke, sons Yasushi, Kazuyuki, daughter Mrs. Toshiko Nakayama.
INAGAKI, Kaname, 68: Salt Lake City, Apr. 16.
INOUE, Yonekichi, 75: Santa Barbara, Apr. 2, survived by wife Hisa, son Yoshito, daughters Mmes. Akemi Tamura, Fumiya Suzuki.
IWASAKI, Shikisaburo, 77: Los Angeles, Apr. 13, survived by daughter Mrs. Dorothy Shimomaye.
KAJITA, Shotaro, 85: Stockton, Mar. 31, survived by wife Fuyu, daughters Mmes. Dorothy Baba, Shigeo Ide (Lafayette), Kiyoko Kato (Berkeley).
KANAI, Mrs. Kume, 69: San Pedro, Apr. 22.
MORIKAWA, Magohachi, 76: Venice, Apr. 6, survived by five sons Bill, Harry, George, Frank, Jim, daughter Mrs. Mari Fukushima.
NAGASAWA, Tokukichi, 72: Garland, Utah, Apr. 7, survived by brothers Ekiro, Kumakichi, sisters Mrs. Toki Nagasawa Mrs. Kiwa Kawachi, Mrs. Tora Mochizuki.
NAKAMURA, Toshichi, 79: Los Angeles, Apr. 12, survived by wife Chiyo and daughter Eva.
OBATAKE, Chikano, 72: Alhambra, Apr. 13, survived by husband Manosuke, sons Tanemi, Toshiaki.
ODATEY, William Goro, 74: Hawthorne, Apr. 11.
OHAMA, Kimizo, 68: Sanger, Apr. 8, survived by wife Hana, sons George, Ben, Willy daughter Mrs. Haruko Umino.
OKABAYASHI, Katsuyoshi, 57: West

Los Angeles, Apr. 10, survived by wife Miki, sons Frank K. Takateru, daughter Mrs. Kimiko Babamoto.
SHINOHARA, Mansaku, 69: Chula Vista, Apr. 30, survived by sons Hajime, Tadashi, daughters Tomiko and Mrs. Shizuko Iwasaki.
SUKEKANE, John M., 4 mos.: Watsonville, Apr. 11, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Masao, brother Takeshi, grandparents Mr. Mrs. M. Sukekane, and Mrs. T. Hamada (Loomis).
SUZUKI, Gozo, 78: Seattle, Mar. 30, survived by wife Kyo, daughter Mrs. Sakae Nakamura.
TANISAWA, Nancy, 1 mon.: Los Angeles, Apr. 2, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Kazuo.
TERASAWA, Taikichi, 74: Los Angeles, Mar. 7.
TSUKIJI, Mrs. Yukij, 29: Cupertino, Apr. 7, survived by husband George E., son Ben, mother Mrs. Sao Nishiguchi, brothers Matag, Sugio, Misayuki, sisters Mmes. Sazae Nishimoto (Stockton), Yasuko Nagano (Gardena).
TSURUO, Matsu: Los Angeles, Apr. 25, survived by husband Chutaro, sons Tsutomu Ishikawa, Takeshi Ishikawa and Tetsu Ishikawa.
UMEDA, Sam I., 32: Seattle, Apr. 2, survived by wife Kazuko, son Robert, daughter Suzanne, mother Mrs. Torano Umeda, brother Shozo and sister Mrs. Ayako Yoshihara (Detroit).
WADA, Yoshitaro, 81: Los Angeles, Apr. 21, survived by wife Motoko, son Edward M., daughters Mmes. Chizuko Utsunomiya, Hisako, Tsunekawa.
YAMAUCHI, Dr. Minosuke, 85: Los Angeles, Apr. 22, survived by wife Sakiko, sons Dr. Makoto, Dr. Mitsuya, daughters Dr. Fumiko Amano, Aiko Takaoka, Dr. Megumi Shinoda, Mrs. Etsuko Konishi and Mrs. Shizuko Hiraoka.

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Officers for the Western Pioneer Insurance Co. were elected or affirmed at the monthly directors meeting at the Biltmore Hotel here last Saturday following what was the most heated stockholders' battle in Nisei business history last March.

Mike Iwatsubo, who was board chairman this past year, was re-elected to the same post. Taul Watanabe will serve as executive director. Other officers are A. D. Erickson, pres.; David Nitake, 1st v.p.; Tim Sasabuchi, 2nd v.p.; Tad T. Hirota, treas.; Preston N. Erickson, sec-gen. counsel; and Tom Hirano, comptroller.

Board members Tom Shirakawa, John Y. Maeno and Kiyo Yamato are members of the executive committee.

Kihei Ikeda, Keisaburo Koda and Kay K. Kamiya were named as members of the advisory committee.

Settle train wreck claims at \$60,000

SAN DIEGO.—Settlement of claims totalling \$60,000 was announced last week when Judge Gerald C. Thomas appointed Irene Koga to receive and distribute sums to herself and her 10-year-old daughter for the death of her husband, William Koga.

Also settled were claims for injuries sustained by Mrs. Koga, her daughter and her sister, Emi Ishisaki, who were all passengers on the ill-fated Santa Fe train that overturned last Jan. 22 after leaving the depot 10 minutes earlier.

Koga was one of 30 persons killed. A coroner's inquest in Los Angeles held the train engineer to be without criminal responsibility. Frank F. Chuman of the Chuman-McKibbin law firm represented the four Nisei.

FETE MEN FOR HELP IN BASEMENT PROJECT

The WLA Ladies Guild, chaired by Helen Fujimoto, treated the WLA Buddhist Men's club at a sukiyaki dinner last Saturday for their finishing the church basement project.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Civil rights battle

Washington

Last week, a civil rights bill cleared the House Judiciary Committee, the first and least difficult of the many legislative hurdles any civil rights bill must overcome before it can be enacted into law.

The bill, as reported by the Judiciary Committee, represents a complete victory for the Administration. Though the bill retains the name of the Chairman of the Committee, liberal Democrat Emanuel Celler of New York, and the number of the more far-reaching omnibus civil rights bill he introduced in the last session, its text is that of the White House program offered by the ranking GOP member of the Committee, Representative Kenneth Keating, also of New York.

The bill has four major objectives:

1. Create a six-man bipartisan civil rights commission with subpoena powers to investigate denials of voting or other civil rights, or "economic pressures" based on color, race, creed, or national origin.

2. Raise the civil rights section of the Department of Justice to the status of a division, under a fulltime Assistant Attorney General.

3. Give the Attorney General power to launch civil actions in the federal courts against attempts to intimidate Negro or other voters, without first requiring that other legal remedies must be exhausted.

4. Similarly, give the Attorney General authority to launch civil action against anyone engaged in "or about to engage in" attempts to deprive other persons of their civil rights.

The rejected Celler bill would have gone further, setting criminal as well as civil penalties for abuses of civil rights in transportation, education, labor, industry, and other areas of human activity. In addition, it provided for a joint congressional "watchdog" committee on civil rights.

The action of the full Judiciary Committee resulted in the repudiation of the compromise bill favorably reported by its Subcommittee of Civil Rights, which proposed that the provisions of both the Celler and the Administration bills be lumped together in a comprehensive omnibus measure.

'Filibuster by quorum call' . . .

The day before the Judiciary Committee reported the civil rights bill, an unusual effort was made by four Southern Representatives to "filibuster by quorum call".

Four times between 12:11 p.m. and 2:55 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, April 24, when the Judiciary Committee was meeting to consider civil rights legislation, Southern Democrats demanded quorum calls of the House, summoning Committee members to the floor, thereby depriving the Committee of the necessary quorum to conduct its own business, in this case the voting on the civil rights bill.

The calls, which take an average of 25 minutes to go down the list of the House's 435 members, effectively disrupted the Committee's executive session.

"This has been a filibuster by making quorum calls in the House," Chairman Celler declared. "It's a ruse that's very rarely used. It manifests the desperateness of some members of the House who do not want a civil rights bill."

Representative Keating charged, "There is no doubt about it. It was an effort to frustrate the deliberations of our Committee. It cannot be permitted to continue."

So, the Judiciary Committee met on Wednesday morning, at 9:30 a.m., when the House was not in session, and reported out its bill.

Pending in key House Rules committee . . .

The civil rights bill is now pending before the key House Rules Committee, which has the power to determine when and under what circumstances the legislation may be considered by the House.

Chairman of the Rules Committee is Representative Howard Smith of Virginia, outspoken opponent of civil rights. With the help of Republican members, advocates of civil rights anticipate that after delaying tactics on the part of the Chairman, the Administration bill can be sent to the House floor, where enough Democrats from the North, Midwest, and West should be able to join with civil rights-minded Republicans to approve the measure and to send it over to the Senate.

Leisurely pace in Senate

The Senate outlook is not at all good.

The bill must be first cleared by the Judiciary Committee, whose Chairman, Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi is a leading opponent of civil rights legislation, before it can be scheduled for Senate consideration. Scheduling is the responsibility of Senator Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas and the Democratic Policy Committee.

Because a full scale civil rights debate on the Senate floor will result in a filibuster by the Southern bloc and in intensifying the division between the Northern and Southern Democrats, in all likelihood strenuous efforts will be made to avoid a Senate showdown on civil rights this election year.

In the meantime, the full 15-member Senate Judiciary Committee began public hearings on the 14 civil rights bills pending before it, with Senator Eastland in the chair. He began by ordering a Committee counsel to read into the record summaries of all 14 bills, including four reported for action last February by the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. When the summaries had been read, the counsel began reading sections of the Constitution to provide a "frame work" for the hearings.

The reading was interrupted by the Committee taking up 18 unrelated private claims bill.

This meeting was also broken up by a roll call vote in the Senate.

The leisurely pace of the Senate hearings may be an indication of the action to come on civil rights—too late for consideration before adjournment this year.

OAKLAND TRIBUNE ADVOCATES INCREASE OF ASIAN QUOTA; IKE PROPOSAL 'HARDLY COMPATIBLE', SAYS EDITORIAL

OAKLAND.—With respect to Asians the Oakland Tribune advocated in its April 24 editorial the rate of immigration be increased over proposals of the Eisenhower administration submitted recently by Attorney General Herbert Brownell before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee.

(Washington Newsletter columnist Mike Masaoka devoted four installments on this proposal beginning with the Feb. 24 issue.—Ed.)

"In round figures, the President wants the rate of immigration increased by 50 per cent. With respect to Asiatics he would like to see the ratio doubled," the influential California newspaper reported.

"Even that increase seems hardly compatible with any measure of equality that might be applied," the Oakland Tribune held, "for it would still limit countries of that area to a meager 200 immigration visas a year. Compared to the

nearly 220,000 for the rest of the world that is insignificant."

Although the editorial does not specify the Administration proposal by name for changes in basic immigration policy, identical Administration bills were introduced by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah) and Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R., N.Y.), who are leading GOP spokesmen in the field of immigration and naturalization.

The Oakland Tribune said the proposal was "one that merits public support".

It also described the proposal to boost the Asian quota by 50 per cent as "discriminatory and for no valid reason".

"It is not consonant with the present American trend to lower color barriers," the editorial continued. "It is not in keeping with the spirit of America that extends to Asiatics recognition of the advances they have made in the past decade toward independence, progress in the humanities and the increasing weight of their presence in world affairs."

"The original barriers against immigration of orientals were based upon the concept that they were inferior races; that assimilation with Americans was undesirable, and could be tolerated only in labor camps. That is a concept that has disappeared almost to the vanishing point as far as realities are concerned but they continue to be reflected in the legal restrictions that remain."

Pointing out the political importance of Asia in world affairs, the Oakland Tribune editorial pointed out "we plainly are losing the fight" in Asia where a major conflict is underway between the United States and Russia for their affection and support.

"It would contribute much to swinging the balance in our favor," the editorial said in conclusion, "if the prejudice and the discrimination and the air of superiority for those people were removed, or at least reduced to a minimum more in keeping with what we seek in our relations in that part of the world."

(In Masaoka's summary of the Watkin-Keatings bill, he pointed out Japan's annual quota would be

Ike aide proposes congress study on immigration

WASHINGTON.—Attorney General Brownell proposed last April 13 a congressional study looking to a "new basic immigration policy," and liberalizing the quota system which he said is keyed to 1790 conditions.

Testifying before a senate judiciary subcommittee, Brownell asked, meanwhile, for approval of President Eisenhower's recommendation that admission of immigrants be increased by about 65,000 persons a year—from the present 154,657 to 219,461.

Brownell suggested that the 65,000 increase be distributed under a formula designed to benefit the present "low quota" countries especially.

Brownell reported that issuance of visas under the displaced persons act had resulted in the "mortgaging" of about 50 per cent of the quota allowances for some small-quota countries for as much as 300 years in the future. He said Congress should cancel these "mortgages" and allow such countries to go back to their full annual admission figure.

Immigration quotas under the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act are based on 1920 census data and the nationality origins of U.S. residents at that time—excluding Negroes, American Indians, orientals and natives and descendants of natives of western hemisphere countries.

In urging study of a new quota system, Brownell said that basically the present formula goes back to a 1790 census in an effort to establish "colonial stock."

Refugee act—

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1,000 Japanese orphans have been granted visas for admission to the United States to date.

All of the refugees under the Act enter on a nonquota immigrant visa.

Fowler JACL to aid community hospital drive

FOWLER.—Fowler JACL will begin canvassing families in the local Japanese community for funds to purchase equipment for the hospital here.

The local chapter had been requested by C. D. Simonian, chairman of the Fowler Community Hospital fund drive, to assist the group in securing funds for a large X-ray machine, install and equip a modern laboratory and add an extra room onto the hospital to accommodate these facilities.

The drive committee hopes to raise \$30,000.

4 Nisei file for school positions

FRESNO.—Among 179 candidates filing for school district trustee posts in Fresno county are four Nisei, whose names will appear in the annual school elections here May 18.

Incumbent George H. Kitahara of Riverview District and Hajime Hamada of Clay District are unopposed. Tokuo Yamamoto, unopposed in the Dry Creek District, is a first-timer. Fumio George Hirata is one of three seeking a seat in two vacancies in the Parlier Union.

School secretary wins superior rating 3rd time

PHOENIX.—Mrs. Betsy M. Nakashima, secretary to the Phoenix Indian School superintendent, was again presented a superior performance award certificate and \$50 cash by Frederick M. Haverland, local area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Mrs. Nakashima, who is the sister of Mrs. Henry Miyata of Covina, Calif., and active East Los Angeles JACLer, has been employed in the position for the past 12 years and has won the Bureau's outstanding performance rating for the third time.

Her husband, Shigeru, is presently employed at the same school as administrative officer and has been with the Indian Service for the past 15 years. The Nakashimas recently moved into their new home here at 1801 W. Northview Ave.

LETTERS

New twist

Editor: The Apr. 13 issue of the Pacific Citizen carries a front page editorial on housing discrimination written by Frank Chuman. In it he points out the various means used by realtors, subdividers, and home financing institutions to circumvent the Supreme Court decision declaring racial restrictive covenants unenforceable.

Here in Orange County, a new twist has been added to housing restrictions in the form of the North Santa Ana Home Owners Ass'n. This all-American (White, that is) organization raised money through dues to purchase homes in their neighborhood that were shown to Negro buyers.

Then they will list these homes with brokers who would sell only to persons approved by the association. Their main objective is to keep "undesirables" out of their neighborhood, "... to preserve the property values, and the health and welfare of the entire community."

I would like to ask what connection there is between the exclusion of Negroes and the preservation of the health and welfare of a community. What's the difference between this action and the rotten treatment accorded Dr. Sammy Lee recently? The details may be different, but it all seems to boil down to an "off color" pot of race prejudice.

—George Kannb.

Santa Ana.

CALENDAR

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May 5 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—Jr. JACL dance, Crystal Ballroom, Newhouse Hotel, 9 p.m.
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Santa Monica Elks 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)
Southwest L.A.—Meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.; Harry Osaki, silversmith, spkr.
East Los Angeles—Political rally.
May 10 (Thursday)
Chicago—Meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m.
George B. McKibbin, spkr.
May 11 (Friday)
So. Alameda City—Mothers' tea; Hansen Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia—Board meeting; Mas Satow to be present (tentative).
May 12 (Saturday)
Cortez—Annual Spring dance, Ballies Legion Hall (tentative).
May 13 (Sunday)
Detroit—Mothers' Day tea.
Stockton—Community picnic, Mickle's Grove.
Salt Lake City—Fashion Show and Mother's tea, Manor Heights, 201 N. Main St., 2 p.m.
May 15 (Tuesday)
Parlier—Auxiliary meeting.
May 16 (Wednesday)
Salt Lake City—Film on Japan (site to be announced).
May 17 (Thursday)
Pasadena—General meeting.
May 19 (Saturday)
Venice-Culver—Int'l smorgasboard, Westchester Playground, 6:30 p.m.
May 20 (Sunday)
NCWDC—2nd Quarterly Session, San Jose CL hosts. Golf tournament at Hillview C.C., 10 a.m.
May 25 (Friday)
Venice-Culver—Voting procedures explained for Issei.
Cincinnati—MDC "Hello Mixer".
May 26 (Saturday)
Stockton—Annual movie benefit.
Salt Lake City—Meeting (site to be announced), speaker from Fish & Game Dept.
May 26-27
MDC—District convention, Cincinnati-Dayton JACL co-hosts; Netherlands-Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati.
May 30 (Wednesday)
Salt Lake City—Memorial Service, SLC Cemetery.
June 2 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—Graduates dinner-dance (site to be announced).
June 3 (Sunday)
San Francisco—JACL Nisei Olympics, Kezar Stadium.

17 Weeks 'til Convention Time

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