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BY THE PRESIDENT:

Call of Oregon country beckons

Just as a ball player wants his boy to grow up to be a good ball player or a doctor liking his son to take after him, so would I like to have Chris take active interest in JACL. Toward that end, I've been nursing him along since his second birthday. After a year and a half, I had him in the point where everytime he dressed up to go anywhere, he insisted upon wearing his JACL pin on his coat lapel just like the Old Man. And naturally I had been feeling right proud of his progress when an incident occurred a few days ago wherein I find that my JACL activities in itself might defeat this good work I've been doing.

Last year the family had its first long vacation and really spent a very wonderful two weeks as guests of the Ray Satos and Choppy Yasuis in Hood River, Ore. Chritch has never forgotten the fun he had, nor has Patti for that matter.

I guess spring affects kids as us grown ups because ever since about Eastertime, Chritch has been telling me that he wants to go up to see Gordy and Peppy (Ray's kids), and Flippo and Tommy Chop's boys.) Well, Yuki and I would like nothing better; but this year, we have a national convention in San Francisco. So I explained at great lengths to Chris and Patti that we can't go to see their friends because Daddy has to go to the JACL convention.

Chritch seems to take it in stride, which was a relief to me. However on Mother's Day, when we got ready to take Mom out for the day, I noticed he wasn't wearing his JACL pin. So I asked him, "How come no pin?" And his reply was, "I don't want to wear that old JACL pin because you got to go to that old JACL meeting. We can't go to Oregon to see Gordy and Peppy and Flippo and Tommy."

So at one stroke, all the propaganda work I did on Chritch went for naught. Of course, it was a blow to me. I have a feeling he's going to be harder to win over to JACL again than I ever had experiences with. But I certainly can't have my own Chritch holding out against JACL, so I'll have to map out a new campaign.

Yuki has just offered \$1-to-doughnut that the Inagakis will be trekking to see Gordy and Peppy, Flippo and Tommy—in spite of a national convention. She is a pretty wise gal and I'm not pretty keen on taking her up on that bet.

—George Inagaki

Nisei-manned tuna clipper smashed at sea; 7 survive

LONG BEACH. — A sea disaster regarded as the worst to hit the San Pedro fishing colony struck Monday when the Western Explorer, a tuna clipper captained by Frank Manaka, was shattered in a violent storm some 250 miles south of the lower tip of Baja California. The ship sank after hitting the rocks of Socorro Island in Mexican waters.

The Coast Guard said the fishing boat Anthony M. radioed the 94-foot vessel was smashed to pieces on the rocks in typhoon-like weather with winds over 80 mph.

Seven survivors and the bodies of three fishermen drowned at sea were expected to arrive today aboard the Navy ice breaker Burton Island, according to the Coast Guard. Two men were listed as missing at sea.

Capt. Manaka advised his wife here by radio that Mike Bebhich, Masayoshi Masuda, 36, of 2985 Easy Ave., Long Beach; and Shiro Matsushita, 40, of 1010 E. Maurentania St., Wilmington (Manaka's brother-in-law), died in the disaster. Missing are Gentaro Endo, 2437 W. 254th St., Lomita, and Kyoji Nakane, 2200 W. Williams St. Long Beach.

The seven rescued were Capt. Manaka, Katsumi Manaka, Sennojo Yamagiwa, Ichiro Sato, Shigeru Nakaji, Roberto Lopez and Ruben Galaz.

Masuda relocated to Cleveland and returned to California in 1948. He was aboard the Western Explorer since last October. Matsushita, the other Nisei dead, who was an engineer, joined the Manaka boat in 1947. The loss of vessel and equipment was reported in excess of \$150,000. The ship was first chartered by Manaka in 1947.

Nisei name on L.A. GOP ballot

Active Li'l Tokio Nisei leader, Soichi Fukui, has been placed on the June 5 Republican primary ballot for one of the seven posts of the 40th District Republican Central Committee. If successful, he would be the first Japanese American GOP man to be elected to such a group in Southern California.

Fukui, 1000 Club member of the Downtown L.A. JACL, is commander of the Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion.

Nisei geologist to go on goodwill tour of Brazil for rare earth element study

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON.—Invited on a two-months' project by the National Research Council of Brazil is Jack Murata of the U.S. Geological Survey who is flying to Rio de Janeiro on June 4, the Washington Bureau of the Pacific Citizen learned today.

Murata, who has been specializing in the study of the rare earth elements, will visit geological laboratories and give lectures on problems of mutual interest. Technical data will be discussed regarding the analyses of these materials.

In undertaking this project, Murata will lecture in English and give his summary in Portuguese, the official language of Brazil.

He will then undertake a one-month study in the field since Brazil is known to have very rich mineral deposits of rare earth elements.

ROCKEFELLER RUMORED FOR TOKYO EMBASSY

WASHINGTON.—Informed sources here say John D. Rockefeller III may be the next U.S. ambassador to Tokyo, to succeed John M. Allison who has been in Japan since 1953.

APL plans superliner for transpacific service

SAN FRANCISCO. — An 825-foot superliner will be built by the American President Lines to join the President Cleveland and Wilson in the transpacific service, it was announced this week by George Killian, APL president; Ralph K. Davies, board chairman; and Clarence Morse, Federal Maritime administrator.

Contract for the \$50-million vessel will be let by Jan. 1, 1958. The first such U.S.-flagship to operate in the Pacific, the craft would accommodate up to 1,400 passengers, cruise at 26 knots with tonnage estimated between 30,000-35,000.

Anti-Semitic letters signed by 'Niseis for Kawakita Society' rapped by JACL, misunderstanding among Nisei and Jews feared

SAN FRANCISCO. — Because anti-Semitic letters signed "Niseis for Kawakita Society" were circulated to Jewish organizations and synagogues throughout the country the Japanese American Citizens League expressed its position in its letter to Eugene Block of the Jewish Community Relations Council here last week.

JACL was concerned since the letter might be misunderstood, Masao Satow, national JACL director, explained in writing the letter. The letter is regarded as anonymous since a return street address was not given though postmarked by the Gardena (Calif.) post office.

Following is the text of the letter:

A number of Jewish organizations throughout the country have received a form letter vilifying the Jewish people in obscene and profane language. The letter is signed "Niseis for Kawakita Society", and most of them are postmarked "Gardena, California, April 17, 1956."

Speaking on behalf of the Japanese American Citizens League, our national organization representing the interests of Japanese Americans, we want to share with our friends of the Jewish faith our strongest condemnation of those responsible for this attempt to foment racial hatred between our

MIDWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL TO MEET AT CINCINNATI; SATOW TOUR REVEALED

CHICAGO. — Arrangements for the Midwest District Council session May 25-27 at the Netherland-Plaza Hotel in downtown Cincinnati have been completed, according to word received from Dr. James Takao, chairman, it was announced here this week by Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman.

A mixer on Friday night, May 25, 8 p.m., will officially open the 1956 MDC meeting. A dinner-dance in the distinctive Restaurant Continental in the hotel with Mayor Charles Taft of Cincinnati as principal speaker will be the highlight of the two-day affair.

Hotel reservation information has been posted to member chapters but delegates may contact the hotel at Fifth and Race St. directly. Reservations should be marked "MDC Registration Committee".

A reception committee will be on hand to greet delegates either at the airport or depot, however it is important this information reach

Dr. Takao, 2629 Harrison, Cincinnati 11, before arrival.

"JACLers in the Midwest will again be honored by the visit of our National Director Mas Satow who, despite his heavy schedule and tremendous responsibility, saw fit at this time to make his periodic swing to this part of the country," Hagiwara stated in revealing Satow's itinerary.

Satow will be in Denver May 21, Omaha May 22, Chicago May 23-24, MDC meeting May 25-27, Philadelphia May 28-29, Seabrook May 30, New York May 31-June 1, Washington June 2-3 and Cleveland June 9, some Midwest chapters may be able to arrange a personal visit of Satow during that time, Hagiwara advised.

It was also revealed that Satow will confer with JACL board members here May 23-24 relating to national program and biennial convention.

two groups by slandering the Jewish people and embarrassing our group. Furthermore, we want to assure our fellow Americans that every effort is being made through postal and police authorities, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to uncover the perpetrators of this vicious letter.

Our attention was first called to a similar letter by the chief of police of Gardena in February. Upon learning of the foul contents of the letter, we called upon the proper authorities to investigate, although we are aware that such anonymous letters are difficult to trace.

We now find that the letter has been circulated to groups in San Francisco, Chicago, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Atlanta and Los Angeles. What we first supposed was a lo-

cal matter has become nationwide, and we feel that an official statement from our organization to as wide a group as possible of the Jewish people is in order. We are particularly indebted to Eugene Block of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco for his suggestions and cooperation.

By way of explanation, the term "Nisei" is now generally used to designate Japanese Americans. In the Japanese language, "Nisei" means "second generation" in contrast to the "Issei" or "first generation" which refers to our parents who came to the United States from Japan.

Kawakita refers to Tomoya Kawakita, the Japanese American whose conviction as a traitor to this country made national head-

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JACL to honor nation's war dead May 30, lay wreath at Tomb of Unknown Soldier

WASHINGTON. — Honoring the nation's war dead buried at the Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League will again, as it has for the past nine years, participate in the Memorial Day services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, it was announced by Ira Shimasaki, chairman of the National JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee.

The JACL joined in the wreath-placing custom in 1947 under the chairmanship of Jack Hirose, then chairman of the Arlington cemetery committee and one of the organizers of the D.C. chapter in 1947, and subsequently under Ira DC chapter and past chairman of the Eastern District JACL Council.

More than 50 national patriotic, civic, and veterans organizations participated in the Memorial Day services last year led by Vice President Richard Nixon, the principal speaker at the Amphitheatre services, who laid the Presidential wreath for President Eisenhower at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

99 Japanese arrive

SAN FRANCISCO. — A group of 52 Japanese brides of American servicemen with 47 youngsters born overseas arrived from Japan May 9 aboard navy transport Gen. A. E. Anderson.

dier.

Kathleen Iseri, who was a WAC with military intelligence in the Pacific, will place the wreath for the JACL, accompanied by Ben Nakao, D.C. chapter president, chairman Shimasaki announced.

All JACLers in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia are invited to attend the services at Arlington cemetery on Memorial Day, May 30, meeting as a group at Sec. 12 near McCullen Gate at 9:30 a.m.

Following the formal services in the Amphitheatre and the laying-of-the-wreath ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, JACL members will be asked to decorate the individual graves of the 20 Nisei war heroes interred at Arlington.

Pictures will be taken to be sent to next of kin, chairman Shimasaki said.

Carrying on the tradition established by the Grand Army of the Republic when the first Memorial Day services for the war dead of the Civil War were held on May 5, 1868, the GAR Memorial Day crop was organized on November 19, 1928 in Washington, D.C. by four veterans' organizations, the GAR, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion.

With the passing of the GAR, two additional veterans' organizations

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Whither Nisei problem?

Denver

It occurred to me just the other day that I hadn't read or heard anything lately about the Nisei problem. Those of us who grew up on the West coast and reached adulthood in the 'thirties were never separated for long from discussion of the Nisei problem. Thinkers and chronic worriers among us were always asking "Whither the Nisei?" You couldn't go to a Nisei oratorical contest without someone giving you a verbal beating over the head with this question.

The problem was with us always, and with good reason. The Nisei of that era faced a double barrier, the depression and prejudice, in their effort to become responsible members of their communities entitled to the privileges and prerogatives of citizenship.

Well, whatever happened to that problem? Maybe historians and future sociologists can give us an answer. From this viewpoint, it would seem the war and evacuation took care of it. For a long time the evacuation seemed to be the climatic tragedy to cap all our troubles and that was an astonishingly accurate analysis. Because after that, there was no place to go but up—things couldn't possibly get any worse and by the natural course of events they had to get better.

And so, in a few years, the Nisei problem began to dissipate itself and now you have to scratch your head a little and remember back over the years to recall how it was. Most of the Nisei today are being kept so busy at their jobs and businesses, raising kids, building homes, paying taxes, being good neighbors, taking part in service clubs and P.T.A.s, going to church, playing golf, playing the stock market, trying to get ahead and doing all the other normal American things that they can rarely be bothered with anything like a group problem.

Sure, once in a while you're brought up short with the realization that the fight isn't entirely won. Some chicken-hearted realtor refuses to sell a home to a Nisei family, or some local fascist takes it on himself to blow on the dying embers of race hatred. And every time you read about discrimination against other minorities some of the old indignation wells up again and you understand why it's necessary for the JACL to keep plugging away. But when you stop long enough to think back, you'll be amazed, as I was, to find how far we've come since the 'twenties and the bleak, unhappy 'thirties.

POIGNANT REMINDER

All this was brought home poignantly to me just the other day when Mits Takahashi sent me the program of Boy Scout Troop 53's reunion banquet up in Seattle a month ago. Troop 53 was founded at the Seattle Japanese Baptist church back in 1920 and it was a right crack outfit. The program lists some 235 members, past and present. I read over their names with a great deal of interest. I remember some of them as "great big guys" who I looked on with much respect and not a little awe when I was a youngster. Some among them are my contemporaries, and the great majority are my juniors. But time has a way of leveling off age distinctions and I'd say we're all of a generation.

Looking down that list of names, I recognize fellows I haven't seen in a couple of decades. Some of them are highly successful businessmen, doctors, professional people. Some have disappeared. At least one I know to be in a mental institution. Several are among the honored war dead. Time in its inexorable way has worked over that list of lads whose common heritage brought them together in the ideals of Boy Scouting. They all shared the shadow of the Nisei problem, and somehow it seems that most of them failed to be scarred by its malevolence. One of these days, perhaps, our own youngsters will come home and ask: "Dad, what was the Nisei problem?"

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Crossword puzzle fans

People have the darndest way of killing time... Take us for instance. We have been grappling with big crossword puzzles in the local metropolitan papers each Sunday and finish them in good time. We've tackled the puzzles in the New York Times and among the three of us having fun solving these toughies, the job is done posthaste... Now, we're entering the field of making up puzzles of our own to prod each other. (We've asked Sou'Wester Kushida to dream up a puzzle of his own style for PC readers. It should be a dilly.)

In the processing of making a puzzle, there's a dilemma over which words to use. Words come from various sources: the unabridged dictionary, encyclopedias, maps, and what have you... As all crossword fans know, the design should be symmetrical... There's trouble trying to fit in words the way you want them to. Which causes us to wonder why there aren't more words in the English language of the three or four letter variety... We're in the time-consuming process (instead of reading current novels at bedtime) of listing the many three-letter words with their meanings that are uncommon in the vernacular but common in these puzzles... Ach is Indian mulberry, as is aal and al. Bib, ide, rud, uca, chi, orc, ihi, tai, orf, dam, aco, awa ged, dom, som; all are some kind of fish... We can provide list of Japanese terms which are found in crossword puzzles today, too. Ume (apricot); Ise (bay); gen, hei (clan); rin, sen, yen (coin); mon (crest); ogi (fan); bon (festival); obe (fetish); ame (rice paste); udo (herb); eta (out-cast); taa (pagoda); ayu (fish); toi (town); fun, rin (weight);

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First fashion show sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary on Mothers' Day was acclaimed a success. Mrs. Helen Kurumada (left) was narrator. Four of the models are (to right) Patty Nishikawa, Jean Terashima, Una Kasai and Sue Kaneko.—Photo by Terashima.

First fashion show success!

BY JEANNE KONISHI

SALT LAKE CITY. — A large crowd of beautifully groomed ladies (who could have been right in the fashion show itself) watched the first fashion show sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary last Sunday. From the comments after the showing, the event was an outstanding success!

A dazzling array of new fashions from sun-loving play clothes to formal evening wear was paraded before the audience. The piece de resistance was a beautiful bridal outfit (from Bridal Arts) designed to lend ethereal loveliness to some June bride. Outfits modeled were from Whipples and Miriams, two of Salt Lake's leading fashion stores. Pykette play clothes were from the Pyke Manufacturing Co., one of the West's leading manufacturers of play and work clothes. Vying with the "store" fashions were some beautiful suits and dresses designed and made by Auxiliary members themselves.

Mrs. Jun Kurumada, narrator, did a marvelous job describing the outfits and doing much to insure the success of the show.

The girls consenting graciously to model the clothing were:

Connie Nishikawa, Jean Terashima, Elko Nagasawa, Kimi Nishijima, Yuri Shiba, Edna Masuda, Betty Gikui Patty Nishikawa, Alice Sekino, Sue Kane-

ko, Irene Yano, Jo Matsumiya, Tomoko Yano, Emiko Tokunaga, Midori Watanuki, June Koda, Sachiko Tokunaga, Rose Kanazaki, Mary Ujifusa, Eleanor Yamamoto, Kimi Kasai, Toby Sunata, Una Kasai.

Musical numbers by Camille Gordon, June Koda and Una Kasai were enjoyed during the showing.

Next on the calendar of Auxiliary events will be a canyon party to be scheduled during the summer.

San Francisco community picnic reset for June 24

SAN FRANCISCO. — The annual San Francisco community picnic has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 24, at Speedway Meadows in Golden Gate Park, site of previous outings.

Postponement was arranged to invite 85 cadets and crew members of the Japanese maritime training ship Nippon Maru due here June 19.

The picnic is jointly sponsored by the JACL, No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Nishibei Kai. The chapter will again be in charge of games and refreshments.

Hayseed Hop next SWLA social at Trojan YWCA

Southwest L.A. JACLers will sa-shay and promenade at the Hayseed Hop at the Trojan campus YWCA, 36th Pl. and Hoover St., on Sunday, May 27, from 7 p.m., according to Roy Iketani, chapter president.

Chairman for the square dance is George Fujita. Assisting him are Ellen Kubo, who promises the presence of one of the most popular and able callers of this area, and Jim Yamamoto, vice-president in charge of socials.

Fujita invited all square dance fans and urged they wear cottons and jeans. The site has a large outdoor patio where dancing could be held if the weather is warm.

The nominal sum of 50c is being charged to defray expenses. Refreshments will be served. Those needing transportation may call Hiroko Kawanami (REpublic 2-4731), Joan Yamakami (DUNKirk 4-9278), Jim Yamamoto (WEBster 3-1684) or Ellen Kubo (REpublic 1-7111).

Nisei minister heads for Presbyterian assembly

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Rev. Howard Toriumi of the Church of Christ here is the first Nisei since the war to represent the area at the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America convening May 22-27 in Philadelphia.

He will be one of eight minister commissioners from the San Francisco Presbytery.

The Rev. Toriumi is visiting parents in Chicago this week.

'TEAHOUSE' TO BE FINISHED IN HOLLYWOOD NOW

NARA.—Bad weather forced MGM officials here filming "Teahouse of the August Moon" to discontinue its work here and return to Hollywood. Players are to return next week, according to producer Jack Cummings.

Ventura County CL to clean up local Japanese cemetery

OXNARD. — A priority project, "Operation Cemetery", for the Ventura County JACL is underway to restore and prepare the Japanese cemetery for Memorial Day services.

At the meeting of the chapter cabinet and board of directors at the home of Tadashi Kanamori, president, on May 10, it was decided to clean up the Japanese grounds now in a rundown, dilapidated condition. A new wire fence is to be erected through special funds to be raised from the community. A \$1,000 will be sought.

Former residents of Ventura County whose family members have been interred at the cemetery were expected to contribute to the new fence fund with checks payable to the Ventura County JACL and forwarded to Yoshito Toyohara, treas., Rt. 1, Box 516, Oxnard.

Memorial Day services, sponsored by the chapter, will be jointly conducted by local Buddhist and Christian ministers.

The chapter is also planning a project to honor high school and junior college graduates and plan for the annual 4th of July picnic. Tats Kushida, regional director, presented reports on the alien land law committee and the 14th biennial national JACL convention.

Akira Kurihara, 1000 Club chairman and past president, reported 12 members have joined the \$25-a-year group so far this year.

CL float wins in Payette festival

PAYETTE, Idaho. — Snake River Valley JACL's float in the 33rd annual Payette Valley Cherry Blossom festival parade May 5 was awarded first prize in the club division.

The chapter float featured an Oriental garden with an arched bridge, cherry tree and four kimono-clad girls. Sherry Wada, Christin Uchida, Roseann Namba and Sandra Kariya.

Yone Kariya and Tom Ogura were co-chairman of the entry.

The festival is sponsored by local Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

Ferry Bldg. trade center to contain Japan display

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Japan display will be the largest single exhibit at the International Trade and Travel show May 23-June 3 at the famed Ferry Building.

The north wing of the building has been remodeled into a world trade center.



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Jidai vs. gendai films

Denver

Japanese language movies have been screened in Los Angeles for more years than we can remember. Until the evacuation made a temporary ghost town of Little Tokyo, films from Nippon were shown daily at the Fuji-kan, now the Kinema, on East First Street. The Fuji theater was part of a circuit which included Hawaii and the Japanese American communities on the west coast. Usually a single print of a picture was imported from Tokyo. It made the rounds in Hawaii before it came on to the coast. Usually it took two years before the circuit of Japanese American communities was complete and the scratched, worn-out print was ready for the ashecan.

For three decades at least the showing of Japanese movies in the United States was a matter of interest mainly to Japanese linguists, the Issei. Many Nisei, speaking a pidgin Japanese, were baffled by the dialogue. The pictures lacked English subtitles. Just before Pearl Harbor efforts were made to introduce Japanese pictures to American art houses—a picture called *Kimono* made the rounds—but it was not until the international success of *Rashomon* in 1951 that the Japanese film became a matter of critical interest outside of eastern Asia.

Rashomon was a picture which was not a complete success in Japan. It came to be exhibited at the 1951 Venice International Festival through a series of fortuitous circumstances. The late Joseph Burstyn, who pioneered the development of the showing of foreign films on the American art house circuit, had obtained a print of Akira Kurosawa's study in degeneracy, *Drunken Angel*, a raw, brutal film set in the slums of modern Tokyo. Burstyn was impressed, but thought the film too harsh for popular reception in America. He advised the Venice festival officials, however, to obtain Kurosawa's latest film, whatever it was. It happened to be *Rashomon* which won the grand prize in Venice and later the New York critic's award and the Academy Oscar in Hollywood, and became thereby one of the most honored pictures in the history of the motion picture. *Rashomon* returned some \$330,000 for its American showings to Tokyo's Daiei studio, about three times what the picture cost.

SUCCESSES SINCE 'RASHOMON'

In the five years since *Rashomon*, a dozen Japanese pictures have won film festival acclaim outside of the Orient. *Gate of Hell*, 1954 grand prize winner at Cannes, duplicated *Rashomon*'s success in 1955 by winning the New York critics' accolade and the Oscar in Hollywood. Last March, *Samurai*, the legend of Miyamoto Musashi, received the Academy award as the year's best foreign film, making it three years out of four for the Japanese film industry against the best of Europe.

Yet the prize-winning films out of Tokyo's studios represent only one facet of the Japanese motion picture industry which is today perhaps the world's busiest, turning out nearly twice as many features as Hollywood does in a year. The Japanese pictures winning acclaim abroad are *jidai-geki*, the historical, costume story. It is remarkable that neither *Rashomon*, *Gate of Hell*, *Ugetsu* nor *Samurai*, winners of international awards, was the best picture of its respective year in Japan. That distinction went usually to *gendai-geki*, modern stories of manners and morals, of love and frustration, or poverty and hopelessness in a defeated nation. It is as if only the mannered westerns of a John Ford, plus an occasional *High Noon* or *Shane* were shown abroad as representative of Hollywood, and pictures like *On the Waterfront* and *Marty*, winners of the last two Oscars, and *Man with a Golden Arm* were ignored.

It may be that Japanese films with modern themes would find no audience outside of Japan. At least the men who operate the art theaters in the United States seem to think so. *Drunken Angel* remains in a vault in New York, while Heinosuke Gosho's *Four Chimneys*, winner of a Berlin festival award 1953 and a film which delineates a slice of postwar Japan, has not been shown here. The theatermen must reason that their audiences want to be mentally comfortable. They want no reminders of poverty and hunger, no graphic record of ragged children in an Osaka slum. Some of the work of Nippon's cinematic neo-realists, virtually unknown on this side of the Pacific, are similar in approach to the Italians Vittorio de Sica and Roberto Rossellini and such pictures as *Bicycle Thief*, *Shoeshine* and *Open City*. But other Japanese directors, like Shiro Toyoda for one, are primarily concerned with the psychology of their characters.

UCLA MOVIE PRESENTATIONS

It was perhaps to show that all Japanese cinema is not involved in sabre-rattling and feudal derring-do that the Committee on Fine Arts Productions at UCLA recently completed a program of five Sunday evenings of the modern Japanese film. The series presented Kurosawa's *Doomed* (*Ikiru*), the story of a bureaucrat who learns he has cancer and "comes suddenly to see the meaninglessness of his life . . . he determines to make the best possible use of what time he has left"; *The Echo* (*Yama No Oto*), directed by Mikio Naruse, a drama of Japanese manners; *Their First Trip to Tokyo* (*Tokyo Monogatari*), Yasujiro Ozu's study of middle class family life; *Gotho's Inn at Osaka* (*Osaka No Yado*), a film typical of the director's slice-of-life approach, rich in mood and incident, of the poor in a big city; *Wheat Whistle* (*Mugi Bue*), Shiro Toyoda's telling of youth and a triangular love affair.

The UCLA series drew audiences far larger than expected. "It has justified our conviction that there is a large and growing interest in the contemporary Japanese film both on and off the campus," says Harold Leonard, who helped stage the UCLA showings.

Films like *Doomed* and others shown at UCLA are not yet available in the U.S. art theaters but they are currently being shown in the Japanese American circuit which includes four theaters which show Nipponese films regularly in and around Los Angeles, and the schoolhouses and halls in which these pictures are projected in other communities. Nowadays some of them carry English subtitles.

GUIDE LIST OF DIRECTORS

Just going to a Japanese picture is, of course, pretty much like dipping into a grabbag. Out of the nearly 400 films made last year in Japan are many *chambara*, the Japanese equivalent to the Hollywood western, as well as some cheap stories with

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Japanese ceramics topic of Downtown L.A. luncheon meet

George Aratani, prominent Nisei businessman, will speak on the Japanese ceramics industry at the Downtown Los Angeles JACL luncheon meeting next Thursday, May 24, at San Kwo Low, it was announced by Kei Uchima, chapter president.

A prewar resident of Guadalupe, where his family was engaged in lettuce farming, Aratani is now recognized as the outstanding Nisei importer-exporter in Los Angeles.

He is president of American Commercial, Inc., with offices in New York and Los Angeles, and foreign offices in Nagoya and Tokyo, Japan.

The subject of Aratani's presentation will be on the ceramics industry of Japan, one which he is qualified to discuss because of his firm's being primarily engaged in the importation of fine porcelain china dinnerware sets manufactured in Nagoya and of his frequent visits to Japan in connection with his business.

The long active JACL supporter and 1000 Club member is donating several pieces of attractive chinaware as door prizes, it was reported by Uchima who added that the public is invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling the JACL Regional Office, MADison 6-4471.

Clevelanders prepare for July 1 gala picnic

CLEVELAND. — Seven Japanese American organizations here are sponsoring the community picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 1, at Wiegand's Lake Park. Amy Ono and Jiro Habara were chosen co-chairman at a recent planning meeting held at the Nationalities Service Center.

The local JACL will be handling publicity.

NISEI LAD CHOSEN SORORITY 'KING'

STOCKTON. — Dick "Smiley" Yamashita of Sun Valley, Calif., was crowned "King of Epsilon" May 2 at a dinner held in his honor by the Epsilon Lambda Sigma sorority at College of the Pacific.

Presented with a miniature mascot and serenaded as "Our Epsilon Man", the business major senior is a member of the Omega Phi Alpha social fraternity and a transfer student from Los Angeles Valley Jr. College.

JAPANESE FOODSTUFF SOLD OUT FIRST DAY AT PENNSYLVANIA STORE

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — One of the leading department stores in this city of 160,000, predominantly settled by Pennsylvania Dutch farmers, has started to stock a complete line of Japanese foods from chopsticks to barbecued eel, writes Sam Ishikawa of the New York Jiji Press.

The former JACL staff member learned from the Hess Brothers store manager that a complete line of exotic foodstuff including Japanese items was stocked with hopes that "on cold winter nights the Pennsylvania Dutchman would dream about these delicacies which were sold" there.

But to their surprise, the store discovered Allentown and its vicinity has its share of Japanese war brides.

"Every Japanese war bride in the country seemed to know every other Oriental war bride," as the store manager explained. "We sold our Japanese foods before the first day ended and now we do a big mail order business all over the country."

Ishikawa, in describing this part of the country, added English is spoken with a distinct accent for most of the children before attending school speak Pennsylvania Dutch which is a form of old German mixed with long forgotten English words.

Fund for Republic to survey Nisei housing bias

BERKELEY. — Harry Kitano, working in conjunction with the Committee on Race and Housing supported by the Fund for the Republic, will make a survey to determine the extent of discrimination against Issei and Nisei in housing in San Francisco.

Kitano is working as research associate under Dr. Davis McEntire, UC professor, who is in charge of the entire housing survey covering all minorities.

Kitano's survey will get underway by June 1 with a corps of about eight paid interviewers. Formerly, he was associated with the International Institute of San Francisco. He left this position to work on the housing survey.

After completion of the survey in San Francisco, Kitano will conduct a similar survey in Los Angeles beginning Sept. 1.

In this survey, Nisei and Issei home owners will be asked to give their experience in buying homes—whether they met or thought they were subjected to discrimination and whether they paid a reasonable rate or higher than market price.

Fresno State coed

FRESNO. — Jose Anne Hirasuna was elected junior class president at Fresno State College for the coming fall semester.

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CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



MDC meeting

Chicago

On the weekend of May 26-27, the Midwest District Council will meet at the Netherland-Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati for the tenth time since its inception in 1947 here. . . MDC Chairman Abe Hagiwara will preside at the meeting which will open at 9 a.m. on Saturdays. Reports are due from Masao Satow, national JACL director; Shig Wakamatsu, national 1000 Club Chairman; Dr. James Takao, national recognitions committee; and Harry Takagi, national nominations committee. . . Mayor Charles Taft of Cincinnati will address the evening banquet. . . There will be a mixer for delegates arriving Friday night. . . Chicago chapter delegates are Dr. Frank Sakamoto and Bill Fujii, Harry Mizuno, Max Joichi and Maudie Nakada, alternates.

International Buddha Day will be observed Thursday, May 24, 8 p.m., at the Chicago Buddhist Church. . . Dr. Koji Sato, author and Buddhist psychologist, of Tokyo University will lecture on "Zen and Nembutsu" at the Chicago Buddhist Church on May 20, 11 a.m. . . An evening of amateur movies is being arranged by Kenji Nakane of the Japanese American Service Committee at 1100 N. La Salle St. on Sunday, May 27. Camera fans interested in showing their best footage should register their entries with Nakane. . . The annual community Memorial Day service will be held on May 30 at the Montrose Japanese cemetery.

The Society for Contemporary American Art opened its 16th annual showing last night with 40 paintings and sculpture at the Art Institute East Wing galleries. The exhibit closes June 14. Among national names included this year is Enzo Okada of New York with two pieces.

The Japanese consulate-general here reports 2,403 Japanese born and 10,600 American-born of Japanese descent now reside in Chicago. The figures were included in a Chicago Daily News item relating how cosmopolitan the city has become. There are more Germans in Chicago than in Bonn, the story went on; more Irish than in the city of Cork, more Italians than in Venice, and the second largest Polish city in the world with its near 800,000 of Polish-descent.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

Continued from the Preceding Page

modern settings and sentimental films of mother love. A way to be sure of quality would be to go by the director. Any Hollywood film with the imprint of William Wyler, Elia Kazan, John Huston and John Ford, to name four, is a good bet for an evening. Some of Japan's leading directors already have an international reputation, such as Akira Kurosawa (*Rashomon*, *Seven Samurai*), Teinosuke Kinoshita (*Gate of Hell*), and Kenji Mizoguchi (*Samurai*). Others are lesser known. Among them are Naruse, Ozu, Toyoda and Goshu whose films were shown at UCLA, and Minoru Shibuya, Kimisaburo Yoshimura, Kaneto Shindo, Tadashi Imai, Seiji Hisamatsu, Keinosuke Kinoshita, So Yamamura and Satsuo Yamamoto.

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Six girls to vie for Miss S.F. JACL title, pick winner at June 16 dance

SAN FRANCISCO. — Six of San Francisco's fairest will vie for the title of "Miss San Francisco JACL". It was announced this week by Yo Hironaka and Jack Kusaba, co-chairmen of the local queen committee in conjunction with the NCWNDC search for Miss National JACL.

(Miss National JACL will reign over the 14th biennial National JACL Convention meeting here over the Labor Day weekend.)

The candidates were invited to the queen committee meeting held last Friday at the home of Dick Nishi, committeeman. Others attending were Hatsuro Aizawa, chapter president, and Daisy Ueyeda.

The lovely candidates include Elaine Harada, a bookkeeper employed by Globe of California. This charming miss hails from Honolulu where she was graduated from the Univ. of Hawaii in 1955 majoring in Education. Elaine lists swimming, reading and dancing as her pet hobbies. She stands 5ft.-4in. and weighs 110 lbs.

The second candidate is personable Chiz Miyazaki, a native San Franciscan. Chiz was crowned "Miss Bussei" at the Western Young Buddhist League Conference in Fresno in 1954. Chiz is a clerk at the Shell Oil Company. Dancing, swimming and drawing keep her busy during her leisure hours. Chiz is 5ft.-2½in. and weighs 106 lbs.

Petite Jane Omura also hails from Hawaii. This refreshing beauty is presently employed as a secretary with Levison Brothers, local insurance brokers. Jane is an accomplished hula dancer. She stands 5ft.-2½in. and weighs 100 lbs. Currently a student at the Grace Ball College as a legal secretary trainee, she is also learning to read and write Braille. She has won honors in oratorical and essay contests while in high school.

Pert Connie Takahashi is a stenotypist with the Mitsubishi Interna-

tional Corporation. Connie is an active member of the San Francisco Women's Golf Association and the Arbees Social Club. She plays the chord organ. Miss Takahashi is 5ft.-2in. and weighs 102 pounds.

Vivacious Barbara Watanabe is a graduate of Washington State College, where she reigned as "Sweetheart of Tau Kappa Epsilon" as well as running for the title of "Harvest Ball Queen". Bowling, dancing and modeling are her main avocations. She is active in the Pine Methodist Adult Fellowship group. She is a secretary at the Modern Import Company. Miss Watanabe is 5ft.-5in. tall and weighs 110 lbs.

Statuesque Louise Yanagihara toes the line at 5ft.-6in. and an even 115 pounds. She is a registered nurse at the University of California Hospital. Sports and dancing keep this lovely candidate busy in her off-hours from the hospital. Louise calls Brighton, Colo., her home.

A tea honoring this outstanding array of beauty will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Hironaka this Saturday. Earlier that day, Kami Studios will take their photographs.

Delegates to the second quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting in San Jose this Sunday, May 20, will have an extra treat when they are introduced to these beautiful candidates who will present a special invitation to the delegates to attend the judging of the "Miss San Francisco JACL" contest on June 16 at the Surf Club in San Francisco.

Miss San Francisco JACL will then join other chapter finalists at the third quarterly NCWNDC session in July when Miss National JACL will be selected.

State assembly candidate

Sam Jonas, who became the 835th member of the Southwest L.A. JACL last week, has been endorsed by the Japanese American Republican Assembly on his candidacy as state assemblyman for the



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — National JACL Headquarters reported 53 memberships and renewals were received for the 1000 Club during the first two weeks of May as follows:

EIGHTH YEAR

Eden Township—Giichi Yoshioka

SEVENTH YEAR

Chicago—Smoky Sakurada

San Fernando—Sus Yokomizo

SIXTH YEAR

San Francisco—Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa

FIFTH YEAR

Long Beach—Masao Narita, Mrs. Na-

buko Narita

Tulare—Tom Shimazaki

Chicago—Togo Tanaka (Los Angeles)

FOURTH YEAR

Chicago—George Abe, Masato E. Mor-

shima

THIRD YEAR

Richmond—El Cerrito—Jiro Fujii

St. Louis—Harry H. Hayashi

San Francisco—Jack Hirose

Seabrook—Kiyomi Nakamura

Fresno—Dr. Kikuo H. Taira

Philadelphia—Mrs. Fuku Thurn

Oakland—Kinji Utsumi

SECOND YEAR

Southwest L.A.—Dr. Hiraku Ishida, Dr.

Shig J. Masuoka, Sam S. Miyashiro,

Dr. Ryo Muneoka

Delano—Tom T. Kawasaki

Detroit—Dr. James S. Matsura

Long Beach—George Mio

Chicago—Masaji Morita

Marysville—Dan F. Nishita, Arthur M.

Oji

Twin Cities—George Yanagita

Dayton—Hideo Yoshihara

FIRST YEAR

Chicago—Gladys Ishida

Detroit—Eugene Nishimoto

Cincinnati—James M. Takeuchi

Orange County—Harley Asari, Jim

Kanno

West L.A.—Robert S. Iwamoto, Fred

C. Nakano, Hiroshi Naramura, Elmer

M. Uchida

Puyallup—Paul Saito

Venice—Sam Uchiyama

San Francisco—Tats Hori

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



The press thanked

San Francisco

■ As we do once a year, we had representatives of the local vernacular press to dinner in appreciation for their splendid cooperation. Year in and year out the vernacular press across the country has been a tremendous asset to our national program. Without their understanding and support we would be at a loss, especially the Japanese language sections which the Issei read religiously. We wound up the evening in an informal discussion of various matters affecting persons of Japanese ancestry, and we were glad to get the views and suggestions of Iwao Shimizu and Howard Imazeki of the *Hokubei Mainichi*, and Duncan Ikezoe and Yas Abiko of the *Nichibei Times*.

ANTITODE FOR POISON LETTERS

■ We are indebted to Eugene Block of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco for channeling our JACL statement re "Niseis for Kawakita" letter to 35 Jewish news organs throughout the country. In view of this vicious anti-Semitic letter calculated to embarrass the Nisei being circulated nation wide, we felt an official message to our Jewish friends was in order.

SENATOR SAVORS SUKIYAKI

■ Upon the occasion of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel being in town, he was initiated to sukiyaki ala chopsticks at One Thousand Ken Ishizaki's Yamato Restaurant. The Senator and his Administrative Assistant Merrill Small from Washington thoroughly enjoyed this novel experience and for the presidents of our Bay area chapters it was a memorable highlight of their term of office. The Senator showed how one can let his hair down and still be dignified, and everyone agreed he is a regular guy.

We were glad to have Dr. Terry Hayashi, one of the really old time JACLers join us. Dr. Hayashi was the President of the San Francisco Chapter in 1934 which hosted our National Biennial, and in that capacity was technically our 3rd National President. It was at that convention the procedure of naming our National President was changed and Doc Yatabe became our first constitutionally elected National President.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

■ Ten chapters which have checked in their memberships thus far this month have reported increases, giving us a total of 29 chapters that have done better than last year. Cum laude to Cincinnati, Coachella Valley, Dayton, Gresham-Troutdale, Livingston-Merced, Milwaukee, Reedley, Reno, Selma, and Tulare County.

VISITORS

■ Mr. & Mrs. Shiro Fujioka were up from Los Angeles to gather material for his current series in the *Rafu Shimpo* Japanese section on the history of the Issei. Mr. Fujioka has been one of our community leaders from as far back as we can remember, and as one of the most highly respect "genro" is most qualified to write about Issei experiences. He was present at the dramatic '52 convention meeting when the passage of the naturalization bill was dramatically announced. Two of his nine children have served as JACL chapter presidents—Dick "Foo" of Southwest LA Chapter, and Pete as our first Detroit president who is now the chapter's 1000 Club Chairman. Another son, Ted, was killed in combat with the 442nd.

We were filled in on the experiences of the war brides at the other end prior to their coming to America by Mary Minamoto, active 1000er from Portland, on her return from two years with the American Red Cross in Japan.

Karl Taku, for many years synonymous with the San Luis Obispo Chapter, is becoming a frequent visitor to San Francisco. In fact, he will soon make this his permanent home because of his business connections here, and he is also a member of San Francisco's Islam Temple of the Shriners. 1000 Clubber Karl also operates the Rancho Motel in Salinas.

OUT OF A SUITCASE

■ Following the NCWNDC quarterly meeting at San Jose this weekend, we take off to the midwest and east to visit our chapters and consult with key JACLers on our national program in reference to our national convention. With confidence we leave Headquarters operations for the next three weeks to our efficient Administrative Assistant Daisy Uyeda, ably assisted by our better half, Chiz. Our notes for the coming trip read:

May 21—Denver: To take care of some unfinished business as promised to Mile-Hi Chapter President John Sakayama, Mt. Plains DC Chairman Bob Horiuchi, and National Third VP Tak Terasaki.

May 22—Omaha Chapter, Manuel Matsunami, president: Hoped to consult with Pat Okura, National Planning Committee chairman, but Pat is in St. Louis for National Conference of Social Work, so try to get together with him in Chicago.

May 23-24 — Chicago: Consultations with Midwest DC Chairman Abe Hagiwara, National 1000 Club Chairman Shig Wakamatsu, National Recognitions Chairman Dr. Yatabe, Chairman of the National Legislative-Legal Committee Harold Gordon, and with John Yoshino, Chairman, National Committee for Aging. Also try to meet with Chapter President Dr. Frank Sakamoto and cabinet and check with Office Secretary Esther Hagiwara on Midwest Office operations.

May 25-27—Cincinnati: For Midwest District Council Meeting jointly sponsored by Cincinnati and Dayton Chapters.

May 28, 29—Philadelphia: See Bill Sasagawa, Eastern DC Chairman; Dr. Tom Tamaki, EDC 1000 Club Chairman; visit with Philly Chapt., Sim Endo, board chairman.

May 30—Seabrook Chapter, George Noda, president.

May 31, June 1—New York: Confer with Tom Hayashi, chairman, National Nominating Committee, meet with New York City Chapter, Sam Kai, president.

June 2, 3—Washington DC Chapter, Ben Nakao, President: Consult with Mike Masaoka on national matters.

June 4, 8—Visit other Midwest Chapters: Set up schedule with chapter representatives at MDC meeting in Cincy.

June 9—Cleveland Chapter banquet honoring naturalized citizens. Meet with Chapter Board, Bill Sadatake, chairman.

June 10—Home, we hope.

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Mary Oura Rec. Sec.
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Hollywood joins rank of chapters passing '55 mark

By TERRY KUWATA

The winning team of the Hollywood JACL membership drive, led by Art Ito, was treated to dinner at San Kwo Low on April 29. Keri Sato, Dick Zumwinkle, Shiro Shirashi, Danar Abe, and S. Ishitani were members of the winning team.

Guest speaker for the evening was Saburo Kido, who spoke on the JACL and its place in the Japanese community.

A new record was established by the Hollywood Chapter with membership totaling 200, an increase of 50 per cent over 1955.

Issei members participating in the drive were Mrs. M. Iwasaki, Frank Kagiwada, S. Ishitani, I. Yanamoto, and K. Kazahaya.

Desk pen sets were presented to Miwa Yanamoto, Art Ito, Art Endo, and Nob Ishitani, past presidents of the Hollywood Chapter.

Mt. Olympus JACL girls host men to steakfest

SALT LAKE CITY. — Another capacity attendance of 90 members marked the successful Mt. Olympus JACL meeting Apr. 27 when women assumed the hostess chores at the gaily decorated SLC police target range clubhouse.

Ida Tateoka, who assumed presidency upon Toby Hirabayashi's move to California, president at the business meeting that followed the steak dinner. Games, dancing and a talent show concluded the affair co-chaired by Ruby Tamura and Kaz Mori.

Aya Kito and Kimi Waki presented a vocal duet during the talent show. Lily Uno played the piano while George Tengan sang.

Twin Cities UCL pushes '56 membership drive

MINNEAPOLIS.—Al Tsuchiya was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frank Watanabe, treasurer for the local United Citizens League.

Sam Shijo and Emi Takato were named to head the 1955 UCL membership drive, while Fred Ohno will push the 1000 Club memberships. Paul Ohtaki will serve on the National JACL recognitions committee.

At the April meeting at the J.A. Center, films of fishing were shown after the business meeting chaired by Tom Kanno.

San Diego chapter set for Pine Valley outing

SAN DIEGO. — The annual San Diego JACL chapter outing will be held on Sunday, May 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Pine Valley, it was announced by Dr. Tad Imoto, chapter president.

Pine Valley is located east on Highway 80 from San Diego and has facilities for horseback riding, volleyball, softball and swimming.

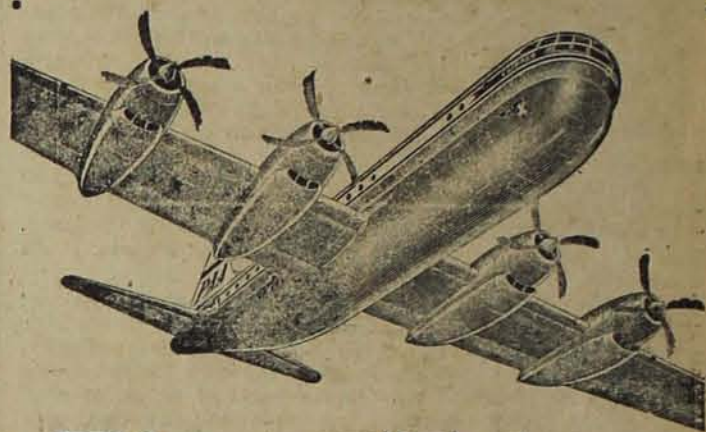
Imoto asked that picnickers pack their own lunches and that free pop and ice cream would be served. Those needing transportation are asked to contact Bert Tanaka, 3rd v.p.

Optometrist moves

REEDLEY. — Dr. Akira Tajiri, optometrist, has moved to a recently built building at 1305-11th St. here.



Hostesses for the Denver premiere of the Japanese film "Samurai" were (left to right) Nancy Sogi, Shirley Masushige, Naomi Fukuda, Tamiko Suzuki, Kazue Kawashima and Toshiko Kumagai. Co-sponsored by the Denver Film Society and Mile-Hi JACL, the benefit showing ended its two-week run at the Esquire May 16. Haruko Kobayashi, who headed ticket sales, reported Issei reception of the picture was excellent. Carol Yano arranged for hostesses. John Sakayama, chapter president, headed the committee.



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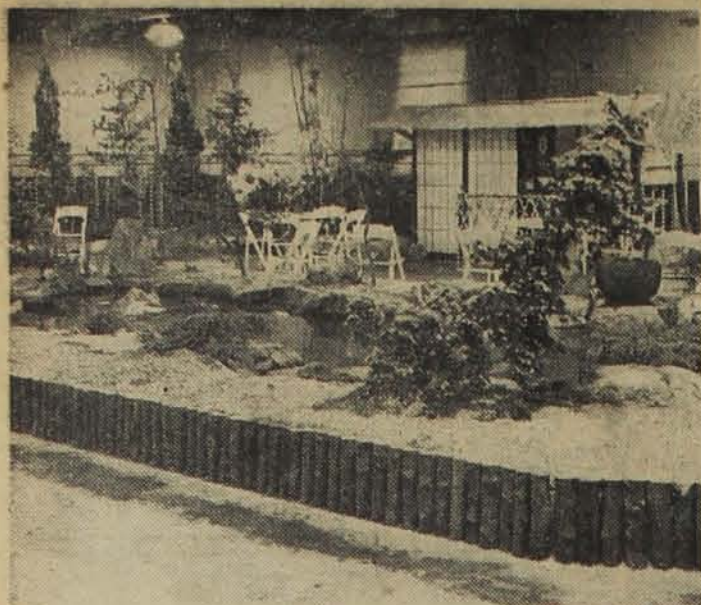
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Fair trade closes

Seattle

■ The International Trade Fair closed last night and today the National Guard Armory is a shambles. At noon, the beautiful Japanese Garden and tea house were just a jumbled mess of heaped up earth and rocks. It seems a shame. But things like that go on in Madison Square Garden also; one night an ice show, and the

next, bike races.

Seattle's Japanese landscapers seem to be taking turns exhibiting their art at the Trade Fair. This year the garden was built by Mr. Masato Uyeda's Togo Gardening Company. Last year the setup was made by JACLER Tak Kubota. If it's competition, it's close and strictly top grade.

Couple weeks ago it was reported here that the State of Washington makes a generous contribution to the Trade Fair which bears its name. This week, Seattle's slickpaper weekly, *The Argus*, reports that the Fair opened with \$26,500 in the kitty from a percentage take in the Sport of Kings, as allocated by the State Legislature. Your reporter has stayed away from the gee gees since going all out for pix, lack of time and the moola being the principal reasons, but anyhow it's nice to know where some of that pari-mutual dough went.

TASTES BETTER THAN IT SOUNDS

■ Must remember to do a little research as to how the goe-duck (pronounced *goey-duck*) got its name. The name hardly expresses what a delectable piece of seafood it is. Scarce, almost to the point of extinction, the catch limit is three, and it surely is a singular honor to be presented with one of these rarities.

Perhaps I should explain. The goe-duck is a clam, the largest of the many species to be found here in the Northwest. Have heard tell of eight pounders, with a neck four feet long; but it's an exception these days to get one half that big. Despite the size, the goe-duck is very fine eating. And tender. The neck can be sliced *tako* style and served as sashimi. The meat of the body, not a great deal unlike abalone, can be sliced and fried as abalone steak. Having been some four years away from the abalone steak, it's a toss up as to which gets our vote for number one of all sea foods.

Compared with old times, clams are scarce, and a limit is placed on the daily catch for most species. For example, the catch for the Pacific Coast razor clam is limited to 24, and a ceiling of 20 pounds is placed on the more plentiful butter clams, which survive pretty well in Puget Sound.

It's the goe-duck, however, that is most susceptible to the inroads of civilization and water contamination. They're now found only on the cleanest of sandy beaches, far from the city, and only at minus tide; that is, a tide below the mean level for low tide. So it's only a rare occasions that one can try his luck on goe-ducks at a minus three (foot) tide.

Mr. Goe-duck is a sensitive creature. At a distance the pink neck extends slightly above the sand, and intermittently sends up a small geyser. But the vibration of approaching footsteps quickly warn him to pull in said neck, and the race is on.

As many as four diggers may set out in all fury to overtake a solitary goe-duck as he "submerges." The fish & game people, in recognition of the elusiveness of the quarry, allow the use of a cylindrical pipe to hold back the sand and water for the diggers. It must have been an old settler who first devised a short cut which today is very, very illegal. A spear, or sharp stick would be thrust obliquely into the sand through the goe-duck's neck, and thus impaled, he was easy to capture. Today, even possession of a goe-duck so maimed brings a heavy penalty.

Horseclams, sometimes confused with goe-ducks, are also quite large, but there the similarity stops. The shell is darker and muddier looking, as is the neck, and the shell pattern differs. It survives on the muddier beaches, and its appearance and acrid flavor befit the surroundings. So don't let anyone pass off a horse clam for a goe-duck and make my words of praise look like a big fat falsehood.

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Florida Nisei named to Miami all-city swim team

MIAMI. — Ray Tateishi, Jackson High senior, was named to the Miami News all-city prep swimming team which was dominated by the championship Coral Gables school.

Tateishi bettered his own state mark for the individual medley by covering 150 yards in 1:36.8. He is 5 ft. 5 in. and weighs 135 to be the smallest man on the all-star squad.

Prepster breaks record in 100-yd. backstroke

STOCKTON. — Allen Nagata of Stockton College set a new school record in the 100-yd. backstroke with 1:08.4. in a dual meet with Modesto High at the COP pool last week. He also help set a conference mark by leading off the 220 medley relay team which was clocked in 2:02.6, a full second faster than the old mark.

SANTA CLARA. — Jim Omura of Campbell High won the class Bee 100-yd. breaststroke in 1:12.5 in the North Coast Section swimming championships at the Santa Clara High tank Sunday.

Alliance Council

CHICAGO. — The organization of eleven golf clubs recently banding together for mutual benefit has been called the Alliance Council with George Koyama of the Lakers as its first chairman.

PREP HURLERS TURN IN SHUTOUT VICTORIES

SAN LORENZO. — Bob Hashimoto hurled a three-hitter for Alameda High in shutting out San Lorenzo High 9-0 May 10.

FRESNO. — Harvey Shiraga of Roosevelt High here struck out five Merced High batters and allowed four hits in posting a 2-0 victory May 9. Shiraga scored one of the runs when walked in the eighth and running around the bases from first on a smash into rightfield which was mishandled.

SACRAMENTO. — Newcomer Ken Iwakiri pitched five scoreless innings for South Sacramento May 6 in the Sacramento County baseball league and credited with the 13-0 wallop over Cannery Union.

Hawaiian Nisei aid in Coalinga to J.C. title

COALINGA. — Coalinga Junior College cinched its Central California baseball title this year with many Nisei playing for the Coalinga Falcons. They also won the Azusa baseball tournament championship in Southern California.

Macko Tashima was the outstanding hitter for the Falcons. Other members are Larry Yogi, George Onishi, Robert Lee, Robert Takamoto, Owen Goto and Hans Pung. All of these players came from Hawaii.

ESP all-star bowling tourney plans told

SAN FRANCISCO. — The first annual ESP (Eastbay, San Francisco, Peninsula) all-star classic tournament sponsored by Nisei bowling associations in the Bay Area will be hosted by the Peninsula NBA tomorrow at San Carlos Bowl.

This classic will be scheduled annually in May with each association taking turns acting as host. Two men's teams formed by the 10 best average bowlers and a woman's team from each league will roll in the championship matches. A sweeper follows the team event.

Bowling president

SAN FRANCISCO. — Hiro Fujimoto is the 1956-57 president of the local Nisei Bowling Association.

NISHITA HURLS SECOND VICTORY FOR MONTREAL

MONTREAL. — Pitcher Bill Nishita went the route May 8, giving up 11 hits to Havana but aided with four double plays, as the Montreal Royals won 6-3. In tabbing his second win against one defeat, the Hawaiian Nisei walked three, allowed one RBI and failed to strike out any Cuban.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Merit of housing surveys

Los Angeles

It may be that we are not in a responsive mood this week about these so-called housing surveys. The latest report on the study of discrimination faced by Issei-Nisei in the purchase of their homes strikes us pessimistically when it comes to getting results. Those who have encountered race bias when buying a home of their choice find the experience rather bitter. And the more one faces such difficulties, the more easily discouraged he becomes.

But our comment doesn't lie in the measure of pain one suffers in order to purchase a home of his liking. While the pattern prevailing in housing discrimination leaves much for improvement, questionnaires aimed at a hundred families, two hundred or even five hundred do not necessarily bring out different results—although we hope we could be wrong.

A dispatch this week from San Francisco reports an Oakland Nisei will conduct such a survey sponsored by the Fund for the Republic (of the Ford Foundation) through the Committee on Race and Housing. As many as 500 Oriental families are to be asked. Apparently, the forthcoming findings through personal interviews will be "different from the past". It would be more "scientific", the report explained.

Unless the latest attempt to determine how persons of Japanese, Chinese or Negro ancestry buck housing discrimination has a different approach, the outcome will shed nothing new and probably no solution.

If one is to truly determine discrimination in housing, the neatest way we can suggest is to check with non-Nisei realtors and study their listings. Taking a housing survey among "victims" to us seems like asking the patient over and over again how come he's sick. It brings no cure. The disease is still there; the source of the trouble remains untouched.

In checking with real estate agents, a prospective buyer with a tell-tale name like Yamamoto can be identified. In our case, a name like Mori can pass and disguise our Japanese ancestry for a time but in due time, some lame excuse for not being able to buy a home of our choice comes when the salesman discovers we're Japanese Americans.

Despite the Supreme Court ruling making restrictive covenants unenforceable in the courts, one still finds tract homes unavailable to minority groups. When a home passes its tenth year and the first signs of repair appear, then restrictions give way to practical thinking to sell to anyone—regarding of race, creed or color. In the meantime, the new tract homes, built by private contractors are advertised under the bold heading of "very restrictive" district and the builders figure to accumulate their returns quickly by selling homes to whites only.

The Northern California survey, when completed, is expected to be duplicated in Los Angeles by the same team of interviewers. They will be asking homeowners here. It would be more enlightening if they would uncover the victorious cases in housing discrimination rather than the usual run of "turned down" experiences. If we're wrong, let us know.

ROY TANABE SCORES

Eiji Tanabe, who heads the Far East Travel Service in Li'l Tokio, served as So. Calif. JACL regional director during the years of 1947-49. But this bit of news concerns his second son, 17-year-old Roy, who has just won for himself the \$1,000 cash prize in the Bank of America Achievement Awards program in the field of fine arts.

Roy studied violin and music in general for over 10 years and is considered as one of the top musicians in the state. He has been concertmaster at Los Angeles High School orchestra for two years. In September, he will continue his studies at Univ. of Southern California on a tuition-free four-year scholarship valued at some \$4,000.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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and well known obi (sash) . . . There are other four or five letter Japanese words many Nisei may find strange but not so to crossword addicts . . . The one I'm working on is 19x19 with four lines stretching across all 19 squares. All consist of two words—a new innovation to big crossword puzzles to make them more intriguing. Multi-word crosswords may evolve to full-page spreads one of these days.

SCHOLARSHIP HAS LASTING VALUE

It was the fond hope of Mrs. Haru Masaoka, when she first offered scholarships, in memory of her son Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka who was killed in action while serving with the 442nd RCT, to deserving Nisei high school graduates, that other scholarships might be offered through JACL . . . The importance of scholarships was well noted in last Sunday's radio "Minority Report" on Mexican Americans made by CBS-KNX in Los Angeles. After developing the background of their socio-economic problems, the report told of community scholarships for promising youngsters as a means toward solving their plight through self-improvement . . . Since so many scholarships have been made, its news value may have diminished among the Japanese American community, but its lasting value should never be minimized. The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. A trite saying but nevertheless true . . . Some JACL chapters have sponsored scholarships of their own. If other chapters are seeking worthy community enterprises, this is one bet they shouldn't miss.

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The weeklong Japanese Centennial Festival of Culture (Bunka Sai) ended in Oakland Sunday with dedication of cherry trees around Lake Merritt. Present at the dedication luncheon were some 150 guests including (left to right) Hanako Katsuno, daughter of Japanese Consul General in San Francisco; Takeo Okamoto, realtor; Mrs. Katsuno; Yasusuke Katsuno, consul general; Mrs. T. Okamoto, member of the Bunkai Sai committee; and Mrs. Genzo Maezawa, wife of the executive director of Japan Trade Center. Mrs. Okamoto was especially thanked for her untiring efforts in arranging the Bunka Sai.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

CHAN, Spencer (Yuriko D. Mitoma)—boy Bryan E., Apr. 1.

FUKUNAGA, Mikio (Lily Maeno)—boy Mickey Yoshio, Mar. 31.

HARADA, Hiroshi T. (Masako Yagi)—boy Wesley Yoshimi, Mar. 28.

HAYASHIDA, Hitoshi F. (Masako Watanabe)—boy Craig Toshio, Apr. 4.

HIRATA, Shigeru—boy, Mar. 22, Long Beach.

ITO, K.—boy, Apr. 4, Long Beach.

KIMURA, Masasumi J. (Miyoko Kajio)—boy Gary Masato, Apr. 4.

MASAMITSU, James D. (Jane H. Yonaki)—boy Jamie B. and girl Jan M., Apr. 1.

NAKATSUMA, Frank Y. (Esther Vaca)—boy Frank Y. Jr., Mar. 28.

NATSUME, Yuji (Yumi Yoshimine)—boy Larry Isamu, Mar. 31.

NISHIKAWA, Wallace Y. (Mildred F. Tamichi)—girl Lynn Kelko, Apr. 2.

OKADA, Manji (Mary T. Murakami)—girl Judanne Mariko, Mar. 29.

SHONO, M. F.—boy, Mar. 28, Long Beach.

SUZUKI, Paul M. (Dorothy N. Hamamura)—boy Vince Takeo, Mar. 31.

TAKEDA, Roy T. (Frances S. Inouye)—boy Terry B. Ryusei, Mar. 30.

TSUJI, Theodore T. (Suzuko Tanabe)—girl Elizabeth Ryoko, Mar. 28.

YAMAMOTO, Kazuo—girl, Apr. 12, Altadena.

YAMAMOTO, Nagashi E.—boy, Feb. 28, Wilmington.

YAMANAKA, Jiro (Megumi Inouye)—girl Janice, Mar. 31.

YANO, Steve M. (Stella K. Asawa)—boy Steven J., Apr. 2.

HONOLULU

UNO, Robert (Kiku Fukuyama)—girl Roberta J., May 12.

FRESNO

HATA, Makoto—boy, Apr. 12.

HATA, Edward—boy, Apr. 13.

HIROSE, Kenichi—girl, Apr. 23, Fowler.

NISHIOKA, Benji—girl, Apr. 21, Sanger.

SAIKI, Beck H.—girl, Apr. 22.

TANOUYE, Henry—boy, Apr. 16, Selma.

YAMAGUCHI, Frank—girl, Apr. 9, Fowler.

YAMASAKI, Robert—boy, Apr. 23, Reedley.

STOCKTON

NAKAO, Sam I.—boy, Mar. 13.

SASAKI, Roy—boy, Apr. 27, Acampo.

SAN JOSE

TACHIBANA, Masanobu—boy Donald, Apr. 25, Santa Clara.

MIYATA, Ray T.—boy Howard R., Apr. 27, Campbell.

SAN FRANCISCO

KAGEHIRO, Satoru—girl Laura, Apr. 29.

KUNIMURA, Mitsuo—boy, Apr. 29.

MATSUDA, Ben—boy David Jiro, May 9.

NAKATANI, Clement K.—girl, May 2.

OAKLAND

ITO, Harold Joe Y.—girl, May 3.

KASAI, Hideo (Aileen Shibata)—boy, Apr. 30, Mt. Eden.

SACRAMENTO

DOAMI, Tamio—girl, Apr. 25.

IKEMOTO, Frank S.—girl, Mar. 26.

ISHIMA, Samuel H.—girl, Apr. 11.

IWATA, Roy T.—boy, Apr. 4.

KAWANO, George—girl, Apr. 4.

MURATA, George—boy, Mar. 19.

YAMANE, Tsuneo T.—girl, Apr. 10, Orangevale.

VACAVILLE

NAKASHOJI, Tadashi—boy, Apr. 5.

AUBURN

HADA, Yoshimitsu—girl, Aug. 17.

MARYSVILLE

GOTO, William—boy, Apr. 30.

KODAMA, Ross—girl, Apr. 26.

ONTARIO, ORE.

OGURA, Richard—boy, Apr. 27.

SUGAHIRO, Larry—boy, May 6.

SEATTLE

HASHIMOTO, John—girl, Apr. 30.

MIKAMI, Kiyoko—girl, May 9, Kent.

NAKAMURA, Hideaki—girl, May 4.

NOGAKI, Tad—boy, May 8.

SHIMIZU, George—boy, Apr. 30.

TAKASHIMA, Minoru—boy, May 8.

MINNEAPOLIS

TSUBOI, Frank—Apr. 14, boy Don Laurence.

CHICAGO

MATSUMOTO, Peter—girl Sharon, Apr. 15.

Engagements

FUJIMOTO-OUCHIDA—Ruth to Tom, Minneapolis, Apr. 1.

GUKUSHIMA-WADA—Dr. Helen, St. Paul, to Dr. Shohachi, Tokyo, Apr. 16.

KURISAKA-GRAVES—Sadako, New York, to Charles L. Delmar, N.Y.

NAKATA-IKEMIA—Akiko, Kingsburg, to Dr. James, Reedley, Apr. 1.

OMI-ARAI—Shizuko, San Francisco, to Kiyoto, Fresno, May 6.

TOYOSHIMA-HATAI—Yukiye to Toshio, San Jose.

Marriage Licenses Issued

HIRAIWA-USHIJIMA—Eiichi, 30; June, 32, Seattle.

KOBAYASHI-MATSUMOTO—Harry and Jessie, Mt. View.

NISHIGUCHI-KUNIMURA—Misayuki, San Martin; Shigeo, Gilroy.

Weddings

ABE-SAKAI—May 12, Toshiaki, Sacramento; Mitsuko, Clarksburg.

HASEGAWA-KAWACHI—May 6, Mark and Yuri, Hood River.

KATO-NAKATSUKASA—Apr. 28, Bill and Mary, both Watsonville.

OKADA-MORIKAWA—May 6, Ben, San Francisco; Tokiko, San Mateo.

TAKAKI-FUJII—May 12, Frank and Toots, Chicago.

TANAKA-OKAZAKI, Apr. 29, Donald Kenji, Norwalk; Amy Emiko, Gardena.

TANAKA-YOSHISATO, Apr. 28, Kenji and Shinayo, Los Angeles.

Deaths

EGASHIRA, Ichi, 76; Seattle, Apr. 28, survived by sons Soichi, Carl.

ENDOW, Teruji; Stockton, Apr. 24, survived by wife, son Ayao, daughter Mrs. Nori Imagawa.

FUKUMOTO, Joe Y.; Los Angeles, Apr. 30, survived by wife Toshiko, daughters Shirley, Sharlene, son Joseph.

FUKUTOMI, Tometaro, 63; Oxnard, May 2, survived by wife Shizue, sons Ray Ichiro, Jimmy Jiro, Bob Saburo, Dick Hiroshi, daughter Mrs. Margaret Nishikawa.

KAMEO, Tadayuki, 33; Los Angeles, May 1, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Tadao, sister Mrs. Tokiko Hamamura.

MASUMOTO, Tadaichi, 75; West Los Angeles, Apr. 29, survived by wife Yone, sons Tadashi, Isamu, daughters Mmes. Hatsuko Nishikawa-Toshiko Goto.

NAKADOL, Fred H., 73; Garland, Utah, Apr. 23, survived by niece Mrs. Betty Yamaguchi.

ODAMA, Takuji, 49; Los Angeles, Apr. 30, survived by wife Alice Miyeko, daughter Barbara Fusako, brothers Takeshi, Yoshinori, sister Mrs. Koye Shiroishi.

OHASHI, Heisuke, 82; Seattle, Apr. 15, survived by wife Koto, sons Roy K., Leo H., Yoshio (Los Angeles), Jack K. (Chicago), daughters Mmes. Ayako Okubo (Mundelein, Ill.), Thelma Ogawa (Honolulu), Bessie Asanuma (Ocean Park, Wash.), brother G. T. (Ceyenne), and 23 grandchildren.

OKAMURA, Sueichi, 71; San Francisco, Apr. 25, survived by wife Owai, sons Saburo, Hirofumi, Toshihiko, daughters Mrs. Kimiye Ono, and Mrs. Yukiko Masuko.

ONOUYE, Fukutaro, 38; Parlier, Apr.

Pasadena movies

PASADENA.—The local JACL cabinet met at the home of vice-president Ken Dyo last week and were informed by treasurer Kimi Fukutaki that the recent Japanese movie benefit was a financial success.

Proceeds will apply toward the chapter's 1956 fund drive quota. Another movie benefit in July is being planned.

Gardena prepares for June carnival

GARDENA.—As in past years, the Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center benefit carnival, scheduled for June 23-24, will be turned-over to operational needs of the center, according to Kay Kamiya, chairman of the community center board.

Japanese motion pictures are to be featured on both nights at the center with a program of ballet dancing billed as intermission specialties. Games, food and refreshment booths will be manned on the center grounds.

Chairman Kamiya announced the following committee chairmen: Joe Kobata and S. Fujii, drawing; Yo Kobata, children's amusements; Kay Kamiya and F. T. Yamauchi, donations; F. Yonemura and S. Fujii, ground grading; G. Horii, the Gardeners' Association and the Dinks, booth construction; George Kobayashi and Tom Hayashi, electrical wiring; Jack Kobayashi, prizes; Eizo Yoshida, movies and intermission program; H. Ishida, K. Umekawa and S. Fujii, treasurers; Judo and Kendo clubs, clean up; Harold Kobata, booths and Tats Kushida and F. T. Yamauchi, publicity.

Nisei elected head of Stockton Women's Club

STOCKTON.—Amy Yoshikawa was installed as president of the Stockton Women's Club. Other Nisei cabinet officers are Tamako Yagi, treas.; and Mrs. Lou Tsunekawa, aud.

One of her four brothers, Richard, is currently Stockton JACL chapter president. She is associated with the asparagus advisory board.

Tri-Villes girls slate TV takarazuka revue

REDWOOD CITY.—The Tri-Villes (Jr. JACL group of the Sequoia chapter) will honor parents at "TV Takarazuka" Saturday, May 19, at the Palo Alto Buddhist Hall, it was announced by Mary Kawakami and Jane Kuwano, vice-presidents of the Senior and Junior Tri-Villes, respectively.

26, survived by wife and child (Japan).

TSURUO, Matsui; Chicago, Apr. 25, survived by husband Okitaro, three sons, one daughter.

YAMASHITA, Tsunejiro, 77; Los Angeles, May 1, survived by on George T. grandson Baron T.

YURA, Tom, 35; Denver, Apr. 18, survived by mother Mikiye, brother James, sisters Mrs. Misako Itanaga (Oxnard, Calif.), and Mrs. Alice Kaneko (Edgewood).

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Congress adjournment

Washington

If this Second Session of the 84th Congress adjourns by July 15, as presently predicted by House and Senate leaders of both parties, it means that only two months remain to complete the legislative record that the Democrats and Republicans will have to take to the electorate this coming November.

Even though they know that traditionally and historically the real record of every Congress is made in the last two or three weeks of each session, when more bills are passed than in the rest of the session, the GOP, remembering former President Truman's successful charge against the 80th Congress in 1948, are trying to pin a "Do Nothing" label on the present Democratic-controlled legislature.

The Democrats, on the other hand, are fighting back, claiming more bills have been passed by the present Congress than in the Republican 80th and that with two more months to go an impressive record of accomplishment will be apparent. Besides, they allege, much of the stalling and delaying has been caused by the failure of the Republicans to produce the votes to support the President on many issues such as customs simplification, the Organization for Trade Cooperation, etc.

Congressional Record summary . . .

Without regard to the importance of bills debated, the *Congressional Record* resume of congressional activity from January 3 to April 30 provides the following statistical information:

In the first four-month period of this session, the Senate spent 66 days and the House 61 days considering legislation on the floor. In terms of actual time spent in sessions, however, the Senate spent 417 hours and five minutes, while the House spent 175 hours and 36 minutes.

To record the proceedings, the Senate used 4,306 pages in the *Congressional Record*, and the House 2,246 pages, for a total of 6,552 pages. An additional 3,460 pages were used in recording the "extension of remarks" by both Senators and Representatives.

In this period, 30 Senate and 83 House bills were enacted into public laws, for a total of 113. In addition, 116 private bills, 19 originating in the Senate and 97 in the House, became private laws.

On the other hand, the Senate passed 575 bills and resolutions in this quarter-year period, while the House passed 404. Also, 674 bills have been reported by Senate Committees and 445 by House Committees.

A total of 4,603 bills and resolutions were introduced in this Second Session alone since January 3, 1,189 in the Senate and 3,414 in the House.

Three bills have been vetoed and none were overridden. Two of the more publicized vetoes were on the natural gas bill and the omnibus agricultural measure.

Of the 33,777 executive nominations received thus far, 22,418 have been confirmed. This total is misleading, however, since most of the confirmations have been more or less automatic ones for the armed forces. As far as the political nominations for postmasters are concerned, only 217 have been confirmed of the 1,316 submitted to the Senate.

Major bills in Congress . . .

According to the *New York Times*, which generally supports the present Administration, there are 20 major bills in the Congress awaiting action prior to adjournment. These include:

1. Expanded highway construction. Passed by House.
2. Atomic-powered merchant ship. Passed by House and Reported by Senate Committee.
3. Extended social security coverage. Passed by House and Reported by Senate Committee.
4. Private Health Insurance. In House and Senate Committees.
5. Membership in Organization for Trade Cooperation. Reported by House Committee.
6. Foreign aid authorization. In House Committee.
7. Housing Act amendments. In House Committee, Reported by Senate Committee.
8. Aid to economically depressed areas. In House and Senate Committees.
9. Annual pensions for past presidents. Passed by Senate.
10. Flood disaster insurance. Passed by Senate.
11. School construction. Reported by House Committee.
12. Customs simplification. Passed by House.
13. Benefits for survivors of servicemen and veterans. Passed by House.
14. Amendments to Refugee Relief Act. In House and Senate Committees.
15. Bricker Amendment to limit President's treaty-making powers. Reported by Senate Committee.
16. Campaign contributions and reporting. In Senate Committee.
17. Increase postal rates. In House Committee.
18. Frying-Pan Arkansas reclamation project. Reported by House and Senate Committees.
19. Bipartisan Civil Rights Commission. Reported by House Committee.
20. Soil bank and farm program. Passed by House and Reported by Senate Committee.

Other major bills . . .

Though not listed by the *New York Times*, there are at least two other major bills that come to mind, that the Administration wants. These are Statehood for Hawaii and amendments to the Immigration Act. Both are in House and Senate Committees.

Then there are, of course, the usual appropriations bills which the Government must have in order to carry on its operations.

DISTRICT LAWYERS QUESTION USE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBVERSIVE LIST

WASHINGTON. — The question which has been mooted many years as to whether the existence and use of the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations is justified is to be investigated and studied by the Civil Rights Committee of the District Bar Association in view of its "apparently widespread misuse," the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

Since there are 21 prewar Japanese organizations, now defunct, listed on the attorney general's subversive list, the JACL is following with interest the results of this investigation.

The JACL has for the past ten years been trying to persuade the attorney general either to eliminate the Japanese organizations or to

have them designated as defunct since December 7, 1941.

One minor change was made last year when the attorney general qualifiedly designated "Shinto Temples," to read, "Shinto Temples (limited to State Shinto abolished in 1945)."

The committee reported court decisions indicating a person's present or past membership in an organization on the list alone "is an incompetent and arbitrary basis for denial by a state or federal government agency of any right or privilege."

Although the committee conceded that the list as now constituted did have "some value" of utility - to wit, alerting or warning interested agencies (and conceivably private persons) of the attorney general's opinion as to the questionable character of certain organizations, "nevertheless it believed there seemed to be need for investigation."

The committee report said court cases indicate that the inclusion of an organization on the subversive list may become meaningful if it is demonstrated through some form of hearing that

(1) membership of an individual was a fact;

(2) at the time of membership, the organization was either subversive, or communistic, or totalitarian, and the individual was cognizant of the character of the organization; and

(3) membership under all circumstances is or was sufficient ground for denying the right or privilege involved.

Of the five-member subcommittee which submitted the report to the full committee on Civil Rights, one member dissented and believed that the association should not undertake the study.

Arlington—

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tions, the Disabled American Veterans and Amvets, were included in the corporation, and four members from each of the five organizations comprise the board of directors whose sole purpose is to carry on this tradition of decorating the graves at Arlington cemetery on Memorial Day and to hold the consecrated services.

The first Unknown Soldier was by congressional resolution of March 4, 1921 buried on Armistice Day, 1921 and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier was completed and uncovered to public view on April 9, 1932 when the laying of the wreath ceremony was started.

SANSEI WINS TOP AWARD AT PRIVATE GIRL SCHOOL

PASADENA. — Peggy Omori, 11, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Omori, 3902 Olive Ave., Altadena, was awarded the Westridge Alumnae Scholarship, it was announced by Gladys Peterson, headmistress of the private girls' school here.

The award is granted to the outstanding pupil in the lower division of the school, which starts at the fourth grade through junior high school, and an upper division through the 12th grade.

Dr. Omori was one-time Pasadena JACL chapter president.

Iwata named to wine producing firm board

LIVINGSTON. — Buddy T. Iwata, 1000 Club life member of the Livingston-Merced JACL, was recently elected as one of the 17 board members of the Allied Grape Growers, wine producing organizations, at its annual meeting at Escalon.

Iwata is presently manager of the Livingston Fruit Exchange, active in the Rotary, local chamber of commerce and heads the Turlock Social Club.

Hawaii Demos pick Nisei to high post

HONOLULU. — Dr. Ernest I. Murai, a dentist who took active part in the Democratic party in 1946 when he joined a precinct club, was elected Democratic national committeeman for the territory of Hawaii at a party caucus Sunday.

He is the first Nisei to be elected to the high Democratic post. At the same time, he was one of six alternates named as delegates to the Democratic national convention.

Letter—

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lines in 1946. California-born Kawakita went to Japan in 1939. During the war, as an interpreter at a Japanese prisoner of war camp, he brutally mistreated American soldiers. He returned to the United States after the war and was spotted in a Los Angeles department store by a former victim and taken into custody by the FBI. He was convicted of treason in a United States District Court and sentenced to death, but was commuted to life imprisonment by the President in 1953.

Thus, "Niseis for Kawakita Society" would indicate Japanese Americans who sympathize with Kawakita and who condone traitorous acts against the United States and its people. We cannot believe there are any Japanese American who feel this way and would go out of their way to put themselves on record, even anonymously. Actually the language and intent of the letter in question reveal the writers to be both anti-Semitic and anti-Japanese Americans.

We condemn this "Niseis for Kawakita" letter and its perpetrators as repugnant to common decency. We pledge our relentless efforts to expose those who would resort to such underhanded tactics to smear our fellow Americans as well as ourselves.

Nisei lab assistant attends Italy congress

SAN FRANCISCO. — Mrs. Aileen Yamate Hirata, Nisei research laboratory assistant at the Stanford University school of medicine, will present a joint paper on the "Maturation of Ova in Mammalian Ovaries in the Anterior Chamber of the Eye" with Drs. Robert W. Noyes and Thomas H. Clewe at the second World Congress on Fertility and Sterility which is meeting in Naples, Italy, May 18-26.

Hollywood plans meeting to show voting to Issei

Danar Abe, Hollywood JACL president, announced Miki Moriwaki will conduct a meeting on May 23 to orient Issei members with election procedures at the Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury, from 8 p.m.

LETTERS

JACL and Firemen

Editor: Last year the Chicago JACL won the national membership race with 838 members. At general meetings, however, we were told recently by an ex-Chicagoan (off the record, we suspect) the Chicago JACL was happy when 30 members appeared.

We know of another chapter that never holds general meetings. What for? No one comes.

All this struck us as being funny and we wrote a wry schoolboy composition about this (called of course "Quantity and Quality") in which we mentioned registered voters lists of American yesteryear that contained names of citizens who were permanent residents of cemeteries.

But we have been mulling this over in our usual inept way and we have concluded that this situation is the way it ought to be.

More explicitly, the JACL should be a loose union of American citizens, each pursuing happiness or evading unhappiness in his own way, who are bound together by ties that may someday vanish. The JACL member should remain unheard until unfair play—the recent stinking "Yamamoto" letter and the Sammy Lee housing incident, for instance—demands that he raise his voice.

We don't expect firemen to parade every afternoon down Broadway with brass bands. We want them around whenever there is a fire. —NK

San Diego.

Pasadena explains voting to Issei

PASADENA. — Another "Everyone's Invited" meeting was called last night by the Pasadena JACL at the local Buddhist Church, 1106 Lincoln Ave.

Harold Jones of the Los Angeles City Elections Divisions presented a highly-lauded film on voting procedures and mechanics to many Issei voters who will be at the polling places for the first time. Mike Moriwaki, teacher of many Americanization classes, interpreted.

Harris Ozawa, chapter president, said the meeting was planned primarily to assist new Issei citizens in the coming primaries with representatives from Republican and Democratic parties presenting explanatory talks in both languages.

CALENDAR

May 19 (Saturday)
Venice-Culver — Int'l smorgasboard, Westchester Playgroud, 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 23 (Wednesday)
Hollywood—Voting meeting for Issei, Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury, 8 p.m.

May 24 (Thursday)
Downtown L.A.—Luncheon meeting, San Kwo Low, 12 n. "Japanese Ceramics", George Aratani, spkr.

May 25 (Friday)
Venice-Culver—Voting procedures explained for Issei.

Cincinnati—MDC "Hello Mixer".
May 26 (Saturday)
Fowler—5th Ann'y Supper, City Park, Sonoma County—JACL Bowling Award dinner, Green Mill Inn.

Stockton—Annual movie benefit.
Salt Lake City—Meeting (site to be announced), speaker from Fish & Game Dept.

May 28-29
MDC—District convention, Cincinnati-Dayton JACL co-hosts; Netherlands-Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati.

May 27 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Hayseed Hop, USC YWCA, 36th Pl. and Hoover, 7 p.m. San Diego—Chapter outing, Pine Valley, 10 a.m.

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.

June 9 (Saturday)
Venice-Culver—Box lunch social (tentative).

June 10 (Sunday)
Detroit—Community picnic.
June 12 (Tuesday)
Pasadena—Cabinet, Harris Ozawa res.

June 16 (Saturday)
Berkeley—Graduates' prom.

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