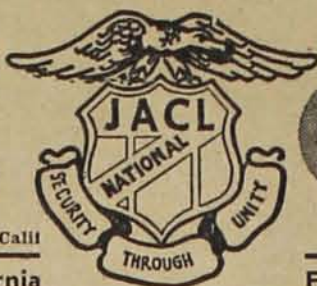


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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

In the beautiful  
Oregon country

"How come we don't go on a vacation this year?"

"We wanna go on a vacation, too."

"Uncle Sho's taking Bev and Janice up in the mountains."

"Yeah, and Uncle Ike's taking Benjie fishing."

"Gee whiz, looks like we're the only ones don't get to go anywhere, huh?"

That's the stream of conversation Patti and Chris have been exchanging for the past month. Although the National JACL Convention comes up in five weeks and our trying to get established in a new business, the Ole Man finally succumbed. By the time this reaches print, the Inagakis should be well ensconced in the Northwest. While we can't stay there long, it'll be just long enough to get the pressure off me. And long enough to catch a few fish providing Ray Sato and Choppy Yasui in Hood River are free to take me to their favorite trout hole. (That's a joke, folks. Those two fellows will take off for fishing with any kind of an excuse and they tell me that as excuses go they've used worse.)

Just to ease my conscience, we'll stop over in San Francisco to get the low-down on how preparations for the national convention are progressing. I know that they're coming along fine, but I want to know just how good. Then, when I return, there'll be a first hand on-the-level report from me.

There'll also be a report on how things are up Oregon way. Maybe next year, particularly if this real estate venture fizzles, I'll start a "kankodan" into that beautiful Oregon country.

—George Inagaki



Sacramento JACL's candidate, Sharon Nishimi, 20, was selected Miss National JACL of 1956 at the NC-WNDC pre-convention rally at Palo Alto last Sunday. She will be present at the PSWDC pre-convention rally at Hollywood Riviera Club in Redondo Beach this Sunday and at the CCDC pre-convention rally in Fresno Aug. 4. Miss Nishimi, who is 5 ft. 6 in. and 112 lbs., will return as a third-year student at Sacramento State College in the fall.

### SHARON NISHIMI OF SACRAMENTO CROWNED 'MISS NAT'L JACL-'56'

PALO ALTO. — A tall, stately lass from Sacramento, Sharon Nishimi, was accorded queenly honors of Miss National JACL of 1956 last Sunday over five other aspirants. The 20-year-old beauty, in one of her first duties, will be present at JACL district council pre-convention rallies this Sunday at Redondo Beach and Saturday next week at Fresno.

The final judging was held at Rickey's Studio Inn and the results were announced by Mrs. Barbara Fredricksen, formerly "Miss Dallas" during a dance intermission coronation ceremony at the third quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council gathering here.

Mrs. Fredericksen crowned the lovely and stately winner who will reign as official hostess at the coming 14th biennial National JACL convention in San Francisco Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.

The other five contestants have been invited to serve as attendants during the convention. They are Elaine Harada, San Francisco; Ann Yamamoto, San Jose; Barbara Arimoto, Sequoia of Redwood City; Carol Narahara, Alameda; and Susan Shiba of Stockton.

Miss Nishimi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toshihiko Nishimi of 3925 - 1st Ave., Sacramento.

Both of them were among the large Sacramento contingent attending the day's activities to give her their support. Nishimi is a building general contractor.

Miss Nishimi was the tallest of the six candidates, being 5 ft. 6 in. She weighs 112 lbs. She is a part-time worker at the California motor vehicle department.

The girls participated in an outdoor parade at the pool earlier in the day. Four of them appeared in bathing suits, including Miss Nishimi. The others were Miss Harada, Miss Arimoto and Miss Shiba.

At the ceremony, Miss Nishimi wore a white tulle nylon floor

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### NISEI WIN COLORADO GOP ASSEMBLY POSTS

FT. LUPTON. — Floyd Koshio and Lee Murata of precinct 37 and Frank Urano of precinct 1 were elected delegates to the Weld County Republican Assembly at a recent party election. Jim Ishida and Amy Urano were named alternates.

Ft. Lupton Nisei have been active in civic and community affairs and in recent years have assumed a more active role in local politics. Koshio was past Mt. Plains DC chairman.

### NEWLY QUALIFIED INTERNEE CLAIMS TO BE PROCESSED FIRST BY GOV'T

WASHINGTON. — Claims which were made compensable by the recently enacted Lane-Hillings Act to expedite the final determination of remaining evacuation claims will be processed and compromise offers made where applicable before remaining claims are considered under the new statute, the Dept. of Justice this week informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

These newly eligible claims are those of west coast internees, corporations and other legal entities of persons of Japanese ancestry, and those which were postmarked but received in Washington after the January 3, 1950, deadline for filing claims.

Since most of these newly compensable claims were set aside or dismissed, it should not be too difficult a problem to consider them quickly and to offer compromise settlements on all those whose awards will be under \$100,000, officials in charge of the program advised the JACL office.

This is particularly true insofar as the claims of internees are concerned, since in most cases these internees had wives who received their half of the claims under the community property laws of their respective states. In these cases where the wives have already received their half, the claims are already evaluated and the offer to the husband - internee claimant should not be difficult to determine.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL and COJAEAC representative, pointed out, however, that because the

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### RACIAL BIAS OF REALTY BOARD SUBJECT IN DAMAGE TEST CASES

Two suits in the South Gate superior court have assumed national importance, the ACLU publication Open Forum reported this week, by challenging the authority of real estate groups to compel discrimination in housing by coercion of their members.

Target of the two damage suits is the Southeast Realty Board which expelled Harry Beddoe and Earl Wing from the organization for negotiating sales of property to members of minority races as "undesirable property transactions."

ACLU counsel A. L. Wirin, who filed a friend of the court brief before Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling on June 18, said the two cases will affect realty boards across the nation because they all have rules similar to the Southeast Board's canon 35, which is under attack.

Judge Sparling denied a motion to dismiss Beddoe's \$42,000 damage suit against the board and while sustaining a demurrer in Wing's case, allowed attorney Mark Jo-seff time to file an amended complaint.

### San Francisco C. of C. endorses Proposition 13

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce board of directors last week endorsed state ballot Proposition 13, which repeals the Alien Land Law from the state statutes.



Maxwell Mr. Rabb, adviser to President Eisenhower on minority problems and secretary to the Cabinet of the United States, will be guest speaker at the 14th biennial National Convention banquet at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Sept. 3.

—Photo by Richard Rembrandt.

### Max Rabb to be guest speaker at Convention banquet

WASHINGTON. — Maxwell M. Rabb, Secretary to the Cabinet of the United States and adviser to the President on minority problems, has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker at the banquet of the 14th biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, the White House informed the Washington JACL Office last week.

The banquet, to be held in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco, Sept. 3, is the traditional climax to biennial JACL conventions.

"Because Mr. Rabb has been the President's adviser on civil rights and immigration matters, as well as Secretary to the Cabinet, we are pleased that he will be able to speak to us at our forthcoming national convention," Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared on hearing the news. He added that during the past four years Rabb has been most helpful to JACL in matters relating to Americans of Japanese ancestry, including the recently enacted amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act to expedite the final determination of the remaining claims.

Born in Boston, Mass., Sept. 28, 1910, he received his A.B. degree from Harvard in 1932 and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1935. A resident of Boston, he has been a member of the Massachusetts and Federal Bar since October, 1935.

He served as secretary to Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., now United States Representative to the United Nations and representative in the Security Council, for six years, commencing in 1937. He

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## FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## Nisei-110% Americans

Denver

■ When War II came to its weary end, Hiroyuki Agawa was a young Japanese naval officer stationed with an intelligence team in Hankow, China. He had heard of the devastation of Hiroshima, and he feared that his family home had been destroyed and all its members wiped out. But when he got home he found

everyone had escaped in miraculous fashion. It made his return to a defeated homeland a little less desolate.

Agawa had been drafted into the navy straight out of college. Now he faced the problem of finding a profession and making his way in a nation where time had ceased to move. Agawa chose to become a writer and found inspiration for his stories in the moving experiences he and his country had been through. The first of his successes was a novel called *Ma no Isan*, which might be translated as *Devil's Legacy*. It dealt with Hiroshima's (and mankind's) baptism in the white horror of radioactive destruction. His most recent novel is *Kumo no Bohyo*, which is roughly *Tombstone in the Clouds*, written as the diary of a Kamikaze pilot.

## TOURING AMERICA'S BYWAYS

■ All this is by way of introducing Agawa who, with his charming little (94 lbs.) wife, Miyo, is spending the better part of a year poking around the highways and byways of America under a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship. It should be explained that one of the restrictions the Foundation places on Agawa is that he shall not be interviewed by the press. Respecting this restriction, this reporter did not interview Agawa. But we did talk as friends.

Agawa's novels, as could be expected, had some uncomplicated things to say about the United States. But it is to the immense credit of the Rockefeller Foundation that his views were not allowed to stand in the way when the grant was finally made. For in this, his first visit to the United States, Agawa has been deeply and favorably impressed by America and Americans.

The Agawas spent a month in Hawaii, flew to Los Angeles, traveled by rail to Seattle where he spent another month. After two months in Monterey, and some time knocking around here and there, the couple are now en route east. Some of their impressions are, of course, superficial: America is huge, America is a land of machines and gadgets to reduce the need for human labor, America is a rich land. The more profound deductions may not jell until later, perhaps not until he returns to his study in Tokyo and has had a chance to mull over his experiences.

But already, he knows beyond doubt that Americans are a kind people. Everywhere, Americans have been happy to go out of their way to give him a hand, take time to show him around, treat him in a courteous manner. In Denver the other day he and his wife were standing on a downtown corner looking for a street address mentioned in the letter they held in their hands. A middle-aged woman approached them. "I'm not very well acquainted with downtown Denver," she said, "but maybe I can help you." She directed them to the place they wanted to go.

## DISTRESSED BY SOME NISEI ATTITUDE

■ On the other hand Agawa was puzzled, and perhaps a little distressed, to encounter Nisei who were 110 pct. Americans. To him, they seemed to be going to extraordinary lengths to deny their Japanese heritage, taking pride in the fact that they were ignorant about even the most common customs, traditions and facts of the land of their forebears. This, he feels is wrong and perhaps a symptom of a deep sense of inferiority.

Agawa went to a driving school after his arrival in the United States, qualified for a license, bought a car. He and his wife are making their way east like any young American visiting the scenic places, snapping color pictures like mad. Unlike many other visitors from Japan, who seem to be completely helpless and depend on their hosts for every kind of aid, the Agawas take pride in being independent. To conserve funds, they cook their meals in their motel, take their washing to laundromats, and drop in on friends of friends largely for guidance. It's a pleasure to have visitors of their like.

## VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



## Change of pace

■ Our esteemed colleagues in Chicago thought the PC could use a change in pace for the summer and offer some light reading. Well, we certainly shall agree with Tokuzo Gordon and Shig Wakamatsu, 1000 Club ex-chairman and chairman, respectively, that what they offered in *Funzapoppin'* is a big change of pace for us. . . . The pictures can only provide

a glimpse of the glee and laughter that must have rocked the North Park Hotel when the Windy City windjammers of mirth embarked on their parodies. . . . The theme of "the Roaring '20s" was the brainchild of Sumi Shimizu, who happens to be Tokuzo's legal secretary. . . . The party easily rates as an appetizer for the forthcoming 1000 Club whing-ding in San Francisco Sept. 1—as 1000ers throughout the country who have attended them will testify. . . . I don't know what theme is being planned for the national whing-ding, but if it is as

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Why should there be losers in a queen contest? The four in this photograph from San Jose JACL's Coronation Ball held at the Hawaiian Gardens July 6 is a beautiful example. Yet as rules hold, Ann Yamamoto (third from left) was selected Miss San Jose JACL. The 20-year-old dental assistant is 5 ft. 3½ in. and 110 lbs. Her court (left to right) is composed of Evelyn Naito, 21; Arlene Mitsunaga, 20; and Aline Fukumura, 23.

—Jumura Photo.

## CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



## Summer weekend

Chicago

● One way to beat the summer heat and humidity will be the Chicago JACL outing at Lake Geneva Aug. 11-12 with swimming, golf, tennis and other outdoor leisure. Reservations are being accepted by the JACL Midwest Office (MO 4-4362) until the Aug. 1 deadline. Fees are \$8 and up for cottages or \$5.75 per person for tents and it includes Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and dinner. . . . Summer camps were also announced by the Olivet Institute for children between 7 and 10 at Camp Reinberg; the boys taking over from July 23-Aug. 4, the girls from Aug. 8-18. Interested parents can call the camp director at MO 4-3930.

● Over \$1,200 was pledged by Japanese Americans toward the Olivet Institute restoration fund, which was officially launched July 16 with Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe as chairman of the Japanese American Community campaign committee. The program seeks to enlarge the seating capacity of the assembly hall and renovate the gym locker and shower rooms, which have been used extensively by Japanese American groups over the past 12 years. . . . The institute has a goal of \$200,000 with the Nisei community hoping to meet \$10,000. The Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave., Chicago 10, was one of the first community agencies offering its facilities to evacuees resettling here in 1943. Constant and heavy use has taken its toll over the years. Since current budgets do not allow for building rehabilitation. Among the \$100 pledgers were Corky Kawasaki, Tom Fukuda, Dr. T. Yatabe and Nobu Yamakoshi.

● Mrs. Sada Hatanaka, 832 W. Buckingham, won the title of "Best Japanese Cook in Chicago" with her own version of suki-yaki at the second annual International Electric Cooking contest. Also competing were Mmes. Mary Tokuhisa, John Takemoto, George Aki, Nobuo Kurita, Flora Tanaka, Jack Okawara, Joe Nakayama, Nobu Tanaka, Shug Mizukami, Hiro Uchida, Rosie Ohka, George Suzuki and George Ito. . . . Marsha Mo-

moi, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Momoi, won honorable mention in guitar competition at the American Guild of Music meeting in Cincinnati. She was the first Nisei ever to compete.



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## Michener writes on Japan in August Reader's Digest

NEW YORK. — The Japanese despite their toughness and bravery in war "are the gentlest and tenderest people I have ever known," writes James A. Michener, famous author, in the August Reader's Digest.

Michener, who is married to the former Mari Sabusawa of Chicago, noted the wartime hatred of the Japanese in the hearts of millions of Americans has turned to deep affection.

## ANNUAL BUDDHIST SEMINAR SLATED FOR LOS ANGELES

The Buddhist Churches of America will hold its two-day annual seminar of the "Teachings of Buddha" at the Nishi Hongwanji Temple here July 28-29.

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## VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



## Equality in housing

Denver

Harassed by prejudice most of their lives, the Nisei finally are on the threshold of first class citizenship. Already, political and economic equality are realities.

But the Nisei still remain in the twilight zone of acceptance in housing. Despite the Supreme Court's historic 1948 ruling which made racially restrictive covenants unenforceable by law, Americans of Japanese ancestry are denied access to a substantial amount of new and used housing. Denial of homes, particularly in new housing areas, tends to segregate the Nisei in substandard districts.

The housing problem is one which the Japanese American shares with members of other racial and religious minorities in varying degrees. Of the groups which bear the burden of bias, discrimination is most severe against Negroes and probably least effective against members of the Jewish faith. Although conditions for the group have increased notably since the war, the Nisei rank somewhere between the two extremes. Although conditions for the group have increased notably since in housing in Denver than in any other comparable western city, an "inventory of human relations" finished a year ago by 200 volunteers from 41 civic groups reported that "the majority of Negroes, Spanish Americans and Japanese Americans are generally confined to areas with substandard or old housing."

## NEED OF MIDDLE-INCOME GROUP CITED

Denver has a number of municipal housing developments which are interracial in character, but these are designed to meet the needs of low income families and have a maximum salary provision. "The needs of middle-income families are not met by public housing," the report stated.

The situation for middle-income Nisei families in Denver is a favorable one, particularly since at least two of the city's builders of homes in the \$12,500-\$16,000 class have been selling to Nisei families on a first come, first served basis. Although some builders may still be loath to sell to Japanese Americans, there are enough homes already available to members of the group in most of booming Denver's new housing developments.

The importance of eliminating discrimination in housing was stated by Michael L. Freed, then regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, after a survey disclosed the exclusion of Jews from two of the city's toniest residential areas, Crestmoor and Belcaro Park:

"Segregation in housing—no matter how splendid the ghettos are—prevents people of varying cultures and backgrounds from knowing one another through living experiences. Homogeneous neighborhoods, as restricted areas are euphemistically described, are the greatest single block to the elimination of prejudice in the community."

The postwar trend in housing has been the development of the suburbs. Most of these satellite communities have attempted to enforce discrimination against members of minority groups. In much of the East the Nisei is an "honorable Aryan". There have been instances of denial of homes to Nisei in the Chicago area. In the West the race line is drawn against the Oriental American as well, as Dr. Sammy Lee, a Korean American, and Sing Sheng, a Chinese American, found in two celebrated cases in California. Both the Sammy Lee and the Sing Sheng incidents made headlines and touched the conscience of the state, but the discriminations still remain. Giant communities like Lakewood, that town of 70,000 just outside of Los Angeles, have been created in the postwar years in which children will have no contact with non-whites in their schools or in community affairs.

## ALL-WHITE SUBURBS OF WEST COAST

The all-white towns like Lakewood are setting a pattern of discrimination for the future.

The analysis that discrimination is general against the Nisei in certain areas of new housing on the Pacific Coast is one developed from publicized instances of refusal to sell homes to Japanese Americans. For every case reported, it can be assumed that a dozen other denials go unreported. Home sellers often resort to subterfuge to enforce discrimination, particularly since the Supreme Court has withdrawn the power and dignity of the law from the racially restrictive covenant. In recent weeks a Nisei employee at a chemical plant has been refused a house in Concord, Calif. A teacher was turned down in Centerville, Calif. There was a happier ending to the predicament of a war veteran, Jerry Ushijima, who was refused a loan on a home in a new tract in Las Vegas, Nev. Action by the JACL and the American Legion resulted in reconsideration of the mortgage.

There is a survey now under way which may disclose the extent of housing discrimination faced by Nisei and other Oriental Americans. During the past year the Commission on Race and Housing, an independent group operating under a grant from The Fund for the Republic—a Ford Foundation subsidiary—has been conducting a study of Oriental housing in California. The Nisei phase of this study recently got under way and 100 Japanese American families of a total of 300 in San Francisco and 200 in Berkeley were interviewed. The project is under the direction of Dr. Davis McEntire of the University of California and the Nisei section is headed by Harry Kitano of Oakland.

The results of the survey will provide a format for action to meet this most pressing of the problems of prejudice. But, because study groups are deliberate in their approach and in the assessment of their research, a long time may pass before the results are released. There is need for early action by the Nisei to meet the situation in concert with other groups affected by the closed door in housing.

No Nisei who has tried to buy a home will deny that the problem exists.

## San Benito JACL float wins again in Fiesta Rodeo

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA. — Almost 50,000 spectators along the Fiesta Rodeo parade route July 15 applauded the prize-winning San Benito County JACL float.

Lavishly decorated with fresh flowers with a theme of "Fiesta Fellowship", the JACL entry won the Joe Jacinto Memorial Trophy for the second time. A third win will mean permanent possession of this prize given to the best amateur float from Supervisorial District 2.

The parade was the longest in its history with over 80 entrants participating. The fiesta is held to commemorate the founding of the old California mission here.

## HOUSE PASSES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL MONDAY

WASHINGTON. — The House Monday passed the civil rights bill by a vote of 279-126 and supporters started a longshot effort to stave off apparently certain death in the Senate.

A powerful coalition of Republicans and northern Democrats drove the bill to final passage after a "baby filibuster" was staged by the outnumbered Dixie bloc that delayed action for a week.

## INEQUALITIES OF CANADA CITIZENSHIP CITED BY NEGRO GROUP LEADER

GENEVA PARK, Ont. — The president of the Canadian Negro Citizenship Association last week said that Canada's boast of equal rights for all newcomers doesn't jibe with facts.

Donald Moore told the conference of Inter-Group Relations that "we pretend to have equal rights in Canada but actually we do not."

He said there "are unequal rights for newcomers" although a European and an Asiatic might get citizenship papers the same day and be told "you have equal rights with all others in Canada."

"Why pretend they have equal rights when, for example, an Italian has the right to bring his wife, mother, father, sisters and brothers to Canada, while a Japanese, as another example, can only bring his wife?"

"If we are to profess equality, let's get down to the practical aspect," Moore said.

## Methodist layman

Kazuo Saito, outstanding Nisei Methodist layman of Los Angeles, was recently named to the Methodist Church national board of evangelism at Colorado Springs, Colo.

## IKE'S BROTHER TO HEAD JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV.

BALTIMORE. — Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, brother of the President, was elected eighth president of Johns Hopkins University here this week. Formerly president of Pennsylvania State University, he was the first director of the War Relocation Authority in 1942.

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## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



## Seafair sails fly

Seattle

About the time this issue is delivered in Seattle, the sails of the Seafair Pirates will appear over the horizon, a landing will be made and the invasion of Davey Jones, Captain Kidd and their barefoot boys will herald the beginning of 12 days of lusty shenanigans and civic celebrations.

The Buddhist groups will stage two evenings of Bon Odori dancing, which will be the sum total of the Japanese community contribution to the city-wide celebration, but more about this later.

Last year, the long tenure of the Gold Cup hydroplane races was surrendered to Detroit on a scoring technicality but shades of the old Seattle spirit came up with a new one for the unlimiteds in the Seafair Trophy Race, described as the "biggest and richest".

Biggest because the 13 entries now in will be swelled to at least 19 by the time the trials start on July 31, and the richest because the \$25,000 purse is unprecedented. Hydroplane racing has heretofore been considered a pastime for well heeled sportsmen and beyond the inducement of paltry prize monies.

Officials of Greater Seattle Inc. estimate that 500,000 visitors will help swell local crowds in witnessing the scores of events.

King Neptune, his Prime Minister and the King's Guard in all their finery will later be joined by a newly chosen Queen of the Seafair, and will eventually on the last day triumph in the burning of the pirate's ship and cause the renegades to depart the city for another year.

To give a quick run down of Seafair events: Aqua Follies nightly in the Aqua Theatre; a review of 24 U.S. Navy ships and four of the Royal Canadian Navy whose crews get plenty of shore leave during the week; ten parades, including two colossals, one at day and one at night; five street dances; Scandinavian Festival; International Scottish Highland games; Italian Festival; Lake City Pioneer Days with cowboys and Indians; the Negro Community's Mardi Gras with six nights of carnival; Chinatown Night, including one of the parades, one of the street dances, Chinese opera, fashion show, art exhibit, and bazaar; and also for couple hours on Aug. 4 and 5, the Bon Odori. In addition there are scores of less spectacular events, from chess to archery.

## Int'l Festivals

This is the seventh Seafair. The first was in 1950. During '50, '51, and '52 there was an "International Festival" which was held in the Jackson, King, Main Streets area, and featured full participation by the Chinese, Japanese, Filipino and Negro Communities which we attempt to rate herewith on financial contributions and talent contributions to the outdoor show.

The first Nisei Queen was attractive and talented EW senior May Tsutsumoto, who, under Harry Takagi's administration, was elected JACL Queen of the Northwest Convention, and also Seafair queen, as the two affairs came off almost

## Portland JACL schedules pre-convention meeting

PORTLAND. — The local JACL will hold a pre-convention meeting on Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Nikkeijin Kai. Makoto Iwashita is handling national JACL registrations for Portland CLers. The meeting is open to both Issei and Nisei wishing to be more fully informed on the 14th biennial convention.



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San Francisco

■ Keep your eyes on that calendar, because the big doings are now right around the corner. It's just about time to start thinking about "Changing Perspectives", not in general, but in specific terms.

Let's see now. "Am I fixed up with that terrific Package Deal bargain? Have I got my reservations in for a room at the Sheraton-Palace at those reduced rates? Can't forget to get my entry blanks in on time (due mighty soon) for the Fishing Derby, and the Golf & Bridge tourneys. And the 1000 Club "Whing-ding", I can't miss out on that, guess I'll write a check for \$5, and pick up a ticket from our 1000 Club Chairman today".

We hope that such words reflect the thinking and sentiments of many JACLers around the country, as we head into the home stretch of our Convention drive.

### GALA PREMIER

■ A most fitting and impressive prelude to "Changing Perspectives" unfolded before our eyes at the big NCWN DC pre-Convention Rally recently hosted by the active Sequoia Chapter. The setting was the renowned Rickey's Studio Club in Palo Alto, and the enthusiastic response from our 25 Northern California chapters was most gratifying to your Convention Board.

The business sessions were effectively directed by our capable chairman Yas Abiko with Secretary Sumi Honnami busily scribbling the minutes. Demonstrating a remarkable sense of "perspective", and dedication to duty, the many delegates put in a strenuous afternoon discussing, and making, preliminary decisions regarding Convention business. This devotion to business was demonstrated under the combined onslaught of a terrifically warm day, and the seductive attraction of a sparkling swimming pool nearby.

### ACADEMY AWARD CALIBRE

■ In lieu of the traditional banquet speakers and at the kind invitation of Prexy Pete Nakahara and the Sequoia Chapter, the Convention Board entertained the delegation with a sparkling skit portraying, in vivid fashion, the highlights of the 14th Biennial.

Real "Oscar" calibre emoting was turned in by a cast of "characters", headed by leading lady, June "Gina" Uyeda, and suave leading man, Kenji "Marlon" Fujii. They were naturals. Supporting this dynamic duo, were Alice Shigezumi from the "Nanka" Chapter, Kay Kamimoto alias "Imo" from Idaho, Bill Matsumoto alias "Giveaway Tada" from N. California, Lefty Miyayaga alias "Windy Watanabe" from Chicago, Yas Abiko, Vi Nakano (Miss Mixer), Masuji Fujii and Percy Masaki (2 Issei), and Sumi Honnami.

Two other highlights of this mammoth production were a skit within a skit presented by the Sequoia Tri-Villes (Jr. JACL), and a Convention Fashion Show preview. The latter was narrated very professionally by Kathy Reyes, a school-marm who missed her calling, and featured lovely models: Rosie Takushi, Yaeko Yuki, Mary Hamamoto, and Nancy Sato.

A high class job of narration, as the "Voice of the 1956 Biennial" was turned in by Kei Hori.

The whole production was written, directed, and produced by a hard working crew sparked by script writers Mas and Chiz Satow, Kei Hori, and Kaye Uyeda, stage director Sumi Utomi and Yas Abiko. All in all, this was a nice job of promoting the Convention in a stimulating and entertaining manner.

### CLIMAX—SHARON CROWNED 'MISS JACL'

■ Just before the Banquet, with several hundred people hanging in suspense, the panel of judges, charged with the difficult task of choosing Miss National JACL, began their deliberations. Mrs. Barbara Fredricksen, fashion coordinator and head model, for the nationally known Lilly Ann Corp., Lois Moran, TV and screen personality, Major William Royer of Redwood City, Hisao Inouye of Modern Foods Co., and Jack Noda, past NCWNDC Chairman, were gracious enough to serve on this panel.

The hour of reckoning arrived, as the six lovely candidates advanced into the spotlight to the tunes of—"A Lovely Girl Is like a Melody"—Barbara Arimoto, Miss Sequoia JACL; Carol Narahara, Miss Alameda JACL; Susan Shiba, Miss Stockton JACL; Elaine Harada, Miss San Francisco JACL; Ann Yamamoto, Miss San Jose JACL; and Sharon Nishimi, Miss Sacramento JACL.

In the sudden hush, Mrs. Fredricksen, representing the judges, placed the crown on the lovely locks of the beautiful and statuesque Sharon, "Miss National JACL of 1956".

A large and enthusiastic delegation of Sacramentans led by Chapter Prexy Percy Masaki were solidly behind their gal. Sharon was visibly moved by her triumph, and it was nice to see her being given moral support by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nishimi, of Sacramento.

A short time later, clad in a beautifully regal robe, and carrying her king-sized trophy, Queen Sharon held court and accepted the congratulations of her supporters and competitors alike. This corner had the honor of exchanging pleasantries with her, and found a real nice gal, who was charming despite the terrific pressures of an exacting day. Since her physical attributes take second fiddle to none, "Changing Perspectives" has got itself a true Queen. Our official congratulations—Sharon.

As it is in all competition, there must always be the losers, and so it was here. Deserving though all six may have been, only one could be crowned. However, like true queens, Barbara, Susan, Carol, Ann, and Elaine accepted and shared in Sharon's triumph. At this point, this corner will temporarily shed the cloak of Convention Chairman and reporter, to become a plain San Francisco JACLer, and pass out one large bouquet to Miss San Francisco JACL.

As Queen of the Convention host chapter, Elaine was poised and gracious in victory, she proved equally poised and

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### Mike Masaoka's mother-in-law dies suddenly

SAN JOSE. — Funeral services were held for Mrs. Kane Mineta, 63, 1st Tuesday afternoon at the Wesley Methodist Church here.

An active member of the church, she was attending a Fujinkai meeting July 15 and collapsed. Hospitalized since then, she died of cerebral hemorrhage July 21. Her husband Kunisaku is a local pioneer and community leader.

She was the mother of two sons Albert and Norman, and three daughters Helen, Mrs. Ayako Endo and Mrs. Etsu (Mike) Masaoka.

### Miss Nai'l JACL—

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length gown with off the shoulder bodice. It had a long torso effect as its very bouffant skirt had an overskirt of embroidered applique lace and multi-tiered lace in the back cascading into a train.

Judging was held before the dinner and all six were introduced as they paraded up toward the stage at the dance.

Two of the other judges, Mrs. Lois Moran Young, TV actress and former Hollywood celebrity and Michi Kobi, leading lady of "The Teahouse of the August Moon" company now playing in San Francisco, were introduced and spoke a few words before the winner was announced.

Mrs. Frederiksen who is now a Lilli Ann model draped the regal cape and placed the tiara on Miss Nishimi after making known the judges' choice. She also presented her with a large trophy and a check for \$100 from the national convention committee.

Jack Noda, past D.C. chairman and another judge presented the other contestants with smaller trophies. They will also receive a \$20 package deal, entitling them to attend all events on the coming convention program.

Other judges included Hisao Inouye, San Francisco businessman, and Mayor William Royer of Redwood City. Kaye Uyeda of San Francisco headed the contest committee.

### Detroit fishing derby picnic at Pontiac Lake

DETROIT. — The fifth annual Detroit JACL fishing derby-picnic will be held this Sunday, July 29, at Pontiac Lake, it was announced by chairman John Miyagawa.

Registration for the derby commences at midnight (July 28) at Walt's Boat Livery. There is \$3 fee plus boat rental, children under 12 are free. Three prizes are being offered for the largest bass, largest pike and largest pan fish.

After the derby which ends at 1 p.m., a picnic follows at the state park adjacent to the boat livery.

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### NC-WNDC delegates to recommend new award for CLers, nai'l Hq. bulletin

PALO ALTO. — At one of the best attended business sessions to date, delegates from Northern California JACL chapters went through a long list of items on the agenda at the third quarterly NC-WNDC session of the year Sunday at Rickey's Studio Inn.

An extremely warm day greeted the delegates, but nearly 150 of them joined in the discussions at the business meetings.

The chapter delegates went on record as pledging to maintain their present annual budget of \$20,808 for next two fiscal years.

They also adopted a new individual recognition award which may be made by chapters to persons locally who have been outstanding in their service to JACL and the local community.

The award will be a framed copy of the Japanese American Creed, suitably inscribed. The district council will urge that this award be adopted on a nation-wide basis at the coming JACL convention, pointing out that it would supplement the current awards for outstanding service on district and national levels.

The chapter representatives also discussed a proposal to include the Pacific Citizen, the JACL weekly publication, in a package deal with

higher membership dues, but turned down this plan at the present time.

However, they backed a San Francisco chapter plan to recommend a regular bulletin from National JACL headquarters to both members and non-members for information and publicity purposes.

Many other matters to be discussed at the coming convention were also brought out.

Marysville JACL was awarded the next meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4. The northernmost chapter in the district was originally scheduled to be the host chapter in February but had asked to be relieved of the responsibility after the Christmas Day flood last December.

At the dinner following the business meeting, the San Francisco chapter's National convention board presented a very humorous skit on the coming parley.

### SAN MATEO JACL MOVIE BENEFIT SET JULY 28

SAN MATEO. — "Shunkin Monogatari" starring Machiko Kyo will be the feature movie at the San Mateo JACL benefit tomorrow night at the local Buddhist Church, according to Saiki Yamaguchi, chapter chairman. Another feature will also be presented.



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Here are three 1000ers who should've known better as Bouncer Smoky Sakurada flashes the shears which clipped the ties of MDC Chairman Abe Hagiwara (left), Jack Ota and Dr. Bill Hiura, who are all holding mite evidence of a once-classy cravat.



TOP: Chorus-line and a couple of stage-door-Johnnies rollicking the party are (front) Michael Hagiwara in a real genuine raccoon coat, Mas Nakagawa as Miss 1000 Club, star Jean Kimura, (middle) Fumi Iwatsuki, Maudie Nakada, Betty Iwatsuki, Kay Fujii, and (back) Shig Wakamatsu in his hard-top derby.

MIDDLE: Members of the Hip Hip Hooray Happy Harmony Four are Lincoln Shimidzu, Mike Hagiwara, Tokuzo Gordon and Abe Hagiwara.

BOTTOM: A parody on the National JACL Convention Opening Ceremony was dramatized by the Chicago JACL 1000ers: Hizzoner Mayor Dimwit Goldie West (Mike Hagiwara), flanked by color guards Hiro Mayeda and Tom Tajiri, color bearers Kiko Konagamitsu and Roy Iwata in the back.

#### PERSPECTIVELY YOURS: by Jerry Enomoto

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gracious in defeat. She was actually injecting life into the understandably drooping spirits of some of our rabid S.F. supporters, and thereby illustrating that it takes "moxie" to lose gracefully. All of the candidates shared this attitude, and they will all support and encourage Sharon at "Changing Perspectives" as Queen Attendants.



Unveiling and Presentation of Miss National 1000 Club (Mas Nakagawa)

What Mama Wore at the Beach Modeled by world-traveler 'Egypt & Me' Gladys Ishida

## Chicago JACL 1000ers savor memories of 'Roaring Twenties' at Funzapoppin; whets appetite for Convention whing-ding

By SHIG WAKAMATSU

Chicago

(Memos of a Gal Friday) Dear Boss: Now that all the ROARING '20s of the Chicago Chapter 1000 Club's "Funzapoppin" is over with, it might be interesting to note what a actually transpired behind the scenes of this hilarious 1000 Club affair. The wholehearted co-operation and the enthusiastic response of our local Thousanders, both in participation and in attendance, was a touching experience, indeed.

There's Helen Hori who was approached to be a model in the fashion show. "What will I have to wear?" she asked. Well, we mentioned the latest in women's sportswear—you know, the long-waisted middy, black bloomers with long black stockings and a tennis racket—and that we might as well skip the lingerie. It may be out of line and, besides, who would want to model it? Through Helen's infectious laughter we could barely decipher the words, "I'll be a good sport. I think I would rather wear a negligee than black bloomers!"

Those zany phone calls that went through Tokuzo's office prior to "Funzapoppin" — if anyone else were our boss, we would've been fired on the spot! As you know, Jeanie Kimura was slated to model the bathing suit, but unfortunately she had had a sneak preview of it—and there she is fuming on the phone!

"Tell Tokuzo I positively refuse to wear that atrocious-looking thing! Wild horses can't drive me to wear it! And yellow hose to boot—ugh!" "Now, Jeanie, be a sport..." "Well, then, why don't you wear it?" "Wouldn't fit in it." "I've seen the bathing suit—and Abe Hagiwara can fit in it!" (Idea??)

That "intellectual air" about Gladys Ishida (you know, her Ph.D.) challenged us to seek her out about modeling this outrageous number. Imagine our surprise when she was agreeable to doing it, provided we couldn't possibly find anyone else. (Course we stopped looking right then 'n' there.)

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The last lap to hurdle was Mas Nakagawa. Would he consent to being all rigged up like a flaming flapper for the crowning of "Miss 1000 Club"? "What will I have to bring in the way of props," was his response. "Just bring yourself," we screeched.

Terrific sports all! And talk about sports, who should walk in all decked out in flapper attire but the JACLer staff—Maudie Nakada, Fumi and Betty Iwatsuki, Kay Fujii. Their costume was prevailed upon to join in with Jeanie's per-

formance of the Charleston, which they did well considering they had but a few moments to practice before curtailment.

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Acknowledgements are in order to all who participated in the overall program... to Emcee and Life Thousander Tokuzo Gordon, without whose talent and originality this home-grown variety show would not have been possible... to George Iwasaki for taking over the entire music for the evening—all tunes from the 20s, natch... to Chicago Chapter 1000 Club Chairman Tom Okabe and Esther Hagiwara for handling the reservations end. ("Tom Masuda is coming," Esther called, "gotta get him in the act somewhere.") Final count was a record number of 88... to the 1000 Club Quartet Tokuzo, Abe, Line Shimidzu, Mike Hagiwara for their renditions of nostalgic song hits from the era and a soft-shoe number thrown in for good measure... to Life Thousander Harry Mizuno for the terrific promotional flyer and the eye-catching signs around the ballroom... to all who took part in the satirical skit and the sheiks and the shebas who danced down the runway. Wasnt Joe College Mike Hagiwara a SCREAM in that inevitable raccoon coat, bashed-in hat, and totin' a banner: "Keep Cool with Coolidge", Ditto Atlas the Strongman (Dr. Frank Sakamoto) in the men's version of the bathing beauty... to Chiye Tomihiro who authored the mirth-provoking commentary... to Mary Shimidzu and your better half Toe for the effective make-up job on Miss 1000 Club—spit curls 'n' all... and last but not least, to you, dear Boss, for your guidance in overseeing the entire wing-ding. You and Tokuzo have done a commendable job in promoting that type of program traditional of 1000

Club gatherings—loads of fun for everyone! And you can well be proud of your Chicago Chapter Thousanders, participants and audience alike. Not only do they recognize the 1000 Club as the most vital arm of the JACL organization, but they are adhering to its very traditions—the serious and the humorous.

— Gal Friday

P.S. Do you think, though, that they'll ever learn about the Order of the Tie and Garter? Abe Hagiwara, Jack Ota and Dr. Bill Hiura were penalized by having their conventional ties snipped off before everyone's eyes!

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## SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



## Finis, we hope

● Beset with vandalism and turnover of personnel since the first of the year, the PC circ office has been a big mess. Missing checks have been traced, mixed-up records straightened out and the problem of inadequate staff resolved. To our subscribers, especially new ones who have been inconvenienced, and to our good chapter solicitors who have been embarrassed by our foul-up, our sincere apologies and assurance of efficient future handling.

PC's new circulation manager, an efficient gal named Miki Fukushima, has brought the files and records up to the point where she requests subscribers needing un-snafu-ing to write her right now, and prompt attention, within two weeks, is guaranteed. But please don't gang up on her—be patient, pretty please. If you get a 1st or 2nd renewal notice and you've already paid, ignore it. If you haven't we want it.

Miki used to be the circ.mgr-bkpr-ad man-sect'y at the weekly Crossroads and really knows her ropes. She's on daytime, too, whereas previous gals were part-time night workers, the only kind available.

## GREEN THUMB

● One of the pleasures of backyard farming is harvesting a bumper crop. We've been feasting on apricots, peaches and nectarines while our fig, avocado and citrus trees are ripening heavy loads. Persimmon, orange and loquat being our youngest, have yet to produce.

We've been lucky on vegetables, too, with terrific yields of beans, corn, pepper, tomatoes, squash, carrots, radish, nasubi and even myoga. If this sound like bragging, it's only because it is. But we admit holding an advantage over other amateur farmers—any effort that will result in food we tackle with more than average assiduousness, even if our tomatoes come out at about four bits apiece, which this year they won't (only 44c).

A truck garden in Japan, where land is scarce and valuable and thus well protected is *hatake*, our etymological derivations being: (1) *ha* (tooth) and *take* (bamboo), which combined means an enclosure surrounded by sharp, fanglike, protective spears, (2) *hata* (flag) and *ke* (fur), or hirsute scarecrow, a horrible, hairy monster to keep birds away.

## SACRILEGE

● In Tokyo last month, we note that a Dr. Yoshito Hayashi of an otorhinolaryngology society or sumpin' announced a simple cure for snoring—removal of part of the roof of the mouth. In the U.S., this is tantamount to infringing on the constitutional right of the pursuit of happiness, which includes the right to sleep loudly or silently, whichever makes the sleeper happy. In our case, it's loud, and we resent any insinuation that our mode of seeking happiness is undesirable. To squelch this insidious plot, which like the commie conspiracy might engulf the world, we intend to call on the U.N. to hurry and accept Japan into membership, then apply the charter on human rights to hamstringing this doc's un-democratic ambitions. We invite your support—our side, of course.

## CONGLOMERA

● The benefit concert of soprano Shige Yano of Japan presented by the Downtown L.A. chapter last Sunday at the Koyasan, while not an SRO audience, was a huge success both musically and financially, bringing response from 120 patrons and some 200 supporters who generously donated. Among the patrons were Mr. & Mrs. Tsukasa Kiyono, formerly of Alabama and featured in Tamotsu Murayama's P.C. column of 6/22 as the Camellia King, now visiting daughter Marian here. Both have also joined the 1000 Club.

A nice thing about being an official of the JACL is the occasional invitations we receive to attend cocktail receptions, if we can make time to attend any, which we do as a P.R. chore, the free horse doovers and drinks being merely secondary. Besides, what else can we say. Recently, we've been to those honoring officials of the Tokyo Bank (Sumitomo's coming up on Aug. 7) and the American Museum of Immigration (story-pic on page 7).

Current p.r.: supplying info to Gladwin Hill of the N.Y. Times bureau here who's doing a piece about the Nisei post-war. Look for it soon.

Our spouse, who's been with the Tokyo Bank since October, is tickled pink about the new Gardena branch bldg she'll move into next month, just three blocks from the homestead. While on the family, our *sueko*, Bev, is still at that sexless period of life (8) when her interests aren't too ladylike, wanting to sleep out in her tent, walk around on stilts or a pogo stick, hike around among the beach rocks for crabs and shells, and sneak a tree climb to gobble fresh peaches the day after her tonsillectomy (per Doc Norm Kobayashi).

The endless variety of other people's problems keeps our job interesting: refugees wanting to enlist, war brides with domestic problems, students wanting financial backing, etc. Incid., the draft board tells us male Japanese aliens, refugees and immigrants, must register for selective service within six months of arrival if born after September 15, 1925.

Condolences to the family of Etsu Masaoka whose mother passed away last week. We regret also the untimely passing of our cousin, Kay Akagi of Richmond, who's survived by his mother, brother Hiroshi of D.C. and sister Taeko Honda.

● RECENT VISITORS: Fred Aoyama, past prez of the Reno chapter, vacationing with his family—Masaji Morita, who's moved here with his family from Chicago where he was a JACL officer—Miss Japan, Yoshie Baba, paying a courtesy call at our office—Dillon Myer, former WRA head, who just dropped us a note expressing appreciation for visiting with old friends at a luncheon we arranged for him last week—We'll be seeing more out-of-towners at the alien land law committee meeting in our office tomorrow.

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Placer JACL nine  
may clinch second  
half league lead

By HOMER TAKAHASHI  
LOOMIS. — Chances of winning the second half title in the Placer-Nevada Baseball League loomed brighter this week for the Placer JACL ball club when the undefeated Placerville Bartletts met their first defeat last Friday night at the hands of Lincoln.

As the Barts lost their first game in five starts, the local Nisei club went on to win another from Grass Valley last Sunday at Grass Valley 15 to 1 behind Chris Christin's brilliant three-hitter and a fine last inning stint by Wayne Hironaka.

Placer JACL and the Bartletts from Hangtown are once again tied for the semi-pro league lead with 4 and 1 records in the standings.

In dumping the Grass Valley Braves the locals collected 20 base-hits off three hurlers.

Pitcher Christin, a former Fresno Cardinal pitcher in the California State League, led the Nisei club in batting with 4 for 4. He was followed in the hit parade by Chas. Oseto with 4 for 5 and Jim Yokota with 3 for 6.

The JACL has two more games to round out the schedule. Saturday night at James Field an important game is set between the JACL and the Lincoln Potters, first half champs. The final game is against the Nevada City Lumberjacks Aug. 3.

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First Southland Nisei to participate in the annual North-South Shriners' high school exhibition game in the Los Angeles Coliseum will be center Bob Kubo, who starred for Narbonne High.

Kubo, now in the Air Force at Lowry AFB, was granted leave to participate in the charity classic. Two squads of 25 players each began practice early this week for the Aug. 1 event.

The all-city star is expected to see action for the South as defensive linebacker.

## San Josean rolls 712

SAN JOSE. — Mike Murotsune posted a 712 series from games of 232-236-233 at Bridgeman's last week in the Summer Produce league. It was the highest throw in San Jose this year.

KONO WINS PACIFIC NORTHWEST NET TITLE  
TACOMA. — Art Kono of Seattle took the men's singles in the 65th Pacific Northwest tennis tournament here Sunday, beating Jim Watson of San Francisco 6-2, 6-1.

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L.A. KEGLER ROLLS  
707 IN SUMMER LOOP

Yuki Uradomo of Los Angeles racked a 245-224-238 for a fat 707 series in summer league competition recently at Arlington Bowl. He also holds the season high game of 249 in the same Boarding House league.

Nisei-owned bowling  
house in L.A. planned

A Nisei-owned bowling establishment in westside Los Angeles was reported last week by Paul Uyemura, sports writer for the Rafu Shimpo.

With Nisei leagues now rolling at the Angelus and Vogue Bowl, which are in the area doomed for a new civic auditorium, Uyemura surmised the leagues would find a home in the Nisei-owned facility. Meanwhile, the Nisei Classic League for teams in the 875-910 class is looking for three more five-man squads for the winter league to roll at Culver City Recreation. Inquiries should be made with John Yasukochi, AX 4-3374.

Nishita returns to full  
game pitching duties

MONTREAL. — Bill Nishita came up with his first complete game in two months, an eight-hit job, as Montreal Royals downed Buffalo Bisons 5-0 on July 14.

But the July 18 game at Rochester was a different story, as the Nisei hurler started and was the losing pitcher with the Red Wings downing the Royals 11-1. Nishita's record is now four wins, six losses.

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GARDENA. — Taul Watanabe, chairman of the Home State Investment Co., said last week that the first year's operation will yield a dividend, which will be sent to stockholders within 60 days. In the progress report, the firm has revealed completion of a 14-unit motel in Buena Park.

150 golfers gun for  
Orange County honors

HUNTINGTON BEACH. — Over 150 Nisei golfers are expected to tee off in three flights this Sunday in the annual Orange County golf tournament at the Meadowlark course here.

Competition is being provided by members of the six Los Angeles clubs, San Diego, Coachella Valley, Long Beach, Brookside, West Los Angeles and host Orange County clubs.

Top threesome of Joe Kishi (5), Min Yoshizaki (1) and Hank Han-kawa (5) will be started at 2:28 p.m., it was announced.

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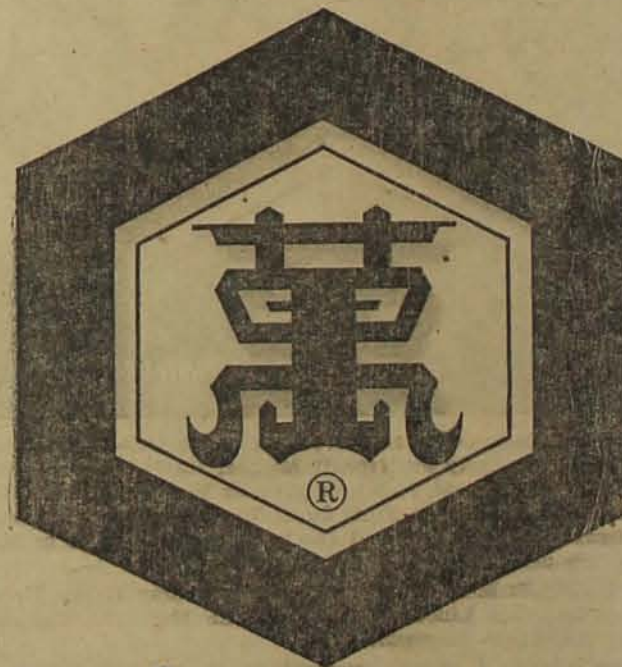
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## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



## On Miss Nippon

Los Angeles

Fifteen of the world's most beautiful girls were picked late last week in the fifth annual International Beauty Congress at Long Beach Municipal Auditorium. But unlike last year when Keiko Takahashi was declared fourth runner-up, this time Japan's entry in Yoshie Baba did not fare too well. She did not

even get into the group of 15 semi-finalists. But Miss Baba from Fukushima took her defeat in a most sportsmanlike manner. After all, what is a contest without its winners and losers.

Miss Baba applauded heartily when the 15 names of semi-finalists were called. There were other entrants who appeared despondent but the 19-year-old daughter of an inn-keeper from a small town smiled and was in cheerful mood.

Miss Baba was pitted against 33 other foreign entrants and competition was terrific. There were many who came decked in costumes, costing in three figures. Yoshie, coming from a quiet mountain town unaffected with Ginza glamour of Tokyo, wholly lacked the poise and added charm needed to get into the winner's circle. It might have been a real "consolation" had she been picked within the first 15, then dominated by Latin-American beauties. Incidentally, the six Latin-Americans were all eliminated before the five finalists were picked.

## JUDGES IN JAPAN SHOULD KNOW

There isn't much sense in being harsh on a girl whose qualifications for a beauty contest may be lacking—not that Miss Baba is not attractive. But according to the judges' score-sheets the contestants must be geometrically perfect and from where we sat, she just didn't have it. So she lost.

There were 40,000 prospective candidates in Japan. If the officials who are running the Miss Japan contests really are bent on making a showing, they should study the charts on physical makeup first before deciding on a choice. Maybe they should start sponsoring some aspirants now and train them in poise, charm and personality, plus an ability to speak half-way decent English before they embark on getting another representative to the 1957 Miss Universe pageant. That is, if they really want to win it that badly.

The rest is just history. Carol Morris of Ottumwa, Iowa, who was Miss United States, took the title of Miss Universe. The runners-up included Misses Germany, Sweden, Italy and England.

## IT'S A TOUGH DEAL, MIN

We could not help but feel for attorney Min Yasui who is struggling at the *Colorado Times* as its English section editor. His Denver Nisei-gram, dated July 17, was a gem.

It revealed in short paragraphs all the sufferings of a vernacular newspaperman. And the man linotypes, too. That takes real courage. Min writes that he got to the Denver newspaper office at 4 one morning, wrote the stories, linotyped it, proof-read it, put the type into the pages, and hand-set all the heads (captions).

When it comes to pounding out copy, Min, however, is a real demon. We marveled at his speed when he banged out articles at the 13th biennial national JACL convention when it was held in Los Angeles at the Statler Hotel. We never had it so good, then. How about San Francisco reporting, Min?

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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Coincidentally, Tashiro was nominated to take the place of Judge Philip L. Rice who was nominated and confirmed for the Territorial Supreme Court. Now Marumoto is being named to take Justice Rice's place as an Associate Justice because he has been named as Chief Justice of the Hawaiian Supreme Court.

The favorable action of the Senate Judiciary Committee and of the Senate would seem to indicate that in confirming attorneys to federal judgeships Congress looks to the qualifications of the man, and not his ancestry.

Would they judge the qualifications of Hawaii's population for statehood on the same basis?

## VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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zany as the Roaring '20s, the affair should draw a full house at the Surf Club.

Keeping the record straight: Bill Hosokawa presided at the recent Portland convention of American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors (see PC: July 13) as president, but was elected to office in New York last fall (as we well recall now) for the 1956 calendar year. New president elected at the Portland meeting takes over Jan. 1, 1957 . . . Ruby and John Sakayama, Mile-Hi chapter president, wound up their west coast vacation like a good tourist—taking in Disneyland where the lines are long by day. A cue to future vacationists: the lines aren't long after 6 p.m. and the weather is cooler, too . . . Welcome aboard, Min! Min Yasui is joining the ranks of old-time printers who not only had to write stories, but set type and heads and lock up press forms at the *Colorado Times*. In this age of specialization, there are some writers who haven't smelled printer's ink yet.

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## ★ Vital Statistics ★

## Births

## COLORADO

IWATA, Allen (June Hoshiko)—girl, La Salle.

## NEBRASKA

NOCHI, Ed—boy, Lyman.

HARA, Frank—girl, Mitchell.

## DETROIT

UEHARA, Dr. Sakae—girl Elaine Tomiko, June 14.

## NEW JERSEY

IWASHITA, George—girl Mary Ann, July 4, Nutley.

## NEW YORK

TAKATA, Charles—boy Gregg, May 25.

## Deaths

FUJINO, Mrs. Suma, 70: Seattle, June 13, survived by husband Takesaburo, sons Harry H., Shigenobu (Chicago), daughters Mmes. Hideo Tanishita (Long Beach, Calif.) Akiko Sakai, Mitsuko Sakamoto (Sacramento).

HANAMI, Asa: Rexburg, Idaho, June 13, survived by five sons Stomie, Yoshimi, Takeshi, Yutaka, Tosaka, daughter Mrs. Edith Ishino (Rio Grande City, Tex.), and five grandchildren.

HARADA, Satoru, 33: Oakland, June 7 (at American Falls, Idaho), survived by wife Alice, daughter Karen Jean, parents Mr. &amp; Mrs. Nao, brother Kenji.

HONDO, Atsuo August, 36: Heyburn, Idaho, June 7, survived by wife Jaiye, son Daniel, daughter Shirley, father Tochuichi, brother Roy, sisters Mmes. T. S. u. y. a Miyagishima (Bingham Canyon, Utah), Mary Sumamoto and Tomi Watamura (Parker).

KASHIWADA, Mitsuno: Sacramento, June 14, survived by father Taiji, brothers Hisano, Masao, Yo, Jihei, Goro.

KAWAMOTO, Mitsutaro, 64, and Sakuyo, 56: Ontario, Ore., June 29, survived by son Kazuo Sakakihara (San Francisco) brother Minoru Fujita.

KITANO, Tomoichi, 92: Oakland, July 11, survived by son Joe Hiroshi (Fresno), daughters Mrs. Mae Honda, Mrs. Grace Ogawa, Mrs. Alice Nakano (San Francisco), Julia (Santa Ana) and Mrs. Florence Muraoka (Stanton).

KUNITAKE, Kasumi: Sacramento, June 15, survived by husband Katsuburo, sons Kazuo, Yoshigi, Kazuma, Katsuyoshi, daughters Sachiko, Nobuko, Satsuki and Mrs. Mary Nishiba.

KURAHARA, Scott, 1 mon.: Brooklyn, June 7, survived by parents Mr. &amp; Mrs. Roy T.

MATSUDA, Saizo: Clarksburg, June 10, survived by sons Taizo, George, daughter Mrs. Kiyoko Yamamoto.

MINETA, Kane, 63: San Jose, July 21, survived by husband Kunisaku, sons Albert, Norman, daughter Helen, Mrs. Ayako Endo (New York) and Mrs. Etsuko Masaka (Washington, D.C.).

MORIKAWA, Kensaburo, 84: Fresno, July 17, survived by wife Tome, son Mitsuru.

MOROFUJI, Mrs. Sada: June 10, Pharr, Tex., survived by sons George, Hideo, daughters Mmes. Tori Tsurumoto, Masano Okubo.

NISHIMOTO Kanji, 70: Los Angeles, July 6, survived by wife Minao, sons Yoshio, Hiroshi, Michio, Masao.

NISHIMOTO, Mrs. Nao: Stockton, June 11, survived by four sons John, Walter and Ken (Maryland), Teruo (Chicago), daughter Mrs. Kango Omi (San Francisco).

OKAMOTO, Shunzo, 67: Sacramento, July 2, survived by wife Yasuyo, sons Haruo, George, Saburo, Tadao, daughter Mrs. Teruko Tsumura, stepson Shinichi, Miura.

SATO, Bairoku, 83: Ontario, Ore., June 4, survived by wife Yasu, daughters Velma, Mrs. Roy Nishizaki.

SHIMIZU, Robin Christine, 23 months: Yuba City, May 25, survived by parents Mr. &amp; Mrs. Masaru Jeffrey, sister April G.

SHIRAKI, Miyomo, 67: Oakland, July 3, survived by husband Shinzo, sons George, Harry, daughters Mary, Ruth.

TAKETA, Kumataro, 78: San Jose, June 14, survived by sons Toshi, Haruo, three grandsons, one granddaughter.

TOKUNAGA, Elaine K., 23: Seattle, June 26, survived by husband Toshio, parents Mr. &amp; Mrs. Henry H. Miyake.

TSUNEKAWA, Shigetaro, 70: Stockton, June 30, survived by wife Takako, sons Elmer, Lou, daughter Mrs. Teri Yamaguchi.

WAKIMOTO, Henry H., 54: Caldwell, Idaho July 2, survived by wife Ayano, daughters Chiyoko, Mrs. Miyoko Abe (Japan), Mrs. Kiyoko Uyeda (Aurora, Colo.), six grandchildren.

YAMANE, Roy Masa, 30: Oakland, June 7 (at American Falls, Idaho), survived by wife Helen, daughter Shelley, parents Mr. &amp; Mrs. Sadazo, brother Frank, sister Mrs. Sachiko Matsui.

YAMANE, Torako, 60: Oakland, July 18, survived by husband Teizo, son Frankie, daughter Sachie, daughter-in-law Mrs. Helen Yamane and five grandchildren.

YANARI, Masahiko: Los Angeles, July 12, survived by wife Yachiyo, sons Fred, Ralph, daughter Mrs. Yeiko Miwa.

YOSHIZU, Tsuru, 64: Watsonville, July 4, survived by husband Heigo, son Harry, daughters Mmes. Kei Matsushita (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Jack Shimonishi (Detroit) and Shig Etow.

## Nisei Week ondo

Nisei Week ondoists will continue practice on Wednesday and Friday nights at the Hirohata 2nd St. parking lot until the Aug. 11-19 celebration in Li'l Tokio. Six professional dance instructors are teaching six numbers.

## New church building

FRESNO.—Ground breaking ceremonies were held July 22 at the corner of Collins and Inyo Sts. for the new \$50,000 Japanese Congregational Church here. Construction is expected to start in August. The edifice will include a social hall. The Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.



Leading citizens of the Japanese American community in Los Angeles met with officials of the American Museum of Immigration, which will be established at the base of the Statue of Liberty honoring contributions of various nationality groups to American culture. In the photo are (left to right) Tats Kushida, JACL regional director; Mrs. Ken Kozasa; Frank B. Mitchell, national field director, American Museum of Immigration; Mrs. Hideo H. Kodani; and J. S. Takeyasu and Katsuma Mukaeda, who were named to further interest in the work in their community. The project expects almost 100 different nationality groups to contribute towards the building of this museum and exhibits will show chronologically the various waves of immigration. George Inagaki, national JACL president, is a member of the AMI national committee.

—Cut courtesy: Shin Nichi Bei.

## SMOGLITES: by Mary Oyama



## Of domestics and handymen

Los Angeles

Actor Teru Shimada, who always has interesting anecdotes to relate, tells of the early days when he was employed as a schoolboy by a prominent San Francisco family. A Japanese cook who was working in the same household decided he would like a change of scenery and hired out with an adventure-minded American boy to work on a ship headed for the South Seas, captained by a rugged, dashing man who had a great love for the high seas. However, dreams of romantic adventure and zestful living soon vanished for the erstwhile cook when seasickness overtook him.

Relinquishing his dreams he was more than glad to disembark at the first port for a homeward return, while his "hakujin" coney was willing to continue on with the adventurous captain. While all the principals involved in the sea-trip seemed like ordinary Joes and Shimada-san knew them, he later learned that the young man who continued on the journey refusing to disembark was Martin Johnson, the jungle explorer, the dashing captain none other than Jack London and the ship which made the Japanese cook so woozy, London's famous "tub" THE SNARK.

## OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

Retrospecting upon our own life, we regret that we cannot report any interesting comebacks from our early days or any even remote connections with author London except the simple fact that we were born in a chicken-and-egg raising town of Petaluma, Calif., which is in Sonoma County and located near Jack London's famous "Valley of the Moon".

Our earlier memories revert to latter World War I days when our family lived in Suisun Valley at the foot of Mt. Twin Sisters. We used to hear the Issei say as they pointed toward the sister mountains, "Roy Gardener, the mail bandit, is hiding up in the hills behind those peaks on the Napa County side—" And they weren't kidding either.

## 'ONI'—BOGEYMAN

As a child we always thought the mountain had a sinister look about it toward dusk, even without hearing such reports. Old folks tales about the wild cats which they referred to as "yama-neko" scared us kids into round-eyed silence. With our lively imaginations we were quite sure that an "Oni" ogre lived in the wooded slope across the valley and that every evening at sunset, if we listened carefully, we could hear IT tolling, tolling a requiem bell.

For the Dead, of course. Now that we are older and wiser, we know that it was nothing but a mess call for supper being clanged out on an adjoining ranch, by a "cook-san" banging on an old rusty plough share suspended from a tree.

## DEATH OF AN OGRE

There was also another kind of ogre of which the Issei often spoke and referred to as "Nippon-jin Haiseki" (discrimination against Japanese), the meaning of which we only vaguely grasped but to our ears had a sinister sound. It was a vast, impersonal THEY composed of some "hakujins" who did not like the Japanese people and which we visualized as group of people—specifically as legislators with moustaches like Senator Phelan. (Pictures of the late anti-Japanese leader in the vernacular papers must have registered on our subconscious.) At any rate, the mere sound of the ominous word "haiseki" conjured up a helpless isolated feeling.

Looking back on the past, we feel that both Issei and Nisei have come a long, long way since those haiseki bogey-man days. We no longer feel helpless or isolated. The Issei have acquired American citizenship, the Nisei have the JACL, and some of the witches and bogies of the past have been successfully-exorcised. However, let no Nisei think that all of our problems have vanished. Whether one belongs to JACL or not and regardless of whether he is "pro" JACL or "anti", every Nisei must admit that as long as he is "pro" JACL home problem as housing exists, we still have a few more dragons to slay.

We often wonder how the average Nisei who does not belong to any group welfare organization expects to tackle and solve such immediate problems as discrimination in housing. Does he think about it at all, or does he push it out of mind because of an uncomfortable feeling? Does he feel that people who write on such subjects as very "square" and dull?

Well, dull or no, we just hope that any honest Nisei with an open mind will get up enough curiosity and interest to look in on some of the coming JACL national convention sessions. We would learn of: better jobs and better housing, fellow Nisei and bigger dreams, practical plans and real adventures in living.

Such knowledge would not hurt anyone.



WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



## Adjournment week

Washington

It's always difficult to write a timely column almost a week in advance of publication because time has such a way to prove the writer completely wrong. This is particularly true in writing on legislative and political matters during what promises to be the final week of Congress prior to its adjournment for a national

election campaign.

As this is written (Sunday, July 22), it appears that the Second Session of this 84th Congress will adjourn sine die some time this week, probably Friday or Saturday night. But, of course, it all depends upon what bills the leadership decides must be passed and how much the congressmen want to talk.

This past week, for example, witnessed a strange contradiction in traditional congressional practices.

The Senate, which prides itself as the "greatest deliberative body in the world" where unlimited debate is always a threat to the legislative process, approved in less than an hour and a half last Monday 112 bills, most of which were minor but several were of major consequence, such as amending the Civil Service Act to require the inclusion of certain information in executive communications to Congress, amending the Dependents' Assistance Act to provide punishment for fraudulent acceptance of benefits, providing for use and occupancy of national forest land, etc. In addition, during the week, the Senate considered such major bills as those liberalizing Social Security, authorizing customs simplification, rejecting a high dam at Hell's Canyon, confirming Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff to be a federal district judge, and voting on foreign aid bill amendments.

The House, on the other hand, where the rules of procedure are so strict that filibusters and delaying tactics are almost unheard of, spent the whole week on a moderate civil rights bill without reaching any final action.

### Schedule for week . . .

If Congress adjourns this weekend, it is expected that actions must be had or completed on the following major pieces of legislation:

1. Housing Bill: Cleared last Saturday by the Rules Committee under a strict "gag" rule, Southern Democrats and Republicans opposed to large-scale public housing hope to have the House approve the 35,000 units recommended by the President. The Senate approved version is for 135,000 units. House advocates plan to refuse a Conference with Senate leaders to compromise the difference in numbers and thereby hope to force the Senate to accept their bill or be responsible for killing public housing for the session.

2. Foreign Aid: Approved in the Appropriations Committee by more Republicans than Democrats for the first time, the \$4,100,000 appropriation for foreign aid faces a fight on the Senate floor. After its passage, it must be reconciled with the much smaller amount approved by the House.

3. Civil Rights: The Administration's moderate civil rights program was expected to pass the House last Monday (July 23) but action in the Senate is unlikely. Southerners in the House believe that by preventing a vote last week they lost the skirmish but won the battle over civil rights. Representative Kenneth Keating, Republican of New York, ranking minority member on the House Judiciary Committee and sponsor of the civil rights bill which will be passed, has served notice that he will oppose any adjournment until the Senate acts upon the legislation.

4. Appropriations Bills: There are two of these, one for military construction and the other for government atomic power plants. The one for military construction involves a conflict with the President who last week vetoed an authorization bill on the grounds that the Congress retained the right to approve or reject projects to be established, which he contended is an executive, and not a legislative function.

5. Social Security: Last Friday, House and Senate conferees agreed upon a bill which largely followed the Senate version which provides social security benefits for women and disabled persons.

There are other bills, of course, desired by the President and by individual senators and pressure groups.

One of these is an amendment to the Immigration Act of 1952. Senator Arthur Watkins, Republican of Utah, has threatened to add the President's immigration proposals as a rider on the annual bill to admit a certain number of Basque sheepherders. Senator Herbert Lehman, Democrat of New York, has offered to go one step further, by adding his complete revision of the Walter-McCarran Act bill as an amendment to the same bill.

And some Senate Republicans have talked about adding the President's civil rights program as an amendment to some "minor" bill in order to stir up a last minute fight between the two factions of the Democrat Party.

### Of interest to Nisei . . .

Of special interest to Nisei is the probable approval of the nomination of Masaji Marumoto of Honolulu to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Hawaii.

Only nominated recently by the President, it was thought that his nomination would be passed over by the Senate Judiciary Committee because of the large number of judicial appointments pending before it and because of the lateness of the session.

In a surprise move, a special Subcommittee chairmanned by Senator James O. Eastland last Tuesday held a public hearing on this nomination and last Friday the full Judiciary Committee favorably reported it to the floor.

This week, it is expected that the Senate will confirm the nomination of the first Nisei to be an Associate Justice of the Territorial Supreme Court.

Strangely enough, the Judiciary Committee which is dominated by Southern Democrats with Dixiecrat tendencies and conservative Republicans has favorably reported two Nisei nominations to the federal bench in this session. The first was Ben Tashiro, now a Federal District Judge in Kauai, Hawaii, and now Masaji Marumoto.

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## SENATE CONFIRMS PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF MARUMOTO TO BE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF HAWAIIAN SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON. — Masaji Marumoto, Honolulu Nisei attorney, has been confirmed by the Senate to be associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Hawaii, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported early this week.

Nominated by the President last June 29, it was thought that the Judiciary Committee would not have an opportunity to report his nomination prior to adjournment. However, a week ago, a special subcommittee under the chairmanship of Sen. James O. Eastland, (D., Miss.) who is also chairman of the full Judiciary Committee, conducted hearings on his nomination. John McClellan (D., Ark.) and William Jenner (R., Ind.), though members of the subcommittee, were not present at the hearings.

### Rabb—

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later served as secretary to Sen. Sinclair Weeks, now Secretary of Commerce.

During World War Two he served as lieutenant in the United States Navy, attached to the amphibious forces. At the conclusion of the war, he served as legal consultant to Secretary of Defense Forrestal. After his period of service, he returned to the private practice of law in Massachusetts.

He was one of the original leaders in the Eisenhower movement, and helped to organize the first national headquarters. In 1951 and 1952, in the pre-convention campaign and at the Chicago convention, he served as executive secretary to Senator Lodge, who was the Eisenhower campaign manager. Rabb was alternate delegate-at-large from Massachusetts.

Rabb's present position is secretary to the cabinet, a post created by President Eisenhower, and the first of its type in the history of the United States. He is also the President's adviser on minority problems.

He has also served as assistant to the Assistant to the President Sherman Adams. In October, 1953, he became associate counsel to the President, with special responsibilities in the fields of civil rights, immigration and labor.

It was among Rabb's jobs to use whatever executive powers existed to end racial segregation, and discrimination. He is credited with ending segregation in the military installations and in the District of Columbia.

On immigration matters, he is given credit for the difficult job of steering the Refugee Relief Act through Congress in 1953 and for drafting the President's proposals for amending the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

The New York Times, in a feature article, declared that "it took time, patience and great negotiating ability to bring the rest of the White House staff and the President himself around as far as they have come on civil rights and immigration proposals."

Last year, when National JACL President George Inagaki and National JACL Director Mas Satow visited Washington to participate in the Joint District Council Conventions of the Eastern and Midwest District Councils, Mr. Rabb discussed with them problems concerning Americans of Japanese ancestry.

At that time, he told National JACL officials that in his opinion the JACL had done a remarkably able job in eliminating discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry and in promoting the welfare of Japanese Americans in this country.

Mike Masaoka, JACL's representative in the nation's capital, has conferred with Mr. Rabb on many occasions regarding legislative and administrative agencies problems and has always found him to be helpful and concerned.

Masaoka credits Mr. Rabb with the special provisions in the President's immigration proposals which would increase total quota immigration from Japan and Asia more than any other formula proposed thus far.

Republican Delegate to the Congress Elizabeth P. Farrington and Washington attorney Frederick Bernays Wiener testified in favor of the nomination. No one testified in opposition.

Although the JACL did not testify on this nomination, when asked if the organization had any opposition to the appointment by several senators on the Judiciary Committee who have worked closely with the JACL recently on the Lane-Hillings Evacuation Claims Amendment, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, informed them that not only did the JACL not have any opposition but was heartily in favor of the nomination because it was on the basis of merit, experience and qualifications.

Only last Friday did the Senate Judiciary Committee favorably report the nomination to the Senate floor and on Saturday the Senate confirmed the nomination without objection.

Justice Marumoto is the first Nisei ever to be nominated and confirmed to the Supreme Court of Hawaii. Last year, Judge Ben Tashiro of Kauai was nominated and confirmed, the first Nisei to be confirmed for the federal judiciary.

Masaoka paid tribute to Mrs. Farrington and the President for giving long overdue recognition to the legal and judicial talents of the Nisei, not because they are Nisei but because they did not permit that racial element to prevent the nominations of the best qualified candidates for these high judicial posts.

Justice Marumoto, born in Hawaii in 1905, graduated from the

Univ. of Chicago, where he was honored by Phi Beta Kappa for his scholastic achievements, and the Harvard School of Law in 1930.

A veteran of World War Two, he served as the Intelligence Director of Academic Training at Fort Snelling, Minn., from June, 1943, until he was transferred to the Military Government Section in Okinawa and then in Korea. He was discharged in 1946.

A past president of the Hawaii Bar Association, he served on the Territorial Subversive Activities Commission, was chairman of the Territorial Compilation Commission of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, and was a member of the Territorial Commission on Uniformity of Legislation and Security of the Procedural Rules of the Territorial Supreme Court.

### Claims —

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three-quarters of the amount of compensable items and the \$2,500 limitations of the 1951 amendment have been eliminated in the recently passed law, the husbands in many cases should receive more than their wives received, though this is not necessarily true in every case.

After the new claims have been compromised and offers made, the Department of Justice will begin to consider the remaining claims which have been waiting to be adjudicated or to be heard either formally or informally under the old, cumbersome and legalistic procedures.

## JACL urges amendment to authorize more Japanese refugees to enter U.S.

WASHINGTON. — Last minute effort to secure visas for more Japanese refugees to enter the United States under provisions of the 1953 Refugee Relief Act was made by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League this week.

Masaoka urged an amendment be offered on the Senate floor to a bill which would authorize an increase in the number of visas to be issued to orphans under the same law.

The Nisei lobbyist contacted Senators William Langer of North Dakota, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Refugees, William F. Knowland of California, Minority Leader, and Thomas H. Kuchel, also of California, all Republicans, urging the amendment which would transfer the unused visas made available under the 1953 statute to nonindigenous refugees in the Far East to qualified refugees in the indigenous category.

Pointing out that there were many thousands of qualified refugees in the Far East, and particularly Japan, who have assurances for housing and employment from United States and especially California sponsors but who are unable to secure the necessary visas because only 3,000 visas were allocated to indigenous refugees in all of Asia, Masaoka declared that the unused visas of the 2,000 allocated for nonindigenous refugees in this same area should be transferred to the use of the indigenous refugees. He said that it was his understanding that less than a 100 of the nonindigenous visas had been issued.

Since the program is to be terminated this Dec. 31, the JACL representative urged senators not to allow unused visas to go to waste when assurances of housing and employment are waiting for these Japanese refugees in this country.

He stressed that no new or additional visas would be made available, only a transfer from one category to another of the token visas made available to the Far East in the original legislation.

Masaoka indicated that he thought the State Department and the Refugee Relief Administration would be in favor of his suggested amendment.

He also stated that Seichi Mikami, Fresno Nisei who has been a leader in the program to help

Japanese refugees find new homes and opportunities in this country, recently returned from a visit to Japan had informed him of the thousands of Japanese refugees who were waiting eagerly for an opportunity to come to the United States.

"While this is a great humanitarian program," Mikami told Masaoka, "we cannot overlook the American sponsors who went to the time, trouble, and expense of arranging permanent housing and employment for these refugees in California. We cannot let these American sponsors down any more than we can the Japanese refugees who went through the many required investigations and interviews in order to qualify."

The JACL representative also reminded the senators of the recent visit of Hideshi Maki, of Kago-shima-Ken, Japan, who came to this country to urge that more of these qualified refugees be allowed to enter the United States. According to Maki, Masaoka declared that this Refugee Relief program was the most effective answer to Communist propaganda regarding America's lack of concern for the plight of Asians.

"The Refugee Relief Program was a case of democracy in action, and should not be allowed to die out," Maki is quoted as telling the senators.

### CALENDAR

July 27-29  
New York—Weekend at Blue Mountain Trail Lodge, Peekskill, N.Y.  
July 29 (Sunday)  
Richmond—El Cerrito — Community picnic, Camp Laurel, Tilden Regional Park, 11 a.m.  
PSWDC—Pre-convention Rally, Southwest L.A. hosts: Hollywood Riviera Club, Redondo Beach, 10 a.m.  
Aug. 3 (Friday)  
San Francisco—Pre-Confab Round-up, Gyosei Hall, 8 p.m.  
Aug. 4 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—Beach party, Huntington State Beach, 2 p.m.  
Aug. 5 (Sunday)  
Santa Barbara — Community picnic, Goleta Park Beach, 10:30 a.m.  
Aug. 9 (Thursday)  
Portland — Pre-convention meeting, Nikkeijin Kai.  
Aug. 11-12  
Chicago—Lake Geneva Outing.  
Aug. 13 (Saturday)  
Philadelphia — Community picnic, Friends Central School.  
Aug. 19 (Sunday)  
Berkeley—Community picnic, Lake Temescal, Oakland.  
Aug. 31-Sept. 3  
San Francisco—14th Biennial Nat'l JACL Convention, Sheraton-Palace Hotel, Conv. Bq.