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#### BY THE BOARD:

#### Value of chapter public relations

Central California was one of the hotbeds of anti - Japanese sentiment come" signs were then ception.

We have come a long think that we JACLers had a lot to do with the change of attitudes among Californians of this area toward us. I believe that the public relations work of the Nisei, especially in the smaller communities, has been tremendous.

An outstanding example of community acceptance for Nisei is to be found in Fowler (pop. 3.000). There, the Nisei and especially JACLers have made themselves indispensable to the comcity-wide activity is com- Kido concluded. plete without participation of the Fowler JACL chapter or some individual JACLer.

oka, Lions past president, board of trustees.

nual Fresno District Fair. he is not a Communist. Naturally, the displays PTA activities and in Little League baseball. They also contributed much to the Fowler Hospital fund drive.

the conclusion is inevitin-hand. I am all for the ing for him. small integrated 1 o c a l He found the injured man un-

## WIRIN HONORED BY JACL FOR 25 YRS.

Over 400 persons representing a during and after World variety of political opinion gather-War II and the "Not Wel- ed at the Statler Hotel last Saturday to honor A. L. Wirin for his 25 years work as counsel for the the rule and not the ex- American Civil Liberties Union.

Among those paying tribute to the noted civil rights lawyer were Herbert L. Block (Herblock), Puway since and we like to litzer prize-winning cartoonist; Superior Judge Stanley Mosk, Helen Gahagan Douglas, Albert Lunceford of the Greater L.A. CIO Council, Saburo Kido of the JACL, and Loren Miller of the NAACP.

> Kido, wartime JACL national president, recalled Wirin's association with Japanese Americans in early 1942 when he was acting in the interest of evacuees. Wirin lost his job with a labor union because of that, Kido said. "He risked his future in defending our rights. He gave us courage during those dark days," he continued.

"We persons of Japanese ances try owe a great deal to him for the battles we have won in the courts. We wish to thank him publicly here. And we hope he will continue with his work for many more years to come in helping to preserve the Bill of Rights for all, regardless of race, color, creed munity. It seems that no national origin or station in life,

> Kido wrote in his "Observations" published in the New Japanese American News:

. . . Al Wirin is among those who have fought for persons of Japanese ancestry during the try-Tom Shirakawa, chaping war years. James Purcell of ter president, is a past San Francisco freed us from recouncilman of the com- location centers through the Mitsumunity. Yoshio Honda, ye Endo case, which is one of the landmarks in defining (Nisei) now on the Council, has rights during wartime. Wirin handl- nuson (D., Wash.) and Sen. Thobeen named mayor pro- ed the case to protect our rights as voters in the case instituted by tem. In the only service the Native Sons. He was involved club in town, eight Lions in the Yasui-Hirabayashi case perare JACLers. Harry Hira- taining to curfew test cases. The Oyama alien land case was enoka, Lions past president, is on the Fowler School Hundreds of strandees are back in this country through his efforts.

"There is no doubt that Wirin Big talk in Fowler the deserves the recognition he is bepast two years concerned ing extended. The fact that the the super-displays built Los Angeles Times (was) one of the sponsors of the banquet should by the chapter at the an- be sufficient for the skeptics that the sponsors of the banquet should

"He is one of the true liberals brought back the highest a champion of civil rights and liberties. We are prone to compromise awards posible. JACLers our principles to be realistic, but are also in the middle of a man like Wirin fights for the Boy Scout, Girl Scout, principle in order that all men may enjoy equal rights.'

#### Fisherman injured in steep fall down cliff

LOOMIS. - Jim Tsujimoto fell Observing such activities and of other active 21 and is reported to be in fair chapters in the CCDC, condition in the Highland Hospital in Auburn.

George Hirakawa, a companion, able that an active chapter and sound public re- to fish along the stream. Hiralations with the comed, but when Tsujimoto failed to munity-at-large run hand- return by 7:30 p.m., he went look-

chapter. -Jin Ishikawa en legs and possible skull fracture. procedure by the CAB since 1938.

## 84th Congress adjourns with 'good' average on JACL-sponsored bills

gress adjourned last Friday mid-night with a "good average" on legislation of special concern to the Japanese American Citizens League, Mike Masaoka, its Washington representative, announced

Last day efforts to secure civil rights legislation and amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act, which would have been of benefit to persons of Japanese ancestry, however, failed, he added.

Over-all, the 84th Congress, in its First and Second Sessions, enacted seven of the 12 major bills in which JACL had special interest, Masaoka said.

He added that in numbers this on to say that in numbers this equalled that of the last 83rd Congress, but that the bills in this past 84th Congress were of greater consequence than those of the previous Congress.

Bills approved by the Congress in which JACL had special con-

WASHINGTON. - Administrative

action which made legislation un-

necessary in the just concluded

84th Congress promulgated objec-

tives sought in one of JACL's bills

for this session, Mike Masaoka,

Washington representative of the

Japanese American Citizens

Actions refers to a bill introduc-

ed early in the First Session of

Congress by Sen. Warren G. Mag-

mas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.) in the

Senate, and in the House by Rep. J. Arthur Younger (R., Calif.) and

Rep. George P. Miller (D., Calif.),

which would exempt from Civil

Aeronautics Board regulations the interstate shipment of agricultural

and horticultural products by air.

A similar bill, which in effect

would extend the same exemptions

in air transportation as that pre-

viously enjoyed only in surface

flowers and decorative greens, was

introduced in the 83rd Congress by

Congressman Younger and was

passed too late by the House in

the Second Session for Senate con-

In the First Session (1955), the

Senate Interstate and Foreign Com-

merce Subcommittee on Aviation,

under chairman Mike Monroney of

Oklahoma, held public hearings on

the Magnuson-Kuchel bill but de-

ferred action at that time because

the CAB was then conducting an

investigation into the subject mat-

This year, the CAB announced

imum reporting, promulgated by regulations the objectives sought

ger-Miller bills. According to Cap-

itol observers, there is no question that the introduction of the bills

and the imminent action by the

Congress was instrumental in the

promulgation of these new regula-

tions which reversed operational

ter covered by the bill.

currence.

League, reported this week.

CAB administrative action makes bill

unnecessary for farmer-nurseryman aid

1. Evacuation Claims Amendment, authorizing the Attorney General to compromise and settle all of the remaining claims up to \$100,000, with the larger claimants and those not satisfied with the government's offer able to seek judicial review in the Court of Claims, and declaring eligible claims of west coast internees; corporations, and those who postmarked their claims before the deadline but which were received after the bar date.

2. Mongolian Labor Bar, repealing the prohibition against the use of "Mongolian" labor on federal reclamation projects, which was written into law in 1902.

3. Hawaiian Property Claims, empowering territorial courts to return property conveyed to various governmental units in the Territory of Hawaii by organizations of persons of Japanese ancestry in

the early days of World War Two. 4. Appropriations, for fiscal years

Introduced at the request of Ni-

sei nurserymen particularly, the

legislation would have benefited

not only nurserymen and shippers of cut flowers and decorative

greens but also farmers and ship-

pers of perishable agricultural commodities in competing by air

for the eastern, midwest, and

The Flower Consolidators of

Southern California, Inc., whose

president is Frank Kuwahara, and

Consolidated Flower Shipments,

Inc.-Bay Area, both organizations

of shippers in which many Nisei

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Stockholm skipper once

captain of Gripsholm

southern markets.

nese Claims Section, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Office of Alien Property to function adequately; also funds for the payment of certain evacua-

tion claims.

5. Social Security Amendments, lowering the retirement age for women from 65 to 62 and, for the first time, making retirement benefits available to disabled persons

6. Civil Service Benefits, providing more liberal retirement pensions and increasing "fringe" bene-Continued on Page 7

### Nisei candidate in Washington state primaries

SEATTLE. - Kunio Kuniyuki, 47, who operates a restaurant with his father, brother and sister, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the state legislature last week.

On becoming a candidate for the September primaries, the 442nd veteran said, "Because Japanese Americans are now well established, it is about time we showed our political strength. It is also the most opportune time because of the favorable public feeling toward

His parents hail from Yamaguchi prefecture. Eldest in the family of three sons and a daughter. Kunio is married and has four children. Born in Seattle, he finished Univ. of Washington as a commerce major.

A Democrat, he has support from former state attorney general Davey Johnson to bid for a House of Representatives post and be-came the second Nisei in state his-

tory to file. Clarence Arai was the first, being unsuccessful in his attempt in 1934 as a Republican candidate for the state legislature.

(PC columnist Elmer Ogawa treats of Kuniyuki's background in his report this week .- Ed Note.)

NEW YORK. - Capt. Gunnar Nordenson, 63-year-old master of the motor ship Stockholm which crashed into the Italian luxury liner (rail and truck) transportation to Andrea Doria July 25, was war-agricultural commodities and cut time skipper of the exchange ship Gripsholm.

The Gripsholm was chartered from the Swedish American line by the U.S. government for three years from 1942 to 1945 and made several trips to India during the war to exchange American and Japanese natiorals.

### End search 9th day

TORONTO. - The body of Saburo Shinobu, 67, local Issei leader, was found in the Ottawa River on the ninth day of search by relatives last week. He had gone fishing alone and did not return while vacationing at his son-in-law's home in Deep River.

### ARIZONA MISEI-TENDED FARMS EYED BY TRACT DEVELOPERS, REALTORS

CL's headquarters here i right in being eyed by tract developers the middle of fight by lo al resits decision and, except for minidents seeking incorporation as a separate city to be called

> The heart of Arizona's Japane te area includes the two Japans would move elsewhere in the Salt churches on 43rd Avenue here a River Valley to engage in their well as other shops and offices. The Issei who first The center of the new Maryvala one here in the early 1900s were

Farm areas here, la-ely main- den basket.

GLENDALE, Ariz. - A'izona JA-, tained by Japanese Americans, are Mas Tomooka, former Santa Ma-

ria Valley resident, has negotiated the sale of 160 acres of farm land this past week, it was reported. It would mean that local farmers

would be 51st Avenue and India. -umental in irrigating the des-School, to the north of Phoenix. ert country into a productive gar-

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#### FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## 50 years of service

Fifty years ago a young Ohio schoolteacher turned minister set out for Japan with his bride. His name was Clark Peter Garman, his wife's Katherine. The Japan they saw inspired a deep and lasting devotion. A few weeks ago the Rev. Clark Garman's half century of tireless service to the people of Japan, and to

people of Japanese descent in America, was recognized with the "Social Action Churchmanship Award" of the Congregational Christian Churches.

From 1906 to 1930, Garman served in Japan under the American Christian Convention. From 1931 to 1941 he worked with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. His citation reads: "The whole of Japan felt his touch through his work as Secretary of the Christian Literature So-

When the atmosphere of war-bound Japan became such that he could no longer serve its people, Clark Garman and his wife came home. It was a sad decision. The three Garman children had been born in Japan, and much of their lives and liopes were bound inextricably with the land that was their second home.

#### 'EVACUATED' TO COLORADO

But with the coming of war a new opportunity summoned the Garmans. They moved from California to Colorado to work with the evacuees. Perhaps Garman's greatest single feat was in rallying the forces of good will and fair play to defeat anti-alien land law legislation in the state assembly. But while he was lobbying vigorously, Clark and Katherine Garman were also opening their home and lending a hand to many a bewildered evacuee in need of comfort and encouragement. The citation again tells the story: "As secretary for Christian Social Action for the Colorado Congregational Conference, and for the city and state Councils of Churches, his service has been characterized by simplicity of living and sacrificial devotion."

Last week, as the formal engraved copy of the citation was delivered, white-haired, smiling Clark Garman beamed happily over this gentle pat on the back and his church's "well done." Only one thing kept the occasion from being one of supreme happiness. Kathrine Garman, who had shared his work, heartaches and triumphs, had died a year ago last January. Clark Garman meditated on how nice it would have been if Katherine could have been here to share his recog-

#### FROM WRA TO INDIAN SERVICE

I suppose it's coincidental, but a good many WRA (that stands for War Relocation Authority, remember?) employees are working now for the Indian service. Several of them were in Denver this week for a conference and we had a chance to talk and remember old times with Guy Robertson, former Heart Mountain project director, and Wade Head who used to look after things down in Poston.

Robertson, after being in charge of the Blackfoot Indian reservation at Browning, Mont., for several years was transferred last fall to the Jicarilla Apache reservation at Dulce, N.M. His immediate superior is Head who directs the regional setup with headquarters in Albuquerque, N.M.

Among other things, Head asked about Saburo Kido, wartime JACL president who, while in Poston, took a beating from hoodlums armed with lead pipes. "The only time I really got mad," Head admitted, "was when I went after the thugs who tried to kill Kido for his strongly pro-American stand."

Robertson recalled the hatchet job that the Denver Post, under a previous management, executed on WRA in general and Heart Mountain center in particular. Those were bitter times, but now we could talk and laugh about them.

Incidentally, Indian Bureau policy of educating the Indians so they can make their own way, and trying to relocate them off the reservations, is based broadly speaking on a plan inaugurated by Dillon Myer. Myer was replaced by Glenn Emmons of Gallup, N.M., friend of the Miyamuras, when the Republicans took control of the White House three years ago.

#### VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



## JACL's sweetheart

I thought my heart was too old to skip a beat over queen candidates and contestants . . . Being in Southern California and very close to Hollywood, where beauty comes glamourized and overly commercial with cheesecake pictures and competitive pageantry, the senses are somewhat insensitive. out of the north came Sharon Yasuko

Nishimi, a 20-year-old armful of sweetness and elegance. She's our 1956 "Miss National JACL" . . . It was her first try at such a contest, never dreaming for one minute she would make the first plateau as Miss Sacramento JACL. "I thought it would be fun just to enter," she confided . . . Maybe many a lass enters with the same nebulous hope—like Miss Iowa who wound up as Miss Universe this year.

. This may take some of the thunder away from Sacramento JACL, which is justifiably proud of its candidate and now queen. But a little known fact is that she's a Los Angeles girl, Continued on Page 6



Four more Nisei have been selected for stewardess training with Pan American World Airways and are now attending classes at the company's San Francisco headquarters. Shown, left to right: Doris Asako Kakisako, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kakisako of Honolulu; Rose Kumi Shimada, 24, a native of Sacramento, but who has lived in Tokyo since 1941. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moriki Shimada, 34119-1 Chome Shinmachi, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Rose joins her sister, Nancy, already a Pan Am stewardess; Gladys Chiyuko Isokane, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matsujiro Isokane of Honolulu; Nancy Hiroko Naito, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sakae Naito, Honolulu.

### Midwest sees more Nisei job opportunity, but better social outlets in California

that there are more opportunities for Nisei or Issei in California? If so, why do you think so?"

the June-July issue of the Cleve-land JACL Bulletin published re-social outlets in California. cently and reported in a feature column by Ruth Kono.

The question was selected in view of the slow but steady return of Japanese families to their former west coast homes. The inquiring reporter, however, felt Cleveland offered a pleasant environment for the family and a wide range of jobs for everyone.

The answers:

Mrs. Tom Sashihara-There is a sentimental prewar old-time attachment and a memory of the "good old-times". Also many friends have returned to California where one's relatives may be living. Socially speaking, there are

### CAB ruling—

Continued from Front Page are active, as well as the JACL, were active participants in this legislative program which resulted in favorable administrative action.

Senator Warren G. Magnuson, as chairman of the Senate Interstate and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over legislation of this kind, explained to his Senate colleagues on the floor the reason that his Committee had decided to defer action on the legislation.

"We deferred action on the bill because the Civil Aeronautics Board was conducting an investigation into this problem (1955). On April 30, 1956, the Board issued decisions, opinions, orders, and regulations which contained provions substantially accomplishing the purpose of S. 1192 (exemption Angeles was promoted to the rank

'Inasmuch as the CAB has done administratively what S. 1192 proposed to do legislatively, the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce has decided to table the bill. I have requested notification by the CAB should it ever contemplate any change in its deci-

"In this coming air age, when competitive rates are essential to survival, it is particularly vital that the economies of consolidation and bulk handling be provided to growers and shippers of perishable and specialized agricultural products, especially cut flowers and decorative greens. This is vital to the Pacific Northwest and in fact to the entire west coast."

Senator Magnuson also had included in the Congressional Record the text of a letter which he had sent to the chairman of the CAB informing them of the committee action and the reasons therefor. He also specifically requested that he be advised if the CAB contemplated any change in the regulations in the future.

CLEVELAND. - "Do you think many social outlets for everyone

David Eto-I think that opportunities in the Midwest are better Seven opinions were expressed in than in California for professional men. Of course, there are more

Mrs. Rose Adachi-As for myself, I disagree with the contention that there are more opportunities in California. In California, there is more racial prejudice, whereas in the Midwest one can live in a better neighborhood which will welcome them.

Hiro Baba-I really don't know about the situation there today, however I would say that one cannot get a job that is equivalent to one that a Nisei has here. In Cleveland, there seems to be less competition for jobs.

Ken Yamamoto-It is my sincere opinion that there are more opportunities for boys and girls to get married in California. I can offer no further comment on the matter.

Eugene Uyeki-I think that there are more occupational opportunities now in California than before

Mrs. Betty Toguchi-No, I don't

#### Japan school lunch program aided by U.S.

TOKYO. - The United States is going to help Japan expand its school lunch program for the benefit of more than 7,400,000 Japanese

During the next year the United States will provide \$15,000,000 worth of wheat and powdered milk. Japan will pay the cost of ship-ment from American ports.

#### Eye doctor promoted

Dr. George K. Kambara of Los of associate clinical professor in the department of ophthalmology of the College of Medical Evangelists. The former Sacramentan has been on the medical faculty since

### 500 attend Detroit community picnic

By YOSHIKO INOUYE

DETROIT. - Breaking previous attendance records, close to 500 enjoyed the Detroit community picnic here July 15 at Middle Rouge Park. Various organizations cosponsored the event.

Contrary to other years, Jupe Pluvius (rain) slept in for the day, to bring out groups from far away Ann Arbor, Ohio and Canada,

Art Matsumura and Eddie Matsui, general co-chairmen, were assisted by Kay Mio of JACL; Ken Aoki, Ray Higo of Mr. & Mrs. Club; Tosh Sakow, Alex Mitsunaga of Bowling League; Fred Yoshida, Friday Yoshida of Golf Club; and Roy Kaneko, announcer.

A group of 25 girls presented Japanese dance numbers. Many merchants, including Frank Ebisuya of Kado's Oriental Food Store, donated the gate prizes.

#### Showers ruin Denver area picnic for 1,500

DENVER. — A sudden downpour of summer rain July 22 dampened the spirits of some 1,500 turning out for the annual Denver Japanese community picnic at Newton

Truck-loads of prizes and refreshments were only half used as the pienic was cut short. No effort will be made to re-run the picnic this year, but it was hoped that a similarly well-organized affair could be scheduled next year with better cooperation from the weatherman.

Over 100 committeemen, including Mile-Hi JACLers, were staging the event.

#### 800 Clevelanders picnic

CLEVELAND. — An estimated 800 attended the ninth annual community picnic July 1 at Welgand's Lake under perfect skies. Various Issei and Nisei organizations here, including the local JACL, co-sponsored the outing.

think so, unless things have chang-ed there. Socially, here one can get into Caucasian and Japanese circles. In other words, there seems to be more opportunities for intermingling here



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#### VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



## Affinity for design

Denver

 There is a racial stereotype in the making—a favorable one, to be sure—about the affinity of Nisei to design. More and more Nisei are finding employment in the various ramifications of industrial art, as well as in related fields ranging from architecture to entertainment.

This thought came to us last week as we had dinner with Neil Fujita, art director for Columbia Records, at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park where the recording firm, a subsidiary of CBS, was holding its annual sales

Neil, Hawaiian-born, was 20 years old and a student on the mainland when he was caught up in war, mass evacuation and mass detention. He was hustled out of art school in Los Angeles and landed at the Heart Mountain relocation center. "I was pretty confused and a little bitter," he recalls.

Neil credits the friendship and advice of Bill Hosokawa and Haruo Imura, with whom he worked on the Heart Mountain Sentinel, for helping him "figure things out." His first job for the Sentinel, incidentally, was to design a masthead for the paper.

After the war Neil finished his art training at Chouinard in Los Angeles. He entered agency work and one of his distinctions, prior to his affiliation with Columbia, was the art directorship of one of the outstanding series of institutional ads in advertising history: The Ideas of Western Man for the Container Corporation of America. These ads, featuring abstractions by many of the country's leading artists, have appeared in Time and Newsweek.

#### RECORD ALBUM COVER DESIGNER

At Columbia Records, Neil supervises the designing of album covers and related promotional material, and is a consultant on the design of Columbia phonographs, TV sets and other products.

Neil took us to a special entertainment arranged for the Columbia Records distributors attending the meeting. The show, which would be hard to duplicate elsewhere, featured 14 artists from the Columbia label and featured Jo Stafford, Tony Bennett, The Four Lads, Jerry Vale and a succession of similar performers. We were most impressed by a young singer named Johnny Mathis who is making his recording debut with an album this fall.

Johnny Mathis, now 20, was discovered by Columbia's jazz expert, George Avakian, in a San Francisco honky-tonk a year ago. Johnny is a Negro and Avakian, talking with us, was sympathetic with the problems faced by minority group

"Johnny won't be able to get the same sort of promotional buildup a white singer can receive," Avakian said. "He has little chance of a movie role or a TV show of his own. He'll have to make his own way on club dates—he's appeared at the Village Vanguard and Blue Angel in New York—and through his records.'

Avakian's words would apply to Nisei singers as well, though no Nisei has come along to catch the ear of the recording companies. Just about the only one in recent years has been singer Jimmy Shigeta, who won the national Original Amateur Hour competition on network radio some years ago and who sang under the name "Guy Brion" before joining the Marines.

### NISEI COMMERCIAL ILLUSTRATORS

Neil told us that Chris Ishii, who drew for Disney before the war and who worked for Eddie Shimano on the Santa Anita Pacemaker in evacuation days, is now film editor at UPA, the Mr. Magoo people who have struck a bonanza in TV commercial cartoons

Offhand, we can think of a number of others in commereial art and design. Sho Kaneko of Pasadena is art editor for TV Guide, while Jack Hirose is co-partner in an art agency in Washington, D.C., and Arnold Fujita is art director for a big Los Angeles advertising agency. Gyo Fujikawa, now in New York, is recognized as one of the leading commercial artists. She has illustrated books, designed War Department posters during World War II, and was in charge of promotional material for several of Walt Disney's pictures.

In Hollywood, Eddie Imazu, after more than a quartercentury at MOM, is art director on Teahouse of the August Moon. Al Nozaki is an art director at Paramount, while Bob Kinoshita (not to be mistaken for actor of same name) has been in charge of art direction on several recent films made by independent studios and also is art director on several TV series. At NBC, Michi-she doesn't use her surname professionally-is head costume designer on the Julius La Rosa hour and was in charge of costuming for the recent spectacu-

There are Nisei on the staffs of Designer Raymond Loewy, Architect Eero Saarinen and others who are changing the shapes of things to come in America. Min Yamasaki, partner in a Detroit architectural firm, recently was honored by the American Institute of Architects for his design of the \$4 million St. Louis air terminal. Yamasaki also has blueprinted the American consulate in Kobe and the Michigan state capitol. Gyo Obata is one of several St. Louis architects who are doing the overall planning for their city's \$100 million urban redevelopment program. In recent years other Nisei architects have been consistent winners of design awards, porticularly in the treatment of small homes.

It may be that Nisei have a cultural heritage in design, a racial feeling for form and line. Certainly many Nisei-we have named only a few-have made considerable progress in the field. But you couldn't prove it by us. We've never been accused of having an artistic sense.

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Cincinnati Mayor Charles Taft (left), brother of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, is presented a certificate of appreciation from the Japanese American Citizens League for his wartime sponsorship of the national organization from National JACL Director Mas Satow of San Francisco during the recent Midwest District Convention held in the mayor's city

### Congress approves private bill for prewar donor of 'Nisei of Year' award

days prior to adjournment, the tion. 84th Congress passed a private bill authorizing the admission as returning immigrants (non-quota) of Shansho Yamagata and his wife Kouko Mikami Yamagata, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported bills. Then a Sacramento attorney.

Young Peoples Association, in an effort to reward, Nisei for "meri-torious achievement" reflecting reflecting credit upon Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country. Denver attorney Min Yasui and Chicago attorney Franklin Chino were particularly active in the selections

#### Nacirema films previewed by Li'l Tokio audiences

Favorable audience reaction was reported in the two all-Nisei fi- roshi Miyamura (1954). nanced Nacirema productions shown at a benefit sneak preview at Nippon Gekijo early this week, according to David Yokozeki, executive producer of the two films, returned to Japan with re-entry "Sierra Stranger" and "Hot Rod permits on instructions of the com-Girl".

A western, "Sierra Stranger" brought a 37 per cent response of "excellent" or "very good" and 10 per cent as "poor". The second film proved more popular with Li'l Tokio audiences with 62 per, cent registering "excellent" or "very good" and 2 per cent as

"Hot Rod Girl" with a companion feature opens locally on Aug. 15 at various first run theaters and drive-ins.

#### Tot recovers, was pinned under family car wheel

FOWLER. - Janet Teraoka, 3year-old daughter of George Teraoka of Fowler, who was thrown off the car driven by her father, is well and romping at home, reported the Fowler JACL Bulletin last

She was hospitalized for five days after being pinned under the wheels of her dad's automobile in a strange mishap.

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WASHINGTON. - During its final committee of the Chicago Associa-

In 1939, the first year of the award, Walter T. Tsukamoto, then National JACL president, was honored for his work with the JACL and in the California State Legis-lature against "anti - Japanese" he is now a Lieutenant Colonel in Mr. Yamagata is remembered the Judge Advocate General's Deart the Year' trophy, which was presented through the Chicago furt, Germany.

In 1940, the second and last year of the award, Mike Masaoka, then of Salt Lake City, Utah, was honored for his work in promoting understanding between Japanese Americans and their local com-

munities.
This Yamagata award is the forerunner of the present National JACL Nisei of the Biennium award, which was initiated in 1950 and conferred upon Mike Masaoka (1950), Min Yasui (1952), and Hi-

The Yamagatas first came to the United States before World War I and remained continuously in this country until 1941 when they pany which employed Yamagata because the Treasury Depart-ment's "freezing order" against the transfer of funds to Japan.

Following the end of hostilities in 1946, the Yamagatas applied for readmission to the United States as returning immigrants. Mrs. Yamagata then became ill so they cancelled their applications in 1949. They renewed their application in 1955 but the American consulate in Yokohama indicated that in his opinion they were not entitled to the nonquota status of returning immigrants.

Since Mr. Yamagata is an honorably discharged veteran of United States service in World War I, Democratic Congressman Victor Anfuso of New York introduced the private bill for his relief last year.

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### lke signs social security measure

WASHINGTON. - President Eisenhower signed into law on Wednesday the social security bill lowering the retirement age for women from 65 to 62 and providing payments to disabled workers 50 and

An estimated 800,000 women are expected to take advantage of the lower retirement age, which be-comes effective Nov. 1. Wives of retired workers and working women retiring at 62 will be entitled to 75 and 80 per cent respectively of the full pensions they would receive at 65. Widows and dependent mothers will get full benefits at

Totally and permanently disabled workers, meeting special tests, will be eligible for pensions at 50 instead of 65, beginning next July

The measure boosts pay roll taxes for both employer and employee another ¼ of one per cent beginning Jan. 1. The present rate is two per cent, being applied to the first \$4,200 in earnings.

#### Scotty Tsuchiya's mother dies in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO. - Mrs. Akino Tsuchiya, 77, died unexpectedly at her Kusano Hotel residence last Sunday morning. She was the mo-ther of Scotty Tsuchiya, one-time regional JACL director in Los Angeles. Funeral services will be held today at the local Buddhist Church.

She is also survived by another son Stanley and four daughters, Mmes. Takeo Okamoto, Mizuno Ishio, Chiyeno Shiraki and Sawako

### Pastor hit by cyclist succumbs

CHICAGO. - The Rev. Kohei Takeda, 60, for 12 years pastor of the Japanese Presbyterian Church of Christ, 3516 N. Sheffield, died last Saturday in Illinois Masonic Hos-

The Rev. Takeda was struck by a bicycle near his home Friday. The bicyclist, a 16-year-old boy, told police he was riding "pretty fast" without lights and that he saw the Rev. Takeda when he was about four feet away and could not avoid hitting him.

The pastor suffered a skull fracture and concussion. The bicyclist was treated at the hospital for leg and head bruises.

Surviving are the widow, Yoshiye, and a daughter, Yasuko, of



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#### NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



### Enthusiasm runs high

San Francisco Upon the basis of enthusiasm shown to date for the National Convention, our 14th Biennial promises to be tops in attendance and spirit. We cannot recall any previous pre-convention rally where Convention feeling was so high as the Pacific Southwest District Council gathering last Sunday. Of course, the presence

of lovely Queen Sharon Nishimi was a big attraction, and thanks to Her Majesty for making the trip and rushing back to work on Monday. Members of the San Francisco Convention Committee helped to spread their personal enthusiasm, and San Francisco Chapter's own Elaine Harada certainly kept the cameras clicking. Then, too, anything the live wire Southwest Angelenos do is something no one can afford to miss!

At this point we will leave the details to hard working Convention boss Jerry Enomoto lest we be reprimanded for appropriating his column material.

#### NORTHERN CAL-WESTERN NEVADA RALLY

Members of our Sequoia Chapter did themselves proud in hosting the successful NC-WN pre-conventon rally the week before. They worked out last minute adjustments so smoothly that few were aware of these roadblocks and the headaches. Rickey's Restaurant was so proud of them and the good group of JACLers they drew that a couple of bottles of champagne were opened for the hard working committee members. Presentation of the entire national convention program in the form of a skit demonstrates the possibilities resulting from a little work and imagination. If we could uncover some of the hidden talent in all the chapters, many a JACL meeting could be enlivened to attract better attendance.

#### FOR 'YES' ON PROPOSITION 13

The day prior to the PSWDC rally, we met together to bring ourselves up to date on the progress and further plans for the statewide campaign to repeal the Alien Land Law. Adopted was the official name, "The Committee for 'YES' on Proposition 13: For Repeal of the Alien Land Law."

The PSWDC Legislative Committee under Wilbur Sato and Midori Watanabe has done a tremendous amount of work in getting things under way in Southern California. With Chapter President Roy Iketani and Kango Kunitsugu working, Southwest LA is setting the pace for local chapter campaigns. We met Rollins MacFadyen who has been so helpful to our Southern California Regional Office, and we appreciate his efforts and concrete plans for pushing the campaign effectively. Joe Grant Masaoka has agreed to coordinate the entire campaign following the National Convention.

We are pleased to announce that the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has joined the list of endorsing organizations. Tad Imoto reported that the San Diego City Council and the San Diego County Bureau have also gone on record in favor. Mr. C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, assures us the Executive Committee will take up the matter and says that we can expect a favorable reply.

#### NECK AND NECK MEMBERSHIP RACE

Our San Francisco and Southwest Los Angeles chapters are waging a torrid race for top honors in memberships, and the lead changes with each report. Officially (e.g. actual members reported to Hq.) as of this writing, San Francisco leads with 1,130 members, only a scant three ahead of Southwest's 1,127. Forty chapters have now exceeded their 1955 figures, and four district councils—Pacific Northwest, Northern California-Western Nevada, Central California, and the Eastern District. Latest to join the honor roll are Sacramento, Arizona, Seabrook, and Marysville, where last winter's flood disaster failed to dampen the JACL-spirit.

#### ONE THOUSAND PLUS

The Convention bookiet will show a high total of 1,112 Thousanders, thanks to the efforts of the various 1000 Club chairmen working under Shig Wakamatsu and our loyal members. Latest Life Member is Mrs. Mitsu Sonoda, wife of Dr. Kyoshi, long time West LA Chapter standby and 1000 Club

Frank Oda has begun the distribution of tickets for the Convention 1000 Club Whing Ding, and tickets are going fast at \$5, 1000 Clubbers attending the Convention would do well to request reservations in advance.

#### CONVENTION BOOKLET TOPS

We had a peek at the Convention Souvenir Program Booklet now being put together artistically by Hats Aizawa with wife Amey doing the pasteups, all under the watchful eye of Lditor Thelma Takeda. The printing of the booklet by offset requires a tremendous amount of work, more than meets the eye. The cover page was designed by our nationally known fectiveness. We noted on our recent drive down to LA and Hisashi Tani with his umusual originality, simplicity and ef-back Hisashi's "Big Surprise" Lucky Lager Beer ad staring us from billboards all along the highway. Good old Sim Togasaki, business manager, would like to thank all the chapters for their wonderful cooperation through this column. Scotty Tsuchiya was commissioned to hustle the San Francisco ads, and a terrific job he did.

We have seen a number of programs of conventions for other national organizations in the past, and we think our own convention programs are miles ahead of everyone else, something we can show with great pride.

#### FUTURE OF JACL

 One of the most important and interesting serious features of the Convention will be the panel discussion of the National Planning Committee headed by Pat Okura. Several of our National Board members will discuss their views on JACL's future. In order that delegates and boosters will not miss this, it has been set for the late afternoon of the first day, ofter the National Committee meetings.

#### MORE OFFICIAL DELEGATES NAMED

 Participating in the seventeen hours of National Council Continued on Next Page



Gladly pointing to sign "Jubilate for the Golden Gate", which was the theme for the successfully-staged PSWDC pre-convention rally last Sunday, is Roy Iketani, president of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL, which acted as host, to Elaine Harada (left), Miss San Francisco JACL, and Sharon Nishimi, Miss National JACL of 1956. -Toyo Miyatake Photo for Rafu Shimpo.

### **PSWDC** pre-convention rally attracts 1,000; spirit high for 14th Biennial

1,000 passed through the registration gate at the Pacific Southwest District Council pre-convention rally last Sunday, according to Roy Iketani, president of the host South-

west L.A. chapter.
As many as 75 chapter delegates and boosters were in attendance during the business sessions held from morning at the Hollywood Riviera beach club in a glass- enclosed room overlooking the ocean.

The all-day session, chaired by PSWDC chairman David Yokozeki, was highlighted by reports of organizational projects. These included the coming campaign to repeal the state alien land law in a report by Jack Noda, state committee chairman; JACL finances by national treasurer Dr. Roy Nishikawa; the Pacific Citizen by business manager Tats Kushida; and evacuation claims by legal counsel Frank Chuman.

Other action included recommendation of a retirement fund for JACL staff employees, nomination of Yokozeki as national second vice-president. Yas Abiko, NCWNDC chairman, of San Francisco, and Jin Ishikawa, CCDC chairman, of Fresno, also reported on activities within their respective districts.

In briefing JACL policy matters to be discussed by delegates at the convention, national director

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REDONDO BEACH. - Close to a Mas Satow pointed out some issues may be complicated and not simple to present. Some of the problems to be dis-

cussed include evacuation claims for internees, lump sum indemnity, housing discrimination, antimiscegenation laws, school segregation, Tokyo Rose, renunciants, war brides, immigration, proscribed organizations, JACL bowling, budget, Nisei prejudice, planning forum and relationship with Japan.

He urged that chapter appoint their official delegates early so that they may be apprised of the various issues beforehand.

Jerry Enomoto, national convention general chairman, detailed the activities and events for the 14th Biennial at the dance, which followed the rally dinner. Sharon Nishimi, in her first role as Miss National JACL of 1956, extended the official invitation of the convention to be held in San Francisco, Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

Entertainment during the dance included stylish songs by Miyoshi Umeki of Japan and Mas Hamasu, SWLA member. June Sugiyama presented a hula number and two combos provided music for the

#### Santa Barbara CL hosts community outing Aug. 5

SANTA BARBARA. - The Santa Barbara JACL will sponsor the annual Japanese community pienic this Sunday, Aug. 5, starting from 10:30 a.m. at Goleta Park beach, it was announced by Tom Hirashima, president.

Cold drinks and watermelons will be furnished by the chapter. Mrs. Joe Watanabe and Willy Iwamoto are in charge of the picnic.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — Ninety-seven renewals—and new memberships were reported for the last half of July in the 1000 Club by National JACL Headquarters this week. The current membership standing was reevaled at 1,098.

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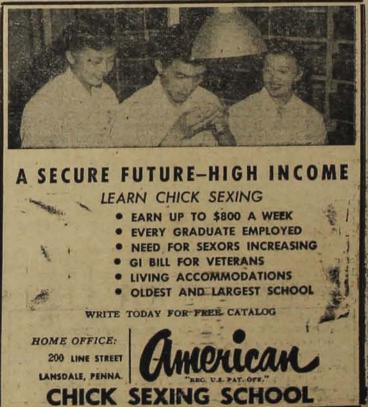
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Salinas—Dr. Harry H. Kita.
Downtown L.A.—John Ty Saito.
San Jose—Karl Taku.
Marysville—Akiji Yoshimura.
Chicago—Shig Wakamatsu.
SEVENTH YEAR
Santa Maria Valley—Frank K. Ito.
Downtown L.A.—A. L. Wirin.
SIXTH YEAR
Santa Barbara—Ikey Kakimoto
Orange County—Harry Matsukane.
San Francisco—Mary Minamoto, Dick
Nishi.
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Fresno—Seichi Mikami.
Yellowstone—Hiroshi Miyasaki.
Downtown L.A.—Shigeji Takeda.
Salinas—Henry Tanda.

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Reno—Oscar Fujii.
Gardena—Henry J. Ishida, Ryo Komae,
Fowler—Dr. George Miyake.
San Francisco—Minoru Uyeda (Monetery).

Seattle—Dr. Kelley K. Yamada.
Downtown L.A.—William K. Yamamoto
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THIRD YEAR
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San Francisco—Jerry Enometo, Sumi
Honnami, Kei Hori.
San Luis Obispo—Tameji Eto.
Downtown L.A.—Dr. James H. Hara,
Frank H. Hirohata, James Itagaki,
Ernest K. Iwasaki, Dr. Shokichi Kato, Dr William S. O'Hara, Kataro
Saimoto, Ed K. Yamato,
New York—Aki Hayashi.
Yellowstone—Fuji T. Hikida, Haruo
Yamasaki.
Chicago—Harry T. Ichiyasu, John Y.
Yoshino.
Pasadena—Mrs. Mary K. Ito,
Arizona—Tom Kadomoto.
Puyallup—H. James Kinoshita,
Sequoia—Richard Kitasoe.
Berkeley—Albert S. Kosakura.
Venice-Culver—Mrs. Toki Kunimoto,
Seattle—Dr. T. T. Nakamura,
Spokane—Tetsuo Nobuku
East Los Angeles—Dr. George Wada.
Salt Lake City—Mas Yano.
Placer County—Roy T. Yoshida.
SECOND YEAR
Gardena—Frank Junzo Ishida, Dr.
John Y. Koyama, Kamelehi Kuida.
San Francisco—Ken Ishizaki.
Portland—John Ito.
Yellowstone—Mike Kamachi, Tommy
H. Miyasaki, Kiyoshi Sakota.
Downtown L.A.—Kay K. Kamiya, Misuke Mitsumori, Noriyuki Nakatani,
Masami Sasaki, Kenichi Shigematsu, Katsusuke Shishima, Dr. Arthur
Sugino, Tom K. Taira, Lynn N. Takagaki, S. K. Uyeda.
Orange County—James K. Kobayashi
New York—Marie Kurihara.
Venice-Culver—Frank Matsuoka.
Chicago—Takahara Nishi, Yuzo Shibayama, Richard A. Tani, Shigeo Yamada.
Southwest L.A.—Matsunosuke Oi,
Sanger—John Shimizu.
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Hollywood—Mike Suzuki.
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by Jerry Enomoto



 A concrete reminder that Changing Perspectives looms ever nearer arrived by insured mail in the shape of a small box just the other day. The box in question was mailed from Detroit, and was chock fuil of novelty key chains provided through the courtesy of the Argus Camera Co. These will be distributed to Convention delegates, and the man to whom we owe thanks for this nice little touch, is Dr. Joseph Sasaki, of the Detroit Chapter. Such a gesture, coming as it does from many miles away, is both a great morale booster to the Convention Board, and a reflection of the widespread enthusiasm building up for the 14th Biennial.

#### SMOGLAND HOSPITALITY

Memories remain fresh in that prexy Roy Iketani and members of the biggest (unofficially) JACL Chapter in the USA, really rolled out the red carpet for our delegation of northerners who recently took in the PSWDC pre-convention rally. On the eve of our arrival, the enterprising Southwesters threw a real shindig, at which food, drink, and fun were available in abundance. The locale was the home of Haruo Fujisawas-a man of many talents who, we were informed, designed his own patio, den, and hi-fi set, has a bright red speed boat setting in his garage, water skis, and beats a mean pair of drums in a combo.

Dr. Tak Shishino, an old buddy from UC days, and current prexy of the Venice-Culver Chapter, was there with sidekick Steve Nakaji. Among the crowd were Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national treasurer, and past National Convention Chairman; Dr. Toru Iura, nattily attired in a maroon plaid jacket and cutting a mean rug like any active teenager; Herb Maruyama, owner of Nisei Trading; Pomeroy Ajima, Tom Shimasaki, George Fujita, Toku Fujita, Joe Yasaki, Jim Yamamoto, Ruby Okubo, Hiroko Kawanami, Dr. Sadao Itano, debonair Tats Kushida and his gal Friday, Blanche, and Roy Sugimoto.

Our memory being what it is, the names of the other fun lovers escape us, and for that we apologize most heartily.

One thing we do know, the "Frisco" (ugh) gang, particularly the gals, won't forget any part of that very delightful evening. Which reminds your reporter that the northern contingent was made up of Her Majesty, Miss National JACL, Sharon Nishimi and her two companions, Mrs. Gladys Masaki, wife of Sacramento Chapter prexy Percy Masaki; and Mrs. May Shirai, National Director Mas and better half Chiz, NC-WNDC Chairman Yas Abiko, past DC Chairman Jack Noda, Convention Chairman's "personal" secretary Lucy Adachi, Convention ball chairman Mary Hamamoto, Administrative Assistant Daisy; and Miss San Franicsco JACL, Elaine Harada. Also joining the gang was Kenji Tashiro, 2nd National VP, of Tulare County.

#### RALLY ON THE RIVIERA

The picturesque Hollywood Riviera Club, in Redondo. Beach, was the setting for "Jubilate for the Golden Gate". We were among roughly 1,000 attending this combination business meeting and funfest, and found a ready market for our sales pitch for Changing Perspectives. Equipped with the colorful "pinwheels" reflecting the Convention symbol designed by Art Coordinator Hisashi Tani, we preached the Convention sermon to the "congregation", a word borrowed from genial Downtown LA sparkplug, Frank Suzukida.

Official greetings and welcome were extended by Queen Sharon, looking her most beautiful and stately self. A personal invitation to the Ball was issued by Chairman Mary Lovely Miss San Francisco JACL, Elaine, lent her charm to the proceedings also. Needless to say, Sharon and Elaine really took the male populace by storm.

We renewed old friendships with another UC alumnus Mike Suzuki and met his charming wife, Nami, chatted with former San Franciscan Hisashi Horita, Fred Nakagawa, PSW-DC chairman Dave Yokozeki, CCDC Chairman Jin Ishikawa, ad infinitum.

It was a real pleasure to see the members of the Pasadena Chapter delegation, who were so hospitable on the occasion of this corner's visit to the Chapter Clinic held there earlier this year. Ken Dyo and the missus, Flo Wada, Tom Ito and his missus, Prexy Harris Ozawa, and the rest were right in the festivities. On the ball, as usual, this group immediately took 10 pasteboards to the 1000 Club "Whing Ding"

topped off the works by assuring us that 100 of their rednice weather and clear sailing for the 14th Biennial. The host Southwest LA Chapter did a bangup job on this rally, and topped off the works by assuring us that 1000 of their redhots would make the trek north, come Aug. 31.

#### BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Several weeks ago, a delegation of us joined the Salinas Chapter at their first Annual Rodeo dance. At their invitation we were given an opportunity to sound the Convention call during a break in the festivities. Thanks a lot, Prexy Jim Tanda, Lefty Miyanaga, Dr. Harry Kita etc. for your hospitality, and we'll see you at the Sheraton-Palace.

#### NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

Continued from the Preceding Page
sessions will be MIN TOGASAKI and AIKO MORITA from
Detroit; SAIKI YAMAGUCHI, NORI YUI, San Mateo; JAMES
MATSUOKA, MIN YAMAGUCHI, Seattle; DR. TAD IMOTO,
San Diego; DR. JAMES TAKAO, Cincinnati; HENRY MAKINO, Twin Cities; MASARU ABE. Reedley; KUMEO YO.
SHINARI, DR. FRANK SAKAMOTO. Chicago, with MAUDIE
NAKADA and SAT TAKEMOTO as alternates NAKADA and SAT TAKEMOTO as alternates.

Many of the official delegates will be attending the Convention on their vacation, and we appreciate their fine spirit and willingness to help shape our program and policies for the next two years.

#### Sonoma County Clers to take over swim pool

SANTA ROSA. - The spacious and heated swimming pool located in the Ives Memorial Park in Sebastopol will be the scene of the Sonoma County JACL swimfest Aug. 11. from 7 to 10 p.m., according to Tom Shimazu, general chairman for the affair. The pool has been secured for exclusive use of JACL-

A weenie bake will follow at the pits adjoining the pool. Ed Ohki, chapter president, announced that all JACL members and their families are invited to attend. There will be no charge for the evening's fun, the entire expenses to be defrayed by the local chapter.

Shimazu has requested all members to reply immediately as to the number of persons attending in order that necessary amount of food can be purchased.

#### Gilroy CL shows movie for Prop. 13 campaign

GILROY. - Gilroy JACL sponsored a benefit movie last Friday at the Community Hall to raise funds for the campaign to erase the Alien Land law off the statute book.

Committees working for the fund raising drive for Proposition 13 on the ballot in November were:

Setting up the hall-Noby Iwanaga, chairman, Jack Nakano, Joe Obata and Tak Shiba; getting the movie-Moose Kunimura; reception-Shig Yamane, chairman, Kaiso Nakashiki, Hiromi Nagareda, and Manabi Hirasaki; purchasing refreshments - Robert Kishimura, chairman, George Soda, Ben Yamane and Yuk Ogawa; serving refreshments-Grace Taoka, chairman, Ida Ueki, Setsuko Kuwabara, Peggy Teramoto and Kimiko Okawa; clean up-Jim Yamane. chairman, Tom Iwanaga, Hiroshi Neyama, Sat Morita, Art Tanaka and Bill Kuwada.

#### Oakland chapter slates Hawaiian luau in October

DAKLAND. - Hula girls, enchanting Hawaiian music by a Hawaiian orchestra, fragrant leis and Polysian food are being planned for the Hawaiian "Luau" sponsored by the Oakland JACL Oct. 6, at Hotel Ala-

Entertainment will be "strictly Hawaiian" and the food will be prepared by Islanders, according to preliminary plans.

dance will also be held that evening. It will be open to the pub-

#### Long Beach carnival

LONG BEACH. - Community organizations will participate in the annual Harbor Community Center carnival Aug. 25-26, which is being chaired by Easy Fujimoto, Long Beach-Harbor District JACL pres-

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Lily Okura of Omaha was elected northwestern vice-president of the National Secretaries Association (International) at its 11th national convention July 18-21 at Detroit. She's active in a number of civic groups and JACL

#### GARDENA VALLEY READY FOR MEMBERSHIP PUSH

GARDENA. - A membership drive has been launched by the Gardena Valley JACL following a cabinet meeting held at the home of its president, Dr. John Y. Koyama, here Tuesday. Dorothy Do-hi, vice-president in charge, will be assisted by cabinet members and committee.

The first general meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 24 at the Gardena Valley Japanese Com-munity Center at 8 p.m. National JACL President George Inagaki will be the guest speaker. A social program and refreshments follow.

Attending the cabinet meeting Ken Nakaoka, Dorothy Dohi, Sally Sato, v.p.; Alice Tsukahara, sec.; Ronald Shiozaki, treas.; Roy Takayama, Gardena YBA pres.; regional director Tats Kushida and past JACL officers, Yo Kobata, Ryo Komae, Frank Kuida and John

#### CHICAGO NISEI CLERGYMAN APPOINTED PARISH VICAR CHICAGO, — The Rev. S. Michael

Yasutake, executive secretary of the Christian Social Relations department in the Episcopal diocese here, was appointed vicar of St. Raphael the Archangel church in Oak Lawn.

### CCDC pre-confab rally this Saturday

District Council will hold its preconvention rally in conjunction with the summer quarterly session this Saturday at the Fresno Desert Inn, it was announced by Jin Ishikawa, district chairman.

The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. with Sharon Nishimi of Sacramento, who was recently crowned Miss National JACL of 1956, in attendance extending the convention's official welcome.

Dr. Robert Yabuno, in charge of reservations, said the dinner will cost \$3 per plate.

#### Coachella Valley CL in post-harvest outing

INDIO. - The Coachella Valley JACL held its post-harvest outing at Idylwild in the San Jacinto mountains recently. Highlights of the day were the volleyball and softball contests after the weiner bake. Mrs. George Shibata was in charge of the bake.

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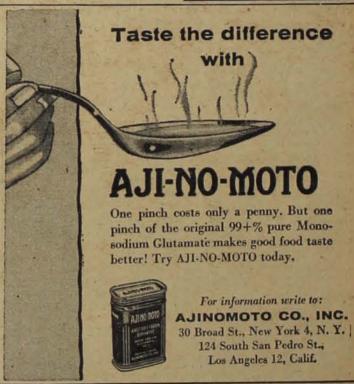
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#### THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



### Covering sports beat

Call it poetic license, a stretch of the imagination or just a Texas style outlook, but British Columbia is going to be included in the Northwest Picture this

From Port Dalhousie, Ontario, comes news that the Univ. of British Columbia eight-oar crew won the Canadian Olym-

pic trials and set a new world record in doing so. Not only did this crew turn in a phenomenal time but a little guy named Carl Ogawa is the coxswain.

The previous world's record for the 2,000 meters was made by the U.S. crew in the 1948 Olympic Games in England, scoring for the distance at 5:56.7. Previous to that, the Univ. of Washington crew set up an unprecedented mark of 6 minutes flat at Berlin in 1936. Those old records have with-stood the assaults of many "greatest" crews, including the Navy "Admirals" and the many superior crews that tried out on Lake Onondaga earlier this summer.

Time records don't mean too much in crew racing. When the race is held on a river, one lane may have an advantage over another or be favored by the wind as it blows into the canyon, as at Poughkeepsie. On lakes, wind and water concitions, or the heat of day may have an important bearing on the performance of crews.

One thing is certain. The British Columbia crew has been a comer all season, and the surprising performance of rowing the Olympic distance in 5:49.6 is nothing to be overlooked, so Carl is herewith being nominated in this corner to the status of "honorary cousin". After making a few friendly wagers, my crew against anyone else's favorite, I hope to net a sawbuck and buy a new suit. No payments in rubles accepted; although offerings from Moscow will be honored when backed by a letter of credit or sight draft payable in U.S. currency.

#### YOUNG TENNIS STAR HEADS EAST

Regular PC readers will have noted another Nisei headed for top ranking in the field of sports. He's Art Kono, Garfield High School tennis player who won the city title for his school, and then went to Spokane to win the Inland Empire tennis tournament, and later in Tacoma took over the Pacific Northwest tournament.

This past week he withdrew from the Washington State meet to keep a date with some big time Eastern competition. The National Junior Championships start July 31 at Kala-mazoo, Mich. After that, he goes to the Junior Chamber of Commerce competition at Oak Park, Ill., Aug. 6-10. We hope the climate agrees with Seattle's Kono.

#### BASEBALLER ENTERS POLITICS

Another Nisel, one whose name rated top billing in the sports world twenty five years ago is back in the news again. Yukio Kuniyuki has tossed his hat into the political ring. He's a candidate for nomination from the 33rd district as representative to the State legislature on the Democratic ticket.

After graduating from Broadway High in 1928 where he played some distinguished baseball, Kuniyuki went to Washangton State. It was just for a year however, for he came back to Seattle and the U. of W. to put in two years of varsity baseball. He was one of those guys at home on any spot in the infield.

Restaurant owner Kuniyuki, now at the hoary old age of 47, looks more like 37. They say youth is what one needs in a tough race, for Yukio, happening to be in the 33rd district is really up against some competition. Leading Democrat candidate is John L. O'Brien, speaker of the House who has just about as solid a tenure on his seat as anyone in the State. Other Democrat incumbent is Frank Connor, who has been in for a number of years and has a big following in the district. But Yukio has friends, and from here it resembles the oft repeated situation of the playing fields-the freshman challenging the champs.

#### VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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born here and a kindergarten student at Breed St. School in Boyle Heights around evacuation time. Her dad was in the Japanese grocery business on North San Pedro St., a few doors north of the Japanese Union Church . . . When War Two broke out, the family moved to Sacramento, then assembled at Walerga and finally relocated to Tule Lake Center. After the war, the family moved back to Sacramento, where her father is a general construction contractor . . . Her younger brother Danny, 13, new attends Stanford Jr. High School in Sacramento. Her older brothers, Kiyoshi and Tami, are both married and live in Southwest Los Angeles . . . Kiyoshi married Roy Ashizawa's (of San Francisco) sister Sumi and have one daughter Leslie, 2. Tami is married to the former Loreese Hamasaki and they have three children: Wesley, 9; Wendy, 7, and Marsha, 3 . . . Her cousin Ralph Nishimi, it was interesting to note, is married to Ruby Mizuno of Stockton, who was the 442nd Queen from the Mainland at the first reunion in Honolulu several years ago.

- There's no use trying to describe her though the pictures may be adequate for the time being. But there's nothing like first-hand acquaintanceship . . . JACLers across the land can meet our efficial hostess for the 14th Biennial come convention time in San Francisco-now less than a month away. When you meet her, I'm sure, you'll agree she's really a "JACL
- When a church carnival reports a net in excess of \$10,000, its committee and workers have a right to be proud. And a detailed report was prepared, fisting what each booth, such as wheels, bingo and the dinners, drew. One report was pre-sented to a friend, who happens to be a police commissioner in Massachusetts, the other week and he wanted to know what kind of a crap game "sushi and udon" was, since it was among the top money-makers . . . George Togasaki was a brief visitor in Los Angeles, en route home from his European trip, this past weekend. One of the founders of JACL a quarter century ago, he was the main speaker at the 1952 San Francisco national convention.

### **UBC** coxswain becomes first Canada Nisei to participate in Olympics

first Canadian Nisel to take part in the Olympic Games by joining the Univ. of British Columbia rowing crew as coxswain for the Mel-

bourne games.

Two UBC crews, the eights and fours, were selected for the Canadian Olympic squad last week by the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen following trials held at Port Dalhousie, Ont.

The choices were almost unanimous as both teams far outclassed their competition. The eights crew covered the 2,000-meter course in 5:49.6, clipping .2 second from the old record set by Hamilton Leanders on the same course in 1932. The Olympic mark of 5:56.7 was

set by the U.S. in 1948.

### Placer CL to end semi-pro season

LOOMIS.-Placer JACL winds up its semi-pro baseball season in the Placer-Nevada league by meeting the Nevada City Lumberjacks this Sunday.

Six costly errors paved the way for Lincoln Potters to defeat the Nisei outfit 8-4 last Saturday at James Field here. The loss threw the lead in the second-half league standings, which Placer held as sole occupant for 24 hours, into a three - way tie with Lincoln and

Placer outhit Lincoln 12 to 11, with Bill Nishimoto getting 3 for 3 and Norm Matsuoka, 2 for 4, and Doc Haskell, 2 for 5. Extra base blows were made by Jim Yokota

and Bob Kozaiku.
PLACER-NEVADA STANDINGS

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Roseville 3 3	.500
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#### NISEI SECOND IN GREAT SALT LAKE DISTANCE CLASSIC

SALT LAKE CITY. - Tosh Imai, Tooele swimming phenomenon, took second place in the 1956 Great Salt Lake race last week.

The salt water distance event from Antelope Island to Saltair, dear to the hearts of many oldtime swimming fans, was revived this year after several year's absence and will continue as an annual event with bigger and better things in store, according to Joe Christensen, AAU prexy.

A group of six swimmers took part in the gruelling endurance affair which is made doubly difficult because of the biting and stinging of the salt.

Imai holds Utah state high school records. He is state and Intermountain champ in the 100-yard backstroke event and state champ in the 100-yard free style. He will be a senior at Tooele High next year.

#### Sports Briefs

San Francisco Chinese Saints, five-time winners of the Salt Lake. JACL national invitational basketball tournament, have received an invitation to play in the Far East tournament Oct. 10 at Taipeh, For-

Ken Zenimera of Fresno earned the No. Calif. Nisei Baseball League batting championship with 14 safeties in 28 trips to the plate in an eight-game season this week.

Tom Matsunaga of Pasadena fashioned a 38-35 to win low gross honors at the Orange County Nisei golf tournament Sunday at Meadowlark. Yoi Nomura of Los Angeles was low net winner at 76-9-67 in the championship flight.

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VANCOUVER, B.C. + Carl Oga-wa of Salmon Arm became the tance in 6:23.1, 12 seconds faster than the Olympic record of 6:36.1 set by Great Britain in 1928.

In the crew events, the UBC teams made hash of their eastern opposition. The eights sailed home with a four-length lead over Hamilton and St. Catharines while the fours won by an embarrassing 10 lengths over Brockville, previously unbeaten in eastern competition.

Eights coach Frank Read, who was an automatic choice to coach the Olympic squad, was pleased but not elated over his squad's

"Right now they're just about up to perfect condition, but I think they can do even better when they get a few more miles under their belts," he said.

Ogawa, who was selected by the crew coach because of his size (115 lbs.)\*had never been inclined to become a coxswain, who gets dumped by the oarsmen upon victory. He's been dumped into the Thames after the crew won the famed Royal Henley Regatta in

England last year by upsetting a Soviet Russia team and hopes to get dunked again in Australia.

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### LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



### Nisei Week Coronalion

One of the biggest features of the annual Nisei Week Festival is the coronation ball where the young and old join to thrill in the pageantry of a ceremony to crown the queen and her court. There is much anticipation involved in witnessing the rite and most of the dancers "remain on edge" until the time comes

for the emcee to signal for the entry of the first attendant, the second and so forth until the queen herself appears.

It was back in 1935 that the community selected Alice Watanabe, now Mrs. Sho lino, through a panel of judges to reign as a queen. However the first Nisei Week was run in

When the 16th annual affair is held at the Hollywood Palladium on Aug. 12, there will be some 3,000 socialites present to rub elbows with civic dignitaries, chat with their long unseen friends and greet the new queen and her court.

#### ORIGIN: TO HELP JACL OFFICE

It may come as a small surprise to some of the younger generation JACL members that the idea of a Nisei Week Festival actually came about during the depression years when the League, in order to maintain a full time secretary and Los Angeles office to carry on the work, decided to undertake the program to raise funds.

In 1934, Clarence Arima was named as executive secretary to supervise the show which consisted of a carnival, street dance and ondo. And there was Eiji Tanabe of the Japanese Association who was also instrumental in providing effective leadership. Kiyo Yamato, master of the prewar Nisei Week Festivals, and Tanabe revived the celebration in 1949, we recall. As a matter of record, we still find Tanabe "closing" most of the week-long affairs today.

The Aug. 11-19 Nisei Week Festival this year will be the eighth in line since Terrie Hokoda (Mrs. Tug Tamaru), reigned as the queen in 1949. Instead of the usual queen and four attendants, that year had seven beautiful girls.

It may be that the idea of having queen contests in conjunction with Nisei Week has become passe. The 1956 committee apparently had a difficult time in corralling the six girls (at time of writing). In 1941, the last contest run of the prewar celebration was jammed with 100 candidates.

However, no festival could be complete without the coronation ball and officials, most of whom being Li'l Tokio businessmen today, must find new gimmick to stimulate queen

#### WITH A 'MISS UNIVERSE' TWIST

 Without much fanfare or public suggestion, the bigwigs decided this year to delegate community leaders in various sections of the city to pick their own candidate and enter them for the "Miss Nisei Week" title. The East Los Angeles JACL chapter has May Ishii as its hopeful while Southwest JACL has unwrapped June Sugiyama, 21, a student from USC, as their choice. Marilyn Elko Ito of San Fernando; Helen Kobata, Harbor District; Gail Fumiye Imazaki, Li'l Tokio; and June Tamiko Fukute, Seinan district, grace the beauty roster. There is indeed a sigh of relief to know that there is at least a group of girls willing to enter the contest.

The guest list for the August ball reads almost like a Legionnaires social but that's because the sponsor is the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion.

Credit for the gigantic event must go to Nix Nagata, chairman, and Toshio Nakashima and Soichi Fukui who have already contracted Ray Anthony and his orchestra to play at the year's top dance as far as the Nisei here are concerned.

As honored guests there will be Leo Crawford, commander, American Legion, Dept. of Calif.; a representative from the Mayor's Office, if not Norris Poulson himself; the Los Angeles City Council president, John Gibson; and County Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz.

### WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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and its members were also approved.

More newsworthy, however, were the appointments and confirmations of two Hawaiian Nisei attorneys to the federal bench. In the First Session, Ben Tashiro was nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate to be a district judge in Kauai, the first Nisei so honored. Late this session, Masaji Marumoto was nominated and confirmed to be an Associate Justice of the Territorial Supreme Court of Hawaii, also the first Nisei to be named to the highest tribunal in the Territory.

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pa.

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ARAKAWA, Norman—boy, Greeley, IWASAKI, Carl H.—boy, SAKAMOTO, Kaz—boy Wesley K.,

June 3.

#### Marriage Licenses Issued

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ARNS-HIGASHIDA — Leo and Calrice, both San Francisco,
FUJIMOTO-NAKAGAWA — Yukio and Helen, both San Francisco,
HANDA-HIROSE — Sadao, San Jose;
Clara Michiyo, Campbell,
KAWANISHI-ARASE — Atsushi, Sacramento; Yachiyo, Fair Oaks,
KURASHIGE-WONG — Stanley S. and Elaine, both Sacramento,
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23; Sumako, 22, both Seatle,
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TRUELOVE-KABAZAWA — Dewey
and Sumie, both San Francisco,
TSUJII-SUGITACHI — Tadao, 27; F.
Janet, 25, both Seatle,

#### Weddings

Weddings

ARAO-YOKOE — July 8, Motomi and Jo-Dell, both Los Angeles.

GOTORI-HORITA — July 8, Frank and Yayoe, both Los Angeles.

IRITANI-ONO — July 7, Rev. Frank, Alameda; Joan T., Bakersfield.

KATO-TANIGUCHI — June 16, Henry and Yasuye, both Seabrook.

MEIFU-MARUNO — July 1, Hiroshi and Jane Tokiko, both Los Angeles.

MORI-NAKASHIMA — June 30, Reiko and Etsuko, both of Hawaii, at Denver.

NIIYAMA-SO — June 30, Min and Marian, both Watsonville.

NIIZAWA-YAMAMOTO — June 10, George and Sumiko, both San Fran-

Cisco.

ODA-OKINAKA — June 21, Albert Y.
and Ellen M., both Los Angeles.

OKINO-SAKATA — June 9, James H.,
Jr., and Alice, both Seabrook.

OZAWA-TAMICHI — July 9, Tsuneo
K., Denver; Harriet Emiko, Honolulu, at Pasadena.

SAWAMURA-YAMAMOTO — June 2,
Shigeo and Alice, both Seabrook.

TAGUCHI-IMADA — July 1, Jiro and
Michiko, both Fresno.

TANAKA-OZAWA — July 15, Minoru
and Misaye, both San Francisco.

WADA-KAWANAMI — July 8, Bob
T., Harbor City; Chiyoko, Los Angeles.

geles.
WATANABE-FUJITA — July 8, Dr.
Roberts S., West Los Angeles; Ruth
K., Pasadena.

#### Deaths

AKIYAMA, Kiyo, 57: Seattle, June 26, survived by husband Tomota, sons George (Japan), Harry H. (Wash-ington, D.C.), Takeshi, and six

### Congress—

Continued from Front Page fits for federal civil service pers-

7. Agricultural, Horticultural Aid, by allowing the interstate shipment of agricultural and horticultural products by air to enjoy the same exemptions for consolidation and bulk handling as previously en-joyed only in surface, rail and truck transportation. This action was an administration one which resulted from the introduction of bills for this purpose.

Other bills in which JACL was particularly interested which the Congress enacted include public housing, disaster insurance (to cover flood damage such as those suffered in Northern and Central California last winter), foreign aid, and customs simplification.

JACL bills which the Congress failed to pass included civil rights legislation, amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Refugee Relief Act to provide more visas for persons of Japanese ancestry, statehood for Hawali and return of wartime vested property.

Another noteworthy achievement of this past Congress, according to Masaoka, was its confirmation by the Senate of two nominations to the federal bench of Hawaii -Judge Ben Tashiro of the district court of Kauai and Associate Justice Masaji Marumoto of the Supreme Court of the Territory.

grandchildren.

ENDO, Masako, 30: Salt Lake City, June 8, survived by husband Capt Ichiro (USA), parents, Mr. & Mrs. Masazo Shiba (Lehi) b.rothers Masaka Shiba (Lehi) b.rothers Masaka Shiba (Lehi) b.rothers Masako Shiba (Lehi) b.rothers Masako Shiba (Lehi) b.rothers Masako Shiba (Lehi) b.rothers Masako Janet, sisters Mariye (Japan), Natsuye.

HIROSE, Gihei, 44: Los Angeles, July 21, survived by wife Masuko Janet, son Gary Shinieni.

HORI, Kiyotoshi, 8: Nyssa, Ore., June 11, survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Kiyomaro, brothers Kiyoharu, Kiyotaru, Kiyotaru, Sisters Suzuko, Kimiko, Esther Natsuko.

INABA Mrs. Kiyoko, 40: Fresno, June 11, survived by husband Akira, son, five daughters.

KIINO, Ben T., 40: Los Angeles, July 19, survived by wife Shizuye, daughters Christine Ann, Mary Jane, mother Shige, brother Yoshio, Hugh Masao (Kalamazoo), sister Mrs. Momoyo Kiino (Sacramento).

KISHIMOTO, Masa: Fort Morgan, Colo, June 11, survived by husband Niiyoshi, four sons and three daughters.

KOTAKA, Mrs. Kiku, 72: North Hollywood, July 17, survived by son Sam Masao,
MORITA, Kaichi, 76: Gardena, July 22, survived by wife Kazuyo, sons Masao, Tom K., Jim Y. Bob H., daughter Mrs. Shizue Koyanagi.
NISHIMURA, Tomiye, 86: Sun Valley, July 20, survived by husband Hisayoshi, sons Toshio, Tomio.
SUZAWA, Masaharu, 54: Los Angeles, July 15, survived by wife Tomika, son Kazuhiko, daughters Miyako Ichiko, parents Mr. & Mrs. Yoshio Suzawa, brother Yoshiyuki, sisters Mrs. Teruka Fujii, Mrs. Keiko Inouye.

Mrs. 1eruka Fujii, Mrs. Keiko Inouye.

TAKASUGI, Yaichi, 73: Wilmington,
July 3 (San Diego), survived by sons
Minoru, Shigeo.

UYEDA, Chris M., 7: Los Angeles,
July 2, survived by parents Mr. &
Mrs. John, brother Paul D., grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Heishiro Uyeda,
Mr. & Mrs. Hidejiro Oki.

WATANABE Buichi, 93: Los Angeles,
July 9, survived by sons Frank T.
John T., daughters Mrs. Hisako Amano, Mrs. Mary S. Tsukamoto, 18
18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.
YAMAMOTO, Ryutaro, 66: Los Angeles, July 16, survived by wife Yasuko.

### Nisei realty men in \$1-million deal

Purchase of 15 acres of property in the Crenshaw - Santa Barbara area of southwest Los Angeles was completed by a Nisei firm for a reputed \$1,000,000 to make it the largest real estate deal transacted by persons of Japanese ancestry.

The land was formerly occupied by the "City of Cars" which has 1,250 feet frontage of Crenshaw Blvd. north of 39th St.

The owners, Crenshaw Development Co., formed of Joe Shigezane, Yo Takagaki, Anthony M. Rizzo and Sam S. Miyashiro, plan to subdivide the property with family dwellings, income units and busi-

The company negotiated for over a year to purchase the property and succeeded in outbidding three large realty firms, it was revealed.

#### Troop 379 scouts set for 25th anniversary

Five months of preparation come to a climax this Sunday when Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 379 holds its elaborate silver jubilee celebration at the Koyasan Hall from 1 p.m.

Frank Kuramoto, past troop committee chairman, has headed the arrangements to be witnessed by

local civic and scout officials.

Highlight of the day will be installation of 15 Eagle Scouts in a single troop court of honor, a west coast precedent.

- We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the Japanese newspapers for their cooperation in our Crenshaw development project.
- The sale of 15 acres on Crenshaw Boulevard has been completed.
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#### WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



## JACL & 84th Congress

Washington

Last Friday night, the 84th Congress adjourned sine die until next Jan. 3. Considering that this Second Session was preparatory to a presidential and congressional campaign this November, it was a moderate and relatively nonparti-

It was one in which the President received approxiatemly 75 per cent of the legislation he asked for, though much of it was tailored by the Democrats to suit themselves. It was not a "Do Nothing" Congress, but it was a Congress in which Republicans can blame the Democrats, as the controlling party, for not enacting such major bills as civil rights, public school construction, immigration, postal rate increase, and Hawaiian statehood. It is also one in which the Democrats can claim that in many instances they supported the President better than did members of his own party and argue as to whether they or the GOP were responsible for the legislation that was not completed.

From the viewpoint of JACL, considering that its major legislative objectives were achieved several years ago, the 84th was a relatively productive one. Of the 12 point program listed at the beginning of this Congress, seven were enacted before adjournment. With the exception of appropriations, which were approved in both 1955 and 1956, all of the statutes were enacted in the Second Session.

#### Bills enacted into law . . .

- 1. Evacuation Claims Amendment. This amendment to expedite the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims was signed into law by the President early last month. It authorizes the Attorney General to compromise and settle all claims up to \$100,000, with the larger claimants and those dissatisfied with the Attorney General's offer empowered to appeal to the Court of Claims for a judicial review of their claims. In addition, west coast internees, corporate claims, and timely postmarked but late received claims were qualified as eligible claims.
- 2. Mongolian Labor Bar. Approved in May, this law repeals the prohibition against the use of "Mongolian" labor on federal reclamation projects. Enacted in 1902, it was the last discriminatory act on the federal books directed against Asiatics by name.
- 3. Hawaiian Property Claims. Approved in June, this legislation authorizes the return of property conveyed during World War II by organizations of persons of Japanese ancestry to the Territorial and other governments of Hawaii to eleemosynary organizations of persons of Japanese ancestry after proper findings by the courts.
- 4. Horticultural, Agricultural Exemptions. Though not written into law, the introduction and campaign for these bills caused the Civil Aeronautics Board to issue administrative regulations substantially accomplishing the purpose of these measures, thereby making legislation unnecessary. Perishable agricultural products and cut flowers and decorative greens may now be shipped by air and enjoy the same exemptions as to consolidation and bulk handling as they previously enjoyed only in surface transportation.
- 5. Appropriations. Adequate appropriations for the administration of the Japanese Evacuation Claims Section, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Office of Alien Property, and for the payment of certain evacuation claims were approved by both the First and Second Sessions.
- 6. Social Security Coverage. Widows may retire and receive their full annuities at age 62, instead of the previous €5, and the principle of disability payments was approved. Disabled persons at the age of 50 would be eligible for disability payments for the first time.
- 7. Federal Civil Service Benefits. Several bills in increase pension benefits and to extend fringe benefits were passed.

#### Bills that failed passage . . .

- 8. Statehood for Hawaii. The House killed this bill by recommitting it to the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee last year (First Session). An unsuccessful effort was made about a month ago to separate Hawaii and Alaska in the House Committee. No action in the Senate.
- 9. Immigration Act Amendments. Though the President finally came out with his program for amending the basic 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act, neither the Senate nor House Judiciary Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization reported out any revisions. An effort was made to include some ten relatively minor amendments to a House approved bill to admit some 350 sheepherders and was passed by the Senate on a voice vote, but died because the House refused to consider the Senate amendments.
- 10. Refugee Relief Act Amendments. The Senate Judiciary Committee reported a relatively minor bill relating to refugee orphans. On the last day of the Congress, an effort was made to amend it by revising completely the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. The effort failed.
- 11. Civil Rights Legislation. The Administration, this spring, announced a moderate civil rights program which cleared the House in the next to the last week of the Second Session, too late for Senate concurrence, although a last day effort was made to discharge the Judiciary Committee from its consideration of the bill. The Judiciary Committee is under the chairmanship of Senator James O. Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi.
- 12. Vested Property Return. Even though the Administration urged a bill to return only up to \$10,000 and only to natural persons, the Senate Judiciary Committee late in the ses. sion reported a bill for full and complete return, as well as combining the problem of vested property with war claims. The bill was not scheduled for debate by the leadership, and therefore no action taken on its merits. In the House, the Interstate and Foreign Subcommittee conducted hearings on the subject but took no action.

#### Other items of interest . . .

A public housing bill, experimental flood insurance, foreign aid, and customs simplification, all of concern to JACL Continued on Page 7



Miss National JACL of 1956, Sharon Nishimi, 20, of Sacramento, relaxed with nearly 1,000 delegates and boosters at the PSWDC pre-convention rally last Sunday at Hollywood Riviera Club in Redondo Beach. She extended her official invitation to the 14th biennial national convention in San Francisco Aug. 31-Sept. 3 at the dance climaxing the day.

-Toyo Miyatake Photo for Rafu Shimpo.

### Noted S.F. store breaks precedent to outfit JACL confab fashion show

SAN FRANCISCO. - San Francis- practices in preparation for this co's City of Paris fashion salon will provide the latest fashions at the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention, it was announced by Fashion Show Chairman Mrs. Haru Hedani. The Fashion Show will be presented on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 1, in the ballroom of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel immediately after the Convention Luncheon.

Mrs. Hedani noted that the City of Paris store, in cooperating on the JACL National Convention Fashion Show, has broken precedent in outfitting a private showing outside of its own program.

Fifteen attractive Nisei models will parade "Changing Perspec-tives" as the Convention theme ap-plies to fashions. Already, weekly

event have been going on for the past two months under the direction of Mrs. Nancee Limjap, Fashion Coordinator.

The entire production is being presented by the Women's Auxiliary of the San Francisco JACL. The annual fall fashion shows of this organization have evoked high praise in the Bay area especially because of originality in presentation.

The Fashion Show is included in the \$20 "package deal" Convention registration, but a limited number of tickets for this one event will be placed on sale soon.

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### Calif. governor extends welcome to national convention

SAN FRANCISCO. - Among the messages received from high ranking officials to JACL's 14th Biennial National Convention is that of Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of Cali-

In 1954, the State's Chief Executive presented the main address to the organization's 13th National Biennial in Los Angeles.

In extending greetings to the members of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Governor

"The emphasis which your organization has placed on sound, positive, instructive citizenship has been a significant factor in the tremendous growth which we have enjoyed in California during the past generation. The achievements of Americans of Japanese ancestry have done more than volumes of propaganda to demonstrate that Americanism is not a monopoly of any race or faith. In time of war and in time of peace, the patriotic service of thousands of Japanese Americans has earned for them the respect and affection of all their fellow citizens."

#### JACL CONVENTION GOLF TROPHY DONORS TOLD

SAN FRANCISCO. - Three beautiful trophies have been donated for the JACL National Convention Golf Tournament, according to tournament chairman Yone Satoda. Donors are Yamato Sukiyaki and Tokyo Sukiyaki restaurants of San Francisco, and Western Pioneer Insurance Company of Oakland. The trophies will be presented at the Convention Outing on Sunday, Sept. 2.

With a maximum handicap set of 27 and four flights, and with so many JACL golfers, the Tourna-ment Committee is prepared to handle the largest entry of any JACL National Convention to date. Entry deadline was July 31.

#### Man robbing Nisei bank teller sentenced 11/2 year

SAN FRANCISCO. - Federal Judge Edward P. Murphy last week sentenced Charles L. Menefee, 21, who pleaded guilty to robbing George Fujimoto, teller at the Bank of America McAllister-Fillmore branch, to 18 months prison.

The judge, who has no sympathy for bank robbers, said, "But in view of the fact that you have no prior record, and because I believe you are not the ordinary type of bank robber, I am going to sentence you to only 18 months".

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Thursday, Aug. 30

2-5 p.m.-Nat'l Board Meeting, Cal-

5 p.m.-Registration, South Lobby.

Friday, Aug. 31

Registration All Day

7:30 a.m.-Nat'l Nominations Com-

9-12 a.m.-Nat'l Council Meeting,

Hospitality Room-2064

2 p.m.-Nat'l Committees; Califor-

4 p.m.-Nat'l Planning Forum

4 p.m.—Issei Meeting, California

Press Room-2066

Dinner (Open)

7:30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony, Cafe

9:30 p.m.-Convention Mixer, Ball-

Saturday, Sept. 1

Registration All Day

10:30 a.m.—Golf tournament, Sono-

nia, Comstock, English, 2127, 20-

ma Country Club. 9-12 a.m.-Nat'l Council Meeting, 9 a.m.-Nat'l Board Meeting, Cal-Comstock Room. ifornia Room. 12 n.—Nat'l Bd. Lunch, Room 2127.

Hospitality Room-2053 (All Day) Press Room-2066

Convention Luncheon & Fash- 12-4 p.m.-New Nat'l Board, Enion Show, Gold and Concert

p.m.-Nat'l Council Meeting. p.m.-Women's Auxiliary Meeting, English Room.

3 p.m.-Jr. JACL Forum & Seminar, Rooms 2062-2064 and California Room. 6:30 p.m.-1000 Club dinner, Surf

Club. 9 p.m.-Jr. JACL Social, Surf Club.

#### Sunday, Sept. 2

10:30 a.m.-Golf tournament, Hillview, San Jose. 10-12n.-Special meeting of Califor-

nia chapters, Comstock Room. Lunch (Open) 1 p.m.-Convention Outing, Black

berry Farm (Monte Vista near Los Altos). 5 p.m.—Barbeque supper.

9 p.m.-Outing Dance.

Monday, Sept. 3

9-12n.-Nat'l Council Meeting, Comstock Room.

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9 a.m.-Registration all day for dance and banquet. Hospitality Room-2053 (All Day) Press Room-2066

Lunch (Open)

glish Room. 1:30-5 p.m.—Bridge tournament,

California P.m. (subj. to change). 6 p.m.-Convention Banquet, Gold Room. p.m.-2 a.m.-Sayonara Ball,

Rose & Concert Rooms.

#### CALENDAR

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 Kali,
Aug. 11-12
Chicago—Lake Geneva Outing,
Aug. 18 (Saturday)
Philadelphia — Community picnic,
Friends Central School,
Aug. 19 (Sunday)
Berkeley—Community picnic, Laka
Temescal, Oakland,
Aug. 24 (Friday)
Gardena Valley—General meeting, Japanese Community Center, 8 p.m.
George Inagaks, guest spkr.
Aug. 31-Sept. 3
San Francisco—14th biennial Nat'l
JACL Convention, Sheraton-Palace
Hotel, Conv. Hq. - \* -