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### EDITORIAL:

Actually less than  
three weeks away

Knowing that a good many readers get their PCs by Monday and even later if they live east of the Rockies, it's actually less than three weeks until the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention is called to order on Friday, Aug. 31.

If you're planning to attend the San Francisco parley, attend to your hotel reservations now.

Chapters should have informed JACL Headquarters who their delegates are—if not, a proxy designated.

There will be less waiting at the registration desk upon arrival if the convention committee has your \$20 for the "package deal" in advance. To save time looking elsewhere if your checkbook is handy, make it payable to "JACL National Convention", 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco 15, Calif. It covers registration, souvenir booklet, Friday mixer, Saturday luncheon-fashion show, Sunday outing with dinner & dance, Monday banquet and Sayonara ball. All items individually assessed would cost about \$25.

An extra \$5 will handle the 1000 Club Whing Ding dinner-dance for Saturday night. Reservations are necessary as the Surf Club isn't that commodious.

Judging by enthusiasm registered at various pre-convention rallies, attendance at the 14th Biennial could top previous records. There's no denying it will be another huge success.

There is also optimism in the air that "Changing Perspectives" will be able to step forward and chart JACL's course in the future as well as set milestones to guide persons of Japanese ancestry in America. Leaders and delegates from the chapter level up have witnessed and understood the past that is ours, out of which can grow a future that has firm footing.



Elaine Harada, "Miss San Francisco JACL", welcomes crowd to the chapter's pre-convention round-up. —Marshall Sumida Photo.

### Round-up frolic for convention

By VI NAKANO

SAN FRANCISCO. — Gaiety reigned at the San Francisco JACL Pre-Convention round-up rally last Friday night at Gyosei Hall. More than 200 added to the success of the fun-filled evening.

A corral atmosphere was designed to lend solid backing to the Round-Up by Doris Horiuchi and Mary Morishita, assisted by Margie and Alice Shigezumi, Kathy Reyes and Marie Kogawara.

Kei Hori led with community

### Greenhouse owners sue flood control district

OAKLAND. — Warren and Henry Hayashi, who operate greenhouses here, are suing the Alameda County Flood Control District for some \$77,000 in damages to their azalea plants and other personal property.

Complaint was filed by attorneys Mas Yonemura and Thomas B. Richardson, who pointed out that the December, 1955, floods had destroyed a levee near the greenhouses. The flood control district was notified on Jan. 6, 1956, and repaired the break in mid-February. In the meantime, two more floods occurred which carried sand, debris and silt on to the Hayashi property.

Negligence was alleged in the complaint by the district for failing to repair the damage.

singing, with Mrs. Helen Hori at the piano, to whip up the mood. Tom Hoshiyama called the square dances. Larry Yamamoto and Cal Kitazumi entertained with songs. A highlight of the evening was the pageant of the forthcoming convention starring vivacious June Uyeda and debonair Kenji Fujii of Hayward, supported by various skits.

Ranch-style refreshments were prepared by Georgia Tanaka and Toshi Kataoka in charge, with members of the Women's Auxiliary assisting. Five door prize winners were Ruriko Nakahara, Carol Tanaka, Mary Hamamoto, Elaine Yamane and Daisy Yamane.

Roundup rally was spearheaded by chairman Yone Satoda, assisted by Dick Nishi, Mrs. Yo. Hironaka, Sumi Utsumi, Fred Obayashi, Ky Tanamachi, Marshall Sumida and Vi Nakano.

### FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGES ORDERED

EAST LANSING, Mich. — A charge of first degree murder against Kinney Tamaribuchi, 27, freshman at Michigan State, was ordered last week as date for arraignment was set as Sept. 10. Police had testified that the Hawaiian student beat his son Kent, 7, on June 17 because the boy wouldn't go to sleep. The boy died shortly after the father carried him to the hospital.

### CONGRESS INFORMED OF NAT'L JACL CONVENTION IN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE

WASHINGTON. — In an unprecedented action, Rep. John F. Shelley (D., San Francisco, Calif.) called to the attention of the Congress JACL's forthcoming 14th biennial national convention over the Labor Day weekend.

Announcing the national Convention to be held in San Francisco Aug. 30 to Sept. 3, the Californian who represents the host city in Congress declared, "The City by the Golden Gate is particularly appropriate for a gathering of this kind, for no other city in America has been more closely identified with Japanese Americans and their destiny than San Francisco.

"Gateway to and from the Orient it was through this port that the first immigrants from Japan arrived three-quarters of a century ago, to make their own significant contributions to the buildings of western America. It was here that the Treaty of Peace was signed five years ago, opening a new and greater era of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Japan."

Representative Shelley then went on to say that "San Francisco has always been closely associated with the Citizens League movement since its inception in the mid-twenties". He traced the part that the host city had played in the development of the JACL, in-

cluding the 1929 meeting of California chapters at which time the idea of a national organization was accepted, the Third Biennial Convention in 1934 when the present JACL organizational structure was established, and the memorable 1942 emergency meeting at which the decision to cooperate in the evacuation was made.

He outlined the day to day program of the coming Convention

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### Panel discussion highlight of 14th biennial convention

SAN FRANCISCO. — JACL's future will be an interesting and vital topic of the JACL National Planning Committee's panel discussion at the 14th Biennial on Friday afternoon, Aug. 31, 4 p.m., at the Comstock Room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

The time has been set after the various national committee meetings to allow official delegates and boosters to listen in and participate.

Pat Okura, chairman of the National Planning committee, will preside. Several members of the JACL National board will be on the panel.

The discussion will revolve around the basic purposes for which JACL was originally organized in 1930, whether these fundamental objectives are still valid for the organization's future or whether they ought to be expanded in view of "Changing Perspectives." Also to be aired will be whether various projects and programs that have been recently suggested as JACL responsibilities fall within the interpretation of these stated purposes.

According to chairman Okura, although various program possibilities will be explored, the discussion will be in realistic terms of JACL's organization and limitations. It is hoped that the view presented at this panel discussion will give some direction to the deliberations of the National Council delegates in setting the organization's program for the next biennium.

### ISSEI TRUCK DRIVER SIXTH VICTIM OF 'RIDGE ROUTE' MISHAP

CASTAIC. — An Issei truck driver for want of a level spot to check the brakes of his two-ton truck became the year's sixth victim of the perilous Ridge Route incline north of here on top of the five-mile grade on US Hwy. 99.

Keitaro Koike, 65, of Orosi stopped the truck on the highway Aug. 1, got off the cab thinking he had set his emergency hand-brake. He was beneath the wheels examining the brakes when the heavily loaded produce truck bound for Los Angeles suddenly moved forward over him and down the slope, resting against an embankment off the highway.

He was treated at Newhall emergency hospital but died later at General Hospital.

### Cuba discrimination of Nisei tourist denied by PSWDC chairman Yokozeki

NEW YORK. — Although the Cuban consulate-general here declared that his country did not discriminate against American citizens because of their racial origin, the Hokubei Shimpo last week uncovered a case of flagrant discrimination.

(The Pacific Citizen, however, was informed by Dave Yokozeki, PSWDC chairman, who was on his honeymoon during the last week of June in Havana, that he encountered no discrimination there because of race.

"In fact, I would recommend the Nisei take a trip into Cuba," Yokozeki added after noting the cordiality and hospitality of officials, who met American tourists at the airport and expedited their entry into the country, and the

Cuban residents and businessmen.) Last summer three American girls of Japanese ancestry included Cuba in a tour to the Caribbean. While all the other American tourists were admitted without any trouble by the Cuban immigration officials, the three girls were detained and made to fill out a long questionnaire form.

Rather than give up their reservations and the plans they had made, the girls complied.

"It was embarrassing," Miss H. said, "to be singled out like that. No one else was asked to fill out any forms. Just the three of us."

It was only because the writer happened to meet Miss H. a short time back that he learned of what happened to the girls.

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## FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## Looking at Japan

Denver — Whenever a group of Nisei writers gets together, someone wants to know why one of their number doesn't write the book about Japan, or the book about the Nisei. It seems to be the most logical thing that could happen. Yet I'm afraid it will never come to be for the simple reason that the Nisei are too close to the picture to be able to see it objectively. We know too much about ourselves, and yet not enough. We know our problems, foibles and idiosyncracies; we've heard the anecdotes—but we don't see them in the same light that some objective reporter, a stranger to the situation, would see.

## CASE IN POINT: MICHENER'S ARTICLE

A case in point is James A. Michener's *Why I like Japan* in the August *Reader's Digest*. In several thousand well chosen words he portrays the same Japan that many Nisei have seen, felt and experienced, but never realized they were seeing, feeling and experiencing. Why? Are the Nisei blind? Are we insensitive? No, not entirely. It's just that we're not attuned to the same sensation-waves as those whose blood and cultural roots do not go back to this ancient, unique and delightful land.

Back before the war, a good many Nisei visited Japan. They liked it or they didn't, and if memory serves correctly, most of them came home to the U.S.A. with a feeling of profound relief and gratitude. That was natural, of course. But what was unfortunate was that they couldn't see beneath Japan's grime, squalor, poverty, the crowded streets and the lack of plumbing.

Michener could. He discovered what he calls the "hidden laughter" in the common people. He was amused by Japan's contradictions—the world's most polite people committing mayhem against each other in the trains and subways. He saw the "grandeur of man" in the nation's struggle to exist on tiny fragments of soil. And he was deeply impressed by the nation's "extraordinary love of beauty."

"Here," he writes, "are the simple things I have seen recently in Japan that were so beautiful they should have been in museums; a handle to a garden gate, a soup bowl, fabric for a girl's dress, a doorway into a kitchen, a tobacco pouch and its lock, a pine tree bending over a stone lantern, a sliding door, a black-and-white drawing of a horse, and a spray of flowers in a shallow dish. In Japan, art invades all life.

"I must quickly point out, however, that the casual visitor may never see this hoard of beauty, for the average Japanese community is not externally attractive. Small houses of weather-beaten boards line muddy streets, while public areas are likely to be so littered because so many people must use them. Many Americans who visit Japan depart with a sense of disappointment. 'Where is the beauty you speak about?' they ask.

"It lies within the home, within the heart. Here is a grimy, mud-spattered house that resembles a million others in Japan; but step inside and it becomes a chaste, inspiring temple of beauty. Floors and walls blend together in subtle straw colors. Raw wood, unvarnished and made smooth by years of patient care, gives the room character. When a meal is served in this home, each plate and cup is a work of art, while the food is arranged more carefully than the ordinary western flower garden." These things, he could see.

## MIGHT COMPLAIN ABOUT THE TEA

Michener closes his story with an anecdote about being served tea in a fragile brown and green cup with an uneven lip and splashed design. It was a heirloom, a historical treasure worth \$20,000 at least. An elderly woman served it so that the cup's most handsome aspect faced Michener, and he turned it slowly so that he drank from a rougher section. He could appreciate beauty, tradition and custom.

I would not have noticed the cup's beauty, or the subtle and precious formalism in the cup's presentation. I might even have complained, to myself of course, that the tea was bitter.

## VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



## CCDCers cut up

Fresno — "Ladies and gentlemen. Shaddup!" This typifies the near-riot proportions of din and laughter rocking the Central Cal district pre-convention dinner meeting at the Desert Inn here last Saturday . . . Jin Ishikawa, CCDC chairman, tried in vain to have order in the banquet room, jammed to overflowing with more than 75 in attendance, when only about half that number was anticipated . . . The visiting guests from San Francisco and Los Angeles were stunned, to say the least, by the gaiety and camaraderie that seem to fit in the wild west decor of the room . . . Presence of Sharon Nishimi (Johnson Kebo, who served as "dai-nishiki" chairman, kept saying "Miss Nishimi" each time only to be reminded by Percy Masaki, Sacramento JACL president, sitting next to him, it was "Miss Nishimi") ignited the air that is usually reserved for 1000 Club func-

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## JACL convention—

Continued from Front Page and listed the names of the National Board officers as "typical of the cross section of America that comprises JACL."

Stating that the Convention theme was "symbolic of the changed and improved status of Americans of Japanese ancestry," he declared that "now that their legal status as first class Americans has been secured under JACL's leadership, 'Changing Perspectives' as the Convention theme offers some 2,000 or more delegates and boosters a challenge to chart the future program and objectives of the JACL in the light of the greater opportunities now available to all Americans of Japanese ancestry."

Representative Shelley concluded his extension of remarks in the Congressional Record by saying, "I know that my colleagues in Congress join with me in the wish that the 14th Biennial National Convention to be held in San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend will result not only in enjoyment and fellowship for JACL members, but also in the formulation of constructive and forward-looking plans and programs which will bring a greater measure of happiness and prosperity to our Japanese Americans and to their fellow citizens in the years to come."

## Complete Text

WASHINGTON. — Text of the remarks in the July 28 Congressional Record made by Rep. John F. Shelley of San Francisco:

Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, may I call the attention of my colleagues in both the House and the Senate to the 14th biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League—JACL—which will be held in San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend, from August 30 to September 3, with headquarters in the historic Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

JACL, as most Congressmen are aware, is the only national organization of Americans of Japanese ancestry; its name identifies its constituency and the reasons for its being. All of its members are native-born or naturalized citizens of the United States; most, but not all, are also of Japanese ancestry. Its twin slogans, which express its purpose and objectives, as well as summarize its activities and achievements, are "For Better Americans in a Greater America" and "Security Through Unity."

## Convention Program

The convention begins with a meeting of the national board, composed of the elected officers and

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## TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama



## Red tape for tourist

Tokyo

If Japan wants more Nisei and Sansei as well as other foreign tourists to visit Japan, it certainly doesn't help to have a 50-year-old customs regulation on the books stifling business. A tangible example of this foolish law came to light with the arrival of Frank M. Tomori and his family from Portland.

Tomori, who is a Los Angeles Japanese newspaper correspondent for the Oregon area, arrived here in the middle part of July with his Nisei wife, Masako, and their two children: Bill, who is a medical student, and Jean, who is attending college. They intended to have a happy summer vacation driving around Japan.

Tomori wanted to show off Japan to his children. He was scheduled to drive down to Okayama, his birthplace, and then visit Hiroshima and other historical and picturesque places. He brought over a 1950 Studebaker in which to tour the countryside.

But he didn't reckon with a 50-year-old customs regulation. Adamant customs officials refused to cooperate with the Tomori family and demanded he pay a \$400 duty. Many days were wasted in getting a license for the car and an operator's license. Things became so complicated that the entire matter came to our personal attention.

August Narumi of Rafu Shokai, who is well versed on such delicate questions, took over and settled the problem but it ate valuable vacation time.

So, the first impression of Japan for the Tomori family was one of complete misery. They spent two weeks at a Japanese inn here in the meanwhile, and the summer heat was at its typical worst. Bill and Jean wanted to return to Portland rather than continue their journey in midst of constant red tape.

In spite of the government ballyhoo for the tourist industry, this incident portrays how an old law mishandles a visitor.

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## Buddhist Appeals

Toraichi Morikawa is probably the dean of scoutmasters in the world, having continuously served for the last 30 years at Hakalau, Hawaii. He attended the National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of Japan earlier this month at Karuizawa.

Scoutmaster Morikawa, 50, and his wife also visited with their son Ronald, who is an Air Force lieutenant in Japan.

Incidentally, scoutmaster Morikawa is a devout Buddhist and YMBA leader. He is facing the grave problem of how to carry out the Buddhist program in America for the younger generation.

The responsibility that is keenly felt by Nisei Buddhist lay leaders to teach their religious principles to the Sansei is not being appreciated by the Buddhist centers of Japan. Morikawa has been appealing to Buddhist authorities here for assistance but without success.

It seems the Buddhist priests of Japan are primarily interested in their own affairs at home and no more. If they were far-sighted, Japanese Buddhism could have the Nisei pave the way for their future, but its hierarchy refuses to listen and even reluctant to help.

Actually, Japanese Buddhism is in sad shape. The high priests have to struggle among themselves for existence. What they preach and what they do are entirely different. It appears the old principle of "eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth" is being followed. Some priests are saying unkind things about their fellow priests in their fight for power and satisfaction. Of the Buddhist sects, the Hongwanji group appears to be at an all-time low.

## Adopted Japanese orphan baby becomes citizen

SALT LAKE CITY. — With help of some heart-touched foster parents, a little Japanese boy has become an American citizen.

The Navy service of his father, CPO Bryan D. Braby, will keep him away from the city at long intervals, but this will be home.

Year-old Donald Aian Braby joined the Braby family last September after Mr. and Mrs. Braby, on duty in Japan, learned through a chaplain that the child was an orphan.

Donald got his American name and officially became a member of the family with a brother Bryan D., Jr., 6, and a sister Dortha Ann, six months, when the adoption was approved in December.

Chief Braby is a Navy air controlman with 17 years naval service and married seven years. He has been stationed in Japan for the last two years.



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## HOW COME SO LATE?

The Pacific Citizen circulation department is earnestly attempting to put its records in order. As readers know, vandals early this year thoroughly wrecked the office which is now beginning to gain the semblance of efficiency. Current renewal notices are being mailed on time. In the meantime, it begs the patience of those being billed rather belatedly.

If a first or second renewal notice is received when payment has already been made, telling us will help.

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## VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



## Mme. Butterfly theme

Denver

The *Madame Butterfly* theme, the interracial love between a Japanese or Oriental girl and the stalwart American, is one of the most enduring in dramatic literature. It remains consistently popular, perhaps no more so than today when truth has vindicated fiction and some 25,000 marriages have been celebrated between Japanese women and American GIs.

The original itself—Puccini's opera from John Luther Long's play—is still one of the most popular entertainments and will be performed this fall and winter by a dozen companies, including the Metropolitan, if the New York opera overcomes its current labor difficulties. Tomi Kanazawa, one of the most popular of the latter-day Cho-Cho-Sans, will sing with the Cosmopolitan Opera in San Francisco and with other local groups. The Fujiwara Opera Troupe from Tokyo is now performing the Puccini opus on its latest American tour, and will appear at Red Rocks near Denver shortly. The Italo-Japanese film, *Madama Butterfly*, starring Kaori Yachigusa, recently concluded an engagement of many weeks in New York City.

## DRAMATIC STAPLE WITH VARIATIONS

Madame Butterfly is still very much alive. Its theme, of the native girl forsaken by her white lover who treats their romance as a casual interlude, is a dramatic staple. With variations, it has stood playwrights in good stead for generations.

Hollywood appears currently embarked on another *Madame Butterfly* cycle, though the overtures no longer are as tragic. Lotus Blossom gives up her Captain Fisby in *Teahouse of the August Moon* and presumably lives happily ever after. In the MGM version the geisha is Japan's talented Machiko Kyo and Fisby is Glenn Ford. Even in the past year the screen has treated at least two similar alliances. It was Robert Stack in love with Shirley Yamaguchi, a girl with a past, in *House of Bamboo*, while Aldo Ray romanced Mitsuko Kimura in the true-life story of an American sergeant who saves an orphanage in *Three Stripes in the Sun*. The latter film had a happy ending, as did *Japanese War Bride*, in which Shirley Yamaguchi was beset by a hostile community.

Now Hollywood, Universal-International to be specific, is making a comedy-drama called *Joë Butterfly* with Burgess Meredith and Keenan Wynn in Japan, and a number of Nipponese young ladies reportedly are involved in the plot. This month, preliminary work was started on *The Townsend Harris Story*, which 20th Century Fox will make in CinemaScope and color near Tokyo. To be produced by Eugene Frenke with Anthony Mann as director, *Harris* is the biography of the first diplomatic official sent by the United States to Japan. As consul general, he arrived in Yedo (now Tokyo) in 1855, the year after Commodore Perry's black ships opened Nippon to the world. History glosses over Harris' purported love affair with a Japanese woman, but the romance lives in legend and is expected to form a main part of the picture's plot.

There was a report that Marlon Brando, now appearing as Sakini in *Teahouse*, wanted the role of Harris, but it was doubtful whether his commitments would permit him to take the role.

Also currently in Japan are Josh Logan and William Goetz, the gentlemen who will direct and produce, respectively, James Michener's best-selling novel, *Sayonara*. The girl in the story, Hana-Ogi, was a featured dancer in the Takarazuka dance company and the filmmakers hope to use the colorful Takarazuka backgrounds for the film. The roles of Hana-Ogi and of Major Gruver have not been cast officially, but the producers have prospects in mind.

*Sayonara*, of course, was a contemporary version of the *Madame Butterfly*, except that in the finale it is the Japanese girl who sends her lover away. One of the most interesting characters in Michener's book was Private Kelley, the dead end kid who finds his own peculiar destiny in his love for a Nipponese damsel.

## WEAVING TRIANGLE MOTIF

Another well-worked dramatic situation, this time a triangle, is also in the making. Herbert Wilcox, the British producer, is launching the newest version of *Le Battaille*, the French drama about a Japanese navy officer, his wife and a British naval observer in the Japan of the time of the Russo-Japanese war. The film originally was made by Sessue Hayakawa in Paris, and he played the Japanese officer. Later an English version was produced, more than 20 years ago, which introduced Charles Boyer as the Japanese, Merle Oberon as his wife and John Loder as the Briton. It was called *Thunder in the East* and drew the ire of Japanese diplomatic officials who protested against the showing of the film in Europe and in the United States. The otherwise disinterested observer, however, could see little to upset the Japanese ire, unless it was that the Briton apparently made a cuckold of the Japanese husband. Anyway, the whole thing is headed for the screen again.

Twentieth-Fox also has another property, J. P. Marquand's *Stopover Japan*, which will be filmed eventually, while RKO already has started preliminary work on a melodrama called *Escapade in Japan*, for which they want a young Nisei boy for one of the lead roles.

## TELEVISION SERIES

Even TV has not let *Madame Butterfly* rest. Actor Adam Williams and Alan Lee recently sold a script for a projected television series to be called *Far Eastern Diplomat*, and the pilot film will be made in Japan if financing is available. The principals are an American, a consular official on a top-secret mission, and a Japanese girl who helps him. If the pilot is made and is sold to a sponsor, at least 13 sequences will be filmed. However, two other projected TV series with Japanese setting have not gotten off the ground. One is Mickey Rooney's *Dateline Tokyo* and *Tokyo Flo*, a series about a girl correspondent in Japan which was offered to Marilyn Monroe who had other things, such as marriage, on her mind.

These variations on the *Madame Butterfly* theme differ from the original in that they do not necessarily end in disaster, and the twain, to paraphrase Kipling, sometimes meet.

## Marumoto installed as associate justice of Hawaii supreme Court

HONOLULU. — Masaji Marumoto, 50-year-old attorney, took the oath of office as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii at 10 a.m., Aug. 1. Chief Justice Philip L. Rice administered the oath after his commission, signed by President Eisenhower, was ready by Farrant L. Turner, secretary of Hawaii, who is acting-governor in the absence of Gov. Sam Wilder King.

The new associate justice, first Japanese American to be appointed to the territory's highest court, declared:

"The action of the President in nominating me to this office and the Senate in confirming the nomination underscores and reemphasizes the fact that in this nation of ours a position of high honor is within the reach of any person, regardless of origin."

The ceremony was attended by an overflowing audience including members of the family, representatives of the legal profession and friends.

Turner extended felicitations on behalf of the governor. Others included Judge Benjamin M. Tashiro of Kauai representing the 2nd, 3rd and 5th circuit courts; Ralph T. Yamaguchi, acting president of the Bar Ass'n of Hawaii; and Sen. Wilfred C. Tsukiyama.

All spoke of Justice Marumoto's scholarship, integrity, ability and capacity for hard work.

He was nominated by the President on June 29 and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate

on July 21. His appointment is for four years.

Marumoto was born in Honolulu on Jan. 27, 1906, and after graduating from McKinley High School, he finished the Univ. of Chicago in 1927 and Harvard Law School in 1930.

He served as intelligence director of academic training at Ft. Snelling from June, 1943, until he was transferred to the Military Government section in Okinawa and Korea. He was discharged in 1946.

As a result of his appointment, he is giving up his private practice and has resigned as president and director of a number of local firms. He is married to the former Shigeko Ozu of Honolulu. Their son Wendell Hiroshi is in his second year at the Univ. of Chicago Law School and daughter Clair Mitsu is a student at Punahou.

## 1,250 Japanese immigrants enter U.S. past ½ year

WASHINGTON. — More immigrants were admitted into the United States in the first six months of 1956 than in any other similar period since 1929, the Immigration and Naturalization Service informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League. Commissioner Joseph M. Swing, of the service, said that the number averaged about 26,500 a month, for a half-year total of more than 159,000. During this same period, nonimmigrants (tourists, students, treaty traders, government officials, etc.) totalled 315,000, a seven per cent increase over the previous high (1955).

Of the 159,000 immigrants admitted for permanent residence in this country about 38,000 were admitted under the provisions of the Refugee Relief Act. The others were admitted under the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act.

Up to June 30, the Commissioner reported that about 100,000 of the 209,000 authorized under the Refugee Relief Act had been admitted. About 1,250 of these were adult and orphan "refugees" from Japan.

In this same six month period, 74,000 aliens were naturalized, about a hundred of whom were of Japanese ancestry.

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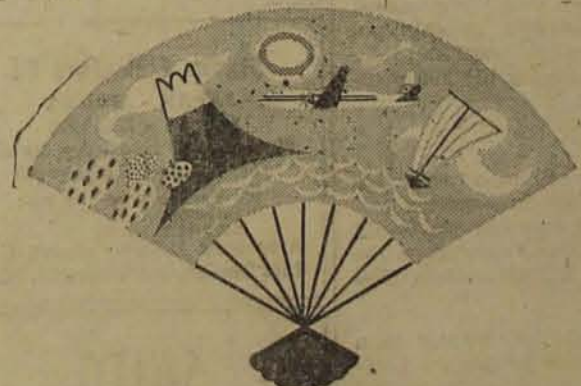
## JAL celebrates fifth anniversary

TOKYO. — Japan Air Lines celebrated its fifth anniversary Aug. 1 with plans for expansion and improvement of its international air service.

By October, JAL will extend its Hong Kong run to Bangkok and eventually stretch to India, Middle East and Europe. It has a fleet of five DC-6Bs and eight DC-4s in addition to smaller planes for domestic service. It has on order four DC-7Cs for 1958 delivery and four DC-8 jets for 1961 delivery.

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## MIKE MASAOKA TO ATTEND GOP, DEMO CONFABS

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka will attend both Democratic and Republican national conventions prior to his participation in the 14th biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League. Late in September, he will again visit Japan.

Because of his fear that the United States is moving towards a policy of political and economic nationalism and isolationism, which he believes to be against the interests of this country, the Nisei lobbyist explained that his primary concern this year will be on the party platform pledges of the two major parties on foreign relations, international trade and commerce, and wartime sequestered property.

Although he will not be representing the JACL, Masaoka said that he would also be concerned with the party planks on immigration and refugee problems, statehood for Hawaii, and civil rights, three long time JACL legislative objectives.

Though personally interested in the presidential and vice presidential nominees of both parties, he said that he would have to participate in the hearings before the platform committees of the Democrats in Chicago and the Republicans in San Francisco which, this year, will be held in advance of the conventions proper. Previously the platform committees held their hearings concurrently with the nominating conventions. Chairman of the Democratic committee is Congressman John McCormack of Massachusetts. Chairman of the Republican committee is Senator Prescott Bush of Connecticut.

Masaoka was scheduled to leave Washington Wednesday morning to attend the platform committee hearings in Chicago. As soon as the Democrats adopt their platform, probably a day before the nominations for the presidency begin, he will fly to San Francisco to participate before the GOP platform committee.

Following the political conventions, he plans to remain on the west coast until the 14th Biennial National JACL convention convenes in San Francisco on Aug. 30. After the JACL convention, he plans to return to Washington for about two weeks before enplaning for Japan via Northwest Orient Airlines.

While in Japan, he expects to confer with United States and Japanese officials regarding trade and tariff problems, as well as immigration and refugee relief matters and the return to Japanese owners of their wartime vested property.

## NISEI LEGAL STENOS TO MEET AUG. 14

Lt. Edward N. Bliss, chief investigator for the L.A. County defender's office, will address the Nisei Legal Secretaries dinner-meeting Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m., at Clifton Cafeteria on Broadway.

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## Monterey Ginza

● No, this is not a column dedicated to the general subject of food, but rather to observations which we feel are significant. Can we help it if our taste tends toward tabemono? That's an alliteration, son. This recalls our visit to Monterey last August when 1000er Ken Sato told us of his hope of opening an eatery near his Ginza gift shop. It sounded like wishful thinking then but now, it's for real.

Ken and his podners, Kay Nobusada and Rinzi Manaka, opened a swank restaurant and cocktail lounge last month called the Ginza, a sukiyaki emporium steeped in Japanese motif, to borrow a term from the Monterey Peninsula Herald that gave this classy joint a classy rave. It's got the works: bamboo lattices, shoji, tatami, kimonoed girls, Japanese cuisine (also seafood) and fancy bar concoctions made with sake.

Unholy, clean socks are the order of the house. Your feet gotta unharness if you want to eat off a low table squatting on a zabuton. The two story Ginza is located near the historic old Custom House and overlooks Fisherman's Wharf, both tourist attractions. It's on Olivier St. between Scott and Decatur. When you're down by the bay, drop in. The Ginza, that is.

## SESCAL

● That stand sfor Stamp Exhibitors of Southern Calif., an org of 38 philatelic clubs which annually sponsor a stamp show. Last year 'twas Monaco, the year before the United Nations. This year's, SESCAL's 12th annual, will be held Nov. 16-18 at the Elks Building in L.A. We're plugging this show not just because we happen to be a collector but because this year, the central theme will be Japanese postage stamps, probably the first important stamp exhibit in the U.S. featuring Japan.

This kind of cultural promotion will help internat'l understanding and good will that'll rub off on Nisei as well. The J. gov't thru the local consulate has been invited to participate and Japan Airlines and American President Lines will supply much of the decor. Incid., JAL and APL are steady advertisers in the PC.

## THINK

● Through our interest in philately, which is not to be confused with philandery, we've met some mighty interesting people. So we've done some etymology on the J. equivalent to postage stamps, which is yubin kitte and find this derivations: *yu* (a male), *bin* (bottle), *ki* (desire) and *te* (paw). To us this sounds like philandery! Something seems haywire with our research. A second attempt gives us: *yu* (hot water), *binki* (stupid, opp. of kibun, or smart) and *te* (first syllable of *tetenashigo*, an illegitimate child). Looks like more of the same—we give up.

## GARDENANS ARISE

● Dr. John Y. Koyama, softspoken new prexy of the Gardena Valley JACL, has assumed his new responsibility with a zeal reflected by three cabinet meetings within two weeks to get the chapter back on its feet. In addition to an equally conscientious cabinet he has the support of such JACL stalwarts as Yo Kobata, Ryo Komae, Sam Minami and other old timers. With John's leadership (he's past prez of the Gardena Young Adult Buddhist Ass'n) and that kind of support, the chapter will go places.

Yo, a nurseryman and 1000er, invited us to a Japanese Nite program put on by his Gardena Kiwanis Club, the third annual such affair, which is amazing because we've heard of no other hakujin service club doing anything like this on account of a handful of Nisei members, which now number nine but just a few a couple of years back: Yo, Ryo, Sam, Kay Kamiya, George Kobayashi, Tom Hayashi, Bob Nagata, Tak Isobe and Tad Uyemura. Locale was the Western Club Cafe, a converted gambling casino. While the food was Americanized Chinameshi, the decor was kosher: fans, parasols, chochin, paper carp, chopsticks, the works. Entertainment: odori and hula dancers. Twenty five Nisei couples were among the 200 present.

## KUZU

● Thieves entered the offices of the Rafu Shimpō two nights in a row last weekend and made off with typewriters and stuff, which is the kind of breaking and entering we would have preferred. A nice, clean job of stealing rather than the malicious vandalism that loused up our PC circulation files but good early this year.

Four prominent local Nisei have lent their names to a national ad hoc committee which will appear before the platform committee at both the Democratic and Republican nat'l conventions to urge a strong civil rights plank. They are Saburo Kido, Frank Chuman, Bob Kodama and Frank Kuwahara.

Katsuma Mukaeda, an Issei newcit and DTLA chapter veep, was on t.v. Tuesday on NBC in a program to answer questions from new voters re the coming elections.

We were glad to see a dozen Nisei attend the dinner honoring attorney A. L. Wirin, champion of civil rights and minorities, at the Statler last week when the American Civil Liberties Union paid tribute to his ¼-century service in the cause of ACLU. Sab Kido gave a poignant talk relating Al's sacrifices in behalf of Nisei during their darkest hour following evacuation. Familiar names on hand for this event were nat'l legal counsel Frank Chuman, his missus Ruby whose no. 2 child is expected soon, architect George Shinno and wife Marge, Frank Kuwahara and spouse, and JACL 2nd nat'l veep Kenji Tashiro (no spouse).

RECENT VISITORS: George K. Togasaki, now active in fund-raising for the Kiyosato KEEP project in Japan in addition to chairing the boards of Japan Christian University and the Japan Times. George, a cousin on our father's side, has a sis, Yaye T., an R.N. who's ass't chief of nursing services of the Vets hospital in Northport, Long Island, and who's in charge of the hospital's annual flower show this Sept. She'll be receiving floral contributions from Nisei vet groups in Ellay because of the several wounded vets of the 442nd there.

## Private bill almost 'lost' in last week of 84th session

OAKLAND. — A 20-year-old adopted daughter of a naturalized Issei couple has been granted permanent residence in the United States in a private bill passed prior to adjournment of the 84th Congress, although the measure was "lost" while it was being shunted back and forth between the House and Senate.

Only the excellent detective work of Mike Masaoka, who was retained as Washington representative for Mr. and Mrs. Sakichi Nishizawa, Brentwood, at the recommendation of counsel Mas Yonemura, succeeded in locating the private bill for Yaeko Nishizawa in time for concurrence by both houses.

Miss Nishizawa, who was born in Japan, is the sole survivor of family which consisted of her parents, three sisters and a brother. She was admitted as a student at the invitation of her maternal aunt, Mrs. Sakichi Nishizawa in July, 1952.

Because she was over 10 years of age, it was not possible for her parents adjust her status under provisions of the 1953 Refugee Relief Act. The problem of securing permanent residence was presented to Rep. John F. Baldwin (R., Calif.), who introduced a private bill on July 18, 1955.

After the bill was introduced, the San Francisco immigration office sought to deport Miss Nishizawa since she had failed to maintain her status as student by reason of this private bill. But, in accordance with its usual practice where private bills are pending, immigration authorities stayed deportation until Congress acted on the merits of the private bill.

Miss Nishizawa is a senior student at Liberty Union High School in Brentwood, where she has maintained a high scholastic average. Like her parents who are now citizens, she hopes to become naturalized as soon as residence requirements are met.

## Prize winners named by Richmond-El Cerrito CL

RICHMOND. — A most ideal day for a picnic was enjoyed by the large number turning out for the fourth annual Richmond-El Cerrito JACL affair July 29 at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley.

Top prize winners, as announced by Jim Kimoto and George Sugihara, were Mrs. Thelma Mamura of Mill Valley, first; Ino Okada of Berkeley, second; and George Mukuno of Sunnyvale, third.

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Ronald Misaki of Omaha's Troop 14 received his Eagle Scout badge while still a student in the eighth grade.

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## Omaha CLers hold early summer fetes

OMAHA. — Graduation party and a chapter picnic were recent events successfully staged by the Omaha JACL. It was reported this past week by Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, chapter corresponding secretary.

Four graduates, Edwin Tosaki of Creighton University, Mieke Watanabe of Central High, Ronald Misaki and Stephan Takechi of local (8th) grade schools, were honored in June. Frank Tamai was chairman, assisted by Gladys Hirabayashi, Kay Hirabayashi, Toshi Zaiman, Chiyoko Tamai and Mary Misaki.

The two eighth-graders were among 117 guests at the annual Rotary honor roll boys luncheon.

Ronald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takao Misaki, was also first person from Jackson School to be installed as Eagle Scout. A member of Troop 14, he was only the Japanese American receiving the Eagle award at the Covered Wagon council court of honor recently.

Kazuo Ikebasu, scoutmaster of the Boys Town troop, also participated in the ceremonies.

The chapter held its annual picnic at the private grounds of the Omaha Home for Boys. Pat Okura and Bob Nakadoi headed the committee consisting of Manual Matsunami, Gary Zaiman, Chick Matsui, Paul Noto, Willie Kagawa, Bob Kagawa and Bob Kurata.

Prizes for the games and refreshments were donated. Other cash donations were also received.



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## CCDC pre-confab rally raises roof with high spirits

By THOMAS TOYAMA

FRESNO. — More than 75 JACLers really pepped up the pre-convention rally spirit at the Desert Inn of the Central California District Council with Sharon Nishimura of Sacramento as "Miss National JACL of 1956" making her local debut here last Saturday.

It was the first time when many women showed up for a dinner meeting. It indicated their interest in the forthcoming national convention.

Jerry Enomoto, general convention chairman, presented the outline of the forthcoming 14th Biennial from Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Viola Nakano of San Francisco gave her report on the Aug. 31 mixer while Kei Hori reported on other social highlights of the convention.

The dinner-meeting was one of the noisiest and most spirited affairs in CCDC history.

Johnson Kebo of Sanger was in charge of the program. Dr. Robert Yabuno of Fresno, who chaired the reservations for dinner, was the luckiest man when Miss National JACL kissed him. This was one time a dinner chairman was happy and proud of his job. Tom Shirakawa of Fowler assisted in the committee work.

Central California, which will be in the peak of its grape harvest during the Labor Day weekend, promised each of their chapters would be represented by official delegates but added booster delegations would be small.

## ISSEI WINS TOP PRIZE IN MT. OLYMPUS DERBY

SALT LAKE CITY. — Forty-eight anglers competed in the recent Mt. Olympus JACL trout derby at Strawberry Lake. Co-chairmen Shigeki Ushio and Kaz Namba reported the affair as a success.

Age was no detriment in competition as the co-chairmen's father, Mataji Ushio, won first place honors with his beautiful three-pounder (dressed weight). Other derby winners were Henry Adachi, 2 lb. 10 oz.; John Imada, 2 lb. 5 oz.; and tie for fourth place between Taro Sudoko and Tak Kojima, 2 lb. 4 oz.

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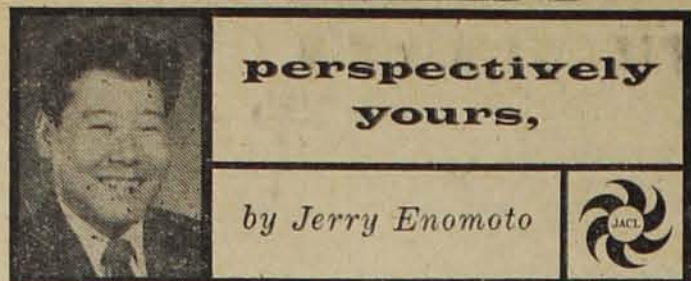
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## Over 200 registered for 14th Biennial JACL Convention



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San Francisco

■ Got a quick look at parts of our Convention Souvenir Booklet the other day at art editor Hats Aizawa's. The whole works is ready to go to press, and an attractive job it is. Layout and cover are sure to appeal to all, and the contents will be refreshing and timely. Bouquets to Hats and art coordinator Hisashi Tani for a great job. Ditto to business manager Sim Togasaki and business representative Scotty Tsuchiya for meritorious service in the financial cause of *Changing Perspectives*. An extra large orchid for editor and committee boss Thelma Takeda for her usual top notch job of organization and direction on a very difficult assignment.

### LOST WEEKEND

■ Have no fear, readers, it has nothing to do with alcoholism. We took a whirlwind jaunt down to Central Cal this past weekend, and proved to ourselves that, when you're having fun, you lose track of time. Before we knew it, we were one more week closer to the 14th Biennial. Combining Convention public relations business with the pleasure of seeing new scenery and meeting new friends, we enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Central Cal District Council on Saturday evening at the Desert Inn in Fresno. Accompanying us on this good will tour were our associate PR man Haruo Ishimaru, Lucy Adachi, Vi Nakano, Kei Hori, and Kaye Uyeda. Joining us there were Miss National JACL, Sharon, accompanied by Sacramento Prexy Percy and Gladys Masaki, May Shirai, and Kay Hamatani.

We were treated to a sumptuous steak dinner following which we gave the crowd the Convention pitch. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of our Queen, who extended a warm and personal invitation to the 14th Biennial. CCDC Chairman Jin Ishikawa earned the privilege of being the first JACLer to bless Sharon's royal lips by taking a package deal. Sharing this pleasure was Ralph Kimoto of Parlier, who also contracted for a "package".

In an atmosphere of gay informality, we then had a welcome opportunity to get acquainted with some of the hundred boys and girls who took in this shindig. Vi, our registration gal on this trip, received pre-registrations from Aki Kimoto, James and Irene Kozuki, Norman and Sue Miyakawa, and Nancy and Ronald Ota, all of Parlier. Among those with whom we exchanged pleasantries were Seichi and Fusa Mikami, Johnson Kebo, Jim and Sumi Marushima, Paulo and Alice Takahashi (reunion from camp days), prexy Bob Yabuno of the Fresno Chapter, Dr. George Miyake and Yoshi, Tom and Fumi Shirakawa, 2nd National VP Kenji Tashiro, Ethel Otomo, Tom Nakamura, George Baba, and many others. It was nice to swap hellos with PC ed Harry Honda and PSW office secretary, Blanche again. The evening was topped off by coffee at the home of the Mikamis.

### NORTH TO LIVINGSTON

■ Leaving Fresno Sunday morn, we proceeded north on Highway 99, arriving in Livingston in time for a relaxing and tasty luncheon offered us by the Livingston-Merced Chapter. In spite of an extremely busy period in their peach harvest, these folks demonstrated their support and interest in the Convention in unmistakable fashion. The host chapter's prexy Lester Yoshida and his missus, Buddy Iwata, Frank Shoji, Ken Yagi, Joyce Kimura, Midori Shiba, and Mary Tanioka joined us for chow.

A little later, we adjourned to a nearby church, where we met a few more members of the chapter, and informally talked up the Biennial. Although small in number, the warmth of this group's hospitality was indeed gratifying.

### OUTDOOR FEAST

■ Just a stone's throw from Livingston lies the town of Cortez, long a cornerstone of JACL activity there. Late Sunday afternoon we arrived at Turlock, and greeted by Cortez Prexy Al Morimoto and Lois, at beautiful Crane Park. Here again, in the midst of a busy harvest, an enthusiastic group turned out to share a colossal spread with us. There must have been at least 20 varieties of food on this "pot luck" menu. Our rotund friend Haruo's silhouette easily increased several inches by his own admission.

We had a chance to talk over old times with Howard Taniguchi, a buddy from UC and Euclid Hall days. Among others present were Bill and Esther Noda, Yosh Asais, Hiroshi Asais, Saburo Naritas, Sam Kuwaharas, Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Keichi Yamaguchi, Jim and Evelyn Yamaguchi, Mark and Mary Noda, and Sab and Alice Okamura and others. Oh yes, we mustn't forget that the Yoshidas of Livingston, Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Hiro Asai, Lois, and Yosh Kubo of Cortez all took out pre-registrations.

Again, we were encouraged by the enthusiasm prevalent, and the plans of a good number to join us at *Changing Perspectives*. A special vote of thanks go to our relief driver and all around handyman Haruo for setting up these PR tours, since we undoubtedly won ourselves a few devotees to the Convention cause.

### ROUND-UP

■ Adding to a weekend loaded with festivities was the highly successful Pre-Convention Roundup, sponsored by the host San Francisco Chapter. Over 200 JACLers took in this western affair, enjoyed good old fashioned folk dancing, community singing, ranch style chow, and a repeat performance, on a slightly less elaborate scale, of the skit that was so well received at the NCWNDC Rally. Door prizes were awarded, and western songs were rendered by guitar strumming Larry Yamamoto and Cal Kitazumi. The host chapter's official "sweetheart", Elaine, greeted the crowd. This was a fitting stimulus for the 14th Biennial, thanks to Chairman Yone Satoda and his hard working committee.

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SAN FRANCISCO. — Perusal of the registration list as of Aug. 5 indicates over 200 have signified positive interest in attending the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention here Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

Sumi Honnami, convention registration chairman, noted 36 chapters, three district council chairmen and 52 delegates (other than official) have registered for the \$20 package deal. And 101 have pre-registered.

List of District Council delegates: PSW — David Yokozeki; PNW — George Azumano; NC-WN — Yone Abiko.

List of Official Delegates: Chicago—Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Kumeo Yoshinari. Cincinnati—Dr. H. James Takao. Detroit—Minoru Togasaki, Mrs. Aiko Morita. Hollywood—Miwa Yanamoto, Terry Kuwata. Livingston-Merced—Buchi Kajiwara, Buddy Iwata. Mile-Hi—John Sakayama, Sam Matsumoto. Oakland—James Tsurumoto, Paul Nomura. Pasadena—Harris Ozawa, Marion Shingu. Philadelphia—William Marutani. Placer—Roy T. Yoshida. Reedley—Masaru Abe. Richmond-El Cerrito—Sel Kami, Marvin Uratsu. Salinas—James Tanda, Tom Matsunaga. San Diego—Dr. Tadasu Imoto. San Francisco—Hatsuro Aizawa, Jack Kusaba. San Mateo—Nori Yui, Mr. Sakae Yamaguchi. Seattle—James Matsuoka, Min Yamaguchi. Sonoma—Edwin Ohki, Frank Oda. Southern Alameda — Isao Handa.

Yosh Higaoka. Twin Cities UCL—Henry K. Makino. Venice—Steve Nakaji, Tak Shishino. Washington, D.C.—Ben Nakao, Ruth Kuroishi.

Following chapters registered, but names of official delegates not submitted: Eden Township, Cortez, French Camp, Fresno, Marysville, Mt. Olympus, Orange County, Sacramento, San Benito, Santa Barbara, San Jose, Sequoia, Southwest LA, Stockton.

### List of Booster Delegates:

Names in parentheses pre-registered only. Alameda—Sim Togasaki. Arizona—(Cherry Tsutsumida). Chicago—Abe Hagihara, John M. Okamoto, Maudie Nakada, Gladys Ishida, Sumi Shimizu. (Elder Hagihara, Happy Nakagawa, Satoru Takemoto, Dr. George Okita, Terry Uyeda, Sachi Takagi, Hiro Mayeda, Mary Kamsameishi). East Los Angeles—(George Nomi, Laurel Murata). Eden Township—(Gichi Yoshioka). Hollywood—Nancy Kuwata, Hatsie Nakamura. (Asako Minamide, Kimi Minamide). Long Beach—(Easy Fujimoto, Fred Nakagawa). Mile-Hi—(Mrs. Alice Kumagai, Mrs. Chiyo Horiuchi, Sam Kumagai, Chiye Horiuchi, Mrs. Rosalie Tokunaga, Mrs. Michi Terasaki, Tak Terasaki, Dr. T. Mayeda, Dr. C. Fujisaki, Dr. J. Chikuma, G. Komaru, T. Odow, George Masunaga, Tom Kumagai). Oakland—Kinji Utsumi. (Mr. & Mrs. Ishizu, Mary Ikeda, Molly Kitajima, Margaret Utsumi). Pasadena—Elko Matsui, Mack Yamaguchi, Mary Yusa, Ken Dyo, Mikko Dyo, Kimi Fukutaki, Mary K. Ito, Tom T. Ito. (Florence Wada Elizabeth Ozawa, Sadao Hano, Amy Motodani). Philadelphia—Jack Ozawa. Placer—(Wilson Makabe, Koichi Uyenno). Portland—Tamaichi Yamada, Mrs.

Hana Yamada, Kathryn Kawata, Mary Sasaki, Kim Yumibe. Reno—Fred Aoyama. Richmond-El Cerrito—Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki. Sacramento—Joe Matsunami, Bill Matsumoto, Percy T. Masaki, Ginji Mizutani. (Gladys T. Masaki). Salinas—Dr. and Mrs. Harry Kita. (Mrs. M. Tanda, Miss Kita, Miss Kitata).

San Francisco—Noel Nitta, William Suenaga, Sumi Honnami, Dr. Tokuji Hedani, Yone Satoda, Jack Hirose, Fred Obayashi, Aimey Aizawa, Taxy Hironaka, Yo Hironaka, Dick Nishi, Vi Nakano, Jerry Enomoto, Florence Dobashi, Kiyoshi Tanamachi. (Fred Hoshiyama, Mrs. Haru Hedani, Dr. Robert Kiyasu, Miyuki Aoyama, Louise Endo, Tess Hideshima, Tom Hoshiyama, Joyce Enomoto, Frank Dobashi, Mary Morishita, Josie Matsuda, Saye Soga, Louise Koike, Kiku Hori, Toshi Kataoka, Dorothy Suzuki, Jane Okada, Tor Tomimatsu, Yas Furuya, Carol Tanaka, Joyce Tanaka, Rose Takuchi, Elsie Uyeda, Andrew Li, Florence Higa, Irene Hirono Yasuko Fujita, Yo Furuta, Rene Kondo, Richard Kondo, Jerry Mizutani).

San Jose—(Henry Hamasaki, W. Funabiki). Seattle—(Mrs. James Matsuoka, Dr. & Mrs. Paul S. Shigaya).

Selma—(Ethel Otomo). Snake River—(Dr. K. J. Yaguchi, George Iseri). Sonoma—(Mrs. Anne Ohki).

Southwest L.A.—Hisashi Horita, Bill Hamamoto, Roy Iketani, Kango Kunisugu, Bob Iwasaki, Tom Shimazaki, Roy Sugimoto. (Toku Fujita, Herbert Murayama, Toru Iura, George Fujita, Kiyoko Teramaye, Toru Kobayashi, Shiz Fukuhara, Kiyomi Yanagiguma, George Hiraga).

Venice—(Ben Yumori, Betty Yumori). Washington, D.C.—Hisako Sakata. West L.A.—(Fuji Burns).

## San Francisco Host to National JACL Convention—Rep. Shelley

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district council chairmen on Thursday morning, August 30. The national council, composed of the official delegates representing 88 chapters and members in 32 States, the District of Columbia, the Territory of Hawaii, and Japan, begins their deliberations the following day, Friday, August 31. Climax of the convention is the traditional banquet on Labor Day, when the outstanding Japanese American in the United States for the past 2 years will be announced as the Nisei of the Biennial. The last such award was presented to Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, Gallup, N. Mex., Congressional Medal of Honor winner and one of the 10 outstanding young men in the Nation as selected by the United States Junior Chambers of Commerce. Guest speaker at the banquet will be Maxwell M. Rabb, Secretary to the Cabinet of the United States and adviser to the President on minority problems. The final event will be the Sayonara ball on September 3.

For the first time, special events will be held for the newly naturalized citizen parents, for the ladies, and for the younger citizens. And Convention Queen Sharon Nishimi of Sacramento, representing the host district council, will reign over the festivities.

Jerry Enomoto, immediate past president of the San Francisco host chapter, is the convention chairman.

### Officers Typical Americans

Typical of the cross-section of America that comprises JACL are its officers.

National president is George Inagaki, of Venice, Calif., a former nurseryman recently turned real estate salesman.

National vice-president is Ken Tashiro, of Orosi, Calif., a farmer.

National vice-president is Tak Terasaki, of Denver, a pharmacist.

National treasurer is Dr. Roy Nishikawa, of Los Angeles, an optometrist.

Thousand club chairman is Shig Wakamatsu, of Chicago, a chemist.

Dr. Thomas Y. Yatabe, first constitutional national president of Chicago, a dentist, and Hito Okada, immediate past national president, of Salt Lake City, Utah, an insurance agent, are also members of the board.

Chairman of the Pacific Northwest district council is Dr. Kelly Yamada, of Seattle, another optometrist.

Chairman of the northern California-western Nevada district council is Yas Abiko, of San Francisco, a newspaper publisher.

Chairman of the central California district council is Jin Ishikawa, of Fresno, another attorney.

Chairman of the Pacific south-

west district council is Dave Yokozeki, of Los Angeles, an attorney and motion picture executive.

Chairman of the intermountain district council is George Sugai, of Payette, Idaho, a businessman.

Chairman of the mountain-plains district council is Robert Horiuchi, of Denver, an accountant.

Chairman of the midwest district council is Abe Hagihara, of Chicago, a social worker.

Chairman of the eastern district council is William Sasagawa, of Philadelphia, an engineer.

National director is Mas Satow of San Francisco; Washington representative is Mike Masaoka of the District of Columbia; Pacific southwest director is Tats Kushida of Los Angeles; and legal counsel is Frank Chuman, also of Los Angeles.

### San Francisco Appropriate Site

The city by the Golden Gate, which I have the honor to represent in the Congress, is particularly appropriate for a gathering of this kind, for no other city in America has been more closely identified with Japanese Americans and their destiny than San Francisco.

Gateway to and from the Orient, it was through this port that the first immigrants from Japan arrived three quarters of a century ago, to make their own significant contributions to the building of Western America. It was here that the Treaty of Peace was signed 5 years ago, opening a new and greater era of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Japan.

San Francisco has always been closely associated with the Citizens League movement since its inception in the midtwenties. One of the earliest chapters was organized here. In 1929 in San Francisco, a meeting of the California chapters decided to federate into a national association to promote the citizenship of the then young Japanese American minority and the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this Nation, who at that time were subjected to considerable legal and other forms of racial discrimination. Though the First Biennial National Convention was convened in Seattle in 1930, and the Second Biennial 2 years later in Los Angeles, the Third Biennial which established the present organizational structure of the JACL was held in this city by the Golden Gate in 1934.

National headquarters before the war was, and at the present time is located in San Francisco.

Probably its most memorable meeting was in the spring of 1942, when an emergency meeting of the National Council was held in San Francisco to determine the course of action which Japanese Americans should take in a war in which

they were too often confused with the enemy. It was decided that Japanese Americans would agree to cooperate with the Government in their own evacuation although they thoroughly disagreed with the necessity for such action and the reasons for what has been describe as "our worst wartime mistake."

But, the dedicated loyalty of the Japanese Americans was demonstrated in that mass movement, and the Government and the public at large were forced to reappraise the devotion and allegiance to the United States of these unfortunate victims of wartime hate and hysteria.

### "Changing Perspectives" Theme

Symbolic of the changed and improved status of Americans of Japanese ancestry is the convention theme, "Changing Perspectives."

Using the tools of democracy, JACL has in the 10 short years since the end of World War II been able to provide that leadership which has enabled Americans of Japanese ancestry to be accepted as welcome and worthy partners in the American way, whereas a decade ago they were held to be suspect by their own Government.

Through the Congress particularly, and State legislatures as well, JACL has been able to eliminate legal sanctions which at one time numbered more than 500 discriminatory statutes directed against people of Japanese ancestry. The great and priceless privilege of citizenship at long last, in 1952, at a time when the 12th Biennial National Convention was in session in San Francisco was granted to loyal resident alien Japanese. At the same time, the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 was repealed and token immigration from Japan authorized under our quota system. The courts of the United States and of the several States, struck down as unconstitutional, laws which discriminated against those of Japanese ancestry solely on the basis of race and, at that time, "ineligibility" to citizenship. The American public at large has come to recognize Japanese Americans for what they are—individual citizens who have demonstrated in combat and at home during World War II that their loyalty is second to none.

Now that their legal status as first-class Americans has been secured under JACL's leadership, "Changing Perspectives" as the convention theme offers some 2,000 or more official delegates and boosters, a challenge to chart the future program and objectives of the JACL in the light of the greater opportunities now available to all Americans of Japanese ancestry.

It is my hope that the members of the JACL will never forget or

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## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



## Labor Day weekend

Seattle

The eye to the viewfinder, one track brain in this corner is still focused on the magnitude, excitement and sidelight drama of the Seafair powerboat spectacle of the past weekend and finds it hard to resist the telling of some of those things.

With such a desperate need for a change in perspective, I got in touch with good old reliable Dr. Kelly Yamada, past president of the Seattle Chapter, and present chairman of the Pacific Northwest District Council. Naturally, the big question was on what gives with JACL activity, especially as it pertains to the coming convention in San Francisco.

First of all, the two official delegates from the Seattle Chapter to the convention will be President Jim Matsuoka and board delegate Min Yamaguchi.

Kelly expressed regret that he can't make the convention, but his teenage son Dexter, who is vacation jobbing in central California, will attend. He will be remembered as a previously mentioned honor student, former Boys' Stater, and recipient of the God and Country medal at the Troop 53 reunion.

Leader in many activities, optometrist Kelly Yamada is also this year's president of the International Sportsmen's Club, an outfit written up in this corner at the beginning of the year, which it now seems is also scanning new horizons in connection with the Club's annual salmon derby on Labor Day.

## SPORTSMEN'S FISHING DERBY

The International Sportsmen are undertaking an operation comparable in size to the Seattle Times City Derby wherein they used to hand out five automobiles as first prizes. Like the BIG derby, the Sportsmen will use two boathouses as headquarters, one at Lloyd's, the regular place on the West Seattle side of Elliott Bay, and another check-in station at Ray's Ballard Boat House, which is at the Puget Sound end of the Lake Washington Canal.

Fishermen starting at dawn, work against a deadline, usually at 10 a.m. when they must check their catches. Most fishermen upon netting a sizeable fish, start the kicker and weigh in immediately, lest the fish loses a few ounces lying in the boat, and thus lose a place or two in the awards. It is frequently that close. Of course, the fisherman may go out again and fish until the warning siren.

One of the boathouses is designated as headquarters for the final judging, where all the prizes are on display, and it will be Lloyd's in this case. Once the fish are in and weighed at Ray's, the fish, fishermen and friends set out in a police escorted motorcade for Lloyd's where the entire catch is quickly rated according to size and the awards are made.

This year's first prize is a \$1,200 16-foot boat with a trailer to haul it around. Second prize is a 10 horse Evinrude. Third prize is a complete camping outfit including a 9x11 tent, Coleman stove, lanterns and sleeping gear. Fourth is a complete salmon fishing outfit with a 101 other things besides rod and reel that complete the list. Other prizes, mostly donated by local merchants, run the gamut from auto accessories, refrigerator chests, rotisseries, rods, reels, boots, sports clothing, rice, miso, shoyu, and so on to the cases of beer and pop.

## LEADING ATTRACTION OF NORTHWEST

The turnout of 1,400 is expected this year, and that is believed to be a conservative estimate as the public is invited. The entry fee is \$2.50, which is just half what the other derby used to cost. Besides, there are no summer long qualifying rounds for this derby, which makes it ideal for the out-of-town fisherman who has only a limited time to put in at the sport. Everyone can't go to San Francisco Labor Day weekend, so this derby becomes a leading Northwest attraction.

President Kelly Yamada would have embraced the idea of a San Francisco weekend for himself, he said but Past Sportsman President and general chairman Tom Iwata is being called away on an insurance company convention in Mexico City, and the derby co-chairmen "Fuzzy" Fujiyama and Torby Nyland will be needing help.

In place of Kelly, George Azumano of Portland will represent the Pacific Northwest District Council at the San Francisco Convention.

## CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



## Book exhibition

Chicago

The Japan Book Exhibition, which opened last Monday at the Merchandise Mart here and closing Aug. 17, should be of particular interest to many readers. The exhibition includes a large scope of English, Japanese and bilingual books and periodicals, new as well as old and rare books in all fields of Japanese culture

and art . . . The exhibit is only open between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at room 915-B. The Japan Publication Trading Co. of Tokyo and the local Japanese American Business Association are sponsoring the display.

The first rally of Nisei Christians here has chosen the theme of "Choose You This Day Whom You Will Serve". The Chicago Christian Conference Rally will meet at the Christ Congregational Church, 701 Buckingham Pl., on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 3 p.m. Participating churches are Kenwood-Ellis Community, Evangelical & Reformed, Church of Christ, Christian Fellowship-Methodist, and Christ Congregational . . . Rev. Dr. C. F. McCall, keynote speaker, presently associate superintendent of Congregational Christian Conference of Illinois, was born in Akita, Japan, of missionary parents and received his early education in Kobe and Tokyo. He is a graduate of Berea College in Kentucky and Chicago Theological Seminary in 1938. In 1954, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Pacific University in Oregon . . . Panel discussions, dinner, social hour and devotionals round out the rally schedule.

The Rev. Toshio Okamoto will be installed as a Lutheran missionary to work among the Japanese in Southern California on Aug. 26.

## Nishita optioned to Texas League

MONTREAL. — Montreal Royals of the International League announced last week the optioning of Hawaiian Nisei hurler Bill Nishita to Fort Worth Cats of the double-A Texas League.

In making the announcement, manager Greg Mullenbary said that it was his hope that Nishita would "find himself" in the lesser league. He hadn't given up on the pitcher, he said, and figured that the International League was too fast for him in his first season in organized baseball.

Nishita, signed last spring for a \$4,000 bonus, departed with a 4-6 record and a 4.97 earned-run average. While he showed promise at times, he didn't measure up to expectations and frequently became moody and discouraged, almost despondent, and never fully acclimated himself with the Royals. He may come back in 1957, Montreal Star commented.

## 200 vie for Nisei Week golf tournament honors

The 1956 Nisei Week Open golf tournament—an 18-hole affair at Rio Hondo this year on Aug. 19—will be ready for some 200 contestants, by far the biggest all-Nisei linkfest.

Tourney chairman Kaz Shimizu reminded the \$8 entry fee should be in the hands of the secretary, George Wada, 3312 W. Jefferson Blvd., by Aug. 13. Late stragglers will have no chance of entering after the quota is reached. Competition will include championship, A and B flights and a senior flight for men over 50 years old. Maximum handicap will be 24 as of July 31.

## Tooie prep cops Utah Jr. AAU swim title

SALT LAKE CITY. — Toshio Imai, a big 16-year-old paddler from Tooie High, won national honors last week in the final day of the Junior Intermountain AAU swimming and diving championships at the Fairmount Park pool.

Imai, who had placed second in the Great Salt Lake distance classic, won the 100-meter freestyle event for men with 1:03.8.

## Sports Briefs

Ronald Asaka with a net 130 copped the Ambassador Iguchi trophy in the recent 36-hole tournament of the Washington, D.C., Duffers over the Glenbrook and All View (Md.) courses.

Tosh Enokida and Ben Nakao are organizing the D.C. JACL winter league season to start in early September at Lucky Strike alleys.

Jose Kishi of Top Notch was elected 1956-57 president of the So. Calif. Nisei Golf Association, succeeding Yas Tatsumi of Top Flite. George Hirano of Long Beach will be executive secretary.

## Nisei to participate in Canadian Olympic swimfest

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Gerald Nakatsuka, 15, of the Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club will participate in the Canadian Olympic swimming trials at Toronto beginning Aug. 21.

A scholar as well as an athlete, he won a gold medal for his academic studies at North Vancouver Jr. High School.

Last year, the group sponsored Margaret Iwasaki to the national trials.

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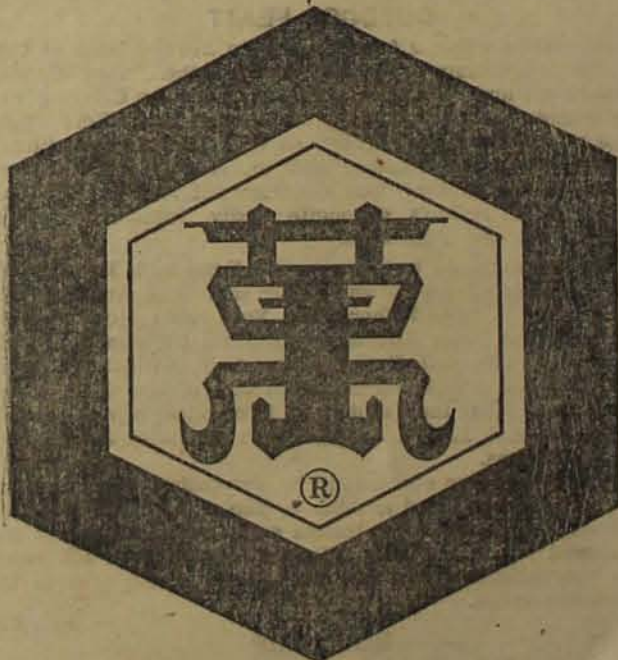


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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Mr. Pioneer of 1956

Los Angeles  
They say Gongoro Nakamura has no enemies—political or otherwise. He has an established legal office in the Miyako Hotel and gives advice to all those who seek his aid. His many friends say many of his services net him nothing because his clients cannot afford to pay the fee. Public-spirited Nakamura and his wife, Hisaye, have been selected as "Mr. and Mrs. Pioneer of 1956" by the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce and tribute will be paid them when the 16th annual Nisei Week Festival unfolds tomorrow evening.

The Nakamuras, residents of Los Angeles for more than 40 years, will be special guests of honor at an Issei Night program. Nakamura, before the war, served three years as president of the Rafu Nikkeijinkai, and then for four consecutive years headed the Central Japanese Association. Nakamura, who is vice-president of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL, was among the first five Southland Issei to become naturalized at an auspicious ceremony on April 10, 1953, within four months after the Walter-McCarran Act became effective, Christmas eve in 1952. His spouse is also a citizen.

Outside of his counselling, Nakamura has consistently acted as liaison between the Issei and the Nisei and the community-at-large. A strong GOP supporter, Nakamura is an executive officer in the Japanese American Republican Assembly; and adviser to the Chamber's naturalization committee. He is also counselor for the local Okinawa club, an organization which he has served as president for several years.

Among his Nisei associates he is affably called "Gongoro." This is the man the community will honor during the Aug. 11-19 celebration in Li'l Tokio. Nakamura, 65, will be among the "younger sets" of Mr. and Mrs. Pioneer titlists.

In the past, those paid tribute were Yaemon Minami, Guadalupe, 1953; Tameji Eto, San Luis Obispo, 1954; and Dr. John Misao Yamazaki, St. Mary's Episcopal Church missionary in Los Angeles, 1955.

SCOUTS OBSERVE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Members of Koyasan Boy Scout Troop 379 pride themselves on the fact that their organization was the only one—besides the National Japanese American Citizens League—which survived the war years despite the confinement in relocation centers.

The troop, with its 60-plus scouts, celebrated its 25th anniversary Sunday at the Koyasan and City Hall ceremonies.

It also held a Court of Honor to promote 15 members to the rank of Eagle Scouts, a record in any single ceremony as far as the Los Angeles Boy Scout Area Council is concerned. Under the chairmanship of Frank Kuramoto, charter scout, the program opened with the greetings from Acting Mayor John S. Gibson on the City Hall steps.

More than 100 merit badges were distributed to the scouts with Henry Eejima, son of charter scoutmaster Sadamu Eejima, receiving the Bronze Palm.

The new Eagles are Ray Hirata, Harvard Horiuchi, Sadao Kimura, Ford Kuramoto, Dickie Masada, Keiichi Masada, Raymond Miyakawa, Earle Nagai, Allan Takii, Richard Tsuchiyama, Fred Wada, Jr., Iwao Yoshimura, Masao Yoshimura, Takashi Yoshino and Teddy Yoshizaki.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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tions . . . Dr. Robert Yabuno, Fresno chapter president, and Tom Shirakawa, Fowler president, were at the door greeting the guests and handling the admissions. Kenji Tashiro of Orosi, 2nd national vice-president with whom we spent a good part of the day, was our host . . . Seichi Mikami, who has been helpful in the refugee relief program for many Japanese, helped to keep the crowd mixed . . . Tom Nakamura, CCDC 1000 Club maestro, got the assent from chapters to have the district represented at the 1000 Club Whing-Ding in San Francisco with a skit—although it's our personal opinion that he could regale the crowd with a one-man show a la George Gobel or Bob Hope . . . Nothing serious occurred at the Fresno meeting, outside of the business of masticating juicy broiled steaks for dinner and hearing Jerry Enomoto, Kei Hori and Vi Nakano of the convention board present their latest report.

It was while we were chinning with Byrd Kumataka and Ralph Kimoto, stalwarts of Parlier, that a possible theme for the 1956 PC Holiday Issue cropped up . . . Since we had specialized on JACL's 25th anniversary in our last biggie, nothing more logical comes to mind than to feature JACLers who have been as active in the organization . . . Question now is how many JACLers do we have who have over 25 years of service? It may be justifiable to include those who have served at least 20 years or more to show that an organization, like the JACL, can endure what it has in the past quarter century and still merit the loyalty and devotion of some of its memberships . . . An organization can't be that bad as some membership solicitors might have heard while making the rounds . . . It would be well for chapters to take a long look into their records and tell us who their 20-25 year service members are.

Once a year, we feast with the folks at their Fukuoka Kenjinkai picnic. And after the speeches are over, the entertainment half begins . . . A chap who served about two years in Japan (probably in Fukuoka) was a hit with the audience when he sang several popular Japanese songs without accompaniment of any sort. Maybe kenjinkai picnic entertainment patterns are expanding because this chap, I'd say who was in the middle thirties with a nice voice, was a hakujin.



Eight candidates are hopeful of being selected Miss Nisei Week of 1956 at the Festival Coronation ball at the Hollywood Palladium this Sunday night. They are (left to right) May Ishii, 19, East Los Angeles; Marilyn Ito, 19, San Fernando Valley; Helen Kubota, 20, Long Beach-Harbor District; Gail Imazaki, 21, Li'l Tokio; June Sugiyama, 21, Southwest L.A.; Phyllis Ono, 20, Gardena; June Fukute, 19, Senshin; and Phyllis Fukushima, 19, Hollywood. —Cut Courtesy: Rafu Shimpō.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

**LOS ANGELES**  
OHASHI, Taro M. (Yukiye Mayehara)—boy Mark, June 26.  
OKAZAKI, Mitsuo (Jean F. Seki)—boy Larry Tetsuo, June 1.  
RIKIMARU, Takashi (Kiyoko Masato)—girl Joanne Naomi, June 25.  
SAKAI, Mamoru (Teruko Mizuno)—boy Peter Masao, June 17.  
SHICK, Robert (Aiko Fukushima)—girl Andrea A., June 23.  
SHIMAMOTO, George I. (Setsuko Toguichi)—boy Glen Eichi, June 15.  
SHIODE, Jimmy H. (Kiku Miyaoi)—boy Daniel Tadashi, June 24.  
STORMES, John M. (Takako Sanae)—girl Janet Kazuko, June 26.  
SUGITA, Kenzo (Seiko Kamimura)—boy Brian Yoshio, June 18.  
TAENAKA, Toshikuni (Ann E. Tanaka)—girl Janet Seki, June 30.  
TAGAMI, Ben T. (Jean K. Kato)—boy Stewart Gai, June 11.  
TAKAHASHI, Takeo S. (Takiko Fujimoto)—girl Gail Emiko, June 29.  
TAKAKUWA, Shin (Kikue Iki)—boy Arthur Kiyoshi, June 5.  
TANABE, Masato (Miyeko Takita)—boy Robert Misao, June 14.  
TANAKA, George (Shizue Horii)—boy Dennis Akira, May 30.  
TARUMOTO, Paul S. (Margie Sugino)—girl Cheryl Miki, June 1.  
UTSUNOMIYA, Tom—boy, July 12, Pasadena.  
WAKAYAMA, Gengo (Haruko Sadamune)—girl Grace Takako, June 7.  
YAMAMOTO, Kensuke (Tokie Ota)—girl Eva Keiko, June 3.  
YAMAMOTO, Mitsuo (Hatsue Narasaki)—girl Joyce, June 8.  
YOSHIDA, Yasuo (Chiyeo Taguchi)—boy Douglas K., May 28.

FRESNO

FUJIKAWA, Masao—boy, June 18, Fowler.  
TERAKO, Masaki—boy, July 4.  
TSUBOI, Masao—boy, June 1, Fowler.  
URABE, Jack T.—boy, June 24.  
YAMAMOTO, James I.—girl, June 23.  
**WATSONVILLE**  
MURAKAMI, Tom (Alice Morimune)—boy, July 21.  
NODA, Masaru (Michie Nakatawa)—girl, July 19.  
**SAN JOSE**  
HANDA, Matsuo—boy Laurence Suan, July 6.  
HISATOMI, Toyo—girl, June 29, Saratoga.  
IDEMOTO, James Y.—boy James G., May 8.  
KIHARA, Richard T.—girl Diane T., July 10, Santa Clara.  
NOSE, Arnold—girl Shizuko Kelly, June 27.  
SHIRAKI, George Y.—girl, July 15, Mt. View.  
TOMA, Takeyuki—girl Lyna Reiko, July 16.

STOCKTON

ISHIDA, Atsushi—boy, July 5, Lodi.  
**SAN FRANCISCO**  
KODAMA, Toshihito—girl, July 4.  
SEKIYAMA, Toshiharu—girl Noriyo, May 29.  
TAMURA, Minoru—boy, June 27.  
UTSUMI, Takeo—girl, June 23.  
YANO, George M.—girl, July 1.  
**OAKLAND**  
HORI, Eddie—boy, July 16, Berkeley.  
OKANO, Richard M.—boy, July 6.  
SHIMIZU, Bill—boy Ted Sueo, June 9, Berkeley.

RICHMOND

MIYASAKI, Minoru—boy, July 7.  
**SACRAMENTO**  
ARASE, Sam I.—boy, July 4.  
FUJII, Lincoln—boy, July 12.  
ISHIZAKI, George—girl, July 1.  
KATO, David—girl, June 14, Florin.

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KODANI, Nobuyuki—girl, June 12.  
KOYASAKO, Suenari—girl, June 6.  
KAWAHATA, Shoichi—boy, June 16.  
OGAWA, Joseph M.—girl, June 7, Davis.  
SHIBATA, Ken—girl Julie Ann, June 29.  
YANO, Archie—girl, June 13.  
**DENVER**  
FUKUI, Mitsuo—girl.  
HIRATSUKA, Matasaki—girl, Englewood.  
KITAMURA, H.—boy.  
MATSUMOTO, Jess—girl, Henderson.  
NAGAMOTO, Tom—boy Herbert T., July 12, Boulder.  
NISHIMOTO, Nobe—boy, Platteville.  
WATANABE, James H.—girl, Derby.  
**CLEVELAND**  
OGINO, Ben—girl Laura, June 28.  
TAKAHATA, Tsutomu—girl Susan, June 26.  
YAMAHIRO, Satoru—boy Norman Hideo, June 9.  
**CHICAGO**  
TAMURA, Masato—boy Frank M., June 23.

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HARA-SHIRAISHI—Theodore T., Scottsbluff, Neb.; Esther K., Rocky Ford, Colo.  
HASHIMOTO-MAHOR—George and Donicia, both San Francisco.  
HINAGA-LOO—Masataro, Palo Alto; Dorothy, San Francisco.

Deaths

DOIBATAKE, Kazuma, 59: Thermal, July 27, survived by son George K. daughters Nobuko and Mrs. Toshihiro Hirohata.  
FURUSHIRO, Mtsu, 57: San Valley, July 28, survived by sons Masaru, Noboru, Yasuo, daughters Mmes. Yukiye Tanaka Haruko Sakamoto, Yuriko Shibuya.  
IWANE, Buroku, Lodi, July 16.  
TSUCHIYA, Akino, 77: San Francisco, July 29, survived by sons Scotty, Stanley and daughters Mmes. Takeo Okamoto, Mizuno Ishio (Washington, D.C.), Chiyo Shiraki (Los Angeles), Sawako Itow (Berkeley), nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.  
YAMADA, Kametaro, 80: Henderson, Colo., July 15, survived by son Katsumi, daughters Mrs. Sumiye Yoshida, Mrs. Tokiye Kanda and nine grandchildren.

Chi Alpha Delta award

Nisei women students entering UCLA for the first time are eligible for the annual Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae \$100 scholarship, according to Grace Murakami, scholarship chairman, 526 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles 33. Award is based upon citizenship, scholarship, extra-curricular activities and financial need. Applications should be made by Aug. 31.

Whereabouts sought

Persons knowing the whereabouts of S. and/or T. Uyemura or their heirs, formerly of PO Box 2, Alviso, Calif., are asked to communicate with the Santa Clara Pear Association, PO Box 208, Santa Clara, Calif.

Burglars strike twice

Two typewriters (including PC columnist Henry Mori's), table radio, trophies and some cash were reported stolen to police when the Rafu Shimpō editorial and business offices were raided twice this past weekend. It was the fifth time in three years that the newspaper was burglarized.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



## Comparing congresses

Washington

Statistical yardsticks are not a fair way to evaluate the work of any Congress, for they do not reveal the character of the legislation nor the controversy involved. Nevertheless, these so-called congressional boxscores are interesting summaries of legislative activity, even though somewhat misleading. Compared against the boxscores of previous congresses, they are even more interesting, though again no real conclusions can be drawn except those relating to days and hours spent in session.

With party conventions scheduled to begin in a few days, and with the 84th Congress still a vivid memory, statistical comparisons of the various congresses from the famed "Do Nothing" Republican 80th to the "Did Something" 84th show little substantial differences between Republican and Democratic congresses and also between those in which the same party controls both the White House and the Congress and those in which one party dominates the Executive and the other the Legislative arms of government.

The Republican 80th Congress (1947-8) was in session with a Democrat, Harry Truman, in the Presidency. That Congress spent 1,339 hours working in a 245 day session, passing 1,889 bills and confirming 54,796 executive nominations.

The Democratic 81st (1949-50), with Democrat Truman in the White House, spent 1,929 hours working in a 317 day session, passing 1,857 bills and confirming 76,700 nominations.

The Democratic 82nd (1951-2), with President Truman still in control, spent 1,654 hours working in a 287 day session, passing 2,144 bills and confirming 46,504 nominations.

The Republican 83rd (1953-4), with the first Republican in the White House in 20 years, spent 1,477 hours working in a 249 day session, passing 1,703 bills and confirming 43,658 nominations.

The Democratic 84th (1955-6), with Republican Eisenhower in the Presidency, spent 1,256 hours in a 214 day session, passing 2,607 bills and confirming 81,341 nominations.

### Problems and Issues for Conventions . . .

As the Democratic Convention prepares to convene in Chicago next Monday, and the Republicans in San Francisco the following Monday, it appears that both conventions are confronted with about the same problems, though by Convention time they may have been resolved.

The nominations for the presidency seem pretty well set—Adlai Stevenson and Dwight Eisenhower, for another repeat of the 1952 campaign.

The nominating fights, if there are to be any, will probably be over the candidates for the vice presidency, though most of it will be backstage and away from the public view.

Senator Hubert Humphrey is the first avowed vice presidential candidate in history; Senator Estes Kefauver, having renounced his White House ambitions in favor of Stevenson, will have many supporters though he disclaims interest in the second-spot; Senators John Kennedy, Henry Jackson, and Albert Gore have all been mentioned as the running mate; with so many favorite sons being sent to the Democratic Convention, a darkhorse candidate may emerge as the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

Though incumbent Richard Nixon appears to be almost certain of the nomination, Harold Stassen's move to "dump" him in favor of Christian Herter has improved the possibilities for a darkhorse candidate for the Republicans too.

On issues, since the Democrats meet first, theirs is the more difficult job, especially since civil rights may split the party again as it did in 1948 and 1952. About all the Republicans have to do is to study the Democratic platform and go it one better.

Actually, on the issues, it is not expected that the two parties are so far apart, as witness their performance in the recently adjourned 84th Congress. The differences, if there are any, will be more in the details than in the direction.

### Convention Personalities . . .

The dominant figure, both actual and nominal, at the GOP meeting in San Francisco will be the President. Since the death of Senator Taft, no other personality in the Republican Party remains to challenge the control of the President.

On the Democratic side, however, there is no individual to compare with the President. Stevenson, as its titular head and prospective nominee again, nominally seems powerful enough. But, there is Senator Lyndon Johnson whose exploits in the Senate have won him considerable fame as a compromiser and moderator and whose strength particularly in the South and Border States may well make him the "power behind the scenes". Former President Harry Truman still commands a substantial following in the Party, and he could be the one to influence the convention the most. These three appear to be the powerhouses of the Democratic Convention, but there are many others on the fringe who could emerge as the strong man of the meeting which begins next Monday.

Two "old pros", however, will have much to say as the respective permanent chairmen of their conventions—Speaker Sam Rayburn for the Democrats and Minority Leader Joe Martin for the Republicans. They have been permanent chairmen about as long as their leadership of the House of Representatives, where they alternate the Speakership between themselves according to whether the Democrats or the Republicans are in control.

As permanent chairmen, they run the conventions and their great power is that of recognition—recognizing one delegate instead of another, which is not subject to appeal or review; it is absolute.

With experiences gained from their 1952 televised conventions, both the Democrats and the Republicans hope to put on a better "show" for the electorate. Since there will be closer control over what transpires and what takes place in view of the cameras, the chances for some unknown delegate to gain national attention, as did the Puerto Rican delegate who insisted upon polling his tiny delegation at the GOP Convention four years ago, appears nil. If it happens, it will be because some one made a mistake.

The Conventions are only the prelude; the big "show" begins in October when the national campaign is on in earnest. But the preludes could furnish fireworks too, for there are

## Special confab session for Issei

SAN FRANCISCO. — At the special request of Issei JACLers who wish to hear Mike Masaoka speak on legislative matters and programs specifically relating to Issei, the 14th Biennial National Convention has scheduled an Issei meeting for Aug. 31, 4 p.m., in the California Room of the Sheraton-Palace.

The Washington JACL representative will also relate interesting experiences during 10 highly successful years of legislative work as well as associations with government officials and agencies.

Chairing this special session will be Yukio Kumamoto, active 1000 Club member of the San Francisco chapter who serves as the chapter's liaison with its many Issei members. Kumamoto has taught the great majority of the Issei in San Francisco who have achieved naturalization. His ability to speak fluently in both English and Japanese makes him an ideal chairman and interpreter for this event.

Members of the Issei committee look forward to a highly interesting and well attended meeting, and assure the convention board that the entire meeting in a body will attend the convention opening ceremonies that same evening.

## Salmon derby for convention set

SAN FRANCISCO. — Fishermen attending the 14th Biennial will have ample opportunity to test their skill in the salmon fishing derby here Sept. 1 outside the Golden Gate.

According to chairman March Dobashi, the salmon (steelheads) should be running at that time. In order that proper arrangements can be made, reservations should be made by Friday, Aug. 17, with the committee chairman, 1634 Steiner St.

Entry fee is \$7, which includes boat reservations. The party will leave at 6 a.m. from the Buchanan-Marina Blvd. San Francisco pier. Fishing tackle will be available. Lunch arrangements will be made to those requesting it.

Yamato Garage will present a special trophy to the largest catch of the day. Presentation will be made the convention outing the following day.

## Western style theme order of day at convention's Sunday outing at Farm

SAN FRANCISCO. — An afternoon of games, skits, entertainment and dancing in the evening under the stars are packaged in the National JACL Convention outing on Sunday, Sept. 2, at the Blackberry Farm in Monte Vista, three miles northwest of Cupertino Junction.

The outing committee, headed by Frank "Inky" Dobashi, figures it to be the "best and gayest ever".

The outing committee is planning to fill the entire afternoon with games, and skits and entertainment and enjoyment for everyone. There are adequate play facilities, including a swimming pool, and the day will wind up with dancing under the stars to a name orchestra until midnight.

Western style attire will be the order of the day—jeans, colorful shirts, and colorful blouses, cotton dresses and skirts, and flat shoes for the women.

Feature of the outing will be a special western barbecue steak dinner. The entire outing program is included within the Convention "package deal" registration. For those not registering for the entire convention, special tickets will be on sale for this particular event, but the committee stated that these tickets should be procured in advance of the Outing to assure adequate food for everyone. A few who show up without reservations may possibly be accommodated, but the committee cannot guarantee this. Special prices for children will be

enough explosive items in both Conventions to blow up the well-planned proceedings if they ever get out of hand.



Making her entrance at the recent NC-WNDC pre-convention rally at Rickey's Studio Inn in Palo Alto, scene of the 1956 Miss National JACL contest, is Sharon Nishimi as "Miss Sacramento". Her gracious poise in a beautiful white gown and quiet smile helped to earn the title she has been wearing the past three weeks as Miss National JACL. —Ginji Mizutani Photo.

## Bunny-hop, tanko-bushi of past confab mixers may be usurped by hula-hula

SAN FRANCISCO. — "Hahai la kaula" (Follow us) to the exciting mixer following the opening ceremonies of the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention on Friday, Aug. 31, beckons Viola Nakano, events chairman.

"Hahai la kaula" to the ballroom of the Sheraton Palace hotel which will be appropriately decorated in Hawaiian motif to reflect the hospitable atmosphere of the Islands. Members of the large welcoming committee will be at the door to greet delegates and boosters with

a warm "aloha," assisted by convention queen Sharon Nishimi and her court consisting of Miss San Francisco, Elaine Harada; Miss Alameda, Carol Narahara; Miss San Jose, Ann Yamamoto; Miss Sequoia, Barbara Arimoto; and Miss Stockton, Susan Shiba.

"Hahai la kaula" has a hula chorus of 30 girls adding further authentic atmosphere. Regular rehearsals for this are now going on under the direction of Elsie Uyeda, Hana Abe, Kathy Osaki, Jean Okubo, Jane Ohmura, Flo Higa, and Rose Takushi. Audience participation will also be invited.

Issei members of the Mixer Committee are practicing up to lead everyone in the "Yakkyu Ken" ondo, while youth members of the committee will take over the Bunny Hop and other more vigorous dances.

"Hahai la kaula" on the personality parade, consisting of on the spot interviews with various convention goers, with Tom Hoshiyama, and George Araki handling the roving microphones, assisted by Daisy Uyeda and Vi Nakano.

Jimmy Blas and his orchestra which played at the recent June Dance of the San Francisco chapter will provide the music for the evening.

More than one hundred Mixer committeemen will assist in assuring a gay, informal, fun for everyone, beginning the social life of the convention.

prosperity to our Japanese Americans and to their fellow citizens in the years to come.

### Bridge smashes car

ONTARIO, Ore. — Two persons, including Kanetaro Inaba; 53, a railroad camp worker, were killed when the car in which they were riding smashed into the Payette River bridge here recently. The speedometer was jammed at 90 mph.

### CALENDAR

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

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abandon the basic purposes of the organization. I believe there will always be a valid place in our country for community and national service through active citizens groups dedicated to the goal proclaimed in JACL's mottoes, "For better Americans in a greater America" and "Security through unity." The spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to a splendid cause which have always characterized and motivated both the JACL leadership and membership should also be retained, for these are rare qualities which are sorely needed in this troubled world today.

I know that my colleagues in Congress join with me in the wish that the 14th Biennial National Convention to be held in San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend will result not only in enjoyment and fellowship for JACL members but also in the formulation of constructive and forward-looking plans and programs which will bring a greater measure of happiness and