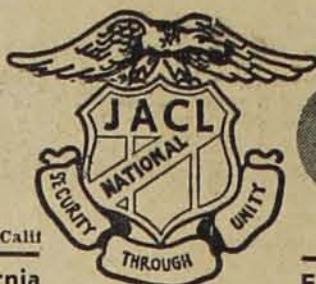


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## EDITORIAL:

### 14th Biennial lives up to confab theme

"Changing Perspectives" was the theme of JACL's 14th biennial and, indeed, the challenge was hurled at delegates assembled in San Francisco this past week to change their perspectives from internal or domestic affairs to the external or international scene.

Since JACL's major legislative goals were achieved within the past decade, especially the privilege of naturalization for the Issei and expediting evacuation claims, it was generally felt that dramatic issues to stir Japanese Americans were lacking and that JACL would become a sort of a "watchdog" in Congress, strengthen its own organization and improve services for its membership.

Scattered instances of Nisei discrimination in housing appeared to be the most vital issue for JACLers until the 14th Biennial.

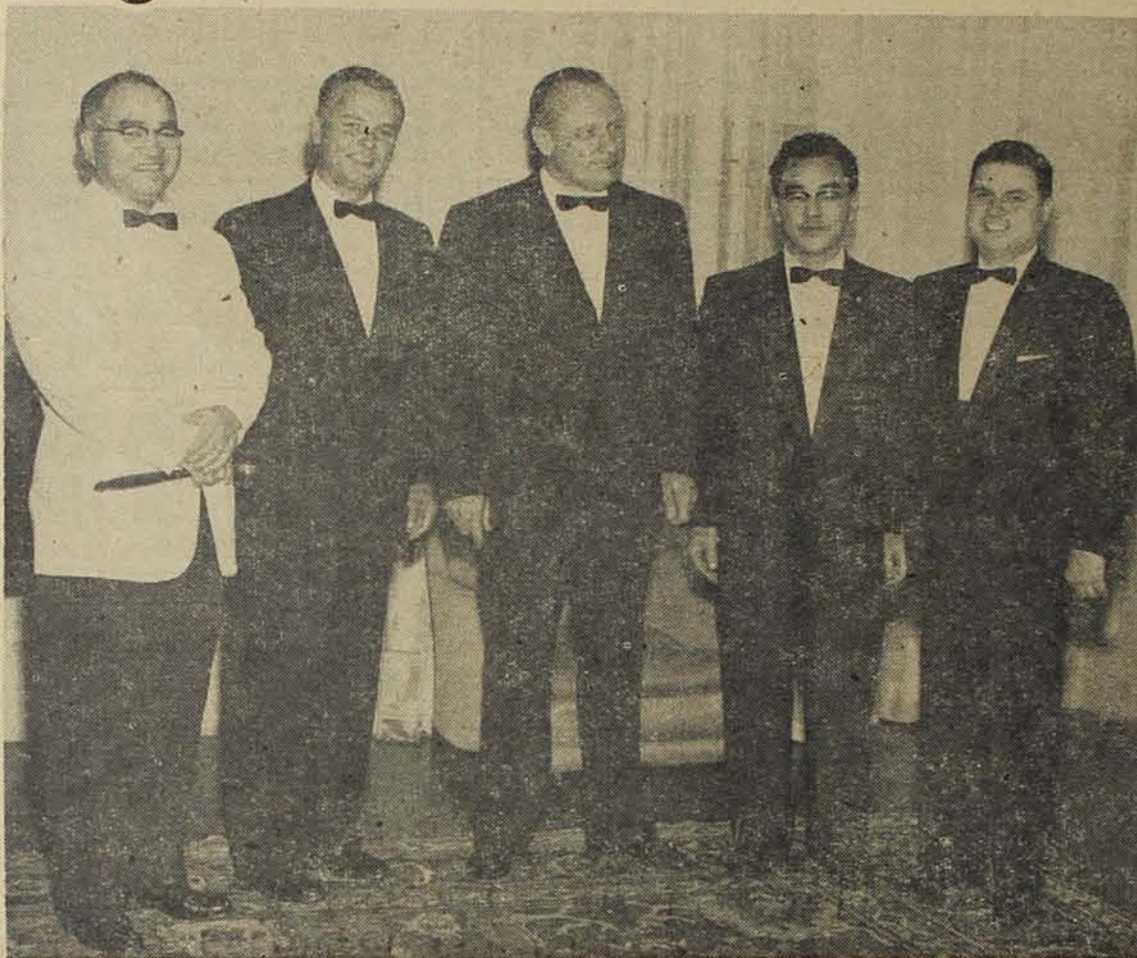
Edward Ennis, who gave the keynote address, declared Japanese Americans have reached the point where they can express their views on U.S. foreign policy.

Maxwell Rabb, secretary to President Eisenhower's Cabinet, in the main convention speech urged Japanese Americans to join in combating inroads being made by Communists in Japan by helping their relatives and friends there to understand the "true intentions of the United States" and to encourage Japan to become an independent, self-reliant force for peace and stability.

Nisei in America have looked across the Pacific in past—but mainly concerned with heritage and culture. Now, they are being called to help their country win the friendship and support of Japan as a valued ally in the Pacific.

"It seems to me that you are in a unique position to help our country win the confidence of the Japanese nation," Mr. Rabb said in what appeared to underline the 14th Biennial theme.

## Urge Nisei to foster U.S.-Japan ties



Noted personalities present at the Recognitions banquet of the 14th Biennial JACL convention at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco this past weekend were (left to right) George Inagaki, outgoing national JACL president; Rep. William S. Mailliard (R., Calif.); Sen. William F. Knowland (R., Calif.), Senate minority leader who hopes

that Japan would be admitted into the United Nations when it reconvenes in New York next November; Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, newly installed JACL president; and Maxwell M. Rabb, secretary to President Eisenhower's cabinet, who was the main speaker. —Peter Asano Photo.

## Delegates quiet on opening day of 'Changing Perspectives' but warm up by final session over farm workers problem

SAN FRANCISCO. — Perhaps the opening of the 14th biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League as manifested by the quietude of chapter delegates assembled in the first session of the National Council portrays a serious note in the convention theme — Changing Perspectives.

Actually, the convention started rolling in the National Board meeting when considerations of the agenda to be presented to chapter delegates were deliberated. It met in the California Room of the Sheraton-Palace, convention headquarters, with George Inagaki, president, in charge.

The national committee on nominations met at a breakfast meeting to usher convention business Friday. Since Tom Hayashi of New York, committee chairman, was unable to be present, Dr. Yoshie Togasaki of Richmond-El Cerrito presided. The same slate as announced last month was recommended with the single change of Dave Yokozeki's declination to run for 2nd national vice-president. Five of the eight district councils were represented.

In the meanwhile, the convention registration desk — equipped with a dozen special typewriters that clap out big letters for typing in names of delegates on name tags — was a beehive of activity. Sumi Honnami, registrar, estimated another 200 were registered by Friday noon to bolster the running total to 650 delegates.

Tats Kushida, handling special public relations assignment for the convention, arranged appearances of convention personalities over the

three television stations here. Metropolitan newsmen and the two local Japanese vernacular were being informed on the continuing progress of the convention since Monday before the convention was convened.

### Opening Session

Inagaki asked the "delegates be seated and the aisles be cleared", waving his gavel from the podium, as he called the 14th Biennial national council to order at 9:30 a.m.

Following the introduction of JACL officers and staff and the roll call of chapters by Mas Satow, national director, in which some 30 answered, as the various reports were being presented to the Council, delegates trickled in to swell the Comstock Room by noon when the first session was adjourned.

Dr. Togasaki presented the first report to the council on nominations. Besides presenting the slate as announced with the one change to insure an open election, it was recommended by the committee that election procedures in future conventions include background material for a specific candidate indicating the district council's reasons for the nomination be added when names are submitted to National Headquarters. It also strongly urged district councils making nominations see to it that candidates be present at the convention to meet as many of the chapter delegates before elections at the final council session.

Nominating speeches were also recommended as part of the pre-election procedure.

Personal supporters of various candidates thus were given the green signal to rally interest of

their nominee before chapter delegates. The air of "politicking" began to stir in the lobby and halls of the Sheraton-Palace.

Remainder of the morning session was devoted to a study of problems regarding JACL policy on civil rights, continuing discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry (especially housing and anti-miscegenation laws), Tokyo Rose, renunciants, U.S.-Japan relationships, war brides, immigration and evacuation claims.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, outlined the facts and dilemma of the problems. Topic after topic, the delegates were asked to make observations and suggestions in the light of "Changing Perspectives".

It was this overall lack of suggestions and comments from the delegates that caused some to recognize the gravity of the problems JACLers are trying to resolve or hope to survey in the light of the convention theme.

### Housing Bias

Frank Chuman, legal counsel, supplemented Masaoka's report by relating his experience with Nisei discrimination in housing. An outline of procedure of benefit to chapters confronted with this problem is to be prepared, he stated. He also regarded polls or public meetings conducted in the interest of a prospective Nisei into a new area as having little or no value, explaining that it would give racists an advantage.

After recess for luncheon, delegates assembled in four rooms to discuss at the committee level budget-finance with Roy Nishikawa. Continued on Page 2

## Rabb delivers confab address

SAN FRANCISCO. — Maxwell M. Rabb, President Eisenhower's cabinet secretary, urged Japanese Americans here Monday night to join in combating inroads being made by Communists in Japan.

"We have seen numerous indications recently that the Communists have been making inroads in Japan," Rabb told members of the Japanese American Citizens League at their closing convention session in the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

"It is imperative that the United States win the friendship and support of valued allies such as Japan. . . . It seems to me that you are in a unique position to help our country win the confidence of the Japanese nation."

Also at the closing session of the organization's 14th biennial national convention:

1—Rabb accepted, on behalf of President Eisenhower, a silver bowl with an inscription praising the Chief Executive for his "leadership in the cause of human freedom and world peace," presented by outgoing national JACL President George Inagaki of Venice, Calif.

2—Dr. Roy N. Nishikawa of Los Angeles was installed as new national president; Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, first national vice-president, and Jack Noda of Denair, Calif., second national vice-president. Other newly elected officers were not present for the ceremony conducted by Dr. T. T. Yatabe.

In his address, cabinet secretary Rabb called upon the league members to help their relatives and friends in Japan to understand the "true intentions of the United States," to encourage Japan to become an independent self-reliant force for peace and stability.

Rabb told his listeners they knew the "searing anguish of discrimination and unreasoning hatred" and said that while American churches and temples preach of love of fellow men, "our practice is far behind our profession."

The question of second-class citizenship is today a "major yardstick by which America's sincerity is measured in the minds of millions of people in Asia and Africa," Rabb said.

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## S.F. Chronicle says 'Yes on Prop. 13'

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco Chronicle lent editorial support to "Yes—Prop. 13" in its Sept. 5 issue under the title of "Repeal Alien Land Law." The editorial read:

The Japanese American Citizens League convention over the weekend focused attention on a relic of California law that ought to be wiped off the books.

This, as a so-called alien land law of 1920 which for years prohibited aliens ineligible for citizenship, i.e., Orientals, from owning real estate, has been invalid since 1952 by court decision holding it unconstitutional.

It is dead and inoperative but because it still stands on the books, it is offensive to Japanese Americans and others of Oriental descent.

They want to get rid of it and we support their desire. Proposition 13 will repeal the law. It should be passed in November.



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## FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



### School bells beckon

Denver

This is the week that school gets under way again. The event is being greeted with both cheers and groans in our family. The summer has been both too long and too short, but I have a feeling that all hands will be happy to be back in the classroom once more. These range from Mike, who will be a high school junior, down to Christie who is starting first grade, with Susan getting her first taste of junior high and Pete in third grade. That's quite a variety—from a little girl getting her initial crack at reading to a youngster who'll be delving into the mysteries of chemistry and physics before long.

Perhaps the most significant part of this particular September is that all the youngsters will be in school all day long. So another milestone is being passed, and Mama will find herself with a great deal more spare time than ever before on her hands. What to do? At first, I suppose, she'll be spending a good part of her leisure getting re-acquainted with the neighbors and visiting on the telephone. But after a while that sort of pastime will wear thin, and she'll be looking for more substantial matters.

She's talking vaguely now about going to Opportunity school, which is a most laudatory effort on the part of the Denver school system to provide adults with almost any kind of knowledge they hanker for. She doesn't quite know what she'd like to study, but the prospect of going back to class to learn something—anything—is an intriguing thought. At least for the time being.

### SECOND FAMILY CAR TIME

We're passing another milestone in that within a few days Mike will be old enough, legally, to apply for a driver's license and pilot an automobile. Parents who have passed this particular crisis in their lives may remember all the troubling implications involved. As one woman of our acquaintance with a teen-age son puts it, "Every time I hear a siren when our boy's out of the house, I get a cold feeling in the pit of my stomach."

Of course Mike wants a car of his own. He's been giving me the treatment lately about how convenient it would be to have a second automobile in the family, how much he would save in carefare to and from school, how much time he could conserve for his parents by running errands and chauffeuring the rest of the kids around. And I've countered by citing the high cost of gasoline, tires and insurance, and asking how in the world is he going to support an automobile?

Mama has put in her pitch, too. She insists that if Mike is to get a car, it must not be a jalopy. It must, she says, be mechanically sound with healthy tires and effective brakes and a motor that won't conk out unexpectedly. And I suppose she has a point. Trouble is, Mike's exchequer won't stretch far enough to cover a used car not on the verge of being relegated to an automotive boneyard. Which means that the old man must, if the final decision is made, step in and help finance the deal.

So far I've been non-committal, but I don't know for how long. The pressure has been terrific and is building up rapidly.

One of these days before long, I suppose, we'll go used car shopping. We'll prowling the lots, peak under hoods, kick the tires and inspect upholstery of quite a few weary Detroit models. We'll listen to the greatest con artists in our fair land, the used car salesmen, and we'll try not to believe more than 10 per cent of what they say. And in the end we'll probably get stung. But, I'll tell Mike, it was good experience in the ways of commerce, and we'll try to console ourselves into believing the deal wasn't too bad. Writing off our mistakes as an investment in experience is a mighty fine philosophy. That way, you don't feel so bad.

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## Council session—

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wa, national treasurer, in charge; program with Jerry Enomoto, convention general chairman, heading the committee discussion; legal-legislative with Harold Gordon in charge; membership-public relations and Pacific Citizen, Abe Hagiwara, Midwest District Council chairman, moderating.

Committees are to recap the meeting for presentation to the council later this week.

Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.), in brief appearance before the council assembled during national planning committee forum, reemphasized the "melting pot of America" theme as making this nation unique in promoting security of its people in a world of peace. Persons of various minorities (and those of Japanese descent are exceptionally unique) should feel proud of what has been accomplished and have the zeal and courage to live out one's own life in America, he told some 300 JACLers present in the room. He also spoke before the special Issei meeting.

The panel discussion that followed concerned the Future of JACL. K. Pat Okura of Omaha, former 2nd national vice-president, as moderator, pointed out JACL's 25-year-history and struggle of Japanese Americans to gain equal rights and reminded that only in the past decade were they accomplished.

### Planning Forum

Frank Chuman began the discussion by talking on what JACL's role might be in civil rights. In a bit of self-analysis, he felt that one of JACL's twin mottos—Security Through Unity—in which JACL was overly concerned up to now can give way to its other goal—Better Americans in a Greater America.

He strongly urged that JACLers adopt a broader point of view in championing civil rights by joining with interested groups.

Ken Tashiro of Tulare County, 2nd national vice-president, detailed specific suggestions in the field program and activities for JACL chapters; such as, bettering public relations with the community at large, aiding war brides get established in the American way of life, and holding joint community affairs.

Abe Hagiwara spoke on the youth and aged. Shig Wakamatsu stressed the value of the Pacific Citizen in his report on public relations, pointing that if VIPs think it necessary reading, conversely, "why can't Nisei?" Dr. Nishikawa expounded the practical aspects of economics on JACL finances. And the final speaker, Harold Gordon, reviewed the problems still confronting JACLers in the legal-legislative field, making Nisei aware that real headaches yet loom.

In opening discussion to the floor, the rise of Nisei juvenile delinquency was duly noted with a question directed to the panel wondering if National JACL would assist. Since the problem is purely a community affair, it was urged that existing agencies properly talented to deal with the situation be used.

Because of the opening ceremonies at 7:30, the forum was adjourned at 6 to give delegates time to sup. This closed the first day of business of delegates. After the opening ceremonies, the social life of the convention begins to bloom in its brightest color with the mixer decked in Hawaiian splendor.

### Saturday Session

The Saturday morning sessions, with Kenji Tashiro as chairman, commenced with a report given by Harold Gordon, national chairman of the legal-legislative committee. The delegates showed keen interest in the civil rights implementation aspect, condemning violence as evidenced in Tennessee and Texas in the school segregation incidents and discriminatory practices of lending institutions in housing cases.

John Yoshino, of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, then explained to delegates the purposes of his office. Leaflets were also made available. Nisei employed by industries with government contracts who feel they are being discriminated were urged to report to him directly. The

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## AMERICAN LEGION, STATE LABOR GROUP ENDORSE 'YES ON PROP. 13'

SAN FRANCISCO. — Confirmation of endorsement of Prop. 13 to repeal the alien land law by the American Legion, Dept. of California, was received by delegates of 53 JACL chapters within California which met in a special session Sunday morning to map campaign plans for the Nov. 6 election.

Proposition 13 would repeal the unconstitutional and inoperative Alien Land Law in California which became law by initiative vote in 1920 and aimed at inflicting economic hardship on Japanese residents of California.

In a letter addressed to George J. Inagaki, past national president of JACL, Malcolm Champlin, member of the executive committee of the American Legion said, "Being a member of the veterans committee for Proposition 13, I think it proper that I greet this convention."

"If for no other reason than the glorious record of Combat Team 442 and for the many deeds of valor and constructive duty by Nisei GIs in the Pacific known to me personally, Proposition 13 should receive the unanimous ap-

proval of the voters of California.

"The American Legion is behind you in California, and has unanimously endorsed Proposition 13."

Simultaneously, the California CIO Political Action committee, statewide political arm of the California CIO Council, made known its endorsement of Proposition 13 in a telegram from John A. Despol, secretary-treasurer of the California CIO Council.

The California State Federation of Labor, at its 54th convention held in Long Beach, Aug. 13 to 17, had adopted endorsement of a "Yes" vote for Proposition 13.

Among the scores of other organizations that have endorsed Proposition 13 are The San Francisco and Los Angeles Chambers of Commerce, the city councils of San Diego and Los Angeles, The San Francisco Chronicle, the Los Angeles Mirror-News, the San Francisco Community Relations Council, the NAACP, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Farm Bureaus in many valley counties, and the Committee for Yes on Proposition 13 headed by Jack Noda of Cortez.

## INAGAKI'S LEADERSHIP OVER AND ABOVE JACL MERITS BIENNIAL AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two highest awards of the Japanese American Citizens League were made at the 14th Biennial recognitions banquet held at the Sheraton-Palace Monday night.

Nisei's highest honor, "The Nisei of the Biennium," was awarded to George J. Inagaki, outgoing president of the national organization.

Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco, chairman of the convention, and Abe Hagiwara, chairman of the Midwest District Council, were jointly named "JACLer of the Biennium" by members of the JACL National Board.

The citation for President Inagaki enumerated the many facets of community activity to which he has lent his leadership and talent, including directorships with organizations in the flower industry of Southern California, a bank, service clubs and other community organizations.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Tokyo of California, Golden State Wholesale Florists, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, Culver City Rotary club, Greater LA Welfare Council, Japanese Children's Home of Southern California, President of the Southern California Flower Growers, active chairman of the National Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, active member of LA County Adoption Bureau and national committee of the Museum of Immigration, Japan America Society, Republican Assembly of Los Angeles County. His JACL activities include National First vice presidency from 1946 to 1948, National chairmanship of the JACL 1000 Club from 1948 to 1952. National President, 1952 to 1956.

President Inagaki was selected from among the five finalists selected from numerous others nominated to the JACL National Recognition Committee headed by Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago. The other finalists who were presented distinguished leadership awards from the National JACL were Jack Murata, agricultural chemist of Washington, D.C.; Robert Sakata, prominent farmer of Brighton, Colorado; Shigeo Wakamatsu of Chicago, chemist with Laver Bros. Co.; and Minoru Yamasaki, nationally known architectural engineer of Detroit, Michigan.

A psychologist at the penal institution at San Quentin, California, Jerry Enomoto has a rich background in the field of community and social problems which he employed to advantage in the

### Summer season juror

DETROIT. — Mae Miyagawa, JACL chapter secretary here, is serving a 30-day assignment on the Records Court jury. Summer court hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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## VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



### Favorite wartime yarns

Denver

The stories people remember very often turn on the trivial, the merely funny or the ironic. Seldom are they wholly depressing. Any group of Nisei sitting around and tossing the conversational ball about can come up with any number of wartime stories. We have our own favorites, too.

One of them is about the Nisei who hitch-hiked his way 1,600 miles to serve a federal prison term, and how he figuratively beat upon the prison doors for two days before they'd take him in.

He was Gordon K. Hirabayashi, a test case in the evacuation and curfew orders of 1942. He was found guilty in Federal District Court in Seattle and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. On appeal the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the verdict. Meanwhile Hirabayashi had been working in Seattle with the American Friends Committee, awaiting first outcome of the appeal and then orders as to where to serve his sentence.

Three months later he still hadn't heard; so he wrote to the U.S. attorney in Seattle. Apparently the "no vacancy" sign was out on federal prisons, too. Finally the district attorney came up with a prison camp in Arizona. Hirabayashi asked for train fare. No, said the district attorney, he would have to pay his own way to prison. This was too much. He decided he'd thumb his way down to Arizona, and so he did, all 1,600 miles of the way. But there was more to come. When he finally reached the camp, the warden told him he hadn't received any word about him, and he refused to take the Nisei in. Gordon hung around for two days before he could get inside and start serving his three months. Last we heard about Gordon, quite a while back, he was teaching in a school in far off Lebanon.

### JOE GRANT TELLS HIS PIECE

Our favorite mental picture, and we remember as though it were yesterday, is of doughty Joe Grant Masaoka battling spiritedly for a microphone on a Salt Lake City platform.

This was in February of 1944, the occasion an AFL meeting called "to tell the truth about Japanese in Utah." The speaker was John R. Lechner, an import from Los Angeles who talked for 90 minutes about Japanese atrocities interspersed with mention of alleged pro-Japanese activity by the Nisei and Issei. The moment he finished speaking, Chairman L. F. Anderson thanked the audience and hurriedly brought the meeting to a close.

Joe Grant popped to his feet and demanded the right to speak. When it was denied him, he ran to the stage and grabbed the mike. Anderson grabbed back. But Masaoka, who had a bit of boxing in his time, held on with one hand, feinted with the other, and danced about in a bit of fancy footwork. Lechner and the meeting officials left the hall hurriedly, and Masaoka stayed on to give a rousing speech for democracy and to get a spirited ovation. We'll never forget ole Joe Grant hanging on to the mike for dear life and shouting, "There is more than one color in the American flag, and there is more than one color in the American people!"

### SHORTEST G.I.

We remember Correspondent Lyn Crost's story about "the shortest guy in the army," PFC Takeshi Kazumura, who stood 4 feet, 9 inches, and who was a special problem for the army because he wore size 2½ shoes. He volunteered for army duty after Pearl Harbor, got rejected because of his size. He went back to the end of the line and was accepted his second time around.

And of course there was Bob Hope's story of the Nisei GI from Denver, a wounded GI assigned to guard duty with the USO troupe with which Hope was performing. One morning the troupe was awakened in the early hours by machine-gun fire. It was the Nisei. "He'd liberated a small Nazi battle flag and wanted it to look more war-torn," Hope said.

Yes, dearie, we remember when the WAC dropped its height and weight requirement (to 57 inches and 95 pounds) so that Nisei women could get into the corps. And how Earl Finch, the Nisei GI's own USO, used to travel with a gallon of soy sauce in his car in case he wanted to throw a party for some Japanese Americans, and he threw an awful lot of big and wonderful ones. We remember 19-year-old Ralph Lazo of Manzanar, who passed himself off as a Japanese American for two years so he could go to camp with his buddies. And how a young pair of newlyweds from Rohwer relocation center got the surprise of their lives when, newly-arrived in Buffalo, N.Y., they were approached by a woman, hands outstretched, who said, "Hello, I'm so glad to see you." Because of course she was that lovely lady, the ubiquitous Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

We remember that crazy, mixed-up "Battle of the Bath Tubs," in which a sincere but over-zealous WRA article pointed out that the evacuees were "daily bathers," and that one problem in getting them to go to the Midwest was that "there are no bathing facilities in some places." The article brought on a mighty roar from good farm folk and good city folk in the Midwest, and even from the halls of Congress, which rang with anguished cries from senators and representatives, egged on by a gleeful press. Sen. Robert A. Taft said, "It must be a revelation to the Middle West farmer to discover that he is neither clean, sanitary, careful nor painstaking and must now take lessons from the Japanese. What the American farmers need is not Japanese advice but a new Department of Agriculture in Washington." Which showed pretty much that the wind that blew in this caper's sails was a political one.

All kinds of sad, mad things happened in those wartime years. Heaven help us if we ever catch ourselves referring to them as "the good old days," but we do admit they had their moments.

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Dr. Roy Nishikawa (left) of Los Angeles is handed the gavel that has been used by national JACL presidents since they were first elected in 1934 from outgoing president George J. Inagaki of Venice. Inagaki was also named the 1954-56 Nisei of the Biennium gold medallion winner for his distinguished community service over and beyond the duty as JACL president. —Peter Asano Photo.

## RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN PART OF 'CHANGING PERSPECTIVES' THEME

SAN FRANCISCO. — Reappraisal of the Japanese American community and its relationship to Japan was called for in the keynote address by Edward J. Ennis, general counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union, before the opening ceremony of the 14th Biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League last Friday.

"The question now arises as to whether the Japanese American community has achieved the position, where like other American minorities, it may voice its views on issues of foreign relations which involve not only the United States but also Japan," the champion of American minorities told the more than one thousand delegates who attended the opening sessions of the four-day meet in San Francisco.

"Can Japanese Americans urge that the enlightened self interest of the United States requires that trade with Japan not be impeded by discriminatory prohibitions against Japanese imports, whether cotton goods, fish or other commodities, at the behest of domestic producers of those commodities," he asked, and pointed out that Japan, the former enemy, has become the United States' most important ally in the Far East.

"The free world's principle counterforce against this (Communist) threat in the Far East is the industrial Japan—now an indispensable ally. We have not yet realized the importance of this change for all Americans and particularly for Japanese Americans."

Ennis told the assembly that "Japanese Americans have reached the time when they may express their views and may fully enjoy the freedom which larger minorities have always exercised in peacetime in the United States and on policies in which United States policy is involved even if Japanese policy is also involved."

Ennis called for the formulation of a new perspective on the position of the Japanese American in his community on such problems.

The prominent New York attorney challenged the JACL to create a new perspective, too, upon its relationship to the desegregation fight involving as it does principally another American minority.

Ennis covered the role of the JACL in legislative work and commented on its aid in the removal of 110,000 civilians from west coast cities without major incident when World War II erupted, proving the loyalty of the Japanese American populace.

His address opened the business-packed four day meeting that will see the JACL establish new policies for its 88-chapter membership to carry back to the communities of Japanese Americans throughout the United States.

SAN FRANCISCO. — Edward Ennis delivered the keynote address to delegates at the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention over the Labor Day weekend. The complete text follows:

Changing perspectives, the theme of the 14th Biennial Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, challenges us to use this opportunity to reexamine the position of JACL in the Japanese American community and the position of Japanese Americans in relation to the vital changes now affecting the United States as a whole at home and abroad. Changing perspectives are imperatively required to understand the profound changes which are occurring in our country and in the world.

Just a few short years ago World War II was terminated abruptly by use of the ultimate weapon—the atom bomb—on Japan, then the enemy but already in a few years the principal ally of the United States in the whole eastern world. We must explore the implications for all Japanese Americans of this startling change in so short a period.

Since World War II the colonial empires of European countries in Asia have either disappeared completely as in India and Indonesia, or partially as in Indo-China and in a sense in China itself. The Colonial empires in Africa have either disappeared as in Egypt, or are crumbling as in Algeria.

China, our Asian ally during World War II against Japan, is now the implacable foe of the United States in the Far East, and Japan, the recent enemy, is our principal ally in the Far East. Communism threatens to industrialize the Chinese masses and dominate all Asia, and our only counterbalance in that whole area is industrialized Japan. What is the significance of these profound changes for Americans of Japanese ancestry?

#### Postwar Changes

On the domestic scene also there have been profound changes for Japanese Americans. The pendulum of public opinion has swung from the complete wartime disapproval which permitted evacuation and detention in relocation centers as enemy sympathizers over to an unprecedented measure of approval which permits Japanese Americans to share in the lives of their communities more fully than ever was the case prior to the war.

Another profound postwar change affecting the relationships between all the races making up the American community follows the opinions of the Supreme Court barring segregation in the public schools. The social forces loosed by these opinions and efforts to enforce them, must be the subject for care-

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## ROY NISHIKAWA WINS NAT'L JACL PRESIDENCY

SAN FRANCISCO. — Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa of Los Angeles was elected unanimously to the national presidency of the Japanese American Citizens League to serve the 1956-58 biennium.

At the highly spirited election, which adhered to Roberts rules of order with an official parliamentary, time limitation as to nomination and seconding speeches tellers and other officials appointed by George J. Inagaki, outgoing national president and presiding officer, other members of Nishikawa's cabinet were elected by secret ballot during the 1½ hour session.

In a close battle, Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago received the majority vote of the 73 chapters represented, over Jack Noda of Cortez. The latter was promptly voted to the office of 2nd national vice president.

Harry Takagi of Seattle won the office of 3rd national vice president while Aki Hayashi of New York was named national treasurer for the coming biennium and Lily Okura of Omaha, Nebraska as secretary to the board.

Kenji Tashiro of Orosi, immediate past national 2nd vice president was unanimously elected the national chairman of the JACL 1900 Club, a recently created post on the National JACL board. Attorney Frank F. Chuman of Los Angeles will continue his position as JACL legal counsel appointed by the board.

Dr. Nishikawa, a graduate of UCLA and the Northern Illinois College of Optometry has a long history of service to the organization which began in pre war years as a JACL member and in post war years as president of Southwest L.A. chapter in 1948, chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council of 18 chapters in 1949, and three consecutive terms as national treasurer from 1950 to 1956. He also serves on a number of local and national committees and as treasurer of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims (COJAEC).

He has been awarded the JACL Sapphire pin for devoted and loyal service and the JACL Ruby pin for outstanding, sacrificial and meritorious contribution to the national JACL program. He is married to the former Alice Yoshiye Kawakami of Hollywood and has a son, Kenneth, 15.

### ENNIS RECEIVES 4,000 MESSAGE FROM HIMSELF

SAN FRANCISCO. — Ed Ennis, who addressed the JACL convention opening ceremony audience of 500 at the Sheraton-Palace last week, had to leave his New York office in a rush as he picked up his brief case, of which he owns two identical ones.

On his arrival in San Francisco he discovered that the briefcase containing his address-text was still in New York and the one he brought contained notes from the Democratic Convention.

His thoughtful secretary wired the 4,000-word speech to Ennis in San Francisco in time for the address.

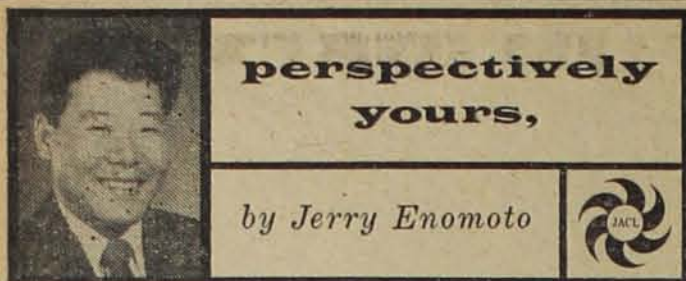
The mix-up was revealed to conventioners as Ennis related the incident and then lifted a roll of yellow paper Western Union used to send the message and letting it unravel to the floor.

### Twin Cities UCL passes 200 membership mark

MINNEAPOLIS. — The 1956 membership mark of the Twin Cities United Citizens League (JACL) passed the 200 mark, surpassing last year's mark by 6 per cent, according to membership chairman Emi Takato.

A record crowd of 180 CLers and friends thronged the shores of Lake Minnetonka last month when the chapter held its annual steak fry. Tom Ohno and Norman Kushino were co-chairmen of the picnic, assisted by Jeri Tsurusaki, Tom Kanno, Henry Ohno and Saki Ohno.





# perspectively yours,

by Jerry Enomoto



San Francisco  
The last page in the story of the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention was written in the early hours of the morning of Sept. 3, when the final notes of the traditional "Sayonara Ball" echoed in the Rose Ballroom of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. Many of you may be reading this column, already secure in the comforts of your living room, and others may see it in the home of a friend enroute home from the Convention. Wherever and whenever you read it, we hope that your memories of this Convention are happy and rich.

In the record attendance, the participation of the Youth and Issei, the "new faces", the diligent and faithful attendance of scores of delegates at the business sessions, and the messages of honored speakers, was seen a good part of the meaning and implication of our theme: "Changing Perspectives".

To you delegates and boosters, without whose support this 14th Biennial could not go into JACL annals as "the best ever", we say "thanks for coming". We hope you enjoy being with us as much as we enjoyed having you. When we have recuperated somewhat from the rigors of the Convention, we shall share some of the nostalgia that we all feel, now that another Biennial has become history. So be with us next time for the "post-mortem".

## SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



### Nemutai

It's not the convention that kills you off, it's the extra-session activities that burn out your guts. That's not only a quote from Deacon Mas Satow, but from a conventioneer who's taken in almost all the social doings, from the pre-confab shindig at convention board sec'y Lucy Adachi's honoring the SWLA delegation, to seeing banquet speaker Max Rabb, secretary to President Ike's cabinet, off at the airport 4 ayem Tuesday.

One of many satisfactions this writer got from the 14th Biennial was the confirmation that Frisco's still a nice eating town. Wherever you dine, the emphasis is not only to fill you up, but to make you happy in the process. We stress this in the light of a vicious rumor we intend to dispel—that to the S'w'er, quantity is more important than quality.

Through toothpick-propped eyelids, hence the caption above, we fondly peruse the convention program printed in the great souvenir booklet to reminisce the highlights of the convention. In the blur of things, several things stand out.

At the risk of putting our neck on the local chopping block, we admit that while we thought the Ellay convention, the 13th Biennial in '54, was a masterpiece production, Esseff had us beat on a few scores, attendance being one of them.

And this was one of the best engineered conventions we've attended. The precision mechanics of the many activities left little to be desired. This leads to another item—the wealth of high-caliber personnel at every level, from the board down through the committee members. If there was any goofing, it didn't show. And that's another talent, by the way—to cover up the goofs, if any.

When boss Satow assigned us to handle the public relations for the convention, he didn't tell us what to expect, hinting only that it was a big responsibility. After we got to Frisco, we found that much groundwork had been done in contacting the press, radio, tv, wire services, etc. We'd like to tell you who dood it and take this space to thank them for an excellent job which gave the convention better coverage including the N.Y. Times and Newsweek magazines than any other to date.

Dan Nakatsu, who's a regular p.r. man for Japan Air Lines, and newspaper gal Kaye Uyeda along with Will Maruyama and Don Arlett were responsible in setting up nearly a dozen tv and radio appearance of JACL and convention personalities. Arlett was especially effective in seeing to it that the metro dailies and news services were faithfully delivered convention releases. A p.r. man in his own right, he personally knows the guys worth knowing in the communications field.

Not to be unfair to other hardworking committees, but space won't permit our recognizing them all—but they were a terrific team.

Getting back to nemutai, which in J means sleepy, we see good logic in this word: ne (sound), mu (non existent) and tai (body). Even backwards, it makes sense: tai-mu-ne, which means, "it's time, isn't it?" (to get up).

To convention chairman Jerry Enomoto, who well deserves the nat'l board's having selected him "JACler of the Biennium", to his gracious wife Joyce who anguished with him to keep the convention humming on even keel which it did, and to the whole SFFJACL gang, sweet dreams.

## JACL's role among Japanese Americans in the New America

SAN FRANCISCO. — Following is the text of the speech of Maxwell M. Rabb, secretary to the President's Cabinet, made Sept. 3 before the Japanese American Citizens League here:

An experience such as mine — working in the White House and for the President of the United States—of course brings many rewards. It is challenging. It is exciting. It is eventful. However, I shall treasure my years there for a different reason. When I one day leave the White House, it will be with a host of unforgettable memories. I see so clearly the picture of two giants of our day: Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower, strolling down the path through the Rose Garden on the Prime Minister's last visit here.

And I recall so vividly that first Staff Meeting with the President after he took office—a meeting at which he revealed so clearly the essence of the man. At that meeting he told us three things. He said, "Take your job seriously, but never yourself." His second admonition was, "Let's not be afraid to go around with a smile on our faces." And the third and most important was, "Let's not be afraid to pray."

And one of my prized memories will be of the magnificent moment which touched us all when on the steps of the White House, we watched the President, with pride and pleasure, place the Congressional Medal of Honor on the chest of Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura.

### Nisei Part of U.S.

The significance of that day in early fall of 1953 went far beyond the mere fact of a nation's tribute to a Nisei veteran whose courage and bravery had proved an inspiration to so many. Here was tangible evidence that Americans everywhere admire integrity of mind and heart wherever it may appear. And here was clear recognition that the Nisei is not a detached and isolated member of our world but a welcome, productive partner in the America of which we are all so proud.

Today, the doubts and fears which were so carelessly spread about the American Japanese in a time of great national stress have been dissipated through the efforts, individual and collective, of a small segment of our population which has distinguished itself for its character, courage and loyalty.

We are meeting in an atmosphere of understanding and accomplishment and I can truly say that it is good to be here.

But it is good to be here for other reasons, too. It is personally gratifying to me to participate in the deliberations of this organization which stands as so effective a symbol of the valued contributions which the Nisei have made in the United States — an organization which has been characterized by integrity of purpose and by firm devotion to principles of national unity.

I am glad to be here in order that I might pay deserved tribute to Mike Masaoka who has served this organization with dignity, resourcefulness and ability. I have known Mike almost since my arrival in Washington and there is no one for whom I have greater respect and few for whom I hold

as deep a friendship. He reflects credit upon the Japanese American Citizens League, his community and his country.

### Fears Despite Prosperity

We have almost within our grasp today a bright new world—a world of no disease—where routine tasks are accomplished by pressing a few buttons—where economic security is the property of every man. We are this year on the edge of a 400 billion dollar gross economy — having passed all previous records. More people have more money to spend than ever before and continued economic prosperity appears to be ours.

But still there is tension, still there is unreasoning hatred and fear prevalent in the world. There are vestiges here and abroad of age-long discriminations which mar this idyllic picture. With our new world has come the realization that man so far developed his destructive genius that not only his way of life, nor alone his civilization, is at stake. He is beginning to face the terrifying knowledge that all-out war, even in our day, could destroy this world — could leave our planet nothing more than a mass of radioactive rubble. With the blessings of our age have come problems and pressures greater, perhaps, than man has ever met.

What is our hope? What is the answer?

Certainly one of the major hopes of the world rests in the willingness of the United States to accept appropriate leadership, in our firm and unyielding insistence on fair play, on ideals that are rooted in spiritual considerations, and on our rejection of the Communist concept of tyranny of mind and body. For American guidance and American example is the torch which will light the path toward world harmony.

This leadership can be effectively realized only if unremitting effort is made by all American citizens. Here are a few of the considerations which must be taken into account if we are to achieve this objective. The manner in which we accept this mantle of leadership will determine the future of our civilization.

### Position Unique

In building a healthy world, it is imperative that the United States win the friendship and support of valued allies such as Japan. It seems to me that you, as American citizens with close contacts, families and friends, in Japan, are in a unique position to help our country—yours and mine—to win the confidence of the Japanese nation.

We have seen numerous indications recently that the Communists have been making inroads in Japan—hundreds of Japanese, including half the membership of the Japanese Diet, have been taken on

conducted tours of Communist China; the Japanese people have been instigated to oppose the American bases which are maintained in Japan at the request of and for the defense of that country; the largest labor federation in Japan only last week announced its willingness to cooperate with the Communist Party. It is not that the Japanese people are naturally sympathetic to Communism. On the contrary — they, like the American people, are by culture and tradition completely antagonistic to Communist ideology. But there are always dangers that some may be taken in by Communist blandishments and insidious propaganda against the United States, unless the true purposes and policies of the United States are well understood.

It is urgent that the Japanese people fully understand and appreciate the sincere desire of the United States Government to assist Japan in regaining its national pride, prestige and position so that it can play a full and active role as an Asian leader, in friendly cooperation with other Asian nations. We are assisting and encouraging Japan to regain adequate defense strength in order that the nation may become an independent, self-respecting and self-reliant force for stability and peace in Asia. We shall continue to do everything possible to bring Japan to its rightful place as a member of the United Nations, confident that when the strength of world opinion finally forces the Soviet Union to withdraw its opposition, Japan will exercise an important influence and leadership in the United Nations. We are assisting Japan to find and develop real markets abroad which are so essential to its economic and political stability, and to the economic advancement of less-developed parts of Asia. We are cooperating with Japan in the peaceful development of the atom.

### Best of U.S. Interest

Particularly, we are seeking to establish a relationship of independence and mutual respect and cooperation between our two countries—a true partnership—confident in the knowledge that with such a relationship the best interests of the United States, Japan, and the free world are served.

It thus becomes vitally important.

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# VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



## Whither in 1958

San Francisco

● After all is said of the 14th Biennial just concluded, a big question in the minds yet of those attending the gala convention concerns the site of the 15th Biennial . . . Again, there were no signs of a bid and the delegates decided to let National Board choose after a six-month waiting period, in which time chapters are to be informed on the mechanics for holding a so-called "watered-down" convention . . . There was a time when delegates staged interesting gimmicks to have their bids accepted. Honor for hosting a convention—as a matter of civic and chapter pride—attracted as much attention and spirit as election of national officers shown this past week . . . For the record, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles have hosted JACL conventions three times; followed by Seattle twice, Portland, Denver and Chicago each once.

● Maybe it was "mean" on my part to say goodbye to friends at the Sayonara Ball—"see you in Denver in '58" to my Denver colleagues and "see you in D.C. in '58" to my Eastern District friends . . . I certainly dislike the idea of starting a precedent of kicking the conventions back and forth between San Francisco and Los Angeles . . . D.C. in '58 sounds fine and an excellent opportunity to have the travel pool plan off to a good start. I'm thinking out loud right now—but the convention could be planned to include sightseeing for all official delegates during the day with calls upon their congressmen, etc., and business sessions during the evening. That ought to minimize a need for socials to one good banquet and Sayonara ball . . . The realistic aspect of a convention on the Eastern seaboard as far as delegates from the west coast are concerned is that too much attention need not be paid to the special and social events of a biennial convention that task the host convention board . . . A drastic move as going back East may augur a "watered down" convention the delegates have sought in the past two biennials . . . It just doesn't seem possible to have a small convention when so many volunteers are available to handle a good-size convention.

● So successful in numbers was the 14th Biennial that the conviviality and informality associated with less-attended affairs were missing. It may mean that district council conventions in the odd-years will take . . . Already, the joint EDC-MDC convention to be held over the Labor Day holidays in 1957 is beginning to pick up momentum . . . The IDC convention in Idaho Falls for the 1957 Thanksgiving weekend promises to lure 1000ers from all parts of the country as they celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the fun-loving organization . . . The Mountain-Plains District is going to Omaha—first time a DC gathering is being called there . . . Central Cal, which holds its district conventions annually, meets in early December. We have no inkling where the other districts are planning to have theirs next year.

● Someone remarked the 14th Biennial was the "waitiest convention ever". Don't know what was meant unless it was the long wait in line to get a juicy and tender (mine was) steak at the outing, the long wait for breakfast at the Palace coffee shop, the long wait at the Surf Club bar, the long wait for cars out of the Palace garage and the long wait to get a carload together for a post-midnight snack . . . Father Clement of Maryknoll, who gave two invocations at the 13th Biennial in Los Angeles, made it a point to renew acquaintances with JACLers he met two years ago this past weekend . . . Dr. James Takao of Cincinnati read George Inagaki's editorial in the PC about the feeling delegates would have when in council session and decided right then and there to come as a delegate . . . Politicking by delegates afforded many to get acquainted with others as no other process could devise. The vote of Tom Takemura, lone delegate from Puyallup Valley, was eagerly sought by campaign managers as soon as word circulated he was present . . . The gift presented to Max Rabb, banquet speaker, is a Japanese Imari bowl with a Dutch design, made in 1868 . . . Roy Nishikawa, 1956-58 national JACL president, was installed into office in the presence of his family—wife Alice and son Kenneth . . . Dr. T. T. Yatabe of Chicago, who installed the officers, attended with Mary and son Dudley, now stationed at Fort Ord. JACL conventions are slowly becoming family affairs . . . We'll have more next week.



Two well-known JACLers in their respective areas, Jim Matsuoka (left), Seattle JACL president, and George Masunaga, onetime Mountain-Plains District Council chairman and Mile-Hi chapter president, met for the first time at the Convention outing after being mistaken for each other by their friends. They look like twin brothers at a glance.

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Miss National JACL of 1956, Sharon Nishimi of Sacramento, poses with a smiling dignitary, Maxwell M. Rabb, secretary of President Eisenhower's cabinet, who gave the principal address at the 14th Biennial Recognitions Banquet last Monday night at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, before some 500 delegates.

—Peter Asano Photo.

## Rabb —

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that the Japanese people understand the true intentions of the United States, and it is here that you can help.

Japan has a great role to play in helping to maintain peace and advance the well-being of Asia. In no other Asian nation are there as great potentialities in industrial, to U.S.-Japanese relations, and financial resources, technical know-how, and skilled labor force. By reason of this unrivalled economic potential, Japan can play a constructive part in the development of economic cooperation and improved living standards throughout the Western Pacific, and thus make an important contribution to the economic welfare, peace and stability of this area.

Japan's strength, independence, self-respect and stability are vital to our own domestic self-interest, as well as to our foreign policies looking to peace and prosperity in Asia. We realize this and we will continue to do all within our power to promote and maintain a strong Japanese economy.

We must also recognize that the moral influence of America is indispensable to the establishment of an atmosphere of world understanding. This influence will only be felt if America's own moral house is in order. The lapses which we allow in our promise of equal treatment for all compromise our world position and jeopardize the efforts of our diplomats and statesmen who plead for world-wide cooperation.

tion.

We live in a land whose greatness is founded not so much on the richness of natural resources and creative talents of our ancestors, as upon the concept of a just society which they brought to America with them. Our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution speak eloquently of our belief that all men are created equal and deserve equal treatment under law. Our churches and our temples all preach love of fellow man, honesty in dealing with our brothers and justice tempered by mercy for all. Unfortunately, our practice is far behind our profession.

You—who have known the searing anguish of discrimination and unreasoning hatred—have more reason than most to be aware of the power of blind prejudice and bigotry.

Even while we are going about this task of enlisting the supports of the major powers of the globe, we must not forget the importance of the many new and growing lands.

To Be Continued

## Ennis—

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ful consideration by all minority groups in the United States.

A third important change on the domestic scene was the enactment of the legislation, for which JACL may proudly take principal credit, which eliminated race as a bar to naturalization and permitted for the first time since the 1924 exclusion act the immigration of Japanese and other aliens from Asia.

Let us consider the new problems and the new relationships created for Japanese Americans by these changes in American foreign and domestic policy.

**I. Relations with Japan.**—In the United States, a country created and constantly reinvigorated by immigration from many foreign countries, there has always been a political question of the degree of sympathy which immigrants and their American children should express and exercise in favor of the fatherland where the interests of their adopted land, the United States, are also involved.

For a long time in our foreign relations we have had to consider the factor of the sympathies of our German, Irish, Italian, Polish and other groups, and more recently the Jewish group, toward questions of foreign relations involving the United States and Germany, England, Italy, Poland and Israel. Japanese, Chinese and other very small minorities have never had enough political weight to give their interests in their homelands any great political significance.

When the United States has been at peace many minority groups have not been backward in exercising their democratic rights of free speech and political persuasion to urge upon the United States a foreign policy which would favor their homelands. The melting pot has created one dominant political loyalty to the United States but it has not destroyed the rich variety of numerous national culture and sympathies.

### Other Foreign Blocs

Between 1914 and 1917, prior to the entry of the United States into World War I, the large Irish-American blocs in the United States were not at all hesitant in indicating that their sympathies were with Germany and against England and that the United States should stay out of the war. The English-hating Irish were more pro-German than the Germans.

Similarly from 1939 to 1941, prior to the entry of the United States into World War II, committees and congresses of various nationality groups in the United States supported the position of their homelands, whether it be Germany on one side or Poland on the other.

But the significant fact is that once the United States made its decision and entered World War I and World War II these minority efforts, based on sympathy for the homeland, ceased and soldiers of

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## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Winner of Seattle's International Sportsmen's Club annual salmon derby is 10-year-old Sherry Mizuta who won a \$1,200 boat and trailer by catching a 31 lb.-4 oz. King salmon in Elliott Bay. Over 50 prizes, some of them shown in the background were awarded to lucky fishermen. About half of the prize winners caught salmon weighing over 20 lbs.

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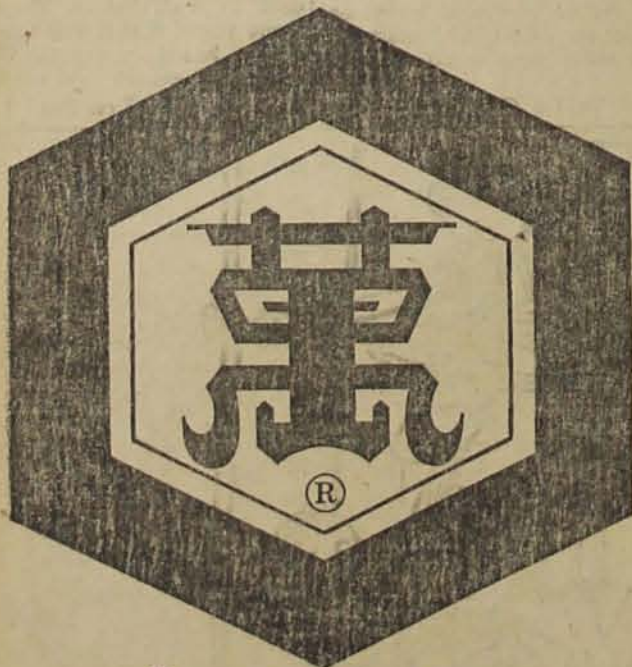
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## Mile-Hi takes home bridge cup

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Hiura Perpetual trophy, symbolic of JACL convention duplicate bridge championship, went to the Mile-Hi chapter this week.

John "Bee" Uyeda of Mt. View and Dr. Charles Fujisaki of Denver teamed to amass 152½ pts. to lead the east-west play. George Clem Oyama of San Francisco and Dr. George Hiura of Sequoia JACL led the north-south with 150½ pts.

Other honors went to:

East-West—Dr. & Mrs. Tom Hiura (SJ) 149½; Andy Handa-Keiji Yamasaki (SF); North-South—Enji Mita-George Takeuchi (SWLA) 135; Hisashi Horita-Dave Nitake (LA) 131½.

## Yoshioka cops CL golf honors

SAN FRANCISCO. — Scoring a 78 at Sonoma and a 73 at Hillview, Frank Yoshioka of San Jose took low gross honors in the 36-hole 14th Biennial JACL Convention golf tournament last Sunday. Other winners were:

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

138—George Matsumoto (SF) 10; 141—Terno Odow (D) 9; 141—Frank Yamaguchi (SWLA) 10; 141—George Ura (W) 10; 143—Harlan Hayakawa (SF) 8.

2nd Low Gross—Moto Matsuda (SF) 79-79-158.

### FIRST FLIGHT

139—Bill Noda (Cor) 12; 140—Kaz Yanase (SF) 16; 141—Tosh Endo (SM) 12; 142—Babe Morino (SF) 13; 143—Ralph Nishimi (Sac) 16.

### SECOND FLIGHT

131—Jack Izu (CV) 20; 135—Jim Noda (SM) 48; 135—Fred Obayashi (SF) 13; 136—Kaz Takei (SF) 21; 137—Bertram Hari (SF) 18.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

1000 Club: Tats Hori (SF) 89-17-70. Hole-in-One (at Sonoma): Jimmy Matsuda (SF) 6 ft. 10 in. away from pin; Champ flight—Frank Yoshioka (SJ) 12 ft.; George Ura (W) 18 ft.; 1st flight—Min Furuki (SF) 7 ft. 7 in.; Angel Kageyama (Sac) 13 ft. 6 in.; 2nd flight—Bob Yamamoto (Sal) 13 ft. 7 in.; Ray Ishimatsu (CV) 24 ft. 5 in. Hillview low net: champ—Karl Taku (SJ) 76-10-66; 1st—Dr. Tom Hiura (SJ) 82-15-67; 2nd—Kenji Hosokawa (Sac) 86-16-68.

## Delano dentist wins fish derby

SAN FRANCISCO. — Dr. James Nagatani of Delano caught two 27-lb. salmon to win the JACL Convention fishing derby.

Jeff Fukawa of Delano also landed two and Hiro Asai of Turlock one for a total boat catch of five. The other six who were skunked were Henry Taketa, Sacramento; Robert Nakadai, Omaha; Amile Okazaki, Berkeley; and Kiyo Yamamoto, Turlock.

## Japanese food import firms in S.F. organize

SAN FRANCISCO. — Ten major importers of Japanese food products here have formed an association "to protect group interests" and begin investigation of credit conditions of Japanese firms doing business with local firms.

The 10 firms represented in the newly formed America-Japan Food Importers Association are:

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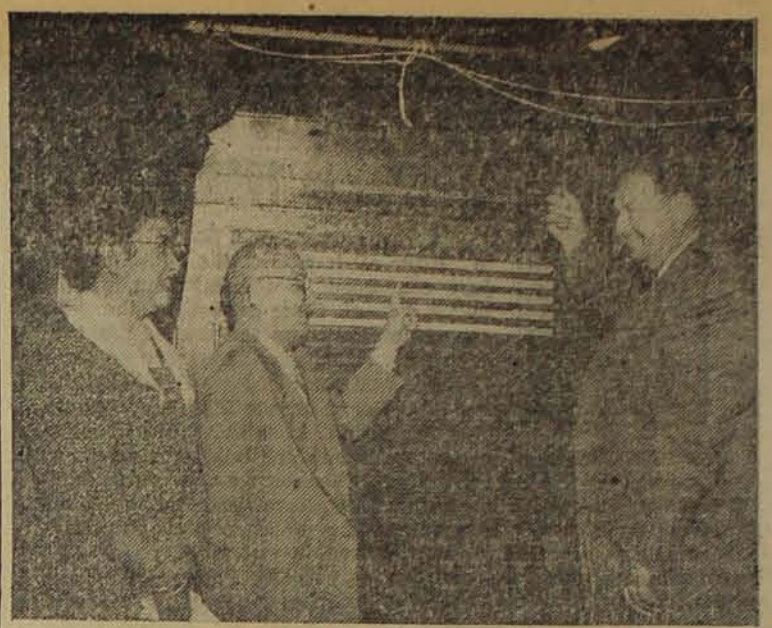
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Chief custodian Hess G. Viney of the King County voting machine warehouse takes time out from a busy day of preparing for the Sept. 11 primaries to give a few pointers to Mr. and Mrs. Raisaku Fujii. Mr. Fujii, 72, came to the States in 1906, his wife, 58, followed in 1915. They have four sons and five daughters—all married—and 18 "going 19" grandchildren. Fujii, who voted in one municipal election, shows off his know-how to Mrs. Fujii who is studying for citizenship.

—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

## Seattle voting machines readied for Sept. 11 primaries; Issei to vote

By ELMER OGAWA

SEATTLE. — Voting machines for Seattle and King County are parked between elections in a new spacious warehouse right in the middle of this community (the 1200 block on Yesler Way), one time site of the old Dugdale Park where the Seattle Ball Club used to play some forty odd years ago.

At election time the block seems to wake from its somnolence. There are more people who hurry from one building to another. Moving vans back up to a loading platform, large crates are wheeled aboard, and shortly the trucks wheel away as unceremoniously as they came. Interesting activity; and here it is almost three weeks 'til the primary elections on Sept. 11.

Elmer Wolfe, assistant custodian and maintenance mechanic, is a helpful sort of a guy. Once a railroader in the Dakotas, he came to Seattle in the early 30s, and soon went to work on the County's voting machines. Now a veteran of many elections, his assurance that the staff of the voting machine warehouse stands by to be ever helpful in the instrumentation of voters, especially the new Issei Citizens, was very nice to hear. In fact, there has been such a large increase in the all over total registrations that a machine with instructors standing by is on display in the lobby of the County-City Building.

Congenial, cooperative chief custodian H. G. Viney, with a heart and sympathetic understanding as big as he is, was most cordial in welcoming visiting Issei Fujis and their reporter, describing the scope of the voting machine operation in this county.

It was in 1914 that the first seven voting machines were introduced to King County. The years have witnessed a steady growth until now 1,600 machines are available for 1,500 precincts. Seven precincts do not have voting machines because they are up in isolated mountain spots, inaccessible to ordinary means of transportation. Each machine can accommodate a maximum of 500 selections.

On sample ballots for this primary, I counted an average of some 130 names. The number does vary because of the varying number of candidates which may appear in any single legislative district of the state. The machines in each district show only the state legislative candidates for that particular district.

So with some 1,600 machines, an average of 130 names to be inserted on each, with the mechanical check-up, triple sealing of the machine, and shipment to the precinct, it's a job that is handled with amazing efficiency. The truck loadings described earlier were destined for distant population centers as Enumclaw and Auburn where they are kept in readiness for election day. Local precinct officials have to be instructed in preparing

the machines for operation by the voters on election day.

One of the efficient things about machine voting is that the results can be determined with the ease of reading a cash register. At the last municipal election nearly the entire count was in and on TV but couple of hours after the polls closed, long before bed time for some of us late stayer uppers. This, however, is only the unofficial count. The sealed machines are returned to the warehouse, and held for a period which may run from fifteen days to three months depending on circumstances.

Chief of the whole operation is County Comptroller Bobby Morris. Bobby Morris, former Rose Bowl referee and basketball, and exponent of hard clean play, who ran thousand of miles officiating in the YMCA, Church League, and High School circuits prior to the big time. No Nisei athlete of the '20s can ever say that he wasn't in a Bobby Morris officiated game. Scanning the roster, very few of those old timers live in Seattle today, so that's why we mention it.

During the visit to the warehouse it was recalled that a voting machine was loaned to the Seattle JACL in June, 1953, when the first Issei citizens were being sworn in. At that meeting, Patricia Scott, the female "Ernie Pyle" of the Korean War, spoke. Dr. Kelly Yamada was chapter president.

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The 14th Biennial took time out in midst of its national council sessions to hear a brief message from Sen. Thomas Kuchel (right). Posing with the junior senator from California are Rollins MacFadyen (left), who is assisting the American Legion campaign to repeal the alien land law by a "Yes on Prop. 13" and who introduced Sen. Kuchel, and Jerry Enomoto, convention chairman and recipient of the JACLER of the Biennium award, the first time it is being awarded, together with Abe Hagiwara of Chicago.

—Marshall Sumida Photo.

LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Back into harness

Los Angeles

■ Our limited resources prevented us from taking in two national conventions in San Francisco but we have been away from the Li'l Tokio scene a fortnight. Someone once remarked that "nothing changes in Li'l Tokio until you leave it". Maybe there's some truth in that. One day in our drive around First and San Pedro Sts., we glimpsed a huge front sign at what was formerly the Pacific Mail Order Co., next to the Taul Building. It read in bold type: Bit O' Tokyo. It is to be another sukiyaki house. It would be interesting to compare the new restaurant with the one we visited in San Francisco, the highly publicized Tokyo Suki-yaki on Fisherman's Wharf. We've never seen the likes of it in Los Angeles yet.

While our stay in the city by the Golden Gate was too short-lived to design any opinion we did fall in love with that clean, fresh air of the bay. What a healthy place to raise kids! The foul air we breathe here each day is indeed a crime. Like weather we talk about smog but do little about checking it. We recall our biochemist and writer friend, Jobo Nakamura, who is now in Japan once say that "Los Angeles made him tired and sapped out". It must be that lack of a crisp breeze, making us listless and often worn out.

NISEI WEEK MOTHBALLED

■ Sorry to say we were unable to witness any of the events of the 16th annual Nisei Week Festival. But we do understand the ondo parade which was limited to one night this year was a great success. As usual, thousands crowded the lantern-lined streets to see the gala ondo and parade of bigwigs in convertibles, queen and her attendants, the various committee members and airline floats.

With each year, it seems that more Caucasian visitors take greater interest in Festival activities while we oldsters sit back and gnaw at the "same ole stuff," so to speak. Nisei Week, we feel, is too important of a project to just whip together at the last minute. But volunteer hands aren't plentiful these days and only the most community-minded individual is willing to assist.

One of the heart-breaking announcements coming out this summer was that funds realized from the Festival will no longer be put into the Nisei Community Center Fund. The non-profit corporation will have to get contributions from other sources.

Nisei Week withdrawal however will not hamper too much the progress of the NCCF since Festivals in the past have been operating at a loss, according to the merchants who sponsor the August celebration.

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VITAL STATISTICS

**Births**

**LOS ANGELES**

YAMASAKI, George (Mary Yamasaki)—boy Robin C., Aug. 22.

**SANTA MARIA**

YAMADA, Tom—girl, Aug. 8, Orcutt.

**WATSONVILLE**

FUJII, Yoshiteru (Kimlyo Oshino)—boy, Aug. 1.

MISUMI, James (Alice Matsui)—boy, Aug. 3.

**VISALIA**

KAKU, Maya—girl, Aug. 1, Lindsay.

**FRESNO**

DOI, Toichi—boy, July 29, Parlier.

KOBASHI, Kay K.—girl, July 23, Parlier.

KURIHARA, Lloyd—girl, Aug. 8, Reedley.

NISHIJIMA, Masao—girl, July 30.

NISHINA, Masami—boy, Aug. 11, Fowler.

OKADA, George T.—girl, July 19, Parlier.

**TANAKA**, Harris—girl, July 23, Parlier.

**SAN JOSE**

HISATOMI, Setsuo—boy Allan S., Aug. 16, Cupertino.

ISHIBASHI, Richard S.—boy Michael D., Aug. 17, Campbell.

KATO, Tamotsu T.—boy, July 25.

KIYOI, Henry T.—boy Robert L., Aug. 11.

NAKANO, Mas—boy Mitchell Minoru, Aug. 11, Mt. View.

OMORI, George—boy, Aug. 6, Sunnyvale.

**STOCKTON**

HAMAMOTO, Tak—girl, Aug. 4.

KATO, Katsumi—boy, Aug. 1, Lodi.

KAWAMURA, Kunihiko—girl, Aug. 9, Lodi.

KENMOTSU, George—boy, June 27.

KUROKAWA, Tokio—boy, Aug. 1, Lodi.

**SAN FRANCISCO**

HONMA, George—girl Lorie G., Aug. 3.

KURUMA, Tokuchi—girl, Aug. 6.

MATSUMURA, Albert M.—boy July 30.

TACHIHARA, Sam S.—girl, Aug. 14.

URATA, S. A.—girl Frances M., Aug. 9.

WADA, Yoshinobu—girl, Aug. 13.

YAMAGUCHI, George S.—girl, July 31.

YAMAMOTO, Robert K.—girl, July 18.

**OAKLAND**

NEHIRA, James—girl Kathy Sumako, July 27.

UTSUMI, Donald N.—girl, Aug. 11.

YOKOYAMA, Katsui—girl, July 27, Berkeley.

**SAN RAFAEL**

OMI, George J.—girl, July 30, Mill Valley.

**SUISUN**

OSADA, Ralph—boy, July 21.

**MARYSVILLE**

TSUDA, Gus—boy, Aug. 4.

**AUBURN**

ASAZAWA, Robert K.—boy, Aug. 1, Lincoln.

HAMASAKI, Noboru—girl, Aug. 14, Newcastle.

**HOOD RIVER, Ore.**

YAMAKI, Shig—girl, Aug. 22.

**ONTARIO, Ore.**

HIRAI, Paul—girl, Aug. 13, Nyssa.

YAMAGUCHI, Elmer—boy, Aug. 8.

**SEATTLE**

MURAMOTO, Kim—boy, July 16, Bellevue.

Ennis—

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German and Italian ancestry were of course as loyal American soldiers as any others. Very few German-Americans or Italian-Americans objected to fighting directly against their parents' homeland.

The resistance which continued after the United States entered the war was based not on such sympathy with the old country but on political or ideological grounds. In World War I the Socialists as a political party, but not as a German party, continued to express resistance to the United States war effort. After the United States entered World War II various Fascist groups continued to resist the United States war effort on political grounds and not on grounds of sympathy with the homeland. The loyalty of Americans of all minority groups remained unquestioned.

Today Americans of the Jewish faith do not hesitate to express the viewpoint that the United States in pursuit of its foreign policy should supply arms to Israel and guarantee its security against the surrounding Arab states where so much of the world's oil is found. This is a political force to be reckoned with. Polish Czech and other groups do not hesitate to urge upon the United States a foreign policy looking toward the liberation of their homelands from Communist dominion.

From all of these examples Japanese Americans may properly obtain some guidance in forming their attitude toward our new ally, Japan.

(To Be Continued)

Back to School outing

OXNARD. — The Ventura County JACL will sponsor a Back to School outing at Jockey Mead in Thousand Oaks this Saturday, 2-11 p.m., it was announced by Ann Hosaki, sec. Swimming, games and a Weiner bake are planned for friends, members and their family.

CHAPTER RESUMES

**FLOWER DISPLAY CLASS**

DETROIT. — A 12-week class in fall Japanese flower arrangement, sponsored by the local JACL, began this week with Mrs. Teruko Millican again as teacher. Mrs. Toshi Shimoura is signing members.

JAPANESE BROADCAST ON MEXICAN BORDER STATION

Radio XERB (1090 kc) near Tijuana, B.C., is broadcasting the regular Sunday morning Li'l Tokio radio shows between 8 and 9, according to Yaemitsu Sugimachi, DTLA 1000er, president of the American Japanese Cultural Broadcasting Co. Its 50 kilowatt signal is heard as far north as San Jose during the day.

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Negro housing complaint denied in Canadian case

TORONTO. — Judgment handed down this past week with respect to a complaint by a Negro that he was denied accommodation at a Bathurst St. apartment house because of his color was commented on in many quarters as making Ontario's Fair Accommodations Practices legislation almost totally ineffective.

Judge Douglas C. Thomas, who was appointed a one-man commission early last month when Sid Forbes charged he had rented an apartment in May, made a deposit on it and was later refused possession of the apartment, ruled an apartment building was not a place to which the public is customarily admitted.

In his decision, Judge Thomas drew the "logical and irresistible inference" that Forbes was denied rental of an apartment because he is a Negro. But he recommended no action against S. L. Shields, operator of the building in which Forbes sought accommodation.

In May, Forbes arranged to rent an apartment at 3884 Bathurst. The arrangements were made with Shields' agents.

Shields later told Forbes he could not have the apartment claiming it had already been rented to another person, although no information could be obtained about the other party.

Forbes was also refused other apartments available at that time.

It is felt that Ontario's anti-discrimination legislation is proving ineffective through the existence of many loop-holes.

Recently in another case dealing with the act, the Ontario court of appeal granted a Dresden, Ont., restaurant owner leave to appeal a conviction resulting from his refusal to serve two Negroes. The case is to be heard this fall.

HOLLYWOOD PRESS MAY SUPPORT 'YES-PROP. 13

Editorial support for repeal of the California Alien Land Law by voting "Yes on Prop. 13" is expected from two leading newspapers in the area, the Hollywood JACL reported this week.

The Hollywood Citizen-News and the Canyon Crier, edited and published by Richard Sharpe, were informed on the nature of the proposition by Frank Chuman, JACL legal counsel, at a press conference arranged by Mrs. Midori Watanabe, chapter chairman of the alien land law committee.

Chick sexors still in demand, school says

LANSDALE, Pa. — Expert chick sexors are in ever increasing demand and additional sexors must be trained, is the statement just announced by the American Chick Sexing School, here.

The school issues a last call for students for this year. The last class for this year is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks, and new classes will not begin until August, 1957.

In classes already started this year, students have come from Greece, Mexico, Canada and Hawaii, as well as from all sections of the United States. A number of service veterans have also enrolled under the advantages of the GI Bill, including disabled veterans.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



## The 14th Biennial

San Francisco

Though the 13th Biennial JACL Convention in Los Angeles two years ago was supposed to be the last of the so-called full-scale spectacles, the 14th Biennial which was adjourned this past Labor Day in San Francisco was in many ways the biggest and best of all the many national conventions.

Some 1,800 were in attendance, according to the best estimates, and most returned to their homes delighted with the hospitality, the spirit, and the detailed programming that constituted the convention.

The appreciation of the organization was voted by the National Council to Jerry Enomoto, chairman; Hattaro Aizawa, host chapter president; and every chairman and member of all the many convention committees who have worked diligently and conscientiously for the past 18 months in order to effectuate San Francisco's proud boast as the "city that knows how".

### Speakers outstanding . . .

Edward J. Ennis, general counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union, and Maxwell M. Rabb, secretary to the Cabinet of the United States and advisor to the President on minority problems, were the keynote and banquet speakers, respectively. Both presented messages that challenged the delegates to assume a more active role in promoting Japan-America relations as the chief objective of the "Changing Perspectives" convention theme.

The noted New York attorney declared that Japanese Americans had earned the right to speak out on matters relating to Japan-United States relations without being questioned as to loyalty and allegiance, while the White House official urged JACL to actively aid this nation's effort to promote Japanese-American friendship as the greatest contribution which Americans of Japanese ancestry could make as Americans to their country.

This is the first time since the end of World War II that such eminent and recognized spokesmen for the American community have delineated these responsibilities in the international field for JACLers and may well inaugurate a new era in JACL activity and leadership.

### Nisei of Biennium awards . . .

Without doubt the naming of George Inagaki of Los Angeles as Nisei of the Biennium 1954-56 was a popular one, for perhaps more than any other Nisei he represents the kind of community leadership which every Japanese American should emulate—active participation in the JACL and other Japanese American activities while participating selectively and representatively in the activities and organizations of the larger community.

Named for Distinguished Community Leadership awards were Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago and Robert Sakata of Denver, one for devoted service to JACL and the other for personifying the Nisei farmer.

Distinguished Achievement awards were presented to Jack Murata of Washington, D.C., and Minoru Yamasaki of Detroit, agricultural chemist and outstanding architect, respectively.

### JACLers of Biennium . . .

First recipients of the Dr. Randolph M. Sakada Memorial Medal as JACLers of the Biennium were Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco, convention chairman, and Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, Midwest District Council chairman.

Some 24 nominations were made, representing every district council, of those who during the past two years have contributed most to the JACL. The National Board members were not able to decide between the young Californian who is a relative newcomer and the Windy City social worker who has been associated with the JACL for the postwar period.

The tie was popular with the capacity crowd at the banquet, for both personify the kind of Nisei who believe in serving others to promote the welfare of all. Any decision between the two would have been unfair to the other.

### 1956-58 Officers . . .

Though for a while sectionalism threatened the election of national officers, the final slate as elected is representative both of the membership and of the geography.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Los Angeles optometrist whose devotion to JACL is a byword in the organization, is the new national president.

Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago chemist whose dedication to the organization is second to none, is the first national vice-president; Jack Noda, Denair, California raisin grower and past chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, is the second national vice-president, and Harry Takagi, Seattle attorney who has served as chairman of both the Pacific Northwest and Midwest District Councils, is the third vice-president.

Lilly Okura, Omaha secretary, is secretary to the Board; and Aki Hayashi, native New Yorker and businessman, is the treasurer.

Ken Tashiro, Oroshi, California farmer, is the Chairman of the 1000 Club.

All in all, the new officers comprise one of the strongest Boards ever elected and the membership can expect unprecedented activity on their part.

Nishikawa, Wakamatsu, and Tashiro were members of the 1954-56 Board.

### Council sessions . . .

Most spirited discussions were held on the subject of temporary agricultural workers from Japan, civil rights implementation, and the Tokyo Rose deportation case.

Other new items adopted by the National Council for the coming biennium include a travel pool to equalize transportation expenses to national conventions, specific implementation of the program to write an Issei Story, liberalized immigration amendments with reference to Japan and the Far East, a final amendment to the evacuation claims act to authorize the filing of claims in which the failure to timely file was through no fault of the claimant and internees who were confused by the ambiguous language of the original statute and failed to file because of that fact, etc.

## Six JACLers honored with sapphire pin, three cited for outstanding services

SAN FRANCISCO.—Special awards in recognition of outstanding services to the Japanese American Citizens League were made before nearly 500 delegates attending the Convention Luncheon at the Sheraton-Palace last Saturday.

Recipients of certificates of appreciation were Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney (R., San Francisco) for his leadership in removing the California Alien Land Law, the Rosenberg Foundation of San Francisco for its invaluable assistance in the re-establishment of the JACL office in San Francisco immediately upon the lifting of ex-

clusion orders enabling evacuated Japanese Americans to return to their California homes in 1946, and to Miss Annie Clo Watson, executive director of the International Institute for many years of prominent leader in civic and welfare affairs "for her warm friendship and her courage in making meaningful the principles of democracy."

The JACL Sapphire pin signifying devoted and constant contribution to the activities, growth and development of the organization at local and national levels for a period of at least 10 consecutive years were presented to six well-known leaders of the JACL.

They are Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago who has served as president of the Chicago JACL chapter, chairman of the JACL Midwest District Council and national chairman of the JACL 1000 Club; Dr. George Takahashi, optometrist of Sacramento; Tats Kushida of Los Angeles, Pacific Southwest Regional Director of the JACL; Frank Ono of the Sonoma County JACL; Mrs. Chiz Satow of San Francisco, wife of Mas Satow, the national director of the JACL; and Dr. To-kuji Hedani, optometrist of San Francisco, past president of the San Francisco JACL and chairman of the 12th Biennial JACL National convention held here in 1952.

Business sessions of the national council comprised of delegates from the 88 chapters throughout the nation continued with deliberations focused on organizational and administrative matters with several points on the agenda being referred to interim committees for future recommendations to the National Board.

Representatives of the 53 chapters located in California convening at a special meeting on Sunday morning, Sept. 2, to discuss campaigning on the forthcoming November elections with particular reference to urging a "Yes" vote on Proposition 13 to repeal the inoperative and unconstitutional California Alien Land Law which became law in 1920 by initiative vote.

best man from a national standpoint should be the guide," he suggested.

Roll call followed with 74 of the 88 chapters answering. Ruth Kuroishi of D.C. and Marie Kurihara of New York were appointed tellers. Masuji Fujii, Mas Narita, Kumeo Yoshinari and Harry Honda were appointed ballot collectors.

It was well past 1 p.m. when nominating speeches and seconding motions began for all the candidates.

Roy Nishikawa was unanimously elected president when Tak Terasaki rose from the floor to withdraw his nomination.

Shig Wakamatsu was elected first vice-president over Jack Noda, after Kenji Tashiro and Roy Inouye withdrew.

Jack Noda was nominated from the floor to win the second vice-presidency over William Mambu of Seattle and Larry Tajiri of Denver.

Harry Takagi of Seattle was nominated from the floor to become third vice-president over Dave Yokozeki, another floor nominee, and Hershey Miyamura. Dr. Harry Kita of Salinas personally declined the nomination before balloting.

Aki Hayashi of New York was unanimously elected treasurer when Ken Dyo and Tom Ujifusa both withdrew in his favor.

Mrs. Lily Okura of Omaha was named secretary when Jerry Enomoto and Hana Uno withdrew from the race.

### In Closing

Thus, the 14th Biennial convention came to a close for delegates. New thoughts were indeed injected for "Changing Perspectives" as manifested in the two speeches by Ed Ennis and Maxwell Rabb.

(It is hoped that this running report of the convention will be of some assistance to delegates who will report on the convention to their chapters upon return. Some of the details have been purposely eliminated as they are already found in the reports made available at the convention.—Editor.)

## Council session—

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Washington JACL Office will also refer such reports.

Jerry Enomoto, busy overseeing the convention every moment of the four-days, was able to present the program and activities committee report when opportunity presented itself. It covered the program for the aging, Jr. JACL, new (Issei) citizens, President's handbook and JACL bowling.

Mas Satow explained the current JACL bowling tournament policies.

After a gorgeous fashion show and luncheon, where Sapphire Pin recipients were honored, the third session with Yutaka Terasaki as chairman opened with a report by Abe Hagiwara on membership-public relations and Pacific Citizen.

A prospectus for the Issei Story is to be prepared by eminent Nisei writers. The matter of a headquarters bulletin to the membership was returned to committee.

### Final Session

The final session opened Monday morning with Inagaki as chairman before delegates from 74 chapters. The presence of some 250 CLers in the Comstock Room made it necessary for Inagaki to appoint Seichi Mikami of Fresno as sergeant-at-arms.

The temporary Japanese farm labor problem drew comments from both sides of the question. Fred Hirasuna of Fresno pictured the situation as it would arise in the farming communities, while Henry Makino of Twin Cities (Minn.) asked, "What are we afraid of? JACLers should be ready."

This issue presented "Changing

*There will be more news and pictures of the 14th Biennial in next week's Pacific Citizen. Frankly speaking, we were a tired bunch of conventioners upon arrival at the Los Angeles Airport Tuesday morning, with enough energy to manage these eight pages by presstime Thursday.—Editor.*

Perspectives" in a more dramatic light than the opening day. Delegates were eager to seek the floor to express their sentiments.

A convention that began with a quiet note was, rising to the occasion. The convention theme hinted a broadening of horizons and the question falls into the category of international relations. The same field was mentioned in the keynote address by Edward Ennis.

Jack Noda of Cortez summed the situation rather succinctly. "Let's face the future."

Roy Nishikawa then presented the budget-finance committee report. Pat Okura explained the retirement fund while Ben Nakao of Washington, D.C., discussed a new travel pool plan. Enomoto was able to conclude his program committee report in the final morning session before the fireworks of the election were set off.

### No Convention Bid

Since no chapter submitted a bid for the 1958 convention, the national board will wait six months before naming a site.

Inagaki reminded delegates as ballots were being passed that a tremendous responsibility was in their hands for electing of national officers. Election means a person's life is affected personally and in his business, he pointed out. "The

## JACL convention—

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"We are beginning to recognize that if these nations are to look up to us with respect in the field of international relations they must be able to respect our domestic government."

The citizens of lands which the United States is trying to hold as friends are keenly and vitally concerned with the status of American citizens whose religion is not that of the majority, whose skills are not the same color as the majority, and whose ancestors are other than the majority, Rabb said.

The cabinet secretary said this nation has never known a period of greater progress in human liberties and civil rights. He pointed to President Eisenhower's leadership in the desegregation of the District of Columbia, of the Armed Forces, and his creation of committees in the field of civil rights.

Rabb assured the Japanese Americans that President Eisenhower will resume his campaign for more lenient immigration laws when the new Congress convenes next year.

## HONOLULU DEMOCRAT ATTENDS C.I. SESSION AS GUEST OF INAGAKI

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dr. Ernest Murai, well-known Honolulu dentist and Democratic National Committeeman from the Territory of Hawaii, met with members of the press last week here attending the 14th Biennial as guest of George Inagaki.

"Tell me, Dr. Murai," asked one reporter, "how many are there attending from Hawaii?"

"Just me," smiled the good Doctor.

"But," reminded a JACL official, "Doctor—we have a delegation from Honolulu attending!"

"Yes," said the party chieftain, "but I'm the only Democrat!"

## LETTERS

### American Legion

Editor: I was very happy to receive from some friends in Commodore Perry Post a copy of the Pacific Citizen for July 13, with the very fine column "Vagaries" by Larry S. Tajiri.

You and Mr. Tajiri are to be complimented upon this very accurate recital setting forth the thinking and conduct of the American Legion over the years of its existence insofar as the very fine people of Japanese origin and descent are concerned.

I was particularly happy for this detailed report because it will show to all of your people, as well as others who may read your paper, whether they be veterans or not, that the conduct of the Nisei boys during World War II and Korea was most courageous and won the love and respect of all other servicemen who had the privilege to serve with and by them. It also proves that the American Legion is a big enough organization to admit its mistakes of earlier years and face up to the realities of today.

My congratulations to you and Mr. Tajiri. Keep up the good work.

BALDO M. KRISTOVICH  
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## CALENDAR

Sept. 8 (Saturday)  
Ventura County—Back to School outing, Jockey Mead, Thousand Oaks, 12 noon.  
Orange County—JAYs Installation banquet, Masonic Temple, Santa Ana, 6:30 p.m.; Sheriff Jim Musick, spkr.  
Sept. 9 (Sunday)  
Sonoma County—Fishing Derby, Nelson's Resort, Napa.  
Sept. 12 (Wednesday)  
Southwest L.A.—Voters registration night, Centenary Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.  
East Los Angeles—General meeting, Sept. 15 (Saturday)  
Detroit—10th Anniversary dinner, Sept. 22 (Saturday)  
Cincinnati—General meeting, Sept. 29 (Saturday)  
Detroit—10th Ann'y dinner-dance, Adrienne's Room, Paul's Steak House, Oct. 6 (Saturday)  
Oakland—Hawaiian Luau, Hotel Alameda, 7:30 p.m.