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## BY THE BOARD:

Still raving about  
the 14th Biennial

Since it seems like yesterday that the National Convention was concluded in San Francisco, I certainly would like to take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to Jerry Enomoto and his efficient staff which really put it over very successfully. It goes without saying that it was the biggest and the best. Although I missed the opening and closing ceremonies, I was certainly there during the middle portion and observed the tremendous amount of planning and hard work that went into making the convention a huge success.

I must also mention the delicious steak at the picnic I was so fortunate to enjoy before leaving to take my plane back home. I'm afraid I must have started that premature run on the barbecue steaks by having been provided a special concession.

I was particularly happy to learn of the keen interest of the younger group—the Junior JACLers—the future of any organization, so well represented. Perhaps, it may be in order to seriously consider adding to the National Board a director in charge of all Junior JACL activities. The three years between 18 and 21 are quite important years in the formulation of any one's philosophy and most important that sophomore year in college when many of the concepts we have are suddenly swept away by reading and digesting essays by writers such as Bertrand Russell, Julian Huxley and others.

I was also glad to learn that there was no apparent animosity in the election of national officers as has occurred in the past national conventions. Perhaps, the mingling of the younger delegates with the older ones (prewar) has had a softening effect. I also, missed seeing Saburo Kido, an old standby—one person I thought would never miss a National Convention.

—Dr. Kelly K. Yamada.

## Refugee workers quitting camp scored by Masaoka

SAN FRANCISCO. — Mike Masaoka, JACL representative in Washington, speaking before an Issei meeting of the National JACL convention here recently, blasted 20 refugee workers from Japan for "leaving a labor camp in Delano."

The 20, all Japanese nationals who entered the U.S. under terms of the Refugee Relief Act, staged a walkout on Aug. 21 from the Di Giorgio Fruit Corporation's farm camp in Delano, which sponsored their entry into the States.

"American streets are not paved with gold," Masaoka said. "American farmers or any American for that matter, don't eat meat three times a day. On the American farm, everyone works, and works hard."

"No tea sipping every hour or so like on farms in Japan where labor is abundant," the lobbyist said.

Masaoka said the refugee workers must respect the contract agreement under which they entered the United States.

He stated that "these refugee Japanese do not seem to have the vision and stamina that our Issei fathers had when they came to this country without money a half century ago."

He did not expect extension of the present Refugee Relief Act which is due to expire this December. He plans to discuss further the importance of seasonal workers with the Japanese government when he confers with officials there next month.

## 'YES ON PROP. 13' PICKS CAMPAIGNER

SAN FRANCISCO. — Joe Grant Masaoka of Atherton has been hired by the Committee for "Yes" on Proposition 13 to direct its campaign for the repeal of the 1920 state alien land law.

A former regional JACL director for Northern California, Masaoka in 1946 directed a successful campaign to block a move to strengthen the alien land law in November, 1946.

According to Jack Noda of Denair, chairman of the repeal committee, Masaoka was asked to take over direction of the state-wide group for the final two months of the campaign, starting from the first of this month.

## Mike Masaoka postpones departure to Japan, to testify on trade matters

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, Nisei lobbyist, has postponed his departure for Japan in order to testify on United States trade and tariff policies before a subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee.

(The Associated Press reported Wednesday Mike Masaoka testified before the House subcommittee that raising of U.S. trade restrictions against Japanese imports might drive Japan into the Communist camp.)

Originally slated to leave Washington next week and to arrive in Tokyo on Sept. 29, his new schedule calls for him to leave the nation's capital on Oct. 8, arriving in Tokyo on Oct. 10. He will fly directly to Japan via Northwest Orient Airlines as previously announced.

While in Japan, he may be contacted through Dr. Kiyoshi George Togasaki, prominent Nisei who is, among other things, chairman of the board of Japan Times, chairman of the board of the Interna-

## Refugee farm workers runoff, jeopardize program

SAN FRANCISCO. — Entry of Japanese farm laborers will be indefinitely postponed after arrival of the first 2 groups of 60 men each late this month despite reports that an agreement had been reached to carry out this farm migrant worker program as originally scheduled.

The United Press had reported that transpacific telephone calls between the Japanese immigration officials and representatives of California farm operators had cleared the way for the hiring of another 380 to fill the original quota of 500 by the end of October.

According to the San Francisco Japanese consulate general office, however, there had been no new developments since it was announced on Sept. 11 that state growers groups had retracted their job offers and asked for a postponement of the program after the arrival of the first group of 120.

It was also reported at the local consulate that nearly all the 500 were to be assigned to the Marysville-Yuba City area.

A few were to be sent to Central California, but the report printed last week, that the 380 had been scheduled to go to a large Delano

farm is false, a consular official explained.

In fact none of the first 500 are scheduled to go there, he said.

A temporary halt in this program to bring temporary farm workers from Japan followed an incident in Central California involving 20 Japanese who came for permanent residence in this country under the Refugee Relief Act.

Although under three-year contracts to work for their sponsors who advanced their transportation money, these 20 men disappeared from one labor camp and made charges of bad living quarters, bad food and lack of gainful working time.

Cause of the strike was dissatisfaction over poor working and living conditions, and mainly, the long stretch of unemployment. They were without jobs from January to late June.

Without giving notice to their contract employers, and writing a series of letters to local vernacular newspapers, the workers went to Marysville to work for another rancher.

They voiced various grievances, including a "forced deduction" of \$10 a month for the company's expenses in bring the Japanese refugees to the U.S. The workers also said they were housed in railroad cars and had insufficient toilet facilities. They also alleged there was a shortage of the right kind of food for them to eat.

Repercussions were felt in Japan, when news of the flare-up reached the Japanese daily papers.

Some 250 refugee workers are still working on this farm.

Meanwhile, the Kawasaki camp management, labor contractors for the Di Giorgio Fruit Corp., indicated that the living facilities have been improved, and that no charges of contract-infraction will be filed against the "quitters" if they return.

The two programs are not connected in any way, except that some farms will be using both type of workers.

As these breaches of contract by these 20 men jeopardize a program which would permit a total of 15,000 Japanese to work in this country, the local consulate is trying to contact all of them.

The San Francisco consulate general's office Sept. 17 informed the press that four of the 20 "hold-outs" will return to the Di Giorgio ranch to fulfill their contract agreements. Three will return from a Santa Maria farm while the fourth will return to the Kawasaki camp from Lodi sometime this week.

Meanwhile, the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce was asking Nisei farm operators in Southern California for the number of Japanese farm laborers who might be needed. Among qualifications announced were a 30-hour week work guarantee and room and board charges of about \$1.25 per day.

## Bill Mambu's son dies of leukemia, was 15

SEATTLE. — John Y. Mambu, 15, of 6832-44th Pl. NE, a sufferer from leukemia, died Sept. 11 in Providence Hospital after an illness of 15 months. He is the son of Attorney William Mambu, past secretary to the national JACL board. Funeral services were held last Friday.

## NAT'L JACL TO REOPEN NEW YORK OFFICE; SAM ISHIKAWA IN CHARGE

In order to maintain contact with national organizations and the centers for dissemination of news and information in New York, the national Japanese American Citizens League has reopened its offices on a limited basis. Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president, announced this week.

The offices will be at 10 East 39th St., New York 16. Its telephone number is Lexington 2-0334.

Sam Ishikawa, formerly with the National JACL staff for many years, will serve as JACL's New York representative.

Dr. Nishikawa pointed out that most of the national organizations, including the churches and minority groups, have their headquarters in New York City and that most of the news agencies, radio and television, and national publications also have their main offices in America's biggest city.

"It is essential to our program that an office be maintained in New York," the national president said, "in order that JACL may always be in touch with helpful and friendly organizations and with the sources of news."

He recalled that immediately after World War II an office was opened in New York City and that at one time, now national director Mas Satow was its head. He also remembered that Sam Ishikawa also served in that capacity.

He explained that the purpose of the New York office would be to

represent the national organization and not to service the local New York chapter, because of the lack of sufficient funds for an expanded operation.

He further explained that Sam Ishikawa and the New York office would be under the direct supervision of Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, since most of its work would be in relation to the Washington activities of the organization.

## Nisei aspirant for Wash. state seal loses in primaries

BY ELMER OGAWA

SEATTLE. — Yukio Kuniyuki, first postwar Nisei aspirant for a House seat in the Washington state legislature, polled 1,265 votes in the state primaries last week.

While the victor, John L. O'Brien, polled 5,897 votes to win the Democratic nomination from the 33rd District, and was headed by two other candidates, Frank Connor (4,327) and Isiah Edwards (1,491), the Seattle-born Nisei veteran did pull in more votes than the two bottom candidates on the Republican slate.

Shirley E. Bosselly won the GOP nomination with 2,721 over Edward M. Bensussen (1,882), Jane Kalberg (1,071) and Leo Baroh (816).

The first Nisei on the mainland to run for state legislature also hails from Seattle—Clarence Arai, who was a candidate 22 years ago in 1934.

The 33rd District happens to be an area where a large concentration of Japanese Americans and other minority groups reside. Kuniyuki's candidacy was supported by former state attorney general Davey Johnson.

## Sac'to Capitol Mall project gets underway

SACRAMENTO. — A number of Issei and Nisei were affected as the Sacramento Redevelopment Agency last week began its initial phase to clear a 15-block area for the Capitol Mall project.

While the agency filed eminent domain proceedings on three blocks, the staff is negotiating with property owners for the purchase of the property.

Many more Japanese residents will be evacuated from their present homes and business sites as the program progresses.



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### FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## Japan Festival

Denver

■ This is being written on the eve of the opening of the Denver Japan Festival. Nothing quite like this exhibit of Japan's cultural and commercial wares has ever been seen in this little old town in the shadow of the Rockies. George Kyo-tow, representing the Japan Trade Center of San Francisco which is providing the exhibits, has been busy at work for the better part of a week getting the show ready. Nor has he been lacking in local volunteer help, ranging all the way from GI's from Lowry Air Force base to John Sakayama, president of the JACL chapter and his crew.

Thanks to some adroit public relations work the Festival has been getting considerable space in the Denver newspapers. The Denver Post's magazine last Sunday devoted its cover to the Festival together with seven Japanese characters. Inside, it was explained that the characters stood for "Nippon Boeki Assen Sho" which is roughly translated as Japan Trade Center.

This coming Sunday, characters reading "Nippon Matsuri" (Japan Festival) are scheduled to appear on the cover of The Post's society section with photos of Denver socialites disporting themselves at the exhibit. It's quite likely that this is the first time Japanese characters have appeared prominently two Sundays in a row in any major American metropolitan newspaper. One of the editors wanted to run all the cutlines—the information that appears under the pictures—in the society section story in Japanese with explanations in English, but it was decided that such a stunt would be going too far. At any rate, Denver this week is thoroughly Japan conscious.

But getting back to the Festival, I've had a quick preview of some of the exhibits. There are some beautiful and wonderful products of the Japanese ceramic genius—exquisite dolls, the world's latest camera lens (f 1.1) manufactured by the Nikon people, some superb ceramics ware, rich brocades and dozens of other items. The exhibit is sure to open a good many eyes in the Rocky Mountain Empire.

### JACL CONVENTION

■ Reading through the PC's account of proceedings at the recent JACL convention, I'm struck by one thing—the growing maturity of the Nisei and their willingness to face up to the world about them. Early in its history, the JACL made it a practice of passing in its convention a series of insipid, meaningless resolutions. In effect, they disapproved of sin, approved the institution of motherhood, pledged to support democracy, and sent greetings and best wishes for continued good health to the president of the United States.

It's different now. The delegates tackled such knotty issues as what to do about the importation of Japanese farm labor, and such ticklish problems as a stand if any on the Tokyo Rose matter. There would be no dilemma whatever if ideals were the only consideration. But mitigating against the purity and nobility of idealism are practical problems—matters that affect the pocketbook and touch heavily on public relations (which is a roundabout way of reaching the pocketbook). And so there was discussion as to how far ideals should be diluted by practical and material considerations.

In youth, when it costs little to be idealistic, the banners are held on high and the clichés are sounded and all that is noble and fine is endorsed without hesitation. But with maturity, why things can get terribly complicated. And so instead of blanket endorsements, there must be debates and study and soul-searching, and willingness to admit that one's own pocketbook and skin must be protected. Maturity isn't all beer and skittles even though human beings are alleged to grow wiser as they grow older.

The encouraging thing is that the Nisei in convention assembled are willing to talk about touchy problems instead of ignoring them in the hopes that somehow, if you look the other way, they'll disappear of their own accord.

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



## Quodlibet

■ This hometown of mine, about a decade ago, began to realize how much it had missed its Japanese American neighbors. The good mayor, before a community dinner honoring Nisei veterans, declared how wrong about the Nisei he was in 1942 and how glad for the Nisei he was in 1946... Evacuees were coming home day by day. Any "cubby hole" for temporary shelter sufficed until more commodious quarters were found... And about this time in the early days of resettlement, the Nisei who were back in Los Angeles wanted to know who the other Nisei back in Los Angeles were... More precisely, the men wanted to know who the young ladies were and vice versa... So a bunch of fellows met at the Downtown Y to form a young men's social group. Dave Nakagawa of San Pedro, who was boy's secretary at the time, had passed the word to his friends, who in turn invited their friends through which a nucleus of 20 was formed... In picking a name, individuality really asserted itself when we had Dave's suggestion: "Quixotics—In search of an extravagant ideal"... That was it! And you should have seen the fun we had at parties when our feminine guests tried to make

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## Japanese dolls start nation-wide tour, first show in Denver

DENVER. — An exquisite collection of Japanese dolls, brought to this country by Japan Air Lines recently, is on tour of many U.S. cities with the first stop here this week.

The dolls are part of the Festival of Japan, which opened yesterday at the Mile High Center Transportation Bldg.

The 11-day festival commemorating Japanese-American relations, will benefit Denver's Wallace school for brain-injured children, 4414 Logan St.

Cooperating agencies are the Japan Trade Center, Denver Retail Merchants Assn., Webb & Knapp, Japanese American Citizens League, Denver Japanese Assn., Japan Air Lines and the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

The dolls, from four inches to three feet in height, belong to the Japan Air Lines and displayed in typical Japanese settings.

The exhibit part of the festival also will include ancient and modern Japanese sculpture, paintings, craft items, fabrics, furniture and other items.

The festival will extend through Sept. 30. Exhibits will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

### Ishimaru to address Richmond-El Cerrito CL

RICHMOND. — Haruo Ishimaru will speak on the background of the alien land law and how Prop. 13 got on the forthcoming November state ballot before the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL tonight at the local Memorial Youth Center.

Shig Komatsu, chairman for the meeting, added that the chapter will also discuss means to campaign for "Yes on Prop. 13".

Ishimaru, while JACL regional director in San Francisco, worked with Sacramento legislators to have the proposition placed on the ballot.

### Salt Lake Auxiliary plans dinner meeting

SALT LAKE CITY. — The Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary will hold a dinner meeting next Sunday, Sept. 23, 4:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, 343 N. 5th West.

Blue Cross payments are due once more. Members belonging to the Blue Cross are expected to bring their payments or send it with someone else if unable to attend.

New projects and activities for the coming fall season will be discussed.

### PHOENIX PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYS NISEI TEACHER

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Grace Yamashiro, graduate of Arizona State at Tempe, was among 18 new teachers employed by the Murphy Elementary School District for the new term. She teaches the fourth grade at Sullivan School, 2 N. 31st St.

### TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama



## 25,000 Japanese war brides

Tokyo

● In spite of various efforts to check mixed marriages here by American religious groups and others, U.S. servicemen are still marrying Japanese girls at the rate of 190 per week. A happy note is found in that no American with a Japanese wife has complained except for an obvious language barrier. Americans have nothing but praise for them.

On the other hand, U.S. authorities now report Japanese who have married Nisei are better behaved and well-mannered. (This is something that challenges this reporter to investigate further). Japanese girls with American husbands seem to impress this reporter they feel superior and overemphasize their daily living habits.

Latest figures reveal over 25,000 American servicemen have married Japanese girls since 1947, when such marriages were first permitted by U.S. military authorities. It also disclosed that over half of the brides at the time of the legal marriage ceremony were pregnant.

Where war-brides generally appeared as loud and gum-chewing wives and openly proud of the GI slang they used in conversation in early days, today they are more sedate and polite.

### 2,400 in One Week

● Current figures show 1,837 marriages were recorded during the first six months of 1956 as compared with 2,461 in one week of September. Since the number of American security troops has been appreciably decreasing in recent months, the current increase of marriages is significant.

While the newly-wed bride paints a beautiful picture of America before departing Japan, this reporter can only wish them the best of luck upon arrival in the States. The problem of getting Americanized is something the girls barely realize.

### Nursery official

OAKLAND. — Frank H. Ogawa, prominent wholesale nurseryman here, was recently elected central chapter president of the California Association of Nurserymen. He is the first Nisei to be elected to a high post in the nurserymen's association.

### L.A. LAW STUDENT WINS BERKELEY SCHOOL AWARD

Joe Yasaki, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Tenyo P. Yasaki of Los Angeles and senior law student at Univ. of California at Berkeley, was awarded a specially bound copy on public administrative law from American Jurisprudence for being a top student in the course.

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### Honeymoon Days Over

● Meanwhile, interviews with Japanese brides are appearing in the Japanese press and periodicals. It was surprising to find some of the brides charging their Nisei husbands as sons of immigrants and their living conditions being inferior. The brides confessed they wanted to marry a white American but because they wanted to go to America married a Nisei. (As reading material, it may appear amusing, but it squeezed sand into my mouth.)

Yes, the honeymoon days are over for many of the couples who had married during the early years. Matrimonial troubles could be numerous, but the finest thing to see is the manner their American husbands are trying to do their best for their Japanese wives. This reporter met some of them who decided to move to California or some other Pacific coast state where more persons of Japanese descent reside for the benefit of their Japanese brides. Some Americans are trying to stay in Japan as long as possible by finding a job here.

It is wonderful to see this high respect the American husband has for his wife.

### NAME NISEI TO VISITING NURSE STAFF

NEW YORK. — Mr. Mary Ishii, formerly of Los Angeles, was elected chairman of the nursing staff association of Visiting Nurse Service here for a two-year term. She is a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital school of nursing in Tokyo.

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# VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



August Moon."—LST.)

## Oriental atmosphere

(In a series of guest columns, Bob Okazaki has been writing the always interesting, sometimes fabulous, history of the Japanese in Hollywood—from Sessue Hayakawa to Machiko Kyo. This is the latest of his contributions. Bob recently enjoyed the distinction of serving as special dialogue coach to Marlon Brando for MGM's "Teahouse of the

By BOB OKAZAKI

"For a picture with Oriental setting, decorate your lobby and marquee with Japanese lanterns hung from all light fixtures.

"Also hang Jap art panels and parasols. Place an incense burner in the foyer, which will do more than anything else to create the desired effect."—These are instructions to theater operators in the 1927 Film Year Book Exploitation Guide.

For about this time there was a rash of pictures with Oriental backgrounds. And more were in the making.

By the late 1920s and early 1930s, many Nipponese names were billed on the screen. Among them were Toya Ito, "The Return of Dr. Fu Manchu", Paramount, 1930; Iris Yamaoka, "China Slaver", 1929, and "The Eskimo", 1932; Yoshiwara Tamaki, "The Letter", Paramount, 1929; Miki Morita, "Death Flies East" and "Nagana", Universal, 1933; Wilfred Hari (Horiuchi), "Affairs of a Gentleman" and "Magic Bullets", starring Edward G. Robinson.

Hizi Koyke, operatic star from Tokyo, blazed brightly across the American continent, became the toast of New York. Universal brought her to the West Coast, put her in the starring role in "Madame Butterfly", 1933.

Suisei Matsui, a motion picture "benshi" from Japan, co-starred with Richard Arlen in "Hell and High Water" in 1933, and returned to his native country to continue his career on the screen. Tetsu Komai, stern-visaged and powerfully built, appeared in important roles for two decades. And Otto Yamaoka, who later adopted the screen name of Otto Hahn, went into a Charlie Chan series, ("Black Camel", "Benson Murder Case", 1930, etc.) He also won screen credits for his work in "Before Midnight" and "We're Rich Again" (1933), and "The Wedding Night", 1935, as well as several more. Otto put his screen earnings into a swank gift shop in Hollywood's Roosevelt Hotel and prospered until the war broke out. He now has offices in New York's Wall Street and imports Japanese motion pictures for distribution in the U.S.

## MOST BEAUTIFUL

Perhaps the most beautiful Nipponese girl in American films was Pearl Suyetomi. From childhood, Pearl was trained for the stage, and, assuming the name of Lotus Long, made her stage debut as a dancer, touring with the Ruth St. Denis troupe, doing Oriental numbers. As Lotus Long, she appeared in a number of pictures and was generally thought to be Chinese. "Sing Sing Nights", Monogram, and "The Eskimo", 1932, a W. S. Van Dyke picture for MGM which was made in the Arctic, were her best efforts. Shortly thereafter, she married a cameraman and retired from pictures, returning briefly in 1946 in the title role of Paramount's "Tokyo Rose".

It was in the early '20s that the Tenkatsu Troupe, an aggregation of magicians, actors and actresses, came from Japan and made a sensational tour of the U.S. In this group was K. Nambu, who had been on the stage for seven years in Japan, and his wife, Takane, an opera singer. When the Tenkatsu players went back to Japan, they remained. She joined the Philadelphia Grand Opera and he went into pictures.

Namba's credits include "The Thief of Bagdad", "Head Winds", "Dragon Horse", "Old San Francisco", and "The Chinese Parrot".

## YAMATO HALL PRODUCTIONS

It was during this period in motion picture history that Hollywood's stars and directors often visited "Little Tokyo" in Los Angeles to see the stage offerings at the Yamato Hall on Jackson Street.

Nichibei Kogyo (Japanese-American Theatrical Company) with offices on San Pedro Street, brought from Japan a company of "kengeki" (sword-play) players in the spring of 1928. Garish posters and colorful banners proclaimed their scheduled appearances behind the footlights of the Yamato Theater.

Charlie Chaplin, then the "King of Hollywood", was one of the honored guests.

The Mitsuru Toyama Troupe, hearing that the great "Chaplin-san" was out front, outdid themselves. One of the troupers sprained an ankle, another was cut across the shoulder by an overly enthusiastic sword. But the fast action, dazzling costumes, and acrobatic leaps and falls delighted Chaplin.

"This is theater", he said. And so, with Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks, he sponsored a Pacific Coast tour for the Toyamas, opening at the Music Box Theater on Hollywood Boulevard.

Thus Hollywood discovered the Japanese theater, the later "Rashomon", "Samurai", and the Azuma Kabuki Dancers, notwithstanding. In fact, Warners First National was so impressed that the Mitsuru Toyama group was used in a picture, a musical, no less.

## ATMOSPHERE TODAY

Hollywood today is re-discovering the theater of Japan. In MGM's forthcoming "Teahouse of the August Moon", the imprint of the Azuma Kabuki Dancers' two trips to these shores will be seen in the dancing scene, arranged by their choreographer, Masaya Fujima. Two members of the troupe appear in the dance sequence and the Nipponese music is adapted from the Azuma repertoire.

Comes now the news that Joshua Logan, producer-director of "Sayonara", now in the making, with two cameramen borrowed from Dai-ichi Studio, filmed the Gion Festival in Kyoto in its entirety to be used as an integral part of his picture.

American theater operators will again be hanging Japanese lanterns on their marquees and burning incense in their foyers.

## SANSEI-MADE WHITE BREAD WINS 4-H PRIZE

By GEORGE NAKAMURA

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Judges tasted 118 loaves of white bread before naming Joan Yasui, 13-year-old Hood River valley resident, as champion in the 4-H white bread-baking exhibit at the Oregon State Fair in Salem last week.

She is the daughter of Ray Yasui, who is 1000 Club chairman of the Mid-Columbia JACL. Joan is in a cooking club at Odell.

## JAPANESE CENTER PART OF AMUSEMENT PARK

Los Angeles Turf Club, which operates Santa Anita, last week revealed to Japanese Chamber of Commerce plans for a \$5-million amusement park at Ocean Park to include a Japanese cultural house. It would serve to introduce Japanese art, trade and other cultural aspects.

## 40 oil paintings by Nisei artist on display at Sac'to Crocker gallery

SACRAMENTO. — Forty oil paintings by Dorothy Furuya are currently on display until Oct. 7 at Crocker Art Gallery, Third and O Streets.

Dorothy Furuya began her art training at the age of 17 in Honolulu, under the private tutelage of Takeo Miyasaki, eminent Honolulu artist. Later she attended the Cincinnati Art Academy for four years, also studying music at the Cincinnati Conservatory.

After one year at the Art Institute of Chicago, seeking Academic Training she left for Paris, where she studied at L'Academie Julian for three years and at the Louvre Museum, where she became familiar with the old masters' techniques. Extensive travel throughout Europe gained for Dorothy Furuya intensive understanding of the arts, which marks this Hawaiian artist as one possessing great strength in her work.

Besides the beautiful Honolulu

## Motor Vehicles manager

Yoshio Tatsukawa, 36, who started as a driver's license examiner in Bakersfield eight years ago, this past week assumed duties as manager of the Culver City office of the state division of motor vehicles, 11354 W. Washington Blvd.

## PARLIER HIGH EMPLOYS TWO NISEI TEACHERS

PARLIER. — The local high school has added two new Nisei teachers, Toru Ikeda in commercial subjects and James Goishi in woodshop and mechanical drawing. Ikeda was a onetime Central California JACL representative.

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## People in Japan living better, editorial says of economic report

(Of interest to Nisei, after having read the complete speeches of Edward Ennis and Maxwell Rabb presented at the recent JACL convention, is the recent editorial in the New York Times concerning the new face of Japan. Nisei certainly can't picture a Japan that their parents, the Issei, knew as a young adult.—Editor.)

For almost 10 years there has been reference to a "revolution" in Japan. It has been stated that the country's whole basis for living had changed. The impact of our occupation has been evaluated in a variety of ways, but there has been no disagreement on the impact.

Now, at last, we have a sharp and definitive report from the Japanese economic planning board on some of the changes. They are not discouraging. This board has gone down to bedrock and come up with some significant findings.

The Japanese are eating better

than they did before the war. Rice is somewhat less important in the diet and the protein content has gone up more than 10 per cent. Food is more diversified than it was, and the diversification is in the right direction from a dietetic standpoint.

Some other items are also significant. The Japanese is making more telephone calls than he ever did before. His present rate is double the prewar average. He is reading three times as much in his newspapers, based on actual newsprint per capita. He is enjoying three times as much electricity in his home as he had before the war. He is spending twice as much for clothes, and substantially more for travel and amusement.

Such figures are not guesswork. The pattern of Japanese is more and better medical service, an enormous increase in the number of those in school, a better all-around living standard.

It should not be assumed that the social revolution that is implicit in such figures is completely favorable or desirable. There are Americans as well as Japanese who think that the substitution of chewing gum and soft drinks for the tea ceremony is not necessarily an advance.

But Japan has changed and is changing. In terms of the basic questions of how persons live, the changes are for the better. The occupation of Japan has had fruitful results in this field. It is nothing of which we need be ashamed nor for which the Japanese need be apologetic. We will do well to study the record.—Editorial.

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# SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



## Honda gone-da

● There comes a time in the life of every man when his feme resistance crumbles and he commits himself to the Holy Order of the Ball and Chain. So it will be with ye olde PC ed, Harry Honda, whom we once considered as the sturdiest, gambari outpost of bachelorhood.

Our faith in him as a confirmed hold-out was rudely undermined this week when our reliable grapevine advised us that a petite, cute number, name of Micki Mayumi, was sporting his classy rock on the usual finger.

Micki, a real doll, works for the city and her folks are in San Diego. We can't blame Harry one bit for falling. When's the hitching day, we asked, to which he sez they'll wait until after the PC Holiday Issue is out. Gads, PC holding up a wedding!

Which brings us to the PC's super year-ender for 1956. Info, soliciting material and supplies will be in the hands of all chapters by the end of Sept. Same deal—no changes in space rates or commissions. Featured will be the antiquarians in JACL, the real oldies. Like the song from Tokuzo Gordon's musical, "Slowboat"—"Ole Man Kido, He Just Keeps Hangin' Around."

The PC is hopeful of the same kind of consistent support from the chapters that have made every holiday issue a financial success for the organization.

Getting back to our benedict-to-be, the Japanese word for bachelor is *dokushin*, a cleverly derived word as analysis reveals: *doku* (poison) and *shin* (heart), retranslation of which is misogynist. Our second preference: *do* (mazuma, pronounced dough), *kush* (-ida, a surname we like) and *in* (negative), confirming what we've long known—we tend to the impecunious. Choice no. 3: *do* (torso) and *kushin* (seat pad) which means bachelors take it easy in the end.

While on the subj of money, the Nisei investors in Nacirema Productions' 2nd pic, "Hot Rod Girl", got a thrill out of the Ellay showing in 14 theaters, box officing with its companion feature, "Girls in Prison", more than 100 Gs in a week, and doing sensationally in other parts of the country as well.

The next two pix will be packaged for release together and are tentatively titled "Rebel on Wheels" and "Crime Beneath the Seas" with shooting scheduled to start in a couple or 3 weeks at California Studios in Hollywood. Prez Yokozeki is welcoming additional investors to join the Nacirema bandwagon.

● A refreshing addition to the newly elected nat'l JACL board is Lily Okura of Omaha, Neb. The SF confab was disappointed by her absence, she being called to St. Louis, Mo. to attend a board meeting of the Nat'l Ass'n of Secretaries, of which she's vice prez.

Sec'y to the JACL board for the next two years, Lily brightened things up around Ellay by flying in last week to join her *danna-san*, K. Patrick O'Kura, the sunburned Irishman from Father Flanagan's famed Boys Town where he's a staff psycho,—logist that is, and who gave an A-1 spiel about this great boys home to the SWLA chapter. Kiyoshi, which is what the K's for, was 2nd nat'l veepee under the late Dr. Randy Sakada. He should stick around to brainwash some of the local delinquents but he had to shove off for the salt mines this week.

Speaking of St. Louis, we've heard again from our good JACLer pal, Sam Nakano, who reports that his wife is finally out of the hospital after 9 months, still paralyzed from the waistline but on the slow road to recovery. Not polio but something like it—she may walk in two years. Seems like the nicest people get the lousiest breaks.

# VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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out our club name. A man's sentimentality was put to test in trying to explain the motto . . . So, the cycle of life began for the Quixes—as we were known.

● Guided by the club motto, it wasn't long before the Quixes "lost" their first member through marriage. We figured a man had found his "extravagant ideal" by it and had disqualified himself automatically from the club ranks. To keep the membership constant at 20, a replacement was made . . . The fraternity had its annual New Year Eve parties (they still curl nice 'n' warm in our memories), the colorful costume ball, moonlight hayrides and gay beach parties to fulfill the hope of a social each month . . . (JACL chapters locally at the time were too involved with Washington matters to take time out for all-out social programs) . . . And when enough of the Quixes married, the active (bachelor) members referred to them as the "ball and chain" chapter. Within five years, the count nearly evened between the "active" and "ball and chain" members . . . Tiny Quixes and Quixettes came along. In subsequent years, the "ball and chain" group began to hold picnics at the park, showing off the young ones.

● Last Sunday, the Quixes held another "ball and chain" picnic. We counted 43 youngsters ranging from 7 on down with five more on the come . . . The active group in the meantime has ceased to function—the nucleus (except for a staunch few) and many of the Quixes who joined later having found their "extravagant ideal" . . . Some of the gang parading with their youngsters we met were Frank Chuman, Kiyoshi Kagawa, Dick Fujioka, Roy Uno, Stanley Uno, and John Shiokari—to mention some men who have been or are active JACLers . . . They found the secret I had kept since convention time. Another member of the nucleus will join the "ball and chain" chapter soon—me . . . As for "Quodlibet" above this column, it was the name of the Quix club paper during the era when words beginning with "q" were quite the thing.

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Being cited together for the Dr. Randolph M. Sakada Memorial "JACLer of the Biennium" award at the recent national JACL convention at San Francisco were Abe Hagiwara (standing at left) of Chicago and Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco. Reading the citation is Kenji Tashiro of Tulare County, past 2nd national vice-president and newly elected national chairman of the 1000 Club. Seated at the head table are George Inagaki, 1956 Nisei of Biennium awardee and past national president; Maxwell Rabb, secretary to President Eisenhower's cabinet; and Victor Abe of San Francisco, toastmaster and recognition banquet chairman.

—Peter Asano Photo.

## Gigantic Chicago CL carnival slated

CHICAGO. — Preparations are under way for the gigantic carnival which the Chicago JACL chapter is sponsoring at the Olivet Institute on Oct. 27 and 28.

There will be plenty of booths and games where fun-makers can try their skill. There will also be booths specially designed for children. Plenty of food and soft drinks will be sold.

The door to the carnival will open at 6 p.m. on Saturday and continue to 1 a.m. On Sunday the carnival will open at 2 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. when drawing for Operation X56 are a \$1,000 color TV be awarded on both days.

Among the prizes announced for Operation X56 is a \$1,000 Color TV set, a hi-fi set, a radio-phonograph and other valuable prizes.

Admission to the carnival will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

## October activities set by Sonoma CL

SANTA ROSA. — At the September meeting of the Sonoma County JACL held here recently, National Convention reports were given by official delegates Edwin Ohki and Frank Oda.

The members voted to sponsor a benefit movie tentatively set for Oct. 19 with Kanemi Ono and Tak Kameoka in charge. Part of the proceeds will be used to finance the local campaign for "Yes on Prop. 13" on the November ballot.

The formation of the Sonoma County Alien Land Law Committee was also announced at this meeting, comprised of Lloyd Ellis, Johnnie Hirooka and Ohki, to supplement the work of the state Alien Land Law Committee in this county.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, the annual Nisei Memorial Day Services will be held at the local Enmanji Buddhist Temple with the Rev. R. Onoyama officiating. President Ohki will preside.

## San Francisco auxiliary fashion show exciting moment of 14th Confab

SAN FRANCISCO. — Swathed in elegant furs, stunning play, day, afternoon and evening clothes and dramatic, exciting millinery presented by City of Paris, 14 lovely Women's Auxiliary members of the San Francisco JACL Chapter promenade down the ramp of Sheraton-Palace Hotel's Gold Room during the Labor Day week-end fashion show staged at the 14th Biennial national convention.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Haru Hedani and the expert coordination of City of Paris' Mrs. Lisa Boissier and nationally-known commentator Mrs. Bernice Woodward, this spectacular fashion parade opened with models "charlestoning" down the runway in Gay Nineties clothes to accent the theme of the convention, "Changing Perspectives".

Musically accompanied by the Blue Notes Quartet, around-the-clock fashions were displayed, putting emphasis on the latest and smartest in styles, fabrics, hues and carefully-chosen accessories.

The climax of the show was provided by the entrance of a traditional bridal group, including two small fry models who played the role of ring bearer and flower girl, the bridesmaids, and a radiant bride who appeared in a charming gown of lace by Adeline.

The show culminated with the giving away of a wardrobe to lucky ticket holders in attendance.

## Set Sept. 28 deadline for Oakland CL luau

OAKLAND. — Deadline for reservations for the Oakland JACL Hawaii luau has been set for Friday, Sept. 28, according to Bill Iino, social event chairman.

Tickets for the luau, which will be held at Hotel Alameda at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, are still available from Iino who can be contacted at Olympia 3-3047.

An hour-long floor show, featuring knife, Tahitian and hula dancers, is planned in addition to the Hawaiian food prepared by Honolulu caterers. Dancing will follow.



## '1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — National Headquarters reported for the first half of September that 47 new memberships and renewals were received for the JACL 1000 Club.

### EIGHTH YEAR

Marysville—Mas Oji.

### SIXTH YEAR

Pasadena—Yoneo Deguchi.  
San Francisco—Dr. Shigeru R. Horio (Honolulu).

### FOURTH YEAR

Idaho Falls—Albert Brownell.  
Eden Township—Kenji Fujii.  
Orange County—Ken Uyesugi.

### THIRD YEAR

Downtown L.A.—Koroku Hashimoto, Seiichi Oguchi, George K. Sayano, Toraiichi Sumi, Elmer S. Yamamoto.  
San Diego—Martin L. Ito.  
Orange County—James K. Kobayashi.  
Chicago—Dr. Kenji Kishino.  
Sonoma County—James T. Miyano.  
Seattle—Mitsugi Noji.  
San Francisco—Mrs. Katherine Reyes.

### SECOND YEAR

Downtown L.A.—Mrs. Haru Hashimoto, Masao Igasaki, Chester I. Katayama, Kenji K. Katayama, Tsutomu Maehara, Minoru Nagata, Gongoro Nakamura, Larry T. Nitta, Shozo Ohara, Lily Otera (Japan), Mitsuhiko Shimizu, Matao Uwate.  
Puyallup Valley—Bob Mizukami, Thomas Takemura.  
Orange County—Paul S. Nagatani.  
Sanger—Tom Nagamatsu.

### FIRST YEAR

Salinas Valley—Frank Hibino, George Higashi, Jikuchi Iwashige, Frank E. Teraji, Kihel "Y" Yamashita.  
Puyallup Valley—Yosh Fujita, John Sasaki, Dr. George Tanbara (Tacoma).  
Denver—Yutaka Terasaki.  
Portland—Charles T. Shimomura, Dr. Robert S. Kinoshita.  
Downtown L.A.—Rollins MacFadyen, Ben K. Murayama.  
Chicago—Jay T. Kurashima.

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

## Gilroy chapter announces Thanksgiving Dance plans

GILROY. — The local JACL will hold its third annual Thanksgiving Dance on Nov. 22, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the 100F Temple on Egleberry St. between Fifth and Sixth streets, according to Ida Ueki, chapter publicity chairman.

George Porcella and his orchestra will play for the non-couple affair. Preparations are underway to make the dance another huge success.

## San Mateo Fun night

SAN MATEO. — A Fun Night program of table games is planned for Saturday, Sept. 22, by the San Mateo JACL at the local Buddhist hall. Hiroshi Ito is chairman.

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by Jerry Enomoto



San Francisco

Here it is three weeks since *Changing Perspectives* became history, and we're still hearing echoes from many friends who enjoyed the festivities. This is all very gratifying to the Convention Board and the host Chapter, but let us not forget the "meat" of the Convention; i.e., the national council sessions. Handicapped by limited time and critical policy questions, a remarkable job was done by George, Mas, Mike, and the rest of the "upper echelon" in keeping things moving, and bringing in the election results right under the wire to wrap things up. Perhaps many of the more weighty questions were not answered to everyone's satisfaction, but then such questions often have no immediate answer, and they can seldom be answered to the satisfaction of all. The expression of differing views, however, is healthy, is a part of progress, and contributes to the meaning of *Changing Perspectives*.

### HONOR ROLL

Last week we paid tribute to some who gave a great deal of themselves to the Convention cause. We continue now by pointing to the splendid job turned in by general arrangements chairman Marshall Sumida and his committee. Backed up by his right hand men, Jack Kusaba and Sam Sato, Marshall kept under control the innumerable details and problems that threaten the smooth flow of any large scale project like this. Ki Tanamachi, Joe Koga, Noel Nitta, Marie Kogawara, George Miyamoto and Dick Nishi were some of the stalwarts who worked "backstage", without fanfare, to assure a successful confab.

### GOOD PRESS COVERAGE

Too much cannot be said of the work of public relations chairman Dan Nakatsu, Kaye Uyeda, Will Maruyama, Tats Kushida and Don Arlett. The unprecedented TV, radio, and press coverage given our 14th Biennial was a direct result of their efforts. Dan utilizing his PR ability and contacts through his job with JAL, Kaye with her "newshound" nose, and Will from his vantage point on the staff of two local TV stations contributed immeasurably to the successful campaign.

Tats, although a staff man, put out more than might be expected of him, and incidentally, we were most happy to see him receive the Sapphire Pin. Don Arlett, a free lance PR agent, was retained by the CB shortly before the parley, and more than earned his fee.

### FOR POSTERITY

When all is said and done, what's left of any Convention but memories? The Souvenir Booklet, that's what, and the CB can well be proud of a well organized, meaningful artistic piece of work. To editor Thelma Takeda, consulting ed Yori Wada, art editor Hats Aizawa, Hisashi Tani, and other members of the booklet committee we say, "Well done, it's the best Booklet yet."

### 'BIG M' GOES OVER TOP

The "Big M" really went over the top as Operation Mercury, under the guiding hand of Joe Kubokawa, seems to have enjoyed tremendous success. Joe, aided by sidekick, Jiro Sue-naga, and a corps of local lovelies, put on a spirited "stretch drive" during the Convention to really pep up sales. Noticed old reliable Sim Togasaki hustling tickets while waiting for his steak at the big Outing. Queen Sharon Nishimi, Elaine (Miss SF) Harada, Barbara (Miss Sequoia) Arimoto, and Ann (Miss San Jose) Yamamoto, utilized their charms to the best advantage for the cause.

### HOSPITALITY

Those of you who felt that Hospitality with a capital "H" marked the 14th Biennial, reserve an orchid for our Hospitality Queen, Sumi Utsumi. The hospitality room, information booth, hostesses, date bureau, etc., were all under her wing. Mickey Aoyama, Margie Sihgezumi, Yo Hironaka, Tosh Kataoka, Florence Higa, Daisy Yamane, and Sayo Soga were some of the hardworking cuties who contributed to the warm atmosphere.

### VITAL COGS — SECRETARIES

From their position behind the scenes Convention Board secretaries Mary Yonemoto, Kathy Reyes and Lucy Adachi bore a great deal of the burden of the parley. Ditto finance boss Jack Hirose, and treasurer Tokuji Hedani (congratulations for the Sapphire Pin). Needless to say, all these boys and gals filled in wherever needed when the chips were down.

A special basket of orchids goes to Sumi Honnami, to whom fell the toughest and most demanding responsibility of all—registration. She took on this job with her characteristic spirit and emerged with flying colors. We're glad that Sumi got a crack at being a TV personality on the Steve Allen show in New York, and only sorry that we missed catching her. Sumi was strongly supported on registration problems by her four lieutenants; Sally Noda, Louise Endo, Kiku Hori and Sachi Kawaoka, each of whom did a bang up job.

A special vote of thanks to our well known Nisei artist, Hisashi Tani, for his inimitable talent and contribution to *Changing Perspectives*. His "pinwheels", booklet cover design, and program cover designs for the three official events reflected a special kind of showmanship and dignity.

### THANKS TO ALL

To our National Headquarters staff of Mas, Daisy and Chiz, and to all the chapters and district councils throughout the land go our heartfelt thanks for your support. To editor Harry Honda and his PC staff, "thanks for your cooperation and plugs". Above all, much obliged for this chance to play the role of a budding (??) journalist. May the coming biennium bring further gains to the JACL and all Americans of Japanese ancestry as we continue in our efforts to become "Better Americans in a Greater America". And now aloha, until we meet again.

## Text of document for Nisei of Biennium Awards for 1954-56

(Texts of the documents accompanying the 1954-56 Nisei of the Biennium awards recently made at the 14th Biennial JACL convention as drawn by the National Recognition Committee are as follows:)

### GEORGE J. INAGAKI

To Americans of Japanese ancestry the personification for many years of their organization has been George J. Inagaki, national president of the Japanese American Citizens League from 1952 to 1956—the transition years...

Before World War II, he was active in the Venice area chapters and the Pacific Southwest District Council; at the inception of the War Relocation Authority when center furlough workers went to various farm jobs, George Inagaki made a tour to correct unsatisfactory work conditions; later he embarked with Mike Masaoka on a public relations campaign of the Eastern states...

When the armed forces opened its ranks to Nisei, George Inagaki volunteered at once for Military Intelligence service in the Pacific Theater where he afterward served, earning the Navy Commendation and Meritorious Service award...

The business community respects him for his work as president of the Southern California Flower Market, board of director member of the Bank of Tokyo of California, Rotary Club member of Culver City, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California...

He has contributed his leadership and talent to the community as member of the Welfare Council of Los Angeles, Japanese Childrens Home of Southern California, Adoption Bureau, National Committee of the Museum of Immigration, the Japan American Society and many other organizations...

To his lasting credit and the appreciation of every JACLer has been the dedication of George J. Inagaki in placing the national JACL on a sound financial basis particularly through his dramatic promotion of the 1000 Club idea, thus enabling the JACL to carry forward its cherished ideals with undiminished vigor...

More, George J. Inagaki symbolizes the best of Nisei leadership in community affairs while giving at the same time effective direction to the National Japanese American Citizens League.

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### JACK MURATA

Emergence of the Nisei scientist into American preeminence is seen in the work of Jack Murata of Washington, D.C....

Recognized as a foremost scientist in the field of agricultural chemistry, he was cited for his research in geophysical and spectrographical analysis...

He is associated with the United States Department of Interior, a contributing writer to scientific publications and fellow in various scientific societies of his field in America and Great Britain...

He is director of a research project at the commission of the Brazilian government...

His distinguished attainments as a scientist is the forerunner of other similar success by Nisei scientists in the years to come.

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### MINORU YAMASAKI

Regarded by authorities in his profession as among the top ten architects in America and so named by Time Magazine...

Internationally acclaimed are his designs and supervision of the St. Louis Airport, public housing projects in St. Louis, the American Consulate Building in Kobe, Japan, the Michigan State Capitol, the

### 'LIFE OF MANJIRO' SET FOR DAIET FILM CAMERAS

Steve Parker of Hollywood departed for Japan Monday to produce his first film for Daiet, "Life of Manjiro", a biographical story of the first Nipponese to come to the United States.

Grosse Pointe University School in Detroit, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Detroit...

He was accorded numerous honors and awards by the School Executive Magazine for 1953's best schools, honorable recognition by the American Academy of Awards, top award of Progressive Magazine for 1955 and first honor citation by the American Institute of Architects in 1955, first design award for urban development by Progressive Architecture in 1956...

His leadership in the field of architecture and slum clearance serves to highlight the distinguished contributions of Japanese Americans to the contemporary American scene.

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### ROBERT SAKATA

Fittingly proper the national Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, chose Robert Sakata "one of America's four outstanding young farmers of 1955"...

He typifies the community service ideals of Nisei farmers by serving as a member of the board of supervisors of the West Adams Soil Conservation District, general chairman of the Brighton, Colorado Agricultural District and advisor to the Future Farmers of America, and as member of the Vegetable Growers Association of Colorado and the Farm Bureau...

He has given his attention to civic and Japanese American affairs by

serving as an officer in the Brighton Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Japanese American Citizens League and the Optimist club...

Representative of the Nisei farmers of today Robert Sakata typifies their integration into their respective communities by occupational success and civic participation.

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### SHIGEO WAKAMATSU

Possessed of diligence, dedication, administrative talent and an engaging personality, Shigeo Wakamatsu has devoted himself effectively to gaining recognition for all Nisei as competent and cooperative individuals...

Active as a member of various societies in chemistry, a technologist with the Lever Bros. Company, he was cited after a nationwide election by his firm as public relations Man of the Month in March, 1955...

He had demonstrated his community service as president of the Chicago JACL Chapter, chairman of the Midwest District Council, national chairman of the 1000 Club, board of directors member of the Chicago JACL Credit Union, vice-president of the Japanese American Council of Chicago, member of the Independent Voters of Illinois and a participant in race relations organizations...

By his untiring zeal he has given meaning to the National JACL slogan: "For Better Americans to a Greater America".

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## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



## Wild game hunters

Seattle

■ With a big broad grin he said, "Say, did it occur to you that now I'm a citizen. I don't have to pay that \$25 alien hunting license fee any more?" The speaker was Hiromu Nishitani, green-house and nurseryman who is only technically an Issei, for he's been around here longer than most Nisei. He got his

first 30-30 in 1915 at the age of 16, and has been hunting every year since, except for the years when firearms were contraband.

But no expense is too great, once the feeling for this sport gets in the blood. Matching wits with the crafty local black-tail, or seeking out the whitetail or king size mule deer in the wide expanses of central and eastern Washington has long been a traditional family affair with the Nishitanis. There were younger brothers George, Tom and Woodrow who now get their bucks in Oregon and Idaho, and still with the family are nephew George Abe and sons Jimmy and Sammy. Jim is president of the Seattle Rifle and Pistol Club. The Nishitani-Abe arsenal and collection of marksmanship trophies is really something to see and rates a picture.

## NISEI NIMRODS

■ This is rather a late date to become aware that such a great number of Nisei nimrods have for years existed in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, especially in the rural areas. Here in Seattle, the International Sportsmen's club estimates that there are at least some 30 to 40 Nisei deer hunters in the membership. The word is out among the enthusiastic members of this Nisei inspired group that the Nisei are now a "minority group" in the club. The circumstance serves well to illustrate the strength and promising future of the club; for sportsmen everywhere like to share the knowledge and enthusiasm for their specialty whether it be training dogs, hunting birds, big game, predatory animals, salt water, lake or stream fishing, or hunting with a camera for which this joker was born thirty years too late. The next club meeting October 10 will be devoted entirely business of the fall shooting season.

Such a club works hand in hand with the State Game Commission, and the operation of the Game Department's conservation minded biologists. The administration of the Game Commission's problems are pretty much the same in Washington and Oregon, and a Portland friend to be known just as "Al" described the procedure.

## GAME CONSERVATION

■ In the spring of the year and after game censuses have been taken on winter ranges and the game depredations in cultivated areas have been recorded, the game commission begins the problem of setting the season and limits for the forthcoming season. Long before the final setting of the seasons the game commission has a public hearing for sportsmen or sports organizations to present their views on pertinent matters of the coming season. These meetings are held in the best traditions of the old meeting house with everybody having his or her say, and at the conclusion the commission goes into session to set the seasons.

In Washington and Oregon the winter of 1955-56 with its heavy snows, the "winter kill" has outstripped its usual demand on game populations. As the term "harvest" is used by the game management to represent hunting-season kills within the law, "winter kill" is a usually stable percentage representing the losses due to weather, predators and illegal killings.

Fortunately the game situation in the State of Washington is far from the black outlook predicted last winter. The Commission has approved a season which should produce at least 60,000 animals in the harvest. The figure could go well above that number depending on the skill of the hunter and his willingness to concentrate more on the blacktails of the western slope where there are an estimated 200,000, and calculating the usual annual increase of 25%, that would make 250,000 blacktails at large. But hunting the wily blacktail in his brushy habitat is tough, and the accident hazard is higher, causing many hunters to prefer the more open terrain east of the mountains.

In the Pend Oreille country 65,000 whitetails will be roaming the hills. The experts agree that the winter loss on these two species was no more than normal, and the supply is plentiful if the hunters will only get in the mood to hustle.

Most restricted is the mule deer country, Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan, Kittitas and Yakima counties, where the winter loss was heavy as starving deer did considerable damage to fruit trees. But even so, after adding the usual 25% increase, the mule deer will number 140,000, only 12½% below normal. As the planned harvest is estimated at 20% and the winter kill at 5%, a little more activity in the blacktail country can produce a legal kill considerably in excess of the 60,000 estimate.

## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



## Crippled children

Los Angeles

■ It wouldn't be a bit of surprise if the Rev. and Mrs. H. V. Nicholson have spent more than half their lives taking care of the sick and the unfortunate in Japan.

They are well known among the natives there.

The Nicholsons were married in that country 36 years ago and raised their children in Ibaraki. Two of their offsprings were born in Japan. The family speaks Japanese more fluently than most of the Nisei.

Last week, the couple, at their Pasadena home, greeted Dr. Ichiro Okohchi from Fukushima who is now touring the United States, studying the operations of children's homes, sanitariums and institutions for the aged.

It was four years ago that the Rev. Nicholson helped Dr.

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## NISEI PIGSKINNERS IN GOOD SPOT TO MAKE GRADE THIS SEASON ON PREP, JR. COLLEGE &amp; COLLEGE TEAMS

Nisei footballers on all levels—high school, junior college and college—will be going postward this weekend as the 1956 gridiron season opens with a full slate of games in each division.

"Prospects are good this year for Nisei pigskinners to make the grade," so comments George Yoshinaga, who resumed his sports beat with the Shinichi Bei this week. (He had been working with the San Francisco Nichibei Times, got married and decided to return to Los Angeles.)

High school will have the most activity as far as the Nisei is concerned.

In the local Catholic prep league, two are being billed as the top performers in the loop.

Jim Takeuchi of Cantwell, a 170-pound center, is tabbed as the outstanding player on the Cardinal eleven. Takeuchi is a veteran from last season's team, which was a title contender for the league crown. Takeuchi is described as a steady, dependable player.

Cathedral has halfback Kenny Ogata, a 150-pounder returning to fold from the title-contending team of 1955. Ogata is slated for first-string duties in a heavy backfield.

In Central California, according to a report by Thomas Toyama of that area, the following players are figuring prominently on their respective school elevens:

George Omata, Hanford; Frank Yoshida, Madera; Yo Katayama, Selma; Eiji Arasuna and Ray Namba, Fowler; Tom Tonai and Harvey Miura, Sanger.

Toyama also reports that Fowler high will meet Sanger in the Grape Festival game this week.

On the college level, there will be more than the usual crop of gridders vying for places on their teams.

Locally, Tom Uyeda, star halfback from last year's San Bernardino Orange Show Bowl game will be back with Valley junior college which opens its season in San Mateo this week. Uyeda, a speedy back who is capable of turning the 100-yards in 9.9, played at Verdugo Hill high before transferring to Valley.

Hideki Hamamoto, one of the leading scorers in the CIF with Pasadena high will be gunning for a berth on the UCLA freshman squad.

At Berkeley, Pete Domoto, one of the best prospects to make the

## Sports Briefs

Olympic champion Tommy Kono broke the world record for the two-hand press held by Russia's Arkadi Vorobyev in the light-heavyweight division in a Honolulu weightlifting match last Saturday. The ex-Sacramento Nisei pressed 322½, topping the old mark by three pounds. Kono holds seven world records in four different weight divisions.

Prospects for Nisei bowlers rolling at Downtown Los Angeles' Vogue Bowl, which is deemed for a county music hall, to occupy a new 32-alley house in the Crenshaw area were revealed this week by Paul Uyemura, Rafu Shimpō sports columnist.

Calvin Matsumoto, 147-lb. halfback, was assured a starting spot for the Stockton College Colts who meet Bakersfield High today.

Three Japanese and three Hawaiian Nisei players were named to the all-star team during the recent global world series held in Milwaukee. Tsune Watanabe, Shin Yogi (infielders) and Larry Kamishima (outfield) were named from Hawaii; pitcher Motoji Fujita, catcher Minoru Miyahara and Yasusuke Obuchi (outfielder) hail from Japan.

U.S. defeated Hawaii 2-0 in Milwaukee last week to win the global World Series of non-pro baseball. Japan was ousted in the semi-finals by Hawaii.

TORONTO. — Marge Iwasaki of Vancouver, B.C., as an alternate, may be called by swim coach Tommy Walker to compete in the Melbourne Olympics in the event of illness or injury to a regular.

varsity, is out for the University of California frosh eleven. Domoto is a former Berkeley high all-leaguer.

Two Independents, San Jose State and College of the Pacific, have two Los Angeles boys on the team. SJS has second string left-half Ken Matsuda while COP boasts third string center Mitch Yamamoto. Matsuda attended Westchester high in his prep days while Yamamoto was a Banning high product.

In the Fresno area, Tom Sano, who was slated to transfer to San Jose State, will be back for another year at Fresno JC. The outstanding track athlete, who threw the shot 49 feet, is being touted as an outstanding griddy by the coaches at Fresno JC. In pre-season drills, he has sparked consistently.

A transfer from the College of Idaho, George Onishi, may be the starting quarterback at Coalinga JC.

He was a member of Coalinga's highly publicized baseball team last spring.

The third Nisei who may make a college team in Central Calif-

## Yun Akinaga rolls 704 in Eastbay tournament

ALBANY. — Yun Akinaga of Richmond joins the slim ranks of mainland Nisei bowlers in the 700 class with his 216-252-233-704 made during the Eastbay NBA Labor Day tournament. The game was made in the mixed doubles with Terry Furuya who hit a 437.

Mas Sonoda of Berkeley won the men's scratch sweeper with 637, while Mo Katow, also of Berkeley, took the men's handicap sweeper with 650. He hit 612 scratch.

Ruby Amino won the women's handicap sweeper with 606. Nobu Asami, who placed second with 576, hit a scratch 562 series.

## WINDY CITY GOLF PLAY NEARS SEASONS END

CHICAGO. — As the golfing season is nearing its end, Chicago JACLers will participate in two more tournaments this year.

The first will be the annual JACL golf tourney to be held at St. Andrews golf course on Sept. 23. The first foursome is scheduled to tee off at 6 a.m. according to Jimmy Kirit, chairman of the tourney. There will be an entry fee of \$1.50 plus the greens fee. The tournament is open to members only.

The following Sunday, Sept. 30, the Chicago 1000 Club will hold its tournament at Mohawk golf club. The tourney is scheduled for 11 a.m. tee-off time. The entry fee will be \$4.50 per person which will include the greens fee.

## Midwest golfers wind up 36-hole tournament

CHICAGO. — John Doi won the annual Midwest Golf Association 36-hole tournament at White Pines golf course with a 68-74-142-10. Wilbur Kurima finished with a net 132 also but because of his higher handicap at 18 was awarded second spot.

Harry Tanaka won the Aye flight at 161-28-133; Walter Tanaka the Bee flight at 186-54-132.

## Hood River trapshooters compete in tourney

By GEORGE NAKAMURA

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Ray Yasui, 1000 Club chairman for Mid-Columbia JACL, shot his way to the "21-Yard Championship" in a recent tournament for trapshooters here. Satoru Noji placed second in another division.

The Takasumi brothers are also adept riflemen. Yosh, who ranked as No. 2 trapshooter in Japan while working with U.S. civil service there, holds a .950 average in all shoots. His brother Ned, a first lieutenant in the Army with service in Japan, was one of the top contenders in an all-Army pistol shoot at Ft. Benning, Ga., recently. Lt. Takasumi represented the Eighth Army (occupying Japan) in national pistol tournament two years ago.

nia is Eugene Taira who is a candidate for the Fresno JC team.

At Univ. of Washington, Ed Watanabe holds down a second-string right tackle berth on the varsity and is expected to see much action in the NW opener Sept. 22 in Seattle against the Univ. of Idaho Vandals.

Jim Kobashi, who starred at Glendale, Arizona high school, may be one of the spark-plugs for the New Mexico A and M team this year. He is an outstanding passer.

## NORTHWEST NISEI KEG TOURNEY DATES SET

SEATTLE. — Dates for the 11th annual Northwest Nisei bowling tournament were announced by Fred Takagi of Main Bowl for Jan. 18-20, 1957, a week later than on previous years.

A scratch tournament for teams, doubles, singles, mixed doubles and sweepstakes, the three-day event is restricted to bowlers of Oriental descent.

## SONOMA COUNTY BOWLING TOURNAMENT OCT. 13-14

SANTA ROSA. — The Sonoma County JACL chapter at a recent meeting voted to purchase a sponsor's trophy for the team event to be awarded at the second annual Sonoma County JACL Bowling Tournament, Oct. 13 and 14, at the newly remodeled Santa Rosa Bowl.

Singles, doubles and team events as well as ragtime doubles will be held. Inasmuch as this is a JACL-sponsored tournament, all bowlers must be JACL members as well as the ABC, it was announced.

JACL Bowling League president George Hamamoto stated that entries have been mailed to all teams in Northern California. Additional entry blanks may be obtained from Yo Ono, 1365 Grove St., San Francisco; or by writing to Hamamoto, 105 W. 8th St., Santa Rosa.

Members busily engaged in preparation for this event are Fred Yokoyama, Yo Ono, Jack Kusano, Johnnie Hirooka, Paul Otani, Greg Hamamoto and Ed Ohki.

## Sonoma County JACL fishing derby held

PETALUMA. — A most successful Sonoma County JACL striped bass derby was held Sept. 9 at Nelson's Resort in Napa with Yukio Yotsuya of Cortez JACL taking first place with an 11½ lb. catch. Other winners were Jim Murakami, George Masada, Jim Otani and fifth place was won by 10-year-old Gary Masada. Riyuo Uyeda was derby chairman.

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## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori

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Okohchi establish the Fukushima Seishi Ryogochi—a school for the handicapped children.

Anyone who has lived in relocation centers for any length of time during the last war should remember how the Nicholsons visited the camps to spread cheer and comfort to evacuees.

Rev. Mr. Nicholson, who has since the war's end instigated many goat projects to Japan, recalls how he and Dr. Okohchi, a plastic surgeon and head of the Fukushima home for some 60 children, worked diligently to start the program which includes medical treatment for the ill, fundamental education, and trade guidance for those who finish an eight-year course in elementary studies.

Dr. Okohchi's sojourn, sponsored partly by Nicholson's effort in collecting funds for his traveling expense, has revived inquiries on his future visits to Japan.

"We have spent many years in Japan and hope to go back again. After one more jaunt, we expect to return to America and spend our final years here," the Rev. Nicholson said. He declared there were some rumors about "us giving up our U.S. citizenship."

"This is certainly not true. Japan is a country from which people wish to emigrate. Our hearts go to those who work to care and cure the sick. But we'd really like to spend our final years in America."

Dr. Okohchi is staying in Southern California for three weeks, after having visited the midwest and east. After three months of research, he will resume his post in Fukushima.

## NAMED WILSON HIGH PREXY

If our memory is correct, violinist Akira Endo, 17, made his American debut during an intermission program at the Statler Hotel when the 13th biennial JACL national convention was held in Los Angeles two years ago.

This week the Formosa-born violin prodigy was elected student body president of Wilson High School at Long Beach. He becomes the first person of Japanese descent to gain the school's highest office. His achievement is quite unique in that only little more than two years ago he was playing his instrument in a USO program at Yokosuka naval base.

Endo was befriended by Forrest Shyrock of Long Beach and through proper channels Akira was able to gain a student's visa and a chance to study in the United States.

Endo is a member in the school orchestra and to date has won several musical awards for his talent. Among the organizations which already have recognized his ability are the Long Beach Womens Music Club; the Nisei Music Guild of Los Angeles; and the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles.

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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is supposed to be for its members only

## Opposition arguments . . .

1. "Repeal of the Alien Land Law provision now on the books is unnecessary. Many statutes dating from colonial times are on the books of certain of the States, and no effort has been made for specific repeal of such statutes, even though they may not be now enforced. Hoover revived an unused statute which permitted him to make treaties between the seven Colorado River States for that irrigation and power project.

2. "The decision of the Supreme Court with regard to the constitutionality of the Alien Land Law may some day be reversed by that Court or Congress. Over 1,000 decisions of the United States Supreme Court have been subsequently overruled or reversed.

3. "Constitutionally, the States and the people have every power not specifically delegated to the federal government. The people of this State considered the Alien Land Law to be necessary at the time it was enacted, and it would be presumptuous on our part to say that the policy thus expressed should be abandoned. At the present time Communists are buying up strategic property, throughout the U.S. to enable their directors to secure top secrets which their spies can't get. Our Alien Land Law can be amended to stop that.

4. "In his KGO Broadcasts July 22 and 29, Paul Harvey stated that his researches (confirmed by Whitaker Chambers) revealed that the U.S.S.R. was using their gold to buy large interests in American business enterprises so that their representatives could secure all our top secrets of manufacturing and policies. Even the American organization's record do not show the nationality of its stock owners. Doubtless, agriculture lands would be included.

5. "Mexico has a law which provides that no foreigner nor foreign corporation may own more than 50% of any Mexican property within 100 kil. of the coast line or 200 kil. of the land border. We would do very well to imitate Mexico, and make the limitation of 40% rather than 50% and include property with 100 mi. of the coast or 200 mi. of the land borders throughout the United States.

6. "The Commonwealth Club of California should 'sell' all border and seacoast States the idea to enact laws as provided in No. 5."

## Volunteers needed . . .

If these are public arguments, one can well imagine what these same people must say in private. And the Communist smear on this simple issue of the alien land law represents a new low even for politics.

We believe that Proposition 13 is, in a sense, a test of the degree of acceptance which the Issei and Nisei enjoy in California. As with any popularity poll, the active and the aggressive will win. It is also a test of whether Issei and Nisei Americans are aware of the democratic tools in their hands and are willing to use them in the American way to influence the forthcoming battle of ballots in order that a dead but vicious law may be permanently laid to rest in the archives along with other relics of man's hatred for his fellow men.

JACL chapters throughout California have organized to lead in this fight for Proposition 13 and they all invite members and other Nisei to join in the common cause for self-respect, dignity, and acceptance.

And every Nisei throughout the land will be concerned, for as California goes, so goes the nation in its attitude towards those of Japanese ancestry.

## VITAL STATISTICS

## Births

## LOS ANGELES

ADACHI, Shizuo R. (Yuriko Maruyama)—boy John Yoshio, July 18, Glendale.  
 AISO, Paul T. (Chiyo Satow)—girl Naomi Yoko, July 22.  
 AKUTAGAWA, Tetsuo (Kazuo Mochizuki)—boy Takao Ronny, Aug. 4, Santa Monica.  
 BEFU, Yoshiro (Kay Kinoshita)—boy David Tadao, Aug. 3, Tujunga.  
 EDWARDS, John B. (Sue Kiguchi)—girl Carol S., Aug. 1.  
 ENDO, Tadao (Sumiko Uyeda)—girl Sharlene Masue, July 15.  
 GENTRY, Lawrence M. (Michiko Hayashi)—girl Laura M., July 29, Glendale.  
 HAMAYASU, George K. (Fumiko Asano)—boy Eugene Katsuo, Aug. 2.  
 HANADA, Henry (Meako Ichonokuchi)—girl Barbara J., July 24.  
 HASUIKE, George N. (Mary M. Yonaga)—boy Bryan L., July 24.  
 HATAMIYA, Kouso (Eiko Kato)—boy Paul K., July 24, Sun Valley.  
 HIGASHI, Isao (Iris T. (Akiyama)—boy Daniel, July 22.  
 HONDA, Mitsuru M. (Fusae Yoshimura)—boy Jae Mykal, Aug. 1.  
 HOSOWAZA, Yoichi F. (Setsuko Yokoyama)—boy Robert Akeji, Aug. 2.  
 IBA, Shigeru (Beverly Hamano)—boy Alan Masayuki, July 18.  
 IIDA, Ted T. (Chieko Fukawa)—boy Calvin T., Aug. 2.  
 IKE, Mamoru (Nobuko Mizusaki)—girl Reiko N., July 15.  
 ISHIBASHI, Takao H. (Reiko Ishida)—boy Michael Shizuo, Aug. 5, North Hollywood.  
 ISHIZAWA, Tok (Rosa Komatsuka)—girl Joni, July 24.  
 ITO, Victor N. (Michiko Nakamura)—girl Susan Miyuki, July 24.  
 KAMIYAMA, George M. (Emiko Iwashita)—girl Susan Taeko, July 5.  
 KARASAWA, J. S. (boy), July 8, Long Beach.  
 KATA, Kanichi (Sadako Matsuoka)—girl Janis Michiye, July 19.  
 KATO, Shigeru (Yoshiko Miura)—boy Steve Jun, Aug. 5, Rosemead.  
 KAWADA, Tokunari C. (Miyeko Iwakoka)—boy Timothy Hideaki, July 24.  
 KIKUTA, Harry S. (Tatsuko Suwa)—girl Julie, July 30.  
 KISHI, Michael M. (Rose Kumagai)—boy Craig Kozumi, July 21.  
 KUMAMOTO, Mazuo (Toshiye Yamaguchi)—girl Jami Sachiko, Aug. 1.  
 KURIHARA, Kazuhiko—girl, July 12, Long Beach.  
 KUSUMOTO, Lindberg M. (Lilly S. Suyama)—boy Scott E., July 29.

## Engagements

AKAHOSHI-WATANABE — Kazuko, Los Angeles; Jack M., Sacramento.  
 ARIMA-FUKUDA — June and Robert H., both Los Angeles.  
 FUJISAKI-MASUDA — Yuri and Tom, both Los Angeles.  
 FUKUDA-KATAOKA — Sumi, Los Angeles; Fred, Culver City.  
 ISHII-YAMAMOTO — Margaret, Pasadena; Gene, Los Angeles.  
 KURACHI-MATSUMOTO — LaVerne and Jackson, both Los Angeles.  
 TAMURA-KURAMOTO — Frances F. and Harry, both Pasadena.

## Weddings

CHOMORI-OYE — July 29, Raymond, Wilmington; Michiko, Long Beach.  
 FUJIMOTO-YAMAURO — Aug. 23, Dr. Ernest and Mildred, both Los Angeles.  
 FURUKAWA-KADO — July 29, John and Janet, both Los Angeles.  
 HAMAI-FURUMOTO — Aug. 25, Hiroshi and Mary, both Los Angeles.  
 HIRAI-YASUI — Aug. 19, Howard K. and Betty M., Los Angeles.  
 HOZAKI-SAKUMA — Aug. 12, Shigemitsu, Pasadena; Ikuko, Los Angeles.  
 SHIMURA-FUJISHIGE — Aug. 11, John and Helen, both Los Angeles.  
 KANESHIRO-AOKI — Sept. 2, Albert and Kathy, both Los Angeles.  
 KASAI-BABA — Sept. 9, Min, Los Angeles; Tomiko, West Los Angeles.  
 KOYAMATSU-NISHI — Aug. 26, Gene S. and Miyoko Clara, both Los Angeles.  
 KUBO-ABE — Aug. 18, Henry T., Los Angeles; Kikuye, Santa Monica.  
 KUBOTA-USHIJIMA — Aug. 18, Ralph T. and Grace, both Los Angeles.  
 MATSUDA-HIROHATA — Aug. 26, Eugene A., Oxnard; Helen F., Temple City.  
 MAYEDA-KINOSHITA — Aug. 19, Dyke, Los Angeles; Frances M., Portland.  
 MAYEDA-TSUJI — Sept. 9, Charlie, Riverside; Martha, Spokane, Wash.  
 MIYAKE-HIRAKI — Aug. 26, Mizuho J., Livingston; Susako, Gardena.  
 MORISHITA-GUSHI — Aug. 12, George M. and Setsuko, both Los Angeles.  
 NAKAGIRI-TSUSHIMA — Aug. 5, Masaru Bob and Umeko, both Los Angeles.  
 NAGATOMI-KIMURA — Sept. 1, Rev. Masatoshi, Gardena; Mary M., Parlier.  
 NAGAMOTO-KUBOTA — Sept. 2, Robert K. and Agnes Y., both Los Angeles.  
 NAKAMAKI-NAKAGAWA — Aug. 12, Kenji and Hiroko, both Los Angeles.  
 OBANA-MATSUMOTO — Sept. 1, Kazuo, Culver City; Kimiko, Solano Beach.  
 OKADA-GUSHIKEN — Aug. 4, James, Los Angeles; Nancy, Pasadena, at Yuma.  
 SAKAMOTO-MATSUHARA — Sept. 9, Shingo and Emiko, Los Angeles.  
 SANO-OKIMOTO — Aug. 31, Rev. I., Palo Alto; Ruth Y., Pasadena.  
 SASAMOTO-KAWAMOTO — Sept. 2, Tom T., Holland, Mich.; Yoshiye, Los Angeles.  
 TANAKA-MASUDA — Aug. 11, Carl and Kiyoko, both Los Angeles.  
 WADA-IWAKI — Aug. 19, Joe and Marion K., both Los Angeles.  
 YAMAGA-KIYOMARA — Sept. 9, Lefty and Mary, Los Angeles.  
 YAMANAKA-GOJOBORI — Aug. 19, Leo H. and Yemiko M., West Los Angeles.  
 YAMASHITA-TAKAHASHI — July 31, Takashi, Santa Ana; Betty Etsuko, Los Angeles.  
 YASUTAKE-KATO — Sept. 2, George M. and Eiko, Los Angeles.

## Deaths

ARIKAWA, Minekichi: San Diego, Sept. 7.  
 ETO, Elzo, 91; Saticoy, Sept. 1—wife Mitsuo, sons Tomio, Nobuo.  
 HARADA, Mrs. Oei, 74: Los Angeles, Sept. 5—sons George R., Jack Y., Eugene C. Robert S., daughter Mrs. Masako Sano.  
 HIGASHI, Yoshiemon, 61: Monterey, Aug. 18—wife Haruyo, son Masayuki.  
 HIKIJI, Tsunekichi, 76: Sanger, Aug. 18—wife Tome, sons Hideo, Satoru.  
 INOUE, Mrs. Chiyo, 78: Los Angeles, Aug. 19—son Dr. Hiroshi, daughters Mmes. Kazuko Mizushima, Kyoko Yatsu, Grace Yamanaka.  
 ISHIMOTO, Tomoji, 72: Los Angeles, Aug. 25.  
 KAMIYA, Minoru H.: Santa Maria, Aug. 24—wife Ai, sons Jerry, John, Harry, daughters Kay, Kiyoko Kane.  
 KAWATA, Yoshi, 71: Los Angeles, Aug. 31—husband Taro, sons Nobu, Tetsuo, Ted, daughters Mmes. Tsuyako Iwakiri, Meriko Tanabe.  
 KOBASHI, Fukumatsu, 79: Parlier, Aug. 18—wife Tome, sons Hideo, Satoru, Kiyomi, daughter Mrs. Kiyomi Nagao.  
 KODAMA, Ray H., 60: Los Angeles, Sept. 4—wife Kimiyo.

MIGAKI, Mrs. Tsuruno: The Dalles, Aug. 8—son Masashi.  
 MINAMI, Masanosuke, 75: Morgan Hill, 26.  
 NAGASAWA, Toshi, 67: Los Angeles, Aug. 22—wife Genroku, son Kichimatsu.  
 NISHIDA, Kataro, 72: Los Angeles, Sept. 10—wife Ura, sons Masakazu, Masao, daughters Alice Yokoyama, Mrs. Majiko Yoshizumi.  
 OKUMA, Shizue, 58: Bakersfield, Aug. 31—husband Hanichi, sons Masaru, Toshio, Teruo, Tsuneyuki daughter Miko and three grandchildren.  
 SHIMA, Kanhitsu, 73: Los Angeles, Aug. 24.  
 SHITAKUBO, Wataro, 63: Fresno, Sept. 4—wife Nami, daughters Ayako, Shigeo.  
 TAKEMURA, Ichiro, 73: Los Angeles, Aug. 18.  
 TAKENO, Yoshinobu and wife: Chicago, Aug. 11 (accident in Nebraska)—daughter Alice Yoshida.  
 TSUDA, Mrs. Shirley, 33: Watsonville, Aug. 6—husband Hardy, sons Harvey, Neil, daughter Carol, sisters Mmes. Sam Maruyama Robert Kobayashi, Martin Goto (Denver), Ray Fujita (San Mateo), brothers Mas, Harvey (San Jose) and Frank Iyama (San Francisco).  
 YAMAMOTO, Tamotsu T., 56: Los Angeles, Sept. 6—wife Miyeko, son Robert Toru, daughters Geraldine Yoko, Kathleen Reiko.  
 YOKOYAMA, Mrs. Toyo, 77: Los Angeles, Aug. 21—daughter Mrs. Ruriko Otani.



Members of the Nisei Legal Secretaries Association and the Mrs. Pasonas will co-sponsor a Shonien TOT (trick or treat) benefit ball at Fox Hills Country Club on Oct. 20. The unusual poster is another creation of artist Arnold Fujita. In the photo are (left to right) Margaret Ouchi, Mio Fujita, Mike Suzuki, executive director of Shonien; Mrs. Yami Takahashi and Mrs. Toshi Itaya. Both clubs added hostesses joining the group include Ellen Kubo, June Hayashi, Fudge Kikuchi, Margaret Kikuchi, Hiroko Kawanami, Sadako Kawanami, Sophie Takeda, Donna Hamano, Stella Nakadate, Margaret Fukuda, Mich Kogawa, Bessie Yokota, Mary Ota, Fumi Ushiyama, Lillian Orida, Lillian Sako, Fumi Shimada, Ruby Okubo and Jeanné Inouye.

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## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



## Nisei and Prop. 13

JACL's campaign to secure a resounding "Yes" on Proposition 13 this Nov. 6 by California's electorate started auspiciously enough at the 14th Biennial National Convention held in San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend, but it has been clearly evident from the beginning that the Nisei, individually and collectively, have not taken up the cudgels as they should on behalf of this legislative referendum measure.

Simply stated, Proposition 13 would repeal the discriminatory alien land law voted into the California State Constitution in 1920 which more than any other single statute restricted and circumscribed the lives and opportunities of those of Japanese ancestry in this country.

## Law still important . . .

Though the United States Supreme Court in the Oyama case made it practically inoperative, though the Supreme Courts of Oregon in the Namba case and of California in the Fujii and Masaoka cases declared it unconstitutional, though the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 eliminated the sanctioned basis for its discrimination, it still remains in the California Constitution not only as a grim reminder of racism and bigotry but more important as a ready weapon which may, in another day and time of hate and hysteria, be once again levied against us because of our accident of birth.

Dead laws have been resurrected time and time again. Unconstitutional statutes have been reversed by subsequent courts, and legislatures have amended legally void acts to give them a color of constitutionality.

As long as there is a law on the books, especially in a constitution which is the supreme law of the land, it remains as a sword of Damocles poised at the heart and the mind of those for whom the original persecution was intended. So it is with the alien land law; conceived against the Japanese and used almost exclusively against the Japanese, it remains as a real threat to the destiny of those of Japanese ancestry in this country in the hands of those who still, for one reason or another, resent and hate us, including those who insinuate that we have come too far too fast on the road to complete acceptance as Americans.

## Danger in indifference . . .

Nisei have been lulled into a false sense of security by the apparent lack of vocal or written opposition to this Proposition 13. This is the apathy, the disinterest, the lack of concern that the die-hard "anti-Japs" are deliberately fostering, for they can gain their secret objective even if Proposition 13 is approved but by a small margin.

California is the bellwether of the so-called, now dead "Japanese problem". The other western states and the nation itself takes their cue for the feelings they have for those of Japanese ancestry from California.

The Congress, the Executive departments, and the people as a whole throughout the country have learned to accept Japanese Americans as worthy and responsible citizens. This also applies to California, where local community acceptance of the Nisei especially has been unprecedented.

But, should Californians at the polls this Nov. 6 fail to register their overwhelming approval of those of Japanese ancestry as their neighbors and friends by approving Proposition 13, politicians and public officials who have been so cooperative of late may re-examine their positions in the light of the repudiation by the electorate of the State which for so long has claimed to know the Orientals better than any other.

In a real sense, Proposition 13 is a popularity poll of those of Japanese ancestry. And the consequences of losing a popularity poll where congressmen, state legislature members, and government officials are concerned are too well known to recount here.

## Opposition hopes . . .

The opposition counts on voter indifference. Generally, when a voter is not personally involved or oriented on a legislative proposal, he plays it safe and votes in the negative.

The opposition doesn't want to provoke controversy, for that causes voters to take interest and to study the issue; in this case, less said for or against Proposition 13 the better the opposition will like it.

There are 19 propositions that the California voter must pass upon, and Proposition 13 is buried among them. Its explanatory phrase is not calculated to arouse the voters to the importance or the significance of the issue, and the accompanying analysis by the legislative counsel neglects to mention the prejudice that prompted the original statute and the discriminatory results that have followed. Though the arguments advanced for the Proposition are valid and cogent, few voters will ever read that far; so, the first impression created by the rather meaningless explanation will guide the voter—unless he is aware of the subject and conscious of his responsibility in that regard.

## Rumor campaign . . .

The opposition has not attacked Proposition 13 directly, even when they mention it, which is seldom in public. They speak in whispers, in rumors, in ugly conclusions; they are of the same breed as those who spread the lies and rumors of Nisei disloyalty during the attack at Pearl Harbor, knowing that the truth seldom catches up with the lie and then too late to be effective.

A clue as to the type of arguments to be whispered about by the opponents is found in the minority report prepared by those who are against Proposition 13 in the Section on Immigration of the thoroughly respected and influential Commonwealth Club of San Francisco.

Because it tries, among other things, to tie Proposition 13 with the Communist problem in this country in order to defeat its approval, and because it reveals the lengths to which some supposedly leading Californians will go to keep this "anti-Japanese" statue in the State Constitution, reprinted below is the complete text of the so-called "Arguments of Opponents of Proposition 13", a copy of which chanced across this desk and

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Howard Renge (right), former president of the Fowler JACL, presents to the Fowler branch of the Fresno County Free Library a bound edition of recent Pacific Citizen holiday issues which are the 25-year history of the Japanese American Citizens League and the past decade of accomplishments as recounted in the final report of JACL's legislative arm, the Anti-Discrimination Commit-

tee. Accepting the volume, which will be kept in reference, is Mrs. Irene Horn, librarian. (The Pacific Citizen still has available to chapters extra copies of the 1954 and 1955 Holiday Issues, which were presented by the Fowler chapter, that can be donated to their local libraries.—Editor.)

Cut courtesy: Fowler Ensign

## Ear-nose-throat specialist honored as '56 alumni of year by L.A. med school

Dr. H. James Hara, nationally known ear, nose and throat specialist of this city, has been named the Alumnus-of-the-Year by the 15-member board of directors of the Alumni Association of the College of Medical Evangelists, one of the five recognized medical schools in California.

Dr. Hara is to receive the achievement award at the annual banquet to be held on Sunday evening, Sept. 23, at the Pacific Ballroom of the Statler hotel where several hundred members and their wives and friends are expected to attend.

Each year this award is given to an outstanding alumnus in recognition of professional distinction, administrative talents, humanitarian interest, nobility of character and unselfish service. Since the College of Medical Evangelists graduated its first class in medi-

cine in 1914, there are now nearly 3,000 physicians and surgeons who have received their professional training in this Seventh-day Adventist institution in Loma Linda and Los Angeles.

As early as 1930 Dr. Hara received recognition for his work by winning the research prize of the California State Medical society. He has published numerous scientific papers and has been called to many places to present papers. In 1953 he and his wife Dr. Margaret Farr Hara travelled to Europe where he presented a paper at the International Congress of ENT specialists at Amsterdam and at the International Society of Broncho-Esophagology at La Plage Belgium. In 1954 he read a paper on Cancer of the Nose and Sinuses at the Pan-Pacific Surgical Congress in Honolulu. Another paper on the tumors of the nasopharynx was presented at the Pan-American Congress of Otolaryngologist in Mexico city.

In 1956 he presented a paper on intracranial complications originating from middle ear infection in Montreal, Canada. In 1952 and in 1955, he was a guest speaker of the Japanese ENT society where he was elected to be honorary life member of the organization, a distinction which only one other American specialist has received in the history of the 57-year old society.

Currently he is Laryngologist-in-chief (C.M.E. service) at the Los Angeles County General hospital and director of the ENT clinic at White Memorial hospital.

Dr. Hara is clinical professor and director of graduate instruction in ENT at the College of Medical Evangelists. He is listed in Who's Who in the West, American Men of Science, is an associate editor of Medical Arts and Science, and is a fellow of numerous scientific organizations.

Since 1947 he has been the president of the Southern California Japanese Medical Society. Currently he is first vice-president of the Japan-America Society of Los Angeles and the first elder of the L.A. Japanese Seventh-day Adventist church. He was one of the first local Issei to receive American citizenship in May 1953.

The white-haired Issei doctor is a 1000 Club member of the Downtown L.A. JACL.

## NISEI DEMOCRATS MEET MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR

Nisei Democrats in Los Angeles joined the local county Democratic central committee honor Sen. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) at the Biltmore Hotel Wednesday night.

## Haynes Foundation reviews Prop. 13 on Calif. Nov. ballot

Arguments in favor of Proposition 13, the alien land law repeal, were the only ones listed in a booklet released last week which gave impartial analysis of all 19 propositions on the Nov. 6 California ballot.

This analysis booklet was prepared by Dr. Robert L. Morlan, professor of government at the University of Redlands and is offered as a public service by the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation.

On Proposition 13, Dr. Morlan listed the arguments in favor as follows:

1. This simply officially repeals an unconstitutional law which is now no longer in effect. Acts passed by initiative can only be repealed by a popular vote.

2. The alien land law involved a policy of racial discrimination which was undesirable in principle.

"There appears to be no argument in opposition to Proposition 13," Dr. Morlan reported.

The author gives the background of each of the propositions in non-technical, easily understandable language.

Copies of this analysis may be obtained without charge by individuals and groups from the Haynes Foundation at 915 Consolidated Bldg., 507 S. Hill St., Los Angeles 14.

Requests should be sent to Edna MacNeil, publication secretary.

## CALENDAR

- Sept. 22 (Saturday)  
Cincinnati—General meeting.  
San Mateo—Fun Nite, Buddhist Hall.
- Sept. 23 (Sunday)  
Salt Lake City—Auxiliary dinner meeting, Home of Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, 4:30 p.m.
- 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.
- Oct. 10 (Wednesday)  
East Los Angeles—General meeting.
- Oct. 12 (Friday)  
Venice—General meeting, Gakuen Hall, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 13-14  
Sonoma County—JACL Bowling tournament, Santa Rosa Bowl.
- Oct. 13 (Thursday)  
Pasadena—General meeting.
- Oct. 19 (Friday)  
Sonoma County—Benefit movie (tent.)
- Oct. 20 (Saturday)  
Cincinnati—Chapter dance.
- Oct. 21 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Sukiyaki dinner.
- Oct. 27 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—Halloween party.
- Oct. 27-28  
Chicago—JACL Carnival, Olivet Institute.
- Oct. 28 (Sunday)  
Sonoma County—Nisei Memorial Day Service, Enmanji Temple.