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EDITORIAL:

Lesson gained from Convention experience

An unforgettable experience of the 14th Biennial for delegates was the dramatic appeal adopted by Central California chapters on the question of temporary Japanese farm workers.

In short, delegates who made their reports to the chapter have already pointed out the heated discussions that ensued when the program to have temporary farm workers come from Japan on the same basis as workers from other foreign countries was presented. Some may feel that Central California was just not going to cooperate.

In all that clamor, they only sought to have more time to consider the question, since they would be vitally involved. It is understandable in the light of events. They were told for the first time at the convention that 60 per cent of the 15,000 Japanese migrant workers would be employed in their area.

The council referred the question to an interim committee. And with more than six weeks by, time has cooled the controversy. As revealed in a letter published in this week's Pacific Citizen, a statement approving the project with certain recommendations has been prepared by Central California for study of all the chapters. It would be well to read the letter at this time to understand the histrionics that briefly prevailed at the council session and action taken subsequently.

It may be well to remember that JACL is not wholly unfamiliar with the seasonal labor problem. During the war years, Nisei in relocation camps were employed on inland farms. There were grievances as to housing and working condition then, in which JACL representatives made investigations.

It is also well to remember that JACL still has its elder members ready to advise. It behooves the younger members to keep them in mind. As we learned they aided considerably in drafting the present CCDC letter.

Temporary farm program OK reached in Central Cal

FRESNO. — The Central California JACL District Council reiterated its stand as "never opposed" to the U.S. government's so-called temporary program for agricultural workers from Japan in a statement to the Pacific Citizen this week.

"We, of Central California, emphatically wish it to be known that we have never opposed the principle of permitting temporary Japanese farm workers to enter the United States on the same basis as any other nationality group," reminded the letter signed by CCDC Chairman Jin Ishikawa of Fresno. "But we, together with the Issei of our area, are gravely concerned over the prospects of having a large number of them concentrating in any one area."

This aspect evoked the most discussion at the recent 14th biennial national JACL convention, in San Francisco, when it was revealed at the final council session that 60 per cent of the 15,000 temporary Japanese farm workers would be employed in Central California over a three-year period.

According to the CCDC letter, there are 12,000 residents of Japanese in Central California to show that temporary workers from

Japan would outnumber them.

Immediately sensing possible repercussions with the onslaught of so many seasonal laborers from Japan within one area, Fred Hirasuna of Fresno was requested by delegates from Central California to prepare a statement to be read before the final council session.

According to Ishikawa's letter, Hirasuna, a Life member in the 1000 Club and active JACLer, was asked to state CCDC's caution against early approval on Sunday night, Sept. 2.

What happened at the convention is already known. With the CCDC unwilling to approve the program without more time to study and weigh the possible repercussions with their members in the 10 JACL chapters, the question was referred to a special interim committee to be appointed by George Inagaki, presiding council chairman.

Earlier a special committee headed by Dr. Kelly Yamada of Seattle had recommended JACL go on record in favor of the program. It was then that Hirasuna began to read the statement, warning against early approval without a "full study of the possible long range implications of such a project."

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CCDC never opposed to program of temporary Japanese farm workers

(The following is the text of the letter prepared by Central California JACL District Council chairman, Jin Ishikawa of Fresno, which emphasizes as well as reiterates its stand on the temporary Japanese farm workers program.)

Editor: The Pacific Citizen has printed several articles and statements referring, directly or indirectly, to the position taken by the Central California Delegation at the National Convention, on the Temporary Japanese Workers Program.

We feel that no one will deny that Central California would be vitally interested in the program, especially in view of the information received by us during the convention from a staff officer, that approximately 60 per cent of the total of 15,000 Japanese laborers under the program, would probably be employed in our area. Our Japanese American population in Central California is approximately 12,000 persons.

Had we been informed . . . at our District Council meeting of Aug. 16, that this program would be fully discussed at the convention, we would have been better prepared and could have, in all probability, offered positive recommendations at the convention. However, such was not the case, and our delegates, knowing the possible repercussions which could arise in our district, had to decide on the position to be taken, without their respective chapters' backing, and without sufficient time for an adequate study of the program.

Upon request of the delegates from Central California on Sunday evening, Sept. 2, Mr. Fred Hirasuna wrote a statement for presentation to the Council, which statement was read before the Council meeting on Monday morning, Sept. 3.

The statement begins by cautioning the council that we would be shortsighted to approve the program without a "full study of the possible long range implications of such a project." He questioned whether a serious labor shortage existed in the San Joaquin Valley. He stated that the program was essentially an economic one and

suggested that the large corporations, who stood to gain by having an efficient and effective farm labor force present may have encouraged this program. He pointed out that small independent farmers, competing with these large corporations would suffer. He expressed fear that larger numbers might be imported if the initial importations proved successful. He stated that social problems would arise, and that our integration into American society would suffer if there were large numbers of temporary Japanese laborers concentrated in this area. He inferred that Mexican Americans are suffering adverse public relations as a result of the Mexican Nationals labor program. These were the questions and problems he wanted studied and investigated.

He expressly stated:

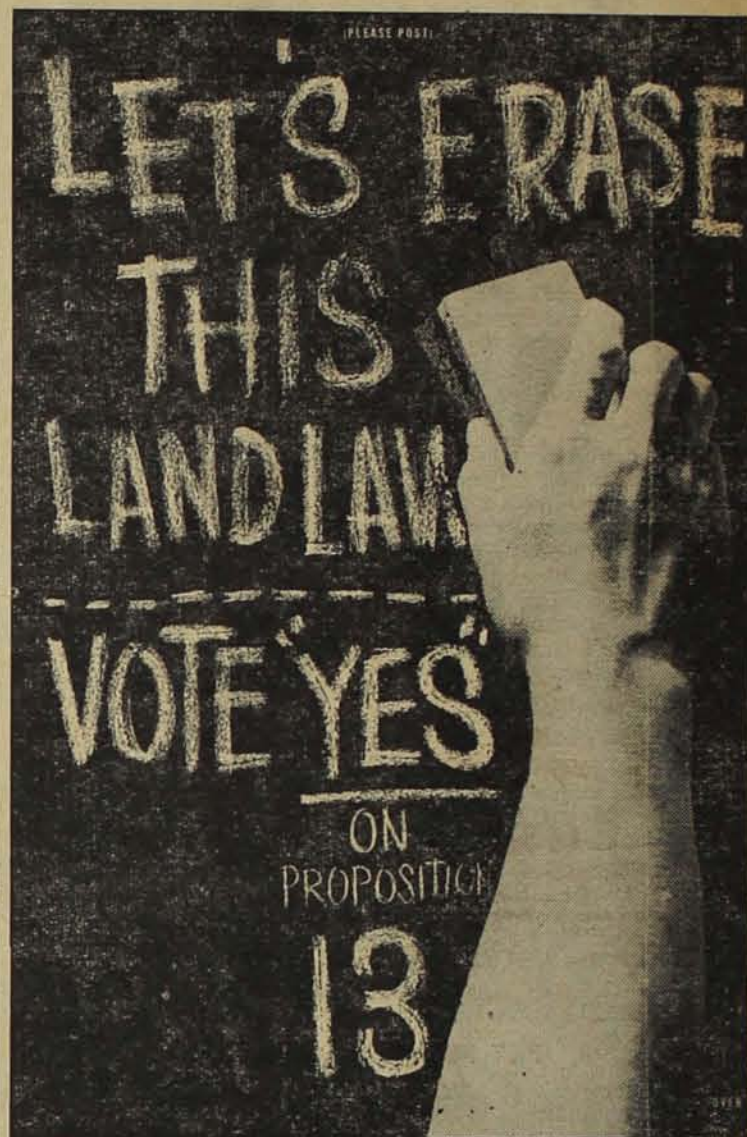
"We are not ashamed of our Japanese descent. We too have the desire to see Japan take her proper place in the family of nations. We recognize the fact that this program would ease the hard lot of many of her people by providing dollars to go to their families in Japan. We recognize that these laborers should have similar rights as other laborers."

He closed his statement by saying:

"If the Japanese American Citizens League is primarily devoted to the welfare of American Citizens of Japanese descent residing in the United States, we firmly believe that this matter should be more thoroughly investigated before voicing any approval of this program."

This statement represented the feeling of the Central California delegation. The delegation was at that time unwilling to vote a blanket approval of the program. We needed time to study and discuss this matter, and to seek out the

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Alien Land Law repeal brochure pictured above was distributed this week to 53 California chapters from the Los Angeles office. Art work was contributed by Arnold Fujita, photography by Mas Kataoka, both of SWLA JACL. Poster-size brochure is being mailed to nearly 100,000 registered voters in critical precincts in Los Angeles County by ten PSW chapters in the county with SWLA carrying burden of 28,000 distribution (See Sou'wester column today by Kats Kunitsugu). Allocation and distribution of brochures were handled by Joe Grant Masaoka, campaign coordinator, and Tats Kushida of the Los Angeles office. Reverse side carries three prominent supporters of the Proposition as well as picturing cogent arguments urging its adoption. Pictured are Governor Goodwin J. Knight, Attorney General Edmund G. Brown and Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. Listed are numerous endorsers of proposition including organizations and newspapers.

Watsonville Nisei assigned to world's northernmost jet airbase in Greenland

THULE AFB, Greenland. — Airman first class Tooru Muronaka of Watsonville, Calif., has been assigned to duty here at the northernmost air base in the world with the 74th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

This air base, 750 miles from the North pole, is 2,500 miles from Moscow and 3,000 from New York. It is named from the Greek word meaning "end of the earth."

As a jet aircraft engineering specialists, Muronaka will be a key man in the operation of the F-89D "Scorpion" all-weather jet interceptors based here. He will be responsible for keeping these jet fighters ready to "scramble" at a moment's notice out over the frozen Arctic ocean.

During the coming winter his work will be accomplished in the face of temperatures as low as 40 degrees below zero and the icy winds that come howling off Greenland's ice cap at more than 100 miles an hour.

Muronaka attended Watsonville High School before entering the Air Force in 1954. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Muronaka, 135 Elm St. Muronaka was stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base in California before his assignment to Thule.

Masaoka, still ailing, departs for Japan trip

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, still ailing from his recent illness, left here last Wednesday by air and was scheduled to arrive in Tokyo on Friday. While in Japan for the next six to eight weeks, he can be reached at the Imperial Hotel or through George Togasaki of the Japan Times.

He had postponed his departure a week. His doctor, who confined him to bed, said that his illness was probably caused by the heavy schedule he had maintained, during the past two months. He is expected to return by Christmas.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Nicky and Frosty

Denver

Nicky came to live with us four years ago this coming Christmas. He was a scared and skinny little parakeet, cheeping in a frightened voice, fluttering wildly when anyone approached, regarding the world apprehensively through beady eyes. We picked him up a few nights before Christmas, wrapped some cloth around his cage as we took him out into the winter cold, and spirited him into the home of some neighbors. On Christmas Eve we went to get him after the kids went to bed. Next morning he was waiting under the tree when the children routed us out of bed soon after the crack of dawn. They named him Nicky for St. Nick.

In the weeks that followed, Nicky got over a good deal of his timidity. He learned to perch on a person's finger. He even got so that if he were displeased, he'd peck. He pecked hard enough to discourage the younger ones. Everyone worked hard at teaching Nicky to talk. He learned, after a fashion, to repeat such inanities as "Pretty boy," and "Hello, Nicky," but that's about as far as his vocabulary progressed.

After a while everyone lost interest and stopped working on Nicky's talking. I guess he lost interest, too, because he took to chirping, like a bird should, and wouldn't say a word. Or perhaps he became discouraged because the kids were talking almost continuously and he couldn't get a word in edgewise. At any rate, he quit trying to act like a feathered people and was happy to be a bird. He got his seed and water and gravel replenished at reasonable intervals and somehow he managed to keep himself amused, even though he was ignored much of the time.

A couple of weeks ago, it looked as if Nicky were ailing. He wasn't his perky self. He held a leg a bit oddly, as if were broken.

Then he seemed to regain his vigor, but he sickened once more. He sat quietly, feathers ruffled, uncomplaining but unwell. What can you do for a sick bird? Hardly a thing except sympathize. The other evening, we found Nicky's lifeless body. It was pitifully tiny in death, pathetic in its stillness. Sadly, we took the remains out to the ashpit and cremated it. After we got used to him, all of us sort of took Nicky for granted. We didn't pay him much attention. But now that he's gone, we'll miss him and his cheerful chirping. He lived in a cage, but he made happy noises.

PET POPULATION: 4

Now that Nicky is gone, our pet population is down to one guppy, two turtles and one large and rambunctious dog. The guppy came to us in exchange for several Mexican jumping beans. Since the beans don't jump any more and the guppy seems to be doing well in a mayonnaise jar of tapwater, I suppose we got the best of that bargain. The turtles are still clawing at their glass bowl in an endless, tireless and futile effort to get out.

The dog is a Siberian Husky named Frosty. He's a handsome beast, but like so many good looking people, he is a little short in the brains department. Frosty hasn't been able to get it into his head that he is supposed to stay in the yard. He takes off over the fence every chance he gets. We think that one of these days he'll get run over, or lose his way, or be captured by someone infatuated by his good looks, but Frosty always manages to show up about chow time.

If you've read Jack London's stories, you know that Husky dogs wolf down a whole meal in one rapid gulp, lick their chops and look around for something else to eat. That's exactly the way Frosty is. He's forever hungry. His constant hunger doesn't seem to have stunted his growth because Frosty, although still a pup, is only a couple of sizes smaller than a Shetland pony.

Frosty was born last spring and came through a hot summer in good shape despite the fact that he couldn't put his fur coat in storage. We're expecting our first snow of the season anyday now. It'll be Frosty's first snow ever, and we're waiting to see how he'll take it. Knowing what a contrary critter he is, I wouldn't be surprised if he decides it's too cold and wants to come into the house.

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MILLION DOLLAR SHOPPING CENTER IN S.F. PROPOSED

SAN FRANCISCO. — A 26-block redevelopment project affecting a good portion of Nipponmachi here in uptown San Francisco has been inching along for the past decade.

Last week, Issei and Nisei businessmen in the Post-Buchanan Sts. area took steps to organize a \$1,000,000 shopping center corporation if preliminary investigations show it would be necessary. It was hoped concrete plans would invite wider interest.

The Uptown Promotion Committee of the No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce, headed by Hikoroku Honnami, is seeking tenants for the shopping center. Victor Abe was appointed to assist in the study of forming the corporation.

The Western Addition Redevelopment Project was first proposed 10 years ago to raze the area south of Post St. to Ellis St., from Franklin to Broderick Sts. (JACL Headquarters would be unaffected, being a block north of the area.) City officials have suggested such a center for the one block bounded by Buchanan, Post, Webster and Geary Sts.

Razing of buildings in the redevelopment area may not commence for another two years, according to the San Francisco Redevelopment Authority, which added that "business as usual" with "attendant improvement to property being recommended."

While a small percentage of San Francisco JACLers would be affected, the chapter did express its concern several years ago. In view of a second "evacuation" of some residents in the area inside of 15 years, the chapter hoped the Redevelopment Authority would consider human values if and when a move would be effected. At the time, "Ginza Bazaar"

Diet held clue to high incidence of heart ills in U.S.

Some fifty Nisei here between the ages of 40-50 were participants in a recent survey conducted by Dr. Ancel Keys, director of the Univ. of Minnesota physiological hygiene department, with cooperation of the Los Angeles County Heart Association and the Japanese Hospital.

The group was given a heart examination, which Dr. Keys has been conducting both in the United States and Japan. His findings, made public last week, showed diet may be a more important cause of heart disease than tensions of modern living. He noted the incidence of heart attacks was high in the U.S., while low in Japan.

"Heart attacks have been persistently attributed to persons rushing around under high tension," he said. But the fact is that the Japanese are an extremely active people and yet have fewer heart cases.

"The difference is probably caused by Americans' high fat diet and the extremely low intake of such foods in Japan."

He said fatty foods stimulate the production of cholesterol, which it deposits in the arteries, causing coronary diseases.

Dr. Keys, who said he has been investigating his theory for five years, is making a comparative analysis of the diet and environment of 50 Japanese Americans and 50 Caucasian men.

SEVEN RAZORS STOLEN FROM NISEI BARBER SHOP

STOCKTON. — Hatsuto Nagai, 27, complained to police burglars broke into his barber shop and stole 10 straight-edge razors valued at \$7 each.

was suggested as the name for the shopping center.

CHRISTMAS CHEER DRIVE OPENS, TO AID LOCAL NEEDY

The ninth annual Christmas Cheer drive got its big push toward the \$2,000 goal with its first round of donations last week amounting to \$195, chairman Jim Higashi announced.

Cash on hand, including a 1955 balance, stands at \$249.58.

The JACL-sponsored effort received a boost from the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church, which has initiated its own project to supply well-filled toy "cheer packages" for children.

The 1956 fund drive opened last Monday and will close Dec. 15. Donations to Christmas Cheer are being accepted at the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office, 258 E. 1st St., Los Angeles.

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CHEER FUND RECAPITULATION
Previously reported \$13.50
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ESTIMATE 125,000 REDS IN JAPAN; MAY INCREASE

TOKYO. — Justice Minister Ryo-ko Makino revealed there are 125,000 Communist Party members in Japan, including 5,000 in government service, basing his report on Japanese "FBI" investigations. Their membership is expected to increase as there are some one million Red sympathizers throughout the 90,000,000 in Japan.

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Heco: 1st Issei citizen

One of the strangest sagas of the Japanese in America is the story of Joseph Heco, a boy who was gathered up out of the seas by an American ship and later became the first Japanese to become a citizen of the United States. He met three American presidents. He was arrested as a Confederate general, and he was an employee of the U. S. Consulate in Japan

in those momentous years when Japan turned from feudalism to open her ports to the world.

He left behind a fascinating journal and diary which record the wonders that opened up the youth who went from one world into another.

He was born in 1837 in the village of Komiya. From his earliest days he dreamed of the sea and of adventure in travel. His dream came true a hundredfold. In 1850, when the boy Heco was 13, the captain of the Eiriki-maru, a Japanese junk, offered to take him on a trip to Yedo (later to become the city of Tokyo.) It was on the return trip that a storm arose. The junk, disabled by the buffeting, floundered on the seas for 51 days. On the 51st day the junk was sighted by the Auckland, an American ship enroute to San Francisco, and the crew of 16 and the boy Heco was taken aboard.

For the insular Japanese it was a strange and frightening new world they entered from the moment they clambered aboard the Auckland. They were newly outfitted, and Heco noted that the trousers and shirt gave him "much tightness about my body." The second mate pointed to his own head and then Heco's, and the boy nodded agreeably, thinking that the mate was pointing out a difference in hair color or style. Seconds later the boy found himself shorn of his topknot, which he had sworn to offer up to the gods if he ever reached home safely.

The food, too, discomfited them. One morning they found the cook killing a pig. The Japanese were shocked. "One of our elders solemnly shook his head and affirmed that if our course across the deep should be long these strangers would assuredly fall upon us and slay us and devour us," Heco noted later.

AS AN ODDITY IN CALIFORNIA

Forty-one days after their rescue the Auckland sailed into San Francisco. But just as the sights and sounds of the new country were strange to the men from Japan, so were they, too, and oddity in California. Dressed in their old native costumes, they were invited to a large masquerade ball, where they were shown to the eager and curious guests. Heco was taken in tow by a young man who led him to a gaming table, gave him a quarter and told him to place it wherever he wished. The youth ran his money up to \$15.50 at this wonderful new game before his friend suggested that it be best to stop while his luck still held.

The disposition of the Japanese was a matter of interest to the U. S. government. They could not safely be returned to Japan. But the government thought the men might be useful in its plan to open up the Japanese ports. It was decided that the men would be returned to Japan in a man-of-war, and that they might be able to tell the Japanese about America and its people. Heco and his mates were transferred to the revenue cutter Polk, where they were to live for the year or so that it would take to outfit a squadron for the expedition (the Perry expedition).

One of the Polk crew wanted to teach the Japanese to speak English and to learn Japanese himself. The Japanese agreed readily to the latter, but they were fearful of the consequences of learning the English language (the laws of Japan were strict in forbidding any intercourse with foreign nationals or countries) and so they denied themselves of the opportunity.

The following year preparations were made for their return to Japan. They boarded the St. Mary, which took them to Hongkong, where they were to join Commodore Perry's expedition. But Perry's group had not yet arrived, and the Japanese were transferred to the Susquehanna.

DECISION TO RETURN

They were now close to home, but at that moment Heco made another fateful decision. Lt. Thomas, who had accompanied the Japanese as an interpreter, worried of waiting for Perry's arrival. He wanted to get to California before the gold rush was played out. He suggested to Heco that he go with him. He pointed out that in a few years' time Japan would be open to commerce and that it would be perfectly safe then to return to Japan. Meanwhile Thomas would care for him in the United States.

In the end Lt. Thomas, Heco, and two other Japanese, Kame and Tora, decided to return to California. They went aboard the Sarah Hooper and fifty days later were in San Francisco. In was December, 1852.

"I reflected that I must now play the man," Heco later recorded; "we had left our friends over in China and come back here to work and to make money to the end that one day we might yet return to our far-distant home with our earnings. So since I was without any parent or relative to whom I might appeal for help, of myself I plucked up heart and faced the matter stoutly. And then I knew that from thenceforth I must look to myself, and this was the day in my life when my cares began, and from that time have continued ever on."

(To be concluded next week)

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George Inagaki, past national JACL president, was appointed to direct a sales office for FIF Management Corp., a mutual investment fund group, in Southern California recently.

Investment group appoints Inagaki as district manager

George J. Inagaki with offices at 3925 W. Jefferson Blvd. has been appointed district manager in the Southern California regional sales organization of FIF Management Corp., according to Alfred J. Lee, regional manager.

Long a prominent and respected businessman in the Southland, Inagaki is charged with organization, training and continued operation of a fully integrated sales division.

Associates currently licensed and in process of being licensed in Inagaki's division are Marianne Kimura, Steve Yagi, Jiro Oishi, Yoshio Izumi, Paul Bannai, Mashie Bessho and Edison Uno. Additional associates are desired and currently being recruited.

Financial Industrial Fund was founded in 1935, now occupying an important position among the investment funds of the nation. At the end of the first year of operation, total capital under FIF supervision was less than \$100,000; while today, it exceeds \$60 million and growing at a constantly accelerating rate.

Additionally, investment plans outstanding currently exceed \$100 million. Its shareholders now number over 30,000 and includes profit sharing trusts, retirement plans, fraternal and religious organizations.

Inagaki is past national JACL president. He is currently president of the Southern California Flower Growers Association; adviser to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce; member of the National Committee of the Museum of Immigration; and director of the following organizations: Culver City Rotary Club, California Bank of Tokyo, Golden State Wholesale Florists, and the Greater Los Angeles Welfare Council.

Wives of U.S. Marines irked by 'get out' order

TOKYO. — Wives of U. S. marines in Japan were irked last week by an order to pack up and get out of Japan within 30 days because of "Marine Corps policy." The order was issued by Brig. Gen. David F. O'Neill, 1st Marine Air Wing commander, to part of 500 dependents of Marines scattered all over Japan.

A group of Leatherneck wives said they intend to stay, saying life among the Japanese was wonderful. They like Japan and the Japanese people and the way of life here, preferring to stay until their husbands finish their tour of duty.

Dependents pay their own expenses to be with their husband-Marines. Wives were also quick to point out dependents to combat-ready Marine units have been allowed to stay since 1951.

The "get out" order does not apply to Marines who have married Japanese girls here, one of the women said.

PROP. 13 VOTE OUTCOME PICTURED AS TEST OF NISEI SOLIDARITY

In his column, Speaking Freely in the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi last week, Roy Yoshida tells why Prop. 13 is on the November ballot. A regular contributor to the Pacific Citizen, Yoshida is among the few Nisei who have been active in JACL for more than 25 years, being a charter member of Placer County chapter.—Editor.

BY ROY YOSHIDA

SAN FRANCISCO. — Alien Property Initiative Act of 1920 — sounds

gosh darn awful, doesn't it? It should! It is a gosh darn awful concoction cooked up by rabid racists of the days when the "anti-Jap" pot was boiling over in all directions. It is an out-and-out discriminatory law aimed directly at the Japanese, if not by words then certainly by implication and application.

It burned up these practitioners of hate to see Japanese farmers take unwanted barren land and make it productive and profitable. Out of this jealousy and greed was born what is commonly known as the Alien Land Law, which has plagued the Japanese for three decades. It is the last remaining legal vestige of early day anti-orientalism.

The law's effect was far-reaching in that other states took their cue on Japanese problems from California, which was regarded as an expert on Japanese. This concept still holds true today.

Can Be Revived

Although the law has been declared dead, inoperative and unconstitutional, it is not so as long as it remains on the statute books. Conceived in an era of hysteria and hate, it can easily be revived in another like era. To allow it to remain in the statutes is to place our destiny in the hands of human foibles—we can't afford this luxury.

Customs service officer honored

SAN FRANCISCO. — Frank K. Oda, an employee of the U.S. Customs Service here, recently was presented a certificate of superior performance award in addition to a cash award for outstanding accomplishments made during 1955 when he was in charge of the local export department.

The presentation was made by Chester R. MacPhee, local collector of customs, in behalf of Ralph Kelly, Commissioner of Customs in Washington, D.C.

The citation read in part:

"As a result of your efforts and your devotion to duty San Francisco is considered as the outstanding port in the United States in export enforcement."

Previous to his award, Oda was named Customs man-of-the-month for October, 1955. At the time, he was cited for his keen knowledge of all export regulations which includes those of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce, State Department, Atomic Energy Commission, Department of Agriculture and Bureau of the Mint and Narcotics.

The selection committee also commended him for his loyalty and devotion to duty.

Oda is presently serving as marine officer of the local customs.

ury. This, then, brings us to Proposition 13 on the November general election ballot to repeal the Alien Land Law.

Proposition 13 is more than a measure to repeal a discriminatory piece of legislation—it is a test of Nisei solidarity. Only through concerted efforts can we hope to achieve overwhelming victory on Nov. 6.

Nisei Solidarity?

Unfortunately many Nisei are either lukewarm or outright derelict in supporting Proposition 13. Some are even disgruntled because JACL took the initiative to have the State Legislature place Proposition 13 on the ballot. Their plaintive cry is, why spend time and money to repeal a law that is dead, inoperative and unconstitutional? Why didn't JACL leave well enough alone?

These are perhaps normal reactions of those who fail to see the insidious dangers of this law as it now stands. It must be remembered there are still many bigots quietly nursing their "anti-Jap" feelings, marking time awaiting an opportunity to rise again. They, too, are seemingly "dead, inoperative and unconstitutional" today — but what of tomorrow?

To Preserve Acceptance

It is agreed that Nisei acceptance in California is better than it has ever been. And it seems to be getting better all the time.

But therein lies the danger. It is making us indifferent to our future well-being. It is making us lose our sense of perspective in placing surface glitter ahead of reality. It is making us forget that there is no closed season in racism.

If we are to rest easy, if we are to have security, we must campaign to repeal the Alien Land Law in no uncertain terms. Proposition 13 must carry with an overwhelming approval of the voters in order to preserve our acceptance as fellow Americans.

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SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



Busy on Prop. 13

(We welcome guest columnist Kats Kunitsugu, whom we unhesitatingly tab as Ellay's best Nisei writer. Besides looking after two JACLers-to-be, Kats is editor of the Southwesterly, monthly chapter publication for the Southwest L.A. JACL, I.C.B.G., "Ichiban Chapter, By George."—Sou'wester).

By KATS KUNITSUGU

The insulated lives led by many Nisei whose interests never seem to go beyond the next payment on their Mercury, the next program on their 21-inch television set and their next weekend in Las Vegas never fail to vex us. Secure in their cocoons of indifference, they think juvenile delinquents are somebody else's offsprings who are smoking at 15½ y'ars of age; they think the election is something on whose outcome you make a bet; and desegregation is to them a dirty word, bless their pointed little heads.

Persons who are concerned, like the old Roman peasants, with little else besides food and circuses are bankrupt personalities.

It's always a relief then to turn to Nisei we know in the JACL, in the PTA, in the Japanese American Democratic Club (and the Japanese American Republican Assembly, too, although we aren't speaking to them for the time being) and to others we read or hear about who are active in church groups, the Women's Welfare Service (collecting discarded nylons and sending them to Japan to provide work for 25,000 war widows and their dependents), the Has Beens, the Optimists and other similar organizations.

Seeing JACL at work on Prop. 13 . . .

Since our better half became involved in JACL work (we confess we joined the JACL originally by trading our membership in it with membership in the Japanese American Democratic Club for Pomeroy Ajima, Toru Iura and Ken Miura) we have had an opportunity to observe at close range and appreciate the amount of sheer work that goes into keeping the JACL program clickety-clacking along.

Take the case of Prop. 13. (Don't ask us, "What's that?" or we'll react in the same way as the pacifist who proposed to drop the H-bomb on all those who were against peace.)

In order to reach four million California voters on a shoe-string budget, the Pacific Southwest District Council will be mailing out 100,000 leaflets toward the end of this month, explaining the merits of Prop. 13 and why it should receive a resounding "YES" vote.

Take, for instance, what this has meant to the Southwest Los Angeles chapter, which because of its "Ichiban" status in the number of members, undertook to mail 18,000 of the leaflets to voters selected from precinct lists, 2,000 more to public officials in this area, and to distribute 7,000 more in the Southwest Los Angeles area—door to door.

In addition to sending in its share of the campaign fund for Prop. 13, the chapter needed to raise \$300 more to cover the cost of postage. Fortunately, the Nisei Week Festival came up, and the chapter was offered the concession of distributing the Souvenir Booklet. It was a footsore and weary crew of "happy"-clad Southwesterners who gathered at the end of the ondo parade on the last day of Nisei Week only to find stacks of booklets still unsold.

"Okay, let's give it one more push!" they said and hawked the booklets again through the carnival grounds and in and out of the chop suey and teahouses of Li'l Tokio. Most of them didn't get home earlier than 2 a.m. Monday. Blood, sweat and tears raised \$800 for the cause.

Heartening response . . .

Then came the problem of typing 18,000 names on Duplistickers. First, the telephone committee headed by Alice Tashima, a quiet lass interested in an investment counseling career, and including Ellen Kubo, Kimi Matsuda, Fumi Ushiyama, Hiroko Kawanami and others divided the 1,211 membership of the chapter and began phoning for volunteers to type the address stickers. Ellen Kubo alone phoned more than 72 persons!

The response was heartening. Many were housewives with children and with precious little leisure time. They didn't have typewriters, either, some of them, and they wrote addresses out by hand. Jack Harada and his committee of Toku and George Fujita, Roy Sugimoto, Tak Nomura, Sam Hirasawa, Jim Ito, Min Toda, Tats Minami, Yoshio Kurita and Hardy Miyaya spent the better part of evenings and weekends for two weeks, delivering and picking up the address labels.

Still to come are the stuffing and sealing sessions (one this Friday, Oct. 19, at Senshin Buddhist Church) and the door-to-door distribution on election eve.

Valor of smaller chapters . . .

But in lauding the work of the Southwest chapter, we must not overlook the valor of the smaller chapters. San Fernando Valley with 29 members, for instance. At first taking on the mailing of 10,000 leaflets (a quota equal to the San Francisco chapter) until help arrived from the Pasadena chapter, San Fernando came through with two Prop. 13 heroines—Mrs. Chiyo Sakamoto, mother of four and also holding down a full-time job, and Mrs. Katsuhiko Hazama who each typed out 1,000 address labels. You begin to comprehend the magnitude of their accomplishment when you realize that it takes two hours to type out 150 names.

All JACL members are not Nisei. Among the 178 Venice-Culver City chapter members, Mrs. Ad Chamberlain of the Rapid Mail Service and editor of the chapter newsletter; Mrs. Alice Brundage, housewife; Edna Chadwick, Culver City Evening Star news reporter; and Mac MacGlasson, Star News editor; are enthusiastically pitching in typing out the chapter's quota of 10,000 addresses. Mrs. Betty Yumori, mother of one and also holding down a full-time job, typed out 1500 names by herself. So did Miyo Nishi.

How about that? It's esprit de corps like this that has put the JACL where it is today. It's enthusiasm like this that makes us happy to be alive. And it's fervor like this that must repeal the infamous Alien Land Law by a resounding, overwhelming "YES" vote on Prop. 13.

'Luau is a many splendid thing'

Allan Asakawa, who contributes his laugh-lumbering loquacity under the column-head of "Deadline to Headline" in the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi, dashes his giggle-getters for happy Hawaiians-for-the-night who attended Oakland JACL's big luau Oct. 6 at Hotel Alameda. All we need now are some pictures to show that "luau is a many splendid thing".—Editor.

By ALLAN ASAKAWA

Oakland
Something wonderful happened to the 400 people who gathered at the Alameda Hotel last Saturday nite. This wonderful occasion was the Oakland JACL's Luau party which was the best thing that happened this side of Waikiki.

The typically tropical decorated stage, with a grasshack and all, set the Hawaiian scene. Waves of native music and entertainment provided by the Napoleon troupe blended well with the atmosphere and the feeling that prevailed during and after the festivities.

Men dressed in flashy aloha shirts and women donning "aloha skirts" and muumuus added color as well as the "shape" of things to come.

As I mentioned previously, everything from poi to the Kalua pig was served up in delicious fashion by real island girls. Waitresses in alluring sarongs can definitely make the food taste better—especially if they had their finger in it.

A battery of lei-decked native dancers with hip motion kept the kanes and wahines motionless. There is one "Native Dancer" I like to play along with. The one I'm referring to likes to run neck and neck. It's horse, of course.

The funniest entertainer of the lot was the gal who sang "Shina No Yoru" set to Hawaiian music. Comical lyrics coupled with her crazy-like actions sent the crowd into an uproar. I was going to sing "Shina No Asa" but I didn't feel like putting the crowd into "mourning." Anyway, this "Hawaii No Yoru" gal touched off more hilarity when she and George Minami, who blew in with the Hayward wind, gave an exhibition with no inhibitions barred.

Lane Nakano, of "Go For Broke" fame and vice-president of Magna Industries, delightfully surprised the proud crowd with two Hawaiian songs. I overheard one girl from the feminine set who said, "He sends me." For his "sending" Lane received an applause of great "Magna-tude."

The most breathtaking performance was given by two gay blades who did the Samoan knife throwing dance. The way the knives were flying "threw" the air. I thought the dance would end in a "cut-as-trophe." I've been wanting to do this knife throwing dance, but as yet I haven't been able to find a

willing partner. If anyone wishes to live dangerously, let me know. As a bonus, I'll even throw a wreath. No experience necessary—just a word to the knives is sufficient.

The evening's program included a message by chapter president James Tsurumoto. With the introduction of the cabinet and board members each was presented with a lei—a la Hawaiian style. For the first time the board members were not "bored" members.

I noticed some of the people were spinning yarns with cocktails. After all, we had water over rocks or were we on the go with VO?

The nite was capped with dancing to the music of Napoleon's troupers. One of the most versatile performers of this group was Eva who played the bass, uke and made with the voice. We will remember her for Eva more in memory.

In addition to the big East Bay crowd, there were people from San Francisco, San Mateo, San Jose and Los Angeles.

Floral decorations which adorned the Luau room were generously donated by the Bay Area flower growers thru arrangement with George Minami. Leis were donated by Miyamura Florists in San Leandro.

Who said the Oakland JACLers are deadheads? After Saturday nite's event they're on a bandwagon all of their own.

Bill Iino, front man of the bandwagon said, "This Luau was a real challenge and we are happy that we met this challenge." The "wheel" has "spoke."



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — Only 10 new memberships and renewals were received at National JACL Headquarters during the first two weeks of October for a new low. They were;

NINTH YEAR
Berkeley—Yuriko Yamashita.
EIGHTH YEAR
East Los Angeles—Yosh Inadomi.
Southwest L.A.—George S. Ono.
SEVENTH YEAR
San Francisco—Mrs. Chiz Satow.
FOURTH YEAR
San Francisco—Harry Korematsu.
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THIRD YEAR
Chicago—Michie Shimizu.
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Chicago—Frank T. Urushibata.
Cleveland—Thomas Imori.

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

Satow addresses Stockton chapter on Proposition 13

STOCKTON. — Masao Satow of San Francisco spoke last week on Prop. 13 to repeal the alien land law to swing into full speed the local campaign for a "yes" vote on the measure. He addressed a special Stockton JACL meeting at the Buddhist hall with French Camp CLers also in attendance.

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'See you at the polls'

• "Vote—but don't vote in the dark" . . . "See you at the polls" . . . Such are some of the slogans that many volunteer groups in the United States are using nowadays to stimulate many of us to participate actively in government . . . JACL has been particularly keen in this respect as one studies its 25-year history. When many Nisei were first becoming of voting age in the late 1920s, Nisei civic groups were organized to make them aware of their rights and privileges of a democracy. By 1929, attempts to coordinate their efforts resulted in formation of the Japanese American Citizens League . . . In recent years, JACL chapters have been especially busy teaching Issei how to become active American citizens and in recent weeks explaining the major elections due Nov. 6 . . . Another phenomenon arising since the granting of citizenship to many Issei who will be voting for the first time in a presidential election is the appearance of political advertising in the Japanese sections of the bi-lingual vernaculars . . . At the recent Hawaiian primaries, many Nisei as well as non-Nisei candidates solicited Issei voters' attention in the Japanese vernaculars there. Successful nominees extended their "thank you and continued cooperation" advertising after the primaries . . . This practice we think will show up in the west coast Japanese press soon, as soon as candidates are made aware of Issei psychology.

• The League of Women Voters (founded in 1920 with 1,000 local branches and 126,000 members) has been constantly reminding the public of their voting rights . . . Another volunteer group, the American Heritage Foundation worked hard to turn out a record vote in the 1932 Presidential election. They enlisted some 50 nation-wide organizations in a non-partisan register-&-vote campaign . . . Some of the groups pushing for an all-time registration and vote record were the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Legion, Advertising Council, Inc., and the American Library Association . . . They spread the motto: "Listen, Read, Look, Talk, Argue, Think and Vote" in a variety of means—radio, circulars, posters, buttons, comics and newspaper space . . . There were over 61 million votes cast in 1952 for the rival Presidential candidates—largest ever cast in any American election . . . Another large, perhaps larger, showing of the U.S. electorate is expected at the polls this coming Nov. 6 . . . Work of these non-partisan groups can never be underestimated.

• The civic awareness of JACLers proves how "Americanized" the Nisei are today . . . Though only a minute part of the overall electorate, the Nisei knows well his single vote is important in any election . . . The importance of each vote is also seen in recent organizations of Nisei Republican and Democratic groups in some areas . . . The foresight of the founding fathers of JACL to integrate Japanese Americans through the ballot is in the process of materialization. It should not be setback by being absent at the polls.

FINAL CUFF NOTES

• First names announced by Pan American Airways Tuesday morning when one of their planes was ditched in the Pacific included stewardess Katherine Shiroma Araki of Honolulu. Tragedy was averted with rescue of all crew and passengers by the Coast Guard weather ship . . . Ted Kojima of the local PAA office tells us there are 20 Nisei stewardesses serving their transpacific flights.

• Reactions in the Nisei press to the Seattle story regarding Nisei Veterans "opposition" to a Japanese language school being established were swift this week after PC ran a story under a rather provocative head. What caught our attention, we might add, was the headline with similar overtones used in the NVC Newsletter . . . But the significant aspect was the encouragement from two quarters to have Japanese taught in the public schools. Courses in the language are mainly confined at the college level, although the Los Angeles Board of Education has been teaching Japanese at adult (night) schools and in high schools where many Sansei attend . . . With the current wave of interest in things Japanese, a study of the language in public schools seems most appropriate. . . Joining with Nisei Vets in their warning against running Japanese language schools in a manner to create "divided loyalties," a Los Angeles writer pointed out "Japanese nationalism of the '30s may be revived in Japan because of the desire to rearm." . . . A San Francisco writer, however, asserted the veterans were "misguided in its evaluation or appreciation of a Japanese language school," citing "divided loyalties" were not found . . . Undoubtedly, there were many PC readers who were tweaked and wanted to express their opinion. We shall welcome them, as would any editor of the Nisei dailies . . . These exchanges of opinion have merit. It helps to form one's thinking on a subject when two sides are offered.

• A pertinent inquiry came this week wondering if persons to be featured in the 1956 Holiday Issue should have 20 consecutive years of JACL membership. It would be nice if that were mentioned, but remembering that there weren't many JACL chapters during the war years, it's not necessary. The old-timers who first joined in the mid 1930s still keeping an interest in JACL are the people we'd like to honor . . . It'll give us time to do it right . . . And remember to have pictures of these people made available.

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FUN NIGHT PROCEEDS FOR JACL BLDG. FUND

REDWOOD CITY. — Portions of the proceeds from the fifth annual Fun Night sponsored by the Tri-Villes of the Sequoia JACL this Saturday at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 2751 Louis Rd., Palo Alto, will be donated to the JACL building fund, according to Nancy Kamita and June Kumagai, co-chairmen for the event.

Every chapter Cler serving on dance committee in Gilroy

GILROY. — Every member of the Gilroy JACL is undertaking one phase of committee work to assure a successful Thanksgiving Dance on Nov. 22, 9 p.m., at the local IOOF Temple on Egleberry St.

George Porcella and his orchestra will play for this non-couple affair. Tickets are also being mailed to nearby JACL chapters to encourage their attendance here.

On the committees are:
Moose Kunimura, Jack Nakano, hall; Hank Yoshikawa, Frank Hori, orch.; Ida Ueki, pub.; Faye Kishimura, Kikuko Okawa, posters; Sho Morita (chmn.), George Soda, Willie Iwanaga, Jim Imagawa, Yukio Ogawa, Grace Taoka, tickets.
Hiroshi Noyama (chmn.), Jimmy Yamane, Art Tanaka, poster dist.; George Kishimura (chmn.), Benny Yamane, Kiyoshi Soda, Don Masui, Joe Nakano, Joe Obata, George Uesugi, dec.; Robert Kishimura (chmn.), Setsuko Kuwabara, Fuzzy Nagareda, Jack Obata, Peggy Teramoto, Kimiko Okawa, ref.; Mrs. M. Hirasaki (chmn.), Mrs. H. Yoshikawa, M. Kunimura, H. Nagareda, J. Obata, T. Shiba, N. Iwanaga, home-made cookies; Shig Yamane (chmn.), Kaisei Nakashiki, Sat Morita, Shiz Imagawa, door.
Manabi Hirasaki, Pat Hamamoto, Hiromi Nagareda, clock-room; Noby Iwanaga (chmn.), Thomas Otsuki, Bill Kuwada, Tom Iwanaga, Tak Shiba, clean-up; Messrs. & Mmes. Yamaguma, Bill Ventre, M. Kunimura, S. Nishikawa, George Otsuki and N. Iwanaga, chaperones.

Salt Lake Clers perk for Oct. 27 masquerade party

SALT LAKE CITY. — A Hallo- we'en masquerade party jointly sponsored by the local JACL and its women auxiliary will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., at the LDS Mexican Ward, 232 W. 8th South.

Children are invited with their parents. To insure a gay evening, exciting prizes, games, refreshments, dancing, etc., are scheduled. People who dare show up without a costume will be fined, it was added.

Mrs. Alice Kasai, events chairman, is being assisted by Mmes. Chiye Aoyama, Amy Doi, Kiyo Oshiro, Lily Sekino and Mary Shiozaki.

A slight admission fee will be charged. Utah Nisei were expected to put a big orange circle around Oct. 27 and definitely make this an evening not to be missed.

'Fun for Funds' dance pushed by S.F. Auxiliary

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary announced this week that a fund-raising dance will be sponsored on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, Sutter & Presidio Sts. This orchestra dance will be chaired by Mrs. Virginia Sato and Jane Omura.

Decorations for this "Fun For Funds" dance will be handled by Hana Abe and Elsie Uyeda. Kiku Hori is in charge of refreshments. Bessie Nishi is in charge of posters, and Daisy Uyeda is handling publicity. Mrs. Mary Nagai is ticket chairman.

This informal sports dance will augment the auxiliary's treasury to purchase comfort articles for the aged Issei confined at the local Laguna Honda Home for the Aged.

A previously scheduled Hallo- we'en dance on Saturday, Oct. 27, has been canceled.

Richmond-El Cerrito CL sponsors political rally

CONCORD. — The Diablo J.A. Club and Diablo Gardeners Club last week heard Haruo Ishimaru at a political rally here sponsored by the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL chapter. Marvin Uratsu, past chapter president, was chairman. The two groups are also aiding in the "Yes on Prop. 13" campaign.

300 view first annual San Mateo JACL hobby show; statuettes win top prize

SAN MATEO. — John M. Yumoto's entry of statues of the gods of wealth, entered in the object of interest classification, was awarded the sweepstake honors at the first annual hobby show of the San Mateo JACL last Sunday at the Buddhist Church.

Yumoto's two images, which date back to 1650, had earned the first place gold plaque in its classification.

In addition to these awards, Yumoto earned second and third place ribbons in the collections division with his collection of sword guards and Japanese stamps.

More than 300 persons streamed through the building during the afternoon and evening to view the arts, crafts and other exhibits at the show.

Winners of the various classifications, in addition to Yumoto, were Masao Ishida, first in collections with his netsuke or miniature carvings, circa 1700 to 1800, and Mrs. Sho Tabata, first in arts and crafts with her handmade Japanese dolls.

Other award winners were Mrs. Takizo Obata, second in crafts with a knitted stole; Yasuhiko Shin, third in crafts with his medal work

of vases, knives, scissors, hammer and other objects; Shiro Ishimaru, second in objects of interest with a Butsuzo image, dating back 200 years, and Mrs. Kay Lewis, whose natural wood formation entitled "Fisherman's Dream" was third among objects of interest.

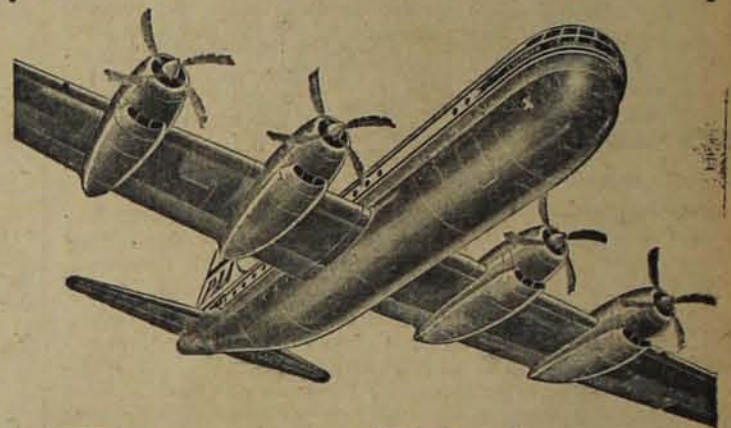
Included in the show were paintings, photographs, shells, crochet work, and other items, Japanese scroll paintings and two screen were donated for exhibit only by Ishida of the Oriental Art Shop in San Mateo.

Judges were Samuel Beaman, retired art teacher at Burlingame High School; Fred Whittlesey, local architect; Frank Rochex, president of the local chamber of commerce; and Wesley Glasson of the state chamber of commerce.

Howard Imada was general chairman.

SAN FRANCISCO OPTIMISTS PLAN FIRST ANNIVERSARY

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Japanese American Optimist Club will have its first anniversary dinner-dance Nov. 3 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Dick Foy and his orchestra will play.



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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



'Matsutake' time

Seattle

A bit of a chill is in the air, the dampness has descended upon us, and this is a wonderful day to stay in and chauffeur the old portable. But to some 300,000 nimrods of this Evergreen State, it's a big weekend for the waterfowl season opened Saturday and on Sunday the shooting started on all species of upland birds and deer throughout the state.

This state ranks high in the nation on variety and quantity of game provided. A partial list shows 90,000 deer, 7,000 elk harvested last year; 900,000 ducks, 289,000 pheasants, 208,000 quail, 127,000 grouse and so on.

Sharing the western wooded slopes with the gun hunters, and in constant danger from the trigger happy, are an undetermined number of Issei and Nisei mushroom hunters. The number must be large because of our friends and acquaintances, it's safe to say that more than half put in a mushroom hunting weekend at least once a season after the rains come and encourage the growth of the *matsutake*.

Closest literal translation is (*matsu*) pine tree (*take*) mushroom and this particular species is found in only two places, Japan and west of the Cascades in the Northwest. Mt. Hood in Oregon is generally regarded as the southernmost boundary of *matsutake* territory, which embraces all the west slope of the Cascades, including Mt. Rainier, and the Olympic peninsula. Oldtimers insist that the best place to look for *matsutake* is at the foot of the big Douglas firs, which after all cannot really be called a violent contradiction of the literal translation. The mushroom which is sometimes confused with the toadstool has been known to attain a weight of several pounds.

ORIGINAL HUNTING AREA UNKNOWN

One story is that the *matsutake* was first discovered by some Japanese section hands building the Great Northern Railway 60 years ago in the Stevens Pass area. The first picking was fabulously good and the whole matter was supposed to be a big secret, but things like this will get out when the knowledge is shared by several people, and soon the *matsutake* were found all over this area. The story still persists however, that the original rich hunting grounds has never again been found, but inaccessibility may be an explanation.

AVAILABLE AT MARKETS

Some of the Issei "*matsutaketori*" who are plenty hep to where be the good spots, are part time professionals in that they supply restaurants and the local Japanese markets, but when the Sunday pickers are doing well, the market is flooded and the price depressed. Last year, with good weather conditions, the retail price went as low as 50 cents a pound; and although the price has gone up as high as \$4.50 per pound, the average is around \$2 or \$2.50. Each year, the Post Office and air express do a lot of business with Seattleites who ship mushrooms to their friends all over the U.S.A.

For the past two or three years, the local Japanese daily, the *North American Post* and the Japanese Community Service have been sponsoring a mushroom derby lasting five or six weeks, with loving cups, cash and merchandise prizes going to the picker turning in the largest mushrooms. Last year, Northwest Orient Airlines got in the stunt by flying two baskets of the late season prizewinners to Emperor Hirohito. Quite a delegation including the Consul went to the airport to give the pine tree mushrooms a royal sendoff; refreshments were served and everyone had a swell time.

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War brides subject of Auxiliary meet

SAN FRANCISCO. — Relationship between Nisei and Japanese war brides in the community were discussed by two distinguished leaders in the field of social work and closely associated with Japanese last week at the monthly meeting of the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary at the Buchanan "Y" Center.

Jean Bolton, adviser to the Japanese War Bride Club at the International Institute, in describing her four-year experience with the group commended the Japanese war brides for their remarkable adjustment to the new environment in a short period of time. She presented a concise and composite picture.

Lucy Schulte, director of the Buchanan "Y" and Clay St. Center, also participated in the discussion with Miss Bolton on the necessity for insight and understanding the individual war bride.

Both speakers acquainted auxiliary members with the vast problem of war brides, and urged their acceptance and understanding of it. It was concluded that the best public relations in the initial phase involved each individual's personal contact in helping and guiding the war brides to meet and discuss their problems.

Mary Minamoto, active with the Portland JACL and recently returned from Red Cross work in Japan, was moderator for the evening. She also related her experiences in Japan during her work orienting the war brides leaving for the United States.

Tess Hideshima and Miyuki Aoyama were co-chairmen for the evening.

Community service was rendered last weekend by Nancy Moriguchi, Dorothy Suzuki, Ryo Ichikawa and Vi Nakano, representing the Auxiliary, in launching the United Crusade campaign drive.

EAST L.A. JACL LANTERN PARTY IN SEINAN AREA

East Los Angeles JACL goes cross-town to hold their annual JACL Lantern dinner-dance on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Eleda's, 43rd and Crenshaw, it was announced by Katherine Yoshida, chairman.

The Halloween motif will be featured. Fred Takata, Roy Yamadera and Jeanne Sato are in charge of arrangements and reservations. Mio Fujita, in charge of entertainment, revealed vocalists Mastro Karasawa, Kiku Moriwaki, dancers June Tsukida, Claire Kawamoto, and magician Roy Y. are to appear. John Watanabe will be m.c.

MICHIGAN JUDGE DISMISSES MURDER CHARGE ON NISEI

LANSING. — Circuit Court Judge Marvin Salmon dismissed first-degree murder charges against Kinney Tamaribuchi, 27, held for fatally beating his 7-year-old son on Father's Day. The Hawaii-born Nisei student still faces a charge of manslaughter.

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Nisei Gridders in Action

Followers of Nisei sports still see Larry Iwasaki of Reedley High and Hiroshi Saito of Biola High, a pair of speedy halfbacks in Central California, piling up points this past week.

Saito takes the spotlight this time with three long runs. He scooted 42 for the first TD against Tipton High, ran 80 yards only to have it nullified and then rambling 95 on the next play to score. He also pitched a 35-yard TD pass to substitute end Kenji Ando for a score. Ando replaced all-league end Bill Kato who sustained a broken nose blocking a punt.

Saito made his fourth TD on a two-yard plunge.

The final score was Biola 42, Tipton 0. Saito incidentally, tallied all the points after touchdown.

Iwasaki romped to two TDs in the 40-24 blast over Selma High. He scored from the 6 and scampered another 60 to the goal. Yo Katayama nestled a 25-yard pass for one of the Selma scores.

In a tough CIF Sunset League in Southern California, Capt. Ron Fujino, Fullerton High QB, paved the way to a 20-6 upset win over Santa Ana High. He TD'd on a

40-yard run. Tackle Akio Okabe was outstanding for Fullerton on both offense and defense.

In another Los Angeles city league upset, Howard Kakita of Marshall weaved his way from the 19 to score in a 7-0 win over Belmont High.

RICHMOND FISHING DERBY OFFERS CASH PRIZES

RICHMOND. — Local JACL's second annual fishing derby will be held Sunday, Oct. 21, it was announced by Sam Seki, chairman. Weigh-in time is set between 5 and 6:30 p.m. at Bob's Bait Box, Antioch Bridge.

In addition to many prizes, the top cash prize is \$35 followed by a \$25 second prize. An added \$5 will be given to the winner should she be a woman.

Portland golfers wind up annual fall tournament

PORTLAND. — The Glendoveer course took a battering from some 30 members of the Portland Japanese Golf Association Sept. 30 challenging par for 36 holes in their annual fall handicap tournament.

Low gross winners in the two flights were Gaylan Kawashima, 79-76, Aye; and Boon Ochitani, 88-94, Bee. Low net winners were Willy Nakamura 156-24-132 in the Ayes and Kaz Ochiai 206-76-136.

Dr. Tosh Kuge is PJGA president.

Sports Briefs

The Nishitetsu Lions of Fukuoka whipped the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants 5-1 in the sixth game to win the Japan world series four games to two this week.

Tommy Kono of Honolulu, weighing 176 and competing in the 181-lb. weightlifting class in the Hawaii Olympic trials, bettered two world marks last Saturday. He topped the clean & jerk at 382½ and the aggregate at 960. He will compete in San Jose in the U. S. finals Oct. 27.

Dr. Sammy Lee of Santa Ana was among three former Olympic champions named by President Eisenhower as personal representatives at the Melbourne Olympics Nov. 22-Dec. 8.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Wins \$3,000 on essay

Los Angeles

■ We do not wish to sound mercenary but getting \$15 per word on a 200-word essay isn't bad at all. That's the writing feat achieved by one Ted K. Tajima of Altadena who quite fittingly is a journalism and English instructor at Alhambra High School now for eight years.

Tajima skillfully and thoughtfully put together 200 words in an essay contest conducted by the Broadway Department Stores' annual scholarship committee. It was on "The Advantages of a College Education."

Tajima's oldest daughter, Pamela, 8, will benefit from the scholarship which is good for a four-year college education.

One intimate sidelight to his winning the \$3,000 grant is that his wife, nee Sets Itow of Pasadena, egged him on to submit the essay before deadline and in last-minute haste, Tajima pounded out a page in the matter of a half an hour. There were 1,500 entries and Tajima's essay was probably the last to get into the mail.

Aside from being a forceful writer, Ted is quite witty as a toastmaster. The 34-year-old Salt Lake City-born tutor pleased all of the JACLers with his talent during the third annual PSWDC Chapter Clinic banquet which was held in Pasadena last February.

The Tajimas have two other daughters, Linda, 4, and Elaine, 19 months. The couple is active at the Pasadena Union Presbyterian Church where Ted edits a weekly church paper.

ISSEI CITIZENS TO BE HONORED

■ While on the subject of essay contests, the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council and Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion will co-sponsor one with their second annual Citizenship Recognition Night, to be held Nov. 30 at the Union Church.

The essay contest, with no limit on words and written either in English or in Japanese, will have as its title: "What American Citizenship Means to Me." It will be open to all naturalized Issei since the passage of the McCarran Act in late 1952.

Those who were naturalized in the past 12 months will be given pocket-size identification cards signifying their status as a new citizen.

Main speakers at the program will include Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, JACL national president, and Leo Crawford, department commander of the American Legion in California.

Kei Uchida, Downtown L.A. chapter president, and Yoichi Nakase of Perry Post are the general co-chairmen.

Uchida, who estimates about 700 have been given citizenship since August of 1955, said the winner of the essay contest will be presented a U.S. savings bond at the ceremony. The prize essay will also be read publicly at that time.

OUR BARBER HAS A POINT

■ My tonsorial artist, surveying our 30-day shag, commented it is unfair to charge \$1.75 for a haircut in Li'l Tokio. He said few working people around First and San Pedro Sts. make that much an hour and it's discouraging customers from visiting the barber shops more frequently. The barber said it wasn't his idea to raise the prices—third time this year—but his association voted on it. The barbers here even run on a five-day basis, taking off Sunday and Monday.

It took us sometime to figure out his unhappiness. He said more men are buying their own clipping set and letting their wives work over their head. And besides, he added, the one extra day of rest piles up the work next day and you actually beat your brains out trying to catch up. Growing hair never waits, you know!

Being a good barber, he had me seated for little better than 10 minutes and our conversation stopped. There were five other guys. Six times \$1.75 equal \$10.50.

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Births

LOS ANGELES
HARADA, Fred K. (Yutaka L. Kotaku)—boy, Tom, Sept. 7.
KAMIFUJI, Tommy M. (Misako Be-tsuini)—girl, Irene Chizu, Sept. 19.
KATAYAMA, Kenji K. (Julia M. Fukuzaki)—girl, Karen R. Reiko, Aug. 24.
MATSUNAGA, Hideo A. (Yuriko Yamazaki)—boy, Jon S., Aug. 27.
MURAOKA, Hideo (Nobuko Matsuda)—boy, Kevin G., Aug. 28.
NAKAMOTO, James H. (Toyoko Tog-gie Nakashima)—boy, Dale Hitoshi, Sept. 9.
NAKAMURA, Tsunemi (Tsuya Mori-kawa)—girl, Yuki, Aug. 29.
OHATA, Mike (Fumiko Tanimura)—girl, Susan N., Aug. 30.
OHNO, George (Kazuo Muragishi)—boy, Douglas W., Aug. 5.
ROBINSON, Charles D. (Irene Nabeshima)—girl, Cynthia Chiyoko, Aug. 15.
SERA, Tsutomu (Suzuko Tamada)—girl, Christine Shigemitsu, Sept. 9.
SHIGEYASU, George (Emiko Koga)—girl, Grace Noriko, Aug. 11.
SHIMIZU, Yoshiko (Yoshiko Watanabe)—girl, Joy Akiko, Aug. 8.
SHIMIZU, Manabi (Fujiko Nishimura)—girl, Sandra Misao, Aug. 29.
TAMASHIRO, Richard T. (Dorina N. Shikina)—girl, Deborah N., Aug. 30.
TONOOKA, Ben Y. (Misayo Butsum-yo)—girl, Janis Sumiye, Aug. 29.
YATO, Noboru (Emiko Nakata)—girl, Susan Shizuko, Sept. 11.

ARIZONA

FUJIMORI, M/Sgt. Masaru—boy, Sept. 8, Luke AFB.
KOMATSU, Ben—boy, Sept. 17, Glendale.

SANTA MARIA

IKEDA, Selma—boy, Clyde, Arroyo Grande.

VISALIA

SHIMASAKI, Tom—girl, Sept. 4, Lindsay.

FRESNO

FUKAWA, George (Dolly Nagai)—girl, Patricia K., Aug. 20.
HAMADA, Yukio—boy, Sept. 15, Kingsburg.
HASHIMOTO, Yasuo—girl, Sept. 6, Reedley.
INN, Harry—boy, Aug. 23, Reedley.
KUBOTA, George—boy, Sept. 17, Reedley.
MIYAKE, Tad—girl, Aug. 28, Reedley.
NISHIDA, Kenneth—boy, Sept. 2, Reedley.
OKAJIMA, A.—boy, Sept. 1, Sanger.
TANAKA, Harris—girl, Harriet Midori, July 23, Parlier.
TAKEDA, George—boy, Aug. 7, Sanger.
TAKENO, Ichio—girl, Aug. 3, Selma.
YAMAGATA, George—boy, Sept. 18, Reedley.
YAMADA, Yoshito—boy, Sept. 20, Kingsburg.

WATSONVILLE

AKIMOTO, Harry (Midori Yamasaki)—boy, Sept. 14.
HANANA, Haruo (Barbara Tokujiro)—boy, Sept. 4, Aptos.
WAKI, Terry (Michiko Ishigaki)—girl, Sept. 5.

STOCKTON

INAMASU, Masao J.—girl, Aug. 25.
KUROKAWA, Andy T.—boy, Aug. 1, Lodi.
MIZUNO, George S.—boy, Aug. 28, Tracy.
SASAKI, Frank M.—boy, Aug. 27, Lodi.
SHINODA, Robert H.—boy, Aug. 31, Takahashi, Shigeru—boy, Sept. 2.

SAN JOSE

HANDA, Yutaka—boy, William C., Aug. 31.
IYAMA, Harvey M.—girl, Nancy Katsuko, Sept. 11.
KUMAGAI, Henry S.—girl, Denise J., Sept. 3.
MASUNAGA, Shiro—girl, Diane, Sept. 16.
MORIMOTO, Tadashi—boy, Mark Rio, Aug. 23.
NAKAMURA, Kazuo—girl, Kim S., Sept. 18, Santa Clara.
OGI, Irving—boy, Darrell Hidetoshi, Sept. 4.
TAKETA, Masao—girl, Donna L., Aug. 28.
UCHIYAMA, Alvin E.—girl, Sept. 21.
UYEDA, Roy M.—boy, Sept. 8.
YOKOYAMA, Shigeru—boy, Ken, Aug. 26, Saratoga.

REDWOOD CITY

HANABUSA, Reginald—girl, Aug. 12, Palo Alto.
KAWAHARA, Eiji (Keiko Urano)—girl, Joyce Aki, Aug. 19, Palo Alto.

SAN FRANCISCO

ONODA, Dan—boy, Sept. 1, San Mateo.
KANEMORI, Edward M.—girl, Aug. 23.
KAWAHARA, Francis K.—boy, Sept. 17.
KITAGAWA, Peter G.—girl, Aug. 29.
MAYEDA, Roy K.—girl, Sept. 8.
NAKAI, Akira—boy, Aug. 21.
NAKANO, George—girl, Aug. 29.
OTAKE, Edward K.—girl, Aug. 18.
OTO, Kiyoshi—boy, Aug. 25.
SAKAI, George K.—girl, Sept. 7.
SEIKI, Sam O.—girl, Sept. 7.
SHINKAI, Lloyd A.—girl, Aug. 23.
SHIOZAKI, Yutaka—girl, Sept. 19.
YAMAMOTO, Lawrence T.—girl, July 10.

SAN RAFAEL

MURATA, George—girl, Rachel Mariko, Aug. 28, Corte Madera.

OAKLAND

IYAMA, Ernest—girl, Sept. 14, Berkeley.
NAKANO, Edward—girl, Sept. 18, Berkeley.
NEGI, Yosh—boy, Sept. 1, Berkeley.
YOSHIDA, John—boy, Sept. 18.

EL CERRITO

SAKAI, Takashi—boy, Sept. 20.

FAIRFIELD

NAKAMURA, Tadashi—boy, Aug. 28, Suisun Valley.

SACRAMENTO

HOSHIKO, Shigeru—girl, Sept. 3.
ITO, Frank K.—boy, Aug. 20.
KANEGAWA, Tamiji—girl, Aug. 19, Walnut Grove.
MATSUHITO, Keiji—boy, Sept. 14.
NAKATOGAWA, Kinjiro K.—boy, Aug. 20.
ONO, Kiyoshi—girl, Sept. 5.
SAKAKIMARA, Ben—boy, Sept. 5.
TANABE, Hiroshi—girl, Aug. 21, Walnut Grove.
TANAKA, Genshi—boy, Sept. 13, Walnut Grove.
TANAKA, Wilbert T.—girl, Sept. 11, Florin.
YAMASHITA, Jun—girl, Aug. 31.
AUBURN
MATSUOKA, Walter W.—boy, Sept. 20, Loomis.
MARYSVILLE
TOKUNAGA, Clark—girl, Sept. 2.
PORTLAND
IKEDA, Masaharu—boy, Robert I. Sept.

11, Troutdale.
SPON, Bob—girl, Roberta G., Sept. 12.

ONTARIO, ORE.

KONDO, Dr. Roy—boy, Sept. 4.

SEATTLE

ABE, Patrick—girl, Sept. 4.
Abe, Gensho—girl, Sept. 7.
DEGUCHI, Seichi—girl, Carol E., Sept. 13.
FURUKAWA, Yukio—girl, Sept. 14.
HANDA, Robert—boy, Douglas Yoshio, Aug. 8.
HASHIGUCHI, Hachiro—girl, Sept. 29.
HOSHINO, Akio T.—boy, Sept. 19.
IWASAKI, Junkichi—girl, Sept. 13.
KIYONAGA, Toshio—girl, Sept. 1.
KONO, Kihichi—boy, Sept. 8.
KUNIMOTO, Ike—boy, Aug. 21.
MATSUDAIRA, Francis E.—girl, Aug. 16.
MOMODA, Tak—girl, Diane K., Sept. 6.
MORI, George—girl, Sept. 2.
NAKATSU, Lorry—boy, Aug. 14.
ONODERA, Yutaka G.—boy, Sept. 29.
SAKAI, Ben—boy, Aug. 22.
SATO, Sabera—girl, Sept. 22.
SUYAMA, Shochi—boy, Aug. 22.
WATANABE, Shigetoshi—girl, Sept. 2.

IDAHO

ITAMI, Dyke—girl, Aug. 12, Nampa.

DENVER

DO, Peter—boy, Mark Kenji, Aug. 27.
IWAKIRI, H. N.—girl.
MARUYAMA, B. A.—boy.
SAKAGUCHI, H.—girl.
YAMADA, George J.—girl, Adams County.

MINNEAPOLIS

OTANI, David—girl, Lorraine Midori, July 18.

CHICAGO

ASANO, Paul (Tom Kasai)—boy, Stephen Koichi, Aug. 24.

DETROIT

KURODA, Frank T.—girl, Karen M., Aug. 15, Allen Park.
MATSUI, Eddie—girl, Sept. 3, Allen Park.

PHILADELPHIA

TANI, Paul—boy, Thomas P., Sept. 13.

NEW YORK

KUBO, Dr. Goro—girl, Janice K., Sept. 18.
MIYAZAKI, Toshi—girl, Yuri Lynn, Aug. 17.
YANAGIHARA, Rev. Hikaru—girl, Mitsue, Sept. 22.

Engagements

AOKI-TSURUGAKA — Lily to Jimmy, both of Fresno.
HAMADA-KATSUKI — Kimiko, Kingsburg, to George, Reedley.
KOBASHI-SAITO — Rose K., Morgan Hill, to M. Los Angeles.
NISHIHARA-ETO — Sets, Hilo, to Robert, Tarzana.
SATO-HIRANO — Kathy to Sumio, both Los Angeles.
TANABE-NODA — Mitsuko, Dinuba, to Keichi, Hanford, Sept. 1.
URABE-NAKAMURA — Joy Y., Fullerton, to Takashi, Los Angeles.
YOSHIOKA-TANAKA — Jean to Yukio, both Santa Ana.

Marriage Licenses Issued

FUKUCHI-SATO — Tak, Berkeley; Ruth K. San Diego.
FUKUDA-UCHIYAMA — Kenneth Y. and Miyo, both San Jose.
HADA-KOSHIYAMA — Morio, Newcastle, to El, San Francisco.
ITO-FUNAI — Takashi and Marian, both San Francisco.
IWATA-WATANABE — Paul, Palo Alto; Shizu, San Francisco.
KANBAYASHI-SUGIOKA — Manzo, San Francisco; Fumie, Penryn.
KANESHIRO-SHIOZAKI — Eichi, San Jose; Emiko, San Francisco.
MORIKAWA-KUGE — Frank T., Berkeley; Ida C., Alameda.
MIURA-SOFYE — Clifford K., Lodi; Sandra, Sacramento.
NAKO-MCCARTHY — Paul J. and Nancy J., both Oakland.
UCHIYAMA-MIKAWA — Raymond, 26, San Jose; Mikeln, 27, San Francisco.
WAYMAN-SHIMOMAKI — Alexander and Hideko, both Berkeley.
YOST-TAKATA — James R. and Amy S., both Metropolis, Ill.

Deaths

AKAGI, Gisaku, 75; Berkeley, Sept. 22—wife Ume, sons Kay, Yoshio, daughter Mrs. Hsako Ishii.
FUKIMURA, John S., 55; Seattle, Sept. 24—wife Tomi, son Yoshio, daughter Mary A.
HAMA, Paul, 52; New York, Sept. 17—wife Lillian, son Lawrence, father Sanjuro.
HASHIMOTO, Ryuzo, 67; Alameda, Sept. 3—wife, three sons and four daughters.
HIRAMATSU, George Y., 26; Salt Lake City, Sept. 6—wife Fumie, son Glen, daughter Janice, parents Mr. and Mrs. George, grandmother Mrs. Sada Hiramatsu.
HONDA, Yukichi, 78; Gardena (formerly of Stockton), Oct. 9—wife Hih-nayo, son Hiroshi, daughters Mmes. Hatsuoka Tanaka, Teruya Koyama, IShioka, Masajiro; Detroit, Aug. 26—wife Kame, sons George, Ben, daughter Mrs. Shig Itami.
KITAGAWA, Kichitaro, 78; Provo, Sept. 13.
KOGA, Mrs. Taka, 58; Parlier, Sept. 17—sons Ben, Minoru, daughter Mrs. Haruye Nishida.
KONDO, Suyetaro; Sanger, Sept. 14.
KUMATA, Kurakichi, 82; San Jose, Aug. 28—daughters Mmes Yoshiko Ozawa, Mary Kazuta.
KUSUMOTO, Mrs. Ito, 63; Los Angeles, Oct. 3—son Harley, daughters Mmes. Toshiko Itatani, Emiko Hashimoto.
KUWANO, Rev. Susumu; Loomis, Sept. 14—wife Kimi, sons Stanley, daughters Helen and Mrs. Rose Sumi.
MANO, Kojiro, 68; Watsonville, Sept. 28—wife Miteru, five sons Joe, James, Stanley, Shuri (Reedley), Charles (Los Angeles), five daughters Shizuko, Mmes. Louise Hamasaka, Molly Morikawa, Totomi Nakamura, May Akichiro (Los Angeles), eight grandchildren.
MATSUMOTO, Toyomatsu, 73; Chicago, Sept. 22—sons Dr. George M., Dr. Peter, Dr. James, Frank, daughter Mrs. Mary Arimoto (Los Angeles).
MIMBU, John Y., 15; Seattle, Sept. 11—parents Mr. and Mrs. William Y., brother David, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Teruzo Mimbu.
MORIOKA, Sadao, 71; West Los Angeles, Sept. 29—sons Katsuchi, Kikui, daughters Mmes. Shizuyo Watahira, Chiyoko Honbo, Kimiye Nomura.

Pasadena chapter faces busy calendar for rest of year

By MACK YAMAGUCHI

PASADENA. — The Pasadena JACL is looking forward to a heavy schedule for the remainder of the year in mapping out four events as well as winding up the mailing of Prop. 13 brochures.

To augment funds for the Prop. 13 campaign, a benefit movie has been scheduled at the Cleveland School Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 7 p.m.

Large attendance is expected at the political rally Oct. 25, which was originally scheduled this week. Sample ballots will be reviewed by Ken Dyo, while Harris Ozawa, chapter president, will explain the Nov. 6 ballot for Issei citizens.

Two nights later, Oct. 27, the chapter will sponsor a Halloween social at the Community Center, 64 W. Del Mar, from 8 p.m. The Solteras are decorating the hall. Other teenage groups being invited include the Stags, Crescents and Shufflers as well as college-age groups.

The chapter will assist in the annual Inter-Club Council Thanksgiving Dance to be held Nov. 24, at a site to be announced.

The social finale comes Dec. 22 when the chapter holds its annual Christmas potluck supper.

At the October board meeting at the home of president Ozawa, Al Tanaka, 1000 Club chapter chairman, was named chairman of the 1957 nominations committee. Florence Wada, active with the chapter for several years and currently serving as corresponding secretary presented her resignation as she will move to Santa Ana soon.

"The chapter will be hard set to replace such a capable worker as Flo has been," commented Ozawa.

Other year-end projects include the Pacific Citizen Holiday Edition solicitations, quota payments, memberships and treasurer Kimi Fukutaki's report.

JAPAN-BORN MINISTER OCCUPIES CAUCASIAN PULPIT IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO. — The Rev. Daniel Shudo, a native of Japan this week became the first Oriental to occupy the pulpit of an all-Caucasian Methodist church here.

He was appointed by Bishop Charles W. Brashares the pastor-ate of Mandell Church, 5010 W. Congress Pkwy.

The 231-member congregation had been without a pastor since June.

The Rev. Shudo, a 1947 convert to Christianity, formerly taught high school in Japan.

He came to the United States in 1951 after graduation from Tokyo University and Tokyo Bible Seminary. He earned a master's degree in theology last year at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

'Japanese Chronology' chart published, latest of series

A Japanese Chronology, compiled and published by W. M. Hawley, 8200 Gould, Hollywood 46, Calif., is the latest Oriental Culture charts to be made available to students, teachers and persons interested in the Far East.

The chart is 27 by 35 inches and available at \$1 postpaid. It gives the genealogy of the gods who traditionally were the ancestors of the Japanese people, with lists of emperors, regents, administrators, shoguns and notes on the art periods. A table of year periods correlated with Western dates and the 60-year cycle system is utilized.

Secretary to Mayor

SAN JOSE. — The city's top officials are now occupying recently remodeled offices in the City Hall annex at 144 Park Ave.

The San Jose Mercury recently carried a picture of Mayor Robert C. Doerr at work in comfort in his new office with his secretary, Dorothy Miyamoto.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Election issues

Regular conductor of this column, the Washington Newsletter, will be absent from his desk from six to eight weeks touring Japan. In the meantime, Sam Ishikawa, who served as regional director and associate national director of JACL, will pinch-hit for Mike Masaoka.—Editor.

By SAM ISHIKAWA

New York

Every leap year when autumn leaves change their colors, politics in the United States reaches a frenzied pitch with the participants changing colors several times in heated debates over the merits of his particular candidate.

If registration figures of New York City depict a trend, then 1956 is not one of those frenzied election years. For the figures show a considerable decrease in registrations from 1952. The street corner debates and name calling discussions in the neighborhood bars are practically non-existent. If I am not badly mistaken, the average citizen, thus far, is not too concerned with the outcome of the elections. The New York Times quoted one "Dodger fan" as saying he "wouldn't care if Shepilov were elected President here."

The polls don't tell us much either. I read almost every day that no trend exists. Basically, it seems to me, there is something wrong in this year's campaign.

Both candidates are for "peace and prosperity" and "the small man". Actually, for the voter, there seems to be no issues which makes him angry or willing to forsake his easy chair to do some campaigning.

Basically, the difficulty arises from an excess of moderation. This year's brand of moderation is one of avoiding unpleasant issues which may have the potential of losing your votes. Neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have come to grips with the real issues at hand.

The Republicans strategy seems to be based on the "personality" of the President, while the Democrats seem to be depending on the "personality" of the party.

Race relations and foreign policy . . .

With general prosperity existing in the country, except perhaps for the farmers, I believe, there are at least two issues which should vitally interest American voters in all walks of life. These two issues are race relations and foreign policy.

Who can deny that segregation in the South is not a vital issue? The newspapers, magazines, TV and radio carry a daily running account of what is happening with desegregation. Yet, even though both parties affirm good race relations, not a single candidate has offered a positive course of action. Both candidates only say that law of the land should be observed and that it is a local matter in which federal troops should not be called.

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Why is it, that neither candidate has come out for forthright policy on race relations? Wouldn't many of us like to see a candidate come out with a positive program which would knock us out of our lethargy to take part in this campaign? Why is it so difficult for Mr. Stevenson or Mr. Eisenhower to express himself for fair employment, equality in housing and to declare himself against segregation? Is the office of Presidency so dear that one cannot express his own beliefs on these matters? Is it so difficult to come out for a basic American ideal?

There has been some talk on foreign policy, but neither candidate have come to grips with the fundamental issues which plague our foreign policy.

As important as Europe is to us, the battle for world peace is not being fought there. It is being fought in Asia and to a lesser degree in Africa. Because most Americans are of European stock, our American emphasis has been warped one-sidedly to Europe. We woefully neglect Asia. This, however, does not in any way dim the fact that Asia is the focal point of world peace. This broad expanse from Turkey to Japan is gradually being lost to Soviet imperialism. We are not only losing this battle in that many Asian countries such as India, Burma and Ceylon are becoming "neutralist"; but we have lost huge chunks of Asia with over a half a billion people to the Communists.

Winning peace in Asia at stake . . .

In Asia, today, there exists no large scale fighting, but at best the situation is an uneasy truce which does not work to our advantage. Even though the fighting has stopped, we are taking losses in the new phase of Soviet aggression in that of economic warfare.

Unless, very soon we take steps to win the hearts of Asians to give them a real concern to remain with the Free World, the so-called "neutrals" by default will go against us. Time is running out, but our actions continue to be lacking in imagination or vision.

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Isn't it high time that at least one of our presidential candidates raised this issue with the voters? The fact that voters of Asian ancestry make up a very small portion of our country's voters does not excuse the candidates from telling us what he intends to do about winning the peace in Asia. What are we to do with the true in Korea and Indo-China? What are we to do with the "two Chinas"? How are we to win over the Asian "neutrals"? What about our policy towards Japan?

If these two issues and other equally important issues are dealt with frankness and honesty, no American could remain apathetic towards the presidential campaign of 1956. I sincerely hope that the candidates will lose some of their "moderation" and come to grips with some of the issues which could lose him some votes, but yet gain him the White House. Voters cannot become excited over a policy of moderation per se. Moderation is good, but even moderation must work within a frame of a positive program.

Let's hope that the voters will not be forced to omphaloskepsis because of a lack of issues.

JACL SPONSOR SWEETLAND ADDRESSES SNAKE RIVER, CITES BIGGER JOB AHEAD

ONTARIO, Ore. — Relocation of the Japanese community during the war was "in the long run for the best," Monroe Sweetland told the local Snake River Valley JACL meeting here last week at East Side Cafe.

Sweetland, who is a national JACL sponsor and newspaper publisher, gave a non-partisan address before the group. He is seeking the Democratic nomination of Secretary of State.

He told the group that for the most part the Japanese people had led isolated lives in their own little Japanese community on the coast before the war. Now, he said, they have a secure economic place in their communities and have been accepted socially in the communities in which they live.

"Do not be contented with living lives as ordinary American citizens," he added, "because you are exceptional American citizens."

Speaking to them as members of the JACL, Sweetland told them not to feel that the organization had done its work just because it

had helped to give them a place in the community.

"The biggest job lies before you," he said.

The group can play a part in the battle of world politics, which, he said, includes a battle against Communism in Asia.

One of the special practical steps to weaken communistic Asia must include statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, he said. Hawaii has a great population of Asiatic and Polynesian descent and statehood for Hawaii would be a great symbol of equality of races.

He also said that the JACL members should strengthen relations with the old country. They alone could do more to bridge the two countries with more understanding, he added.

Sweetland was introduced by Gish Amano, Oregon Slope farmer. Amano lauded Sweetland for courage in defending "our rights as American citizens at a time when it meant jeopardizing his community standing." This will not be forgotten, he added.

Young Japanese farmer spends summer in U.S., likes American way of life

ONTARIO, Ore. — A young Japanese farmer who has spent the summer in America likes the family life of Americans, likes the way they work and play together.

Kazuo Shitara, who is returning to Japan Oct. 29, was brought to the United States under the International Farm Youth Exchange and to the farm of Joe Saito, well-known row crop farmer, under 4-H club sponsorship.

Shitara spent part of the summer

on a Kansas farm, then in Hood River before spending three weeks here. Another Japanese farmer spent the summer in Iowa under the exchange program while two American farm boys (one from California and another from Michigan) have been on farms in Japan.

Mrs. Saito reported that Kaz had found American food a little difficult to get used to. He needed a good ration of his own food, but found American dishes to his liking and will try to serve some American cooking at home after his return.

He was more impressed with American housing than diet. "I'd like to rebuild my home along western lines," he said.

He was impressed too with the American attitude toward religion. He particularly noted the Bibles in hotel rooms and he liked the saying of grace at meals.

There has been a great improvement in Japan since World War II, he said. And he looks toward continued improvement and a bright future.

Asked what he thought of American farm production, Kazuo Shitara said, "America will suffer someday because it's got overproduction of everything and unnecessary waste. In Japan we have to get every bit of production we can. If America ever really produced as it could, what would it do with all the product?"

NISEI TO ADDRESS AT S.F. POLITICAL RALLY

SAN FRANCISCO. — Talks on "Why I Am a Nisei Republican" by George Kaz Sakai and "Why I Am a Nisei Democrat" by Yori Wada will be features of the San Francisco JACL political rally on Friday, Oct. 26 at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA.

The "Y" is also co-sponsor of this rally.

Review of local and state propositions on the ballot as well as talks by candidates has been planned, according to Mo. Noguchi, rally committee chairman.

Over 2,200 in YBA, incomplete survey shows

SAN FRANCISCO. — An incomplete report shows national Young Buddhist Association membership at 2,247, its director Hitoshi Tsufura indicated last week. Of the 74 chapters affiliated with the organization, only 50 have reported.

Chapters not reporting include East San Jose and San Francisco in the Western Young Buddhist League, and all chapters in the Intermountain and Eastern YBA leagues.

Northwest YBA, which includes the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, is an associate member of the NYBA and therefore not included in the statistics, Tsufura said.

Letter—

Continued from Front Page reactions of the people of our district.

We are thankful that the Council referred this matter to a Committee. This action gave us an opportunity to study and investigate the program, without the pressure of time. At the CCDC meeting on Oct. 1, our Council unanimously approved a statement which is now in the hands of all Chapter presidents. The statement reaffirms that JACL's primary concern is the welfare of the Americans of Japanese Ancestry residing in the United States. It states that we believe that these temporary Japanese Agricultural workers should have the same opportunity to be admitted into this country as that afforded to any other foreign worker. It further states that we believe that a temporary-agricultural workers program, properly administered, would be beneficial to both the United States and Japan. We expressed concern over several aspects of the program and made recommendations to remedy them.

We, of Central California, emphatically wish it to be known that we have never opposed the principle of permitting Temporary Japanese Farm Workers to enter the United States on the same basis as any other nationality group. But we, together with the Issei of our area, are gravely concerned over the prospects of having a very large number of them concentrating in any one area. We would like assurances that administrative machinery is set up to care for problems, social and economic, arising as a result of this program. We would want assurances that the program will be properly explained to the public.

We believe that we are only subscribing to the fundamental principle of the JACL—the welfare of the Japanese Americans in this country—in expressing our concern over the possible repercussions and problems which may arise out of the Temporary Japanese Worker program.

JIN ISHIKAWA
CCDC Chairman

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First call for Holiday stories

A hurried call for original short stories for publication in the 1956 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue is being made today. We highly welcome up & coming writers. Manuscripts should not be more than 2,000 words and if not acceptable, it will be returned immediately. Deadline is Nov. 17.—Editor.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 20 (Saturday)
Cincinnati—Chapter dance.
- Oct. 26 (Friday)
San Francisco—Chapter political rally, Buchanan "Y", 8 p.m.
- Oct. 27 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—Masquerade party, LDS Mexican Ward, 232 W 8th St., 7:30 p.m.
East Los Angeles—JACL Lantern dinner-dance, Eleda's.
Pasadena—Hallowe'en party.
East Los Angeles—Hallowe'en party.
- Oct. 27-28
Chicago—JACL Carnival, Olivet Institute.
- Oct. 28 (Sunday)
Portland—Benefit movie, Nichiren hall, 7:30 p.m.
Sonoma County—Nisei Memorial Day Service, Enmanji Temple.
- Nov. 3 (Saturday)
West Los Angeles—Pre-Holiday Hop, WLA YBA Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Pasadena—Benefit movies.
- Nov. 4 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — 4th Quarterly meeting, Marysville chapter hosts.
Marysville—20th Ann'y dinner.
- Nov. 7 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute.
- Nov. 10 (Saturday)
Cincinnati—Chapter election meeting.
Detroit—Chapter election meeting.
San Francisco—"Fun for Funds" Auxiliary dance, Booker T. Washington Community Center.
- Nov. 13 (Tuesday)
Pasadena—Board meeting.
- Nov. 15-18
Detroit—One World Market.
- Nov. 17 (Saturday)
East L.A.—Box lunch social.
Sacramento—"Stars of Tomorrow" talent show, Buddhist Hall.
- Nov. 18 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Quarterly session, Venice-Culver JACL hosts; Luke Mandemaker Post, Mar Vista, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 22 (Thursday)
Gilroy—3rd annual Thanksgiving dance, IOOF Temple, 9 p.m.