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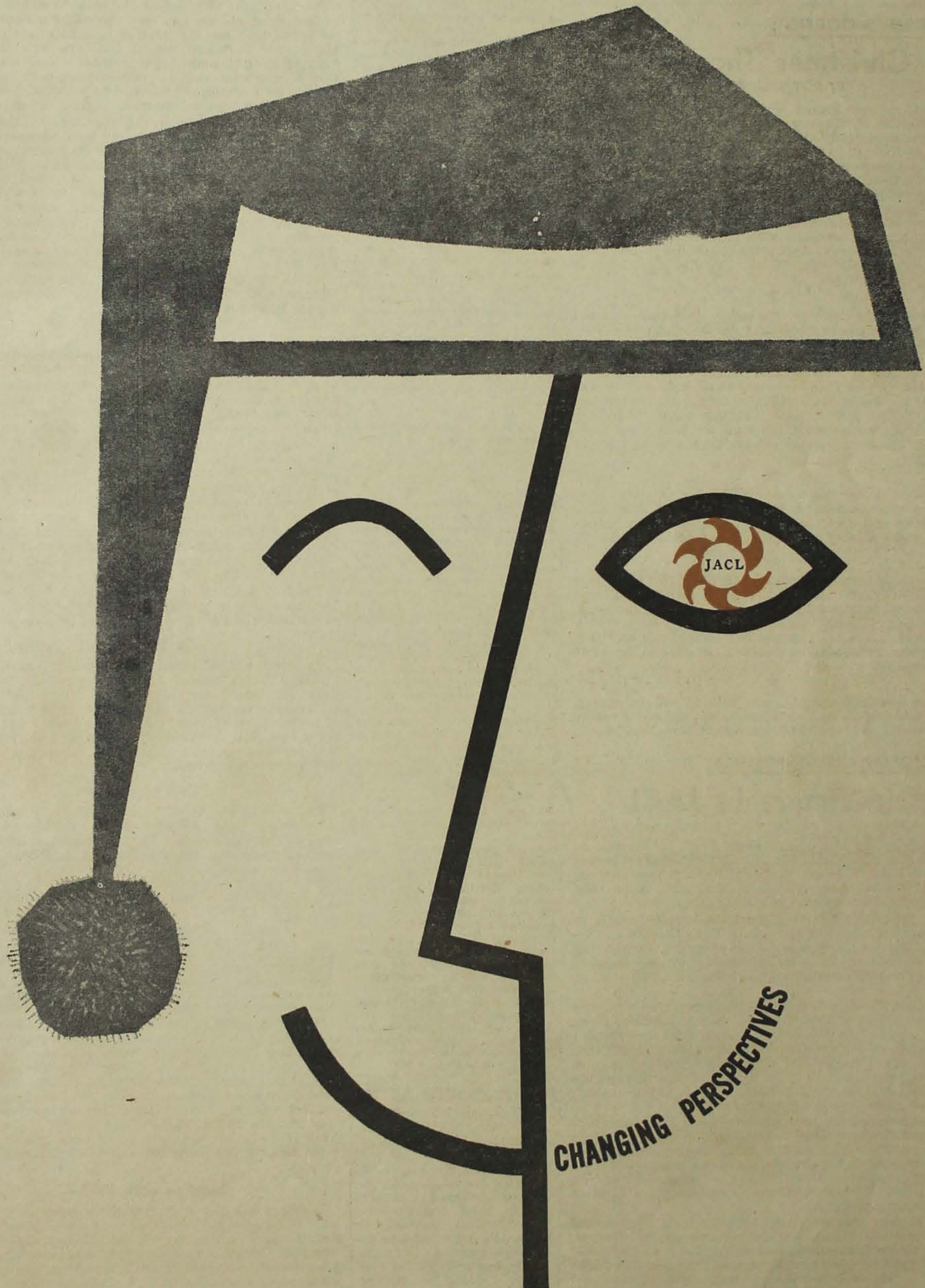


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Christmas Thoughts

By ROY NISHIKAWA

The Christmas Season is one which the very young enjoy because of its many surprises and gifts. Young children dream endlessly in their world of make-believe and they look forward to this season which fulfills their secret hopes and longings and dreams. For young adults—and especially those in love—this season holds a special appeal, for they too dream and look forward to that newer, better and brighter future world. For older adults and especially parents, the Christmas Season may be one hurried rush of shopping and activities with never enough time and never enough money. And after the holidays are over, some parents may sigh, "Gosh, I'm glad Christmas is over."

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It need not be this way. We believe Christmas can and should be a serene and beautiful and hopeful period—for basically we honor Him Who came to save the world—even though the world seems at times reluctant to be saved. Yet Christ was born and with Him, hope was born. Wars and prejudice and ignorance and hate and discord still fill the world, yet at Christmastime, we always feel more optimistic and more confident that the world and the people in it are improving. After all, the 1,956 years since Christ's birth is only an instant against the background of eternity.

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Somehow during this season people generally seem to be of good cheer, extend more goodwill, are a little more thoughtful and kind, and there is hope—always hope—like a bright shining star if we can but lift our eyes!

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Even the harassed parents who are "glad that Christmas is over" still dream and still have longings although these may now be tempered by the realities of everyday living. The dreams and ambitions are now centered in their children. And this is as it should be—for are not sacrifice, selflessness and love and concern for others the basic Christmas spirit?

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These armchair thoughts are nothing new of course, but it indicates our way of saying to one and all: A serene and peaceful and hopeful Christmas and New Year.

NEW HOLIDAY ISSUE FEATURE:

Old-Timers in JACL

After the Japanese American Citizens League celebrated its Silver Jubilee last year, it seemed only a "natural" to initiate this new series for this and subsequent Pacific Citizens Holiday Issues honoring the old-timers—those people who are being called by their friends as "Mr. JACL" of their respective communities.

Certainly, the title is not one to be acquired easily or automatically. It is the recognition from the community-at-large for the many, many years of hard work, patience and long-suffering. In many instances, they were pioneers in the local JACL movement, which dates back 20 years or more.

As venerable-sounding "Mr. JACL" might sound to the younger Nisei and Sansei generation, it hides the many thankless jobs to which they were assigned but carried out to the fullest, because they believed in the principle that results came from positive action. As a motivating force was their staunch faith in the destiny of America and the integral role Japanese Americans should play in making "better Americans in a greater America."

Old timers we are honoring have been JACL members for about 20 years. They helped JACL to grow and made the organization more meaningful in the community. Their acts have written the glorious pages of the past. But what is more inspiring is that they are not content to rest on their laurels, as they continue to assist even if in some minor capacity today.

By no means do we intend that the initial sketches of old-timers in this issue are the most important. Because of deadline requirements, some of the people we had asked only begged for more time to present their personalities at this time. Hence, future Holiday Issues will devote a good part of its pages to JACL pioneers. The stories not told this year may be ready next time.

VERY TRULY YOURS

By HARRY HONDA

● Another year is flapping its way into history. JACL witnessed its biggest national convention at San Francisco since its founding in 1930. Bill Hosokawa, who has seen the first 25 years of JACL pass as a newspaperman, comments on the theme, "Changing Perspectives." Our cover by Kaz Fujita reflects it. Jerry Enomoto, as major domo, makes his final report to the right of this column.

● Biggest story of the year for Japanese Americans was the repeal of the California alien land law at the last general election. Larry Tajiri tells the whole story of alien land law history. Joe Grant Masaoka, who coordinated the "Yes on Prop. 13" campaign which eliminated the law from the California statutes, tells how it was done.

● We are greatly indebted to Tom Toyama, who serves as publicity chairman for the Fowler chapter and Central California District Council, for gathering photographs, material and doing the research of the "Fowler Story." . . . We wish we only had space for most of the pictures he offered us. . . . This is the third in the series of Japanese American communities written up in our Holiday Issue. We have had the "Arizona Story" and the "Livingston Story." . . . Next year, we intend to visit another city in another JACL District Council. We shall welcome suggestions, of course.

● As we've noted under Dr. Roy Nishikawa's message for Christmas, to our left, there is a new feature: Old-Timers. . . . They are largely JACLers who joined back in the 1930s (or earlier) when Nisei were first rallied to organize up and down the West Coast as well as in the Intermountain area. . . . We honor those who have kept their interest and gave their support all these years. And, thanks to chapters which have cooperated in securing information for the first installment of "Old Timers," we have a representative cross-section of veteran CLers. . . . I'm sure our readers will know of old-timers who have not been cited. Well, we have future Holiday Issues in which to honor them. . . . We are happy Mary Oyama was able to spend an evening with Ken Utsunomiya, one of the founders of the Santa Maria chapter, who kept JACL alive during the grim days at Gila WRA Center, and resettled in Los Angeles to revive the chapter here. . . . PC contributor Mary Oyama is an old-timer too and our regular columnist Henry Mori tells of her family. . . . Our Seattle correspondent, Elmer Ogawa, had time enough to pick up the facts on four Northwest old-timers: "Shang" Kashiwagi, Juro Yoshiooka and Mr. and Mrs. Chick Uno. He is a part-time freelance photographer and recently took a job as shipping clerk for a boiler-room supply firm. . . . Tamotsu Murayama, our Tokyo Bureau chief, goes 'way back by honoring two old-timers who helped organize the American Loyalty League, fore-runner of JACL, in the early '20s. . . . Sou'Wester Tats Kushida was about to give us another Japanese lesson in "Profile of a" (Turn to Page A-23)

FRONT COVER ARTIST

"Changing Perspectives" isn't the easiest subject matter to depict, but we are exceedingly happy that our young artist, Kaz Fujita, of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter designed a rather simple-styled, but provoking cover. Kaz, 24, was born in Seattle, attended schools in Ogden and served in Uncle Sam's Army for two years before he started studying graphic design at Chouinard Art Institute.

PERSPECTIVELY YOURS:

Shades drawn for last time on 14th Biennial

By JERRY ENOMOTO

SAN FRANCISCO—At the request of the boss man of this hallowed sheet, we hereby resurrect a few fond memories of the recently concluded 14th Biennial, before we consign them forever to posterity.

Reflections

As we of the Convention Board went about the task of "wrapping up" another very successful national confab, we found that the registration turnstiles had clicked to the tune of 1079 enthusiastic JACLers. This, of course, emerges as an all-time high in national convention registration. We were particularly gratified that, unless our observations were completely haywire, this unprecedented turnout enjoyed a high degree of fun and fellowship.

Hardworking chairmen and members of the various committees felt that the energy and time invested in months of preparations were more than compensated for by the spirit and enthusiasm of our many friends from coast to coast. A salute is in order to the ICBG bunch (Southwest L.A. Chapter, to the uninitiated), who lived up to their pre-confab pledge by storming our town with 102 conventioners. Thanks also to our friends: Ben Nakao of Washington D.C., Dr. James Takao of Cincinnati, Tom Hirashima of Santa Barbara, Harris Ozawa of Pasadena, Roy Iketani of ICBG, Percy Masaki of Sacramento, National Prexy Roy Nishikawa, and Mas Satow and Mike Masaoka of the National Staff for their kind words regarding the Biennial.

Mandate

Thanks to the hard-plugging National Board and Staff, and the dedicated efforts of official delegates, the business, or "meat and potatoes" part of the confab, was not neglected. One of the mandates of "Changing Perspectives" was that our organization, on local and regional levels, should do all it can to develop a better understanding of the problems of other racial and minority groups.

Very timely was the action of National Headquarters and the NCWN District Council in arranging for the presence of Nathaniel Colley at the recent final quarterly meeting, so capably hosted by our Marysville Chapter. During the afternoon "Workshop" session, Mr. Colley presented a discussion on the housing problems of minorities that was enlightening, educational, and dynamic. Mr. Colley is a Negro attorney, active in NAACP and a long time leader in the fight against discrimination in housing.

The fact that he was so well received is both a tribute to him, as well as a gratifying sign that a most important mandate of the 14th Biennial has not been forgotten.

'In the Black'

Although a final accounting is not yet available, our financial "brain trusts," Jack Hirose and Dr. Tokuji Hedani advise the Convention is well "in the black". Dr. Tok, chairman of the 12th Biennial in 1952, did a marvelous job of bookkeeping as treasurer, and we tip our hats to him. A final word of thanks to all our chapters throughout the land for their generous support of "Operation Mercury" and the Souvenir Booklet.

Roll of Honor

The year 1956 cannot be allowed to slip into history without recording the names of the following JACLers, who, through their service on the Convention and Chapter Boards, made possible the "biggest and best National Convention ever."

Jack Hirose	Haruo Ishimaru	Sachi Kawaoka
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Dan Nakatsu		

This Roll would not be complete without the following committee chairmen, who actually made things "go" on the firing line: Fred Hoshiyama, opening ceremonies; Alice Shigezumi, luncheon; Victor Abe, official banquet; Vi Nakano, mixer; Frank Dobashi, o'ting; Frank Oda, 1000 Club; Mary Hamamoto, sayonara ball; Yone Satoda, golf tournament; Wilfred Hiura, bridge tournament; Marchie Dobashi, fishing derby; Kaye Uyeda, queen contest; Yori Wada, youth project; Toshi Koba, youth project; Haru Hedani, fashion show, and Yukio Kumamoto, Issei project.

'And so until 1958—'

It's been a lot of work, but more important, it's been a lot of fun, and we know that the hosts of the 15th Biennial, wherever it may be, will echo those feelings in 1958. The 14th Biennial was a successful climax to a successful transitional two years in JACL's history. We salute the outstanding leadership of past President George Inagaki, and wish our present Prexy, Roy Nishikawa, a most "Happy Biennial."

BILL HOSOKAWA:

Changing Perspectives

I remember a bull session ten years ago, shortly after moving to Denver. The conversation was about many things; mostly it had to do with the evacuation and its aftermath. The evacuation was an experience still fresh in Nisei minds. But even then the bitterness was gone. The talk was about the little things, the amusing incidents, the memorable happenings of that tragic experience.

Still, the conversation always came back to evacuation, and how things had been "back home" on the coast before the war. We were looking backward into Yesterday.

I sat in on another bull session a few weeks ago. What did we talk about. The Now, And Tomorrow. No one bothered to say anything about the evacuation, not even in nostalgic vein.

Perspective Change

We talked about our jobs, our homes and kids, and how well Joe was doing, and about Jim who is riding around in his third Cadillac accompanied by his second wife. Or was it vice-versa?

Times have changed, and so has our perspective.

Pick up a newspaper and what do you read?

You see a story about a disabled airplane that had to be ditched in mid-Pacific, and a Nisei girl stewardess is among the heroines. A decade ago it was newsworthy when a Nisei flew across the Pacific as a paying passenger.

You see a story about America's leading architects—men whose ideas are changing the face of urban America—and a Nisei is among them.

You see a story about the new class of Air Force Academy cadets—the men who will become the decision-making air generals of tomorrow—and a Sansei is among them.

You see a story about epic progress in medical research and Nisei names are mentioned. You read about a lawsuit filed by Negroes charging illegal discrimination and Nisei are the defendants. You read about a multi-million-dollar corporation organized by Nisei, and you realize with a start that many of these fatcat capitalists earned their first dollars as California grape harvesters or lettuce cutters, or perhaps as hands in an Alaskan salmon cannery making \$30 a month plus keep.

Views Had to Change

And you realize why our perspective has had to change.

The Nisei today are living in a dynamic society. We have been

caught up by the onrushing of that society. Most of us are in our most vigorous years, eager (in varying degrees) to seize opportunity and ride the crest of change and progress. A few of us are getting rich. Others are just getting older. The majority are finding satisfaction in professional accomplishment, in solid community acceptance, in the achievements of their families.

And so inexorably, our perspective changes.

Today, the very same Nisei girls who were such a problem to their parents are solid, respectable mothers of teen-agers. A few short years ago these women were the epitome of flaming youth, the kids their parents thought of as a dangerously wild, often promiscuous, lost generation. The youngsters who were ignorant of the niceties of Japanese customs. The alarmists thought they'd never settle down and amount to anything. Do you know what these girls talk about now?

They sip their tea and wonder aloud how their own youngsters are going to solve the problem of marriage. Will their Caucasian high school friends continue to accept them socially after graduation? Shouldn't they associate with other Sansei youngsters with eventual marriage in mind? What these Nisei mothers forget is that their parents worried over them, too, but somehow they solved their problems. And very nicely, thank you.

What about their Nisei husbands? These rock-solid men, graying and paunchy, keep their families clothed and fed and their bills paid. They're good citizens and good neighbors and they're sending more and more of their offspring to college. These men are the same fellows their fathers considered to be too hopelessly lazy, irresponsible and dim-witted ever to amount to a damn. Know what they're concerned about today? Their sons who, they feel, are too hopelessly lazy, irresponsible and dim-witted ever to amount to a damn.

How It Looks From Here

In examining our changing perspective, these points stand out:

Today, as never before, we Nisei are taking our rightful place in the warp and woof of the fabric of American life.

We are in position to understand and appreciate our Japanese heritage.

Conversely, we know even less than before about our Japanese heritage and are unable to convey its meaning to our children, three generations removed from the old country.

That's about the way it looks from here.

Ishihara had plenty to say on any subject but himself



Youngest—Linda Ishihara at home with dad



Boise Valley Old-Timer George Ishihara



Daughter Mitsuko Janet works in California

In the decade between 1930 and 1940, there was hardly a Nisei in the Seattle area who was not affected for the better, one way or another, by the efforts of a shrewd, devoted, hard-bitten little man named George Ishihara.

Ishihara was director, and virtual czar, of the Nisei basketball league sponsored by the late Jimmie Sakamoto's newspaper, The Japanese American Courier. During the winter months all the community's activities revolved around the league's schedule. Forty or more teams took part, their membership ranging from little shavers in Class C to adults in the AA circuit. There was even a girls' league whose shapely members played a vigorous brand of basketball before appreciative crowds.

On game nights, hundreds of fans would jam into the Collins fieldhouse gym to cheer their favorites. Rivalries were keen. Some pretty fair basketball players were developed. But the finest thing about the league fans and players were not aware of—it was keeping them so was something that most of the busily and happily occupied at a critical period of their growth that they had no time to get into trouble.

If one were to study the sociological history of the Nisei in the Seattle area, there would be plenty

of incontrovertible evidence to show that the league played a major part in keeping down the Nisei delinquency rate. And the league was the personification of George Ishihara who, without pay and with darned little thanks, took on the monumental job of running it year after year.

Ishihara also pioneered inter-sectional basketball between Northwest and California teams. He had gone to Japan early in his athletic career with a Seattle Nisei baseball team. Never having forgotten the thrill of that trip, nor the educational benefits he derived, he was eager to promote sports junkets. He got his chance in 1936 when the Courier league invited the Bay Region champs, the San Francisco Miks, to the Northwest.

The Miks soundly thrashed every Northwest team they met, but the home towners learned much in defeat. Nisei basketball in Seattle improved considerably after that experience.

Ishihara had a knack of having plenty to say, and the ability to say it well, about any subject under the sun except himself. Thus he was a sort of personal enigma. Perhaps, then, it would be appropriate at this time, when tribute is being paid to outstanding Nisei oldtimers, to tell the story of George Ishihara.

His work with the Courier basketball league is but one small part of a long career of service to the Nisei. His association with the JACL movement, for instance, goes back 35 years to 1921 when, with 18 other Seattle Nisei, he founded the Seattle Progressive Citizens League. This was the organization which was to inspire other Nisei groups to form a coast-wide alliance, the Japanese American Citizens League as we know it today.

Ishihara was born Aug. 24, 1899, at Port Blakely, Wash., a sawmill camp where many pioneer Issei immigrants first found employment. He moved to Seattle in childhood and was graduated from Franklin high school where, among other things, he played a spectacular brand of left field on the varsity baseball team despite his lack of size.

One of his boyhood chums was Jimmie Sakamoto. When Sakamoto, on the verge of blindness due to boxing injuries, came back to Seattle from New York in 1927, one of his confidantes was Ishihara. Sakamoto had little head for business. Ishihara helped him to set up The Courier as an unofficial sort of business manager.

Ishihara was vice president of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League in 1928 when its members, largely at Sakamoto's in-

stigation, decided to push for a national movement. Ishihara accompanied President Clarence Arai on the history-making trip to California that year to drum up enthusiasm for a JACL movement. In 1932, two years after the highly successful first national JACL convention in Seattle, Ishihara was elected president of the Seattle chapter.

Fluent command of both Japanese and English was a major asset for Ishihara when he went into the produce shipping business in 1927. He started as bookkeeper and buyer for Green River Produce which marketed the crops of large numbers of Issei farmers in the rich Green River Valley south of Seattle. Later he worked as salesman and carlot buyer for such firms as the Washington Vegetable Growers Association of Auburn, Standard Produce of Kent, Wash., and T. Gillardo Co.

Off-season, George kept books, interpreted, and ran the basketball league. His friends were legion. All of them found a welcome at the Ishihara home whether they came for advice or just for some good conversation over coffee and Mrs. Ishihara's justly famous pies.

George's wife was the former Kimi Takayoshi, herself a member of a pioneer Port Blakely family, and an officer of early Seattle JACL cabinets. They

were married in 1931. Kimi was a woman of great depth of understanding and her marriage was held up as an ideal union by friends. Her death in 1951 was a crushing blow to Ishihara.

Ishihara's wide contacts came in good stead after Pearl Harbor when the troubled Seattle Japanese American community began to hear the first rumblings of the evacuation movement. Hurriedly, under Sakamoto's leadership, the JACL chapter set up an Emergency Defense Council. Ishihara volunteered his services and was named chairman. There were a hundred and one things that demanded his time—people to be assured, forms to be filled, distraught families to be comforted—but perhaps the most valuable function he performed was in rounding up the material for a factual report published by the Emergency Defense Council.

This report, for the first time in history, assembled facts about the economic position of Japanese Americans in the state of Washington. Scores of sources were contacted to ascertain facts about the number of Japanese American farmers and the crops they raised; the number of Japanese American operated hotels, restaurants, groceries and other businesses.

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LARRY TAJIRI:

Immigrants and an Incredible Law

This is the story of a law—of its conception and birth, its lusty adolescence, its middle years and its ominous death.

It was not a law compatible with the best interests of good government or good citizenship. Though its lifetime was far shorter than the seven decades traditionally accorded to man, its impact was heavy and its effect widespread. It threatened the security of thousands of persons, it hampered international relations and it discredited the Constitution. Its language was dry and unemotional, in the manner of all laws, but its intent was reprehensible—the economic and spiritual throttling of all persons of Japanese ancestry, solely on the basis of race.

It was, of course, the California Alien Land Law, which was finally laid to rest on November 6, 1956, by vote of the people.

Now, looking back, it appears incredible that one state could so long and so persistently pursue a policy of outright discrimination, a policy adhered to by its officials, presumably men of wisdom and responsibility, and by its electorate, ostensibly a normally sane and objective group of citizens.

The question naturally arises whether or not similar discriminatory action might be taken,

with the law as the weapon, against the same or any other ethnic group.

It might be well to re-examine the political and moral climate that produced the Alien Land law and the conditions under which it flourished.

Issei walked into racist situation

The first Japanese immigrants to the United States, settling primarily in the West Coast states, walked unsuspectingly into an emotionally charged racist situation. It was perhaps inevitable that they should be the victims of hysterical racism.

The California of early gold rush days has been depicted in song and story and on the motion picture screen as a lusty, lawless place populated by men motivated by greed. The picture was generally true. The mining camps and the cities and towns that grew on the gold dug from the ground and sifted out of mountain streams were not the planned communities of serious colonists. The settlers were fiercely competitive, highly individualistic and often irresponsible. They were in many instances men who found no stability or security in their home states.

They were, in addition, a high proportion of men from the south and the border states who carried their racial prejudices with them,

as well as a good number of new European immigrants who, perhaps out of fear, accepted the general attitude of distrust and hatred for the "foreigner."

There were numerous attacks against all the non-white minorities. The native Indians, the Mexicans, the South Americans and the Chinese were all victims of a persecution so persistent and so callous as to be almost unbelievable today. Time and again the early Chinese were driven out of their California homes—in Pasadena, in Oakland, and numerous other cities. Fifteen Chinese were hanged from lampposts in Los Angeles after a single white man was shot during a tong war.

By the mid-1870s the anti-Chinese drive reached a climax. Politicians were immersed in the Chinese issue, which bred and nurtured many a political reputation. The press clamored for exclusion. The Oriental stereotype—the picture of a degraded, evil, untrustworthy subhuman—was well imprinted in the mass mind.

In 1882 Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, and the stage was set for the arrival of a new group of immigrants—this time from Japan.

The Chinese Exclusion Act had dried up a whole reservoir of labor, and employers now turned to a new source. As the 19th century

went into its last decade, small groups of Japanese appeared upon the California scene. They came with the belief that they had nothing in America except a future. They found they had inherited a past.

While many of the Chinese had worked on railroad gangs or lived in the urban areas, the majority of the Japanese turned to the land. The first actual attempt to settle a group of these new immigrants was in 1869, when some 20 Japanese were settled near Gold Hill in El Dorado county. They turned their hand at raising the crop with which they were most familiar—tea, but the experiment was a failure.

In the main, however, the Issei came to the United States around the turn of the century. There is a remarkable pattern in the stories of those early Issei—their early apprenticeship as farm laborers, their adaptation of new crops, their reclaiming of unsuitable ground, and finally their emergence as successful producers of farm and garden crops.

These were their particular contributions—they introduced new crops and they converted barren ground into productive fields. Much of the vast wealth and variety of California's abundant crops can be attributed to the imagination (Turn to Next Page)

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Some of the facts were astonishing, even to the Nisei. Ishihara's fact-finders discovered, for instance, that 206 out of the 325 hotels in Seattle, nearly two-thirds, were operated by Japanese Americans. One out of ten Seattle restaurants were run by Japanese Americans.

Prefaced by a statement of loyalty, the report was published and presented to the Select Committee Investigating National Defense Migration, better known as the Tolan committee of the house of representatives, during its hearings in Seattle. The report took up more than 20 pages of small type in the committee's final published records. But by then the evacuation had been ordered. The JACL's

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Our Sincerest Wish:
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Seichi Ishihara

report was a valiant but futile effort to stave off the tragedy of evacuation.

Ishihara and his family were evacuated along with other Seattleites first to the Puyallup, Wash., assembly center, then to Minidoka relocation center in Idaho.

He left camp as soon as he was able, organized a crew of Nisei harvest hands, and contracted for jobs in Idaho's spacious farm country. Presently he went to work for the H. M. Chase Co. as fieldman and buyer, and settled down to make his home in Nampa. In 1951 he shifted over to the Henry Ankeny Co., also vegetable shippers.

Those were busy years, for Ishihara, but at the urging of friends he took an active part in a JACL chapter one more time. In 1949 the Boise Valley chapter was faced with tasks that called for mature leadership. Ishihara was persuaded to become president. He plunged into such projects as putting the chapter back on firm financial ground, working for repeal of the Idaho anti-alien land law, pushing for evacuation claims and meeting national JACL fund drive quotas.

Ishihara was most effective in winning support of the Issei—who still controlled the pursestrings—for the JACL. He could explain the work and objectives of the JACL to them as no younger person could.

Today, Ishihara is living the quiet life in Nampa, an easy-going Idaho town near Boise. Two of his three children have grown up and struck out on their own. Seichi, the oldest, is in the navy, a daughter, Mitsuko Janet, works with the Prudential Life Insurance Co. in Campbell, near San Jose, Calif. Linda, a high school student, is the only one home with her Dad.

Linda was born early in 1942, just before the evacuation. George and Kimi were pondering over a name for the unborn child when a friend suggested Eva—"short for evacuation," he said.

George and Kimi vetoed the idea. They chose Linda, which means pretty or beautiful in Spanish. That, somehow, seemed to typify their outlook.

—By BILL HOSOKAWA.

Joyous Holiday Greetings

THE RAFU SHIMPO

L. A. Japanese Daily News

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... alien land law

(Continued from Preceding Page) and diligence of those pioneer farmers.

The first Japanese in San Fernando Valley brought their families on horse-drawn carriages into a village which boasted two buildings on a dusty wagon road. They lived and worked at the San Fernando Mission, historic home of the padres. They were able to purchase farm land now in the center of the fabulously wealthy San Fernando Valley at ridiculously low prices. They planted many of the oldest citrus groves in the area, and it has been said that every foot of the valley was at one time or another farmed by Japanese pioneers.

First Japanese grew tea in California

The first Japanese in Lodi, seven in number, arrived in the 1890's, growing sugar beets and grain, but the first large scale entry was in 1900, when some 100 came to the county. Shortly after their arrival they began to purchase and rent farm land, setting in vineyards and laying the foundation for the large grape industry, now the economic mainstay of the area. Between 1910 and 1915 the bulk of the orchard planting and cultivation was done by Issei.

In Reedley farmers from Japan studied the grape vines, which were planted on hilly ground. They noticed that while the high areas dried out, the lower spots remained muddy. They leveled the ground and planted trees and vines planned for irrigation, and they produced lush and heavy crops.

In the San Gabriel district they converted rock-strewn hillsides and sandy areas both into flourishing farms. The alkali regions of South El Monte were turned into one of the richest celery and bunch vegetable areas of Southern California. Among the crops they introduced were strawberries in 1904, blackberries, loganberries, and raspberries in 1912, and cauliflower in 1917.

In Contra Costa county they pioneered in the development of fruit crops, strawberries, tomatoes and peas.

In Orange county, now one of the richest agricultural counties in the whole of the United States, Issei converted areas of boggy bottom lands bordering the Santa Ana River, and followed up by introducing a number of unique crops for which this area is now famous.

Garlic farms developed by Japanese farmers

The Japanese developed the garlic industry in San Juan valley and opened the first lettuce shed in Hollister; they introduced peas to Visalia; they developed watermelon culture in the Dinuba area and pioneered truck gardening in the Delano region. Many of the garden and orchard products begun as experiments by Issei flourished into million-dollar industries. The small plots of barren ground reclaimed for production opened the way to full-scale land development of vast acreages deemed unfit for use.

Always, with the Issei, there was this love of the land, a turning to the soil. In the beginning they were able to purchase the land they worked. But this right was soon to be denied them.

Shortly after their arrival the Japanese found themselves the targets of the same discrimination which had been heaped upon the Indians, the Mexicans, the Spanish Americans and the Chinese before them. The most recent object of ridicule had been reduced to size by the Chinese Exclusion Act. But the hatred persisted, latent but deadly, and it was soon revived.

The average citizen coupled the Chinese and Japanese, as did the press, and it is painful to record that in 1901 the Japanese in California distributed leaflets requesting that they be differentiated from the Chinese.

Even then the "divide and con-

quer" theory was an effective means of control.

By 1907 the unleashed prejudice preached by the press, labor, politicians and rabid citizens had grown so widespread that there was general fear of war with Japan. The California legislature in that year began efforts toward legislation to drive the Japanese from their farms and thus, by depriving them of their economic resources, from the state. In 1909 the legislature discussed 17 proposals directed against the Japanese. Most of these attempts were halted by the efforts of President Theodore Roosevelt (in 1907) and President Taft in 1909.

First alien land law enacted in 1913

It was evident that the lawmakers were not to be frustrated forever. By 1913 the situation had become so touchy that President Wilson sent his Secretary of State to California in an effort to halt legislation that might touch off an international incident. He did not succeed, and in that year the first Alien Land Law was enacted.

The state could not deny any rights granted the Japanese under U.S.-Japanese treaties, but it went as far as it could go. Unfortunately the Federal government itself provided a convenient method of discriminating without naming the Japanese outright. Japanese aliens were among those groups "ineligible to citizenship" by naturalization. The label provided a convenient "out" for the legislators, who decreed that aliens ineligible to become citizens should not have the right of land ownership.

The act was, by admission of California's attorney general, an attempt to exclude the Japanese. Said Attorney General U. S. Webb, "The fundamental basis of all legislation upon this subject, State and Federal, has been, and is, race undesirability (The law) seeks to limit their presence by curtailing their privileges which they may enjoy here; for they will not come in large numbers and long abide with us if they may not acquire land"

Under the 1913 act the Japanese aliens were allowed to lease agricultural land for up to three years. They were permitted to hold land owned by them until death or sale, but title was not to pass thereupon to another alien Japanese.

In 1920 a new law was passed by a 30-1 vote of the electorate. The law imposed further limitations upon the Japanese, including the right to own stock in any organization authorized to enjoy real property provisions. It should be pointed out, also, that one effect of the law was to keep the Japanese in the position of a farm laborer and thus insure his economic dependency.

But this measure did not satisfy the exclusionists. Too many political reputations had been built upon the myth of Oriental infiltration. Too many papers had found that fabrication upon the truth made rousing copy. Too many organizations had joined labor in its demand for Oriental exclusion.

Those joining conspicuously in the fight included the Joint Immigration Committee, the Native Sons of the Golden West, the American Legion, the California State Grange and the California State Farm Bureau. And in 1924 they succeeded. The United States adopted a Japanese Exclusion Act, and an uneasy peace descended.

The 1920 act did not drive the Japanese from the land, as the original lawmakers had intended. And as the second generation of Japanese came of age, they, as Americans through birth, were able to purchase land on which to live or, as in other instances, could be possessors of land purchased for them by their alien parents. It was this latter method of purchase that was to become, in World War II years, another weapon of persecution in the hands of the California legislature.

Nisei become aware of prejudice on Dec. 7

Pearl Harbor Day, 1941, changed the world of the Japanese Americans, and it proved a real awakening to the Nisei, who had grown up in easy companionship with their fellow Americans. They were aware that numerous prejudices existed—in employment, in housing, in labor, in certain organized social activities—but their day to day living had been pleasant and easy.

Most of them were shocked by the fury of the prejudice that arose, by the calumny and lies dredged up from depths of long-buried racial animosity. Wars excite human passion, but in this instance much of the prejudice stretched back through the decades, back to the early days of the California gold rush.

The exclusions won yet another victory. The Nisei and Issei were driven from their land, from the state, and were confined to barren wastes where the government constructed barrack cities to hold the evacuated people.

Other states planned alien land acts patterned after the California law. In Utah a bill denying land ownership to "Asiatics" was vetoed by Gov. Maw, but a "softened" bill permitting leasing of land by aliens inelig-

ible to citizenship was consequently made into law.

In February of 1943 Arkansas passed legislation specifically prohibiting any persons of Japanese ancestry from owning property within that state.

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Ken Utsunomiya: a legacy of courage and faith



Ken Utsunomiya, veteran JACLER who help establish the Santa Maria Valley chapter in 1932 and then aid in the reactivation of the Los Angeles chapter in 1945, is a successful watchmaker today. —Toyo Miyatake Photo

By MARY OYAMA

Like my father who left Japan because of crop failure and land losses, Fujitaro Utsunomiya left for America because of business reverses; and also like my father, this pioneer Issei of Santa Maria found a future which he had never anticipated. It was a future both strange and wonderful even though accompanied by attendant heartbreaks and many struggles.

When Utsunomiya-san left Ehime prefecture of his native land shortly after the turn of the century, he left behind him his wife Toyo and their six small children with the intention of returning home to them as soon as he had recouped his fortunes.

However, fate ruled otherwise and he found his destiny in America. Shortly after his arrival in San Francisco in 1904, he sent for his wife, who like my own mother, landed in Vancouver, Canada.

The couple then eventually found themselves in Guadalupe where Fujitaro had been working in the sugarbeet fields for a dollar a day.

Being an industrious worker and thinking always of the six children left behind with relatives in Ja-

pan, Fujitaro Utsunomiya did not remain an ordinary day laborer any longer than he could help.

By 1910 he was already engaged in the business of growing vegetables on a farm located about a mile from the little settlement of Santa Maria, (in the vicinity of the present Santa Maria High school). And it was during this era when produce was still being hauled into town by good old horse and buggy, that the first of the six American-born children of the Utsunomiyas, a daughter, was born in Santa Maria. (It is an interesting coincidence to note that 3 daughters and 3 sons were born in Japan, and that 3 more daughters and 3 more sons were born in America.)

Of the United States-born children there were: Yone (now Mrs. Clarence Arai of Seattle), Uta (Hagiya) now Mrs. Frank Yoshihara of Compton, Ken the leading subject of our story, Hiroshi also known as Darrell, Kiyo (Mrs. Tadao Kusudo), George Tadashi (who is married to Fumi Harada).

All were born and raised in San-youth, each active in their own various fields as well as in church

and community service. We might add too that they were a good-looking family of very attractive sisters and handsome brothers.

All was born and raised in Santa Maria, attended schools there, and during their early childhood attended the town's Presbyterian church into which they were well integrated. In later years when a Japanese church was organized in 1930, they assisted in the founding of the Santa Maria Japanese Union church, which is now known as the Christ Methodist Episcopal church.

During the World War I years, the elder Utsunomiya prospered from his wheat-growing venture in the Santa Ynez valley, and his family fared well. Their roots had taken firmly to the American soil, and like many another Japanese family, they had long ago abandoned any ideas of "returning to the Old Country."

The United States had become their permanent home, for both generations: Issei and Nisei alike.

Ironically, at this peak point in their lives, the family lost their father when he died in 1930, just as the oldest son Ken was growing into maturity.

The burden of a responsibility for the family then shifted from the late father to the shoulders of young Ken Utsunomiya, but with it went a legacy of courage, fortitude, and faith, which enabled him to tackle a suddenly crucial period in the family fortunes.

By the time his family had moved from farm to town, Ken had already been working ever since his graduation from high school; and was considered a leading Nisei youth by both the Japanese and the local community.

At that time there was a sizeable group of "older" Nisei in their early 20's consisting of local lads like: Harry Miyake, Ken Kitasako, Earl Yusa, and Morizo Matsuno, and some Hawaiian-born youths who were employed in the neighboring farms, who formed the nucleus for the first JACL chapter in the valley.

In 1931 after a considerable "hassle" with the Issei who wanted the embryo chapter to become an adjunct of the Issei organization (the Nippon-jin Kai), the Nisei decided to form their own separate, independent organization.

Ken with some of the aforementioned young Nisei leaders (who are still active in JACL today) became charter members of the Santa Maria chapter, which had as many as 40-50 members—quite large for a small community.

In 1932, Ken and Dr. Earl Yusa were official delegates to the "Olympic Year" JACL convention held in Los Angeles. Succeeding years and succeeding biennial conventions saw Ken active in JACL both in local and national activi-

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In 1935 when John Ando was Chairman of the first Southern District Council, Ken became Vice-Chairman, then subsequently Treasurer, and eventually a national officer when he became Executive Secretary during 1938-1940.

In 1942 he was married to charming and attractive Dorothy Wada of Los Angeles, whose sunny, gracious personality is a perfect foil for Ken's quiet, soft-spoken reserve. The hectic World War II years took them through the Tulare WCC camp, Gila Relocation Center at Rivers, Arizona, Heart Mountain, Wyo., Denver (1944-46).

During the war, Ken was the first Nisei ever accepted for service as civilian agent for the U. S. Naval Intelligence. This mission in his country's service took him to: New Orleans, McGehee (Arkansas), and Memphis, Tenn.

Then, after finishing a course in watch-making at Peoria, Ill., Ken returned to L. A. in 1946 just in time to assist Frank Chuman in the reactivations of the first post-war JACL chapter for L.A.

Today, he smiles reminiscently about his long years of service with the JACL and its many ups-and-downs.

Sitting in the living room of his neat frame house with its tidy, well-kept lawn and garden, or surrounded by his daughters: Kay 14, Joy 12, Lynn 10, and Amy 5; or presiding over his Ken's Jewelry shop at 125 S. San Pedro, he does not say much except when prodded. (By inquiring reporters like me, all bent on personal histories and such—).

But there is no need for me to ask banal questions or opinions of Ken regarding JACL. The record speaks for itself.

The tradition of service shown by both Ken and his family, passes on the legacy of faith from his Issei father to his Sansei children, and on into the future.

Pioneer Fujitaro Utsunomiya's best memorial are his American sons and daughters.

Ken would rather speak proudly of his 83-year-old mother who is still living, and of whom he says simply, "She has lived here in this country for 51 years." Need one say more?

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OBSERVATION: By Saburo Kido**Interest of other Asian ancestry groups in United States necessary**

With respect to "Changing Perspectives," a theme which stimulated Nisei thought at the recent National JACL Convention, Saburo Kido, past national JACL president and president of the Shin Nichi Bei in which his column, "Observation," is a daily feature, urges Nisei to collaborate with other Asian ancestry groups in the United States to improve American relations in the Far East. The column is as follows:

We have heard a great deal about the role the Nisei and possibly the JACL should and must play in bringing about better understanding in the Pacific between Japan and the United States. Although everyone will recognize the fact that the Nisei must open up a "new horizon" in his outlook, many are not willing to go that far for the JACL.

Even before going into the international field there seems to be an important mission on the domestic front. We may be damned for butting into the affairs of other nationality groups, fully appreciating the jealousy of leaders who resent outsiders from coming into their domain, but there seems to be a definite need to cultivate the cooperation of other Asiatic minority groups in this country.

For instance, we have read a brief outline of what was discussed at the last national JACL convention in San Francisco. The problem of the discriminations still remaining in the Immigration and Nationality Act was taken up. Also, there was some discussion about liberalizing the present act.

We have been urging some action to place former Nisei who have lost their American citizenship for one reason or another and who are still in Japan to be permitted to reenter this country as permanent residents on the non-quota basis. This is their native land and anyone who desires to return should be permitted to do so. We see no reason why a native-born should be barred from his homeland when aliens who have never been in the country are permitted to enter under the quota or enter as non-quota immigrants.

In order to impress Congress of the grave hardship inflicted upon these former citizens, all the different minority groups should make their opinions known to members of Congress. We know, however, that there must be concerted action to be successful in such an undertaking. The Chinese have the Citizens Alliance, The Filipinos have their own organization. Almost everyone seems to agree that Japanese ancestry are the best organized and wield influence far greater than the number entitles them. Credit is given to the leadership and the unity.

It is possible that contacts with these Asiatic groups may create interest in the mutual

problem.

We may have a job on our hands to unite and solidify the Asiatic groups to cooperate with

each other. This seems to be one of the important jobs which the Nisei and the JACL may have to undertake.

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Six San Franciscans Named for 20-year JACL Service Honors

SAN FRANCISCO.—When the San Francisco JACL first considered the special Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue assignment to honor its JACL old-timers, those who have been active the past 20 years, six personalities came to mind: Mrs. Teiko (Ishida) Kuroiwa, Scotty Tsuchiya, Yasuo W. Abiko, Mrs. Michi (Oka) Onuma, Fred Hoshiyama and Mrs. Katherine (Sasaki) Nunotani.

The sketches on Teiko and Scotty were not available as this was being prepared and the part they played in helping JACL grow before the war, keeping it on its feet during the war years and then cultivating it to its postwar glory shall be told at a future date if not this time.

In brief, Teiko and Scotty were both on the staff of National Headquarters during its Salt Lake tenure; Teiko accompanied wartime national president Saburo Kido to establish Headquarters in Salt Lake City, then continued to open regional offices in New York as well as back in San Francisco when the coast was reopened to evacuees in 1945. Scotty opened the regional office in Los Angeles after the war.

Lengthy services of Yas Abiko recognized

Yas and Michi, as it happens, are rival English editors on the two bilingual Japanese vernacular daily newspapers here. Both have been in the newspaper game from the time they first joined JACL in 1931, when they were on the Japanese American News and New World-Sun, respectively.

Yas has been English editor since its founding in 1946 for the Nichi Bei Times, the postwar title of the old Japanese American News; while Michi has been English editor at the Hokubei Mainichi since 1948.

A recent JACL Sapphire Pin awardee for continuous meritorious service to the organization, Yasuo W. Abiko has just concluded his tenure as chairman for the mighty No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council. Prior to that post, he served as district council treasurer in 1955, a job he once held before the war when the district was known as the No. Calif. JACL Federation.

Yas was active on both prewar and postwar San Francisco chapter boards. He was vice-president for two terms beginning in 1949 and was elected chapter president in 1951. While serving at the dis-

trict council level, he did not forget the chapter as he chaired the JACL Blood Bank from 1951 to 1956. At the last national convention, he was appointed to a six-year term as member of the National JACL Endowment Fund Committee.

San Francisco has hosted three national conventions (1934, 1952, 1956) and Yas lent a wise and capable hand in each instance. Having personally covered a majority of the national conventions for his paper since the first constitutional convention in 1934 to the present day, the steady JACL growth in stature and maturity, Yas says, stands out indelibly in his mind.

Among the unique experiences in JACL that Yas can recall without hesitation are the emergency National JACL Board meetings of 1941-42, when momentous pre-evacuation decisions were settled; the dramatic scene of the 1952 convention when a news report emotionally broke-up a business meeting. (Congress had overridden President Truman's veto and passed the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act); and the hastily-organized yet successful campaign to block an attempt to strengthen California's alien land law through Prop. 15 in 1946 that portended the series of legal and legislative victories won by Nisei and JACL during the ensuing decade.

It is still Yas Abiko's firm belief that "JACL has and can still serve, not only Japanese Americans, but all the people of the United States by continuing its work, despite rumblings in some quarters against racially-identified groups."

"If the JACL and its membership had not been in existence during the past 10 years, many discriminatory and restrictive laws affecting not only Issei and Nisei, but also hundreds of thousands of others in the United States, would still be in force."

As an old-timer who remembers the first constitutional convention when the JACL motto, "Security Through Unity," was adopted, Yas declares it still a necessary watchword now as it was in 1934.

Yas, who was born on Jan. 7, 1910, is the son of Kyutaro and Yona Abiko, both deceased, and both community leaders in their time. The late Mr. Abiko was publisher of the Japanese American News before the war and when he died, the work was carried on courageously by Mrs. Abiko.

Yas is a 1927 graduate of Lowell High and attended the Univ. of Wisconsin. He is married to the former Lily S. Tani and they have five children: Joan 11, Grace, 7½, Beth 6, William 4½, and Kenneth 3. They live at 1907 Baker St.

He is also a board member of the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, a governing board member of the San Francisco YMCA and a membership sponsor on the S. F. Council for Civic Unity.

Another Nisei editor, Michi Onuma honored

Michi Onuma ranks as another beloved JACL pioneer, although her main accomplishments for the welfare of Nisei lie outside of JACL circles.

As editor, she espoused the Nisei cause from the outset. She, however, assisted in four national conventions—1934, 1952 and 1956 here and the 1946 meeting in Denver.

Michi represented the chapter at the San Francisco Area Advisory Committee on Minority Problems for the California Dept. of Employment; and served on the Committee for Revision of the Walter-McCarran Act.

She is presently co-chairman of the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, a board member of the Metropolitan YWCA, member of the Japan Society of San Francisco, member of the local Council for Civic Unity, of the Pine St. Methodist Church, and president of the Royal Dots (the local women's golf association).

Born on Sept. 17, 1907, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeki Oka. She attended Commerce High and the Univ. of California at Berkeley, 1927-31. While in Japan, she was English secretary for the International Children and Women's Friendship Society, 1935-38.

Michi lives at 2156 Bush St.

YMCA man Hoshiyama urges JACL for Nisei

Next San Franciscans to be cited—Fred Y. Hoshiyama and Mrs. Katherine Nunotani—are dear to the Pacific Citizen business office as they were volunteer solicitors of advertising for the Holiday Issue.

Born and raised in Livingston, Fred Y. Hoshiyama came to San Francisco in 1930 during his junior high school days and attended Commerce High, San Francisco City College and Univ. of California at Berkeley until evacuation. During the war years, he went to Springfield (Mass.) College and Yale Graduate School. There were four years (1933-37) between City College and Berkeley he didn't attend classes but worked as shipping clerk and salesman for Nippon Goldfish Co.

Fred, otherwise, has been closely associated with youth work; first as boys secretary for the San Francisco YMCA from 1941-evacuation; community boys work at the Honolulu YMCA from 1945-47; and currently an executive secretary for the San Francisco YMCA.

Fred first joined JACL in 1934, had a national student JACL membership during the war years and resumed chapter interests when San Francisco JACL was reactivated in 1946.

He served on the chapter board from 1947 until 1952 when he was elected chapter president. An ex-officio chapter board member until 1956, he was active on the NC-WNDC board in 1953-54.

He chaired the National JACL Recognitions Committee in 1952, was a member of the Pvt. Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship committee this year and assisted in vital ADC solicitations.

As a professional worker among youth, Fred has found the grooming and development of new blood into JACL a significant thing—especially when they mature to active leadership. He also has been thoroughly impressed in the willing support given to the ADC by Issei businessmen year after year. This willingness, according to Fred, was characterized by positive and understanding response.

Equally memorable for him has been the dynamic vitality in JACL by San Francisco Nisei in the past 10 years.

Fred believes that JACLers, as well as Jr. JACLers, should not be afraid to self-analyze and critically evaluate the JACL movement in terms of its goals, its achievements, its future at all times. "We, as Japanese Americans, are brought up in an ethno-centric culture. JACL has played a big part in making us conscious of this factor. Work through the movement, not against it, as long as it is valid and needed."

He is an elder of the Japanese Church of Christ, Presbyterian; board member of the San Francisco chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, a member of the No. Calif. American Civil Liberties Union; Council for Civic Unity; San Francisco NAACP; Japanese Benevolent Society; Polk-Van Ness Optimists;

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The Colorado legislators, however, considered the broader effects of alien land legislation and turned down a land law proposal.

Meanwhile, California discovered what it considered another way to harass the evacuated people and hamper even more their economic dislocation. It was through escheatment of property belonging to Nisei citizens. The law provided that an alien ineligible for citizenship could not provide money for land bought in the name of a citizen, and that when such an act could be proven, the land could be escheated to the state. More simply, the law said that if an Issei bought land in the name of the citizen child, the Issei was presumed to have obtained land through fraud.

In 1945 the legislature appropriated \$200,000 to prosecute Nisei and Issei under this provision, and the state urged prosecution of such cases by each county. Fifty-nine such cases were instituted after World War II.

U. S. Supreme Court rules on Oyama case

On January 19, 1948, in the Oyama case, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled this provision of the land law unconstitutional, and the state ceased its escheat actions. Later the legislature began to make equitable settlement for property obtained in this manner.

On April 17, 1952, in the case of Fujii v. California, the California State Supreme court ruled the Alien Land Law unconstitutional. At the same time it ruled similarly in the Masaoka case.

And so the California Alien Land law died a sudden death after its many vigorous years.

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During the past presidential campaign, he was voted Fillmore District vice-president of the San Francisco Committee for Stevenson.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1914, son of the late Yajuro Hoshiyama. His mother Fusa has since been remarried to Hachiro Furuhashi. Fred is married to the former Irene Sumiye Matsumoto and they have one daughter Donna. They reside at 1474-48th Ave.

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Katherine Nunotani faithful 20-yr. CLer

Mrs. Katherine Nunotani might well be the youngest JACler with 20 years of continuous membership. She first joined the Florin chapter in 1936, about the time she finished Sacramento High School.

During the war years, she was an associate national member while living in Dayton, Ohio. And upon return to the west coast, she was among the first members of the San Francisco chapter in 1946.

She has held chapter elective posts, solicited advertising for the PC Holiday Issues of 1944 and 1945, served as registration chairman for the 1952 national convention here and helped organize the very active San Francisco JACL Auxiliary.

The first national convention she attended in 1938 at Los Angeles, she says, is the most memorable JACL incident.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jinjiro Sasaki, she is married to Wallace K. Nunotani, and they have four children: Karen 9½, Pamela 8, Marsha 3½, and Daniel not quite 2. The Nunotanis live at 169 Cook St.

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In closing, the San Francisco chapter would like to add as "honorable mention" eight members who have given of their time and effort unselfishly the past 10 years. They are Kaye Uyeda, Dr. Kazue Togasaki, Mrs. Chiz Satow, Tom Hoshiyama, Dr. Tokuji Hedani, Dr. Carl Hirota, Yori Wada and Yukio Wada—loyal JAClers, whom we feel, will someday have 20 years of JACL memories.

By 1952 the moral and political climate of the state had undergone a radical change. The Japanese Americans had been home again in California and other evacuated areas for seven years. The Nisei had established a glorious record for bravery, courage and loyalty in both the European and Pacific theaters of war. The overt hatred had subsided.

Most of the state, its citizens and officials, had found a new understanding of its residents of Japanese ancestry.

And finally, in the 1952 Immigration and Nationality act, the steadfast loyalty of America's alien Japanese was finally recognized in that provision of the act which specifically granted them the right to citizenship. The action made the California land law obsolete, for the designation "aliens ineligible to citizenship" could no longer apply.

But the 1920 law with its later amendments still remained on the statute books. It had been placed there by a vote of the people, and it required another vote of the people to remove it.

Thus it was that Proposition 13 appeared Nov. 6 on the California ballot. With the JACL in the forefront a campaign was generated to repudiate the land law. It was a far cry from the 1920s. Repeal was endorsed by the governor of the state and its attorney general; by the president of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly; by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council; by the State executive committee of the Democratic party; by the state farm bureau in Tulare, Kings, San Mateo, San Benito and San Diego counties; by the American Legion's California department and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego City council.

The American Legion, a leading force in the fight for exclusion, was now among the leaders in the fight for repeal of the land law. The San Francisco Chronicle, a notoriously vigorous voice in the anti-Orientalism of California in the 1800s, was among the earliest to recommend passage of Proposition 13. Almost daily another newspaper, another political group,

another organization called for repeal.

It was a heartening reaffirmation of confidence in California's Japanese Americans.

Proposition 13 passed by a 2 to 1 majority, a vote of 2,594,046 to 1,255,989.

Prop. 13 votes seen as 'major' victory

There were those who felt this was not a resounding victory, but old campaigners know that it is infinitely more difficult to get a measure approved than defeated, that characteristically the average voter pulls the "no" lever on a proposition with which he is not familiar. It was certainly a major victory.

It was a tribute to the Issei whose love for the land kept them steadfast through years of discrimination both personal and statutory. In only half a century of time the Issei had come full circle, accepted as equal citizens in the country they had adopted.

At this date it is not possible to conceive of any repetition of the hysteria that produced the Alien Land law and the Exclusion Act. Certainly the alien land laws which were based on the technicality of aliens ineligible to citizenship are obsolete, and such laws existed not only in California but also in Arizona, Idaho (which was later repealed), Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, and New Mexico, while Minnesota, Missouri, Montana and Washington imposed restrictions on aliens who had not declared their intention to become citizens, an imposition which worked in the same manner as the California restriction.

America's Issei and Nisei, so recently removed from the harsh and discriminatory years of the war, today enjoy a freedom from statutory prejudice which persons of Japanese descent have not known since the first alien land law was passed in 1913. On the agenda for tomorrow are the vestigial remnants of legislative prejudice in those remaining states where alien land laws—invalid and without meaning—still remain in the statutes, though the anti-Japanese activity which sponsored them have long since been forgotten.

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Why civic-minded Nisei fought for Prop. 13—Yes

By JOE GRANT MASAOKA

Two brothers Akira and Cecil Iwamura of Selma, returned as veterans from the European and Pacific theaters in 1945 to face an escheat suit filed by the district attorney of Fresno County to seize their farms and home under the state's alien land law. Their parents were Japanese aliens and as such they were racially ineligible to citizenship.

As Nisei landholders Akira and Cecil were presumed to be illegally holding land for their parents who were forbidden from owning or having any interest in land because they were aliens ineligible to citizenship.

To strengthen and give fresh impetus to this law Proposition 13 was placed on the Nov. 5, 1946 ballot. It proposed to amend the state constitution by including the alien land law and to validate legislative amendments to the 1920 initiative alien land law.

In the campaign material circulated to win support for "NO on Proposition 13" there was a picture of Akira and Cecil Iwamura in uniform holding the escheat suit summons. The picture carried their story:

"Don't Purple Hearts and Presidential Unit citations mean anything? While we're fighting for democracy overseas we re-

turn home to find the alien land law taking away our lands and homes.

"Because we're of Japanese ancestry we felt we had to prove our loyalty. We fought the enemy in Europe and in the Pacific. Now, we're back and find out that because of our racial ancestry we are to forfeit our farms and homes.

"Why does the alien land law keep kicking us in the teeth? Where is fair play and justice?"

Their anguished cry was echoed by other Nisei servicemen. Moreover, the issue of the loyalty of Japanese residents was raised again by the proponents of Proposition 13 as it had been raised in alien land law cases in the past. The leading case involving alien land legislation was Terrace vs. Thompson wherein the United States Supreme Court upheld its constitutionality with these principal reasons:

"It is obvious that one who is not a citizen and cannot become one lacks an interest in, and the power to effectually work for the welfare of, the state, and, so lacking, the state may rightfully deny him the right to own and lease real estate within its boundaries."

Quoting again: "If one incapable of citizenship may lease or own

real estate, it is within the realm of possibility that every foot of land within the state might pass to the ownership or possession of noncitizens." It was also said that the "quality and allegiance of those who own, occupy and use the farm lands within its borders are matters of highest importance and affect the safety and power of the State itself."

In the official argument in favor of Proposition 13 the inference of disloyalty is brought out in the 1946 General Election, as witness this language: "It is well known that Japanese aliens, in order to conceal true ownership of property, have indulged in all manner of subterfuges. These aliens have resorted to the use of 'dummy' corporations, American-born Japanese children and other nefarious schemes and devices that, on the record, conceal the true identity of the owners of the property.

"It was through such evasion and subterfuges that Japanese aliens were enabled to own, occupy and control land adjacent to vital defense areas and industries prior to, and for a considerable

time after, the sneak attack by the Imperial Japanese Government on Pearl Harbor."

The argument against Proposition 13 as submitted by the Japanese American Citizens league was without foreknowledge of the proponents' views but heightened the Nisei military contributions. For instance, arguments included were:

"Proposition 13 amendments reinforce the Alien Land Law, which today constitutes the basis of the escheat suits to seize lands and homes of American GI's of Japanese ancestry. The outstanding war record of 25,000 Japanese Americans has earned the right to fair play and decent treatment for themselves and their families. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team of Japanese-Americans was our most decorated task force. Pacific Area commanders have lauded the contributions of Japanese-American Military Intelligence in shortening the war with Japan and in saving hundreds of thousands of American troops.

"Proposition 13 undertakes to insure the legality of court action to forfeit and escheat all land now held by Japanese-Americans. In view of such unfairness, if Proposition 13 is passed, the 60 escheat suits now pending against Japanese American farm properties will, if lost by the owners, enable interested parties to acquire valuable farm lands. The suits are widely attributed to the desire of such parties to harass the owners and force down prices."

Distinguished Californians attached their names in opposition

to this attempt at validating the alien land law. Numerous organizations likewise joined the campaign against the measure. Nisei carried on an active effort throughout the state and the proposition went down to defeat. Yes—797,067; NO—1,143,780.

In many quarters this polled verdict of the electorate was regarded as the turning point in the long chronology of the alien land law. From this point on the various milestones of the land law showed a steady decline. But before this 1946 attempt at amending the state constitution by incorporating the alien land law therein there has been a long history of agricultural repression directed against those of Japanese ancestry.

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tion against them began to be heard. The Japanese inherited the animosity leveled in earlier years against the Chinese. Politicians found that exploiting the prejudices which the Chinese had once aroused made effective propaganda.

But most of the objections against the new immigrants was voiced by the trade unions who sought to keep out the Japanese as competitors in the labor market.

Sporadic incidents took place. In 1890 there was an assault by a shoemaker's union upon 15 Japanese workers in a San Francisco shoe factory. In 1892 the cooks and waiters union of the same city mobbed a Japanese restaurant.

However, the clamor of anti-Japanese agitation began in earnest in 1900 when a large surge of Japanese immigration numbering some 12,628 entered the country.

At a public meeting held on May 7 of the same year the announced purpose of considering the outbreak of bubonic plague and the strengthening of the Chinese exclusion turned to a resolution to ask Congress to exclude all Japanese except consular and diplomatic career people.

In 1901 the California legislature called upon Congress to restrict Japanese immigration. In 1903 and 1904 the Japanese who had earlier settled in Hawaii began to move to the mainland. Then, the success of Japanese arms over the Russians gave credence to those who warned that Japan was plotting to gain the Asiatic possessions of the United States and was even scheming to control the Pacific Coast.

The American Federation of Labor took a stand to exclude Japanese, Korean and Chinese laborers. The Francisco Chronicle in 1905 campaigned against Japanese in sensational articles.

Japanese school segregation in San Francisco was proposed. Such a step was protested by the Japanese Government in Washington. Anti-Japanese agitation mounted to such an extent that a Gentlemen's Agreement curbing immigration of laborers was consummated between the United States and Japan.

But the fervor against the Japanese was kept in constant ferment. There were 17 anti-Japanese bills in the legislative hopper in the 1909 session of the California legislature. Still the number of

Japanese newcomers had gained after 1910 with many going into farming so that it was felt that blocking their farming and buying of land would deter them from coming to the United States.

First alien land bill passes in 1913

Failing to enact an alien land law in 1909, the California legislature tried again in 1911. President Taft by throwing the weight of his office held off passage of the bill. Finally in 1913 the first alien land law measure became law.

Then in 1920 the old Asiatic Exclusion league was converted into the California Joint Immigration Committee with V. S. McClatchy and State Attorney General U. S. Webb active as individuals. The Committee was composed of the American Legion of California, the State Federation of Labor, the Native Sons of the Golden West, and the California State Grange.

Spearheaded by the joint immigration committee the Governor was urged to call a special session of the legislature to enact alien land legislation. When he refused the exclusionists were successful

in placing on the ballot as initiative measures a land law and a poll tax on male aliens.

This initiative was a stringent refinement of the 1913 land law but was not necessarily considered effective in driving the Japanese off the land. Rather, it was intended to discourage their immigration and to dramatize California's desire to crush the "Japanese menace."

The argument in favor of the proposed alien land law was filed by V. S. McClatchy. The arguments which won overwhelming support for the measure included these reasons:

"Orientals, and more particularly Japanese, having commenced to secure control of agricultural lands in California, there was enacted in 1913, the Alien Land Law, which prohibited ownership—or lease be—

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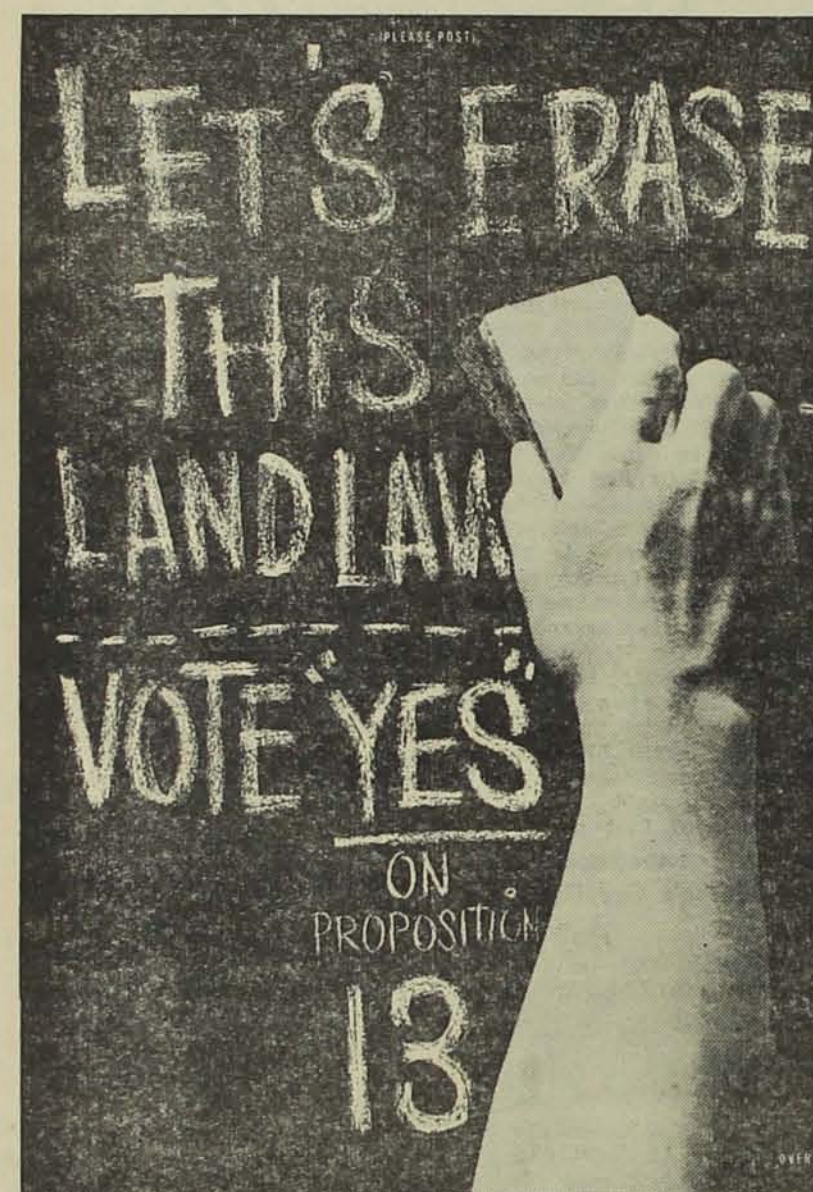
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Family portrait of the Oyama family was taken fifteen years ago. In the back row are (left to right) Clem, Joe, Wesley and Wesley, Jr., Fred Mittler, Dr. Yasuo Sasaki. In the front row are Shizu, Patty, "Dad", Mimi Sasaki, "Mother", Molly and Edward, Richard Mittler, and Yuriko Lili Sasaki.

LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: By Henry Mori

L. A.'s old-timer still sees future for JACL

If we were to make a list of old-timers of the JACL from the Los Angeles area we cannot leave out the name of Molly Oyama, one of the contributors to the Pacific Citizen and an active East Los Angeles chapter member.

She and her husband, Fred Mittler, and their three children live in a cozy little home atop one of the hills of City Terrace. The abode has a touch of artistry and charm: the Japanese garden Fred single-handedly created, the exotic Oriental tapestries that grace the walls of her living room and the inviting cocktail bar which serves guests with a cordial air of sophistication.

Molly Oyama was born in Petaluma, of Fukushima parents who were Methodist Church leaders of long standing. The couple, Katsuji Oyama and Miyo Ohki, were married in 1905 in Vancouver, B. C.

The Oyamas were real pioneers

as far as Japanese in this country were concerned.

In spinning the yarn of her life, as a child who was raised on a Northern California chicken ranch and later moving to San Francisco, Molly says her grandfather on the father's side came to the United States in the 1890s.

"It was my grandfather, Katsuzo, who went back to Japan in the early 1920s to bring my dad to live in a nation of freedom and more opportunities," Molly began.

Katsuji Oyama worked on a sugar plantation in Hawaii. When his vigorous ideas to improve the living standards of native workers—as well as resident alien Japanese—went unheard, Oyama decided to make his future in California instead of slaving in the sugar cane fields as a common laborer.

The pioneering Oyamas were then destined to bring up six citi-

zen children in a country of democratic ideas, freedom and opportunities. And well did they succeed.

The Oyamas, with Molly as their first-born child, later moved to Livingston in 1909 and continued with their poultry farm. There, the couple was blessed with their first son, Wesley Katsumi, one of the biggest Nisei businessmen operating an import-export firm in Tokyo, besides several apartments and a pharmaceutical center.

The family spent some time in Suisan-Fairfield as well as in Vacaville, a simple down-to-earth "one-horse" town where, according to author Cary McWilliams, the first Japanese had settled in 1882.

"Seeing a Japanese in this town was a rarity, it seems, to the residents," Molly recalled. "Here we were the only Oriental family and

without malice it must have been a novelty to many of our neighbors for awhile. But their curiosity never turned into discrimination—something we were very happy and thankful of."

Sacramento became the last "stop" before Los Angeles for the "wander-lust" Oyama family, which by now had increased to eight in the household. And here, Katsuji Oyama, who came to the United States to seek a new life and adventure, turned to the manufacture of cosmetics for the Issei women up and down the coast.

Strangely enough, Molly says, during the early 1920s we were being put through an era of HCL (high cost of living) as we are today. The Oyamas, meantime, were blessed with four other children: Yuriko, married to Dr. Yasuo Sasaki of Covington, Kentucky; Clement, Joe and Robert.

A tragic end came to Robert in the spring of 1942 when the Oyamas, like the rest of the Japanese Americans and their family, were removed to a relocation center. Bob, a chick sexor, died in a highway auto crash in Ames, Iowa. His companion, Jimmy Hashimoto, survived the accident.

Since her graduation from the San Francisco National Training School she took an active part in all community functions. Besides a leader in the Methodist Church circles, Molly's pet love for organizational work almost coincides with the creation of the American Loyalty League in Fresno. Her brothers and sisters were active in young people's work, attending many of the Christian conferences being held those days up and down the west coast.

Molly Oyama remembers vividly the first organized move to create a JACL chapter in Los Angeles in 1930. Such personalities like Karl Iwanaga, Kay Sugahara, John Maeno and Charles Kamayatsu were recalled by Molly who said these men were on deputation teams sent to places like Pasadena, Riverside, and Santa Monica to solicit League membership.

Molly was married in 1936 to Fred Mittler in Los Angeles.

But she chuckles of how she was introduced to the then radio-press operator at the Kashi Mainichi through columnist Larry Tajiri and how the romance budded through a prankish "baishakunin" venture by Edith Kodama, now Mrs. Willis Devilbiss, who was also on the Kashi staff.

It developed that after Tajiri

left the newspaper, Elji Tanabe became English section editor. Tanabe had asked Molly to assist him with the Sunday literary page.

According to Molly, happily married mother of three children, Edith "dared" Mittler to sign a mash note which suggested Mrs. Mittler to join him in a theater date at Loew's State. The exchange of notes followed, then came nuptial vows.

(This writer also muses with pleasant memories those free theater tickets which were passed out to local vernaculars before the war.)

Molly Oyama, being of literary mind, we asked her what she thought about the postwar crop of new Nisei writers. She counted talented personalities like Hiroshi Kashiwagi of San Francisco; Naomi Kashiwabara of San Diego; Albert Saijo, Kango and Kats Kunitugu of Los Angeles.

She said gifted writers should expand their markets outside of the Japanese American orbit as in the case of Bill Hosokawa, Denver Post's Sunday Magazine editor, and Tajiri.

On the future of JACL activities, Molly Oyama puts it nicely by saying: a worthy cause always has a line of successors. She added, however, that the dignity of the organization as the voice for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States must be maintained and should be stressed in all its programs.

We suspect from her overtones that she was leery of some of the chapters which lean too heavily on the social aspects of the group to draw the appeal for membership.

With the passing of Katsuji Oyama in 1947, the adult family of the Oyamas have set out to make their own homes in all parts of the United States.

Clem, one of the charter members of the newly organized Japanese Optimist Club in San Francisco, has the Modern Foods Co. there. He is married to former Shizuko Fujii of Pasadena.

Joe is busily engaged in an Oriental foods store in New York with former Asami Kawachi of Los Angeles. Wesley, and his wife, nee Nancie Hayano of Henry, Nebraska, are in Tokyo. Molly's mother is living with the Dr. Yasuo Sasaki in Kentucky.

The Mittler family is complete with their sons Richard, 18, Edward, 15, and daughter Vicki, 12. Molly keeps herself busy at home while Fred is employed as a buyer for Pico Novelty Co., also an importing and exporting firm.

The Mittler home — hub of many a visiting famous writer and motion picture star — has been humming with theatrical agent activities in the words of our gracious JACler.

Some Hollywood talent scout caught wind of the fact that every time East Los Angeles JACL held a social, the Mittler phone was used as a date bureau number. "Now they all think we have a file of attractive dates," Molly remarked gleefully.

And the girl Molly and the rest of Hollywood are looking for is one to play the top feminine role in "Sayonara," starring Marlon Brando. He, by the way, is among the celebrities who took a jaunt to the Mittler home long ago.

Molly Oyama continues to be a staunch supporter of the JACL. She feels that a worthy cause always has its successors. And in this age of "changing perspectives" her positive outlook remains to be a valued asset to any chapter which seeks her invaluable leadership.

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yond three years—of agricultural lands by aliens ineligible to citizenship.

"In defiance of that law, through various subterfuges, including use of dummy corporations and minor native born children, Orientals, largely Japanese, are fast securing control of the richest, irrigated lands in the state, through lease or ownership, the proportion already controlled in some counties being from 50 per cent to 75 per cent.

"Control of these rich lands means in time control of the products, and control of the markets. Control of the products of the soil by a unified interest such as the Japanese will lead to economic control of the country. That will be followed in time by political control through force of numbers induced by the heavy rate. That condition is now at hand in Hawaii."

This Alien Land Law initiative was Proposition 1 on the Nov. 2, 1920 General Election. It became law by a vote of 668,483 to 222,086.

Thereafter a number of legal cases involving various aspects of the law were taken to the courts. Until after World War II a considerable bulwark of legal decisions fortified the land law and its constitutionality resisted every challenge.

Upon the return of Japanese after the evacuation, escheat cases

came up in alarming numbers. The first of the land law cases to reach the United States Supreme Court was the Oyama case. By that time there were some 60 cases in the various court calendars.

Attorney Saburo Kido, national president of the Japanese American Citizens League, guided the strategy in attacking this third-of-a-century old race-discrimination. The injustices of the law as its impact fell upon the Nisei was seen in all these situations.

For instance, Mrs. Roy K. Hirata, citizen, was the sole owner of some acreage which her Issei husband farmed for the family livelihood. Under the law, although the property was her own, she was the defendant in an escheat case because it was presumed that she was illegally holding the land for her alien husband. The law requires the husband to support and provide for his wife and family. But when his citizen wife owns land and her alien husband farms it the alien land law presumes he is violating the law.

Then, there was Mrs. Stacey Harris, alien Japanese widow of a Navy veteran. Her husband was an artillery officer in World War I, a marine in Nicaragua, and while with the U. S. Navy stationed in Shanghai he married a Japanese bride. He had two children and when he found death was not far off because of cancer he made provision for his family. He arranged for his wife to secure the home they held in joint tenancy.

But the alien land law deemed it escheatable to the state.

In the first postwar case to reach the U. S. Supreme Court in 1948 Fred Oyama was declared to be deprived of the equal protection of the laws and of his privileges as an American citizen. Citizen Fred Oyama of Japanese ancestry could not own land because his father was Japanese and not American, Chinese, or English.

There followed other cases to decide anew the constitutionality of the state's alien land law. In the Fujii and the Masaoka cases heard before the California Supreme Court in 1952 the majority decision held the act was unconstitutional in its entirety. Congress in passing the 1952 Nationality and Immigration Act removed the racial ineligibility to citizenship. Thus, the base upon which the land law rested was completely undercut.

Prop. 13 eliminates law in '56 election

This fall Proposition 13 to repeal the alien land law appeared on the General Election ballot. The YES votes for repeal of this unconstitutional measure were swelled by a campaign carried on by persons of Japanese ancestry and their many supporters. The final official count will likely show the successful repeal by a comfortable 2 to 1 margin.

This campaign was waged by so many civic minded Nisei because for them it was not merely an

academic matter but the finish on a chapter of anti-Japanese race persecution.

The alien land law was nearing the end of its course.

During its 43 year span it left a trail of shattered hopes, insecurity and thwarted lives. In various ways it cut across the lives of those of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

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Profile of a String

A patriarch and godfather—that's what Tom T. Ito is to the Pasadena JACL, one of many chapters blessed with an "oldtimer" who refuses to fade away but keeps stringing along with the JACL.

Tom is an oldtimer whose JACL history runs nearly a quarter of a century. But he's still in there pitching, even running the chapter for two terms, 1954-55. And he still has the zip that'll outstrip a newcomer to JACL.

His has been a nomadic life. Born in Riverside, Calif., on June 12, 1911, he lived in Los Angeles, Hollywood, Glendale, Rosemead and San Gabriel before his evacuation to the Tulare Assembly Center and Gila (Ariz.) Relocation

Center, thence to Joliet, Ill., and Chicago before settling down for keeps in Pasadena in 1946.

As have done other Nisei dubbed Tomatsu, he adopted Tom for his handle. Barely old enough to vote—in fact he was the oldest of the group of a half dozen civic-minded "junior" CLers then—Tom was a founder and charter member of the San Gabriel Valley chapter in 1933, serving on its cabinet until becoming its president in 1935. (The SGV chapter has not been reactivated but the area is now included with the present Pasadena JACL).

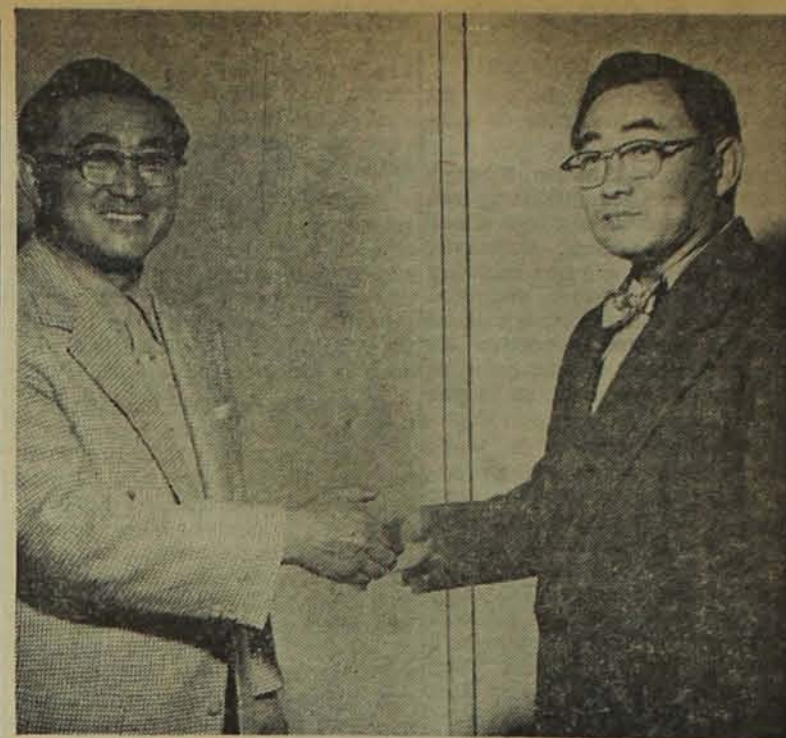
Among the unique services performed by the JACL over the years is that of the role of match-

maker, its various meetings and conventions being a sort of arena for knockdowns. May Kikuye Makino had joined the San Gabriel Valley chapter shortly after Tom became its prexy and presto, another romance with JACL as the baishakunin began to bud, with their wedding taking place on July 29, 1939.

They now have three little Itos—Roger, 15, Philip, 10 and Patty, 8. This is below par for the Ito course since Tom hails from a clan of six boys and four daughters, all, incidentally, living in the Los Angeles area including brother James, a 1000 Clubber.

The '36 national JACL convention in San Francisco was the first of a series of national and district conventions that he has diligently attended. Other oldtimers featured in this issue will remember the quiet but friendly guy they used to see and keep seeing whenever there was a CL confab.

Tom's business life began in the late thirties with a less than fragrant job as salesman for a fertilizer firm while his father, already a widower, farmed rhubarb and berries in the valley. Tom soon switched to the insurance field which, save for an interlude in Arizona where he continued his



Tom T. Ito (left), 1954 president for the Pasadena JACL, congratulates and welcomes incoming president T. Tamotsu Ito for the 1955 term. (If you're seeing double, there's nothing wrong with your eyes. The picture is the darkroom artwork of Sat Yoshizato.)

JACL allegiance in a WRA camp and a spell in the midwest, has been his career.

Unlike most insurance men, Tom doesn't have to hustle after his business. On the contrary, his clientele comes to him, and between him and Mary, they conduct a thriving casualty and life insurance business out of their home on Del Monte Street in Pasadena. Small wonder, for his personal assets, in addition to a likable personality, are honesty, reliability and thoughtfulness.

Mary, who not only runs the office, is also a great booster for JACL, often joining in with Tom on JACL duties and otherwise being content to be a JACL widow worthy of an award equivalent to a JACL purple heart.

To be a JACL leader for more than two decades calls for certain qualities not inherent in the average person. Tom has 'em. First of all, he's a pretty even-tempered fellow and while modest, is anything but introverted, although he

consistently dodges the limelight. His sense of humor tends toward the zany, witness his photo shaking hands with himself.

Most important is his deep conviction that only through collective expression such as JACL can provide will any advances be made for the Japanese American community. And this conviction has strengthened his immunity to brickbatters who sit back and gripe from the bleachers without lifting a helping hand, the free-loading parasites of any community who'll take everything and give nothing in return except criticism.

When the Itos chose their home in Pasadena, there weren't many experienced JACLers around to help the chapter reactivation, but Tom was among the few that had a hand in it. The chapter wobbled along precariously for a few years and nearly became extinct in 1951 except for Tom's insistence that it be continued, even if only on paper and without a president, until responsible leadership could be developed to take the helm.

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One of the old-timers in JACL, first joining the movement when it was first organized in Salt Lake City in the early 1930s and now a stalwart of Mt. Olympus JACL is Yukus Inouye, shown with his family. (Left to right—Top—Carolyn, Donna Rae and Ronald; Front—Vicki Lynn, Yukus, Geraldine, wife Mary, and Jay Dee.

Family man Yukus Inouye active in CL, farming

Helped organize Salt Lake chapter in early 1930's

MURRAY, Utah.—A man who has been devoted to the cause of Nisei since his high school days and at the same time doing his share in the community-at-large as well as a father to six growing children in his family sums up Yukus Inouye of American Fork, who has been in JACL since 1932.

Yukus, currently a staunch member of the Mt. Olympus chapter, was a part of the band of civic-minded Nisei in the early 1930s when Joe Grant Masaoka organized the Salt Lake JACL. This group was not affiliated with the national JACL that had been organized on the west coast, but it followed the same ideals—to stress the meaning of American citizenship among the Nisei about to reach the age of political maturity.

Yukus, born on Apr. 1, 1916 at Taylorville, Utah, had graduated from Jordan High. Farming since that time, he has raised pure bred Hereford cattle in recent years. He is also president of an organic soil conditioning firm.

His business activities are outstanding. A member of the American Fork Rotary, he has served as director of the Lehi Irrigation Co., director of the Utah County Canning Crop Growers, vice-president of the Utah County Farm Bureau, and supervisor of the Alpine Soil Conservation District.

In JACL, he has served in various capacities on both the Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus JACL cabinets. His most memorable moment in JACL, he confides, was the time when he went as Salt Lake representative to Tremonton at graduation exercises where he met his wife, the former Mary Tanaka. Today, they have two sons, Donald 16 and Jay Dee 8, and four daughters, Carolyn 14, Donna Rae 12, Geraldine 10, and Vicki Lynne 5.

Yukus especially remembers the pioneer night he chaired at the 1940 Intermountain District Council convention, when Issei old-timers of the area were honored.

Not one to minimize the importance of JACL in any community, Yukus says, "JACL is an important organization as it can keep abreast of problems that arise from time to time among persons of Japanese ancestry. It will pay to keep it alive and active."

In a fine display of American

sense, he added: "I would like to recommend that all Nisei take part in as many local community activities. Mix with your non-Japanese neighbors as much as possible."

With all of this responsibility, Yukus caps his civic activities by being a troop committeeman of the local Boy Scout troop.

Indeed he, like the Ushio brothers Shigeki and Jim, stand out as the longtime JACLers Mt. Olympus Chapter is proud to call its own.

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Surviving a year of inactivity and an abortive attempt by a misguided Issei leader to discredit the chapter, the Pasadena JACL has since assumed its rightfully prominent role in community affairs and has never failed to meet its financial obligation to the national JACL nor responsibility to the district council or to its membership.

Behind much of the JACL revival in Pasadena can be seen the silent handiwork of Tom Ito and other JACL stalwarts like Ken Dyo, former PSWDC chairman. Among the recent district events hosted by the Pasadena JACL were the PSWDC pre-convention rally in 1954 and the third annual PSWDC chapter clinic this year under its current president, Harris Ozawa. Meanwhile, the chapter maintains a busy schedule of local activities and is consistently well represented at national and district meetings.

Tom exemplifies JACL leadership—the happy combination of the experienced old guard and the enthusiasm of the newcomer. A life member of the JACL 1000 Club (Mary belongs, too) and the recipient of the JACL Sapphire Pin award, Tom still holds down two important positions—as treasurer of the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council of eighteen chapters, and as treasurer of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims (COJAECE).

The JACL has faced and survived critical times, thanks, bless 'em, to the staunch standbys, the oldtimers, the perennial JACLers, like Tom Ito, who make up a small but indispensable element in the organization. And with them, JACL will continue to thrive and grow.

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(We received word last week that Mike Masaoka was scheduled to return to his Washington Office by Dec. 20 and that he hopes to resume his "Newsletter" for the Dec. 28 issue. This column, prepared by his associate, Sam Ishikawa, was intended for last week's issue of the Pacific Citizen. We had originally scheduled this column for next week, but with Masaoka due home this week, the publication of Ishikawa's Tokyo story at this time is a necessity.—Editor.)

TOKYO.—About 600 miles due south of Tokyo is a group of small islands called Bonin or Ogasawara which may play a very important role in our Far Eastern policy.

What we do with the Bonin Islands may determine whether we shall grab the initiative in the Far East in our efforts to combat Soviet imperialism or shall be again outwitted.

The Bonin Islands are in reality made up of groups of small islands. Among them are the Chichijima, Hahajima, Mukojima and Iwojima chains. These islands were formerly a part of metropolitan Tokyo and were administered by the Bonin Branch office of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

At the present, the United States exercises all powers of administration, legislation and jurisdiction over the Bonins in accordance with Article 3 of the Treaty of Peace with Japan signed in 1951 at San Francisco. However, as stated on a number of occasions by Secretary of State Dulles, "residual sovereignty" still remains with Japan.

The Bonin Islands are blessed with fertile soil, tropical climate and moderate rainfall. The main source of income in the prewar days was from agriculture and fishing. The Bonin Islanders cultivated bananas, papayas, pineapples and oranges, as well as the more usual crops of pumpkins, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplants and other truck crops.

Their fishing industry is based on mackerel, sea bream, tuna, bonito and sardine catches. Whaling also plays an important aspect of this industry.

During the spring and summer of 1944, over 6,500 Bonin Islanders were forced to evacuate the islands under orders of the Japanese military to the main island, where they lived in temporary hostels set up in temples, schools and other make-shift dwellings.

Having been forced to leave their homes with only three pieces of baggage and without any means of livelihood, islanders lived a hand-to-mouth existence.

In the immediate postwar period their plight was even worse with confusion and starvation rampant in the whole of Japan. The driving force which kept the Bonin Islanders alive during this trying period was their faint hope that now with the war over they may once again go home.

Repeatedly, they asked the Occupation forces for permission to return to their home islands, but as frequently as they requested they were denied. The only request granted by the Occupation forces was the return of those of mixed blood who are descendants of polynesians, Portuguese, Americans and others who had come to the Bonin Islands on whaling voyages in the past. About 135 persons of mixed blood were allowed to repatriate in July, 1946.

However, since then no one has been allowed to return even for a visit. Even their requests to bury the ashes of their dead and to look after the graves of their ancestors have been turned down.

Okinawa, and Amami Oshima Islands were given a common status with the Bonin Islands under the Allied Occupation and under the Treaty of Peace. In 1953 (Turn to Page A-18)

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Washington Newsletter

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the United States Government returned the Amami Oshima Islands to Japan. However, since then the United States has not taken any steps to return either Okinawa or the Bonin Islands.

Although though no official reasons for not returning the island were given, it is understood that the United States has extensive military installations in both of these areas. However, this cannot be considered as an adequate reason for not permitting the return of the Bonin Islanders because on the island of Okinawa, the people were never forced to evacuate from the islands, and here we have equally important installations.

Time has come with the opening of a new era in Japan-Soviet relations for us to take the offensive to win the minds and hearts of the Japanese nation. We cannot afford to continue our past policy of just muddling through. The Soviet Embassy which is to be established very soon in Tokyo with a minimum of 30 staff members and, according to some will have more than 700 agents. They will see to it that we are forced to make our decisions on these matters against our will.

It would be a far better policy to return these islands immediately while the Soviets are having their territorial difficulties

with the Japanese over the northern islands of Japan.

If we cannot return these islands outright due to military necessities, then we can at least return them legally and hold on to them through a long term lease which will cover all foreseen future difficulties.

The Soviets at the present are not prone to return Kunashiri because of huge submarine base established there. It is reported that more than 150 submarines can operate out of this base. Whether this report is true or not certainly, we know that the Soviet Union is not anxious to return these islands.

It would serve the cause of humanity, the free world, and American goodwill to return these islands to the Japanese. It is hoped that our government will seize this opportunity which is before them.

Oakland war brides organize new group

OAKLAND.—Mutsumi Kai, a Japanese friendship club for war brides and recent immigrants from Japan, has been organized by the local International Institute. It meets on the first Fridays, 8 p.m., at 297 Lee St. Mrs. Hiroko Iida is president.

Six Southland co-eds vie for beauty title

BERKELEY.—Six southland colleges will be represented in the California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization "Miss Co-Ed of 1957" beauty contest here Dec. 28. Those vying are Chiyo Togawa, East Los Angeles JC; Phyllis Fukushima, Los Angeles City College; Betty Kurachi, Los Angeles Jr. College of Business; June Shintani, UCLA; Kiyomi Nishi, Woodbury; and Jean Yabuki, USC.

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L. A. Ireland, manager of the Printing Trades Conference, has protested to the Univ. of California board of regents against publication of the Pacific Journal of Mathematics by a Tokyo printer. The magazine is sponsored by 12 west coast universities and assigned to Japan as an economy measure.

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SACRAMENTO — Probably one of Sacramento JACL's most ardent JACLers is none other than Dr. George Takahashi, who was honored with the Sapphire Pin during the past national JACL convention at San Francisco. He was one who practiced "For Better Americans in a Greater America".

Dr. Takahashi, born on Christmas eve in Oakland, Dec. 24, 1901, was one of the twelve children of Chioichi Takahashi, who is now 88 years old.

George spent his boyhood days in the Bay Area, attending McKinley School, Willard Jr. High School, Oakland Technical High School and graduating from Berkeley High School. He went to Whittier College on a scholarship, and then completed his studies in optometry at the Univ. of California in 1931.

As Dr. Takahashi tells it, he attended the first meeting of a Nisei organization, which is known today as JACL, at the Sutter St. YMCA in 1924. It met to discuss public relations work so that students upon graduation from colleges would be able to secure employment in which they were qualified.

In those days, jobs were scarce and very limited for the Nisei because of anti-Japanese discrimination.

Back in 1924, according to Dr. Takahashi, most of the elder Nisei then in California were born in Hawaii and many others were younger fellows who had recently arrived from Japan. At the first meeting, George remembers there were only two Mainland Nisei in attendance.

Through all those years—some 30 years now—Dr. Takahashi has been associated with JACL. But he regards the person most responsible for keeping the organization alive as Saburo Kido of Los Angeles. Mr. Kido, who was the wartime national JACL president, was one of the Hawaiian-born Nisei studying in California. What Kido has done since those days was told in last year's PC Holiday Issue. He

worked to keep the Nisei movement alive in the darkest days.

After Dr. Takahashi was graduated from California, he moved to Sacramento and opened his offices at 1308-4th St., where he practiced until evacuation. Again, George helped organize the Sacramento chapter together with Walter Tsukamoto and the Muramoto brothers, Jiro and Goro. The chapter began with a group of six Nisei in 1931. It boasted its biggest count of 1,300 when World War II broke.

In 1936, George took the steps to the altar and claimed his wife Yoshiye from Alameda. Since then, they have three wonderful children

who are following the footsteps of their father by assisting the local chapter in the Jr. JACL program. Mrs. Yoshiye Takahashi is counselor for the Sacramento Jr. JACL.

Perhaps these few paragraphs are insufficient to bring to light the many wonderful things Dr. George Takahashi has contributed in the way of community service to fellow Americans. However, the Sapphire Pin recently presented to him should indicate the esteem he has won and serves as a small token of appreciation from Japanese Americans.

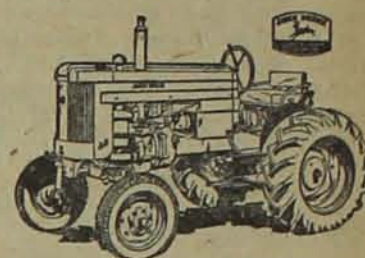
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Growing Up

By DEN MOREY

HIDEO WAS only four, yet he was no fool. He had made sure Santa Claus wouldn't forget him. He had been a good boy and had written to Santa Claus (with the help of his mother, of course) almost two weeks ago asking him to bring a bright-red tricycle like the one his six-year-old friend, Joey Novak owned, with "real wire spokes and a silver-colored bell." Of course, he wanted other things: a baseball bat, an electric "choo choo" train, a cowboy suit, and a gun like Wyatt Earp's. But, he had decided not to be greedy. If Santa would bring him a tricycle, he would be satisfied. However, he did ask him to bring an easy chair for his father, a fur coat for his mother and a coaster wagon for his brother, Timmy. Yes, that is what he had asked his mother to write on the letter he had posted himself almost two weeks ago.

Presently, Hideo stood before the bright-lighted Christmas tree, this small cherub-faced boy, with coal-black hair and ever-moving brown eyes, gazing up at the multiple-colored ornaments in wonderment. As he moved closer to the tree, the scent of the pine became stronger in his nostrils and felt the sharp pricks of its needle-like leaves upon his bare skin. Now, his eyes were playing upon the bubble lamps as they sent countless bubbles up to their tips. No matter how many times Hideo saw them, his fascination for them didn't peter. He was especially fond of watching the red ones because somehow they made his mouth taste as if he had been lapping the last drops of the cherry soda from its bottle.

Suddenly, he spun around and darted toward the front door. He tried the knob and felt it work easily. The tension within him left like the air from a punctured balloon. "If Santa Claus can't get inside the house through the chimney, he could come through the door," Hideo told himself. That thought not only brought relief to him but it served as a clincher for an argument he had with Joey Novak. Yes, every time he'd think about the argument he had with his friend several days ago, it irritated Hideo.

"Santa Claus! Ah, that's a lot of baloney," Joey laughed.

"There is too, Santa 'laus," he said.

"That's kid's stuff," his elder companion teased.

"I betcha, there is too! He comes through the chimney and brings presents to everybody."

"Huh! Through the chimney? You wanta bet?"

"Sure, I betcha. I betcha million dollars."

"Ah, go on. You don't have a million dollars. Beside, I bet you can't even squeeze through your chimney."

"I betcha, I could."

THAT NIGHT, Hideo had gone home and put the question to his father. "But Daddy, you sure there is a real Santa 'laus."

"Sure, there's a Santa Claus," his father smiled.

"But you sure—how sure?"

"Why those questions? Didn't you write to him?"

"Uh—huh. I going to get a tree-cycle—like Joey got... a real red new one. And wagon for Timmy, chair for Daddy—and—a coat—real fur coat for Mommy..."

"Well, would you have written to him if you didn't believe in Santa Claus? Now, suppose you find a tricycle Christmas morning, would you say there is a Santa Claus?"

"But, Joey says that his daddy said no one can come through the chimney."

"Maybe not through the chimney but he can come through the door. Have you thought about that?"

"Through the door, Daddy? Really, Daddy, really?"

Hideo tried the door knob again. It worked easily. This time he opened the door and peered out. The icy air attacked his small body and he shivered. However, he stood beside the open door and looked up to the sky. For a time, Hideo gazed at the countless twinkling stars as if he were bewitched by them. Then he began scanning the sky for the moon. No moon! That puzzled him. Only two weeks ago, when he was returning home from the movies, the moon had been up there big and round. And tonight, when Santa Claus needed her most, the moon wasn't to be found. However, he was glad the sky was clear and the stars were out. At least, the darkness outside wasn't like the darkness inside his closet.

"Hideo! Say, Son, what are you doing out there in the cold?" Instantaneously, as he heard his father's voice, Hideo heard his footsteps come up from behind him. "I think you better come inside. You don't want to catch a cold."

Hideo reversed himself and found his father with a puzzled look upon his face. However, when Hideo smiled, his father's face broke into a wide grin. Hideo's father was a slender man, with a wide forehead and a short chin. He wore glasses and walked with a limp. When Hideo entered the warm room, his father patted him on his head.

Boy, how he loved his father, Hideo thought. He'd bet anyone that there wasn't anything his father couldn't do—well, maybe, not everything but almost... Then he thought about his mother. He loved her too. Well, maybe, not quite as much as his father, but almost as much. After all, his mother was a girl and being one seemed to handicap her when it came to understanding him.

Presently, his mother came in from the kitchen wiping her hands on her apron. Hideo's mother, an attractive woman, who wore her

hair in a French bob, was almost as tall as her husband. Eyeing the two, she smiled, showing a large dimple on her left cheek.

"Harry, what was Hideo doing outside?" she asked.

"Oh, you know, Setsu, how kids act," he said. "Just wanted to look out, I guess."

"It's terribly cold outside," she said. "Oh, well, it's time for his bed anyway."

"Gee, Mommy, already?" Hideo was protesting to his mother, but he was looking at his father... hoping. Sometimes, his father would side with him. However, he wasn't doing it now.

"Yes, time for bed, Son," he said. "Remember tomorrow's Christmas and you'll need all the rest you can get tonight."

"Oh, gee. Already?"

"Hideo," his father said, "now, come here and give me a great big hug."

For a moment, Hideo hesitated, but when he moved he dove into his father's waiting arms, and planted a wet kiss upon his rough bearded cheek. Then, "Good night, Daddy."

"Good night, Son."

NEXT HE was dashing up the stairs ahead of his mother. At the top, he stopped and waited. When his mother opened the bedroom door, he rushed inside and jumped onto the bed. He was about to do a flip on the bed when his mother halted him. "Hideo, be quiet. Timmy's asleep."

"Timmy's asleep? Yes, dead to the world in the crib across the room. Always asleep... missing so much. It's a good thing he isn't Timmy. He'd hate to be small and only two. Didn't even know who Santa 'laus was... I bet. Luckily, he had asked Santa 'laus to bring Timmy a wagon."

"Was Timmy a good boy, Mommy? Santa 'laus bring Timmy a wagon?" Hideo asked suddenly.

"Why—uh, I think so." His mother, who was tucking Hideo into his bed, said. "Both of you have been good boys. And Santa never forgets a good boy... at Christmas." Then she leaned over

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GROWING UP

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and kissed Hideo on the forehead.
 "Good night, Hideo. I've got to go."

Hideo stirred and flipped back the cover. "Gee, Mommy, not already. Just a little bit more, mommy."

Setsuko hesitated at the door, retraced her steps and then said, all right, just a little while longer.

"Mommy!"

"Yes?"

"Mommy, will you . . . Santa 'laus bring you a new fur coat, too, Mommy? And chair for Daddy?"

"That we—I mean, I won't know. Maybe, but I really don't know—"

"But, why you don't know, Mommy? You was not a bad girl, Mommy. And Daddy was not a bad boy, huh, Mommy?"

"Well . . . uh, Santa's a pretty busy man. He's got so many places to go—that is, there are so many boys and girls all over the world—little boys and girls. And they come first. He just hasn't got time for us grown ups."

"I betcha there are hundred and hundred and hundred little boys and girls, huh, Mommy. All over the whole world."

"Yes, there are many boys and girls just like you and Timmy. And Santa Claus must visit all of them. Now, it's time for you to go to sleep. Here, let me tuck you in."

"Santa 'laus bring present to Joey? He say there no Santa 'laus. Why, Mommy?"

"Well, Joey just don't believe in Santa Claus, that's all."

"But, why don't he believe in Santa Santa'laus, Mommy?"

"He just doesn't, that's all. But you do, don't you, Hideo?"

"I think so, Mommy."

"Don't you think Santa will bring you a tricycle for Christmas?"

"Uh huh . . . and a wagon for Timmy and a coat—"

"Well! Now! Hideo, you must go to sleep. Lie still and let me tuck you in. Yes, that's it." Setsuko leaned over and kissed Hideo on the cheek. A moment later, she switched the light off and left, closing the door softly behind her.

LEFT WITHIN a quite, darkened room, Hideo had time to think. First, he thought about the possibility of Santa Claus forgetting him. However, he quickly cast that thought aside because it hurt him to think that there was even the slightest possibility of his being forgotten—even for a moment. Next, he wondered how Santa Claus actually looked. Was he fat and always laughing like the one he saw at the department store a few days ago? Or was he slender, pinched face, and without whiskers like the one that was standing on the street with a steel pot beside him? Or was he . . . that's funny, how many Santa 'laus were there . . . only one, he'd always thought . . . But then, why can't . . . understand . . . Oh, well, as long as one brings him a "treecycle" . . .

"Treecycle?" Too big for the chimney! Maybe, Santa 'laus painted big things with special paint to make them small . . .

Yes, that might be . . . should have asked Daddy. Oh, well, if he can't . . . then the front door. And tomorrow morning . . . Why tomorrow's Christmas. Oh, boy! Hideo felt his heart pound faster and he couldn't help squirming. Then, he was visualizing himself as if it were Christmas morning—running down the carpeted stairs. Oh, there under the tree, his "treecycle." Boy, what a pretty one—with red spokes . . . and bell, too. And that wagon near the corner . . . the yellow one. That's Timmy's.

Timmy? His thoughts returned to the present. He could hear his brother's low, even breathing. So small, Timmy . . . and only two. Missed so much . . . Hideo yawned and in a moment he was asleep.

HIDEO WASN'T quite sure what aroused him. Maybe, it was the noise he thought he heard from downstairs. Maybe, it was morning? No! Even before his eyes had cleared, Hideo knew it wasn't morning. The room was still dark and no light came through the windows. Anyway, he was awake!

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GROWING UP

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Then he heard a muffled thud from downstairs. Hideo jumped out the bed and opened the door. Why, there's a light downstairs. And voices too. Santa 'laus? No, sounds more like his mother's voice. Mommy's? Why? Hideo crept up to the head of the stairs and peered down from between the balusters.

What Hideo's eyes saw not only shocked him but it made him gape with unbelief. Santa 'laus? No! Just his father and mother, assembling the "treecycle," beside the Christmas tree. And there, across the way, a shiny blue wagon—un-assembled!

It took a while for Hideo's mind to function normally again; but, when it did, he felt hurt as he did when Joey Novak kicked down a beautiful sand castle he had made himself at the beach last summer—especially when his parents (Hideo's) wouldn't scold Joey even when he had protested.

Then he thought what Joey had said about Santa Claus, "Ah, baloney!" Yes, baloney! What a fool he had been . . . tricked by his own parents. Tears came easy. How could his parents, whom he loved so much have lied to him. Could he ever love them . . . ever trust them . . . again. No, not like before, ever. But, wait! They were still his mommy and daddy. That hasn't changed.

Besides, have they really lied to him? Have they really known they were lying? Maybe, it was a lie to him but was it to the grown-ups? Could it be that he just didn't understand them because he was only four? Maybe, when he becomes a grownup, he might be able to understand what they did to him . . . Toying with those thoughts made him feel considerably better.

Now as his sniffles ceased, his eyes cleared and they once more focused upon the tricycle. Boy, what a beauty . . . shiny red with "real wire spokes" . . . and bell, too. Much better than Joey's or the one he had expected. Sure, he was glad; but, somehow, he couldn't get excited. However, he wanted to go downstairs and try out the tricycle, but he quickly overrode that decision because he didn't want his parents to know of his discovery. Thus, instead of going downstairs, he retraced his steps into the bedroom.

Back again under the warm bed cover, Hideo felt much better. One thing, sure, he'd never let his parents know of his unhappy discovery. And come tomorrow, he'd go down and play with the tricycle as if Santa had brought it . . . acting no wiser, for his parent's benefit. Yet, when the time becomes right, he'd let them know that he doesn't believe in Santa Claus anymore.

One other thing, he'd never tell his brother the truth about Santa Claus. That, he must find out by himself. Maybe, when one begins to think like that, it's probably the first big step toward growing up . . . Maybe . . .

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In January, the chapter took over the door & check room for the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council installation dance at Aeronautical Technical Institute. The chapter also started its membership and the final count read 380.

In February, East Los Angeles was well represented as the PS-WDC Chapter Clinic in Pasadena, where new cabinet officers learned the "know-how" of JACL. There were 60 ELA-ers and friends enjoying the chapter's annual snow-hike in the Lake Arrowhead area later in the same month.

In March, the chapter held its annual dinner-dance at Swally's and as usual, it turned out to be a bang-up affair. One of the highlights was the presenting of a gavel to retiring chapter president Jim Higashi.

In April, members had a roller skating night as the "social" for the month. It should be added here that the chapter also met each month for business meetings either at International Institute or the Soto-Michigan Jewish Community Center.

The month of May saw East L.A. helping to register naturalized Issei citizens as voters. Board member Sam Furuta chaired the meeting with six deputies on hand. The chapter's biggest social event comes in May—the Emerald Ball, which was held at the Santa Monica Elk's Hall. George Watanabe was chairman.

In June, the chapter had its annual picnic at Griffith Park. On July 22, about 35 "erstwhile" Izaak Walton's tumbled out of bed sleepily at 2 a.m., and groped their way to Pierpoint Landing. They boarded the chapter-chartered sportsfishing boat and headed for Catalina Island. Any fish caught? Well, some did. Ronald Nomi, the bachelor who won all the shoyu at the picnic drawing, took the fishing trip jackpot with a good sized barracuda. Before summer passed, the chapter held its weiner bake at Huntington State Beach in August.

In September, a representative group attended the 14th Biennial in good ol' San Francisco. Fred Takata and Wilbur Sato were delegates with Kathy Yoshida and Roy Yamadera as alternates.

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String" on telling the saga of Tom T. Ito, of Pasadena. "Ito" happens to translate as "string." . . . Mrs. Alice Kasai, Ida Tateoka, Kaz Komoto, Vi Nakano, Bill Matsumoto and others have relayed information to us to honor old-timers in their respective areas. . . . We hope just as many old-timers will be featured next year. There's a gold-mine in human interest stories here.

● Because the 1000 Club celebrates its 10th anniversary in 1957, some of the national chairmen are extending their messages. . . . The Honor Roll of 1000ers in good standing as of Dec. 7 shows over 1,000 names. . . . Pictures of some of our Life Members in the 1000 Club were also obtained. Some were camera-shy.

● There are short stories by Ferris Takahashi, Allan Beekman and Den Morey, previous PC contributors. . . . Chapter reports are largely the work of publicity chairmen or presidents — and are always welcome. We're missing the ICBG (Southwest L. A.) Chapter report, but it's understandable as their forces were busy about the same time preparing their yearbook. . . . And in closing: a big vote of thanks to our volunteer editorial crew: Brother Theophane Walsh, Blanche Shiosaki, Micki Mayumi, Charles Fullert and Peter Takeuchi — who made possible meeting of this dreaded deadline of locking up 64 pages within a week.

● Vi Nakano, now of Los Angeles, and Jimmy Mayumi helped to speed checking of final page proofs at Ernest Printing Co., where facilities to print this mammoth edition are superb.

ELA REPORT

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During October, the chapter was busy working on Prop 13. Thirty members spent a Sunday afternoon at Takata's home, where brochures were folded, envelopes addressed and mailed. Sam Furuta directed the project which saw 13,000 pieces handled. Ida Onishi was in charge of the address typing crew.

The annual Hallowe'en dinner-dance was held at Eleda's and with over 100 attending, it was highly successful. A veteran smoothie, John Watanabe, hilariously emceed.

The month of November was again a busy one as the chapter manned a "teriyaki" booth at the annual International Institute Festival. Grace Murakami, booth chairman, was able to turn over net proceeds of \$96 to the Institute. East L.A. also hosted Japan Day at the Soto-Michigan Center where, with cooperation from the Japanese chamber of commerce, a program of Japanese dances and cultural art was presented. The chapter also participated in the All Nation's program at the same locale by sponsoring Japanese textile fashions of Kow Kaneko of Pasadena.

The year closed with Christmas Cheer and a chapter party. A jam session for Cheer benefit drew a good crowd on Dec. 1. And tonight the chapter will hold its Christmas party for the family at International Institute. Sam Furuta is chairman. A choral group directed by Ritsuko Kawakami will also present several numbers.

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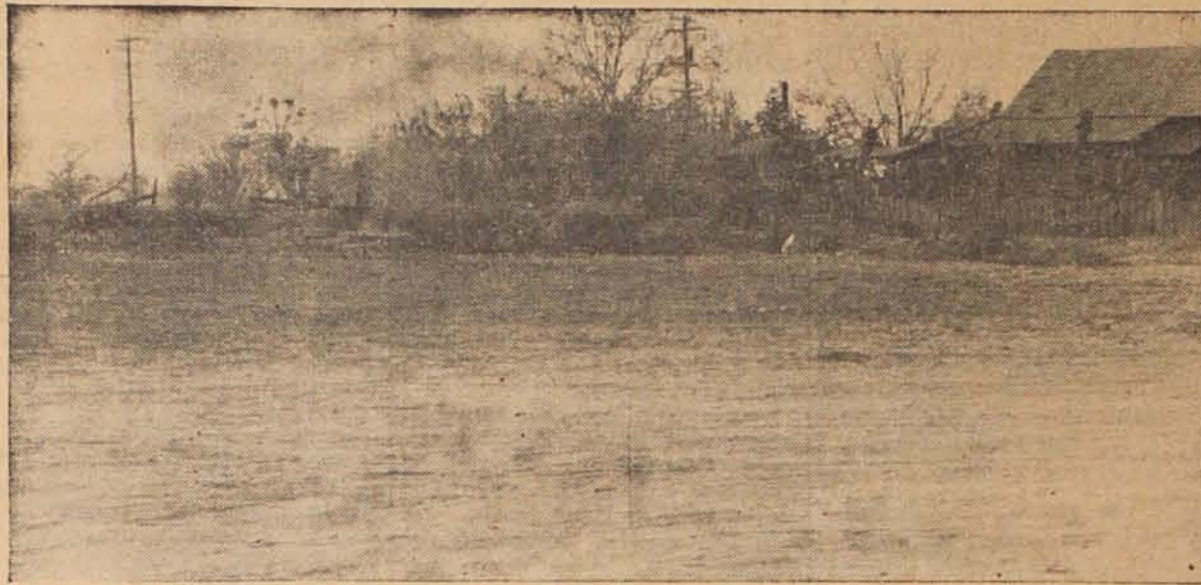
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FOWLER STORY:

How a Community Grows



All that remains on this empty lot are the clump of bamboo trees in the center of the photo of what was once in the heart of the Japanese community of the 1920-30s. During World War II, while Japanese Americans were excluded from the west coast, vandals burned down the Renge Building, which stood here, and housed such establishments as the Kamenaga boarding house, Harada Tofu Shop, Soga Tofu Shop and a pool hall.

1920 OPINION OF JAPANESE AMERICANS:

Self-Preservation Principle Used to Oust Issei Farmers

From the files of the Fowler Ensign was unearthed this letter from an unnamed Raisin Grower, who vent his wrath against the immigrant Japanese farmer during the height of the 1920 era when the Alien Land Law initiative was placed on the ballot.

It clearly recalls the brand of anti-Japanese prejudice existing at the time and what the early Issei endured toiling under the hot sun of Central California. Only this year, the people of California repealed the same law, which had been made inoperative by a state supreme court decision and passage of the Walter-McCar-

ran Immigration and Nationality Act in 1952, which eliminated the racial bar to naturalization, thus kicking the teeth out of the 1920 law.

In reading over the following Letter to the Editor printed sometime before the 1920 elections, one may realize the hardships that the Japanese Americans faced. One cannot but appreciate the cordiality and acceptance of the community-at-large which greets the very same immigrants and their children today in the light of letters like these which were widely circulated at that time.

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Dear Ensign:

"Self preservation is nature's first law," and when any class of people, no matter from what country on earth they come, threatens to undermine us and become the landlords of our state and drive us out, we would not have the sense of dumb brutes if we did not adopt measures to protect ourselves and posterity from disaster.

The Japanese not only threaten to do this, but they have done it to the point of already controlling nearly one-sixth of the irrigated lands in California and are going ahead in the same direction by leaps and bounds.

This is our home and country—the only one we will ever have—and if we allow it to be taken from us, what will our posterity do for a place to live and a chance to make a living?

In Placer County, for instance, there are 20,000 acres of land under irrigation that can be farmed, and the Asiatics (mostly Japanese) own or control 17,000 of those acres, and in some other counties the situation is nearly as bad.

Suppose that was the situation in every county in California! Well may we stand aghast at the thought.

Can Manage Own Affair

Because the Japanese are willing to work from earliest of dawn to the darkest of night, instead of our customary eight hours a day, is no excuse whatever for allowing them to take our home and our country from us and drive us into the sea.

We have a right to manage

our own affairs in our own way without making excuse to any other nationality or accounting to it for our customs and habits.

Another reason (?) advanced by the Japs as to why they should be allowed to become possessors of all our agriculture land is that their women are nearly all farm laborers, while very few American women are willing to toil in the fields.

Again, I ask why should we change our customs and habits in our own country to please these Asiatic invaders?

No American has yet attempted to violate our treaty with Japan, which prohibits either from owning land in the country of the other, and no American is permitted to own or lease a foot of soil in the land of Cherry Blossoms; nor is he ever allowed to perform a day's work there and receive any compensation for same.

If Englishmen, Irishmen, Frenchmen, or any other nationality from any country in Europe threatened to swarm over us and become the landlords of California, we would apply the restrictive measures to them just as quickly as to the Asiatics who are undermining us.

Personally, I like the Japanese and employ them on my places, but even if they are our own blood relatives (as are the people of all European nations, in a sense) we could not allow them to take home and our country for "self preservation is nature's first law."

Race equality is a question for each nation to decide as it pleases, and Japan does so by not recognizing the Chinese or Hindus as

their equal.

Conditions in Hawaii

The Hawaiian Islands conditions today are a glowing example of what Japanese immigration with few strings tied to it will do. We call the islands ours; but behold! there are 115,000 Japanese there and about 10,000 Americans.

Whose territory would that be in case of war? And the Philippines are being swarmed over in like manner.

A prominent rancher, a good neighbor of mine, remarked recently (referring to the Japanese), "What would we do without them? Let the white inhabitants of Placer County answer by asking a better question: What are we going to do, now that the Asiatics have taken the earth away from us and

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19 Issei pioneers feted by JACLers

FOWLER—One of the grandest nights in Fowler JACL history was the Pioneer celebration in 1952, when the community honored 19 Issei who had spent 50 years of their lives in the United States.

Among them was Yakichi Honda, who was selected grand marshal for the 1952 Fowler Fall Festival parade. Others were K. Kamikawa, N. Nakagawa, O. Tanaka, S. Yokomi, L. Shimamoto, S. Onaka, W. T. Matsumoto, K. Kato, M. Yoshimoto, M. Toyama, H. Yamamoto, M. Miyake, K. Matsuoka, C. Ninomiya, S. Nakamura, T. Toyoda, Y. Kikuta and K. Kawano.

Issei 'Budo' Pickers of 1900s Stay, Establish Homes, Help City Prosper

FOWLER — Cruising over the so-called "fast, inside route" between Los Angeles and San Francisco, the average motorist probably misses the road-sign south of Fresno pointing eastward to Fowler. It is one of the many California communities which is being by-passed by modern highways.

While it escapes the heavy traffic of U.S. Highway 99, by no means is it a sleepy town. It is one of the key cities in San Joaquin Valley because of its quality and quantity of grapes, raisins and fruit crops. Fowler is located in the heart of Fresno County, probably the richest agricultural area for its size in the United States.

Fowler is named after State Sen. Tom Fowler, who was a great cattleman of San Joaquin Valley in the 1870s and fought a bitter battle for the "no fence laws" in the legislature.

In 1883, when the Pacific Improvement Co., a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific Railroad, laid the townsite and offered tracts for sale, a special trainload from San Francisco attended and over \$11,000 in lots were sold in a day.

By 1888 (when Fowler got its first post office), the land was being converted from sheep grazing lands to vineyards and orchards. The first grape crops were Muscats, then the Thompsons. Merchants and businessmen built its first packing house a year later—starting a prosperous industry that thrives to this day.

In 1904 came the first bank, then telephones the next year. A second bank was established in 1906, but merged with the first one two years later. It is now the Bank of America. In 1914, the Fowler Gas Works was organized.

Today, it is a thriving agricultural community, incorporated in 1907, with its present population of 2,000 residents.

California may be better known by picturesque San Francisco or glamorous Hollywood, but its agricultural production has been outstanding since the Franciscan missionaries introduced farming into Alta California in the 18th century.

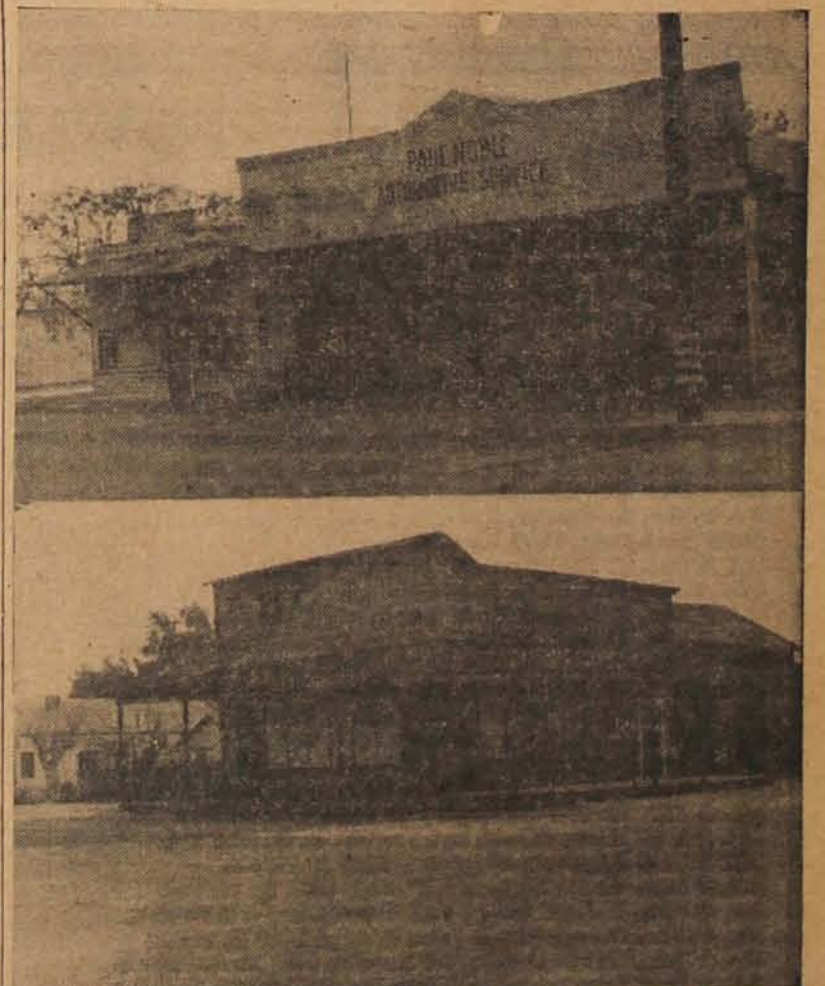
The use of raisins as food, we learn, is of great antiquity as references are made in the Old Testament. In medieval times, raisins were imported from Spain as luxury items by the English, who still are among the best customers of raisin-producing regions.

And it was in the 1900s that the first Japanese immigrants came to Fowler to pick the famous grapes—"budo," if we say it in Japanese. Principal ranchers of that period, a Mr. Gower, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Giffen, employed the young Issei to harvest the grapes. Many stayed, established homes, went into other businesses or started their own vineyards and farms to help make the community of Fowler prosper.

Today, a majority of the Japanese who stayed and raised their families here made possible the selection of Fowler as a community to be featured in this year's Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue.

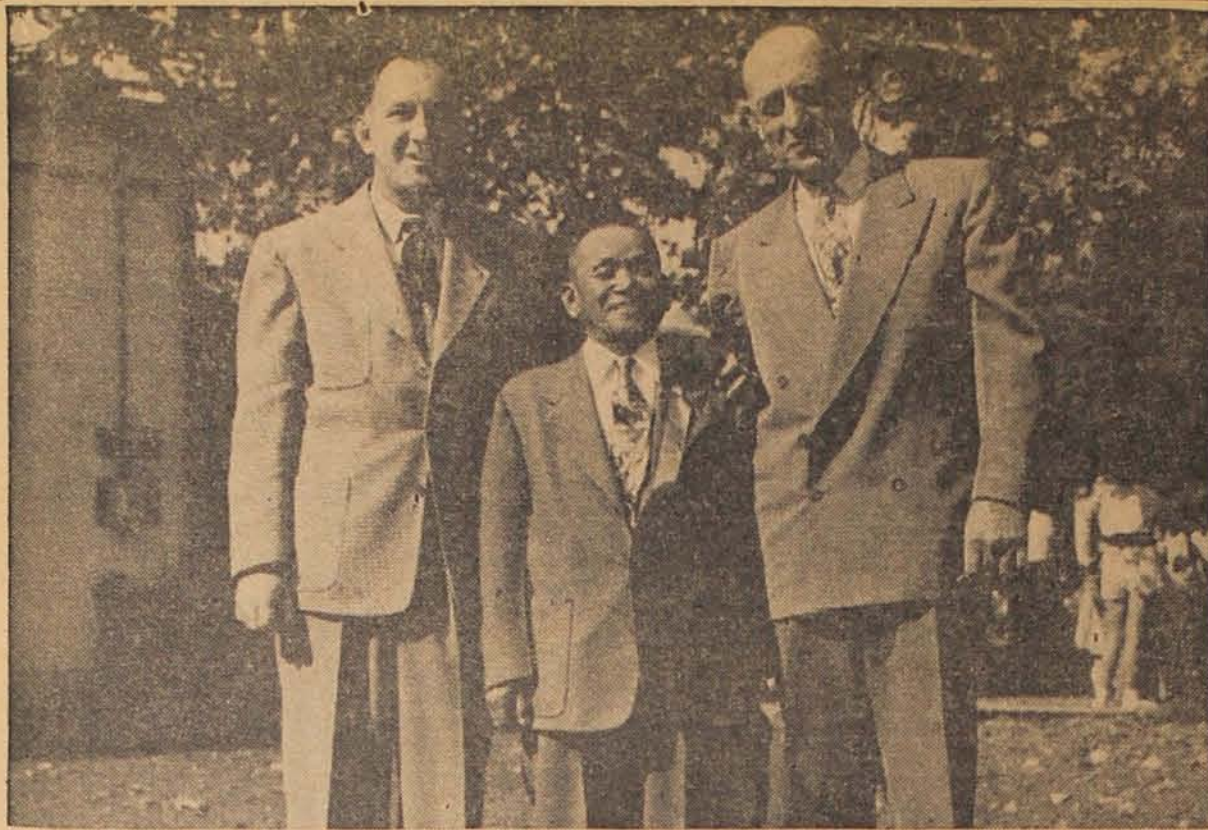
Fowler boasts two modern elementary schools, its high school, an active chamber of commerce, two service clubs, and a progressive community newspaper. (The Fowler Ensign), with two Nisei on the staff—Seico Hahashiro on the editorial staff, and Peter Togami, a linotyper from Hawaii.

Among the 15 community churches here are two Japanese congregations. (Continued On Next Page)



Now owned by Paul Noble (top photo), the old Hirasuna Garage faces the old U.S. Highway 99 and the little wooden building to its left was a popular Nisei hangout. The corner building (bottom photo) once housed the Iwamoto General Store, then became Kamiseno Grocery, and later the ABC Pool Hall.

—Tom Toyama Photo



Fowler Fall Festival's First Issei Grand Marshal

Yakichi Honda (center), first Issei to become grand marshal of the annual Fowler Fall Festival in 1952, stands between Joe Stucky (left) of the Festival Committee and Fowler Mayor Buchanan.

—Paulo Takahashi Photo

Made Batteries for Autos Once to Establish Garage

The story of Yakichi Honda becoming the first Issei to be honored as grand marshal of the annual Fowler Fall Festival in 1952 is symbolic of the the successful integration of Japanese Americans in this agricultural community south of Fresno.

The Issei pioneer came to Fowler in 1905 and two years later took over a vineyard near Bowles, where he labored until 1917. He then came back to Fowler, took up a trade as a maker of automobile batteries when motor vehicles were still an item of luxury. Going into his own business, his establishment became known as Hon-

da's Garage, which is still in operation today under the management of his two sons.

The venerable man remembers a time when a non-Japanese competitor had spread the word around the community not to buy any batteries from the "Jap." But through the kind influence of a Mr. Gower, Fowler High School purchased the Issei-made batteries to help break down anti-Japanese business prejudices.

Between the slack periods at the battery shop, he engaged in seasonal agricultural work, such as making cuttings for vineyard

and fruit orchard farmers.

In his unassuming manner, he was civic minded and did much to strengthen the stability of the Japanese community in Fowler. He was highly respected by his Caucasian friends and a lay leader for the Fowler Buddhist Church.

At home, he was the father of four sons and seven daughters, two of whom having died in the meantime.

Fowler's so-called Japanese community in the prewar years, as Mr. Honda recalls now, included three grocery stores still in operation today that were established by Issei—then known as Kamiseno Co., Kondo's Grocery, and H. Sumida's Store; the ABC Pool Hall, Kasamatsu Pool Hall, Kimura Noodle Shop, Bungo Store, two tofu makers—Omokawa and Watanabe, Kinoshita Cycle Shop, Ochi Bros. Garage, Hirasuna Garage, and Kikuta's Laundry.

FOWLER ISSEI STORY:

From Stoop Laborers To Shopkeepers

FOWLER—It was not long after the first group of Japanese farm hands came to pick grapes here in the 1900s when a so-called Japanese town appeared. Typical of many California farming communities between 1900 and 1930, enterprising Issei opened shops and boarding houses, after coming here first as laborers.

Old-timers recall names like Yamagata, Kuramoto, S. Toyama, G. Kanenaga, Hayashida and S. Ginoza running the boarding houses. There were at least five grocery firms: H. Sumida, Kondo's, Iwamoto, K. Kimura and Bungo's; four bean-cake (tofu) makers, Omokawa, Watanabe, Soga and Harada. The Kinoshita's and Ochi's had cycle shops and the Kikuta's ran a hand laundry.

By the 1920s, there were six Issei—Ninomiya, Kono, Tokio Shirakawa, Oda, M. Toyama and H. Kimura—who managed labor camps housing farm hands.

S. Ginoza also worked at the Fowler Meat Market, where they used to butcher the hogs for local consumption. Yakichi Honda had started his battery works in 1916—oldest Japanese business firm in Fowler still in operation as a garage with his two sons, Floyd Y. and Harry, in charge. Today, it is among the more modern garages in the community. Ochi Bros., Fujiwara and Hirasuna are also in the garage business.

Probably the uprooting of the entire Japanese American community by evacuation explains the present count of only 50 families resettling here. A similar drop in the number of Japanese-operated businesses is also noted since the war.

Whereas Issei in the 1920s, unable to speak English well, opened their shops of various kinds here, the English-speaking Nisei are fewer in numbers today with their own stores. It sticks with the trend of the times: small businesses are just not popular any more.

Since 1946, when the resettlement of Fowler by Japanese Americans was permitted, the extent of Nisei business and professional practices has been either farming or the services. Harry Hiraoka and Kay Hiyama were the first Nisei to return.

Howard Renge was the first Ni-

sei lawyer in Fowler. Tom Kamikawa has his grocery store; Nakagawa has his recreation hall; a co-op store for Central California farmers, a tofu company and George Shimoda with a body and fender shop.

Kiyoshi Renge owns property in the business part of town, where the library and several shops are situated.

On the farms, many Nisei have bought their land, built modern homes on them and are helping to push the economic life of Fowler. The Nisei farmer is appreciative of the atmosphere created by the repeal of the alien land law at the last elections. Where life on the farm when the law was in force seemed insecure, they want to progress and expand today.

Evacuation has all but eliminated the so-called Japanese town. In place of it are the Nisei farmers and businessmen who are well integrated in the community.

JACL chapter in community focus

FOWLER—Playing worthy roles in the Japanese American community are the various church social and fraternal organizations. The focal group happens to be the Fowler JACL chapter, which embraces the majority.

At the Fowler Buddhist Church are the Friendship Society, Young Buddhist Associates, Jr. YBA as well as Issei societies.

At the Fowler Free Methodist Church are groups for the Issei and Nisei.

The Fowler Sportsmen are for fishing enthusiasts.



Kyoichi Fujito

First Issei citizen served in 1st War

FOWLER—The first Fowler Issei to be naturalized was H. Sumida, now of Berkeley, who was granted his citizenship by virtue of service in the U. S. armed forces in the first World War.

H. Oba, who is a Fowler resident today, also won his U. S. citizenship by service in WW1. Kyoichi Fujito is the oldest, being 84 at the time of naturalization. Mrs. Taka Taniguchi was the first Issei woman citizen.

COMMUNITY —

(Continued from Preceding Page) gations: the Free Methodist and Buddhist. The Japanese American Citizens League chapter here is the only active civic organization composed of a racial minority.

A number of Nisei have served on the city council in recent years. Floyd Yoshio Honda, a current member, presides as mayor pro-tem.

Aiding in the business life of the city are Mrs. Roy Kato and Shigeo Hashizuma with the Bank of America and Mrs. Richard Iwamoto, secretary at the Fowler Packing House, which ships to east coast and Hawaiian markets.

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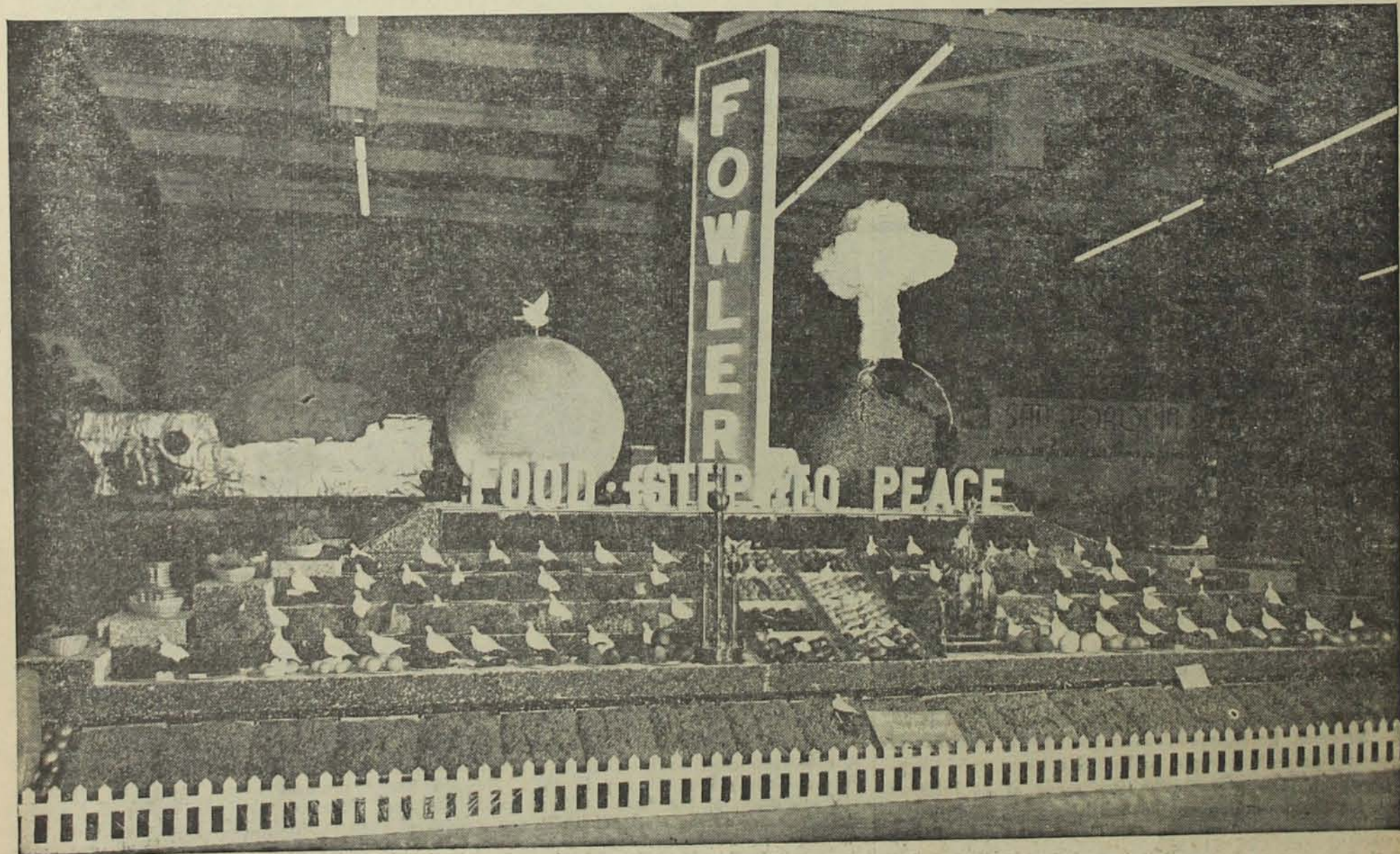


COMMUNITY PUBLIC RELATIONS AT ITS GRANDEST PEAK

While most chapters engaged in the lighter side of programming during the summers, Fowler JACL was busy preparing their community booth for the Fresno Fair District, annually held in late September and early October. Both the 1954 (top) and 1955 (bottom) entries won the L. A. Crow perpetual trophy, awarded for the most original

booth utilizing an agricultural theme. Co-sponsored with the Fowler Chamber of Commerce, Setsu Kikuta chaired the 1954 committee; Tom Shirakawa, the 1955 committee. Both displays evoked a vote of thanks from the Fowler City Council as well as many unsolicited comments commending the chapter for its excellent design and workmanship.

—Photo courtesy: Fowler Ensign

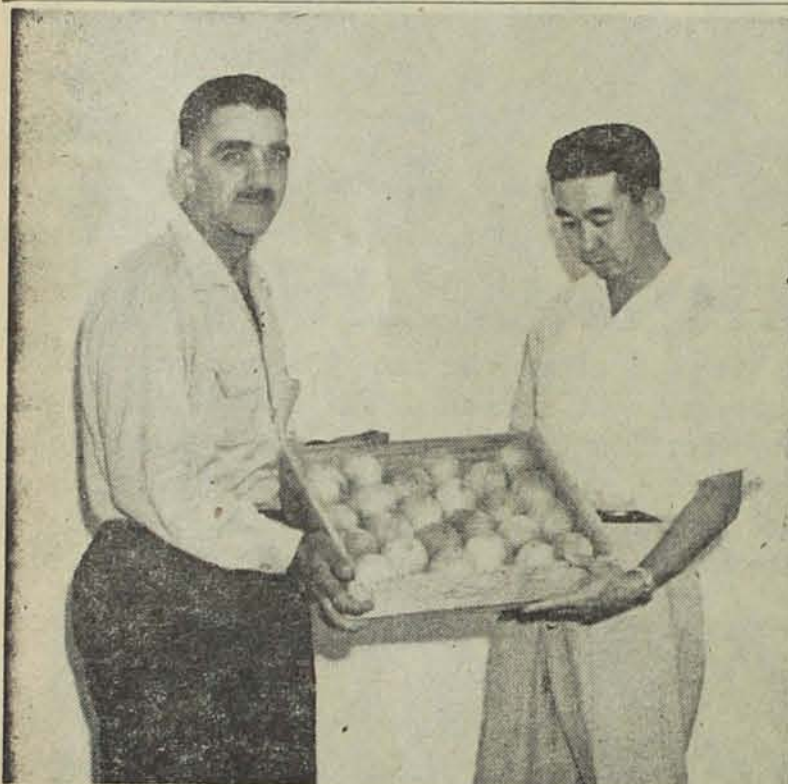


FOWLER NISEI STORY:

Share in Civic Affairs



When Harry Hiraoka was president of the Fowler Lions, he presented a check to Cameron Woods, coordinator of high school activities, towards the Fowler High Stadium fund.



Receiving items for the Fowler booth at the Fresno District Fair is Tom Shirakawa (right), general chairman of the 1955 event.



After a four-year lapse, Fowler JACL designed, constructed and gathered agricultural products which were used in the 1954 Fresno District Fair booth. For their outstanding community effort and in recognition of their winning first prize, C. D. Simonian (left), president of the Fowler Chamber of Commerce, presents a trophy to Tom Kamikawa, 1955 chapter president. The presentation was made at an informal dinner for those working on the booth.

—Cut Courtesy: Fowler Ensign

FOWLER.—If you're walking down the main street of Fowler, you will see people of various extractions: Armenian, Japanese, Mexican, Negro and Caucasian. The Nisei constitutes the majority of the Oriental population — although he knows the other ethnic groups outnumber him.

The Nisei also knows, but with a pinch of pride, his group is well-schooled, church-going and law-abiding. The average educational achievement for Fowler Nisei stands between high school diploma and a college degree. Filial piety as taught in the home and churches is recognized by their behavior in public.

Fowler is rightfully proud of its Nisei, too. And to show what that means, a sketch of what some of the Nisei are and have been doing may tell the story. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shirakawa are a highly respected Nisei couple in Fowler. Tom, an insurance man by profession, was the first person of Japanese ancestry elected to the Fowler City Council and believed to be the first Japanese American chosen to such a post in the United States. He was vice-commander of the local American Legion and managed a Little League baseball team for the Fowler Chamber of Commerce, winning the title in 1952-55. His wife was vice-president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Floyd Y. Honda, on the city council, is this year's mayor pro-tem. The garage owner is active in the Fowler Lions and a former C. of C. secretary-treasurer.

There are two Nisei attorneys practicing here. Howard Renge, who acted as city attorney at times, is the city safety director. The former high school teacher at Jerome WRA Relocation Center also served as C. of C. vice-president, interpreter-translator at the war crimes tribunal in Tokyo and with the Far East Command legal section, while in the service. A scoutmaster, his wife shares comparable duties as a Cub Scout den mother. The newcomer in the legal profession is Mikio Uchiyama, secretary of the Fowler Lions, past president of the Fowler (Buddhist) Friendship Society, and member of the Sierra VFW in Fresno.

A former Fowler Lions president peach-grower Harry Hiraoka is a



This brick building is a familiar Fowler landmark to many Nisei who worshipped there on Sundays at Buddhist services and on Saturdays as the Japanese language school. The hall also served as a theater for one-night stands of Japanese movies.

—Tom Toyama Photo

member of the Fowler Elementary School board of trustees, serving as chairman in 1955. He is also salary and athletics commissioner for the Fresno County School Trustees Association.

Tom Kamikawa, a grocer, is active with the C. of C., a Boy Scout committeeman and former lion-tamer for the local Lions.

Frank Sakohira is a 25-year veteran in scouting. A farmer, he belongs to the Lions, was a Fowler Fall Festival parade chairman and worked as a translator during World War II for the Columbia University language department.

Also prominent in the Boy Scout movement today are farmer Tom Nakamura, an Eagle Scout, who is assistant scoutmaster of the local troop, which is racially integrated. George Teraoka is the Cub Scout chairman. Known for his toastmaster abilities, Teraoka is also the lone Nisei radio amateur in Fowler (W6PUC). He led the California delegation attending the Hawaii Buddhist Federation convention last summer.

Dr. George Miyake, a member of Gov. Knight's Conference of Education and of Children and Youth, is currently president of the Central California Optometric Society. He was recently elected regional vice-president of the Univ. of California School of Optometry Alumni Association.

Harley Nakamura, belonging to the Associated Farmers, is active

with the local Democratic Club. Kay Hiyama is a member of the California Fruit and Tree Association.

The housewives are also active in the community. Mrs. Betty Mayebo was elected president of the Iowa Community Ladies Club. She and Mrs. Alyce Taniguchi help in the Brownie programs. Mrs. Kay Hiyama, Mrs. Haruo Yoshimoto and Mrs. Yoshiye Miyake are active in the Fowler Girl Scout and Cub Scout programs. Mrs. Masao Nakamura, and Mrs. Larry Ashida are Cub Pack den mothers.



Floyd Y. Honda
Mayor Pro-tem This Year



A reference shelf on the Japanese Americans was established by the Fowler branch of the Fresno County Free Library in 1955. Howard Renge presents bound copies of previous Holiday Issues of the Pacific Citizen to the librarian. Also available are copies of the official minutes of the National JACL conventions of 1948 to 1954, JACL brochure, "Case for the Nisei": a brief submitted to the Supreme Court; and "They Work for Victory": story of Japanese Americans in the war effort.—Cut Courtesy: Fowler Ensign.



Dr. George Miyake (1952)



Harley Nakamura (1953)



Howard Renge (1954)



Tom Kamikawa (1955)



Tom Shirakawa (1956)

Fowler JACL well integrated in community life, only in 5th year

FWLER—With a hearty assist from the then Mayor H. H. Kasparian of Fowler, a group of Nisei gathered at the local Japanese hall to organize the Fowler JACL in June, 1952. The mayor encouraged the group to be representative of the Japanese ancestry in the agricultural community.

Dr. George Miyake, an optometrist, who served as temporary chairman of the first meeting, was elected as its president and by the end of the first year, 116 members had been registered by Frank Sakohira and his membership committee.

After the harvest season, the chapter prepared for its first inaugural dinner on Nov. 8 at the Hotel Californian in Fresno. Invited were 75 guests, many of whom were civic dignitaries, public officials and non-Japanese friends of the Fowler Japanese community. Tom Shirakawa and Harry Hiraoka co-chaired the five-star attraction.

It was the first time in local Japanese history that their Caucasian neighbors were invited to a social function. The dinner also honored Issei pioneers who had spent at least 50 years of their lives in the United States, paid recognition to the newly-elected chapter officers, honored those who assisted in the initial fund drive and celebrated the establishment of a JACL chapter.

Fowler was also represented at the 1952 national convention in San Francisco by its president and Tom Shirakawa. Adding a bit of local color to the promotion of the convention was the Henry Ohye trophy air race in which two ex-Fowlerites, Todd and Nobuo Nishina, were flying contestants.

Besides taking active part in the Central California District affairs, the local chapter began its family night series by sponsoring a Christmas party for the children that December. It has become traditional since that time.

Harley Nakamura, a farmer by profession, was the second chapter president, assisted by Kay Hiyama in charge of membership. With naturalization of Issei permitted through passage of the Walter McCarran Act, a local class to instruct old-time residents was chaired by Tom Kamikawa. Past president Dr. Miyake took over twin duties: scholarship and fund drive chairmanships.

The first Fowler JACL Scholarship winner was Ruby Nakagawa, Fowler High School valedictorian. The chapter grieved at the untimely death of two of its most outstanding members in 1953, George Kondo and Mrs. Mitsuko Wada.

Another highlight of the year was the Fowler bowling team, captained by Tom Mukai, which won honors for the chapter.

Howard Renge assumed the top reins in 1954, assisted by Shig Uchiyama in charge of membership. Harley Nakamura took over the important JACL Endowment Fund drive locally. Yuko Tsuchiguchi was named second chapter scholarship winner.

Kyoichi Fujito, 85, who received his American citizenship, became the oldest member of the chapter.

Boosting chapter public relations were entries in the Fresno District Fair in conjunction with the local chamber of commerce. Setsu Kikuta co-chaired this successful venture in fair competition

after several years' absence. Fowler JACL also donated four books about the Nisei to the local county free library branch.

Tom Kamikawa, a grocer, was elected president in 1955 with Tom Nakamura in charge of membership.

The Fowler scholarship committee, this year, opened competition to all, regardless of race, creed or color and Floyd Hida was selected.

Tom Shirakawa, who chaired the Fowler booth at the Fresno District Fair, accepted the Crow perpetual trophy for the second consecutive year. Business meetings

also featured speakers from the Fresno State College department of Agriculture.

This past year, insurance man Tom Shirakawa headed the chapter. James Renge was membership chairman. Joining other JACL chapters in early January, Fowler contributed to the Marseville-Yuba City flood relief fund.

Dr. George Miyake was appointed 1000 Club chairman. Fowler scholarship was won by Manuel Tovar, a Spanish American, in 1956 the first time a non-Nisei was judged winner.

While foregoing the Fowler

booth in the Fresno District Fair this year, the chapter did not abandon civic responsibility entirely as it contributed to the Fowler Improvement Association in the city beautification program, and donated heavily to the Fowler Community Hospital.

In celebrating its fifth anniversary at the local park, over 175 attended the barbecue steak dinner.

This, in a nutshell, highlights the variety of activities which has made Fowler JACL a well integrated organization in the farming community here.

—By Tom Toyama



The Asoka Home was established to house the aging Issei.

—Kamiyama Photo



Dedication of the Fowler Free Methodist Church in 1953.

NISEI HONOR ROLL OF SERVICEMEN

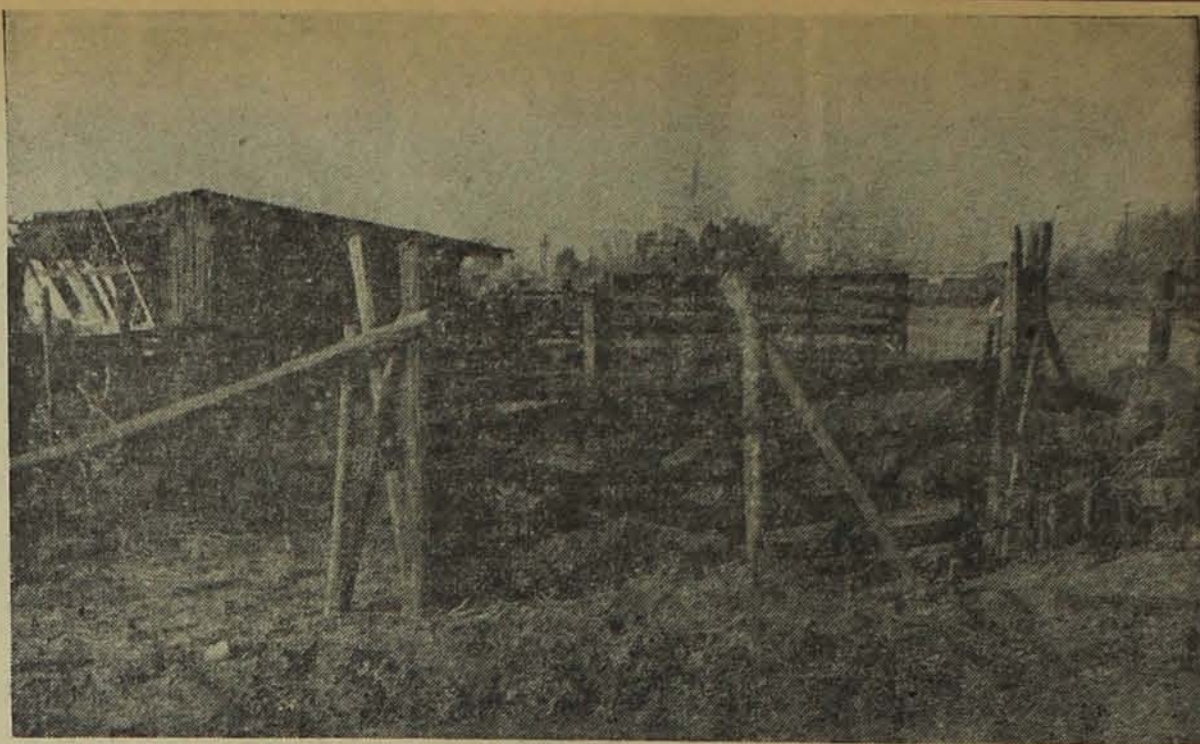
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As is true of many Japanese American committees, a good percentage of its stalwart young men of Fowler were called to serve this country in time of war and peace. Over 100 Nisei, who served during World War II, the Korean hostilities or who are in the U.S. armed forces at the present time, have provided another phase of the successful integration of its Japanese American segment into the stream of community life.

In honor of the Nisei veterans and servicemen from the Fowler district, this special feature dedicated to the community of Fowler would not be complete without listing them at this time. (*—Killed in action.)

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Fred Harada	George Harada	Haruo Yoshimoto
Tommy Mukai	Hiro Toyama	Tom Tanimoto



What appears to be unattended wooden gate ready to fall apart when this picture was taken was the site of the old Fowler Japanese baseball park. It was later converted by the city for sewer dumping and the shack recalls its more recent usage as the horse and mule farm.

—Tom Toyama Photo

Fishing main recreation for Fowlerites

Probably the most notable form of weekend recreation for Nisei in Fowler today is fishing.

There is a Nisei Sportsman Club, largely composed of those interested in fishing. Enjoying the needed respite from work with a change of scenery away from home, they have been concentrating their fishing at Frank's Tract—favorite and well-known striped bass haunt on the San Joaquin River near Stockton, and at Pismo Beach on the Pacific seashore for clams and surf fish.

For the non-fishing fans, many Issei and Nisei find pleasant hours relaxing in front of their television sets, which at times can pick up programs from either San Francisco or Los Angeles—some 200 miles away. Unlike the Nisei

living in cities where socials open to the public seem to be sponsored every weekend, the Fowlerites take to movies, books, hobbies and spectator sports.

There are many scenic spots nearby that attract weekenders like Yosemite and Sequoia national parks. And for those planning week-long vacations, the attractions of Southern as well as Northern California are well within one-day driving distance. It is not uncommon to find Nisei taking off for the Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles Coliseum, Santa Cruz, or Kezar Stadium in San Francisco on overnight trips.

While the Issei in former years were active in judo, kendo or sumo—typically Japanese sporting events, the Nisei of today go for football, basketball, baseball, track,

bowling, skiing in the High Sierras, water skiing at Lake Millerton (the huge man-made body of water behind Friant Dam) and boating.

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While it is regrettable, three of the active charter JACLers of Parlier Chapter couldn't be present for this special photo for Pacific Citizen's 1956 Holiday Issue, in the back row are (left to right) Ralph Kimoto, Gerald Ogata, Harris Tanaka, Byrd Kumataka and James Kozuki; sitting are Harry Nakata, Mrs. Sue Miyakawa, Eleanor Doi, and Sadao Kakutani. Missing are Mrs. Kayte Ogata, Akira Chiamori and Alice Hirata.

Parlier Introduces Charter 'Old Timers'

PARLIER.—There are still 12 members in the Parlier JACL at the present time with the distinction of being among those who first organized the chapter in 1935.

During the war years when the local chapter was deactivated, James Kozuki, Akira Chiamori and Eleanor Doi maintained their JACL membership with National Headquarters as Associates. Strictly speaking, these would be members with 20 years of continuous membership.

But the other nine, Byrd Kumataka, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Ogata, Harris Tanaka, Mrs. Sue Miyakawa, Ralph T. Kimoto, Mrs. Alice T. Hirata, Sadao Kakutani and Harry Nakata, have been members as long as Parlier chapter existed.

As charter members of the organization, the Parlier JACL is happy to introduce these 12 "old-timers" for the 1956 Holiday Issue.

—Kazuo Komoto

Harris Tanaka

(Parlier JACL)

7368 S. Mendocino Av., Parlier Cal.
Born: June 24, 1916, at Lindsay; parents Hatsuzo and Yeka Tanaka; married Hisako Niino, daughter (6 mos.); graduated Selma High School.

Occupation: Farmer (vineyard, orchard).

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935.

JACL Activities: 1942, 1st v.p.;

1950, 2nd v.p.; 1955, treas.

Other Membership

Fresno Japanese Congregational Church, board of directors.

Tsuyako Sue Miyakawa

(Parlier JACL)

P.O. Box 507, Parlier, Calif.

Born: July 17, 1917, at Reedley; parents Unosuke and Hide Yamashiro; married Norman Miyakawa, daughter (9), son (3); graduated Reedley High School, attended Reedley Jr. College.

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935.

JACL Activities: 1938, lit. chmn.; 1956, 2nd v.p.; 1956, Aux. chmn.

Other Memberships

American Legion Auxiliary, finance chmn., executive board.

Parlier School P-TA.

Parlier YABS.

Ralph T. Kimoto

(Parlier JACL)

7423 S. Smith Ave., Parlier, Calif.

Born: Jan. 20, 1916, at Fresno; parents Kenichi and Shinayo Kimoto; married Aki Kodama, three sons (8, 4, 2) and daughter (7); graduated Parlier High School, attended Cal Aggie.

Occupation: Farmer (vineyard, orchard).

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935; 3rd year 1000 Club.

JACL Activities: 1940-1, cor.

sec.; 1949, 2nd v.p.; 1950, cor. sec.; 1951, hist.; 1952, 2nd v.p.; 1953-4, 1st v.p.; 1956, pres.

Other Memberships

Parlier Buddhist Church.

Parlier American Legion.

Farm Bureau.

Military Service

Army, 54 months.

Alice T. Hirata

(Parlier JACL)

13566 E. Dinuba Ave., Parlier, Cal.

Born: Aug. 22, 1914, at Lindsay; parents Hatsuzo and Yeka Tanaka; married George Hirata, son (21), daughter (10); graduated Kingsburg High School, attended Reedley Jr. College.

Occupation: Housewife.

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935.

Other Memberships

Fresno Japanese Methodist Church.

Parlier Community Methodist Church, Sunday School teacher.

Parlier School P-TA.

Sadao Kakutani

(Parlier JACL)

15914 E. Adams Ave., Parlier, Cal.

Born: Sept. 29, 1909, at Fresno; parents Sojiro and Setsu Kakutani (both deceased); married Tadako Okumoto, son (21), four daughters (19, 18, 15, 14), attended 10 years of schooling.

Occupation: Farmer (vineyard, orchard).

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JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935; 1st year 1000 Club.

JACL Activities: 1949, treas.

Other Membership
Parlier Buddhist Church.

Harry Nakata

(Parlier JACL)

13216 S. Zediker Ave.,
Kingsburg, Calif.

Born: May 28, 1915, at Lindsay; parents Kuichi and Motono Nakata; graduated Kingsburg High School, attended Cal Aggie.

Occupation: Farmer (vineyard orchard).

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935.

JACL Activities: 1956, soc. chmn.

Other Membership
Parlier Buddhist Church
Military Service
Army, four years.

James Kozuki

(Parlier JACL)

15008 E. Lincoln Ave., Parlier, Cal.

Born: Aug. 14, 1911, at Stockton; parents Ikusaburo and Chika Kozuki (both deceased); married Irene Arifuku, three sons and two daughters; graduated Parlier High School.

Occupation: Farmer (vineyard, orchard).

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935; Nat'l Associate Member during WW2

period; 4th year 1000 Club.

JACL Activities: 1935-37, treas.; 1938, pres.; 1939, 2nd v.p.; 1940, 1st v.p.; 1941-48, pres.; 1949, alt. del.; 1950, del.; 1951, treas.; 1952, alt. del.; 1955, soc. chmn.

Memorable JACL Events

1. Report of passage of Walter-McCarran Act during 1952 convention.

2. Receiving the 20th Anniversary Award for Outstanding Service at the Parlier 20th Anniversary banquet in 1955.

3. Wartime term of presidency during 1941-48.

Other Membership
Parlier Baptist Church.

Eleanor Doi

(Parlier JACL)

7603 S. Zediker Ave., Parlier

Born: June 24, 1917, at Sanger; parents Tonokichi and Kinuyo Doi (mother deceased); graduated Parlier High School, attended Arizona State at Tempe.

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935; Nat'l Associate Member during WW2 period.

JACL Activities: 1935-6, cor. sec.; 1938-39, cor. sec.; 1940, rec. sec.; CCDC hist., 1948-52.

Akira Chiamori

(Parlier JACL)

9439 S. Newmark, Parlier, Calif.

Born: Aug. 3, 1910, at Fowler; parents Tamigoro and Chisato

Chiamori; married Toyoko Hamada, daughter (18), son (16); graduated Parlier High School.

Occupation: Farmer (vineyard, orchard).

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935; Nat'l Associate Member during WW2 period; 1st year 1000 Club.

JACL Activities: 1935-36, pres.; 1938, treas.; 1939, pres.; 1940, treas.; 1941, 1st v.p.; 1942, 2nd v.p.; 1942, 2nd v.p.; 1949, pres.; 1950, alt. del.

Other Memberships
Parlier Buddhist Church.
Parlier Lions Club.

Byrd Kumataka

(Parlier JACL)

P.O. Box 456, Parlier, Calif.

Born: Dec. 5, 1914, at Caruthers; parents Takeichi and Tomiko Kumataka (father deceased); married Tomiko Masumoto, four daughters (11, 9, 7, 4) and one son (2); graduated from Reedley High School, attended Reedley Jr. College.

Occupation: Farmer, Trucking.

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935; 3rd year 1000 Club.

JACL Activities: 1935-36, 1st v.p.; 1937, pres.; 1938-9, 1st v.p.; 1940, pres.; 1941, sec.; 1949, del.; 1953, hist.; 1955, hist.

Other Membership
Fresno Japanese Methodist Church.Military Service
Army, 50 months.

Kayte K. Ogata

(Parlier JACL)

14794 E. Adams Ave., Parlier, Cal.

Born: Dec. 13, 1917; parents Shintaro and Yeto Kimura (mother deceased); married Gerald M. Ogata, two sons (21, 16); attended Parlier High School.

Occupation: Housewife.

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935.

Gerald M. Ogata

(Parlier JACL)

14794 E. Adams Ave., Parlier, Cal.

Born: Mar. 30, 1913, at Selma;

parents Kazuo and Waki Ogata (both deceased); married Kayte Kimura, two sons (21, 16); graduated Parlier High School.

Occupation: Farmer (vineyard, orchard).

JACL Membership: Charter member, Parlier JACL, 1935; 4th year 1000 Club.

JACL Activities: 1949, 1st v.p.; 1950, treas.; 1951, del.; 1952, pres.; 1953, del.; 1954-55, alt. del.

Memorable JACL Event

1. Report of passage of Walter-McCarran Act at 1952 Convention.

Other Membership
Parlier Buddhist Church.

BILL YAMAUCHI—RUBY PIN HOLDER, OUTSTANDING POCATELLO JACL-ER

POCATELLO — One of these days in a future Holiday Edition of the Pacific Citizen, there will be due recognition given to our JACL Ruby Pin holders—which symbolizes outstanding service for the welfare of Japanese Americans.

Pocatello JACL's outstanding old-timer is the Utah-born Y. William Yamauchi of Rt. 2, North Pocatello, where he has been farming for the past 12 years. A Ruby Pin winner, Bill has been a charter member of the Salt Lake JACL since 1935, serving as chapter president in 1937.

Even after being elected to district and national cabinet posts in subsequent years, Bill again served as chapter president of Pocatello only last year, at which time he was conferred the highly coveted ruby-crested JACL pin for his many years of loyalty to the organization, deliberating the problems of Nisei at district and national conventions.

When JACL chapters on the west coast were folding up because of evacuation and National Headquarters had to relocate from San Francisco to Salt Lake City in 1942, Bill was chairman of the Intermountain District Council at the time.

It was the period when the IDC "rescued" National and sustained operations by supporting it finan-

cially single-handedly as the three district councils on the Pacific coast were deactivated.

When the first postwar national JACL convention met in 1946 at Denver, Bill was elected secretary to the national board—first JACL-er outside of the West Coast to attain such national recognition.

When dynamic issues which welded JACL into a strong unit faded after passage of the Walter-McCarran Act in 1952, Bill chaired the IDC convention the following year to stimulate continuing interest in the organization.

Not one to be content with only his livelihood and immediate Japanese American neighbors, Bill has been active in civic affairs—the most notable being his presidency for the Tyhee County Farm Bureau in 1954.

His wife Sanaye, whom he married at Salt Lake City in 1937, is equally conscious of community work, serving on the P-TA for 12 years. She was elected a state board member and served as president for a term. For the past two years, she has been teaching in the elementary grades.

Bill and Sanaye (nee Tanabe) have three children, Claire, 17; Mitzi, 15, and Ray, 12.

Bill was born on May 16, 1910, at Lewiston, Utah. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Yamauchi, are deceased.

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33. Toshio Oda

After the minutes of the first Parlier JACL meeting of Aug. 25, 1935, were affixed the signature of 33 charter members — of which 12 are still active in the same chapter. Although inactive during the war years, the chapter was reactivated when Japanese Americans were allowed to resettle in California and in February, 1955, celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Sonoma County CL Proud Of 3 Accomplishments

SANTA ROSA. — The Sonoma County JACL Chapter will be remembered for three outstanding accomplishments made during 1956. First, the chapter enjoyed one of the most active years in the history of the organization. Then, there were 286 on its membership rolls—a figure never before attained by the chapter. Lastly, the general membership voted to establish a special fund which will eventually result in a purchase of an income property building. This building would include sufficient facilities for a JACL office, a meeting room as well as several units which can be rented out to business firms.

Activities sponsored by the chapter during the year were planned with the intent to appeal to all age-groups. Besides the various events a general business meeting was conducted the first Friday of each month.

The success of the JACL program for 1956 can be attributed to the dynamic leadership of Edwin Ohki, chapter president, and his staff of officers.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, the annual installation and pot luck dinner was held at the local Memorial Hall with Tak Kameoka as chairman. Despite the inclement weather over 250 persons were in attendance. Edwin Ohki was installed as president with the following officers to assist him: 1st vice-pres., Beth Yamaoka; 2nd vice-pres., George Hamamoto; 3rd vice-pres., Frank Oda; rec. sec., Johnny Arishita; cor. sec., Anne Ohki; treas., James Miyano; historian, Tak Kameoka and recreation chmn., Kahemi Ono.

Board members installed were James Murakami, Charles Yamamoto, Art Sugiyama, George Yokoyama, Fred Sugahara, Ed Kawaka, Pat Shimizu, Tom Shimizu, Sam Miyano, Iwazo Hamamoto, Henry Shimizu and Roy E. Yamamoto.

The Women's Auxiliary officers were also installed at this affair.

To encourage active participation in community activities on individual basis the first Outstanding Community Service Award was presented to Pat Shimizu, while George Miyano and Sugar Sueoka were presented Community Service of Merit Awards. In addition to the most active JACL'er in community affairs the Outstanding JACL'er

Award was presented to Anne Ohki.

Following the installation a hilarious skit and entertainment was presented by the members. Monetary contributions and 21 boxes of bedding and clothing were collected for the flood victims of the Yuba and Marysville areas. The following day three carloads of local members traveled to the flood area to give the items collected.

The annual installation and community potluck dinner is by far one of the outstanding events held by the local chapter.

During January, February and March the membership drive was conducted in a house-to-house canvass under the direction of Beth Yamaoka, George Hamamoto and Frank Oda. Being a county-wide organization the area covered was extensive. This year for the first time the membership drive extended to adjoining counties which included Mendocino County in the north and Napa County toward the east. These areas were covered by Johnnie Hirooka.

The highlights of the remaining activities included the following:

February 5—N.C.-W.N. District Council meeting in Richmond with Ed Ohki and Beth Yamaoka as official delegates. Boosters included Jim Miyano, Anne Ohki and Frank Oda. The local chapter was named second place winners in the "Chapter of the Year" Contest.

Sonoma's Auxiliary provided feminine touch for Chapter

SANTA ROSA—The year of 1956 will draw the curtain to a successful conclusion for the second year of existence for the Sonoma County JACL Women's Auxiliary. Looking back through the pages of its activities the local group has assisted the main chapter whenever the feminine touch was needed. A successful program of activities was also conducted for its own group.

Perhaps by far the most outstanding affair presented by the Auxiliary was the Community Christmas Party held in December of 1955. Gifts for children as well as adults were presented. Games,

A strongly worded telegram of protest sent to the Editor of Newsweek regarding publication of the Lincoln Yamamoto letter in February.

April—Some 75 male members departing from the usual activities enjoyed a "Stag Nite" with Johnnie Hirooka and George Hamamoto in charge. What was featured still remains a deep mystery.

May 20 — Ed Ohki and Sam Miyano as officials and Anne Ohki, Clara Miyano and Frank Oda attended the second quarterly meeting of the N.C.-W.N. District Council at San Jose. Oda was elected treasurer of the district council at this meeting.

May 26 — The Sonoma County JACL Bowling League held its annual dinner at the Green Mill with bowlers, sponsors and guests present to celebrate the successful conclusion of the winter season. Holsum Eggs won the championship trophy. New officers of the bowling league elected were George Hamamoto, pres.; Johnnie Hirooka, vice-pres.; and Anne Ohki, sec. and treas.

June 16 — A dance was sponsored by the local chapter honoring the graduates of this area at the local Memorial Hall with Johnnie Hirooka and Harry Sugiyama as co-chairmen. Some 100 persons were in attendance at this orchestra dance.

June 22—A "bon voyage" dinner was held at the Green Mill

carol singing capped by delicious refreshments served by the auxiliary members completed this program.

In January the newly-elected officers of the auxiliary were installed in joint installation ceremonies with the chapter. Those installed were Pres. Shiz Kawaka; Vice-Pres., Mary H. Hamamoto; Rec. Sec. & Treas. Faye Uyeda; Cor. Sec. Margaret Murakami and Social Co-Chairmen Clara Miyano and Marlene Masada. Once again the members were able to display their culinary art by supplying many tasty dishes for this dinner.

Another outstanding event sponsored by the local group was the War Bride's Dinner held in May. Under the able chairmanship of Alyce Sugiyama, the names of various war brides were compiled and individual invitations were mailed them. A total of 20 war brides accepted our invitation and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Other events held during the year by the auxiliary included:

March — Gift wrapping demonstration given by Miss Mattie Gekeler from Corricks Gift Shop. Many novel methods of gift wrapping were demonstrated.

June — Drawing for baskets of groceries was held at the Graduates' dance to raise funds for auxiliary activities. Members were in charge of refreshments for the dance.

July—Auxiliary members assist chapter at the community picnic by arranging games for all ages.

August — A well representative group attended the JACL Convention in San Francisco led by Shiz Kawaka, auxiliary president. Other delegates included Mary H. Hamamoto, Anne Ohki, Suzy Hirooka, Isabelle Ellis, Margaret Murakami, and Clara Miyano. Mrs. Kawaka participated in the Auxiliary meeting held on Sept. 1 of the convention.

October — Assisted the chapter in mailing of Proposition 13 pamphlets.

December — Annual Christmas Party and election of officers.

honoring local JACL member, Malcolm L. Melville, departing for a visit to Japan at the invitation of that country to inspect the poultry farms.

July 1 — The annual community picnic was again staged at Doran's Park in Bodega Bay with George Ohki, Kanemi Ono and George Yokoyama. Over 500 persons were in attendance at this picnic.

July 22—Ed Ohki and George Hamamoto attended the third quarterly meeting of the N.C.-W.N. District Council at Palo Alto. In addition to the official representatives Mary H. Hamamoto and Frank Oda attended the meeting.

Aug. 10—The first appearance of the chapter publication "Sonoma JACL'er" was made with Mary H. Hamamoto, Anne Ohki, Jean Miyano, George Hamamoto and Frank Oda on the staff.

Aug. 11—A swimming party and weiner bake was held at the Ives (Turn to Page B-12)

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STAGING FASHION SHOW TOP AUXILIARY ACTIVITY

SAN FRANCISCO.—The calendar of activities for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary was climaxed this year by its participation in the 14th Biennial JACL National Convention here over the Labor Day weekend. It was unprecedented for the Auxiliary since its inception in 1953.

A fabulous fashion show was staged in conjunction with the National Convention under the chairmanship of Mrs. Tokuji Hedani, the Auxiliary's first president. Fourteen lovely members modelled the latest fashions from the City of Paris to the accompaniment of music provided by the Blue Notes Quartette. The models stirred up much interest and drew great applause as they paraded down the runway in dramatic creations which were featured during the show.

The Convention theme of "Changing Perspectives" was carried out in the fashions. Daring bathing suits, including ruffled bloomers, perky duster caps and knee length hose, and slinky sheath dresses trimmed with colored bugle beads complete with fur trimmed velvet coats, typical of the flapper

days of the Roaring Twenties, opened up the fashion parade with a big bang.

This scene of hilarity was followed by an elegant display of daytime casuals, colorful play togs, seductive lingerie, beautiful evening gowns, dramatic hats, and breathtaking furs, and ended with the traditional bridal entourage with Miss San Francisco, Elaine Harada, as the bride. This enchanting presentation was climaxed by a strip-tease auction of fashions worn by Barbara Watanabe expertly handled by Dr. Toru Iura and Jimmy Yamamoto of the Southwest L.A. Chapter.

Following the fashion show, the Auxiliary hosted a meeting of women delegates to the convention. This meeting was chaired by Mrs. Wallace Nunotani. Representatives from chapters throughout the country were invited to attend this meeting to discuss the role of women auxiliaries and women's group in their respective communities. The group discussed many interesting programs and events which could be presented by chapters interested in organizing an aux-

iliary group. Especially helpful was the discussion of the constitution of the S.F. Auxiliary, copies of which were distributed to the delegates. This constitution served as an impetus and aid in describing the function and purpose of an auxiliary.

The San Francisco Auxiliary had an exceptionally active year under the very able guidance and leadership of Viola Nakano, president. Miss Nakano was assisted by Mary Hamamoto, v.p.; Thelma Takeda, rec. sec.; Mrs. Joyce Enomoto, cor. sec.; Kathy Asano, treas.; Dorothy Suzuki, service; and Ryoko Ichikawa, pub. Unfortunately, Vi Nakano moved to Los Angeles last month, necessitating her resignation from the Auxiliary. She was succeeded by Mary Hamamoto, vice-president.

Numerous activities filled up the calendar year. Special community projects undertaken by the Auxiliary this year included participation in the Easter Seal and Lily Drive to aid the Crippled Children's Fund, and group solicitation for the United Crusade Fund. Traditional services included two visits to the Laguna Home for the Aged where 15 indigent and ill Issei reside. Comfort articles, clothing, and Japanese foods were taken to the residents.

An interesting project undertaken this year was a very successful rummage sale chaired by Thelma Takeda. Rummageable items were contributed, sorted, priced, and sold by Auxiliary members.

The general calendar of events follows:

January—Installation of Officers held jointly with the Chapter.

February—General Meeting, Mary Hamamoto (chmn.).

March—General Meeting with guest speaker on fashion in furs, Thelma Takeda (chmn.); Fund Raising Dance, Elsie Uyeda (chmn.); Easter Seals and Lily Drive, Vi Nakano in charge.

April—Luncheon Meeting, Marie Kogawara (chmn.); Rummage Sale, Thelma Takeda (chmn.).

May—Chinese Cooking Demonstration, Mrs. Carl Hirota and Mrs. Hisashi Tani (chmn.).

June—Laguna Honda Home Visitation, Dorothy Suzuki (chmn.).

June and July—Various committee meetings in preparation for the National Convention: Fashion show committee meetings, Mrs. Tokuji Hedani (chmn.); model rehearsals, coordinator, Nancy Linjap; Women's Auxiliary Committee meetings, Mrs. Wallace Nunotani (chmn.).

August—Pre-Convention Rally held jointly with the Chapter, refreshments committee, Toshi Kataoka and Georgianne Tanaka.

September—National Convention: Fashion show, Women's Auxiliary Meeting.

October—United Crusade Drive, solicitation headed by Vi Nakano. General Meeting, guest speakers on war-brides and their adjustment problems, Mary Minamoto, moderator, Chairmen, Tessie Hideshima and Miyuki Aoyama.

November—Fun for Funds Dance, Mrs. Virginia Sato and Jane Omura (chmn.); Laguna Honda Home Visitation, Dorothy Suzuki (chmn.); General Meeting, gift wrapping demonstration, Tessie Hideshima (chmn.).

December—Election of Officers; Christmas Party, Kathy Asano (chmn.). (Assisted by Daisy Uyeda).

—Kyo Ichikawa

Mother's Day tea-fashion seen as Salt Lake Auxiliary's best

SALT LAKE CITY.—Seven events highlight the past year for members of the Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary.

In January, at a combination inaugural, husband-wife dinner sponsored by the Auxiliary at McKean's Catering Hall, the following 1956 officers were honored: Tomoko Yano, chmn.; Midori Watanuki, v.c.; and Sue Kaneko, sec-treas. The evening was under the direction of the outgoing officers.

In February, a Valentine social at the South Salt Lake Auditorium culminated the membership drive.

In May, a most successful Mother's Day tea-fashion show was held at the lovely and historic Manor Heights. Members of the SLC chapter and auxiliary modelled all types of fashion from local shops as well as originals made by themselves. A musical program was arranged for intermission. Mrs. Helen Kurumada was narrator. It promises to be a well-anticipated traditional affair.

In June, the auxiliary assisted with the chapter's annual Graduation Ball honoring local graduates at the picturesque El Gaucho Inn.

In August, members enjoyed picnic lunches and games at Maxwell's Lodge at a nearby canyon. Mrs. Rae Fujimoto donated the

prizes which were distributed to the children.

In October, there was a masquerade Halloween social at the Mexican Branch LDS Church. Participants were ushered through a "spook alley", which was constructed by the committee, and best costumes were given prizes.

In November, a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Tomi Murakoshi saw the following elected for 1957: Miki Yano, chmn.; Jeanne Konishi, v.c.; and Tomi Murakoshi, sec-treas. Inaugural dinner plans are pending.

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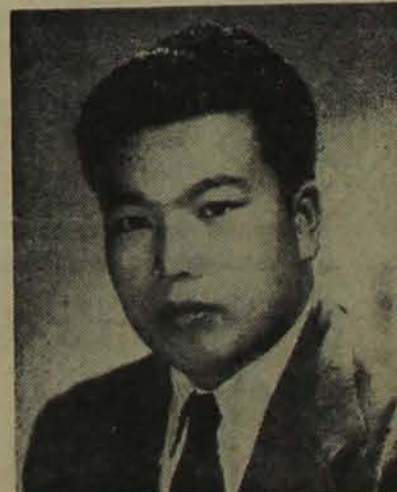


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TWO NAMES NISEI SHOULDN'T FORGET:

Takimoto, Yokoyama pioneered Nisei movement in U. S. during dark days of anti-Japanese prejudice

By Tamotsu Murayama

TOKYO—One of the finest gestures anyone can make is to pay tribute to the Issei pioneers who have sacrificed so much. To many of the Nisei, who are too young to remember, their sacrifices are little known. All too often, people undeserving of praise are lauded to the point where the facts are twisted beyond recognition.

Only when the true story of the pioneers of the previous generation is related can we recognize the more important responsible pioneers of the Nisei movement.

The Issei, who pioneered for the Nisei Cause, performed them during the period when the earliest of Nisei were coming of age. These Issei courageously waged the battle against unfortunate circumstances and difficulties for the Nisei, who have finally accepted the leadership of the Japanese community in America.

The late Tamezo Takimoto was one of our real pioneers. He had great vision and dreams for the Nisei in America.

As a secretary-general for the Japanese Association of America, he was instrumental in organizing the American Loyalty League in 1923. He was a target of many Issei community leaders. They did not like his idea of pleading allegiance to the United States.

However, Takimoto gallantly fought and convinced Nisei leaders of that early day they must make themselves known and understand that America—the land of their birth—comes first. Nisei must pledge allegiance to America.

With that in mind, Takimoto chose the name: American Loyalty League for the Nisei movement that eventually became the Japanese American Citizens League.

Prior to the founding of the American Loyalty League in California, he tried every conceivable method to check the fire of anti-Japanese prejudice then rising all over the country. He was among those Issei who presented Japan's case with potato king George Shima, scholar K. K. Kawakami and many others.

It was a period when the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Grange and newly-established American Legion had successfully promoted the passage of the 1920 Alien Land Law initiative in California. (This law was finally repealed only last November by a 2-1 margin in a popular election after a wide campaign pushed by JACL chapters in California.)

Takimoto came to the conclusion that Nisei must be organized as a unit to prove to other Americans that as Ameri-

can citizens of Japanese extraction, that they could be assimilated into the American way of life in spite of the attacks waged against the Japanese in America by professional agitators and race-baiters.

The American Loyalty League movement in California was short-lived. Only exception was in Fresno, where Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe (now of Chicago) headed the American Loyalty League.

To this day, the JACL chapter in Fresno is known as the American Loyalty League.

The failure of this early 1920 Nisei movement was ascribed to the fact that those immediately in charge were too young to realize the problems there were and would be facing.

Again in 1928, Takimoto revived a campaign to prove Nisei are loyal Americans. He encouraged Nisei in Japan to return to America.

It was customary for fortunate Japanese parents to send their children to Japan for an education.

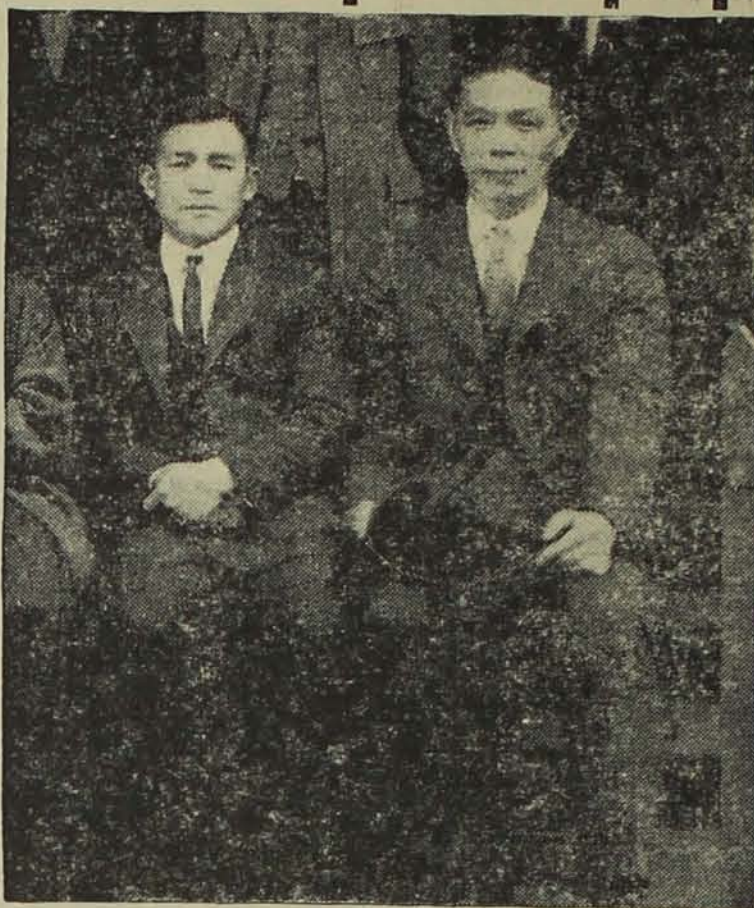
Prior to the enactment of the 1924 Japanese Exclusion Law, many young people were called to America by their parents or immediate relatives and the younger generation became known as "Yobiyose."

Takimoto's new campaign, however, was restricted to those born in the United States but sent to Japan for their primary school education. The new program was popularly known then as Kibei Undo (Returning to America Movement). Consequently, Nisei who returned to America under this campaign were known as "Kibei."

Again he was roundly criticized by anti-Japanese elements. As we look back into those yesteryears, the Kibei movement proved very timely and fortunate for many Nisei boys and girls were able to return just in time.

Had the boys stayed through college, they would have been drafted by the Japanese Army and probably unable to return forever. Instead, some Nisei have returned to Japan to serve very proudly with the American Occupation Forces after the end of World War II hostilities.

About the same time, he was able to convince Nisei leaders on the Pacific Coast—Clarence Arai, Saburo Kido, Kay Tsukamoto and many others—the necessity of presenting a united Nisei front and thus set up a new phase in the Nisei cause—the formation of the Japanese American Citizens League. What Mr. Kido has done since that time as an active JACL leader, serving as its wartime na-



This old photograph of Hidesaburo Yokoyama (left) and the late Tamezo Takimoto, who met with the first conference of American Loyalty League in May, 1923, at the San Francisco YMCA is part of the rare picture published in last year's Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue.

tional president during the most critical period of Nisei American history, is well known by everyone today.

Prior to the outbreak of World War II, Takimoto went back to Japan for a visit. He became very sick and his colorful career ended at his native town on Tsushima Island.

In spite of his distinguished services for the cause of Japanese-U.S. relationship and the Nisei movement, very little has ever been said in the way of due recognition. Takimoto died a lonesome death.

While he was not a person who tried to please everybody, he was a man of firm conviction — of

building faith in America. As a pioneer in this cause, it is indeed an outstanding contribution.

Another important personality of this era was Hidesaburo Yokoyama, who served under Takimoto as a secretary at the Japanese Association of America headquarters in San Francisco. Today, he is an editor with Sankei-Jiji, an influential newspaper in Japan. He was influential in assisting the organization of the American Loyalty League in the early 1920s.

After he returned to Japan, he continued to help the Nisei. Joining the Japanese Foreign Office, he had faith in the Nisei before

and during the Pacific war.

Without his constant support, some of the prominent leaders in Japan today, who are of Nisei vintage, would not be so today. Yokoyama is a modest personality, never relating how he helped the Nisei in Japan. It may explain why the Nisei have not expressed their gratitude to him.

"The Americans of Japanese ancestry must not forget the name of Tamezo Takimoto, who devoted so much for the cause of the Japanese in America," Yokoyama points out today.

"Takimoto got the idea to establish and prove the high mental standards of the Nisei as another means of combatting anti-Japanese prejudice in America. He was able to get more than 50,000 yen from financier Earon Eiichi Shibusawa in 1924 for the now-famous survey of the Nisei conducted by Dr. Palmer. The findings were published by the Stanford University."

It was Yokoyama's belief that this report boosted the confidence of Nisei in themselves as well as gain recognition from other Americans. "I personally consider that survey of the Nisei was a springboard for Nisei and Sansei confidence in America," Yokoyama added.

Takimoto's greatest contribution for the Japanese in America must not be forgotten either," Yokoyama continued.

"He always wanted to improve U.S.-Japanese relationships. He was the man who interested Baron Shibusawa to financially support the various public relations programs then virtually non-existent to show America the accomplishments and contributions to American life by persons of Japanese ancestry as well as the merits of the Nisei—the second generation.

"I traveled far and wide in the United States to combat anti-Japanese prejudice. Dr. Palmer's report was really important as it proved persons of Japanese extraction could be integrated into American society. Mr. Takimoto was a great man. His name must not be forgotten," Yokoyama declared.

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PUYALLUP VALLEY JACL

Pasadena JACL comes of age with community service

PASADENA—Community service and fellowship were hand-in-hand this year for Pasadena JACL as one looks over the variety of projects sponsored by the chapter.

The 1956 program actually opened at the Dec. 17 (1955) potluck dinner when Harris Ozawa was installed as the chapter president. Amid the Christmas decorations, other officers sworn into office were Ken Dyo, Sats Yoshizato, Tom T. Ito, vice-presidents; Kimi Fukutaki, treasurer; Eiko Matsui, recording secretary; Flo Wada, corresponding secretary; Al Takata, 1000 Club chairman; Joe Kuramoto, auditor; Kanji Watanabe, Shigehisa Takei, Issei representa-

tives; Mack Yamaguchi, publisher; Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, Grace Morikawa, Mary Ann Miyamoto, Jiro Iishi, Toshi Nagata and Mary Yusa, members-at-large.

In January, the chapter assisted Issei citizens to register as voters, fill Japanese nationality renunciation forms as well as turn in address forms for alien Issei. A good turnout from the chapter was also noted at the fifth annual installation ball of Los Angeles County JACL chapter officers at the Aeronautical Science Institute.

In February, the chapter hosted the first Pacific Southwest District Council quarterly session for 1956 at the famous Green Hotel. Remembered as the biggest single event for the chapter, the PSW meeting was made memorable by the presence of national director Mas Satow and general national JACL convention chairman Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco.

Enomoto acknowledged receipt of the first package deals for the 14th biennial convention from the Pasadena chapter.

The "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter in Newsweek really rallied the chapter in February.

In March, the chapter instituted an "Everyone Invited" general meeting with Y. Clifford Tanaka, investment broker, speaking on stocks and bonds. The chapter also decided to designate third Thursdays of each month as general meeting night and the second Tuesdays as cabinet meeting night.

In April, benefit Japanese movies were shown to build the chapter treasury.

The May general meeting proved successful with emphasis placed on the recently naturalized Issei citizen who came to

listen to Katsuma Mukaeda and Frank Kurihara speak in Japanese on why they were Republican and Democratic, respectively.

To prepare voters for the June primaries, a movie on how to act at the polling place was shown with Miki Moriwaki, Americanization class instructor, explaining the procedure.

The chapter also sponsored Wednesday night dance classes during the spring-summer season with Sati Ohashi as instructor.

At the cabinet meeting in June, past president Tom Ito was honored at a surprise birthday party hosted by wife Mary at their home. The "booby" gifts were out of this world.

In June, optometrist Dr. Ken Yamaguchi spoke at the general meeting on the care of eyes. He also addressed the Issei in Japanese and followed the talk with a colored movie on eyes.

Some of the men assisted at the annual JACL Nisei Relays in June.

At the July cabinet meeting, Kango Kunitsugu and Wilbur Sato were present to tell the Prop. 13 story and necessity for getting funds to push the campaign. The chapter's annual steak bake at Oak Grove Park was thus supplemented by a white elephant sale with proceeds earmarked for Prop. 13 funds.

August was a busy month preparing for the San Francisco national convention. Pasadena CLers figured prominently during the Labor Day affair. Harry Osaki was commissioned to create a hand-wrought silver chalice that was presented to President Eisenhower by JACL. Ken Dyo was a nominee for national treasurer and Donald

Okada was nominated for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship.

In September, the chapter assisted the local Inter-Club Council carnival.

In October, the chapter sponsored its first Hallowe'en dance for various youth and church young people groups at the Japanese Community Center.

For November, the chapter again sponsored a movie benefit for Prop. 13 campaign funds as well as distributing brochures for Prop. 13. The chapter worked hard repairing windows at the Community Center.

The year ends with chapter committees preparing the annual Christmas potluck dinner and installation of 1957 officers.

—By Mack Yamaguchi

PROGRAM TOLD BY TWIN CITIES UCL

MINNEAPOLIS. — The Twin Cities United Citizens League began its chapter activities following the Installation Dinner held in February.

Through efforts of Mas Teramoto, naturalization classes for the Issei began Jan. 30 and 14 persons attended the bi-weekly sessions. The classes were conducted in Japanese by Mr. T. Yashida and the Twin Cities community is grateful to him for his excellent work. The total number of Issei who have attended naturalization classes in the past two sessions now number approximately 90.

On June 24, the Annual Twin Cities Community Picnic was sponsored jointly by the Japanese American Community Center and the UCL in Webber Park in North Minneapolis with an attendance of approximately 200.

The annual UCL Fishing Derby chaired by George Yanagita, past derby winner, was held on July 15 at Forest Lake. When the smoke cleared and the 71 tired fishermen had their catch weighed, the winner was Jim Sugimura with a 4 lb.-3½ oz. bass. The first prize was a 14-ft. boat with many other prizes given for various categories.

On Aug. 5, the Steak Fry was held in Excelsior on Lake Minnetonka. This event, chaired by Tom Ohno and Norman Kushino, saw 200 steaks consumed in record time.

Immediate past president Dr. Isaac Iijima chaired the annual golf tournament held on Aug. 26 at Gross Municipal Golf Course. The winner of this event was Starnie Kumagai.

Efforts of membership chairman Emi Takato, fund-drive co-chairmen Steve Iwago and Jake Takato, and 1000 Club chairman Fred Ohno have made it possible for the Twin Cities to exceed its quota.

Election of officers for 1957 was conducted in November and the new officers are as follows: Henry Makino, pres.; Emi Takato, 1st v.p.; Tom Ohno, 2nd v.p.; Sumi Teramoto, rec. sec.; Hatsume Akaki, cor. sec.; Albert Tsuchiya, treas.; and Emi Nomura, hist.

The installation of new officers as well as the honoring of the Issei who have received their citizenship this year will be held on Jan. 26.

—By Tom Kanno

Key events mark San Luis Valley CL in Colorado

BLANCA, Colo.—The 1956 calendar of events for the San Luis Valley JACL Chapter, headed by George Hishinuma, started with the annual installation banquet and dance held in January at the Mt. Blanca Supper Club. National Director, Masao Satow, swore in the new cabinet of officers, then addressed the chapter.

Inactive except for cabinet meetings, till June, the chapter joined forces with the Alamosa, La Jara YBA, in sponsoring a Father's Day picnic, featuring fish contest and fry and games at Aspen Glades on the Conejos River.

In October, the JACL Bowling teams started activity in the alleys, under the leadership of Frank Uyeda.

A special meeting was called in November to determine methods of voting for Issei. At this time Sojiro Yoritomo, active JACLer and State Representative Luther Bean also discussed the five proposed amendments on the general ballot.

During December, election, a benefit supper and membership drive climaxed the year's activities.

—Mrs. Deko Shiohita

SONOMA COUNTY REPORT—

(Continued from B-9)

Memorial Pool and Park in Sebastopol with Tom Shimazu as chairman.

Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2, & 3—Chapter representatives to the National JACL Convention in San Francisco were Ed Ohki and Frank Oda. Other delegates attending the national conclave were Anne Ohki, Lloyd Ellis and Jim Miyano. Oda was a recipient of the Sapphire pin and also the chairman of the 1000 Club Whing-Ding held during the convention.

Sept. 9—The annual striped bass fishing derby was held at Nelson's Resort in Napa with Rue Uyeda in charge. First prize was captured by Yuko Yotsuya of Cortez JACL. Also during the month of September a local committee for the Repeal of Proposition 13 was formed with Ed Ohki, Johnnie Hirooka and Lloyd Ellis on the committee to supplement the work done by the state committee.

Oct. 5 & 6—A benefit Japanese movie was sponsored with Tak Kameoka in charge. The generous response was sufficient to defray expenses of the Proposition 13 committee and to carry on the various activities for the chapter.

Oct. 13 & 14—The second annual Sonoma County JACL Bowling League tournament was held with 16 Bay Area teams participating. Stanford Cleaners of Palo Alto took the first place trophy donated by the JACL chapter.

Oct. 26—A work meeting of the chapter was held at which time

3000 "Vote Yes on Proposition 13" pamphlets were mailed to the voters of the county and advertisement placed in the three newspapers of the county.

Those working into the wee hours of the morning were Art Sugiyama, Jim Miyano, Mary H. Hamamoto, Sam Miyano, Henry Togawa, Tom Shimazu, Beth Yamaguchi, Jean Miyano, Greg Hamamoto, Anne Ohki, Suzy Hirooka, Shiz Kawaoka, Marlene Masada, Tak Kameoka, Faye Uyeda, Rue Uyeda, George Hamamoto, Alice Shimazu and Ed Ohki.

Oct. 28 — Nisei Memorial Day services were observed at the local Buddhist Church with a capacity crowd in attendance. Tak Kameoka served as chairman for this affair.

Nov. 4—The final meeting of the N.C.-W.N. District Council held in Marysville was attended by Ed Ohki and George Hamamoto as official delegates. Also attending were Mary H. Hamamoto and Frank Oda. Oda was elected vice-chairman of the district council at this meeting.

Also at the November meeting members voted to establish a special fund for purchase of a JACL Building. Iwazo Hamamoto, Roy E. Yamamoto, Henry Shimizu, Frank Oda and Jim Miyano were named to administer this fund.

December—Annual election of officers, preparations for the 1957 membership drive followed by the Community Christmas Party sponsored jointly with the Women's Auxiliary.

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One chapter (Cortez) so well esteemed members unafraid to push fund drives

TURLOCK. — In January, the Cortez Chapter started out with a new slate of officers: President Albert Morimoto, Vice-President Yeichi Sakaguchi, Treasurer Yoshio Asai, Recording Secretary Frank Yoshida, Corresponding Secretaries Alyce Okamura and Jim Yamaguchi, Historian and Photographer Takeo Yotsuya, Social Co-chairmen May Toyoda and Tsutomu Sugiura.

The very first business of the new cabinet was the report of our chapter's successful drive for food, clothing and cash donations for the Marysville and Yuba City flood sufferers. Three pickup loads of shoes, clothing, fresh and canned foods were taken to Marysville, and money collected was turned over to NC-WNDC regional office for the people in the stricken area. The chapter also donated a sum to the Sonoma County JACL 25th Anniversary Convention fishing derby.

Proceeds from the annual Cortez JACL fishing derby of the previous year were donated to various service organizations of this area. A portable sewing machine was also donated for use by Ballico 4-H Club girls. A whist party was held in conjunction with this meeting for the enjoyment of its members.

In January, the local chapter also collected money for "Heifer Project", a program sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee to send heifers to Japan.

On the invitation of Ballico Post American Legion, our chapter participated in a testimonial dinner for Charles Passadori, who has done so much for the people of this community. The Cortez Chapter presented him with a Japanese vase in token of appreciation for his goodwill to the Japanese of the community. The chapter also assisted the non-citizen Issei with their alien registration.

February was highlighted by installation dinner at the Carolyn Hotel in Turlock. The oath of office was administered by Gordon Winton, Merced attorney. Membership drive was carried on simultaneously with the annual Polio Drive. Total of 112 members was signed up. Delegates were sent to the district council meeting in Richmond.

In March, the members enjoyed a beautiful day of outing in the snow at Sonora. That night, an interesting meeting was held with Attorney Winton, discussing wills and estate planning.

The Chapter went all out for collections again with drives for Boy Scouts, Red Cross, and also for the Community picnic to be held in April. The Chapter also successfully contacted local organizations to write letters of protest to Newsweek regarding the "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter.

Cortez JACL bowling team which competed in the Turlock City League, was again sponsored by the Chapter.

Upon hearing of the Hi-School Conference on International Relationship sponsored by the American Friends at Asilomar, the Chapter voted to sponsor three students to the conference. Despite our early bid for reservations, they could not be accommodated, so we hope to be able to send them to the next conference.

In April, our chapter was in-

vited by our neighboring Livingston-Merced JACL Chapter to a card party. As usual, Livingston was a wonderful host, and it was fun for two chapters to get together. One evening, the ladies of the chapter enjoyed a special session in "flower arrangement", demonstrated by Mrs. James of California Flower Shop in Turlock.

The chapter sent a request to "Friends of the World" and were promised 100 cherry seeds and 50 ginkgo tree seeds from Japan. The trees would be raised and planted in various places around the community as a gesture of appreciation for the friendship of the community.

The Chapter-sponsored community picnic drew over 300 persons. In evidence were many Caucasian friends sharing "bentos" of sushi and teriyaki. Thousand Club chairman Noggie Kajioka signed up 12 members.

In May, the chapter sponsored a Spring Dance which was open to the public, promoting good public relationship because it was well attended by our Caucasian community. Also in the way of promoting good public relations, the chapter donated a baseball suit with Cortez JACL on it, to the Turlock Pony League. Delegates attended the District Council meeting in San Jose.

June was the annual chapter sponsored Graduation Outing, an all day affair held at Lake Yosemite, and next to the community picnic, this is a grand occasion in the community.

In June also was the Boy Scout Charter night. As co-sponsor with the Legion Post of Ballico Troop 32, President Albert Morimoto accepted the troop charter from the district chairman. The meeting was chaired by JACL institutional representative, Ernest Yoshida. Cler Jack Noda, who is District Advancement Chairman, presented the advancement awards for the evening.

Morimoto also worked hard this month to have telegrams and letters sent to Senators Kuchel and Knowland urging passage of HR 7763.

In July, the chapter voted to use the proceeds from the annual fishing derby to construct a swimming pool for the use of the members and their families and guests. Committees were selected and they hope to have the pool finished for use next summer.

Delegates were also sent to the District Convention in Palo Alto. As the last fling before harvest started, a pot luck was held at Crane Park in Turlock that was attended by a pre-convention Rally Committee from San Francisco.

September was, of course, the big Convention in San Francisco. Our chapter was well represented by members who could snatch some time away between harvest, and the delegates returned fired by fresh enthusiasm for JACL. We were proud to have one of our members, Jack Noda, elected National Second Vice-President for 1957-58.

Noda was also named chairman of the Committee for Yes on Proposition 13, and the chapter worked hard to get endorsements from organizations and civic officials, distributing 2,000 pamphlets in the cities of Turlock and Modesto.

The chapter also co-sponsored a candidates' night with the Ballico

Farm Bureau in November.

With election over and Proposition 13 victorious in Merced and Stanislaus counties as it was elsewhere, the chapter settled down to the biggest project of the year, the Annual Fishing Derby. We feel it is good public relations as well as high financial success as the chapter received 500 registrants from throughout California, as well as generous donations of money and merchandise. Part of the fund will go into the new swimming pool and part of it will be distributed to various organizations in the community for their work.

For December, the chapter will sponsor a Christmas party for all the children of the community. The chapter also elects its 1957 officers at this time.

In conclusion, the past year 1956 has been one of the most successful and active for Cortez JACL. Officers have served well, but members, too, have been busy collecting funds, participating in many programs, attending local and district council meetings and collecting more funds.

Working hard together has knit the community closer together and as an example of the prestige which JACL enjoys in this community, the members do not dread the collection tours under JACL sponsorship. As an example of esteem in which JACL is beginning to be held in this community, it has received bids for membership from our Caucasian neighbors.

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Spider Thread

By RYUNOSUKE AKUTAGAWA

(Translated from the Japanese by Take and Allan Beekman)

ONE day Buddha was strolling alone around the edge of the lotus pond of Paradise.

In the pond the lotuses were all abloom like pure white jewels, and an ineffably sweet fragrance, from the golden cores of their centers, ceaselessly diffused itself all about them.

In Paradise it was morning.

Presently Buddha halted on the pond bank and between the leaves of the lotuses that covered the

surface of the water, he chanced to glance at the movements below.

Since the base of the pond of Paradise rests exactly on the bottom of Hell, he could clearly see the scenery of Sanzu River and Needle Mountain through the crystal clear water beyond, just as if he looked at them through a stereoscope.

Just then he caught sight of a man called Kandata writhing at the bottom of Hell in company with some other sinners.

This Kandata was a great scoundrel who had killed people, set fire to houses, and had done various evil deeds, but who had, notwithstanding, once performed a single good deed. It had happened that this man was passing once through a deep forest and had seen a small spider crawling along the roadside.

Thereupon Kandata had immediately lifted his foot to trample it to death, but suddenly he reflected, "No, no, this is small but it definitely has life. What a pity it would be to wantonly take that life." So in the end, instead of killing that spider, he had spared it.

Buddha, while observing the scene in Hell, recalled how Kandata had saved the spider. And he decided that as a reward for that single good deed, he would, if possible, deliver this man from Hell. Fortunately, near him he saw on top of a lotus leaf of the color of jade, a spider of Paradise spinning a beautiful silver thread.

Buddha quietly took that spider thread in his hand. Then he lowered it, between the jewel-like white lotus, straight down to the bottom of Hell, far below.

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HERE, in the bottom of Hell, Kandata, with the other sinners, was rising and sinking in Blood Pond.

At any rate, everywhere one looked it was pitch dark; and

when, from that darkness, there occasionally appeared to be a vague floating up of something it was the glittering of the needles of fearful Needle Mountain—forn beyond description. Moreover, the region was quiet as the grave—such occasional sounds as there were being only the exhalations and faint sighs of the sinners.

For the humans who had fallen here were already exhausted from various Hellish torments and no longer had strength even to cry out.

Therefore, villain that Kandata was, he also was choking in Blood Pond's blood and, just like a half-dead frog, could do nothing but struggle.

Then it happened. For no particular reason Kandata lifted his head and looked at the sky above Blood Pond; and in that lonely darkness, from the far distant heaven above, behold, a silver spider thread, just as if fearful to be seen, its slender line gleaming—came slipping to hang above him.

When Kandata saw this his hands instinctively clapped with joy. If he were to cling to this thread and climb up to the end he would surely be able to slip out of Hell.

Nay, if all went well, he might even be able to enter Paradise. And if he did this he would neither be driven up Needle Mountain nor immersed in Blood Pond.

Thus thinking Kandata immediately seized the spider thread with both hands and began to climb upward with all his might, hand over hand.

Since he had been a great scoundrel from the beginning he was accustomed to this kind of thing from long ago.

But since Hell is separated from Paradise by many thousands of miles, no matter how impatient one may become it is not easy to attain that height. After climbing awhile Kandata finally became tired and could not raise himself

by even one more handhold.

Then since there was no help for it, he stopped to take a rest and, while dangling from the middle of the thread, he gazed at the scene far below.

Then his hard climb was worthwhile, and Blood Pond, where he had been until a moment ago, was now, even before he had realized it, hidden at the bottom of the darkness. And that dim, gleaming, fearful Needle Mountain also had fallen beneath him. If he climbed at this rate, getting out of Hell might be easier than he had anticipated.

Kandata, with both hands grasping the spider thread, laughed with the voice unused since he had come here years ago, "I've made it! I've made it!"

But he happened to notice the spider thread below, and, behold, countless sinners were climbing after him, ardently clambering upward, exactly like a procession of ants.

When Kandata saw this he was so surprised and frightened that, for a moment, he was like a fool, with his mouth open and only his eyes moving. How could this slender spider thread, that might even break under him alone, bear the weight of so many people?

If it should break somewhere then he, himself, who had climbed here with such effort, must be flung headlong back into Hell. If such a thing happened it would be terrible.

But, in the meantime, sinners by hundreds, by thousands, were swarming up from the bottom of black Blood Pond and, in one line, eagerly climbing up the slender, glittering spider thread. If something were not done before it became too late the thread would break in two at the center and all would certainly fall to disaster.

So Kandata cried out loudly, "Hey, Sinners, this spider thread is mine. With whose permission have you climbed it, anyway? Get down! Get down!"

At that moment it happened.

The thread, which, until now, had had nothing wrong with it, sudden broke with a snap where

Kandata was dangling.

So for Kandata, too, all was lost. Before he could utter a sound he whizzed through the air, round and round like a top, and, in a twinkling, fell headlong into the nether darkness.

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BUDDHA, who stood at the edge of the lotus pond of Paradise, had quietly witnessed the entire performance and, when Kandata finally fell, and sank like a stone to the bottom of Blood Pond, he made a sorrowful face and again resumed his stroll.

Kandata, with the cruel heart, had tried to save only himself from Hell, and he had received appropriate punishment for that heart and fallen back into Hell: but Buddha, considering it from his point of view, may have thought it pitiful.

But the lotuses of the lotus pond of Paradise took no notice of such things. Those jewel-like white flowers were slightly swaying about Buddha's feet.

And, as they swayed, an ineffably sweet fragrance from the golden cores of their centers ceaselessly diffused itself all about them.

In Paradise it was now near noon.

AUTHOR

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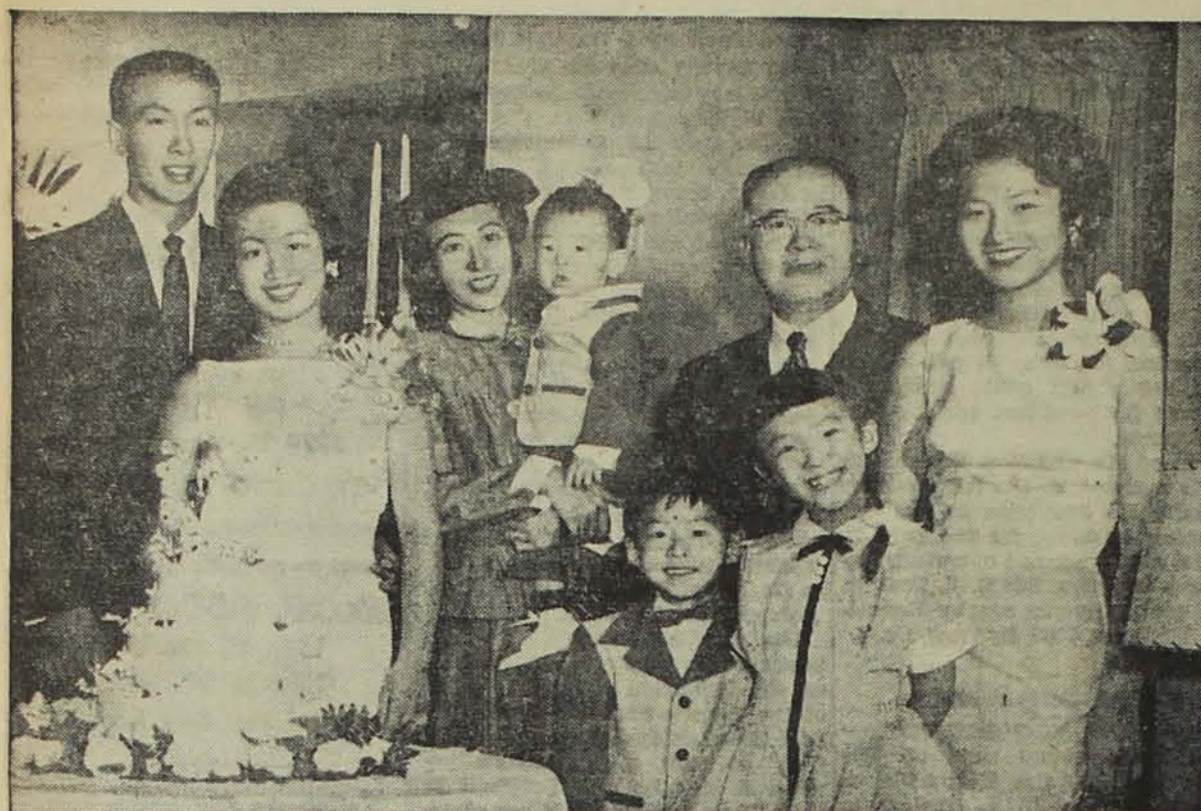
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Salt Lake Old-time JACLers Show Variety in Backgrounds



A veteran JACLER in every meaning of the term, Henry Y. Kasai, 66, (second from right) stands with his family at the wedding of his daughter Kimi to Mr. Ju. Kasai devoted a considerable time to organizing the Salt Lake chapter as well as units in Ogden and in Idaho. A charter member of the SLC chapter, though not as a voting member because he was born in Japan, he became a full-fledged member upon being granted his American citizenship in 1953. Others in the picture are (left to right) his wife, Alice, onetime secretary to the National JACL Board; Hershey, Yoshi, Emi and Una.—Terashima Photo.

SALT LAKE CITY.—Probably no chapter dares boast at this time of honoring its old-timers, who still are active after being a member for 20 years and with a variety of backgrounds as Henry Y. Kasai, Dr. Jun Kurumada, Ichiro Doi and Kay Terashima.

In these four men, the Salt Lake JACL has an Issei, Nisei and Kibei; men who have served at all levels of JACL organization, a variety of professions and business, sportsmen, civic leaders and lay leaders in their churches.

Doi, Kasai and Kurumada are charter members, having joined the Salt Lake chapter in 1935. Terashima joined in 1936. From this point, their paths separate—but with a mind to be of service to the community.

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Issei Henry Kasai organized CLs in 1930s

Henry Kasai—the Issei member of veteran JACLers here—was accepted as a charter member through a special provision in the chapter constitution that withheld voting privileges in JACL activities, since he was a non-citizen, having been born in Kawaguchi-mura, Yamanashi, Japan on Sept. 25, 1890. JACL was organized by and for Nisei.

Nevertheless, he devoted considerable time in organizing JACL chapters in Salt Lake City, Ogden, and in Idaho, addressing gatherings in both Japanese and English on the purposes and need for a civic group of Nisei Americans.

As one of the Issei pioneers of Utah in his own right, having worked as an agent for the New York Life Insurance Co. in Utah since 1915, he espoused the cause for the Nisei even though it was not until 1953 that he was granted his U.S. citizenship and his Americanism formally acknowledged.

In 1937, he successfully lobbied for reduction of alien fishing license fees from \$7.50 to \$2 per year—the same as resident citizens—in Utah. He worked in 1949 and succeeded in permitting aliens to hunt with firearms. In 1955, he was responsible for having the Utah state legislature amend hunting and fishing laws affecting aliens as affected by the enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act. He was also instrumental before the war in having the Utah alien law invalidated, but it was restored temporarily during the war years. His contributions were recognized

in 1947, when he received the Jr. Chamber of Commerce Americanism Award—even though then not an American citizen in fact but in heart.

One of his memorable JACL projects was the restoration of the Goto Memorial, which had been vandalized during the war. Goto was the Japanese flyer attempting to circle the world who crashed in the Wasatch Mountains. It was a project which was brought to the chapter's attention by Larry Tajiri, then the Pacific Citizen editor.

Henry has been a member of various organizations—some of them as long as he has been associated with JACL, 20 years or more: the Chamber of Commerce, national and state Underwriters Associations, Great Salt Lake Boy Scout Executive Council, adviser to the Nippon Wild Life Club, member of the Utah State Wild Life Federation, Salt Lake County Fish & Game Association, board member of the United Nation Utah Association and coordinator for the Japanese Peace Garden Committee of the International Peace Gardens.

Giving added meaning to his American citizenship, Henry served on the Utah district court jury this past year—the first Issei citizen to be empaneled.

When Henry was naturalized, he also "rejoined" the chapter as a full-fledged voting member, taking out a 1000 Club membership at the same time. Prior to that, he was a staunch leader and contributor to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

In face of this rugged schedule, he has hosted a countless number of guests from Japan, introducing the city, its people, its state and religions to them.

He was educated at Idaho Falls High School, graduating there in 1913 and subsequently attended several business colleges. He married the former Alice F. Iwamoto and they have five children: Una, 18; Mrs. Kimi Ju, 17; Emi, 7; Yoshi, 6; and Hershey, 1.

Charter member Doi elected '57 president

Ichiro Doi is a native son of Utah—born at Magna on Feb. 9, 1917. A graduate of West High School here in 1934, he was among the charter members of the chapter when it was formally organized in 1935. A faithful worker all these years, he starts 1957 as its chapter president.

Of his prewar JACL activities, he remembers his first job as social chairman in 1933 when the chapter was still in the talking stages. (Turn to Next Page)

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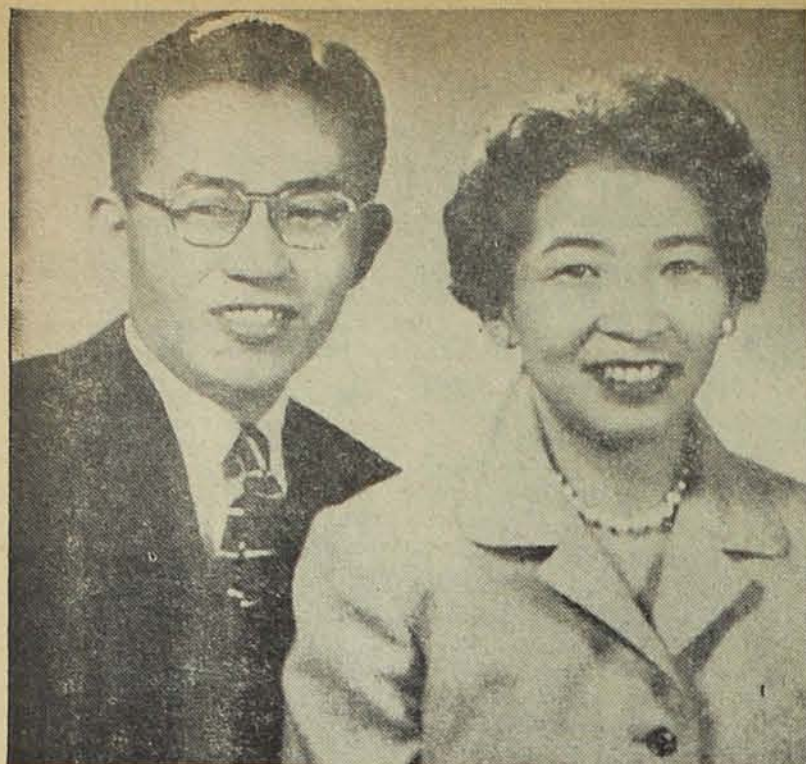
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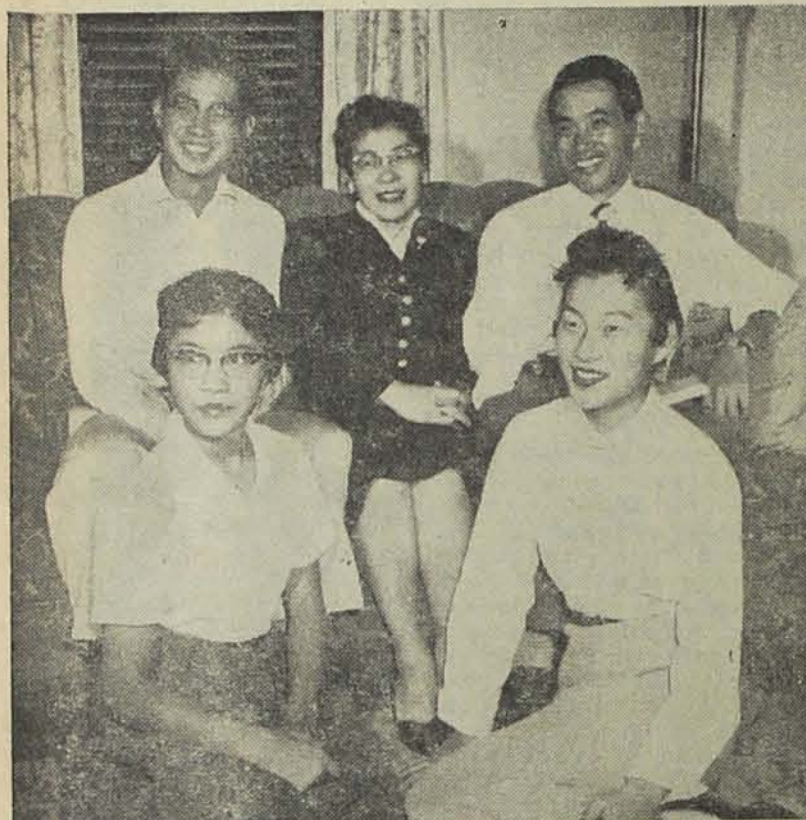
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Salt Lake JACL charter member Ichiro Doi (left), who has loyally served its organization since its founding in 1935, is taking over the helm as chapter president for 1957. With him is his wife, the former Amy Ohashi.—Terashima Photo.



The Kay Terashima family at home are (left to right): back—son Paul, wife Chick and Kay, onetime national JACL treasurer and JACL Ruby Pin holder; front—daughters Naomi and Jean.—Terashima Photo.

SALT LAKE OLD-TIMERS

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During the war years, he assisted in several important fund drives and was chairman of the local Japanese cemetery beautification project and on the executive committee.

In 1946, he was elected vice-president, then chaired the financial drive, and then a board member in successive years.

He took active reins again in 1954, chairing the second dinner in honor of new Issei citizens. His outstanding work during the year merited him the chapter JACL pin. In 1955, he accepted the assistant scoutmaster post for the newly organized troop and chaired the nominations committee.

His leadership abilities were long recognized by the Sonen-kai, a Buddhist young adult group, as he was its president for the last two terms.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sekizo Doi, he is married to the former Amy Ohashi. He has been in the dry cleaning business for the past 10 years, managing and operating Excellent Cleaners, 273 S.W. Temple. The couple live in nearby Bountiful, Utah, at 6805 S. View Dr.

Dr. Kurumada 3-time president, keg champ

The professional man of this team is Dr. Jun Kurumada, a dentist whose JACL record is coupled with unique honors in other fields.

"Doc", after finishing Granite High School in 1932, continued his studies at the Univ. of Utah and was conferred his DDS degree at the Univ. of California in 1937. Another native son of Utah (at Richfield on Dec. 13, 1913, of Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Kurumada who are residing now at Murray), "Doc" is also a charter member of the Salt Lake chapter.

After coming home from college and setting up his practice, he began his more active role in JACL by chairing the chapter executive committee in 1941. He also led the

chapter's Community Chest drive that year. For his outstanding record as chapter president in 1942, he was presented the Jr. Chamber of Commerce Citizenship Award. He was re-elected in 1943 and then again in 1948—first three-term chapter president here. "Doc" was a member of the chapter executive board from 1944 through 1950.

Up to the time he was called to military service in 1952, "Doc" was equally active in the local Jr. Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Kurumada served with U.S. forces in Japan, being discharged in 1955 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel the highest rank any Nisei on active duty has attained in the Army.

"Doc's" unique honors should include his athletic ability. He is a two-time National JACL Bowling Tournament singles champion, first in 1947 and then in 1952. He has the record high series of 696. His bowling days—interspersed with golf at JACL convention time—are not over yet, as he stepped into class by winning the Utah Blue Ribbon Classics title and participated as a finalist in the Utah match play competition this year.

His wife, the former Helen Gim, is not a newcomer to JACL either, as she is also a charter member of the chapter and was among the Salt Lake delegates sent to their first national JACL convention when it was held in Portland in 1940. They have four children: Leslie, 12; Kim, 11; Kevin, 5; and Dennis, 3. The Kurumadas live at 1260 E. 5th South. They are members of the Unitarian Church.

Kay Terashima won coveted JACL Ruby pin

Like the Kurumadas, the Kay Terashimas have long been associated with the Salt Lake chapter since its founding days. Kay's wife, the former Chiyoko Doi, was a charter member, serving as its first recording secretary.

Kay, who was born on Oct. 22, 1913, at West Weber, Utah, (Turn to Next Page)

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Dr. Jun Kurumada (left) and his wife, the former Helen Gim (second from right) are both charter members of the Salt Lake chapter, which was organized in 1935. Other members of the family are (left to right) Dennis, Kim, Kevin, and Leslie. Dr. Kurumada, a three-term chapter president, was recently discharged as lieutenant-colonel after serving three years with the Army Dental Corps in Japan.—Terashima Photo.

FOUR SALT LAKE OLD-TIMERS

(Continued from Preceding Page) might be called the "Kibei" member of the group. A graduate of a high school in Japan, he returned to the United States in 1932 and attended a business college before hanging his shingles here as an accountant for some 20 years.

His brilliance in fiscal matters served JACL well in the intervening years. He was treasurer of the Salt Lake chapter for three years (1940-1-2), served a

year as chapter president in 1946, before being entrusted with the major task as national JACL treasurer the same year at the first postwar JACL national convention in Denver.

The high point of his JACL service came in 1955 when National Headquarters conferred upon him the JACL Ruby Pin—symbolizing extraordinary service in the cause of Japanese Americans.

Kay's knowledge of Japanese aided National Headquarters during the critical years when JACL-

ADC campaigns were waged. He prepared, translated and wrote JACL public relations matter as well as addressing Issei audiences.

He also served as vice-chairman for the Intermountain District Council in 1941, and actively worked on the local and IDC fund drives during the war years that sustained National Headquarters.

The already famous national Nisei invitational basketball classic in Salt Lake City, sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL, was a pet project for Kay as he served as tournament chairman for seven years.

Kay is another of our Salt Lakers who joined the 1000 Club when it was formed at Idaho Falls in 1947.

He is also on the Eagle Laundry board of directors, an active supporter of the Buddhist Church and past president of its Sonen-kai and Bussei.

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SEATTLE — Gateway to the Orient is another name for this thriving metropolis of the Pacific Northwest. And since the gay '90s, Japanese immigrants have been settling in the state of Washington. Hence, it is natural that many of the elder Nisei of America claim Seattle and its environs as their hometown. Today, the number of Japanese American families in Seattle is not as imposing as in prewar years.

Seattle JACL ranks as one of the pioneer chapters, having hosted the first national convention in 1930 under the able chairmanship of Clarence Arai. Since the reactivation of the local chapter in 1946, six who were among the earlier members and now having seen 20 years of JACL are still lending their support.

Oldest of the pioneer JACLers in the Seattle chapter is Masaru Uno, 1907-12th South, who was born Nov. 30, 1907, and father

of five children: Sheila 18, Naomi 14, Geraldine 12, Glenn 8, and Deborah 3. He is married to the former Shigeko Sese, who is our sixth old-timer for this report.

Masaru was one of the CLers who attended the first national convention here in 1930. A student at Washington State College at the time, he finished in 1934. Today, he is operator of Chick's Ice Creamery.

Real Estate broker Frank H. Hattori, of 304-6th Ave. South, is another charter member of the Seattle chapter. Born in Aberdeen, Wash., on Aug. 20, 1907, he attended Broadway Evening High School and the Chuo University in Tokyo. He is married to the former Agnes C. Tanabe.

Very active in various community projects throughout the years, he is currently a member of the Seattle Buddhist Church, First Hill Lions, real estate board, and Pacific Northwest Young Adults Buddhist League.

During the war years, he served with the Office of War Information on the British Political Warfare mission.

Yukio Kuniyuki, of 1303 Washington St., first joined JACL in the early 1930s—what year, he doesn't exactly remember. Currently an apartment owner and restaurant manager, he recently

gained national Nisei attention by running, although unsuccessfully, in the primaries for a seat in the State House of Representatives.

Yukio, who was born on Sept. 2, 1908, attended Franklin and Broadway High Schools, Washington State College and University of Washington. He served for 3½

years with the 442nd RCT.

Another pioneer JACLer, he strongly believes that JACL is not a mere local unit, but an integral part of a national organization that keeps an eye on the interests and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

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SEATTLE OLD-TIMERS

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S. George Kashiwagi, of 3433-24th Ave. South, is an old-timer with an illustrious record in JACL, having served as president in Denver in 1944, then moving back to Seattle to reactivate the chapter and serve as its president in 1945.

"Shang", who has been in the clothing business from prewar days, is a graduate of the Univ. of Washington, class of 1929, married to the former Lulu Sakura and has two daughters: Mrs. Robert Koyamatsu, 23; and Diane, 19.

He remembers the way JACL assisted during evacuation as most memorable. His bit of advice to the younger generation is succinct: Support your JACL.

"Shang" is currently a member of the First Hill Lions, Daido Savings Club, Associated Savings Club, and Jackson St. Community Council civic committee.

Juro Yoshioka, of 2602-21st South, is another charter Seattle JACLer with the Puyallup Valley section. As an oldtimer who remembers the 1930 and 1934 national conventions, he also helped the Snake River chapter before returning to Seattle.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1910, at Fife; graduated high school there and finished Univ. of Washington in 1933. He worked as sales manager for the Puget Sound Vegetable Growers Association between 1935-41. He manages the Tashiro Hardware and Fishing Tackle store today.

Juro is the married to the former Billee Tashiro and they have

two children: Kathryn 8, and Martin 6.

Our sixth old-timer is Mrs. Shigeo Uno, wife of Masaru Uno, and who was born in Seattle on Apr. 6, 1915. She first joined the local chapter in 1936 and remembers the prewar "Japan Days" sponsored by JACL at the Playland.

She was especially active after the reactivation of the chapter, serving as co-president with Toru Sakahara and Ken Nogaki during the reorganization days of 1946. She was also a board member until 1948.

When the WW2 Nisei GIs were returning to Seattle, she chaired the JACL community dinner at the Civic Auditorium honoring Gold Star Mothers, which stands out as one of her impressive memories. What seemed to be a prelude to the many projects carried on by JACL auxiliaries, she also conducted Japanese cooking classes for the women. The turnout was more than expected.

A member of the First Baptist Church, she is a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. She is also active with the Esther McCollough Guild at the church.

Against this backdrop of experienced JACLers, together with other leaders such as Sakahara brothers Toru and Ted and the Tad Yamaguchi family, an Issei who joined in 1950 upon being granted his naturalization, and recent cabinet officers, Seattle has a wealth of personalities that will keep the JACL spirit burning brightly

— By Elmer Ogawa



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FOWLER LETTER

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For instance: To no other nation on earth not even to the English, our first cousins,—nor to the French, our best friend, have we extended a "gentlemen's agreement," whereby those countries might send to our shores as many of their pauper immigrants as they saw fit.

But we have given Japan this unprecedented privilege, and much to our sorrow, as it now proves.

Again we have allowed the Japanese men in this country to go through the unheard of farce of marrying a picture of some girl in Japan whom he has never seen, and then bringing her to this country for breeding purpose.

If the American men and women co-habitated together unmarried according to our marriage customs, they would be both sent to the penitentiary. And yet the Japanese do this all over California and we never say a word about it.

We cannot intermarry with or assimilate the people of Asiatic race as their religion, ideals, color standard manner of living, etc., is entirely different from ours; hence every acre of land they acquire here is just that much taken from us, forever.

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From the dingy and narrow family grocery store on the corner to the giant block-long, serve-yourself supermarkets, the retail food industry has made tremendous progress. And no less a part of this million-dollar business is the Nisei, who for the first time, is working in the industry outside of the produce department, as checkers, order clerks, grocery and delicatessen employees.

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TONY YAMAMOTO, a veteran in the industry, remembers the pre-war days when a great majority of produce clerks worked 55 to 70 hours per week at \$18 to \$20 per week. He remembers the deplorable conditions without benefits. As produce receiver in Boys' Market at Crenshaw and Rodeo Road in Los Angeles, he works a 48-hour week with a guaranteed weekly salary of \$111.80.

There are about 10 full-time produce clerks working different hours as the market is open till midnight. Most of them are Nisei. The large vegetable and fruit section sparkles with color; the bright orange of the Hubbard squash, the green of the broccoli, the stripes of red rhubarb, the white of the cauliflower — all evidences of the pride and craftsmanship of the produce clerks.

A Nisei checker employed at the same market is DOROTHY OGAWA, originally from a farming community in Colorado. She has been employed there about five years. Pointing out that there is a "Japanese Foods" section in the market, she mentioned, "Non-Japanese customers also buy Japanese food."

When asked about the other employees in the market, she stated that there are two Chinese women checkers and several Negro employees.

Commenting on the varied racial background of the customers who patronize the market, she added

that because of the highly competitive nature of the retail food industry, large chain markets can no longer ignore the racial background of their customers.

The markets are recognizing the value of their customers when they hire checkers and other help of minority races and in return receiving their patronage. Certainly, the management of this market recognized that people of all creeds celebrate Christmas, for large wall signs above the produce section in a dozen languages spelled out "Merry Christmas."

Perhaps the first Nisei to break down the racial barriers in one chain market is LILY HASHIMOTO of 4017 Hickman Drive, Torrance, Calif. When she decided to change jobs in 1954, she went to the Retail Clerks Union, Local 770 office. With the backing of the union, she applied for a job as checker at Ralph's Market on Crenshaw and Rodeo. Coincidentally, the newly-appointed manager of this market was working with the head office to employ Nisei help. Lily was hired, and at the present time, there are two other checkers, one produce clerk and several part-time box boys, all of them Nisei. There is a Nisei wrapper in the meat department and one front room order clerk. One box-boy is being trained for the Delicatessen department in this market.

"It was due to Mr. Brown, our manager, and Lily's cheerful, conscientious and diligent attitude that paved the road for the rest of us," so stated Mrs. SAKAYE KONNO, whose family has been in the produce business "as long as I can remember."

Mrs. Konno is in charge of ordering all non-food items such as cosmetics and spices, and more recently, in complete charge of the newly-created "Oriental Foods" section.

According to both of these women, there hasn't been any unpleasant experience with customers. In fact, many Issei women were happy to see Nisei employees who could help them with their limited knowledge of English.

GEORGE IKEMOTO, produce clerk at Boys' Market, received a three-week vacation this year under the newest agreement which won the fringe benefit of a three-week vacation after five years of continuous employment with one concern.

George is married to Edna Ikemoto and they have two children, Lisa, age 3, and Ricky, 23 months. Both children are designated "Permanent babies" according to the union office as they were born in the Kaiser Foundation Hospital and are covered under the prepaid health insurance plan of the union.

The Retail Clerks training program was instituted a year ago. NOBLE KUNITAKE and SAM YANO are two out of about 10 persons who completed six of the seven courses offered through the Los Angeles City Schools.

Sam is a produce clerk at Von's Market No. 4 in Monterey Park. He was employed by Von's before the evacuation and feels that the Nisei have made great strides. Although Southern Calif. clerks are the highest paid, Sam feels that opportunities are still limited to the produce division. He hopes that he will be able to expand into other divisions as a result of the training program he just completed.

"Younger executives who are

entering the industry, and who went to school with us Nisei, are much more understanding. That's one of the biggest reasons why the Nisei are making progress," is the way Sam puts it.

Agreeing with him is BRYAN K. HONKAWA, pharmacist, who is employed at Thrifty's drugstore at 8400 S. Vermont. Most Nisei pharmacists are doing very well, according to Bryan, and getting an average of \$3.20 per hour, a result of their latest contract which gave pharmacists a 40 cents per hour increase. Bryan is married and has four children. He attended the Univ. of Washington and settled in Los Angeles with his family in 1950.

The big chain drugstores came under the Retail Clerks Union in 1944 and has substantially the same terms as the food division.

MRS. KAY SUGITA was employed as a legal secretary when she discovered that retail clerks were earning a better salary than she. She decided to apply for a job as checker and learn the trade. After filling out an application form at the union office, she was interviewed by a member of the office staff, and then and there, hired as secretary in the office of the executive secretary, Joseph T. DeSilva.

While talking to Kay, we were introduced to HENRY SACKS, one of the business agents of the union. Mr. Sacks estimated that there are up to 2,500 Nisei members in the union, out of a total membership of about 15,000.

"When we get calls for clerks, we often get specific requests for Nisei help. But we make no distinction in this office. Everyone is equal."

The same feeling came across talking to Kay. She noted that there are many peoples represented in the office. Among others, she named Irish, Canadian, Negro and Greek.

Through the efforts of Kay, an appointment was arranged to see Joseph DeSilva. In his down-to-earth manner of speaking, he stated the position of the union.

"The union is run on the needs of its membership. I call our office staff 'economic nurses'; the members who come in for help are not physically ill, they need help financially. We have our office divided so that each member is directed to the person who can best help him without long waiting and red tape.

"We have no barrier as far as race, religion, sex or creed is concerned. Women get the same pay as men. One person of one race is no superior to another."

When questioned about the return of the Japanese to the industry since World War II and evacuation, DeSilva told the following story:

In the fall of 1945, there were several markets willing to hire Nisei clerks. The Japanese were returning to Southern California from the Midwest and East where they had lived during the war. The wholesale markets were closed en-masse to the returning evacuees, who at one time predominated the wholesale food industry. Nisei clerks were sent to the Mayfair Markets; the men were started in the trimming of vegetables. They were gradually moved up front to the produce departments.

Then Grand Central Terminal Market opened up to the Japanese. By this time, the union had won a 40-hour week and the top wage scale was \$35. In the last ten years the Nisei clerk has moved to other departments without meeting serious objection from the consumer public or management.



George Ikemoto, veteran in the produce industry, takes care of the vegetable stand at Boy's Market, one of the supermarkets in southwest Los Angeles. —Gil Olmstead Photo

Nisei Union Executive Hinted

During this period, a search was on for experienced Negro help. Because of the discrimination practiced by a majority of the markets, no experienced clerk was found. Hired as box-boys, they have been promoted and are slowly breaking into the industry.

"One owner of a chain market came to me and complained that a certain branch in the Crenshaw area was not doing any business," continued DeSilva. "He said he just didn't understand why this was, as there was quite a large residential area surrounding his market. I told him to consider the potential customers of his store and asked him if he had given any thought to their racial background. I told him he was probably willing to take their money, but not recognizing their value in the community. He went home to think it over and the following week he hired clerks of minority groups. Today, he's doing a lot better—not rushed, but he's doing better."

In concluding his interview, DeSilva announced that the office was in the process of appointing a Nisei to the executive board of the union to fill a vacancy.

"This is the Jet Age. We need jet pilots to lead our union. We're looking for top calibre men and women to be in our office and on our executive board. We need to have representation from the Oriental members of our union, because we like to believe that our union is run in a democratic manner with representation from all groups."

In 1951, when federal restrictions made it impossible for wage increases, the union concentrated on fringe benefits. Its chief demand was for increased premiums for work performed at night, on Sundays and holidays. Negotiations were deadlocked and the issue was arbitrated in March of 1952. The decision was that the union was entitled to

the premiums requested for night, Sunday and holiday work.

The issue was appealed all the way up to the State and Federal Supreme courts. A final decision was rendered in favor of the union in 1955. Since the benefit is retroactive, more than 20,000 claims have been filed with the union office and approximately four million dollars collected at the present time.

One of the first Nisei to be employed in the grocery section of a chain market is ARTHUR TAKEI, who is working at King Cole Market No. 1 in Los Angeles. Art recently received his retroactive paycheck, netting about \$213, with 5% of this going to the union to pay for legal expenses. Several other Nisei who received their retroactive pay got together with Art and purchased a Japanese doll dressed in traditional costume and presented it to the union in appreciation of its efforts to achieve a better standard of living.

A photograph of the doll and the text of the accompanying letter was recently printed in the union's monthly paper, "Voice of 770."

Part of the letter is printed below:

"I want to utilize the occasion of receiving my Alpha Beta retroactive pay to say thanks to you and the rest of the members of the office. The year and a half that I have been a member of Local 770 has been a very satisfying and rewarding one, where through the efforts of the union, I along with others, have achieved economic gains far beyond our expectation. . . .

"The gift is a token of appreciation. I hope that a place can be found in the office where it can be a reminder to everyone who sees it that our union is made up of Americans of all races, colors, creeds and national background, all working together—the reason why we have been able to achieve so much. Thanks again. . . ."



Joseph T. DeSilva, secretary-treasurer of Local 770, is predominantly responsible for the progress retail clerks have made in the past 20 years.—Alfred-Fabris Studio

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BLANCA, Colo.—The San Luis Valley is a fertile mountain valley, completely surrounded by two chains of the Rocky Mountain Range and is both productive and colorful. This can also be descriptive of our outstanding JACL member, Roy Inouye.

Roy was born in Stockton, California, in 1917. He is oldest of three brothers, and also has a sister, residing in Los Angeles. Since 1926, Roy has been a resident of La Jara, Colorado. After graduating from the local high school, where he was active in athletics, he matriculated at Denver University. There he met pretty Yoshiko Nakayama of Rocky Ford, Colorado, and the two were married in 1941. They have an 11-year-old son, Ronnie.

Owner and operator of a 320 acre farm, he specializes in potatoes, with vegetables, hay and grain as side crops. For several years, Inouye has been dabbling

in uranium ventures in Colorado and Wyoming.

An ardent sportsman, Roy loves to fish and hunt all that this valley offers.

In January, 1949, by a unanimous vote of all prospective members, the 70th National Chapter, officially known as the San Luis Valley Chapter, was organized, and he became its first president, an office he held again in 1951 and 1953. Roy labored hard to create interest and support. Being a born leader, he has been a credit to our chapter at all times.

In the past he was president and director of the La Jara Jr. Chamber of Commerce; member of the Conejos County Tax Equalization Board in 1955; and as an energetic member of the La Jara Rotary, of which he was president in 1954-55. He contributed greatly to the drive and campaign which fulfilled a dream of a large community hospital for the county this year.

Always active in community service and activities, he was instrumental in a relay TV station from Albuquerque being established in the valley this winter.

The accepted leader of Nisei activities in the Alamosa-La Jara Seinen-Kai in its formative years, he has held every elective office in the organization, as well as many in the Tri-State Region. At present he is superintendent of the Alamosa-La Jara Sunday School.

Inouye is president of the Conejos County Farm Bureau, chairman of the District Fruit and Vegetable Committee, county representative for the SLV Potato Improvement Assn., and alternate on the SLV Potato Administrative Committee.

It was due in large part to his spirited effort that in 1956 the SLV Chapter ranked fifth nationally, percentage-wise in 1000 Club members with 1 in 6 or a total of 21 Thousand Clubbers.

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Brothers served as Mt. Olympus chapter president, IDC chairman



Jim Ushio, younger brother of Shigeki, was a charter member of the Salt Lake JACL when it was organized in 1934. He became very active in the Mt. Olympus chapter after its organization in 1943 and became its president in 1952. Two years later, he was elected chairman of the Intermountain District Council.

—Terashima Photo



Shigeki Ushio, charter member of the Salt Lake JACL when it was founded in 1934, became its president in 1940 and then organized the nearby Mt. Olympus chapter and served as its first president in 1943. After serving a term as chairman of the Intermountain District Council, he chaired the 1948 National JACL Convention at Salt Lake City.

—Terashima Photo

MURRAY, Utah—The Ushio brothers, Shigeki and Jim, are a unique combination in the annals of JACL for the Intermountain District. In addition to their long history of service to the Japanese community through JACL, both are active in their church, service club and youth movement.

As outstanding members of the Mt. Olympus chapter, Shigeki was among those who formed the chapter and served as its first president. Younger Jim also joined at the same time in 1943 and served as president in 1952.

And what makes this brother combination truly unique, Shigeki and Jim were both elected chairman of the Intermountain District Council. Shigeki served during the 1945-47 period, while Jim served the 1954-55 biennium.

Shigeki and Jim first joined the JACL movement in 1934 when the Salt Lake City chapter was organized. Shigeki was instrumental in its organization, being only 20 years old at the time. Jim is 16 months younger. Shigeki was president of the Salt Lake chapter in 1940-41. Younger Jim on the other hand, did not hold an elective office.

Shigeki chaired the 1948 national JACL convention at Salt Lake City. While he regards that mission with pleasant memories and deemed it a distinct privilege, he was more impressed by "the unselfish devotion of JACL leaders and the fine response of the JACL membership when faced by the emergency created by Pearl Harbor and the crisis of World War II."

A strong believer of participating in the whole community life, Shigeki is active in the Church of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon), South Cottonwood Lions Club, the State Farm Bureau, JACL Credit Union and a committee member for a local Boy Scout troop.

Shigeki declared:

"While JACL is very important to Japanese Americans, and we should support it wholeheartedly, we must remember that as Americans we must be an integral part of the community in which we live. I, there-

fore, believe that we should not wholly isolate ourselves in primarily Japanese American organizations but should join and be active in any worthwhile activity and organization that represents the people as a whole."

Jim actively assisted his brother in staging the 1948 national JACL convention. In recent years, he has fattened the chapter funds by conducting turkey shoot and fishing derby benefits.

Like his brother Shigeki, Jim is also active in other community activities as well as at church. He is a past president and past secretary of the South Cottonwood Lions Club, assistant scoutmaster, and a member of the Mormon church.

In advising the younger generation on the importance of

JACL as an integral part of the community, Jim says:

"Be active in your community socially at school and at church but also—join JACL for there is strength in unity. Here lies opportunity for meeting and making new friends. JACL has been proven to be a lifeline in time of need. It can only be as strong as you make it and as successful as you want it to be."

"You are the future and JACL can be your 'voice' in strength, unity and accomplishment."

Both parents, Mataji and Osomo Ushio, are still living. Shigeki is married to the former Momoko Tateoka and has three daughters, Linda 13, Shauna 9, Virginia 7, and one son David 17. Shigeki, a farmer and insurance salesman by profession, attended Univ. of Utah.

Jim, who is married to the former Toni Mukai, has three daughters, Marion 4½, Joanne 3 and Dorothy Lynn 1. He is a graduate of Granite High School and a farmer by profession—living practically next door to his brother on S. 1300 East here.

Both are members in good standing of the JACL 1000 Club, Shigeki in his fourth year; Jim in his second year.

VENICE-CULVER RECALLS ROLE OF INAGAKI IN LOCAL CHAPTER AFFAIRS

VENICE—The Venice-Culver JACL may be repeating a bit that has been already said in last year's Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue by asking George J. Inagaki be listed among the old-timers in JACL who are being featured in the 1956 edition.

As we all know, George is the immediate past national JACL president, having served from 1952-56 and distinguished himself in that capacity. It also merited him the Nisei of the Biennium gold medallion at the last national JACL convention in San Francisco.

He was probably the most popular advocate of the national JACL 1000 Club as one of its founders and first national chairman. He has held a number of offices at the chapter level, district council level and a term as first national vice-president before being acclaimed for the top organizational post.

George first joined JACL in 1932 at Sacramento to rank among the few who have stayed with JACL the past twenty years. Upon moving to Southern California, he became active with the Bay District chapter that com-



Immediate past National JACL President George Inagaki is smiling as this picture was taken when he handed the gavel of office to Dr. Roy Nishikawa at the last national JACL convention in San Francisco. George is still, as he always has been, vigorously championing Venice-Culver chapter programs to the community-at-large.

prised the area of what is today West Los Angeles-Venice and Santa Monica. Since returning to the coast, he helped organize the Venice-Culver JACL.

He and his wife Yuki are especially proud of the two youngsters they have adopted as their own. Patti is now 6 and Chris is 4.

A graduate of Sacramento Jr. College, George has long been associated with the greenhouse nursery business, but in recent years has gone into selling real estate and securities investment.

His ties with the local community are imbedded in the Culver City Rotary. He has also pushed the local chapter to participate in as many city-wide projects that has netted well-received chapter public relations.

George's duties with JACL were interrupted when he enlisted in the Army and was attached with the Navy as a language specialist.

His continuing interest in JACL at the local level was never dimmed even through the years he toted the great burden as a national officer. The Venice-Culver JACL, therefore, is grateful for this opportunity to recall all too briefly the outstanding achievements of another JACL old-timer.

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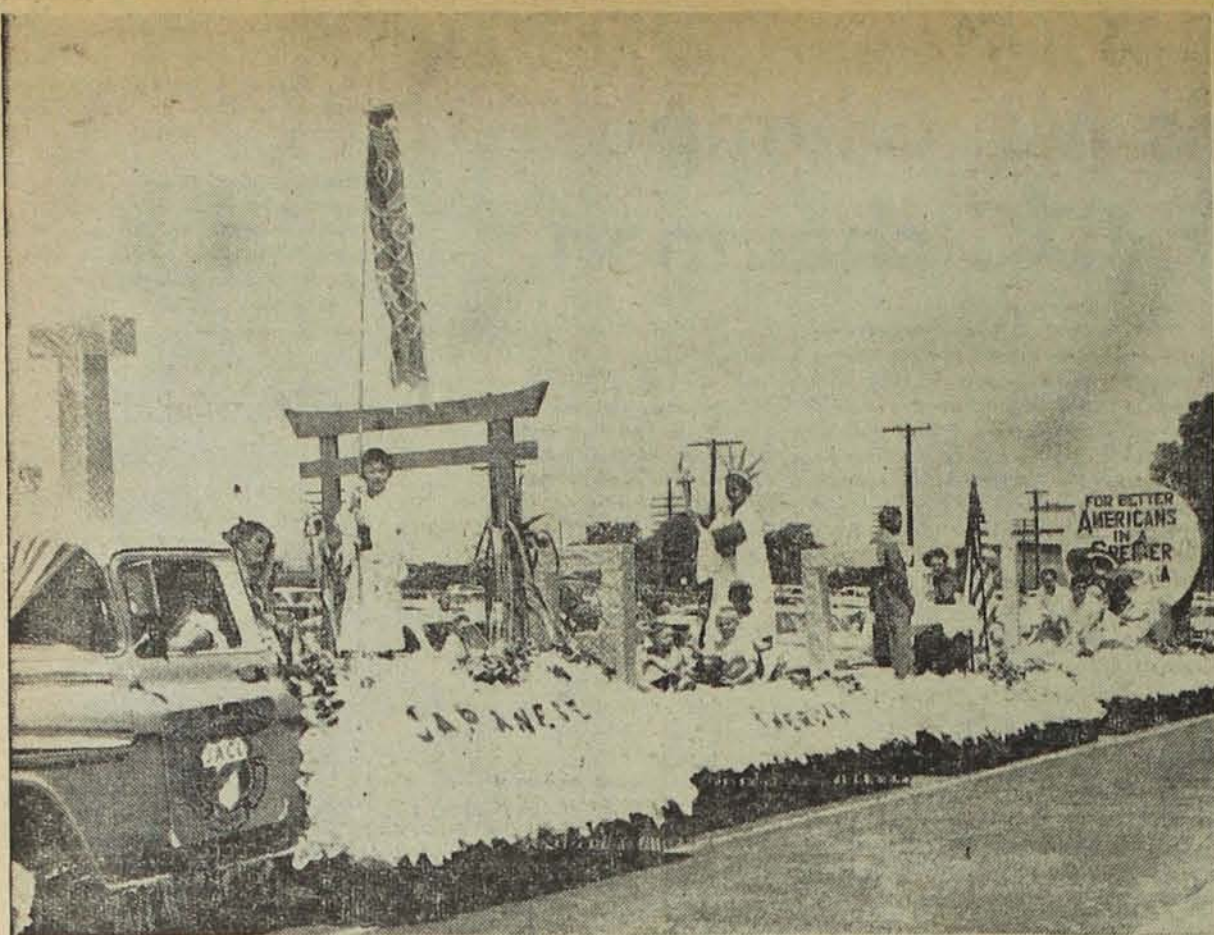
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A four-section float depicting the motto of the Japanese American Citizens League, "For Better Americans in a Greater America", was sponsored by the Parlier JACL in the 11th annual Veterans Round-Up parade on May 20 to win the sweepstakes award. The American Legion-sponsored parade was viewed by some 12,000 people. Ricky Kozuki, parade chairman, and his committee worked a whole week preparing the float. The first section (J) features a torii and paper carp with Shari Ann Kimoto and Donald Okubo. The second section (A) features Statue of Liberty with seven youngsters attired in school dress. Third section (C) shows Tom Yoshimoto, newly naturalized citizen, casting his vote with Mrs. Clyde Williams as clerk. The final section (L) signifies the league of nations with Doris Lee in Chinese dress, Nancy Kodama in kimono, Tad Kozuki and Leo Balakian in school attire, Helen Vuori and Margo Nicholas in Spanish costume.

—Nurmi Photo

Parlier CL Establishes Scholarship Award

PARLIER—One of the highlights of Parlier JACL's activities this past year was the founding of a scholarship fund to be awarded annually to the "most outstanding student" of Parlier High School. A committee of Harry Kubo, Sue Miyakawa, Kengo Osumi and Ralph Kimoto, 1956 chapter president, conferred with Melvin Rudholm, superintendent of the Parlier Unified School District, to work out details of the award.

The chapter has already elected its 1957 officers. They are Harry Kubo, pres.; John Kashiki, 1st v.p.; Irene Kozuki, 2nd v.p. and Auxiliary chmn.; Nob Ebisuda, rec. sec.; Bill Tsuji, cor. sec.; Ken Sunamoto, treas.; Frank Maruyama, soc.; Tak Kimoto, ath.; Bob Okamura, pub.; Ralph Kimoto, del.; Kaz Komoto, alt. del.

Serving this year were Ralph Kimoto, pres.; Harry Kubo, 1st v.p.; Sue Miyakawa, 2nd v.p. and Auxiliary chmn.; John Kashiki, rec. sec.; Kengo Osumi, Aki Kimoto, cor. sec.; Tomio Miyakawa, treas.; Harry Nakata, soc.; Henry Tanouye, ath.; Kaz Komoto, pub.; Ronald Ota, del.; and James Kozuki, alt. del.

The Auxiliary has elected its 1957 officers as follows: Irene Kozuki, chmn.; Sue Miyakawa, v.e.; Mary Kashiki, sec.; Tomi Watanabe (I), Betty Doi (II), Ruri Masuda (III), Terie Tsuji (IV), dist. chmn. Serving this past year were Sue Miyakawa, chmn.; Aki Kimoto, v.e.; Chika Komoto, sec.; Betty Doi, treas.; Momi Miyakawa (I), Irene Yoshimoto (II), Jean Kobashi (III) and Irene Kozuki (IV), dist. chmn.

Parlier was commended in

early January this year by Central California District Council chairman Jin Ishikawa for being the first chapter in the district to complete its successful membership campaign. Spearheaded by president Kimoto, 178 members were enrolled. Ronald Ota, 1000 Club chairman, was instrumental in getting twenty 1000ers to renew and add two new members as well as one Life member.

Other January activities included the assisting of aliens fill out their annual registration and address forms, registering voters during a benefit movie and contributing to the flood victims of the Marysville-Yuba City flood disaster. The Auxiliary honored Issei mothers at a party. Colored slides of Japan were shown.

For February, the chapter honored newly naturalized citizens and 17 new JACL members. Sixty persons attended. "Koden" was also sent to the family of the late Tom Yego. The Auxiliary collected over 100 lbs. of used clothing which was disbursed to local welfare agencies.

The local Japanese community picnic in March attracted over 800 persons at Fresno's Kearney Park.

Parlier JACL's float in the 11th annual Veterans Round-Up parade sponsored by the Parlier American Legion Post 36 in May won the sweepstakes award.

With summer season beginning in June, the chapter activities naturally lightened in substance. There were clam-diggings at Pismo Beach, perch derby, a weiner bake enjoyed by 50 people, and a chapter food booth at the YBA Fun Night.

The chapter also contributed to support of Boy Scout Troop 379 of Los Angeles compete and retain

its state title at the Fresno competition.

Parlier hosted the quarterly CCDC session in August and sent three official delegates and nine boosters to the national JACL convention in San Francisco during the Labor Day holidays.

Registration of voters was completed in September and the chapter participated in the local blood drawing.

October was hectic. Over 800 brochures for Yes on Prop. 13 were addressed and mailed locally. Kengo Osumi, local chairman of the campaign, obtained endorsements for repeal of the alien land law from local leaders and friends, American Legion Post 36, city council and from the local newspaper. The chapter also participated in a political rally sponsored by CCDC.

A choir was formed in October to learn the JACL Hymn.

Bouquets were also presented to families of servicemen who gave their lives during the past war in observance of Nisei Memorial Day.

This past month, Kaz Komoto chaired a meeting for both Issei and Nisei voters to discuss the 19 state propositions, which were on the general ballot Nov. 6. Five Nisei who were entering the Armed Forces in November were also honored and presented with gifts from the chapter.

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Detroit Chapter Celebrates 10th Anniversary During '56

Discussion Panel Formed As New Project

DETROIT — With year 1956 marking the 10th anniversary year, Detroit chapter activities were formally opened with the installation ceremonies for the cabinet of Mrs. W. R. O'Neill, first woman president of this chapter, on February 18 at the Stockholm Restaurant. Mrs. Beulah Whitby, assistant director of the Committee on Community Relations, was the guest speaker for this occasion and spoke on "The Responsibility of the Minority Group for Promoting Better Citizenship."

The new officers were installed by Judge Theodore R. Bohn, circuit court judge. Other guests included Rev. and Mrs. M. Mochizuki, Professor and Mrs. J. K. Yamaguchi and daughter Rosanna and Miss Miriam Mizuno, social worker from Japan on a temporary assignment to the International Institute.

Mrs. O'Neill's cabinet included: Walter Miyao, first vice-president; Fred Yoshida, second vice-president; Miss Chiyo Togasaki, third vice-president; Mrs. Mary Seriguchi, recording secretary; Miss Mae Miyagawa, corresponding secretary; Jiro Shimoda, treasurer; Miss Setsu Fujioka, historian; Y. Inouye, publicity director; Mr. Am Omura, Miss Bebe Horiuchi, Mrs. Y. Ambo and Mr. Miyamoto, members at large.

Membership Meeting

On March 18 a general meeting was called to honor the canvassers for both the 1955 and 1956 membership drives. Co-chairmen for the membership drive, Miss Kay Miyaya and Chas. Yata, carefully planned and supervised a strategic course in order to cover every block of Detroit and suburbs and their efforts were well rewarded and as the final count came through Detroit had 370 chapter members. The 1000 Club members now total 18.

The chapter was fortunate in obtaining Abe Hagiwara, Midwest District Council chairman, as guest speaker for this meeting. Hagiwara presented a resume of the activities of the MDC and a short report on the national program.

Dr. Ted Kokubo, chairman for the general meeting was assisted by Peter Fujioka, Mary Fukuda, Sud Kimoto, Mrs. Betty Mimura, Mrs. Miyo O'Neill, Mrs. Toshi Shimura, and Min Togasaki.

This year the local chapter joined the Detroit Museum Art Founders Society, wherein the members were kept up to date on all coming art exhibitions and other activities of the Museum.

The early part of the year at the International Institute Members' meeting, first vice president of the JACL Walter Miyao was elected to serve a three-year term as council member representing the Japanese community in Detroit.

Sukiyaki Demonstration

On April 9 a sukiyaki dinner was prepared and served to the members of the Delta Gamma sorority. Co-chairmen for this dinner were Miss Setsu Fujioka and Miss Chiyo Togasaki. Mrs. Aiko Morita and Mrs. Florence Adair gave an orientation on sukiyaki cookery and demonstrated the procedure in preparing this dish.

The big dance of the year was the "Spring Carousel" held at the Elk's Hall on April 21. Bebe Horiuchi and Mrs. Irene Hatate co-chaired a very successful affair. The floor show included an acrobatic group, Japanese songs, an exhibition dance by George Nakanishi of Cleveland, winner of Arthur Murray dance contests, and Miss Margaret Page, instructor of the JACL dance classes, and songs and dances by the Hawaiian club of the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Miyo O'Neill and Jiro Shimoda were the official delegates to the MDC convention in Cincinnati on May 25 and 26. Mae Miya-

gawa, Bebe Horiuchi, Min Togasaki and Art Matsumura also attended as booster members.

On June 7 Masao Satow, national director from San Francisco, made a short visit to the Motor City. A general meeting was called together to hear Satow's report on the national program and to submit a tentative itinerary for the S. F. national confab in September.

The local chapter continues to sponsor various cultural and social classes. There were two eight week courses in ballroom dancing during the year under instructor Miss Margaret Page, who is affiliated with the Arthur Murray studios. Classes are held weekly on Friday from 8:30 to 11 p.m. at the International Institute and the present fall class boasts an attendance of 55.

Japanese flower arrangement classes are held on Wednesday evenings with instructor Mrs. Teruko Millican teaching the Koryu style of flower arrangements. The class presented an exhibition for the annual International Institute garden party at Grosse Pointe War Memorial and also made arrangements for the tables at the sukiyaki dinner for the Institute Members' meeting in September.

Americanization Classes

English classes have continued through the year and attendance has increased considerably. Miss Marian Miyaya, who also teaches in the Detroit Public Schools, has relinquished her Sunday afternoons to instruct this group with Mrs. K. Horiuchi as assistant and also as interpreter.

At the close of the spring course, certificates of achievement were presented by chapter president Mrs. O'Neill to those students who completed the 10 weeks course.

During October, when an election talk was uppermost, Mr. O'Leary of the election board visited the English class and explained election and voting procedures to the Issei citizens. Sample ballots were also sent to the Issei to familiarize them with the form.

To meet the requests by the Caucasians for information and speakers about Japanese Americans, it became necessary for the local chapter to set up a discussion group. Under the chairmanship of Ken Miyoshi, a program was outlined with the following study topics:

1. Vital statistics on Japanese in Detroit.
2. Immigration and Nationality Act.
3. History of JACL.
4. Bibliography of books of Japanese Americans in the U. S.
5. The evacuation story.
6. Evacuation claims.
7. Dual citizenship.
8. History of the Japanese in Detroit and the U. S.
9. Japanese culture.
10. War record of the Japanese Americans.
11. Outstanding Japanese Americans in American life.
12. How can we help our children?

Each member of this group was assigned one of these topics. All available data was collected and reports were given at each meeting.

The annual community picnic was sponsored by various Nisei organizations and held at Middle Rouge Park on July 15. Approximately 500 turned out for the outing.

Top Architect Honored

Mrs. Aiko Morita and Min Togasaki were the official delegates from Detroit to the National convention in San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend. At that time Min Yamasaki, of Birmingham, Mich., was named the recipient of the Distinguished Award in Architectural Engineering by the National Recognition Committee. Yamasaki was also hailed as one of the top 10 architects of the nation.

On October 3 the chapter sponsored a double feature Japanese

movie. Approximately 85 persons came to the Institute to see "Hotaruru No Hikari" and "Kaito no Hangan." The movie was presented by Mr. Tabata of Cleveland.

The climaxing event of the year was the 10th anniversary dinner dance held on Sept. 29 at Paul's Steak House. Approximately 100 persons were in attendance. Honorary guests included Dr. T. Yatabe, Gov. G. M. Williams, Councilwoman Blanche P. Wise, Judge and Mrs. T. Bohn, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hagiwara, Mrs. Fern Gunkel, Miss Marian Miyaya, Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gentilly.

Through thick and thin the chapter has come a long way since 1946 and it is uppermost in our minds to remember the presidents who led us through those 10 years. We start with first president Peter Fujioka, who served through 1948 then Roy Kaneko, Dr. Mark Kondo, Sutemi Murayama, Shig Ochi, Min Togasaki, Sadao Kimoto and Mrs. Miyo O'Neill.

There are numerous Issei and Caucasians, too, who have given so generously of their counsel and assistance to the JACL but space does not permit to list them here. We can only bow our humble thanks.

Old World Market

Each year the local chapter sponsors a booth at the Institutes' Old World Market. Each nationality is represented at this event putting up booths, presenting customs, foods, dances, and arts synonymous to his country. This is a three-day affair and a large percent of the proceeds goes to paying the mortgage on the International Institute. The JACL has had access to the club rooms for almost 10 years and is grateful to the International Institute.

The JACL booth has been one of the most popular corners. Mrs. Laura Miyoshi and Mrs. Janice uchi are in charge of the booth.

December 1 was the election meeting and preceding the business meeting was a pot luck dinner. Mrs. Peter Fujioka was in charge of the dinner and Mrs. Yuri Koga supervised the children's activities. Sadao Kimoto headed the nominating committee.

The children's Christmas party was scheduled for December 9 as the final event of the year for the local chapter. Co-chairmen Mariko Matsura and Mary Kawasaki announced there would be a puppet show, a visit from Santa Claus, refreshments and surprise stockings for the children.

By Yoshiko Inouye

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SALT LAKE CITY.—Averaging at least two events per month, the Salt Lake City JACL chapter under the capable leadership of Rupert Hachiya, three-time president, and his cabinet officers, makes the following report for the year by months.

January

Alien Address Report: The local Chapter maintained registration headquarters at the Colonial Hotel lobby assisting those Issei aliens necessitating report of address. Members assisting were Jeanne Konishi, Rae Fujimoto, Tomoko Yano, Isamu Watanuki, Rupert Hachiya, and Sue Kaneko.

Citizens' Dinner: Under the chairmanship of George Yoshimoto, the Chapter sponsored its third dinner honoring approximately 45 Issei who had received their American citizenship during the prior months. Main speaker for the evening was Judge Martin M. Larsen. Guests honored were Mayor and Mrs. Adiel F. Stewart, Arthur Cornelius, special agent of the local FBI office, and Herbert F. Kretzman, editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, who edited a special article on our Issei in the Tribune.

February

Flood Relief: Headed by the Chapter Auxiliary ladies a drive was made for collection of clothing for the unfortunate victims of the Marysville-Yuba City flood. The Salt Lake Chapter made a cash contribution of \$75 as well as soliciting funds from individuals of the community. Clothes were packed and sent through the courtesy of the Fujimoto Miso Company.

Membership Drive: As a kick-off to the membership drive with a goal of 300 members this year, a social-meeting was held February 11 at the South Salt Lake Civic Auditorium. Skits were performed by the Senior and Junior members. Dancing followed the program.

Special Meeting: National Di-

rector Mas Satow, passing through Salt Lake, spoke to members of this community. Especially discussed was the letter written by a "Lincoln Yamamoto" and published in Newsweek magazine. All members were urged to send letters of protest to the Newsweek and substantiate the true loyalty of the Nisei in America. Future major projects of the National JACL were discussed.

March

National Bowling Tournament: The local Chapter participated in the sponsorship of the National Bowling Tournament held in Salt Lake City in conjunction with the Bowling League and Mt. Olympus Chapter. One of the honor trophies was donated by this Chapter.

IDC Spring Meeting: The Chapter hosted the Spring Intermountain District Council luncheon meeting held at the Temple Square Hotel.

Basketball Tournament: The Chapter donated one of the large trophies to the basketball tournament held in Salt Lake City with teams coming from all parts of the country.

May

Fashion Show & Tea: Sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary, the first fashion show of its kind ever attempted by the Nisei community and tea honoring our mothers was held at Manor Heights on Mothers' Day. Spring and summer fashions from sport to evening wear to a bridal gown on a "Around the Clock" theme were modeled by the members. Clothes from several leading stores were modeled together with fashions made and created by local mothers and daughters. Hostesses were Jeanne Konishi, Miki Yano, Marge Nishikawa, Mary Nakai, Betty Gikkio, Helen Kuramada, Tomoko Yano, and Midori Watanuki and Sue Kaneko.

Memorial Services: Special services by the three Japanese churches were held at the War

Memorial Monument. A wreath was presented by Commander Bradshaw of the local VFW Post and laid at the monument by one of the Gold Star mothers.

General Meeting: To start out a good year's fishing for our fishermen and hunters, a general meeting was held with the theme of Fish and Game under the chairmanship of Henry Kasai. Interesting films on fishing and game were shown.

June

Grad Hop: The annual Grad Hop, being a dinner dance and honoring graduates from all Salt Lake schools, was held at the El Gaucho Inn, June 5, 1956, under the chairmanship of Ichiro Doi. The theme for the night was "Memories." Each graduate was honored by the presentation of a boutonniere or corsage.

August

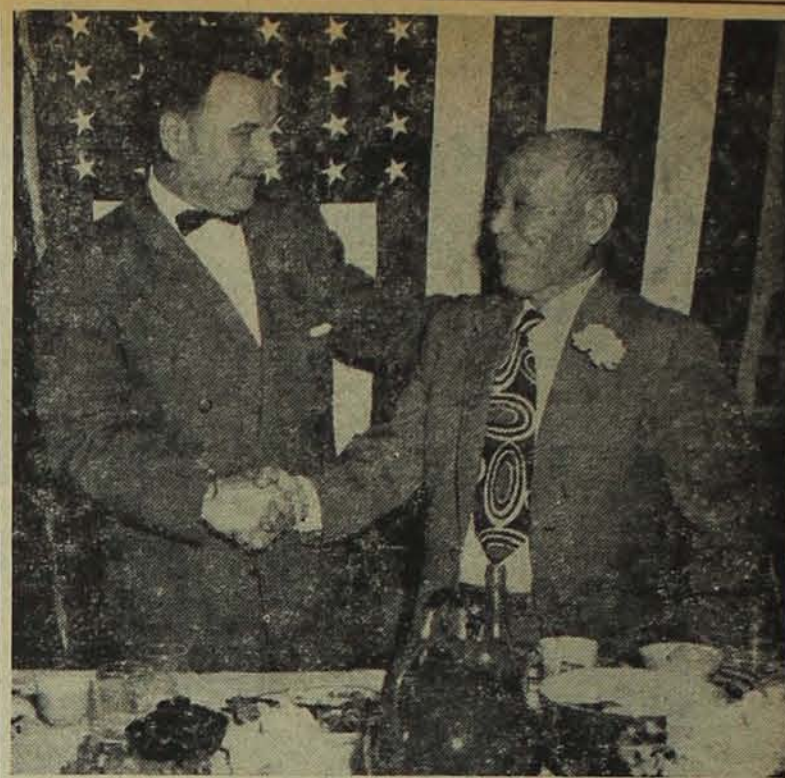
Canyon Outing: A family outing was held at the Maxfield Lodge private outing grounds in Big Cottonwood Canyon under the sponsorship of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Games were held for all, young and old.

September

National Convention: The Chapter sent their president, Rupert Hachiya, as their delegate to the National Convention in San Francisco.

October

Political Meeting: A general meeting was held October 20 to inform new citizens as well as all members on "How to Register and Vote." A complete explanation was made on the proper way to vote and cast ballots by Alvin Keddington, county clerk. Motion pictures were shown on past elections and how votes were cast, how they are counted and what your vote can do, as well as the importance of any citizen's participation in voting and exercising his rights by voting. Representatives from both the Democratic and Republican parties, running for the posi-



ISSEI CITIZEN PIONEER HONORED

Salt Lake City's Mayor Adiel F. Stewart congratulates Masusaburo Chiba (right), who received his American citizenship last year, at the Salt Lake JACL banquet honoring newly naturalized Issei and old-time Japanese residents.

—Terashima Photo

tion of State Senators, made political speeches. Light refreshments were served.

Hallowe'en Party: Especially for the smaller children and sponsored by the Auxiliary, a Hallowe'en costume party was held November 24 at the local Mexican Ward. Games, a spook alley, and a masquerade parade were held. Prizes were given for the best costumes, both young and old. The nominations committee report was given presenting the slate of candidates of officers for the coming year. Hostesses were Chiye Aoyama, Amy Doi, Alice Kasai, Lilly Sekino, Mary Shiozaki, and Kiyo Oshiro.

War Memorial Services: Despite snow and cold weather, services were conducted by the three local churches and sponsored by the local chapter, who presented a wreath laid by one of the Gold Star mothers.

November

Final Board Meeting: The final board meeting of the year was held to clear up all pending matters. A bulletin is to be issued giving a financial statement, and reports from the various committees. All outstanding bills and debts are to be paid. Votes were cast for the most outstanding member who is to be presented with a JACL pin at the Installation Dinner.

Installation Dinner: New officers were installed at a dinner-dance held November 30 at the Art Barn. Chairman for the evening was Shiz Sakai.

Miscellaneous Activities

"Home Again": Ten copies were donated to the various school libraries as well as the public libraries within the Salt Lake City area, and one being donated to Superin-

tendent of Schools Lynn Benion, and one to Mayor Glade. The chapter reports having ordered and sold 30 copies.

Special Meeting: A special meeting was held and a bulletin published to members on the "Lincoln Yamamoto" case. Members wrote many letters to the Newsweek editor protesting the publication appearing in the magazine.

Special Hearing: Through the efforts of the local Chapter and Immigration Office, a special hearing as well as a special swearing of oath was made possible for Mrs. Oshita, who was bedridden as a result of a stroke which paralyzed her making it impossible for her to be present at the Court House for examination or to take oath.

Lane-Hillings Amendment: With an effort to expedite the passing of this amendment and payment of outstanding evacuation claims, the Salt Lake Chapter participated in sending correspondence to the Utah Congressional delegation requesting them to support this important amendment.

Discrimination: President Hachiya made a special visit to the Jackson School as well as discussing with Superintendent of Schools Bennion, to discuss the use of the word "Jap" with reference to Japanese students and the discriminatory attitude of several of the teachers of this school. A satisfactory result was gained by President Hachiya's visit.

Dancing Classes: Balroom dancing lessons were held for members under the instruction of Bette Wimer, formerly of Arthur Murray.

Funerals: The local Chapter sent flowers to approximately 40 community Issei and Nisei members who passed away during the past two years. Our Public Relations (Japanese) chairman Isamu Watanuki has been in charge of this project.

Membership: Chairman Sue Kaneko, of membership, reports that the goal of 300 was attained by going over seven — 307 members have been registered, of which nine are 1000 Club members. For the first time in its history, the Chapter's commitment to National has been met through membership funds.

—By Sue Kaneko.

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MT. OLYMPUS JACL RECALLS ISSEI APPRECIATION NIGHT

MURRAY, Utah — Another eventful and satisfying year has come to a close for the Mount Olympus JACL. Under the able leadership of president Toby Hirabayashi, the new term began in December with a combined past and present cabinet dinner held at past-president Mas Namba's home, where the leadership changed hands.

January began with a meeting presented by the cabinet members. Assisting the president were his 1st vice-president Ida Tateoka; 2nd vice-president George Tamura; treasurer Sam Saito; corresponding secretary Jane Imamura; recording secretary Ruby Tamura; and social chairmen Sugar Hirabayashi and Billy Watanabe.

A business meeting was held that set into motion the Member-

ship Drive chaired by George Tamura, and a schedule for the year's events was set up. The business meeting was followed by a ballroom dance demonstration given by teachers of a local dance school. Enough of the members signed up to have two separate classes of some 20 couples each.

February brought around our most successful and important event of the year—an Issei Appreciation Night. A Smorgasbord dinner was held to honor all naturalized Issei citizens at which 175 persons were in attendance. The program, decorations and reception committees outdid themselves with originality.

The evening was enjoyed by all with good food, fine speakers, beautiful music, and a special

movie on Japan shown by Yoshio Katayama.

Also in February, English classes were organized to help Issei citizens interested in learning the language.

The annual Boys' meeting in March was under the chairmanship of Frank Harada. The committee did a bang-up job with an orchestra dance following the Hawaiian theme. Four cases of fresh pineapple were flown in from Hawaii and artificial leis were passed out to everyone. During intermission, entertainment was presented by Hawaiian girls in authentic costume with hula and singing.

The membership drive culminated in March with 179 members signed up to that date. With regrets, we said goodbye with many thanks to president Toby Hirabayashi and his lovely wife, Sugar, who held the position of social chairman. We hated to see them go and we miss them still, but we are sure they are doing much for San Jose, California, where they made their new home. 1st vice-president Ida Tateoka moved into the office of president and Tom Tamura was appointed by the cabinet to fill the vacancy of social chairman.

In April, the feminine members of the Chapter took over with a home cooked steak dinner meeting. At this meeting three important amendments to the constitution were introduced by Shigeki Ushio speaking for the cabinet.

An amendment to increase the membership dues to \$3, an amendment to have two directors elected every year to hold the office for two years, and an amendment to create a special fund for emergency use to be called Mount Olympus Reserve Fund were discussed.

Co-chairmen Kazuko Mori and Ruby Tamura presented a wide variety of games and dancing following the business half of the evening.

The past treasurers' meeting in May had Fred Seo for chairman. This meeting adopted all the amendments introduced in the previous meeting. A fishing contest to be held during the season was announced and Kazuto Namba and Shigeki Ushio were appointed chairmen. A square dance social was held with light refreshments for all.

The three summer months were vacation time and no business meetings were held. In June there was a roller skating party and a bowling sweepster. July brought out many members to Lagoon Night and many fishermen participated in a fishing derby. August was for the family and they all turned out en masse to enjoy a canyon outing.

A class was conducted to help new citizens learn the correct procedures for registration and elections. Members of the chap-

ter were contacted individually and urged to get out and register and vote.

The fall activities of the year began with a meeting presented by the single members of the chapter. Candidates for the new cabinet of 1957 were introduced, after which a spaghetti and pizza pie were served in a Mardi Gras atmosphere. Co-chairmen Ayo Kito, Kemie Waki, Ted Isaki, and Tak Iwamoto took the members through a very fine social evening in a gaily decorated hall.

The bowling sweepster set the stage for the Bowling League to get under way for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Akimoto and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yoshimura served as co-chairmen for a lively Halloween meeting with the married members of the chapter holding the reins.

Election results were announced and new officers were informed of their victory.

Skip Tabata, as always, personable and versatile, gave the members a rousing evening of square dancing. Refreshments were served in keeping with the season

with hot chili and meat pies on the menu.

An annual Turkey Shoot on November 17 was in the offing and a fine Installation dinner meeting to be held on Nov. 28 will bring to a close an eventful year by the Mount Olympus JACL as this report was being prepared.

—By Kiyo Matsumori.

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JUNIOR JACL PROGRAM EXPANDING

Sr. & Jr. Tri-Villes push social and welfare projects

PALO ALTO—Growth of the Junior JACL program, sponsored by the Sequoia chapter here, was keenly noted this past year as activities of both the Jr. and Sr. Tri-Villes proved busy and interesting for the young girls.

SENIOR TRI-VILLES

In January the girls contributed their time as hostesses for the Sequoia JACL installation dinner and again for the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting in July at the Rickey Studio Inn in Palo Alto.

The yearly project of the Senior group was the making of stuffed animals for the Palo Alto-Stanford Convalescent Home for Children and the animals were completed in February. Sports activities were the bowling night in February and the weekend ski trip in April. A mint pot was shared by the winning bowling team. The overnight ski trip to Soda Springs proved to be one of the year's most enjoyable functions except for those who came back with sun burns and very sore muscles.

The May Parent's Tea, which was one of the two joint activities of the Junior and Senior groups, was skillfully engineered by co-chairmen, June and Mary Kumagai. The tea, themed "T.V. Takarazuka," was a short entertaining program followed by a tea social.

In June the Junior, Senior and Redwood City Boys' Athletic Club groups (all affiliated with the Sequoia JACL), helped plan the Sequoia JACL graduation party.

Over the Labor Day weekend the Senior, the Junior and the Boys' Athletic clubs participated in what was the first Junior JACL convention in San Francisco. Discussion groups met and later in the evening a social was held. Those who at-

tended agreed that the convention was a successful first attempt in the integration of the young Nisei and the JACL.

The new officers of the year, August 1956 to July 1957, were installed at a dinner at the Marie Antoinette Restaurant in September. The new officers are Mary Kawakami, pres.; June Kumagai, vice-pres.; Amy Saito, rec. sec.; Midory Kanazawa, cor. sec.; June Sugimoto, treas.; and Anne Takamoto, sports manager. Following the dinner the girls had a surprise bridal shower for Yaeiko Yuki, the past year's president.

Through the combined efforts of the Junior and the Senior clubs, the fifth annual Fun Night was a success. A portion of the proceeds will be apportioned to the National JACL Building Fund and to the Fresno Old Folks' Home.

Also in October, Dr. Baba was the guest speaker at the general meeting.

The big yearly social function of the Seniors is their 4th annual Christmas Eve dance. Plans are in the completion stages for the semi-formal dance which will be held this year at the Redwood City American Legion Hall.

JUNIOR TRI-VILLES

The Junior Tri-Villes have led a most busy and successful year. They spent an interesting year all the way from the beginning to the end.

Activities began with a skating party in February. On March 24, the girls had a public dance called "Springtime Rhapsody," which was very successful. The following day after the dance, the girls spent their time at the Crystal Springs Home in Belmont serving cream puffs and tea. The girls who enjoyed themselves have expressed a wish to visit the county-supported old folks' home again.

In May the Junior Tri-Villes had

a parents' tea with the Senior Tri-Villes.

The girls had an installation dinner at the Paris Restaurant on August 11, installing a new cabinet and greeting the new members. The new cabinet members are Mary Kumagai, pres.; Nancy Kamita, vice-pres.; Janice Enomoto, cor. sec.; Michiko Sukekane, rec. sec.; Dorothy Kajikawa, treas.; Miyoko Hirotsuka, athletic mgr.; Jean Kamita, parliamentarian. Following the dinner, the girls saw the play, "Teahouse of the August Moon," which they truly enjoyed. The trip up to San Francisco to see the play was fun, because the girls took the train.

The girls have contributed to the Junior JACL functions also. They participated in the convention in San Francisco and made cookies for a JACL potluck dinner. The girls have jointly sponsored with the Senior group the annual Fun Night. Proceeds were donated to the National JACL Building Fund and the Fresno Old Folks' Home. With the Redwood City Athletic Club, the Juniors have planned a Christmas party for children, with refreshments, movies, and games.

Some active junior groups keep mum of past year's record

While only two Jr. JACL groups responded to our call for their reports, it is only fair to mention that active groups are found in Orange County, Placer County, Salt Lake City, and a new one being fostered in Sacramento.

These groups participated in the Jr. JACL program at the last National JACL Convention in San Francisco.—Editor.

FOR MORE JR. JACL UNITS

To give due emphasis to a rising aspect of JACL's year-around program, we are happy to devote this page to Jr. JACL groups. Much of the success of such clubs should be placed in the hands of the patient advisers, who are molding the Sansei to take their place in society.

During the past year, we have noted more chapters are taking more active interest in this phase of guiding the youth of their community to become prospective leaders of tomorrow.

Reports from some of the Jr. JACL groups may picture a typical program for the year. Each activity provides a member to chair, worry and carry out the assignment in building a sense of responsibility. It is with this hope that we are publishing them. We hope to inspire other chapters as well as parents who might undertake the task of serving as advisers.

ST. LOUIS JR. JACL PROGRAM PREPARES YOUTH FOR CHAPTER

ST. LOUIS—The Jays have had an active year with Miss Rose Ogino as our sponsor. Our membership consists of boys and girls from 13 to 18 years of age.

At a typical Jays meeting, we discuss the Jays contribution to JACL projects. Many of our plans tie in closely with the JACL program. So far this year, we took active part in the Inaugural Dinner with the Jays installation of officers, the annual Fourth of July picnic and the recent Talent Show.

At our last two meetings, we made plans for a money raising project at the JACL Fall Festival held on Nov. 17. We had a Balloon bust booth and a cookie booth, both for which we had full responsibility. The cookies were made by our members and we purchased our own prizes for the game booth. We are also planning to give a Christmas basket of food and toys to a needy family.

We meet once a month at the home of one of the members for a business meeting which usually lasts about an hour and a half. After the meeting is adjourned, light refreshments are served and the rest of the evening is spent dancing to records, playing cards, or bowling. During the summer months, we have our meetings at a picnic or barbecue, and then play volley ball or miniature golf.

Our meetings and activities are for the purpose of providing an opportunity for the younger group to take part in the parent JACL program, so when we become eligible for JACL membership, we shall be familiar with their purpose and program. Of course, we also enjoy getting together for fun and chatter. We hope that many other cities have organizations like our Jays in St. Louis.—By Jean Mitoni

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1956 HONOR ROLL OF NAT'L 1000 CLUB

Over a thousand loyal supporters of JACL comprise the 1956 Honor Roll of the National 1000 Club. It was the original intention when the 1000 Club was organized at Idaho Falls on Nov. 30, 1947, that if 1,000 JACLers could contribute \$25 each year, administrative expenses for National

Headquarters could be met. However in passing years, the scope of activities and projects has expanded and the 1000 Club has undertaken to double its goal to 2,000 members. The list published in the Holiday Edition is of members in good standing as of Dec. 1, 1956.—Editor.

All-Important Annex



JACL 1000 Club to celebrate 10th anniversary during coming year

By GEORGE INAGAKI

The 1000 Club today is an all-important part of the Japanese American Citizens League, accounting for a major part of the organization's financial income. However, a short ten years ago, it was no more than an idea perking in the mind of one of our all time great JACLers, the then National President Hito Okada.

It was during the Board meeting being held in Idaho Falls in conjunction with the IDC Convention in the Autumn of 1947 that Hito Okada first voiced the idea of the 1000 Club (that is: 1,000 members each donating \$25 per year) as a possible answer to the need for a definite source of income for National Headquarters.

The idea took hold immediately on the part of the national board and the assignment of developing the idea was given to me as I was, at that time, serving as the National First Vice-President. The order was that I should come to the following National convention with some definite recommendations.

I returned to Los Angeles and with much enthusiasm I set out to find out the reaction to such an organization by contacting the cross section of the Nisei population. While the results were of course best among strong JACLers, the reactions of those further away from the JACL still was not discouraging.

A careful analysis of my experiences enabled me to go to the Salt Lake City Convention a year later with a strong recommendation that we go all-out in developing the 1000 Club. In fact, I was able to report that 150 members energized the Club to a substantial start.

And, it was at this convention that the first of these 1000 Club Whing-Dings took place. This one started quite extemporaneously among the members who had signed up and were attending the Convention. Not having been scheduled on the program, the gathering took advantage of a free dinner period and some 60 of us congregated at the Dawn Noodle House and proceeded to really give the 1000 Club a grand and hilarious launching.

The Order of Tie and Garter was officially adopted at this affair when Joe Grant Masaoka was found to be wearing a pair of garters and these were promptly auctioned off followed by the auctioning of yours truly's bow tie back to yours truly for something like ten times its original cost.

All in all, a grand time was had by all and the idea of the 1000 Club developed a greater enthusiasm. Leaders attending the Convention all pledged support to push the idea in their respective locality.

The following four years during which time I continued to have the honor of serving as the Club's National Chairman, the foundation for the organization was gradually developed with among other things, the National Chairman gaining a place on the National Board.

Many, many JACLers assisted in furthering the movement. Unfortunately space does not allow listing them all here but certainly the names of the Club's national chairman must be mentioned. Harold Tokuzo Gordon and Shig Wakamatsu both did a terrific job. It was during the latter's regime that the organization reached its objective of 1,000 active members. Today Kenji Tashiro is continuing to do a splendid job as the national chairman.

One other name must be mentioned and that is our National Director who has spent countless hours lettering the membership certificates which he does as his contribution to the Club. To date, the membership certificates that he has lettered must run into the ten thousand figure and that is indeed many long hours of devoted work.

Within a short decade since its institution the 1000 Club has become an integral part of the JACL picture. We who have the privilege of participating actively in its development feel a great deal of satisfaction. However, I feel that the greatest satisfaction is deserved by the man who fathered the idea and who foresaw the important function such a Club could perform in keeping the JACL strong and active. Too much credit cannot be given to a great JACLer, Hito Okada.

The 1000 Club deserves the support of the JACL membership. This fact is being recognized more and more as is exemplified in the ever growing membership list. Keep this trend going and our JACL will continue to be the kind of organization we want it to be.



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Takagi, Harry I. 6
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Yamaguchi, Tad 3
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Koshio, Sam 1
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Sugihara, Tom 1
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Enochty, Tomio 3
Hayashi, Akira 3
Hayashi, Thomas T. 7
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Kurihara, Miss Marie 2
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Nakano, Yosuke 3
Nitta, Mrs. T. Ann 6
Nitta, S. John 6
Ohama, Ben 2
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Tanaka, Morris 1
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Yoshida, Frank E. 1

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Uyehara, Hiroshi 4
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Iseri, Miss Kathleen 3
Kosobayashi, Miss Miyeko (Tokyo) 4
Masaoka, Mrs. Etsu 6
Masaoka, Mike M. 8
Masaoka, Tad T. 3
Mineta, Miss Helen (San Jose) 1
Murata, Mrs. Elizabeth 2
Nakao, Ben 3
Nakayama, Dr. Leo (Baltimore) 2
Obata, George I. 2
Ohara, Miss Chisato 1
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THE WHING-DING

Next Convention Ought to Recapture Intimacy and Participation of Early Meetings

By TOKUZO GORDON

The spectacular growth of the 1000 Club, especially in the past biennium when, for the first time, the mark of 1000 paid-up members was reached and surpassed, is now a familiar story to all of us.

In casting about for a topic for this column, I chose the 1000 Club Whing-Ding because of my participation in recent conventions.

The rapid growth of the 1000 Club, which has made us all so happy, brought a consequent vast increase in attendance at the traditional convention whing-dings until at the last convention in San Francisco, we had an attendance of approximately 450 members and guests.

Sadly enough, the large attendance served to rob the affair of its former intimacy and some of its spirit of good fellowship, which had made for the hilarious affairs which were the highlights of previous conventions.

The 1000 Club whing-dings never needed an elaborate program of entertainment with which to regale its members—pure unadulterated corn and a gentle ribbing of the national and regional "big shots" was the order of the day and everyone loved it.

I have a nostalgic memory of the first whing-ding at Salt Lake City in 1948 attended by about 25 of the charter members. They were fined for bringing their wives and for not bringing their wives. Someone discovered that Joe Masaoka was wearing garters and one of them was promptly appropriated and auctioned, along with Callahan's bow tie (the only one in the crowd), amid much hilarity, and the 1000 Club from thenceforth became the "Order of the Tie and Garter."

Somewhere along the line it was decided to make a knight the emblem of the noble purpose of the organization, and in Chicago in '50 we rented a knight's armor and Harry Sabusawa and your reporter took turns parading in the hotel lobby and the various functions drumming up members.

The whing-ding in Chicago featured Doc Yatabe, who belied his "grandpa" label by appearing in a huge diaper and brought down the house.

Fred Tayama had been complaining for years that he had never had the privilege of kissing a queen, and since we could not deprive so loyal a member of his fervent wish, the custom of auctioning the queen's favor to the highest bidder was initiated and Fred, of course, was not to be outbid. The attendance in Chicago was approximately 100 and burst the seams of the second-floor room of the little China-meshi joint which was the scene of the fun.

In '52 and '54, with the elimination of the "members only" rule so as to allow each member the privilege of bringing his or her wife or husband or date, the attendance grew but we were still able to accommodate the crowd in a room small enough to retain a sense of intimacy and participation. The corny barber shop quartet ditties ribbing vulnerable members, the auctions and skits, all blended into the usual hilarious affairs.

In '56 the very weight of numbers finally broke the charm. The attendance of 450 was almost double any of the previous affairs, and a huge hall was booked at San Francisco's Surf Club.

The sense of intimacy and participation was missing. Somehow we had the feeling that for the first time the audience in attendance had the attitude, "We've been hearing about these fabulous 1000 Club whing-dings—okay—show us!" The room was so large that the audience was entirely too far from the stage (and this was the first affair where a stage was necessary).

The imbibing was uneven—most of the crowd was cold sober and did not appreciate the antics of those few members who had had a bit too much. If you have ever been to a party where just a few were drinking but most were not, you will have some idea of the general atmosphere. Most of the ribs and skits, which would have rolled them in the aisles at previous affairs with a receptive and participating audience, fell flat. One of the shining exceptions was the Northern California skit, which was so good, it conquered the poor P. A. system and the skeptics in the audience.

Where do we go from here? A suggestion has been made that we have professional entertainment. I don't believe this would be the answer. The members stay at home and watch television and see better professional talent than we could afford, nor could this type of entertainment supply the flavor of grid-iron ribbing and hilarious corn which have highlighted previous 1000 Club affairs.

It seems to me that we will simply have to try to plan the affair and program so that even in a large room we can recapture the sense of intimacy and participation, and then hope that the 1000ers come to relax, let their hair down, and share in the fun.

If any of you old-time 1000ers have any ideas, send a note to Harry Honda at the P. C. and if he gets a sufficient expression of opinion, perhaps he can make up a future 1000 Club column from your letters.

Here's luck to Ken Tashiro, the goal of 2,000, and many happy future whing-dings.



LAST OF THE INTIMATE WHING-DINGS

At the 1000 Club Whing-Ding of the 1954 National JACL Convention at Los Angeles, Tokuzo Gordon (wearing the striped colored vest) strums his ukulele accompanying the "three blind mice", Mary Enomoto, Janet Fukuda and Janet Okimoto (now Mrs. John Watanabe), who were singing parodies about JACL "brass" to the tune of "Three Blind Mice." Seated at left are Alice Shigezumi of San Francisco, Mrs. True Yasui of Denver, Abe Hagiwara of Chicago and Min Yasui of Denver. —Toyo Miyatake Photo

Midwest District

Chicago

Aki, Harvey N.	6
Amimoto, Dr. Minoru	3
Asato, Mrs. Nobuko	2
Chida, George	2
Chikaraishi, Dr. Ben	3
Cox, Clifford E.	1
Doi, Frank Y.	1
Domoto, Mo	1
Fujii, William	3
Gordon, Harold	LIFE
Goya, Tachio	1
Hagio, Allan I.	1
Hagio, Roland	1
Hagiwara, Abe	4
Hagiya, Moses	1
Hasegawa, Dr. Susumu	3
Hatanaka, Howard H.	1
Hayano, Miki	1
Himoto, Samuel T.	3
Hirata, Dr. George T.	1
Hiratsuka, Frank, Sr.	1
Hiura, Masuo Charlie	2
Hiura, Dr. William T.	6
Honda, Noboru	7
Hori, Earle H.	1
Anonymous	1
Hori, Mike	1
Ichiyasu, Harry T.	3
Ikegami, George	2
Ikegami, Ray	2
Inouye, George	1
Inouye, Isamu	2
Ishida, Calvin E.	3
Ishida, Miss Gladys	1
Izui, Dr. Victor S.	3
Kaneko, Hiroshi	1
Kataoka, Fred	9
Kato, Dr. Barrie M.	3
Katsura, Lester G.	3
Kawachi, Ted	1
Kawaguchi, Denzo	3
Kawaguchi, John	1
Kawaguchi, Yoshikazu	3
Kawano, Minoru	2
Kawasaki, Corky T.	2
Kitow, Mrs. Dorothy	2
Kittaka, Dr. George J.	3
Kittaka, George K.	2
Kobayashi, Miss Sumi	2
Koga, Albert M.	3
Kohatsu, Miss Grace	1
Kudo, Mike M.	3
Kurashima, Jay T.	1
Kushino, Dr. Kenji	3
Kuwahara, Harry T.	1
Maruyama, Joe	1
Masuda, Thomas T.	7
Matsumoto, Bob M.	1
Matsunaga, Tahei	2
Matsuura, George	1
Mayeda, Hiro	1
Mitsuchi, William T.	1
Mizuno, Harry	LIFE
Morimitsu, Arthur T.	4
Morita, Masaji	2
Nakagawa, Jack Y.	4
Nakagawa, Fred	2
Nakagawa, Mas	1
Nakagawa, Mitchell	2
Nakahira, Shigeru	2
Nakamura, Takeshi	1
Nakane, Kenji	3
Nakaya, Miss Ruth	3
Nakayama, Joe M.	3
Naritoku, George	1
Nishi, Takaharu	2
Nishijima, Satoshi	3
Nishimura, Mrs. Dorothy	1
Nishimura, James T.	5
Nobe, Dr. Mutsumi	1
Noji, Oliver (Oakland)	2
Noma, Tosh	2
Nomiya, Fred	1
Nomura, Richard M.	1
Oda, Miss Ariye	3

Odoi, Masaru	1
Okabe, Thomas S.	2
Okita, George T.	3
Okuno, Kats	4
Omori, Dr. Harry I.	2
Omori, Mrs. Sue	3
Ota, Jack Kiyoshi	3
Sakamoto, Dr. Frank	5
Sakamoto, Mrs. Toshiko	1
Sakurada, Hirao S.	7
Sasaki, Mrs. Asako	2
Sato, Miss Riyo	1
Seto, Paul T.	3
Shibayama, Yuzo	2
Shima, Dr. Arthur T.	1
Shimasaki, Jean (Miss)	3
Shimidzu, Lincoln	3
Shimizu, Miss Michie	3
Shimizu, Miss Sumi	3
Suski, Miss Louise	1
Suzuki, Kinichi	1
Suzukida, Berry	1
Tajiri, Tom	1
Takahashi, Frank Y.	1
Takahashi, Frank Y.	1
Takaki, George	1
Takano, Bunji	3
Taki, George	1
Tamura, Masato	3
Tanaka, George	3
Tanaka, Togo (Los Angeles)	5
Tanaka, Yoshitaka	1
Tani, Richard A.	2
Terao, Sam	2
Teshima, Dr. Roy	1
Tomihiro, Miss Chiye	1
Ukita, Charles	2
Urushibata, Frank T.	1
Wakamatsu, Shig	LIFE
Wesley, Dr. Newton K.	6
Yamada, Shigeo	2
Yamaguchi, Jiro	2
Yamakoshi, Noby	3
Yamamoto, Pete I.	1
Yatabe, Dr. Thomas	8
Yoshihara, Ken	1
Yoshinari, Kumeo	6
Yoshinari, Mrs. Mary F.	2
Yoshioka, George S.	3
Zaiman, Isamu	1

Cincinnati

Matsumoto, Ken	5
Sand, Robert	1
Sasaki, Dr. Yasuo	5
Sugawara, Hisashi	2
Sugawara, Joe S.	2



Merry Yuletide Greetings
To All Ye
Knights and Ladies
of the Order

KENJI TASHIRO, Chairman
National 1000 Club

Season's Best Wishes
Long Beach-Harbor District
JACL CHAPTER

Takao, Dr. James H.	3
Takeuchi, James M.	1
Toki, Masaji S.	5

Cleveland

Fujimoto, Miss Mickey	1
Fujita, Robert E.	2
Imori, Thomas	1
Kadowaki, Joe S.	1
Kadowaki, Mrs. Toshi	1
Kaku, Harry	1
Matsumura, Mrs. Lillian	1
Ohmura, Paul K.	2
Ono, George Y.	3
Sadataki, Mrs. Mary	1
Sadataki, William	3
Sashihara, Thomas T.	1
Shiba, Frank	2
Suzuki, George	2
Takiguchi, Robert N.	1
Tashima, Howard	1
Yokoyama, Thomas	1

Dayton

Hirose, Dr. Ruby S.	2
Sakada, Frank Y.	5
Taguchi, Dr. James T.	6
Yamasaki, Masaru	1
Yoshihara, Hideo	2

Detroit

Bohn, Judge Theodore	1
Ikedo, Roy	2
Iwata, Dr. Herbert T.	1
Kaneko, Roy T.	3
Matsuhiro, George	1
Matsura, Dr. James S.	2
Mimura, Dr. James T.	1
Nishimoto, Eugene	1
Okimoto, Saburo	2
Sasaki, Dr. Joseph D.	6
Shimoura, James T.	2
Sunamoto, Isao	2
Tada, Tes T.	1
Tagami, James W.	2
Tagami, Tom T.	1
Takagi, George I.	1
Togasaki, Minoru	4
Uyeda, Mitsuyoshi	2
Yamasaki, Minoru	1

Milwaukee

Davis, Donald D.	1
Dewa, Robert	2
Inai, Miss Helen	2
Ishii, Miss Sachi	2
Oura, Mrs. Mary M.	1

St. Louis

Eto, George S.	1
Eto, Dr. Jackson	3
Hasegawa, George	3
Hayashi, Harry H.	3
Henni, Richard T.	1
Morioka, Dr. Alfred	3
Ogino, Miss Rose	1
Ohmoto, Dr. Masao	2
Sakahara, Dan	2
Shingu, George	1
Tanaka, Dr. George M.	1
Tanaka, Joseph	1
Uchiyama, Dr. George	1
Yamamoto, Mrs. Manet E.	3
Yamamoto, Yukinobu	3

Twin Cities

Abe, Toshio W.	1
Ezaki, William	1
Hara, Sam	1
Iijima, Dr. Isaac	2
Kanno, Thomas T.	4
Kosobayashi, Tomo T.	6
Kumagai, Tsutomu	1
Makino, Henry	1
Nishida, Dr. George	4
Nomura, Howard	1
Ohno, Fred Y.	3
Omachi, Henry T.	3
Rokutani, George	1
Shijo, Isamu	1
Shiozaki, Akira George	1
Teramoto, Mas	4
Tsuchiya, Takuzo	3
Yanagita, George	2

Miscellaneous

Ishida, Wm. T. (Columbus, O.)	3
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Pacific Southwest District

Arizona

Cox, Simpson Z.	4
Inoshita, Masaji	4
Inoshita, Ben	1
Kadomoto, Tom	3
Kajikawa, Bill	4
Kishiyama, George	2
Miyauchi, Mrs. Hatsuye	4
Nakamura, Sto	2
Sakata, Johnson	2
Suda, Jack	2
Takiguchi, Minoru	3
Tanita, Shigeru	8
Tsutsumida, Mas	2
Yamamoto, Mutt	2

Coachella Valley

Izu, Jack	2
Nishimoto, Hideo	1
Nishimoto, Tek	3
Oshiki, Mas	3
Sakai, Mrs. Alice	3
Sakai, Tom	7
Sakamoto, Ben	3
Seto, Masao	3
Shibata, George K.	4

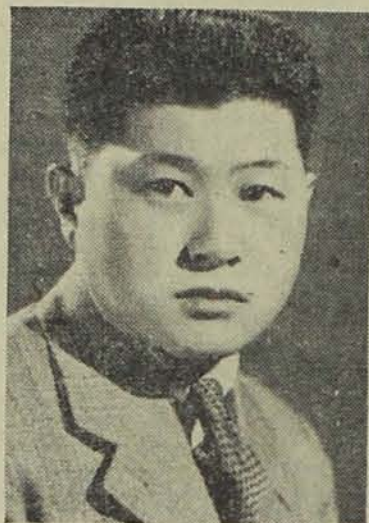
Downtown Los Angeles

Akahoshi, Ted I.	3
Akita, Miss Annabelle H.	2
Aratani, George	8
Baba, Dr. George	LIFE
(Palo Alto)	
Chuman, Frank F.	8
Fujimoto, Ed H.	3
Fujita, Harry N.	4
Fukui, Hitoshi	4
Fukui, Soichi	3
Funakoshi, Freddie	2
Funakoshi, Willie	8
Furuta, George E.	6
Hamaguchi, K.	2
Hara, Dr. H. James	3
Hashimoto, Mrs. Haru	2
Hashimoto, Henry I.	1
Hashimoto, Koroku	3
Hirohata, Frank H.	3
Honda, Harry K.	4
Igasaki, Masao	2
Iino, Sho	7
Itagaki, James M.	3
Iwasaki, Ernest K.	3
Kai, Kura	1
Kaji, Bruce T.	2
Kambara, Dr. George K.	2
Kamiya, Kaei K.	2
Katayama, Chester I.	2
Katayama, Kenji	2
Kato, Dr. Shokichi	3
Kawa, Taro	5
Kido, Saburo	LIFE
Kiyono, Tsukasa	1
Kiyono, Mrs. Tsukasa	1
Kondo, Choyei	2
Kusayanagi, Takejiro	1
Kushida, Tats	6
Mac Fadyen, Rollins	1
Maehara, Tsutomu	2
McKibbin, David	3
Mitsumori, Nisuke	2
Monji, David	1
Murayama, Ben K.	1
Nagata, Minoru	2
Nakamura, Gongoro	2
Nakataki, Noriyuki	2
Nakatsuka, George	4
Nitake, David	5
Nitta, Larry T.	2
Nohe, Seiichi	3
Oguchi, Seiichi	3
Ohara, Shozo	2
O'Hara, Dr. William	3
Otera, Miss Lily (Japan)	2
Saimoto, Kataro	3
Saito, John Ty	8
Sasaki, Masami	2
Sato, Meiji	2
Satow, Roy	3
Sayano, George K.	3
Segal, Marvin	3
Sekiyama, Dr. Isami	2
Shigematsu, Kenichi	2
Shimada, Teru	1
Shimizu, Mitsuhiro	2
Shiosaki, Miss Blanche	2
Shirakawa, Mrs. Saku	2
Shishima, Katsusuke	2
Sugino, Dr. Arthur	2
Sumi, Toraichi	3
Suzukida, Frank M.	3
Taira, Tom K.	2
Tajima, Masumi	1
Takagaki, Lynn N.	2
Takata, Giichi	2
Takeda, Shigeji	5
Takeyasu, Shigematsu	1
Tanikawa, E.	1
Tsuneishi, Hughes	3
Uchima, Kai	3
Uwate, Matao	2
Uyeda, S. K.	2
Uyeno, Tad	1
Wirin, Al	7
Yamaguchi, Dr. Mitsuya	3
Yamamoto, Elmer S.	3
Yamamoto, William K.	4
Yamato, Ed K.	3
Yamato, Kiyo	2

Yokoe, Mrs. Merijane	6
Yokozei, David T.	4
Yoshimura, Dr. Y.	2
Yoshitomi, Junichi	3

East Los Angeles

Fujioka, Anson	2
Higashi, Jim	2
Inadomi, Yosh	8
Kawakami, Miss Ritsuko	3
Nomi, George R.	1
Obi, Dr. Robert T.	3
Takata, Fred	1
Utsunomiya, Ken	9
Wada, Dr. George	3
Watanabe, George	1
Yuguchi, Cy S.	2



Life 1000er George Kobata

Gardena Valley

Ishida, Frank Junzo	2
Ishida, Henry J.	4
Kobata, George	LIFE
Kobata, Joe H.	8
Kobata, Yoshio	8
Kobayashi, Dr. Norman	3
Komae, Ryo	4
Koyama, Dr. John Y.	2
Kuida, Kameichi	2
Minami, Kazuo	7
Minami, Sam	2
Nakaoka, Kiyoto K.	2
Ono, Dr. Richard	1
Osaka, Kenji	6
Satow, Mrs. Fumi	1
Satow, Hideo	8
Shimohara, Frank	3
Shinoda, Paul	7
Yonemura, Frank M.	2

Hollywood

Abe, Danar Don	3
Aiso, Judge John F.	4
Ishitani, Noboru	4
Ito, Arthur T.	8
Kamayatsu, Charles K.	3
Kato, Robert K.	3
Sato, Kenneth T.	2
Suzuki, Mike	2
Yanamoto, Miss Miwako	3
Black, Glenn L.	1
Fujimoto, Elmy	1
Hirashima, Frank	1
Ikeguchi, Fred	5
Ishida, Dr. Itaru	1
Kashiwabara, Dr. John E.	1
Kobata, Allan T.	1
Kobata, Harold S.	1
Kumashiro, Dr. Richard	1
Mio, George	2
Miura, Mrs. Barbara	1
Miura, Dr. David M.	1
Nakagawa, Fred	1
Narita, Masao	5
Narita, Mrs. Nobuko	5
Shiroishi, George Y.	1
Takeshita, Dr. Masao	1

Orange County

Asari, Harley	1
Ichien, George	1
Ishii, Joe	5
Ishii, Charles	5
Ishii, Kyutaro	3
Kanegae, Elden	2
Kanno, George	2
Kanno, Jim	1
Kobayashi, James K.	3
Matsukane, Harry	6
Matsukane, Mrs. Kiku	2
Nagamatsu, Frank	1
Nagamatsu, Paul S.	2
Nitta, Hitoshi	4
Nitta, Minoru	2
Nitta, Mitsuo	2
Nitta, Sam	2
Ochiai, Dr. Tad	2
Okuda, Bill	2
Okuda, Jim S.	1
Takenaga, Ben	1
Uyesugi, Ken	4

Pasadena

Deguchi, Yoneo	6
Delacey Market	1
Dyo, Ken	8
Dyo, Sei	1
Dyo, Tsutomu	1
Fukutaki, Miss Kimiko	2
Ito, Mrs. Mary K.	3
Ito, Tom T.	LIFE
Kishi, Takashi	3
Matsui, Miss Eiko	1
Momma, Miss Kay	2
Oishi, Jiro	3
Ozawa, Harris H.	2
Takei, Harry S.	1
Takekoshi, Takewo	1
Tamura, Butch	7
Tsuchiya, Mich	1
Wada, Miss Florence	1
Yusa, Dr. Earl M.	1

San Diego

Asakawa, Moto	2
Asakawa, Osamu	1
Esaki, Ainosuke	2
Hamaguchi, Jack	1
Hara, Dr. Shigeru	2
Honda, Henri	1
Hoshi, Paul	2
Ikemura, Tsutomu H.	6
Imoto, Tad	1
Ito, Martin L.	3
Kasai, Kiyoshi	3
Kida, Tom	6
Kodama, George Y.	3
Mukai, Tom	2
Muraoka, Saburo	2
Muto, George S.	4
Nakamura, Hiomi	2
Owashi, Leo	3
Takahara, Miss Roxanna	2
Umekubo, Dr. Peter	2

San Fernando Valley

Kuwahara, Frank	6
Yokomizo, Sus	7

San Luis Obispo

Eto, Masaji	5
Eto, Tameji	3

Santa Barbara

Endo, Akira	2
Hide, Mike	1
Hirashima, Tom	8
Kakimoto, Ikey	2
Lee, Harold	2
Nakaji, Mrs. Lillian	6
Nakaji, Dr. Yoshio	7
Sumida, Harold M.	1
Tokumaru, Richard	1
Uyesaka, Caesar	5

Santa Maria Valley

Ito, Frank K.	7
Minami, H. Y.	1
Minami, Isamu	3
Miyake, Harry	6
Shimizu, Harold Y.	8

Southwest Los Angeles

Adachi, Benjamin	3
Asawa, Charles	3
Asawa, Mrs. Michi	3
Hamaguchi, Mack Y.	6
Iketani, Roy H.	1
Inouye, Kaz	3
Ishida, Dr. Hiraku	2
Iura, Dr. Toru	2
Iwamoto, Ryohel	1
Iwasaki, Frank M.	1
Kataoka, Masamichi	2
Kohno, Fred	1
Kuramitsu, Gilbert M.	1
Makita, Dr. Victor	2
Masaoka, Hank I.	3
Masuoka, Dr. Shig J.	2
Miyamoto, Dr. Tatsuhiko	1
Miyashiro, Sam S.	2
Munekata, Dr. Ryo	2
Murayama, Herbert T.	2
Nagamoto, Dr. Kenneth K.	2
Nakano, Shigeno	4
Naruse, Matsushi	2
Nishikawa, Dr. Roy	8
Nishimura, John Y.	2
Oi, Matsunosuke	2
Okada, Dr. John T.	1
Okamura, Dr. Henry N.	1
Ono, George S.	8
Ota, Fred	7
Sakaguchi, Dr. Bo T.	1
Shimazaki, Tom T.	1
Tamaki, Carl M.	2
Tamura, Katsumi	3
Tanouye, Al S.	5
Tarumoto, Dr. George S.	8
Tayama, Fred M.	LIFE
Tsuchiya, Frank	4
Uba, Dr. Katsumi	2
Wada, Jack M.	2
Watanabe, Dr. Tom	LIFE
Yamaguchi, Terumi	1
Yamamoto, Henry	2
Yamamoto, Jimmie S.	1
Yata, Tut	4

Milestone in '57

By KENJI TASHIRO
National 1000 Club Chairman

Next year we will be approaching a milestone in the history of the 1000 Club. November 30, 1957 will mark 10 years of this important segment of our National organization.

The first meeting of the 1000 Club was held on Nov. 30, 1947 at Idaho Falls during the Intermountain District Council Convention. At this time the following 12 persons met to organize the National JACL 1000 Club and became its charter members: George Inagaki, J. Watanabe, William Enomoto, Mas Satow, Yoshiye Togasaki, Mike Masaka, Edson Fujii, Saburo Kido, Joe Saito, Ken Uchida, George Mochizuki and Hito Okada.

Due credit for the creation of the 1000 Club must go to our Immediate Past National President George Inagaki. At a time when our National Organization was faced with its most critical financial need, he hit upon the idea that there must be at least 1000 loyal JACLers who would be willing to contribute yearly 25 dollars each to help maintain our National Headquarters. Having not only been largely responsible for the origination of the 1000 Club, he consented to become its first Chairman and, through his untiring efforts and leadership in this capacity, laid the ground-work of the 1000 Club as it stands today. Subsequently, Harold Gordon and Shig Wakamatsu, both of Chicago, did a yeoman's job in strengthening the organizational structure and substantially increasing membership during their respective terms as Chairman.

The 1000 Club was organized and designed to meet a specific need — to do a specific job. That it has, and is now, accomplishing its original purpose is attested by the some 1,200 active, loyal Thousands whose names are listed in the 1956 Honor Roll.

Its eminent success foretells a long and illustrious role for its parent organization, the National JACL, in the years that lie ahead. Yet, we cannot afford ourselves the luxury of complacency. As important and vital as the 1000 Club has become, it must continue to expand and grow; for, in a sense, it is now the "life's blood" to our National Organization.

We shall, therefore, continue to strive for our previously established goal of 2,000 members by the next Convention. Let us each work toward this end, that we may arrive at the 10th Anniversary of the 1000 Club with just cause for celebration.



Life 1000ers Dr. & Mrs. Kiyoshi Sonoda



Venice-Culver City

Abe, Dr. George Y.	3
Fukuhara, James	1
Imazu, Eddie Y.	3
Inagaki, George	LIFE
Inagaki, Mrs. Yukie	LIFE
Inouye, Dr. Mitsuo	1
Ioki, Min	2
Isoda, George T.	1
Kado, Louis Y.	4
Kado, Ryoze F.	1
Kato, Noboru	3
Kunimoto, Mrs. Toki	3
Masaoka, A. Ike	4
Matsuoka, Frank	2
Mikawa, George S.	8
Moriguchi, Fred Masao	3
Ryono, Dr. Robert C.	1
Saito, Paul	1
Shishino, Dr. Takao	1
Utsuki, Miss Fumi	4
Wakamatsu, Miss Mary	4

Ventura County

Hirata, Willis	1
Inouye, Taro	1
Itanaga, Everett	1
Kanamori, Tadashi	1
Kurihara, Akira	1

Kurihara, Tom	1
Otani, Izuto	1
Takasugi, Nao	1
Tokuyama, Dr. Sam S.	1
Yeto, Tomio	1
Taketa, Dr. Tom	1
Yoshimoto, Mitsuro	1

West Los Angeles

Abe, Dr. Tom	1
Akashi, David	1
Goka, Robert K.	1
Iwamoto, Robert S.	1
Kamiya, Ichiro	3
Kitsuse, James	1
Komai, Sho	1
Minato, Joe H.	1
Nakano, Fred C.	1
Naramura, Hiroshi	1
Nishimoto, Ben M.	1
Nishimoto, Jim M.	1
Ohno, Akira	1
Okamoto, George	1
Okinaga, Richard S.	1
Sonoda, Dr. Kiyoshi	LIFE
Sonoda, Mrs. Mitsu	LIFE
Uchida, Elmer M.	1

Miscellaneous

Momita, Tak (Calipatria)	2
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GREETINGS

ARKANSAS VALLEY JACL CHAPTER



Life 1000er George Nukaya



Life 1000er Sud Morishita

Intermountain District

Boise Valley

Inouye, Kay	3
Takahashi, Yoshio	7
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HOLIDAY ISSUE SHORT STORY

The Widower

By Ferris Takahashi

"Partake of a little nourishment, Sato-san," they said to him, offering tea. Why did they not prepare some rice and serve him strength-building soup? EMI would have had soup for him. EMI would let no person, least of all her husband, rise hungry from table. And he was hungry, he was not sick. He had not eaten since the night before the funeral. . . . Why did not EMI hurry in from the kitchen, her white skin flushed pink, her long, narrow eyes bright with pleasure and the mist from a dish of hot food beading her smooth hair? Why should EMI not be here when all these friends and neighbors filled their house with such a pulse of abundant life?

All day there had been such a crush of people in the rooms. He felt like a drunken man, sick-brained and giddy. All did the same things, the proper things. They came to him whispering or in silence. His hands ached with

pattings and pressings and squeezings. Then, after a while, the women, crowded together, twittered softly and the close air of the stuffy rooms vibrated like a gong. The men remained subdued—when, at last, the funeral was over and the last "Amen" raggedly repeated, it was the men who led him away.

To see a coffin let down into the ground was a terrible thing. Thinking of this, he had asked that the two children be taken to a neighbor's house. Himself, as the men turned him away from the grave where floral pieces were quickly set across tumbled earth, he had struggled. It was very necessary to wait and watch for a while in case the quiet one below should rouse and want to move. . . . there had been such cases. He could see EMI now, half-laughing, half-angry, trying to make these men who called themselves his friends let go of his arms. . . .

In the old land, in Japan, it was customary to cremate, but he had rejected cremation. He could not tell any of them that he wanted her secret body kept as it had been, as only he had known it. So soft, cushioning, smooth-skinned. . . .

As he sat among the people on an uncomfortable chair which was American, just as all the conditions of the funeral were properly Christian and American, he found himself crying. This he had promised himself he would not do. He did not feel like crying. But as he looked down at his hands, they were wet. . . . he saw the heave of his own chest and belly.

An eager response went through the room. The people, up to now so careful of decorum, seeming to have been waiting for this. The paroxysm of lament crackled from body to body. Everyone was sobbing softly.

Then the children were brought to him, one on either side of a neighbor whose face he had suddenly forgotten. He could not remember whom she was nor why she was there. This was a bad thing, to bring the children at this time. They would remember this.

He put his arms around them. They stared at him, shaken, waiting to take their cue from him. "These are my children," he said, "Ken and Lily. Now I am going to be father and mother to them. Mother is not really gone. She has only given me part of her work to do."

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"Partake of a little nourishment, Sato-san," they said to him and Mrs. Shio offered him hot rice wine in the formal way. This sake was best quality, no doubt, but he had become middle-aged, it no longer warmed his blood. The Shio family seemed to wait for him to speak. He could not understand why they had brought him to their house to meet a baishakunin. Surely they remembered how often EMI had visited here with Mrs. Shio, borrowed back and forth, come in

and out. . . .

"Kano-san was greatly respected in Nagoya," Mr. Shio said proudly. "He has assisted many families even here in the new country. He sees the grandchildren growing up and flourishing."

"Even some of this younger generation grow up to respect what they scoffed at in their unripeness," the marriage broker said. "In my village near Nagoya, the making of the whole community's future was in my hands. Did a marriage broker not consider the social good, what disaster! Believe me, it is no easy work."

He spoke mincingly and made an elaborate gesture with the wine cup in his broad peasant hand.

"We have told you something about Sato-san, our life-long friend," Mr. Shio began. "How he came young from the homeland, having already chosen his life-partner. Together they made a little business, a nursery of green plants. Together we became brothers in Christ when we joined the Church. But God willed to take away this good life-partner from our friend too soon. His children, Ken and Lily, will soon go to the high school. He has worked as one does not think of a man working—cooking, washing the clothes. He had no time to meet the widow ladies whom we knew around the Church. . . . Why! He even used to carry his little girl on his back when he had to go out at night and would lead his boy by the hand rather than leave them alone. . . . my wife has done all she could and his children have been to us as our own. But one must think of the future."

"All his friends have done what they could," Mrs. Shio put in. "But there is no substitute for a woman in the home. Only when she is finally gone, does a man realize what he lacks."

Mr. Sato looked down at his cup. EMI and he had married in a Western way, a bold way, choosing each other without the direction of parents or marriage-brokers.

"Thank you most abundantly," he said at last. "You are kind

to feel a concern for me, unimportant as I am. When my children were young, I tried to be father and mother to them. I did not wish them to forget their mother, who loved them so. I wanted them to grow up as her children, not the children of another woman. . . . but I see my words are becoming confusing to you. . . . So now my children, Ken and Lily, will soon go to the high school. My boy will go to college, where he can increase his ability to follow a profession. My children will then begin to care for me in turn. . . . How could I presume. . . . (he decided to use smooth words to soothe their feelings). . . . how could I presume to offer some worthy woman a struggling existence? For all I earn shall go to take care of my children. Your kindness is, nonetheless, most appreciated."

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Again it was that day of the year which the old custom called the Day of the Dead, and in accord with his practice he brought potted plants from the nursery to EMI's grave, set them, tended the plot and cultivated the borders on the surrounding plots which had become as familiar as his own. His corner of the cemetery was no longer used and not often visited. He had much work to do to keep the area as it should be, for the custodians were glad to have him do their work and left him quite alone.

He knew the years had made him grey and silent. There had been a long time of war, during which he and everyone he knew had been taken away and put in a kind of family prison for no reason and then, with as little reason, released and set adrift. And coming back, he found that he had the work of his youth to re-do: the shattered greenhouse to repair, the growing plants to renew, even the corner of the cemetery to restore from wilderness.

Ken was now a college graduate. How proud a thing it had been to see him, how clutching a surprise to hear on that very day of achievement that Ken planned to marry, even before he had found the architectural job of which he dreamed.

Now Ken worked for a construction company and the babies had come fast, one and two, and were soon little children who lived the life of adults: they visited and had parties with their playmates and were so busy that they could not often travel across the city to see their grandfather. And Ken's wife was a modern girl who could cause a husband much anxiety with talk of nerves and uncertain health.

When Mr. Sato was making himself supper on the kerosene stove in the room back of the greenhouse, he liked to talk aloud to Ken and Lily as though they were still little, telling them not to wriggle and jump about so much, not to be always asking for candy and "cokes" but to eat the good food so that they would be tall and strong. . . . And they had grown tall, much taller than

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their parents and Lily had written from the East Coast city where she worked, that she would soon be married to a fine young man, with a good job, a church member, too.

To the wedding he would go, if they should send for him, yes, he lived on the hope of it, but Lily had not written that there was room for him in the new life ahead. Indeed, a short, grey dull father in the young, bright apartment of the newly-weds! Indeed, such a father would have to hide himself when their friends came for very shame.

He wandered about his narrow room, touching the things which were always placed where he could be close to them: photographs of Ken and Lily through the years, a bowl from the homeland, a scroll of calligraphy Emi had given him long ago, being unable to read but dreaming even then of children more able than their parents.

Long, so long ago, he had begun to rebuild Emi's presence by a clever device:

"Ai, my back aches so, mama-san," he would say. "Rub it for me—" and then feel the quick, strong hands at the small of his back and the downy pressure of her breast against his shoulder. He told her all the news of Ken and read Lily's letters over and over and together they marveled at these children who walked now in the sun of success.

There came a certain night of the Day of the Dead when all these small satisfactions were strangely, suddenly brought to nothing, and the nearness of Emi herself ceased to be. How often he had been able to remember the sound of her feet pattering towards the bed! He heard no sound as he groped around in the dark, looking for matches so that he might light the stove and make tea. Suddenly he began to sob, clumsy sobs, old man's crying. Then, without matches, without jacket, still in his house slippers, he went unsteadily out on

the street, down to the phone booth on the corner.

He would call the Shios. He did not see them very often, for they too had moved across town and lived with Shizuo, their married son. But they would remember, of course they would remember.

"Shio-san? Here Sato. Yes, Sato . . . How goes it with you, with your son, your wife? My wife thinks of her so often.—No, no, I am quite well. I am quite well, I am in good health. . . We thought that in spite of the hour you would come over to visit us. . . In bed? It is then so late? . . . No, no, I am not sick. I can call my son, Ken, if I need anything. Thank you. I am sorry. Excuse me, please, for troubling you. . ."

Across the city, the alert of the phone rang in the apartment of Ken Sato.

"Ken, is this you? Yeah, this is Shiz Shio. Hate to bother you this time of night, but look, it's something about your dad.—Yeah, sure, I know it's 2:30 in the morning; our whole family is up with this call from your dad. He just called up and my parents sleep in the living room beside the phone.

He wanted them to come over and see him, just like that, middle of the night, and my dad worries and says I've got to call you right away. He was goin' to call you but I did it for him, he don't speak English so good, y'know.—No, not sick, more like raving. Out of his mind, talking like your Mom was there with him.

"Y'know, Ken, he oughtn't be living alone like he does. It's an unkindness to the old man—Naw, Ken, I din' mean it that way, I know you do all you can—Sure, Ken, you know what Alice and I been through, the old folks underfoot every minute and telling her how to bring up her kids . . . Here's my mother right now yacking about how she tried her best to help with the marriage-broker, it's Sato-san's own fault, I dunno what she means. Old folks, they get mixed up. It's a burden.—Sure, Ken, I know what you go through with your wife's nerves.

Here's my ole lady now, says to cut out the jawin' and ie's all get some sleep.—I din' wanna wake you up but nothing else would satisfy my dad but I call you right away. Maybe you can run over tomorrow and see what's going on . . ."

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"Have a little orange juice, Papa—" Ken said, holding out a tumbler of the bitter fluid.

Here in this "nursing-home," tea was only to be had at mealtime. Not even always then, for the others who came to table were hakujin and to them were served milk, coffee and on the Sundays, cocoa. Why could there not be tea for an old man who could not digest these other beverages? Why did Ken press the glass of bitter juice into his hand although he had already sipped and put it away. Why did the hakujin woman in the white dress look in through the door so impatiently? Ken had just been telling Mr. Sato of the expense of this place, expense which paid for good food and a clean, healthful room. But the room behind the greenhouse was healthful, fresh with the woodsy odor of potted plants and running water. There was a strange smell in this place.

But Father was not to worry about expense, Ken was repeating in his grammar-school Japanese, mixed with many English words. Expense is nothing when a man wishes to care for his father. This is a fine place. The hakujin people here are kind and well-mannered, both the guests and those who attend to them. True, there is a home for elderly Japanese men in the city but it is much too crowded. It would not do in any case. The men there are indigent. What would the people say if Ken Sato's father were in a pauper's home?—Better to rest here—and it is only for a short time—in this fine, costly nursing home till health and strength return and no voices are heard which others cannot hear . . . until the wife of Ken is a little less nervous after the expected new baby and a house can be found where all the Sato family will be together.

Ken's eyeglasses rode up on the wrinkles of his forehead and a little dampness appeared in the creases of his nose. This was a grown man facing him, Mr. Sato realized, a man showing already the marks of middle age as he pushed his shoulders forward eagerly and rubbed with his forefinger nervously, tensely across his dry upper lip.

"You are comfortable here, Papa, aren't you? You do see that it's the best thing till things get straightened out—only till then?"

"Yes," Mr. Sato said. He did

not want to say the word at all but Ken's lips seemed to shape it for him unconsciously; Ken's forehead wrinkled as though it could not relax unless the word was said: "It is very well here. Oh yes, yes, yes."

AUTHOR

Mrs. Ferris Takahashi of Boulder, Colo., has been a regular contributor of short stories with a Nisei slant to the Pacific Citizen. We are happy she has provided the Holiday Issue with another piece that seems to mark a part of the lives of the Nisei today.—Editor.

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By NAOSHI KORIYAMA

*(In step with his unhurried gait
The black bull's breath
Comes out white
Into the green country air.*

—Lines from a poem)

What threads is poetry woven of?
Since poetry uses sound and color
Some would say that it has two elements:
Music and painting.

*The black bull's breath
Comes out white . . .*

A unity of sound
And a contrast of color
And present in the little lines.

And yet I do wish to add another thing.
A poem possesses the element of motion,
Which makes a living thing moving.
In poetry things float, run, jump and dance.

*In step with his unhurried gait
The black bull's breath
Comes out white . . .*

There the bull and breath are in motion,
Unlike a bull on a master's canvas.

Lastly I shall mention just one more element.
It is one's mind's free gallop,
Which extracts the extraordinary
Out of the ordinary.

Into the green country air . . .

The growing wheat is green in the spring sun;
Cabbages and spinaches on the farm
Are green, finely coated with frost.
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Philadelphia JACL preparing for 10th anniversary in '57

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia JACL looks back on 1956 as a very fruitful year filled with progress and activities well participated and supported by both members and non-members. Interest in the JACL is reflected in the increased membership this year to 138.

Our program began with the Inaugural - Recognition Dinner in February, at which time the newly naturalized Issei of the area were feted. The occasion occurred at the Penn Sherwood Hotel with Honorable Robert V. Bolger, of Philadelphia Orphans' Court, and President of City Council James H. J. Tate as main speakers. Installation of new officers was also held at this time. Members of the Board taking office were Sim Endo, chairman; Shoji Date, Yosuke Nakano, Henry Tani and Warren Watanabe; Mary Watanabe, treasurer; Hana Fujii, secretary; Sho Maruyama, representative to International Institute. The occasion received excellent publicity in the leading newspapers of Philadelphia.

A large contingency from Philadelphia was represented at the EDC convention at Seabrook, New Jersey, in April. Taking important roles in it from Philadelphia were Bill Sasagawa, EDC Chairman, and Bill Marutani, leading the chapter clinic.

The April general meeting was well attended by both Issei and Nisei members and friends. The evening's program, chaired by Y. W. Nakano, featured a fascinating talk on the history and development of stained glass by Crosby Willet, son of Henry Lee Willet, one of the original sponsors of the Philadelphia chapter. Refreshments of Japanese food were prepared and served by the Issei.

About forty members enjoyed a dinner meeting with Mas Satow at the China Village Restaurant on May 29 to receive a first-hand report on what is happening at the national level, as well as individual chapters throughout the country.

After the business meeting in June occurred the interesting discussion on "Your Culture is Showing—How Japanese Are You?" report of which has been distributed to other chapters by national headquarters.

The discussion, ably led by Henry Tani, was in the form of a group process which was a new experience to many members. The result of the session indicated that the people of Japanese background have a number of contributions to make to the American society.

From among 15 cultural aspects suggested, the group lifted three general areas as follows: food and language, beauty or the tangible evidence of things Japanese in color, form, style, etc., and the intangible relation of person to person, such as family relationship, social relations, emphasis on character, personal integrity, etc.

Under the co-chairmanship of Mary Toda and Alice Mitsudo, the annual outing this year was held at French Creek State Park. About 100 people enjoyed the gathering which concluded with a weiner roast and singing around a camp fire.

The annual picnic on the grounds of Friends Central School occurred on August 18 with Tom Murakami heading a hard-working committee. In spite of sweltering weather, over 150 young and old, Issei and Nisei members and friends, packed their lunches and

joined in the fun and fellowship, many participating in races and other picnic games.

From the chapter, Dr. Tom Tamaki, officially representing Philadelphia, and his wife Marian; Bill Sasagawa, EDC Chairman, and his wife Susan; Dick and Emi Horikawa, and Jack Ozawa attended the National Convention in San Francisco August 31 to September 3.

The chapter was recognized for surpassing its quota in 1000 Club membership. Tom Tamaki, Chairman of the local 1000 Club, as well as EDC, received a top-per for himself and another in behalf of his chapter chairman. Tom was also appointed to the National Endowment Board.

Publicity-wise, the Philadelphia JACL received attention in local papers in September for its participation by Ben Ohama and Sumi Kobayashi in a skit, written by chapter chairman Sim Endo, at the Open House of the International Institute. The play was well received by the audience.

With over 125 in attendance, the October bazaar proved a highly successful occasion. Shoji Date and his committee were responsible for this outstanding affair. Allen Okamoto, master of ceremonies, and Bill Sasagawa as auctioneer contributed greatly to the enthusiastic spirit of the bazaar. It was heartwarming to receive again such full cooperation and response from members and others who donated their time and products for the bazaar.

October was the publication date of the directory of Japanese American residents in the Philadelphia area. This was a project sponsored by the board of the local chapter.

At the November meeting, Dr. Warren Watanabe chaired the program after the business session, featuring color films on Philadelphia. Tom Tamaki's report on the National Convention was the

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Seabrook hosting EDC confab in April top '56 activity

SEABROOK, N. J. — Led by President George Noda, the Seabrook JACL Chapter brings to a close its 1956 program with many outstanding events to its credit.

April 14 and 15 saw the Eastern District Council Convention taking place at the famous Farms with approximately 200 persons taking part in the program. Delegates arrived for the weekend session from New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. Charles Nagao served as convention chairman.

The convention banquet, which was held at Cumberland Hotel in Bridgeton, was a brilliant affair with several distinguished speakers on hand. Among them were Rep. T. Millet Hand of New Jersey, State Sen. W. Howard Sharp of Cumberland County, and Mike Masaoka of Washington, D. C.

The installation of 1956-57 Seabrook Chapter officers took place during the confab banquet with delegates of the Eastern area witnessing the ceremony.

Officers installed were George Noda, pres.; Bill Tagawa and Dick Kunishima, v.p.; Fujio Sasaki, del.; Jack Nakayama and James Yamasaki, alt. del.; Kiyomi Nakamura, treas.; Irene Aoki, rec. sec.; Mar-

jory Mitsui, cor. sec.; Josie Ikeda, hist., and Henry Furushima, ex-officio.

Members of the Seabrook Chapter Board of Directors are Ray Bano, John D. Keefe, James Mitsui, Shigetaro Miyasaki, Harry Ogata, James Okino, John N. Takeda, Naozo Yamamoto and Harry Okamoto.

A timely editorial appearing in the Bridgeton Evening News welcomed the convention delegates and said in part, "When Japanese Americans came into this area, under the cloud of war, they proved themselves immediately to be good loyal citizens and quickly won the approval of the community. Today as they hold their convention in Bridgeton, we salute them as friends and neighbors who have found a permanent place in our neighborhood through their typical American lives, under the flag of the U.S."

Masao Satow, national JACL director, visited the Seabrook Chapter on May 30. As production season was already in swing at the Farms, a small but interested group of approximately 40 persons met with him at a dinner meeting held at the Cinderella Tea Room in Bridgeton.

Another outstanding event held

earlier in the year was the JACL sponsored chow mein dinner at the Seabrook Community House. The fund-raising dinner took place on March 20 with Dick Kunishima heading the huge committee. Over 600 attended the dinner prepared by JACLers and served to the public midst an oriental setting.

The annual JACL picnic was held on April 22 at Parvin State

Park with all of the CLers and friends turning out for a day of fun and festivities.

In June the graduates of both grammar and high schools were feted at spaghetti dinners by the

Seabrook JACL.

Membership Drive Chairman Bill Tagawa was responsible for obtaining a total of 321 paid-up members for the year of 1956.

—By Ayako Nakamura

—PHILADELPHIA

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highlight of the business portion of the evening.

A gay and joyous occasion is anticipated at the annual Christmas party to be held on December 16 with Ben Ohama in charge. A buffet supper will give opportunity for family socializing. Important business conducted at this time will include election of officers for the coming year.

Looking back on the past year, the motto "Strength Through Unity" holds deeper meaning to those who have taken active part in the chapter's program and activities. Every occasion has been an experience in which those in charge have found enthusiastic response and cooperation from the membership.

We look forward to further challenges and even more fruitful endeavors as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Philadelphia chapter JACL this coming year.

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Cincinnati CL slowly mixing in community

CINCINNATI — For a chapter like Cincinnati with 50 Japanese American families as members, it appears difficult to stage a particular project in way of civic or cultural affairs that might stand out for the year. As it is, each of them has found a niche in some Caucasian group and busily making themselves known.

Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, Midwest District Council chairman, was guest speaker at the Jan. 21 installation dinner at the Norwood YMCA. He also swore in the chapter officers as follows:

Mrs. Mutsu Takao, pres.; Hisashi Sugawara, v.p.; Marvin Yoshikawa, sec.; Robert Sand, treas.; Mrs. Jane Sugawara, James Takeuchi, Roy Aka, Roy Sugimoto, board members; Kaye Watanabe, ex-officio; Yoshio Shimizu and Tom Fukunaga, Issei citizen reps.; Masaji Toki, 1000 Club chmn.

To prepare for the MDC meeting, the chapter met in March to hear progress reports from Dr. James Takao, who disclosed that Mayor Charles P. Taft and national JACL director Masao Satow of San Francisco would appear. The MDC session, held here May 26-27, was successfully concluded with both Dayton and Cincinnati co-hosting the affair.

Marvin Yoshikawa chaired the June 24 community picnic that drew a majority of Japanese American families. The annual financial project was also held at this time. He also chaired the chapter swimming party-picnic in August.

At the Sept. 22 meeting, national convention reports were presented by delegate Dr. Takao. Japanese movies were also enjoyed. Roy Aka was meeting chairman.

A good turnout of 50 people including five war brides with their husbands attended the Oct. 20 sports dance. The Japanese brides were especially happy to see so many other Nihonjin faces. Mrs. Mary Adachi and Roy Sugimoto co-chaired the affair.

Four new board members were chosen at the Nov. 17 election meeting, which was preceded by a potluck supper which insured a good turnout of families. Hisashi Sugawara was in charge of the business meeting; Mrs. Hoshi Sugawara, the supper. Movies were shown to the children while the adults were in session.

New board members elected were Takashi Kariya, Ray Mielek, James Hashimoto and Ken Sugawara.

—By Mutsu Takao

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San Diego JACL To Host Next PSW District Session

**Winds Up Busy
Years Under
President Imoto**

SAN DIEGO—San Diego JACL activities were headed this year by Tad Imoto, president; George Muto, first vice-president; Saburo Muraoka, 2nd vice-president; Bert Tanaka, 3rd vice-president; Hedi Takeshita, treasurer; and Naomi Kashiwabara, Bulletin editor.

Standard activities every year in this most southwesterly of American cities are the Issei naturalization banquet, the Fourth of July picnic, and New Year's Dance at which new officers are installed.

The Issei naturalization banquet was held March 29 at the Lafayette Hotel when over 40 new American citizens were feted. Civic dignitaries attended and gave congratulatory messages as did Tats Kushida, PSW regional director.

The Fourth of July picnic, which is attended by the Japanese community in toto regardless of JACL membership, was held as usual at Silver Strand State Park. The park is located on the Silver Strand, a narrow strip of land that separates San Diego Bay from the Pacific Ocean. The unchanging program for this day includes a surf-fishing contest and foot races for the children.

Next Social Activity

The New Year's Dance will be held this year like last year in the Terrace Room of the Lafayette Hotel, which is one of San Diego's swankier hotels on Sunday evening, December 30. The San Diego JACL's social affairs are arranged by Bert Tanaka, 3rd v.p., who with his humor and suavity has demonstrated that he is on the wrong end of the TV set.

Year 1956 saw an increase in membership over 1955, when the San Diego chapter along with the Southwest Los Angeles chapter, won Chapter of the Year honors in the PSWDC for 1955. The year also saw San Diego members in faithful attendance at PSWDC quarterly meetings and Tad Imoto, presi-

dent, and Mas Hironaka, booster, attend the National Convention in San Francisco.

The San Diego JACL Credit Union grew this year at a happy rate and now has 70 members with over \$10,000 in assets.

San Diego JACL with the rest of the Japanese-American citizenry grew angry at "Lincoln Yamamoto" and supported the passage of Proposition 13 on the November California ballot. Thousand Club members for the year numbered 20. (President Tad Imoto was sent to the San Francisco Thousand Club Whing Ding with a four-in-hand cravat reinforced with aluminum sheet. Tad's sense of decorum overwhelmed him and he attended the Whing Ding in required bow-tie.)

Community Council Organized

As a member of the 1956 organized Japanese Community Council, organized by George Muto, the San Diego JACL participated in the widely publicized presentation of a Japanese stone lantern to the city of San Diego from the city of Yokohama. Civic dignitaries and Consul-General Nakamura of Japan attended the ceremony. The stone lantern is symbolic of the commercial tie between the Oriental port of Yokohama and the port of San Diego.

The Japanese Community Council was organized by George Muto to separate the JACL from international relations and consists of representatives of the San Diego's three churches, the Farmers' Association, the Gardeners' Association, and the JACL.

The JACL engaged in the San Diego Shonien drive under the leadership of Tad Imoto.

The San Diego JACL is scheduled to be host at a quarterly PSWDC session in the spring of 1957. Boasting the best climate in the United States (although smog is beginning to creep in on dirty rat feet) and enthusiastically boosted without falsehood as "Heaven on Earth," the land of Max Miller awaits the inspection of the JACLers in the PSWDC.

By Naomi Kashiwabara

Six San Diegans cited for interest

SAN DIEGO.—Frankly speaking, none of the prewar JACLers of this area are active in the San Diego chapter, but six members should be recognized for their willingness to help the organization. They have been continuous members since returning here after the war.

Paul Hoshi, one of the top insurance men in San Diego bar none, has served in various capacities with JACL here. A past president, he knows practically all the Japanese in the San Diego area.

Hiomi Nakamura, another past president, resides in nearby La Jolla, and is one of the highly regarded pathologists. His fame is also known among skin divers and fishermen. He is also a keen student of archaeology.

Tom Kida, this year's 1000 Club chairman, helps represent the eastern part of San Diego at chapter meetings. He is also very active in the Lions.

Dr. Tad Imoto, this year's president, enjoyed its highest membership since its reactivation as a chapter under his administration. Active in the Kiwanis, he spends his leisure hours trout fishing.

Masami Honda, another past president, is a top Nisei adviser for the San Diego Buddhist Church.

George Kodama, an enthusiastic yellowtail fisherman, was able to lead the chapter in a most active year in 1955 while he was president.

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Washington, D. C., chapter celebrates 10th ann'y

WASHINGTON—In this election year of 1956, the Washington, D. C., Chapter celebrated its tenth anniversary of the founding of the chapter. It was in June of 1946, when Chairman Jack Hirose and the other charter members formed a JACL chapter in the Nation's Capital. Jun Okazaki had the distinction of being the first president.

Since then Harold Horiuchi, Ira Shimasaki (twice), Henry Goshio, Dan Komai, Rikio Kumagai, George Furukawa, John Katsu, Ruth Kuroishi, and Ben Nakao have presided as chapter presidents. On National Director Masao Satow's visit to Washington in early June, the past presidents and the present cabinet and executive board sat with him at the Occidental Restaurant for a dinner.

At the installation of the 1957 officers, to be held in January a couple of weeks before the Presidential Inauguration, recognition of the past presidents will be made.

The D. C. Chapter's activities for this year, as in the past, have been of a diversified nature to interest the different age and interest groups. For the informative and cultural programs, lectures on the Federal income tax, social security laws and benefits, and the history of early Japan were presented.

For JACL promotion and information, Mas Satow gave his report on the national JACL situation—the past, present and future.

There were also the reports of the Fourteenth Biennial National

Convention held in San Francisco by the convention delegates. One night was set aside for films, when several short reels on varied interesting subjects were screened.

As family participation in chapter activities is one of great desire, and since participation by children and the younger set is uppermost in the minds of the planners, numerous events were conducted for their purpose. Back in the spring the annual pot luck dinner was held, with a local amateur talent display to highlight the evening. The graduates of the year—kindergarten up through college—were honored at an outing. The annual chapter picnic was during July. In the fall a dinner at the Fairfax Hotel, with bingo for the social, again brought out the families.

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George was a member of the Fresno American Loyalty League in the early 1930s, until he was called upon to organize the Selma chapter in 1950. He was also Selma chapter's first president. Last year, he was first vice-president of the Central California District Council.

Among the special JACL projects he chaired recently were the 1955 CCDC convention and the Prop. 13 fund campaign.

He especially remembers the time when the local JACL honored its returning Nisei veterans after the last war with their Caucasian friends who stood by the Japanese Americans during the war years. The most memorable, however, was the manner in which JACL co-

operated with the government in the orderly evacuation of 1942.

To up and coming Nisei and Sansei, he declared:

"JACL is the united front for persons of Japanese ancestry in America. The recent election results of Prop. 13 only shows a continued need for this front."

George Abe was born in July, 1908, at Del Rey. He was graduated from Selma High in 1926 and was engaged in farming for 12 years before opening his Selma Nursery in 1938.

In addition to his JACL activities, George served for four terms on the Selma Japanese Mission Church board of directors, is a member of the Selma Rotary, Selma Chamber of Commerce and director in 1953-55, and a member of the California Nurserymen's Association.

He is married to the former Jean Shiraoka and they have four children: Arlene 13, Maxine 7, Christine 5 and Steven 3. They live at 13271 S. Van Horn Ave.

LIVINGSTON-MERCED BOASTS OF CL-ER IN STATE ASSEMBLY

MERCED.—A proud moment in the Livingston-Merced JACL this past year was the election of its member, Attorney Gordon (Don) Winton, Jr., to the California State Assembly from this district last November. Don is also 1000 Club member.

The chapter also points with pride to the increase of chapter membership—150 strong, including its seven new 1000ers.

The year began with the traditional installation banquet in January. National JACL Director Mas Satow inducted Lester Yoshida, pres.; Kazuo Masuda, v.p.; Snow Shoji, rec. sec.; Mary Tanioka, cor. sec.; Ken Yagi, treas.; Roy Okahara, pub.; Walter Morimoto, Marge Tanioka, reps.; and Frank Shoji, hist.

It was also the month when a statewide JACL campaign to assist flood victims in the Marysville-Yuba City was pushed and the local chapter sent food, clothing and money.

Over 500 hunters from all parts of the state participated in the local jackrabbit mop-up in February. The chapter co-sponsored the unique event with the Livingston Chamber of Commerce and the Livingston-Arena Farm Center. Over 3,000 rabbits were bagged.

In reply to "Lincoln Yamamoto," whose letter appeared in Newsweek, the chapter dispatched the following telegram to the magazine editors: "All of us are proud of our fathers and mothers (who) have renounced any allegiance to Japan to become naturalized American citizens indicating that they, like immigrants from so many other countries, believed that their adopted land is the best in the world."

The chapter hosted the neighboring Cortez chapter to a bridge party in April. It also assisted new Issei citizens register for the June primaries.

Over 200 were present at the annual community picnic in May. Three Nisei from this area killed during World War II (Toshiaki Shoji, Arnold Ohki, Mamoru Kinoshita) and interred at Golden

Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno were honored by graveside visitations on Memorial Day.

In June, the chapter sent telegrams to Senators Knowland and Kuchel of California, urging passage of the evacuation claims bill, HR 7763, which subsequently was passed and signed into law.

The annual chapter outing honoring local Nisei graduates was held at Lake Yosemite in July. The chapter collected \$300 for Yes on Prop. 13, of which \$125 was forwarded to the central committee. By November election time, the chapter distributed over 2,500 brochures favoring repeal of the alien land law, placed "Yes on Prop. 13" advertising in all of the county's eight newspapers.

Another November highlight was the chapter's Liberty Bell float in the local Veterans' Day parade. Bordered with flowers and greens, the large bell was inscribed "Let Freedom Ring".

Election of officers was scheduled for December.

1958 reunion of Nisei veterans planned

SEATTLE.—The Nisei Veterans Committee here met here Sunday to plan the forthcoming 1958 reunion of all Nisei veterans with Akira Fujiki, general chairman of the 1953 reunion in Honolulu. Frank H. Dobashi and Yas Furuya of San Francisco, and Paul Bannai and Soichi Fukui of Los Angeles were also expected to be presented.

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Winds Up Active Year**

MONTEREY—Year-round activities of the Monterey Peninsula JACL Auxiliary under the co-presidencies of Chiz Sanda and Ruby Tabata proved to be worthy adjuncts to the programs and activities sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula JACL.

Other officers elected for 1956 were Fudge Kodama, secretary; Yoshiko Miyamoto, treasurer; Nobuko Takigawa, historian; and Ida Shintani, the Sunshine Girl.

The year opened with the New Year's dance at San Carlos Hotel. For February was a snow outing at Yosemite National Park.

Three events for March were the installation dinner-dance at San Carlos Hotel, assisting the community Red Cross campaign and conducting a cookie sale to help the chapter-sponsored Boy Scouts.

In April was the spring season potluck supper. In May was a mother-daughter luncheon at the

Del Monte Lodge. The Auxiliary was active at the community picnic in June, the weiner bake in July as well as scheduling a summer season potluck dinner, followed by a steak barbecue for chapter member families at Big Sur.

Mrs. Makiko Bosack presented Japanese cooking demonstrations in September. Capt. and Mrs. Todd Singleton were guest speakers at the October tea. The Auxiliary also participated in the annual Community Chest drive in October.

For the Thanksgiving potluck supper in November, the Auxiliary made candy to be distributed to Nisei servicemen who hail from this area for Christmas.

A Christmas luncheon will wind up the Auxiliary activities this month. The group will also prepare cascarons to be used at the forthcoming New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the chapter at the San Carlos Hotel.

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