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BY THE BOARD

Basic considerations for JACL planning

The writer was advised, a few weeks ago, that he was to be the new chairman of the National Planning Committee for the present biennium. After some preliminary thinking on the subject, I am beginning to realize that this is a job which, if nothing else, will afford ample opportunity for collective cogitation and discussion.

Of primary concern to the National Planning Committee should, I think, be the problem of increasing our membership and strengthening the financial stability of our organization.

In this connection, developments during the past few years, particularly with references to the Thousand Club and a significant increase in overall JACL membership, have been most encouraging. Nevertheless, we should not rest on the accomplishments of past years. We can and should do better.

The problem of basic "objectives" will, of course, always be with us. It has often been said that the JACL is in a "period of transition". However, when you get right down to it, what organization isn't? Only by changing perspectives, so to speak, whenever necessitated by facts and circumstances, can the JACL best serve the people whom it represents. The duty of intelligent leadership will be to reassess the problem of objectives as required to meet our challenging needs, to the end that the JACL will always have a dynamic program to fulfill.

There are many other questions which will legitimately concern the National Planning Committee such as JACL responsibility in the field of U.S.-Japan relations, the problem of the aged Issei, our position in the matter of segregation, improvement in salaries and working conditions for our paid JACL staff, and so forth.

The writer will be happy to receive suggestions and comments regarding the work of the National Planning Committee at any time.

Harry I. Takagi

Saturday Evening Post Issue Still Bare

—An Editorial—

Several weeks ago, the Saturday Evening Post editorial compressed from observations made by Edward J. Ennis of New York before the national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League the danger to national solidarity if citizens of different racial and national origins became more concerned with the welfare of their parent countries than with that of the United States.

Their stand was occasioned by remarks, which we immediately discerned to be taken out of context of the keynote address. And the Post was so informed. It was grossly unjust to Mr. Ennis, and it seemed to associate the organization which he addressed with a concept that is completely repugnant to JACL.

After letters were exchanged between the national magazine and JACL, it appears that the Post still maintains its original thesis: the Nisei may follow Ennis's "extraordinary piece of advice" and speak for the interests of Japan because of blood ties and run the danger that Nisei will not "hang back . . . and carry their activities too far".

It was felt originally that letters would clarify and bring to subsequent light in the Saturday Evening Post that basic interests and loyalty of Nisei to the United States remain untainted as ever and that Ennis was addressing the JACL convention as a fellow American. Apparently, the first exchange was stripped cold and flat.

With the issue still challenging Nisei loyalty to the United States, we must strongly object to (1) the unfair quoting of Ennis's speech and (2) linking JACL with the incongruous concept that Nisei would favor interests of other nations over interests of the United States.

Nisei need not be meek and take lightly the false innuendos cast upon our loyalty to the United States. It is something of which we are proud and something for which many Nisei died on battlefield. We need not remind the Nisei that "guilt by association" has been used successfully and with more subtlety. Whether the Saturday Evening Post is attempting to prevent Nisei Americans from speaking out on any subject by making us feel that such expressions might be construed as disloyal in some sense is another question that lingers in our mind.

Editorial indirectly casts doubt on JACL's primary and fundamental loyalty to U.S.

Text of a letter to the Saturday Evening Post, dated Dec. 6 and released for publication this week, from Masao W. Satow, national JACL director, of San Francisco is as follows:

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To Saturday Evening Post:

We note your editorial in the December 1 issue entitled, "The U.S.A. Is A Nation, Not Assorted 'Cultural' groups!" You take Mr. Edward J. Ennis to task for his remarks at the National Convention of our Japanese American Citizens League that "Japanese Americans should claim the right to stand up and speak for the interests of Japan."

We feel you misinterpret the tenor of Mr. Ennis' address by pulling certain remarks out of context. After reviewing the record of Americans of Japanese ancestry from a disfavored position in America, Mr. Ennis made the point

erican life to one of full acceptance that we have now earned the right as Americans to speak out, if we so choose, in behalf of the interests of Japan coincident with the best interests of the United States, without fear of being misunderstood, or our loyalty to the United States being questioned. Surely, you would not term this an "extraordinary piece of advice."

The editorial goes on to decry the maintenance of the culture of its "overseas kindred," ignoring the fact that America has been enriched by the many cultural contributions of people whose ancestry stem from many countries.

We are disturbed that the editorial indirectly casts a doubt upon our primary and fundamental loyalty to the United States. The record of our Japanese American Citizens League for over a quarter of a century clearly shows that our purpose, policies and programs, have always been based upon no other consideration than that we are Americans, and Mr. Ennis, who knows us well, was addressing us as such.

May we point out the error of the hyphen in the name of our organization. The term "Japanese American" in our name merely defines the areas of our interests, and is not a description of the constituency. We are not hyphenated Americans.

Final figures on Prop. 13 released

SACRAMENTO.—Final official figures showed Prop. 13 repealed the alien land law better than 2 to 1. California voters in the last general election voted Yes—2,891,951; No—1,391,991, according to official results released Dec. 24 by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan.

(Prop. 17, like Prop. 13, needed a "yes" vote to repeal an obsolete law. The former referred to judges' pay and won by less than 2 to 1 margin; 2,318,895 to 1,432,218.)

SATURDAY EVENING POST STILL SEES MAIN POINT OF EDITORIAL AS VALID

WASHINGTON. — The out-of-context reporting of Edward Ennis's speech before the recent national JACL convention in the Dec. 1 editorial of the Saturday Evening Post was roundly criticized as "patently unjust" by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League in its letter made public this week.

Commenting on the editorial titled "U.S.A. Is a Nation, Not Assorted 'Cultural' Groups," the Washington JACL Office told the Saturday Evening Post that it was unjust to both Ennis and the Japanese American Citizens League.

It "conveys the erroneous impression that Mr. Ennis advocated a policy that Americans of Japanese ancestry urge policies favorable to Japan without consideration to the effect of such policies on the United States," the letter began.

"The partial quotation, removed from the context of the speech, is an unfair and inaccurate treatment of his speech."

(The Saturday Evening Post associate editor Frederic Nelson in reply Dec. 14 told the Washington JACL Office: "Perhaps the editorial did not take an account of everything that Mr. Ennis had to say, but I think the main point of the piece is valid, namely, that too much pre-occupation with the welfare of one's country of origin is likely to weaken regard for the interests of the United States.")

The Washington JACL Office letter continued:

"What Mr. Ennis actually told

the Japanese American Citizens League in no way conflicts with the substance of your editorial. He said

Additional comments on the Saturday Evening Post editorial of Dec. 1 are also found in National Director's Report by Mas Satow on page 4.—Editor.

that Japanese Americans have proven their loyalty in an unquestionable measure to the United States during wartime and that they, Japanese Americans, should not fear to speak out on policy matters relating to their ancestral homeland. Summarizing this point, Mr. Ennis said, "As loyal Americans they (Japanese Americans) are entitled to urge upon the United States government a policy of protecting trade with Japan in our own enlightened self-interest which is to strengthen Japan as an ally against communism in the East."

The letter emphasized the point in Ennis's conclusion that policies advocated must be "to help the Japanese community contribute better Americans to a greater America."

The Washington JACL Office also regarded the out-of-context reporting as "repugnant" as the speech before the national convention has indirectly associated JACL with the proposals.

The Saturday Evening Post was told that JACL "exercises a great deal of care in the selection of convention speakers, and we would in no case invite speakers who would be in sympathy to proposals beneficial to foreign countries against the national interest of the United States."

There was nothing in the Ennis speech to cause JACL to believe that "our judgement was misplaced."

"But had a speaker at our convention even suggested the thoughts you have inaccurately attributed to Mr. Ennis, our members would have been incensed and would have protested immediately and publicly," the Saturday Evening Post was informed.

The JACL Office here also felt the editorial hinted of Nisei disloyalty, "an unfair charge which I cannot leave unanswered," Tad Masaoka, who signed the letter, added.

Recalling the wartime experiences of Japanese Americans, the letter declared: "No other group of Americans was called upon to make as many sacrificing contributions to our war effort," citing the evacuation and life in the relocation camps followed by the "heartwarming numbers" of Nisei volunteers into the armed forces.

"The military record of achievement earned by the 442nd Regt. Combat Team of Japanese Americans is well known for this Army unit received seven Presidential Unit Citations and thousands of other decorations, including the nation's highest individual award—the Congressional Medal of Honor

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Noted Sanger Issei couple naturalized

FRESNO. — A prominent Sanger area Issei couple was among 21 persons granted U.S. citizenship Dec. 17 in the first naturalization group proceedings in a local federal district court.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Yasochi Kanagawa, parents of Robert Kanagawa who is himself active in local civic and Nisei community activities.

Federal Judge Gilbert Jertberg conducted the ceremony. Naturalization proceedings previously have been conducted in the state superior court.

Primary intents of JACL stressed in letter to Satevepost

Primary interests in the welfare and security of the United States were reiterated in a letter to the Saturday Evening Post by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, made public this week in commenting on the Post's Dec. 1 editorial.

"The Japanese American Citizens League has two slogans: (1) Security through Unity, and (2) For Better Americans in a Greater America. These slogans describe essentially the functions and purposes of our national organization.

"Your editorial of Dec. 1 on certain statements of Mr. Edward J. Ennis made at our national convention was taken out of context and therefore did not present either Mr. Ennis or our group in a fair light.

"Both Mr. Ennis and National JACL are primarily interested in the welfare and security of the United States and only secondarily interested in policies affecting Japan."

Seattle scout wins first Sangha Award

SEATTLE.—The Boy Scout Sangha Award, given for service to the Buddhist Church, was presented for the first time in the United States to Bobby Y. Kurimoto, 19, of 718-27th Ave. South, on Dec. 12 at the local Buddhist Church.

Presentation was made by the Rev. Tatsuya Ichikawa, on behalf of the Buddhist Churches of America.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Muneaki Kurimoto, he has been a scout for seven years, a member of Explorer Post 252 and an Eagle Scout. He attends Edison Technical school and serves as Sunday School teacher at the Seattle Buddhist Church.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Christmas Spirit

Denver

A hundred and sixty million or so Americans have just been through the ordeal of another mid-twentieth century U.S. style Christmas and I wonder how many of them feel the same way about it as I do. Christmas any more seems to be one frantic, chaotic rat-race. What happened to the gracious charm, the good-

will, the religious rejoicing that used to be associated with this holiday?

On the infrequent occasions on which I ponder the fate of this nation come the thermonuclear D-Day, I used to worry about how we soft, untested American civilians would react to the emergency. I ponder no more. After seeing the way American women Christmas shoppers endure the discomforts of crowded stores, trot at a steady pace over marathon mileages while maneuvering up and down store aisles, shoulder their way through fearsome throngs, and still get home with enough energy to feed their families, I am convinced the hand that rocks the American cradle is equal to any terrible test.

What would the U.S. economy do without the great pre-Christmas buying binge? It has become tradition, it seems, for families to try to outdo each other in stretching budgets to appease the great heathen god Materialism. We all need ties and socks and stuff the year around, but somehow we've been overwhelmed by the custom of saving up all that buying until just before the Yuletide. Why does it have to be now?

As for Christmas cards, we raise our voices in protest on two counts.

The first is that so many of the cards depart from the spirit of Christmas as it was meant to be.

The second is that in exchanging cards the spirit of goodwill, neighborliness and kindly remembrance have been sublimated to obligation, snobbishness and social pressures.

Almost every family keeps a Christmas card list. On it are the names of a number of dear friends. Of course you want to send them greetings. But there are also names one hardly recognizes. They belong to people you meet maybe once a year, or perhaps you became chance acquaintances on ship-board a decade ago and haven't run across since. But still you feel under some obligation to keep sending them Christmas cards.

Why don't you stop and overhaul your mailing list, get it up to date as any good direct mail advertising firm does? Because you're afraid. You're afraid that if you do drop Joe Tofu and his wife, they'll send you one anyway and then you'll lose face. And so the sham of friendship goes on even though you wouldn't recognize Tofu from Tojo if you passed him on the street.

YEAR-ROUND INVITATION

Deponent having had his bitter say, let's wish all of you who've stayed with the column this far a belated Merry Christmas and a fine and prosperous New Year. The holidays are a noble tradition and I'm glad we have them. The big objection is that in trying to make up for all the peaceful intentions and goodwill that we have neglected during the year, we tend to overdo the business at Christmas time. Result is an undigestible bellyfull of something that, taken as a steady diet throughout the year, would do us a lot of good.

I'm in favor of exercising the Christmas spirit every day from January first to December thirty-first. And so let me be the first to wish you, this time, a Very Merry Christmas for 1957. By the same token, this is an invitation to fine old and well-beloved friends not to wait until mid-December to send their greetings. We'd like hearing from you any time, any time at all.

Yuba City Nisei joins in \$450,000 damage suit against gov't, public utility for property damage caused during '55 flood

SACRAMENTO. — A Yuba City Nisei family and 13 other families filed suits in a federal court Dec. 21 for losses suffered in the disastrous Christmas eve flood of last year.

Frank H. Shigeru, Nancy and Lorraine Komatsubara of Rt. 1 Box 45, Yuba City, were among the claimants who are seeking a total of more than \$450,000 from the federal government and the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. Several individuals are also listed as defendants.

The Komatsubaras are asking for \$28,480 for damages to houses on their property inundated by the flood waters, loss of 100 peach trees, land and other property.

The joint federal court action charges negligence caused a break in the Feather River levees at Gum Tree near Shanghai Bend at 12:04 a.m. on Dec. 24, 1955, resulting in a wall of water pouring into Yuba City.

The suit charges the Army Corps of Engineers left the levees in a "weak and dangerous condition, particularly at the Gum Tree portion," when it was rebuilt in 1937.

The action contends reconstruction of the levee was done "negligently, carelessly and in a manner contrary to prevailing engineering practices."

It is charged the PGE was partly responsible for the weak condition of the levee because it ran a pipe line through the west bank prior to the break.

The Army Corps of Engineers also is accused of blocking off Hazelbusch bypass between 1937 and 1942 causing the water load in the Feather River to increase with a result the flood waters had no diversion point.

Attorney Thomas C. Perkins of Sacramento said a jury trial of the case will be demanded. He added that more suits will probably be filed.

Meanwhile, it was reported that some 200 claims for damages are pending against the state arising from the flood.

Improper maintenance of levees and other facts of negligence are charged against the state.

The state board of control revealed last week that claims from 18 residents totalled over \$850,000.

Sumitomo Bank raising savings interest to 2½%

Effective Jan. 1, 1957, the Sumitomo Bank (California) will boost its interest on savings and time-deposits of six months and longer from 2 to 2½ per cent a year.

Action is in line with that of the Federal Reserve System, intending to encourage savings in order to meet demand for capital investments and other needs, it was pointed out by T. Satake, manager of the Sumitomo branch office in Los Angeles.

The bank, with its head office in San Francisco and another branch in Sacramento, has over \$21,000,000 on deposits since its establishment less than four years ago. Savings represent a considerable portion, it was added.



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TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama

California congressman

Tokyo



In view of the agitation against Japanese immigration to the United States before the war, especially in the 1910s and 1920s, and harassment of Japanese residents in subsequent years, the recent statements of a California congressman visiting Japan in favor of more liberal immigration are viewed with significance here.

Rep. Patrick Hillings (R., Calif.), visiting with other American legislators, disclosed that the United States may possible extend provisions of the Refugee Relief Act for Japanese. He commented that the over 1,000 refugees from Japan who have been admitted thus far are well-accepted by Californians.

Rep. Hillings is also in favor of inviting seasonal workers from Japan in view of the acute shortage of farm labor. Japanese workers have already proven that they are very efficient and diligent, he added.

"Without Mike Masaoka, there would have been no Refugee Relief Act or the seasonal workers program for Japan," the Whittier, Calif., congressman declared. "Mike has pioneered in bringing a new period of Japanese-American relations through immigration and other matters. He convinced the American government how important it was to extend a helping hand to Japan."

"I am glad that I came over here to study the immigration situation and learn more about Japan," Hillings said.

Expressing the fact that while some opposition against Japanese farm laborers has cropped up among American labor unions, Hillings believed the farm labor project "would certainly be of great benefit for both countries."

The board turned down claims for personal injuries and deaths from the flood.

Fumitaka Konoye dies

TOKYO. — Fumitaka Konoye, 40, eldest son of prewar Japanese premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye, died of acute Bright's disease in a Soviet Russian detention camp Oct. 20, the Foreign Office recently reported. He attended Princeton University and was the golf team captain in 1937.

JAPAN AIR LINES SHOWS DRAMATIC INCREASE

SAN FRANCISCO. — Japan Air Lines planes have flown over 3½ million miles over the Pacific in 1956, carrying over 29,000 passengers and 630 tons of freight. It marks a 40 per cent increase in passengers and an 87 per cent increase in cargo over 1955, according to Yoshito Kojima, American region vice-president.

Sign Up for '57 JACL Membership

More young Japanese would visit America and learn about the American way of life, he said.

On the other hand, news reaching Japan on the behavior of farm workers and refugees abrogating their contracts to work on California farms has miled many here.

Their letters reaching Japan fail to show any sense of appreciation over their good fortune. One even wrote he was suffering from malnutrition. It seems impossible to think one would have malnutrition in America. As a matter of fact, he must have over-eaten and got indigestion.

One refugee letter has revealed they'd like to go on strike and throw their sponsors into jail for mistreatment. Such gall! Such ingrates. Another letter voiced intentions of leaving for Brazil after learning American methods in farming.

Togasaki to speak at N.Y. inaugural

NEW YORK. — George Togasaki is to be the principal speaker at the annual installation dinner of the New York JACL chapter on Friday, Jan. 4.

An old time JACLer, Togasaki was one of the featured speakers at the 1952 National JACL Convention in San Francisco. He is currently in New York in behalf of the Japanese International Christian University Foundation.

The newly elected and appointed members of the Board of Directors of the New York Chapter will be installed into office. Those who were elected at the meeting on Dec. 14, are: Marian Glaser, Betty Miyahara, William Sakayama, Francis Sogi, Fujio Saito, Benji Hara, Joe Imai, and Thomas T. Hayashi. Four additional board members are to be appointed, in accordance with the stipulations of the new constitution that was recently adopted.

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

**'The FBI Story'**

Denver

The story of the FBI and the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans from the Pacific coast in 1942 is told for the first time in Don Whitehead's just-published "report to the people" on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, *The FBI Story* (Little, Brown, \$4.95). And the story is that the FBI and its director, J. Edgar Hoover, did not concur with the necessity for mass evacuation on the Japanese American population.

The days following Pearl Harbor "were days when fear bred hysteria and when hysteria . . . caused men's judgment to falter," says Whitehead. "Such was the case in the decision to move some 120,000 Japanese-Americans from their homes and farms on the West Coast to relocation centers."

Whitehead, who did a year's research in the FBI establishment and had access to hitherto undisclosed material, calls the mass evacuation "a tragic upheaval" and says that Hoover looked upon it "as a mixture of politics and hysteria and not as an urgent measure of national defense."

EVACUATION FIRST HINTED DEC. 10

The FBI's Hoover first heard of the mass evacuation suggestion on Dec. 10 when he was called to the office of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau for a talk with the Secretary and other Treasury officials. In a memorandum of the meeting to Attorney General Biddle (who also is on record as having opposed the evacuation decision) Hoover told the basic story:

"The Secretary stated that he had been in communication with his representatives in San Francisco and as a result had ascertained that the task they were carrying on (freezing Japanese assets and businesses) was an enormous one and that he believed more drastic measures should be taken in order to adequately cover and complete it. The Secretary then put in a call to Mr. X, one of his representatives in San Francisco, and this conversation was heard by all in the Secretary's office . . . It was the opinion of Mr. X that there should be a roundup of the Japanese in San Francisco, Los Angeles and in the bay cities of San Francisco, as well as in certain sections of San Joaquin Valley . . . The Secretary inquired of me whether this could be done . . ."

In his memo Hoover notes that he suggested Secretary Morgenthau call Attorney General Biddle by phone. "I told the Secretary that I felt that you would be reluctant to approve any such program unless there were sufficient facts upon which to justify the cases of the persons arrested, as I believed you (Biddle) would be opposed to any 'drag-net' or 'round-up' procedure."

OPPOSED ARREST OF NISEI AMERICANS

The FBI had not been immobile in the crisis. On the contrary it had acted quickly and efficiently. In the months before Pearl Harbor the agency had assembled a list of aliens who were considered anti-American or "who were likely to prove most dangerous in time of war." The list included some 770 Japanese aliens. On Pearl Harbor night, immediately after President Roosevelt authorized the detention of enemy aliens and Biddle signed the necessary papers, FBI agents swung into action. Within hours 733 Japanese aliens were in detention. All told, the FBI arrested 16,062 enemy aliens in World War II and of this number 5,428 were Japanese. Of these 1,532 were interned; 2,423 were paroled; 955 were released; 415 were repatriated; and 88 died.

Hoover's memo to Biddle also notes that Justice Department policy opposed any arrests of Nisei or any other American: ". . . of course citizens of the United States were not being included in any arrests as the authority to make arrests was limited to alien enemies and unless there were specific actions on which criminal complaints could be filed, you had not approved the arresting of any citizens of the United States."

The memo also recalls that Biddle was in accord that "no action should be taken" . . . of the character recommended by the Treasury Agents in San Francisco . . .

"But the snowball had started," writes Whitehead. "With the hysteria there were the cold calculations of men who wanted the Japanese moved for economic reasons and because of racial prejudices. The decisions for the movement were made in the upper reaches of the Administration. And so it was that tens of thousands of loyal Japanese-American citizens made the sad journey from their homes . . ."

Hoover analyzed the real reasons for evacuation in another memo to Biddle:

"The necessity for mass evacuation is based primarily upon public and political pressure rather than on factual data. Public hysteria and, in some instances, the comments of the press, and radio announcers, have resulted in a tremendous amount of pressure being brought to bear on Governor Olson and Earl Warren, Attorney General of the State, and on the military authorities . . ."

By 6:30 a.m. of Dec. 8, less than 24 hours after the first bomb fell on Pearl Harbor, the FBI had 733 Japanese in custody. These were the persons believed potentially dangerous to the nation's security. The mass evacuation—of 120,000 men, women and babies—followed months later and, obviously, without the FBI's blessing.

EXCITING STORY

Don Whitehead's *FBI Story* is the exciting account of the bureau's fight against the nation's enemies. A parade of traitors, spies and saboteurs march past but, refuting the lies of the anti-Nisei hysteria mongers, not one is an American or resident alien of Japanese ancestry. There is, however, the name of Nagao Kita who was the Japanese consul-general in Honolulu in 1941. His, according to Whitehead, is "a name to remember in the espionage of World War II."

Incidentally, Whitehead notes that the FBI used scores of agents to run down the torrent of rumors of espionage and sabotage involving persons of Japanese descent. The rumors included the following: huge arrows had been cut in the cane fields in Hawaii by Japanese field workers and pointed to military targets; Japanese fishing boats in Hawaii were furn-

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Nisei assists UCLA scientist develop anti-smog device for automobiles

A UCLA scientist, aided by a team of student researchers, has developed a device which they expect will eliminate the automobile as a major source of smog.

Included among the assistants is Hiroshi Kimura and four other UCLA students.

The device injects a fog mist of ordinary tap water into the carburetor's air intake.

The scientist, Richard D. Kopa disclosed yesterday that the fuel-air mixture conditioning appliance does away with up to 90 percent of the oxides of nitrogen formed

by combustion in auto engines. Many scientists now believe that oxides of nitrogen are the most important of the smog-forming air contaminants.

It is believed that three elements are required to form smog; hydrocarbons, oxides of nitrogen, and sunlight. The idea is to eliminate one of these elements—in this case oxides of nitrogen—and forestall the chain reaction that results in eye-stinging smog.

The principle is based on the facts that oxides of nitrogen are produced by combustion and that the higher the temperature of the combustion, the greater the amount of oxides of nitrogen.

The peak temperature in the cylinder of a car is about 5000 deg. F., reached during the explosion of compressed gases ignited by the spark plug firing.

UCLA is preparing patent papers on the device, which belongs to the university.

Only one model of it exists at present. It is attached to a V-8 Ford engine in the UCLA Mechanics Building laboratory. Kopa is preparing to build 10 to 12 smaller versions for installation and testing on automobiles. These should be in use within two months, he said.

He would not indicate how soon it might become available for marketing, but estimated it would cost about \$50.

Blind Nisei to head vet post in Idaho

REXBURG, Idaho.—Tommy Mizaki, blind poultryman and active Yellowstone JACler, of Sugar City was elected commander of the Rexburg American Legion Post recently.

Miyazaki, who has been re-elected 2nd vice-chairman of the Intermountain JACL District Council, has been active in the Yellowstone chapter for several years, serving in various official capacities.

A number of magazines and newspapers have featured him in connection with his poultry business. He became blind while serving in the Army.

The Legion post, whose members number about 50, also elected Martell Grover, 1st vice-commander. Grover has been Yellowstone chapter vice-president for 1956 and will serve on the 1957 cabinet as publicity chairman.

ARCHITECT YAMASAKI IN ADDRESS TO LIBRARY

DETROIT.—The stark, unrelieved functionalism of the most modern architecture must yield to the human hunger for beauty, according to Minoru Yamasaki, internationally known member of Yamasaki, Leinweber & Associates, Birmingham architectural firm.

He spoke in the second of a series of talks sponsored by the Friends of the Library of the Univ. of Detroit at the university's new library last Dec. 7.

He told how architects are beginning to incorporate eye-pleasing details in their utilitarian designs. The talk was illustrated by color slides. He was introduced by Frank J. Perron, president of Perron Construction Co.

Yamasaki, recent recipient of the Nisei of the Biennium honors and Detroit JACler, is best known here for his design of the Federal Reserve Bank building, in which a gardenized plaza links the neoclassic original banking house with a contemporary addition.

Father who slew son convicted of manslaughter

LANSING, Mich.—Kinney Tamaribuchi, 28, was convicted of manslaughter Dec. 15 in the death last Father's Day of his son Kent, 7. Circuit Court Judge Marvin J. Salmon hearing the case without jury returned the verdict after a three-day trial.

While the prosecution had asked that the Hawaiian Nisei, a former student at Michigan State University, be found guilty of second degree murder, the defense had contended no premeditation nor malice could be proven. Sentence has been delayed until a probation report is received. Tamaribuchi can receive up to 15 years in prison on the charge.

EQUAL JOB BILL INTRODUCED IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO.—A fair employment practices ordinance, aimed at promoting equal job opportunities regardless of race, color, creed or national origin, was introduced in the San Francisco City & County Board of Supervisors meeting on Dec. 17.

The ordinance is sponsored by the San Francisco Committee for Equal Job Opportunity.

This local committee and its ordinance are sponsored by more than 150 civic leaders representing many fields of community life and including a number of employers.

Six Nisei were included:

Victor S. Abe, attorney; Masao Satow, National JACL director; Dr. Kazuo Togasaki; Rev. Howard Toriumi, Church of Christ; Yori Wada, Booker T. Washington center, and Rev. Lloyd Wake, Pine Methodist Church.

A special committee of the Central Labor Council (AFL) has been formed to support a fair employment practices measure for San Francisco.

"This ordinance," explained Edgar Osgood, co-chairman, "is patterned after measures now operating successfully in 11 states and 11 major cities of the United States and covering nearly all principal industrial and metropolitan areas outside the South, including New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Minneapolis."

"The proposed San Francisco measure," stated the committee in its letter transmitting the ordinance to board president John J. Ferdon, "places primary reliance on informal procedures of education, persuasion and conciliation" for adjustment of such cases of alleged discrimination as may come before the seven-member commission provided for in the ordinance.

Measures containing the same elements as those of the proposed San Francisco ordinance have worked to the satisfaction of all parties concerned — citizens, employees, employers and government, the committee pointed out.

First public hearing on the proposed FEP ordinance has been scheduled for Jan. 16, 2 p.m., in the board of supervisors chambers at the city hall.

An attempt was made some five years ago to pass a similar measure, but it was defeated by a narrow margin. Supporters of the measure now feel that its passage is much better this time.

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



Equal job opportunities

San Francisco

The big news locally on the human relations front this week was the introduction of the proposed fair employment practices ordinance for the City and County of San Francisco before the Board of Supervisors. The proposed statute generally follows the pattern of similar ones enacted and in operation in eleven states and a like number of major industrial and metropolitan areas, including Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Approximately 60 million Americans now live within the jurisdiction of fair employment laws, and the experiences are that FEPC has functioned reasonably and successfully through informal conciliatory procedures with only a negligible number of cases resulting in formal hearings or recourse to the courts.

The San Francisco Chapter has contributed its share of finances in support, and a number of our staunch local JACLers are numbered among the 200 members of the Committee for Equal Job Opportunities, in keeping with our national policy in support of such measures.

In our role as Regional Director we have participated as a member of the Steering Committee along with representatives of other organizations, and this has been a real education in learning about the various facets of our adopted city.

Tats Kushida has been similarly active in Los Angeles in efforts to get the same program rolling down there.

CONTINUING PROCESS OF EDUCATION

Several of our chapters—Marysville, Twin Cities, Detroit—have recently been confronted with the use of the term "Jap" in the local newspapers, and are going to bat on this. The PR function of our organization is a continuing one, especially with changes in staff personnel of newspapers and TV stations.

As recently as last year our Washington Office protested to the publishers of "Modern World Politics," a high school and college textbook which contained as facts the slanders against the loyalty of Issei and Nisei during wartime. This chapter was subsequently deleted as a result of JACL's protest.

A letter from Mr. Fredrick Nelson, Associate Editor of the *Saturday Evening Post* explains, "certainly there was no intention to cast doubt upon the fundamental loyalty of the Japanese Americans in the United States, a loyalty which was aptly proven during the war". However, he goes on to say, "What the editorial did intend to point out was the danger to our national solidarity if citizens of different racial and national origins became more concerned with the welfare of their parent countries than with that of the United States". Apparently Mr. Nelson got lost somewhere between these two statements.

And speaking of national magazines, we have a note from Mari Michener in Vienna where her famed author husband is going a story on the Hungarians' courageous fight for freedom for *The Reader's Digest*.

ORGANIZATIONALLY

We have been able to shift our financial operations from the fiscal year basis of October-September to the calendar year without dipping into our reserves. This we have been able to do mainly due to the generous support and prompt renewals of our 1000 Club members, although we also admit being parsimonious in our spending. During this biennium, for the first time in our official capacity with the organization, we have been free of the monthly worry of how to meet our bills. An added bit of good news is that we will be receiving an unexpected \$450 in connection with the final liquidation process of the former Yokohama Specie Bank. This represents the accumulated interest from our prewar endowment money.

Our appreciation to National Treasurer Aki Hayashi for assuming the responsibility of setting up a clearly defined national JACL personnel policy, something which has been too long neglected. New Yorker Aki is a genuine easterner, born and bred right next to Atlantic City, who spends a considerable time on the road peddling famed Noritake chinaware. Our paths first met over 25 years ago when he worked for his dad one summer in an amusement park in Pittsburgh. "This way, folks, try your skill, ten cents a shot, three for a quarter, a prize every time!"

NATIONAL JACL PINFEST

Mo Katow and his Tournament Committee in Eastbay are stepping up preparations for our 11th Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament at Albany Bowl, the dates for which are March 6-10 with the pre-tournament mixer on the 5th. Posters have been sent out and entry blanks will follow soon.

Frank Baker, big wheel of the American Bowling Congress writes us about his trip to Hawaii this summer. "I saw interest on almost every hand in your forthcoming tournament at the Albany Bowl. A lot of leagues and other events were being scheduled to promote expenses for the teams which will make the trip". About one hundred will fly over for our Tournament.

For the first time the souvenir program will contain the names of all-participating bowlers with specific squad assignments. Also, for the first time, the booklet will have a greeting from Governor Goodwin Knight. Both the Governor and Mrs. Knight bowl. The front cover of a recent issue of the "300" magazine shows Hizzoner in rare form putting one down the alley.

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Recounting the ICBG year at the recent Southwest Los Angeles JACL Christmas party at Scully's is chapter president Roy Ike-tani (standing). At the head table (are left to right) Mrs. Kats Kunitsugu, editor of the chapter newsletter; Dr. Toru Iura, past chapter president and m.c.; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, and his wife Alice. —Kuni Mayeno Photo.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER ENDS ACTIVE YEAR, FORMS AUXILIARY, JR. JACL

(Sacramento JACL has concluded a busy year under the presidency of Percy T. Masaki. It is regrettable the report did not arrive in time for publication in the Holiday Issue, but we are happy to include it in this week's issue.—Editor.)

SACRAMENTO. — Our old time JACler, Henry Taketa, has been the backbone of the Sacramento Chapter for the past quarter of a century. He is an attorney, married and has two fine boys. Mr. Taketa was born and raised in Sacramento and is a university graduate. His father and mother were also leaders in the community.

He has attended almost all of our JACL meetings and other community activities. Henry Taketa was awarded a Sapphire Pin for his untiring community spirit. He is a level headed and mild manner fellow whom we can seek for advice and aid.

Dr. George Takahashi, a local optometrist, is another very active JACler. He has attended all of our meetings and has shouldered more than his share of responsibilities. Dr. Takahashi has been an active JACler for over twenty-five years. Dr. Takahashi is married and has a son and a daughter. His son is in college and his daughter is a senior in high school.

Other JACLers who have been in the organization for twenty years and are still members in good standing are Dr. Jiro Muramoto, Dr. Goro Muramoto, Sumio Miyamoto, Eugene Okada, Dr. Joe Kawahara, Dr. Aki Hayashi, Harry Hara and Henry Okamoto. It is people like these who have made plea for a yes vote was extremely gratifying. The Sacramento Cham-

ber of Commerce, the Sacramento Bee, the Sacramento Union, politicians and civic leaders were very cooperative. our local JACL so successful.

Auxiliary Formed

The Sacramento Chapter was very successful in various projects. The JACL Women's Auxiliary was formed this year and has taken quite a load by taking the responsibility for our Queen Contest for the National Convention held in San Francisco. Sacramento's lovely Sharon Nishimi received the honor of being selected the National JACL Queen. Sharon did an excellent job on all occasions.

We received a letter from her expressing her appreciation to the local chapter and the National Headquarters for the wonderful and exciting experience. She certainly deserves many thanks for participating and giving a great deal of her time for the JACL. We wish also to thank Toshi Ishii, Emma Fujimoto, and Jane Sagami, for their aid in the preliminaries.

The Jr. JACL was recently formed by many enthusiastic high school and college students. They will shoulder some of the work of the JACL and in due time, take over more of the responsibilities.

The Jr. JACLers were instrumental in the tremendous success of the annual talent show, "Stars of Tomorrow." Most of the acts consisted of teenage talent.

Each year our JACL puts on a talent show to raise money to meet the assessments to the National Headquarters, District Headquarters, and also for the local chapter projects. We solicited for 100 Clubbers and for regular membership during the talent show. We would like to express our gratitude to those who made their membership payments of \$15 for couples, the 1000 Club members, and others who have donated. Their community spirit was appreciated very much. The total amount raised was \$3,000.

Flood Project

The Sacramento JACL spearheaded a community drive for a flood fund. Over \$5,000 and merchandise was sent to Marysville. Another community project, our

Three Salinas JACLers qualify for Gallon Club

SALINAS.—Tom (Lefty) Miyana-ga, prominent local JACler, finally made the Red Cross Blood Bank Gallon Club and is well on his way to the second gallon.

Bob Yamamoto and Kiyo Hirano are also Gallon Clubbers and the local chapter anticipates more Gallon Clubbers soon.

The chapter held its Christmas party Dec. 21 with Santa Claus making his appearance distributing presents to the youngsters. Movies were also shown. Harvey Kitamura was chairman.

Nominations for the '57 cabinet were announced earlier this month by the committee composed of John Terakawa, Dr. Harry Kita, Bob Yamamoto, James Tanda, Ken Sato and Tom Miyana-ga.

1000 CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — With 56 memberships and renewals coming from Sacramento JACL, the 1000 Club report for the first half of December saw its 1,800th member enrolled, National JACL Headquarters disclosed last week. The Dec. 1-15 report:

EIGHTH YEAR

Detroit—Peter S. Fujioaka.
Sacramento—Joe Matsunami.
Boise Valley—Manabu Yamada.

SIXTH YEAR

Sacramento—Henry Taketa.

FIFTH YEAR

Sequoia—John T. Enomoto.
Sacramento—Ginji Mizutani.
Chicago—Arthur T. Morimitsu.

FOURTH YEAR

Sacramento—Tokio Fujii, Kihel Ikeda, William Matsumoto, Katsuro Murakami, Wataru Dubby Tsugawa.
Seattle—Frank H. Hattori.
Gresham-Troutdale—Kazuo Kinoshita, Hawley H. Kato.

Twin Cities—Fred Y. Ohno.
Mid-Columbia—Mits Takasumi.

THIRD YEAR

San Francisco—Lucy Adachi.
Sacramento—Dr. Yoshizo Harada, Aki Hayashi, Yasushi Ito, Sumio Miyamoto, Kanji Nishijima, Coffee H. Oshima, Peter Osuga, Mamoru Sakuma, Dr. Alwin Sato, Noboru Shirai, Dr. Henry I. Sugiyama, Dr. George Takahashi, George Tambara, Dr. Kiyoshi Tsuda.

Idaho Falls—Masayuki Honda.
Chicago—Roy Iwata, Harold Tsunehara.

SECOND YEAR

Sacramento—Harry Fujii, Dean Itano, Wesley Kato, Dr. James J. Kubo, Aki Masaki, Percy T. Masaki, Eugene Okada, Frank Yoshimura.

Denver—Dr. Takashi Mayeda.
Cincinnati—Hisashi Sugawara.
Snake River—Frank Uru, Sam Wakasugi.

FIRST YEAR

Chicago—Frank Y. Takahashi.
Cincinnati—Robert Sand.
Snake River—Lloyd Russell.

Sacramento—Masato Fujii, George Furawa, Tom Fukushima, Kay Hamatani, Harry Hara, Roy Higashino, Yoshito Hironaka, Kiyoshi Imai, Masao Itano, Roy Kitade, Ardevan Kiyoshi Kozono, Harry Kuichi Masaki, Arthur Miyai, Martin Miyai, Jimmy Ninomiya, Masao Nishimi, Ralph Nishimi, Toshiko Nishimi, Ping Oda, Tim Sasabuchi, Dr. Masa Seto, Takeo Takachi, Masaki Tsuda, Kumago Watanabe, Charley Yamamoto, Sam Ishimoto.

San Francisco JACL elects 10 new 2-yr. Bd. of Gov. members

SAN FRANCISCO. — Ten new members of the San Francisco JACL board of governors were elected as 300 ballots returned by mail were tallied. Elected for a two-year term were:

Tess Hideshima, Yo Hironaka, Vi Ichikawa, Cal Kitazumi, Harry Makita, Will Maruyama, Mary Minamoto, George Miyamoto, Elsie Uyeda and Mike Yoshimine.

Holdovers who have another year to serve are Miyuki Aoyama, Sachi Kawabata, Dr. Robert Kiyasu, Jack Kusaba, Dick Nishi, Mo Noguchi, Sam Sato, Yoneo Satoda, Thelma Takeda and Kiyoshi Tanamachi.

Election of officers will be held by this newly elected board at its first board meeting in January.

The new officers will be installed into office at the joint installation dinner to be held with the Women's Auxiliary on Friday, Jan. 25, at William and Mary Hall, 2328 Clement St.

War Memorial Community Center, was paid for in full within one year. Now we have our own place to meet. The Center is also used by the community for various purposes.

The annual United Nation's Dinner was held Oct. 24. The local JACL Women's Auxiliary served sushi, kamaboko and abalone. Japan was one of the nine countries participating. The food was served by men and women in their native costume buffet style.

The Halloween potluck dinner was sponsored by the JACL Women's Auxiliary. An overflowing crowd of children in costume enjoyed the food and entertainment. The dinner was held in our War Memorial Center.

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'Magazine Year'

● You might say that 1956 was a "Magazine Year" since it opened and closed with incidents created by magazines—the *Newsweek* in early February and the *Saturday Evening Post* in December . . . Both items, one a letter signed by a fictitious Lincoln Yamamoto of Pasadena and the other an editorial, respectively, took the Nisei loyalty to task . . . On both counts, the editors of both magazines were immediately informed to the contrary—that Nisei loyalty to the United States, hard won by our wartime record, should not be regarded lightly . . . Whereas the letter was blunt, the editorial was very sophisticated. As a result, reactions were equally so . . . But with the exchange of correspondence between *Saturday Evening Post* and Japanese American Citizens League brought to light this past week, even a belated protest by the Nisei to the Post would not be too late and wasted . . . The *Saturday Evening Post*, in its reply to Mas Satow (see his column in today's issue), had "no intention to cast doubt upon the fundamental loyalty of Japanese-American (hyphenation is the Post's) to the United States, a loyalty which was aptly proven during the war" . . . But it still contends: "That the editorial did intend to point out was the danger to our national solidarity if citizens of different racial and national origins became more concerned with the welfare of their parent countries than with that of the United States" . . . The inferences are there and should be pointed out. Not until the Post squares away the inferences can we say the issue is closed.

● This has been another hectic week. Christmas being a Tuesday cut into our production schedule as will New Year's Day next week . . . We appreciate the efforts of the *Shin Nichi Bei* for assisting us meet our 52-issues-a-year commitment.

CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



Leg work pays off

Chicago

● The final week of soliciting greetings for the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue wound up with good old reliable leg-work and direct-contact. As other chapter solicitors already know, it is the most satisfying method . . . The area in the vicinity of Belmont Ave. on Clark, Halsted and Broadway (about 3000 North) comprises the new concentration of Nisei business enterprises, where this correspondent has been successful in attaining new greeters in the Holiday Issue . . . Among the newcomers here were the Craft Cleaners, Sho & Mim Barber Shop, Fujiya Food Store, Star Market, Newport Cleaners, M & M Cleaners, Mickey Cleaners and Advance Cleaners . . . Mandolin Cafe happened to be the largest single PC Holiday ad from the Chicago area (2 by 3 in.), save for Chicago JACL's 2 by 4 in. . . We are equally grateful for the following firms extending their greetings again: Barry Cleaners, York's Super Food, Excel Food Market, Japanese American Real Estate, Seno Realty, Nisei American Legion Post 1183, Triangle Camera, and others . . . The support from Issei citizens Bunji Takanaka, Tahei Matsunaga, Eizo Nishi, Charlie Hiura, Tokujin Asato, Mieki Hayano, Yoshikazu Kawaguchi and Jisei Fukuda is acknowledged . . . Other newcomers in the last Holiday Issue include Thomas M. Hiura, Rainbow Food Market and Tom's Standard Service . . . We are also indebted to Esther Hagiwara of the Midwest JACL Office, Shig Wakamatsu, Lincoln Shimidzu, Kats Okuno, Harry Ichiyasu and Thomas Tajiri for their help as well as many of the one-line greeters.

CHICAGO BUDDHIST CHURCH

● Because of the recent Holiday period, the Chicago Buddhist Church Building Fund has temporarily postponed its drive, but it is expected to be resumed with the new year, according to Noboru Honda, who explained that 85 per cent of its \$25,000 goal has already been attained. Over \$10,000 has been expended in exterior repairs of the edifice at Leland and Racine Avenue (around the corner from the Wilson Ave. "L" station in the northside) . . . Another \$25,000 has been earmarked for interior renovation and it is the hope of the Building Committee that it could be completed by April 1 . . . "We believe that the premise will be much more adequate than our present facility and will afford much service to the membership, friends and the community as a whole," Honda added. "We believe the purchase of the present site with the additional expense of renovating the building has been a good investment for future service."

The new building features a chapel hall, a 300-seat auditorium, office-space, recreation hall, living quarters and yard.

SENTENCED IN CRIMINAL COURT

● Charles Hikawa, 30, of 1315 N. Dearborn, was sentenced in criminal court Dec. 18 to serve two-eight years for robbery and forgery. He was charged with stealing the bank account book of Thomas Nakamura, 1330 N. LaSalle, forging a withdrawal form and taking out \$3,100 . . . In a separate count, Hikawa was accused of robbing the Walton Hotel, 1019 N. Dearborn, of \$18 Nov. 30, with a "toy pistol". Police said Hikawa was a narcotic addict.

JOHN SAKOTA PRESIDENT OF YELLOWSTONE CHAPTER

TETON, Idaho.—John Sakota was recently elected 1957 president of the Yellowstone JACL, succeeding Fuji Hikida.

Assisting on the cabinet are Kazuo Hikida, v.p.; Haruo Yamasaki, treas.; Miye Hikida, cor. sec.; Fumi Ugaki, rec. sec.; Fuji Hikida, del.; Marie Sakota, welfare; Kiyo Fujimoto, Yutaka Hikida, social; Yutaka Hanami, sgt.-at-arms; and Martel Grover, pub.

Sonoma County CL elects Sam Miyano as '57 president

SANTA ROSA.—Sam Miyano was elected 1957 chapter president of Sonoma County JACL. He with his cabinet officers and Auxiliary officers will be installed at a potluck supper Jan. 5 at the local Memorial Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Johnny Hirooka, general chairman, said the chapter will provide dessert and all beverages. The chapter auxiliary will assist.

Other officers are Jim Murakami, 1st v.p.; Fred Yokoyama, 2nd v.p.; John Arishita, 3rd v.p.; Jim Miyano, treas.; George Hamamoto, rec. sec.; Beth Yamaoka, cor. sec.; Edwin Chki, 1000 Club chmn.; Pat Shimizu, social; Greg Hamamoto, hist.

Elected to the board were Iwazo Hamamoto, Paul Otani, Tom Furusho, Anne Ohki, Art Sugiyama, George Yokoyama, Roy Yamamoto, Walter Taniguchi, Jean Miyano, Charles Yamamoto, Frank Oda, and Fred Sugawara.

The annual fishing and community service awards will be presented following installation of officers. Arrangements are being made to screen the movie of Japan taken by Malcolm Melville, local JACL member, who has recently returned from a six month's tour of that country.

At its December meeting the chapter voted to make a generous contribution to the Analy High School World Affairs Club, which is seeking funds to have a foreign student visit and study in this area.

As a final agenda of the meeting the 1957 membership campaign was planned with a goal for 300 members set with added emphasis to be made on signing up additional 1000 Club members and subscribers to Pacific Citizen, according to the membership committee.

San Miyano, president-elect, will head the membership drive assisted by Jim Murakami, Fred Yokoyama and Johnny Arishita, while Johnny Hirooka will cover the Napa and Mendocino counties. The membership drive will be conducted on a house to house canvass with the dues set at \$2 as in the past. Miyano stated "We must make every effort to sign up at least 300 members or fail to meet our quota assessments."

Sacramento JACL prepares for New Year's Eve dance

SACRAMENTO.—The Nisei in the Sacramento area will be able to greet the New Year in congenial atmosphere with friends at the Sacramento JACL's annual New Year's Eve dance at the Masonic temple, 12th and J Sts.

Dancing will start at 9 p.m., the chapter dance committee reported. Free favors, noisemakers and refreshments will again be featured for the party. Admission will be \$3 per couple.

FOWLER JACL PREPARES FOR ALIEN REGISTRATION

FOWLER.—Kay Hiyama, named chapter chairman for the annual alien address registration service, announced a committee will aid Issei aliens file their address forms at the Asoka Home in January. A date is to be set.

FOWLER.—Over 125 persons enjoyed the Fowler JACL-sponsored Christmas program last Friday. Setsu Kikuta and Kay Hiyama were co-chairman.

The chapter's next project will be a benefit movie with Harley Nakamura in charge. Dick Iwamoto is making arrangements for the film.

Cortez elects Hiro Asai president; '57 membership campaign also starts

TURLOCK.—Hiro Asai was elected 1957 president of the Cortez JACL at its Dec. 8 election meeting. The new cabinet will be formally installed at a January inaugural banquet, the date to be announced.

Albert Morimoto, '56 president, announced "thank you" letters have been sent to those who have helped on Prop. 13 in Merced and Stanislaus counties.

At the same time, the new membership drive was launched under chairmanship of Yeichi Sakaguchi, newly-elected vice-president. Other officers elected were Yoshi Asai, treas.; May Toyoda, rec. sec.; May Kajioka, cor. sec.; Helen Yuge, pub.-hist.; Nobuhiro Kajioka, 1000 Club; Ruth Yoshida, Miye Baba, social; Kaname Miyamoto, Boy Scout chmn.; Albert Morimoto, Yukihiro Yotsuya, John Kajiwaru, Bill Noda, board members.

The chapter also announced that its sewing machine, in the custody

of Takeo Yotsuya, will be used by the Vincent School 4-H girls' sewing project. Haruka Ishihara of Cortez, senior student at Livingston High School, will be sponsored by the chapter for the Asilomar conference on international relations in February.

Donations received from the annual bass derby have been allocated to 15 service organizations of the local area. A final chapter fishing derby is underway with prizes being offered to the largest fish caught between Nov. 18 and Dec. 31.

Hiro Asai, chairman of the chapter swimming pool project, said intensive investigations have netted optimistic reports with hopes that construction of the pool would be started very soon.

The chapter wound its year's activities with a Christmas party for children Dec. 15 at the Cortez Hall.

Selma CLers assist chamber of commerce stage annual Guest Day observance

SELMA.—The Selma JACL played host to the out of state guests in the November Guest Day observance of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. George Baba was chairman of the reception committee.

Stopped on Highway 99 by Chief of Police William D. Davis in the monthly promotion were Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Smith of Winslow, Ariz. The retired railroad fireman and his wife manage the Beacon

Motel on Highway 66 in Winslow.

The reception was held at Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sproul's Sierra Motel on Highway 99 where the guests were greeted by the committee members and city and Chamber of Commerce representatives. Refreshments were served by the JACL members and Dave Hofer interviewed the guests for a radio broadcast.

During one evening the JACL entertained the guests at a dinner in the Japanese Mission Church on Floral Ave. Also present were city and chamber officials and other local persons. Mrs. Takami Misaki, president of the women's auxiliary of the local JACL chapter, was the chairman of the dinner arrangements committee.

Mrs. Shizuko Kobashi was in charge of decorations and arrangements. George Baba is the president of the local chapter.

A group of Selma girls of Japanese descent danced at the dinner as part of the program. They are Sayeko Matsunaga, Toshiko Matsunaga, Edith Iwamura, Bessie Sugimoto, Gracie Sugimoto and Susie Kay Wakasa.

Nelson Walling, vocal music instructor at the high school, presented a group of girls who sang several numbers. Dave Hofer, the master of ceremonies, led community singing. Charles Blayney was in charge of securing the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were returning home from a vacation trip to Fair Oaks, near Sacramento, when they were stopped. They had been visiting a niece there. They expressed keen interest in the Guest Day promotion and declared the Selmans who greeted them at the motel were the most friendly group they had ever encountered.

Wednesday morning they were taken to breakfast at McDonald's Cafe.

SAN LUIS OBISPO JACL INSTALLS 1957 CABINET

ARROYO GRANDE.—Mitsuo Sanbonmatsu and his new cabinet members for 1957 were installed Dec. 13 at the San Luis Obispo JACL barbecue dinner meeting at Pismo Beach Veterans Memorial Building, according to Seirin Ikeda, retiring president.

Other officers are Bob Shigenaka, 1st v.p.; Shig Yamaguchi, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Margie Eto, rec. sec.; Mrs. Ruth Nagano, cor. sec.; Harry Fukuhara, treas.; Masaji Eto, Saburo Ikeda, members-at-large.



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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



'Lowell Thomas of Japan'

Seattle

These are the days when we read and at first hand see so much of people from Japan, most of whom have waited many long years, rightly proud and happy to become American citizens.

Looking back over the years as one is wont to do at this season, there comes to mind the story of one Nisei and pre-war Citizen Leaguer from the Northwest who some 22 years ago chose the Japanese way and drew the sensation slanted comments of Walter Winchell who pointed him out as an example of Nisei duplicity and treachery. Yet his only crime was to make a clean honest announcement of his intentions and became a Japanese citizen.

We first met Charles Yoshii while he was a CMTC student at Vancouver Barracks in the summer of 1927; on a bright Saturday afternoon when most of our compact little ROTC group of 65 were away on a week end pass. We were on detail stripping a Springfield '03 and working it over in preparation for the rifle qualifications and other competition to come up.

BARRACK MATES AT VANCOUVER

A group of four or five CMTC lads from the adjoining camp gathered around to see what the more advanced student was up to. In the group was a Nisei youngster, square jawed, firm mouthed, and a look-you-in-the-eye manner which can be taken as the prototype of the military academy type, if you get what I mean. We got acquainted with Charlie Yoshii and on other week ends visited with the family in Portland, shared Charlie's room and saw the sights.

The family cherished an everlasting friendship with Yosuke Matsuoka who was getting to be a big man in Japan. The Yoshiis provided a sort of American "home" for the intense Matsuoka as he worked his way toward a law degree at the University of Oregon, and it was interesting to be close friends with close friends of a personality who was rapidly becoming a world figure.

Charlie also eventually graduated from the University of Oregon, and in the interim was a frequent visitor to Seattle. He met the boys up here and was initiated into Psi Lambda Phi, which may be described as an abortive Nisei attempt to develop a Greek letter fraternity, partly honorary and partly social.

Although Yosuke Matsuoka later became director of the South Manchuria Railway and Foreign Minister of Japan, he perhaps attained his greatest notoriety when he dramatically led the Japanese delegation from the League of Nations Assembly as a result of League censure of Japan's actions in the Manchurian and Shanghai "incidents."

MATSUOKA VISITS THE YOSHII

En route from Geneva to Japan via the United States, the great Matsuoka was not one to forget his friends, and stopped over in Portland to see the Yoshiis. The story is that he had quite a long talk with Charlie who was but a wee small lad when Matsuoka was a struggling student.

More than just one or two big caliber Americans writers in the national circulation field expressed the opinion that the proud Matsuoka was a sensitive, embittered man, who nursed an ingrowing resentment over the humiliations, slights and insults he suffered while working at an assortment of menial jobs during the school years, and as a big man retained the memory of these trivialities.

At any rate, in the middle of the depression years, college graduate Charlie Yoshii packed up and went to Japan, and got the honor of being a target for a Winchell barb.

Charlie lost no time getting into radio in Japan and became known as the "Lowell Thomas of Japan", just as they have a "Japanese Patti Page", a "Japanese Babe Ruth", and so on. He always had the gift of gab. Am told that Charlie served in the Japanese army during the war.

Got to thinking that things would not be too bad for him these days had Charles Yoshii stuck it out in the good old USA. There was no duplicity or divided loyalty about Charlie. He just listened to a convincing pitch, made up his mind, and made his bed on the wrong side of the room.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

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ishing food and fuel to enemy subs; a Japanese fifth column was waiting on the West Coast to rise and give help to an invading army; Japanese Americans were going to poison the water reservoirs on the West Coast, and Japanese gardeners were loading their produce with arsenic.

"The FBI, military intelligence officers and local law enforcement officers tracked down the rumors," reports Whitehead, "and found them false."

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The 1958 Nisei Veterans 15th anniversary reunion is no small potatoes deal as revealed by the fact that representatives from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Hawaii each made a special trip to Seattle for a one-day conference with the 18-man reunion steering committee on problems of transportation and housing, package deals and other matters concerning the smooth operation of the Reunion which will include Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles in the itinerary. Left to right are: Richard Setsuda, chairman; Shiro Kashino, Albert Ichihara, all past commanders; Mrs. George Hiyashi, representing the Women's Auxiliary; Commander Bill Nishimura, kneeling; Frank Dobashi, San Francisco; Soichi Fukui, Los Angeles; Yas Furuya, S.F.; and Akira "Flash" Fujiki of Honolulu.

—Ogawa Photo.

2 Nisei gain JC All-America mention

Two Nisei gridders, who had scintillating records during their high school years, were named to the Jr. College All-America team announced last week after a poll of coaches and all-opponent picks.

Selected were Tommy Uyeda, L.A. Valley JC halfback, and Ray Kawano, Oceanside guard.

Uyeda, who starred at Verdugo Hills High, stands at 5 ft. 6 in., weighs 160 lbs., and can run the 100-yard dash in 9.9s. Uyeda finished his second year of JC competition by playing in the Alfalfa Bowl at Lancaster, when Valley edged Santa Monica City College 14-13, and scoring one of the TDs.

Kawano was listed as 5 ft. 8 in., and 175 lbs., not too big as JC guards go.

Nisei gridders named for L.A. city honors

Nisei gridders being selected by the Helms Foundation Board of Football to all-league honors in the city high school system were headed this past week by Doug Furuta and Kenji Sasaki, first string guards on the powerful All-Southern squad.

He was also named to second All City team this week.

Furuta of Los Angeles High tips the scale at 200 lbs., and stands 5 ft. 10½ in. Sasaki of Fremont High weighs 198 lbs., and is 5 ft. 6 in.

In the All-Valley selections, Alvin Imamura of Canoga Park won second string guard honors. Carl Wada of Narbonne High was another guard for the All-Marine second team.

Husband and wife both rolls 268s on same night

SAN FRANCISCO. — Mr. and Mrs. George "Freezer" Furuya, who rolled the same night at the Downtown Bowl in the Nisei Majors and Nisei Women's, respectively, both rolled 268 games on Dec. 20. George finished with a 606 series on the upstairs lanes, while wife Kim had a 596 series downstairs. George is a 178 bowler; Kim a 168.

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Sports Briefs

Shigeji Kaneko, who won five out of six matches this past year and Far Eastern featherweight champion, was selected Fighter of the Year for the second straight time by Japan boxing writers.

Guard Tom Yoneda of Petaluma High was chosen "outstanding player" of the eighth annual Healdsburg basketball tournament recently. Eight schools participated in the pre-Christmas affair won by Petaluma High, which bested Sebastopol, Sonoma and Ukiah.

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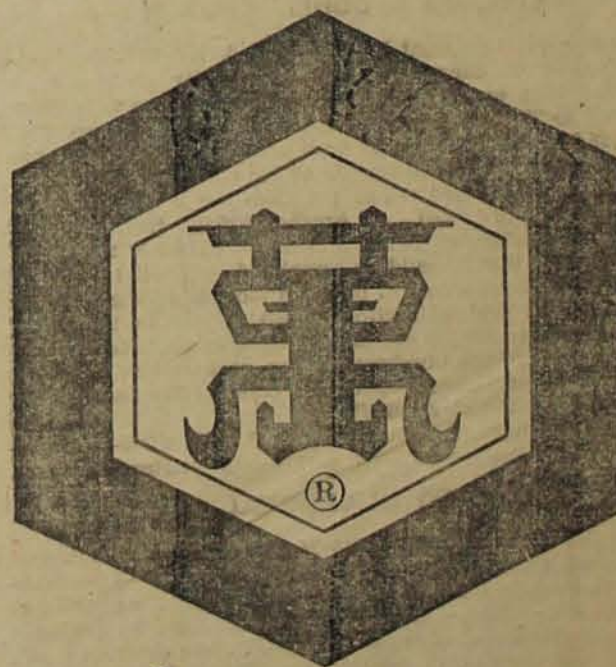
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Miss Miiko Taka reads 'Sayonara' script.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



ICBG-SWLA JACL

Los Angeles

■ We "free-loaded" at the expense of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter at their dinner dance, Dec. 16, held at Scully's. The occasion, the first of their planned annual dinner-dances, also gave the membership time to recognize their active JACLers with a token of appreciation.

Five received gifts for their untiring efforts in promoting the organization's activities throughout the year.

Dr. Toru Iura, past president who served as toastmaster, presented gifts to Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national JACL president; Roy Iketani, chapter president; Tom Shimazaki, Blanche Shiosaki, and Mr. and Mrs. Kango Kunitsugu.

The Southwest chapter has sure-fire leadership. Of course, these flattering words do not come simply because we were dined so well on that delicious prime-rib.

One of the big things by the chapter next month will be the distribution of its first annual directory, a 28-page job edited by the Kunitsugus with an array of talented artists and writers, including Teiji Ohara, Kay Narahara, Ken Miura, Helen Aoki and John Shiokari on their staff.

One of our friends has sent us a greeting card designed by Ohara for Alden-Scott's "Signed Collection" Christmas cards. He's also done that superb cover for Saburo Kido's Shin Nishi Bei English Section holiday number.

When the members tagged a new label, "Ichiban Chapter, By George" (ICBG) with 1,267 signed-up JACLers on their roster they really started something. One of the feathers in their cap is the fact that Dr. Nishikawa, who was the charter president, is now head of the national organization.

It is also quite safe to say that their next chapter president will be Kango Kunitsugu, who is unanimous choice without opposing candidates.

We are also reminded that Southwest now has five sapphire pin awardees whose service to the league has exceeded a period of more than 10 years.

The group is led by Kido, wartime national president and one of the founders of the league; Dr. Nishikawa, who served as national treasurer for six years; Frank Chuman, national legal counsel; Hana Uno and Tut Yata.

'SAYONARA' ROLE TO LOCAL GIRL

■ James Michener's love story, *Sayonara*, will come to life in a Technirama film at Warner Bros. with the end to the search for a Japanese girl to play the role of "Hana-ogi" coming suddenly this past week.

The studio released the name of Miiko Taka, 21-year-old Los Angeles student who has just returned from a two-years' study in Japan. The search practically took producer William Goetz, director Josh Logan and casting director Sol Baiano a trip around the world.

The studio talent scouts covered Tokyo, Formosa, Paris, London and U.S. cities like New York, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. But it was Baiano who "discovered" the girl just a stone's throw from movieland one week during a Nisei Week Festival function last August. There were other candidates like Shirley Yamaguchi, model Nobu Atsumi, and Florence Ochi. But after screen-test studies, Warner Bros. picked Miss Taka for the main part opposite Marlon Brando.

Miss Taka will have approximately three months of work and she will be in Tokyo for some shooting scenes. She has never acted before and this will be her first experience behind the cameras. No need to say that the 5 ft.-4 in. girl is quite attractive.

Michener's *Sayonara* has a sad ending as its title implies. The film version will have a happy one, however, dispelling the old adage: East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet.

In Michener's real life, he's proven something of that sort. He's married to former Mari Sabusawa, onetime active member of the Chicago JACL chapter.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

AKIYAMA, Frank N. (Nancy Kinoshita)—boy Drew, Nov. 20.
CARMICHAEL, Gary A. (Lillian Yoshimoto)—boy Rikki Marcel, Nov. 12.
CHARNO, Henry P. (Momoyo Sumida)—girl Irene K., Nov. 13.
DROSSEL, Lowell (Miyoko Yuasa)—boy, Nov. 2.
GOYA, Frank K. (Margaret S. Yogi)—boy Robert Ken, Nov. 9.
HARAGUCHI, Sueki (Jean M. Honma)—Gayle Emiko, Nov. 24.
HASHIMURA, Masato (Gloria K. Ishihara)—girl Janet J., Nov. 7.
HAYASHI, Bill H. (Helen Kido)—girl Karen Harumi, Nov. 14.
HONMA, Satoshi R. (Fusako Matsumoto)—boy Victor Riki, Nov. 12.
HUNJIYO, Warren I. (Doris Mori)—boy Michael Takeshi, Nov. 11.
IHA, Edward S. (Carole F. Shimoda)—boy Kevin R., Nov. 11.
IKEGAMI, Frank Y. (Fusako Ikegami)—boy Frank Yoshio, Oct. 30.
ITOMURA, Masayasu (Toshiko Oyadomari)—girl Arlene Michiko, Nov. 13.
KARIYA, Yoneo (Mary M. Takayama)—boy Brian Hiroshi, Nov. 21, Buena Park.
KIYUNE, Morihide (Shizuko Higa)—girl Annette Emi, Nov. 20.
KOMATSUKA, Mike T. (Helen Nakamura)—girl Carol Mitsuye, Nov. 23.
KONO, Yasutoshi (Keiko Chiba)—girl Lucy Miyuki, Nov. 27.
KONOYA, Kiyokazu (Akiyo Kono)—girl June, Nov. 21.
MANAKA, James N. (Akiko Togawa)—girl Jan Akemi, Nov. 17.
MATSUNAGA, Keichi (Nellie Goto)—girl Julie A., Nov. 12.
MATSUO, Hiro (Ruby M. Wada)—boy Ronnie Saburo, Nov. 8.
MIYAMOTO, Herbert H. (Ritsuko Takara)—girl Katherine G., Dec. 7.
MORINISHI, Robert Y. (Grace Y. Ishimine)—boy Ronald Yoshikazu, Nov. 27.
NAKAGAWA, James T. (Yoshiyo Kamatani)—boy Grant T., Nov. 11.
NAKASHIMA, Yoneo (Ayako Shintaku)—girl Cynthia Naomi, Nov. 10.
OKAYAMA, Jimmy H. (Kakoyo Maniwa)—boy Melvin Takeshi, Nov. 17.
ONO, Samuel H. (Mitsuko Nakakihara)—girl Teresa, Nov. 8.
OSAJIMA, Paul T. (Hatsumi Nakamura)—girl Cynthia D., Nov. 20.
PARK, Edward (Clara T. Akamine)—boy Duane S., Nov. 23.
PITCHER, Kenneth S. (Teruko Akahoshi)—boy Brian Kenji, Nov. 26.
QUICK, Delmar A. (Tokiko Shiratori)—girl Pamela S., Nov. 26.
SASAKI, Harumi (Emiko Nikawa)—girl Emily Keiko, Nov. 13.
SHIMAMURA, Mitsuyuki (Tsugiko Kawamoto)—girl Diane Toshiye, Nov. 17.
SHIROMA, Isamu (Yukiko Komasa)—girl Sharlene Yae, Nov. 12.
SPITZER, James R. (Miyoko Komatsu)—girl Joan, Nov. 10.
TAKUSHI, Takeo (Miyoko Chinen)—boy Byron Yukio, Nov. 18.
TSUTSUI, James H. (Chiemi Nishimoto)—boy William Rinzo, Nov. 23.
UYEDA, Jack M. (Doris S. Tsujisaka)—boy Garold S., Nov. 14.
YAMANAKA, Katsuo (Fumi Oka)—girl Debra Tazuko, Nov. 18.
YAMANOHA, Robert K. (Choko Kawagoye)—boy Brian P., Nov. 23.
YOKOI, Tamiyoshi (Mieko Hatada)—girl Cynthia J., Nov. 11.
YONAI, Francis (Mitose Kuramoto)—boy Paul, Nov. 10.
YOSHIDA, Clarence T. (Sylvia Iwanaka)—boy Randall N., Nov. 24.
SANTA MARIA
ARAKI, Kane—girl RoxAnn, Nov. 19.
FRESNO
KAWATA, Ken—boy, Oct. 13, Fowler.
SATO, Roy H.—boy, Oct. 27.
SACRAMENTO
TAKEOKA, Yoshio—boy, Nov. 1.
SEATTLE
FUJII, Frank S.—girl, Nov. 10.
NOMURA, Noboru—boy, Nov. 19.
OKUBO, Peter—boy, Oct. 17, Renton.
TAKEDA, Tetsuo—girl, Nov. 4.
DENVER
HAMAMURA, H.—twin girls.
MIYAGISHIMA, A. S.—girl.
UYEDA, R. Y.—boy.
YANAGIHARA, Paul O.—girl, Brighton.
YAMAGUCHI, C. S.—boy.
CLEVELAND
HASHIGUCHI, Mitch (Eva Yoshida)—boy Don Hisao, Oct. 12.
SUMIHIRO, Sumio (Marian Tagami)—boy Gary Kan, Oct. 22.
TAKIGUCHI, Bob (Alyce Miyoshi)—boy Richard D., Oct. 19.

SOUTHWEST L.A. CLERS REVEALS TRUTH TO DENTIST
Mr. and Mrs. Risaku Kawanami of Los Angeles announced on Christmas eve the engagement of their daughter Sadako to Dr. John Okada, practicing dentistry in nearby Azusa. Miss Kawanami was one-time Ohye Air Race queen and is very active with the Southwest L.A. JACL.

\$1,100 warehouse burglary reported by S.F. Nisei

SAN FRANCISCO.—Specialty furniture distributor William K. Noma, 2640 Post St., reported to police that burglars broke into his garage warehouse Dec. 17 and stole seven of nine Relax-It chairs stored there.

Noma said chairs, still packed in their factory shipping cartons, were valued at \$159 each and thus the loss was over \$1,100. Police said the latch lock on the garage door was inadequate and of the type easily opened from the outside by using a pliable plastic card.

Optometric official

SACRAMENTO.—Dr. James Kubo has been elected one of five directors of the Sacramento Valley Optometric Association for 1957. He is a 1000 Club JACLer.

Engagements

AINO-NISHISAKA.—Choyo to Harry, both Los Angeles.
KAWAHARA-FUJIMOTO.—Florence M. Pasadena, to Don S., Los Angeles.
K.—ADACHI.—Nobuko, Los Angeles, to Sam, Glendale.
MIMURA-MORIOKA.—June, Gardena, to Ned, Los Angeles.
YAMASHITA-SAITO.—Mary T. Los Angeles, to George J., San Fernando.

Marriage Licenses Issued

HIORITA-TAKAKI.—Arms K., Supertino; Sumiko, Campbell.
OKAZAKI-YOSHII.—Toshiko, Portland, to Shigehisa, Los Angeles, Nov. 11.
OKINO-OKU.—Roy C., Sacramento; Marie, Florin.
YAGI-KAMIGAKI.—Peter and Aiko, both Stockton.

Weddings

AOKI-TAKEUCHI.—Dec. 1, Mitsuyo-shi, Madera; Erma Jean, Fresno.
HIGA-KISHIMOTO.—Nov. 24, Tameji and Betty Natsuko, both Los Angeles.
KADOWAKI-NISHIOKA.—Dec. 2, Mickey, Anaheim; Sally S., Santa Ana.
KATAOKA-TAKEDA.—Nov. 18, Joe and Alice, both Sacramento.
KOMOTO-KIRA.—Nov. 17, Sus and Sue, both Selma.
KUBO-KAKUTANI.—George T. and Jean A., both Farther.
NAKAGAWA-BUNGO.—Dec. 8, Sam, both Redley.
NAKAMURA-URABE.—Dec. 1, Tak Los Angeles; Joy, Fullerton.
ODAKA-KODANI.—Oct. 20, William, Cleveland; Lucy, Naperville, Ill.
SAKAI-NISHIHARA.—Dec. 8, Takao and Daisy, both Los Angeles.
SEGAWA-SHIGEOKA.—Dec. 1, Chester and Mildred, both Los Angeles.
SHIRAI-KODA.—Dec. 2, George H. and Yukiko, both Los Angeles.
SHIOJI-NAKAYAMA.—Dec. 1, Frank Y., Ysleta, Tex.; Grace, Los Angeles.
UYEKI-ONO.—Sept. 15, Eugene, Cleveland; Martha, Chicago.
YAMAMI-KIMURA.—Nov. 24, Shikano, Costa Mesa; Hazel H., Los Angeles.
YOSHIMI-MUKOGAWA.—Dec. 8, Jack and Alice, both Los Angeles.

Deaths

FUJIMOTO, Mrs. Suki, 84; Sun Valley, Dec. 10—son Masayoshi.
FUJIMOTO, George U., 34; Los Angeles, Nov. 20—wife Kiyoko, son Ted, daughters Peggy, Susanne.
HORIBE, Mrs. Kate, 50, and son Shigemi, 32; Fresno, Dec. 5 (at Gilroy)—husband George.
ITANO, Hatsusaburo, 79; Chicago, Dec. 5—wife Ikuno, sons Roy, Joe, daughters Mmes. Sue Isoda, Yoshiko Araki.
KAWAI, Mrs. Hama, 83; Pasadena, Dec. 2—sons Nobu, Hideo, Erie Hiro, Akira, Shigeru daughters Mmes. Kumi Sugiyama Yoshi Kawai and Minnie Takagaki.
KAWASHIMA, Wakayo, 67; Gardena, Nov. 29—sons Masaru Jono, Itaru Kashima, daughters Mae, Mrs. Toyoko Sakaguchi, Mrs. Michi Iwai.
KODAMA, Mrs. Kae, 71; Los Angeles, Dec. 6—sons Mitsuo, Nobumitsu, daughters Mmes. Fusako Kono, Jay H. Fukuda, Louise A. Iwamoto.
KOMAI, Hisaji, 73; West Los Angeles, Nov. 30—wife Agu, sons Sho, Hiroshi, daughter Mrs. Maki Nagami.
KUROSE, Yasujiro, 84; Los Angeles, Dec. 4—boy Edsen Masao.
MIZOTA, Kango, 85; San Fernando, Nov. 28—wife Suga, sons Katsumi, Kenji, daughters Tamayo, Mmes. Matsue Aramaki Takeyo Tsutsumi, Shigemi Yasogawa, Chitose Sumi.
NAKAMURA, Chohachiro, 74; Long Beach, Dec. 7—wife Tel, sons Tatsuro, Tetsuo, daughters Mmes. Ayako Okada, Toshiko Chuman, Miyeko Nakamura, Chiyoko Kamikubo, Sachiko Yoshimi.
NAKATA, Mrs. Kino, 76; Pasadena, Dec. 3—sons Kiyoshi, Noboru, daughters Mmes. Yuriko Ono, Ayako Akaki.
OKIDA, Minoru, 69; Los Angeles, Nov. 20—wife Misao, son Itsumi.
SADAKANE, Torasuke, 78; Los Angeles, Dec. 7—wife Hatsuyo, daughters Mmes. Satsu Mikami, Eiko Kato, Shizumi Matsuda, Shigeko Waki.
SANO, Mrs. Masako, 48; Florin, Dec. 8—husband Yoshitaka, sons Yoshiyuki, Toshitaka, Nobu, Isao, daughters Eiko, Mmes. Satsuki Kitakawa, Sachiko Takagi.
SHIBA, Unomatsu, 76; Los Angeles, Dec. 4—wife Sugino, sons Takemitsu, Kiyoshi, daughters Fumiko, Miyoko.
SHINUYE, James; Cleveland, Oct. 7—daughter Mrs. Marie Van Eaton.
TAKASHIMA Mrs. Yone, 87; Los Angeles, Nov. 23—son Yoshio, daughter Mrs. Kiku Natsumeda, five grandchildren.
TANAKA, Tomizo, 82; Los Angeles, Nov. 29—wife Tame, son Eitaro.
TOKUNAGA, Masakichi, 83; Gardena, Dec. 6—wife Tsune, daughters Mmes. Yone Okada, Sumi Uyeno, brother Kamekichi Tokunaga.
TOYA, Ken, 66; Los Angeles, Dec. 7—wife Kinue, son John K., daughters Mrs. Mary Nakaki.
YADA, Motoharu; Spring Valley (San Diego), Nov. 27—wife Tomi, sons Henry, George, Shinzo, daughter Yoshiko.
YAMAMOTO, Yoshisuke, 79; Los Angeles.
YAMAMOTO, Yoshiye, 68; Los Angeles, Dec. 3—husband Denjiro, son John Sajiro, daughters Mmes. Chiyeko West, Katsuko Fukuda.
YAMANAKA, Frank Y., 60; North Hollywood, Dec. 14—wife Sumiye, son Tom T., daughters Mmes. Kumiko Shibuya, Sayuri Hayashi.
YAMASAKI, Shoji, 70; Los Angeles, Nov. 28—wife Chiye, sons Yutaka, George, Kiyoshi Taniguchi, daughters Yasuko Nobuko, Mrs. Masako Ishida, Mrs. Shigeko Tamaya.

New York directory

NEW YORK.—The New York Japanese American Business and Social Directory for 1956-57 has been placed on sale at \$1.25 by its publishers, the Japanese American News Corp., 524 W. 25th. Indicative of the transient nature of local residents is the fact that there were over 500 changes and additions.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Japan's new era

Tokyo

As we prepare to leave here for Washington, Japan is about to embark on a new postwar era.

Her membership in the United Nations is finally assured; a new Prime Minister has been elected to establish a new government; the state of war that has existed for 11 years with Soviet Russia has been formally ended; and a new United States Ambassador to Japan has just been named.

Admission to United Nations . . .

Japan's admission into the United Nations as its 80th member represents Japan's complete acceptance into the community of nations. It also brings added prestige and responsibilities to a country that once was the acknowledged leader of Asia.

Japan's membership brings the total of the so-called Asia-Afro bloc to 27, or one-third of the entire membership. Without question, this is the bloc that now holds the balance of power between the East and the West in this international assemblage.

United States officials welcomed Japan's admission in the belief that Japan will generally cooperate with the democracies and that she will, once again, become the spokesman for the Far East. She is expected to lessen the influence of Red China and neutralist India on the Asiatic mainland and perhaps to even persuade the generally neutralist Afro-Asian countries that their destiny as free and independent nations lies with the West, and not the East.

New Prime Minister . . .

Tanzan Ishibashi, Minister of International Trade and Industry, economist son of a Buddhist priest, is slated to be the next Prime Minister, succeeding the retired Ichiro Hatoyama.

(Ishibashi was elected prime minister of Japan by the Lower House of the Diet on Dec. 21, by a vote of 291-150 over Socialist Moseburo Suzuki.—Editor.)

Ishibashi defeated Secretary-General Kishi of the Liberal-Democratic Party for its presidency by seven votes only after Party Executive Committee Chairman Ishii threw his support to him. In the first ballot, Kishi had 223 votes, to 151 for Ishibashi and 137 for Ishii. This means that Kishi still holds the real balance of power in the dominant Government Party even though he has been stripped of his offices.

It is expected that the new Ishibashi Cabinet will in reality be a kind of coalition one in that supporters of both Kishi and Ishii will be appointed members. It is also expected that, generally, both the domestic and international policies of the Hatoyama regime will be continued, although Ishibashi has indicated in the past his belief that trade with Red China should be encouraged.

A stronger personality than Hatoyama, and a relative newcomer to politics who was purged during the first Yoshida Cabinet by the American Occupation authorities, Ishibashi hopes to unite his badly split party and to develop an overall national policy for Japan. He insists that his basic philosophy is to remain cooperative with the United States, but that this cooperation should be on the basis of equality and partnership, and not acquiescence.

Russo-Japanese Pact . . .

The 25th special session of the National Diet came to a stormy close, with the approval of the joint Russian-Japanese Declaration and three other supplementary pacts which formally ended the war between Japan and the Soviet Union.

Russia and Japan have ratified the pacts and are in the process of setting up embassies. The importance of this resumption of diplomatic relations is underscored by the fact that both countries have designated their vice foreign ministers as their first ambassadors to Moscow and Tokyo respectively.

The establishment of the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo means that Russia's already widespread espionage net and subversive activities will be broadened and intensified. Japan will become even more of a battleground between the East and the West as this epoch emerges.

New American Ambassador . . .

Youngish career diplomat Douglas MacArthur II, now counsellor to the State Department, has been named as the new United States Ambassador to Japan, replacing John Allison who has served in this post for the past several years.

Able and experienced, he has never served in the Far East. With many Japanese leaders, this situation is a good one, since they recall that America's first postwar Ambassador Murphy too had no background in the Orient and yet did a most commendable job.

Nephew of the famous General who not only spearheaded the United Nations effort to defeat Japan in war but also to rehabilitate her after the surrender, some questions have been raised as to the psychological impact on the Japanese people of an American Ambassador whose name is so intimately connected with Japan's immediate past.

His role will be a most difficult one, for the United States is now reappraising its foreign policy while Japan too is doing the same. The new Prime Minister was never one to accept, even during Occupation, every proposal of the United States. The Soviet Embassy will attempt to convert Japan from a western bastion to a Soviet satellite. As a member of the United Nations, Japan may well "feel her oats".

Implications for Nisei . . .

More than ever before, what transpires in Japan and to Japan should be of paramount interest and concern to the Nisei and Issei in the United States, for this new era in postwar Japan's progress may well determine whether the present basis for cooperative and friendly relations between Japan and the United States will become the permanent pattern for the future.

Americans too cannot afford to ignore developments in Japan, for recent and prospective events have caused Japan to become more than ever before the key to all of Asia.



Mike Masaoka (left) and Congressman Kenneth Keating of New York met in Tokyo. The influential member of the House Judiciary Committee has promised the Washington JACL representative that he would reintroduce the presidential bill to revise the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, which would raise Japan's annual quota from 185 to 563. Rep. Keating stressed the importance of keeping friendly relations between Japan and the United States through immigration.

—Photo Courtesy: Japan Times.

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—making it the most decorated combat unit of regimental size in the annals of the United States Army. To achieve this distinguished wartime service record, the percentage of combat casualties was higher for Japanese Americans than for any other nationality group," the Post was reminded.

"On the home front during WW2, as reliably reported by congressional investigating committees, no sabotage or espionage was committed by Japanese Americans in the United States or Hawaii. And like other Americans, our group also contributed to the war effort in defense plants.

"Our loyalty to the United States

today remains no less than it was during wartime," the Washington JACL Office letter concluded. "For the Saturday Evening Post to even associate our organization with proposals favoring only foreign nations, however inaccurately or unintentionally, hurts us deeply in its injustices."

(The Washington JACL Office again informed the Saturday Evening Post on Dec. 17, after receiving a brief reply to the original letter sent by this office on Dec. 10, that JACL "has always supported, officially and otherwise, positions and policies which are in the best interests of the United States. Similarly we would be opposed to any policies which would weaken the interests of our country, the United States of America.")

CHRISTMAS CHEER TOPS \$2,000 GOAL, ASSIST OVER 280 NEEDY JAPANESE

At deadline time Dec. 15, Christmas Cheer stood at 94 per cent of its \$2,000 goal at \$1,896.58, according to Jim Higashi, chairman. Canned goods and toys literally swamped the office the same weekend to assure well-filled baskets to some 280 needy Japanese families in Los Angeles county.

But with a four-day extension, the ninth annual project surpassed the goal with a total of \$2,320.58 registered.

The recent contributors are:
December 10-15
\$50—Employees of Cal-Nell Mfg. Co.
\$40—Gardena Buddhist Church.
\$25—Nisei Veterans' Association, Hollywood JACL.
\$20—Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda.
\$10—Dr. Paul Y. Tsukahara, Koto-buki Cafe, Chere Ami, Okinawa Club WLA JACL, Miss Dixie Hunt (Palo Alto), West Adams Christian Church, West Adams Christian Church, Fujinkai, Dominguez Hills Buddhist Sunday School, Rafu Nikkei Fujinkai, Devones, Union Church Fujinkai.
\$5—Anonymous, Mrs. Frank Kawasaki, Anonymous, Mr. and Mrs. Kumagi Meguro, Centenary Jr. Matrons, Mr. Arthur Hirano, Mr. Rihachi Harada, Los Angeles Free Methodist Church (Issei), Mr. K. Suruki, Mr. K. Saneto, Miwako Yamamoto.
\$3—Yutaro Taniguchi
\$2—Anonymous, Mrs. Wasaku Katako, Anonymous, Fusako Endo.

SELMA JACL AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR '57 NAMED

SELMA. — Mrs. Shizuko Kobashi will serve as president of the Selma JACL Women's Auxiliary during 1957.

She succeeds Mrs. Yo Misaki as president of the women's group.

The other incoming officers are Mrs. Misako Misaki, v.p.; and Mrs. Mrs. Betty Okazaki, sec.

MADERA COMMUNITY GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

MADERA. — The Madera Japanese American Community Committee elected George Mochizuki as its chairman for 1957. Assisting him are S. Watanabe, v.-chmn.; Mitsuyoshi Aoki, sec.; Chris Yoshida, treas.; M. Teranishi, Toru Naito, M. Yoshioka, bd. of dir.

JACL ATTENDS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON. — The Japanese American Citizens League met with 80 other "People to People Partnership" program here two weeks ago.

The White House conference was called to encourage attending organizations implement the President's nation-wide program to assist the government in its efforts to increase mutual understanding between peoples of various countries in order to promote world peace.

Following the establishment of procedures and membership, the Nationalities Groups Committee agreed to survey the represented groups in an effort to ascertain feasible activities which could be undertaken by the individual organizations as a part of the People-to-People program.

The importance of nationality groups in the United States was highlighted by the fact that more than 35 million Americans were represented by the 33 different nationality and ethnic groups in attendance at the Conference. These Americans last year mailed more than 300 million personal letters to relatives and friends abroad.

One hope of the program is to encourage this intercountry communication by seeking the cooperation of American nationality organizations whose loyalty to the United States is unquestionable. Prior government screening of the invited organizations was made known when membership matters were discussed in the conference.

JACL representative to the conference, Tad Masaoka, indicated that all of the organizations were enthusiastic to the idea of assisting the Government promote world peace through increased communication with peoples in other countries. Many individual organizational problems, however, were discussed, and some organizations would have to consider changes in their constitutions in order to participate in the government-sponsored program.

The JACL representative also noted that the Nationalities Group committee, of which JACL is an invited member, is only one of the 41 committees in the entire People-to-People Partnership program. All walks of American life are represented in the program with each committee convening separately.

Other committees in the program include advertising, organizations, armed forces, banking, books, business organizations, cartoons, civic, education, farm groups, handicapped, hobbies, labor, letter writing, magazines, motion pictures, religious groups, sports, travelers, veterans, youth, and many others.



Abe Hagiwara (right) is being presented with the "JACLer of the Biennium" award by Mrs. Shizu Sakada, widow of the late Dr. Randolph Sakada, for whom the honor has been named. The presentation was made at 12th Chicago JACL inaugural dinner-dance.

CALENDAR

Dec. 30 (Sunday)
San Diego—Installation dance, Terrace Room, Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon, 9 p.m. (Sports formal).
Dec. 31 (Monday)
Detroit—New Year's Eve dance, San Francisco—New Year's Eve dance, Surf Club.
Monterey—New Year's Eve dance, Hotel San Carlos, 10 p.m.
Denver—New Year's Eve Inaugural dinner-dance, Cosmopolitan Hotel, Jan. 1 (Tuesday)
San Jose—New Year's Dance, Hawaiian Garden, Almaden Rd., 8 p.m.