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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Enthusiasm, interest
of NC-WNDC inspiring

Everytime we attend one of the Northern California-Western Nevada District meetings we are tremendously impressed by the number of delegates who attend the business meetings. It is common for most of the NCWN chapters to send at least a half dozen delegates, whereas chapters in other districts generally send but two or three delegates to their district meetings. NC-WN's great interest and enthusiasm for JACL is truly inspiring.

We have often tried to analyze why the Pacific Southwest District with its large potential cannot quite match the Northern group in attendance but we have never been able to come up with a complete answer. At any rate, the PSWDC (and other districts, too) need to build up among their chapters more enthusiasm and support for their district meetings.

At the Feb. 3 meeting in Sacramento, the youth of the NCWNDC also held their first Junior JACL Convention. These young people seem to have a lot more "on the ball" than our own generation at a comparable age. They are alert, enthusiastic, energetic, articulate and seemingly unawed by what our own generation used to consider limited horizons.

As Ginji Mizutani, one of the advisers said, "These young people really gratified us when they asked, 'What can we do for JACL and the community,' rather than asking 'What will JACL do for us?'"

It was also our privilege to meet Mayor Clarence Azevedo, one of the finest and friendliest public officials that we have ever met. According to Joe Matsunami and Toko Fujii whose hospitality made us feel right at home, Mayor Azevedo is a man whose courage and principles won him the epithet "Jap-lover" from those who had less courage and principle. At any rate, in Sacramento many fair-minded Americans and especially Japanese Americans really "Go For Broke" in supporting the Mayor.

—Dr. Roy Nishikawa.



Ambassador of Japan Masayuki Tani (left) presents Dr. Paul F. Rusch the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd Class, for life-long efforts to promote amicable Japanese-American relations.

Dr. Rusch decorated at Embassy for promoting Japanese American friendship

WASHINGTON. — Dr. Paul Frederick Rusch, well-known to Nisei as the director of the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project, was decorated Feb. 8 by the Japanese government for his life-long efforts to promote amicable Japanese-American relations, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned today.

Ambassador of Japan Masayuki Tani presented the Order of the Sacred Treasure, third class, the highest award that can be given to a non-Japanese who is not a member of the diplomatic service, to Dr. Rusch.

Dr. Rusch is known to many Nisei who served under him at Camp Savage, Fort Snelling, and during the occupation in Japan. A prewar teacher at Rikkyo University in Tokyo, his whole life has been dedicated to teaching and working with the Japanese.

KEEP is a revolutionary cooperative movement that is showing the Japanese that food can be produced in the highland areas.

Among familiar to the Nisei personages in attendance at the Embassy function were Rep. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota; Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, chief of staff for intelligence under General MacArthur, former ambassador to Japan Joseph C. Grew; Col. Kai Rasmussen, former Commandant of the Japanese Language Schools at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling; Dr. George Kiyoshi Togasaki, one of the founders of JACL and former chairman of the Board of the Japan committee for KEEP; and Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

Among Nisei members of the American committee for KEEP are George Aratani, Los Angeles; George M. Fujikawa, Honolulu; Kenji Goto, Honolulu; Bunji Hamasaki, Los Angeles; Dr. Carl T. Hirota, San Francisco; Michael Y. Iwanaga, Chicago; the Rev. Hiram Kano, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Charles A. Kimura, Honolulu; Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa, Geneva, Switzerland; Tom Kobuchi, San Francisco; Maj. Fred I. Kosaka, To-

kyo; Mike Masaoka, Washington, D.C.; Shoichiro Matsumoto, Honolulu; Walter T. Matsumoto, Honolulu; S.M. Matsunaga, Honolulu.

James T. Nishimura, Chicago; Frank Omatsu, Los Angeles; Tetsuo Ozaki, Honolulu; Capt. George Sakanari, Tokyo; Robert Y. Sato, Honolulu; James T. Shimoura, Detroit; Togo W. Tanaka, Chicago; Paul Tokawa, Monterey; Dr. Toshio G. Tsukahira, Washington, D.C.; Fusao Uchiyama, Aiea, Hawaii; Tadao Yamada, New York City; and Shigeru Yasutake, Los Angeles.

No. Calif. campaign for AMI launched

SAN FRANCISCO.—A Japanese American committee for the American Museum of Immigration has been organized with Masao Satow and Frank M. Nonaka as co-chairmen.

A mail solicitation from persons of Japanese ancestry residing in Northern California is being planned with a goal of \$5,000 by the end of March.

The museum is to be constructed at the foot of the Statue of Liberty, honoring the contributions of American immigrants. The Japanese American group in Southern California recently turned over \$5,300 to become the first ethnic group on the west coast to be named a "group founder"—the category reserved for those donating over \$5,000.

SEATTLE NISEI NAMED TO CHILDREN'S POST

TACOMA.—Eugene Matsusaka of Seattle was appointed executive secretary of the Tacoma Catholic Children's Services. He served with the CCS staff in Seattle after graduating from Gonzaga University and the Univ. of Washington graduate school of social work.

Veterans Club leader

STOCKTON.—Fred K. Dobana was elected president of the Stockton Nisei Veterans Club, which is holding a membership dinner at Canton Low on Feb. 16.

JUSTICE DEPT' OFFICIALS TO VISIT WEST COAST TO INVESTIGATE CLAIMS

WASHINGTON. — The Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League today hailed the announcement that two ranking officials of the Justice Department would visit the west coast to expedite the evacuation claims and the so-called "renunciant" programs.

The two Dept. of Justice officials are Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub of the civil division and Enoch E. Ellison, chief of the Japanese claims section.

They are scheduled to confer with attorneys representing evacuation claimants in Chicago on Monday, Feb. 18; in Los Angeles on Tuesday, Feb. 19; in San Francisco on Thursday, Feb. 21; and in Seattle on Tuesday, Feb. 26. All meetings are to be held in the United States Attorney's Offices in the respective areas. The Chicago meeting is to begin at 10 a.m.; the two California meetings at 2 p.m.; and the Seattle meeting at 11 a.m.

(Attorneys representing claimants were being invited to meet with Doub and Ellison of the Justice Department, when they visit Los Angeles on Feb. 19. The meeting will be held in room 810, Federal Bldg., beginning at 2 p.m., John T. Allen, attorney-in-charge of the Claims Field Office here, said.)

Inasmuch as the Department maintains field offices for evacuation claims in Los Angeles and San Francisco, both Doub and Ellison will confer with their own attorneys regarding this program, said the JACL.

The Washington JACL office pointed out that this will be the first time that high ranking officials of the Department of Justice have actually visited the field in order to discuss the evacuation claims program with attorneys for the claimants.

This forthcoming visit should not be confused with the two congressional hearings that were held in San Francisco and Los Angeles in 1954 and 1955.

Assistant Attorney General Doub has been most interested in expediting the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims since he assumed his responsibility last summer when his predecessor, Warren G. Burger, was named to the federal judiciary," the Washington JACL office noted. That the new Assistant Attorney General has set a two year deadline for the completion of the evacuation claims program by the Department of Justice was learned

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THREE CALIFORNIA JACL DISTRICT COUNCIL BACK FAIR EMPLOYMENT BILL

SAN FRANCISCO. — Unanimous support of the three JACL district councils in California was pledged toward passage of the Fair Employment Practices bill recently introduced in the state legislature.

The three district councils—Northern California, Central California and Pacific Southwest—at their winter quarterly meetings in recent weeks passed resolutions favoring a bill introduced by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins and 40 other state assemblymen. It follows a measure which was passed in the Assembly last session, but was killed in the senate committee without a record vote.

Mas Satow, national JACL director, with other JACL leaders attended the FEP state leadership conference in Fresno Feb. 9.

CCDC in special meeting to moot quota allocation

PARLIER.—A special meeting is being called by the Central California District Council to study reallocation of JACL financial quotas for the area on Feb. 27 at Parlier.

Dr. James Nagatani of Delano, who was appointed budget and finance chairman for the district council, is in charge of the study to set up quotas under JACL chapter and non-chapter areas.

Other appointments made by Tom Nagamatsu, CCDC chairman, at the Feb. 9 quarterly meeting at Selma, were Dr. George Miyake, 1957 Chapter of Year committee chairman; and Kaz Komoto, 1957 CCDC convention chairman.

ST. LOUIS JACL TO PUSH GIGANTIC FALL FESTIVAL

ST. LOUIS.—A gigantic Japanese festival is being considered by the St. Louis JACL for the fall to introduce the cultural background of the Nisei to the community.

"We want to do something worthwhile for the community in order to gain further recognition in our Greater St. Louis," declared Dan Sakahara, who was installed as 1957 chapter president before 65 members who had braved one of the severest ice storms on Dec. 8.

Suggestions for the project are welcome from JACLers.

Gruenther denied D.C. house, refused to sign covenant

WASHINGTON.—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, recently elected head of the American Red Cross and one of the nation's top military leaders, was denied the right to occupy a Washington home because he refused to sign a covenant barring re-sale to Jews, Negroes and Asiatics.

The 14-room French provincial type house is located in Washington's Spring Valley suburban area.

Gruenther, who is flatly opposed to putting his name to a covenant which he regards as "outrageous," currently is living with packed suitcases and rolled-up rugs. He had planned to move from Fort McNair to Spring Valley last week, when the W. C. and A. Miller Development Co. suddenly slapped an injunction on the sale.

James E. Ernest, an attorney for the realtors, insisted that the company halt the deal because of a policy against "approving a sale to a corporation."

An informant, pointing out that several other corporations already own Spring Valley residences for their executives, declared that the real reason was Gruenther's aversion to the covenant.

"Al simply does not believe in racial and religious discrimination," he said. "When he was handed the covenant to sign, he made it abundantly clear that he would never put his name to it."

He said the question is purely legalistic, since the Red Cross has no intention of putting the house up for re-sale in the foreseeable future.

Fresno Institute head

FRESNO.—Seichi Mikami, local real estate and insurance man, was elected president of the Fresno International Institute Feb. 5 at its annual dinner meeting held in Edison High School social hall.



From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa
Denver, Colo.

THE DISGRACED SISTER — A favorite device among authors of 19th century melodramas was the wayward girl who had brought shame upon her family. In these stories, it was forbidden to mention her name. It was reasoned that if no one acknowledged that she existed, perhaps even the memory of her would go away. But inevitably, the disgraced sister would come back. And in an encouraging number of instances, there were extenuating circumstances to clear her of disgrace and restore her fair name.

The disgraced sister of the Nisei family is a woman named Iva Toguri d'Aquino, a native-born American convicted as "Tokyo Rose" of treason. Mrs. d'Aquino was tried before a federal jury in 1949 on eight charges of treason and convicted on one count. Sentenced to 10 years in prison, she was released in January a year ago. Soon after her release, the department of immigration opened deportation proceedings against her. So far as we know, these proceedings are still under way.

For a variety of reasons which we need not go into here, the Nisei in general have chosen not to speak Mrs. d'Aquino's name. Perhaps like the relatives of the soiled doves of melodrama, they hoped even her memory would be erased. Recently, however, there has been a piercing and eloquent voice raised on her behalf. The voice is that of William A. Reuben, a thrice-wounded lieutenant of infantry in World War II. He speaks through the pages of the February issue of *Frontier*, a small, liberal, monthly think-type magazine published in Los Angeles, in an article titled "The Strange Case of 'Tokyo Rose'."

DISTURBING DATA—Reuben probes into the background of the Tokyo Rose trial and comes up with some disturbing information. There never was, he says, a Tokyo Rose. That was a name invented by Americans for English-speaking women announcers employed by Radio Tokyo during the war. And there were 18 of these from among whom Iva Toguri d'Aquino was singled out for prosecution.

Testimony during her trial, Reuben reports, brought out that Mrs. d'Aquino was a Nisei caught in Japan by the war, forced to stay against her will, suspected as an American spy by the Japanese secret police, refused to give up her American citizenship, and finally took a job as typist in the accounting department of Radio Tokyo.

Further, Mrs. d'Aquino did not become an announcer until she was requested to do so by a captured Australian, Maj. Charles Cousens, who had been ordered by the Japanese to produce a radio program. Cousens testified at the trial that when Iva Toguri protested against broadcasting, he told her: "This is a straight-out entertainment program. I have written it and I know what I am doing. All you have got to do is look on yourself as a soldier under my orders. Do exactly what you are told to do. Don't try to do anything for yourself and you will do nothing that you do not want to do. You will do nothing against your own people."

Reubens says the government's case hinged on the "oral and uncorroborated testimony of two native-born Americans, Kenneth Oki and George Mitsushio, both of whom admittedly became Japanese propagandists. They were the only witnesses to the one act of which she was convicted."

PERHAPS IT'S TIME—Reubens makes a strong case on behalf of Mrs. d'Aquino. What's more, in addition to pointing out the injustices of her conviction, he argues that if the government wins its deportation case, "an ominous precedent will have been established, based on a treason conviction resting entirely on a disputed and undocumented allegation concerning 25 words."

Perhaps it is time for the Nisei to stop being so coy about their disgraced sister, a woman who has paid her penalty for an action which may or may not have been a crime. Perhaps it is time to acknowledge that she does indeed exist, and say firmly that we are interested in seeing that she gains justice.

* Count No. 6, on which she was convicted, alleged that she had broadcast the following 25 words sometime in October, 1944, following the battle of Leyte Gulf: "Now you fellows have lost all your ships. You really are orphans of the Pacific. Now, how do you think you will ever get home?"

Rev. Kano retires from active ministry among Japanese in Nebraska; helped Issei with Americanization instructions

SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb.—The Rev. Hiram H. Kano, Episcopal missionary among Japanese Americans in Nebraska since 1925, retired from the active ministry last month after 37 years of service. He retired on Jan. 30, which was also his 68th birthday. Two days later, his dream of having his Japanese mission merged with an English-speaking church came true.

St. Mary's Episcopal Mission in nearby Mitchell was merged that week with Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church and retitled St. Mary's Chapel. St. Mary's was founded by Bishop George A. Beecher for Japanese in 1925 with Father Kano in charge.

Rev. Kano, looking 20 years younger than his 68, arrived in this country 41 years ago after graduating from Tokyo Imperial University burning with three ambitions: to learn American farming methods, to become a minister and to assist his countrymen who migrated here in adapting themselves to their new home. These three ambitions have long been fulfilled.

It has also long been the dream of Rev. Kano to overcome the language barrier of the English services. Now that his dream is being fulfilled, the mission will become a chapel.

It will be used for large Sunday School classes and occasional special services for the Issei. Rev. Kano will be rector emeritus of the chapel and will return periodically for special services.

Shortly after his arrival in the U.S., Rev. Kano embarked on a vigorous program at the Univ. of Nebraska. He graduated in 1918 with a master's degree in rural economics and farm management with a minor in animal husbandry. "Only then did I feel that I was prepared to give great assistance to my people," he said.

During his student days at Nebraska, Rev. Kano had already given much toward the advancement of the Japanese Americans in Nebraska. He also became acquainted with two men who greatly influenced his life—William Jennings Bryan and Episcopal Bishop Beecher.

Bryan, who was a close friend of Kano's father, a Japanese gov-



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ernor and a member of Japan's House of Peers, sponsored the young Japanese Christian's trip to America.

During the 1919 session of the Nebraska legislature, student Kano met Bishop Beecher. As Bishop Beecher's Japanese interpreter and advisor on Japanese problems, he helped Beecher's battle against an "anti-Japanese land law," which if passed would prohibit Japanese from owning land in the state.

"Through the courageous work of Bishop Beecher, the bill was defeated," said Rev. Kano.

Following his graduation, Rev. Kano purchased a farm near Kearney, Neb. But his farming career ended in 1925 after Bishop Beecher repeatedly requested Rev. Kano's services as a missionary priest among the fast-growing Japanese population in Nebraska.

During World War II, Rev. Kano

was interned as an enemy alien. During his two years of internment he never lost faith in the Christian way of life or in the United States. "I was never bitter over my internment," he said. "It was something the government felt it had to do and it did it."

During this time, Rev. Kano had little time to think about his own plight.

"I worked hard during those two years. Teaching, studying—anything to help pass the time. We held classes at every camp. We were students of the 'Internment University' and we helped each other as much as possible."

Rev. Kano was reunited with his family in 1946 and also received his bachelor of divinity degree from Nashotah (Wis.) Seminary. Since then, he worked constantly toward one goal—naturalization of all native born Japanese. This is a privilege extended with passing of the 1952 Walter - McCarran bill.

Rev. Kano's parish included the entire state of Nebraska, with a total congregation of between 600-700 Japanese Americans. He has organized missions at Mitchell and North Platte.

He and his wife Ivy have worked with adult education since 1953, helping with citizenship classes for the Issei. Now about 95 per cent of them are naturalized citizens. There are no new students in the class so his work there has been completed.

About March 1, Rev. Kano and his wife plan to move to Fort Collins, Colo., to join their daughter, Miss Adeline Kano, 29, who is a research chemist with Colo. A. and M. College. Their son, Cyrus, 34, is a research engineer in Boston.

"I am a very happy man," said Rev. Kano. "My people have adapted themselves to this country, and prospered materially as well as spiritually."

SUMITOMO BANK REPORTS 'SATISFACTORY' PROGRESS

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Sumitomo Bank (Calif.), in its fourth annual report to stockholders last week, reported "satisfactory progress" was made during the past year but deferred declaring a dividend.

The most significant, according to the report, was the bank's gross profit of \$153,856 with about 46 per cent transferred to surplus to show \$72,848 remaining.

Report was made by S. Urano, executive vice-president, who was also among the five board of director members to be re-elected. Others are Jumpei Nishimura, president; Henry Robinson, Louis Sutter and Susumu Togasaki.



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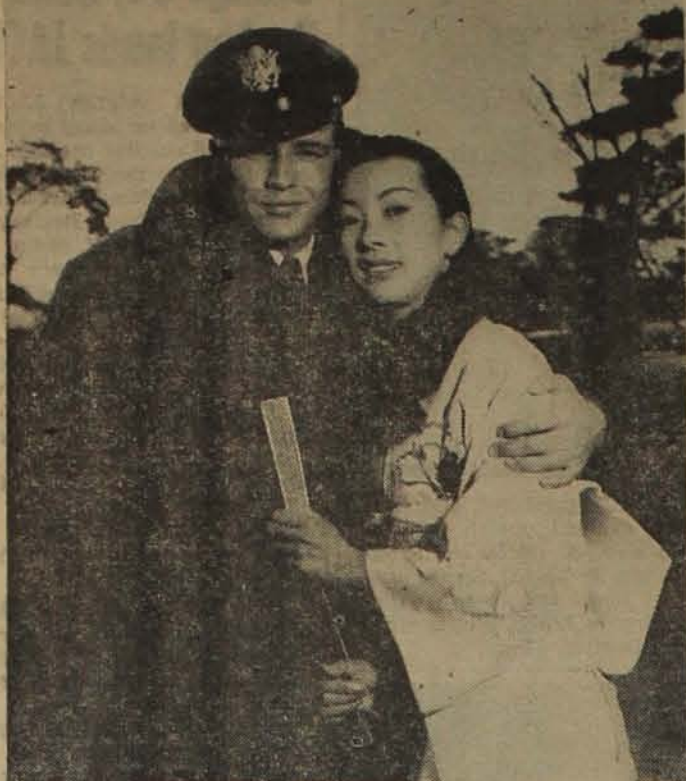
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PAN AMERICAN
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On location in Kyoto is the curvaceous Nisei beauty, Miiko Taka, of Los Angeles who was chosen to play opposite Marlon Brando in Warner Bros.' screen version of James Michener's "Sayonara".



VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

Miiko: Cinderella Girl

Denver

Here's more on Miiko Taka, the Cinderella girl who becomes a Hollywood star in her first motion picture. Miss Taka is the first Nisei to play a lead in an American film since the days of Toshia Mori ("Law of the Jungle") and Pearl Suetomi (MGM's "Eskimo"). Of Miiko Taka, Joshua Logan, who directed "Mr. Roberts" and who is behind the megaphone on "Sayonara", says that she "will be a bombshell when seen in the world's movie theaters." Logan calls Miiko a beautiful girl of highly sensitive reaction and says she lights up before the cameras and brings a special quality to the screen.

Picking an unknown, untrained girl for stardom in a major production is a kind of corny device long abandoned by movie-makers. But this time it is true in the case of Miss Taka who is currently in Kyoto, Japan, helping make the screen version of James Michener's novel of interracial love, "Sayonara."

Only a few weeks back Miss Taka was making \$60 a week in a travel agency. Today she is playing opposite Marlon Brando, the American jet pilot who falls in love with the leading dancer of the Takarazuka revue company.

Despite the Cinderella aspects of her story, Miss Taka is considered by members of the cast and studio publicity men as the most diffident star-to-be ever seen in Hollywood.

"It's only now I have begun to feel the full impact," she said in Kyoto the other day. "Here I am starring with Marlon Brando, and kissing him, too, and just yesterday it seems I would have walked across Los Angeles just to get his autograph."

"Living in Los Angeles," she recalled, "I had often heard about the old Hollywood 'you ought to be in movies' routine, and I couldn't see myself as an actress."

So she didn't take it seriously when friends kept dropping by the Mitchell Travel Agency, where she was an apprentice, to tell her that Warner Brothers was looking for a girl for the "Sayonara" film.

When Solly Baiano, a Warner Brothers talent executive, spotted her at a Nisei Week carnival in Los Angeles and asked her to go to the studio for a test, she didn't take the invitation seriously. He had to make repeated calls to assure her that he was serious.

She went to Burbank on what she calls a "spur-of-the-moment" decision, and tested with James Garner, who enacted the Brando role.

Then, she says, "Somebody came over and said, 'You're our baby.'"

The signing of Miss Taka ended a months-long search on the part of Warner Brothers, which scouted Japan, the United States and Europe for Hana-Ogi. The studio, it's been reported, had just about settled on a well-known actress when Miiko tested for the part.

"It was a strange coincidence that when they were testing girls in Japan for the role," she said, "that I had just terminated a 6-month trip to Japan to visit the home of my parents and was enroute by ship to the United States."

Miiko's parents came to the United States 32 years ago, settling in Seattle, where she was born. The family later moved to Los Angeles where her father was a fruit dealer.

Miiko spent the requisite time in a relocation center during World War II and went back to Los Angeles to graduate from high school there. During her high school years she studied ballet, voice and the art of the odori, and on her recent trip to Japan she polished up on her Japanese dancing.

She was thus prepared for the Hana-Ogi role. Playing the premier dancer in an all-girl troupe, she will have 26 costume changes, the most daring of which has been described as a "skin-tight male costume a la George Sands of that flamboyant Parée era." It is during one of her performances that Brando, playing an American jet ace on leave in Japan from Korean duty, meets her and falls in love with her.

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Brotherhood Week program in L.A. set

Participation in the Brotherhood Week program Feb. 20 at Beth Zion Temple, 5555 W. Olympic Blvd., was announced by the Southwest L. A. JACL today.

The program will feature cultural displays and folk dance by 11 sponsoring groups, including the JACL chapter. Southwest L.A. will display Girl's Day dolls, courtesy of Japan Air Lines, and arrange for an exhibition of dancing.

Over 500 are expected to hear Councilman Edward Roybal, main speaker, and taste of refreshments of all nations free.

Mrs. Don Matsuda and George Hiraga are chapter co-chairmen; assisted by Ken Miura, John Shio-kari and others who will serve on the hospitality committee.

JACL JOINS 48 NAT'L GROUPS IN CIVIL RIGHTS MESSAGE TO SENATE

WASHINGTON.—Accepting the invitation of Sen. Thomas C. Hennings (D., Mo.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, the Japanese American Citizens League submitted a statement this week expressing its concern for civil rights legislation, the Washington JACL Office announced last Friday.

The statement was submitted to the Constitutional Rights subcommittee which yesterday opened its public hearings on the many civil rights bills pending before it.

As with JACL's submission to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights last week, no JACL official will testify in person. Since JACL's views on civil rights are

well known, this non-appearance will leave as much time as possible for others to be heard.

It is to be recalled that last session, the Hennings subcommittee reported four bills on civil rights but its parent Judiciary Committee failed to take any action on them prior to adjournment.

The Washington JACL office also disclosed that last week JACL joined with 48 national minority, religious, racial, and labor organizations with which it is associated in the Leadership conference on Civil Rights in a joint statement to the House Judiciary subcommittee on Civil Rights. Roy Wilkins, chairman of the Leadership conference as well as executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, read the prepared statement to the House subcommittee.

Wilkins noted that all of the organizations endorsed the 30-odd legislative recommendations made by the President's committee on Civil Rights some 10 years ago. "It is our conviction," he said, "that all of those recommendations represent real needs and that all of them are long overdue. But we recognize that, however much we might want it, every one of these needs cannot be satisfied at one time. Our immediate and overriding interest, therefore, is in making a start, in taking a first step toward breaking the congressional stalemate through enactment of a minimum meaningful bill."

Recalling that last year the subcommittee reported out the Administration bill, Wilkins declared:

"This was a compromise bill: It took no account of the problem of discrimination in employment; it made no reference to segregation in interstate transportation; it did not deal with the poll tax or with violence directed against members of the armed services or with several other pressing issues. Nevertheless, it was a meaningful bill because it would have constituted a step forward in the safeguarding of the two most basic rights—the right to vote and the right to security of the person."

The real test, according to the joint statement, "is not to be met by any bill with a civil rights label, but only one that deals effectively with the two basic problems that have just been outlined. The Department of Justice has repeatedly testified that existing statutes are inadequate to furnish protection against denials of these rights. Accordingly, any legislation which would only provide for a civil rights division in the Justice Department and for an investigating commission on civil rights, and does not at the same time correct the inadequacies which render such agencies impotent under existing law, would be civil rights legislation in name only.

"We favor a civil rights division in the Department of Justice, and we favor a commission on civil rights—but, we regard the creation of such agencies as supplements to, and not substitutes for, meaningful civil rights legislation," Wilkins explained for JACL and 48 other national organizations last week.

Tokuzo Gordon, Nobu Yamakoshi awarded Brotherhood Awards in Chicago ceremony

CHICAGO.—Two prominent members of the Japanese American community here, Harold R. Gordon and Nobu Yamakoshi, were among 20 persons selected to receive the 1957 James M. Yard Brotherhood Award by the National Conference of Christians and News.

The awards were presented in City Hall ceremonies scheduled for yesterday afternoon in the council chambers.

Each year the National Conference of Christians and Jews recognizes men and women who have gone out of their way to create a better understanding and to build active cooperation between people of different races,

religious or national backgrounds in their neighborhood and community.

Gordon, an attorney, was recognized for his unique service in working for the betterment and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry. During World War II he became very much interested in the Nisei and their struggle to achieve first class citizenship. He joined the Japanese American Citizens League and soon became a very active and constructive member. He is presently the National Legislative-Legal Chairman for the JACL, and holds a similar post with the Chicago Chapter.

During the 1952-54 biennium Gordon served on the National JACL Board as Chairman of the National 1000 Club. In addition, Harold Gordon is a member of the NAACP, a charter member of the Abram Sachar Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, and is active in the block organizational work in Hyde Park.

Yamakoshi, who heads an advertising firm, Nobart Studios, was selected for his service in creating goodwill and understanding among neighbors on the Near Northside. As an active leader in the Midwest Buddhist Church, Yamakoshi has continually encouraged the church and its members to take active part in local affairs, such as the church's participation in the Old Town Fair.

Yamakoshi's public relations activities and leadership has brought about greater acceptance of Japanese Americans by local neighborhood groups. He is a recent member of the Lincoln Park Kiwanis Club and a trustee of Olivet Institute.

Gordon was nominated by the Chicago JACL Chapter and Nobu Yamakoshi, by Olivet Institute. Both are active 1000 Club members.

JAPAN DRESS DESIGNER SCORES IN NAT'L MAGAZINE

NEW YORK.—Reiko Kutsuki, a dress designer from Kanazawa, Japan, has made such a reputation in one year in sportswear here that Look magazine has given her a two-page spread in color in the Feb. 19 issue. She is hailed in the article, "Japanese Designer Goes American."

She came to the United States at the invitation of a Marine Corps officer and was guest of his family in Norfolk, Va., until her friends meanwhile checked on design schools in New York.

Dividend declared by Cal-Neva CU

SAN FRANCISCO.—Some \$17,000 are available for immediate loans to members through the Cal-Neva JACL Credit Union, it was revealed at the annual meeting of the group at Yamato Sukiyaki House Feb. 8 by Yukio Wada, treasurer.

The payment of a three per cent dividend was also approved during the evening.

Thirty members and friends who attended the dinner meeting elected Jutaro Shiota to serve on the credit committee; Min Yonekura, supervisory committee; and Thelma Takeda, Hid Kashima and Haruo Ishimaru, board of directors.

Still on the credit committee with unexpired terms are Tom T. Sakai and Victor Abe; on supervisory committee are Grace Kase, and Sim Togasaki; board of directors, John Enomoto, Glenn Fukuda, George Kyotow, and Masuji Fujii.

Jutaro Shiota, outgoing president, and proprietor of T. Z. Shiota, Japanese art object shop, presented a framed original wood block print by contemporary artist Toshi Yoshida to Sim Togasaki and another to Yukio Wada for their years of service to the union.

Temporary farm labor program for Canada urged

PENTICTON, B.C.—Proposal for importing 200 temporary Japanese laborers to harvest the apple crop in Okanagan was met with mixed feelings at the British Columbia Fruit Growers Association convention, which met here last month. Two locals supported the plan, which is similar to the program adopted in California.

BOEING SCHOLARSHIP WON BY TACOMA NISEI

SEATTLE.—Boeing Airplane Co. awarded a \$300 scholarship to Ki-yoshi F. Fujitani, Tacoma, now attending the Univ. of Washington.

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VERY TRULY YOURS
 By Harry K. Honda

Freeway Frolics

It was "weekend on wheels" for us to the tune of the "Freeway Frolics". . . We covered the Orange County JACL installation dinner-dance at Disneyland Hotel (via the Santa Ana Freeway), the Coachella Valley JACL installation and community picnic (via the San Bernardino Freeway), and the PSWDC Chapter Clinic at Shonien (via the Hollywood Freeway). . . Friday night's venture to Anaheim sapped whatever storage of patience this city-driver had in combatting urban traffic. It was bumper-to-bumper from the looping interchange in the heart of Los Angeles to the county-line, 20 miles down. A normal 40-minute jaunt sickened to a 2-hour drag. . . The next day, just to show what freeways can do for motorists, the 140-mile trip to Indio was negotiated in 2½ hours, the route enhanced by wide highways, overpasses, underpasses and a 60-mile stretch without signals. . . On Sunday, the journey was a typical affair for urbanites, who've become accustomed to going cross-town via freeways—even though there are extra miles involved. We do save time on them, if we avoid the rush hours. And that's how we made it to Shonien at 9 a.m. Sunday.

In a few short years, it may be possible for Pacific Southwest JACL regional director to service his chapters by taking to the freeways. US 101—the Coast Highway—from San Luis Obispo to San Diego is gradually being widened with divided highways, towns by-passed along the way by freeways, and the oldest freeway out of Los Angeles follows the Arroyo Seco to Pasadena. . . The Harbor Freeway will reach Gardena Valley; Long Beach Freeway is near completion; and about the only chapters yet to be linked by freeway are Venice-Culver and West Los Angeles—which will be once right-of-way procedures are completed for the Olympic Freeway.

State highway figures for Ventura-Los Angeles-Orange counties show that for each mile of freeway, it's costing an average of \$750,000. . . Of the 628 miles of freeway projected for the same three counties, 204 miles have been completed, another 62 under construction at the present time and another 42 miles ready for bidding of contracts. . . Funds come from the 6 cents gasoline state tax we pay for each gallon and the 1956 Federal Highway Act.



SOU'WESTER
 By Tats Kushida

'I solemnly swear'

Four recent inaugural programs of PSWDC chapters were our pleasure to perform.

The string began with the East L.A. chapter at its informal and cozy installation during the intermission of the chapter kickoff dance at the Soto-Michigan Jewish Community Center on January 25, with engineer and bridge shark Yukio Ozima heading up the 1957 cabinet.

The annual installation dinner-dance conducted jointly again this year by the Venice-Culver and West Los Angeles chapters was held on February 2 at the Elks Club in Santa Monica, and attended by more than 175. A fine innovation was the dedication of this program to the Issei spiritual leaders of that community, the Issei and Nisei ministers of the Buddhist and Christian Churches, who were honored guests.

The ministers honored were Dr. J. K. Sasaki (WLA Methodist), Rev. Toshio Sakamoto (Sawtelle Baptist), Rev. G. Nishinaga (WLA Buddhist), and Revs. Roy Takaya (Nisei) and Sam Mizukami (Issei) (Venice Free Methodist). The evening's toastmaster was Kiyoshi Kagawa.

Following their induction into office, the '57 presidents, Steve Nakaji and Frank Kishi, presented the JACL pearl-studded President's Pin to the outgoing prexies, Dr. Tak Shishino and Dave Akashi, respectively, of V-C and WLA, the four of them being literally speechless. With past nat'l prez George Inagaki, whom the two chapters had vigorously and successfully backed for consideration as Nisei of the Biennium at the '56 convention and who had been slated as speaker, flat on his back with a relapse of virus hepatitis which is epidemic among that neighborhood and which has the whole klan Inagaki laid up, we doubled as speaker of the evening on a subject close to our heart—JACL.

Orange County JACL's traditional installation dinner-dance was held at the famed Disneyland Hotel on February 8, with Dr. Sammy Lee, famed Olympic diving champ and center of a racial housing controversy last year in nearby Garden Grove. We were most delighted with Sammy's message and his anecdotes and witticisms, one of which editor Honda once censored in our column but which he couldn't possibly do now, even in the name of good taste, having heard the good major's reference to the same term—oral diarrhea. Past prexy Hitoshi Nitta performed well as the emcee while Doc Roy Nishikawa extended greetings from National JACL.

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Dr. Roy Nishikawa (standing), national JACL president, addresses the No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council, which held its first quarterly meeting at Sacramento Feb. 3. (Refer to President's Corner on front page.) To the left is seated Sacramento Mayor Azevedo. The dinner was held at Lanai Restaurant, which turned over its facilities for the whole day to JACL, and is managed by 1000er Wesley Kato. — Ginji Mizutani Photo.



Handing over the gavel at the Detroit JACL installation dinner held Feb. 2 is Mrs. Miyoko O'Neill (standing right), outgoing president, to Yoshio Kasai, 1957 head. Seated are (left to right) Circuit Court Judge Theodore R. Bohn, 1000er, who was main speaker; toastmaster Kenneth Miyoshi; Abe Hagiwara, Midwest District Council chairman, who installed the officers. — Tom Hashimoto Photo.

Importance of neighborhood contact told by member-judge to Detroit JACLers

DETROIT.—Circuit Court Judge Theodore R. Bohn, Detroit JACLer and 1000er, stressed the importance of neighborhood contact as the root of American democracy, in the main address before 100 persons attending the Detroit JACL installation dinner-dance Feb. 2 at the Northwood Inn.

The talk, which was entitled "Your State and Community", urged the Nisei to place their exemplary conduct into practice on the community level, noting that good citizenship is contagious.

Judge Bohn in the past six months has been conducting a one-man grand jury investigation into graft and corruption in communities down river (Ecorse, River Rouge, Inkster and Taylor township).

Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, Midwest District Council chairman, installed the 1957 officers as follows:

Yoshio Kasai, pres.; George Na-

POLICE CHIEF INSTALLS SEQUOIA C.I. CABINET

REDWOOD CITY.—Chief of Police William Faulstich of Redwood City installed the 1957 Sequoia JACL board members before 100 persons attending the sixth annual installation banquet at Nipa Nut, reported Kei Nakano, dinner chairman.

Peter Nakahara, who was installed as chapter president for the second time, acted as toastmaster and introduced guests which included representatives from the Palo Alto Times and Redwood City Tribune.

Special guests for the evening were the recently naturalized Issei citizens.

Mrs. Richard Arimoto, chapter historian, recounted the activities of the chapter, which included the program of its Jr. JACL groups, the Sr. and Jr. Tri-Villes and Redwood City A.C.

Joe Grant Masaoka of Atherton, main speaker, spoke on the highlights of JACL history.

The first meeting for the new cabinet has been scheduled for Monday at the home of John Enomoto.

gano, 1st v.p.; Charles Yata, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Mariko Matsura, 3rd v.p.; Frank Watanabe, treas.; Mrs. Jean Ushiro, rec. sec.; Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto, cor. sec.; Bebe Horiuchi, hist.; Kay Miyaya, pub.; the Rev. Minoru Mochizuki, Walter Miyao, Harry Matsumoto, Harry Kadoguchi, membs.-at-large.

Honored guests included Dr. and Mrs. Remus Robinson, member of the Detroit Board of Education; Mrs. Bohn, Mrs. Abe Hagiwara, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fujioka, who were honored for their long and dedicated service to the Detroit chapter.

Mrs. Terry Yamasaki (wife of Nisei of Biennium winner Minoru) entertained with a Chopin waltz on the piano and Mrs. Helen Miyagawa, accompanied by Tom Hashimoto, sang a Japanese selection.

Kenneth Miyoshi was toastmaster of the successful evening, which was under direction of co-chairmen Sadao Kimoto and Mrs. Miyo O'Neill. Assisting were Setsu Fujioka, Yoshiko Inouye, Wally Kagawa, Roy Kaneko, Mae Miyagawa, Paul Nakamura, Am Omura, Mary Seriguchi, Jiro Shimoda, Chiyo Togasaki and Fred Yoshida.

Survey on negative reply to JACL membership undertaken by Berkeley

BERKELEY.—A special board meeting was held Feb. 3 by the Berkeley JACL selecting committee personnel and dividing the area for a membership drive launched this week.

During the campaign, the local chapter will conduct simultaneously a survey to find reasons why some Nisei and Issei residents in this community have not joined, or refuse to join, the JACL.

On the basis of this survey, the local chapter is expected to alter or institute new policies and programs.

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Matsukane installed Orange C'ty head; Dr. Lee lauds JACL

ANAHEIM.—A veteran JACLer, who has served on many cabinets, was installed chapter president for the first time at the Orange County JACL dinner-dance last Friday at Disneyland Hotel Restaurant.

Harry Matsukane of Santa Ana and his cabinet members were honored and sworn into office by Tats Kushida, PSW regional director. On the cabinet are George Ichien, 1st v.p.; Dr. Tad Ochiai, 2nd v.p.; Mitsuo Nitta, 3rd v.p.; Bill Okuda, treas.; Sumi Nerio, exec. sec.; Dr. William Yamamoto, aud.; Elden Kanegae, 1000 Club; Ken Uyesugi, editor; Stephen K. Tamura, legal counsel; Ben Takenaga, George Osumi, Roy Kobayashi, Fred Mizusawa, Frank Nagamatsu, membs.-at-large.

Dr. Sammy Lee, Olympic champion who encountered discrimination in housing at Garden Grove two years ago, was the main speaker.

Speaking before a JACL group for the first time, Dr. Lee congratulated the Japanese American Citizens League for its role in "protecting the victory of World War II" for Oriental Americans won by members of the 442nd RCT, and described JACL as the "most active Oriental American group" in the United States.

No comparable body is organized nationally among the Chinese, Filipino or Korean American groups, Dr. Lee told some 200 guests and members.

Dr. Lee recalled incidents from his 35,000 mile tour of Southeast Asia when he travelled as goodwill ambassador for the State Department, putting on diving exhibitions and telling the story of American democracy.

Kazuo Sato, naturalized Issei, was cited by toastmaster Hitoshi Nitta for signing up almost 40 Issei citizens in the Orange County chapter. Introduction of other civic dignitaries included Ray Elliott, superintendent of Huntington Beach schools, Superior Court Judge Ken Morrison, O.C. Supervisor Willis Warner and Robert O'Brien of the Farm Bureau.

Karie S. Aihara, accompanied by Betty Nerio, rendered two vocal solos. A combo supplied music for the dance that followed.

FOWLER CHAPTER PLANS GENERAL DINNER MEETING

FOWLER.—John Harness, guest speaker, will show his African safari adventure films at the first general dinner meeting of the Fowler JACL at Bruces Lodge on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

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SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida

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As usual, many important community leaders were on hand including a school supervisor (Supr. Elliott of Huntington Beach School District), a superior court judge (Hon. James Morrison), the chairman of the county board of supervisors (Willis Warner), a college professor (Dr. Bob O'Brien of Whittier), the press, and a number of newly naturalized Issei who were given special recognition before the nearly 200 in attendance. Karie Shindo Aihara provided the entertainment with some fine singing. Retiring president George Kanno was presented the JACL pearl pin by incoming prexy Harry Matsukane, both of whom required little urging to say a few words. A much-enjoyed dance wound up a very successful chapter evening.



Youngsters group around the table laden with prizes, which were given at the Coachella Valley JACL installation picnic Feb. 9 at the Painted Canyon.

The usual format for an installation program is an evening banquet on the semi-formal side. Last weekend, we experienced a radical departure from this format and it turned out to be not only novel but completely relaxing and enjoyable, possibly a good precedent for other chapters.

When past prez Mas Oshiki wrote that the installation would be held at Painted Canyon, we envisioned a resort lodge near the desert town of Mecca. On the contrary, the installation was held during the day, outdoors, before a roaring mesquite campfire with everyone dressed in picnic clothes.

With the national president and his family and PC editor Honda along for the ride, we pulled into Indio at the home of Tom Sakai, past prez and chairman of the chapter's 1000 Club, where we denuded a couple of his grapefruit and tangerine trees as trophies of our visit. Following his car some 25 miles into the mountains, the last several intended only for jeep travel, we found ourselves in a clearing surrounded by sheer cliffs of variously tinted sedimentary rocks. Practically everyone in Coachella Valley was present, meaning the Issei folks, the CLers and over 100 youngsters who were scrambling around the steep rocks—a real family outing with no baby-sitter problem.

As is the custom, the retiring president, Ben Sakamoto, m'd the affair. Soon we'd installed Hidi Nishimoto and his new cabinet, and Roy had spied briefly, the wiener bake a-la-Poston was on. We caravanned out of the canyon at sunset and judging from our car's performance since then, probably tore the guts out of our Ford on the rocky exit road.

We hasten to add that the cuisine, size of portions, refreshments and other digestible appurtenances at these affairs left nothing to be desired. Needless to say, our appetite is back to par.

TUT CAN STRUT—The highly successful 4th annual PSWDC chapter clinic chaired by Tut Yata, past PSWDC boss, occupied a full day at the Shonien for more than 100 officers and delegates from sixteen chapters participating. The pre-lunch session was devoted to JACL history and background, org. structure, administration, policies, program, financing, 1000 Club, Pacific Citizen, legis-legal objectives and related subjects. The speakers were past nat'l president Saburo Kido, nat'l director Masao Satow, nat'l 1000 Club chairman Kenji Tashiro of Orosi, nat'l prexy Roy Nishikawa, PC ed Harry Honda and nat'l legal beagle Frank Chuman.

Generous quantities of sushi supplemented by tsukemono and waribashi donated by George Nakatsuka of Modern Import (a 1000er) and juicy oranges contributed to luncheon chairman Mabel Ota were enjoyed by the clinicers in the Shonien Patio.

During the two-hour PSWDC biz-session right after the sushi-bento, the re-allocation of chapter fund raising quotas was resolved with practically every chapter agreeing to carry a larger load for this year and next, the heavier burdens being accepted by Southwest L.A., Gardena Valley and Hollywood.

The physical facilities of the Shonien were ideally suited for the peeyem clinic sessions which were broken up into small groups devoted to special problems such as JACL youth program, chapter membership and finances, programming, public and community relations, publicity and chapter bulletins and a special sodan of chapter prexies.

The fancy handle of "conveners" was given to discussion leaders, each of whom were fortified with resource persons and members of the nat'l board and staff. Jimmy Yamanaka of the Huntington Park YMCA gave them a briefing session before turning them loose on the delegates, and he must have done a good job judging from the satisfied reactions from everyone who sat in on the discussions.

Conveners were Tom T. Ito (Pasadena), Cherry Tsutsumida (Arizona), Miwa Yamamoto and Mike Suzuki (Hollywood), Roy Iketani and Kango Kunitzugu (SWLA) and Sumi Nerio (Orange County).

Resource persons, besides board-staff members, were Tom Shimasaki, Dr. Toru Iura, George Nishinaka and Kats Kunitzugu (SWLA), Bill Marumoto (Orange County) and Fred Takata (ELA).

East L.A., which incidentally won the "Chapter of the Year" award at the clinic steak banquet at the Thistle Inn where Supervisor Kenneth Hahn was guest speaker, announced that it would host the PSWDC biennial (5th postwar) convention on the weekend of May 18-19, and distributed tickets for "Operation Hawaii", the winner of the grand prize for which will receive a pair of round trip first class ducats aboard one of American President Lines' luxurious passenger ships.

Salt Lake chapter ending membership drive, may top 300

SALT LAKE CITY—Time and places for outstanding events being planned by the Salt Lake JACL were outlined at the second chapter board meeting, which met Feb. 7 at the Christian Church with Ichiro Doi, president, in charge.

Most immediate is the dinner for Issei who have become naturalized this past year. Close to 20 are to be honored by the chapter at the Dawn Noodle House on Thursday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Rupert Hachiya, past president, will be chairman.

Local immigration service officials will also be honored guests. Friends and relatives of naturalized Issei are being invited to help celebrate this achievement.

Membership solicitation teams are currently waging a feverish campaign to win the dinner that awaits the team signing up the most members. To date, there are close to 300 JACLers signed up, which equals the 1956 total, chairman Sam Watanuki reports.

The drive ends this month and to celebrate, the JACL is sponsoring a victory dance at the Police Clubhouse, tentatively set for Saturday, Mar. 2. Roy Omura and Kay Nakashima are heading the dance committee. Slight admission of 50 cents to members, \$1 to non-members, will be charged.

The "Shower of Stars" extravaganza will be held in April to bolster the chapter treasury. Best of Issei and Nisei talent will be presented to make it a spectacular in every sense of the word.

The chapter will also donate six cherry trees to the local YWCA for planting this spring. A few more trees have been ordered by the chapter to replace some which were placed in the state capitol grounds in 1955.

ALAMEDA CHAPTER OPENS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, JR. JACL TO BE FORMED

ALAMEDA—With a goal of 200 members by the end of February, the Alameda JACL membership drive got underway last week when cabinet members met at the home of George Yoshimura, chapter president.

On the membership team are Yoe Fujimori, chmn.; Miyo Furuno, Yas Koike, Taizo Imura, Kitty Hirai, Mits Umene, Anah Sugiyama, Grace Hayashi, Mary Yeda, George Yoshimura and George Ushijima.

The first general meeting for 1957 will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the local Methodist Church.

Prospective Jr. JACLers have been invited to attend with the chapter as discussion on the formation of a youth group is planned. The chapter calendar will also be decided.

The chapter's benefit movie program for Mar. 16 will be held at the Alameda Buddhist Hall. Two features will be shown. Door prizes, food and refreshments are also on tap. Portion of the proceeds will go toward Alameda's Jr. JACL.

ALAMEDA—Outline of the 1957 Alameda JACL program was made by a joint meeting of both old and new board members at the home of outgoing president George Ushijima on Jan. 24.

George Yoshimura, new president, set the membership drive on top priority with a Feb. 28 campaign deadline. Yoe Fujimori, 1st vice-president, is setting up solicitation teams.

Also discussed was the prospect of a Jr. JACL program. Joining the chapter delegates last Sunday for the NC-WNDC meeting at Sacramento as guests were Ann Mayeyama, Amy Fujimori, Judy Towata, Irene Takagawa and Judy Takeda.

DELANO JAPANESE PLAN SEPT. 1 REUNION

DELANO—Reunion plans for Japanese residents on Sept. 1 are being headed by Bill Nakagawa and Joe Katano. Former residents of Delano may write to Katano, 410-11th Ave., for details.

LOU TSUNEKAWA ELECTED STOCKTON C.I. PRESIDENT

STOCKTON—Attorney Mamoru Sakuma of Sacramento will be guest speaker at the installation dinner of the Stockton JACL, scheduled for Feb. 23, 7 p.m., at the Clark Hotel Empire Room.

Local civic dignitaries are to be special guests, it was added. The Jerry Chapman dancers will be feature entertainers.

Officers to be installed are Lou Tsunekawa, pres.; Ted Kamibayashi, 1st v.p.; Ted Ishihara, 2nd v.p.; Al Umino, treas.; Yukie Shinoda, rec. sec.; Toyo Ijuin, cor. sec.; Frank Shinoda, pub.; Mitsuye Kamimura, hist.; Harry Hayashino, Issei Rel.; Henry Kusama, 1000 Club; Mitzi Baba, Violet Kimura, social; Ted Wakabayashi and Mas Ishihara, sgts.-at-arms.

Selma hosts first CCDC quarterly meet

SELMA—The Selma JACL hosted the first quarterly meeting of the Central California District Council last Saturday at the local Japanese Mission Church.

Mas Satow, national director, in his report to chapter delegates reported on the statewide FEP conference he had attended earlier in the day at Fresno, progress of the national JACL bowling tournament, Jr. JACL program, discrimination in housing and national headquarter's current effort to prevent the showing of anti-Nisei films on TV.

Kenji Tashiro, national 1000 Club chairman, urged chapters to boost its 1000 Club membership by 15 per cent this year, which will be highlighted by a 10th anniversary celebration at the Intermountain District Council convention in November at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

"We hope Operation Break-through succeeds — over 2,000 1000ers by the 10th Anniversary Whing Ding," Tashiro added.

Tentative dates for next CCDC quarterly sessions have been set for Apr. 3 and July 3. Host chapters are to be announced.

Harry Hamada president of Boise Valley chapter

CALDWELL, Idaho—The Boise Valley JACL installed its newly elected officers at an installation dance Feb. 5 at the IOOF Hall here. George Sugai, Intermountain District Council chairman, of Ontario administered the oath of office to the following:

Harry Hamada, pres.; Tom Arima, 1st v.p.; Paul Takeuchi, 2nd v.p.; Masa Nishihara, 3rd v.p.; Warren Tamura, treas.; Mary Arima, cor. sec.; Chickie Hayashida, rec. sec.; Bette Uda, hist.; Tom Takatori, del.; Steve Hirai, alt. del.

Serving on the board are James

Richmond-El Cerrito outlines calendar of events for 1957

RICHMOND—A lively calendar of events has been drafted by the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL board of governors in the hopes of attracting as many members as possible to chapter meetings this year.

"This year, there will be a purpose behind each event," announced Jim Kimoto, head of the program committee. "The installation dinner recently enjoyed by more than 60 members and guests is a good example of what is in store for the members."

"Not only were the new officers installed in an impressive ceremony, but the visiting dignitaries including the mayor of Richmond were made aware of the existence of a group dedicated for good citizenship and civic cooperation."

"We'll try to cater to every age and intellectual group with the hopes that through fellowship and participation, each one will grow in stature."

"Who knows? Someday, we may have someone qualified for the city council or state legislature. Certainly, the experience of conducting a meeting or actively participating in one will be invaluable," Kimoto said.

The board of governors also appointed tried and tested leaders to chair the various events to assure success. Beginning with a welcome social for new members and old, and presenting ballroom dance instructions on Mar. 9 at the Memorial Youth Center, the tentative program is as follows:

March—Welcome social. Jimmy Doris Kami, Meriko Maida, Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki.

March—Snow trip. Jim Kimoto, chmn.; George Sugihara, Meriko Maida, Grace Hata.

May—General meeting. Dr. Togasaki, chmn.

June—Graduation party or skatefest for graduates. Hannah Yasuda, chmn.; Ted Tashiro, Dr. Togasaki, Chizu Iiyama.

July—Constitution Night. Shig Komatsu, chmn.

August—Picnic. Seiichi Kami, Jiro Fujii, co-chmn.

September—Registration of voters. Jimmy Ishida, chmn.; Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Chizu Iiyama.

October—Fishing Derby. Sam Sakai, chmn.; Hallowe'en party. Eiko Sugihara, chmn.; Doris Kami, Violet Kimoto.

November—Parents Night (dinner and free Japanese movie). Tamaki Ninomiya, chmn.; Meriko Maida, Marvin Uratsu.

Yamada, Hank Suehira, George Koyama for three years; George Nishitani, Kay Watanabe, Kay Inouye for two years; Steve Hirai, Manabu Yamada and Harry Hamada for one year.

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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

In Search of Officers

Seattle

When this column was first undertaken we leaned toward a policy that would avoid controversial comments, or opinionated presentations partly because no one on the local scene would give a whoop about this character's opinions anyhow.

But it is another thing to report the concurring thoughts which have made their impression in talking with some of the wheels of the local chapter.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to get people to accept a nomination for office, and it is true in all Nisei organizations as they search around for nominees among the top bracket community leaders. In one category are the habitual decliners who are suspected of being motivated by false modesty, and in another class are those who might accept a nomination for higher office; but uh uh, not that one. At one meeting, not of the CL, your ol' neighbor was invited outside for getting up and blasting the decliners on the theory that such persons are avoiding their bounden duties and responsibilities as members.

When we look at the long list of Seattle JACL officers which dates back to 1928, the feeling exists that the Citizens League is predominated by a select few of the socially elite. Why should it be?

Friends who have not actually granted permission to be quoted have said that perhaps it would be beneficial to reach further afield in seeking candidates for office. Why not consider for nomination, a farmer, apartment operator or foundry worker? No particular occupational class has a monopoly on all the brains. This opinion was offered with all due respects to the superb service of past officers who have brought the League to its present position of prestige and influence. Perhaps a precedent was established in the early days when everything was fresh new and it was the prudent thing to put the best foot forward.

Although there are some 500 members in this chapter, attendance at meetings is pitifully poor. The great majority of members accept the paying of dues as their only function and leave responsibility and administration to the select few, a true manifestation of government by oligarchy. At least that is one way of putting it, and another is that the strain is too great on a limited number of willing and public spirited workers.

Toru Sakahara, Seattle's able new leader for 1957 is holding two presidencies. The other is as president of the First Hill Lions Club. Wryly, he made the remark last week that he hopes to hold himself together under the double load until some measure of relief is in sight.

Holding office or just being a member in the Lions is nothing to be taken lightly. Luncheon meetings occur weekly, and members who miss meetings and do not make up for absences by visitation with other chapters soon find themselves on the outside. Each meeting is carefully programmed with the procurement and entertainment of guest speakers a must, so the officers work unceasingly on the many details.

Prior to accepting these double duty presidencies, Toru served two outstanding terms as president of the Jackson Street Community Council, a job which is demanding in time and energy, and characteristically he gave more than his share to this form of community work.

So, a situation exists in which tremendous work loads are placed on the shoulders of a few and the rest of the organization memberships sit by in the apathetic doldrums. It can hardly be said to work out for the best interests of the organizations concerned.

A parallel case comes to mind concerning a VFW post on Long Island where we were a member. In 1946 some of the old timers bluntly decided that they had carried the load long enough, and announced that the commandship would be turned over to a War II vet, which it was in '47. The club actually went rapidly ahead in membership and general interest in its many activities under the leadership of the green hand who, of course, had the old timers standing by with a helping hand in an advisory capacity. Turning the big seat over to an untried new member worried that group not in the least and the boldness of the move paid off in a big way.

It was the New York Daily News with its profound understanding of mass psychology that coined the phrase, "Mr. Sweeney, the man in the street". It will work for better public relations among the Sweeney's and promote the general interest if citizen Sweeney is encouraged to get active, hold office and give expression to the fact that Citizens League work is for all the citizens Sweeney, and not just the smart set.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

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Meanwhile it's been reported that the second female lead in the "Sayonara" film will go to Miyoshi Umeki, the little Japanese singing star who appeared with some frequency last year on the Arthur Godfrey show. Miss Umeki will play opposite Red Buttons, who portrays a dead-end kid from Chicago. She became a \$1,000-a-week night club star on the coast, and recorded an album for Columbia.

To round all this out, we might add that James Michener, author of "Sayonara," is married to a Nisei, Mari Sabusawa of Chicago. Their marriage took place shortly after Michener, in an article for Life magazine, in which he pointed out the difficulty in making interracial marriages work!

Incidentally, Mari and James Michener have been living in Vienna, Austria in recent weeks where Michener has been doing stories on the Hungarian refugees.

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HIROSHI ASAI INSTALLED
CORTEZ C.L. PRESIDENT

CORTEZ.—Hiroshi Asai and his cabinet members were sworn into office by Jack Noda, national 2nd vice-president, at the annual installation dinner held in the Fable Room of the Hotel Covell in Modesto last week.

Attorney Herbert Paul, Stanislaus county coroner, was the guest speaker giving a very interesting history of California counties. Albert Morimoto, who chaired the event, was presented with the past president's pin and a gift as token of appreciation from the chapter.

New officers serving with Asai are May Toyoda, rec. sec.; May Kajioka, cor. sec.; Ruth Yoshida, Miye Baba, social; Mark Kamiya, Boy Scout chmn.. Re-elected were Yeichi Sakaguchi, v.p.; Yosh Asai, treas.; Nogi Kajioka, 1000 Club; and Helen Yuge, hist.-pub. On the board are Yuk Yotsuya, Hajime Kajiwaru, William Noda and Albert Morimoto.

CORTEZ JACL TABLES
SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

CORTEZ.—Because of problems in maintenance, the Cortez JACL has decided to table the swimming pool project for the time being. The chapter has been investigating possibilities since the past year.

Wyoming-born renunciant
has citizenship cleared

Mrs. Kotomi Honda, born in Rock Springs, Wyo., after several long years of waiting, finally has established her claim to U.S. citizenship.

During evacuation, while at Minidoka WRA Center, she and her husband renounced their citizenship and were expatriated with their two children to Japan. Shortly after her arrival in Japan, she was divorced and in 1950 filed an application for an American passport with the U.S. consul in Kobe.

Denied a passport on grounds of her renunciation at Minidoka, she filed for a declaratory judgment of U.S. citizenship through her attorneys Chuman & McKibbin, returning here under a certificate of identity.

Last week, the local federal district court upheld her contention, which was presented by David McKibbin, that she had renounced only because of the duress of her husband. Mrs. Honda now resides with her two children at 2841 Atlantic St., Los Angeles.

Worldwide network for
Japan Air Lines seen

SAN FRANCISCO.—A global network linking Tokyo, Peiping, Moscow, London, New York, Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco is envisioned in Japan Air Lines 10-year expansion program, according to Yoshito Kojima, American regional JAL vice-president.

By the end of 1966, JAL plans to have a fleet of aircraft from DC8 jets to DC4s to meet the varying demands of its international network.

Parlier Auxiliary plans
visit of old folks homes

PARLIER.—The local JACL Auxiliary will visit the Kofu Rest Home in Fresno and the Asoka Rest Home in Fowler as their next activity, it was decided at the last regular monthly meeting held at the Buddhist social hall here.

Mrs. Paul Marquez was guest for the evening, demonstrating how enchiladas and tacos are made.

Fish club awards

PARLIER.—James Kozuki succeeds John Kashiki as president of the Parlier Fishing Club. Bill Watanabe won the outboard motor donated by Eagle Produce of Los Angeles and Kubo Bros. of Parlier for catching the largest striped bass, which weighed 40 lbs. 14 oz. Ronald Ota had the largest trout, weighing 17 1/4 lbs.

PHILADELPHIA CLER
DIRECTS JUDO MEET

PHILADELPHIA.—Dr. Eichiro Koiwai, local JACL board member, directed the AAU judo tournament here last month at the Central YMCA. He is also judo instructor and AAU judo commissioner.

JATB Travelers win nod of AAU officials;
to meet San Jose Zebras at Venice High

With AAU officials expressing pleasure over the showing of the Japan American Travel Bureau-sponsored Travelers basketball team in recent encounters, Carl Brenner of the local AAU office has announced the Nisei team has been included in the Southern Pacific AAU basketball playoffs, which means a chance to compete in the national tournament in

Denver next month.

The squad gets another acid test in an intersectional game Feb. 23 at Venice High School gym when it hosts the San Jose Zebras, No. Calif. NAU titlists.

The JATB Travelers are led by Dick Nagai, first Nisei eager to make the USC varsity. The Zebras are led by Danny Fukushima and Chi Akizuki.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER
By Henry Mori

Two Gardenans promoted

Two Japanese American community leaders in Gardena—home of So. Calif. JACL regional director Tats Kishida—were honored last week by being named to organizational boards.

Dr. M. M. Horii, active prewar member of the Los Angeles JACL, was named to head the Gardena YMCA board of 25 prominent citizens in his area. The graduate of Stanford and USC School of Dentistry was active in "Y" work in Li'l Tokio before Pearl Harbor.

In 1947, Hawaii-born Dr. Horii and his family settled in Gardena and became a board member of the YMCA. He was twice chairman of the valley Red Cross, and in 1952 served as president of the Gardena Rotary Club. On the "Y" board also are Sam Minami and George H. Fujii.

The other Gardenan is Taul Watanabe who was elected chairman of the Gardena City Planning Commission. The five-man board represents the 30,000 residing in the valley, including several thousand persons of Japanese ancestry.

The financier and developer has lived in Gardena since 1948 with his wife (nee Sachi Tashiro) and their children, Laani, Brett and Guy.

Watanabe is president of the Home State Investment Co., developers of the Gardena Town and Country Shopping Center. He is active in the Lions Club and is a Mason in Dana R. Weller Lodge 765. He served as past chairman of the board of directors of the Japanese Community Center.

LOOK, KENNETH, YOUR PICTURE!

One of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's stock jokes that he tells each time he faces the newspaperman's camera is: "I'll pose but I'll bet it won't get into print." Last time we heard the same man saying the same thing was in Gardena when the city's chamber of commerce was honoring 10 Japanese American leaders from that community at a dinner.

By golly, you're in now—right on the top of this column!

He was the guest speaker at the fourth annual Pacific Southwest District Council's chapter clinic last Sunday night when the more than 100 new cabinet officers and delegates from 18 chapters climaxed it with a banquet at Thistle Inn.

His enlightening talk, sprinkled with humor, revealed that before 1941, he was working with Frank Chuman at the county probation office, making \$75 a month. Hahn also said he was familiar with Mas Satow who was then executive director of YMCA with offices in Li'l Tokio.

Hahn who has lived at the same home near Slauson and Figueroa since his childhood is a strong supporter of the Fair Employment Practices act.

He declared his two previous attempts to pass such a law, once back in 1947 in the Los Angeles City Council when he was a councilman, and then in the Board of Supervisors in 1953, were defeated by a single vote.

A champion of equal rights for all—regardless of race, color or creed—Hahn expressed it well then by saying that no single vote could be counted as unimportant when it comes to passing difficult legislation.

EAST L.A. CHAPTER OF YEAR

The East Los Angeles JACL chapter, which has just accepted sponsorship of the Pacific Southwest District Council biennial convention in May named "Chapter of the Year" for 1956, winning the George Inagaki Perpetual Plaque.

Much credit goes to past president Fred Takata and his hard-working cabinet for gaining the coveted award.

The "inside" has it that during the judging the Southwest Los Angeles chapter, which was equally active, almost repeated its previous nod, at that time shared with San Diego chapter, under the leadership of Dr. Toru Iura. George Kodama, one of the judges this time, led the San Diego group in 1955.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES
SUZUKI, Mike—boy Peter Michiro, Jan. 12.

SANTA ANA
NOMIYAMA, Tetsuo—girl, Jan. 30.

ARIZONA
TERAJI, Shoji—boy, Jan. 15, Glendale.

SANTA MARIA
MINAMI, Isamu—boy, Feb. 3.

SALINAS
OKA, Bob (Mary Hibino)—girl Kimberly J., Jan. 29.

SAKASEGAWA, Fred (Toshiko Etow)—boy John, Jan. 9.

FRESNO
ARAKI, Manabu—girl, Jan. 10.

ARIE, Ted—boy, Jan. 13.

GOTO, Itsumi—boy, Jan. 16.

NEGORO, George—boy, Dec. 27.

NISHIOKA, James T.—boy, Jan. 16.

TAGUCHI, Fred—girl, Jan. 23.

WATANABE, Shiro—boy, Dec. 21, Dinuba.

YAMAKAWA, Takeo—boy, Jan. 28, Reedley.

YOSAKO, Roy N.—girl, Dec. 31, Fowler.

STOCKTON
FUJIKAWA, Hiroshi—girl, Jan. 1, Lodi.

ISHIMARU, Shoji—boy, Jan. 7.

SACRAMENTO
KUBOTA, Toshiyuki—boy, Nov. 23.

MORITA, Harry—girl, Dec. 10.

OSAKI, Ted M.—girl, Dec. 13.

OTO, Dick K.—girl, Dec. 28.

SHIMOSAKA, George—girl, Dec. 16.

TOYOOKA, Ralph—boy, Dec. 22.

YAMASAKI, Henry—boy, Dec. 23.

YOSHIOKA, Paul K.—girl, Dec. 22, Mather AFB.

DENVER
HARA, Henry—girl, Adams County.

TAGUCHI, Harry T.—girl.

ENGAGEMENTS
HARADA-MATSUYAMA—Ruby to Theodore, both Minneapolis, Dec. 15.

HAYAKAWA-MORI—Kay to Bob Al, both Los Angeles.

IURA-TERASAKI—Yasuko to Richard Makoto, both Los Angeles.

NOMA-ATOJI—Iris, Minneapolis, to Dr. Masao, Ames, Iowa, Dec. 24.

NOMURA-IURA—Judy, Oakland, to Toru, Los Angeles, Feb. 2.

OMATSU-OGAWA—Grace Suma, Los Angeles, to Rex Rikiya, Wailuku, Maui.

WONG-SAKAIDA—Dorothy to Roy, both Los Angeles, Dec. 25.

WOO-KITAGAWA—June to Dave, both Minneapolis, Jan. 15.

YAMASAKI-MAYEWAKI—Evelyn, Long Beach, to Dick, Gardena.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
SHIMOOKA-OKADA—Mineo, 26; Sumiye, 24, both Seattle.

YASUKAWA-POST—George K., 25; Eleeta R., 28, both Seattle.

WEDDINGS
HAYASHI-MAYEDA—Jan. 6, Mickey and Koharu, both Los Angeles.

State Dept. seeks Nisei as escort-interpreters

Dept. of State representatives will be at the California State Employment Service, 525 S. Flower St., until Feb. 21 to interview candidates for positions as escort-interpreters in Japanese language. Interpreters, who need not be U.S. citizens although it is preferred, are employed on a contract basis with salaries beginning at \$16 or \$18 per day. Transportation and meals are paid by the government at \$12 per day.

The present need is for Japanese interpreters with a broad educational background with a fluency in both English and Japanese. An oral interpreting aptitude test is required, although no previous interpreting experience is necessary.

NISEI ENGINEER AWARDED \$500 FOR HOTPOINT DEVICE

BERWYN, Ill.—For developing an electronic device controlling temperatures and permitting Hotpoint Co. to broaden its present horizons in the commercial cooking field, Fred Sawada, 40, of 1322 Euclid Ave., recently was presented a \$500 managerial award.

The father of two small children is an electronic project engineer, a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering in 1949 and formerly with General Electric before he joined Hotpoint which transferred the one-time Milwaukee JACler to Chicago.

The Berwyn resident is in demand by colleges as a lecturer in his special field and has written several papers for engineering publications.



PSWDC "Chapter of the Year" plaque is being presented by Ken Dyo (left), former PSWDC chairman, to Fred Takata (right) for his well-rounded program at East Los Angeles JACL. Looking on is County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (center), who was guest speaker at the dinner concluding the all-day affair Sunday at Shonien Child Care Center. Cut courtesy: Rafu Shimpo (Toyo Miyatake Photo).

HARADA-TAKECHI—Dec. 22, Haruo J. and Lily, both Los Angeles.
IWATA-HAMANO—Jan. 6, Toshio and Jean, both Los Angeles.
TERAO-KANAI—Roy and Elaine, both Los Angeles.
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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

Civil Rights Battle

Washington

The congressional battle for civil rights continues. And the next month or two may be decisive in determining whether any civil rights legislation will be enacted or not.

Probably never before in our time have prospects been brighter. The Democrats from the north, midwest and the west concerned over the shift of Negro votes to the Republicans in the last November elections, have joined with their GOP colleagues in a determined effort to secure civil rights legislation this session in order to recapture, if possible, this "key" bloc of votes. There is a clear majority in Congress, in both the House and the Senate, for this legislation, even though a militant minority from the South is determined to wage an all-out, last-ditch fight.

With the votes against them, the South will once again rely on parliamentary maneuvering to try to stem the tide. This year, as in past years, the pattern of delay is emerging.

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Last week, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights began what was to be four days of public hearings. This week, it is hoped that these hearings can be closed, though there is no certainty about it. Southern officials and congressmen are demanding the right to be heard. They are not offering any new arguments or facts; they are only consuming valuable time.

Even if the hearings can be closed this week, or next, and some bill reported by the full judiciary committee, the legislation must clear the Rules Committee, where Virginia's Howard Smith, chairman, will do everything to bottle it up for as long as he can.

The later any civil rights legislation can be sent to the Senate, the better its chances to be filibustered to death.

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On the Senate side, the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, under Missouri Senator Thomas C. Hennings, was scheduled to open hearings, appropriately enough, on Lincoln's birthday. But, these hearings were postponed until Feb. 14.

This effort to hold hearings in both the House and the Senate at about the same time was calculated to speed up the time when civil rights bills could be considered by the Senate. Previously, the House passed some civil rights bills before the Senate Subcommittee would even begin hearings.

Senator Hennings made an attempt to limit hearings to two weeks, but failed. So, he is going ahead to do the best he can.

But, even if his Subcommittee does report out any bills, they must still be approved by the parent Judiciary Committee, whose chairman is Mississippi's Senator James O. Eastland, outspoken foe of civil rights. The votes are in the Committee to report civil rights legislation, but only the chairman is empowered under Senate rules to call meetings of the full Committee.

In order that the proponents of civil rights will not aid the opponents by presenting time-consuming oral testimony, such organizations as the JACL are only filing statements in support this year. They want to make as much time as possible available to the opponents of civil rights.

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Southerners are hoping for a repetition of the past, that the House will act so late in the session that a threat of filibuster in the Senate during the final days of the Congress will be sufficient to prevent any civil rights debate.

Advocates of civil rights are shooting for Senate consideration in the next six to eight weeks, which will allow enough time to defeat a filibuster if the Southerners attempt to "talk the bills to death".

A real legislative stalemate could develop if the Senate remains in "around the clock" session, if necessary, to break any Southern filibuster. But the leadership must be prepared to chance such an eventuality if any civil rights legislation is to be enacted, for the Dixiecrat bloc must depend upon such a stalemate to make their filibuster effective.

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In addition to the threat of filibuster, at hearings as well as on the Senate floor, the opponents of civil rights hope that emasculating amendments will be adopted which will take the teeth out of any civil rights legislation.

Unfortunately, this possibility is a real one, for there is a difference of opinion even among "liberals" as to what constitutes "meaningful" civil rights.

In all probability, the so-called Administration bill will be the basis for debate in both the House and the Senate. This provides for a bipartisan civil rights commission, a civil rights division in the Department of Justice under an Assistant Attorney General, increased safeguards for the right to vote, and preventive relief through civil suits in civil rights cases.

It may be that the realistic politicians that comprise the Dixiecrat bloc in Congress may be willing to compromise on the first two provisions of the Administration bill, the bipartisan commission and a civil rights division in the Department of Justice.

Many civil rights adherents may be willing to accept such a compromise on the theory that at least they represent a beginning for future civil rights legislation, for they would be the first break in the legislative wall against civil rights since the reconstruction days following the Civil War 80 years ago.

Other civil rights advocates will insist that such a compromise would be worse than no legislation at all, for such a commission and such a division in the Justice Department without additional powers would not be meaningful legislation and would afford the excuse that such civil rights legislation must be given an opportunity to prove themselves before new bills should be considered, another delaying tactic in the prolonged battle for human equality.

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These are some of the hurdles that challenge the civil rights advocate—time and the filibuster, then divisive amendments that may destroy any solid bipartisan front for meaningful civil rights.



Snake River JACL, in conjunction with the Ontario, Ore., American Legion Auxiliary last month, collected over 2½ tons of clothing for Hungarian refugees. The JACL was credited with over 2,288 lbs. In the picture are (left to right) George Mita, James Watanabe, Dr. Kenji Yaguchi, Tom Nishitani, Richard Ogura, Kayno Saito, Shingo Wada, Isao Kameshige, Sam Uchida, Paul Saito and Mamaro Wakasugi.

Snake River JACL amasses 2,200 lbs. of clothing for Hungarian refugees

ONTARIO, Ore.—A tremendous community gesture of good will to oppressed Hungarian patriots and refugees was represented in the 2½-ton shipment of clothing this past week—with the Snake River Valley JACL amassing nearly half.

Approximately 200 bags and parcels of clothing with a total weight of 5,008 lbs. were shipped to Knoxville, Tenn., for repackaging and overseas shipment.

The American Legion Auxiliary collected 2,720 lbs. of clothes, packing them in 55 bags and 30

parcels.

The local JACL chapter, which only hoped to fill 40 bags at the outset, tripled its count and sent 2,288 lbs. of clothing.

George Mita and Paul Saito, co-chairmen of JACL's portion of the clothing drive, expressed their appreciation to the public for a "wholehearted and warm display of generosity".

Collection teams were captained by James Watanabe, Dr. Kenji Yaguchi, Tom Nishitani, Richard Ogura, Kayno Saito, Shingo Wada, Isao Kameshige, Sam Uchida, Mamaro Wakasugi, Barton Sasaki, Noriko Morikawa, Heizi Yasuda, Tom Ogura, Russell Tanaka, Katie Hashitani, Harry Fukiage and Henry Kondo.

Oregon friends of Nisei to be cited at PNWDC dinner

PORTLAND.—E. B. McNaughton and Monroe Sweetland, national JACL sponsors, will be honored by the Japanese American Citizens League at the Feb. 24 Pacific Northwest District Council dinner, being co-hosted by the Gresham-Troutdale and Portland chapters.

The dinner is being held at the Multnomah Hotel in the Rose Bowl.

"It is hoped that all persons of Japanese ancestry residing in this area will take it upon themselves to attend. It is one way of showing these people that their efforts did not go unrecognized. It was largely through their efforts that we were able to resettle here to prove our worth," commented a JACL spokesman.

McNaughton, formerly president of the First National Bank, board member of the Reed College and presently associated with the Oregonian, and Sweetland, publisher and state senator, assisted Japanese Americans during and after the World War II period.

National JACL Director Mas Saito of San Francisco will be present to make the presentations. At the same time, 1957 officers of the two co-host chapters are to be installed. Issei naturalized this past year will also be recognized.

Wyoming Senate acts

CHEYENNE.—The Wyoming state senate last week passed a civil rights bill, 18-9, then turned around and voted, 11-16, against a measure to repeal a 1913 law banning intermarriage of Caucasian and Negroes. However, the vote was reconsidered and passed 17-10.

Slayer sought in death of L.A. Nisei

Police last week were seeking an unknown slayer or slayers following the death in General Hospital of George Yoshiro Kano, 39, proprietor of a restaurant at 511 S. Main St., who was brutally beaten about the head in an apparent robbery, on Feb. 4. Missing were his wallet and a fountain pen.

Kano, who manages three such stands, the K & M in which he was found, another on Third and Main, was found in the rear store room area by waitress Helen Gonzales.

The young manager usually has a meal about midnight and then heads for the store room. This particular morning, he stayed away for an unusually long period, so Miss Gonzales went to investigate.

The injured Kano was taken to Georgia St. Receiving Hospital and then later transferred to General Hospital. There, he underwent an operation and died that evening, never regaining consciousness.

Born in Montana, Kato and his family have been residents of Southern California since 1921.

Indiana farmer dies

KNOX, Ind.—The death of Yoshi K. Ikeda, 41, who was driving his tractor home last Nov. 23 and struck from the rear by a car on State Road 8, was reported this week to the Pacific Citizen. Born in Cheyenne, Wyo., he was married to Shizuko Iwamoto of Chicago in 1946. His brother Giichi is a member of the Chicago JACL.

Nat'l JCCA cancels emergency meeting; designate Ontario as nat'l headquarters

WINNIPEG.—The Japanese Canadian Citizens Association has cancelled its national emergency conference scheduled for Feb. 22-24, it was announced by Harold Hirose, national president, and Nobu Sato, executive secretary.

The special meeting, which had been planned to re-evaluate aims and programs of the National

JCCA, was called off because of a lack of unanimity in the five provincial JCCAs and insufficient time to organize a conference if approval were voiced.

As Ontario JCCA was regarded as the best organized, the executive committee has designated it to handle national headquarters functions for the 1957-59 period.

NISEI STRANDEES CAN STILL SUE FOR CITIZENSHIP

A ruling of great importance to Nisei strandeers still in Japan has been handed down by Federal Judge Jon Wiig of Honolulu.

The decision, a copy of which has just been received by Attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, of Los Angeles, rules that the McCarran-Walter Act, by reason of a savings clause contained in it, does not prevent Nisei who made proper claims to American citizenship at the American Consulates in Japan before December 24, 1952, when the McCarran-Walter Act went into effect, from filing court suits now to determine their claims to citizenship.

The decision was announced in the case of Clarence Saburo Oda-chi.

The McCarran - Walter Act changed the procedure and does not provide for the filing of court suits while the Nisei is still in Japan.

Judge Wiig took cognizance of a principle stated by the United States Supreme Court that in matters involving citizenship "the facts and law should be construed as far as reasonably possible in favor of the citizen."

The decision is expected to affect a large number of Nisei still in Japan who have not yet been able to bring their cases to court.

Claims —

Continued from Front Page from congressional sources from his testimony before the House Appropriations subcommittee recently.

At the same time, the Washington JACL office recalled that, because of his personal concern over the plight of the renunciants last August, Assistant Attorney General Doub instituted liberalized administrative procedures under which renunciants might apply for the restoration of their citizenship.

That Ellison has been associated with both the evacuation claims and "renunciant" programs for the past decade was observed by the JACL office, which stated that "as the one principally in charge of both these programs Ellison has always shown a most sympathetic and cooperative attitude."

"This trip to Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle should enable the Justice Department to better understand the problems relating to both of these programs and to adopt regulations and procedures that will speed up the final determinations involving both evacuation claims and citizenship," the Washington JACL office said.

CALENDAR

Feb. 16 (Saturday)
Pocatello—Carnival, American Legion Memorial Hall, 12 n.
Gilroy—Installation dinner, Capri, Morgan Hill, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 21 (Thursday)
Orange County — JAYS skatetfest, Long Beach Palace Rink.
Feb. 22 (Friday)
Ventura County — Installation dinner, Colonial House, Oxnard.
Feb. 23 (Saturday)
Stockton—Installation dinner, Clark Hotel, 7 p.m.; Mamoru Sakuma, spkr.
Orange County — JAYS snow hike, Philadelphia — 10th Ann'y Installation, International Institute, 7 p.m.; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
Pasadena—Installation dinner-dance Carpenter's Santa Anita.
Feb. 24 (Sunday)
PNWDC—Winter meeting, Portland JACL hosts.
Portland — Chapter installation, Multnomah Hotel.
Feb. 27 (Wednesday)
CCDC—Special meeting, Parlier.
Feb. 28 (Thursday)
Fowler — Dinner meeting, Brucers Lodge; John Harness, spkr.
Salt Lake City — Naturalized Issei dinner, Dawn Noodle House, 7 p.m.
Alameda — General meeting, Methodist Church.
Mar. 2 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—Membership Victory dance, Police Club House, 8:30 p.m.
Mar. 5 (Tuesday)
East Bay area—Nat'l JACL Bowling pre-tournament mixer.
Mar. 6-10
Nat'l JACL bowling tournament, Albany Bowl.
Mar. 8 (Friday)
Philadelphia — Board meeting, Y. Nakano residence.
Mar. 9 (Saturday)
Richmond—El Cerrito—Welcome social Richmond Memorial Youth Center.
Mar. 16 (Saturday)
Alameda — Benefit movie, Buddhist Hall.